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PERSONAL NEWS NOTES

Clarence Melton left last Friday for Long Beach, Calif., where he will visit for a few days. His family, who have been residing in Long Beach since last summer, will accompany him home to Merkel where they will make their home.

Elijah Cook of Houston was the guest of his aunt, Mrs. Susie Doan, in the Hugh Campbell home Tuesday. Also a passing visitor in this home Tuesday was T. J. Miller of Throckmorton.

W. H. Frazier, accompanied by his granddaughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Perry, of Sweetwater, was a visitor in Merkel on business Wednesday. He seemed to have returned to his usual good health, following a severe illness last week.

Mrs. J. B. Leslie of Wingate is spending some time with her sister Mrs. Ida Sharp.

Icky Turner, ex-serviceman who has been at home with his mother, Mrs. Ed Turner, since his return from Japan last fall, will enter John Tarleton college, Stephenville, Monday.

Mrs. Raymond Earthman of Dallas, who came last week to be with her mother, Mrs. W. T. McAninch, who was seriously ill, returned home Monday, leaving her mother much improved.

Dick West, who went from here to Atlanta, Ga., after the Christmas holidays to join the United Press staff, has been assigned to the Miami, Fla., bureau of this news-gathering organization.

Mrs. L. M. Howard, who has recently returned from a visit with her son, W. B. Howard, and friends in Corpus Christi, is guest of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Joe B. Toombs, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Largent returned the latter part of last week from Denver, Colo., where among other winners they placed first in senior bull calf class at Western Live Stock show. They were met there by their son, Rust, from Las Vegas, N. M. On Friday the Largents leave for Brownwood and go from there to the Houston Live Stock show.

Mrs. Chester Bond, who successfully passed her exams and received a certificate as a licensed operator from the state board of Hairdressers and Cosmetologists Examiners, left Wednesday for Kermit where she has accepted a position with the Kermit Beauty shop.

Coy Nally, funeral director of Big Spring, was a dinner guest of Joe Nally and Mrs. Nally Wednesday evening of this week.

Former Resident Dies In Big Spring Hospital

Mose S. Cummins, 70, employee of the Cosden Oil company at Big Spring and formerly employed by the same company at Merkel, died at 7 a. m. Monday in a hospital at Big Spring, where he had been a patient 65 days.

Funeral services were conducted from the chapel of the Nalley Funeral home, Big Spring, at 1 p. m. Wednesday. The body was brought to Merkel for burial, and graveside rites in charge of the Masonic lodge of Merkel were held at Rose Hill cemetery at 4:30 p. m.

Mr. Cummins had been with the Cosden company about 17 years, having been transferred from Merkel to Big Spring about five years ago. He was a prominent Mason and a member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Survivors are his wife; one daughter, Mrs. J. D. Jaynes, of Hot Springs, Ark.; one son, Dean Cummins, of Big Spring; several grandchildren; three brothers and four sisters, all living in Illinois.

Scout Executive Meets With Senior Scouts

Paul Ireland, Scout Executive of the Chisholm Trail area, met with senior scouts Monday night and helped them formulate plans for their organization. During the meeting it was decided to have a series of meetings with the Merkel boys to determine the type of senior scouting Merkel wants.

The first meeting will be held in Abilene at the Sea Scout ship lake cabin, with the Sea Scouts in one of their regular meetings.

All boys that are 15 to 18 years old, who think they would like to become a senior scout and would like to see the Sea Scouts of Abilene in operation, are asked to contact Paul Ireland today or Saturday.

LOCAL QUINTET OUT-HUSTLED BY ROSCOE CAGERS

Badgers Lose to Plowboys, 32-20, To Find Themselves in Second Place in District; Beat Lions, 60-16.

As the result of being "out-hustled" by the Roscoe Plowboys at Roscoe last Friday night, the local Badger basketball team finds itself in second place in the District 5A West race.

At the present time Benson's cagers have won three league bouts and dropped one. The Plowboys have won four in a row and Colorado City has won two and lost two.

The Farmers, leading all the way, tacked a 32-23 defeat on the Merkel aggregation, which was "out-hustled" and "out-scraped." Robert Sledge took scoring honors with 13 points. Merkel evened the count by taking the "B" game, 18-10, with Don Dudley pacing the attack with 5 tallies.

In the tournament at Colorado City last Saturday the Badgers drowned the Colorado City second stringers, 33-18, and then lost a thrilling overtime battle to the Roscoe five, 27-25, after the Purple and Gold team had led all the way. Robert Sledge was the standout in the first game and Robert Hodge, with 10 points, was the "hot shot" in the second round scrap.

The Merkel quintet set two new basketball records, at least for recent years, here Tuesday night against the lowly Roby Lions. The Badgers rolled up a total of 60 points, which is the highest number any local team has made in any one game during the last five years at least. The Lions made 16 points. Robert Sledge set a single game scoring record with 19 points. Elbert Dean, with 8 points, led the reserves to a 30-7 victory over the Roby subs.

Musicians Feature Program at Luncheon

A group of McMurry musicians and a local soloist featured the entertainment program at Tuesday's luncheon of the Lions club, held in the Community Center and served by members of the Youth Project committee.

From McMurry were R. T. Benum, band director and head of the music department, and James Hobbs and Jim Verner, ex-Navy men who are resuming their education at McMurry college where they left off. Accompanied by Hobbs at the piano, Verner gave two trombone numbers, "Ain't Misbehaving" and "I'm Getting Sentimental Over You," and Hobbs followed with accordion numbers, "Dark Eyes" and a medley of popular songs.

Singing "Buttermilk Skies" and "Keep Coming Back Like a Song," Miss Patsy Lomroy was accompanied by Miss Christine Collins. As program chairman, Supt. R. A. McCollum of the Merkel Public Schools, introduced the program participants. President Riggs Sheppard presided for the luncheon. Invocation was given by W. M. Elliott. Two guests were welcomed: T. L. Miller, a new resident of Merkel, and J. C. Shamblin, sales representative of the Ford Motor company, Dallas.

Ladies assisting in preparing and serving the luncheon were Mesdames Earl Hughes, Wrenn Durham, Weldon McAninch, Bill Harris, S. D. Gamble, Elma McFarland and W. T. Sadler.

Scout Troop Committee Officially Organized

Meeting with Paul Ireland, Scout Executive of Abilene, here Monday night the newly appointed Boy Scout Troop committee was officially organized.

The work of the committee was set-up as follows: Earl Hughes, chairman; Clyde Bartlett, activities; Dee Grimes, advancement; Frank Breaux, parent relations; Edwin Read, finance and records.

Supt. R. A. McCollum is institutional representative and E. O. Carson is neighborhood commissioner.

At the meeting it was decided that the new committee and other troop officials would attend the District Fow-Wow in Abilene Tuesday night. Other business discussed was the securing of a more adequate troop meeting place and scheduling a Parents' Night banquet during Scout Week in February.

PETITIONS OUT FOR MERGER OF BLAIR SCHOOL

Petitions calling for a consolidation election are being circulated this week in Blair and in the Merkel independent school district.

In a previous election, when Blair, Union Ridge and Merkel were involved, the Blair common school district voted against consolidation, but after the election whereby nine other districts consolidated with Merkel last August pupils from the Blair school have been attending the Merkel school, pending the call for another election.

