

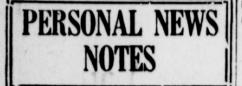
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MERKEL, TEXAS, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1948.

On the "Broadway of America"

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Mr. and Mrs. Minter. King and baby of Midland visited from Saturday until Monday with his mother, Mrs. Fannie King. Also visiting Mrs. King was her granddaughter, Coleen Walters, of Annapolis, Md.

O. J. Reynolds, Maurine and Bonnie, and Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Reynolds and Nancy, all of Rising Star, visited the past week-end with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Reynolds, and other relatives.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. McAninch over the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Sliter of Dallas and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Clampitt of Fort Worth Mrs. Sliter is the former Wilma McAninch and Mrs. Clampitt, the former Bonnie McAninch.

Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Sloan of Noodle were Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Steele, Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Dee Clark, of Sweetwater, Mrs. Ruby Jinkens, Gerrie and Bobby, and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Gilmore, Merkel.

Thursday night guests of Mis. Ruby Jinkens and family were Mrs. T. C. Jinkens, Jr., and Mrs. Ruby McGuire from Fort Worth.

Mrs. Clayton Coats, Sherry Lou and Danny, of Big Spring, were week-end visitors in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Diltz, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Mack Reynolds returned home Friday from a visit munity. Mr. Chancey had been in Dallas where she went through a member of the Church of Christ for Heads of County RC clinic. They also visited with relatives in Weatherford.

Mr. and Mrs. Sie Hamm of Colorado City spent Sunday in the home of Fort Worth, H. R. Jr., living at of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hamm.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Barrick and two children, Larry and Linda, of Grand Prairie, were week-end visit-John S. Hughes. Accompanying them Okla., and eleven grandchildren. re 1st Lt. and Mrs. James Benshoff, of Dallas, who visited with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Murray. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Fugat returned Monday to their home at Notrees after a week-end visit with the Earl Bazes, won on Sunday celebrated their 23rd wedding anniversary.

SERVICES HELD **TUESDAY FOR** H. R. CHANCEY

H. R. Chancey, 60, pioneer Jones county farmer, residing in the Compere community, died at 2:30 p. m. Monday of a heart attack.

He had been under treatment for heart trouble for the past six years, and during the recent severe weather he and his wife had occupied an apartment in the Jack Canon home here for three weeks, returning to their farm home Saturday. Funeral services were held at 3:30

Church of Christ, with Claud C. Smith, of Eastland, former minister

Hill cemetery, under direction of the Barrow-Sheppard Funeral home. Pallbearers were Ben Adkins, A.

W. Clemmer, Clyde Jones, Milton tice

born Sept. 25, 1887, in Cecil, Ark. He et al No. 1 City of Merkel, two came to Texas with his parents when miles northeast of town. eight years old, moving to Jones

county in 1904. He was married to on Jan. S, 1909, at Tye, and the family had lived the past 24 years at the

present home in the Compere com a number of years.

Survivors are his wife; six sons Jeff of Oplin, Clyde of Merkel, Ed home, Albert of Merkel, and Paul, stationed with the Army in the

TO PREACH HERE ON ANNIVERSARY **OF FIRST SERMON**

On the same fifth Sunday in Feb. ruary when he preached his first sermon after entering the ministry, 29 Pioneer Jones County Farmer years ago, Rev. E. D. Landreth, Mer-Claimed by Death: Survived kel-reared boy and now district supby Wife, Six Sons, Two erintendent of the Amarillo district Daughters, 11 Grandchildren. of the Methodist church, will preach his anniversary sermon at 3:30 p. m Sunday, Feb. 29, at the same church.

the First Methodist church here. A special section is to be reserved

in the church for those who were members at the time he preached his first sermon, and Cyrus Pee, who is in charge of arrangements, urges that not only all these members but every member of the Methodist church and other churches in the city show their appreciation of Rev. Mr. Landreth's splendid work in the minisp. m. Tuesday from the Merkel try by being present to hear his anpriversary sermon.

here, officiating. Burial was in Rose Pumping Tests Being Made on City Well

Initial pumping tests, after per-Case, Louie Herring and O. L. Jus- forating at 2,262-65 feet, were being made Wednesday and Thursday Hamilton Randolph Chancey was on the West Central Drilling Co.,

The well was making oil with some water from the perforations, and the the former Elizabeth Whitescarver test was to determine whether or not the formation would be squeezed and re-perforated.

Drive Guests of Lions

Making a pre-drive visit in behalf of the annual Red Cross financial campaign, D. L. Adams of Philippines; two daughters, Mrs. Abilene, county drive chairman, and Lloyd Reece of Merkel and Mrs. J. Mrs. Mattie Belle Newberry, execu-W. Jennings of Abilene; one sister, tive secretary, were guests of the ors with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Miss Frankie Chancey of Snyder, Lions club at Tuesday's luncheon. With them was Mrs. Elma McFarand, local RC worker.

BADGERS NOSED OUT BY HOUNDS OPENING GAME

Final Count 43-40 in Favor Of Throckmorton; Second Game be held the first Tuesday in April. Thursday Night; Final, if which will be the 6th day of the Necessary, Saturday Night.

The Throckmorton Greyhounds nosed out the Merkel cage five in the last minute of play to capture the first of a three-game series to determine the District 5A championship here Tuesday night before c prior to the election. record-breaking crowd. The final count was 43-40.

The east half champs led most of the way and then faltered in the last quarter as the locals "waxed hotter and hotter." Trailing 40 to 39 with one minute of playing time left, the Greyhounds counted twice on field goals by Massey and Halbert to gain a very hard-earned victory.

Merkel had led briefly by a 4-1 count early in the exciting fracas but Throckmorton forged into a 12-4 first-quarter lead and increased it to 24-11 at the intermission, as the Badgers had difficulty penetrating the Greyhounds' tight zone defense.

The Purple and Gold cagers stored back in the third frame as hot as a blazing arrow. Robert Sledge was as hot as any cowboy's pistol in anybody's horse opera as he scorched the strings five consecutive times with- Sweetheart of Trent out a miss on beautiful long shets. He was ably assisted in the pointgetting department by Larry Bailey and James Land.

Merkel was still behind 29-25 going into the final stanza. In the middle of the last frame the Badgers tied the score and from then on it was a dog fight for the lead. At the three minute interval Merkel was leading 37-36, but the lead changed hands four more times to leave the whistle sounded.

Sledge topped the point-getters with 20; Land garnered 8, Bailey Nash 4 and Hodge 2.

TO NAME THREE ALDERMEN IN **CITY ELECTION**

At Tuesday night's meeting of the city council, Mayor A. J. Canon we authorized to issue official notice calling the annual city election to

month when three aldermen are to be named. Candidates are required to file their name with the city secretary.

naming the office for which they are to be a candidate, together with a filing fee of \$1.00, at least 30 days

T. L. Grimes is designated as elec tion judge. Polls will be open from 8 a. m. to 6 p. m.

Aldermen whose terms expire this year are Joe Cypert, O. B. Leach and Johnny Hammond. Holdover aldermen are Earl Hughes and Bob Hicks. In order to lend encouragement tthe Boy Scouts, the city dards voted to turn the city government over to Merkel Troop No. 20, of which Principal C. A. Farley of the Gramman school is Scoutmaster, for one day Saturday, Mar. 6.

Council members also voted to return time of meeting to the regular first and third Mondays, beginning with the meeting on Mar. 1, as the three aldermen who had been engage ed in training school on Monday nights had completed their course.

FFA Chapter Honored

Trent, Feb. 19 .- Willie Mae Davis, senior student in the Trent high school, was honored by the Trent Future Farmers of America on Saturday, Feb. 14, just prior to the presentation of awards at the basketball tournament held there this past week. Miss Davis, very pretty in an evening gown of pastel blue, was esoverflow crowd limp as the final corted by chapter Vice-President Doyle Howell. She was received by President Billy Reynolds, who preented her to the large audience in attendance as Sweetheart of the Trent Chapter for 1948.

VOTE TO FORM LOCAL CHAMBER **OF COMMERCE**

Tentative Set of By-Laws Also Adopted by Group of Business Men at Meeting Wednesday: Steering Committee Named.

Thirty-two business firms of Merkel were represented at a meeting held Wednesday night in the Community Center, when it was voted unanimously to form the Merkel Chamber of Commerce. A tentative set of by-laws was also adopted.

Formal organization will be com pleted at a later meeting, the date for which is to set by a steering committee appointed Wednesday night to figure a schedule of assessments from members and to secure acceptance of these assessments, providing a ballot at the same time for members of the proposed organization to vote for nine directors, as stipalated in the by-laws.

