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TWENTY-FIVE FOOTBALL BOYS GET JACKETS

Football jackets for the 1948 season were presented to 25 boys by Coach Carroll Benson at a special assembly program in the high school study hall Tuesday morning.

The reversible jackets have a purple all-wool body with gold striped knit trim.

One year lettermen receiving awards were: Miniford McCoy, Oris Reynolds, Donald Pratt, Hollis McLean, Robert Sledge, Jack Boone, Jimmy Floyd, Bobby DuBose, Wayne McLean and Jimmy Black.

Second year lettermen: Don Dudley, John English, Larry Bailey, James Land, Bobby Hodges, Paul Bow, Bobby Criswell.

Three year lettermen: Leroy Teaff, Jimmy Walker, Billy Baze, Bobby Gilbert, Leon Floyd, Lon McDonald, and Billy Pat Nash.

Four year letterman: Sanford Carr.

From this group of 25 lettermen, Coach Benson will have only five boys back next fall, none of whom were regulars on last year's bi-district championship eleven.

Jackets were also presented to Supt. R. A. McCollum; C. A. Farley, grammar school coach; Coach Carroll Benson, and G. H. Suber, manager.

Group of 75 Enjoy Annual Chili Supper

Seventy-five persons, 40 boys and 35 parents and guests, were present for the Lions Club Second Annual Chili supper for all the local boys between the ages of 12 and 15 and their parents at the Community Center last Thursday night.

The meal consisting of chili, fries, cherry pie and coffee was prepared by members of the Youth Project committee and served by Sue Mayfield, Sandra Sadler, Wilda Bowles, Ann Booth and Mona Robertson.

The invocation was given by Supt. R. A. McCollum, institutional representative of the Lions club, followed by a brief welcome address by J. W. Hammonds on behalf of the Lions club.

The main part of the program was presented on the stage by members of the local Boy Scout troop, included in this skit entitled "A Troop Meeting Program": Opening led by Bruce Knight; signaling instruction by G. H. Suber; patrol corners; a signaling game; a stunt by each patrol; scout songs led by Eddie Breaux; O'Grady drill by G. H. Suber.

In a Court of Honor presided over by D. B. Bowen the following boys were presented their tenderfoot badge: Thomas Bailey, Sessions Hammond, Richard Chaney, Jackie McArinch, Charlie Beard, James Smith, Bobby Mayfield, G. H. Suber, Assistant Scoutmaster, was awarded the Life Badge, the next to the highest rank in Scouting. In addition he received a merit badge in metal work.

J. W. Hammonds, chairman of the local troop committee, introduced the other members of the committee. Brief talks were made by Frank Breaux and Jay Greenfield. C. A. Farley, Scoutmaster, invited the boys present who were not scouts to join the Merkel troop.

For the closing, Eddie Breaux led the scouts in singing the "Scout Vesper Song."

MHS Nine Opens Season With Hamlin

Supt. R. A. McCollum announced Tuesday that the Merkel High School baseball team will meet Hamlin here on Tuesday Apr. 6, in the opening game of the 1948 season.

The conference this season will be composed of Merkel, Hamlin, Rotan, Roseco and Colorado City.

A double round-robin schedule will be played, starting Apr. 6 and ending on May 14. The top four teams of the league will engage in a Shaughnessy playoff for the league championship after May 14.

Superintendent McCollum stated that most of the home games will be played at night.

State Asks Bids on Merkel-Blair Road

In a long list of highway improvements, on which the Texas Highway department will accept bids Mar. 30-31, the Blair-Merkel farm-to-market road was included.

Bids are to be taken for 5.6 miles of grading, structures, base and asphalt surface treatment from Merkel to Blair.

FRIDAY, MAR. 12, DATE FOR PLAY GAME CARNIVAL

Entertainment Ample to Be Provided By Merkel P.T.A. Sponsors of "Fun" Night in Gymnasium and Band House.

Entertainment is to be provided both at the gymnasium and the band house in the joint program arranged by the Merkel Parent-Teacher association for the game night carnival which that organization is sponsoring Friday night of this week, beginning at 7:30 o'clock.

Objective is to raise funds to purchase a large ditto machine for use of the entire school system, and the public is invited to attend this "fun" night and lend their support to the cause.

A downtown canvass was made last week-end by committees from the P.T.A. resulting in splendid sales response; tickets are also being sold through the schools, and if you don't have your ticket when you go, you may get them at the door.

At the gymnasium, entertainment is being planned for all parents and youngsters through grammar school; 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.

Price for adults, for whom "42" games will be arranged in gymnasium, is 60 cents. There will also be games and entertainment for pre-school children and for children through Grammar School age, without charge. One of the main events on the entertainment program will be games of "bingo," with a small fee charge.

"A Beauty and Beast" contest is scheduled also, when the most beautiful woman and the ugliest man will be selected.

Monthly Meeting of P-TA Held Tuesday

"The Weeds: Intolerance, Hatred, Prejudice and Ignorance," was the theme of the program led by Mrs. P. W. Miller when the Merkel Parent-Teacher association met in the Grammar School auditorium, Tuesday evening.

The first grade opened the program by singing a group of songs, followed by two specialty numbers, featuring seven "black-faced" boys singing "Pickaninny Song" and six small girls dressed in costume singing "Shortenin' Bread."

The second grade presented a play, "Children All Around the World," in which the characters wore costumes to represent children of different nations. A poem, "Two Kinds of People," was read by one of the pupils and a group of children sang several songs.

Folk songs, "Oh, Susanna" and "Polly Wolly Doodle," and folk dances, "Ace of Diamonds," "Clapping," "Put Your Little Foot" and "Blinking," were featured by the third grade.

Interesting talks were given by three High School students: Norma Jean Hodge, "Neighbors"; Allen James, "Hatred," and Sandra Sadler, "Weeds of Prejudice." Jane Hughes concluded the program by singing "My Task," accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Comer Haynes.

A brief business session was held after the program with Mrs. Carroll Deason presiding.

Mercury at 9 Sets March All-Time Low

Setting a new low for the winter and a new all-time low for March, the blizzard that struck this section Wednesday, accompanied by intermittent sleet and flurries of snow, caused the mercury to drop to 9 degrees at an early hour Thursday.

Low Thursday night was expected to be 12 degrees, but some relief was promised for Friday, when the weatherman said the thermometer might get up to the 38 mark.

Mead in Revival At Pleasant Grove

The Pleasant Grove Baptist Spring revival is to be conducted by Rev. E. P. Mead, radio preacher and Bible teacher of Abilene, beginning Sunday, Mar. 14.

The church, located four miles south of Anson on the highway, is six months old and has 125 members. Rev. Scott W. Hickey, of Abilene, is the pastor.

STUDENTS ELECT WILDA BOWLES QUEEN OF MHS

Merkel High School students in recent balloting during chapel hour elected Wilda Bowles, a Sophomore, as High School Queen.

Becky Seymore, a Senior, was named best all-round girl, and a Senior boy, Robert Tom Hodge, best all-round boy.

Senior students were also selected as most popular girl and boy, viz., Jackie Toombs and Jerald Salter.

These students and the sweethearts of three organizations, previously crowned, Wanda Daniel, football, Mona Robertson, band, and Jane Hughes, FFA, will be specially pictured in the 1948 High School Annual.

At an earlier election, which concerned the individual classes only, the following favorites were named: Freshman—Bobby Foster, Dudley Farr.

Sophomores— Sue Mayfield, John Glenswinkel.

Juniors— Louise Wade, Wayne Buchanan.

Seniors— Becky Seymore, Robert Sledge.

Booth at Merkel Drug Company to Receive Red Cross Donations

A downtown booth for receiving donations to the Red Cross Fund drive in Merkel will be open at the Merkel Drug company Friday afternoon and all day Saturday, it was announced Thursday by C. J. Glover, appointed by Local Chairman David Gamble as chairman of the committee to arrange for workers to canvass the women of the town.

Six members of the Sewing Club, in pairs, volunteered their services to Mrs. Elma McFarland, co-chairman, to assist at the booth.

Friday afternoon, Mrs. Nelan Palmer and Mrs. Weston West will be on duty; Saturday morning, Mrs. David Gamble and Mrs. Mason Gamble, and in the afternoon, Mrs. Grif Barnett, and Mrs. H. W. Lemens.

