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CRISWELL CASE REVERSED BY HIGHER COURT

The case of the State of Texas vs. A. F. Criswell, Noodle farmer, indicted for murder and convicted by a 42nd district court of aggravated assault and given a six months' jail sentence and a fine of \$750, in May, 1947, was reversed and remanded by the State Court of Criminal Appeals at Austin Wednesday.

The grand jury indictment charging murder followed the death of A. C. Sosebee, who was commissioner from Precinct 4, Jones county, and with whom the defendant was involved in an altercation at Merkel on Jan. 14, 1947, over the routing of the Noodle Farm-to-Market road. in the scuffle, died Jan. 22, in Sadler | played the game of his choice, can

The case went to trial May 26, and the jury two days later returned a 'verdict of "aggravated assault," sentencing Criswell to the jail term and fine.

Donations to March Of Dimes Drive from **Merkel Net \$586.34**

While books will not be finally closed until Feb. 15, the March of Dimes drive in Taylor county was officially ended Saturday, as contributions pushed the total receipts over the goal line of \$10,000, according to report from Robert E. Kennedy, of Abilene, chairman of the

By Saturday a total of \$10,292.89 had been deposited in the Taylor County fund for infantile paralysis. When complete reports have been received from drive chairmen of outlying communities, it is expected that the figure will reach the \$11,-

In concluding the campaign, Chairman Kennedy furnished The Mail the following statement: "I wish to express my appreciation to Mrs. W. T. Sadler, chairman for Merkel, and her committee and to thank the people of the Merkel and surrounding areas, including Trent, for their generous and enthusiastic response despite the handicaps of bad weath-

Net contributions from the Merkel area reached \$586.34, according to final tabulation, Mr. Kennedy said, with receipts, respectively, from the following sources: Coin cards mailed direct to headquarters and credited to Mcrkel \$103.58; special gifts and donations by letter, etc., \$148.56; benefit party, \$138.15; schools, \$74.90; wishing well, \$16.19; theatre collections, \$53.91; coin collection, in local stores, \$65.30. From the gross, expenses of \$14.25 were deducted.

From Trent, J. G. Wilks, local director, reported \$47.93 collected, but incomplete.

Among the last contributions to be received in the fund was a check in the sum of \$50.00 from Colonel James Wallace, 9-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Wallace. The check had been given him for his own use by a Merkel woman, and it was endorsed by him and sent on in to the general fund.

Santa Fe Construction Worker Dies Here

D. P. Gibson, 64, who was empleyed with the Santa Fe construction crew working in the Blair section, died at 9:30 a. m. Tuesday in Sadler Clinic-Hospital, where he was taken Monday night following a heart at-

His brother, J. S. Gibson, and wife of Denison, who arrived here Tuesday morning, had his body taken to Denison on the early morning train Thursday, where burial was to take place at 2.30 p. m. Thursday. Barrow-Sheppard Funeral home was in charge of local arrangements.

The deceased, who was born and reared in Goliad, is survived only by the brother, of Denison, and one sister, Mrs. Lomie Vann, of Austin.

Mrs. J. W. Martin In Abilene Hospital

Mrs. J. W. Martin, who was taken to Hendrick Memorial hospital on Thursday of last week for treatment ter" Wednesday night by her son, the hospital that day.

Since entering the hospital, she has had two blood transfusions, and two more were scheduled, one on Thursday and another Friday of this

NEXT PARTY FOR TEEN-AGERS SET FOR SATURDAY

Despite Freezing Weather, Size- from 1 to 2 inches blanketing the Committee of Five Appointed West Central Drilling Co. et al No. able Group Present Last Sat-urday Night; Explanation Of Predi Who Is Invited to Attend.

Despite the freezing weather, a E. Harwell, acted as hostesses.

Mr. Sosebee, who sustained injuries but each Teen-Ager selected and operate Friday. teen-style.

Another party will be held this Saturday, with Mrs. Norman Hodge as chairman of the hostesses.

As there has been some question about who are invited to attend, it s now stressed that visitors from Trent, Noodle or any of the Merkel trade district, are welcome as well as three miles west of Richardson, and out-of-town or over-age young people who are dating Merkel Teen-Agers. As long as there is room in the building, it is urged that young people in Merkel and surrounding communities take advantage of the games and inside the city limits of Richardson music at the Youth Center

In case the snow and sleet continu and roads are dangerous, the Center will not be open, but any night party is to be held the outside ligh county will be turned on by 7 p. m. to an nounce opening at 7:30.

PERSONALS

Gerrie Jinkens spent last Sunday and Monday in Abilene with her cousin, Bobbie Nell Reagan.

Visiting last Wednesday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. English and family were Mr. and Mrs. Walthal Littlepage and Mr. and Mrs. Durwood McClintock of Tulia. John English accompanied them on to the Fat Stock show in Fort Worth and they all returned to Merkel Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Palmer, Patricia Ann and Butch, spent the weekend at the Fort Worth Fat Stock show, and while there were guests in the D. W. Falls home.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Swafford and three sons, of San Antonio, and Miss the Nix hospital there, were weekend visitors with their mother, Mrs. T. J. R. Swafford.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Shelton, Nan and Dave, of Hamlin, were Sunday visitors with Mr. Shelton's aunt, Mrs. W. M. Elliott, and Mr. Elliott. Mr. Shelton is manager for the Banner Creamery at Hamlin, and Mrs. Shelton teaches in the schools there.

Seaman 1-C Lloyd Rutledge, son his discharge Jan. 28 at Philadelphia, Pa., and has returned home, but he likes the Navy, he says, and might "ship out again."

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Turner, Jr., and children, of Fort Worth, are home for an extended vacation visit with their parents, Mrs. Ed Turner! and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Tiner.

After receiving his discharge Feb. ian's Mate S-C Jimmy Bell, son of home." Had he been in the service, history. until Feb. 10, he would have completed 22 months of Navy duty, during most of which time he was as- from Merkel: June Nalley, Troy M. signed to Pearl Harbor.

Meeks, Hope Meeks and Jan Wind- Clark, James Winter, Kenneth Ward, ham visited in Big Spring last week- Mary Nell Winter, William McDonend with Mr. and Mrs. Clayton ald and Willard Paine. Coats, Danny and Sherry Lou, and Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Diltz, Jr., and Tommie Lou. While there Hope and Jan attended a party celebrating

Sherry Lou's 7th birthday. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Reynolds went side of Mrs. Noma Dugan, sister of brother-in-law, Harry Davis. Mrs. Reynolds, who was reported seriously ill. They returned home on ler for the City National bank of

Tuesday night. Friends will be glad to learn that wife, a sister of Mr. Dorton. Mrs. Finky Cypert is getting along nicely, following an operation Tues- Mr. and Mrs. Johnny and observation, was reported "bet- day at Hendrick Memorial hospital. Mr. and Mrs. David Gamble, who Rex Martin, when he returned from went to New Orleans for the Mardi Gras festivities, are expected home the last of the week.

> Birth Announced. Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Wilburn, Monday, February 9, 1948.

THURSDAY'S LOW **READING AT 14:** SNOW LOCALLY

At 8 a. m. Thursday, the mercury here registered 14 degrees for West Texas' latest blizzard, with snow

Prediction from the weather bureau at Abilene was zero weather on Thursday night.

Because of the forecast of "much tended the entertainment at the Com- ice and snow, making the bus routes were taken at a meeting attended by for the cement to cure. munity Center last Saturday night, dangerous, Supt. R. A. McCollum representatives of 30 firms held on when Mrs. J. B. Toombs, with the as- posted notice Wednesday that the Monday night in the Community Censistance of Mrs. Clesby Patterson, public schools would be closed all ter, when a committee of five men Mrs. Owen Robertson and Mrs. O. day Thursday. As far as Friday is was appointed to draw up plans and concerned, he said if it was no worse draft by-laws for the organization No planned program was followed than Thursday, the schools would

Grandmother, Other Relatives Present

Richard Coit, 19-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Coit, living grandson of Mrs. J. T. Warren of this city, met almost instant death Wednesday night of last week, when Johnny Hammond, W. H. Bullock, the car, in which he and five other boys were riding, turned over just at the intersection of the Valley View road with the main highway.

serious injury. The Coit car turned gram followed. over, the door coming open and Richard, evidently falling out, was caught between the body of the car and the door, death coming from a head injury almost instantly.