Members of this steering committee, consisting of nine men, Jack Miller, R. O. Anderson, Supt. R. A. McCollum of the Merkel Public schools, D. Grimes, Booth Warren, Earl Hughes, Clyde Bartlett, John West and Howard Carson, met immediately following the general meeting and elected R. O. Anderson, chairman, and C. J. Glover, secretary They will hold their first business meeting Friday night at 7:30 at the Community Center.

The by-laws, as temporarily adopted, provide for membership on an annual basis, the minimum amount to be \$10.00, with larger businesses required to take additional amounts in block units of the same amount. Election of a board of nine directors by the entire organization, with each business member having one and only one secret ballot to cast, was approved. After election, these directors will draw for terms, three for one year, three for two years and three

Visiting two days last week in the John S. Hughes home was Z. E. Snow, of Denver, Colo., a brother of Mrs. Hughes, who left Saturday to visit a daughter at Baird.

Sunday visitors with their father, Joe Holmes, were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Holmes and son, of Tucson, Ariz., and Roy Holmes of Phillips and son, Roy Jack, a student at Texas Technological college, Lubbock.

Leaving Sunday for a two-weeks vacation in Florida were Dr. and Mrs. C. B. Gardner together with Dr. and Mrs. E. H. Hirchhoff, of Plainview.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bertram of Abilene attended Sunday morning service at the Trent Baptist church and were guests for Sunday dinner in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Matthews. Afternoon callers Sunday in the Matthews home were Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Cooper and daughter, Dor-

Mrs. R. T. Blair and two daughters will leave Friday to join Captain Blair, who has been assigned to the Headquarters First Army, New York City, N. Y. They plan to fly from Abilene.

Check of \$100,455.01 For Bonds Delivered

A check for \$100,455.01, including the amount of accrued interest to date, was delivered to Mayor A. J. Canon Monday from the First Southwest company of Abilene, in payment of the purchase of the \$100,000 bond issue recently issued by the city for waterworks and sewer system im provements.

Bonds, amounting to \$20,000 .0 maturing \$2,000 per year for cach have been enrolled. Those who wish of the first ten years from issue were subscribed by the Farmers and Merchants National bank of Merkel if possible. through the bonding company.

Newlyweds Visit in **O. J. Adcock Home**

Troy C. Slayden, former resident of Merkel, and Mrs. Slayden, of Patterson, J. N., were guests Saturday in the O. J. Adcock home, being ac-Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Adcock and family, of Abilene.

The Slaydens, who were married Feb. 7 in Patterson, are spending their boneymoon with his mother, Mrs. H. L. Boen, in Abilene.

J. H. Bishop, Pioneer

Trent, Feb. 19 .-- J. H. Bishop, 66, retired farmer and resident of Trent for the past 26 years, died Saturday at 10:30 p. m. at his home here, following an illness of several months. Funeral services were held at 3 p. m. Monday from the Trent Methodist church, with Rev. Garlie C. Williams, of Clyde, former pastor here, officiating, assisted by Rev. B. L. Higdon, Baptist pastor. Burial was in the Trent cemetery, under direction of Elliott's Funeral home of Abilene.

Pallbearers, were Earl Strawn, T. D. Scott, Harold Brown, Gene Cade, Dave Boyd and Buster Edwards. Mr. Bishop was born Apr. 18, 1881, in Madisonville, Texas.

Survivors include his wife; one daughter, Dorothy Bishop of Sweetwater; four sons, Paschall Bishop of Trent, L. D. Bishop of Merkel, Marion Bishop of Amarillo and Raymond Bishop of Sweetwater; one sister, Mrs. Walter Smith of Lamesa; five brothers, Bart Bishop of Arizona, Luke Bishop of Glen-

dale, Calif., Oscar Bishop of Trent Charley Bishop and Dewey Bishop of Houston, and four grandchildren.

Farmer Veterans Can Attend School Here

Any veteran who is operating a farm and is interested in attending a school at Merkel should contact

A. A. McKimmey at the G. I. Farm shop here any Wednesday afternoon or night.

The shop is located at North 6th and West street in the northwest part of Merkel.

One class of G. I.'s has been meeting in Merkel since December, 1946, and a new class will be started soon as a sufficient number of veterans

to attend this class should see Mr. McKimmey in the next two weeks

Harp Association to Hold All-Day Singing

The West Texas Harp association Merkel Students New will hold an all-day singing at the Primitive Baptist church, 8th and Yucca streets, on the fifth Sunday in this month, which will be Feb. 29, with dinner on the ground at noon. those expected.

In explaining the service of the local office, Mrs. McFarland divided Trent Resident, Dies the work as follows: verification .f furloughs for veterans, assisting veterans in claims and in hospital service and, a recently added feature, assistance to transients.

The Boy Scout committee, recently appointed, was approved by the Lions club, as the sponsoring organization. and the club voted to sponsor a chill supper for the boys of the town over 12 years of age, early in March. Kenneth Sharp was welcomed as

a new member. Only visitor was Rev. R. L. Butler, pastor of the Methodist church.

Introducing "A Box of Valentines," members of the MHS Choral club furnished the entertainment feature, wherein each one gave verse from our poems of love, both serious and humorous, and embracing in the program songs of love and friendship through the years.

Geneva Carr, club president, was chairman of the program, which was initiated by Jean Kemper, who asked the Lions and guests to stand and sing "Let Me Call You Sweetheart." A similar program was given by

the Choral club at the school chapel, which followed the same pattern except that the students were asked to join in a singsong of old-fashioned folk songs. Club members discarded the black ties that usually go with the robes and wore red hearts.

Annual School Census Begun This Week

The annual enumeration of scholastics in the Merkel school district was begun this week by Principal

C. A. Farley, census enumerator for the district. All children who will be six and

under eighteen years of age on Sept. 1, 1948, are eligible for enumeration this year.

At the present time the per capita apportionment for each scholastic is

All parents who have children of scholastic age, regardless of whether they are now attending school or not, will receive a family census blank within the next few weeks.

Registrants at H-SU

Abilene, Feb. 19 .- Two students companied by his aunt and uncle, it is announced by S. A. Kelley. The from Merkel were among the 177 new singing will commence at 10 a. m., registrants for the spring semester at Hardin-Simmons university. The A number of good singers are ax- classes began Feb. 7 and will conpected, with special groups from tinue through May. The new students Rule, Cisco and Brownwood among are Annie Fern Rushing and Glover Curtis Wright.

If a third game is necessary will be played on a neutral floor in Abilene on Saturday night. (Second game was to be played Thursday night in Throckmorton.)

The Merkel hoopsters won their first 5A West title since 1944 by defeating their old traditional rivals, the Roscoe Plowboys in a hard-fought three-game series. Benson's boys ran roughshod over the Farmers at Roscoe last Friday night, 38-12, in the initial playoff contest. The Badgers, led by Robert Sledge with 15 points

and Billy Pat Nash with 12, turned in a brilliant performance, leading 13-2; 25-6, and 29-17 at the end of each of the first three quarters. At Merkel on Saturday night be-

fore a packed gym the Purple and Gold cagers wede "off" and the Plowboys were "on," as the visitors took a 33-25 decision. The Nolan County lads led all the way, enjoying a 13-10 advantage at the half. The Plowboys sank 13 out of 17 throws to help their cause considerably. The Badgers sank 1 out of 3

gratis tosses. The local basketeers turned another brilliant performance Monday night to down Dave Ryan's boys. 32-20, before a crowd of 700 in the Sweetwater gym. Merkel got off to a flying start by racking up 1 points to Roscoe's none in the first quarter. The Badgers led 13-6 at the half and 24-9 at the end of the third period. James Land was the scoring "hero" with 8 tallies; Nash collected 7, Hodge 6 and Bailey 6.

Merkel Youth Injured In Racing Accident

James Roy Baccus, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Baccus, who was injured Sunday afternoon at the San Angelo Concho Speedway when the wheel from one of the racing autos crashed into a crowd of spectators, was released from Shannon hospital in San Angelo Wednesday night and brought to Sadler Clinic here. He had four or five teeth knocked out and a cut on the chin which required eight stitches. Betty Katherine Smith was also slightly injured in the accident.

races from Merkel were Peggy Simpson, Patsy Simpson and Troy Roland.

To Repeat Play.

By special request the play entitled

Asking his audience, "What day of all days in 1948, could be more appropriate for honoring our Sweet heart than St. Valentine's?" Reynolds then presented Miss Davis with white ribbon encased, heart-shaped box of Valentine candy on behalf of the members of theTrent FFA.

