

PERSONAL NEWS
NOTES

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THE MERKEL MAIL

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Mr. and Mrs. Hershel Taylor and Miss Joyce Wilson have returned from San Francisco where they have been residing the past seven months. After a visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Wilson of Trent, they will make their home in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. D. I. Shelton and daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Dunn, of Cisco, were Sunday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Elliott. Mr. Shelton is Mrs. Elliott's brother.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Douglass, of Ruidoso, N. M., were week-end visitors with their son, Mr. and Mrs. Barney Douglass and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Toombs and Mr. and Mrs. Royce Dowdy were visitors in Fort Worth last week-end on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Easterwood, after a visit in the Twyman and John Collins homes, returned Sunday to their home at Taft.

Mrs. David Gamble and two children, Lynn and Bronwyn, returning last week-end from a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Ryals, in Dallas, were accompanied by her mother, who is visiting another daughter, Mrs. A. G. Black, in Clyde.

Week-end visitors in the home of Mrs. L. A. Watts were Mr. and Mrs. Foster Watts and sons, James, Bobby and Loyd, of Hobbs, N. M., and Mr. and Mrs. James R. Brown of Lovington, N. M. They also visited with other relatives.

When Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Walton visited last week with their son-in-law and daughter, Major and Mrs. Frank Quillin, at Amarillo, they had the privilege of going through the famous Palo Duro Canyon State park.

J. H. Roberts with his daughter, Mrs. Otis Foster, and children left Friday, for Azle, for a week-end visit with another daughter, Mrs. E. W. West.

A visitor the latter part of the week with the John and Twyman Collins families was V. D. Jones, of Eagwell, Milam Pike of Bagwell and Jack Pike, of Grand Prairie, who accompanied Mr. Jones, visited with their sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Denzel Cox.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Barbee and daughter, Alyene, have returned to their home in Carlsbad, N. M., after spending six weeks here with Mrs. Barbee's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Denson.

Mrs. R. L. Denson spent a few days last week in Odessa with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Denson.

Mrs. Melvin Denson and son, Terry, of Odessa, are visiting this week in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Denson and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Purry.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Gamble and Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Sadler attended the Denver Stock show last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bounds, of Ruidoso, N. M., former residents of Merkel, were passing visitors Wednesday night with Mrs. Adah Heeter, and Miss Sadie Woodrum. They were en route to East Texas.

Outclass Tigers by
59-33 Score; Roby
Set Back, 82-44

The local basketballers wound up the first half of their 6A race by easily outclassing the Snyder Tigers here Tuesday night 59-33.

Donald Wayne Douglas paced the locals' attack with 19 tallies. He was closely followed by Burl McCoy with 15 and Mac Springer with 11. Mr. Jeff Chancey led the "rinky-dinks" to a rousing 49-36 victory over the visiting Snyder subs.

At Roby last Friday night, the Badgers rushed the track season somewhat by roundly trouncing the Roby Lions, 82-44. Although the Merkel five scorched the net for a great many points, their defense was nothing to write home about.

Burl McCoy, with 27 points and Donald Douglas, with 26, led the scoring parade.

Jeff Chancey, with 15 points, led his Merkel second stringers to a 28-14 victory over the Lion reserves.

On Monday night Benson's boys had easy sailing in downing the Noodle five, 64-30. McCoy garnered 15 points, Douglas 14 and Springer 11. Again Mr. Chancey led the Merkel subs to a 39-20 win over the Noodle reserves.

In a girls contest the Noodle lassies walked all over the Merkel sock-set, 42-18. Delores Clemmer racked up 20 points to pace the Noodle attack. Leona Watson made all of Merkel's 18 points.

Ralph Miller, Victim
Of Automobile Crash,
Reported Better

Ralph R. Miller, who was seriously injured in the automobile accident Wednesday morning of last week near Sweetwater that claimed the lives of three Merkel men, showed a turn for the better, it was reported Wednesday from Hendrick Memorial hospital.

OPEN LAST HALF
OF 6A CHASE
HERE FRIDAY

If Badgers Best Colorado City In This One, They Almost Have a Cinch on at Least A Tie for 6-A West.

The Merkel Badgers will open the last half of their double round-robin 6A basketball chase against the Colorado City Wolves here Friday night. If the locals can take this one, they almost have a cinch on at least a tie for the 6A West championship.

As they take off on their last half campaign, Coach Carroll Benson's boys have a record of five wins as against no losses. The Wolves are expected to give the Purple and Gold clad boys a run for their money. In their first game, the Badgers won by seven points after a hard fight.

On Tuesday night the Merkel quintet invades the home court of the Rotan Yellowhammers and on Friday night a large local delegation is expected at Roscoe to see the Badgers and the Flowboys do battle.

Many Out-of-town
Relatives and Friends
Attend Funeral

A number of out-of-town relatives and friends were present for the funeral services for Hubert Peterson held at 3 p. m. Thursday of last week from the First Baptist church.

Rev. Joe S. Allen, the pastor, officiated, assisted by Rev. W. C. Hinds, Methodist pastor, and Minister R. L. Roberts of the Church of Christ.

Burial was in Rose Hill cemetery under the direction of Starbuck Funeral home.

Pallbearers were J. D. Fox, Sanford Carr, Melvin McCoy, T. J. Bird, Jr., Billy Barfield, Houston, and Doyle Conley.

Flower girls were: Mary Nell Winter, Janice Patterson, Jorene Risinger, Vada Campbell, Helen Conley and Mrs. Etzel Hunter.

He was the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Peterson.

Among relatives and friends who came from out of town for the funeral were: Mr. and Mrs. James Gillespie, of Albany; Mr. and Mrs. Alva Peterson, of Midland; Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Crossland, Mrs. A. L. Howell, of Houston; Mrs. O. J. Reynolds, May, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Reynolds, Pyote; Mr. and Mrs. Gene L. Cox, Mrs. W. H. Duggan, Ranger; Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Hautsell, Viekie Sears, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Garrett, Candy Kelso, Abilene; Sanford Carr, Billy Barfield, Houston, and Miss Opal Hunk, Sweetwater.

Former Merkel Man
Killed in Auto Crash

Dispatches in the morning papers Monday reported the death of Bill Sloman, 51, Peecos independent oil operator, formerly of Merkel, who was killed Sunday at 7 a. m. in an automobile collision 10 miles west of Odessa.

Upon confirmation of the news, Nolan Palmer and his brother, Leslie Palmer of Abilene, both went at once to Peecos. The body was shipped from there at 8 p. m. Tuesday for burial at Chanute, Kans., they report.

Surviving are his wife; one son, Johnny, of Houston; one daughter, Mrs. R. E. Worrell, of Marion, Ind., and three grandchildren.

Girl Scouts Finish
Drapes for Club House

There were eighteen members present when the Girl Scouts met Monday afternoon in the club house. Three leaders, Mrs. P. C. Wylie, Mrs. Clyde Eager and Mrs. June Hogan, were also present.

The girls have finished their drapes which they made for the club house.

Eight Scouts Sign Up
For Jamboree

Early this week eight members of the local Boy Scout Troop had signed up to go to the National Boy Scout Jamboree to be held at Valley Forge, Pa., from June 5 to July 9.

Dale Dudley, George Starbuck, Sessions Hammond, Louie Don Whitaker, Johnny Hammond, Richard Chaney and Jerry Jones all paid their initial registration fees.

Besides the camping at Valley Forge, side trips will be made to New York City, Washington, D. C., and Philadelphia.

Scoutmaster C. A. Farley will be one of the six leaders for the two troops going from the Chisholm Trail Council.

