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## SPONSORS PLAY GAME CARNIVAL FRIDAY, MAR. 12

For the purpose of raising funds to purchase a large "ditto machine" for use of the entire school system, the Merkel Parent-Teacher association is sponsoring a play game carnival on the night of Friday, Mar. 12, and the public is cordially invited to attend and lend their support to this cause.

Entertainment is to be provided both at the gymnasium and the band house: at the gymnasium for all parents and youngsters through Grammar School age; at the band house, entertainment and games for High School students and their sponsors. Admission will be 30 cents for High School students, and there will be tennis, "42" and other games in a party effect for them.

In the gymnasium, there will be "42" games for adults, price 60 cents for adults. There will also be games and entertainment for pre-school children and for children through Grammar School age, without charge. A bingo game will be in progress in the gymnasium for every one that wishes to play, with a small fee. High School students are welcome to play bingo at the gym if they wish. Cold drinks, hot dogs, candy and popcorn will be for sale at both places.

Not to be overlooked is the "Beauty and Beast" contest, to be staged during the evening in the gymnasium, when the most beautiful woman and the ugliest man will be selected. A fee of 25 cents will be charged for nominations, with votes to be purchased at a cent apiece.

Tickets will be sold through the schools and there will be salesmen downtown to sell tickets. If you don't have your ticket when you go, you may get them at the door.

Time—7:30 p. m. Every one is invited and the Merkel P-T. A. wishes you to come and have a good time.

## David Gamble Head Local Red Cross Drive

Announcement was made by President Earl Hughes at the Lions club luncheon Tuesday that David Gamble would serve as local chairman of the Red Cross Fund drive, for which the club has assumed the sponsorship.

These five committees were named by Chairman Gamble: W. O. Boney, D. Grimes, Nolan Palmer; Joe Cypert, Herman Carson, P. W. Miller; J. L. Fisher, Horace Boney, Ben Hicks; Johnny Hammonds, Meyer Mellinger, E. L. McLeod; Jack Miller, Clyde Bartlett; Chester Collinsworth.

A fund of \$250 was raised by subscriptions of Lions and other business men to pay a bonus in buying calves of Merkel FFA boys at the Taylor County Livestock show.

A committee of three, C. A. Farley, Doyle Seifried, E. L. McLeod, was named to map out the city as an aid to the Boy Scouts in their undertaking to number houses.

Guests of the club were: Mrs. J. F. Miller and Mrs. W. D. Hutcheson, from the Merkel Garden club; Rev. W. Harrison Baker, of Dallas, now holding the Methodist revival here, and Rev. R. L. Butler, the pastor, and Jim Nettis, field scout executive of the Boy Scouts.

## New Doctor Added To Hospital Staff

Dr. W. T. Sadler this week announced the addition of Dr. Houston Byrd, formerly of Austin, to the staff of the Sadler Clinik-Hospital as a partner. The new physician is due to arrive Friday.

A graduate of Baylor Medical school, Dr. Byrd served a rotating internship at Charity hospital, New Orleans, La., before entering the Army, where he served more than two years. For the past year he has been chief resident physician at Brackenridge hospital, Austin. He has a wife and two children.

Mrs. R. L. Allen, a registered nurse, who has been making her home here a short while, assumed duties Monday with the hospital staff.

## Revival to Continue Through Sunday Night

Great interest is being shown in the revival meeting now in progress at the Methodist church. Rev. W. Harrison Baker, pastor of the Oak Cliff Methodist church, Dallas, is conducting the evangelistic services, which large crowds are attending.

The services will continue twice daily, at 10 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. through Sunday evening, the pastor, Rev. R. L. Butler, announces.

## PREACHES HERE ON ANNIVERSARY OF FIRST SERMON

Dr. Elmer D. Landreth, Now District Superintendent, Returns For Sermon in Church Where He Entered Ministry.

Dr. Elmer D. Landreth, district superintendent of the Amarillo district of the Methodist church, who preached his first sermon Feb. 29, 1920, in the Merkel Methodist church returned to this church Sunday afternoon to deliver his 28th anniversary sermon—the first fifth Sunday in February since that first sermon was given.

Dr. Landreth read the same Scripture lesson—the 12th chapter of Romans, on "Consecration"—that he had read for his first sermon.

In the congregation were some 125 persons who had been members of the church when Dr. Landreth began his ministry, and these were seated in a reserved section.

Cyrus Pee took the lead in the plans for the anniversary program, assisted by Mrs. W. D. Hutcheson, Andy Shouse, Mrs. W. C. Church, Miss Lottie Butman and Miss Betty Jane Tittle. As choir leader, Cyrus Pee directed the congregational singing, with Mrs. Earl Beech, as pianist, and the opening prayer was led by Rev. M. L. Boyd, pastor of the Methodist church, Abilene, and former pastor here.

In response to invitation of the pastor, Rev. R. L. Butler, personal testimonies to the services and usefulness of Dr. Landreth and of memories of the Merkel church were given by Mrs. Hutcheson, Herbert Patterson, Mrs. Clyde Sears of Abilene and W. C. Church.

Among others mentioned who had gone out from Merkel church into the ministry were Dr. C. A. Bickley, now of Lubbock, Revs. Roy and J. V. Patterson, Russell Pike and Paul Collins.

Following a vocal solo by Roy Largent, "Sunrise," with Mrs. Edwin E. Read as accompanist, Dr. Orion W. Carter, district superintendent of the Abilene district, made the introduction of Dr. Landreth as "his personal friend."

In beginning his anniversary sermon, the speaker said that a lot of water can run under the bridge in 28 years. "Many of the older members have gone on to their reward and other new members have come to take their places, but, while I remained in Merkel but one year, such was the warmth of this church and the good people of Merkel that I always look back to it as home."

The late Dr. W. M. Murrell was pastor of the church at the time Dr. Landreth decided to become a preacher. A few months after his first sermon, the conference licensed him to preach, which was in the spring of 1920, and he was assigned to the Dumont circuit.

Accompanying Dr. Landreth were his wife, their son, Murrell, student in McMurry college, and his wife, and T. E. Landreth of Abilene, a brother. Dr. Landreth has a sister, Mrs. Roy Baccus, living here, and a brother-in-law, Oda Clark, wife of his deceased sister, and his family.

## Grammar School Head Re-Elected 3-Year Term

At Tuesday night's meeting of the board of the Merkel Independent School district, C. A. Farley, principal of the Grammar school, was re-elected for a three-year term beginning in September of this year, following the completion of a three-year contract.