Revival at Methodist Church, Feb. 29-Mar. 7

Rev. W. Harrison Baker, pasto of the Oak Cliff Methodist church Dallas, will come here to hold a week's revival at the Methodist church, of which Rev. R. L. Butler is pastor, beginning Sunday, Feb. 29, and continuing through the following Sunday.

ins, Thursday, February 12, 1948. Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Baree, Saturday, February 14, 1948. Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Norman King, Saturday, February 14, 1948. Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Pat Patteron, Monday, February 16, 1948. Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Bailey, Wednesday, February 18, 1948.

for three years. The board of directors, it is pro vided, shall elect officers and shall have the power to appoint committees, draw and supervise the bud-

get and supervise and direct the collection and expenditure of funds. Employment of a paid secretary is left optional with the directors,

the services are needed. Submission of the proposed by laws was made by Riggs Shepperd, chairman of the committee previous-

ly appointed to map plans and to draw up by-laws for an organization. After considerable discussion as

to further procedure, Booth Warren moved the appointment of a steering committee of nine members for preliminary work before final organization by the chatter - ---

Closing Date for Application Extended

Closing date for applications for the position of substitute clerk, post office service, at Merkel, has been extended to Feb. 26, according to announcement dated Feb. 13, from the Fourteenth U. S. Civil Service region. Dallas.

The closing date, as originally announced, was Feb. 12.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From Files of The Merkel Mail, February 24, 1928.)

AT SHILOH AFTER FATAL ACCIDENT.

Mr. B. F. (Fred) Deutschman well known in this community, having resided here and at Noodle the most of his life, died Tuesday at Ranger, from injuries sustained in an accident there about a week ago. He was in the employ of the Lone Star Gas company, driving a tractor from over him and crushing him badly, His remains were shipped to Mer- day afternoon.

kel Wednesday afternoon and laid to rest in the Shiloh cemetery Thurstum conducting the funeral services. and the members of the Odd Fellows Lodge in charge at the interment.

The deceased was a good moral citizen and besides leaving a wife and three small children, one broth-'Deacon Dubbs" will be presented a parture, had a host of good friends

B. F. DEUTSCHMAN IS BURIED and his brother, Mr. C. L. Deutschman, of Abilene, and a sister, Mrs. O. R. Byrd, of Noodle.

> BONNIE CHURCH DIES IN AUTO ACCIDENT.

Just as this paper goes to press we learn of the death of George Bonnie Church, which occurred in Sedalia, Missouri, at which place ite resides. On Monday night Mr. Church which he fell, the tractor running suffered serious injuries in an automobile accident from which he died causing his death several days later. Tuesday and was buried there Thurs-

Immediately the news came of his death, his father, Mr. M. C. Church, day afternoon with Rev. O. B. Ta- and brother, C. P. Church, left for Sedalia and had it not been that it was expected that his remains would be brought here for burial other members of the family would have attended his funeral and burial. A

sister, Mrs. W. E. Davis, came hereer and one sister to mourn his de- from Fort Worth yesterday, expecting the funeral to be held here. He second time at the Tye school house who also mourn his sudden death. His is survived by his widow, a step-Friday night, Feb. 20. Admission 30c wife before marriage was Miss Ber- daughter and one daughter by a prev-children 10c. na Tyler of the Noodle community ious marriage.

Others in the group attending the

Record of Births Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Perk-

PACE TWO

Elsewhere

of 35 cents.

THE MERKEL MAIL

Friday, February 20, 1948.



Mr. and Mrs. George E. Caple, of

506 N. Marienfield, Midland, Texas.

announce the birth of a son, Ernest Eugene, on Friday, Feb. 13.

father, it will be remembered, was

formerly associated in the publishing

of The Merkel Mail and later in its

employ until removing from Merkel

Sunday School 10:00 a. m. Preaching at 11. NYPS at 7:00 p. m Preaching at 8:00. Prayer meeting at 7:00 p. m. Wednesday. R. T. Smith, Pastor.

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Only One is No.1-

Birth Announced.

will be scarce, but we will try to fill all orders for party favors in the order received and as long as they last

DOYLE'S VARIETY & GIFT SHOP

HATS OFF TO:

Mrs. Comer Haynes and the MHS Choral Club for

their fine community and school work.

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MOVIE CALENDAR -:- Q U E E N -:-

The Merkel Mail

Friday - Saturday - Double feature program: Jack Leonard, Mary "Swing the Western Way" and Phyl- county, subject to action in the Denio- the end of the first 3 minute over- p. m. lis Calvert, Robert Hutton, Eda cratic primary, Raines in "Time Out of Mind;" final chapter Jack Armstrong serial lows: and color cartoon.

Sunday, Monday and Tuesday -Mickey Rooney, Brian Donlevy, Ann County, Texas. It has been a pleas- high point man with 10 markers. Blyth in "Killer McCoy;" latest News ure to serve you as your sheriff and In the final round Saturday night

Wednesday-Thursday - Edmond O'Brien, Ella Raines, William Ben- fine co-operation of the people of way to annex a well-earned 30 to 26 dix in "The Web;" Movie Adventures this county. It is my earnest desire decision and bring home a beautiful

"KILLER McCOY"

Mickey Rooney, Brian Donlevy, Ann Blyth and James Dunn are the theatre Sunday matinee, Monday and Tuesday nights and which comes as one of the most punch-filled and excitment-packed dramas to reach the Calvin C. Stevenses screen in some time.

Young Rooney reaches the peak of his acting career in this story of Tommy McCoy, tough tenement kid prize-ring with an unlucky punch.

Rooney, usually seen in comedy parts, once again reveals his remark- lene able versatility in his straight role Maternal grandparents are Mr. and as the "Killer," and is given brilliant Mrs. H. B. Robertson of Merkel and support by Brian Donlevy as the paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. glib-tongued Caighn, Ann Blyth as Cecil Stevens of Abilene. the appealing Sheila, and Jame Dunn as the young prize-fighter's ne'er-do-well father.

Hospital Notes.

James Roy Baccus, injured in an



past week-end.

points for scoring honors.

setback.

H. T. Fleming Seeks

H. T. FLEMING.

H. T. (Flem) Fleming has an- before Merkel finally won out in two nounced his candidacy for re-election over-time periods, 25-21. The regu-Sheriff Fleming's statement fel- ted, 21-21. But in the second extra

"I am announcing for re-election Bailey made a field goal each to put to the office of sheriff of Taylor the contest on ice. Bailey was again whatever measure of success I may the Purple and Gold second stringhave had I owe much of it to the ers led the Trent "B" team all the to enforce the law and make you a trophy. Larry Bailey led the pointgood officer, and to that end I shall getters with 16 tallies.

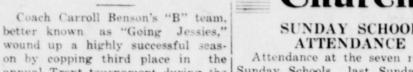
continue to devote my best efforts. "I invite and solicit your continued the three games, was one of the high co-operation with me in discharging scorers of the tourney, and was seprincipals of M-G-M's vivid "Killer the duties of this office and earnest- lected on the All-Tournament team. ly solicit your vote and influence in the coming election."

Are Parents of Son our beloved husband and father. The

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin C. Stevens who achieves notoriety when he ac- of Abilene are parents of a scn, Ter- memory. We also wish to add our cidentally kills his opponent in the ry Alan Stevens, weighing seven thanks for the lovely flowers. pounds, nine ounces, born Friday in the Hendrick Memorial hospital, Abi- all.

James L. Baileys Parents of Daughter

Mr. and Mrs. James L. Bailey of the estate of Maude S. Thornton, deaccident at the San Angelo races Abilene are parents of a daughter, ceased, were granted to me, the un-Sunday, was transferred late Wed- born Wednesday morning at Sadler dersigned, on the 16th day of Febinsday from a hospital there to Sad. Hospital here. Weighing 7 1-2 pounds, ruary, 1948, by the County Court of ler hospital. Mrs. H. A. Purser un- the little miss is named Tina Marsha. Taylor County. All persons having derwent surgery Wednesday. The Mrs. Bailey is the former Margaret claims against said estate are hereby Rex McLean child entered the hos- Kelso, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. required to present the same to me pital Wednesday for an emergency C. Kelso of Abilene, and formerly within the time prescribed by law. operation. The R. L. Swinney child attended the Merkel schools. Paternal My residence and post office address in 1939. was received Saturday for medical Trandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Gee are Route 3, Merkel, County of Taytreatment. Received for treatment Bailey of Abilene. lor, State of Texas. Administrator of the Estate of Father of Mrs. Julius Maude S. Thornton, Deceased. Smith Dies Feb. 12



reserves were a late entry in the same Sunday a year ago was 753.

NAZARENE CHURCH

and Children. LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF MAUDE S. THORNTON, Deceased.