374 Dimes Saved for Polio Drive



Eot Mashburn, (left), of Route 3, Merkel, is shown pouring \$37.40 worth of dimes out of a paper sack for the Taylor County March of Dimes. He is placing the dimes which he and his wife saved throughout last year, on the desk of Booth Warren, president of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Merkel and treasurer of the Merkel polio fund. Mr. Mashburn has saved dimes the past twelve years for the Methodist orphanage at Waco. Now he divides his yearly dime collection equally between the orphanage and the anti-polio March of Dimes.

Death Claims Will
Bird, Retired
Farmer, Age 91

W. T. (Will) Bird, 91, retired farmer and resident of Merkel for 30 years, died at Sadler hospital at 10:25 p. m. Sunday.

Funeral services were held from the Methodist church at 3 p. m. Monday, with the pastor, Rev. W. C. Hinds, officiating, assisted by Rev. Joe S. Allen, Baptist pastor. Burial was in Midway cemetery, under direction of the Starbuck Funeral home.

Pallbearers were Riggs Sheppard, Craig Humphreys, Dent Gibson, Powell Miller, June Hogan and Wright Dishman.

William Terrell Bird was born on Jan. 26, 1858, in Swain county, N. C. In 1890, he married the former Susan Rebecca Tilley, in Knoxville, Tenn. They moved to Texas in 1896, settling in Ellis county. They made their home in Taylor county in 1901 and bought and improved a farm in the Mulberry community. In 1920, they moved to Merkel. His wife died Sept. 4, 1945.

Mr. Bird, who became a member of the Methodist church in early manhood, held membership in the Merkel Methodist church at the time of his death.

Survivors include two daughters: Mrs. Martha Pittenger, Fort Worth, and Mrs. Intha Ermina Smith, Vicksburg, Miss.; three sons, Tilley Jesse Bird, Stacy Terrell Bird and William Spencer Bird, all of Merkel, and seven grandchildren.

Visit at Bedside of
Father Who Suffers
Heart Attack

Mrs. J. W. Barbee returned Sunday from Tipton, Okla., where she had gone to be with her father, D. D. Coats, who had suffered a heart attack. Her three brothers, A. D. and Ralph Coats of Abilene and Clayton Coats of Big Spring, also went to be at his bedside.

A. D. Coats and wife remained with him, but Mrs. Barbee and the two other brothers returned. Mrs. Barbee reported her father feeling better when they left.

Wednesday, Is Next
Conference Day

Next Wednesday, Feb. 1, is the next conference day for the parents of all the local first, second and third grade pupils.

Parents, both mothers and dads, are urged to come at any time during the day which may be convenient for them.

The parents will have an opportunity to talk with the teachers concerning the work and problems of the child and to see some of the work done during the past six weeks.

Regular report cards for the other grades will be given out on Monday, Jan. 30.

Rites Held Friday
For Third Victim
Highway Crash

Funeral services were held at 3:30 p. m. Friday for Jack Wade, 24, third man to die as a result of the tragic car accident on Highway 80 early Wednesday morning nine miles east of Sweetwater, were held from the Methodist church, with the pastor, Rev. W. C. Hinds, officiating, assisted by Rev. Joe S. Allen, Baptist pastor, and Minister R. L. Roberts of the Church of Christ.

He passed away about 9:30 p. m. Thursday in a Sweetwater hospital, where he had been in critical condition since the wreck.

He was buried in Rose Hill cemetery, under direction of the Starbuck Funeral home.

Merkel Post 5683, Veterans of Foreign Wars, conducted military rites, with the following personnel taking part:

Pallbearers, Virgil Purser, Howard Carson, Lloyd Robertson, Clyde Eager, honorary pallbearers, Geo. T. Moore, Doyle Seifried, Orval Ely, Lem Dudley, R. D. Ely, Bud Harris; color guards, Vernon Mansfield, Babe Tarpley; color bearers, J. P. Click, Dillard Williams; rifle squad, Alton Newton, Truett Perry, Vincent Barnett, Glynn Robertson, Tom Morrison; chaplain, R. N. Mosier; lugler, Charles Simpson.

William Boyd (Jack) Wade was born Feb. 16, 1925, in Farmer county. He later moved with his parents to Stamford, where he was graduated from high school in 1942. He served in the U. S. Marine Corps four years during World War II and had been in Merkel with his family since 1946, during which time he had farmed and worked in oil fields in this area.

Survivors are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Wade of Merkel; one brother, Herman Wade, Merkel, and three sisters, Mrs. Reggie Bolding of Snyder, and Louise and Dixie Wade, both of Merkel.

Opens Store Here.

W. H. Smothers, formerly of Balinger, has opened a store for the sale of new and used shoes and clothing for men, women and children. Location is on Front street in the building recently vacated by the REA.

Dress Rehearsal of
Lions Minstrel Goes
Over in Big Style

Dress rehearsal went over in big style Wednesday night for the Lions Club minstrel, billed Thursday and Friday nights of this week, at the Community Center, where the performance were shifted, following the fire that badly damaged the school cafeteria.

Sale of tickets are also going over big, President David Gamble of the Merkel Lions club reported Wednesday. Second performance will be staged at 7:30 Friday night.

NEW CAFETERIA-AUDITORIUM
SUFFERS EARLY MORNING FIRE

Donations in First
Month Good Start
Cemetery Fund

All those who have loved ones in Rose Hill cemetery as well as every citizen with an interest in the upkeep of the cemetery are asked to send in their donations for the 1950 maintenance fund at an early date so that the highly commendable and successful upkeep program may be continued.

Contributions in 1949 fell short of paying expenses for the last two months, which had to come out of the general fund, President A. T. Sheppard of the Merkel Cemetery association, reported.

Receipts for 1950 amount to \$325.00. Names of donors and amounts of contributions, since the last statement, follow:

Previously reported	\$274.50
John Dunn, Cisco	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hill	5.00
R. L. Adcock, Brownwood	2.50
W. A. Witche	3.00
Dowdy and Toombs	15.00
C. L. Eoff, Tulare, Calif.	5.00
Mrs. Maggie R. Wilson	5.00
J. D. Sheppard, Dallas	5.00
J. S. Pinkley	5.00
Total	\$325.00

Those wishing to contribute to this fund may leave checks or donations at the teller's windows of the Farmers & Merchants National bank, Bragg Dry Goods company or The Merkel Mail.

Regular Meeting WSCS
Held at Stith Jan. 23

The Stith W. S. C. S. met in the home of Mrs. Carl Edgington Jan. 23. The president, Miss Louise Hudson, presided at the business meeting. Mrs. Edgington and Mrs. Harrison were in charge of the program. Refreshments were served to nine regular members, one new member and two visitors.

The next meeting will be Feb. 6, in the home of Mrs. Wesley Mashburn.

Merkel Not Half
Way On Quota
March of Dimes

"Merkel is not even half way toward its goal in the 1950 March of Dimes," Local Chairman Dr. Jim Carter said Wednesday.

Including receipts from the plate collection at the Queen theatre Tuesday night, amounting to \$61.12, cash donations had reached only \$352.24, according to tabulation at noon Wednesday.

The campaign closes next Tuesday, Jan. 31, and all those who have not returned coin cards are requested to mail them at once.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From Files of The Merkel Mail, January 31, 1930.)

MERKEL DENTIST WILL MOVE
TO FORT WORTH.

To be associated with the Coffee Clinic in Fort Worth, Dr. W. A. Buckner, wife and little daughter, accompanied by Mrs. Buckner's aunt, Mrs. W. M. Meyers, expect to leave the latter part of the week for their new home. Dr. Buckner, who is a graduate of dentistry of Baylor university, has been engaged in the practice of his profession here for nearly two years. While regretting to lose this estimable family from our midst, many friends are extending best wishes and congratulations on the opportunity that will be presented Dr. Buckner in his new field.

