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MERKEL, TEXAS, FRIDAY, APRIL 30, 1948.

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BRING BODY OF MERKEL BOY FOR RE-BURIAL HERE

Last rites for Pfc, Clarence Alfred Harrell, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Harrell, now of Colorado City but formerly of Merkel, who was killed in action on Jan. 3, 1945, in France, will be held at 3 p. m. Sunday from the Methodist church, with the pastor, Rev. R. I. Butler, officiating, assisted by Rev. John H. Crow, Methodist pastor of Anson, bute to another of its soldier war and former pastor here, and Rev. J. dead in funeral services held from the E. Shewbert, pastor of the Colorado First Baptist church at 2:30 p. m. City Methodist church.

was brought from Europe aboard killed on Iwo Jima on Mar. 2, 1945. the U. S. Army Transport Robert F. Worth.

Funeral arrangements will be under direction of the Barrow-Sheppard under direction of the Barrow-Shep-Funeral home, with military burial in Rose Hill cemetery, in charge of Merkel Post 5683, Veterans of For- Earle Watts, Ray Wilson, Tom Kerns, eign Wars.

Clarence Harrell, who was 18 years Two months after his death his

sister, Lena Fay, and two brothers, tended school at Pampa, Throck

same place on Route 3, Merkel, for about 42 years, before moving to Colorado City in June, 1944.

Large Crowd Present HD Political Rally

present for the political rally and fun night Monday evening at the Community Center, sponsored by the Merkel Home Demonstration club. Ten candidates were introduced for brief speeches and one current officeholder, County Commissioner Houston Robertson, who is not seeking reelection, was also called on for a talk.

In general charge of arrangements was Mrs. Rhett Eidson, Jr., club president, while Mrs. S. G. Russell, Jr., was program leader, introducing the following candidates: State Senator Pat Bullock, of Colorado City, candidate for re-election from the 24th district; County Judge Wiley Caffey, seeking re-election, and County Attorney Theo Ash, a candidate for the judgeship; Pete Shaw, unopposed for county attorney; H. T. (Flem) Fleming, unopposed for reelection as sheriff; Mrs. Chester Hutcheson, unopposed for re-election as county-clerk; the three candidates for county commissioner from this precinct, L. A. Dudley, Irven Thompson and Rufe Tittle, and Mrs. Dora T. Cobb, unopposed candidate for re-election as justice of the peace, Precinct 5.

The members of the home demonstration club provided a concession booth, selling cakes, pies, ice cream and coffee.

The Butane boys furnished entertainment throughout the evening. One of the features of the program was a bubble blowing contest, with Donna Riney winner for the girls and Johnny Barbee, for the boys.

The fun was climaxed in the auction of ladies' hats and aprons and other articles made by the women, together with cakes and pies. County Sheriff Fleming proved a fast-talking, fast-selling auctioneer.

Merkel Baseball Team **Meets Truby Saturday**

Truby here at 3 p. m. Saturday on by the West Texas Utilities company the High School athletic field, it is at Wellington and who has come announced by Manager Dennis Walk- "back home." His wife and children er. Bill Hollis, former big league will join him here when the school

star, is manager of the Truby boys. Next Tuesday night, starting at 8 o'clock, the Merkel nine will play of the Palmer store since it was es Denton, (Callahan county), on the tablished, has accepted a position

same field. Clyde 6-4 at Clyde. Two new pitch-ers, Les Garner and "Babe" Hart, ly will continue to make their home working 2 and 7 innings, respective- here. ly, held their opponents to a total of 5 hits and struck out 15.

Bake and Rummage Sale. The Comrades class of the Methodist church is having a bake and rummage sale, Saturday, May 1, in the Hicks building, corner North Second and Edwards street.

CITY JOINS IN PAYING TRIBUTE TO WAR VICTIM

Services Held Last Friday from First Baptist Church for Pfc. J. J. Screven Smith, USMC, Killed on Iwo Jima.

This community paid feeling trilast Friday, for Pfc. J. J. Screven The body of the Merkel boy, which Smith, U. S. Marine Corps, who was

Officiating ministers were Rev. E. Burns, landing in New York City on M. Weathers, pastor, Rev. Levi W. Apr. 2, was due to arrive here on Price of Coleman, former paster here, the westbound Sunshine Special at and Rev. George R. Wilson, paster 8:09 p. m. Thursday from Fort of the First Baptist church of Sweet

Burial was in Rose Hill cemetery, pard Funeral home

Fallbearers were Horace Boney Robert Malone and Meyer Mellinger.

The body of the Merkel boy, son old on Feb. 27, 1944, was inducted in of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. S. Smith, Sr. the Army at Abilene on May 14, of Sweetwater, formerly of Merkel. 1944. He trained at Camp Fannin brought back from the Pacific for and Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., and re-burial at home, arrived here on went overseas in December of that the westbound Sunshine Special on year. He was a graduate of the Mer- Thursday night, under escort of kel High school in the class of 1943. M.Sgt. G. R. Williams, U. S. Marine Corps, of Fort Worth, .

parents received the Purple Heart, John James Screven Smith awarded posthumously to their son. born in Coke county Feb. 6, 1926. Surviving are his parents; one at the little town of Edith. He at Eelon and Donald, all of Colorado morton, Sweetwater and finished high school in Merkel with the class Mr. and Mrs. Harrell lived at the of 1944. He and his twin brother Samuell, joined the Marines at the same time, Jan. 27, 1944, and lef Merkel for active service Mar. 13, fel lowing, sailing together for foreign service in September.

As a mark of respect, the stores of the town remained closed during entertain the league-leading Hamlin sisters, nine grandchildren and 18 the hour of the funeral and schools Pied Pipers under the lights at the great-grandchildren. dismissed at 2:15 p. m., shortly be- local athletic stadium on Friday night | The thothers are: H. L. Watters.

Survivors, in addition to the parize Springs, and two sisters, Mrs. three defeats. Arrajo Evans of Sweetwater and Louise Smith, taking a training course in nursing in Abilene.

Among out-of-town relatives and friends here for the funeral were his grandfather, J. R. Smith, of San Antonio, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Keenan and two daughters. Amarillo, Mrs. C. E. Sherrell, Seagraves, Mrs. Howard Golden, Lubbock, Mrs. Lee Johnson, Canyon, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. blows. Keeter, Tinsel Scott, Mrs. Bob Criswell and daughter, Frankie, all of Throckmorton.

Large Number Attends Gilbert 1.

Out of 75 cities and towns represented at annual Senior Day at Hardin-Simmons university last Saturday, Merkel High school is reported next Friday, May 7, as an open to have had the largest attendance from any of the schools.

An estimated 2,000 high school seniors from Texas, Michigan, New Mexico and Mexico were present.

John Cleveland, president of the student body of H-SU, served as mas ter of ceremonies at the morning session, which included addresses of welcome and musical numbers as well as introduction of the senior guests.

A barbecue was held at noon and taken on tours of the campus.

New store manager of the Palmer Tire and Appliance company is. L. V. Moore, former Merkel boy, who The Merkel baseball team will play has been employed the past few years term is out.

Bill Skiles, who has been manager with the Goodrich Tire and Rubber Last Sunday, the boys defeated company, and their many friends will

First Baptist Plans Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible school will begin Monday, May 24, at the First Baptist church, it is announced by the pastor, Rev. E. M. Weathers.

FIVE STUDENTS OF MERKEL HIGH TO STATE MEET

In the Class A division of Region II Interscholastic League meet held in Abilene last Saturday, Merkel High school and Marble Falls high school each scored a total of 62 points to share championship honors for the Region. San Saba placed third with 35 points. Other point scores in Class A were: DeLeon 29. Brady 25, Lampasas 20, Colorado City 20, Stamford 20, Albany, 17 Haskell 14, Burnet 10, Anson 10. Fredericksburg 10, Ballinger 5 and Santa Anna 2.