Up to Wednesday night, Chairman Gamble reported contributions of \$530 from the Lions club committees, but the tabulation was incomplete.

Taylor County Schools To Meet Payrolls

With a \$3,000,000 deficit in the state aid salary fund, many schools over the state face the prospect of closing or asking the teachers to work without pay for about two weeks, but a survey last week by County School Superintendent Tom McGehee showed that most Taylor county schools would have some surplus or other means of paying teachers the remainder of their salary.

The Merkel schools will be able to complete the term by cutting down on other expenditures in order to meet payrolls, Supt. R. A. McCollum said Monday, with possibly a small deficit carried over.

At the end of the last six-week period, enrollment in the Merkel schools was 802. The faculty numbers 34 teachers.

Registration of Cars Here March 12-13

Car owners may secure license tags at the city hall Friday and Saturday of this week, it is announced by Raymond Petree, county tax assessor-collector. He asks that every one bring registration and title papers, if possible.

A representative from his office will be at Trent on Tuesday, Mar. 16.

Goodman HD Auction Sale to be Mar. 20

The auction sale, sponsored by the Goodman Home Demonstration club, is to be held Thursday, Mar. 18, at 2 p. m., instead of Mar. 20, as previously announced. All kinds of pretty handwork, crochet, etc., will be for sale.

Scouts Praised for Way They Govern City

Mayor A. J. Canon, who relinquished his mayoralty robe last Saturday in favor of Mayor Dale Doan and the various Boy Scouts elected to govern the city for one day, was high in praise of the manner in which the Scouts took hold of things.

Their police department, in their intensive drive against traffic violators, issued tickets that yielded fines amounting to \$20.00. Mayor Canon said.

MHS BAND TO GIVE CONCERT NEXT THURSDAY

Public Cordially Invited to Attend Program and "Boost Your Band;" Time, 8 p. m., Place, School Gymnasium.

Thursday night, Mar. 18, is the date set for the Merkel High School Band concert. The hour is 8 p. m.—the place, the gymnasium.

Among the numbers to be played are: "The Voyager Overture," by K. L. King, and "The Argonaut Overture," by Frangkiser. Both of these are numbers which have been selected for the band to play in the Regional Music Festival at Abilene on Apr. 3. Also, on the program there will be a cornet solo featuring Gerald West, a flute solo featuring a Freshman student, Connie Harris, and a cornet duet by Billy Jackson and Gerald West.

The band has had the misfortune of losing three of its original members since Christmas, but a few beginner students have been added since mid-term.

Every one is cordially invited to attend the concert and "boost your band."

Services Here; Burial in Ballinger Cemetery

Miss May Wackmack died at 1 a. m. Wednesday at the home of her sister, Mrs. W. T. Curb, southeast of town, following an illness of five weeks.

Funeral services were held from the chapel of the Barrow-Sheppard Funeral home at 10:30 a. m. Thursday, with Rev. S. P. Collins of Abilene, former pastor of Grace Presbyterian church, officiating.

Palbearers were L. L. Murray, B. M. Tipton, L. A. Dudley and Dent Gibson.

The body was taken to Ballinger for burial in the family lot in Evergreen cemetery there at 2:30 p. m.

Miss Wackmack was born Mar. 4, 1876, in Whitfield county, Ga. Since the death of her mother 13 years ago at Ballinger, she had made her home with the sister here. She was a member of the Eighth Street Presbyterian church of Ballinger.

Surviving her are four sisters, Mrs. Curb, Mrs. W. C. Sumner of Abilene, Mrs. W. C. Coleman of San Angelo, and Mrs. Harriet Stegall of Los Angeles, Calif., and a number of nieces and nephews.

Services Held Friday For Mrs. W. F. Cagle

Funeral services for Mrs. W. F. Cagle, 22, who died in a San Antonio hospital Tuesday night, Mar. 2, were held Friday afternoon from the Church of Christ here, with Troy M. Cummings, minister, officiating, assisted by Austin Varner, minister of the Church of Christ of Snyder.

Burial was in Rose Hill cemetery, under direction of Barrow-Sheppard Funeral home.

Palbearers were Cyrus Pee, Leroy Eason, R. A. McCollum, O. E. Lescan, Milton Case and Jack Nuckles, of Abilene.

The former Margie Lee Griffin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joel B. Griffin, Sr., of the Comper community, she was born Jan. 14, 1926. She was married to W. F. Cagle on July 28, 1946, in San Antonio, where she was then employed, and the couple had since made their home in San Antonio.

Surviving are her husband; a three-month-old daughter, Carolyn Jeanette; her parents; one brother, Joel B. Griffin, Jr., of Oklahoma City, Okla., and one sister, Betty Jane Griffin, living at home with her parents.

Life Span Increases.

New York, Mar. 11.—The expectation of life at birth for the people of the United States has increased about 20 years since 1912.

SPRING REVIVAL BEGINS SUNDAY FIRST BAPTIST

On Series Drillstem Tests, Well Flowed Several Times; Production in Dothan Section at Depth of 2,237 Feet.



The spring revival of the First Baptist is scheduled to begin Sunday, Mar. 14, and to close Mar. 21. Rev. E. M. Weathers, the pastor, will do the preaching and Revis McGrew of Tyler will have charge of the song services.

Services will be held at 10 in the morning and at 7:30 p. m.

A goal of 250 in Sunday School and 100 in Training Union has been set for the first Sunday of the meeting and 500 in Sunday School and 125 in Training Union set for the last day of the meeting, according to the pastor. A cordial invitation is extended to the people of Merkel and surrounding area to attend these services.

Marvin Holloway Shows Reserve Champ Steer

Wednesday was pay day for the Merkel Vocational Agriculture boys who showed their livestock projects in the Taylor County Livestock show Saturday and the Abilene district Stock show Monday and Tuesday.

Marvin Holloway showed a very good heavyweight dry-lot steer to the dry-lot championship in both the county and district shows and with the premium the steer brought \$775. Oris Reynolds sold three steers and six lambs for approximately \$1,100. Lon McDonald's milk-fed steer put better than \$400 in his pocket. Max Robins' lightweight steer sold for better than \$300. Johnnie Teaff sold three lambs for \$155. Tommy Webb sold 2 lambs for \$70. Barton Robinson, who showed the first place Hampshire lamb in the district show, carried \$130 home with him on 2 lambs. William Robertson's 2 Hampshire barrows sold for \$140.

The business men of Merkel made up a "pot" of \$370 that was used to help support the sale of the Merkel boys' livestock. Some individual men from Merkel bought steers and lambs. They included Patterson Grain, Tom Largent and W. J. Largent.

In behalf of the Vocational Agriculture boys and their instructor, they wish to express their thanks and appreciation to every one who had a part in making a good sale.

Tax Hike Predicted.

Austin, Mar. 11.—The State Department of Education has reported that more independent school districts may have to raise local tax rates to meet teacher salary schedules next year.

PROSPECTS GOOD IN BIRD TEST EAST OF TOWN

On Series Drillstem Tests, Well Flowed Several Times; Production in Dothan Section at Depth of 2,237 Feet.

Started as a test of the Palo Pinto and possibly the Strawn, the Geological Surveys and Twin Oil Co. No. 1 T. J. Bird, Taylor county wildcat a mile east of town, found a new production area from a sand carrying oil in the Dothan section at 2,237 feet.

The formation was drilled and cored to total depth of 2,237 feet and a series of drillstem tests were taken late Monday as the section was cut and the well flowed several times on the tests.

The productive formation is similar to that of the Patterson pool, about two miles to the north northwest, but only future drilling will determine whether the sand section is common to both areas.

As an early result of the prospects from the Bird test, some talk of leasing within the townsite has already been heard.

On official gauge, the West Central Drilling Co. No. 1, City of Merkel, two miles northeast of town, made 98 barrels of 41 gravity oil in 24 hours, pumping from 40 casing perforations at 2,270-73 feet.

Seven Candidates File In Aldermanic Race

Seven candidates have filed their names for the office of alderman in the city election to be held Tuesday, Apr. 6, when three are to be elected to fill the places now held by Joe Cypert, O. B. Leach and Johnny Hammond.