Succeeding to his practice and office here will be Dr. L. C. Zehnpfenning, who came to Texas from South Dakota four or five months ago and who has been engaged in the practice of dentistry at Cisco recently. He is a graduate of Creighton university, Omaha, and is being cordially welcomed as one of Merkel's new citizens.

LONG LIVE THE LIONS
Few Civic clubs in our broad land, less than 2 years of age, can claim credit for the accomplishments listed in a summary prepared by Sam

Blaze Had Good Headway When
Discovered at 5:30 a. m.; Students
Notified to Bring Their
Lunch for the Present.

Loss estimated at \$40,000 was sustained when a disastrous blaze swept the new school cafeteria-auditorium at an early hour Wednesday. The damage was covered by insurance, Superintendent Mack Fisher said Thursday morning.

Origin of the fire, which was discovered by Arthur McCoy, school bus mechanic, when he came to work at 5:30, is undetermined. It had a good headway at that time, he reported.

Only part of the building saved was the kitchen in the east end, as the fire started in the stage area at the west end. The stage and equipment, with about 300 movable chairs and 26 big tables used in serving meals, were a complete loss.

At first it was thought an effort would be made to serve lunches as usual to the students, but word was posted in all rooms Wednesday notifying students to bring lunches until further notice. Temporarily, milk and apples were sold Wednesday from the cafeteria kitchen.

Merkel Volunteer firemen fought the fire for about an hour, bringing it under control before it reached the kitchen.

The structure, one of the first two units to be erected under the school expansion and improvement program made possible by a \$300,000 bond issue in 1948, was completed before the opening of the 1949-50 school term and had been occupied for only four months.

Plans were reported under way Thursday by the school board to start re-building at an early date.

Plans Told by Supt.
Fisher for Use of
P-TA Carnival Money

Supt. Mack Fisher of the Merkel Public schools told of plans for the use of the money from the Merkel Parent-Teacher Association Carnival including improvement of the school grounds, when the P-T. A. met Jan. 19 in the school cafeteria.

Mrs. Buster Horton, devotional leader, presented Mary Jane Horton, who gave a Bible story, followed by a song, "For God So Loved the World," by Mary Jane Horton and Donna Riney.

Principal Edwin Read, program leader, talked on "Team-Work Between Agencies of the Community" and presented Ralph Brady, who explained the Band program throughout the school.

Mrs. Evelyn Read gave a group of violin numbers, accompanied by Mrs. Comer Haynes, including "Desert Song," "Indian Love Call" and "Cottage Small."

The next meeting will be held Feb. 15, at 4 p. m. The topic will be "Team Work for Good Citizenship."

Swann, the efficient secretary of the local Lions club, showing the happenings that have meant much to Merkel:

Entertained 435 guests, including guests of the club and of individual members.

Constructed and rebuilt roads to the oil fields. Erected signs directing interested parties to the oil fields.

Entertained district convention of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce.

Started movement for paving Oak street.

Moving and remodeling of depot, also installation of telephone in depot.

Furnished program for Kiwanis club in Abilene.

Sponsored "Cow Day" in Merkel.

Secured Merkel Hatchery.

Sponsored Merkel's First Municipal Christmas Tree.

Entertained Court House family of Abilene.

Entertained Badger Football team and coach.

1930 opens before us and no one will be permitted to remain idle while there is so much to do about making Merkel a better town in which to live.

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All obituaries, resolutions of respect, cards of thanks, etc., are classed as advertising, and will be charged for at 1 cent per word with a minimum of 35 cents.

Hospital Notes.

Mrs. Jarratt Pinckley was admitted to Sadler hospital on Jan. 22 for surgery. Those entering the hospital for treatment were the following patients: Glyndel Payne, Jan. 18; Leo Mellroy, Jan. 19; Beverly Mayhugh, J. O. Young, Mrs. Bill Little, Jan. 21; Charles Warner, Mrs. R. H. Horde, Winters, Jan. 22; Mrs. L. C. Murray, Mrs. W. C. Hill, Mrs. J. M. Smith, Jan. 24.

CARD OF THANKS.

We take this method in expressing our thanks and appreciation to our many friends and neighbors for their kind words of sympathy during the recent loss of our darling son and brother, and for the beautiful flowers, and the women who brought and served lunch.

The O. B. Wade Family.

NOTICE: Come, pick out your Nursery needs from Mrs. B. T. (Tye) Sublett at 705 Oak street.

ANNOUNCING

Opening of
New Business

W. H. SMOTHERS

New and Used Clothes and Shoes for Men, Women and Children.

Located on Front Street in building formerly occupied by REA

Dr. Abe of Japan Will Speak at Methodist Church Jan. 31

A former bishop of the Japan Methodist church, and one of the founders of the United Church of Christ in Japan—Dr. Yoshimune Abe of Tokyo—will be the guest-speaker at the Methodist church at 7 p. m. Tuesday, Jan. 31.

Dr. Abe, who had previously served as pastor in Japan, was elected bishop of the Japan Methodist church in 1933.

Dr. Abe is a native of Hironaka where he was born on a Christmas day.

The report comes from the First Methodist church of Childress to the effect not only did they have a crowded house there, but in many other places where he has spoken reports have been the same. It is hoped that the people of Merkel will avail themselves of hearing a native of Japan, Rev. W. C. Hinds, Methodist pastor, said.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank our many friends for their kindness and sympathy shown us in our hour of bereavement. Also for the beautiful floral offering. May God's richest blessings be with you all.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Peterson.
Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Reynolds and Family.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our sincere thanks to our friends and neighbors for their many acts of kindness shown us during the illness and death of our brother and uncle.

Mrs. Mary Risinger.
Mrs. Ruth Jinkins and Family.
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Risinger and Family.

Record of Births.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Chaney, Jan. 19, 1950.
Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Holmes, Jan. 21, 1950.
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Otis Moore, Jan. 23, 1950.
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Ivie, Jan. 23, 1950.
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Mayhugh, Jan. 24, 1950.

All kinds of plants for sale by Mrs. B. T. (Tye) Sublett, representing North Park Nursery, 705 Oak St.

County Committee 4-H Clubs Met Saturday

The regular Saturday meeting of the County Committee of 4-H clubs, held Saturday, Jan. 21, at the Agriculture building in Abilene, was attended by three Merkel members and two leaders. They discussed plans for raising money to pay expenses at the summer encampment. Club leaders and sponsors are urged to attend these monthly meetings and encourage members to achieve their goals for each month.

Miss Bobbie Ann Dudley of Trent, county chairman, presided for the session, and directed the recreational hour in games. After the business, Miss Anne Egan conducted parliamentary drill, with the main phase, "How to Pull a Motion Before the Club."

Those present from Merkel were: Dorothy Foster, local president; Marlene Windham, secretary; and Marilyn Liles. Mrs. L. P. Liles, mother leader, and Mrs. Judd McReynolds, teacher leader, accompanied the group.

Mrs. McClung Returns From Reburial Rites

Mrs. Bessie McClung and her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Lawlis, of Sylvester, returned Saturday, Jan. 14, from St. Louis, Mo., where they had gone to attend reburial rites for her son, S-Sgt. Harold McClung, who was killed in January, 1944, in a mission over Greece.

Services were held at Jefferson Barracks at 1:30 p. m. Friday, Jan. 13.

The Graves Registration Division had notified Mrs. McClung that her son's remains were found in October of 1949.

