

**Right Time Is Now—
Send Your Part to
Maintenance Fund**

General pride is felt by the citizens of Merkel and surrounding communities in the clean and well-kept condition of Rose Hill cemetery, under the plan of voluntary subscriptions in practice for the past several years.

If you have not yet made your donation for 1950, it will be appreciated by the board of directors that you do so at once, so that the upkeep for the entire year may be assured.

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

Names of donors and amounts contributed, not already acknowledged follow:

Previously Reported	\$546.50
Mrs. R. A. Walker, Abilene	3.00
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B. R. Vancil	5.00
G. W. Hughes	5.00
O. L. Justice	5.00
W. J. Bicknell	5.00
Mrs. W. L. Harkrider, Est.	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Roy Largent	10.00
Hollis McCoy	5.00
Mrs. Sallie Moore	2.00
E. M. Westbrook	1.00
F. T. Deavers, Corpus Christi, Texas	5.00
Total	\$625.50

Attends Post-Graduate Course at Medical Branch of UT

Dr. Houston F. Byrd, associated with the Sadley Clinic-Hospital, is in Galveston this week attending a post-graduate study course in psychiatry at the medical branch of the University of Texas.

He was accompanied by his wife and children as far as Port Arthur, where they are visiting in the home of his brother, Dr. Leroy Byrd.

39 Bills Were Returned Against 26 Persons By Grand Jury

A total of 39 felony true bills were returned against 26 persons by the 42nd District Court grand jury in Abilene late Wednesday evening of last week.

When the grand jury had made its report Judge J. R. Black expressed the gratitude of the court for its work and dismissed the jury for the remainder of this term of court.

Those indicted and the charges were A. C. Holloway, three charges of forgery; Ernest Boyd Meety, driving while intoxicated (second offense); Juanity Good, forgery; Jack Bowman, two charges of assault with intent to rape; Eugene Nichols, four charges of rape; Oland W. Pelton, driving while intoxicated; Michael Craft Egner, automobile theft; C. W. Campbell, two counts of burglary; Oltis Eulian Adkisson, driving while intoxicated; Andy Folk, driving while intoxicated; John Everetts Dry, two counts of theft; and Manuel Silva, three counts of forgery.

In addition, the indictments included three charges of forging and passing a forged instrument, one check swindling charge, one child desertion charge, one charge of passing a forged instrument; four charges of theft and eight of forgery. Defendants in these cases were not in custody at the time.

Members of the grand jury were Lee O. Groves of Tuscola, foreman; T. J. Bird, Comer Haynes and J. K. Pee, all of Merkel; C. A. Fomby, Ovalo; George C. Hopkins, James M. Einion, Val H. Canon, John H. Fielder and Gene S. Harris, all of Abilene, and Fred Rucker and W. H. Greer.

Sandra Sadler on Dean's Honor Roll At CWC, Denver

Denver, Colo., Feb. 16.—Sandra Sadler, of Merkel, a freshman at Colorado Woman's college in Denver, was among those on the dean's honor roll for the last semester of school. This honor roll is a list of those girls attaining the highest scholastic standing of the entire school. Miss Sadler is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Sadler, 602 Oak street.

Hospital Notes.

Mrs. C. R. Rodgers was admitted to Sadler hospital Feb. 8 for surgery. Entering the hospital for treatment during the week were: Mrs. C. M. Brown, Miss Cleo Reece, Feb. 8; Mrs. J. S. Grant, Feb. 9; Mrs. C. S. Wilcox, Hollis McCoy, Mrs. H. Abney, H. Jones, Jackie Lowe, Feb. 10; Clara Hill, Feb. 12; B. L. Carter, Feb. 13; Dianne Perry, Mrs. W. A. Lynch, Wynona Doan, Feb. 14; Mack Springer, Feb. 15.

BAKE SALE.

The Goodman Home Demonstration club is sponsoring a bake sale Saturday, Feb. 18, in Trent at the Star Hardware.

**LAST RITES HELD
HERE FRIDAY FOR
MRS. PENCE, 73**

Beloved Woman, Who Had Resided In Merkel 25 Years, Passed Away at 9 P. M. Thursday Feb. 9, at Her Home.

Mrs. Irenia Ophelia Pence, 73, who had been a resident of Merkel for 25 years, died at 9 p. m. Thursday of last week at her home.

Funeral services were held at 3:30 p. m. Friday from the Starbuck Funeral chapel, with Rev. Joe S. Alen, pastor of the First Baptist church, officiating. Burial followed in Rose Hill cemetery by the side of her husband, who died Aug. 26, 1941.

Pallbearers were: Ollie Fox, Bill Sledge, Norman Hedge, Horace Boney, Clyde Bartlett and Claude Perry.

She was born May 26, 1876, in Angelina county and was married there in 1891. In 1925, they moved to Merkel where he operated a wagon yard for more than ten years.

Survivors include five sons: S. A. of Florey, Dewey, of Hanford, Calif., Will, of Anson, Tom, of Menahans, and Luther Pence, of Sweetwater; two daughters, Mrs. Fred Jenkins and Mrs. H. K. Farr, both of Merkel; one sister, Mrs. Cynthia Wright, and two brothers, Will and George Wright, all of Pineland, in East Texas. Eighteen grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren also survive.

Mrs. Pence was a member of the First Baptist church.

Officers Elected For Boys' 4-H Club

Sessions Hammond was elected president of the newly organized boys' 4-H club in a meeting held here in the grade school auditorium Wednesday afternoon.

Other officers elected were Johnny Hammond, vice-president and Freddie Boone, secretary.

Twenty boys are members of the first Boys' 4-H club organized here in several years.

Clyde M. Huckabee, assistant county agent, met with the boys and showed a filmstrip on how to raise show calves.

The club will meet the third Wednesday of each month.

Local IH Dealer to Show Farmall C Painted White

A Farmall tractor, painted white with red wheels and decorated with gold stars, is making news as it travels up and down the county roads of this community.

This tractor, with a colorful "teardrop" sign above the hood, is one which the Merkel Farm Machinery company, local International Harvester dealer, is using to demonstrate the many features and all-round farm performance of the Farmall (Model C and other models of tractors) on the nearby farms.

It has created considerable attention because all other standard production-line Farmall tractors are painted red.

The gold stars on the tractor indicate sales features: fingertip Farmall touch-control for lifting, lowering and adjusting mounted McCormick implements; the universal quick-change implement mounting frame, and quick-attachable drawbar.

The Merkel Farm Machinery company announces that the Farmall, painted white, will be available at any time for those who wish to see them and operate on their own farms.

Harry Barnett has been appointed by the Merkel Farm Machinery company as "Farmall Man," and will have charge of the demonstration. Those interested are asked to call him for an on-the-farm demonstration date.

Undergoes Surgery.

Mrs. Marvin Smith, of Abilene, former resident of Merkel, entered Hendrick Memorial hospital, Abilene, Saturday, Feb. 11, for examination and surgery Thursday morning.

Undergoes Operation.

Mrs. Joe Swinney underwent a major operation at Hendrick Memorial hospital, Abilene, Wednesday. She is reported getting along fairly well, considering her condition.

Record of Births.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Barnett, Feb. 9, 1950.
Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Morgan, Feb. 14, 1950.

Large Crowd Present For Boy Scout Pot Luck Supper

More than 75 persons were present for the Boy Scout Pot Luck supper held here in the Community Center on Friday night.

This annual affair was the highlight of the local troop's observance of National Boy Scout Week.

Sessions Hammond, senior patrol leader, acted as master of ceremonies for the night's program.

The boys of the troop presented "A Typical Troop Meeting" on the stage. This part of the program included a Scout Law Drill, knot tying contest, songs, Tenderfoot skit, O-Grady drill, First Aid in the dark, fire by flint and steel race.