CARD OF THANKS.

Notice is hereby given that original letters of administration upon

J. C. JACOBS.

Mrs. H. R. Chancey

during the week were: W. A. Harris, Feb. 14; Johnny Walker, Feb. 15; Mrs. David Largent, Mrs. S. G. Tipton, Feb. 16; Mrs. George Riggan, Feb. 17; Brenda Lou Blair, Mrs. Earl Palmer, Mrs. C. F. Watkins, Mrs. E. M. Foster, Feb. 18.

-CLASSIFIED ADS-

MISCELLANGEES

car bodies, etc.; bodies must be Bradley, Fort Worth; one brother, cut in pieces small enough to handle. Bowles Plumbing Shop.

ELECTRIC MOTORS repaired. Dud ley's Radio Service. Phone 193.

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

WATER WELL DRILLING - I have 2 machines; all work guar- Ridge Home Demonstration club will anteed. B. T. Sublett, Box 206, be held Feb. 20 in the home of Mrs. J. D. Jaynes. Merkel.

Carelessness

protected through.

SOMBODY else's carelessness can involve

you in a serious automobile accident which

may lead to your financial bankruptcy. Don't risk your present prosperity and happiness

by driving without adequate Automobile In-

surance. See to it today that you are fully

W. O. BONEY & SON

Consult Your Insurance Agent as

You Do Your Doctor or Lawyer

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

Mrs. Julius Smith was called Feb. 9 to the bedside of her father, D. C. Batey, of Fort Worth who died Feb. kel, Texas, notice is hereby given 12 at the age of 73. Survivors are his wife; two sons. Joe and Everett Batey; two daughters. Mrs. Katie Keith, Fort Worth, NOTICE-Will pay 30 cents per 160 and Mrs. Smith, Merkel; two sisters, lbs. for any kind of tin, including Mrs. Pearl Barter and Mrs. Madge

> children. The body was taken overland to Pope Prairie cemetery in Parker county.

> > UNION RIDGE CLUB.

Tom Batey, of Johnson City, Ill., 23

grandchildren and 21 great-grand-

RURAL SOCIETY

election judge. The next meeting of the Union close at 6:00 P. M.

Given under my hand and seal this the 17th day of Feb., A. D. 1948. A. J. Canon Mayor of the City of

The 1940 census showed 18.45 per cent of all gainfully employed Americans to be in agriculture with 24.3 per cent in manufacturing.



It's here, in Chevrolet'

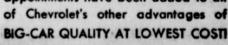


too, when you own a Chevrolet; for It brings you Valve-in-Head engine mance, found elsewhere only more expensive can



find Chevrolet rides more oothly on all types of roads due to the famous Knee-Action Ride; and, of course, Knee-Action is found only for skilled service, now regular intervals, pending delivery of your new Chevrolet.

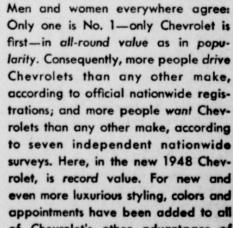
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ELECTION NOTICE. By virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of the City of Merthat an election will be held at the City Hall in said city on the first

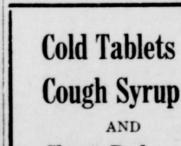
Tuesday in April, 1948, same being the 6th day of the month, for the purpose of electing three aldermen to serve for the period of two years. Said election shall conform as nearly as possible to the state laws regulating elections and a city ordinance requiring all candidates to file their name with the city secretary, naming the office for which

they are to be a candidate for, together with \$1.00 filing fee at least 30 days prior to said election.

T. L. Grimes is hereby appointed

Polls shall open at 8:00 A. M. and

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(Seal)

Friday, February 20, 1948.

THE MERKEL MAIL

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Legal Notices

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

GEO. H. McFADDEN & BRO. THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF TAYLOR

NOTICE is hereby given that the limited partnership lately existing for custody of said child. 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 ary, A. D., 1948. Roy O. Beach were General Partners, and the Trustees under the will of said Court, at office in Abilene, Tex-George McFadden, deceased, Ed- as, this the 28th day of January, ward Browning, Jr., and the Execut- A. D., 1948. ors of the estate of George Stuart (Seal) Special Partners, was dissolved and By Thelma Graham, Deputy. 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 presented to said General Partners for payment.

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 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 104th District Court of Taylor County, at the Court House in Abilene, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 28th day of January, 1948. The file number of said suit being

No. 5695-B The names of the parties in said

suit are Bernice Meredith as Plaintiff, and Ira Meredith as Defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were married November 9, 1938, and separated

Oil Investments LEASES and ROYALTIES

March, 1947.

Flaintiff and Defendant own no community property. One child, Ira Ann, was born of said marriage. Plaintiff sues for divorce on the grounds of cruel treatment and asks

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 Janu-Given under my hand and seal of

J. Neil Daniel, Clerk, Patterson, deceased, were Limited or District Court, Taylor County, Texas

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Yvonne Hutchison, Greeting: You are commanded to appear and before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first 1948, at or before 10 o'clock A. M., Dated this 31st day of July 1947. before the Honorable 104th District, Court of Taylor County, at the Court

> House in Abilene, Texas. Said plaintiff's petition was filed

on the 29th day of Jan., 1948. The file number of said suit being

No. 5696-B. The names of the parties in said of Taylor County, Texas and that

fendant. of the concern in any way; that the The nature of said suit being subperiod for which the partnership stantially as follows, to wit: Plain- is to run is five years from Febru- riage. tiff and Defendant were married De- ary 2nd, 1948; that the capital concember 4, 1945, and lived together tributed by each is \$3,555.08, all in until on or about Febrouary, 1946. No children were born to said mar- terminate on February 1st, 1953. riage and no community property

was acquired. Plaintiff sues for divorce on the A. D., 1948. grounds of cruelty.

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

Issued this the 29th day of January, A. D., 1948. Given under my hand and seal of A. D., 1948. said Court, at office in Abilene, Tex- (Seal)

as, this the 29th day of January, A. D., 1948. J. Neil Daniel, Clerk, (Seal) District Court, Taylor County, Texas

THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF TAYLOR

By Grace Jenkins, Deputy.

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

That the name of the partnership from which the business is to be conanswer the plaintiff's petition at or ducted is "The Abilene Company." That the general nature of the Monday after the expiration of 42 business to be transacted by the partsaid General Partners and all debts days from the date of issuance of nership is buying and selling of merowing by the partnership are to be this Citation, the same being Mon-lehandise such as uniforms, work day the 15th day of March, A. D., | clothing, aprons, caps, dresses and insignia and such other items and articles as from time to time will be associated therewith. Such business to be transacted in the city of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas: that

the name of the general partner is R. H. Dillashaw and that of the special partner is A. H. Sheppherd, each

before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first suit are: Jack Hutchison as Plain- the special partnership shall never gether until on or about the 7th day Monday after the expiration of 42 tiff, and Yvonne Hutchison as De- at any time be liable for any debts of July, 1946.

cash, and that the partnership shall Witness our hands at Abilene, Texas this the 2nd day of February, R. H. DILLASHAW,

> A. H. SHEPHERD. Special Partner.

E. S. Cummings,

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

General Partner. me this the 9th day of February,

Notary Public, Taylor County, Texas

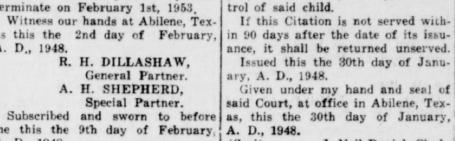
THE STATE OF TEXAS.

TO: F. J. McAnally, 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. 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 No. 15,669-A.

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

stantially as follows, to wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were married in Abilene, Texas, on or about the 4th day of July, 1943, and lived to



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

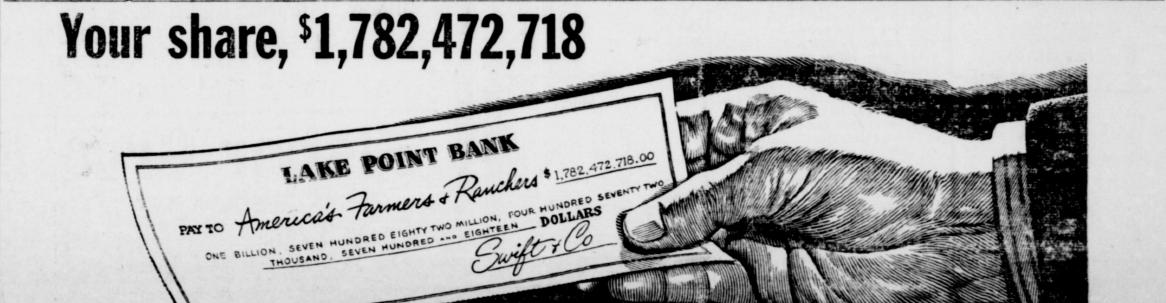
MARCH 15th, 1948

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.