Part Parents Play In Education Theme Of P-TA Meeting

With "The Parents' Part in Education" as the theme, the Merkel Parent-Teacher association met on Monday night at the school gymnasium. Speakers were Supt. R. A. McCollum of the Merkel Public Schools and C. A. Farley, principal of the Grammar school.

Mr. Farley discussed briefly "The Parents' Part in Education," saying in part: "Parents often want to know what they can do to help their children in school; first, they can see that their child is in good physical condition; help him to form desirable habits and attitudes; teach him that the teacher is his friend. Parents can help to keep their children enthusiastic about their school work. The school can do its part in teaching the child only if the home assumes its responsibility."

A report of the meeting held in Austin last week for the school superintendents of Texas was made by Superintendent McCollum, who gave a factual picture of the teaching profession today.

The Merkel unit voted to sponsor the immunization program in the school as has been the custom in recent years.

The Freshman basketball team played the Grammar School team in a fast and furious game as the entertainment feature of the program.

Teen-Agers Select Class Representatives

The Merkel Teen-Agers elected class representatives at their regular Saturday night party on Jan. 19. These young people will form a council to co-operate and work with the Youth committee and supervisors in planning and decorating for entertainments.

The group elected to the council were: Seniors, Jimmy Walker and Melba Cook; Juniors, Jerold Saiter and Jackie Toombs; Sophomores, Gaston Walker and Joy Lansford; Freshmen, Sandra Sadler and Burl McCoy; Eighth, Jane Hughes and Brandon Wade, and Mona Madolyn Robertson and Billie Harris.

A special feature at Saturday night's party was the demonstration and instruction given by Hugh McBeath and 8 young people from the YMCA in Abilene on square dances, Virginia reel and other folk dances. Other people in Abilene, who have offered to help with the progress of the Youth movement, include Mrs. J. D. Sandefer, who wishes to donate books for the Youth library.

Donations received the past week include: Mr. and Mrs. Pinky Cypert, \$2.00; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Simpson, \$1.00; Mr. and Mrs. June Hegan, \$2.00; Mr. and Mrs. Henry West, electric clock; Mrs. R. O. Anderson, bingo prizes; Mrs. C. B. Garvin, popcorn balls for bingo; Mrs. David Gamble, bingo prizes; Mrs. Dee Grimes, bingo prizes; Key Turner, ping-pong table; Mrs. Will Sloman, vase and bingo prizes; Mrs. T. G. Braug, vase and bingo prizes; Mrs. Pete West, dishes and bingo prizes; Mrs. Jack Miller, bingo prizes; Comrades Couples class, ash trays and old forks.

Any one else wishing to make a donation either in money or equipment, please call Mrs. Earl Hughes, chairman, or Mrs. Wrenn Durham, supervisor.

County Doctor to Give Vaccinations Feb. 10

On Monday, Feb. 10, at 9 o'clock, the county health doctor and the county health nurse will be at the Grammar School building to give vaccinations for small pox and immunizations against diphtheria, typhoid and whooping cough. They will also give the Schick test.

These immunizations will be free to all school and pre-school children. It is announced by Supt. R. A. McCollum of the Merkel Public Schools.

JONES COUNTY COMMISSIONER PASSES AWAY

Funeral Services Held Thursday For A. C. Sosebee, 62, Long-Time Resident of Noodle, Who Died Tuesday Afternoon.

A. C. Sosebee, 62, of the Noodle community, who on Jan. 1 began his second elective term as commissioner of Precinct 4 in Jones county, died at 6 p. m. Tuesday in Sadler Clinic. Death was due to complications following a fracture of the left leg and internal injuries suffered a week before.

Funeral services were held at 2:30 p. m. Thursday from the Church of Christ, with Rev. Fred Curtis, Anson minister, officiating, assisted by M. D. Manning, minister of the Noodle Church of Christ, and Rev. D. S. Neel, pastor of Grace Presbyterian church, Merkel. Rev. L. M. Brown, Methodist pastor, and Rev. E. M. Weathers, pastor of the First Baptist church, Merkel, pastors.

Burial was in Rose Hill cemetery, under direction of Barrow-Sheppard Funeral home. Pallbearers were Ralph Kiddie Hamlin, and Joel V. Grimes, Avoca, former Jones county commissioners; Ardon Beasley, Anson, John Massey, Stamford, and Roy Brown, Hamlin, present commissioners, and County Judge R. Q. Garrett, Jr., of Anson.

Mr. Sosebee was born Oct. 15, 1884, in Bosque county and was brought to Jones county at the age of four by his parents, who settled at Noodle. He had served 3 1/2 years as Jones county commissioner, the first 1 1/2 years in filling the unexpired term of the late R. M. Blackley. In 1944 he was elected for a full term and was re-elected last November.

On May 12, 1906, he was married to the former Inez Thompson, who survives. Other survivors are: five sons, Joe B. of Corpus Christi; J. D. and A. C., Jr., of Abilene; Roger of Fort Worth, and Harold of Noodle; two daughters, Mrs. Gjon Cantrell of Waco and Ava Ruth Sosebee of Noodle; 15 grandchildren, and six brothers, George of Wichita Falls, Frank of Stamford, Ernest of Oklahoma City, Ollie of Lindale, Arizona, and Otto and Marvin, Anson.

Murder Charge Filed Against Noodle Man

Waiving examining trial, A. F. Criswell, 50, of the Noodle community, was released Wednesday on \$1,500 bond, returnable to the 42nd district grand jury, after being charged with murder in Justice of the Peace W. J. Cunningham's court at Abilene.

The charge followed the death of Jones County Commissioner A. C. Sosebee, 62, in Sadler Clinic at Merkel Tuesday night, where the latter had been under treatment for a fracture of his left leg and internal injuries since Jan. 14.

Sheriff H. T. Fleming said Criswell had given himself up in Abilene late Tuesday night after hearing that Sosebee had died.

Schedule Changed; To Discontinue Preview

After this week-end, the Saturday night preview offered by the local theatre will be past history. A change of picture schedule is announced by Manager Norman T. Hodges, whereby the preview will be discontinued and bargain night eliminated.

The same picture will be shown Sunday matinee, Monday night and Tuesday nights; mid-week showing will be both Wednesday and Thursday, as heretofore, and a double feature presented Friday and Saturday.

Merkel VFW Organizes Basketball Team

Merkel Post of Veterans of Foreign Wars has organized a basketball team, with Bryan Higgins and Lloyd Robertson as coaches. They have purchased 15 gold trunks and blue jerseys for uniforms.

Regular practice schedules will be published soon. All interested Veterans are encouraged to contact one of the coaches, who hope to have a schedule of games ready to announce at an early date.

JOIN "MARCH OF DIMES" AT BENEFIT PARTY

A "March of Dimes" benefit party is being sponsored by the Merkel Junior chamber of commerce, the proceeds to go to the cause of fighting infantile paralysis. Fifty per cent of every dollar raised toward the fund is left in Taylor county to fight polio, the other half going to the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. The party is set for Thursday night, Jan. 30, at the Community Center.