The program was concluded with an impressive Court of Honor, presided over by D. B. Bowen. The following boys received badges of advancement: Second Class, Corky Cox, Dwayne Moseley, Jerry Jones, James Simpson, Bobby Whitaker, Lowell Moseley; First Class, Jacky McAninch, Neckerchief Slides, Bobby Whitaker, Dwayne Moseley, James Simpson, Jerry Jones, Jacky McAninch, Eddie Breaux and Jimmy McAninch. A cook kit was presented to the Wolf Patrol by Assistant Scoutmaster Frank Breaux for having won the Standard Patrol contest.

Scoutmaster C. A. Farley introduced the nine boys of the troop who will go to the National Jamboree at Valley Forge next summer and announced future plans for the troop.

Pete Cook, Field Scout Executive from Abilene, presented registration cards to the following Scouters in an impressive candle-lighting ceremony: J. W. Hammond, D. B. Bowen, Jay Greenfield, Fred Starbuck, Truett Jones, Frank Breaux and C. A. Farley. Cook also presented the Troop Charter for 1950 to J. W. Hammond, troop committee chairman.

On Saturday afternoon members of the troop cooked flap jacks, sausage and coffee in the front show window of the Max Mellinger Dry Goods. Several of the boys attracted quite a bit of attention by making fire with flint and steel in front of the store.

In a fake automobile accident, with Eddie Breaux as the victim, and involving the use of Starbuck's ambulance, the boys created a lot of excitement at 3 p. m. Saturday. Eddie was run over by an automobile at the intersection of Edwards and North Second. Three Boy Scouts, Bobby Mayfield, George Starbuck and Richard Chaney, happened to be passing by and rushed out and gave first aid until the ambulance arrived.

On Sunday evening about 20 members of the troop and their leaders attended the Methodist church as a group.

To Conduct Series Of Night Services At Tye Church

At 7:30 Sunday, Feb. 19, at the Tye Methodist church, Rev. Clyde H. Smith will conduct the first of our seven week night services, which will close Saturday night, Feb. 25. Every one is cordially invited to attend. I am sure Brother Smith will bring us some wonderful messages.

Lynward Harrison, Pastor.

Girl Scouts Enjoy Valentine Party

The Merkel Girl Scouts met Monday, Feb. 13, after school for their regular meeting.

Four leaders, Mesdames Dan Doan, June Hogan, P. C. Wylie and Clyde Eager, and seventeen members were present at the scout house where the Girl Scout laws and pledge were repeated and a Valentine party was enjoyed.

Trent P-TA to Sponsor "42" Tournament

Open house is being held in the Trent school lunch room Tuesday evening, Feb. 21, at 7:30 o'clock. The lunch room has recently been remodelled and every one is invited to see the improvements that have been made.

The Parent-Teacher association is sponsoring a "42" tournament in the lunch room as part of the evening's entertainment.

Horace Boney Buys Oak Street Home

Horace O. Boney, who sold his home, 1009 South Fourth, to Bob Hicks, has bought the Bill Dunagin home, 206 Oak street. He will get possession on Mar. 10.

Mr. Dunagin plans to move back to Stith.

BADGERS TO TRY FOURTH TIME FOR 6-A TITLE

Four Competing Teams Fail to Agree After Submitting Bids For Site; To Stage Tournament at Abilene Gymnasium

The Merkel Badgers will be in Abilene this week-end trying for the fourth time in seven years to cop the full district 6A basketball crown.

District 6A representative last Sunday accepted an invitation by Abilene School Superintendent Nat Williams to play off the district basketball championship at Eagle gymnasium on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week.

Teams of Merkel, Roscoe, Throckmorton and Hamlin will convene at the Abilene High School gymnasium in a double-elimination program to determine the full district championship and the right to enter the Regional tournament.

Representatives from each school bid for the championship playoff, but no agreement was reached, so it was decided to play on a neutral court. Superintendent Williams offered use of the AHS floor, and the invitation was accepted.

The "double defeat" plan stipulates that a team must lose two games before being declared out of the race. This could carry the 6A tourney through to a championship game on Saturday night, although chances are it will end Saturday afternoon.

Last night (Thursday) Hamlin and Roscoe played the opening game at 7:30, followed by the Merkel-Throckmorton game at 9:00. The losers play each other at 2 p. m. Friday, the winners at 8:30 p. m. Friday. After that, the second round of eliminations will begin between the three survivors at 8 o'clock Friday night, the second round meets at 10 o'clock Saturday night, and the tourney at 3 p. m. Saturday night. Only one game, the defeat of _____ by _____ Saturday night for _____

Stores Close at 6 p. Beginning Monday, Feb. 20

Beginning Monday, Feb. 20, the following merchants have agreed to close their places of business at 6 p. m. (except Saturdays), to continue until Sept. 15:

Carson Grocery and Market, Campbell Grocery and Market, O-K Grocery and Market, Wood's Store, Swag Shop, City Dry Cleaners, Smith Grocery, J. H. Doan and Son Grocery and Market, Eager Feed Store, Bullock Hardware, Adcock Cleaners, Hicks Auto Supply, Merkel Farm Machinery company, Merkel Motor company, West's Auto Supply Store, West Company, Toombs & Moore Feed and Seed, W. H. Smothers Second Hand Store, N. A. Dowell Glass Shop, Bagg Dry Goods company, White Auto Store, Max Mellinger, Royal Dry Cleaners, Buck's shoe shop, Badger Chevrolet company, Starbuck Furniture company, Ben Franklin Store, B. & B. Barber Shop, Walton's Barber Shop.

The committee securing signatures to the closing agreement included Herman Carson, Ray Wilson and Charles Sylvester.

Farley Speaker at Lueders Friday Night

C. A. Farley, local Scoutmaster, will be the principal speaker for the Parents' Night program of the Lueders' Boy Scout Troop and Explorer Post to be held in Lueders on Friday night, Feb. 24.

Farley will speak on "Scouting in the Schools". Robert Glew, of Abilene, Scout Executive of the Chisholm Trail Council, will show a movie "The Scout Trail to Citizenship."

Tom Durhams Observe Golden Wedding Anniversary

The editor of The Merkel Mail acknowledges with pleasure an invitation to attend the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Durham on Sunday, Feb. 26, in Clovis, N. M.

The Durhams will be pleasantly remembered by every one living in Merkel at the time of their residence here. Mr. Durham was editor at the time the present owner purchased this newspaper. For the past ten years he has been connected with the Curry County Times at Clovis.

Merkel Boy Elected District President Of VIC Club

Allen James was elected district president of the West Texas District of the Vocational Industrial club when the officers of each chapter in this district met in Sweetwater Saturday. Other district officers elected were: D. W. Davis, Seagraves, vice-president; Dick Mitchell, Lamesa, secretary; Quincy Adams, Rotan, treasurer; Bonna Terry, San Angelo, reporter; Gene Campbell, Big Spring, sergeant-at-arms.

The schools included in the West Texas District are: Big Spring, San Angelo, Odessa, Seagraves, Sweetwater, Abilene, Merkel, Rotan, Lamesa and Breckenridge.

Boys attending the meeting from Merkel were: Reuben Horton, Allen James, Charles Simpson, Dale Doan and Charles Mashburn and Hoyt Byrd, sponsor.

Fans Have Confidence In Benson's Badgers To Win Playoff

Local basketball fans are confident that Coach Carroll Benson's Badgers have a good chance of winning the District 6A playoff in Abilene this Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

The Badger supporters are not "whistling in the dark," as they can point with pride to the record of the Merkel five for the current season. No doubt the Badgers have one of the best cage records of any high school team in West Texas. The Purple and Gold five has won 19 out of 21 games. The two losses were to Roscoe in the Rotan tournament and to the Abilene Christian College Academy team in the finals of the ACHS tourney early in December. In conference play, Benson's boys won ten straight contests without a loss.

How do the Badgers stack up now against Hamlin, Roscoe and Throckmorton? The 6A West champs have defeated the Plowboys three times in four meetings this season by very close scores and downed the Pied Pipers by 12 points in the Rotan tourney. Merkel and Throckmorton have not met this year.