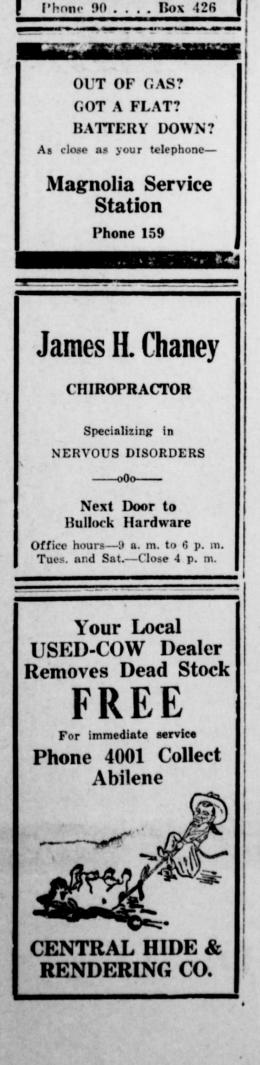
R. O. ANDERSON

The nature of said suit being sub-





Vernon Simpson



For your livestock and your dairy and poultry products, soybeans, cottonseed, etc. . . . you ranchers and farmers of America received in 1947 almost thirty billion dollars, a new high.

Out of that amount, \$1,782,472,718 came to you from Swift & Company in payment for the products you sold to us. Of every dollar that we took in from the sale of our products, we paid to you an average of 79.3¢ for your products.

feed millions of families in America and in many foreign lands. Neither of us can do that job without the other. Since we are in this together and dependent upon each other, we feel that you have an interest in knowing how we have handled our end of this "joint operation." This page is our way of telling you. It shows you how we handled, in 1947, our business of processing and marketing. It shows how much money we took in, where it went to, and what services we performed to earn

Together we are doing a big, vital job of helping our 1¢ profit per dollar of sales.



79.3 Cents to Producers - Swift & Company, during 1947, returned to millions of producers of agricultural products an average of 79.3 cents out of each dollar received from sales. We provide a daily cash market for your livestock, dairy, poultry and other products.



1.8 Cents for Transportation-Swift's transportation bill was \$41,053,244 in 1947, or an average of 1.8 cents of each sales dollar. Approximately 35 of the livestock is produced west of the Mississippi River, 24 of the meat is eaten east of it. Swift service bridges this average 1,000-mile gap between America's producers and consume



Cent as Earnings-The Company's 1947 net earnings were \$22,334,977, after provision of \$12,000,000 for high cost additions to fixed assets. This represents an average of only 1 cert of each sales dollar. Swift & Company is owned by 64,000 stockholders, whose savings provide the money for capital, plants, equipment, tools and raw ma-terials. Of the net earnings, the stock-holders received \$12,436,612 in divi-dends. The balance has been kept in e company as a reserve for future reds of the business.

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9.7 Cents to Employes - In 1947, Swift's 73,000 employes earned \$217,072,169 in wages and salaries, or an average of 9.7 cents out of each dollar of Swift sales. It takes many skilled people to process livestock and other raw agricultural products into Swift's quality



1.3 Cents for Taxes-Our total tax bill in 1947 was \$25,915,888. This averaged 1.3 cents out of each dollar Swift received for the products it sold. In addition to federal taxes, Swift & Company paid taxes during 1947 in each of the 48 states, and in hundreds of municipalities where the company owns plants or other property.

Where the Dollar Went-

SUPPLIES 3.80

TAXES 1.34

OTHER EXPENSES 3.16

EMPLOYES 9.76

REMAINING AS EARNINGS IE

TRANSPORTATION 1.8¢

3.1 Cents for Other Expenses other necessary busine

ance, development of new products, advertising, stationery, postage, telephone, telegraph, passenger travel, etc. These necessary expenses took an average of 3.1 cents of each sales dollar.

Here is a quick "picture" of how Swift's average sales dollar was divided in 1947. Smallest slice is Swift & Company's net

marketing of the agricultural products you produce. It aver-aged a fraction of a cent a pound on the millions of pounds

earnings for many essential services in the process



sales promotion, rent, research, insur-

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3.8 Cents for Supplies -- Last year, out

of each dollar of sales, Swift spent an

average of 3.8 cents, or a total of

mountains of salt and sugar; trainloads

\$86,005,885, on supplies of all kinds-

How We EARN Our Profit

In addition to providing a market for livestock and many other agricultural products, Swift performs many essential services for producers and consumers. Most people can't go to farms to buy their meat-neither can retail dealers. Swift brings the meat to them. We have been doing this big, necessary job for 62 years, efficiently and economically.

Here are the services Swift & Company performs to earn its small profit:

We buy livestock and many other products that farmers and ranchers raise; then process and distribute them.

2) We process, brand, and perform all the many necessary operations to prepare our products for market and consumption.

3) We utilize all by-products. Every part that can be used is processed and sold in various forms. The income from this source increases the price of livestock to producers, decreases the cost of meat to consumers.

4) Our research finds new uses and new markets for farmers' and ranchers' products.

5) Our Martha Logan experimental kitchens test foods under home conditions, so that Swift products may give consumers the greatest possible satisfaction and value per doll

6) We pay transportation charges on our finished products, delivering them to dealers in all parts of the United States. This makes a broad, nationwide market instead of a limited local market for the products of livestock producers.

7) We provide employment and a livelihood-good wages, good working conditions and security-for 73,000 people who work for Swift & Company.

Our earnings for all this were one cent on each dollar of sales.

Conservation of Our Land Resources



by H. H. Kildee, Dean of Agriculture Iowa State College

During recent years we have become increasingly conscious of the importance of conserving our land resources. Accordingly, we have initiated conservation programs and practices which are sound and logical. Such action was and is urgently needed, not alone for the current generation, but as an obligation to generations yet unborn. As one result of the pro-grams adopted, much land (which because of its character and slope was being destroyed by erosion) has been turned back to grass. Thus, expanding livestock production has become an increasingly important part of the program of conserving our natural resources

Continual sale of crops off a farm or ranch results in serious loss of plant food. But the maintenance of plant food elements in the soil is urgently needed if our crop land is to continue to provide adequate quantities of human food. Livestock farming is help-ing accomplish this. For when land is used for grazing, rather than for crops, soil erosion ceases and the unnecessary loss of plant foods is checked.

Swift & Company UNION STOCK YARDS, CHICAGO 9, ILLINOIS Nutrition is our business-and yours

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THE MERKEL MAIL

Friday, February 20, 1948.

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Gaston Gregory At Ford Training School

Gaston Gregory, service manager of the Merkel Motor company, is attending a two-day Diagnosis Training school at the Ford Motor company, Dallas. This school covers instructions, on engine, ignition aystem, fuel system, cooling system, generator, battery, starter and volttage regulator. It is the first of a series of the Diagnosis schools to be held.

In this training, Gaston will use the new diagnosis test set and stroboscope, equipment which will be installed in the Merkel Motor Company shop in the very near future.

LEGAL NOTICES

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Maurice Sturman, 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 Citation, the same being Monday the 29th day of March, A. D., 1948, at of Taylor County, at the Court House in Abilene, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 12th day of Feb., 1948.

The file number of said suit being No. 5719-B.

The names of the parties in said suit are: Violet Louise Sturman as representatives of the said husband Plaintiff, and Maurice Sturman as of Maggie Smith for the aggregate Defendant.

stantially as follows, to wit:. Plain- delinquent taxes, interest, penalties tiff and Defendant were married on or about November 4, 1925, and liv-



ed together until the year 1936. and none adopted.

grounds of abandonment. If this Citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved. Issued this the 12th day of February, A. D., 1948. Given under my hand and seal of

said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 12th day of February, A. D., 1948.

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

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

WHEREAS on the 6th day of Jan-

uary, A. D., 1948. The City of Abilene, Plaintiff, and State of Texas, Taylor County, Texas, and Taylor-Callahan Counties Road District No. , impleaded Taxing Units recovered a judgment in the District Court of Taylor County (for the 42nd Judicial District of Texas) No. 15,542-A on the docket of said court, against days' from the date of isuance of this | Maggie Smith, the grantee in deed from Lizzie Henderson to Maggie Smith of date Jan. 1, 1908, conveyor before 10 o'clock A. M., before ing the property herein described, the Honorable 104th District Court | recorded 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 plaintiff; and if dead the unknown heirs and legal

sum of Three Hundred Thirty Three

The nature of said suit being sub- and 88-100 Dollars, (\$333.88) for and accrued costs on the same, with interest on said sum at the rate of

/ per annum from date of judgnent together with all costs of suit. Said judgment directs that a foreclosure of plaintiff's lien together with lien of the taxing units which were parties to this suit and established their claims thereto for the amount of said taxes, interest, penalties and accrued costs as apportion ed to each tract and-or lots of land as described in said order of sale.