After graduating from Richardson, cally unanimous vote. manager of the football team in hi two years.

day morning at 10 o'clock, conducted tive organization. by Rev. Leslie Rodgers, of Waco, uncle of the deceased, assisted by Rev. R. F. Thompson of Richardson, with burial in Restland Memorial park. The body lay in state at the church from 9 to 10 a. m.

Survivors are his parents, three Det Swafford, who is employed at brothers, Tom, Harold and Warren, all of Richardson, and two sisters. Mrs. David Andrews of Fort Worth and Miss Mary Ann Coit of Rich-

ardson. Booth Warren, an uncle, who was attending the Fat Stock show at Fort Worth at the time, went to Richardson just as soon as the news reached the 1048th Air Engineering squadron him. His mother, Mrs. J. T. Warren, and his wife and daughter-in-law, Mrs. Jerry Warren, of Dallas, who was visiting here at the time, drove of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Rutledge, af- down Thursday afternoon to attend ter 22 months in the Navy, received the funeral and Mrs. J. T. Warren and has attended Texas Technologi- Dayton, 56, who died at Langley the Cougar football squad last seasremained over with her daughter Mrs. Coit.

Eleven Students From Merkel Attending ACC

Abilene, Feb. 12 .- Abilene Christian college, opening its 1948 spring ment and commission as an officer in semester Feb. 2, has enrolled a total December, 1942. 7 at San Francisco, Calif., Electric- of 1505 students from 37 states, making the largest enrollment of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Bell, is "back any spring semester in the college's 5, and David Wayne, age 3, are

Included among the students in Abilene Christian college are eleven Cummings, Gerald McCoy, Joy Cur-Mrs. P. A. Diltz, Sr., Mrs. Miriam ington, Frances Johnson, Robert

Attends Funeral Feb. 1 Of Brother-in-Law

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Dorton went to Ranger Saturday and Mrs. Bill to Wichita Falls Sunday, Feb. 1, to Peterson, Monday, to be at the bed- attend the funeral of Mr. Dorton's

Mr. Davis, who had been comptrol-Wichita Falls, is survived by

Jacobs in New Home

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Jacobs are cated 31/2 miles southeast of town. of J. L. White, building contractor. ! port.

BUSINESS MEN OF CITY VOTE TO ORGANIZE

Meeting, Monday, 7:30 P. M. miles northeast of town.

Initial steps to form a new organi-

This committee, which includes Riggs Shepperd, R. O. Anderson, D. Grimes, Jack Miller and Supt. R. A. McCollum of the Merkel Public schools, is to report back to the same group at a meeting to be held next For Coit Funeral Monday night, Feb. 16, at 7:30 at the same place.

> plans for the organization were dent, Mrs. Zed Bright, presiding. Coach Carroll Benson and Principal elected by ballot. Serving as an The organization has bought 75 C. A. Farley of the grammar school elected by ballot. Serving as ar Grif Barnett and Meyer Mellinger.

inary meeting held on Monday night Harold, ran into a car driven by ploying a paid commercial secretary taking part, as soon as possible. W. E. (Bill) Meyers, who had stop- and an outline of the things he could ped before turning on a green light accomplish for Merkel's growth and signal at the intersection. Mr. Mey- development, as brought out at the ers, who was accompanied by his first meeting, were reviewed by Her-

> Motion to form a permanent organization was introduced by O. B. Enters Tech After Leach, member of the Merkel city council, and was adopted by practi-

the Richardson Baptist church Fri- club, in the absence of any other ac- cal assistant.

mittee served sandwiches and coffee preceding the business meeting.

Capt. William Hughes Arrives in Canal Zone

Howard Field, Canal Zone, Feb. 12 .- Captain William Hughes, son of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Hughes of this Caribbean Air Command Fighter Base and has been assigned to as aircraft maintenance officer, Colonel H. H. Van Auken, base commander, announced today.

Captain Hughes is a graduate of cal at Lubbock, Texas, prior to en- Field, Va. tering the service in November, 1938.1 with the cavalry at Abilene, Texas,

He entered the Air Force Officers Candidate school in September, 1942, at Miami, Florida, and after successfully completing the course of instruction he received his appoint-

His wife, the former Irene Kinard, and two sons, Robert William, age awaiting quarters and transportation to the Canal Zone.

Fleeing Convicts Take Clothing Loot of \$300 Bigger Part Recovered

Saturday night.

When two of them, John Tonn Cecil Chester Davis, 25, of Orange, cattle in the country ever since he day night, clothes which one was fitted to judge one of the most im- in infancy; seven others were at home wearing and other clothing in their portant shows in the nation than

Monday morning, City Marshal A. premiums than any other exhibitor D. Fulton and L. J. Renfro, owner in the United States during the past in the presence of a large number of the cleaning plant, went to Colo- year and these under his immediate of friends and relatives. rado City to identify the stolen hand would indicate that those clothes and recovered all but about breeders whose cattle must pass unnow occupying their new home, lo- \$100.00 worth, Mr. Renfro reported. der his critical eye at this big show Hartley, well known and most ex-The third escapee, Harvey Lee can feel assured of having had judg- cellent citizen residing a few miles

GOOD PROSPECTS FOR TEST ON CITY PROPERTY

With a showing of 12 feet of good pay in the producing section, prospects are counted promising for the To Formulate Plans and Draft | 1 City of Merkel, northeast extension By-Laws, To Report at Next to the Patterson pool, one and a half

Tuesday night casing was cemented on the bottom of the hole at 2,310 sizeable group of young people at colder," with the threat present of zation of business men in Merkel feet, with a 72-hour waiting period

Top of the pay section was encountered at 2,262 feet in the Dothan sand replacement section.

Trent P-TA to Sponsor

and, in the future, a radio centraliz- day night on a neutral field, prober for the entire building was reach- ably Sweetwater, if the court is ed at the monthly meeting of the available. Trent Parent-Teacher association, Attending the meeting from Mer-The five men selected to draw up held Monday evening, with the presi- kel were Supt. R. A. McCollum.

auditing committee to count the bal. cups. platters, pitchers and sugar and sports editor of The Mail. Replots were John West, J. L. Fisher, and creamers for the lunchroom, it resenting Roscoe were Supt. Olaf was reported.

The next meeting will be held on Mar. 2 at 7 p. m., and each member quintet whipped Roby and Snyder Riggs Shepperd, who was elected or group of members is to have a in two mediocre performances and permanent chairman at the prelim- stunt. It will be a stunt and talent won 2 to 0 over Colorado City via night. Those who will participate are the forfeit route to wind up the The accident occurred when the a week before, presided for this asked to notify Mrs. Bright, giving conference campaign with a record of car, driven by Richard's brother, week's meeting. The plans for cm- the name of the stunt and members 9 wins against 1 defeat and a tie

"We are planning on lots of fun." Mrs. Bright said, "and prizes will be given for the two best entries. Let's all back our ears and have fun to the tune of 59 to 15. Merkel had wife, speeded up when he saw the man Carson, and a number of en- and enjoy ourselves while we work. it easy all the way, leading 14-4, 29other car coming, trying to avoid thusiastic talks endorsing the pro- Don't forget Mar. 2-mark it on 7 and 48-10, respectively, at the end your calendar."

Discharge fom Army

Since the Junior Chamber of Com- of Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Simpson, merce dissolved last fall, Merkel has recently received honorable discharge senior year, Richard had attended been without an organization primari- from the U. S. Army at Fort Law-Baylor university at Waco the past ly devoted to commercial activities, ton, Wash. He spent most of his although some of these functions enlistment on Adak, where he work-Funeral services were held from have been assumed by the Lions ed in the station hospital as surgi-

En route home he visited with his Women of the Youth Project com- brother, Cpl. Robert P. Simpson, a member of the Second Division band at Fort Lewis, Wash., and also with relatives at Los Altos and Long Beach, Calif.

Leaving last week, he registered Saturday for the spring semester at Texas Technological college, as a pre-medical student.

Brother-in-Law of Merkel, Texas, has just arrived at R. O. and Nat Anderson Buried in San Antonio

R. O. Anderson returned Saturday from San Antonio where he had gone with his brother, Nat Anderson, of Abilene, to attend the funeral of student at the University of Hous-Merkel High school, Merkel, Texas, their brother-in-law, Col. Lewis A.

> Colonel Dayton, who was in the the youngest sister of the Andersons, for two years-the same position heand three children.

ROSCOE-MERKEL PLAY-OFF TIE IN THREE GAMES

First Game at Roscoe Friday Night; Come to Merkel for Second Game Saturday; 3rd, If Necessary, Monday Night.