Coach Carroll Benson's "round baller" have rolled up 893 points this season for an average of 41½ points per game. The leading scorer in the team is 6 ft., 3 in. Center Burl McCoy with a total of 303 points, or an average of 14½ points per contest. Forward Donald Douglas has racked up 217 points. Forward Joe Dell Gregory 185 points, Guard Mac Springer 110 points and Guard Brunton Wade 66 points.

During the past seven years, Benson's quintets have won the 6A West title four different times, the last three years in a row, but have never been able to win the district playoff and get into the Regional tournament. Coach Benson is hoping his luck will be different this Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Well Child Conference Re-Set for Feb. 24

The Well Child Health conference will be held in Mrs. McFarland's office Friday, Feb. 24, instead of Feb. 17, as previously announced.

CHECK TO FIRST EX-POW READS FOR \$1,198

At \$1.00 Per Day, Frank H. Bigelow Gets Paid that Sum for Time in Prison Camp Starting on Corregidor.

Washington, Feb. 16.—"I wouldn't go through it again for \$40 million," says Frank H. Bigelow.

Bigelow, who walks almost as well with his artificial leg as he did with two good ones, picked up a check for \$1,198 at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning from Daniel F. Cleary, War Claims Commission chairman.

He is the first of 120,000 former prisoners of war and their survivors to get paid \$1 for each prison camp day under the War Claims Act.

He started his 1,198 days on Corregidor, last American stronghold in the Philippines to fall.

In 1943 they took him to work in the coal mines at Omota, just 30 miles from Nagasaki on the Japanese island of Kyushu.

A heavy piece of rock fell on his leg one day in the mines and the Japs sewed it up without cleaning. After the poison got working, an American doctor, also a POW, did the amputation. He used a meat-cleaver, a meat-saw and two American razor blades, all he had.

About 250 other ex-POWs will get their checks this week, too. Thereafter, payments will leave Washington at a 50-day clip. The money is supposed to come from seized enemy assets. So far the fund could pay only about one-sixth the claims.

Altogether, the commission expects to pay out \$108 million to 132,000 American POWs, their survivors and 60,000-100,000 Filipino POWs who were members of the Philippine Island military forces.

Hodge to Construct Modern Drive-In Theatre Here

Norman Hodge, manager of the Queen and Texas theatres, completed a deal this week for land to build a modern drive-in theatre, with capacity for 300 cars with individual speakers.

Construction is to begin immediately, he said.

The H. & H. theatres, of which the Merkel theatres are units, operate drive-ins in Midland, Odessa and Stamford, and have under construction drive-ins in Ballinger and Winters.

Club Elects Katherine Herron as Candidate

The Noodle Senior 4-H club met in a regular meeting Feb. 8 in the home-making department of the school. The club elected Katherine Herron as their candidate for the county coronation ceremony to be held March 11 in the memorial hall in Anson.

A demonstration was given on floor covering by the agent, Miss Loreta Allen.

Friends are urged to cast their votes now for Katherine Herron as Jones County 4-H Queen.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From Files of The Merkel Mail, February 21, 1930.)

FUNERAL RITES OF RETIRED MERKEL MERCHANT HELD.

George E. Comegys, 70, Owner of the Star Store Here for Twenty-Five Years, Dies After Long Illness.

Funeral rites were held here at 10 o'clock last Saturday morning for George E. Comegys, 70, prominent retired merchant and resident of Merkel for the past 30 years, with Elder W. G. Cypert, former minister of the Church of Christ, officiating. Interment was made in Rose Hill.

Mr. Comegys died here Friday morning at 11:15 at the home of his daughter, Mrs. R. O. Anderson, after a lingering illness. He had been in bad health for the past two years and seriously ill for about two months. Besides Mrs. Anderson, he is survived by another daughter, Mrs. Courtney Hunt, Haskell, and a son, Claude Comegys, who lives here. All three of the children were at the bedside of their father when death occurred—in the same room in which their mother died, May 7, 1922. Mrs.

Comegys was the former Flora Davis Thurman. The couple were married May 2, 1883.

Born in Indiana Dec. 1859, Mr. Comegys moved to Texas 37 years ago and located at Decatur, removing with his family in 1900 to Merkel. For 25 years he operated the Star Store here, retiring from business several years ago. He was a thirty-second degree Mason and Shriner were chosen as pallbearers. They were: B. F. Cox and Bud Sears of Abilene, S. D. Gamble, L. R. Thompson, J. E. Eozz and Dr. E. I. Grimes.

Merkel's newest musical organization is a Men's Chorus with Miss Christine Collins, director. Rehearsals have been underway for several weeks and the club plans to make its first public appearance over KFYO radio broadcasting station, Abilene.

Members are Olan Lusby, A. J. Tucker, Charles Largent, Ralph Duke, Edward Lancaster, Ervon Curb, Orion Tittle, William Sheppard, Castle Ellis, Byron Patterson, Baylor Amason and Chesley Patterson.

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NEW LIVE OAK CHURCH.

There will be services at the New Live Oak Baptist church Sunday morning at 11:00. Brother Bishop will bring the message.

PRIMITIVE BAPTISTS.

Elder C. L. Casey of Cisco will fill the pulpit Saturday night and Sunday.

The average American ate 156 pounds of meat in 1948.

New Hemingway Novel



Ernest Hemingway's new novel, "Across the River and into the Trees," is the story of a fifty-year old U. S. infantry colonel who returns to Venice for a last visit with a young and beautiful Italian girl. They are happy in their intense love, but it is a happiness made poignant by their realization that the war-battered world hasn't long to live. Hemingway, in describing their last visit, recounts the events in the soldier's colorful life which made him a hero, a writer, and a strangely lonely man. The novel starts in the February issue of Cosmopolitan magazine and is Hemingway's first work since "The Old Man and the Sea" published in 1950.

CARD OF THANKS.

I wish to express my gratitude and appreciation to the hospital staff and nurses for their kindness shown me, while I was in the hospital, and to my friends for their friendly concern, neighborly deeds done for me and my family.

The pleasant visits, cheerful cards and lovely flowers meant so much to me. I shall always be grateful for the many blessings of friendship I received from you during my recent illness.

May God richly bless and keep you always.

Mrs. Bill Little.

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.

The Pence Family.

Revival to Begin at Calvary Baptist March 3rd

The doors are always open to all comers down at the Old Calvary Baptist.

Nothing fancy, just a church that you can come and still hear the old time Gospel, just the way that we believe that God intended for it to be preached. (Paul told Timothy to preach the Word). Anything short of that just isn't Gospel; well, we were made happy Sunday—the Spirit of God filled the house, most every one had a great time in the Lord. Oh, sure those that were in a backslidden condition and did nothing about it were made miserable. The Word of God is powerful.

Several of our members have been sick; Bro. Hays is improving some; Sister May Thaxton is able to be back with us, thank God for that. Bro. Gene Benningfield's wife was out of church awhile due to sickness, but is now able to be with us again. We are just one big family down at Old Calvary, and when one of our members is out of service it grieves us. Thanks be unto God one day we will be in a city where there will never be any more heartaches, all will be joy.

Don't forget, Bro. Power's brother, Jack from Decatur, will be here the 3rd of March to begin a revival in the old Calvary Baptist church. If you love the Lord, and are not going to church anywhere, come on down and work with us.

Your Church Reporter,
Jack Walker.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bullock returned Wednesday from Amarillo, where they attended the Hardware Dealers convention.

Mrs. Ben Hicks returned the latter part of last week from a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Stratton, at Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Sylva, of Vallejo, Calif., are visiting with their daughter and son Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Bartlett and Mr. and Mrs. Keller Roberts.

Mrs. Overman and Mrs. Sarah Lowery of Wingate visited her cousin, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Miller, on Wednesday of this week; also Mrs. Fred Burns and Mrs. Pearl McCarty of Tye were visitors in the Miller home Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Shannon were accompanied Saturday to Fort Worth by their daughter, Mrs. James Shaver, and little son, Jimmie who had been visiting the last two weeks in the Shannon home.