By virtue of an order of sale, issued by the Clerk of the District Court Taylor County, Texas, on the 30th day of January, 1948, as directed by the terms of said judgment.

As Sheriff of said Taylor County, I have seized, levied upon and will, on the first Tuesday in March, 1948. same being the 2nd day of March, 1948, at the courthouse door of said Taylor County, between the hours of

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keeps the customers cool!

o'clock P. M. and 4 o'clock P. M. No child was born of said marriage of said day, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all the right, Plaintiff sues for divorce on the 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 30th 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, \$183.86; 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 subject to any other and further rights the defendants, or any one interested therein, may be entitled to under the provisions of law. Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the above described judgment and foreclosing the lien provided by law for the taxes, interest, penalty and costs The proceeds of said sale to be ap plied to the satisfaction thereof. Said sale will be made subject to the defendants right to redeem the said property by complying with the pro-visions of law in such cases made and provided.

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



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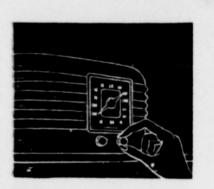
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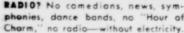
• GIFTS

Food Specials at FISHERS FRIDAY and SATURDAY February 20th and 21st WHITE SWAN **AUNT JEMIMA'S** 10 lbs. COFFEE 1 lb. 51c MEAL Mrs. Tucker, Armour Pure Extracted Delco Cut Beans No 1 can 9c or Crustene Honey, 5 lbs. SHORTENING Libby's-In Heavy Syrup Selected Golden Mashed SWEET 3 lbs. 97c Peaches, $2\frac{1}{2}$ can 31c POTATOES, No. 21/2 can 16c **Pure Cane** 34c large box Sugar, 10 pounds **ROX** pint bottle 10c Salad Wafer, Sunshine and Krispy Crackers, 2 pounds TUFFY-DOG FOOD, 2 cans 15c Mother's 3 pound box Oats, Softasilk Cake Flour, 2³/₄ pounds 47c Delicious 33c dozen Apples, 23c dozen Lemons, DRESSED HENS. Cabbage, 4c pound **OLEOMARGARINE**, lb. 39c 10 pounds **49c** Spuds, DECKER'S **SLICED BACON.** 10c lb. 63c Lettuce, head Fisher Groc. & N

"WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO LIMIT QUANTITIES"

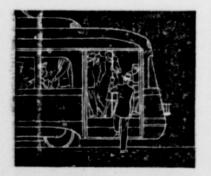
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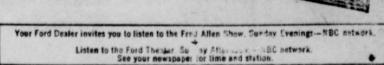
Dependable electric service is available to customers of the West Texas Utilities Company at bargain rates ... rates which, to residential consumers, are 17% less than they were ten years ago.