## Apr. 3 Election Date For School Trustees

An election to be held Saturday, Apr. 3, to name two trustees of the Merkel Independent School district has been ordered by the board.

Terms of Clyde Bartlett and Buster Horton expire this year. Hold-over trustees and the terms to which they were elected are: Weldon McAninch, M. H. Ely, 1949, and Bryan Dunagin, Riggs Sheppard, Dewel McLean, 1950.

One trustee at large will be elected to the county school board, and this year Merkel will also vote on this office. James E. Freeman is the present trustee at large and is board chairman. Ollie Higgins, present member from Precinct No. 2, was elected last year for a two-year term.

## BOY SCOUTS TO TAKE OVER CITY RULE SATURDAY

As a practice session, in order to get a line on procedure when Boy Scouts take charge of the city government for a day, Saturday, Mar. 6, the duly elected administrative officers, Dale Doan as mayor, and Bobby Mayfield, Sessions Hammond, Johnny Hammond, Eddie Breaux and Harlan Jones, aldermen, attended Monday night's meeting of the city council, at which Mayor A. J. Canon and all members of the board were present.

John Mansfield, chief of the Merkel Volunteer Fire department, appeared before the council in the interest of bettering the conditions under which the present system operates, and acting upon his suggestions the aldermen voted unanimously to allow the driver of the fire truck two days off each month and also that the fireboys be paid 50 cents, each night they are present for practice. (Only pay now received by the volunteers is \$1.00 for a wet fire, that is, when the hose is laid.)

Earl Hughes and Bob Hicks were appointed as a committee to see about the cost, etc., of purchasing a new city truck.

## 1948-49 Prospects Nip Noodle as Season Ends

The basketball season for 1947-48 for the local high school was closed Monday night on the local court when Coach Benson's next year's aggregation came from behind in the last quarter to nip the Noodle five, 30-28.

Burl McCoy and Donald Douglas with 10 points each paced the locals' attack.

Mrs. Myrtle Woolley's second string sextet lost a thrilling 15-14 decision to the Noodle reserves and the local "A" club annexed a hard-earned 20-18 victory over the Noodle regulars. Referees: Sledge and Shoemaker.

Coach Benson turned his attentions this week to trying to scrape up a track team to compete in the District meet which will be held at the local stadium on Saturday, Apr. 3. This will be the first time in "many a moon" that Merkel has had a track team and Coach Benson summed up the situation by stating: "We will participate."

## Mrs. Annie Mayes

Mrs. Annie Mayes, 60, who had resided in the Noodle community 27 years, died at 10:10 p. m. Friday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Clayton Dillard of Noodle, after an illness of five months.

Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Sunday from the Methodist church here, with the pastor, Rev. R. L. Butler, officiating, assisted by Rev. L. V. Rathoff, of Abilene, pastor of the Baptist church at Noodle. Burial was in Rose Hill cemetery, under direction of the Barrow-Sheppard Funeral home.

Pallbearers were Chester Lucas, Edgar Lucas, Grady Bishop, Troy Sloan, Louie Herring and Vessie Justice.

Mrs. Mayes' maiden name was Mary Annie Patterson. She was born Oct. 24, 1887, in Choctaw, Miss., and came to Texas with her parents in 1900. She was married to Walter Mayes, Oct. 15, 1907, at Haskell. Mrs. Mayes was converted at the age of 14.

Survivors are one daughter, Mrs. Dillard; four sons, Don of Texas City, Winford of Abilene, Ellwood (Buck) of San Antonio and Wayne of Noodle; two sisters, Mrs. Bill Norris of Odessa and Mrs. Clark Pevehouse of Dallas; two brothers, Jim and Sam Patterson of Kemp, and four grandchildren.

## Merkel Boy's Steer Wins at Stamford

Marvin Holloway, Merkel FFA boy, showed a calf at the Stamford Stock show last Saturday. The calf, a Hereford, was champion dry lot steer and also reserve champion of the show.

Marvin did not sell his calf at auction, but is going to show him at the Abilene Fat Stock show Mar. 6-10.

Record of Births  
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Bradley, Jr., Thursday, February 26, 1948.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Douglas, Friday, February 27, 1948.  
Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Sanders, Monday, March 1, 1948.

## BITES THURSDAY FOR MRS. H. E. FARMER, AGE 74

Pioneer Mulberry Canyon Settler Claimed by Death Wednesday Morning at Her Home; Husband, Eight Sons Survive.

Mrs. H. E. Farmer, 74, pioneer settler of Mulberry Canyon, passed away at 10 a. m. Wednesday at her home.

Funeral services were held at 3 p. m. Thursday from the Merkel Church of Christ, with the minister, Troy M. Cummings, officiating, assisted by Rev. R. L. Butler, pastor of the Methodist church. Burial was in Rose Hill cemetery, under direction of the Barrow-Sheppard Funeral home.

Her maiden name was Susie Frances Boden and she was born Jan. 10, 1874, in Farmersville, Tenn. She was married to H. Eddie Farmer of the same town on Dec. 7, 1894, and they came to Texas in 1900. Born into this union were eight children, all living.

Survivors include the husband, eight sons: Adrian, Ira, Arlton and Lewis, all of Merkel, Murray of Lawn, Whit of Hermleigh, Bell of Las Cruces, N. M., and H. E. Farmer, Jr., of Dallas; one sister, Mrs. J. F. Abernathy, Merkel; five brothers, Oliver Boden, Walter Boden, Bob Boden, all of Merkel, Johnny Bell Boden, of Corona, Calif., and Hurley Boden, of Shep; 14 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Also surviving is a nephew, J. B. Boden, whom she had raised in her home.

Six grandsons served as pallbearers: Eddie, James, Travis, Rudolph, J. H. and M. H. Farmer, Jr.

## Bert Melton

Bert Melton, 55, who had been local distributing agent for the Abilene Reporter-News for the past five years, died at 8:20 a. m. last Friday in Sadler Hospital after an illness of several weeks. He had suffered a heart attack on Jan. 14 and a second attack on Feb. 8.

Funeral services were held at 3 p. m. Saturday from the First Baptist church, with Rev. Levi W. Price, of Tahoka, former pastor here, officiating, assisted by Rev. R. L. Butler, Methodist pastor. Burial was in Rose Hill cemetery, under direction of the Barrow-Sheppard Funeral home.

