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After visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Riney, Mr. and Mrs. Total Ad Valorem Rate for This Collum reported. They are gray wool. Borger and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Riney of Artesia, Colo., returned to their homes on Wednesday of last week. While here they attended the Riney reunion.

Rickey, of Dallas, were guests for fork over \$14.40. dinner last Wednesday of Mr. and Harvell.

Mrs. Myrtle Boden has returned tion. ing her recent operation.

ed his cousin, Sammy Derstine, the school in Abilene.

next two weeks.

pital for treatment.'

daughter, Patsy, will spend the re- Jesse James. the summer they made a month's cents on the \$100, that for the availto Canada from Seattle, Wash. They cents. The latter is set by statute. were accompanied on the tour by Missa Irene Swann.

Jackie and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hogan and Tommy have returned from

STATE PROPERTY TAX IS UPPED

\$100 Valuation By State Tax **Board Meeting.**

in state property taxes on your home- Willie Shoemaker, James Land, Jim- past few months, has three more now R. A. McCollum of the Merkel Public Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Hill and son, stead last year, this year you will my Walker, Billy Joe Knight, Jerold under construction.

Mrs. Porter Petty. Others visiting the assumption that your homesterd Paul Bow, Billy Baze, Robert Tom had it cut in two sections, is having located in the southwest part of of towns of using water for their the Porter Petty home were Mrs. the assumption that your homesterd Paul Bow, Billy Baze, Robert Tom had it cut in two sections, is having located in the southwest part of of towns of using water for their Sarah Walker of McKinney and Tom that tax-valued at \$5,000 and Hodge, Don Dudley, Larry Bailey; one home erected on her Oak street town. Admission prices will be 10 lawns, trees and flowers and other irthat you claimed your \$3,000 exemp- the two managers were Elbert Dean lot just north of Mrs. Ed Turner's and 25 cents. and G. H. Suber.

It reduces to simple terms what the home from a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Ocie Day, and family at Chand-day in setting a property tay rate ler, Okla., and reports that her day in setting a property tax rate daughter is recovering nicely follow- of 72 cents on the \$100 valuationthe maximum permitted under the Jimmy Dan Vick of Hodges visit- constitution and statutes. In 1946. With Elbert Dean as chairman, homes, while she will either sell or

past week and the two together with cents per \$100, the lowest since 1912. group of "Prayer Meeting" was in Work is progressing rapidly on Johnny Tucker took swimming les- Last year the board levied no pro- charge of the Wednesday night serv- the new two-story frame home with will be played Friday night of this sons at the Abilene Reporter-News perty tax for general fund purposes ice. The theme of the panel discus- stucco finish being erected for Hombecause there was substantial surplus sion was "Making My Life Count er Newby by Fowler and Stanley on

were accompanied on their return board had no choice in raising the James Bartlett opened the discus- Porter, located just south of the J. I. ing in best 5 out of 7 games. to McNairy by Mrs. C. R. Tittle, who rate because the legislature wiped sion by reading a few suggestions Ford home. will visit the Orion Tittles for the out the surplus, appropriated or al- made by the great Paul. He stressed W. D. Webber, who purchased a lot

past two weeks in the Veterans hos- The board is made up of Gov. Beau-

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Swann and H. Sheppard and State Treasurer mainder of the summer at their cot- The board set the property tax rate tage at Ruidoso, N. M. Earlier in for general revenue purposes at 35

tour of the mountain and Pacific able school fund at 35 cents, and that coast states, including a boat trip for Confederate pensions at two

Mr. and Mrs. June Hogan and Additional Donations

PRESENT AWARDS TO 20 BADGERS. TWO MANAGERS

TO MAXIMUM Twenty Badgers and the two mana-gers of Merkel High School District 8A champions were presented their

Year Set at 72 Cents On the with numerals in Purple and Gold. Members of the squad receiving the awards were: Leroy Teaff, Lon Mc-

Donald, Hubert Peterson, Billy Pat

Salter, John English, James Bart- Miss Eula Sears, who bought a The teams will meet Friday after- asked, effective at once, to follow a

the state property tax rate was 37 the First Baptist young people's rent the other one.

Mrs. Orion Tittle and children in the general fund. Monday, the More Fully for Christ."

ford H. Jester, Comptrolled George Joan James encouraged her audience occupied as a home by the Webbers. Merkel Jaycees Lose to pray more often. She pointed out the power of prayer. Marlene Mc-

Keever used Helen Keller as an example of a life used for Christ; Jim-

versity of Louisiana.

3 MORE HOMES ARE ADDED ON OAK STREET

jackets Tuesday, Supt. R. A. Mc- Miss Eula Sears, Homer Newby championship in high school baseball. Schedule Set By City Council In and W. D. Webber. Owners of on Paved Boulevard.