The price of tickets will be \$1.00, it is announced by David Gamble, Jaycee president. Details of the party were arranged at the regular meeting of the organization held last Thursday night around the banquet table at Woody's cafe. Games of bridge and "42" and dancing will furnish diversion. Members of the fortnightly Study club will serve refreshments of coffee and cookies.

Trent Woman Found Dead in Burned Home

Mrs. Sondrell Lewis, 77-year-old farm woman, who lived alone on her farm four miles northwest of Trent, was found dead at 11 a. m. Sunday in the ashes of her burned home, which was completely destroyed by fire, believed to have occurred about 3 a. m. Sunday.

The burned home was first discovered by Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Washburn, who were on their way to visit nearby relatives. They stopped to investigate and found Mrs. Lewis' body behind the remains of a bed in the back bedroom.

An inquest in her death was held at noon Sunday, with a verdict returned of accidental death by burning.

Funeral services were held at 3 p. m. Monday from the Baptist church at Trent, with the pastor, Rev. B. L. Higdon, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill cemetery at Merkel under direction of Barrow-Sheppard Funeral home.

Pallbearers were: T. D. Scott, Herbert West, Raymond Edwards, J. D. Rudd, John Hamner and Mark Williamson.

Mrs. Lewis, whose maiden name was Sondrell Mason, was born Oct. 23, 1869, in Georgia. She came to Texas to make her home with her sister, Mrs. H. L. Lester, with whom she had lived most of the time until the latter's death six years ago, and since that time she had lived alone.

So far as is known, she had only one near relative left—a brother, Frank Mason, in Cullman, Ala., who if living would be 90 years of age. She had three foster nephews, Ollie Lester of Abilene, Lester Lester of near Lubbock, and Otis Lester; and one foster niece, Mrs. Arimus Howell of Arizona. Dill Neill of Sweetwater was her guardian.

Record of Births

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lawson, Friday, January 17, 1947.
Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Weeks, Sunday, January 19, 1947.
Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Jack McMillin, Wednesday, January 23, 1947.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From Files of The Merkel Mail, January 28, 1927.)

TO BE PUBLICLY MARRIED

HERE FEB. 4TH.

The Parent-Teachers club invite you to be present at a womanless wedding on Friday evening, February 4th, at 8 o'clock in the High School auditorium. Admission 25 and 50 cents.

The above invitation is to the general public, requesting your presence at a womanless wedding being presented by the Parent-Teachers association to defray expenses of the byecum course, which the organization sponsored this season and on which they lost.

It's going to be a barrel of fun from the start. Entertainment worth the admission price without considering the worthy cause for which the proceeds will be used. The cast will be entirely home talent and will be as follows: (The name of the bride is being kept entirely secret, the cast not even knowing her name, but it is reported that she is very beautiful.)

Minister—Mr. L. R. Thompson.
Bride—?????
Groom—Kenneth Watkins.
Best man—Loring Hamblet.

BAIRD COMPANY ACQUIRES LOCAL PHONE SYSTEM

New Firm Operates Exchanges at Baird, Cross Plains, Putnam, Clyde, Moran and Other Towns in Sector.

Effective Tuesday, Jan. 21, the Home Telephone and Electric company, Inc., of Baird, became owners of the telephone system in Merkel, acquiring the property from the Southwestern Bell Telephone company, which received exchanges at Lake Worth, Eagle Mountain Lake, Smithville, Birdville and Newark, all communities near Fort Worth, in the deal.

The new firm, of which Mrs. T. P. Bearden of Baird is president, also operates exchanges at Baird, Cross Plains, Rising Star, Putnam, Clyde, Moran, Dudley and Oplin in this sector. Associated with Mrs. Bearden as officers of the company are: Judge J. R. Black, Abilene, vice-president, and her son, Frank Bearden, secretary-manager.

The latter was here all day Tuesday in company with W. L. Blakney, Abilene, district manager of the Southwestern Bell, in connection with details of taking over the exchange. He announced that the same personnel would be retained: Miss Cleo Reece, agent and chief operator, Mrs. Effie Rider, Miss Otilla Doan and Miss Jean Rutledge, operators. He also stated that standard long distance service would be maintained with the Southwestern Bell. Roy Denny, of Baird, will be in charge of line work, he said.

"We of the Southwestern company appreciate the co-operation and friendship of the telephone users here through the years," H. E. Kunz, local manager for the old company, said when he was here Monday, checking out the pay stations. "I am sure that the people of the Home Telephone company will be well received and that they will continue to furnish good dependable telephone service to customers here."

Candidate for B. S. Degree at A. & M.

College Station, Jan. 23.—Candidates for advanced and bachelor degrees at the end of the current semester, which ends Jan. 24, total 422—one of the largest mid-year classes ever to graduate from Texas A. and M. college, according to H. L. Heaton, registrar of the college. No formal exercises will be held at this time.

Donald W. Warren, ex-serviceman of Merkel, is a candidate for bachelor of science, agricultural administration.

Jack Lowe Manager Of VFW Club House

New manager of the VFW club house is Jack Lowe, a former Merkel boy who has been living in Abilene for a number of years and who is now "back home." His wife will join him later and they will make their home at the club house.

Four bridesmaids—Dr. Sadler, Ed McCrary, Hubert Blair and Carlton Dennis.
Four ushers—Yates Brown, Jack Durham, Jack Anderson and J. C. Petty.
Maid-of-honor—R. O. Anderson.
Flower girl—J. L. Jackson.
Train-bearers—Jim West, Jr., and Burnell Scott.
Ring-bearer—Warren Smith.
Butler—Tom Allday.
Musicians—Soloist, Madam Shuman-Heink, Deck Compton; pianist, Paderewski, Andrew Jones; violinist, Fritz Kreisler, Arthur Clark; sextet, Tom Largent, W. J. Largent, Cyrus Pee, Burl Scott, Harry Barnett, Parker Sharp.

Guests—Father of the bride Luther Grimes; mother of the bride, A. J. Tucker; the rejected suitor (Old Man Gandy), Charlie Jones; three flapper cousins, Roy Fropet, Talbert Proctor, Maben Rogers; Douglas Fairbanks, William Sheppard; Mary Piekford, Sterling Sheppard; Governor and Mrs. Moody, Sie Ham and Booth Warren; "Ma" Ferguson, Jim West; Maggie and Jiggs, Kenneth Pee and Bob Dennis.

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In The Churches

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.
 There were 721 present at the seven reporting Sunday Schools last Sunday, as compared with 755 on the previous Sunday, and 701 on the same Sunday a year ago.

METHODIST CHURCH
 Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. MYF and juniors meet at 6 p. m. Mid-week prayer meeting at 7 p. m. Wednesday.

L. M. Brown, Pastor.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
 Sunday School at 10:00 a. m. Morning sermon at 11:00. Training Union at 6:00. Evening sermon at 7:00.
 Prayer meeting at 7:00 Wednesday evening.
 Merle Weathers, 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.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
 Sunday School at 10 a. m. Morning sermon at 11. Children meet at 6:30 p. m. Evening worship service at 7. Mid-week prayer meeting at 7 Wednesday evening.
 D. S. Neel, Pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
 Sunday: Bible School at 9:45 a. m., preaching 10:50 a. m. and 7:00 p. m. Wednesday prayer meeting at 7:00 p. m.
 Reporter.