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| L'Incorport A. | 1941 Mercury sedan; excellent con- dition. Badger Chevrolet Co. | POLITICAL | FOR REN1 | WANTED | NOTICE — Will pay 1c per pour \$1.65 per hundred or \$20.00 p |
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| NEWILL | FINER, Stronger, well-rooted, dc- cent size trees that live; paper- shell pecans, peaches, plums, ap- | ANNOUNCEMENTS | FOR RENT— Bedroom, with private entrance, bath. H. F. Groene. | WANT TO BUY anvil, 100 lbs. or more, for Merkel Veterans school. See Etsel Hunter or R. D. Ely. | ton for scrap iron. H. J. Bowl Plumbing Shop. WANTED— Settled woman f |
| FOR SALE | hedge, roses, shrubs; visit us or write Shanks Nurseries, Clyde, Texas. | [Subject to action of the Democratic Primary in July.] | EEDROOM for rent. Mrs. Zelda Cogburn, on Marion street, 2 blks. north of highway. | WE BUY poultry and eggs; 42c per dozen for eggs, (price subject to change.) Toombs and Moore Feed Store. | housework. See Mrs. M. B. Hi gins. |
| OR SALE-250-chick electric brood- er. C. O. Harriss, west end of So. Second. | 1947 Fleetline Aero Sedan demon- strator; lots of extras. Badger Chevrolet Co. | Taylor County: D. C. DOAN. IRVEN THOMPSON. L. A. DUDLEY. | FOR RENT — 2-room apartment, furnished or unfurnished; also 3-room house, partly furnished. Phone 9047. | WANTED- Business manager for Merkel VFW; typing and book- keeping experience necessary. Ap- | MESQUITE TREE ERADICATIO Individual contract, or contra through AAA office; minimum 10 acres. Roy Weatherby, Box 9 Mullin, Texas, or Windsor Hote |
| OR SALE-Young baby beef tur- | HAVE several nice residences for sale in Merkel; take your choice. ANDY SHOUSE | C. H. (Connie) OTTO, W. O. RAINWATER. | FOR RENT — 3-room furnished apartment; bills paid; couple only. Mrs. Joe Bailey Toombs, S. 7th | ply at club house, 1 mi. south of Merkel. SEE Lendon A. Coats for water well | Abilene. ONE WEEK SERVICE on Wate Repair; reasonable price; all wor |
| key tom. Mrs. R. G. Stout, Rt. 3, Merkel. 12 rugs, \$8.50. | FOR SALE—Two 20" wheels and tires for Chevrolet pickup; tires are 8-ply rayon. See at Humble Service station on hi-way, west | Precinct No. 5: MRS. DORA T. COBB. | and Locust. Phone 147. FOR RENT-2 or 3-room apartment, permanent couple desired; no ob- | drilling. Phone 281W. | guaranteed. Wilson Jewelry. |
| loor covering, 6-ft. wide, 95c squarg yard. ice sewing machine, \$39.50. ccasional tables, each \$11.95. | side of town. 1941 Chevrolet 5-passenger coupe, new paint, new upholstering; | For County Clerk: MRS. CHESTER HUTCHESON [Re-Election] | jection to one child. Mrs. Lela Mc- Ever. FOR RENT-3-room furnished | | BAD TUBES, NO VOLUME I can re-tube it in 20 minutes, any |
| ffee tables, glass tops, \$10.95. alnut desk, \$12.50. etal stools, each \$2.50. l metal white ice box, \$25.00. | terms and trade. Badger Chevrolet Company. ENTIRE CITY BLOCK — Fenced | H. T. (Flem) FLEMING. (Re-Election.) FINER OIC hogs, whitest, health- | apartments, utilities, hot and cold water; one block stores, post of- fice, depot, shops; near high school, fine community. Shanks Apart- | time you bring it in. There is no placing them. Fifty per cent of all radios bro of the time, just one will put it ba | ought in, only need tubes, and most |
| hite gas range, \$25.00. atherette, 54-in. width, red, white. brown, offwhite and Spanish brown. THE SWAP SHOP | with poultry netting, 4-room house, well and mill, garage and barn, nice for chicken farm, and you can move in tomorrow, \$2,750.00 | iest, fastest-growing, quickest- ma- turing pigs, bred gilts, young boars. Shanks Hog Farm, Clyde, Texas. | tane and REA; 11/2 mi. south of | run up a labor bill, when tubes are You can be sure, when I check have other troubles; (whether it h before you leave the shop.) | your radio and tell you that you |
| OR SALE — Youth bed, practically new. Mrs. R. T. Plair. Pho. 125-J. | Four room, near school and churches, \$2,000.00. Another 4-room and bath completely modern house, not very old, gcod | NEED LUMBER-2x4, 2x6, 1x4, 1v6, 1x8, center match, shiplap, kiln- dried flooring; direct mill ship- ments on any amount of common | Merkel. W. T. Curb. VACUUM CLEANER for rent, 75c per day. Farm and Home Supply. | IACK WALKER | 'S RADIO SHOP |
| JRRY-If you want to buy thru as, please place your orders at once, for Martin's or Plainsman combine milo, African millet or | paint and has been well kept in- side and out; better see this, it's worth the money. JONES COUNTY FARM, 112 acres, | yellow pine lumber; inspect our stock; cash and carry. J. W. Ham- mond Lumber Co., Merkel; located in alley behind Ben Franklin store. | | | * |
| Northern Star cottonseed. Farm- ers Coop. Soc. No. 1, Merkel, Texas. DR SALE-John Deere model B | 52. cult., rest good pasture, good well of water but old house; if you've dreamed of owning oil wells, better investigate, this is | AVAILABLE NOW— Rubber punc- ture-sealed tubes and white Side- wall tires, in all popular sizes. | Specials f | or Friday & | Saturday |
| tractor, all equipment. Bill Har- vell, Route 2, Merkel, Texas. E our new Bessell's floor sweep- | in a recent HOT SPOT, \$60.00 per acre. Two good residence lots, near hospi- tal and on paved street. | Magnolia Service Station. SOUTH WIND and Tropic Air heat- ers; for immediate delivery; we in- | FE | BRUARY 20th and 21s | |
| er; easy to operate; saves time and labor, \$6.95 and \$7.95. White Auto Store. | SIMPSON Real Estate and Exchange 1942 Fleetline Aero sedan, excellent | stall same. Magnolia Service Sta- tion. FOR SALE—Batteries for all autos, trucks and tractors, \$3.00 trade-in | CRISPY LETTLICE lo head | d 10c Texas Seedless | IIT. 8 lb. hag 33c |
| st what you have been looking for, brand new 6-room house on Oak street; it will pay you to investi- gate. acres, one of best farms in Tay- | condition; trade in your old car and pay the balance in 15 month- ly payments. Badger Chevrolet Co. NEW AUTO BATTERIES, \$9.95 | on old battery. Dudley's Radio Service. Phone 193. | Texas Green, FIRM | Red Emperor To | |
| or county, just outside city limits, 150 per acre; you will have to ee this to realize its actual value. artment house, consisting of 2 | and up. Nolan Palmer, "Your Mag- nolia Dealer." FOR SALE- State-registered Blue | location; best built house in town; block south new hospital. Ben Sublett. Box 206, Merkel. | | AS CAULIFLOWER, | head 29c |
| hree-room apartments; on south ide, \$3,500; one-half down. bal- nce like rent. acres, five miles of Merkel, fair | Tag Mebane cottonseed; best one can buy; best for this climate. A. J. Canon. | LODGE CALLS Stated meeting of Merkel Chap- ter 212, Order of Eastern Star, will | neu & winte, An | Purpose 25 pound | bag \$1.87 |
| | STEWART-WARNER Radios-Look. listen and be satisfied that they are the best buy on the market; \$19.85 and up. White Auto Store. | be held, Tuesday, Feb. 24, at 7:30 p. m. All members are urged to at- tend. Visiting members cordially in- vited. Mrs. Bryan Dunagin, Acting W. M. | | | bag 43c |
| ARS-ROEBUCK Gold Seal Spot electric refrigerator, in A-1 con- dition. J. M. Spurgin. | FOR SALE-Two-story brick build- ing 40x80, formerly occupied by Sadler Clinic. W. T. Sadler, M. D. | Mrs. Howard Carson, See'y. NOTICE MASONS Stated meeting of Merkel | Pinto Beans, 2 lb | S 25c Red and White Chocolate I Brimfull—Red— | Drops 8 oz pkg 27c |
| OR SALE OR TRADE—'46 Chev- rolet aero sedan; also 3 lots, block from school. Ray Holmes. | and and a second s | And the present. Visiting brethren cor- | Comet | 18c Pie Cherrie | es, No. 2 can28c |
| R SALE— 1941 Super Deluxe Ford coach, good condition. See Edna Horton at Edna's Beauty Shop. | all the pipe, etc. Palmer Tire and | dially invited. C. B. Rust, W. M. Andy Shouse, Sec'y, | Three Minute Oats, 20 oz. pkg. | 15c Imperial Powder Sugar, 16 0 Spudette_Shoes | z. pkg 2 for 25c |
| P. SALE—Farmall regular and equipment; buyer could get place; also '38 Chevrolet for sale. Oscar | | | Sunsweet Large Prunes, 1 lb. pkg. | Dotatoos N | lo. 2½ can 19c |
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| yood improvements, 75 acres of wheat, up and watered, with sale; all minerals intact; 6 miles from own, located in south Swisher | AUTOMOBI | LE RADIO | Red and White Fruit Cocktail, 16 oz | z can 27c Salad Dress | sing, 16 oz. jar 37c |
| county; a real bargain at \$100.00 ber acre, 1-3 cash, balance easy. acres, Swisher county, well lo- cated, extra good improvements, 230 cultivated, all can be cultivat- | 6 | | Sunsweet Prune Juice, qt. bo | ttlo 250 Corn Meal, | 5 lb. bag49c |
| d; irrigation guaranteed in sales ontract, \$105.00 per acre, pos- ession. acres, Floyd county, all cultivat- | | | Dorman BLACKEYED Peas, 16 oz. cans, | Granulated Soap | lg. boxes 35c |
| d, good improvements, and irri- tration sure; \$125.00 per acre; well ocated, and possession at once. E. B. Littlefield, Sr. | - ALARAN | | | washo, Ig. | box |
| Anson, Texas Phone 3751 or 4101 LAMAZOO Gas Ranges; you will have to see to appreciate; butane r natural. White Auto Store. | | | Rich Creamy CRUSTENE | 3 pound can | \$1.09 |
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| OPEN Until 1 A. M. | | 2000 | Dry Salt Jowls, Ib. | | d Bacon, lb. 59c |
| Since re-modeling is completed, | Hore Normat (1): | Norr Low Date 1 | | asts, 39c Pork Loins, | |
| HI-WAY | Here Now at this New Low Price! Only \$43.00 | | Boston Butts 8 lbs up, lb 46c Longhorn Cheese, (S) lb. 55c STAR PURE PORK SAUSAGE 3 pound bag 44c | | |
| CAFE s now open from 5:30 a.m. | | na and Installation) | | SHOSHON 5 POUND BA | <u> </u> |
| until 1 A. M. Your Continued Patronage | Drive in today for a F | - 4 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 | THE RE | D& WHIT | E STORES |
| Will Be Appreciat. | BADGER CHEVRO | Charles and the second states of | WEST COMPANY MERKEL | HAROLD BROWN | Bird's Store |
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MARRIAGE OF BETTY GILBERT. | ladies combined hostess duties for EARL HUGHES, JR., UNITES TWO PROMINENT MERKEL

FAMILIES.

to Earl Hughes, Jr., son of Mr. and than Wood. Mrs. Earl Hughes, Sr.

in branched candelabra.

Nuptial music was furnished by an A Capella chorus from A. C. C. companied Jane Hughes, sister of the bridegroom, who sang, "I Love "Oh Promise Me," and Earlene Bail- guests. ey, who sang, "Because." The chorus also sang the traditional processional and recessional music and hummed "Reverie" during the ceremony.

Given in marriage by her father, dress with pointed neckline, fitted pointed sleeves. She carrid a white orchid.

For something borrowed, she wore a veil belonging to Mrs. George Mack Owens; something blue was a sapphire lavaliere; something old was her Bible, and something new was a white lace handkerchief given her ons. Other tea confections were in by her mother. Mrs. Milton Hughes, blue and white. A room full of hand-Jr., gave her a sixpence to carry for luck

Mrs. R. V. Clark, matron of honor, wore an ice blue dress, and Johnnie McDonald, bridesmaid, a pale yellow dress. Both carried colonial bouquets of blue and yellow carnations. Mrs. Gilbert was dressed in a moss green gabardine suit. Mother of the bridegroom wore an aqua blue gabardine suit. Both wore white carnation corsages.

Best man was Milton Hughes, Jr., J. C. Doss, Jr., was attendant, and Bobby Gilbert, brother of the bride. and George Mack Owens were ushers.