Events and places won by Merke students are as follows:

Typewriting-Sandra Sadler, secnd; Joy Lansford, third, and Sue McWilliams, fourth. Shorthand-Buddy McKeever, sec.

ond; Larose Perry, third. Ready writers-Barbara Sandusky,

Declamation (Junior Boys) -Gaston Walker, second.

oan James, first. Slide rule - Allen James, second; Ralph Miller, third.

Debate (Boys) -- Buddy McKeeve and Raymond Perkins, second. Debate (Girls)-Patsy Thomas and

Betty Jean Davis, second. Track (One mile run) - John Glene winkel, second.

Merkel High has five students cligible to compete in the State Meet attend: Sandra Sadler, Allen James, Buddy McKeever, Betty Joan James the three children here in Merkel. and John Glenewinkel

Badgers Tackle League

The Hamlin club has won four ents and the twin brother, include games and lost one. The Badgers another brother, L. E. Smith, of Car. have chalked up two wins against Antonio, Mrs. J. H. Friou and Mrs.

In a pitchers duel which lasted until almost midnight, the Anson Tigers came from behind in the last four innings to down the local boys 16-13, here Tuesday night. Merkel held a 10-7 lead going into the sixth inning, Leon Floyd hurled for the locals and struck out 18 Tigers. The Paul Wilkins, Wichita Falls, Mr. and visiting pitchers whiffed 19 Badgers. Benson's boys collected 9 hits while the Tigers garnered 10 safe

> Oris Reynolds, second baseman. paced the hitting attack with three hits out of five trips to the plate. Roger Bailey got two hits, Larry Bailey 2, Don Dudley 1 and Bobby

The Badgers won their second con-Senior Day Saturday test of the season up at Snyder last Friday afternoon, downing the Tigers by a 7-6 count.

The home town boys trek to Ros coe next Tuesday afternoon and have date. The next home game after this Friday night will be against Colorade City on May 14, followed by Snyder on May 18.

Four Merkel Patrols Take Part in Camporee

Two patrols of Merkel Troop 20, and Panther patrols, were rated on reported. during the afternoon students were honor patrols at the week-end camporee at Lake Abilene, held Friday and Saturday. The Beaver patro! got New Manager, Palmer 760 points; the Panthers, 729 points, time and place-office of Rimbe. Tire & Appliance Co. Flaming Arrow patrol, with 645 points, were rated standard patrols.

During the morning the boys en tered contests of nature study, measuring, first aid and compass tudy. and in the afternoon participated in save-my-child, first aid, string burning and flapjack cooking contests.

The nineteen boys from Merkel were accompanied by C. A. Farley, Scoutmaster, G. H. Suber, assistant Scoutmaster, and Dale Doan, senior patrol leader.

Ladies' Night, May 4, At Sweetwater Lake Local P-TA Delegates

Announcement was made Thursday by Earl Hughes, president of the Merkel Lions club, that annual Sadler cabin on Lake Sweetwater, beginning at 8 o'clock.

Every one is asked to bring a picnic lunch. Members of the Youth Project committee will serve freshments and cold drinks.

DEATH CLAIMS PIONEER WEST TEXAS WOMAN

Mrs. G. L. Baker, 84, Passes ices Held Sunday.

Mrs. G. L. Baker, 84, pioneer resident of West Texas, died at 10:45 day, night, May 16. p. m. Saturday at Sadler hospital after a brief illness.

Weathers, officiating, assisted by Rev. D. G. Reid, pastor of Immanuel May 7. Baptist church, Abilene, long time friend of the family, Rev. R. L. Butler, pastor of the Methodist church, and Troy M. Cummings, minister of! the Merkel Church of Christ.

Burial was in Rose Hill cemetery Extemporaneous speech - Betty the Barrow-Sheppard Funeral home.

Ira Stanley, M. E. West, Charlie Sherrell, E. L. Berry and Paul Brad-

Her maiden name was Harriet Eliza Watters. She was born Dec. 8, 1863, in Union Parish, La., and came to Texas with her parents at the age 23, 1885, and the family moved to Since that time she had lived with She had been a member of the Baptist church since the age of 16.

Survivors are two sons, Fred Leading Hamlin Friday Hamlin; three daughters, Mrs. A. B. Patterson and Mrs. R. F. Mashburn Coach Carroll Benson's Purple of Merkel and Mrs. J. B. McLaugh- and Charles Mashburn, instrumental and Gold diamond aggregation will lin of Spur; three brothers, three trio; Joy Lansford in a clarinet solo

> and A. K. Watters, Sapulpa, Okla.; old Salter in piano numbers. the sisters, Mrs. W. T. Lain, San Hogue Ramsey, both of Cleburne.

Rainfall Gauged at

Rainfall Thursday afternoon and night of last week-first moisture to be received here since Mar, 21was gauged at five-eighths of an inch by Volunteer Weather Observer J. I. Ford, bringing the total precipitation for the first four months of 1948 to 2 1-8 inches.

Metal Stop Signs Installed at Kent the local Auxiliary.

Metal stop signs, sunk in the pave ment, have been installed on North Second, requiring traffic to stop at the intersection with Kent street, (the Noodle farm-to-market road) Four other stop signs will be placed by the city at strategic points. it is announced.

To Inoculate Dogs Here Again Saturday

Because the veterinarian ran out of vaccine, only 70 dogs were inocul-Boy Scouts of America, the Beaver ated last Saturday, Mayor A. J. Can

At the same time he announced that the veterinarian would be back again this Saturday-at the same

Tillman Rutledge Now Stationed in Colorado

S-Sgt. Tillman J. Rutledge, forton, has been transferred to Lowery President Dee Grimes presided. Her-Field, Denver, Colo., where he is attending a 28-weeks' auto training

His wife and son, Danny Frank, her grandfather, W. F. Golladay, expect to join him there soon.

Attend Conference

ladies' night. scheduled for next Toombs, elected as delegates from est bidder and the proceeds turned extended by city officials and fire-Tuesday, May 4, will be held at the the local Parent-Teacher association, over to the cemetery association, boys to visit the new city hall and 23-24.

with her sister, Mrs. Bobby Barbee, they were sold, too, with not a kick including Abilene's fire chief, Mr. and Mrs. Miller visited with friends. I from said traveling men. When all Frank Ferrier.

CALENDAR FOR FINAL SCHOOL **EVENTS GIVEN**

Speakers for commencement exercises of the Merkel High school have been named, Supt. R. A. McCollum announced Thursday.

Away Shortly Before Mid-night Saturday; Funeral Serv-Abilene high school, will deliver the address to the graduates on Tuesday night, May 18, while Troy M. Cum mings is to bring the sermon on Sun-

Grade School graduation will held Monday night, May 17.

Funeral services were held at 5 The Senior Class play is to be pre p. m. Sunday from the First Baptist sented Thursday night, May 6, and church, with the pastor, Rev. E. M. the Junior-Senior banquet is schedul ed for the following night, Friday

Large Audience Attend Annual Junior Plays

A large and well pleased audience by the side of her husband, who died cheered the presentation of their of the city have been filed by B. F. Mar. 12, 1942, under the direction of annual class plays by the Junior Findley et al, of Marshall. All four class of Merkel High school at the tests are to be for 2,500 feet, which Pallbearers were J. H. F. Jones, school gymnasium last Friday night Included in the play group were:

Date with Judy.'

Winning the greater favor were the three skits in pantomime, enof 8. She was married to Mr. Baker titled "Trouble in the Cellar," "The Walnut street between Calvert and in Johnson county, Texas, on Aug. Light House Keeper's Daughter" and Scott streets; the No. 1 Mrs. Tommie "The Duchess Bounces In," as , part at Austin on May the 7th and 8th. the Hodges community, where they of the "ditty," with Gerald West, La-The following named students will lived until the death of her husband, rose Perry and Vivian Gasio as read- Orange between Calvert and Scott, ers for the respective plots.