Oak street, on which many new Supt. I. R. Hutchingson and Coach Austin, July 24.-If you paid \$7.40 Nash, Leon Floyd, Sanford Carr, homes have been filled in within the L. B. Howard of Hamlin and Supt. shortage, with which Merkel as well

house and the other section has been

placed on the lot north of her home place in Northwest Merkel. Odie Jones is supervising the re-modeling. Program at Church Miss Sears plans to sell her home place and live in one of the new

located for the public schools virtual- the need for sincere study among in the Ensminger addition, just south REA, 5-0; on Tuesday night, VFW out having to resort to cutting the J. C. Carson returned Sunday from ly every dollar of anticipated reve- young people. Joe Frank Warren of the Ensminger home, had the 5- repeated with a win over Butman, and Gaston Walker warned his hear- Willie B. Toombs moved to this loca. Stout's 10-6.

ers to make the right choices. Betty tion and it is being re-modeled to ta

Attend Funeral of

Walker chose examples in the life of Christ himself; Buddy McKeever Going from Merkel to attend the defeat at the hands of the Sweet- with the French Engineering compraised the bishop found in the story. funeral of Mrs. Ernest Meeks, 61, water team in last Sunday's game pany, of Abilene, for payment of "Jean Valjean." Clyde Bartlett dis- held at Post on Thursday of last played at Sweetwater, the result of \$200 for preliminary surveys and escussed religious activities in the Uni- week, were Mr. and Mrs. John Meeks which was 11-2.

The chairman pledged the help of Meeks and family, Mr. and Mrs. Tom. Anson at Anson. For Cemetery Fund the young people in the August re- my Patterson and family and Mr. al. He closed by reading Pa



Merkel is to be the site for the final game in the play-off between Trent and Hamlin for District 13

Agreement to play the game here New Residences Being Built was reached at a meeting held Monday night at Sweetwater attended by Supt. Ben W. Newhouse of Trent,

schools.

That little calculation is based on lett, Bobby Gilbert, Bobby Criswell, 25x80 Camp Barkeley building and noon at 3 o'clock on the VFW field, practice already adopted in a number

Friday's Game Will **Complete Schedule;** Shaughnessy Follows

Final game of the regular schedulc of the VFW-sponsored softball league week, between REA and Trent. Then follows the Shaughnessy playa lot he purchased from Mrs. J. D. off, with the top four teams compet-

Results the past week: Last Friday night VFW defeated McKinney, where he had been the nue, and passed no new tax bill chose as his subject "Make Friends," room cottage that he bought from 6-1, and in the nightcap Stith bested

To Sweetwater Nine P. m.

Mrs. Ernest Meeks The Merkel Jaycee entry in the

and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Next Sunday the Jaycees will play siderations to obtain, if and when

Mt. Pleasant Revival

the work is done.

Effort to Meet Current Shortage: Puts Residents on Voluntary Ration Basis. As a means of meeting the water

ASK CONSUMERS

TO IRRIGATE ON

ALTERNATE DAYS

as many other West Texas cities is contending, city water consumers are rigation purposes on alternate days, as follows:

5c PER COP)

Residents on south and west sides of streets, on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Residents on north and east sides of street, on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

The motion to adopt this practice was made by water Commissioner Earl Hughes, and seconded by O. B. Leach, at Monday night's meeting of the city council, with the objective that, if consumers voluntarily conform to this system, sufficient reserve may be kept in storage, with-For the duration of the emergency, Water Superintendent Mack Buzbee stated Thursday morning it will be necessary to cut off all service a few hours each day beginning at 1

Looking forward to permanent betterment of the waterworks and sewer system, the city council auth-Cotton Belt league suffered a bad orized the mayor to sign a contract timate and providing terms and con-

> W. A. French, of the French Engineering company, was present to

a week's vavation visit at "Corpus

the latter part of the week from a Chairman T. L. Grimes and not pre- Merchants' Day in N. M.

with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Na- roughs, Dallas, \$5.00. than Wood. For the first six weeks Other subscriptions received locally and Gas Appliances, respectively, in Henry Horton, of Oklahoma, and two handled the negotations. of the summer session, Don took spec- were: ial courses at North Texas State college, Denton, Also spending the past 10-days at home was another son, Billy Wood, head of the speech department at and contact representative for the summer for Hillsboro Junior college, Hillsboro.

Week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs Jesse Higgins were Minister and Mrs. Tom Richards and son, Danny, of Abilene Christian college, Mrs. Richards being a cousin of Mrs. Higgins, and they were joined Sunday by H. W. Higgins and family of Winters. In the afternoon C. S. Higgins, Tom Higgins, Bryan Higgins Land called. Games of croquet were played and a watermelon feast enjoyed.

Clemmer and younger son, of Mona- ceptance for an overseas civil serv- P-TA Sponsors Well bans, were also week-end visitors ice job in Seoul, Korea. of Trent. Upon their return home, point of embarkation. Leon Dudley, Mrs. Clemmer's broth- years.