A three-game play-off between Roscoe and Merkel, tied at the end of the regular schedule, will determine the winner of the west half of District 5A, to meet Throckmorton for the district basketball title.

First game will be played at Roscoe Friday night at 7:30, it was agreed upon by officials of the two Stunt, Talent Night schools meeting Thursday at Roscoe; second game, to be played at Mcrkel Trent, Feb. 12 .- A decision to Saturday night, at the same hour, buy chairs for the school auditorium and a third game, if necessary, Mon-

South and Coach Dave Ryan.

During the past week the Merkel with the Roscoe Plowboys for the

5A west crown. Over at Roby last Friday night the local hoopsters routed the Lions of the first three periods. Robert Sledge hit the hoop for 14 tallies, "Toughy" Nash garnered 13 and

Dudley 12. The Purple and Gold reserves also had easy pickings in running over the Lion subs, 36-9, with Larry Bailey setting the pace

Tuesday night on the local hardwood the Badgers' sloppy ball playing was good enough to run over the visiting Snyder Tigers, 45 to 19. Sledge led the way with 18 points, followed by Hodge with 9 and Dudley with 6.

Benson's "B" team met little opposition from the Snyder subs, winning in a walk, 51-20. Larry Bailey with 14 markers and Bill Patterson with 11 paced the attack.

In the curtain raiser the Merkel third stringers had to hustle to down the Tiger third stringers, 26-17. Dean Smith, Joe Dell Gregory and Donald Douglas were the "heroes" of this fracas with six points each.

Former Badger Star Letters at Houston

Hubert Peterson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Peterson and a freshman ton, is reported to have lettered on

Hubert was a senior last year in Army Intelligence department, with Merkel High school and starred onwhich he had served in England dur- the Badger football team for fouring the war, is survived by his wife, years. He was all-district left tackleplays for the Cougars.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From Files of The Merkel Mail, February 10, 1928.)

WILLIE JOE LARGENT SELECT- that has ever been called to judge ED JUDGE FOR NATIONAL SHOW.

Willie Joe Largent of Merkel is In their hurried trek across Texas, leaving this week for Denver, where three convicts who escaped Darring- he will judge the Hereford cattle at ton Prison farm near Houston early National Western Stock show at that ing 43 years of age. Saturday paid Merkel a visit late place. This is rather a singular honor for one so young as Mr. Largent, were captured at Colorado City Sun- was a child and is probably better possession proved to be part of a any other man that can be named.

one of the National Shows .- Fort Worth Weekly Livestock Reporter.

EMMETT PERKINS DEAD. Emmett Perkins was born May 15, 1884, and died Jan. 30, 1928, be-

He moved to this county with his parents when a very small boy. When who is barely in his thirties. How- only a young man of 21 years, he Rawlings, 21, of Sweetwater, and ever, he has been handling the best married Miss Nettie Pannel on Sept. 4, 1905. There were eight children born to this union, one having died with their mother to weep for a dear husband and father. He had suffered \$300 loot from a local dry cleaners His accepted ability coupled with the for a number of years and all that fact that his herd has won more loving hands could do was done for him. He was laid to rest at Merkel

We regret to learn that Mr. A. J. Construction of the substantial 6- Glass, 24-year-old Sweetwater con- ment of a super expert. Texas can northeast of the city, has been very room brick veneer was in charge vict, was still at large at last re- well feel proud of Willie Joe Largent, low, having suffered a stroke of who is probably the youngest judge paralysis last Sunday.

The Merkel Mail

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A. J. Barbee, Jr., Seeks W. O. Rainwater

The Mail is authorized to announce for the office of Jones County commissioner, Precinct No. 4, subject to the action of the Democratic primary, July 24.

Regarding his announcement. Mr. "I have never before sought pub- the late Mr. A. C. Sosebee. lic office, but I feel that I am qualified to fill the place of commissioner, and, in event of my election, I promise to devote my time, effort and ability to the best interest of the people of my precinct.

"I have lived in Jones county for 32 years and I feel that most of the not know me, then your friends will. all-weather roads for all the people, ed by it. and will use my best judgment in

whole. "I will sincerely appreciate your primary. onsideration, vote and support, and ope to see each and every one of you before the primary election.

"Sincerely yours, A. J. Barbee, Jr."

Prvor Lucas President Hereford Association

Fort Worth, Feb. 13 .- R. Pryor ucas of Berclair will head the Texas Hereford association this year. He was elected president Monday night to succeed Roy Largent of

Other officers re-elected were: J. M. North, Jr., Fort Worth, vicepresident, and Henry Elder, Fort Worth, secretary-manager.

Sam Knight, Local Trapper, Wins Award

Sam Knight, of Lawn, is a winer of a daily award for correct pelt nandling in the Nineteenth National Fur show conducted by the Raw Fur form the plot of "Magic Town," Rob-Marketing Service of Sears, Roebuck

A carefully handled pelt brought this trapper one of the \$5.00 daily wards, as a result of its being judgwards, including the \$1,000.00 first from realizing theirs. ward, to be selected at the final adging, which will be held in April.

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Commissioner's Post | Announces Candidacy

To the Voters of Precinct 4, Jones

In announcing my candidacy for commissioner I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your cooperation and support during the time I have served you as commis-Barbee made the following statement: sioner, filling the unexpired term of

I have served you the very best I could, considering that the funds for building and maintaining roads and bridges are not sufficient to do the work as I would like to have done.

As you know the tax rate is the same, while material and labor have increased in price fifty per cent in voters know my policies sufficiently the last five years; therefore, I have well to correctly weigh my qualifi- had to do quite a bit of custom work cations for the office, and if you ! in order to have funds to operate on. Due to the movement of heavy oil

"If elected, I promise to do what machinery it has cost a great dea! I can to build better roads, and more to repair and replace bridges wreck-I will try to see each voter in Pre-

coking after the financial interest cinct 4; if not, I hope you will conof the precinct, and of the county as sider this as a solicitation for your vote and influence in the coming

> Thank you, W. O. Rainwater,

MOVIE CALENDAR

-:- Q U E E N -:-

Friday - Saturday - Double feature program: Charles Starrett and Smiley Burnette in "Law of the Canyon" and Red Skelton, Virginia O'Brien in "Merton of the Movies;" color cartoon and Jack Armstrong

Sunday, Monday and Tuesday -James Stewart, Jane Wyman in 'Magic Town;" color cartoon and latest News reel.

Wednesday - Thursday - Robert Young, Robert Mitchum, Robert Kyan in "Crossfire;" Paramount special News reel: "1947 Headliners" and LOCAL NEWS KRIEFS

"MAGIC TOWN" A small town, three fortune-seeka pretty girl, who refuses to let romance interfere with her dreams. ert Riskin's romantic comedy costarring James Stewart and Jane

Wyman Stewart is seen as Rip Smith, leader of the fortune-seeking trio, while ed one of the three best handled Miss Wyman, portrays Mary Peterskins among all pelts received at man, the small town girl who uses Sears Raw Fur Marketing station all her charms and wiles to realize n Dallas. This pelt is now eligible her dreams and at the same time o consideration for one of the major prevent Stewart and his cohorts

> When Rip and Mary fall in love, they team up to save the town from disastrous consequences arising from

Willard Paine Letters On ACC Football Team

Abilene, Feb. 12.-Willard Paine, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Paine of Merkel, senior student at Abilene Christian college, was among the 25 members of the football team awarded letters for the 1947 season by the

athletic council. For the past two years, he has been selected on the all-conference

Adding machine rolls, 15 cents each, at Merkel Mail office.

Lydick-Hooks Roofing Company in January. Taxes

> Water meter deposits Water main tap Sewer main tap Maintainer service



Watches-Diamonds-

Sewer department Sanitary department _____ Street department Fire department Police department Lights, city hall _____ Street lights _____ Signal lights . Relief office expense _____ 25.00 Water meter refunds 1,811.00 Clean Emhof tank _____ Miscellaneous items __ 1.56

\$4,274.67 Cash in general fund, Feb. 1, 1948 \$4,548.26 REFUNDING BOND ACCOUNT

On hand Feb. 1, 1948 ____\$17,264.36 W. M. ELLIOTT,

Iwo Great AMERICANS



George Washington

Born February 22, 1732; died December 14, 1799. Commander of the Continental Army in the Revolutionary War, first President of the United States.