Introducing the program was song number, "School-Day Sweet- nut streets. hearts," by Vivian Gasio and Gerald West, and between-acts the follow-Baker of Merkel and L. B. Baker of ing appeared in special numbers: Jorene Risinger in a piano selection; Charles Simpson, Reuben Horton accompanied by Connie Harriss; Jean (Merkel) to nominate delegates to Kemper, a vocal number; music and the county convention, which in turn accompanied by Connie Harriss; Jean

Juddie Tyree. Five-Eighths Inch VFW Members Attend

Attending the convention of district 8. Veterans of Foreign Wars, held last week-end in Stamford, were six members of Merkel Post 5683 Glynn Robertson, Howard Cox, Woodrow Clark and Edgar Tipton, who went over Saturday, and Murray Toombs and Doyle Seifried, who attended the Sunday session, accompanied by their wives, members of

Mrs. Seifried, who is president of district vice-commander, and Mrs. Toombs was appointed flag bearer. ternoon, May 2, at 3:30 o'clock. Murray Toombs was elected quartermaster for district 8, Veterans , of Foreign Wars.

Record of Births Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Richie. Friday, Apr. 23, 1948. Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Max Davis

Sunday, April 25, 1948.

AWAIT PERMIT TO START TEST IN CITY LIMITS

Special Hearing Was Set For Wednesday Before Railroad Commission; Four Other Locations in Townsite Filed.

Special hearing for the application to drill the West Central Drilling Co. No. 1 Farmers Gin, on the northeast corner of the gin property just inside the city limits, was set for Wednesday, Apr. 28, in Austin, and operators will be ready to go ahead within a few days after the grant-

ing of the permit. Work of completing the pits got

under way last week-end. Subject also to approval of a special hearing of the railroal commission in Austin, locations for four townlot wells in the southwest part would include the Dothan and the re-

mainder of the Cisco series. "The Trysting Place," "A Ditty," (a | According to general report, the melodrama in three scenes.) "Mrs. locations are primarily for develop-Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch" and "A ment wells if and when production

is discovered within the city limits. Locations filed Monday were for the No. 1 Mrs. S. J. Dalton et al, on Smith, on Walnut between Scott and Kirby; the No. 1 S. D. Campbell on and the No. 1 Mrs. Priscilla Curb et al, at the corner of Calvert and Wal-

To Nominate Delegates **For County Convention**

A meeting of voters of Precinct 17 local athletic stadium on Friday night The prothers are: H. L. Watters, songs by Dick Lindsey, accompanied will nominate delegates to the State of this week, game time being 8 p. m. Cleburne, R. E. Watters, Houston, by Miss Christine Collins, and Jer- Democratic convention in Brownwood in May, will be held at 2 p. m. Sat-The comedies were presented under urday in the Hicks building, corner direction of Mrs. Comer Haynes, of North Second and Edwards street, Class sponsors were Mrs. Johnsie it is announced by Holland Teaff, Allen, Mrs. Imogene Henry and Miss precinct chairman, who also stated that the primary election in July

would be held at the same place. Zeb Moore, chairman of Precinct 29 (Blair), has called the convention Stamford Convention of that precinct to be held at the residence of W. A. Campbell at 8 p. m. Friday, Apr. 30.

Two Merkel Students **Honored at Texas Tech**

Lubbock, April 29 .- William T. Hutcheson, son of Mrs. Chester Hutcheson of Merkel, and Donaid Royce Cade, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Cade, Route 1, Merkel, will be honored at the annual Recognition the Merkel Auxiliary, was elected and Parents' Day ceremonies at Texas Technological college Sunday af-

> Invitations to the parents to be present were mailed by the Convocation committee and the Recognition committee.

> Principal speaker for the service, which is planned to recognize the years' outstanding men and women students, will be Dr. Robert A. Millihan, noted physicist.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From Files of The Merkel Mail, May 4, 1928.)

BY LIONS CLUB.

It was indeed a riproaring, rousing fund. Lions meeting which was held last Tuesday noon at the Woodrum hotel. They ate and they roared and had a asked to wear his hat. That was quite unusual. Well, after all were seated it was announced that every

ROUSING MEETING ENJOYED | hats had been sold the sum of \$35.60 had been raised for the cemetery

There was also a fine program; an address which was appreciated most was on the city's industries and regood big time, too. In the absence of sources by our most capable and merly stationed at Fort Sam Hous- the president, Mr. L. B. Scott, Vice- popular mayor, Lion Henry C. West, which facts we expect to publish for bert Patterson was the clever and the enlightenment of our readers. interesting toastmaster and, let us It will surprise you. The next meetsay, Herbert is considered a very ing will be held in the basement of quiet, kind-o-dry fellow, but not so the Presbyterian church instead of who are here for the present with as toastmaster of a Lions meeting; the Woodrum hotel and the occasion in fact, there's nothing dry about a will be the presentation of the club's Lion. And upon entering the dining charter by the district deputy goverroom, where there were so many nor, Hon. N. N. Rosenquest, of Eastgood things to eat, every Lion was land, as well as Lioness night. A big time is expected.

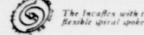
It is said that more than 150 citi-Mrs. Powell Miller and Mrs. Bud Lion's hat would be sold to the high- zens took advantage of the invitation attended the District 16, P-TA con- Every hat went under the hammer fire station. A splendid program was ference held at Midland on Apr. and it turned out, too, that among carried out by Merkel's new and growthe Lion's hats there were a few that ing band. There were also several While there Mrs. Toombs visited belonged to some traveling men- cut-of-town visitors in attendance,

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PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Craig Humphreys isited their daughter and son-in-law, S-Sgt. and Mrs. Dwight Curb, and ittle grandson, Johnny, of Ft. Bliss, the past week. While there they went over into Juarez, Mexico. On the way home they went through the Carlsbad Caverns, then to Hobbs, N. M., where they visited Mrs. Humphreys' aunt, Mrs. W. C. Halbert.

Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Fox and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Wurst visited in Midland last Sunday with the former's Mitchell Walker and Dale.

of her brother, L. B. English and and Mrs. McClintock, accompanied by the English family and Gerrie night with friends in Stamford.

G. L. Smith, of Bosque county, prother-in-law of Mrs. H. R. Grayson, who visited the past week in the Grayson home, has returned home.

Mrs. H. R. Chancey, Sr., left Wednesday to be with her daughter, Mrs. next three weeks. Mrs. Jennings is recommended by the State Departthe mother of a baby son born Apr.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Patterson rooms will be over-flowing. visited last week with their son and Patterson, in Houston.

Mrs. James Benshoff, of Grand Prairie, visited this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Murray. She was accompanied by Mrs. C. M. Barrick and children, also of Grand Prairie, who visited her parents, Mr.

and Mrs. John S. Hughes. The many friends of Bobby Glenn Campbell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dewitt Campbell, will regret to learn that he is seriously ill at his home

Clyde Eager was accompanied to Barnhart for the Purina field day Wednesday by Sam Swann, W. S. J Brown and Paul Turner, of Syl-

vester. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Clark had the pleasure of having all their children Mrs. M. B. Jones, Freddie and Mel-Clark, La Junta, Colo.; Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Clark and Carolyn, and Woodrow, Junior and Fatsy, Merkel Also present were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bailey Toombs and Mrs. Chas. West.

May 3-8 Designated Cancer Drive Week

een selected to head the Taylor iety, was a visitor in Merkel Mon av and announced the appointment G. Wilks will be in charge of the

The week of May 3 through May as been designated as campaign

eek for Taylor county. The local drive, Chairman Sheperd sail, will be conducted through e schools and with coin collection oxes in the business houses and will lso be presented to the various civic

Birth Announced.