Names filed with City Secretary W. M. Elliott before the deadline Saturday afternoon were: J. F. Miller, J. L. White, B. T. Sublett, Geo. F. Smith, Leon Toombs, Lendon A. Coats and Nolan Palmer.

Holdover aldermen are Earl Hughes and Bob Hicks. Mayor A. J. Canon was elected last April for a two-year term.

Re-Set Membership Drive for Merkel CC

Because of the Red Cross Fund drive and other worthy solicitations under way the past week, it was decided to defer the canvass of raising the proposed budget of \$7,500 for the Merkel Chamber of Commerce until Tuesday and Wednesday of next week, Mar. 16-17, R. O. Anderson, chairman of the nine-man steering committee, announced Tuesday.

Ladies' Auxiliary of VFW to Meet Mar. 16

Attention is called by Mrs. Doyle Seifried, president, to the regular meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary of Merkel Post 5683, Veterans of Foreign Wars, to be held Tuesday night at 7:30 at the club house.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From Files of The Merkel Mail, March 23, 1928.)

Misses Vera and Mamie Walker, daughters of Rev. and Mrs. R. A. Walker of this city, made a trip last week-end to Paris, Texas, and were accompanied on their return last Sunday by Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Walker and baby son. Bro. Walker was proud to tell that the baby boy is his first grandchild. He also said that he was showing his son some West Texas country and taking him on some rabbit drives while here, something his son had not seen before, having lived in East Texas all his life.

BURGLARS ENTER HOMES.

On last Friday night some person, or persons, seemingly inclined to enter and rob as many homes in this city as it was possible for one night, entered the homes of: J. T. Dennis, T. G. Bragg, Herbert Patterson, L. C. Sublett and Fred Guitler. To think that the thief ransacked each of these homes and made a clean get-away without in the least awakening any of the occupants, seems preposterous and yet that is exactly what took

place and the fact that robbers had prowled in their homes was not known to any of them until the next morning.

The robber got but a small amount of money, ranging from a few cents to \$2.00 at each place but three gold watches, good ones, were taken, one from Mr. J. T. Dennis, one from Mr. Bragg and one from Mr. Herbert Patterson; the last named being a gift from his wife on last Christmas and the only watch he ever possessed.

Also about five o'clock in the morning of the same night Mr. John D. Porter heard some one roll his Ford car from the garage into the street and make a get-away with it before he could intercede. The car was found the next day parked near Ed S. Hughes building in Abilene but no clue to the thief taking the car or to those entering the five homes has yet been found.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Woodroof visited old friends here for several days this week while en route to Los Angeles, Calif.

Oil Field Worker Shot Mysteriously

V. C. Porter, 35-year-old oil field worker from Abilene, who was wounded shortly after midnight Friday by a mysterious bullet that struck him in the back of the head as he worked on a rig on the Bird lease east of town, was taken to Dallas Saturday afternoon to a brain specialist.

His condition, his physician said, was serious but not critical. The bullet entered just below the base of the skull and penetrated the brain. He was shot as he was leaning over working with some chemicals about 12:45 a. m. Saturday. The bullet traveled through two folds of a cap he was wearing.

City Marshal A. D. Fulton notified Sheriff H. T. Fleming of the incident, and he and County Attorney Theo Ash and District Attorney Esco Walter from Abilene came here Saturday morning to make an investigation. No arrests had been made at last report.

Boy Scout News

The Merkel troop now has 35 members, two thirds of whom have joined in the past month.

On Friday, Mar. 12, patrol officers of the local troop Green Bar Patrol will attend a Green Bar Clinic in Abilene.

The Annual troop Backwoods Smorgasbord will be held next Tuesday afternoon.

The winning patrol in the membership drive contest will spend the week-end at Camp Tonkawa during the Easter holidays.

The entire troop will participate in the Taylor County Camporee at Camp Tonkawa, Apr. 23-24.

The adults connected with the local troop will attend the Pow-Wow in Abilene on Thursday night, Mar. 18, and the "Out-in-Scouting" Program at Camp Tonkawa on Sunday afternoon, Mar. 21.

H. P. Crimm Sells Gulf Service Station

In announcing the sale of the Gulf Service station on the highway to H. S. Price, of Golan, H. P. Crimm asked The Mail to express in his behalf his sincere thanks for the liberal patronage extended him as operator of this station, and to ask a continuation of this patronage with his successor.

Former Gov. W. P. Hobby Will Direct Texas Cancer Control Fund Campaign During April

Houston.—Former Gov. W. P. Hobby, publisher of the Houston Post, has been selected state chairman of the 1948 fund campaign of the American Cancer Society.

His appointment was announced by Frank C. Smith of Houston, president of the Cancer Society—Texas Division.

Gov. Hobby will head a month-long drive for funds with which to carry on the Society's program of research, education, and service.

The campaign will open April 1, since April has been designated by an act of Congress as Cancer Control Month and thus is the official annual time for the American Cancer Society's fund gathering.

Governor of Texas during World War I, Gov. Hobby was executive officer at a time when woman suffrage became legal in the state, free textbooks were first furnished for school children, financial aid was given to rural schools, and a state budget system was first set up.

His newspaper career began with the Houston Post-Dispatch when he was 17—and when he worked with a reporter who later became famous as O. Henry. After serving as governor and as publisher of the Beaumont Enterprise, he returned to the Houston Post, as it is now called.

Gov. Hobby is an active leader and presently serves as chairman of the Houston Chamber of Commerce Highway Committee.

of Commerce Highway Committee. He is a thirty-second degree Mason and a Shriner. His memberships in civic and social organizations include the Houston Country Club,



GOV. W. P. HOBBY

Bayou Club, and the Houston Country Club.

An organization is being set up in every part of Texas with district chairmen directing the campaign leading up to the April campaign. Wallace Andrews of Houston has been named campaign chairman of the Houston Chamber of Commerce.

RURAL SOCIETY

BLUEBONNET CLUB

The Bluebonnet Home Demonstration club met Tuesday, Mar. 2, in the club house with the president, Mrs. E. J. Patterson in charge.

Seven members answered roll call, after which the group repeated the Woman's Collect.

The club secretary, Mrs. A. L. Farmer, read the minutes of the previous meeting and Mrs. Ford Butman brought the council report.

A delegate was elected to go to Abilene to see which club member goes to Sweetwater to the district meeting. The purpose of the Sweetwater meeting is the election of a district vice-president. Mrs. W. H. Ensminger read the rules of parliamentary procedure.

Each club member is asked to make something to sell at the political rally Apr. 16.

At the Mar. 16 meeting oil women in the play are asked to be present as it will be first day of practice.

Mrs. Arlon Farmer will serve at the next meeting.

After club adjournment refreshments were served to seven members and one visitor, Mrs. Elmer Patterson, Jr. Members present were: Mrs. E. J. Patterson, A. L. Farmer, W. C. Hunter, F. S. Mansker, W. H. Ensminger, Ford Butman and Arlon Farmer.

Robert Berry Member Of H-SU Cowboy Band

Abilene, Mar. 11. Robert Wayne Berry, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Berry, Merkel, is in his second semester with Hardin-Simmons' Cowboy band. Berry, a 1946 graduate of Merkel High school, is a sophomore student at Hardin-Simmons, majoring in music education.

The world famous musical organization, now in its 25th year of operation, has a spring enrollment of 51 musicians from four states.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Subscribers to The Mail are requested to notify the publisher of any change in their address promptly. If notice is sent by the post office department of a change in address, newspapers and periodicals must pay postage due on each notice. Besides there is always the possibility that you will miss a copy as second class mail is not forwarded. Best plan is to send the change of address in advance.

Taylor REA Officials At National Meeting

A group of seven officials of the Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc., are in Chicago, Ill., this week attending the annual meeting of the National Rural Electric Cooperative association, which began Monday.

Leaving last Saturday, the group includes: H. R. Roberts, of Guion, president; W. C. Church, Merkel, secretary-treasurer; O. S. Moore of Nolan; C. F. Hill of Nugent and Comer Haynes and Sam Butman, Jr., of Merkel, directors. They are expected to return Friday.

