

Many More Donate to Cemetery Fund

Including contributions made up to Wednesday night, the total amount received for the 1950 Cemetery Maintenance fund had reached \$762.50.

Favorable comments are heard on every side of the excellent condition in which the grounds and lots are kept under the present plan of voluntary subscriptions. If you have not already sent in your subscription, you are urged to give this your consideration.

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

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

Previously reported	\$691.50
J. L. Douglas	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Keener	2.00
Mrs. M. E. Bacus	5.00
Grayton Hawthorn, Anson	5.00
R. H. Hord, Winters	5.00
Don Swafford, Hobbs, N. M.	5.00
J. T. Warren Estate	15.00
Carl Carey	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Swafford,	10.00
Kansas City, Mo.	2.00
J. S. Hutson, Fort Worth	2.50
Mrs. J. A. Meeks, Post	5.00
Mrs. Tessie Walling	5.00
S. H. Horton	2.50
Houston Robertson	5.00
Total	\$762.50

Brother Joins Force Royal Dry Cleaners

New residents of Merkel are R. A. McKeever and his mother, Mrs. Salie McKeever, formerly of Post, who have an apartment with Mrs. W. D. Hutcheson, across the street from the Merkel High School.

Mr. McKeever, who has been employed by a cleaners at Post, has been added to the force of the Royal Dry Cleaners, owned by his brother, H. R. (Bud) McKeever.

Student at ACC to Speak at Methodist Church Sunday Night

Mrs. Christopher Dutt, of India, who is a student at Abilene Christian college, Abilene, will speak at 7:30 Sunday evening at the Methodist church on "The Life and Customs of the Indian People."

A change in time for the evening service from 7 p. m. to 7:30 p. m. becomes effective Sunday, Mar. 4, Rev. W. C. Hinds, the pastor, announced.

1950 License Plates to Be Issued March 9-10 At City Hall

For convenience of car owners in Merkel and adjacent communities, Raymond Petree, county tax assessor-collector, has arranged a schedule of visits to issue 1950 license plates.

Dates for Merkel are Thursday and Friday, March 9 and 10, at the city hall, for Trent, Wednesday, March 8, at the Home State bank.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Sliiter of Dallas were week-end visitors with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. McAninch.

Mr. and Mrs. Roper Burgess of Waco were passing visitors last week-end in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Patterson and other friends. They were returning home from a visit to Lubbock.

Mrs. D. W. Ashby, who has been in Hendrick Memorial hospital Abilene, the past three weeks being treated for arthritis, is being transferred to Anson where she will be in Mrs. Gene Spurgin's home.

Supt. and Mrs. Mack Fisher attended the Texas University Extension Students banquet held in Abilene on March 2. Hulon W. Black, director of the University Development Board, was the principal speaker.

Billie Glenn Bowen, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Bowen, has accepted employment with Armour and Company at Fort Worth. His parents drove down Sunday to take him to his new home.

Your Local F. F. A. Chapter Reporter: James Petty

The Vocational Agriculture boys of the Merkel Chapter will enter a large percentage of the stock in the Abilene Fat Stock Show this year.

The Merkel boys have conditioned a number of varieties of stock this year under the supervision of Chester Collinsworth and will enter contests with lambs, steers, capons and hogs. Boys taking stock are:

Lambs: Boyd Moore, Clinton Newton, Doyle Black, James Petty, Berton Harris, Arlon Harris, Ernest Hendricks, Dale Dudley, Barton Robinson and Brandon Wade.

Steers: Willie Robertson, Doyle Jones, Connie Seymour, Johnny Teaff and Barton Robinson.

Capons: Joe Gregory, Gaylon Johnson, Berton Harris, "Babe" Greenfield and Doyle Jones.

Hogs: Hugh Baker and Sammy Serogrins.

The Stock Show program is: Saturday, 9 a. m., Taylor County Show.

Monday, 8 a. m., Sifting of all animals.