1st Lt. Bowman Barlow and his wife and daughter, Becky, came out Dwight Swafford On last Friday from Camp Hood for a visit with Mrs. Barlow's mother, Mrs. Adah Heeter. Lieutenant Barparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Neal, of at North Texas State college. Woodrum home.

Blair, of Lawton, Okla., who are the er than "C". parents of a new daughter, named Brenda Lou, born Friday. Her other daughter. Mrs. Alvin Wozencraft, and her husband, drove up to spend Washington, July 24 .- The state . L. Blair.

Herman Carson was expected home ed within the past few weeks by

1.00

2,00

1.00

vacation visit with his aunt and viously reported, include the followuncle, Mr. and Mrs. Fred King, on ing amounts from out-of-town: Hayon their ranch near Fort Sumner, den Turner, Abilene, \$5.00; Mrs. W. E. Gentry, Abilene, \$5.00: W. C. the remainder of the summer here Banner, Abilene, \$1.00; H. C. Bur. the Merkel Drug company, Max Jack Meeks, all of Post; two broth- announced Wednesday from the real

G. W. Clemmer	
S. L. Scogin	
G. C. Blair	
Mrs. G. C. Russell	
Mollie E. Wimberly _	
Mack Buzbee	
Mrs. N. Causseaux	
Fred Baker	
S. L. Scogin	
A. D. Fulton	
Doc Blackburn	
Mrs. Ruby Jinkens	
Riley Horton	
Warren Daniels	

Overseas Job in Korea

his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Church of Merkel, has been notified for treatment. Clemmer, and Mr. and Mrs. Harroll by the War Department of her ac-

here with his parents and his wife's Her processing completed, Miss parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Dudley Church is awaiting a port call to a

accompanied by their older son, Sid- Erecke Army Medical Center, Fort er association, has announced that ney, who had been visiting his grand- Sam Houston, Texas, and has held a the Well Child Clinic, sponsored by

Temple, and who joined her mother, The dean's list is composed of the at Fort Knox, Ky Mrs. R. E. Neal, visiting here in the names of all upperclassmen who at-

Mrs. Lucy Ford returned Wednes- mester and were accredited with at or more while an additional 15 per day from a visit with her son-in-law least 12 semester hours with an aver- cent gained one-half to one inch. and daughter, Capt. and Mrs. R. T. age grade of "B" and no grade low- Twenty per cent of the trainees had

· Marine ...

Drop Relief to Poland.

they were accompanied on their re- that this country has dropped plans ed at the White House Wednesday McFarland on Friday of last week. turn by Judy Blair, who is visiting to send relief to Poland. According to assure President Truman of their The next conference will be held her grandmother, Mrs. Ford, and her to the department, a recent survey continued support. These in the dele- on Friday, Aug. 15, last one of the own minimum food needs.

Christi with the Bud Hendricks fam- Donations to the 1947 maintenance Neff's oration, "The Bettles of And Mrs. Aaron Horten. In fund for Rose Hill cemetery, receiv. Neff's oration, "The Bettles of Mrs. Mosks died in a Lubbock itarium the day before, following

Merkel Popular Event Starvivor

charge, "Appreciation Day" was held sisters. \$3.00 again Wednesday, with another large 1.00 crowd of friends and patrons of Mer-1 00 kel merchants present. 5.00 "Appreciation Day" is held each 5.00 Wednesday, with the big event sche-1.00 duled at 4 p. m.

1.00 Eddie Sandusky Enters Sunday morning for College Station Scottish Rite Hospital 1.00

1.00 Dallas, July 24.-Eddie Glenn San-2.00 Mrs. E. G. Sandusky, Merkel. was attend. admitted to Texas Scottish Rite Ho:

and family and Mr. and Mrs. Luther Bonnie L. Church Takes for treatment on Wednesday, July 16. The Scottish Rite hospital, which s supported by individual contri-

butions, offers the best possible med-

Child Clinic at Trent invited to attend.

of Trent. Upon their return home, point of embarkation. Mr. and Mrs. Harroll Clemmer were She is a civilian employee at the president of the Trent Parent-Teach- Former Merkel Boy's

parents the past three weeks, and by civil service position for the past six that organization, will be held at Marvin Estes Jones, son of Mr week, July 25.

Dean's Honor List In Weight, Height Gain the annual "Anthology of High Wednesday the erection of the new drainage structures on the Bank-

low returned Sunday while Mrs. Denton, July 24.-Dwight Swaf-Washington, July 24.-The Army publication in "Sermons in Poetry." kel, which will be located just east Abilene west 11 miles to a point just Barlow and daughter remained over ford, son of Mrs. T. J. R. Swafford routine of good food, regular hours fifth edition.

> tended the college the previous se- a chest expansion gain of one inch of judges from some 10,000 poems. and include all the very latest and section of the highway. own half an inch or more in height in the 12-week period.