There have been many, of course, who have helped make America great. It is the responsibility of all real Americans to keep America great; to preserve our freedoms; to safeguard our birthright. There's room for only one "ism" here-and

Abraham Lincoln

Great Civil War President. born February 12, 1809, died April 15, 1865. Issued Emancipation Proclamation, freeing 3 million slaves, on January 1, 1863.

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Rites Held for Infant Son of Trent Couple

Graveside services were held at 4 p. m. Tuesday at the Trent cemetery for the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Brenneman, who died a short while after birth. Barrow-Sheppard Funeral home was in charge of the burial arrangements.

The parents reside on the George Freeman farm about 2 miles west of

Succeeding Bert Melton, who has resigned as agent for the Abilence ers posing as insurance salesmen and Reporter-News and Dallas News, because of his health, J. L. (Buster) Hester, who had the agency for these two papers before he left in 1941 to enter defense work in Dallas, became agent for both papers, as el

> Seth Morgan, who underwent ar operation at Hendrick Memorial hospital Tuesday, was reported doing nicely Wednesday afternoon.

We take orders for egg stemp The Merkel Mail office.

-CLASSIFIED ADS-

MISCELLANEOUS

ONE WEEK SERVICE on Watch Repair; reasonable price; all work guaranteed. Wilson Jewelry.

J. L. (Buster) HESTER, agent for Abilene Reporter-News and Dallas Morning News; office on Kent

WATER WELL DRILLING have 2 machines; all work guaranteed. B. T. Sublett, Box 206, Merkel

Monthly Statement CITY OF MERKEL

For January Showing Receipts for the month of January, 1948, and expenses for the month of December, 1947, paid

\$2,295.09 Water revenue 652.50 Sewer revenue 378.2 30.00 West Texas Utilities Co., 2% of gross receipts ____ 25.00 15.00 5.00 Miscellaneous, (Spec. Ad). 20.00 Gasoline tax refund _____ 16.92 Fines 8.70 Total On hand, Jan. 1, 1948

\$4.285.35 __ 4,537.58 Total \$8,822.93 DISBURSEMENTS Administrative ___ Water department 119.17 586.26 211.50 388.01 13.22 131.50 3.71 80.20

On hand, Jan. 1, 1948 ____\$15,734.30 From taxes in Jan. 1,539.06

City Secretary.

MARCH 15th, 1948

Every single person having a GROSS income of \$500.00 and every married person having a GROSS income of \$1,-000.00 are required to file a return of their 1947 income, on or before MARCH 15th, 1948.

File early and avoid last minute rush-Also salaried persons having a refund due should file early and get quicker returns.

R. O. ANDERSON

FEED PRICES ARE DOWN...

So are we-All Feed from 10c to 50c per bag off. We will follow the market.

PURINA FEEDS-See the difference Purina makes-

Startena **\$6.85** Lay Chow 5.95 Hog Chow 7.15

We Deliver

Omolene

Cow Chow \$5.45 Milk Chow 5.25 Broiler Chow ... 6.65

Phone 155

Also plenty of Meal, Hulls, 20-80, Lasses Feed. Alfalfa and Prairie Hay

. Book your chicks with us at Wholesale Prices We have plenty of VIGORO plant food

EAGER GROCERY and FEED



Don't Gamble!

TOO OFTEN after a fire the newspaper report says "There was no Insurance." Only the property owner who took a chance-and lost-can appreciate that insufficient Fire Insurance is a real calamity.

DON'T stake everything you own against the chance of being wiped out by fire! Insure.

W. O. BONEY & SON

Consult Your Insurance Agent as You Do Your Doctor or Lawyer

Office, 21 -: PHONE -:- Res. 181 or 184W

Legal Notices

LIMITED PARTNERSHIP GEO. H. McFADDEN & BRO. THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF TAYLOR limited partnership lately existing House in Abilene, Texas. under the firm name, "Geo. H. Mc-Fadden and Bro.", in which Philip G. McFadden, John H. McFadden, Jr., Hugo N. Dixon, Alexander B. McFadden, J. Randolph Harrison and Roy O. Beach were General Partners, George McFadden, deceased, Edward Browning, Jr., and the Execut-Patterson, deceased, were Limited or Special Partners, was dissolved and March, 1947. terminated by the withdrawal of all of such Limited or Special Partners on the 31st day of July 1947. The business will be continued under the same name by the said general partners who have formed a new partnership therefor. All debts owing to the partnership are to be paid to said General Partners and all debts owing by the partnership are to be presented to said General Partners for payment.

Dated this 31st day of July 1947. Geo. H. McFadden & Bro.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION. THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Ira Meredith, 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

ides ugly pimples as it dries them—often our starial. Not a greasy salve that pimples hrive on, but a soothing medicated liquid that telieves itching—drives redness out. Ask for KLEEREX at all druggists.

Merkel Drug Company

FOR COMPLETE RADIO REPAIRS Phone 193

Free Pickup and Delivery Electric Iron Service Repairs, Fully Guaranteed

DUDLEY RADIO

days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Mon-1948, at or before 10 o'clock A. M., before the Honorable 104th District NOTICE is hereby given that the Court of Taylor County, at the Court!

on the 28th day of January, 1948.

suit are Bernice Meredith as Plainand the Trustees under the will of tiff, and Ira Meredith as Defendant. The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: Plainors of the estate of George Stuart tiff and Defendant were married whereabouts are unknown to plain-

> Plaintiff and Defendant own no community property. One child, Ira unknown to plaintiff and W. L. Mad-Ann, was born of said marriage. Plaintiff sues for divorce on the grounds of cruel treatment and asks known heirs and assigns and legal for custody of said child.

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 January, A. D., 1948.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 28th day of January, A. D., 1948.

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

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Yvonne Hutchison, 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 15th day of March, A. D., 1948, at or before 10 o'clock A. N., before the Honorable 104th District Court of Taylor County, at the Court House in Abilene, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was file on the 29th day of Jan., 1948. The file number of said suit being

The names of the parties in said suit are: Jack Hutchison as Plaintiff, and Yvonne Hutchison as De-

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were married December 4, 1945, and lived together until on or about Febrouary, 1946. No children were born to said marriage and no community property was acquired.

Plaintiff sues for divorce on the grounds of cruelty.

as, this the 29th day of January,

J. Neil Daniel, Clerk, (Seal) day the 15th day of March, A. D., District Court, Taylor County, Texas By Grace Jenkins, Deputy.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS. Said plaintiff's petition was filed TO: Fannie E. Strain, individually, and as survivor in community of the The file number of said suit being community estate of H. R. Strain, heirs, unknown heirs and The names of the parties in said legal representatives and assigns, whose whereabouts are unknown to the plaintiff and S. W. Lackey, his heirs, unknown heirs, assigns and legal representatives, whose November 9, 1938, and separated tiff and Abe Berash, his heirs, unknown heirs, assigns and legal representatives, whose whereabouts are dox, (who is sometimes known as Lawrence Maddox), his heirs, unrepresentatives, whose whereabouis are unknown and Pearlie McGown, her heirs and unknown heirs, assigns and legal representatives, whose whereabouts are unknown to the plaintiff, 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 8th day of March, A. D., 1948, 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 19th day of January, 1948. The file number of said suit being

No. 5691-B. The names of the parties in said suit are: Son Green as Plaintiff, and Fannie E. Strain, individually, and as survivor in community of the community estate of H. R. Strain, her heirs, unknown heirs and legal representatives and assigns, whose whereabouts are unknown to the plaintiff and S. W. Lackey, his heirs,

- WATCHES
- Silverware
- · Diamonds

· GIFTS

Wilson Jewelry

Watch Repairing

If this Citation is not served with- unknown heirs, assigns and legal and possessed of the following dein 90 days after the date of its issu- representatives, whose whereabouts scribed premises situated in Taylor prays judgment for title and possesance, it shall be returned unserved. are unknown to plaintiff and Abe County, Texas, holding and claiming Issued this the 29th day of Janu- Berash, his heirs, unknown heirs, as- the same, in fee simple, to wit: signs and legal representatives, whose Given under my hand and seal of whereabouts are unknown to plaintiff division of Lot No. 4 Block No. 177 said Court, at office in Abilene, Tex- and W. L. Maddox, (who is sorie- in the city of Abilene, Taylor Counwhereabouts are unknown and Pearl- as ie McGown, her heirs and unknown heirs, assigns and legal representaknown to the plaintiff, as Defendants.