Mr. and Mrs. James W. Jenrings f 1621 North 7th street, Abilene, are announcing the birth of a son, James W., Jr., born Apr. 27 at Hendrick Memorial hospital. Maternal grandmother is Mrs. H. R. Chancey Sr., and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ray Jennings.

Pupils in Grammar School Handicapped

By Crowded Conditions "The greatest asset to our community, the boys and girls, are being forced to suffer as the result of the present crowded conditions in the lo cal grammar school," Superintendent R. A. McCollum declared recently.

In enlarging on this statement, Mr. McCollum pointed out that probably the greatest handicap in ar overflow enrollment is the inability daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. of the teachers to give as much individual help and attention to each Mrs. C. W. McClintock of Tahoka child as they should. The pupils have visited first of the week in the home to suffer when there are too many in a room, as no teacher can do her family, while Mr. McClintock attend- best job when she has 45 pupils in ed a combine school in Stamford, Mr. a room that ought not to have more than 30 at the very most.

Conditions along this line are ex-Jinkens, were brief visitors Sunday pected to be even worse during the next five or six years. There are 560 pupils in grades 1-8 at the present time. Next year an enrollment of about 655 is expected and by 1953 about 850 pupils are expected to be in the grammar school. At the present time more than one-half of the rooms J. W. Jennings, of Abilene, for the have more pupils in them than is ment of Education. Next year it is expected that practically all of the

"In addition to suffering from daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jack an instructional standpoint, the 560 pupils are decidedly suffering from a health standpoint as well," Principal C. A. Farley added.

It has been previously disclosed that the pupils of the Merkel Grammar school do not have nearly enough playground space, drinking fountains, lavatories, toilets, natural lighting and artificial lighting. All of these conditions are rated "poor" by the State Department of Education.

The J. J. S. Smiths Receive Sad Message

Upon receipt of a telephone message Friday night from their son, L. E. Smith, of Carrizo Springs, Mr. for supper Monday night: Mr. and and Mrs. J. J. S. Smith and daughter, Mrs. Arrajo Evans, of Sweetwater, va. Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. W. J. left for that place to be with their son and his wife, whose baby had been born dead.

> CARD OF THANKS. We wish to express our sincere appreciation of the love, sympathy and kindness extended us in the illness and death of our beloved mother, also The Merkel Mail office. for the beautiful floral offerings. May God's richest blessings res

upon all of you. The Children and Relatives of Mrs. G. L. Baker.

CARD OF THANKS. We are deeply grateful for the s co-chairmen for the local drive. beautiful flowers and other expressions of love and sympathy shown us at the time of the last rites and burial of our son and brother, Screven. Mr. and Mrs. J. J. S. Smith.

Samuell Smith. L. E. Smith. Mrs. Arrajo Evans. Louise Smith.

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CARD OF THANKS We wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to the many friends and neighbors who were so kind and helped us during the illness of our little boy.

We especially wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. Bert Harris. We also wish to express our thanks for the beautiful flowers.

May God's richest blessings rest on each and every one of you. Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Rogers and Family.

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1. Cash, batances with other banks, including reserve balance,

and cash items in process of collection _ 2. United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed 1,404,013.76 Obligations of States and political subdivisions Corporate stocks (including \$3,000.00 stock of Federal

3.000.00 Reserve Bank) Loans and discounts (including \$709.64 overdrafts) _____ 385,685.54 . Furniture and fixtures 4,000.00

TOTAL ASSETS

LIABILITIES 13. Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships,

\$2,696,638.83 15. Deposits of United States Government (including 22,822.53 postal savings) 16. Deposits of States and political subdivisions 140,187.47 18. Other deposits (certified and cashier's checks, etc.) 393.78

TOTAL DEPOSITS _____\$2,860,092.61 \$2,860,092.61 TOTAL LIABILITIES

(c). Common stock, total par \$50,000.00 _____

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

26. Surplus 27. Undivided profits 29. TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

0. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS ____\$2,993,253.31 MEMORANDUM 31. Assets pledged or assigned to secure liabilities and

\$ 154,000.00 STATE OF TEXAS, County of Taylor, ss:
I, Geo. T. Moore, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

GEO. T. MOORE, Cashier. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 17th day of April, 1948. C. E. TIPTON, Notary Public. (Seal)

CORRECT ATTEST: Booth Warren, H. C. West, W. T. Sadler, M. D. Directors.

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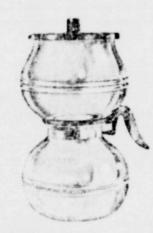
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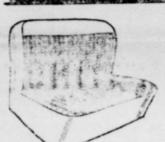
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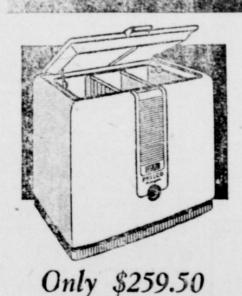
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MOVIE CALENDAR Clarence Symes, County Sam Martins Return

-:- Q U E E N -:-

Friday - Saturday - Double feaure program, Penny Singleton, Hugh Herbert, Larry Sims and Daisy in 'Blondie in the Dough" and William Boyd as Hopalong Cassidy in "The Marauders;" color cartoon and Vigil-

Sunday, Monday and Tuesday -Esther Williams, Lauritz Melchior, Jimmy Durante, Johnnie Johnston and Xavier Cugat and His Orchestra in "This Time for Keeps;" Donald Duck and latest world News.

Wednesday - Thursday - Errol Flynn, Ida Lupino, Eleanor Parker in "Escape Me Never;" Lulu cartoon and Sports reel.

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Howells Observe 31st Wedding Anniversary

Fort Worth, Apr. 29 .- On Sunday, Apr. 18, Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Howell, Fort Worth, formerly of Union Ridge, Shiloh and Trent, spent their 4 p. m. and play again at 8:15 as a 915 Fifth avenue, with their H-SU. two daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Randolph and daughters, Gayla, Joy gene Ormandy as conductor, will be and Becky Lou, and Mr. and Mrs. open to the public, and tickets are

Mrs. Roe Curtis, formerly of Trent, the Record Shop in Abilene. now of Hobbs, Texas, and Mr. and Mrs. L. N. McRee and daughters, Sue a hundred musicians, will visit Abi-

and Sarah, of Trent. They all attended the Ice-Capades

FHA Supervisor, Given Service Certificate

With a service record of eleven years, four months with the U.S. ing which they visited their son, Mr. Department of Agriculture, Clarence and Mrs. Robert Martin, in Angleton, Symes, of Abilene. Taylor county sup-1 and also their daughter, Mrs. S. E. ervisor of the Farmers Home administration, was one of a group of 12 employees who have been in the service of the department ten years or more to receive certificates and interesting scenes visited were the lapel-emblems, at a ceremony held recently in Seymour.

The presentation of the certificates and service emblems was made by large Dow Chemical plants in one of Wallace W. White, state field repre- which Mr. Hester works as welder, sentative of the Farmers Home ad- and also went to the beach east of ministration at Dallas. In congratu- Velasco and saw the drawbridge lating the award-winners for their there, a 60-pound salt fish and lots long and loyal service, Mr. White Everybody gets into the act in said, "It is fitting that the Depart-M-G-M's blues-chasing new techni- ment of Agriculture should take reccolor musical, "This Time for Keeps," ognition of good service rendered to and when you consider that the act the public by its employees who carry includes Esther Williams in some of on their duties faithfully year after cular to the rays of the sun. most bewitching water routines, year. Through experience you have the inimitable Jimmy Durante, Lau- undoubtedly acquired knowledge and itz Melchoir of the operatic arias. skill which make you valuable as an rooning Johnnie Johnston and the employee of your government. I am sure you deserve this recognition and honor."