> > Lawmakers Meet Truman.

son of Texas.

and Mrs. Aaron Horton itarium the day before, following an illness of two months. The family moved from Merkel to Post about 18 | Sale of the Oscar Buford home on

four daughters, Mrs. Charlie Brown. Mulberry community and president Mellinger store and Watts Butane ers, Aaron Horton of Merkel and estate office of Andy Shouse, who Mulberry creek.

> Merkel Fireman Off To Training School

Ollie Berry, member of the Merkel Volunteer Fire department, left to attend the 18th annual Texas Firellege, July 20-25.

More than 600 firemen represent-

oital for Crippled Children in Dallas Revival Services Begin

Aug. 3. Services will be held twice nouncing the meeting. each day and every one is cordially

Poem is Published

the school house on Friday of this and Mrs. E. A. Jones, 837 Jeanette street, Abilene, formerly of Merkel. and 1947 graduate of Abilene high 20 MEN RUSHING WORK ON Army Routine Results school, has been notified that his

for the week. They were accompan- of Merkel, is among 441 upperclass- and exercise has resulted in an aver- The book of verse, "Sermons in the cotton yard. According to Mr. A. Tuesday by the Texas Highway comled by Margaret Neal, of Hugo, Okla., men named this week to the dean's age weight gain of 6 pounds per man Poetry." is a compilation of religious J. Canon, who is supervising the mission to Frank Purvis of Fort who had been visiting her grand- honor list for the summer semester in the last 12 weeks at the Universal and philosophical poetry written by erection of the new plant, and upon Worth, says Wednesday's Abilene Military Training Experimental unit the youth of America; representing the completion of the same will as- Morning News. almost every state in the country sume the operation and management, Sullivan and Davis received the

Twenty-five children reported at the Well Child Clinic, sponsored by fact that he is well known and a very Washington, July 24 .- Eleven De- the Merkel Parent-Teacher associathe week-end and bring her home; department announced Wednesday mocratic freshmen congressmen call- tion, held in the office of Mrs. Elma

child round-up.

Buster Horton Buys

Oak street.

Home on Yucca Street city's water and sewer problems, sol-

ubmit a report of his study of the ent points of which were

That the city wait awhile before Yucca street to Buster Horton, well building a dam, due to high prices Survivors include her husband: known farmer and land-owner of the of labor and materials at this time. That request be made to the State With David Gamble, Meyer Mell- Mrs. Ed Dye, Mrs. Arthur Wilson of the board of trustees of the Mer- Foard of Water Engineers to set Mr. and Mrs. Don Wood will spend Matthews, Trent, \$3.00; Miss Maxie inger and Earle Watts, representing and Miss Melba Meeks, and one son kel Independent School district, was aside approximately 2500-acre feet of water from the drainage area of

> Recommendation that the city drill The new owner will move in about five wells, construct a storage reser-Aug. 1st, while Oscar Buford has voir and water softener and improve ented the Roy H. Mathews home on the sewage treatment. The storage

reservoir should be constructed, he said, so that it could be converted into a settlement basin when the dam is built.

To Begin July 25, On the second recommendation, that the city of Me

A revival meeting is to be held at to the State Board of Water Enginmen's Training school at A. and M. the Mt. Pleasant Baptist church, eers for the reservation of 2500-acre seven miles south of Merkel, begin- feet of water from the drainage area ning the evening of Friday, July 25, of Mulberry creek as a protective 5.00 dusky, 12-year-old sone of Mr. and ing 300 Texas cities were expected to and extending through Aug. 3. Ser- measure should a dam be built, the vices will be held at 11 a. m. and 8 council took action at once, adopting p. m. The evening services are to be a resolution to this effect introduced preceded by thirty minutes of pray- by Robert Hicks and seconded by Johnny Hammond. The other recom-

at Salt Branch Church The pastor, Rev. Charlie W. Har- mendations are to be considered at grave, will bring the messages. "The later meetings.

Rev. Johnny Tvy, the pastor, will purpose of the meeting is to bring Ordinances providing for extension Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Clemmer of San Antonio, July 24 .- Miss Bon- ical care and treatment to Texas do the preaching at the revival meet- the lost or straying into the right of the Lone Star Gas Company fran-Childress spent the week-end with nie L. Church, daughter of Frank E. crippled children who are accepted ing which will begin Friday night of fellowship with their God, and a chise and for closing of Manchester this week at the Salt Branch Bap- heartfelt invitation is extended for street, between the High School buildtist church and is to continue through all to attend," the pastor said in an- ing and gym, were passed on second readings.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

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

NEW FARM BUREAU GIN. A large crew of 20 men began on Contracts for grading and smail

School Poetry," has been selected for Farm Bureau gin to be built in Mer- head Highway (Merkel road) from

newest of modern machinery.

the management of this new enter- prietor of the Magnolia Filling sta-Attend Child Clinic prise, the operators have chosen tion, was in Fort Worth and Dailas wisely, he being both competent and on business this week. capable in every respect, besides the

popular man throughout, the community.