Active pallbearers were Geo. T. Moore, Vincent Barnett, Ralph Turple, Louis Perkins, William Wade and George Reidenbach, veterans of World War II. Honorary pallbearers were Vernon Simpson, T. J. Bird, H. K. Farr and Grady Bond, veterans of the first world war.

Bert Melton was born Sept. 27, 1892, in Kosse, Limestone county. A veteran of World War I, he served 14 months overseas. He had been a resident of Merkel since 1928 and resigned his position as agent with the Abilene paper Feb. 1 on account of his illness.

He was married Aug. 11, 1920, to the former Lois Dishman, of Merkel. He was converted and joined the Baptist church in 1932.

Survivors include his wife; twin sons, Glynn and Lynn; three brothers, Will of Abilene, Leslie of Anson and Jack of Fort Worth.

## Two Homes on Oak Street Change Hands

In a deal closed Saturday, Vernon B. Simpson Real Estate exchange completed the sale of the Herbert Patterson home on Oak street to the Stanolind Oil and Gas company. Consideration was \$8,000. The Pattersons have taken one of the Carson duplex apartments.

Dowdy and Toombs Monday reported the sale of the Homer Newby home on Oak street to Alvin Wozencraft. Possession is to be given in about 30 days.

## Bryan Dunagin Is Getting Along Nicely

Bryan Dunagin, who suffered a heart attack Friday afternoon while attending a session of the State Highway commission at Austin, is getting along nicely at Sadler Hospital where he was brought Saturday.

In the party with him were W. C. Church, Riggs Sheppard and M. E. West, who appeared before the highway body in the interest of a proposed farm-to-market road in the sixth area.

## TWO DAY CAMPAIGN SET TO RAISE PROPOSED BUDGET OF \$7,500 FOR MERKEL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Saturday Last Day For Filing in City Election, Apr. 6

Three candidates, J. F. Miller, J. L. White and B. T. Sublett, had filed their names up to Thursday morning for the office of aldermen, with three places to be filled in the city election Apr. 6.

The last date for filing is Saturday, Mar. 6.

Present incumbents, whose terms expire this year are Joe Cypert, O. B. Leach and Johnny Hammonds. Holdover aldermen are Earl Hughes and Bob Hicks. Mayor A. J. Canon was elected last year for a two-year term.

## Wildcat Started on Bird Farm, Mile East

Drilling has already started on a new Taylor County wildcat a mile east of town, the Geochemical Surveys and Twin Oil Co., No. 1 T. J. Bird. On permit for 4,000 feet with rotary, the well is to go to the Palo Pinto unless production is found at a shallower depth.

Northeast of town, a southeast extension try for the Patterson pool, the S. C. Herring No. 1 H. W. Hester is being rigged up. The test will try for production in the Dothan, or from the Flippin if the shallower formation is not productive. Permit is for 3,000 feet.

## Merkel P-TA Changes Meeting to Mar. 9

The Merkel Parent-Teacher association will meet Tuesday night, Mar. 9, instead of Friday night, Mar. 12, as announced in the yearbook. The meeting is to be held in the Grammar School auditorium.

Mrs. P. C. Wylie is program leader and four High School students will give talks. Then the first, second and third grades will give a program consisting of a play, songs and folk dances.

All members and all parents are invited and urged to attend. A meeting of the executive board is set for 7 p. m., and a short business session will begin at 7:30 p. m.

## Rainfall Last Week Three-Fourths Inch

Following showers Tuesday night last week that produced three-eighths of an inch of moisture, an equal amount was added Thursday night, to bring last week's total rainfall to three-fourths of an inch.

The second visitation was accompanied by a violent wind, with a heavy downpour for a few minutes early in the night.

### MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From Files of The Merkel Mail, March 9, 1928.)

Wade Darsey, valuable employee in the local post office, spent Sunday and Monday attending the Stock show and visiting relatives in Fort Worth.

Messrs. Fred Baker, Twyman and John Collins and B. P. Middleton, Jr., returned first of the week from a visit to the Fat Stock show.

Marvin Mayfield, who for the past year has been one of the valuable and accommodating employees of the West Texas Utilities company of this city, left this week for Tuscola, where he is to be manager for the company in that city. Marvin is one of our finest young men and is making good with this great public utilities company. Yes, he is just the kind of young man to be found in the employ of this company.

Mrs. Eugene Hargrove, Abilene, is here this week visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt. The latter having been quite sick for several days but reported as better at this writing.

Mrs. Dewey Brown of Abilene was here this week, the guest of her father, Mr. and Mrs. Brown, both of whom formerly resided in Merkel

Steering Committee to Visit Firms and Others Vitaly Interested in Success of Project Next Tuesday and Wednesday

Every business and professional man in Merkel is asked by the steering committee of nine men in whose hands were placed the responsibility of making preliminary plans and suggesting a budget for the proposed Merkel chamber of commerce, to give careful study to the plan, full details of which were outlined in last week's issue of The Mail.

The committee, which did this work of scheduling assessments to meet the anticipated budget, incorporating a paid secretary-manager as the major item on the expense side, now has the task of approaching the business concerns to find if the plans meet their approval, viz., by signing on the dotted line.

Two days next week—Tuesday and Wednesday, Mar. 9-10—have been set aside for this purpose, and the committee asks that each one interested inform himself of these plans by a careful study, hoping for a practically 100 per cent endorsement and support, based on the interest that has been shown.

Approximately 100 business firms and professional men are included in the list of potential members, with assessments beginning at the top at \$150 annually and ranging down, \$100, \$75, \$50, \$25 and down to \$10. Besides these more than 100 sponsors, it is also contemplated that from 25 to 50 individual memberships may be secured at the \$10 figure.

Among prospective objectives of such an organization, the committee cites: (1) Roads and highways; (2) Relieving the house shortage; (3) Motel or hotel facilities; (4) Locating oil well supply houses here; (5) Program of public relations, and (6) Planned program of publicity.

Personnel of the steering committee includes 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.

## Goodman HD Club to Sponsor Auction Sale

The Goodman Home Demonstration club is sponsoring an auction sale Mar. 20 at the home of Mrs. Odell Freeman. Every one is invited and all kinds of pretty handwork, crochet, etc., will be for sale. Tell your friends. "Let's be there by 2:30."

## Pie and Box Supper.

There is to be a pie and box supper at White Church Methodist church, Tuesday, Mar. 9. Every one is invited to come. Coffee free to every one.

### MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

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are this week moving to Quanah, he having a splendid position with the West Texas Utilities company, which company is building a large power plant near Quanah.

Mr. C. T. Beckham of Trent was a guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Haynes last Thursday for a dinner.

Dewey A. Mayhew, Abilene high school coach, and his wife visited their parents, Rev. and Mrs. W. J. Mayhew, last week-end.

Last Sunday relatives of Mr. Jim Perry of the Golan community began arriving about 10:30 with presents and eats to Mr. Perry's great surprise.

At the noon hour a bountiful feast was served. The cake was covered with tiny pink candles. It was whispered 45 but Mr. Perry wouldn't say, and when he blew the candles out he was told he would live to be 96 years of age.

Lunch was served to Mr. Roland Toombs and family, Mr. Hurley Toombs and family, Mr. Bud Perry and family, Joe Seymour and wife, Grandmother Perry and L. C. Williams and wife of Golan and John Hill, Abilene.



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**Title Enters Race For Commissioner**

To the Voters of Precinct No. 2  
I am offering myself as a candidate for the office of county commissioner, Precinct 2, subject to the Democratic primary in July.

Realizing that it is one of the most important offices in the county and after having been solicited by many of my friends, I have decided to make the race.

I am asking for this office solely on my merits and fitness as a practical business man. I realize the duties and responsibilities of this office are great and I also see the opportunities that a man has to help build up the community in which he lives.

I shall give some of the things I plan to do if and when I am elected:

First, to be courteous and co-operative with the other commissioners and the county judge, so that we may all do our best to take care of the county's affairs and to plan for the future of our county and its citizens.

Next, if elected, I intend to give you a fair and a constructive administration. I think the roads are the crying need of today. The people deserve it and will demand it. The times have changed so that it is a real necessity.

Since most all the children from the country are being brought to the schools on buses that make their rounds twice a day, it is very important that we have good roads and safe culverts and bridges to avoid any possible accidents that might happen.

The R. F. D. carriers want and should have all-weather roads. "Every" farmer wants and should have good roads to his place. He needs to market his produce and bring his crop to market over them and so that the trucks that serve him with gas, oil and Butane can get to him in most any kind of good or bad weather.

I think good roads are one of the largest assets that a town and country can have.

We are fortunate to have the natural resources right here in our own precinct, to build these roads and I would appreciate and enjoy the opportunity to build them.

Being a member of the Commissioners' court is a very honorable position and a man should treat it as such; to every tax-payer and good citizen will say, we have a lot in common.

Your interest will be my interest, and if elected with your help and cooperation we will make these plans come true.

It is along these lines that I ask your vote and influence.

Rufe Tittle

**County HD Agent Guest.**

Trent, Mar. 4.—Miss Myra Tankersley, county agent, gave demonstrations on wall paper and how to make a bath mat when the Trent 4-H club met Thursday of last week in the school lunch room.

**CARD OF THANKS.**

We wish to thank our many friends for their words of comfort and many acts of kindness in the loss of our baby, also for the food and lovely flowers.

May God bless you all is our prayer.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Seago.  
Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Seago.  
Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Seago.  
Mr and Mrs. Zed Bright.

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HATS OFF TO:  
Merkel High School Slide Rule Club, coached  
by Hoyt Byrd



J. S. Varner, cooperator in the North Sixth Conservation group, has recently planted 6 acres of Madrid sweet clover as a soil improving crop and for grazing. This is the second planting of sweet clover Mr. Varner has made on his farm. He harvested second year Madrid sweet clover last summer. This planting was made with a grass drill at the rate of 2 pounds seed per acre and planted in regular width rows. Mr. Varner states that he is going to observe the value of sweet clover to his land this year as he has planted wheat following a field devoted to sweet clover for two consecutive years.

H. F. Jeffrey, cooperator in the North Golan Conservation group, having about 80 acres of cedar eradicator this week. This planting was made with a small seed planting attachment to regular planter and planted in rows at the rate of 2 pounds seed per acre. This planting was made on bottomland soil adjoining a 9 acre field of alfalfa. The alfalfa has done remarkably well this past year furnishing 2 cuttings prior to the summer drought and has furnished good quality grazing since November.

G. D. Davis, cooperator in the North Golan Conservation group, has 10 acres of winter peas as a winter cover and soil improving crop. This was planted at an extra heavy rate in order to furnish good ground cover and early spring grazing.

W. A. Daniels, cooperator in the South Trent Conservation group, is having about 80 acres of cedar eradicated on his range land with a bulldozer. Mr. Daniel states that this method of cedar eradication is a cheap, effective manner of removing cedar. He estimates that the total cost is running about five to six dollars per acre on a 55% infestation. Mr. Daniel is using a good follow-up on this work by hand seeding or broadcasting buffalo and yellow blue stem grasses in the pits made by removing the trees. This cooperater has also constructed about 7,000 linear feet of spreader terraces of dams on one of flat pasture areas which is affected by 3,000 acres of outside water. He is seeding these dams to buffalo grass.

**High School Organizes Slide Rule Team**

Organizing one of the first slide rule teams in this part of the country, Merkel High school is attempting to win fame in the Inter-Scholastic League. There are only two other teams in this district, one of them containing only one member.

This competitive course, which meets daily after regular school activities have ceased, is under the direction of Hoyt Byrd, normally occupied in the capacity of shop director. This class has been in session slightly over a month. The short time in which the class will be open and the amount of work that must be done has kept all the would-be contestants in this course busy.

Abilene high school also has a newly organized slide-rule team, with which the local team has been trying to engage in a friendly contest. The only other team in this district is Stamford, which has a one student team. This student is a district winner from last year, however.

**PERSONALS**

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Patterson, Frank and Maxine, and Mr. and Mrs. John Meeks visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Meeks of Big Spring on Sunday, Feb. 22. On the following week-end, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Meeks and son, J. E., visited in the Meeks home at Big Spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Wes Derstine, of Lamesa, former residents here, visited last week-end in the home of Mrs. Bessie Derstine.

Lee Ponder and family have removed to Cisco, where he is employed by a pipe line contractor. The Ponders have bought a home at Cisco.

Mrs. C. A. Meredith of Alvarado is visiting with her sister, Mrs. E. R. Foster.

Mrs. D. W. Ashby, formerly of Merkel and now residing in Abilene, spent Tuesday in the home of Mrs. C. P. Stevens and also visited with other friends.