Famous Phildelphia Orchestra to Appear On H-SU Artist Course

Abilene, Apr. 29 .- The Philadelphia Orchestra, the first symphony orchestra to record its performance under its own name and own conductor, will appear at Rose Field House on the Hardin-Simmons University campus for two performances May 11.

The group will present a matine concert for grade school students at wedding anniversary at their part of the annual Artist Course at

The performances, featuring Eunow on sale at the H-SU business of-Out-of-town visitors were Mr. and fice, R. M. White Music Co., and

The orchestra, composed of ever lene as one of the four cities in Texas on a six-weeks transcontinental Saturday night and had a wonderful tour. The group will come here from Houston, backtrack to San Antonio, and then head west to El Paso.

It is the Philadelphia Orchestra that lays claim to the title of having the largest recorded repertoire of any existing orchestra, and the sales through the years have exceeded those of any existing orchestra.

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Mary Lou Buford, daughter of

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Buford, of Jarrell, formerly of Trent, has been recently initiated into Theta Sigma Phi, national honorary and professional journalism fraternity for

Member of Journalism

Fraternity at Texas U.

women, at the University of Texas. Miss Buford, a senior journalism major, is also an upperclass adviser and a night society editor of the Daily Texan, campus newspaper. She is corresponding secretary of Sidney Lanier Literary society, publicity officer of the Campus League of Women voters, a member of the publication committee for the Texas Union and a member of Bluestockings, national honorary English organization for women.

Sheriff's Posse to Stage 2-Day Rodeo at Baird May 7-8

Baird, Apr. 29 .- May 7-8 will be red letter days in this county seat town when the Callahan County Sheriff's posse stages their championship rodeo.

Prizes amounting to \$1,050 are being offered, with Bob Estes as pro ducer of the two-day show, scheduled to start at 8 p. m. each night.

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American Lome

From Extended Trip

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Martin and Bar-

bara have returned from an extend-

ed automobile trip of 1.202 miles, dur-

Hester, and Mr. Hester, Martin, Ed-

They all went to Texas City and

Galveston sightseeing, and among the

large highway bridge, also the rail-

road bridge, which rises up to let the

ships through. They saw the three

Seasons are caused by the fact that

the axis of the earth is not perpendi-

win and Mac, of Lake Jackson.

of mackerel.

American Frome	3.4
□ Boy's Life	3.1
Calling All Girls	2.8
Child Life	3.4
Christian Herald	3.4
Coronet	3.5
Country Gentleman (5 Yrs.)	2.5
Etude Music Magazine	3.4
Everybody's Digest	3.4
Flower Grower	2.9
Front Page Detective	2.5
Inside Detective	2.5
☐ Jack & Jill	3.4
Judy's (News & Views)	3.0
Modern Romances	
Modern Screen	2.7
Movies in Review	3.4
Nature (10 Issues, 12 Mos.)	4.4
Open Road (Boys)	
Outdoors	2.5
Parents' Magazine	
Pathfinder (26 Issues)	
[Photoplay	
Popular Mechanics	
Popular Science Monthly	
Reader's Digest	
Redbook Magazine	
Screen Romances	
Sport	3.5
Sports Afield	2.5
The Ho: 'er	
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True Ron. ce	
True Story	
U. S. Camera	
Walt Disney's Comics	2.3

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Trent Social Notes.

WSCS MEMBERS HONORED Trent, Apr. 29 .- The quarterly "come as you are" party, sponsored by the Women's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist church, was held in the home of Mrs. James Bright Thursday morning. Mrs. Len nie Halbrooks was hostess assisted by Mrs. Monk Stowe, Mrs. Bright and Mrs. Lee Keyes.

The ladies were aroused by door bells and telephone calls early Thursday morning and invited to "come as you are." By 8:30 they began to arrive clad in house coats, slacks or house dresses. Those who changed their attire in any way were fined ten cents.

Each lady was invited to bring her "purse and something to sell." Mirs. Bright met the ladies at the door with paper masks, then each newcomer had to guess who the others were. The winners were Mrs. Geta Williamson and Mrs. Hub Kegans and they were presented a bunch of onions

Miss Christine Kitchens auctioned packages off amid much merriment.

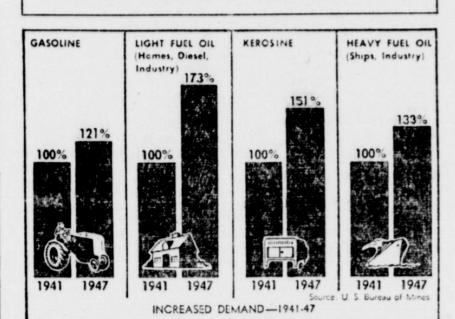
Cake and ice tea were served at the refreshment hour to: Mesdames John Boyd, Weldon McCormick, Rufus Kitchens, Manzill Shafer, Robert O'Rear, T. H. Williamson, C. C. Stribbling, Hank Brown. Geta Williamson, Lesley Beasiey, George Holloway, J. M. Stowe, Paul Collins, W. O. Steen, S. C. Driggers, O. A. Smith, Oliver Bright, A. L. Reeves, Mike Jackson, D. L. Butler, Hub Kegans, Mark Williamson, O. S. Bishop, A. A. Holt, Othell O'Kelly, Clovis Mc-Elmurray, James Bright, Dow Williamson, Lonnie Halbrooks, Lee Keyes; Nelda and Jennie Boyd, Don McCormick, Roy and Jerry Shafer, Peggy, Nell and Polly Collins, Markie Driggers, Mike Jackson, Jr., Eugene Kegans, Rickie McElmurray, Glen and Gwen Bright, Betty Williams and Forrest Keyes.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Trent, Apr. 29 .- Mrs. Foy Steadman was hostess for a birthday party given Saturday afternoon honoring the sixth birthday of her daughter, Gailyn Ann.

Refreshments of ice cream and angel food cake were served. Plate favors were colored mints and bal-

Farm Plays Major Part In Upping Nation's Demand For Oil Products



Since 1941, the wide and varied use of oil has increased the demand for every major oil product. One big factor in creating this demand has been the rapid mechanization of the farm during war years. As the heating season closes, the need for gasoline, Diesel and kerosine in ever increasing quantities for wide use on the farm is in the spotlight

EVER-INCREASING food pro- of gasoline, there are on the farms duction is creating a new major this year 3,000,000 tractors operat-

demands for oil as shown by figures records start in 1910, farm producrecently released by the United tion increased six tenths of one States Bureau of Mines, the Com- percent per year on the average up mittee explained that the oil industo 1935. Since then it has been intry is spending \$4,000,000,000 before creasing 4 percent per year on the the end of this year on a two-year average, the committee stated. postwar program to expand facili- There are, it said, 1,880,000 trucks the limit by a record demand.

11 percent, the Committee said. To utilize this increased output figures show

demand for oil which the companies ing 15,000,000 implements, almost in the oil industry are working on a triple the number of tractors that twenty-four hour, seven-day a week existed in 1935, it explained. Since basis to meet, the Oil Industry In- that year, it said, the average rate formation Committee declared this of increase in farm production per year has been seven times what it In a statement analyzing current was formerly. From the time that

ties that are now being pushed to in service on the farms, an increase of 62 percent since 1941 and of 21 America is using oil at a rate per percent since the war, while the person 28 times as great as that of number of farm automobiles is the rest of the world with the de- 4,860,000, also an increase of about mand for every major oil product 20 percent since the war and oil up. The farm has become a major now does varied jobs from hatching

factor in this consumption as mechanization has skyrocketed, it added.