Mrs. Della Campbell of Paducah, Texas, visiting Crane City and othafter a visit with her mother, Mrs. er points. He states that there is paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. showed that Poland can satisfy her gation included Representative Burle- series, designated as a pre-school Frank Sears, and other relatives and every evidence of a great oil field friends, has returned to her home. in that section.

of the Sam Swann gin and opposite west of Mulberry creek was awarded

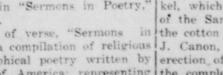
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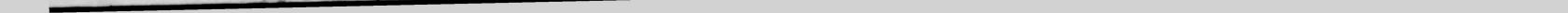
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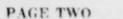
Mr. Ben F. Bird, the popular pro-

Mr. A. H. Bracken of the Lowe-Brackeen Chevrolet company re- . turned Wednesday from a trip through the big oil fields of West

Twenty-Five Children In the election of Mr. Canon to





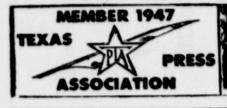


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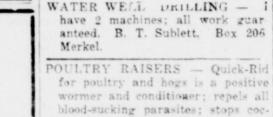


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PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Adcock return-

ed Monday from a visit with their

son and his family, Mr. and Mrs.

a 15-day trip visiting his children 📢

Steele, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Stracner,

Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Dee Clark and

Mrs. J. O. Steele, all of Sweetwater.

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Antonio.





Elmer Adcock, of Menard. While Attendance at the seven reporting there they were accompanied by the Sunday Schools last Sunday was 671 Elmer Adcocks on a trip to San as compared with 696 on the previous Sunday and 668 on the same Tom Spears has just returned from | Sunday a year ago.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Morn ng sermon at 11. Training Union Visitors in Merkel Sunday afterat 7:00 p. m. Evening sermon at noon with T. C. Jinkens and other 8:00. Prayer meeting at 8:00 Wedrelatives were Mr. and Mrs. W. A. nesday evening.

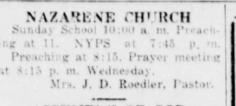
Merle Weathers, Pastor

METHODIST CHURCH Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preach ng 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. MYF and uniors meet at 7 p. m. R. L. Butler, Pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST Sunday: Bible School at 9:45 a. m.; preaching 10:50 a. m. and 8:00 p. o Young Folks class and personal work at 3 p. m. Wednesday prayer meet

WILL PAY highest prices for scrap ng at 8:00 p. m. iron and metal; will pick up with Troy M. Cummings, Minister truck. Bowles Plumbing Shop. Phe.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. Sunday School 10 a. m. Mor sermon at 11. Children meet at WANTED-100.000 rats to kill with Dr. Ray's rat killer, Money back p. m. Mid-week prayer meeting a guarantee backed with \$10,000.00 8 p. m. Wednesday. bond. Merkel Drug and Doan Feed D. S. Neel, Pastor.



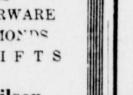
ASSEMBLY OF GOD. Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preachng services at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Services every Thursday night. H. S. Earp, Pastor.

FUNDAMENTALIST BAPTIST

CHURCH Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preach-ing at 11 a. m. and 8:00 p. m. Midweek prayer meeting at 8:00 Wednesday evening. A. T. Suskey, Pastor

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Friday, July 25, 1947.

Sublett Family In First Reunion

state to have their reunion at the days from the date of issuance of Buffalo Gap State park. It was their first meeting since 1941, and much time was spent visiting and taking pictures. The youngsters enjoyed a swim.

At noon, barbecue and a bounteous picnic lunch was served to 87 people present.

A short business meeting was held and the following officers selected 9948. for the coming year: Marvin Hunter, Lubbock, chairman; Mrs. Carl Black, Rotan, secretary - treasurer; Miss Myrtle Sublett, Abilene, Mrs. Glenn W. Woody, Lubbock, and Miss Faye Orsborn, Merkel, historians.

Birthday greetings were telegraphed to James L. Sublett, of Alpine, who was unable to attend. It was decided to have the reunion at Alpine next summer.

Those who attended this year were: Mr. and Mrs. Verner B. Sublett, Mrs. Vernelle Crow, Betty and Bubba Corpus Christi; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Sublett and Henry, Paducah; Ernest Sublett, Misses Myrtle, Pauline and Irene Sublett, Mr. and Mrs. Roy J. Phillips and Ruby Jean, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Walker, Shirley, Jo and Burwell, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Stanford, Deverle and Zeta Faye, Mrs. Edith Gilmore, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Headrick, Sr., Luclla Headrick James, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Headrick, Jr., Robert Headrick, Vera Dodson Sweetwater.