Guests for two weeks with her grandmother, Mrs. Myrtle Boden, are Mrs. Ocie Day and daughter, Ann, of Chandler, Okla.

After spending three weeks at home, part of which time was in the Sadler hospital for treatment, Miss Dorothy Jackson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. I. Jackson, returned Saturday to Dallas, where she is employed in the Veterans Administration office.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Murphree have returned from a visit with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and A. L. McKee, of Austin. Harold Cox, who accompanied his parents, went on to Bryan to visit a friend, with whom he was in service overseas.

Recent guests of Mrs. R. J. Miller and Mrs. Bob Robertson were their sisters, Mrs. E. Doyle Garrett of Waco and Mrs. G. H. Bullock of Hamilton. Upon her return to Hamilton, Mrs. Bullock was to complete plans for going to Japan to be with her daughter, Mrs. Wayne Law, overseas with her husband, Mrs. Bullock is to leave Seattle Mar. 7 by plane for Japan.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ensminger have returned from Lewiston, Idaho, where they visited with Mr. Ensminger's sister, Mrs. Ruth Sapp.

Mrs. Selma Russell returned last week from Littlefield, having accompanied her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Redwine, who were removing from Abilene to that city, where he has bought a gin. Jackie Brown accompanied Dick Lindsey to Fort Worth for the Week-end.

**Monthly Statement of the CITY OF MERKEL**

For February  
Showing Receipts for the month of February, 1948, and expenses for the month of January, 1948, paid in February.

RECEIPTS	
Taxes	\$ 882.73
Water revenue	612.60
Sewer revenue	395.65
Meter deposits	70.06
Occupation Lic.	30.50
Water and sewer main taps	60.00
Fines	15.70
Maintainer service	9.58
Miscellaneous	3.94
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,082.70</b>
On hand, Feb. 1, 1948	4,548.26
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,630.96</b>

DISBURSEMENTS	
Administrative	\$ 224.68
Water department	361.21
Sewer department	110.25
Sanitary department	265.69
Street department	433.59
Fire department	133.57
Police department	272.00
Lights, city hall	12.38
Street lights	147.95
Signal lights	5.25
Relief office expense	71.07
Meter refunds	30.00
Miscellaneous	2.38
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,069.98</b>

Cash in general fund,  
Mar. 1, 1948 \$4,560.98  
REFUNDING BOND ACCOUNT  
On hand, Feb. 1, 1948 \$17,264.36  
From taxes in Feb. 589.15  
On hand, Mar. 1, 1948 \$17,853.51  
W. M. ELLIOTT,  
City Secretary.

**RURAL SOCIETY**

GOODMAN CLUB.

The Goodman Home Demonstration club met in the home of Mrs. G. C. Blair, with eleven members, one new member and four visitors were present.

The program was on "New Driving Laws," given by Mrs. Karl Bonneaux, Mrs. J. A. St. John and Mrs. H. H. Windham. Mrs. St. John, Mrs. Windham and Mrs. Hodges went to training meeting on "Good Grooming." Mrs. Henry Ueckert and Mrs. Odell Freeman were elected clothing demonstrators.

Games were played and songs sung, directed by Mrs. Blair.

Mrs. Windham was elected as delegate to the meeting of the Texas Home Demonstration association to be held Apr. 20.

The next meeting will be on Mar. 12, with Mrs. J. A. St. John.

A refreshment plate of cherry pie topped with whipped cream, coffee and cocoa was served.

**Sheppard Asks Return As State Comptroller**

Austin, Mar. 4.—State Comptroller George H. Sheppard has announced he will be a candidate for reelection in next summer's Democratic primaries.

Sheppard, originally from Sweetwater, was Nolan County tax assessor and collector before becoming state comptroller on Mar. 24, 1936.

Outside of several members of the higher judiciary, Sheppard has the longest service of any state official.

**Trent FFA Member Has Champion Barrow**

Trent, Mar. 4.—Weldon Steen, member of the Trent chapter of Future Farmers of America, showed his Durac barrow to the championship of the lightweight class and then went on to win reserve champion with the barrow at the Stamford District Livestock show held Saturday, Feb. 28.

**Registration of Cars Here March 12-13**

As a convenience to car owners in Merkel and the surrounding communities, Tax Assessor-Collector Raymond Petree has announced that deputies from his office will be here Friday and Saturday, Mar. 12-13, for the registration of cars. If convenient, he asks that owners bring registration and title papers.

Representatives from the tax office will visit Trent, Tuesday, Mar. 16.

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**Funeral for Mrs. W. F. Cagle Here Friday**

Funeral services for Mrs. W. F. Cagle, the former Margie Lee Griffin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Griffin, Sr., Route 1, Merkel, who died Tuesday night in San Antonio, will be held at 2 p. m. Friday from the Merkel Church of Christ.

Barrow-Sheppard Funeral home will be in charge of the funeral services.

**CARD OF THANKS.**

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to friends and neighbors for the love and sympathy shown us during the illness and death of our dear mother; especially do we wish to thank Dr. Gardner for his faithful efforts. We also appreciate very much the lovely flowers.

May God's richest blessings be upon you all.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dillard and Family.

The Mayes Sons, Don, Winfred, Ellwood and Wayne.

**West Farm Machinery Adds Storage Room**

A 20x30 storage room, to be used also for painting and wash operations, is being erected in the rear of the West Farm Machinery Company store.

The structure will be built of concrete blocks, with Clarence Perry as contractor.

**Promoted to Corporal.**

J. D. Fox, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Fox, who is a member of the 323rd Army band at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, has been promoted to the rating of corporal.

**CARD OF THANKS.**

We wish to express our sincere thanks for the love and sympathy shown us in the illness and death of our beloved husband and father, and for the lovely flowers which were sent to mark his last resting place.

May God's richest blessings rest upon all of you is our prayer.

Mrs. Bert Melton and Children.

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## BUTANE CONSUMERS ARE WARNED TO DOUBLE THEIR STORAGE TANKS

Austin, Mar. 4.—If Texas is to avert a recurrence of its butane gas shortage the present indicated home storage facilities will have to be more than doubled before next winter, William J. (Bill) Murray, Jr., chairman of the Governor's Emergency Fuel commission, warned Tuesday.

The present indicated potential of home storage facilities for the state is a little more than 52,000,000 (M) gallons, he said. He recommended that if the state is to avoid another crisis in its supply of butane fuel, this amount must be increased by approximately 75,000,000 (M) gallons before next winter.