Visitors over the week-end in the L. J. Miller home were Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Dean and daughter and son from Lawn, Mr. and Mrs. B. Keck and Lester Boyles and wife of Seymour and Miss Louise Keck from

A SMOOTH JOB



Imagine a table so smooth that flat objects cannot be picked up but must be slid off the side and you have an idea of this table used in the Tool Inspection Department of The Timken Roller Bearing Company. Finished to within fifty one-millionths of an inch for flatness, the table is kept in an air-conditioned room for the greatest possible accuracy in measurement readings.

The inspector, a pretty smooth job too, is shown measuring the length of a cone for a bearing that will find its way into a wheel or rolling assembly somewhere in industrial America.

Oklahoma City, Okla., Mrs. Fannie Wooten from Stanton and Buile Keck. Afternoon callers were Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Deavers of Merkel. Mr. and Mrs. Booth Warren drove down to Galveston Saturday to spend the week-end with their son, Don Warren, and wife. Don is a junior in the medical branch of the University of Texas.

Mrs. Kenneth Sharp of El Paso is visiting her mother, Mrs. B. M. Williams and her husband's mother, Mrs. M. E. Sharp. She was accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Barney Dickley, who returned home Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Elliott, Sr., of Baird, were week-end guests of his son, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Elliott, Jr., and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Grimes have gone to California for a vacation visit with their daughter, Mrs. Grimes, and Mr. and Mrs. St. ... and family.

S. Sgt. L. C. White of Tucson, Ariz., for the has been visiting his mother, Mrs. Martha Smith, Charles Whisenand, Tuesday night to Tucson.

Mrs. Woodrow Adams of Danny of Fort Worth, this week in the C. F. L. ... on Oak street.

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Continental Oil Co. Reveals Development Of New Motor Oil

Continental Oil Company has revealed development of a new motor oil—the result of eight years' laboratory research, two winters of testing in Montana and Colorado, and a 50,000-mile road test along the Mexican border, according to W. F. Golladay, local agent for Conoco.

The new oil, called "Conoco Super Motor Oil," will be made available in Merkel, starting Wednesday, Feb. 15, he said.

"The remarkable performance of the oil under severe and exhaustive road testing, plus the fact that it has met every challenge of the laboratory for preventing wear and keeping engines clean," said Mr. Golladay, "convinces all of us with Continental that this new super motor oil is as nearly perfect as it is possible today to develop a lubricating oil."

Each of six cars and four trucks during the 70-day road test along the Mexican border, covered more than 50,000-miles at an average speed of 60 miles an hour for the cars, and 50 miles an hour for the trucks. The cars were run for 14 hours each day, six days a week, in the sizzling South Texas heat that at times reached 110 degrees in the shade. Eight hundred miles per day were racked up on the speedometers of the test cars, and 690 miles a day on the trucks.

At the end of the 50,000-mile run, equal to five years' mileage for the average family car, engines of the cars showed no wear of any consequence. In fact, by actual measurement with highly sensitive instruments, wear was an average of less than one-thousandth of an inch on cylinders and crankshafts. Original factory machining marks were still visible on piston rings.



Continental Oil Company scientists and technologists inspect automobile engines after a 50,000-mile test run along the sizzling Mexican border to prove the quality of new Conoco Super Motor Oil. Norman Penfold (left center), of the Southwest Research Institute, certified the test. Here he is shown making measurements on a crankshaft after the 50,000-mile run. Test was made over period of 70 days, with cars making an average of 60 miles per hour, 14 hours each day, 6 days a week in Mexican border heat that often reached 110 degrees in the shade. Measurements showed that engines of cars had no wear of any consequence; by actual measurement with sensitive instruments, wear was average of less than one-thousandth of an inch on cylinders and crankshafts. Other men in picture, Oak Lloyd (left), general sales manager for Continental Oil Company, and W. F. Ford, director of company's engine laboratory, helping Penfold measure motor parts; Frank Sues, director of sales engineering, and E. R. Baker, manager of Conoco's central research laboratories.

Not since the 1923-29 season has George Washington U. experienced a losing basketball campaign.

A 20-game schedule is slated for 1950 for the pentagonal hockey league.

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The road testing results are certified by the Southwest Research Institute of San Antonio, and Norman Penfold of the Institute, under whose certification the test run was made. Mr. Penfold is acknowledged as the outstanding independent authority on oil testing.

According to Mr. Golladay, the new oil for local automobile and truck owners represents another long step forward in the method pioneered and developed by Continental Oil company for using additives in mineral oils to increase effectiveness against wear and assure longer life for motors.

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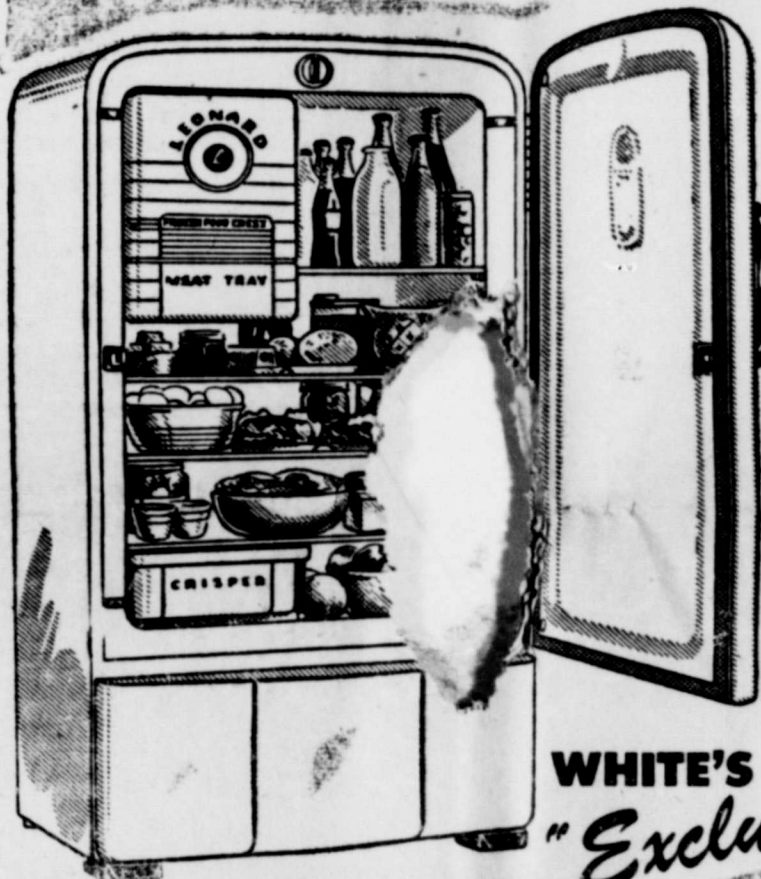
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Keeping Good Health Must be Joint Affair Shared by All

Austin, Feb. 16.—If public health is to contribute to health and happiness in 1950, the people of the state need to gain a new knowledge of its significance and to convince their leaders of the importance of the support of the people, said Dr. Geo. W. Cox, state health officer.

The State Department of Health is the state agency responsible by law for the health of all the people in Texas. The working out of this responsibility, however, must be a joint affair shared by all the people.

The state health officer is the administrative and executive head of the department. The field activities are organized in 18 different divisions. A division director with specific training and experience in one of the specialized fields of public health as well as in general public health measures directs the activities of each division.

The many problems faced today by every American community and by every school, farm, business and industry are: how to prevent and control illness, malnutrition and epidemics; how to make the community in which one lives as free as possible from hazards to health.

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Poinsettias Rest, Too, Says Annie Lucy Lane

Don't discard the poinsettia just because the leaves have dropped. Chances are good, says Annie Lucy Lane, county home demonstration agent, that it isn't dying but just going into its yearly rest period. It is dormant until about the time of the last spring frost, she adds. After the leaves fall, the plant should be placed in a cool place (40 to 60 degrees) and watered only sparingly. When danger of frost is past, the plant may be cut back to remove excess wood and to make it more shapely, she says.