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Hunter, Mrs. Don Reeder, Joy, Joe and Tommy, Mrs. Glenn Woody, Glenn Dwight Jackie, David, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Hunter and Sharon, Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Sublett, Mr. and Mrs W. J. Hayes, George A. Sublett, Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Jack R. Sublett. Cleveland, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. Ben Sublett, Brenda, Bobbie, Joe Be. Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Orsborn, Lena Faye, Nina, Mr. and Mrs. Irl Walker, Jimmy and Gaston, Mrs. H. R. Hicks, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hicks, Merkel.

Mrs. T. H. Woodson and Sue, Iredell; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Black, Roand Mrs. Roy E. Everett

Legal Notice CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS. Since Before War TO: Amie Wortham, a Widow, -Greeting:

You are commanded to appear and On July 15 the Sublett relatives before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first or less. gathered from many parts of the Monday after the expiration of 42

> this Citation, the same being Mon- of said Court, at office in Abilene, day the 18th day of August, A. D., Texas, this the 3rd day of July, A. 1947, at or before 10 o'clock A. M., D., 1947. before Three Special Commission- (Seal)

ers of the Honorable County Court of Taylor County, at the Court House in Abilene, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed Merkel Breeder Gets on the 3rd day of July, 1947. The file number of said suit being No.

The names of the parties in said suit are: Taylor County and State of Texas as Plaintiff, and Amie Wortham, a widow as Defendant. The nature of said suit being sub-

stantially as follows, to wit: To condemn and take for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and aldest living member of the group, operating a public road on the following described property: All that certain tract or parcel of

land, situate in the County of Taylor, State of Texas, and being a part each, at Merkel Mail office.

of Lot 6, Block 65, City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, and being de-

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scribed as follows Being a strip of land 10 ft. wide and 50 ft. long off the east side of Lot 6, the west line of said strip being 50 ft. west of and parallel to the center line of a proposed high-

way, said strip of land containing answer the plaintiff's petition at or 500 square feet (0.011 acre) more Issued this the 3rd day of July,

1947. Given under my hand and seal

Mrs. Chester Hutcheson, County Clerk, Court, Taylor County, Texas.

Pair of Giant Runts

Delivery was made Wednesday to Arl Sharp of the Sharp hatchery of a pair of Giant Runts, a breed that is said to be the largest domesticated pigeons, shipped from Lebanon, Ore. The cock weighs on an average of 3 1-2 pounds, the hen, 3 pounds.

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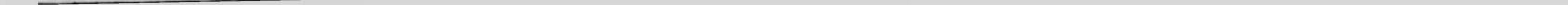


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Friday, July 25, 1947.

QUEEN THEATRE CALENDAR

Friday - Saturday - Double feature program: Red Ryder, Little Beaver in "Homesteaders of Paradise Valley" and Paul Kelly, Ann Doran Kay Scott in "Fear in the Night;" cartoon and serial.

Sunday, Monday and Tuesday Teresa Wright, Robert Mitchum in "Pursued;" Daffy Duck cartoon and of the Palmer Tire and Appliance latest News.

June Haver, Connie Marshall in four B. F. Goodrich Safety Seal-o-"Wake Up and Dream;" Unusual Oc- matic tubes and the local winner's cupations and sports.

"PURSUED."

Filled with terse, tense, blazing action and breathtaking scenic beauty, ed in this contest", Mr. Skiles said. Niven Busch's "Pursued," the United "All the contestant must do is bring local winner." States Pictures' production released to the store a snapshot or snapshots tures a superb company of support- ject will be acceptable-scenic views, ing players including Judith Ander- sports, children, picnic scenes, etc. son. Dean Jagger, Alan Hale and The photographs will be judged by an feud in New Mexico at the turn of impartial professional contest-judgthe century.

Woman's Club Plans For Next Quarter

Trent, July 17 .- The Trent Wo man's club met Tuesday night of last week at the home of Mrs. C. C Estep. After the meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Harold Brown, plans were made for the mext quarter.

Picnic supper was served on the lawn and enjoyed by the following members: Mesdames A. C. Hale, Ben Newhouse, Ola Lee Winn, Jack Pate, Cecil Taylor, Foy Steadman, Seth Rakes, C. C. Estep, Harold Brown and one new member, Mrs. Mark Williamson.

Next meeting will be on Aug. 12 in the home of Mrs. Mark William son

The United States contains 23 billionaire corporations, which in clude five insurance companies, six railroads, five utility companies, one steel, one oil, one auto, and four banks.

