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PERSONAL NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Baze returned Wednesday from Dallas, where Mr. Baze attended the Praetorian convention, held at the Baker hotel, as a delegate. Also attending the convention were Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Curtis, of Abilene. While in Dallas the Bazes also visited relatives and stopped in Fort Worth, too, to visit relatives. On their return they were accompanied by his sister, Mrs. I. D. Callahan, and an aunt, Mrs. Marcia Sheppard, both of Fort Worth, who are visiting his mother, Mrs. J. R. Baze.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Holt of Waco were week-end guests of her sisters, Mrs. J. A. Milliken and Mrs. Vernon Simpson, and brother, Wilbur Thomas, and families.

Mrs. Lucy Ford, who accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Earl Baze as far as Dallas, visited Sunday with relatives in Dallas, going from there to Grand Prairie and Denton to visit other relatives. At Denton she met the English bride of her nephew, Allen Bridges, and was very much impressed with his choice.

Mrs. Fannie Reeves of Rotan spent the week-end with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Irl Walker, and two sons Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Reeves and family and Mr. and Mrs. Othell Reeves and family.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Thornton had as their guests last week their daughter, Mrs. K. J. Miller of Fort Worth and her two baby boys, Tani and Toni.

Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Castles from Houston spent last week-end in the home of Conrad's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Castles.

D. E. Whitaker, of Seminole, who had been visiting since Sunday with his son, L. B. Whitaker and family, was joined here Wednesday by his wife and son-in-law, Olan Hawkins, and returned home with them.

Miss Jimmie Nell Horton, who underwent surgery the past week at Scott and White hospital, Temple, is reported doing very nicely.

Mrs. R. C. Prim of Sweetwater visited the past week with her sister-in-law, Mrs. J. L. Tucker.

John L. Jones of Freeport has returned home after visiting relatives and friends at Rotan, Sylvester and Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McCandless spent Wednesday night in Abilene with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Boswell, and were joined there Thursday by their son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Harry McCandless, of Plainview, who spent the day in the Boswell home.

Colonel James Wallace, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Wallace, returned Monday night from the Scottish Rite hospital. He is greatly improved and does not have to use his crutches now.

Sunday guests in the J. C. Comegys home were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Comegys of Truscott, Mrs. Walter Leach of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Sloan and daughters, from San Angelo.

Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Newton and family were: Mr. and Mrs. Henry Teaff and son, Vernon Lloyd, of Weinert, Mr. Garland Teaff and Loneta and Glen of Tye, Mr. and Mrs. Dee Teaff, Mr. and Mrs. Deverl Teaff, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Teaff, Harold and Mary Frances, and little grandson, Elwin Mansfield, all of Merkel, Miss Janet Teaff, Mr. and Mrs. Randal Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dean Hay, all of Abilene, Miss Louciet Teaff of Houston, Mrs. Audie Linengold of Abernathy and Miss Mary Melton of Abilene.

Mrs. W. T. McAninch, who had been in the Baylor hospital, Dallas, for several weeks, returned Sunday night, accompanied by a daughter, Mrs. J. M. Taylor.

Cisco Concern Opens New Office Here

The Lee Geophysical Exploration and Research corporation, with headquarters in Cisco, has opened an office here in the Max Mellinger building, formerly occupied by the La Rue Beauty Shop.

E. E. Wylie is manager of the Merkel office, which employs a crew of nine.

Victims Get Clothes.

Long Beach, Calif., Apr. 24.—A navy DC-3 plane with 5,000 pounds of clothing and shoes for victims of the Texas City explosion and fire left Wednesday for Houston. The clothing was gathered by the Volunteers of America.

PIONEER WEST TEXAS WOMAN PASSES AWAY

Funeral Services Held Thursday Afternoon for Mrs. W. D. Haynes; Survivors Include 4 Sons, 3 Daughters.

Mrs. W. D. Haynes, 86, who had been a resident of this West Texas area 55 years, died at 5:50 p. m. Monday at the home of a daughter, Mrs. H. H. Anderson, following an illness of two weeks. Her husband died here Jan. 17, 1941, shortly after the couple had observed their 60th wedding anniversary.

Funeral services were held at 3 p. m. Thursday from the First Baptist church, with the pastor, Rev. E. M. Weathers, and Dr. M. A. Jenkins, pastor of the First Baptist church of Abilene, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill cemetery by the side of her husband. Barrow-Sheppard Funeral home was in charge.

Active pallbearers were A. J. Canon, H. H. Teaff, W. O. Boney, Booth Warren and R. J. Miller, of Merkel, and W. B. Petty of Abilene. Deacons of the First Baptist church, Merkel, and of the First Baptist church in Abilene were named honorary pallbearers.

Last rites were first set for 3 p. m. Wednesday but were re-set for the same hour Thursday to permit the arrival of a brother-in-law of the deceased, B. H. Haynes, from Mobile, Ala.

Mrs. Haynes was born Missouri Pamela Smith on Sept. 19, 1860, in Lineville, Ala., and married W. D. Haynes on Dec. 3, 1880, in that place. They came to Abilene in 1901, moving later to Sinclair, 8 miles west of Anson, where they lived until 1917. In November of that year they moved to Taylor county and resided on a farm 6 miles southeast of Merkel until moving to Merkel in 1923. Since the death of her husband, Mrs. Haynes had made her home with Mrs. Anderson and another daughter, Mrs. J. M. Arnett, of Anson. She had been a member of the Baptist church for more than 60 years.

Surviving are four sons: W. H. Haynes of Anson, P. T. Haynes of Floydada, W. W. Haynes of Abilene and Comer Haynes of Merkel; three daughters, Mrs. Anderson, Merkel, Mrs. Arnett, Anson, and Mrs. L. H. Nixon, of Idleyd, Ore.; 23 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Haynes was the youngest child and last survivor of a family of five brothers and three sisters. Her twin sister, Mrs. Celia Herbert, died two years ago. All the brothers and sisters, except one brother, had lived to be past 80 years of age, and one, Mrs. M. E. Hardy, who died 9 years ago in Dallas, lived to be 96 years old.

All Children at Home For Williams Reunion

Mr. and Mrs. Lee D. Williams of Noodle enjoyed the happy privilege of having all their children with them Sunday—first time all the children were together for reunion in over 15 years.

Children and their families present were: Eucenia Holmes, Wickenburg, Ariz.; Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Williams, Dolores and Charles, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Neeley Johnson, Carroll, Daryl, Naomi, Sweetwater; Horton Williams, Mesa, Ariz.; Mr. and Mrs. Davis Williams and Deora Lee, Wickenburg, Ariz.; Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Williams, Jane and Stephen, Noodle; Mr. and Mrs. Howard Stanley and Larry, Merkel, and Dillard Williams, Noodle. Mrs. Horton Williams and children, Dillard and Kay, were unable to be present.