Sergeant McClung was born at Sylvester and was graduated from Spur high school. He was living in Golan when he entered the service. He went overseas in August of 1943 as an aerial gunner.

Food Index Higher.

New York, Jan. 26.—The Dun & Bradstreet wholesale food price index this week advanced to \$5.78 from \$5.75 a week ago, and was at the highest level since late November.

Duke Sees Truman.

Washington, Jan. 26.—The Duke of Windsor called on President Truman Wednesday. The duke said he only wanted "to pay my respects." He is leaving Sunday with the duchess for Mexico City.

To Honor Lloyd.

Dallas, Jan. 26.—Movie Producer Harold Lloyd, who is imperial patron of the Shrine, will be honored at Fort Worth Feb. 27 as a guest of Dallas, Fort Worth and Wichita Falls Shrine Temples.

FIFTH SUNDAY SINGING

An all-day singing is announced for Fifth Sunday, Jan. 29, at Har-ley. Every one is invited. There will be dinner on the ground.

One of the secrets of successful livestock production comes from knowing your animals and then taking advantage of this knowledge to get from them their maximum production.

Yeoman Reidenbach Visits Parents Before Leaving for Guam

Yn-2 David Reidenbach and his wife and two sons, Michael and Danny, are here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Reidenbach. Yeoman Reidenbach, who has been stationed at San Diego, Calif. the past two years, is due to leave Feb. 1 for Guam. His wife and two sons will remain here until June, when she plans to return to England for a visit.

INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL.

The Inter-Church Council of Women will meet at the Methodist church Monday, Jan. 30, at 3 p. m.

LEGAL NOTICES

CITATION BY PUBLICATION.
THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Pasquel Torres, 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 13th day of March, A. D. 1950, 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 20th day of September, 1949. The file number of said suit being No. 6130-B.

The names of the parties in said suit are: Clara Torres as Plaintiff, and Pasquel Torres as Defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: Plaintiff and defendant were married July 10, 1934 and lived together until May 16, 1942.

There were five children born to this marriage union and there was no community property accumulated. Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of cruel treatment and abandonment.

If this Citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved. Issued this 9th day of January, A. D. 1950.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this 9th day of January, A. D. 1950.

(SEAL) J. Neil Daniel, Clerk, 104th District Court, Taylor County, Texas.

By Dorothy Smith, Deputy.
Jan. 13, 20, 27; Feb. 3

CITATION BY PUBLICATION.
THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Joseph Fernandez, Greeting:

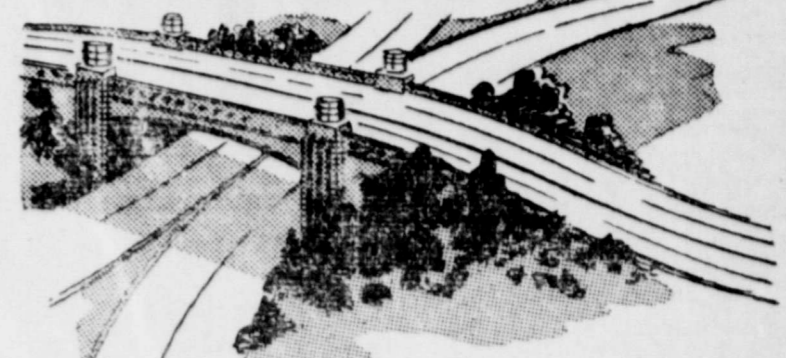
You are commanded to appear and answer the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday the 27th day of February, A. D. 1950, at or before 10 o'clock A. M. before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County, at the Court House in Abilene, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 10th day of January, 1950. The file number of said suit being No. 16,656-A.

The names of the parties in said suit are: Billie Fernandez as Plaintiff, and Joseph Fernandez as Defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were legal-

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Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 10th day of January, 1950. The file number of said suit being No. 16,656-A.

The names of the parties in said suit are: Billie Fernandez as Plaintiff, and Joseph Fernandez as Defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were legal-

ly married on or about the 9th day of May, 1946, and lived together until on or about the 15th day of October, 1949.

There were no children born to this marriage union and there is no community property to be adjudicated. Plaintiff sues for divorce on 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 12th day of January, A. D., 1950.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this 12th day of January, A. D., 1950.

(SEAL) J. Neil Daniel, Clerk, District Court, Taylor County, Texas
By Grace Jenkins, Deputy.
Jan. 20, 27; Feb. 3, 10

Get on the WESTERN BANDWAGON

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The Agriculture Conservation Association has released its 1950 government aid program for Taylor County-land owners.

Ward Evans, in charge of the ACA office in Abilene, said the ACA was "ready to go" on the 1950 program and asked county farmers to start filing applications for projects.

To receive assistance on practices, Evans said, the cooperator must receive the written approval of the county committee before the project starts and complete the project according to the ACA specifications. The county committee is composed of Evans, secretary; W. O. Higgins, chairman; Billie McCasland, vice chairman, and G. C. Stuart.

Due to limited fund, the total amount of approvals issued to any one person in the county will be limited to \$1,250, and any farmer who overplants his 1950 cotton acreage allotment shall not be eligible for any payment whatsoever, Evans said.

A list of the 1950 practices and the government aid to establish them follows:

Erosion Control.

1. Construction of terraces for which necessary outlets and waterways are provided. Large ridge-type, large channel-type, or large spreader terraces—\$1.50 per 100 feet. Small ridge-type, small channel-type, or

small spreader terraces—\$1 per 100 feet.

2. Construction of diversion terraces to control excess water—six cents per cubic yard of earth moved.

3. Subsoiling cropland to permit better water penetration limited to one-third of the cropland, but not to exceed 75 acres: Spacing not more than 48 inches and at a minimum depth of eight inches—\$1.25 per acre. Spacing not more than 48 inches and a minimum depth of 12 inches—\$2 per acre.

Water Development.

1. Drilling wells for livestock water: Wells, with casings of four to six inches, and uncased wells with a bottom-hole diameter of 4.25 to 6.475 inches—\$2 per linear foot. Wells with casings of six inches or more in diameter and uncased wells with a bottom hole diameter of 6.475 inches or more—\$3 per linear foot.

2. Construction of earthen dams for livestock water or erosion control: Material moved in the construction of a stock water dam—10 cents per cubic yard with a limit of 4,000 cubic yards. Material moved in the construction of an erosion control or spreader dam—eight cents per cubic yard with a limit of 5,000 cubic yards.

Mineral Elements.

1. Application of phosphate: Twenty per cent superphosphate—91 cents per 100 pounds or \$18.20 a ton.

2. Growing a green manure or a

cover crop of summer legumes: Cow peas—.07 cents per pound. Hubam clover—.126 per pound.

Range and Pasture.

1. Elimination of undesirable plants on non-crop pasture and range land: Limited to 40 acres or 50 per cent of grassland (not to exceed 150 acres.) Pricklypear and cactus—15 cents an acre for each 1 per cent infestation. Mesquite—12 cents per acre for each 1 per cent infestation. Cedar—eight cents per acre for each 1 per cent infestation in cutting type, and 12 cents an acre on each 1 per cent infestation in the type which must be grubbed or bulldozed.

2. Farrowing or chiseling non-cropland: (limited to 75 acres) Furrows with a 60 square - inch cross section, and not less than five inches deep, constructed with dams at intervals of 12 feet or less—25 cents per 1,000 linear feet. Furrows with a 60 square - inch cross section, and not less than four inches deep or chiseling not less than eight inches deep—15 cents per 1,000 linear feet. Furrows with a 32 square - inch minimum cross section and not less than four inches deep or chiseling not less than eight inches deep—15 cents per 1,000 linear feet.