However, Murray pointed out in his statement that the figures, the result of a recent survey by the com-

mission, were incomplete.

"They are the best we have at present, and all of them are subject to revision," he said.

He blamed the threat of a recurring shortage on two factors: A "huge increase" in demand, and a shortage of storage facilities by both the distributors and the consumers.

Murray, a member of the Texas Railroad commission, wired his statement to Harry J. Kennedy, chairman of the National Petroleum Council committee on petroleum industry steel requirements, after a heavy fog grounded air-travel out of Austin.

The railroad commission member had been scheduled to appear before the committee at a hearing in Chicago.

Murray urged an allocation of steel which, he said, would be required to "fabricate sufficient storage to prevent another serious shortage next winter."

## MOVIE CALENDAR

Friday - Saturday — Double feature program: Gene Autry, Smiley Burnette in "Back in the Saddle" and Roy Rogers, Sons of Pioneers in "San Fernando Valley" color cartoon and serial.

Sunday, Monday and Tuesday — Robert Taylor, Herbert Marshall, Audrey Totter, Dorothy Patrick in "High Wall"; Disney cartoon and News.

Wednesday-Thursday—"Hal Roach Comedy Carnival;" technicolor Hollywood Wonderland and Movie Adventure.

### "HAL ROACH COMEDY CARNIVAL"

Audiences' reception of "The Comedy Carnival," in private showings, indicates that the use of color accentuates not only the plot and general entertainment value, but special effects as well and increases the stature and appreciation of comedy immeasurably.

The laughter in "The Comedy Carnival" is provoked by time-tested slapstick of a 1947 variety; sly, rib-tickling situations and highly sophisticated humor, appealing to every age group and every degree of intellectual appreciation.

"The Comedy Carnival" is divided into two parts: Part I deals with the antics of a class in trying to get rid of its new teacher and Part II describes the confusion caused in a hitherto well-regulated household by

### Infant Son of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Seago Dies

Funeral services for Grimes Lemuel Seago, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Seago, of Monahans, were held at 4:30 p. m. Saturday from the chapel of the Barrow-Shepard Funeral home, with Rev. J. B. Bradford, of Abilene, former pastor of the Shiloh Baptist church, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill cemetery.

Pallbearers were J. N. Childers and Zed Bright. Serving as flower girls were Mesdames Karl Bonneau, James St. John, H. G. Smith and S. D. Gamble.

Born Feb. 26, the baby lived only one day. The body was brought here from Monahans for burial.

Survivors, besides the parents, include the paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Seago, of Merkel.

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### Captain R. T. Blair Assigned First Army

Headquarters First Army, New York, N. Y., Mar. 4.—Captain Russell T. Blair, Merkel, Texas, has been assigned to the New York, New Jersey and Delaware Military district, it was announced recently by Major General Lawrence C. Jaynes, commanding general of the district.

Captain Blair entered the service in 1937 at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. The captain served with the 23rd Infantry as an enlisted man until 1940 when he was transferred to the 35th Infantry where he was a platoon sergeant. He served with the 35th until 1943 when he saw duty with the 12th and 14th Armored Divisions, as a platoon leader.

While Blair was with the 12th in 1945 he received his commission and was made a company commander. In 1946 and 1947 he took the Army Air Forces training at San Marcos, Texas, and has been flying, or connected with Army flying ever since. At present he is liaison pilot and assistant liaison officer for the New York, New Jersey and Delaware Military district.

While he was serving with the Infantry Captain Blair earned the Bronze Star and the Combat Infantry Badge fighting in the European theatre.

A graduate of Merkel High school, Captain Blair is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Blair, also of Merkel. He is married to Mrs. Ida Grovone Blair, and has two children, Judith, age four, and Brenda Lou, seven months.

Typewriter paper for sale at Merkel Mail office.

More than 335,000 children between 5 and 19 years of age in the United States are so handicapped that they need special education, according to the National Society for Crippled Children and Adults.

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To increase your Butane storage space it IS NOT necessary that you sacrifice and do away with your present system.

You paid good money for your plant and bought it in good faith at a time when it was big enough. It is still valuable to you, although now it is not sufficient by itself. Come in and let us help you work out a plan whereby you may increase your capacity and still use your tank as an auxiliary.

Regardless of our wishes, it is impossible for Fuel Dealers to furnish you two-thirds of your entire year's supply in four months. Refineries are unable to produce four or five times as much in winter as in summer.

We have done the best that we can to get you all thru the winter and we appreciate your cooperation and understanding.

We have for the past four months delivered EACH MONTH 3 gallons of fuel for each 1 gallon delivered any other one month, since last April, and it still wasn't enough.

We haven't had hardly enough fuel to go around but WE ADMIT IT.

We haven't (during this state-wide crisis) neglected our old customers with small tanks in order to get someone else's customers with larger tanks.

We have tried to be fair in our distribution of fuel, (although I am sure that we have made some mistakes).

Maybe you feel that your neighbor with a big tank got a better deal this winter than you did, compare the gallons that he received since cold weather with what you have received since cold weather. Maybe you ran out and he didn't but more than likely you will find that the reserve he put in his tank last summer was the reason that he was in better shape this winter.

(It Isn't How Much You Use, It's When You Can Hold It)

Regardless of rumor, if your storage is large enough we will be able to furnish you with fuel the entire year. There's no more reason to believe that Butane will not be available for your home, than there is reason to believe that gasoline will not be available for your car. The fact is that we cannot buy our year's supply of Butane in four months any more than everyone could buy their year's supply of Gasoline in four months.

We realize that the people more or less with the smaller tanks pioneered the Butane industry, and played a big part in making it what it is today. We appreciate that fact and feel that the least we can do is try to get all of you through this winter that we possibly can, then to help you work out a larger setup in order that this situation won't recur next winter.

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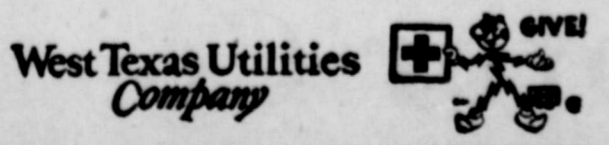
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# Legal Notices

## 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 under the firm name, "Geo. H. McFadden 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, and the Trustees under the will of George McFadden, deceased, Edward Browning, Jr., and the Executors of the estate of George Stuart Patterson, deceased, were Limited or Special Partners, was dissolved and 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.

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

That the name of the partnership from which the business is to be conducted is "The Abilene Company."