Mr. Williams, who returned to his home on Wednesday of last week after a week in the hospital here, continues to improve.

Sister of Mrs. Lorinda Campbell Passes

Mrs. Lorinda Campbell returned from Ballinger Tuesday after spending the last week with her sister, Mrs. Dellie Mitchell, who passed away Monday, Apr. 21.

She leaves two brothers, C. L. Webb, of Wichita Falls, and E. B. Webb, of Austin; two sisters, Mrs. Lizzie Lavell, of Afton, and Mrs. Campbell; 13 nieces and 7 nephews.

Two of the nieces, Mrs. Luci Freeman and Mrs. Bettie Borwig, live in Los Angeles, Calif., and one, Mrs. Eula Lee Davis lives in Illinois. All the rest live in Texas.

MORE DONATIONS FOR CEMETERY FUND RECEIVED

Receipt of a check for \$25.00 from R. L. Bland, of Abilene, for the 1947 maintenance fund of Rose Hill cemetery was reported Thursday morning by Chairman T. L. Grimes, which with other contributions during the past week brings the total to \$1,846.00.

Not previously reported among the out-of-town donors was W. H. Derstine, of Lamesa, for \$5.00.

Another out-of-town donation received the past week was a check for \$3.00 from Bud Doan, of Monahans.

Other contributions, not previously reported, include:

Mrs. J. W. Herron \$ 2.00

O. B. Tatum 2.00

Tom Russom 2.50

Mrs. Louie Herring is New President of P-T-A

Highlight of the business session of the Merkel Parent-Teacher association, which met in the band house Monday afternoon, was the election of Mrs. Louie Herring as president for the coming year. Elected to serve with Mrs. Herring were: Mrs. Carroll Benson, vice-president; Mrs. Horace Boney, secretary; Mrs. Joe Boone, treasurer; Mrs. Powell Miller, historian, and Mrs. Buck Leach, parliamentarian.

Mrs. Spencer Bird, vice-president, introduced Mrs. G. C. Gilbert as program leader for the afternoon. Mrs. Gilbert presented Miss Christine Collins, music supervisor of the elementary grades, who accompanied Clara Frances Dwiggin in two vocal solos.

The program theme of the year, "Building Firm Foundations," was further developed by Mrs. Gilbert under the subject of "Encouraging Wholesome Attitudes."

School feature of the program was under the direction of Mrs. Virginia Pope, home economics instructor of Merkel High school. Mrs. Pope introduced Mrs. P. E. Shotwell of Abilene who conducted a panel discussion on "Teen Age Problems." Members of the panel were: Patricia Douglas, Gerald Salter and Rayford Ward from the homemaking department; Joy Nalley, Clara Frances Dwiggin and Jimmy Walker from the Senior class, and Mrs. W. T. Sadler and Mrs. L. A. Dudley, mothers.

Attendance prizes were won by Mrs. Orsborn's sixth grade room in Grammar school and the Junior class in High school.

John Mansfield is Re-elected Fire Chief

At the annual meeting of the Merkel Volunteer Fire department, held Monday night, Chief John Mansfield was re-elected, as was also the assistant chief, Ollie Fox.

Other officers named were: Ollie Berry, captain of Hose Company No. 1; Ray Holmes, captain of Hose Company No. 2, (re-elected), and Jim McAninch and C. A. Smith, hose police.

J. Parker Sharp was re-elected president; Clyde Wurst was named vice-president, and Ollie Berry, secretary.

With Chief Mansfield as delegate-at-large, Jim McAninch and J. Parker Sharp were selected as delegates to the State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' convention to be held in June at Amarillo. Alternates are: Clyde Wurst, for the chief, and C. A. Smith and Hollis Mitchell, for the duly named delegates.

For Firemen's Emergency relief at Texas City, the sum of \$25.00 was contributed by those present and forwarded to the stricken city for use of firemen and their families. A similar request for donations was sent by officials of the State Firemen's association to departments throughout the state.

Merkel Man Elected Director of Sabine Royalty Corporation

Tyler, Apr. 24.—At the Sabine Royalty Corporation's annual stockholders' meeting, held here Apr. 17, Norman T. Hodge, owner of the Queen theatre in Merkel and interested in several other picture shows in West Texas, was elected a director of the company.

Organized in 1933, the company has steadily grown until its royalty investments now represent investments (at cost) of over \$3,237,000. The company maintains its home office in Tyler, and many prominent men are listed among its directors.

STEPS TAKEN TO FORM BASEBALL LEAGUE IN AREA

Representatives of Five Towns Attend Meeting in Trent; Organizational Meeting Merkel Monday Night.

Representatives of Roscoe, Lorraine, Trent, Merkel and Sweetwater met in Trent Tuesday night for the purpose of forming a baseball league for this area.

Nolan Palmer of Merkel acted as temporary chairman and John Hamner of Trent, as temporary secretary, but permanent officers will be chosen in the final organizational meeting to be held at the Magnolia Service station in Merkel Monday night, Apr. 28.

Membership in the league is limited to eight teams and for that reason other communities interested are urged to join with the representatives of these five towns for the completion of the organization.

Large Audience Enjoys Annual Junior Plays

A large audience enjoyed the presentation of five one-act plays by the Junior class of Merkel High school in the school gym on Tuesday evening. The plays were directed by Mrs. Comer Haynes. Mrs. Edwin Read is class sponsor.

Plays presented were "Noble David," "Mushrooms Coming Up," "The Simpleton," "The Happy Journey" and "Mr. Bumpus."

The casts presenting the plays were, respectively:

"Noble David"—Jackie Toombs, Janice Patterson, Don Dudley, Becky Seymore, Billie Seymore, Donald Pratt, Vernon Greenlee, Loman Huff, Leon Toombs and Ralph Miller.

"Mushrooms Coming Up"—Sue McWilliams, Charlotte Harwell, Della Gilmore, Treva Martin, Betty Buchanan, Ada Thompson.

"The Simpleton"—Betty James, Clyan Whisenunt, James Land, William Shoemaker, Bobby Gilbert, Robert Sledge, Jimmy Black, Larry Bailey, Jay Greenfield, Hollis McLeag, Geneva Carr and Laverl Stout. "The Happy Journey"—Nina Joyce Best, Delores Young, Valton Dye, Royce Peterson, Laverl Stout, Margie Greenlee, Vernon Greenlee, Glenn Westenhover, Geneva Carr and Jackie Brown.

"Mr. Bumpus"—Buddy McKeever, Barbara Sandusky, Douglas Baker, Betty James, Vada Campbell, Oris Reynolds and G. H. Suber.