On Tuesday, T. E. Craddock, of Seymour, Texas, was re-elected president of the national organization.

During the winter, according to the National Safety Council, 31 per cent of pedestrian deaths occur within three hours after sunset.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Humphreys and son, Jimmy, from Lubbock, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Bartlett and girls. Mrs. Humphreys is a sister to Mrs. Bartlett. Also visiting the Bartletts Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Howard Cox, Peggy and Ronnie, from Anson.

Visiting in Merkel the past and present week with T. C. Jinkens, Sr., who is in the hospital, were all of his children, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Jinkens, Jr., Mrs. Ruby McQuire, Lloyd Jinkens, Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Steele, Sweetwater, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Steele, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Bicknell, Seagraves, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Sloan and family, Noodle; also visiting him were Mrs. Cecil Stracner and Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Dee Clark, all of Sweetwater.

After a month's visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Grimes, Mrs. Stewart Dean and small son, Larry, of North Hollywood, Calif., returned home the latter part of February. Her parents took them to Dallas, where they caught a through plane to California.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Gamble left Sunday for a visit with Mrs. Gamble's sister, Mrs. E. F. Nix, in Kilgore.

The Norman Kings have moved to Lubbock, where Norman entered Texas Technological college at the beginning of the new semester. They have bought a home in Lubbock.

Mrs. Alvis L. Shaw, who visited last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Porter Petty, left Sunday for Hobbs, N. M., where her husband is employed with a construction company.

Mrs. Earl Hughes is making an extended visit with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Spetz, and family, of Cleveland, Ohio.

McMurry Students to Present Drama Mar. 15

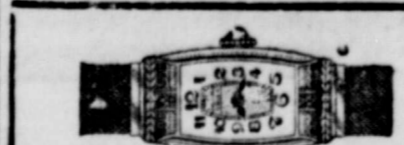
Abilene, Mar. 11.—"The Mighty Dream," a drama of Christian brotherhood, will be presented by the students of McMurry college, Monday night, Mar. 15, in Radford Memorial auditorium.

The drama is under the direction of Ray Hart, McMurry student, and will require a cast of more than 200 persons.

Primarily for Methodist Youth Fellowship groups in this area, the drama is presented also for all others interested in Christian brotherhood. It is open to the public and no admission charge is made.

Florence Nightingale, English hospital reformer, was born of British parents in Florence, Italy, and was named after that city.

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MERKEL, TEXAS

British to Dedicate Memorial to Roosevelt

London, England, Mar. 11.—A memorial to the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt will be unveiled in Grosvenor Square Apr. 12.

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, widow of the President, will unveil the memorial in the presence of the British King and Queen. The Archbishop of Canterbury will pronounce the benediction while the Royal Marines will form the guard of honor.

CARD OF THANKS

We take this method to try to express our heartfelt gratitude to our friends, neighbors and merchants who so generously came to our aid when our home burned. May God bless each of you.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Stevens.

Group Attends State Basketball Finals

A number from Merkel went to Austin last week-end for the state basketball finals. Driving down Thursday were Mr. and Mrs. Norman T. Hodge, Robert Tom and Sug and LaNelle Edwards.

Mrs. W. T. Sadler, accompanied by her daughter, Sandra, Sue Mayfield and James Land, left here Friday in time for the night games, and Coach Carroll Benson and Mrs. Benson and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Read drove down Friday night.

Record of Births

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Huber, Monday, March 8, 1948.
Girl, to Mrs. Ann Marie Tyler, Wednesday, March 10, 1948.
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Springer, Wednesday, March 10, 1948.

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We, the subscribers, have on 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 the 2nd day of February, A. D., 1948.

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

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 9th day of February, A. D., 1948.
(Seal) E. S. Cummings,
Notary Public, Taylor County, Texas

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.

Bonds for Freedom on Freedom Train Inspire Secretary of Treasury



Secretary of the Treasury John W. Snyder and Mrs. Snyder view the priceless exhibit during the Freedom Train's stay in Washington, D. C., which dramatically reveals the important role United States Government bonds played in the progress of the United States of America from its inception as a nation in 1776.

The American people have always responded to the call to buy freedom bonds. Secretary Snyder is directing a stepped-up campaign to sell more U. S. Savings Bonds as an anti-inflationary measure and to insure continued peace and prosperity.

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

NOTICE IN PROBATE The State of Texas, No. 3759

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Taylor County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for three consecutive weeks, the first of said publications to appear not less than twenty days immediately before the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in Taylor County, the following notice:

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 I 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.

(Seal) Mrs. Chester Hutcheson,
Clerk of County Court,
Taylor County, Texas

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: E. W. White, 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 19th day of April, 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 6th day of March 1948.

The file number of said suit being No. 15,693-A.

The names of the parties in said suit are Ione H. White as Plaintiff, and E. W. White as Defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were legally married on or about the 15th day of December, 1927, and lived together until on or about August 1, 1947. No child or children were born of said

union and no community property was acquired.

Plaintiff sues for divorce on the grounds of cruel treatment.

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

Issued this the 6th day of March,

A. D., 1948.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 6th day of March, A. D., 1948.

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

NEXT MONDAY IS LAST DAY

1947 Income Tax Return and Estimate for 1948 Income Tax

Every resident of the United States who expects to receive wages subject to withholding in excess of \$5,000.00 or income from other sources in excess of \$100.00, provided total expected income is \$500.00 or more, is required to file an estimate by Mar. 15, 1948.

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

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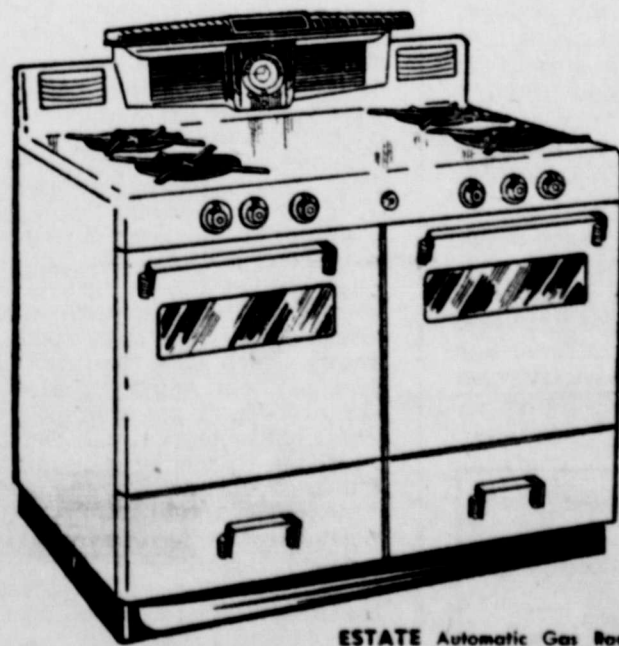
Navy... fashioned in a scarf collar, nipped in waistline, peplum effect on the jacket. Flaring skirt. White accessories. A fashion in suits appropriate for the shift to the new, more feminine spring silhouette.

With those women who are foremost in adapting new trends to their individuality, an automatic gas range built to "CP" standards enjoys high favor.

In cottage or mansion they recognize its practical efficiency. On busy days they find it indispensable to work and pleasure.

Automatic lighting, automatic oven heat control, thrifty simmer burners save time, work, and money. Automatic clock control that turns gas on, cooks oven meal, then turns gas off, gives them "New Freedom" for at-home or away-from-home activities.

Their appreciation of style increases their interest in a "CP" model range. They commend its fine lines and harmonious fittings as emphatically as they approve the freedom from kitchen drudgery a "CP" model range affords.



ESTATE Automatic Gas Range built to "CP" standards styled with 18-inch oven, waist-high broiler... perfect complement to "New Freedom" kitchen. One of the many brands of "CP" models available in Southwest stores.