Then remove the old soil and repot in a mixture of about 3 parts garden loam, one part well-rotted manure and one part leafmold. She points out that it is best to use a pot just large enough to hold the roots without crowding and good drainage should be provided. Apply enough water to keep the soil from entirely drying out. Later in the spring the plant can be set outdoors where they will be in light shade. If the shade is too dense, the plant will be tall and weak, and the light shaded plants will produce larger leaves and blooms. Prune once or twice to shape the plant, but don't cut it back after August, Miss Lane warns.

Move the plant back into the house prior to the first frost and place it where there is plenty of light and air but not in a draft. She says that it should be watered regularly and the soil should never be permitted to become dry. An application of liquid fertilizer every week or so will be beneficial to the plant. Keep the plant in a dark place at night for artificial light may cause it to unsatisfactory flowering.

Poinsettias, Miss Lane warns, cannot stand frost and drafts, too much heat and moving may cause them to drop their leaves.

The sea slug defends itself by casting its gelatine-like insides at its foes, growing a new set.

Sea slugs brought \$1,000 a ton at Canton, China, before the war, says the National Geographic Society.

can be completely successful, however, unless it has the confidence and support of the people who benefit by it. Full support cannot be expected unless the people understand the purposes and the objectives of the program. Your health department is interested in preventing disease and it never interferes with your relations with the doctor of your choice. Dr. Cox pledges the personnel of his department in keeping you well. When you are ill he advises you to consult your family physician.

Census Crew Chiefs For Taylor County Announced

Crew leaders for Taylor county for the 17th decennial census to be held here in April have been announced by Donald E. Pulver, supervisor of the Abilene district.

Two city crew leaders, one rural leader, and one leader-at-large have been designated, Pulver said. Crew leaders supervise actual enumeration in this county.

George E. Tyson, 1225 Wilson Ave., and E. L. Crawford are city crew leaders. James F. Longley, Jr., 725 Amarillo, is leader-at-large, and Wendell I. Foreman is rural leader.

Both Crawford and Longley are income tax consultants; Tyson is a Methodist minister, and Foreman is former superintendent of the Elm-dale School district.

Tyson holds both a B. A. and B. S. degree, Crawford and Longley hold B. A. degrees and Foreman has a B. A. and an M. A. degree.

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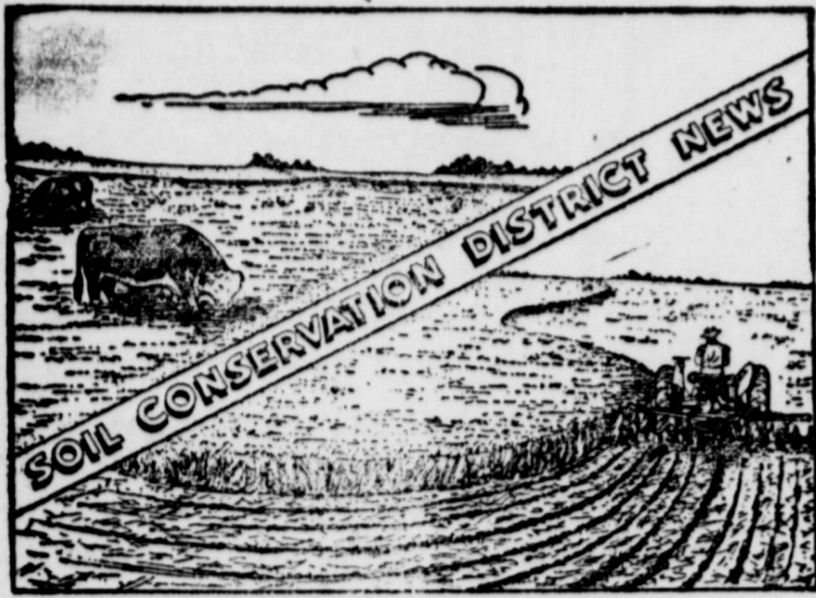
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This is a good time of the year to make plans for sweet clover planting. Madrid sweet clover is proving to be a popular grazing crop in the area and is one of the best adapted varieties tried so far on our tight and mixed soils. Planting seed is less plentiful than common and interested cooperators should be securing their planting seed now for late February and March plantings. The recommended planting rate varies with the quality of the seed and ranges from 2 to 5 pounds of seed per acre. The supervisors of the Middle Clear Fork Soil Conservation District have provided a press wheel planter with

small seed boxes for use in planting sweet clover and grass seeds. We had good results last year from the use of this planter and practically every one who used it secured good stands of sweet clover. The district makes this planter available to district cooperators for a small maintenance charge of twenty-five cents per acre. Madrid sweet clover is one of the best crops for conditioning the soil or improving the tilth of our tight and mixed land. This crop has long penetrating roots which extend in the soil 2 to 3 feet deep and open up many water channels. One of its best uses in this area is to aeriate

and open up the soils to afford better moisture penetration. The regular use of Madrid sweet clover in rotation every 3 to 5 years should enable our soils to become more friable and porous and greatly improve the surface crusting and hard pan conditions now prevalent in many of our soils. Let's all try a patch of sweet clover this year.

A. D. Hill, cooperator in the North Golan group, has rested a 420 acre shinnery pasture since July of 1947. In examining this pasture recently it was remarkable the quick "come-back" made by some of the better grasses. The better grass species showing up now are little bluestem, sideoats grama, purpletop triodes, fall witchgrass and sand dropseed grasses. An adjoining pasture has been over utilized and grassed at intervals each year and none of the above grasses can be found there. This is another example that growing season deferment is one of the best range practices to improve grass vigor, cover, root system and grass seeding. Mr. Hill is planning on seeding several acres of different adapted grasses this spring as seed sources for his revegetation program. He has about 50 acres to reseed. He is making good use of vetch and rye and winter peas to control blowing, improve the soil and furnish some badly needed grazing in the late winter and spring months.

Ennis Reidenbach, district cooperator out in the Mt. Pleasant area,

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Style and Procedure Of Issuing Drivers Licenses Improved

Austin, Feb. 16.—After years of study aimed toward better serving the motorists of this State, Texas has pioneered in improving the style and the procedure of issuance of drivers licenses, according to Colonel Homer Garrison, Jr., director of the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Under direct supervision of A. F. Temple, chief of the Department's Drivers License division, the new license has been adopted, after extensive study, for greater ease of processing and with a view toward making the renewal of licenses less effort on the part of the motorists. Texas, so far as is known, is the first state to adopt the technique of notifying drivers when their licenses are about to expire.

Effective this week, the License Division will begin issuing the new style Operator, Commercial and Chauffeur permits to all applicants. Licenses now in effect will remain valid and will be replaced by the new form upon the next renewal by present holder.

Complete handling of the new license will be effected by machines and the license itself will be mailed out in the form of a post card which is so arranged to permit separation to allow for proper fitting into bill-folds or card cases.

One of the more important features of the new procedure will be a recorded renewal copy of the original license which will be mailed to operators about a month prior to the expiration date of their license advising them that it is about to expire. This is expected to be a real benefit to the thousands of Texas drivers who habitually allow their licenses to expire because of neglect in checking the expiration date. The new license will also carry the actual date of expiration rather than the date of issuance as previously used.

Cost and validation periods of the licenses will remain the same: fifty cents for operator license for two years; one dollar for commercial license for one year, and, three dollars for chauffeur's license for one year.

Hans Christian Anderson, Danish fairy tale writer, as a youth wanted to be a dancer.

Goc. Shivers Says Texas Tops In Employment

Austin, Feb. 16.—Gov. Allan Shivers said Wednesday that Texas still is the economic bright spot of the nation as far as employment is concerned. Shivers quoted Harry Bengt Crozier, chairman of the Texas Employment Commission, as saying that he was "confident Texas still has the lowest rate of unemployment in the nation."