Enjoying Interesting Experiences as Part Of 322 Air Supply

Pfc. Billy J. Jaynes, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Jaynes, is having many interesting experiences with the 322 Air Supply, stationed at Anchorage, Alaska. "I'm so busy that I don't feel like being lonesome," he wrote in one of his recent letters. In another part of the letter he said:

"I am in an airplane at the time I am writing this letter. We took off at 2 o'clock p. m. and we are about 8,000 feet up and our speed is 160 MPH. We have been flying about an hour and are now over the Columbia glacier. It is the second largest in the world.

"Here lately I am flying every day and am getting some good pictures."

McMurry Sophomore is Author of Short Story

Abilene, Apr. 24.—Viola Allred, McMurry sophomore from Merkel, is the author of "A Jeweler for One Day," a short story published in the spring edition of The Galleon, McMurry College literary magazine.

Miss Allred, a graduate of Anson high school, is a member of Kappa Phi social club and the Women's Athletic association.

The Galleon is published each semester, and is made up of the best short stories, essays, poetry and features written by the students of McMurry.

Praise Clergy in Blast.

Austin, Apr. 24.—The state senate Tuesday paid tribute in a resolution to the "brave clergymen" who disregarded their own safety and lives to administer last rites and otherwise minister to the stricken people in the Texas City disaster.

CITY SECRETARY NOW LOCATED IN NEW CITY HALL

With the removal late Tuesday of the office furniture and fixtures and city books and records to the new city hall, City Secretary and Tax Collector W. M. Elliott began doing business in the new quarters Wednesday morning.

In the city secretary's office in the new city hall, a 5x6 fireproof vault extending to the ceiling has been built in, adjoining the city secretary's work room, and considerable extra space is provided by the elimination of the inside stairway and other partitions.

Similarly upstairs, the living quarters for the fire truck driver were enlarged some, with the removal of the stairway to the outside on the south wall of the building.

Both upstairs sections—the quarters for the driver and the sleeping quarters for the fireboys—have separate entrances, with individual bathrooms for the two sections.

The fire siren was tested in the new location Wednesday and found to be o. k., but the fire truck has not yet been transferred to the new station.

J. L. White, contractor for the removal and re-erection of the city hall, stated Wednesday that everything was now complete except a bit of outside painting that would have to wait on the weather.

Merkel Gin Coop Re-Elects Officers

J. E. Higgins, Jarrett Pinckley and M. H. Ely, whose terms were to expire this year, were re-elected for three-year terms, at the annual membership meeting of the Farmers Co-operative Society No. 1, held at the gin Saturday afternoon.

At the directors' meeting which followed, the same officers were elected for the ensuing year: Comer Haynes, president; J. E. Higgins, vice-president; Jarrett Pinckley, secretary-treasurer; and M. H. Anderson, manager. The office of assistant secretary-treasurer was created, to which Holland Teaff was elected.

Fishermen Bring Back 40-Pound Catfish

Four Merkel fishermen returned last week from Gorman Falls on the Colorado river with a catch of 90 pounds, including a 40-pound yellow catfish.

In the group were Hob Robertson, Houston Robertson, Joe C. Higgins and V. Garner.

School Leaders go to Austin on Business

Buster Horton, president of the Merkel School board, and Supt. R. A. McCollum left Thursday trip for Austin on a business trip pertaining to school matters.

While away, they plan to visit two model school buildings, one at Austin and the other at Mexia, which are old buildings that have been remodeled according to adopted plans for school efficiency, with special reference to lighting as one of the improved features.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From Files of The Merkel Mail, April 22, 1927.)

MERKEL BOY KILLED IN FORT WORTH.

Unidentified Youth Killed by Train Proves to be Son of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Cox.

In a telegram received here yesterday afternoon at about 5 o'clock word was received from Mr. Ira Cox at Fort Worth that he had identified the body of a young man killed there in an accident as that of his son, Wylie Cox, age 17.

On last Tuesday afternoon the young man left this city in search of employment, going east. No word had been received from the boy since he left, but reports of a young man killed in Fort Worth who bore no identification except that of a cap in which was the trademark of L. B. Howard and Company of Merkel did not arouse the suspicion of Mr. and Mrs. Cox since he had been gone only two days.

Following inquiry in this city by newspapers regarding the possible identity of the man, friends notified Mr. Cox and were concerned about it being his son. After considering the matter over Wednesday night Mr. Cox decided to go to Fort Worth and investigate and left Thursday morning. He wired back to the local agent that "The boy is mine."

PLANS MADE FOR CLEAN-UP WEEK APR. 28--MAY 3

In Proclaiming Dates, Mayor H. C. West Asks Cooperation of All Citizens in Campaign Sponsored by Garden Club.

A city-wide clean-up is being planned by the newly organized Merkel Garden club, and the dates—Apr. 28 to May 3—have been officially designated by Mayor H. C. West as Clean-Up Week.

In his proclamation, the mayor requests and urges the citizens of Merkel to co-operate fully with the Merkel Garden club in accomplishing a general and thorough clean-up of the city, especially the vacant lots and alleys. To accomplish these aims, the following suggestions are made in the proclamation:

"Please burn all trash and waste that it is possible to burn, especially such trash as has accumulated in the alleys. Place such other refuse as you are unable to burn in some kind of container in the alley to be picked up by the city truck."

In this connection, special emphasis is given to the necessity of cleaning up the alleys by burning all the trash and rubbish that can be burned, so that city trucks can be driven through them to pick up what cannot be burned.

Every one is especially urged by the sponsoring organization, the Merkel Garden club, to clean up the unsightly vacant lots and thereby help in maintaining a cleaner, prettier and more sanitary Merkel.

Among the many aims and accomplishments of "Clean-Up Week" are: to promote community health, to create a better home life, to build up pride of ownership, to encourage better care and upkeep of yards and premises and, as a natural result therefrom to create increased property values.

With the erection of so many new homes in Merkel recently, it should be a matter of civic pride with every home-owner and every housewife to co-operate in making "Clean-Up Week" in Merkel city-wide and 100 per cent effective.

Merchants Sponsor "Appreciation Day" Every Wednesday

Another large and well pleased crowd was present Wednesday for the "Appreciation Day" program of Merkel merchants under the sponsorship of the Junior chamber of commerce.