The nature of said suit being sub-1948 plaintiff was lawfully seized

Lot 4 in block A of Goldberg's Subtimes known as Lawrence Maddox), ty, Texas shown by plat and map of his heirs, unknown heirs and assigns said addition now of record in the in 90 days after the date of its issuand legal representatives, whose plat records of Taylor County, Tex- ance, it shall be returned unserved.

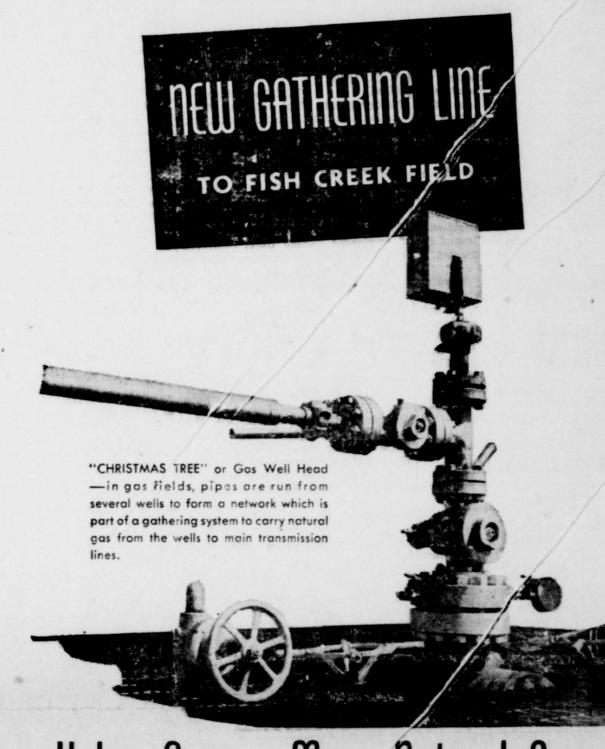
That on the day and year last aforesaid defendants unlawfully enwithhold from him the possession A. D., 1948. stantially as follows, to wit: that on thereof to his damage in the sum of (Seal) or about the first day of January, \$1000.00. That the reasonable annual District Court, Taylor County, Texas rental value of said lands and pre- By Thelma Graham, Deputy.

mises is \$600.00 per year. Plaintiff sion of said lands and premises, and that writ of restriction issue and for his rents, damages and costs of suit, and such other relief in law and in equity that he may be entitled to.

If this Citation is not served with-Issued this the 19th day of Janu-

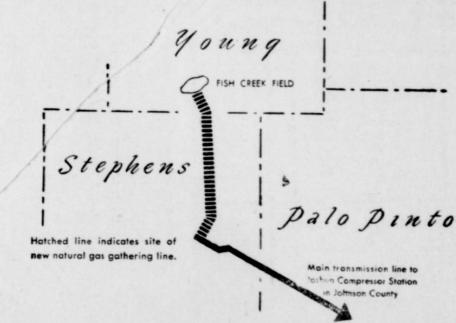
ary, A. D., 1948. Given under my hand and seal of tives, whose whereabouts are un- tered upon said premises and ejected said Court, at office in Abilene. Texplaintiff therefrom and unlawfully as, this the 19th day of January,

J. Neil Daniel, Clerk,





For Lone Star Customers This Winter



One of the most important activities in 1947 on the Lone Star Gas System was the addition of new natural gas reserves to meet a rapidly growing demand for natural gas. Three major gas fields were tapped by new lines during this first year of a five-year expansion program.

· Fish Creek Field gathering line adds enough delivery capacity to Lone Star System to supply natural gas to a city the size of Waco. This line is but one of more than 75

lines from different fields feeding gas from more than 1,500 wells to the Lone Star

Coupled with the addition of new reserves is the construction of new compressor stations, new distribution lines for new customers and many other projects. At the completion of this program \$40,000,000 will have been invested in new facilities.

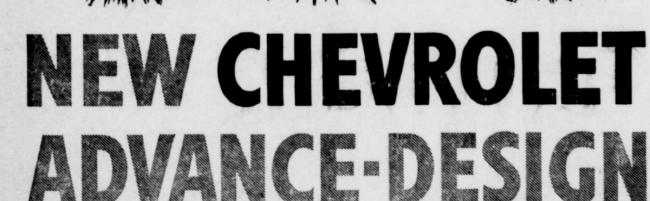
This \$40,000,000 program is Lone Star's biggest undertaking since the building of the System. It's a program planned to traintain Lone Star as the finest of Natural Gas Services.



Meet Walter Roberge-"buyer" with 25 years' service in purchasing department at Lone Star. He has this to say about Lone Star's expansion

"One can measure the growth of Lone Star Natural Gas Service by the amount of pipe we buy. For example, we're planning to buy 360 miles of four-inch and smaller pipe for construction of new town distribution plants alone this year. This is but a small fraction of planned pipe purchases in 1948, which I believe, will be a year of record growth."

LONE STAR GAS COMPANY



TRUCK

Here are the nation's newest trucks with the greatest features and biggest values! Here is

advance engineering-in 107 different models on eight different wheelbases. HERE IS TRANSPORTATION UNLIMITED!

ONLY ADVANCE-DESIGN TRUCKS FOR 1948 HAVE ALL THESE NEW AND FINER FEATURES:

New Chevrolet 4-Speed Synchro-Mesh Truck

Transmissions Here's a feature that assures truck users of new ease and efficiency in operation!

New Chevrolet Advance-Design Gearshift Control

Gearshift is mounted on the steering column to provide new efficiency on every hauling job (on 3-speed

transmission models)! **New Foot-Operated**

Parking Brake The new Chevrolet footoperated parking brake provides new, clear, floor area (on 3-speed transmission models)!

New Improved Chevralet Valve-in-Head Engine Here's the world's most eco-

nomical engine for its size-

with new features that assure

greater operating efficiency!

New Multiple-Feature Developments New splined rear-axle shaft attachment to wheel hubs in heavy-duty models. Heavier, more durable springs.

Plus . Cab that "breathes"* • Flexi-Mounted cab • Fully adjustable seat . All-round visibility with rear corner windows* • Specially designed hydraulic truck brakes Standard cab-to-axlelength dimensions . . . and MANY other fine features.

Badger Chevrolet Company Phone 123 Merkel, Texas

Baptist WMU Sponsors All-Day Mission Study

Mrs. J. H. McLain of Waco, state Baptist field representative, was guest speaker at an all-day mission R. H. Dillashaw and that of the spec- the terms of said judgment. study institute sponsored Thursday ial partner is A. H. Sheppherd, each of last week by the Woman's Missionary Union Sweetwater Baptist church. She also brought the message at the associational young people's meeting held the same evening.

Mrs. E. S. Cummings of Abilene, president, directed the institute activities and Mrs. H. P. Schrimsher. also of Abilene, was in charge of the program. After a devotional by Mrs. M. E. Rosser and a vocal solo by Mrs. M. B. Herring, both of Abilene, Mrs. A. D., 1948. McLain taught the 1948 WMU yearbook, "Things We Should Know."

Members of the Merkel WMU entertained the visiting women with a luncheon.

The evening young people's program was under the direction of Mrs. A. T. Bruce of Sweetwater, youth secretary for the association. It included a vocal solo by June Posey, piano music by Anita Sibley and a singspiration led by Nancy Mallet. all students in Hardin-Simmons university. Glorietta Travis of Abilene gave a devotional and the Royal Ambassadors of South Side Baptist Outlining a trip to world-wide missions, Mrs. McLain challenged the young people to be missionaries in

their own fields. associational Baptist churches were Immanuel, University, Belmont, Friendship, Sunset and Temple, Abilene: Lamar Street, West Side Mission and First, Sweetwater, and First, Merkel.

Of the five Great Lakes, only Lake Michigan is wholly within the United States.

LEGAL NOTICES

THE STATE OF TEXAS

We, the subscribers, have on February 2nd, 1948, entered into a limited partnership as provided by law and do hereby certify as follows:

from which the business is to be con- Said judgment directs that a foreducted is "The Abilene Company."

That the general nature of the with lien of the taxing units which January 30, 1948. business to be transacted by the part- were parties to this suit and estabnership is buying and selling of mer- lished their claims thereto for the chandise such as uniforms, work amount of said taxes, interest, penclothing, aprons, caps, dresses and alties and accrued costs as apportion

insignia and such other items and ed to each tract and-or lots of land articles as from time to time will as described in said order of sale. be associated therewith. Such busi- By virtue of an order of sale, issuis to run is five years from February 2nd, 1948; that the capital contributed by each is \$3,555.08, all in terminate on February 1st, 1953.