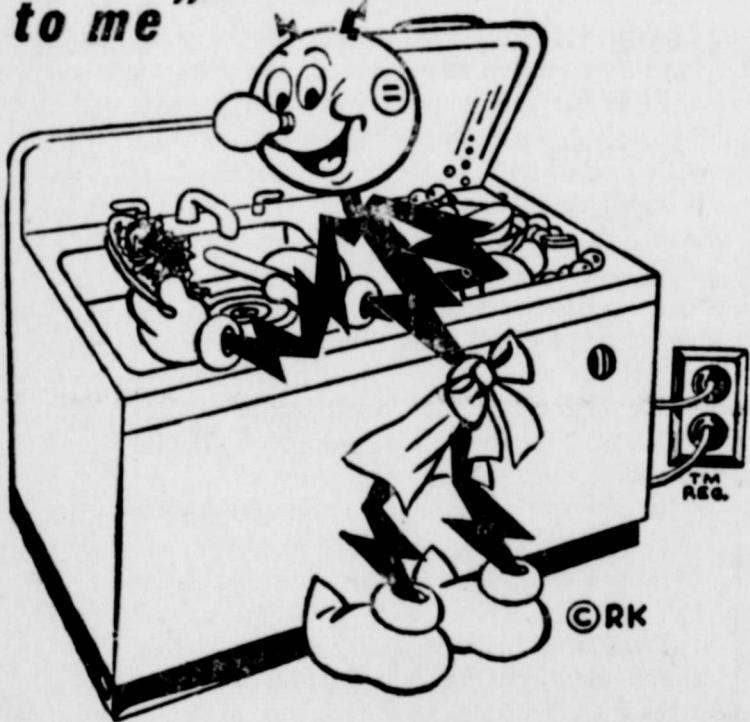


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GRANDMA will tell you that housecleaning was one chore she hated—and Grandpa dreaded. But that was before Reddy Kilowatt, your electric servant, was available to take so much work out of housework.

Now, with the low-cost, dependable electric servant, Reddy Kilowatt, ready to lend a hand—or a dozen hands—housecleaning has been stripped of much of its drudgery. Housecleaning—and housekeeping, as well.

For about a dime a day, the housewife has a dozen helpers at her elbow. Today, electric servants wash, cook, sew and clean—they preserve her food, light her home and entertain her guests.

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Jones County Singing Convention Set Apr. 4

Anson, Mar. 11.—James C. Hestand, manager of the Anson chamber of commerce announced Tuesday that plans for the 55th Annual Jones County Singing convention, to be held this year on Apr. 4, the first Sunday in April, at the Anson High School auditorium, are in the process of being completed. The first convention was held in 1893 and it has been held somewhere in Jones county every year since that date, with Anson being named the permanent home of the organization in 1942, and the site of the annual convention.

Arrangements are being made for a record crowd for this second convention since the war. This program draws the largest crowds of any meeting of its kind in the state, with more than 4000 having attended on several previous occasions.

Every effort is being made to contact all organized choirs, quartets and individual singers to urge them to be present. All out-of-county singers will be guests of the Anson chamber of commerce for lunch.

County officers of the convention are: Fred Bennett, Stamford, president; A. L. Stell, Brownfield, vice-president; Mrs. Raymond Day, Anson, secretary. Local arrangements will be handled by the singing convention committee of the Anson chamber of commerce, with Raymond Day as chairman, assisted by A. B. Thompson and Jack Wilson.

Spring Clean-up Week In Texas, April 4-10

Austin, Mar. 11.—"Fire is slowing down the peace effort in this country," said Marvin Hall, state fire insurance commissioner, in commenting on Governor Jester's proclamation of Spring Clean-Up Week in Texas for Apr. 4-10.

In urging citizens of this state to participate in this program by removing fire hazards from their homes, institutions and places of business, Hall said that fire was destroying valuable property, raw materials, foodstuffs and other materials vital to the recovery of this nation from a devastating war.

"Almost 550 persons were killed by fire last year," he said, "and nearly 21 million dollars in property was destroyed. The 1947 property loss was the highest in the history of this state."

Commissioner Hall hopes that every Texan will consider it his individual responsibility to co-operate in helping Spring Clean-Up Week to be a success and in preventing fires, to build an even greater and richer state.

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MOVIE CALENDAR

QUEEN

Friday - Saturday — Double feature program: Monte Hale, Adrian Booth, Riders of the Purple Sage in "Under Colorado Skies" and Woody Herman and His Orchestra in "Hit Parade of 1947," color cartoon and serial.

Sunday, Monday and Tuesday — William Powell, Ella Raines, Arleen Whelan in "The Senator Was Indiscreet;" Disney color cartoon and latest News.

Wednesday - Thursday — Danny Kaye, Virginia Mayo in "The Secret Life of Walter Mitty;" Selected Shorts.

THE SENATOR WAS INDISCREET

A screen star for two decades, with many great performances to his credit, William Powell has once again shown his acting "class" with two almost consecutive roles as delightful as any in his long career.

First is the early New York business man in "Life With Father" and second, and most recent, is the United States Senator in Universal-International's "The Senator Was Indiscreet."

In his recent effort, Powell stepped away from the strictly leading man type of role to portray the grey-haired, pompous Senator Melvin Ashton in "The Senator Was Indiscreet." He has no romance and the character might be called unsympathetic. Yet Powell was as pleased with the political part as with any in his quarter century in motion pictures.

In 1942 the death rate for U. S. Negroes was one-fourth higher than for U. S. whites.

Uncle Sam Says



The kid in upper 4 captured your heart during wartime. In spirit you traveled with him toward his uncertain future on the battlefields. The kid upstairs today is yours. The "kid" may be a freckled boy or a curly haired little girl—your son or daughter who will need your help through savings to find a place in everyday life. The Payroll Savings Plan for buying United States Savings Bonds where you work is the only automatic, safe, profitable way for you to buy bonds by the installment payment method. In this way you can build the nestegg which can make the difference between wishing and having the funds for education and a secure future for your children. If you are self-employed, buy bonds automatically through the Bond-A-Month Plan where you bank.

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CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our most sincere appreciation to all the friends and neighbors for their love and sympathy shown us at the death of our dear wife, mother, daughter and sister; also do we wish to thank those many friends who brought food and flowers.

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

W. F. Cagle and Daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Joel B. Griffin, Sr. and Betty.

Mr. and Mrs. Joel B. Griffin, Jr.

During World War II the proportion of U. S. Navy flight surgeons killed was about three times that of other Naval physicians.

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IF NOT PLEASED, your 35c back. Ask any druggist for this STRONG fungicide, TE-OL. Made with 90 percent alcohol, it PENETRATES. Reaches and kills MORE germs faster. Today at MERKEL DRUG Co.

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Top experts of the U. S. Department of Agriculture will tell you that. So will many a far-sighted rancher and farmer out of his actual experience. So will students and teachers of land management everywhere. . . In that bright possibility of range and pasture improvement lies one principal hope for more food for a hungry world. Not only more food, but better food. For proper grassland management will improve the fertility of the land, and the nutritive value of the foods coming off it. It will save the land, too, protecting the precious layer of topsoil from blowing away or washing off to sea. And it will increase the amount and value of hay for cash-crop or winter feeding.

The way is wide open for you to improve your grass. Strong and willing allies stand ready to help you. For advice and active help in planning your own grass-management program, there's your County Agent. . . For technical, practical help in putting your program into operation, call on the Soil Conservation Service technician who lives in your district. . . And for information on newest experimental developments, call on your State Agricultural College or experiment station.

The program of good management for your grassland which you work out together will probably consist of some—or perhaps all—of the following practices. If you're in the range country: (1) Livestock numbers balanced to the amount of grass you can produce. (2) A rotation schedule of seasonal grazing. (3) Water located conveniently. (4) Elimination of excessive brush. (5) Wider distribution of salt to prevent overgrazing near salt source. (6) Re-seeding of over-used or abandoned range. (7) Introduction of improved native grasses and adapted new grasses. (8) Irrigation. (9) Protection against wind and water erosion. If yours is farm pasture land: (1) Liming. (2) Fertilization. (3) Seeding with pasture mixtures which stretch the grazing season at both ends. (4) Weed control by mowing or chemicals. (5) Rotation grazing. (6) Avoidance of over-grazing. (7) Irrigation.

We of Swift & Company have the same deep, basic interest that you have in range and pasture improvement. More and better grass is to our interest as it is to yours—and to the nation's. That's why we urge you to act, if you have not already done so, to increase the productiveness of your grasslands.