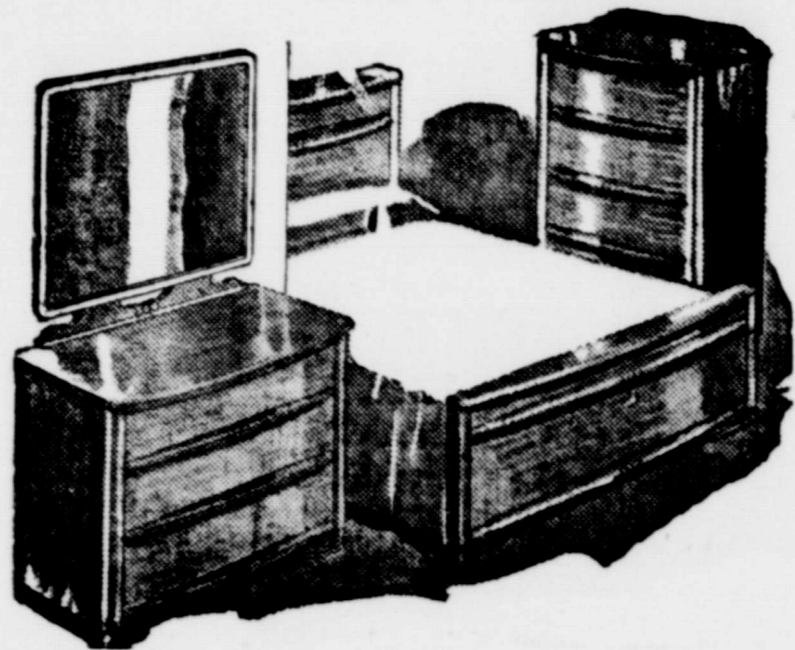
In charge of this week's program were Clarence Collins, Mrs. Billie Chambless and R. M. Ferguson. "Appreciation Day" programs will be held every Wednesday in Merkel, with the big special event scheduled at 4 p. m.

Report on Army Personnel.

Washington, D. C., Apr. 24.—The War department has released a final report on military personnel by state of residence, showing that a total of 11,367,989 men and women served in the Army in the period Nov. 1, 1940, to July 31, 1946.

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4-pc. Solid Pecan Bedroom Suite:
... handsomely carved with a large round mirror vanity. Full size panel bed and large chest of drawers. Formerly priced at \$179.50; on sale for **\$129.50**

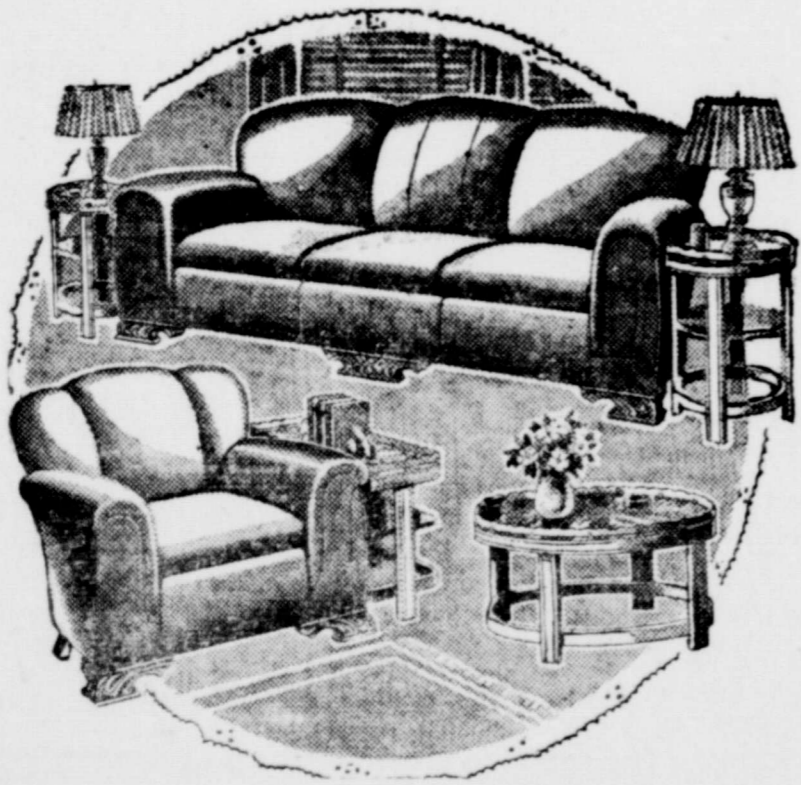
4 pc. Light Oak Bedroom Suite:
... western style design, square mirror vanity, panel bed, a beautiful suite. Formerly priced at \$184.50— on sale for **\$129.50**

A Modern 4pc. Walnut Suite:
... with a large round plate glass mirror vanity. Full size panel bed with rollers and a large roomy chest of drawers. Formerly priced at \$159.50— on sale for **\$129.50**

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2-pc. Walnut Living Room Suite:
... beautifully built, upholstered in a soft blue material, with carved wood design on arms, spring-filled cushions and back. Formerly priced at \$189.50— on sale for **\$169.50**

2-pc. Living Room Suite:
... beautifully upholstered in rose mohair. Formerly priced \$209.50—on sale for **\$169.50**

3-cushioned Living Room Suite:
... large wide arm, well constructed, spring-filled cushions and back, upholstered in 2-tone rose material. Formerly priced \$229.50—now **\$169.50**

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In The Churches

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

Attendance at the seven reporting Sunday Schools last Sunday was 752, as compared with 634 on the previous Sunday and 792 on the same Sunday a year ago.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Morning sermon at 11. Children meet at 6:30 p. m. No evening service. Mid-week prayer meeting at 7:30 Wednesday evening.
D. S. Neel, Pastor.

METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. MYF and juniors meet at 6:30 p. m.
L. M. Brown, Pastor.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD.

Sunday School at 3 p. m. Preaching services at 4 p. m. and 8 p. m. Services every Thursday night.
H. S. Earp, Pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday: Bible School at 9:45 a. m., preaching 10:50 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Young Folks class at 6:50 p. m. Wednesday prayer meeting at 7:30 p. m.
Reporter.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Morning sermon at 11. Training Union at 6:30 p. m. Evening sermon at 7:30. Prayer meeting at 7:15 Wednesday evening.
Merle Weathers, Pastor

FUNDAMENTALIST BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Mid-week prayer meeting at 7:30 Wednesday evening.
A. T. Suskey, Pastor.

NAZARENE CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00 a. m. Preaching at 11. NYPS at 6:30 p. m. Preaching at 7. Prayer meeting at 7 p. m. Wednesday.
Mrs. J. D. Roedler, Pastor.

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RURAL SOCIETY

BLUEBONNET CLUB.

The Bluebonnet Home Demonstration club met Apr. 15 in the club house at Butman, with Mrs. Wade Ensminger presiding.

The Woman's Collect was read and prayer was led by Mrs. Artist Cook. Songs were directed by Mrs. F. E. Healer.

An interesting program of "Women of Foreign Countries" was given by Mrs. Dewel McLean, Mrs. Leroy Riney and Mrs. Elmer Patterson.

Hostesses were Mrs. Ben Butman and Mrs. Wade Ensminger. Refreshments of pimento cheese sandwiches, salmon salad, ritz crackers, mints and tomato juice were served to one visitor, Mrs. Caleb Richie, and the following members: Mesdames Adrian Farmer, Wade Ensminger, Walter Hunter, Arlton Farmer, Bill Wallace, Elmer Patterson, Lewis Farmer, Artist Cook, Leroy Riney, F. E. Healer, Dewel McLean, Whit Richie, Ben Butman and Tom Russom. Five children were present.