Celebrating Our

Palmer Concern to **Sponsor Amateur Snapshot Contest**

An amateur snapshot contest, open to any non-professional camera fan and permitting the widest possible range of entry was announced Thursday by W. J. Skiles, store manager

company Wednesday-Thursday-John Payne, John Rodney. The film is a penetratentry also will be submitted in a national contest, the prize for which

will be \$2,500 in cash. "No box tops, no dimes are requir-

by Warner Bros., stars Teresa (as many as he wishes) which he Wright and Robert Mitchum and fea- thinks might win. Any vacation sub-

ing and exciting portrait of a family ing organization in Chicago on the Prize in the contest will be a set of basis of interest, composition and

carness. The decision of the judges will be final and all entries will become the property of the B. F. Goodrich company."

Mr. Skiles said that the closing date for entries is Aug. 23. The loal winner will be announced soon hereafter. Announcement of the naional prize will be made probably late in September. On the back of

each entry submitted must appear the name and address of the contestant, printed plainly.

"The contest is part of our accident prevention effort," Mr. Skiles said. "We are conducting it now to focus attention of motorists on safety as the vacation season begins. The, high accident months of the year are coming and we want every loca! motorist to return home safely. That is why we are giving a set of four Seal-o-matic Safety tubes to the

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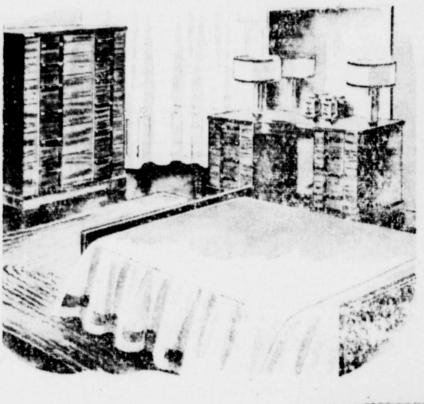
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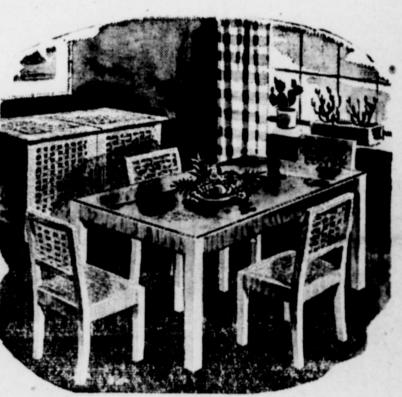
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were \$29.95, now 19.95	Sampson Electric Irons-
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were \$14.95, now \$9.95	Guaranteed Air Conditioner
WASHING MACHINES—	was \$57.95, now \$41.95
were \$129.95, now \$99.95	Heavy Duty Tricycles-
ALUMINUM WARE20% off	were \$29.95 now \$19.95
ELECTRIC ALARM	Schwinn-Built Bicycle-
CLOCKS \$3.95 up	was \$57.95, now \$41.95
ELECTRIC TOASTERS	LAWN MOWERS-
were \$12.95, now \$9.95	were \$29.95, now \$21.95
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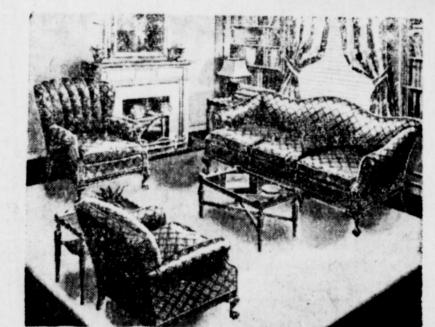
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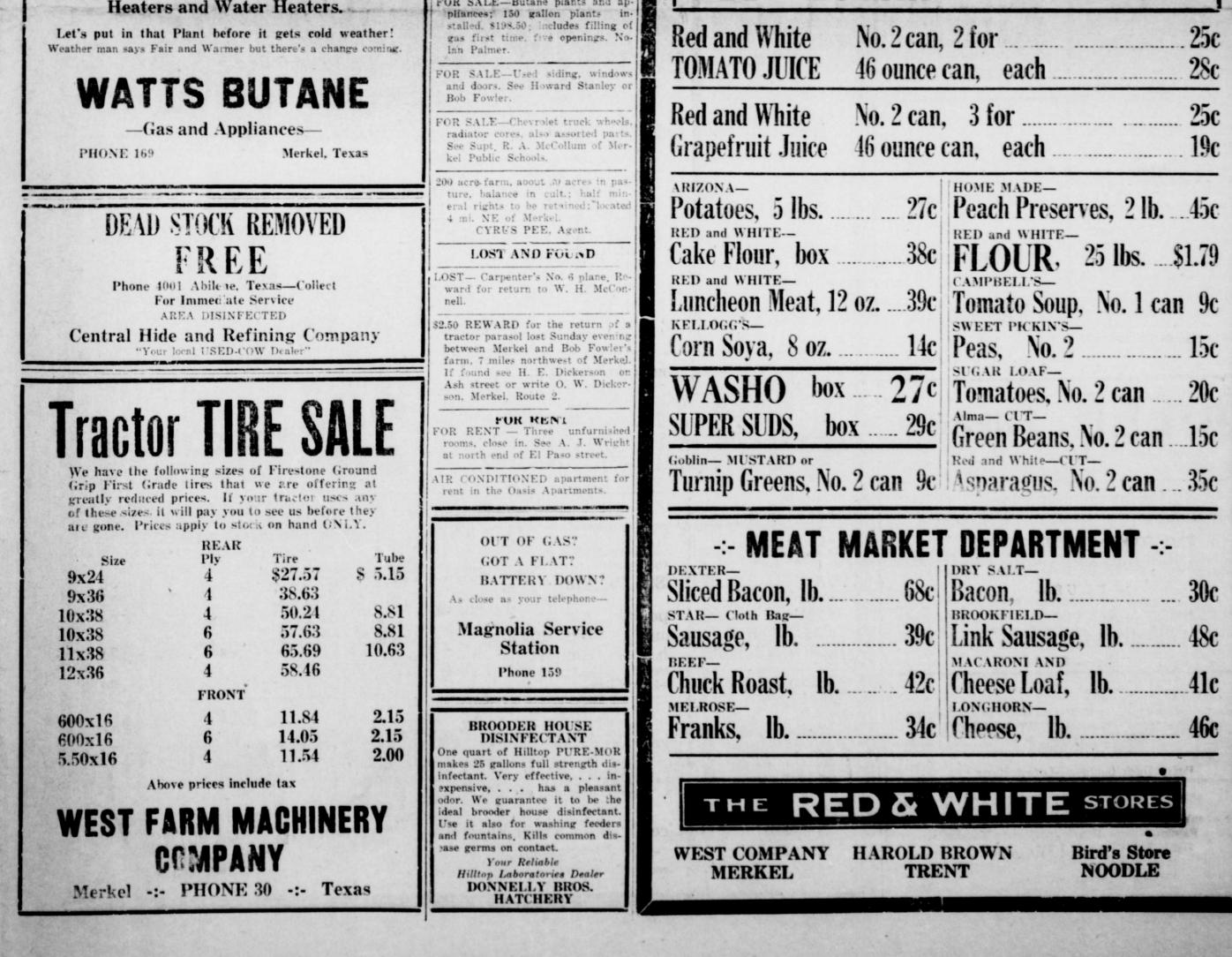
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One- 4-piece Bedroom Suite, dresser, chest, bed and bench, walnut finish, only	\$69.50
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7 only-Large Roomy Wardrobes made of hard wood, walnut finish, reduced from \$39.50 to	\$24.50