Largents Enter 12 Herefords in San Antonio Show

San Antonio, Jan. 26.—R. R. Largent and Sons have entered 11 Hereford breeders and 1 Hereford steer in open competition of the San Antonio Livestock Exposition Feb. 17-26, exposition officials announced this week.

Other Taylor county entries include J. M. Smallwood, Lawn, with 18 Herefords, and Dorothea Griffin, Lawn, with 2 Herefords in open section. Earl Guitard and the Fulwiler Ranch of Abilene have entered a total of 18 Herefords. The Taylor County 4-H club under the supervision of C. M. Huckabee, assistant county agent, have entered 2 Herefords, 2 fine wool fat lambs and 2 Southdown lambs in the boys division.

Latest Official Texas Highway Maps Show Recent Changes

Austin, Jan. 26.—Want to know the best route from Boca Chica to Texline?

Motorists may have the latest official Texas Highway map just for the asking.

D. C. Greer, state highway engineer, states that the 1950 map is the best ever published. Anyone desiring a free copy should contact the Texas Highway Department at Austin. The new map has been brought up to date to show all of the recent changes in the principal highways of the state. Complete mileage tables are shown.

Twenty-five full color pictures show points of interest in Texas and along the Pan-American highway in Mexico.

The highway department distributed three hundred thousand copies of the 1949 edition. An even larger demand for the new map is anticipated.

Birth Announced.

Mr. and Mrs. James Cox of Lake Jackson are announcing the birth of a baby daughter, named Cecelia. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Clay Herring of Stamford; Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Walde Cox, of Rochester, formerly of Merkel.

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Applications for Crew Leaders in Decennial Census Being Accepted

Abilene, Jan. 26.—Applications for the position of crew leader in the 17th Decennial Census to be conducted in April are now being accepted in the Abilene District office of the United States Bureau of the Census.

Final selections for the crew leader positions will be made about the end of February after oral and written tests of candidates for the jobs, according to Donald F. Pulver, Census District Supervisor. Approximately 18 crew leader positions will be filled in the district. Each crew leader will have supervision over about 20 enumerators.

Qualifications required for selection as crew leader include, as a minimum, a high school education and at least three years experience in supervising or assisting in the supervision of an office force or field crew, training of subordinates, making and reviewing reports of average difficulty and handling related assignments. In general, an applicant's record of experience must show satisfactory performance in responsible positions. College education may be counted in part in lieu of experience.

The number of Crew Leader positions open in Taylor county is limited to two.

Applications will be mailed to those interested upon the receipt of a request addressed to the Census Bureau, Old Post Office building, Abilene, Texas.

Newspaperman Takes Budget Post

Abilene, Jan. 26.—The Legislative Budget Board Monday named Vernon A. McKee, a former Texas newsman, to its \$10,000-a-year directorship.

McKee, 42, was trouble shooter for the Federal Budget Bureau in Washington and later director of personnel operations for Montgomery Ward, Chicago. His home is Evanston, Ill. His new post calls for him to review estimates of budget needs submitted by state departments, conduct hearings and co-ordinate budget recommendations from the board of control which will continue to submit budgets to the governor.

The legislature at the last session created the budget board.

McKee is a graduate of Baylor University and Cornell. He lived in Burkburnett and Wichita Falls. He worked for the Waco News-Tribune and United Press. He served 14 months in the Navy.



C. A. McInerney (left), newly appointed national campaign director of United Service Organizations, Inc. (USO), discusses a 1950 campaign leaflet with Karl K. Van Meter, USO executive vice-president. Mr. McInerney will be in charge of fund-raising for the maintenance of 170 USO clubs, lounges and other facilities now serving the 1,500,000 peacetime members of the American armed forces in the United States and overseas. USO funds will also continue to support a regular schedule of Camp Shows for more than 100,000 patients in Veterans Administration, Army and Navy hospitals.

Eugene Benningfield Heard Sunday in Second Sermon

Down at the Calvary Baptist church, things just happen when the glory of God fills the house. Bro. Eugene Benningfield preached his second sermon Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock hour. There was one saved, several came back to God, and we had five additions to the church; there was old time shouting, crying and praising the Lord. I tell you, people, you can say what you will, but this one thing you will have to admit, that Old Calvary Fundamental Baptist church is on the march for God, in spite of the devil, people or hell.

There was a date set for the revival, but God has already sent it, when the people come together in one accord. God will bless, you that are not going to church should come on down and get in on the blessings that God has in store for all that love him. Why men go to Hell when salvation is free? The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness, but is long-suffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

My prayer to God is that men everywhere would come to know the Lord as their Saviour, while opportunity yet presents itself.

Jack Walker, Church Reporter.

Big Increase in 1949 Savings Bonds Sales In County Over 1948

The people of Taylor county invested \$1,934,576.50 in U. S. Savings Bonds during 1949, according to the annual sales report received by Herman W. Johnson, county Savings Bonds chairman, from Nathan Adams of Dallas, state chairman. This compares with sales of \$1,076,576.00 for 1948.

Of the 1949 total, Series E, the so-called "people's bond" accounted for \$1,282,140.00, as compared with \$1,029,830.50 E bond sales in 1948. Series F and G sales were \$652,439.50 as compared with \$635,745.50 in 1948.

Total sales for the entire state were \$191,499,080, as compared with \$196,448,280 in 1948. Mr. Adams' re-

port said. This is a decline of 2.5 per cent. However, Mr. Adams declared that sales last year were highly satisfactory in view of economic trends and because of a 5.9 per cent increase in the sale of E bonds, from \$139,591,216 in 1948 to \$145,114,783 in 1949. Series F and G bonds account for \$46,384,351 of the state's sales total last year.

Mr. Adams said that the people of Texas today hold more than \$1.5 billion in Savings Bonds, a substantial share of which are owned by citizens of this county. These savings, he added, gave the community, as well as the individual owners, a high degree of financial stability.