PRIMITIVE BAPTISTS.
 Regular meeting fourth Sunday in January, beginning Friday night, Jan. 24, Saturday 11 a. m. and night and Sunday, 11 a. m., at the band house. All members are invited to be present, as we are preparing to assemble a church here at this time. Elder B. R. Howze of Big Spring and other visiting preachers will be with us.
 Reporter.

With Our Boys

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Jaynes received a telegram on the 20th from their son, Pfc. Billie Joe Jaynes, advising that he had landed in Alaska. He left Seattle, Wash., on Jan. 10.

1st Lt. David Gibson, who is with the Quartermasters Corps, has wired his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dent Gibson, that he had arrived in Alaska. His wife is with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Dingis, at Houston.

Seaman I-C Lloyd J. Rutledge, who has been stationed at Pearl Harbor the past eight months, is home on 30-day leave, visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Rutledge.

RURAL SOCIETY

BLUEBONNET CLUB.
 The Bluebonnet Home Demonstration club met in the club house Jan. 21 with the president, Mrs. W. H. Ensminger, in charge. At the close of a recreation period conducted by Mrs. F. E. Healer, there was a prayer by Mrs. A. R. Toombs.

Demonstrators appointed for the year were: for clothing, Mrs. Louis Farmer, and for food, Mrs. Tom Russon, Mrs. Joe Swinney gave a parliamentary drill. A prayer by Mrs. A. I. Cook closed the meeting.

There will be a working Jan. 27, 1 p. m., at the club house. Bring hammer and paint brush.

The club is announcing a pie supper Feb. 14 in the Butman school house.

The next meeting will be Feb. 4 at 2 o'clock with Mrs. Monroe Wubbenhant and Mrs. Frank Benevise serving as co-hostesses. The county agent, Myra Tankersley, will give a demonstration.

Refreshments were served to one new member, Mrs. Louis Farmer, and the following: Mesdames Ford Butman, A. L. Farmer, W. C. Hunter, A. I. Cook, F. E. Healer, Joe Swinney, A. R. Toombs, W. H. Ensminger and Tom Russon.

Hospital Notes

U. S. Coston was admitted to the Sadler Clinic on Thursday, Jan. 16 for treatment of burns on face and arms. Mrs. Sam McLeod, who entered the hospital last Friday for medical attention, was dismissed Wednesday. Mrs. Annie Scott was received last Saturday for medical attention.

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.
 B. W. Wallis, 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.

NEW LIVE OAK CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. each Sunday. Preaching each second and fourth Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.
 John A. Martin, Pastor

LEGAL NOTICES

SHERIFF'S SALE.

State of Texas; County of Taylor: Whereas, on the 27th day of October, 1939, in the district court of Taylor County, Texas, in cause No. 11819-A, wherein the city of Merkel, Texas, a municipal corporation, was plaintiff and the State of Texas, the county of Taylor, and the Merkel Independent School District as interveners, recovered judgment against Mrs. Pearle Jones and husband, Ben Jones, as defendants for taxes, penalty, interest and costs of the hereinafter described property. And whereas, in compliance with the laws of the state of Texas, Sid H. McAdams, Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas, on the second day of April, 1940, sold the said hereinafter described lands and premises at public sale to the highest bidder for cash, after having given the notices of the time and place of said sale as required by law and for the length of time required by law and whereas the city of Merkel, Texas, a municipal corporation, did on said date become the purchaser of said hereinafter described property for the sum of \$341.60. And whereas, on the ninth day of January, 1947, the city of Merkel, a municipal corporation, by and through its duly elected, qualified, and acting mayor, H. C. West, and upon a resolution, duly entered upon the minutes of the city council of said city of Merkel, did request in writing, H. T. Fleming, Sheriff of Taylor County, to sell said property at public sale to the highest bidder for cash as required by law. And whereas by virtue of said judgment and sale and the written request for a resale of said property by the city of Merkel, Texas, a municipal corporation, I did, on the 15th day of January, 1947, seize and levee upon the property situated in Taylor County, Texas, and described as follows, to-wit:

Lots No's. 1 and 2 in Block No. 23 of the College Addition to the town of Merkel, according to the official plat of said addition as same appears of record in the Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas.

And I will on the first Tuesday in the month of March, 1947, the same being the fourth day of said month, proceed to sell all the right, title, and interest of the defendant in and to said property at the Court House door of said county in the city or town of Abilene, between the hours of 2:00 p. m. and 4:00 p. m., to the highest bidder for cash. Subject to the right of the defendant to redeem same in the time and manner provided by law and subject also to the right of the defendant to have said property divided and sold in less divisions than the whole.

Dated at Abilene, Texas, this 15th day of January, 1947.

H. T. Fleming, Sheriff, Taylor County, Texas
 R. H. Ross, Deputy.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS
 TO: Emma Lee Stephens, Greeting: You are commanded to appear and answer the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday the 3rd day of March, A. D., 1947, at or before 10 o'clock A. M., before the Honorable 104th District Court of Taylor County, at the Court House in Abilene, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 18th day of January, 1947. The file number of said suit being 5432-B.

The names of the parties in said suit are: Winifred B. Stephens as Plaintiff, and Emma Lee Stephens as Defendant. The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were married on or about August 9, 1925, in Alabama, and lived together as husband and wife until on or about July 29, 1936.

No children were born of said marriage and no children adopted. No community rights are to be adjudicated.

Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of cruel treatment and abandonment.

If this Citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

Issued this 18th day of January, A. D., 1947.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this 18th day of January, A. D., 1947.

(Seal) J. Neil Daniel, Clerk, District Court, Taylor County, Texas
 By Thelma Graham, Deputy.

The 1946-47 citrus crop in the United States is estimated at about one-eighth larger than the previous record set in 1945-46.

Business Changes

Last Saturday noted the change of ownership and change of name of Petree's bakery to the Merkel bakery, now operated by T. L. Derington, a Merkel-reared boy, who served 18 months in the infantry during World War II and was wounded in action in the ETO. Formerly with the Taystee bakery in Abilene, he operated a bakery in Albuquerque, N. M., 10 months after his return from service. He and his wife and daughter, Alwana have an apartment with Bert Melton. The new bakery owner is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Derington and grandson of W. P. Derington.

Joe Seymore early last week became the owner of the Texaco station, formerly operated by Mitchell Walker, and took charge about the middle of the week. He has associated with him as managers, his brother, Tom Seymore, and Gordon Hass.

C. S. Carey, a former Merkel boy, is the new partner in the Jackson and Carey laundry, A. M. Jackson announced Monday. Mr. Carey, who has been engaged in farming on the Jackson place near Tahoka the past four years, has moved here with his wife and two children and are being welcomed "back home."

Birth Announced.

Major and Mrs. Karl Bonneaux, 3601 Livingston street, Washington, D. C., are the parents of a daughter, born Jan. 19. Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Bonneaux, Route 2, Trent, are the paternal grandparents, the grandmother having been present to welcome the new arrival.

THANKS FOR DONATIONS.

I wish publicly to thank the fire-boys for their fine and loyal work in fighting the fire which partially destroyed my home last week. I also wish to thank each and every one who volunteered labor or gave cash donations for the benefit of restoring my home.