During the abnormally cold winprewar peak in 1941, overall inter just past, when oil production creases in demand for oil products was shifted to produce a maximum to which the farm contributed were of fuel oil, not only was the output gasoline, 21 percent; light fuel and of the oil used for heating upped Diesel oil, 73 percent; kerosine, 51
23 percent but overall increased percent; and heavy fuel oil of the runs upped the output of gasoline type used by industry and ships, 33 percent, the Bureau of Mines

ed by Becky Martin, Carolyn Gra- don, Victor Ellison, Peggy and Nell and Sarah Wilson,

ham, Paula and Linda Dudley, Tellie Collins, Ann Boyd, Linda Wilks, Bob-McWilliams, Janie Robinson, Kenny by Bishop, James and John Wayne Duncan, Barbara Ann Freeman, Ka- Boyd, Virginia and Nelda Boyd, Judy loons. Games were played and enjoy- ren Hood, Bobby Wilson, Marie Hig- and June Steadman, Mrs. John Boyd

Additional Donors To Cemetery Fund

The following list of ad	ditional
donors to the upkeep fund	of Rose
Hill cemetery is reported by	T. L.
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Mrs. W. C. Lee	1.50
M. L. Douglas	1.00
	_ 11.71
Mrs. Dennis Hartley	2.00
Mrs. R. H. Kingston	
	1.00
Cordwood	7.50
Mrs. B. H. Riney	3.00
W. M. Hays	2.00
V. R. Justice	2.00
W. C. Hill	5.90
Mrs. W. T. Maddox	2.00
E. O. Ely	2.00
Mrs, Mary Bearden	1.25
Mr. and Mrs. Harlan	
Merritt	2.00
Mrs. Ruby J. Madderra	2.50

Merkel Students Named On McMurry Honor Roll

Abilene, Apr. 29 .- Two students from Merkel, Billy G. Gant and Viola Allred, were named on the honor roll for the first half of the spring semester, according to Jerome Vannoy, registrar of McMurry college.

The list included 33 students of the approximately 700 enrolled. To be eligible for the honor roll a student must have earned an average grade of at least 90 per cent, Vannoy add-

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Legal Notices

CITATION BY PUBLICATION. THE STATE OF TEXAS

Elizabeth C. Grinnell, Greet

You are commanded to appear and answer the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first 1948. Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday the 24th day of May, A. D., 1948, at 1948. or before 10 o'clock A. M., before the (Seal) Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County, at the Court House By Grace Jenkins, Deputy. in Abilene, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 10th day of April, 1948. The file number of said suit being

No. 15.728-A. The names of the parties in said suit are: Elvin Grinnell as Plaintiff, before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first and Elizabeth C. Grinnell as Defend-

The nature of said suit being sub stantially as follows, to wit:

Plaintiff and Defendant were married on or about the 4th of November, 1942, and lived together until Taylor County, at the Court House on or about February 5, 1947. No child or children were born to said marriage and none were adopted an there are no property rights to be adjudicated. Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of cruel treatment,

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ance, it shall be returned unserved. Issued this the 10th day of April,

A. D., 1948. Given under my hand and seal of as, this the 10th day of April, A. D.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Tex as, this the 10th day of April, A. D.

J. Neil Daniel, Clerk District Court, Taylor County, Texas

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: E. L. Brown, Greeting: You are commanded to appear and answer the plaintiff's petition at or Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday the 17th day of May. A. D., 1948, at or before 10 o'clock A. M., before the Honorable 42nd District Court of

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 14th day of Jan., 1948.

in Abilene, Texas.

No. 15.646-A. suit are: M. E. Brown as Plaintiff, Emmons, both deceased and their

and E. L. Brown as Defendant. The nature of said suit being subtantially as follows, to wit: Plaintiff and defendant were mar

ance, it shall be returned unserved. | in Abilene, Texas. Issued this the 2nd day of April, Said plaintiff's petition was filed A. D., 1948.

said Court, at office in Abilene, Tex- ing No. 15.746-A.

Grace Jenkins, Deputy.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

immie W. Davis, 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 the 31st day of May, A. D., 1948, at or before 10 o'clock A. M., before the Honorable 42nd District Court

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Taylor County, at the Court House, and their unknown owners if any, on the 18th day of August, 1947. as Defendants. n Abilene, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed n the 15th day of April, 1948. The file number of said suit be-

The names of the parties in said

g No. 15,741-A.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were duly and said Court, at office in Abilene, Tex- legally married on or about the 25th day of January, 1947, and lived together until on or about February 14, 1947. No child or children were born to said marriage and none will be born, and there is no community property involved. Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of cruel treatment and for the reason that defendant was legally married to another | 1948. woman at the time he and plaintiff (Seal) were married.

If this Citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved. Issued this the 16th day of April. A. D., 1948. Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 16th day of

April, A. D., 1948. J. Neil Daniel, Clerk, (Seal) District Court, Taylor County, Texas By Grace Jenkins, Deputy.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TETAS. TO: S. M. Oldham. Ella Sandel The file number of said suit being D. Sandell, the heirs and unknown heirs and legal representatives of The names of the parties in said Larce Oldham and Minnie Oldha known owners if any, Greeting:

You are commanded to appear and answer the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first ied on July 28, 1930, and continued | Monday after the expiration of 42 to live together until June 3, 1946, days from the date of issuance of No children have or will be born to this Citation, the same being Monday said marriage. Plaintiff sues for di- the 14th day of June, A. D., 1948, at vorce on grounds of cruel treatment, or before 10 o'clock A. M., before If this Citation is not served with- the Honorable 42nd District Court n 90 days after the date of its issu- of Taylor County, at the Court House

on the 17th day of April, 1948. Given under my hand and seal of The file number of said suit be-

as, this the 2nd day of April, A. D., The names of the parties in said suit are: B. G. Marshall and wife. J. Neil Daniel, Clerk. Arillia Marshall as Plaintiffs, and strict Court, Taylor County, Texas S. M. Oldham, Ella Sandell and husband, O. D. Sandell, Rosa Duncan and husband Tom Duncan, the heirs and unknown heirs and legal repre sentatives of Larce Oldham and Minnie Oldham Emmons, both deceased

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The nature of said suit being sub- ing No. 15,448-A. stantially as follows, to wit: Trespass to try title and title by adverse suit are: R. J. Johnson as Plainthe part of plaintiffs against the fendant. uit are: Edwena Davis as Plain- defendants to the Southwest 1-4 of tiff, and Jimmie Davis as Defendant. section 6 Blk. 3 under Certificate No. stantially as follows, to wit: Plain-17-365 S. P. Ry. Co. lands located | tiff and defendant were legally maring 160 acres and to quiet plaint.ff's lived together until or about the 1st title and for all legal and equitable day of December, 1945. relief to which the plaintiffs may be entitled to and for cost of suit, for all of which the plaintiffs pray. Issued this the 26th day of April,

> Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Tex- in 90 days after the date of its issuas, this the 26th day of April, A. D., ance, it shall be returned unserved.

J. Neil Daniel, Clerk, 42nd Dist. Court, Taylor County, Tex

CITATION BY PUBLICATION. THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Jewell Vera John on, 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 7th day of June, A. D., 1948, at or before 10 o'clock A. M., before the Honorable 42nd District Court | Monday after the expiration of 42 of Taylor County, at the Courts House days from the date of issuance of in Abilene, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed day the 14th day of June, A. D., 1948, ca is Mt. McKinley in Alaska.

The names of the parties in said possession of 10 years limitation on tiff, and Jewell Vera Johnson as De-

The nature of said suit being sub-

There were no children born to the plaintiff and defendant, and they own no community property.

Plaintiff sues for divorce on the grounds of cruel treatment.

If this Citation is not served with-Issued this the 21st day of April, A. D., 1948. Given under my hand that her maiden name be restored. and seal of said Court, at office in

April, A. D., 1948. J. Neil Daniel, Clerk, (Seal) District Court, Taylor County, Texas A. D., 1948. By Dorothy Smith, Deputy.