Monday, 1 p. m., District calves judging.

Tuesday, 9 a. m., District lambs judging, District capons and broilers judging.

Tuesday, 1 p. m., District rabbits judging, District swine judging.

Wednesday, 1 p. m., Auction sale of animals.

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BADGERS FALL IN REGIONAL PLAY-OFF

Badgers Bow to Hamilton, 42-39, In First Round at Coleman Last Friday Night; Lose Second Affair to Crane.

The local Badgers' luck ran out on them during the past week-end and they wound up in fourth place in the Regional basketball playoff at Coleman.

Ballinger won the championship and will represent Region 2 at the State Meet in Austin this week-end. The locals lost both games, but could have won either one of them with fewer mistakes and a little luck.

Hamilton's Bulldogs defeated the Badgers, 42-39, in the main event last Friday night. Hamilton had to come from behind five times to overpower Merkel in a game that had the fans fairly gulping from start to finish.

Benson's boys started fast, running up a 11-2 lead before Hamilton got going. From late in the second quarter until late in the fourth, the issue was somewhat in doubt. Hamilton moved into a 24-24 tie at halftime, and was leading 33-32 at the end of the third period. With four minutes left, Joe Dell Gregory tied the score at 35-35, then Bobby Tension of Hamilton put the Bulldogs ahead with a field goal and they were never caught. Gregory led the local scorers with 13 tallies, McCoy got 12, Douglas 9, Springer 4 and Wade 1.

In a battle for third place, the Badgers lost another hair-raising decision, this time to Crane, 33-32. Despite the goaling of Burl McCoy, who netted 13 points, Lady Luck was against the Badgers. In a three minute over-time period the Crane lads nudged the locals for the third place position.

Burl McCoy was named on the All-Regional team, the first such honor ever accorded a Merkel player.

Although the Badgers did not get very far in the Regional playoff, they ended the season with one of the best records ever compiled by a Merkel quintet. They won 22 out of 26 games, which is probably the best local cage record in over a decade at least.

The locals won 10 straight conference games without a set-back and then went on to take the District 6A playoff in three consecutive games.

Coach Benson devoted Monday and Tuesday of this week to checking in of basketball equipment and on Wednesday issued a call for aspirants to the track team. Local school officials have decided not to play baseball this season, due chiefly to the fact it is not self-supporting financially and is a heavy drain on the athletic fund. The District track meet will be held at Haskell on Apr. 1.

84% Church Members UT Registration Statistics Reveal

Austin, March 2.—Eighty-four per cent of University of Texas students are church members, a study of 1948-49 registration statistics reveals.

The figure is 31 per cent above the latest national compilations, which show 53 per cent of the U. S. population to have religious affiliation.

The 1948-49 University statistics are used because those for 1949-50 have not yet been compiled. "But the percentage hasn't changed much in the last 40 years," Registrar's Office Statistician Byron Shipp reported.

In organized religious activities, students are near national averages. Only 13 per cent of church-member students were active in Sunday schools, fellowship groups and training unions. Four per cent were taking Bible courses offered for University credit. Bible chairs are sponsored by church denominations and are staffed by 10 instructors.

Indications are that emphasis on University religious life is increasing. The Hill Foundation, Jewish student organization and the Baptists recently have completed student centers for religious activities and fellowship. Roman Catholics and Methodists will build similar installations. Episcopalians and other groups are planning expansion.

In keeping with the current trend to broaden teaching to include all aspects of life, President T. S. Painter has appointed a 10-man faculty committee on religious life, with Education Dean L. D. Haskew as chairman. The committee will suggest ways religious factors inherent in University work may be presented more effectively.

W. T. Powers Becomes Lessee of Ed's Cafe

As lessees, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Powers took over the management of Ed's cafe Wednesday morning, Mar. 1.

Mrs. J. C. Walton, in announcing the one-year lease, said that she intended to take a rest.