March Proclaimed As Red Cross Month

Washington, Feb. 16.—President Truman Friday proclaimed March as Red Cross month. The relief agency will appeal for \$67,000,000 in voluntary contributions, and the president urged every American to participate in a broadcast in connection with the drive the night of Feb. 28. He will speak from the White House the last three of four minutes of a half hour program starting at 10:30 p. m. (EST).

Two Taylor County Men Elected to Cotton Council

J. Walter Hammond, Tye, and Ed B. Henley, Abilene, were elected to the National Cotton Council at the closing session of the 12th annual meeting of the council in Memphis.

Hammond, president of the Texas Farm Bureau Federation, was re-elected a delegate member of the Texas unit, while Henley, affiliated with Western Cottonoil company, is a delegate member of the New Mexico unit.

More than a thousand cotton industry members attended the three-day meeting. The members planned a program of research and promotion, designed to increase the consumption of cotton, cottonseed and their by-products.

Cotton council activity during 1950 will call for promotion and advertising to increase the sale of cotton products, increasing the efficiency of production, marketing and processing cotton and cottonseed, research

to develop and improve cotton and cotton products, studies of markets and development of foreign trade.

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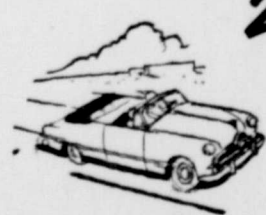
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Annual Immunization Program In Schools Starts March 2

The annual immunization program for the school pupils will be conducted here for four consecutive Thursdays, starting on March 2.

Due to the fact that the Abilene-Taylor County Health Unit does not have a physician on the staff now, a fee of 25 cents will be charged each pupil each day a local doctor is used. The fee is 25 cents per day per pupil involved on that particular day, regardless of the number of "shots" a child may receive on that particular day.

According to Dr. Larry Wells, who was here Monday making arrangements for the program, Dr. W. T. Sadler will be in charge of the immunization in the local schools. He will be assisted by Mrs. Stella Gilliland, county school nurse.

In a few days blanks will be sent home by the school children, explaining the entire program. Pre-school children are urged to participate in this annual program.

Sea slugs must be boiled and gutted before being smoked or dried.

LEGAL NOTICES

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Issued this the 26th day of January, A. D., 1950.

TO: Marie Sherman, 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 the Taylor County, at the Court House in Abilene, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 26th day of January, 1950. The file number of said suit being No. 6250-B.

The names of the parties in said suit are Austin Sherman, Jr., as Plaintiff, and Marie Sherman, as Defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: Plaintiff and defendant were married on November 2, 1944, and lived together until about December 1, 1944.

There were no children born to said marriage and the parties have no community property.

Plaintiff sues for divorce on the grounds of abandonment.

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

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 26th day of January, A. D., 1950.

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

By Dorothy Smith, Deputy, Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24

RED CROSS HELPS RESTORE FAMILIES TO NORMAL LIVING AFTER DISASTERS



Planning resumption of normal living with this disaster stricken family of East Prairie, Mo., following mid-January floods is the task of the Red Cross worker. Scenes like this are duplicated in Arkansas and Illinois following floods that drove 30,000 from homes, damaged household furnishings and buildings. Financial aid and planning for future are Red Cross contributions to those without sufficient resources to get back to normal, made possible by annual generous gifts of American people to organization. Such aid was given in 330 disasters last year for total of \$6,574,741. About 70 per cent was spent for long-term rehabilitation. Remainder went for immediate emergency care.

County Accepts \$4,872 Bid for Remodeling County Court House

Abilene, Feb. 16.—A bid of \$4,872 for remodeling and repairs to Taylor County court house was accepted by the Commissioners Court Monday. The contract was awarded to Paul Bonine.

Only two other contractors submitted bids for the court house work. Balfaanz Construction company, and B. F. Horn company submitted bids identical in amounts, each calling for \$1,500 plus cost of material to be used in the work.

Bonine's bid specified that \$300 was to be deducted from the base

bid if the north end of the first floor corridor is built according to alternate layout shown in the plans. The base bid covered all alterations and repairs to the building as called for in specifications, complete with all general construction, plumbing and electrical work.

The contract calls for work to begin within five days after letting of the contract and to be completed within 120 working days.

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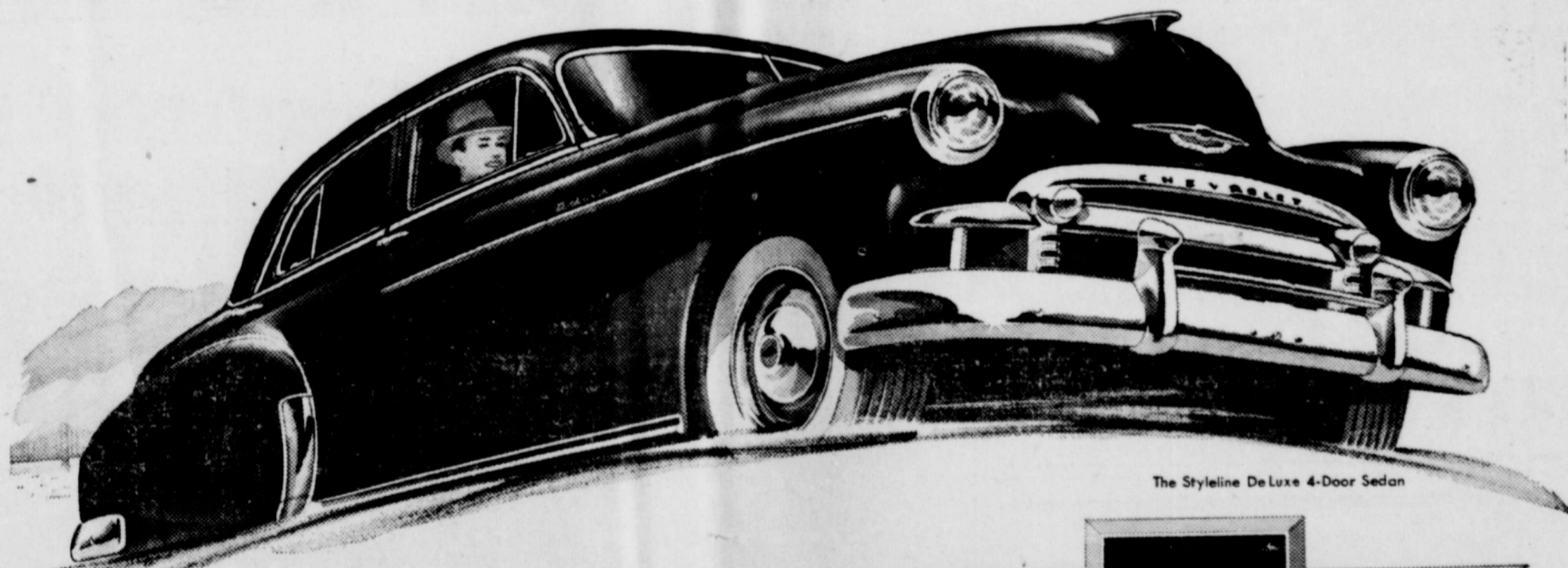
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BLUEBONNET CLUB.

The Bluebonnet Home Demonstration club met Feb. 7, in the home of Mrs. Ben Butman, with Mrs. Louis Butman in charge. The house was decorated with red and white streamers and red hearts. In keeping with the Valentine theme, Mrs. Doyal Barnes led the group in singing "Let Me Call You Sweetheart." Mrs. Frank Brnovak led the prayer.

Mrs. Wade Ensminger gave a council report and also read the 1950 recommendations of the year book, recreation and reporters committees of the Taylor County council.

Mrs. Dewel McLean read the 1950 constitution and by-laws of the Bluebonnet club.

The club is preparing a box for the state hospital at Abilene. Articles suitable to work with or to play with, such as quilt scraps, games, embroidery thread and material, will be included and any one wishing to help is entirely welcome.