That the general nature of the business to be transacted by the partnership is buying and selling of merchandise such as uniforms, work 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. Sheppard, each of Taylor County, Texas and that the special partnership shall never at any time be liable for any debts of the concern in any way; that the period for which the partnership is to run is five years from February 2nd, 1948; that the capital contributed by each is \$3,555.08, all in cash, and that the partnership shall terminate on February 1st, 1953.

Witness our hands at Abilene, Texas this 2nd day of February, A. D., 1948.

R. H. DILLASHAW,  
General Partner.  
A. H. SHEPHERD,  
Special Partner.

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF TAYLOR

We, the subscribers, have on February 2nd, 1948,

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

E. S. Cummings,  
Notary Public, Taylor County, Texas

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**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 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday the 29th 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 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 Plaintiff, and Maurice Sturman as Defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were married on or about November 4, 1925, and lived together until the year 1936.

No child was born of said marriage and none adopted.

Plaintiff sues for divorce on the 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.

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

tiff 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, Barbara Cecelia McAnally, was born as issue of said marriage.

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 within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

Issued this the 30th day of January, A. D., 1948.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 30th day of January, A. D., 1948.

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

**CITATION BY PUBLICATION**  
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.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: Plaintiff

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Farmers have until Jan. 15, 1949, to file estimate.

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For Commissioner, Precinct 2, Taylor County:  
 D. C. DOAN.  
 IRVEN THOMPSON.  
 L. A. DUDLEY.  
 RUFÉ TITTLE.

For Commissioner, Precinct 4, Jones County:  
 C. H. (Connie) OTTO.  
 W. O. RAINWATER.  
 A. J. BARBEE, JR.

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 MRS. DORA T. COBB.  
 [Re-Election.]

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

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To all persons interested in the estate of Maude S. Thornton, deceased, J. C. Jacobs, Administrator, has filed in the County Court of Taylor County an application on the 1st day of March, A. D., 1948, for an order to sell the following property of said estate, situated in Taylor County, Texas, to-wit:

Lots Nos. 5, and 6, in Block No. 41, Original Town of Merkel, Taylor County, Texas, which said application will be heard by said Court on Monday the 29th day of March, 1948, at the Court House of said County, in Abilene, Texas, at which time all persons interested in said sale are required to appear and show cause why such sale shall not be made, should they desire to do so.

Herein Fail Not, but have you before said Court, at the time aforesaid, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness my hand and official seal, at Abilene, Texas, this 2nd day of March, 1948.

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| Pietsweet<br><b>C. S. Corn</b> , No. 303 can ..... 18c                     | Kuner's Old Fashioned<br><b>Pickles</b> , 14 oz. jar ..... 28c |
| Kuner<br><b>Pork &amp; Beans</b> , No. 2 can 16c                           | Staley's Golden<br><b>Syrup</b> , 5 lb. can ..... 49c          |
| Silver Rapids<br><b>Pink Salmon</b> , 16 oz. can 49c                       | Jumbo<br><b>Peanut Butter</b> , 12 1/2 oz. 37c                 |

**Aunt Jemima CORN MEAL** 5 Pound bag ..... 47c

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| Swift's Fresh<br><b>PORK CHOPS</b> , lb. .... 52c | Swift's <b>PORK SHOULDER ROASTS</b> , lb. 44c       |
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**FORTNIGHTLY STUDY CLUB.**  
Mrs. Grif Barnett was hostess to members of the Fortnightly Study club Tuesday afternoon at their regular meeting at the Community Center.

The adoption of an English mother and daughter for partial support was the chief feature of the business session. "Sports and Travel" was the subject for the day, presented in an interesting manner by Mrs. Carroll Benson. The inspirational was brought by Mrs. Judd McReynolds at the close of the program.

**MERKEL HD CLUB.**  
The Merkel Home Demonstration club met Friday afternoon of last week in the home of Mrs. Harry Barnett, with the president, Mrs. Rhett Eidson, Jr., in charge.

The meeting was opened with members repeating "The Women's Collect." After the business meeting Mrs. W. T. Sadler gave a most interesting report on the book, "The White House Physician," by Vice-Admiral, Dr. Ross T. McEntire, President Roosevelt's personal physician, which was enjoyed very much by all present.

The flower chairman, Mrs. J. W. Bryan, presented Mrs. Sadler with a corsage of white carnations.

The hostess served a dainty refreshment plate to Mesdames Frank Breaux, W. T. Sadler, visitors, a number of children, and the following members: Mesdames James H. Chaney, Gordon Pursley, J. Ben Campbell, Ray Holmes, W. C. Lee, J. A. Kuykendall, S. G. Russell, Jr., W. A. Harris, Don Riney, Bob Fowler, Leo Harris, Chas. Sylvester, Odie Bagley, Jack Martin, J. O. Castles, J. W. Bryan, Rhett Eidson, Jr., Bob McDonald, Mack Tucker, W. J. Derrstine and Ollie Fox.

**WOODMAN CIRCLE.**  
The Woodman Circle Grove No. 563 met on Thursday of last week in the home of Mrs. L. J. Renfro for a business meeting, with the newly elected president, Mrs. Karl Bonneaux, presiding.

Members present were Mesdames Karl Bonneaux, Sally Gant, E. B. Wallace, W. A. Harris, Harry Barnett, Misses Maurine White and Tommie Whisenhunt and the hostesses.

It was decided that the regular meeting will be held on the third Thursday instead of the fourth Thursday of each month. All members are urged to be present at the next meeting, which will be held Mar. 18 in the home of Miss Maurine White.

**JOINT BIRTHDAY DINNER.**  
With birthdays occurring close together, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Vandlingham celebrated the occasion jointly with a dinner Sunday in their home for a few friends. Mrs. Vandlingham was 70 years old on Feb.

26, while her husband reached his 74th birthday on Mar. 3.

Present were Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Thomas and Beth, Jane Tipton, Mrs. J. A. Milliken, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Sandell of Tuscola, Mrs. Jess Anderson and Patsy and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Pursley, Phillip, Sandra and David.

**SEWING CLUB.**  
Mrs. Bill Largent was hostess to the bi-monthly meeting of the Sewing Club on Wednesday afternoon of last week. Members present were Mesdames J. E. Boaz, Jr., Vernon Mansfield, Murray Tombs, Lester Dorton, Jack West, David Gamble, Geo. T. Moore, H. P. Crimm, Earle Watts, Royce Elland, Nolan Palmer, Griffin Barnett, Bill Skiles, Mason Gamble and Mrs. Largent. Guests were Mrs. Bill Mason and Mrs. Robert Allen.