Mrs. Walter Hunter and Mrs. Lewis Farmer are hostesses for the next meeting on May 2.

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PACIFIC PEARL — Salmon, 7 oz. can 49c	KENNEY'S— Kraut, No. 2 1/2 can, 2 for 25c
TEXAN— Grapefruit Juice, No. 29c	MOUNTAIN PASS— Pinto Beans, No. 2 can ...17c
25 PIECE— Picnic Package, 14c	CRYSTAL WHITE— Scouring Cleanser, 2 bx ...9c
Raisins, 2 lb. pkg. 35c	Cabbage, pound 4c
Carrots, bunch 6c	New Potatoes, lb. 7c

MARKET SPECIALS

SHOULDER ROUND— STEAK, lb. 45c	SQUARE AMERICAN— CHEESE, lb. 45c
HAM HOCKS, lb. 20c	BACON SQUARES, lb. 39c
COUNTRY BUTTER, lb. 62c	2 lb. Box CHEESE, lb. 49c
CURED PORK SHOULDER, lb. 49c	

American Babies Better Fed Than Ever Before In Nation's History

The 6,000,000 American babies and other millions of slightly older children are better fed now than at any time in the nation's history, according to M. S. Phillips, salesman for Swift and company.

"There is real reason for celebration of National Baby Week climaxed by National Child Health Day on Thursday, May 1," Mr. Phillips said. "This is because our nutrition experts have reported we now have definite proof that for the first time millions of babies, with the addition of specially prepared meats to their diets, are getting the well-balanced, complete diets, best for their growth and development."

"Dr. H. W. Schultz, Swift nutrition authority, says rapid improvement in the techniques of infant feeding in recent years have made this possible. What this means to the health and happiness of present and future generations is incalculable.

"Strides made in infant feeding have at last made meat available to American babies, rounding out their list of specially prepared baby foods, including vegetables, cereals, fruits and meats. And statistics show that for the first time millions of babies are getting meats regularly.

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"Yet, children should eat meat because of its rich food qualities and high protein content, protein being even more important to babies than to adults because it is needed in larger proportions especially for growth."

Lone Star Gas Plans Expenditures of Over \$9,500,000 This Year

Lone Star Gas Company anticipates expenditures of more than \$9,500,000 for extensions and additions to physical properties this year to meet growing requirements for service, President D. A. Huley has announced. This amount has been budgeted for construction and equipment over the gas system comprising 321 towns and cities, one of which is Merkel.

Anticipated expenditures for additions during 1947 will top expenditures for similar purposes during last year by about \$500,000, Mr. Huley said. Some of the projects already are under way, while others will be started when materials are available.

Following are the principal expenditures: service lines, street mains, meters, regulators and other facilities for serving customers, \$3,279,513; acquiring leases and drilling wells to insure adequate gas supply for many years, \$2,560,230; pipe line construction from and in gas fields to tap additional reserves and to provide additional transmission capacity, \$1,732,100; dehydration, cycling and gasoline plants to treat

gas and promote conservation, \$1,071,450; supplementing existing facilities, such as automotive equipment and machinery and tools and building improvements, \$986,165.

Healthy growth of Lone Star's territory is indicated by the fact that the company added more than 23,000 customers during the past year. Total operating expenses in-

creased by \$1,192,019 in 1946 over the previous year. The tax bill was \$6,486,987 and represented approximately \$1.50 out of every customer bill rendered each month.

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The supervisors of the Middle Clear Fork Soil Conservation district held their regular monthly meeting Wednesday, Apr. 16, at the Merkel office of the Soil Conservation Service. After the conclusion of a short business session the supervisory district cooperators farms to observe were conducted on a tour to some different conservation practices being applied.

The first step on this tour was on the Miss Johnny Sears farm, cooperator in the South Noodle Conservation group. Examples of terrace construction, terrace closures, diversion terraces and road ditch improvement were shown. The farm of A. J. Barbee, Sr., Cooperator in the Northeast Noodle Conservation, was the next stop. Mr. Barbee has done an excellent job of conservation work on his farm this past year and had been selected by supervisors as the district cooperator who had done the best conservation job in 1946. A 25-acre field of alfalfa on this farm was very impressive. Mr. Barbee had planted this alfalfa last September at the rate of 20 pounds seed per acre with a grain drill on a well prepared seed bed. The alfalfa had made a good vigorous growth of from 10 to 12 inches after removing the live stock about the middle of March. Two hundred and twenty head of lambs had grazed this alfalfa for six weeks during the winter and made a substantial gain in weight during this period. Mr. Barbee is using a combination basin and contour lateral method of irrigation on this field during flood stages of the river. Examples of terracing, contour planting and crop residue management were observed as a part of the coordinated soil conservation program in use on the farm.

The farm of A. J. Barbee, Jr., cooperator in the Northeast Noodle Conservation group, was visited. A 10-acre planting of hairy vetch in combination with wheat was observed and found to have made a satisfactory growth with good prospects for a seed crop this year. A 21-acre planting of hairy vetch and a 12-acre planting of Austrian winter peas was examined on the J. F. McDonald farm, cooperator in the Comper Conservation group. These plantings had been made late in the fall and had suffered from drought; however, the peas had made a reasonable growth in view of these unfavorable conditions. These crops were growing on Tillman Clay soils which are fine textured and very slowly permeable.

The tour was concluded by visiting the J. S. Varner farm, cooperator in

the South Stith Conservation group. A seven acre planting of second year Madrid sweet clover was observed. These plants had made a sizeable growth this year and should produce a fair seed crop this year. Mr. Varner's following crops on this field should benefit from increased nitrogen and organic content of soil and from increased ability of soil to take up more moisture since the sweet clover crop has a deep root system which aerates and loosens the soil.

Ernest Meeks, cooperator in the White Church Conservation group, has recently planted 3 acres to weeping love grass as a start in returning about 39 acres of cultivated land back to permanent pasture in carrying out his coordinated soil conservation program. This grass was seeded with cultipacker seeding attachment at rate of one pound of seed per acre.

Receives Certificate In Study and Practice Of Life Underwriting

Guyn M. Pannell, special representative in Merkel for the Republic National Life Insurance company of Dallas, has been awarded a certificate recognized nationally for professional attainments in the study and practice of life underwriting. Mr. Pannell received his certificate from Theo. P. Beasley, president of the company, showing that he has successfully passed thirteen comprehensive examinations covering studies in the economics, science and selling of life insurance prepared by the Life Insurance Research and Review Service, a long-established national organization which has high recognition in both insurance and educational fields.