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 POR SALE— New 4-5,-room and bath with garage; hardwood floors; beautiful kitchen cabinet. Brown and Walker, corner South 10th and Yucca. HAVE several nice residences for sale in Merkel; take your choice. Also have 800-acre stock farm for sale. ANDY SHOUSE FOR SALE— New type Coolerator; practically new. C. L. McElmurray, Route 1, Trent, Texas. NICE PIGS for sale. F. J. McDonald, one mi. north of Stith. DARRRETT and MAAYES STUDIO 	and 650x16; also good used tractor tires. Magnolia Service Station. TWO-ROOM house for sale; to be moved, \$125. D. C. Doan. The nicest 4 room and bath in town, fully modern, hardware floors, new- ly decorated and in choice southside district; reasonably priced for immediate possession. Good 6-room, completely modern, with lot and half, garage, on south side, near school and churches. If you want a good home well located and	AAAT TO BOY ICE BOX, 75 IDS. OF more; must be worth the money. George L. Anderson, Rt. 4, Merkel. SEE Lendon A. Coats for water well drilling. Phone 281W. FOR COMPLETE RADIO REPAIRS Phone 193 Free Pickup and Delivery Electric Iron Service All Work Guaranteed	<section-header><section-header><text><text><list-item><list-item><text></text></list-item></list-item></text></text></section-header></section-header>
Lives of great men all remind us We should have our picture took; And departing leave behind us Just exactly as we look. Under New Management— R. L. ALEXANDER YEP! Moved Again ACROSS STREET FROM MERKEL MAIL OFFICE Between West Texas Utilities Co. and Sharp Hatchery Just Three Doors East from where we were!	One 100-acre farm. One 80-acre farm. Will consider sell all farm land to- gether or in separate tracts, is abstracted separately, priced at \$35,00 per acre. VERNON B. SIMPSON Phone 90, Merkel, Texas. FOR SALE— A few tractor umbrel- las and sunshades. West Farm Ma- chinery Co. WHY SUFFER with summer heat when we will install an air con- ditioner for only \$47.95; small down payment, balance monthly, Palmer Tire and Appliance Co. FOR SALE— Two-story brick build-	Specials for Calif. ORANGES 7 lb 360 LEMONS, lb.	Dr Friday & Saturday JULY 25th and 26th sack 43c 48's LETTUCE, head 14c 15c CARROTS, bunch 7c
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