Mrs. E. B. Wilburn.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our appreciation to those whose thoughtful deeds and tender words of sympathy brought comfort to our hearts in the loss of our beloved wife and mother, also for the beautiful floral offerings and to Dr. Sadler for being so faithful.

C. J. Whisenhunt and Family.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our sincere thanks to all our friends and neighbors for all the kind deeds and thoughtfulness shown us in my recent illness, especially do we thank Dr. Sadler and the nurses at the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ingram.

Adds Steam Equipment.

The H. & H. laundry announces the addition of steam equipment to augment their other services. Patrons may use either steam or without steam, the management states.

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SWEETCLOVER HAS ADVANTAGES FOR TEMPORARY PASTURE.

"Now is the time for all good farmers to come to the aid of their pastures." The depleted condition of much of the pasture land in the Middle Clear Fork Soil Conservation district may necessitate at least partial deferment of native grass pastures this summer. This may be necessary if these pastures are to regain their former productive capacity. This livestock reduction may be partially or entirely offset if sufficient temporary pasture is made available. Sudan grass has been used under similar conditions in the past, to a large extent, to fill this need. However, Madrid sweetclover has most of the good qualities of sudan plus many sudan does not possess. This strain of sweetclover may be used in conjunction with sudan or instead of sudan for temporary pasture.

Madrid sweetclover develops a deep and wide-spread root system. This root system and the large, branching top-growth retard to erosive action of wind and water. Better tilth is given to the soil which enables it to absorb and retain more moisture.

Sweetclover, being a legume, has another advantage. If properly inoculated, it will increase the nitrogen content of the soil. Nitrogen is an atmospheric element that must be combined with other elements before it can be utilized by growing plants. Nitrogen-fixing bacteria on the roots of inoculated legumes can add this important element to the soil in a more economical manner than can ordinarily be done by applying nitrogen in commercial fertilizers. Many soils in the district are also deficient in phosphorus. This element when applied in the growing of a legume crop may improve the soil-building abilities of the legume crop.

The amount of pasture furnished by sweetclover compares favorably with that of sudan. The quality of the sweetclover pasture is superior. Just as one would expect greater gains by feeding alfalfa or clover hay than by feeding sudan hay, so would one expect greater gains by grazing sweetclover than by grazing sudan grass. This is especially true in the case of growing livestock which require greater amounts of protein feeds. Feeds high in protein are expensive when purchased. By growing sweetclover one can reduce the amount of costly protein supplements that are needed.

Sweetclover hay, when cut at the proper time, produces hay which compares favorably with alfalfa hay in quantity and quality. Such hay can be used on the farm to carry livestock through the winter or it can be sold as a cash crop. Another method of turning sweetclover into a cash crop is through the sale of seed. There has been a great demand for sweetclover seed in the past. West Texas, because of its dry summers, is ideal for harvesting legume seeds. When sweetclover is harvested for seed, the crop residue should be worked on and into the topsoil to further increase soil fertility, retard erosion,

and add organic matter to the soil.

Doyle Seifried, operator of the Lige Gamble cooperating farm in the Blair Conservation group, is carrying out a pasture improvement program. Contour lines have been run on his pasture and he is planning to reseed a portion of it to be used as a source of seed for the remainder. Booth Warren, cooperater of the Salt Branch Conservation group, is likewise improving his pasture with contour furrows.

This practice when properly applied will retain much of the rainfall on the pasture and is an important practice in the revegetation of ranges and pastures.

**Charles G. Barndt
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CHARLES G. BARNDT.

Appointment of Charles G. Barndt as sales supervisor for Lone Star Gas company in this territory has been announced by M. L. Bird, superintendent of the company's West Texas division of distribution. Mr. Barndt succeeds Guy Custer who retired from active service with Lone Star on Jan. 1.

With headquarters in the Mims building in Abilene, Mr. Barndt will have supervision of company merchandising and new business activities in more than 70 towns. His principal activity will be to coordinate efforts of gas company employees to assist customers in obtaining maximum benefits from use of modern, improved gas equipment.

A native of Marion, Ohio, Mr. Barndt joined Lone Star in 1935 shortly after receiving his A. B. degree from the University of Michigan. He held various assignments with the company at Corsicana, Ennis, Marlin, Brownwood and Temple until 1940 when he was named manager at Sulphur, Okla. He entered the Army in 1942 as first lieutenant, helped activate the 90th Infantry Division at Camp Berkeley, and served with it as staff officer throughout the European campaign. He was discharged with the rank of major in April and returned to the

**QUEEN THEATRE
CALENDAR**

Friday-Saturday—Jimmy Wakely, Lee White in "Moon Over Montana;" final chapter "Hop Harrigan" and cartoon.

Saturday preview, Sunday matinee, Monday night—Cary Grant, Ingrid Bergman, Claude Rains in "Notorious;" cartoon and latest News.

Tuesday only—Catherine McLeod, Philip Dorn in "I've Always Loved You;" serial and News.

Wednesday-Thursday—Peggy Ann Garner, Randolph Scott, Lynn Bari in "Home Sweet Homicide;" Popular Science and cartoon.

"NOTORIOUS."

Exploits of a pair of American secret service agents provide the exciting action in "Notorious," Alfred Hitchcock's new production for RKO Radio, with Cary Grant and Ingrid Bergman in the stellar roles. The two stars portray Federal operatives in this stirring postwar dramatic romance, with the task of investigating the mysterious activities

of some wealthy Germans in Rio, and who are believed to be laying plans toward a third World War.