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Sunday, Monday and Tuesday — Ray Milland, Barbara Stanwyck, Barry Fitzgerald in "California;" color cartoon and latest News events.

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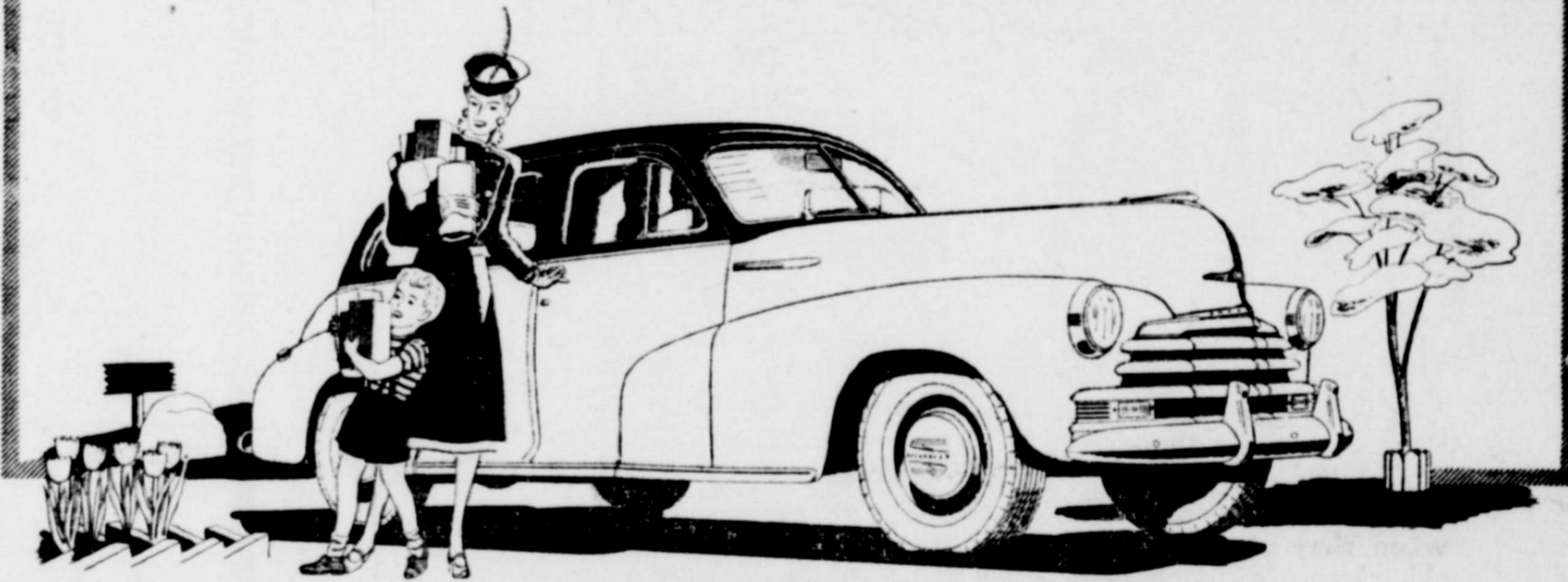
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Hospital Notes

Larry Neil Dudley underwent an appendectomy at Sadler Clinic Apr. 20. Patients received at the hospital during the week were: L. C. Murray, Apr. 18; G. H. Smith, Apr. 19; J. E. Romine, Apr. 20; Mrs. Horace Boney, Mrs. Leonard McCoy, Mrs. O. C. Shouse, Jr., Apr. 21.

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ORDER APPROVING COUNTY TREASURER'S REPORT
On the 14th day of Apr. A. D., 1947, the Commissioners' Court, Taylor County, Texas, in regular session compared and examined the Quarterly report of J. R. Clark, County Treasurer, for the quarter ending March 31, 1947, and found the same to be correct and the respective amounts to have been received and paid out since the preceding report.

Fund	Balance Last Quarter	Received This Qtr.	Paid Out This Qtr.	Balance 3-31-47
Jury Fund	\$ 3,170.16	\$ 5,630.55	\$ 3,576.00	\$ 5,224.71
Precinct No. 1	2,219.17	32,167.67	13,235.85	21,150.99
Precinct No. 2	3,119.37	29,137.05	19,543.31	6,474.37
Precinct No. 3	10,352.42	17,001.32	11,571.72	15,782.92
Precinct No. 4	5,296.49	17,948.07	16,484.00	6,760.56
General Fund	44,651.26	34,408.61	8,458.11	70,601.76
Pauper Fund	9.77	3,314.44	6,358.05	3,033.84
Road District No. 1	373.33	27.13	.00	400.46
Road District No. 3	3.85	465.00	20.98	447.87
Road District No. 4	11.90	552.26	24.69	539.47
Road District No. 7	3,936.82	.00	.00	3,936.82
Hwy. 1 and 30	47.34	4,000.00	.00	4,047.34
Hwy. 690M	20,607.64	8,063.17	7,607.91	20,972.90
Hwy. 275M	108.85	6,400.00	5,000.80	1,508.05
Perm. Imp. Fund	13,017.36	3,932.51	1,661.50	15,288.37
Court House 4th Class	36.74	.00	.00	36.74
Special R&B Fund	786.00	.00	.00	786.00
Victory Tax Fund	1,384.00	4,304.14	4,490.84	1,197.30
Officers Salary	14,214.28	16,054.51	26,323.44	3,945.35
Taylor Co. Jail Fund	10,872.23	3,855.19	.00	14,727.42
Co.-Wide Mach. Fund	2.70	2,034.35	2,034.35	2.70
	\$123,082.94	\$189,205.97	\$126,590.65	\$190,788.36

Farmers and Merchants National Bank	\$118,992.37
Citizens National Bank	71,795.99
	\$190,788.36

SECURITIES OWNED

Owned by General Fund	40,000.00
Owned by Jury Fund	10,000.00
Owned by Court House Fund	1,500.00
Owned by Road District No. 7	4,000.00
Owned by 3rd Class General Fund	2,000.00
Owned by Precinct No. 1	10,000.00
Taylor County Road Bonds	9,000.00
	\$ 76,500.00
Owned by Perm. School Fund	\$3,000.00
	\$ 79,500.00

BOND AND WARRANT INDEBTEDNESS

	Original Issue	Bonds Redeemed	Outstanding
Taylor County Jail Bonds	\$100,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 40,000.00
Road Bond Series '23	350,000.00	210,000.00	140,000.00
Road Bond Series '27	600,000.00	294,000.00	306,000.00
Road Bonds Series '29	275,000.00	125,000.00	150,000.00
County Warrants '26	54,000.00	50,000.00	4,000.00
Road District No. 3	15,000.00	14,000.00	1,000.00
Road District No. 4	15,000.00	14,000.00	1,000.00
	\$1,409,000.00	\$767,000.00	\$642,000.00

The requirements of Article 401 P. C. have been complied with and tabular statements have been filed as required.