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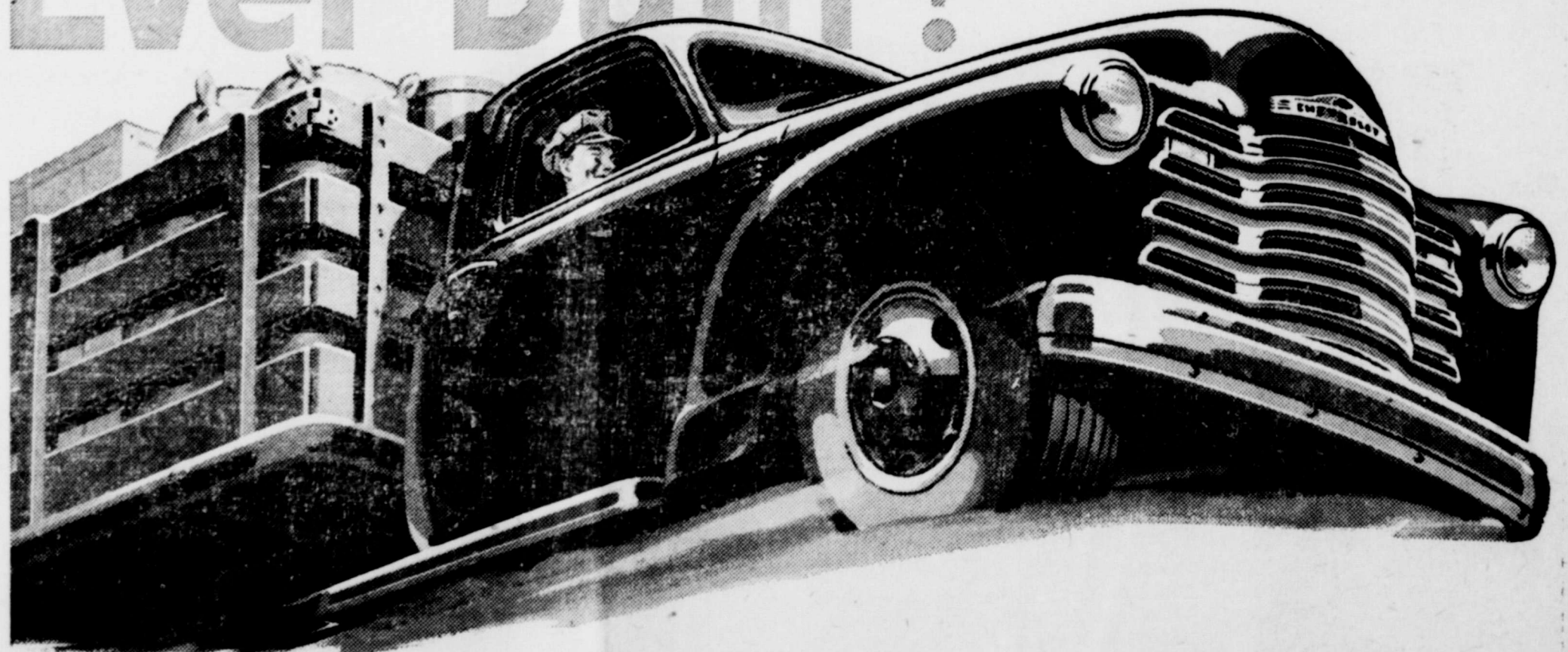
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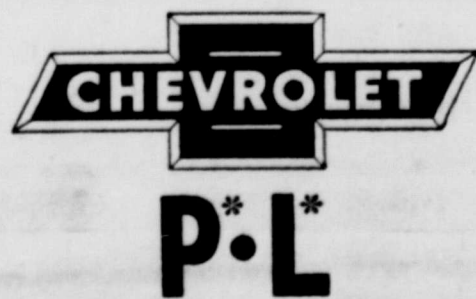


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Total of 79 Lives Lost on Highway In Abilene Area

Seventy-nine lives were lost in traffic mishaps on highways in the 19-county Abilene District of the Department of Public Safety in 1949, Capt. Harry Hutchison disclosed Monday.

Death toll in the same district in 1948 was 67 traffic fatalities, Hutchison noted.

However, the Abilene district added five counties in 1949. In the twelve preceding months, the new additions each recorded 10 traffic deaths, leaving the 14 original counties of 1949 with a total of 69 deaths—an increase of two.

Counties added last year were King, Knox, Cottle, Foard and Baylor.

Property loss, Hutchison's annual report showed, was \$466,696 in 1949, as compared with \$386,921 in 1948. In 1949, 51 fatal accidents, and 593 property damage accidents were recorded, making a total of 911 traffic mishaps in the district. Six hundred and ninety-four persons were injured.

Jones county headed the list of traffic fatalities in 1949 with 15. Taylor county was second with 10, and Shackelford and Cottle third with six each. Highest property damage toll was recorded for Taylor county with \$74,405.

Taylor County, during 1948, had five fatal traffic accidents in which five were killed; 59 personal injury accidents in which 86 persons were injured; 115 property damage accidents costing \$61,348.

In 1949, the county had seven fatal traffic accidents in which ten were killed; 73 personal injury accidents, with 129 persons hurt, and 115 property damage accidents, a total 195 accidents. Property damage reached \$78,405.

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USDA Plans Pork Purchase to Aid Hog Prices

Washington, Jan. 26.—The Agriculture Department announced Tuesday that it will buy pork products in an effort to bolster sagging hog prices.

It said its purchases for the time being will be limited to bacon, smoked hams and smoked picnic shoulders.

Officials said hog prices this week are slightly below a level that would give producers a national average farm price of \$14.90 for 100 pounds during January—a support average promised last year.

The support program is designed to assure farmers an average of 90 per cent of parity through March, 1950. Parity is a legal standard for measuring farm prices, declared by statute to be equally fair to farmers and consumers.

Forestry experts say that lumber from dead trees killed by insects or fire is as good as lumber from live trees of equal soundness.

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524,900 Texans are Now Registered

Austin, Jan. 26.—Texas has 524,900 men registered for selective service with 49,065 of them classified in 1-A.

The figures were released Tuesday by state director of selective service Paul Wakefield.

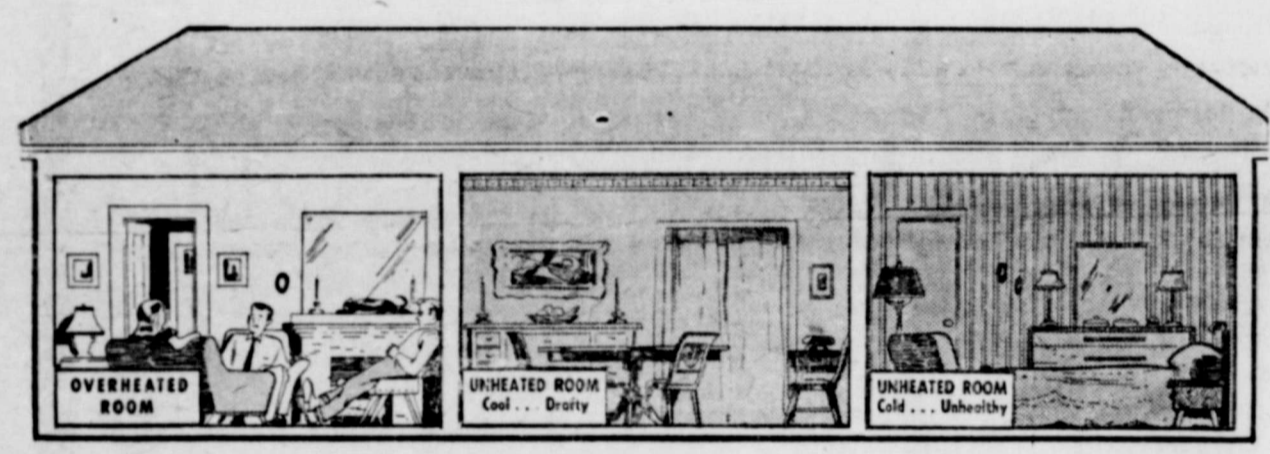
Of the total registrants 164,992 have not yet been classified, he said. No actual inductions into the armed services have been made since January a year ago.

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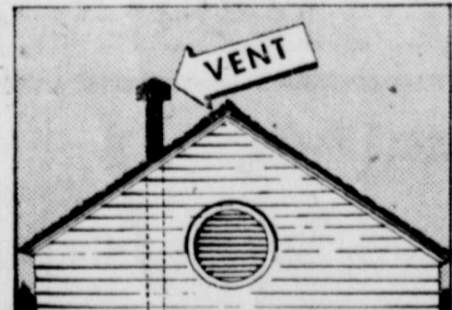
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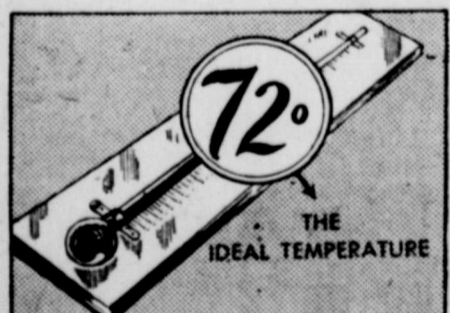
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RED & WHITE Fancy Kraut, No. 2 can 13c	BAKERS PREMIUM Coconut, 4 oz. box 15c
RED & WHITE— NO. 300 CAN Tomato Juice, ea. 10c	Hershey CHOCOLATE DROPS Dainties, bag 19c
BABO Cleaner, 2 cans 23c	RED & WHITE Salt, 2 26 oz. boxes ... 15c
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\$85 Million Out of U. S. Funds Come To 373,110 Texans

Dallas, Jan. 26.—The national government contributed \$85,139,505 during the 1948-1949 fiscal year to health, education and social welfare in Texas, J. H. Bond, regional director of the Federal Security Agency, said here Saturday.