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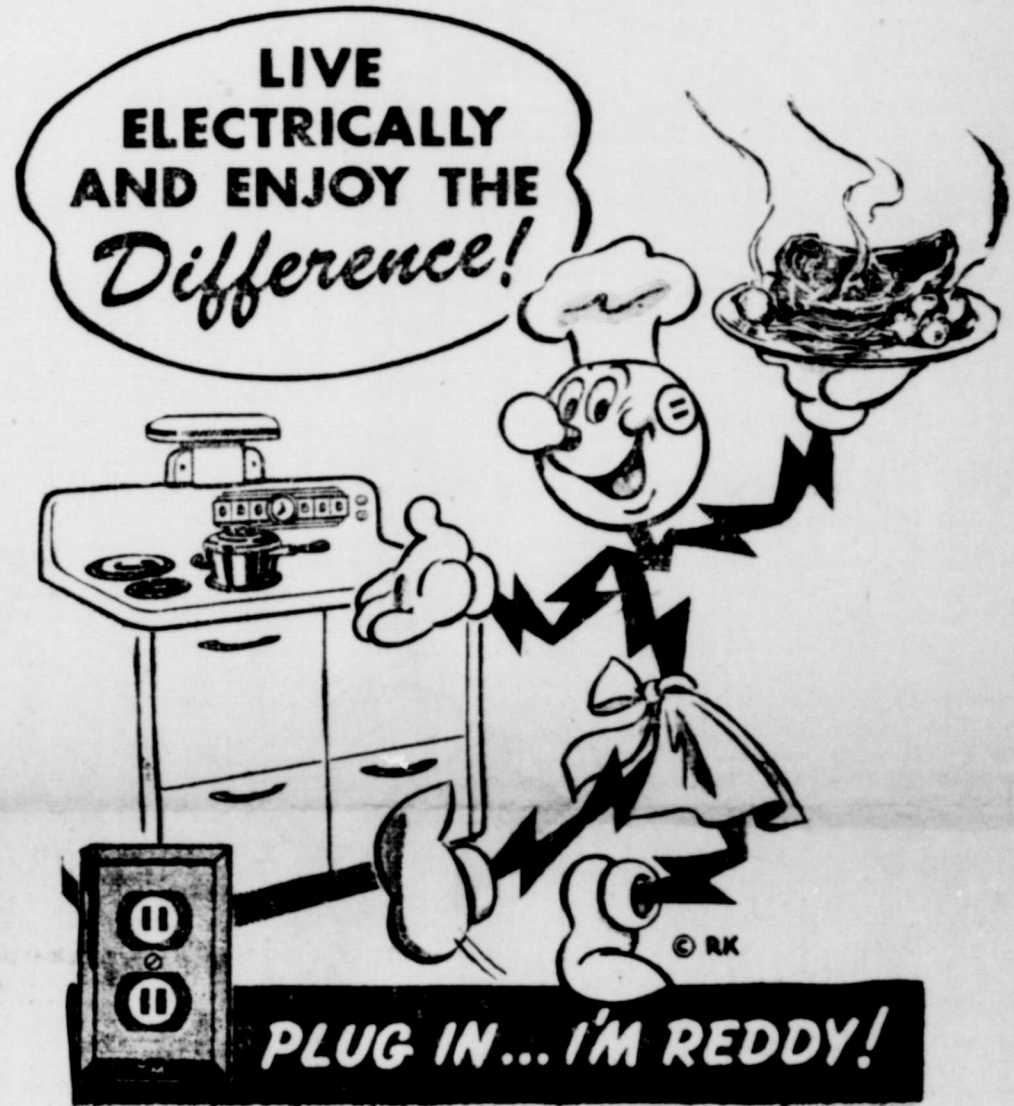
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THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Patty Martin, her heirs, unknown heirs, and assigns; Frank A. Martin; Jennie Martin Armstrong, her heirs, unknown heirs and assigns; Sue Martin Duncan, her heirs, unknown heirs and assigns; Jim Duncan, his heirs, unknown heirs and assigns; Loretta Duncan Bailey, her heirs, unknown heirs and assigns; Joe Delle Bailey Barrios and husband, Harry A. Barrios; and Flora Martin Johnson, her heirs, unknown heirs and assigns. GREETING:

You are commanded to appear and answer the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday the 3rd day of March, A. D., 1947, at or before 10 o'clock A. M. before the Honorable 104th District Court of Taylor County, at the Court House in Abilene, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 27th day of September, 1946. The file number of said suit being No. 5334-B.

The names of the parties in said suit are A. L. Frazier as Plaintiff, and Patty Martin, her heirs, unknown heirs and assigns; Frank A. Martin, Jennie Martin Armstrong, her heirs, unknown heirs and assigns; Paschall M. Armstrong; Ada Belle Presswood and E. E. Presswood; Ed Martin; Henry Martin; Inez Matlock and husband, A. J. Matlock; Sue Martin Duncan, her heirs, unknown heirs and assigns; Jim Duncan, his heirs, unknown heirs and assigns; Loretta Duncan Bailey, her heirs, unknown heirs and assigns; Joe Delle Bailey Barrios and husband, Harry A. Barrios; Hatie Lou Duncan Key and husband, Charley Key, Max Duncan and Flora Martin Johnson, her heirs, unknown heirs and assigns, as Defendants.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: Plaintiff alleges and says that on or about the 3rd day of February, 1946, he was lawfully seized and possessed of the following described lands and premises situated in Taylor County, Texas, holding and claiming the same in fee simple to-wit: Lot 7 Block A of John M. Blackburn Subdivision of Lot 1 Block 201, City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, as shown by plat of said subdivision recorded in Volume 28, Page 649 Deed records of Taylor County, Texas, reference to which is here made.

That on the day and year last aforesaid the defendants herein unlawfully entered upon said premises and ejected plaintiff therefrom and unlawfully withhold from his possession thereof to his damage in the sum of \$1000.00. That the reasonable annual rental of said lands and premises is \$200.00 per year.

If this Citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved. Issued this the 16th day of January, A. D., 1947.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 16th day of January, A. D., 1947.
(Seal) J. Neil Daniel, Clerk,
104th District Court,
Taylor County Texas.
By Thelma Graham, Deputy.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Domenic Formento, Greeting: You are commanded to appear and answer the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday the 10th day of February, A. D., 1946, at or before 10 o'clock A. M. before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County, at the Court House in Abilene, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 26th day of December, 1946. The file number of said suit being No. 15,130-A.

The names of the parties in said suit are: Alma Formento as Plaintiff, and Domenic Formento as Defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were married on or about December 4, 1942, in Watertown, New York, and lived together until on or about May 1, 1946.

Plaintiff and Defendant own no community property, and no children were born as issue to said marriage.

Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of cruel treatment.

If this Citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved. Issued this the 28th day of December, A. D., 1946.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 28th day of December, A. D., 1946.
(Seal) Lois Jones, Clerk,
District Court, Taylor County, Texas
By Thelma Graham, Deputy.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Woodrow Swann, Greeting: You are commanded to appear and answer the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday the 17th day of February, A. D., 1947, at or before 10 o'clock A. M. before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County, at the Court House in Abilene, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 4th day of January, 1947. The file number of said suit being No. 15,141-A.

The names of the parties in said suit are: Mickia Cogdell as Plaintiff, and Woodrow Swann as Defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: Plaintiff alleges that she and defendant entered into a marriage contract and agreement on November 12, 1946, in Wichita Falls, Texas. At said time defendant was a married man and the legal husband of Louise Chapman.

Plaintiff asks the court to declare her said marriage agreement and contract entered into at the aforesaid time, null and void on the grounds that the defendant was incapable of entering into a legal marriage contract to plaintiff because he was legally married at said time to another.

If this Citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

Issued this the 6th day of January, A. D., 1947.
Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 6th day of January, A. D., 1947.

(Seal) J. Neil Daniel, Clerk,
Dist. Court, Taylor County, Texas,
By Thelma Graham, Deputy.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Harvey Patterson, Greeting: You are commanded to appear and answer the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday the 17th day of February, A. D., 1947, at or before 10 o'clock A. M. before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County, at the Court House in Abilene, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 25th day of November, 1946. The file number of said suit being No. 15,076-A.

The names of the parties in said suit are: Helen Patterson as Plaintiff, and Harvey Patterson as Defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were married in Fisher County, Texas, September 12, 1942, and lived together until about September 1, 1946. Three

children were born to said marriage. Only two are living. No property is involved in said suit. Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of cruel treatment, and prays for custody and control of said two children.

If this Citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved. Issued this the 3rd day of January, A. D., 1947.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 3rd day of January, A. D., 1947.
(Seal) J. Neil Daniel, Clerk,
42nd District Court
Taylor County, Texas.
By Thelma Graham, Deputy.