OUR CITY COUSIN



Cries Our City Cousin to the hired man, "Please turn off that big electric fan!"

Martha Logan's Recipe for SPRINGTIME PORK AND VEAL

(Yield: 5 to 6 servings)
1/2 pound pork shoulder 2 tablespoons flour
1/2 pound veal shoulder 1 tablespoon sugar
1/2 cup diced rhubarb 1/4 cup water
1 1/2 teaspoons salt

Cut pork and veal into 1-inch cubes. Brown in heavy skillet. Add rhubarb. Cover and simmer 1 hour. Remove cover. Combine salt, flour, sugar, and water. Stir lightly into meat. Simmer 5 minutes to blend. Serve hot with or without toast.

Soda Bill sez:

... that flattery is soft soap— and soft soap is mostly "Iye."



Profit Comes from SAVING!



The story at the head of this page is about farmers and ranchers making the most of their grasslands. By good planning, managing well, and operating efficiently, they can grow more grass,

produce more food for the world, and make more money. While writing that story, I was struck by a similarity in the Swift business. For it is careful planning and efficient operation that keep us in business, too. Like you with your grassland, we've got to make the most of what we have. We've got to practice efficiency. We, also, must cut costs, operate with economy. Not only the important economy of finding uses and markets for every possible by-product, but economy and efficiency all along the line.

Maybe you saw Swift's recent financial report for 1947. It showed that we earned \$22,334,977 after provision of \$12,000,000 for high cost additions to fixed assets. This earning represented one cent out of our average dollar of sales. That one cent was earned in large part by the savings we made. The operating figures of our business prove that statement. They show where the savings came from. New methods of doing things which save time and cost. Modern equipment replacing old, worn equipment. Better ways discovered by Swift research to produce, use and handle Swift products. A small saving here . . . another there . . . little economies pyramiding into big economies. Until, added together, the savings which we made last year in the actual day-by-day operation of the Swift business amounted to a considerable part of our earnings. Careful planning, good management and efficient operation are "musts" in our business as in yours. "Little things" can often add up to the difference between a profit and a loss.

F.M. Simpson.

Agricultural Research Department

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NUTRITION IS OUR BUSINESS—AND YOURS
Right eating adds life to your years—and years to your life

"Weigh 'em to Swift!"

The pen gate opens and cattle crowd into the alley, headed for the scales. A cry rings out, "Weigh 'em to Swift!"



Another lot of livestock has been sold to Swift & Company. That deal is a miniature of the business relationship between livestock producers and meat packers.

When this lot of steers was "finished," the producer sent them to the stockyards, consigned to a commission firm. In the "yards" livestock buyers came to look and make their competitive bids. Competition is always keen because 26,000 meat packers and other commercial slaughterers in the United States are active in livestock buying. Each buyer knows that unless he bids "the going price" for the animals he wants, some competitor will get them. Also, he knows that if he bids too high his company will take a loss.

Thus competition and the law of supply and demand set the prices all along the line. This load of steers went to Swift & Company because the Swift buyer offered more than other buyers. And the price he paid was based on his estimate of what the meat, hides, glands and other by-products would be worth to Swift & Company.

First List of Donors To '48 Upkeep Fund Rose Hill Cemetery

First list of donors to the 1948 upkeep fund for Rose Hill cemetery is printed below, and other lists will be printed each week. The appended list includes names of those who subscribed during the month of January as reported by Chairman T. L. Grimes of the maintenance committee. Donations may be handed or mailed to Mr. Grimes, or to The Merkel Mail, or left at Bragg Dry Goods company or Barrow-Sheppard's.

Listed as received, the names of those who made their contributions in January follow:

John Dunn	\$ 5.00
S. L. Scogin	1.00
C. M. Spears	3.00
J. W. Reynolds	1.00
Mrs. G. F. West	10.90
John R. West	10.00
Chas. A. Smith	5.00
Jack D. West	5.00
Paul W. West	5.00
Florence Berry	5.00
E. M. Perry	2.00
M. B. Bell	2.00
H. J. Martin	5.00
M. H. Ely	10.00
Craig Humphreys	5.00
Mrs. Hendrix	1.00
J. H. Doan	3.50
West's Auto Supply	2.00
Mrs. James H. West	2.50
Mrs. C. A. Derrick	5.00
W. W. Toombs	5.00
Mrs. M. A. Pribble	5.00
J. N. Brown	2.50
A. R. Robertson	5.00
Houston Robertson	5.00
Sale of cordwood	4.00
Mrs. Ethel Wittman	5.00

Theo Ash Seeks Office Of County Judgeship



THEO ASH

Theo Ash has authorized The Mail to announce his candidacy for the office of Taylor County judge, subject to the Democratic primary in July.

Mr. Ash, who now holds the office of county attorney, made the following statement:

"The people of Taylor county have been very kind in electing me justice of the peace and again in promoting me to serve as your county attorney. I have tried my best to make you a good and efficient official and repay you with the best service possible.

"In announcing my candidacy for the Taylor County judgeship, I do so with the idea in mind of seeking a promotion and a higher office. I

sincerely believe that I am thoroughly acquainted with the duties of the office of county judge and that I am qualified to handle the job. I do not make many promises in seeking election to an office, but I do promise that if elected to serve you as your county judge, I will do my very best to make all of the people a good county judge, serving each of you alike. I believe in economy but also in progress in my county. These are the only things I can promise, because these are the things that I know I can do.

"I will appreciate your investigation of my record as a public official and your consideration of my candidacy for county judge, and if you believe that I have earned a promotion, I earnestly solicit your vote and influence in my behalf.

"I assure you that your support in my behalf will be deeply appreciated."

Asks Re-Election as State Representative

At present serving his first term as state representative from the 116th legislative district (Taylor county), Bill Tippen has advised The Mail in a letter, dated Mar. 8, at Austin, that he intends to run for a second term. His statement follows:

"A number of my friends have urged me to run for the state senate. Others have insisted that I announce for a second term to the house of representatives. I have decided that at a future date I will make a formal and complete announcement for a second term as your representative in Austin."

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Noodle Junior Girls Undefeated in Season

The undefeated Noodle Junior Girls basketball team won its ninth and final game of the season Friday night by defeating the Senior Girls B team 12 to 2.

During the season, the team scored 186 points against 39. Teams defeated this year include: North Park (Abilene), Old Glory, Asperment Grammar and B teams, McCaulley, Merkel and Trent.

Team members, in addition to being Interscholastic League juniors, are all from the grammar grades. Members are: Ella Dora Eoff, captain, Lelees Clemmer, Katherine Herron, Nellie Flint, Neva Bishop, Larue Weeks, Bessie Jean Herring, Darnette Perrien, Clara Gregory, Alice Spurgin, Bonnie Sipe and Alice Caffey.

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A demonstration of "Frozen Food Facts" is to be given by Miss Pearl Hughey at the West Farm Machinery Company store on Thursday, Mar. 18, at 2:30 p. m., which all housewives are extended a cordial invitation to attend.

The demonstrator, it is announced, will show how to preserve foods better, cheaper and easier. Refreshments will be served.