Bond said the figure includes \$55,067,000 in payments under the federal old-age survivors insurance program and is based on preliminary data on Texas' participation in the various Federal Security Agency programs.

The figure given was for the 1948-1949 fiscal year which ended June 30, 1949.

Bond said 373,110 Texans benefited directly from federal funds which were added to Texas funds in health, education, welfare, vocational, rehabilitation and social security programs in Texas.

"These citizens received individual benefits or services during the past year through Federal Security Agency programs operating in their own communities, most of them with the cooperation of both state and national governments," said Bond.

"These direct beneficiaries include children who get health care or who are dependent or who are in danger of becoming delinquent; the needy blind; disabled men and women being rehabilitated into jobs; old people receiving assistance; and those receiving federal social security benefits, including both retired workers and the families of insured workers who have died."

Of a total of \$23,149,300 of federal money paid to the states in the fiscal year 1948-1949 for health and welfare services to mothers and children, Texas received approximately \$1,041,000.

All Set for Golden Gloves Tournament Friday Night

Abilene, Jan. 26.—The 13th annual Regional Golden Gloves tournament, which belongs to amateur boxers and boxing fans of this community as much as it does to Abilene, gets underway Friday night at 7:30 o'clock.

Rose Field House, on the Hardin-Simmons campus, will be the site of three nights of boxing in eight weight divisions of three classes—high school, novice and open. The big winter sports show continues Saturday night and Monday night, Jan. 30, when the championships in all divisions and classes will be determined.

All amateur boxers who have reached the age of 16 are invited to compete in one of the three classes. Winners and runners up in each division and class will receive awards—a total of 48. Extreme care will be taken to see that entries are properly and evenly matched. Winners in the "open" class will receive, in addition to valuable and practical awards, an expense-paid to the State Golden Gloves tournament in Fort Worth starting Feb. 15.

Tickets for the three-night extravaganza are on sale at the Mackey company, 1075 North Second street, and at the Hardin-Simmons business office.

All boxers planning to enter the tournament are requested to report at Rose Field House as soon after 12 o'clock noon Friday, Jan. 27, as possible. Entries close at 3:30 p. m. All entries will receive free admission tickets to all fights of the tournament after being weighed and examined Friday afternoon.

Typewriter paper for sale at Merkel Mail office.

Pert Piqué



Waistcoat or "weskit" — no matter how you pronounce it — means one of the naggiest fashion favorites you can wear. Here it is in crisp, white Lonsdale pique, teamed with navy skirt of the same fabric as one of the California styles featured in the February Good Housekeeping. The "weskit" can be worn under suits in winter, making it a versatile value at \$8. And \$12 buys the skirt which, like its teammate, is made by Marjorie Montgomery.

Noodle Senior 4-H Club Meets

The Noodle Senior 4-H club met in the Home Making department of the school on Jan. 11. The minutes were approved as read by the secretary, Bettie Lou Justice, and the group was shown a movie on gardening.

Members present were: Bettie Lou Justice, Ella Dora Eoff, Omega Tatum, Van Dell Tatum, Mary Joan Carr, Nellie Flint, Larue Weeks, Katherine Herron, Neva Bishop, Delores Clemmer, Sue Mims, Betty Jane Griffin, Dorothy Bumpass, Ella Faye Lucas and Alice Nell Spurgin. Leaders present were Mesdames A. J. Hill, V. R. Justice and C. B. Lucas.

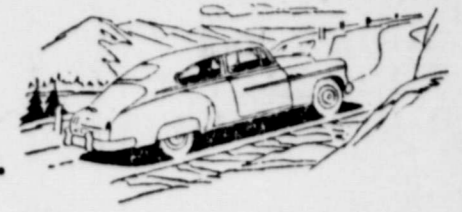
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National Hereford Show Booked for State Fair, 1951

Dallas, Jan. 26.—The National Hereford show, sponsored by the American Hereford association, will be the big livestock attraction at the 1951 State Fair of Texas. W. H. Hitzelberger, executive vice-president and general manager of the State Fair, has announced.

Jack Turner, association secretary, advised the State Fair that the board of directors of the Hereford group has accepted the fair's invitation to appear at the 1951 exposition with "a real show and an outstanding national Hereford sale."

Total premium for the show will be \$25,000. In announcing the show some twenty months in advance, Hitzelberger said it is necessary to plan years ahead in order to keep the State Fair of Texas in the forefront of the Nation's state fairs.

American T. & T. Reports Income Up

NEW YORK, Jan. 26.—Net income of the American Telephone and Telegraph Co. for the quarter ended Dec. 31, was \$63,740,000 or \$2.56 a share, the company reported Monday. The per share figure is based on 24,930,000 shares outstanding.

Net income for the corresponding quarter of 1948 was \$54,179,458 or \$2.33 a share on 23,223,274 shares.

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Mercury Soars to 84, Warmest Jan. 25 Ever Recorded

After a week or more of balmy weather, winter returned Wednesday night, with a drop in the mercury to 30 degrees Thursday morning.

During the unprecedented visit of summer in January, the warmest Jan. 25 in the history of the Abilene weather bureau was recorded. The 84 degrees registered Wednesday was the highest recorded since 1885, when the bureau began keeping records. The prior high was 82 degrees in 1910.

NOTICE MASONS

Stated meeting of Merkel lodge No. 710, A. F. & A. M., Saturday, Jan. 28, at 7:30 p. m. All members are urged to attend. Visiting brethren cordially invited.

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1. All used motor vehicles carrying the "OK Used Car" Symbol will be thoroughly inspected and reconditioned by qualified personnel.
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3. Dealer shall furnish a written dealership warranty to the purchaser covering each used motor vehicle sold as an OK Used Car, such warranty to be generally comparable to that appearing on the OK warranty forms made available to the Dealer by Chevrolet in this connection.
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BRIDE-ELECT OF DOLPHE McCONNELL HONOREE FOR SHOWER.

(Abilene Reporter-News.)
Honoring Patsy Ruth Strain, bride-elect of Dolphe LaCroix McConnell, Mrs. George W. Page, 850 Meander St., entertained with a miscellaneous shower Friday night.
Miss Strain, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Scottie Strain, 1233 Poplar St., and Mr. McConnell, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. D. McConnell of Merkel, will marry Feb. 10 in the First Christian church.

Guests were greeted at the door by Mrs. Page and introduced to Mrs. Strain, Mrs. McConnell and Miss Strain. Also in the receiving line were the bridal attendants for the wedding, including Jeannette Harris, maid-of-honor, and the bridesmaids, Bunny Scoggins, Marian Steinman, Shirley Heatherington and Bobbie George.

Miss Strain was wearing a dress of orchid nylon net over orchid nylon taffeta, fashioned with a fitted bodice and bouffant skirt, accented at the waist with a corsage of gardenias.

A black taffeta dress embellished in black lace over blue satin, and fashioned with an off-shoulder neckline, was chosen by Mrs. Strain. Her corsage was of blue carnations.