Witness our hands at Abilene, Texas this the 2nd day of February,

> R. H. DILLASHAW. General Partner. A. H. SHEPHERD.

Special Partner. Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 9th day of February. A. D., 1948.

E. S. Cummings, (Seal) Notary Public, Taylor County, Texas

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF TAYLOR

WHEREAS on the 6th day of January, A. D., 1948, The City of Abilene, Plaintiff, and State of Texas, church, Abilene, presented a playlet. Taylor County, Texas, and Taylor-Callahan Counties Road District No. 7, impleaded Taxing Units recovered a judgment in the District Court of Taylor County (for the 42nd Judicial Representatives from the following District of Texas) No. 15,542-A on the docket of said court, against recognized: Graham Street, First, Maggie Smith, the grantee in deed from Lizzie Henderson to Maggie Smith of date Jan. 1, 1908, conveying the property herein described, recorded in Vol. 43, p 539 of the subject to any other and further as, and if dead the unknown heirs interested therein, may be entitled and legal representatives of said to under the provisions of law. Said Maggie Smith, and if married, the sale to be made by me to satisfy the husband of Maggie Smith, whose above described judgment and fore-name is unknown to plaintiff; and closing the lien provided by law for if dead the unknown heirs and legal the taxes, interest, penalty and costs. representatives of the said husband The proceeds of said sale to be apof Maggie Smith for the aggregate plied to the satisfaction thereof. Said sum of Three Hundred Thirty Three sale will be made subject to the deand 88-100 Dollars, (\$333.88) for fendants right to redeem the said delinquent taxes, interest, penalties property by complying with the proand accrued costs on the same, with visions of law in such cases made and interest on said sum at the rate of provided. 6% per annum from date of judg-That the name of the partnership | ment together with all costs of suit closure of plaintiff's lien together

ness to be transacted in the city of ed by the Clerk of the District Court Abilene, Taylor County, Texas: that of Taylor County, Texas, on the 30th the name of the general partner is day of January, 1948, as directed by

As Sheriff of said Taylor County, of Taylor County, Texas and that I have seized, levied upon and will, the special partnership shall never on the first Tuesday in March, 1948, association, at the First Baptist at any time be liable for any debts same being the 2nd day of March, of the concern in any way; that the 1948, at the courthouse door of said period for which the partnership Taylor County, between the hours of 2 o'clock P. M. and 4 o'clock P. M. of said day, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all the right, cash, and that the partnership shall title and interest of Maggie Smith, the grantee in deed from Lizzie Henderson to Maggie Smith of date Jan. 1, 1908, conveying the property herein described in Vol. 43, p 539 of the deed records of Taylor County, Texas and if dead the unknown heirs and legal representatives of said Maggie Smith, and if married, the husband of Maggie Smith whose name is unknown to the plaintiff, and if dead the unknown heirs and legal representatives of the said husband of Maggie Smith in and to the following described real estate levied upon the S0th day of January, 1948, as the property of Maggie Smith:

The description and amounts apportioned against said tract are as follows, respectively: Lot No. Five (5), Block "B" Wellington Addition to the City of Abilene, \$183.85; State of Texas, Taylor County, Texas and Taylor-Callahan Counties Road District No. 7, \$105.68; Court costs. penalties and interest, \$44.34. Total \$333.88.

subject, however, to the right of redemption the defendants, or any one interested therein, may have, and deed records of Taylor County, Tex- rights the defendants, or any one

> H. T. FLEMING, Sheriff. Taylor County, Texas By R. H. Ross, Deputy. Abilene, Taylor County, Texas,

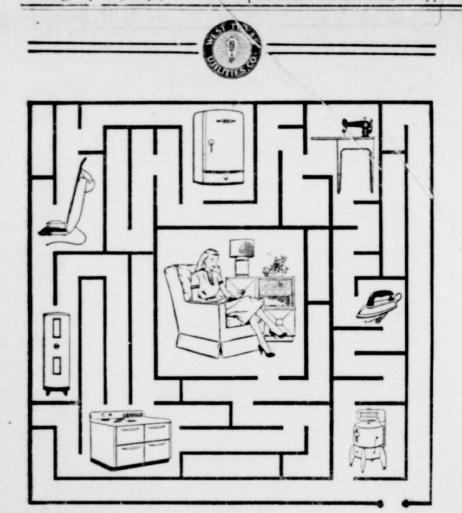


PALMER TIRE & APPLIANCE CO.

MERKEL, TEXAS

PHONE 15

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It's a-MAZE-ing?

Husbands, please note! The average housewife performs 70 different tasks in her normal day's work! (Frankly, most women will think that figure is far too low, but it comes from the U. S. Government's Office of Education!)

Yes, home-making is a big job-but the housewife is spared one task ... you don't have to shop and wait days for the delivery of electric service.

Dependable, time-and-labor-saving, Reddy Kilowatt, your electric seryant, is always ready to help a housewife skip through her maze of tasks. Electric service saves her steps, lightens her work, gives her more leisure, makes life healthier and happier for her and all her family!

And it costs so little! In an era of sky-high prices, a kilowatt hour of electric service costs that same average housewife 17% LESS than it did ten years

> West Texas Utilities Company



Merkel Motor Co.



FOR SALE

1941 Mercury sedan; excellent condition. Badger Chevrolet Co.

FINER, Stronger, well-rooted, decent size trees that live; papershell pecans, peache's, plums, apples, pears, apricots, shade trees, hedge, roses, shrubs; visit us or write Shanks Nurseries, Clyde, Texas.

KALAMAZOO Gas Ranges; you will have to see to appreciate; butane or natural. White Auto Store.

Apartment house, consisting of 2 three-room apartments; on south side, \$3,500; one-half down, balance like rent.

80 acres, five miles of Merkel, fair improvements, \$3,750; one half mineral rights retained. \$4,500 will get the key to a new 5

room and bath home, 60 acres, well improved, (modern 5room house) just outside city limits.

Come in to see us before you buy or sell. DOWDY & TOOMBS

FOR SOLE - Servel Electrolux, 8 cubic foot butane gas refrigerator; also wardrobe and 2 kitchen cabinets. Johnny Jacobs, Route 3, Mer-

FOR SALE-Deluxe 1940 Dodge sedan, new motor; bargain price for quick sale. F. E. Church. Pho. 134.

1947 Fleetline Aero Sedan demonstrator; lots of extras. Badger Chevrolet Co.

7-drawer Franklin machine; uses Singer needle and bobbins; looks nice, runs light, \$39.50.

White porcelain gas range, good condition, only \$27.50. 50 lbs. metal icer, \$25.00. 4-burner Perfection stove, built-in

oven, \$12.50. New rocker, \$9.95. New walnut tables, \$11.95. New coffee tables, \$10.95. New desk, student, \$12.50. New end tables, \$7.45. New stools, metal, \$2.50.

FOR SALE-Few more Harper Mebane and Qualla cottonseed, sccend year seed, \$3.00 per bushet. L. E. Bell, Route 1, Trent.

THE SWAP SHOP

FOR SALE-Two 20" wheels and tires for Chevrolet pickup; tires are 8-ply rayon. See at Humble Service station on hi-way, west side of town.

1941 Chevrolet 5-passenger coupe, new paint, new upholstering; terms and trade. Badger Chevrolet

STEWART-WARNER Radios-Look, listen and be satisfied that they are the best buy on the market; \$19.85 and up. White Auto Store.

FOR SALE-80-acre farm, 5-room house, cistern, well; good 7-acre orchard, will bear this year; 8 mi. south of Hamlin; \$4,500. See Boyd Chapel Store. C. C. Tabb, Route 3, Hamlin, Texas.

FULL LINE of paint, varnish, enamel, to suit every need. White Auto Store.

FINER OIC hogs, whitest, healthiest, fastest-growing, quickest- maturing pigs, bred gilts, young boars. Shanks Hog Farm, Clyde,

942 Fleetline Aero sedan, excellent condition; trade in your old car and pay the balance in 15 monthly payments. Badger Chevrolet Co.

HAVE several nice residences for sale in Merkel; take your choice. ANDY SHOUSE

NEW AUTO BATTERIES, \$9.95 Jones County: and up. Nolan Palmer, "Your Magnolia Dealer."