LUTHER J. WEBB, County Commissioner Precinct No. 1
FLOYD TATE, County Commissioner Precinct No. 3
WILEY CAFFEY, County Judge, Taylor County, Texas

HOUSTON ROBERTSON, Commissioner Precinct No. 2
A. L. CLEVELAND, County Commissioner Precinct No. 4

Subscribed and sworn to this the 14th day of April, A. D., 1947.
MRS. CHESTER HUTCHESON, County Clerk, Taylor County, Texas

Trent Social Notes.

ADULT CLASSES ENTERTAINED IN WILLIAMSON HOME.

The adult classes of the Trent Methodist church were entertained on the evening of Apr. 19 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Williamson. Mrs. Dow Williamson and Mrs. Paul Collins conducted a most enjoyable program of entertainment. A delicious refreshment plate was served by the hostess to more than thirty guests.

A business session was conducted by John Strawn, chairman. Mr. and Mrs. Lesley Beasley invited this group and all others interested in becoming members of this organization to attend the next meeting in their home on May 16.

The highest temperature ever recorded for sea water was 96 degrees, in the Persian Gulf.

Gaston Gregory Now Service Manager

Gaston Gregory is now service manager of Merkel Motor company. The high quality of shop work continues under Gaston's supervision with a full force of first class, hard-working mechanics. D. M. (Joe) Winter, a General Motors factory trained mechanic from Abilene, joins this group. The Ford emblem continues to stand Guaranty on Parts and Guaranty on Labor at Merkel Motor company.

Revival Dates Set for Presbyterian Church

Dates of the summer revival to be held at Grace Presbyterian church have been set for Aug. 11 through

Aug. 17. Rev. D. S. Neel, the pastor, stated Wednesday after receipt of a letter from Rev. Joel L. Aldridge, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, Tulsa, who is to hold the revival, advising that these dates would be satisfactory.

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Carrots, bnch. 6c
New Potatoes, lb. 7c

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STALEY'S GOLDEN—
Syrup, No. 5 49c
BROWN BRER RABBIT—
Syrup, No. 5 49c
WHITNEY'S CREAM—
Honey, 14 oz. 55c
PACIFIC PEARL—SMOKED—
Salmon, 1/2's 49c
STANDARD—
Mustard, qt. 12c
BANAZA—SOLID PACK—
Apricots, No. 10 59c
Blue and White—**WHOLE**—
Apricots, No. 10 57c
PIE PAN—
Peaches, No. 10 59c
RED & WHITE—
Shortening, 1 lb. 43c

B BRAND—
Insect Powder, No. 25 23c
GRIFFIN'S—All-White—
Polish, bottle 9c
RED & WHITE—
Broom, each \$1.39
33 Bleach, qt. 13c
RAVO, 24 oz. 19c
LIPTON'S—Yellow Label—
Tea, 1/4 lb. 27c
Red and White—CHOCOLATE—
Malted Milk, 1 lb. 29c
RED & WHITE—
Vienna Sausage, can 18c
RED and WHITE—
Potted Meat, can 8c

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BEEF CHUCK—
Roast, lb. 39c
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JEAN RUTLEDGE AND OLLIE HIGGINS, JR., WED.

Mr. and Mrs. Lovell Rutledge of Trent are announcing the marriage of their daughter, Jean, to Ollie Higgins, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Higgins, on April 20 in Abilene.

Rev. J. B. Bradford performed the single ring ceremony uniting the couple. Their attendants were Betty Jo Seymore, of Merkel and Buddy Winter of Lamesa. Also present were Joyce Wilson and Dorel Higgins, brother of the bridegroom.

The bride wore an aqua crepe dress with brown and white accessories and a corsage of white carnations. Misses Seymore and Wilson were wearing brown and white accessories and white carnation corsages with frocks of dusty rose crepe.

Following the ceremony, the couple were luncheon guests of the bride's parents. Guests included the bridegroom's parents and brothers, Dorel and Dwain Higgins; Mrs. George Wharton, sister of the bridegroom, and Mr. Wharton, of Abilene; Mrs. Miriam Stevens, the bride's sister, and son, of Anson; Janice Rutledge of Trent, sister of the bride, and wedding attendants.

Mrs. Higgins is a graduate of the Trent high school, where she was valedictorian, carnival queen, pep squad leader, society editor of the school annual during her senior year and secretary of her class for four years. She has been employed by the Home Telephone and Electric Service company in Merkel.

The bridegroom, who attended Merkel High school, was employed at Hondo Air Base before entering the Army Air Force. He spent nine months of his 33 months in service in Japan and was discharged last December. He is now operating a service station of his own.

The couple left for a short wedding trip to Austin and San Antonio and will be at home here following their return.

veil was draped from a coronet of orange blossoms and pearls. She wore a strand of pearls, heirloom of the Dunn family, and carried a prayer book with a white orchid and white satin streamers.

The maid of honor, Miss Margaret Johnston, cousin of the bride, wore a pink taffeta dress, with large picture hat and long gloves. She carried an old-fashioned bouquet of pink and white carnations with streamers.

Best man duties were assumed by Michael Glynn Dunn of Berkeley, twin brother of the bridegroom. The ushers were Jack D. Lynch and William Hathorn, cousins of the bridegroom. Barbara Beaty Jory was soloist and Mrs. Mary Dahl presided at the organ.

A reception followed at the home of the bride's parents.

When the couple returned from a honeymoon at Carmel, a new home awaited them near Havenscourt, Oakland.

The bride is a graduate of Berkeley, Calif., high school and was employed at the University of California Radiation laboratory. The bridegroom was educated in Selma, Calif., and was also employed at U. C., where he met his bride.

SELF-KEITH.

On Apr. 10 Miss Ruby Ann Keith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Keith, and George R. Self, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. George Self, of Locke, Ark., were united in marriage in Abilene, with Justice of the Peace W. A. Ward reading the ceremony.

The couple was attended by a cousin of the bride, Mrs. Bill Moseley, of Abilene.

The bride attended the Merkel schools and more recently has been employed at the Po-Po cafe. The bridegroom, who served three years in the Navy, is employed as an oil field worker. The couple is at home in the Orr apartment.

STUDY CLUB OBSERVES TEXAS DAY.

Mrs. Will Sloman was hostess to the Fortnightly study club on Tuesday afternoon, when Texas Day was observed.

After a brief business session, Mrs. Johnny Cox, program chairman, talked about "Chemurgy in Texas." She told of many ways in which scientists are putting chemistry to work for agriculture and the possibility of future development.

Mrs. Weston West told some "tall tales" about Texas and gave facts regarding the state's size, industries and population, taken from the book, "Texas Brags."