The next club meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Nolan Palmer on Mar. 10.

**GIFT PARTY.**  
Mrs. Robert Riney extended gracious hospitality on last Friday evening, entertaining with Mrs. Tom Seymour, Mrs. John Fulton and Mrs. Raymond Stout to compliment Mrs. Van Connell, who was until her marriage in February, the former Peggy Humphreys.

The party was given in the evening so that the gentlemen could come and foursome tables were appointed for games of "42," which progressed happily as the evening's diversion. A room full of lovely gifts were on exhibition and delicious ice cream and cake were served.

Miss Laverie Stout registered nearly one hundred guests who enjoyed this lovely party along with the honorees, Mr. and Mrs. Connell.

**BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.**  
Master Hollis Wayne Mitchell was a very happy honoree last Saturday afternoon when his mother entertained in honor of his 4th birthday. Games were played and balloons were favors for the little folk.

At the refreshment hour a beautiful birthday cake topped with four tiny candles and embossed with "Happy Birthday" was cut and served with soft drinks. The cake centered the table on a musical cake stand which played "Happy Birthday" as it revolved.

Those present were Ronald King of Abilene, Mary Ellen Brown and Randall Purser of Trent, Lynn Gamble, Nancy Campbell, Keny Hogan, Billie Bob and Freddie Tom Toombs.

**Returns From Taking Anaesthesia Course**

On two-months' leave from Sadler Clinic-Hospital, Mrs. Ruth Pangle returned Monday from Chicago, where she took a course in anaesthesia at the Augustena hospital, and during the last month of her course, she also was called to work in the hospital, an honor accorded only a limited number of students.

The hospital has added a new anaesthetic machine such as was used in her study course.

**In The Churches**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE**

Attendance at the seven reporting Sunday Schools last Sunday was 704 as compared with 649 on the previous Sunday. The attendance on the same Sunday a year ago was 500.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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

Troy M. Cummings, Minister.

**METHODIST CHURCH**

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

R. L. Butler, Pastor

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Sunday School at 10 a. m. No other services Sunday or during the week.

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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. Eamp, Pastor.

**CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH**

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:00 p. m. Mid-week prayer meeting at 7:00 Wednesday evening.

A. T. Suskey, Pastor.

**NAZARENE CHURCH**

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.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Morning sermon at 11. Training Union at 6:30 p. m. Evening sermon at 7:30. Prayer meeting at 7:00 Wednesday evening.

Merle Weathers, Pastor.

**Hospital Notes.**

Mrs. Frank Carter underwent major surgery Saturday at Sadler Hospital. Claude Warren was admitted Sunday for minor surgery. Mrs. W. C. McCoy underwent surgery Tuesday. Patients received during the week for treatment were: Mrs. Frank Allen, Mrs. O. W. Paine, Bryan Dunagin, Feb. 28; Mrs. H. E. Elliott, Baird, Feb. 29; Mrs. Dick Skidmore, Jim Ingram, the H. A. V. Rogers baby, Mar. 1; Mrs. C. M. Foster, Anson, Austin Robertson, T. C. Jenkins, Sr., Mar. 2; Ralph Miller, Mar. 3.

**Huff Family Reunion.**

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Huff had all their children, except three, home with them Sunday. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Huff, Buddie Huff, Houston; Mrs. J. R. Payne and daughter, Phala Sue, Lamesa; Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Huff, Cisco; Leonard Huff, Greenville, N. M.; Loman Huff and a friend, Mrs. Lloyd Paine, from Lamesa, and Mr. and Mrs. Scrub Dillard from Abilene.

**Merkel Couple, Baby Daughter to Germany**

First Lt. Bowman Barlow, his wife, the former Helen Heeter, 14-month-old daughter, Becky, left here Monday morning for New York City, with ultimate destination, Germany, where Lieutenant Barlow has been assigned and is being accompanied by his family.

En route, they will stop at Louisville, Ky., to visit his mother, Mrs. H. S. Stith, for a few days. They are making the trip with 1st Lt. Jack Seda, formerly in the same company with Lieutenant Barlow at Camp Hood, who had 30-day leave and drove them to the east coast in his car.

Lieutenant Barlow reports to New York City, as a casual shipment, for sailing orders Mar. 15. He was overseas 8 months during World War II. Wounded twice while serving as a tank platoon leader with the 12th Armored Division, he received one Purple Heart and the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart. He is also holder of the Silver Star.

**Trent P-TA Sponsors Banquet, April 27**

Trent, Mar. 4.—A banquet for all P-T-A. members is being sponsored by the Trent Parent-Teacher association, the date for the banquet being Apr. 27. Tickets will be on sale at Trent stores and deadline for buying them is Apr. 20. Tickets are 50 cents a plate.

Officers will be installed for the coming year. Home talent will furnish the program.

**Merkel Plumbers Hosts For Monthly Meeting**

Merkel plumbers were hosts to the monthly meeting of the Taylor County Master Plumbers association held Monday night at the Community Center. Approximately 18 persons were present, including eight Abilene plumbers and their wives and Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Patterson and Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Merritt of Merkel.

Topic of general discussion was means of providing better plumbing and better service to the public.

Refreshments were served by the women's auxiliary. Mack Buzbee, city water superintendent, was also present for the social hour.

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**Macaroni Loaf with Creole Sauce**  
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1 cup diced, American cheese  
1/2 cup Fat Milk  
1/2 cup water  
1/2 teaspoon dry mustard  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
2 slightly beaten eggs  
3 cups cooked macaroni or spaghetti

1/2 cup finely cut green pepper  
2 tablespoons finely cut onion  
4 teaspoons hot shortening  
1/2 cup condensed tomato soup  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
few grains pepper

Turn on oven; set at moderately slow (350° F.). Grease a quart loaf pan. Heat over boiling water mixture of cheese, milk, water, mustard and 1/2 teaspoon salt. Stir until cheese melts. Stir into beaten eggs. Add macaroni; put into pan. Set in larger pan holding 1/2 in. hot water. Bake about 1 hour, or until firm. Cook green pepper and onion 5 min. in shortening. Stir in soup, remaining salt and pepper. Boil 1 min. Serve over loaf. Makes 4 servings.

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MACARONI, box 12c  
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Campbell's TOMATO SOUP, can 12c

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