FOR SALE- State-registered Blue Tag Mebane cottonseed; best one Precinct No. 5: can buy; best for this climate. A.

ENTIRE CITY BLOCK - Fenced with poultry netting, 4-room house, well and mill, garage and barn, nice for chicken farm, and you can FOR RENT - 3-room furnished move in tomorrow, \$2,750.00. Four room, near school and churches, \$2,000.00.

Another 4-room and bath completely modern house, not very old, good paint and has been well kept inside and out; better see this, it's worth the money.

JONES COUNTY FARM, 112 acres 52. cult., rest good pasture, good well of water but old house; if you've dreamed of owning oil wells, better investigate, this is in a recent HOT SPOT, \$60.00 per SIMPSON

Real Estate and Exchange

PLENTY OF SINGER Sewing machines on hand, also good stock of other makes. Darsey Furniture company.

FOR SALE- One Jersey milk cow 6 years old, extra good, with bab calf. J. D. Jaynes, Route 2, Mer

AVAILABLE NOW- Rubber punc ture-sealed tubes and white Side wall tires, in all popular sizes. Magnolia Service Station.

SOUTH WIND and Tropic Air heaters; for immediate delivery; we install same. Magnolia Service Sta-

FOR SALE-Batteries for all autos, trucks and tractors, \$3.00 trade-in on old battery. Dudley's Radio Service. Phone 193.

FOR SALE-5 rooms and bath; best location; best built house in town; block south new hospital. Ben Sublett. Box 206, Merkel.

UNIVERSAL jet type pumps, with all the pipe, etc. Palmer Tire and Appliance Co., Phone 15.

FOR SALE-International 8-d sk one-way, first class condition. See G. W. Teaff, Route 1, Tye, Texas.

FOR SALE-Two-story brick building 40x80, formerly occupied by Sadler Clinic. W. T. Sadler, M. D.

NEED LUMBER-2x4, 2x6, 1x4, 1v6, 1x8, center match, shiplap, kilndried flooring; direct mill shipments on any amount of common yellow pine lumber; inspect our stock; cash and carry. J. W. Hammond Lumber Co., Merkel; located in alley behind Ben Franklin store.

FOR KEN'I

FOR RENT- 2 or 3-room apartment, permanent couple desired; no objection to one child. Mrs. Lela Mc-

POLITICAL

[Subject to action of the Democratic Primary in July.]

For Commissioner, Precinct 2, Taylor County: D. C. DOAN.

IRVEN THOMPSON. L. A. DUDLEY. For Commissioner, Precinct 4, C. H. (Connie) OTTO.

W. O. RAINWATER. A. J. BARBEE, JR. For Justice of the Peace, MRS. DORA T. COBB.

[Re-Election.] For County Clerk: MRS, CHESTER HUTCHESON [Re-Election.]

apartments, utilities, hot and cold water; one block stores, post office, depot, shops; near high school, fine community. Shanks Apartments, Clyde, Texas, Pho. 74.

FURNISHED APARTMENT for rent. Oasis Apartments.

FOR RENT - 3-room furnished apartment, private bath, garage. Mrs. F. Y. Gaither, Cor. South 6th and Locust.

FOR RENT- 41/2 room house, butane and REA; 11/2 mi. south of Merkel. W. T. Curb.

FOR RENT - Furnished 3-room apartment; private entrances. Phone 125W, Mrs. J. C. Comegys.

VACUUM CLEANER for rent, 75c per day. Farm and Home Supply.

WANTED

NOTICE-Will pay 30 cents per 100 lbs. for any kind of tin, including car bodies, etc.; bodies must be cut in pieces small enough to handle, Bowles Plumbing Shop.

SEE Lendon A. Coats for water well drilling. Phone 281W

WE UPHOLSTER anything in the way of furniture; also have a state permit to do any kind of upholstering. See Ira Cross at J. T. Darsey Furniture store.

NOTICE - Will pay 1c per pound, \$1.00 per hundred or \$20.00 pa ton for scrap iron. H. J. Bowles Plumbing Shop.

ELECTRIC MOTORS repaired. Dudley's Radio Service. Phone 193.

Oil Investments LEASES and ROYALTIES Vernon Simpson Phone 90 Box 426

OUT OF GAS? GOT A FLAT? BATTERY DOWN? As close as your telephone-

Magnolia Service Station Phone 159

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS.

LEGAL NOTICE

TO: F. J. McAnally, Greeting: You are commanded to appear and answer the plaintiff's petition at or as, this the 30th day of January, zines.—The Merkel Mail. 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 15th day of March, A. D., 1948, 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 30th day of January, 1948. The file number of said suit being

The names of the parties in said suit are: Marjorie S. McAnally as Plaintiff, and F. J. McAnally as Defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were married in Abilene, Texas, on or about the 4th day of July, 1943, and lived together until on or about the 7th day of July, 1946.

One child, Barbra Cecelia McAnally, was born as issue of said mar-

Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of cruel treatment, and prays for the care, custody, and control of said child.

If this Citation is not served with- A. D., 1948. in 90 days after the date of its issu- (Seal) Issued this the 30th day of Janu- By Thelma Graham, Deputy.

ary, A. D., 1948.

J. Neil Daniel, Clerk,

ance, it shall be returned unserved. District Court, Taylor County, Texas.

Given under my hand and seal of SAVE POSTAGE and cost of rasaid Court, at office in Abilene, Tex- mitting. We take orders for all maga-

The "1948 BADGER"

Annual Yearbook of Merkel High School Will be Off the Press About May 15th

You may have a copy for \$3.75. Pay in advance at Merkel High School

THIS OFFER good for only a few days

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DOYLE'S VARIETY & GIFT SHOP

"Let's all back the Badger Basketball Team"

Specials for Friday & Saturday

FEBRUARY 13th and 14th

Washington Fancy Delicious Apples, doz. ..29c Crispy, Fresh Lettuce, lg. head ______10c | Cabbage, lb. Northern Waxed Rutabagas, lb. 6c Potatoes, 5 lbs.

Lemons, Texas Green, firm heads U. S. No. 1, Colorado, Washed

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KUNER'S Old Fashion Sweet Picken- NO. 2 CANS Peas, 2 cans 25c Red and White-Fancy White Corn, No. 2 can 22c Red and White-Sliced or Halves Peaches, No. 2½ can29c HILL'S- 1 lb. cans Dog Food, 2 cans..... Red and White-Prepared-No. 303 cans Spaghetti, 2 cans American Oil— Flat Cans Sardines, 2 cans Silver Rapids

Pickles, 14 oz. jar 27c | Mackerel, 16 oz. tall can 23c McGrath Condensed Vegetable Soup, 4-10 oz. 25c Rich Creamy Crustene, 3 lb. can \$1.15 New Crop-Sun Sweet Peaches, 12 oz. box 23c Red and White-FAMILY Flour, 5 lb. bag ... Red and White Macaroni, pkg. Red and White-Flav-R-Jel Pink Salmon, 16 oz. can 53c Dessert, 2 pkgs. 15c

Aunt Jemima CORN MEAL

--- MEAT MARKET DEPARTMENT -:-

VEAL CHUCK-ARMOUR STAR Cello Bag SAUSAGE, 1 lb. ARMOUR- Fresh

ROAST, lb. 43c SPARE RIBS, lb. 47c 48c CHEESE, 1b. SWIFT'S PREMIUM PORK ROAST, Ib. 49c BACON, Ib. 69c

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FAMILY REUNION IN W. C. CHURCH HOME.

the privilege of having all their chil- auditor. dren, in-laws and grandchildren trimmings was enjoyed at the sup- bers are urged to be present.

Those present for the very happy ATTEND MORNING COFFEE OF occasion were Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Willingham and Helen Carolyn of El Frances, and Mr. and Mrs. M. C. building in Abilene, Church and Charles, all of Merkel, and Mr. and Mrs. Church.

WOODMAN CIRCLE.

The Woodman Circle Grove No. 563 met on Thursday evening of ast week in the home of Mrs. C. W. Sca- School class of the First Baptist 7:30. Prayer meeting at 7:00 Wedgo for a short business meeting, with church met Tuesday afternoon in the Mrs. Harry Barnett presiding.