Black was also chosen by Mrs. McConnell, whose crepe dress was decorated with embroidery. She wore matching antique cameo pin and ear screws. She wore a corsage of pink carnations.

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White flowers and candles in silhouette bride with blue and white ribbons was placed on the radio.
Mrs. George Ingle, Jr., invited guests to the dining room, where Mary Jo McConnell, sister of the prospective bridegroom, presided at the table. Assisting in the dining room were Jo Adams, June Barrington and Mrs. Weldon Phillips, Jr.

The refreshment table was laid with a white Madeira cloth trimmed with imported Irish lace. From the centerpiece of white stock and silver bells extended blue sation streamers bearing, in silver, the inscription, "Patsy Ruth and Dolphe." A miniature bride surrounded by blue and white satin ribbon completed table decorations.

Gifts were displayed in the pink room by Peggy Miller, Betty Sue Widner and Navosa Caldwell. Mrs. Orville G. Rumsch and Mrs. Harry Combs, aunt of the bride-to-be, invited guests to the sitting room, where they were registered by Mrs. Buddy Page. Goodbyes were said by Mrs. Gerald Rumsch.

For an after-party gathering, members of the houseparty were joined by the prospective bridegroom and his attendants, Leon Toombs, best man, and R. C. Kelso, Melvin Cross, Bobby Strain, and Bill Norton, ushers.

GARDEN CLUB NOTES.

Mrs. Carroll Benson extended most gracious hospitality to members of the Garden club in her lovely new home on Thursday afternoon of last week. Mrs. Buck Leach presided for the business meeting after which Miss Norah Foster, Mrs. Herbert Patterson and Mrs. R. M. Ferguson presented the program. Miss Foster discussed "What to Plant this Month," Mrs. Patterson gave instructions on making a "Spring Bed" and Mrs. Ferguson talked on "Plant Foods."

Mrs. Benson served delicious date-nut roll and hot spiced tea at the refreshment hour to Mesdames Jack Miller, W. S. J. Brown, W. U. Shannon, John Shannon, Jim Spurgin, R. M. Ferguson, Ben Hicks, Buster Horton, Herbert Patterson, W. D. Hutcheson, Buck Leach, Joe Allen, Misses Christine Collins and Norah Foster.

GLENER CLASS PARTY.

Members of the Gleaner Sunday School class met in the parlors of the First Methodist church on the afternoon of January 11th with Mesdames Fenton Best, Herbert Patterson and O. E. Harwell and Miss Mabel McRee co-hostesses in entertaining.

Lovely flowers graced the rooms where a social hour of games and music followed the devotional. At the refreshment hour dainty sandwiches and spiced tea were served to Mesdames Latham, Grant, Pee, Miller, Brown, Gaither, Grimes, Largent, Douglas, Petty, Tipton, Harwell, Best, Patterson, Misses Lottie Butman and Mabel McRee.

SEWING CLUB.

The Sewing club met Jan. 24 in the home of Mrs. Bill Largent. After sewing and visiting, delicious refreshments were served to the following members: Mesdames David Gamble, Hoyle Lemens, J. E. Boaz, Jr., Bill Largent, Jim Carter, Horace Boney, Fred Starbuck, Ben Hicks, R. L. Elliott, Jr., Grif Barnett, Vernon Mansfield, Bill Skiles, Pete West and one visitor, Mrs. Royce Eiland, from Folsom, N. M.
The club will meet Feb. 8, in the Community Center with Mrs. Earle Watts hostess.

DOUBLE BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.

Mrs. Sam Swann delightfully entertained the younger set Saturday evening with a dinner party as a combined birthday fete complimenting Miss Patsy Swann and Miss Mona Robertson whose birthdays fell on that day.

A delectable three-course turkey menu was served to the following young ladies: Misses Pat Swann, Mona Robertson, Jane Hughes, Glennia Clifford, Wilda Bowles, Dinky Roberts, Laurel Sherrell, Mary Criswell and Sug Hodge.

Later in the evening they moved

to the Community Center where Misses Jane Hughes and Sug Hodge were co-hostesses for an informal dancing party. The nine girls above mentioned were joined by Misses Mary Teaff, Martha Beene, Peggy Scott, Ann Booth and Bobye Riney and the following young gentlemen: Mac Springer, Donald Douglas, Pete Johnson, Earl Robinson, Elbert Dean, Brandon Wade, Dwain Jones, Kenneth Bowen and Ken Riney.
Still later, Miss Mona Robertson was hostess to the girls, entertaining with a 'slumberless' party at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Bartlett.

MORNING BIBLE CLASS.

Twenty-four women were present,

including four new members, when the Women's Morning Bible class met Wednesday in the home of Mrs. Sam Swann.

Mrs. Elbert Lassiter of Abilene taught the lesson in the absence of Mrs. Keller Roberts.

The class meets each second and fourth Wednesday mornings in the home of Mrs. Swann.

SHOWER FOR MRS. M. L. DOKEY

Mrs. M. L. Dokey was complimented with a gift shower Monday, Jan. 16, in the home of Mrs. J. R. Baker, with Mrs. Orval Ely and Mrs. Matt Ely as co-hostesses.

After games were played, an array of beautiful gifts was displayed and

admired. A refreshment plate of hot chocolate and cake, with miniature storks as plate favors, was served. Invitations were extended to approximately 50.

PROMINENT STATE CLUB-WOMAN GUEST SPEAKER.

Mrs. J. Howard Hodge of Midland, president of the Texas Federation of Women's clubs, was guest speaker to the Fortnightly Study Club members and their guests Wednesday afternoon in the Community Center, which was beautifully decorated for the occasion by Mrs. Adah Heeter.

Mrs. Hodge discussed what the club women in Texas are doing for the betterment of the state, as well

as for the betterment of each community. She stated that when the Texas Board of the Women's clubs met this month they set out to accomplish four main points, namely: (1) They asked that a woman be considered as the next president of TSCW. (2) They favored Governor Shivers' plan for a Youth Council. (3) They are backing the legislature in aid to our eleemosynary institutions. (4) They sent an invitation to the General Federation of Women's clubs to have their 1951 meeting in Houston.

Following Mrs. Hodge's address, coffee was served to thirty-one guests and twenty-seven members.

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- Hormel's—MINNESOTA SLICED BACON, 2 pounds 85c
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- WHITE SWAN COFFEE pound 75c

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- Remo Beauty APPLES pound 9c
- U. S. IDAHO Mesh Bag SPUDS 10 lbs. 47c

River RICE, 2 lb. box 25c

Sunshine CANDIES, bag 10c

Sunshine CRACKERS, lb. 23c

Aunt Jemima MEAL, 5 lb. 32c

2 LBS. (Cello Package) PINTO BEANS 19c

RECIPE OF THE WEEK



Thousand Island Dressing
1/2 cup Fat Milk 2 teaspoons lemon juice
1/2 cup chili sauce 1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup salad oil few grains pepper
Put all ingredients into jar. Shake well. Cover and keep in refrigerator. Use on green or vegetable salads. Makes 1 cup.

PET MILK Can 10c

10c SALE 10c

- Halfhills SARDINES tall can 10c
- Tuffy DOG FOOD tall can 2 for 10c
- Diamonds LIMA BEANS tall can 10c
- Kimbells BLACKEYE PEAS tall can 10c
- Kuners KRAUT tall can 10c
- Diamond JUNE PEAS tall can 10c
- Kuners PUMPKIN tall can 10c
- Del Valle VIENNA SAUSAGE can 10c
- Kounty Kist Sweet CORN can 10c
- Del Comida TOMATOES no. 2 can 10c
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