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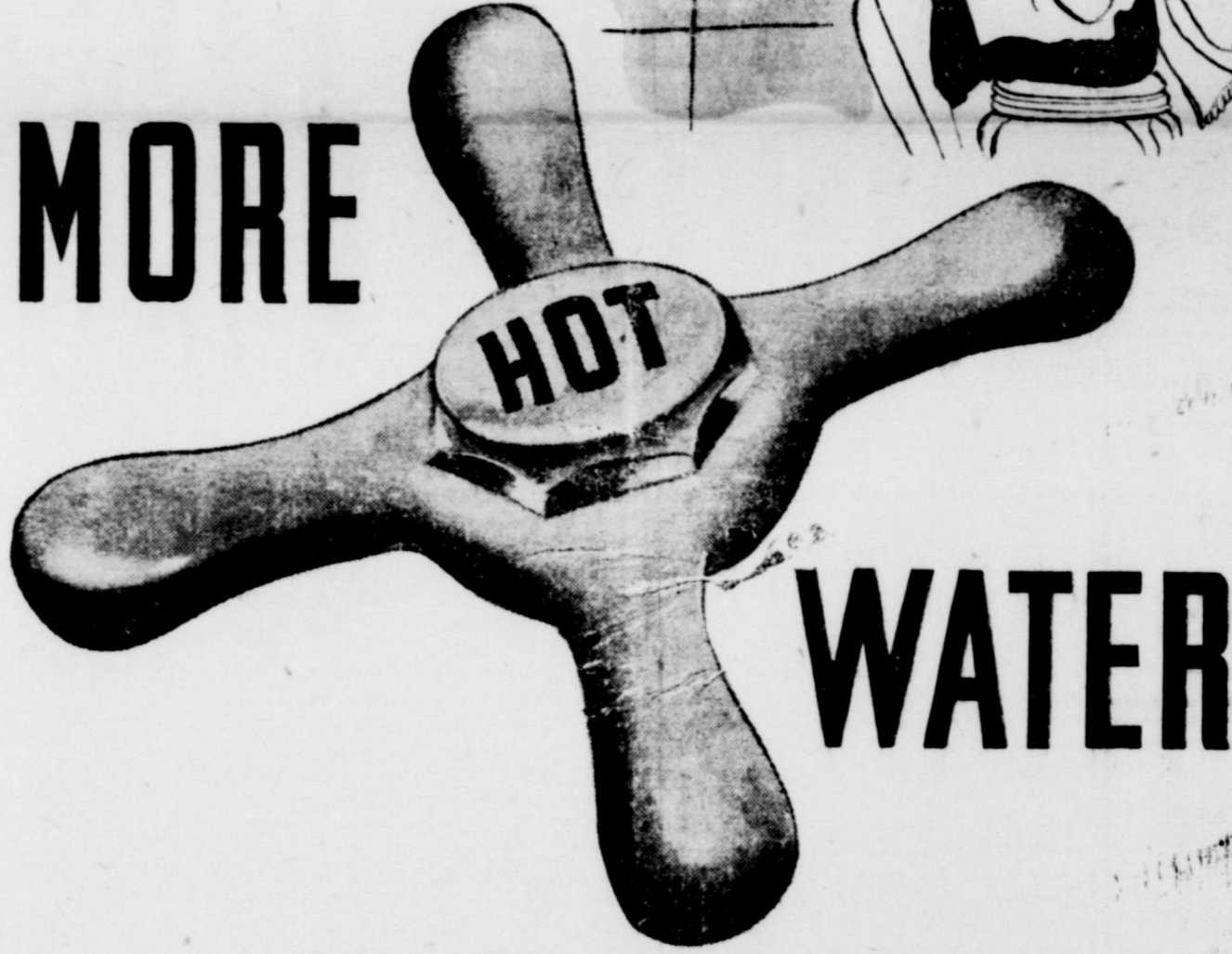
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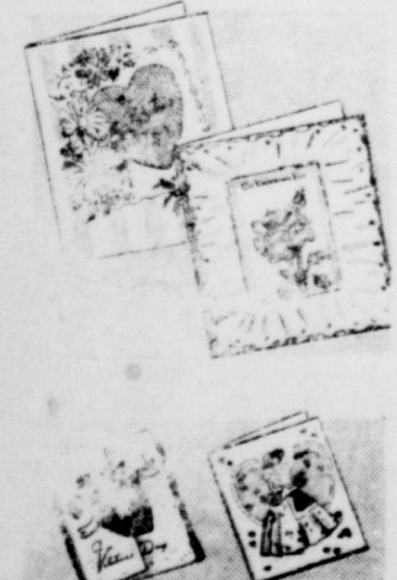
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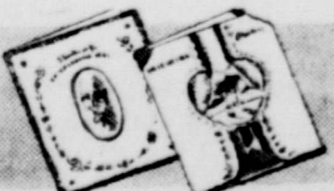
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LODGE CALLS

Regular meeting of Merkel Chapter 212, Order of Eastern Star, will be held, Tuesday, Jan. 28, at 7:50 p. m. All members are urged to attend. Visiting members cordially invited.

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Red and White—SPICED— Luncheon Meat, 12 oz	43c	RED and WHITE— Peaches, No. 2 1/2	29c
RED and WHITE— Potted Meat, 3 1/4 oz.	8c	Red and White—WHOLE— Apricots, No. 2 1/2	29c
RED and WHITE— Peas, No. 3 Sv., No. 2 can 23c		RED and WHITE— Corn, No. 2 can 23c; 4 for 89c	
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FORTNIGHTLY STUDY CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS.

The Fortnightly Study club met Tuesday afternoon at the Youth Center with Mrs. Owen Robertson as hostess.

The program leader, Mrs. Welton McAninch, introduced Rev. L. M. Brown, who was the guest speaker for the afternoon. He spoke on the "Youth of Today," and stressed the fact that the youth people need more guidance in economics, education, home life and religion. He said, "Under-gird all of life with religion by teaching Christian ethics to youth."

Mrs. P. C. Wyhe, in speaking on "Parental Delinquency" said, "Children need models more than they need critics, and the parents should be the models."

In talking about "Community Recreation Comes of Age," Mrs. S. D. Gamble gave a report on several communities and what they are doing for the children in the way of providing proper recreation. She said, "Recreation is needed to build good bodies and good characters. Space for play equipment, and supervision of play are essential and should be provided for youth by each community."

During the business session the following officers were elected for next year: President, Mrs. Elma McFarland; vice-president, Mrs. Will Shuman; recording secretary, Mrs. Carroll Benson; corresponding secretary, Mrs. David Gamble; parliamentarian, Mrs. Comer Haynes; and critic, Mrs. Wrenn Durham.

The following were present: Mesdames Chester Collinsworth, Wrenn Durham, David Gamble, Weston West, Joe Cysert, Paul West, Will Shuman, Jack Miller, Elma McFarland, P. C. Wyhe, Henry West, D. H. Vaughn, S. D. Gamble, Owen Robertson, Johnny Cox, Comer Haynes, Elma Collins, Welton McAninch, Edwin E. Reel, Judi McNeoids, Royce Eiland and Carroll Benson and Miss Christine Collins.

HARWELL-SANDUSKY.

Miss Nellie Faye Sandusky, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Sandusky, became the bride of Charles E. Harwell, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Harwell, in a single ring ceremony at the First Methodist church of Sweetwater on Wednesday evening of last week.