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Texas Valencia ORANGES, lb.	6c	East Texas — Kiln Dried YAMS, lb.	10c
Pascal CELERY, lb.	12c	U. S. No. 1 Cobbler POTATOES, 10 lb.	55c

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Kellogg All Bran, 8 oz. pkg.	16c	Red and White—Small Olives, pint jar	19c
Red and White—3 Sieve Peas, No. 2 can	22c	Red and White—GELATINE Flav-R-Jel, 2 pkgs.	15c
Red and White—VIENNA Sausage, 4 oz. can	19c	Collins Pure Apple Jelly, 2 lb. jar	37c
American Sardines, 2 cans for	25c	R. and W.—Sliced or Halves PEACHES, No. 2 1/2 can	29c

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TOMATO, R&W, 46 ounce can 26c
PINEAPPLE, R&W, 2, No. 2 cans 39c
GRAPEFRUIT, 2, No. 2 cans 15c

Sun Sweet Prune JUICE, qt. bottle	25c	Nu Zest Orange JUICE, 46 oz. can	25c
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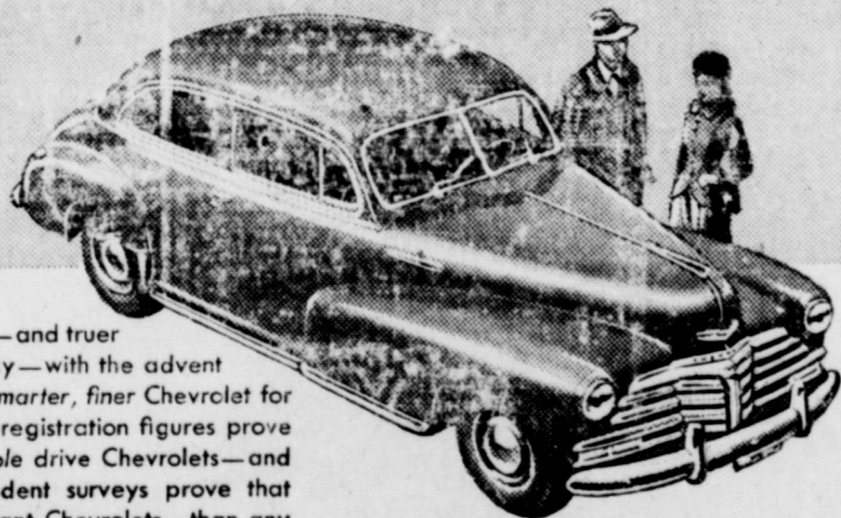
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Longhorn CHEESE, lb.	48c	Armour's Veal CHUCK ROASTS, lb.	39c
Swift Fresh PORK ROASTS, lb.	49c	Dry Salt JOWLS, pound	23c
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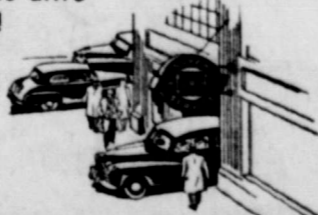
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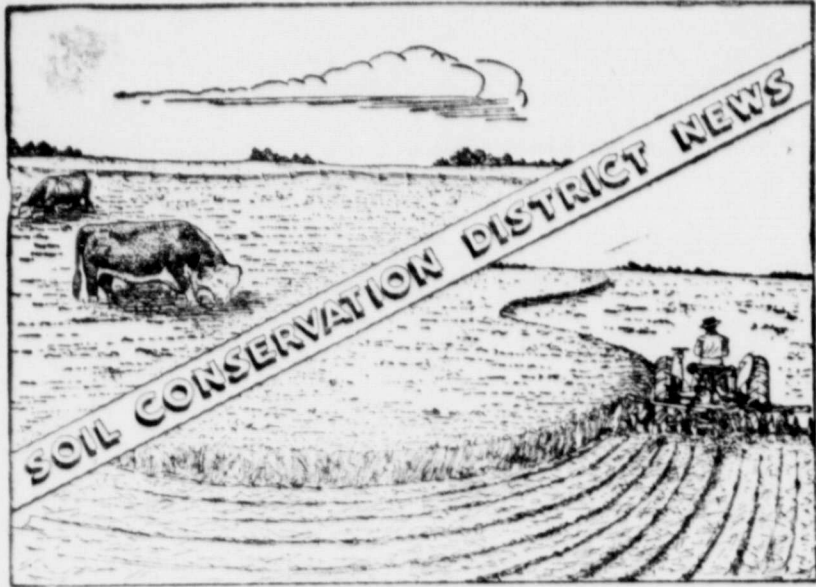
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Ray Perry, cooperor in the Com-pere Conservation group, has completed terracing on his farm and he is now performing other jobs to complete his coordinated soil conservation program. Mr. Perry has done an excellent job of stubble mulching his small grain residues from last season's crop and the majority of this stubble is on the surface soil after 2 to 3 field plowings. This treatment has checked wind erosion completely and is in an excellent condition to receive expected spring rains. Mr. Perry has a natural drain through his farm which handles outside water from several surrounding farms. This waterway is being shaped to a width of 100 feet and will be sown to sweet clover and Blue panic grass to serve as a temporary pasture and to prevent soil losses from washing.

A. W. Jeffrey, cooperor in the North Golan Conservation group, has planted 5 acres to Madrid sweet clover as a soil improving and summer grazing crop. This clover was planted with a grass drill in 3 foot rows at the rate of 2 pounds seed per acre. Mr. Jeffrey has a 4 acre field of alfalfa planted last year which he is well pleased with. This was planted

on bottom land soil in an area which formerly was solid in weeds and cockleburrs. Last year he harvested 132 bales of hay and received some valuable grazing at a time when it was really needed. He believes alfalfa is well adapted to bottomland soils along the Clear Fork river in this area and that cash return from this crop should be as good as any other crop and at the same time receive soil improvement. He is planning on constructing about 3 miles of terraces on his farm this year with a Ford disk terracer.

A. D. Hill, cooperor in the North Golan Conservation group, has planted one acre to weeping love grass as a seed source for revegetating about 53 acres of cropland which is being retired as a part of a coordinated conservation program for his farm. He has the seed to plant 1 acre of little blue stem grass as a seed source also. This will be planted within the next two weeks. He is planning also to plant a seed source of King Ranch yellow blue stem whenever seed can be obtained. Mr. Hill's cultivated area which is to be revegetated is deep coarse sandy soils which is highly erosive by wind action. His plan is



THANK YOU, BUNNY! On behalf of the thousands of crippled children of Texas, 11-year-old Joann Frost of Dallas expresses her appreciation to the Easter Bunny for being the symbol of aid for handicapped youngsters through the Texas Society for Crippled Children. Joann urges every Texan to share his Easter joys by supporting the Society's Easter Seal Sale, March 8-12.

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 wife and mother. Especially do we wish to thank Dr. Sadler for his kindness. We also appreciate the lovely flowers and food.
May God's richest blessings be upon you all.
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to plant this area to hairy vetch and rye for 2 to 3 years to revigorate the soil and to build up a surface litter of crop residues which will afford excellent protection for young grass seedlings. The love grass which has been planted was planted with a grass drill at the rate of 1 pound of seed per acre and it was planted on mixed sandy land which was grown in maize last year. He has a fair amount of dead plant litter on the ground now to protect young grass plants.

Granddaughter Injured.
Mrs. Ed Sherman of Trent has received word that her granddaughter, Gloria Weiser, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Zack Sutherland, of Brawley, Calif., was in the hospital there, following a broken leg and other injuries sustained when struck by a car.

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IRVEN THOMPSON.
L. A. DUDLEY.
RUFÉ TITTLE.

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

For Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 5:
MRS. DORA T. COBB.
[Re-Election.]

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

For Sheriff, Taylor County:
H. T. (Flem) FLEMING.
[Re-Election.]

For County Judge:
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Attend Presbyterian Men's Convention

L. L. Murray of this city and Theo Kincaid of Tye accompanied a group from Central Presbyterian church, Abilene, to the one-day meeting Monday of the Presbyterian Men's convention of the Synod of Texas held in Athens, home church of Rev. W. E. Everheart, who has held a recent revival at the local church.

There were more than 300 present from out-of-town, besides the group from the Athens church, reported to be the largest attendance on record for the men's convention.

Dr. Everett King, former pastor of the Fort Worth church and now pastor at Albuquerque, N. M., preached the sermon.

Among those going from Abilene were Rev. Frank Travis, pastor of Central Presbyterian church, Dr. E. B. Surface, former pastor of that church, R. L. Bland, Larry Adamson, Roy Thomas and Murray Travis.

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CONNIE NORTON AND HERMAN CARSON TAKE WEDDING VOWS IN ABILENE.

In a pretty twilight service, the marriage of Miss Connie Norton, of Abilene, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Norton, of Haskell, and Herman Carson, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Carson, was solemnized Saturday, Dr. E. B. Surface read the impressive double ring ceremony in his home, 1017 Vine street, Abilene.

The bride wore a rose crepe dress, with accessories in black, and a corsage of white carnations. Her sister, Miss Jean Norton, also of Abilene, who served as bridesmaid, wore a dress of grey crepe, with black accessories. Her corsage was of pink carnations.

Leon Walker served as best man. Mrs. Walker was the only other attendant for the ceremony.