The newly elected officers for the Mrs. Nim Teaff as co-hostess. ensuing year were installed. Mrs. Mrs. Teaff led the opening prayvice-president; Mrs. L. J. Renfrc, Barnett, past president; Mrs. Claude ment were played. Perry, chaplain; Mrs. C. W. Seago, attendant; Mrs. Beulah Reeves, as- the Valentine motif was served to sistant attendant; Mrs. E. B. Wall- Mesdames W. T. Sadler, Bud Mcace, musician; Miss Tommie Whisen- Keever, Bob Fowler, Gordon Purs-

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| hunt, reporter; Mrs. W. A. Harris, secretary; Miss Maurine White, same Sunday a year ago was 684. Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Church had treasurer, and Mrs. Irene Barnes,

The next meeting will be held on home on Friday night for the first Thursday evening, Feb. 26, in the time. A menu of turkey and all the home of Mrs. L. J. Renfro. All mem-

ABILENE GARDEN CLUB. Mrs. Lou Petty, Mrs. W. S. J. Paso, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Church, Brown and Mrs. Jack Miller attend-Jerry and Joyce, of Wilson, Mr. and ed the morning coffee and book ra-Mrs. R. A. Shaver, Jr., and Cookie, view sponsored by the Abilene Garof Rochester, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. den club last Monday morning. The Dwiggins, Linda Ann and Clara meeting was held at the Y. M. C. A.

The book, "The Angels Sing," was reviewed by Mrs. Herbert Emery of Sanger Bros., Dallas.

FIDELIS MATRONS CLASS. The Fidelis Matrons Sunday home of Mrs. Jarrett Pinckley, with

Karl Bonneaux will be the new er and an interesting devotional on president; Mrs. Sallie Gant, first "Christian Ministries" was given by Mrs. Buster Horton. After the second vice-president; Mrs. Harry business session, games of amuse-

A delectable plate carrying out ley, Vernon Horton, Buster Horton, Sam Martin and the hosteses.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Donna Lou Riney was honored on her fifth birthday anniversary with a party in the home of her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Don Riney.

Red candy hearts were favors. Gifts were presented to the honoree and refreshments served to Sue and Jean Sylvester, Dana and Penny Durham, Joanne Kerns, Jerry and Jackie Russell, Robert Leo Harris, oan and Hearldean Reynolds, Sharon Martin, Buddy and Finus Hendricks, Linda and Dick Leach, Gary Rust, Jackie Hogan, Mrs. Lige Harris, Mrs. J. B. Hendricks, Mrs. Charles Sylvester, Mrs. Jack Martin, Mrs. S. G. Russell, Jr., and Mrs. Hearld Reynolds.

BAPTIST W. M. S. Mrs. Owen Robertson and mother, Mrs. William Bradford, were hostesses to the Bible study of the Woman's Missionary society of the First Baptist church Monday afternoon.

Mrs. J. O. Castles opened the meeting with prayer and Mrs. P. F. Harris taught an interesting Bible lesson on the tabernacle. Mrs. Nim J. Teaff led the closing prayer.

Present were Mesdames W. T. Sadler, J. W. Willingham, J. A. Kuykendall, W. A. Ford, A. D. Fulton, J. S. Swann, Hugh Campbell, E. O. Carson, A. R. Booth, Earl Lassiter

and the ones mentioned above. The next meeting will be a Royal Service program at the church Monday at 2:30 p. m.

Well Child Clinic Feb. 20, 2-4 P. M.

The February Well Child conference, sponsored by the Merkel Parent-Teacher association, will be held at the office of Mrs. Elma McFarland from 2 to 4 p. m. on Friday, Feb. 20.

The clinic is open between these hours for all children, both of school and pre-school age.

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'Crossfire"

Paramount Special News Reel "1947 Headliners"--Cartoon

in The Churches

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Attendance at the seven reporting Sunday Schools last Sunday was 548 as compared with 611 on the previous Sunday. The attendance on the

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Bible School 9:45 a. m. Sunday. Worship 10:50 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Young People's meeting 6:45 p. ri. Prayer meeting Wednesday, 7:30

Troy M. Cummings, Minister.

METHODIST CHURCH

Church School 10 a. m. Morning worship 11. Youth Fellowship 6:30 at 7:00 p. m. Wednesday. p. m. Evening worship 7:00. WSCS Mondays, 2 p. m. Mid-week prayer Wednesdays, 7:00 p. m. R. L. Butler, Pastor

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Mornat 6:30 p. m. Evening sermon at the beautiful floral offerings. nesday evening.

Merle Weathers, Pastor.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Sunday School at 10 a. m. Chris tian Endeavor meets at 6 p. m. No

preaching service Sunday nor any other service during the week. Reporter.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching services at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. Services Thursday 7:45 p. m. H. S. Earp, Pastor.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH ing at 11 a. m. and 7:00 p. m. Midweek prayer meeting at 7:00 Wcdnesday evening.

A. T. Suskey, Pastor.

NAZARENE CHURCH Sunday School 10:00 a. m. Preach-

ing at 11. NYPS at 7:00 p. m. Preaching at 8:00. Prayer meeting R. T. Smith, Pastor.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our sincere ap- ing. preciation for the love and sympathy shown us during the illness and ing sermon at 11. Training Union death of our beloved mother, also for

> May God's richest blessings rest upon all of you. The Baze Children.

RURAL SOCIETY

BLUEBONNET CLUB.

The Bluebonnet Home Demonstration club met Tuesday, Feb. 3, in the club house with the club president, Mrs. E. J. Patterson, presiding over the session.

Ten members answered roll call, The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Secretary, Mrs. A. L. Farmer.

Mrs. Bill Wallace gave highlights and the club had a round table discussion on traffic rules.

The county home demonstration agent, Miss Myra Tankersley, was present to bring her program on "Restyling and Remodeling Garments." She explained what style and fashion really means. She also gave new ideas on how to make belts and different accessories out of felt hats and neckties.

ace will serve at the Feb. 17 meet- for surgery. Patients received dur-

ace, Lewis Farmer, Leroy Riney,

Garden Hints

from Merkel Garden Club.

As indoor potted plants grow very slowly at this season, be careful not to water them too much. Keep dust washed off foliage so plants can breathe; both the upper and under surface of leaves should be perfectly clean. Feed plants after growth starts in spring.

Plan this season's food crops carefully and plant in plenty of time for of the legislative committee report, proper maturity. Maximum yields for canning and other processing should be carefully considered this year, with world-wide demands for food exceeding all-time records.

Hospital Notes.

Bert Melton was re-admitted Sunday to Sadler hospital following a heart attack. On Friday Jim Ingram had been received following a heart After club adjournment, refresh- attack. Mrs. Leroy Smith of Lubments were served. Mrs. W. S. Wall- bock was admitted late Wednesday ing the week for treatment were: Members present were Mesdames Mrs. Joe Winter, Sr., Feb. 6; Mrs. Ford Butman, E. J. Patterson, W. H. Cleve Bush, Feb. 7; Roger Bailey, Ensminger, Tom Russom, Bill Wall- Feb. 8; Miss Willie Fay Kelly, Feb. 9; Harold Jones, of Abilene, Feb. Walter Hunter, A. L. Farmer, Arl. 10, and Mrs. H. S. Price, Feb. 11. ton Farmer, three children and the Sue Bird was given a tonsillectomy Monday.



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10 :-oz. can con-densed vegetable

Turn on oven; set at moderately slow (350° F.). Mix together bread cubes, milk, onion, salt, lemon rind and juice and shortening. Put half of fish in center of greased shallow baking Top with rest of fish. Cover with mixture of soup and ¼ cup water. Bake about 35 min., or until fish is tender. Stir into sauce a mixture of flour and remaining tablesp. of water. Bake 5 min. longer, or until sauce is thick-ened. Serve from baking dish. Makes

4 servings. *Halibut, codfish, haddock, hake, etc., can be used

PET MILK, can ... 8c

MOTHER'S 39c DELTA -:- BUD -:- STALEY'S ½ gallon 48c

CAKE FLOUR, 2½ lb. .42c

5 lb. sack 52c 10 lb. sack 98c PORK and BEANS, No. 2 can ____13c

CRISCO -:- SPRY SNOWDRIFT, 3 pound can \$1.19

OZARK- In Syrup Sweet POTATOES, No. 21/2 can 15c



SAUSAGE, pound PORK CHOPS

CENTER Cuts, lb. 57c

TENDERIZED **CURED HAMS** 1/2 or Whole, lb. ... 59c pound 39c LONGHORN

CHEESE pound 59c PICNIC HAMS pound 49c LAKEVIEW-Sliced

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