Club members voted the pecan tree the most popular of all trees, due to its beauty, longevity and fruitfulness, when Mrs. Ben Butman gave her very interesting talk on "Farming the Farmstead." She also dropped the hint of using chloridane dust in the soil for termites.

Mrs. Ford Butman exhibited samples of material and newest styles and talked on how to score yourself as to accessories and clothing. She maintained that reds and navy are the leading colors, short jackets, the leading style, and nylon, the leading fabric.

Mrs. Wade Ensminger served an iced punch plate with Valentine motif to twelve members and the following visitors: Mesdames Jack Bagby, W. L. Russell, Frank Demere, John Coomer and John Oliver.

The next meeting will be Feb. 21, at the club center with Mrs. Harrison Malone as hostess.

COMPERE CLUB.

The Comper Home Demonstration club met Feb. 8, in the home of Mrs. W. D. Ramsey. There were 11 members and 2 visitors present.

Mrs. A. W. Clemmer presided over the meeting. Roll call was answered with a tongue twister. Mrs. Loyd Reece and Mrs. Ben Adkins gave a demonstration on the care of leather shoes, using saddle soap, cream and paste polish.

Mrs. W. D. Ramsey was elected food demonstrator, with Mrs. Clyde Chancey, leader. Mrs. Loyd Reece was elected clothing demonstrator, with Mrs. Ben Adkins, leader.

Members present were Mesdames W. S. Allred, Ben Adkins, R. G. Bond, A. W. Clemmer, Clyde Chancey, Ab Hunter, Jr., H. J. Wren, Loyd Reece, Leola Curry, C. S. Childers and the hostess. Visitors were Mrs. Clona McClure and Mrs. Jewell Young.

After names were drawn for secret pals, the club adjourned to meet with Mrs. J. J. Bockman on Feb. 22.

FLOY HAWKINS CIRCLE.
The Floy Hawkins Circle of the First Baptist church met Monday afternoon for Bible study in the home of Mrs. O. B. Leach.

Mrs. Horace Boney taught the lesson, concluding the study of the book, "Vessels Unto Honor."

Refreshment plates carrying out the Valentine theme were served to the following members: Mesdames Paul West, Mack Tucker, C. S. Carey, Jim Carter, Buster Horton, Nim Teaff, Horace Boney O. B. Leach, and four visitors, Mesdames Austin Petty, Irl Walker, Bob Fowler and Gordon Pursley.

The next meeting will be Monday, Feb. 20, at 2 o'clock at the church for Royal Service program. An unusual program on "Racial Problems" has been planned by the program chairman, Mrs. Jim Carter. Brother Carroll, a negro minister from Abilene, will be the speaker of the afternoon.

The members of all the Circles are urged to be present and bring guests to hear this gifted speaker.

GOODMAN CLUB.

The Goodman Home Demonstration club met in the home of Mrs. H. H. Windham on Friday, Feb. 10. An interesting skit on "The Care of Shoes" was given by Mrs. Windham and Mrs. Karl Bonneaux, using a well worn pair of shoes for their demonstration. Mrs. Windham was the "Shine Boy," who gave her act on the trade from cleaning to a real shine.

The meeting was presided over by the president, Mrs. F. F. Carter. Three songs were sung: "Home on the Range," "Cowboy Night Song" and "Grandfather's Clock," which was led by Mrs. Grover Blair and Mrs. Bonneaux.

Roll call was answered with a tongue twister. The minutes were read by Mrs. M. G. Goode, secretary, after which Mrs. R. A. Swinney announced that Miss Loreta Allen would be at her house at 9:30 o'clock Friday, Feb. 17. Mrs. H. H. Windham was elected candidate to be presented at the council meeting the 3rd Wednesday in February.

The club also voted on having a bake sale at Trent Feb. 18.

The meeting closed with the club's Good Will Leader selling pencils for her flower funds, \$1.81 was received.

A Valentine theme was used in the refreshment plate that was served to five visitors, Mesdames W. L. Phillips, W. O. Washburn, Breckenridge; T. E. Goode, Noodle; R. E. Windham, A. L. Moore and little son, Roger Todd, Merkel. The following members were present: Mesdames Grover Blair, D. L. Butler, R. A. Swinney, F. F. Carter, Karl Bonneaux, Carl Carey, H. H. Windham, D. R. Butler, J. L. Washburn, M. G. Goode, J. C. Washburn and Ivy Sadberry.

The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. J. C. Washburn on Feb. 24.

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FIDELIS MATRONS.

The Fidelis Matrons class met on Tuesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Preston Henry for its regular monthly meeting. Mrs. Davis Hoady acted as co-hostess. The meeting was opened with the class song, "Take My Life and Let it Be." Opening prayer was led by Mrs. Joe Allen. Mrs. Nim Teaff brought the devotional on "Love," giving a beautiful Valentine story.

The business was presided over by the president, Mrs. J. L. Mullins.

Present were: one visitor, Mrs. Paul Finley and the following members: Mesdames Paul West, Joe Allen, Gordon Pursley, Austin Petty, Charles Sylvester, H. R. McKeever, E. B. Wallace, Nim Teaff, Buck Leach, Buster Horton, J. L. Mullins, Bob Fowler and the hostesses.

T. E. L. CLASS.

The T. E. L. class of the First Baptist church met in the home of Mrs. Sam Swann Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Mrs. W. J. Largent and Mrs. Ruby Jenkins were co-hostesses. After the business meeting Mrs. Ernest Teaff brought the devotional. Mrs. Clyde Bartlett reviewed the Book, "Through God's Eyes," by Harold E. Dye.

Those present for the meeting were Mesdames John F. Walker, Clarence Perry, Twyman Collins, Jennings Winter, E. R. Clack, A. R. Booth, Earl Baze, Claud Perry, Clyde Bartlett, Ernest Teaff, E. W. King, W. T. Sadler, J. W. Willingham, T. J. Bird, Dent Gibson, Booth Warren, Earl Lassiter, Sam Swann, W. J. Largent, Ruby Jenkins and Irl Walker.

SEWING CLUB.

The Sewing club met Feb. 8 with Mrs. Earle Watts hostess. After sewing and visiting, refreshments were served to the following members: Mesdames Carroll Benson, Geo. T. Moore, David Gamble, Pete West, Riggs Shepperd, Jim Carter, Grif Barnett, J. E. Boaz, Jr., Ernie Watts and one visitor, Mrs. J. T. Merritt.