After the ceremony, the parents of the bride were hosts for a reception in the home of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Wilcox,

682 North East 16th. Mrs. R. V. Clark presided at the

In a double ring ceremony at 8 Curington, Bob McDonald, Harry cine" was presented by Mesdames p. m. Thursday, Feb. 12, in the Vine Barnett, Clyde Eager, Joe Nalley, L. Paul West, Weston West and Ear! Street Church of Christ of Abilene, A. Dudley, H. P. Crimm, Murray Betty Gilbert, daughter of Mr. and Toombs, Leroy Eason, M. C. Church. Mrs. Grover Gilbert, was married Truett Perry, Horace Boney and Na-

A pastel, blue and white color Wedding vows were read by Dr. scheme was stressed in all party ap-Paul C. Witt of the Abilene Chris- pointments. A program of appropritian College faculty before an ar- ate musical numbers progressed and rangement of white stock and an guests came and left during the hours archway of greenery dotted with from 7 until 9 p. m. Those appearing white carnations and white tapers on the program were Barbara Mc-Leod, Jimmy Lou McLeod and Del-

ma Sue McLeod, Ken Riney and Joy Lansford, Jean Paine and Mrs. Leon directed by Bob Page. The chorus ac- Walker. Accompanists for the vocal numbers were Mrs. Comer Haynes, Mrs. Sam McLeod and Christine Col-You Truly," Bob Page, who sang, lins. Mrs. R. V. Clark registered

> Mrs. Eager headed the receiving line, presenting the lovely bride, her mother, Mrs. Grover Gilbert, and

Mrs. Earl Hughes, mother of the bridegroom. Members of the house the bride wore a white slipper satin party were Mrs. Rice Jones of Fort Worth, Miss Mary Ruth Hutchison bodice, scalloped waist and long of Abilene, Misses Wilma Paine and Jane Hughes. Mesdames Judd Mcsatin-covered Bible topped with an Reynolds, Murray Toombs, Leroy Eason, M. C. Church, Truett Perry

and Horace Boney.

Miss Johnnie McDonald poured delicious spiced tea from a silver tea service. The table was centered with beautiful blue and white snapdragsome gifts attested the popularity of these two families.

SIX O'CLOCK DINNER. Miss Johnnie McDonald was a most charming hostess Sunday evening. Feb. 8th, entertaining at dinner for Miss Betty Gilbert and Earl Hughes. Jr., in the home of Mrs. J. H. Mc-Donald on Oak street. The table, laid with white linen, was centered with an attractive arrangement of salmon

pink and white gladioluses where a seasonal menu was served in courses to the honorees, Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Hughes of Abilene and Mr. Kenneth Dismuke of Sweetwater.

SHAW-DOAN. Miss Otilla Doan, daughter of Mr.

and Mrs. Carl Doan.

THE MERKEL MAIL

d wafers, cherry tarts and coffee were served after a series of games in which progressive "42" was en- of the First Baptist church met on joyed by Messrs, and Mesdames Ber- Menday afternoon for a Royal Serv nard Clark, Vernon Horton, Jack ice program. Topic for the month Dawson West and W. J. Derstine. | was: "The Unfinished Task in Our

FORTNIGHTLY STUDY CLUB. Mrs. Edwin Read was hostess to

members of the Fortnightly Study club, Tuesday afternoon, entertainthis gift party. They were Mesdames | ing at the Community Center. Beau-R. A. McCollum, Joe Stalls, George | tiful gladioluses decorated the club Woodrum, Judd McReynolds, Henry rcoms where a program on "Medi-Lassiter.

"The Challenge of Functional Disease" was most sympathetically discussed by Mrs. Paul West. "Vitamins" was the topic presented in an informative discourse by Mrs. Weston West. "Junior in Reverse," as discussed by Mrs. Lassiter, was enlightening and stressed the home influence, after which Mrs. W. T. Sadler read "Home" by Edgar A. Guest, as the inspirational.

Those present were Mesdames S D. Gamble, Vincent Barnett, Geo. T. Moore, Elma McFarland, H. C. West, D. H. Vaughn, Paul West, Weston West, Powell Miller, Earl Lassiter, Judd McReynolds, Johnny Cox, Carroll Benson, Comer Haynes, Grif Barnett, Chester Collinsworth, Weldon McAninch and W. T. Sadler and Miss Christine Collins.

BAPTIST W. M. S. The Woman's Missionary society Homeland.'

As the opening song, "Take the Name of Jesus With You" was sung. Mrs. W. A. McCandless led the openng prayer and the program was in charge of the Floy Hawkins Circle. Mrs. Dunning McConnell gave the devotional from Joshua 13:1-7 18:1-7.

Mrs. Horace Boney, program chairman, gave a talk on "The Urgency of the Task," Mrs. E. M. Weathers discussed "The Home Mission Task." and Mrs. Mack Tucker's topic was "The Task Unfinished." Mrs. E. M. Weathers closed the meeting with prayer.

Present were Mesdames William Bradford, J. O. Castles, J. S. Swann, A. R. Booth, H. R. Hicks, P. F Harris, W. T. Sadler, Lige Harris, Irl Walker, E. O. Carson J. A. Kuykendall. Don Riney. W. L. Johnson and the above mentioned.

The next meeting will be by Cin les. Blanche Rose Walker Circle wil meet with Mrs. E. O. Carson and Floy Hawkins Circle will meet with Mrs. E. M. Weathers, Monday after noon, Feb. 23, at 2:30.

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Friday. February 20, 1948.

Cream Pie

register. Mrs. Owens and Miss Mc- Shaw, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Donald served cake, and Mrs. Rice Shaw, were married Monday, Feb. Jones, Jr., and Mrs. Milton Hughes, 9, at 8:30 p. m. in the office of Jus-Jr., ladled punch. tice of Peace, Mrs. N. D. Cobb.

Attendants were Mr. and Mrs. R. Mrs. Hughes is a graduate of Merkel High school. She was a student B. Mashburn, brother-in-law and two years at Texas Technological sister of the bridegroom, Miss Maxine Doan, sister of the bride, and college, where she was a member of the Spanish and choral club and the J. T. Burns.

DFD social club. At present she is Otilla graduated from Merkel High employed at Abilene Log Service. school in 1945 and has been employed The bridegroom was graduated as an operator in the local telephone

from Stamford high school, and at- office for the past two years. Warren, who attended school at tended John Tarleton college before he served three and a half years in Stith, spent 18 months in the Army. the Army Air Force. He is now a The couple left Tuesday for Prosjunior at Hardin-Simmons. ser, Wash., where Mr. Shaw has ac-

The couple is at home at 1417 cepted employment. South Third. Abilene.

COUPLES CLASS SOCIAL.

TWILIGHT TEA COMPLIMENTS Members of the friendship Couples MRS. EARL HUGHES, JR. class of Grace Presbyterian church Mrs. Clyde Eager opened her home

were entertained Tuesday night with in gracious hospitality Tuesday eve- a "42" party in the home of Mr. and ning, entertaining with a twilight Mrs. Jack Dawson West, with Jack tea in honor of Merkel's newest bride, West and W. J. Derstine as hosts. Mrs. Earl Hughes, Jr. Seventeen A delicious refreshment plate of sal-



Don't Miss "YOU WERE MEANT FOR ME" Coming Soon.

Pound 39c 1 pound jar _ 23c Broadcast: February 21, 1948 1 cup water 2 eggs, separat 21/4 teaspoons No. 2 can pitte cherries **Motts Apple** Pork & Beans, No. 2 can 10c Melt butter; blend in mixture of !! cup sugar, cornstarch and salt. Stir JUICE, qt. ..15c Phillips SOUPS, can 9c in mixture of milk and water. Place over boiling water. Cook 20 min. af-KED PEACHE ter water again boils, stirring often. Stir into beaten egg yolks; cook and stir 2 min. longer. Add vanilla. Cool. DEL MONTE HUNT'S 46 oz. can PRUNES No. 1 tall baked pastry shell. Cover with cooled custard. Beat egg whites until stiff. Beat in slowly ¼ cup sugar. Spread on custard. Bake in slow oven (300° F.) 15 min., or until lightly browned. **TOMATO Juice** 23c can 15c LITTLE FARMER- Whole Kernel No. 21/2 jar 19c CORN, No. 2 can 13c *Cherries can be cooked or canned **ORANGE and GRAPEFRUIT** and either the sweet, sour or tart ve-15c can SPINACH, No. 2 can 9c CHERRIES 27c SUGAR TEJOS 88c HOMINY, No. 2 can 9c Sweet PEAS, No. 2 can .. 10c PI DO 14c CHOICE MEATO OTHERS PURE UATS Pork SAUSAGE, lb. CRISE AUCE SLICED BACON LETTUCE, head FRESH TALL KORN, pound 55c COCONUTS, each 15c. Swift's PREMIUM, lb. 65c Box 39c Bacon ENDS, pound 39c WASHINGTON APPLES pound . 8c SLICED ALL BRANDS BOLOGNA, all meat, lb. 39c WHIPPLE'S_ Direct OLEO TREE RIPENED FRESH **Red GRAPEFRUIT** GROUND BEEF, Ib. 12c 45c pound SEEDLESS SKINLESS 39c WIENERS, pound ORANGES. 39c pound _____12c We Reserve the Right to Limit Quantities WE ARE following the N Gro. & market down on all the charges of price daily. So when you come to buy you can be sure of **Choice Meats -:- Fresh Vegetables** We Deliver Phone **Fancy Grub** Mon & Fri 250 -:--:-