Other members present were Mesdames Wren Durham, Elma McFarland, Weldon McAninch, Griff Barnett, W. T. Sadler, Carroll Benson, Earl Hughes, Judd McReynolds, P. C. Wylie, Edwin Read, Chester Collinsworth, J. C. Gregory, Henry West, S. D. Gamble, Jack Miller, D. H. Vaughn and Paul West.

GARDEN CLUB NOTES.

Mrs. Will Sloman and Mrs. Earl Hughes combined hostess duties on last Thursday afternoon to entertain members of the Garden club at the Youth Center. Cold Coca Colas were served to guests upon their arrival and a fine program was en-

joyed by all. Mrs. Elma McFarland talked on "Blooming Shrubs and Trees" and Mrs. Doyle Seifried talked on "Grass and Its Growth."

Those present were Mesdames W. S. J. Brown, R. M. Ferguson, Jack Miller, Joe B. Toombs, Bob Dennis, S. D. Gamble, Geo. T. Moore, Robert Hicks, Dee Grimes, W. D. Hutcheson, Doyle Seifried, Elma McFarland, Lucrecia Petty, Will Sloman and Earl Hughes.

GAME CLUB.

Members of the Jolly Neighbors Game club were entertained in the studio of Christine Collins Tuesday evening. C. J. Glover was co-host in entertaining. Games of "84" were enjoyed and a sandwich course with bottled drinks was served to Messrs. and Mesdames R. M. Ferguson, Johnny Cox, Spencer Bird, Robert Hicks, Earl Hughes, Andy Shouse and Forrest Gaitner from Sweetwater.

COLORED GROUP BRINGS PROGRAM FOR WSCS.

The Women's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist church met Monday afternoon at the church. Mrs. Vernon Hudson called the meeting to order and Mrs. L. A. Watts led the opening prayer.

In conclusion with the study on "Christianity and Race" the society had a group of colored people to present a program. They were: Mrs. M. T. Cumby and Mrs. G. E. Rogers who sang solos; Mrs. L. C. Hammond spoke on "Christians' Attitude to Another Race."

Chaparral Washington and Mrs. M. D. Wallace joined the above in singing "My Heavenly Father Watches Over Me." John Barnes was the pianist.

The meeting was closed with a prayer said by William M. Guy, a preacher from Abilene.

BAPTIST W. M. S.

The Woman's Missionary society of the First Baptist church met on Monday afternoon for a Royal Service program. The topic for this month was "Other Peoples of Europe."

As the opening song, "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart" was sung. Mrs. E. M. Weathers led the opening prayer and Mrs. Dean Higgins brought a lovely devotional from Acts 15:14-21. Mrs. Mack Tucker, program chairman, gave a talk on "Europeans." Mrs. L. T. Derington discussed "Europeans and their Religions." Mrs. Nim Teaff's topic was "In Southern Baptist Mission Lands." The meeting closed with prayer by Mrs. Iri Walker.

Present were Mesdames Don Riney, J. O. Castles, Sam Swann, T. E. Collins, Sam Martin, E. O. Carson, W. L. Johnson, Earl Lassiter and the above mentioned.

The Blanche Rose Walker circle will meet with Mrs. E. O. Carson for a Circle program on Monday afternoon.

SKATING PARTY.

Mrs. E. H. Hendricks entertained for her oldest son, Ernest, Jr., with a skating party honoring his fourteenth birthday on Monday, Apr. 21. After an hour and a half of skating at the Cenley's Rink they all went to the Hendricks home where the many lovely and useful gifts were viewed and admired.

Cake and ice cream were served to the honoree and the following: G. F. Woods, Jimmie Smith, Donald Cook, Paul Wheeler, Kenneth Smith, Perry Lee Woods, Gerald Goza, Claud Smith, Bobby Dean, Glynn Clark, D. C. Hendricks, Juatheata Holloway, Gene Miller, Maxine Buchanan, Maxine Kerns, Billie Webber, Cherry Don Goza, Aliene Garrett, Jane Hughes, Thantha Decker, Minnie Woods, Billie Martin, Glynda Perry, Mrs. Earl Hughes.

Games were enjoyed afterward.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Mrs. Tom Kerns entertained her daughter, Maxine, on Friday of last week in honor of her thirteenth birthday, when she invited a number of her friends to help make this a happy occasion. After games were played and the gifts opened, cake and frosted punch were served to the following: Jimmie Lou McLeod.

Garden Hints

from Merkel Garden Club.

It is not too late to plant chrysanthemums for fall blooming.

Grass clippings left on the lawn are the best and cheapest way to return organic matter to the soil.

Drought-resistant plants: Crapemyrtle, daisies, Lantana, petunia, redbud, verbena, zinnia, cornflower, Altheas, asters, buddleia, four o'clock.

Ask about the Garden Club Cook book that will soon be published.

"We pass this way but once. So, in passing let us mark Our path with beauty; That those who follow might See which way we went."

Wanda Beard, Joy Johnson, Ann Booth, Thantha Decker, Juatheata Holloway, Carol Sue Dunagin, Perry Lee Woods, Billie Webber, Kenneth Bowen, Paul Wheeler, Ernest Hendricks, Eddie Breaux, Billy Harris, Johnny Bishop, Louie Don Whitaker, Joe Dell Gregory, Donald Cook, Joe Frank Warren, Marie, Larry and Joan Kerns, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bechen and two children, Patsy and Don.

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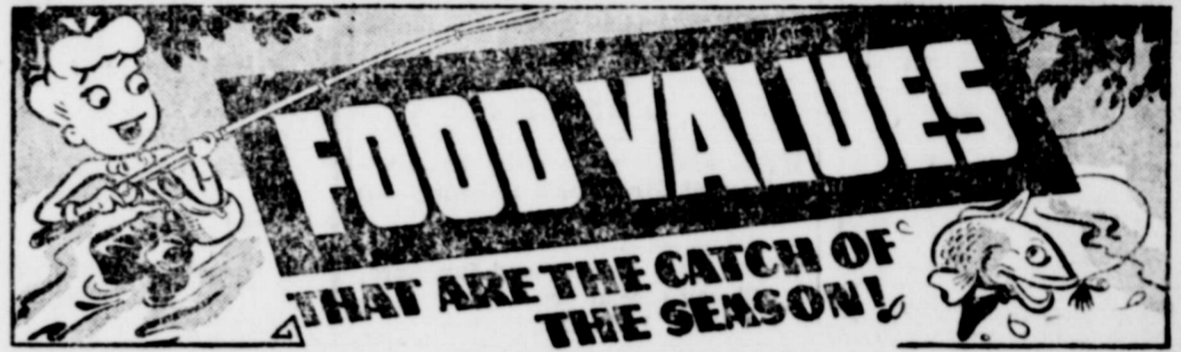
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