Abilene, Texas, this the 21th day of

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Albert Saunders, Greeting: You are commanded to appear and answer the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first this Citation, the same being Mon-

at or before 10 o'clock A. M. before The file number of said suit be- the Honorable 104th Court of Taylor County, at the Court House in

Abilene, Texas, Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 24th day of April, 1948. The file number of said suit being No.

The names of the parties in said suit are: Frances Saunders as Plainin Taylor County, Texas, and contain- ried on 3rd day of August, 1942, and tiff, and Albert Saunders as Defend-

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: Plaintiff and defendant were legally married in April, 1945, and separated in

May, 1945. No children were born to said marriage and there are no property rights to be adjudicated.

Plaintiff sues for divorce on the grounds of cruel treatment, and asks

If this Citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved. Issued this the 26th day of April,

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 26th day of April, A. D.,

1948. J. Neil Daniel, Clerk (Seal) District Court, Taylor County, Texas By Grace Jenkins, Deputy.

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Brick building, in good condition; well located; priced to sell. Nice 4-room and bath, new and close

in, \$3,500. Reasonable down payment on any of the above is all it takes; the remainder like rent. DOWDY & TOOMBS

1946 Chevrolet 4-door sedan: good clean car. Badger Chevrolet Co.

FOR SALE -- Good six column R. C. Allen 66-S adding machine, like new; may be seen at my office. Vernon Simpson, Merkel, Texas.

FOR SALE-Building, 8x18 ft., 2rooms, sheet metal, with three windows; shiplap floor; price \$60. See Mrs. P. W. Price, Route 3, Merkel.

Premier Pure Aluminum Percolator-\$1.29 6 quart 8 quart \$1.49 White Auto Store

FOR SALE-5-room house and 6 lots; also 10-room house and 6 lots, in Trent. W. C. Matthews, Trent,

A. and B. Batteries for Zenith hearing aids. West Co.

FOR SALE-10 pigs at \$8.00 each. W. H. Moore, Merkel, Route 4.

SEE and HEAR the new improved FM-AM; made to sell at prices much lower than the average set. West Co.

FOR SALE-Stewart-Warner radiophonograph combination; \$60. See Trev Roberts after 7 p. m., South 6th and Walnut.

PLANTS for sale; the well known Crosby and Porter tomato plants now ready. 3rd block south school gym. Mrs. Joe Stalls.

FOR SALE—'31 model A Ford. See O. D. Bland, Route 2, Merkel.

BABY CHICKS for sale, all breeds; also started chicks. Toombs and Moore Feed Store.

CERTIFIE	D SEED
Martin's, 100 lbs.	\$7.2
Plainsman, 100 lbs	
Common Sudan, 10	
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Blackeyed Peas, lb.	25
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GUARANTEED finest and cheapest water systems made; have plenty of pipe and can get any part in two hours. Come in and see a demonstration. Installations reasonable-Myers water systems. Bowles Plumbing Shop. Phone 286.

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

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Announcement of Re-Opening

WINTER'S LAUNDRY

POLITICAL

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

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

IRVEN THOMPSON. L. A. DUDLEY. RUFE 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:

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

MRS. DORA T. COBB.

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

THEO ASH. WILEY CAFFEY. (Re-Election.) House for sale - Nice 5-room and

bath; in good condition; all large rooms; well located; for immediate A good 123-acre farm.

Nice 3-room house, to be moved; a bargain price, \$850.00. CYRUS PEE, Agent.

GATES TIRES guaranteed against all road hazards. Badger Chevrolet Company.

GATES TIRES, on time payment, no finance charge. Badger Chevrolet Company.

GOOD 1938 Chevrolet sedan; new paint. Badger Chevrolet Company.

FOR SALE- State-registered Blue Tag Mebane cottonseed; best one can buy; best for this climate. A. J. Canon.

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

FOR SALE-'45 John Deere "B' tractor. S. D. Gamble.

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

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50-ft. length 9-16 in., good grade hose, brass couplings, \$4.50. 50-ft. length 5-8 in., extra grade Gates red hose, \$7.50.

20-ft. length 5-8 in., good grade hose, brass couplings, \$2.00. WEST FARM MACHINERY CO. Phone 30.

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

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Reserve District No. 11. Report of Condition of

"HOME STATE BANK"

of Trent, Taylor County, Texas, at the close of business April 12, 1948, a State banking institution organized and operating under the banking laws of this State and a member of the Federal Reserve System. Published in accordance with a call made by the State Banking Authorities and by the Federal Reserve Bank of this District.

1. Cash balances with other banks, including reserve balance,

and cash items in process of collection 2. United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed 119,500.00 5. Corporate stocks (including \$3,000.00 stock of Federal Reserve bank)

6. Loans anl discounts (including \$461.05 overdrafts) 7. Bank premises owned \$600.00, furniture and fixtures \$600.00

TOTAL ASSETS

\$1,050,656.88

LIABILITIES 13. Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations

15. Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings) 16. Deposits of States and political subdivisions __ TOTAL DEPOSITS _____\$939,774.00 TOTAL LIABILITIES (not including subordinated

obligations shown below) CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

25. Capital* \$ 25,000.00 27. Undivided profits 10,882.88 \$110,882.88 29. TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

30. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS ____\$1,050,656.88 *This bank's capital consists of Common stock

with total par value of \$25,000.00 I, J. G. Wilks, cashier, of the above-named bank, hereby certify that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

JAMES V. ROSS,

Notary Public, Taylor County, Texas.

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Taylor, ss:
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 16th day of April, 1948. (Seal)

CORRECT ATTEST': L. E. Adrian. Dow Williamson T. H. Williamson,

LOST AND FOUND

in it. Liberal reward for return to the Merkel Mail office.

LOST- Man's Winton watch, with stretch band. Reward of \$5.00 for return, Hollis McLean, Route 4, Merkel.

Use The Mail Want Ads.

STRAYED- From my pasture in Golan community, Monday, brown "muley" Jersey cow. Reward. A. D. Hill, Route A, Sylvester, Texas.

STRAYED - From my place 1 mile north of Compere, light colored Jersey cow, dehorned; \$50.00 reward for return of cow and calf. Wesley Rister, Rt. 1, Merkel.

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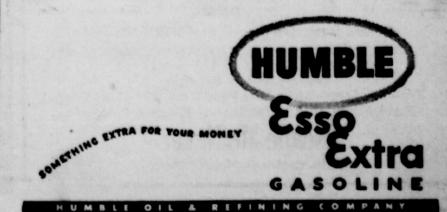
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-:- Society -:

MHS JUNIORS AND SENIORS ENTERTAINED.

High school were honored with a re- O. Castles, Bernard Clark and J. Ben its honor roll. ception as a courtesy from the ladies | Campbell and Miss Margaret Eidson. of the First Baptist church in the church parlors Monday evening.

Mrs. Owen Robertson, as chairman of the entertainment committee, irtroduced a group from Hardin-Simmon university. Abilene, who presented a most enjoyable program. With Charles McIlweene as speaker and master of ceremonies, Miss Mar Hill sang several numbers. Miss out the program.

The school colors of purple and and the lace-laid table from which refreshments were served was center ed with an arrangement of mixed flowers, while iris and other spring flowers on the piano and tables gave a further colorful setting.

Refreshments were served by San dra Sadler, Glenna Clifford and Mona Robertson.

Other members of the committee were Mrs. David Gamble, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Largent, Mr. and Mrs. Irl Walker, Rev. and Mrs. E. M. Weathers, Mrs. Sam Swann, Mrs. W. T. Sadler, Mrs. Ed Sandusky, Mrs. Preston Henry and Mrs. W. A. Mc Candless.