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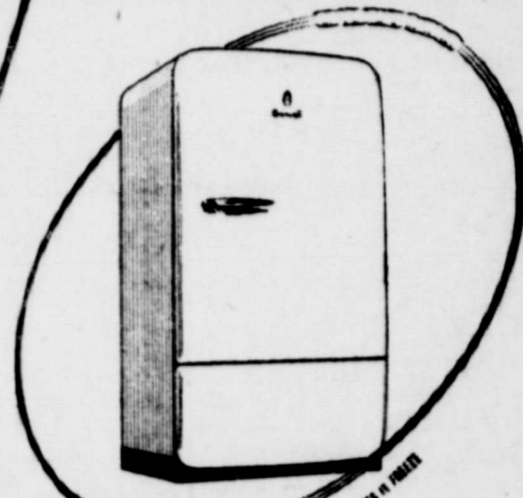
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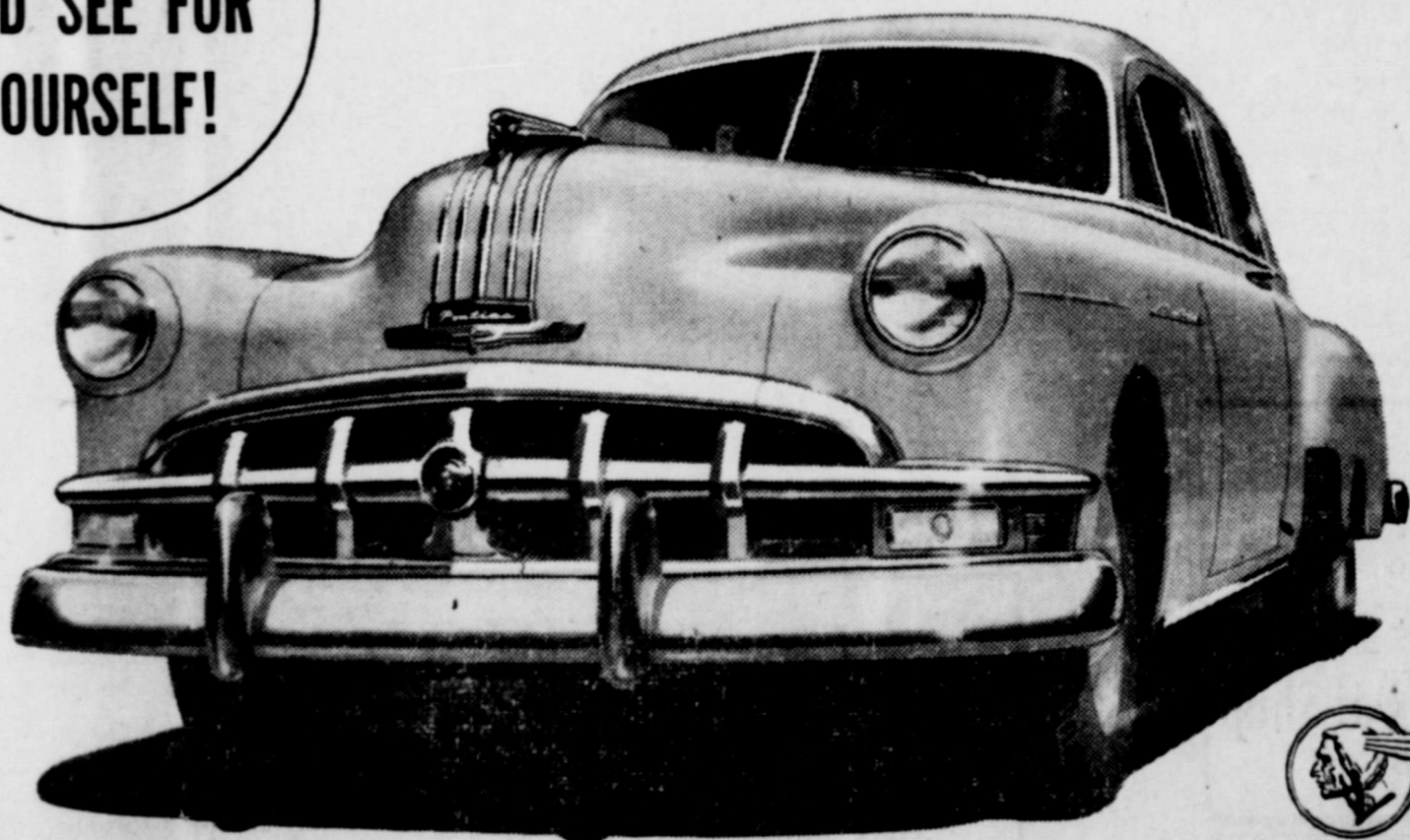
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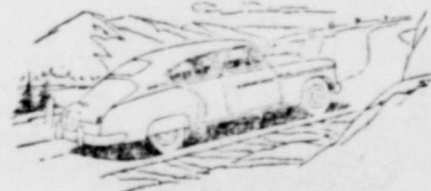
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The First Christian church was beautifully decorated with white lilies, white carnations and greenery where Rev. Harlie Woodard performed an impressive double-ring ceremony at 7:30 o'clock.

Wedding music was given by Mrs. K. L. McDonald, church organist, and Miss Jody Dunlap. Miss Dunlap sang "Because" and "Always" and Mrs. McDonald played "Claire de Lune" during the ceremony.

The bride, who entered upon the arm of her father, was very lovely in a fitted dress of white nylon. Seed pearls outlined the yoke and hands and a tiara of pearls held the long veil in place. She carried a white orchid surrounded by white carnations and for something old wore a cameo brooch which had belonged to the bridegroom's great-grandmother.

The attendants were Miss Jeanette Harris, maid of honor, and Misses Bunny Scoggins, Bobby George, Marion Steinman and Shirley Heatherington. Miss Harris wore white taffeta while the bridesmaids' dresses

were in pastel colors, identical in style with that of the bride. They were heart-shaped tiaras of matching net and gardenias and carried heart-shaped bouquets.

Leon Toombs served as best man and ushers were Bobbie Strain, Bill Norton, R. C. Kelso and Melvin Cross. The bride is a senior in Abilene high school. The bridegroom is a graduate of Merkel High school and attended Texas Technological college following his discharge from the Army, having served in the Pacific Theater and Japanese Occupation forces. He is now employed by the State Highway department and they will make their home in Abilene following a honeymoon trip to San Antonio and the Rio Grande Valley.

A pretty reception was held in the home of the bride's parents, 1233 Popular where members of the bridal party and the parents of the bridegroom assisted in receiving guests.

The table was laid with Irish linen and centered with a heart-shaped tiered cake. Other appointments were in silver. Helping serve were Mrs. Don Baize, Mrs. Joe Penton, Mrs. Bob Strain, Mrs. Weldon Phillips and Mary Jo McConnell, sister of the bridegroom. Eighty-five guests registered.

GAME CLUB COMPLIMENTED.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hughes were the gracious host and hostess Monday evening, entertaining members

of the Jolly Neighbors Game Club. Progressive games of "84" furnished diversion for the early evening hours and at the refreshment time delicious cherry pie and coffee were served to Messrs. and Mesdames Bob Hills, Spencer Bird, R. M. Ferguson, F. Y. Gaither, Herbert Patterson, Johnny Cox, Andy Shouse and the Hughes.

VALENTINE PARTY.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Wrenn Durham was prettily decorated Tuesday evening when their daughter, Dana, entertained fourteen dainty misses with a Valentine party. Many

delightful and appropriate Valentine games were rewarded with "Hearts" to the winners and at the culmination of the games Misses Annette Boney, Sue Sylvester and Anne Benson were found to have won the most hearts and were then awarded prizes.

Mrs. Durham served heart-shaped sandwiches, heart-shaped cookies and cranberry punch to Misses Michael Miller, Bitzy West, Donnelle Keenan, Judy Keenan, Dona Sue Scott, Linda Leach, Sherry Lynn Camp, Peggy Greenfield, Sue Sylvester, Anne Benson, Annette Boney, Janie Breaux, Carolyn Campbell and the hostess.

STITH W. S. C. S.

The Stith W. S. C. S. met Monday afternoon in the home of Rev. and Mrs. Lyward Harrison. Mrs. Ellis Harris had charge of the study on "Women of Scripture."

Coffee and cookies were served to nine members and two children. The next meeting will be Feb. 27, in the home of Mrs. Willie Mashburn.

VALENTINE PARTY.

Miss Peggy Coats entertained a group of friends with an enjoyable party Saturday evening at her home. During the evening various games

were played and refreshments of hot chocolate and cake were served to the following: Yvonne Perkins, Buddy Hunter, Catherine Phillips, J. E. Meeks, Faye Frazier, Dean Smith, Dorothy Perkins, Betty Lea and Lola Mae Riggan, Clyan Whitehunt, Blanche Farmer, Dennis Riggan, Derrell Lee Farmer, Bobby Joe Hunter, Raymond Perkins, Eorden Perkins, Jimmy Riggan, Patsy Coats, Randall Coats and the hostess.

Parents present were Mr. and Mrs. Columbus Riggan and granddaughter, Jane, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Frazier and son, David, and Mrs. Vada Coats.

ANNOUNCEMENTS POLITICAL

[Subject to action of the Democratic Primary in July.]
For Commissioner, Precinct 4, Jones County:
W. O. RAINWATER.
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