The bride wore a gray suit with black and white accessories and a corsage of white carnations. Something new was a beautiful silver cross, a gift of the groom brought from Germany, and something old was a blue handkerchief belonging to the bridegroom's late grandmother, Mrs. Dora Wharton.

The bridegroom's sister, Miss Charlotte Harwell, was maid of honor. She wore a blue wool dress with black accessories and a corsage of white carnations. Alton Newton was best man.

Mrs. Harwell is a graduate of Merkel High school and attended Draughon's Business school in Abilene. Mr. Harwell graduated from Merkel High school before enlisting in the Army, with a year and a half in the European area.

Guests were Misses Barbara Sandusky and Della Gilmore of Merkel.

MRS. DAVID S. LARGENT HONORED AT BRIDAL SHOWER.

(Crosbyton Review.)

Mrs. David S. Largent of Merkel, the former Miss Freda Sherwood, was the honored guest at a bridal shower given Monday afternoon, Jan. 6, in the Leslie Mitchell home, with Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. J. A. Parks and Miss Dollye Ann Littlefield as co-hostesses.

Members of the house party were Mrs. R. P. Parker, Mrs. Dollye Bonner of Vernon, Miss Sarah Ann Adams, Mrs. Olen Littlefield, Miss John Owen of Abilene, Mrs. Roy R. Largent of Merkel and the hostesses. About thirty called during the afternoon and many others who were kept away by the bad weather sent gifts.

Refreshments of punch and individual cakes were served by Mrs. Littlefield and Mrs. Owen from the dining table, which was centered with a miniature bride and groom, surrounded by white carnations. The gifts were displayed in the sun room. Music during the afternoon was furnished by Mrs. Jack Emanuel.

GIFT-PARTY HONORS HOLIDAY BRIDE.

Mrs. Calvin Stevens of Abilene, who was Miss Genevieve Robertson before her marriage December 28, was named honoree for a lovely party on Wednesday afternoon, January 15, in the home of Mrs. Austin Robertson. Co-hostesses in entertaining were Mesdames Ernest Teaff, Buster Hester, Buster Horton, Joe Higgins and Mrs. Robertson.

A short program was conducted by Mrs. Buster Horton, after which a beautiful shower of miscellaneous gifts were presented and opened by Mrs. Stevens and admired by all. The hostesses served dainty sandwiches, potato chips, olives and hot chocolate at the refreshment hour to approximately fifty guests.

FRIENDSHIP CLASS MEETING.

Members of the Friendship class met Thursday night in the basement of the Presbyterian church with Mrs. Leo Harris and Mrs. S. G. Russell as hostesses.

During the business hour Vernon Horton was elected president. A birthday calendar for the church was decided upon and each member

of the church will receive one as soon as they are completed.

Following the business session Rev. D. S. Neel gave an interesting program on "Friendship Meetings and How They Could Help Unite Religion and Fellowship."

Games were played and prizes were awarded. Those present were: Rev. and Mrs. D. S. Neel, Messrs. and Mesdames Vernon Horton, Eteyl Spurgin, Leo Harris, W. J. Deratine, Mesdames Glenn Abbott, S. G. Russell and Jack West.

ALATHEAN CLASS.

With Mesdames H. P. Allen, T. C. Allen and Lige Harris as co-hostesses the Alathean class met Wednesday afternoon of last week in the basement of the First Baptist church. Mrs. H. R. Hicks brought the devotional from the third chapter of James, and Mrs. Hugh Campbell led the opening prayer.

A refreshment plate of tuna fish sandwiches and coffee was served to one visitor, Mrs. E. L. Berry, and the following members: Mesdames F. A. Baker, J. O. Castles, J. B. Campbell, T. E. Collins, Hugh Campbell, H. R. Hicks, W. L. Johnson, J. J. McNeice, R. H. Mathews, V. A. McCandless, G. M. Sharp, Chas. West, W. W. Wheeler, E. O. Carson and J. M. Stephens and the hostesses.

COMRADES CLASS.

The Comrades class of the Methodist church were guests at a chili supper at the Community Cen-

ter building Jan. 21. Hosts for the affair were Messrs. and Mesdames Ray Wilson, Carlin Weichman and Earl Watts and Mrs. J. E. Tomkins.

After the refreshment hour games of bingo and "5," and directed group games were enjoyed by the 28 adults and 6 children.

Hosts for next month's party are: Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Pee, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Read and Mr. and Mrs. Riggs Shepperd.

The class donated ash trays, forks and other equipment to the Community Center upon arrival at the building.

MERKEL HD CLUB.

Next meeting of the Merkel Home Demonstration club will be held Friday, Jan. 24, in the home of Mrs. Carlin Weichman, living in the former Stanley King home. Please note change of time from 2:50 to 3 p. m.

BAPTIST W. M. S.

The Woman's Missionary society of the First Baptist church met on Monday afternoon for a Royal Service program. Topic for the month was "The Eternal Message for All People."

As the opening song, "Take the Name of Jesus with You" was sung. Mrs. A. R. Booth led the opening prayer, after which Mrs. H. R. Hicks gave the devotional, Acts 17:16-31. Mesdames J. O. Castles, Irl Walker, A. R. Booth and Sam Swann gave

parts on the program. Mrs. Castle closed the meeting with prayer.

Present were Mesdames E. R. Cluel, Earl Lassiter, J. J. McNeice, P. F. Harris, Don Riney and W. L. Johnson and the above mentioned.

The next meeting will be a Circle program in the home of Mrs. Sam Swann.

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PEARS, Halves, No. 2 1/2 can 33c
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No. 2 can 15c | FANCY CUT BEETS
No. 2 can 9c |
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- Coel of the Walk—in heavy syrup—
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- WISCONSIN—Long Shred—
SAUER KRAUT, No. 2 can 13c

- ALASKA—No. 1, Tall Can—**
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- FANCY—No. 2 Can—**
TOMATOES, can 13c
- DOLE—Gallon—50 slices—**
PINEAPPLE \$1.29
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PINTO BEANS, 29c
- MARYLAND CLUB—**
COFFEE, pound 39c
- SUNSHINE—KRISPY—**
CRACKERS, 2 pounds 39c
- TEXAS—fancy pack—**
CHILI, No. 2 can 37c
- EVERETT—25 Pound Sack—**
FLOUR \$1.69
- HEART'S DELIGHT—Stokley's 14 ounce bottle—**
Pure Tomato CATSUP 23c

NOTICE

Due to the fact that many of my clients find it difficult to pronounce or spell my name and to the further fact that my brother, Dr. U. H. Zee, of Lameza, has changed his name, I have petitioned the federal court and have received authorization to change my name from L. C. Zehpiennig to L. C. Zee, which will be used hereafter.

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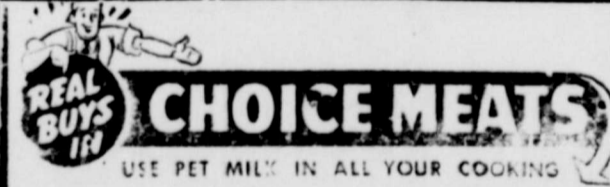
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YAMS, pound 9c
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- FRESH—**
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