Juniors and Seniors who register ed for this happy occasion were Joan James, Wanda Daniel, Doris Cooper, Geneva Carr, Betty Buch anan, Joyce Irvin, Barbara Sandusky Ada Marie Thompson, Vivian Gasic Laverl Stout, Jackie Toombs, Daph na Byrd, Patsy Thomas, Billie Sey more. Charlotte Harwell, Martha Smith, Lorece Bond, Bina Brown Jean Kemper, Phyllis Freeman, Joy Lansford, Helen Conley,

G. H. Suber, Jimmy Black, Carol Best, Buddy McKeever, Bobby Criswell, Robert Sledge, Don Dudley, Robert Tom Hodge, Bobby Gilbert, Hollis McLean, Willie Shoemaker, Jay Greenfield, Clyan Whisenhunt. Oris Reynolds, Bill Patterson, Larry Bailey, Royce Peterson, T. C. Melton, Miniford McCoy, Glenn Westenhover Jack Boone, Charles Simpson, Dick Lindsey, Gaston Walker, Gerald West, D. Bland. Billy Reid, Raymend Perkins and Roger Bailey.

Others present were: Mrs. Bill Allen, Mrs. Edwin Read, Mrs. Comer Haynes and Miss Juddie Tyree,

MERKEL HD CLUB. The Merkel Home Demonstration 22, in the home of Mrs. Bob Mc-

After singing songs and a lengthy business session, in which plans were completed for the political rally sporsored by the club and held at the Community Center Monday night, Mrs. Irl Walker brought a most interesting talk on "Wives of the Bible.

The hostess served a refreshment plate of sandwiches, potato chips and punch to one visitor, Mrs. Annie Berry, several children and the following members: Mesdames Leon Bigbee, Gordon Pursley, Rhatt Eidson, Jr., Don Riney, S. G. Russell,

Jr., Irl Walker, John Hughes, Odis Eagby, Bob McDonald, Mack Tucker,

COMRADES COUPLES CLASS. A quartet of popular hostesses entertained members of the Comrades Couples Sunday School class at the Methodist church on last Thursday evening. They were Mesdames Johnmond Ferguson, Cyrus Pee, Riggs

RURAL SOCIFTY

Powell Miller and Rev. and Mrs. R.

BLUEBONNET CLUB. The Bluebonnet Home Demonstraion club met Apr. 20 in the club ouse with the president, Mrs. E. J. Patterson, presiding.

The group repeated the Club Woman's Collect and sang two songs. The secretary, Mrs. A. L. Farmer, read the minutes of the previous meet. ng. Mrs. Dewel McLean and Mrs. Ford Butman gave the council re-

After club adjournment refreshments were served to ten club members and three children.

Mrs. A. R. Toombs will serve at

the May 4 meeting. The club will have a recreation night Friday, Apr. 30. Members are requested to bring coffee and cookie and bring card tables and dominoes. as it will be a "42" party. Every onc is invited to come and enjoy a few hours of free fun.

UNION RIDGE CLUB The Union Ridge Home Demonstration club met Friday, Apr. 16, in the home of Mrs. Ocie Douglas, Bobby DuBose, Clarence Kessler, O. with the vice-president, Mrs. J. H. Clark in charge of business.

It was discussed and decided that all were in favor of holding an auction sale on the next meeting. It is sponsored by the club women but any and every one anywhere may or several items to be sold at auction. It makes no difference what it is, it club met Thursday afternoon, Apr. may be bought, home or hand-made. or any item you may have that you no longer need, provided they are usable, of course, such as flower

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ACC Honor Roll Lists Two Merkel Students

Abilene, Apr. 29 .- Two students rom Merkel have been named as honor students in Abilene Christian ollege, for the first half of the col-Christian college counts the scholas- 724 as compared with 726 on the pre-Juniors and Seniors of Merkel Harry Barnett, Chas. Sylvester, J. tic top ten per cent of each class as

> Honor students are Gerald McCov son of Mr. and Mrs. Hollis McCoy, and Troy Cummings, son of Mrs. Emma Cummings.

Hospital Notes.

Jimmy Gregory underwent an appendectomy Wednesday at Sadler ny Hammond, Powell Miller, Griff hospital. Harvey Jones entered the Barnett and Spencer Bird. A delec- hospital Monday for treatment and cella Dunlap gave a reading and Bob table covered dish dinner was served X-rays. Patients received during the in courses after which a round table week for treatment were: W. P. Hor-Mary Curry was at the piano through discussion of business nature was dis- ten, Jane Tipton, Apr. 22; Jo Marpensed with informally. One guest, varyn Tipton, Apr. 23; the two W. M-Sgt. G. R. Williams, USMC, and J. Skiles boys, Apr. 24; Charlie Mas gold were emphasized in decorations, the following class members were sey, Billie Carolyn Chambless, Apr. present: Messrs, and Mesdames Ray- 25; Mrs. Tom Humphreys, the Lester Darden baby, Apr. 27; Lanetta Shepperd, Ray Wilson, Andy Shouse, Huber, Larose Perry, Mrs. W. C. Hill. June Hogan, Grif Barnett, Spencer Apr. 28. Willard Paine received a Bird, Johnny Hammond, Edwin Read. tonsillectomy Apr. 24.

> vases, etc. The club adjourned to meet for an auction sale to be held at 2 o'clock. May 7, in the home of Mrs. L. S.

In The Churches

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Attendance at the seven reporting lege's 1948 spring semester. Abilene Sunday Schools last Sunday was vious Sunday. The attendance on the same Sunday a year ago was 714.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Bible School 9:45 a. m. Sunday. Worship 10:50 a. m. and 8:00 p. m. Young People's meeting 7:15 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday, 8:00

Troy M. Cummings, Minister.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Gordon Weir of Abilene will fill the pulpit at the 11 o'clock hour.

Reporter

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Morn ing sermon at 11. Training Union at 7:00 p. m. Evening sermon at 8:00. Prayer meeting at 7:00 Wednesday evening.

Merle Weathers, Pastor.

METHODIST CHURCH

worship 11. Youth Fellowship 7:00 find a home there.

p. m. Evening worship 7:30 WSCS Mondays, 2 p. m. Mid-week prayer Wednesdays, 7:00 p. m. R. L. Butler, Pastor

NAZARENE CHURCH

Sunday School 10 a, m. Preaching at 11 a, m. and 8 p, m. Prayer meeting at 8 p. m. Wednesday. R. T. Smith, Pastor.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:00 p, m. Midweek prayer meeting at 7:00 Wednesday evening.

A. T. Suskey, Pastor.

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.

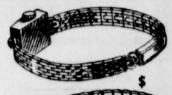
Rev. W. G. Richardson To Winters Pastorate

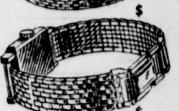
Rev. W. G. Richardson, former pastor of the Fundamentalist Baptist church here, has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Bethel Baptist church at Winters and has begun filling the pulpit for Sunday services.

He and his wife plan to move to Winters just as soon as it is possible Church School 10 a. m. Morning for him to close out affairs here and

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Fri. and Sat. April 30-May 1



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Mary Lee Taylor's lash Browned Potatoes Broadcast: May 1, 1948

shortening 4 cups finely diced, cooked potatoes

1 teaspoon salt few grains pepper 1 cup Pet Milk 2 tablespoons finely cut parsley (can omit) Put shortening into skillet. Add pota toes and onion. Cook slowly 15 minutes, turning as mixture browns. Add remaining ingredients; cook slowly 10 minutes longer, or until mixture thickens. Serve hot. Makes 4 servings.

PET MILK, tall can PUTATOES, pound ONIONS, pound

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FOLGER'S COFFEE, lb. 49c FLOUR, 25 lb. sack \$1.69 K. B. — GOLD MEDAL

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3 pound



White Cream CORN 17c Stokley's-No. 2 can Honey Pod PEAS, **Bartlett PEARS** SUR MAR No. 2 can **HOMINY**, White

Irland's-No. 300 can Blackeye PEAS,

SUGAR 10 lb sack 83c CATSUP, 14 oz. 19c

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