A graduate of Haskell high school, Mrs. Carson was employed three years in the Selective Service office at Haskell, and for the past three years has served as a deputy in the office of Mrs. Chester Hutcheson, Taylor county clerk, where she will continue her duties.

The bridegroom, now engaged in business here as a partner with his brother, Howard Carson, in the Carson grocery and market, graduated from Merkel High school in 1938 and was associated with his father in the grocery business before entering this service. He was overseas two of the four years he was in the Army.

The couple is at home in the Joe Bailey Tombs apartment.

KING'S DAUGHTERS CLASS.

Mrs. W. D. Hutcheson, with Mrs. C. K. Russell as co-hostess, opened her home to members of the King's Daughters class of the Methodist church Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Cass Patton brought the devotional with Mrs. J. M. Collins leading the prayer.

Mrs. Hutcheson read a letter of gratitude sent to the ladies of the Methodist church signed by women in Germany who received clothing distributed to them by Mrs. Margaret Turner Quillin from the King's Daughters class.

Mrs. M. Armstrong told the Bible story of Abraham's son's search for a wife and how she was found. Mrs. W. U. Boone talked on "Spiritual Efficiency." Mrs. L. A. Watts read one of her own poems dedicated to Mrs. Armstrong many years ago.

At the close of the business hour the hostesses served a refreshment plate to one visitor, Mrs. Lizzie Latham, and the following members: Mesdames W. U. Boone, Cass Patton, L. A. Watts, J. S. Pinkley, J. H. Doan, J. M. Dry, M. Armstrong, Arch Harris, J. M. Collins, Lee Cox, Tom Coats and T. G. Brazg.

T. E. L. CLASS.

When the T. E. L. class of the First Baptist church met Tuesday afternoon in the basement of the church, Mrs. Lake Renfro, Mrs. Artist Cook and Mrs. A. D. Fulton were hostesses. Mrs. A. R. Booth brought the devotional and also was in charge of the business hour in the absence of the class president, Mrs. Dent Gibson.

The class voted to send Miss Cous-

ins, who is a missionary in Brazil, sixty dollars for the purpose of sending a girl to school one year. Names were drawn for pals.

Those present to enjoy the delicious refreshment plate were Mesdames Ernest Douglas, T. J. Bird, John Mansfield, Joe Long, J. W. Willingham, J. D. Bradley, W. J. Largent, A. D. Barnes, Earl Baze, Lucy Ford, A. R. Booth, E. R. Clack, A. D. Fulton and Artist Cook.

PUPILS ENTERTAIN SCHOOL.

A musical program from the studio of Christine Collins was presented to patrons of the Noodle School on Tuesday evening under auspices of the Parent-Teacher association.

The following numbers were well received by an enthusiastic audience: "Apple Blossom Wedding" and "Beg Your Pardon," sung by a girls quartet, Colleen Harris, Margie Skurlock, Marlene McKeever and Ann Lantrip. "Make Mine Country Style" and "Four Leaf Clover" were sung by Burl McCoy, and "Missouri Waltz" was played by Buddy McKeever. "The Sac Waltz" was played by Ralph Miller, and Dick Lindsey sang "Smilin' Thru" and "Now is the Hour." "Variations of Sweet Bye and Bye" were rendered by Joy Lansford, after which Ken Riney sang "Feudin' and Fightin'" and for a second number, "Civilization." "Stars and Stripes Forever" was played by Bobbie June Riney, after which Don Dudley sang a medley of popular songs: "Serenade of the Bells," "How Soon," "Golden Earrings" and "Ballerina." Miss Collins accompanied the singers.

Well Child Clinic Mar. 19, 2-4 P. M.

The March Well Child conference, sponsored by the Merkel Parent-Teacher association, will be held at the office of Mrs. Elma McFarland from 2 to 4 p. m. on Friday, Mar. 19. The clinic is open between these hours for all children, both of school and pre-school age.

Opening of New Gift Shop Set for Friday

Opening of "the little gift shop" on Friday of this week is announced by Mrs. Margaret McAninch and Mrs. Mildred Collinsworth, owners.

The new shop, specializing as the name implies in gift articles, is located in the same building with the Joyce Belt and Button shop.

Hospital Notes.

Mrs. O. W. Paine underwent major surgery Monday at Sadler hospital. Mrs. A. G. Vardman was admitted Wednesday for surgery. Patients received during the week for treatment were: L. C. Murray, Mar. 4; Marvin Freeman, Mar. 6; Betty Bond, Marvin Wilson, Roy L. Faulkner, Mar. 8; Miss Daisy Price, the Thomas girl, Colonel James Wallace, Mar. 9. Louise Graham received a tonsillectomy Monday.

Three-quarters of the U. S. population between 5 and 19 years old was attending school in 1940 compared with about half in 1890.

In The Churches

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Attendance at the seven reporting Sunday Schools last Sunday was 636 as compared with 649 on the previous Sunday. The attendance on the same Sunday a year ago was 500.

METHODIST CHURCH

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

PRIMITIVE BAPTISTS.

Elder W. W. Brown of Abilene will preach at the 11 o'clock hour Sunday at the Primitive Baptist church, corner South 8th and Yucca streets. Reporter.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. E. B. Surface, of Abilene, former pastor of the Central Presbyterian church, will fill the pulpit at the 11 o'clock hour Sunday. Sunday School at 10 a. m. No other services Sunday or during the week. Reporter.

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.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

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

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

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.

Garden Hints

from Merkel Garden Club.

Excerpts from a garden club letter on "Lawn Grasses for Texas," prepared by R. C. Potts for the Extension Service of A. and M. college.

Bermuda grass is the most widely adapted grass for lawns in the state. When well fertilized, watered and otherwise properly cared for, it makes a dense, beautiful green sod that will withstand more wear than any of the other lawn grasses. Bermuda grass will not do well in shade. It is very objectionable where flower beds or gardens are adjacent to the lawn because of the constant infestation in cultivated areas.

St. Augustine grass is probably the second most widely used grass for lawns in the state. This grass grows

NEW LIVE OAK CHURCH.

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well in shade and does not become as great a pest in flower beds and gardens as does bermuda. Because of its ability to grow in the shade, however, it is a favorite in many areas.

Euffalo grass is a native grass and is the most drought-resistant of the grasses used for lawns. It is adapted in those areas of the state where it is found growing wild on pasture and range lands. Although it is drought-resistant, it will require watering during the dry season.

Centipede grass is another grass that may be used for lawns. It has about the same region of adaptation as St. Augustine grass. Best results have been obtained when planted on sandy or sandy loam soils. It does not seem to require as fertile a soil as the other lawn grasses in order to maintain a good sod. It grows better in the shade than bermuda but not as well as St. Augustine. It is the first of the lawn grasses to turn brown in the fall.

Vegetable gardens should be spaded or plowed at least 10 days before you sow seeds. It's worth taking a chance on a February sowing of peas, onions, asparagus and rhubarb.

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Mary Lee Taylor's Easy Mix Cake Broadcast: March 13, 1948

- 1 1/2 cups sifted all-purpose flour
1 cup sugar
2 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup soft shortening
1/2 cup Fat Milk
1/2 cup water
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 unbeaten egg

Turn on oven; set at moderately slow (350° F.). Grease, then dust with flour an 8-inch pan, 2 inches deep. Sift together flour, sugar, baking powder and salt. Add shortening, milk, water and vanilla. Beat vigorously 2 min. with mixing spoon, or electric beater at medium speed. Then add egg and beat 2 min. longer. Put into pan. Bake on center shelf of oven 35 min., or until cake shrinks from sides of pan. Remove from oven; let stand in pan 5 min. before turning out. Spread with Caramel Frosting (see below).

Caramel Frosting 1/2 cup light brown sugar, lightly packed
1 1/2 teaspoons butter or margarine
few grains salt
1/2 teaspoon vanilla
1 1/2 cups powdered sugar

Mix together in saucepan brown sugar, milk, butter and salt. Heat and stir until mixture boils; cool. Stir in vanilla. Add powdered sugar, about 3 tablesp. at a time, until thick enough to spread. Beat until creamy. Spread on top and sides of Easy Mix Cake (see above).

- PET MILK, can 8c
FLOUR, 2 lbs. 25c
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