The new operators are experienced in the cafe business, Mr. Powers having been a cook for the past six months at one of the local cafes.

Firemen Held Annual Banquet at Community Center Friday Night

Due to conflicting attractions, the number in attendance at the Firemen's Annual banquet at the Community Center Friday night of last week was not so large as is generally the case, but a most enjoyable time was spent by those present. A sumptuous menu was served by the ladies of the Civic committee.

Five visitors from Abilene were present: Chief D. C. Musick and wife, Fire Marshal Len Blackwood and wife and Captain Howard B. Hill, of the Abilene Fire department.

In his usual happy vein, J. Parker Sharp, past president of the Merkel Volunteer Firemen's association, acted as master of ceremonies. Informal talks were made by Chief Musick, Fire Marshal Blackwood and Captain Hill of the Abilene department, Alderman J. L. White of the City of Merkel, City Secretary W. M. Elliott, City Water Supt. Mack Buzbee, Dr. Houston F. Byrd and John Mansfield, chief of the Merkel Fire department.

In behalf of the Ladies' Auxiliary, Mrs. Ollie Fox and Mrs. Rhett Eidsen, Jr., also spoke briefly.

Others, present, besides the Abileneans and the speakers, were Mrs. J. L. White, Mrs. W. M. Elliott, Messrs. and Messames Clyde Wurst, Chester McWilliams, Roy Mundy, Jasper Howard, Messrs. Fox, Rhett Eidsen, Jr., Frank Mundy and J. Parker Sharp.

Ladies of the Civic committee, preparing and serving the banquet were Mesdames Earl Hughes, Elma McFarland, Ellen McReynolds, P. C. Wylie, Weldon McAninch, Lige Gambelle, Miss Christine Collins.

Virginia Watson of Divide Dies at 77

Virginia Isadore Watson, 77, died at the home of her brother, Simon Watson, at Divide at 5 p. m. Monday.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at the First Baptist church at Divide at 2:30 p. m. Rev. Buren Higdon, pastor, officiated, assisted by Rev. Earl Harper, pastor of the Methodist church at Divide.

Born Dec. 22, 1872, in Grayson county, Miss Watson spent her early life in Grayson and Brown counties. She moved to Divide with her mother, Mrs. Savannah Watson, in 1917. She lived there about a year before moving to Loving, N. M. After the death of her mother, Miss Watson returned to Divide to make her home with a sister, the late Mrs. Ida McCoy. After Mrs. McCoy's death, Miss Watson moved to the home of her brother, Simon Watson.

Besides the brother, survivors include several nieces and nephews of this area. They are Mrs. Wilburn Lewis of Divide, Mrs. S. G. Hanks o Divide, Mrs. William Lieb of Sweetwater, Mrs. Garland Spencer of Eronte, Mrs. M. A. Dillard of Colorado City, J. B. McCoy of Midland and M. M. Watson of Canadian.

Sanitation Measures Are Being Stressed In State of Texas

Austin, March 3.—Millions of flies help to cause the illness and death of thousands of children and adults each year in the United States. Hundreds of these casualties may be in the State of Texas this year if residents fail to take their responsibility for developing the best possible sanitation measures in the area where they reside.

Typical diseases, summer complaint and other intestinal diseases can be traced to the common housefly as the carrier of infection.

Dr. Geo. W. Cox, state health officer, speaking in this connection, recently said, "Be sure that your windows and doors are tightly screened so that stray flies from a careless neighbor will not endanger your family. Be sure that flies are kept away from food, and utensils used in the preparation of food. Make sure, if you live in rural districts, that outside privy vaults are tightly covered so as not to permit the entrance of flies. Infections from this source can be picked up and spread to human beings through contact with food, drink and utensils. Keep all garbage covered until collected or buried. Eliminate all breeding places for flies and you will be helping your community in its work of controlling communicable diseases and preventing unnecessary illness."

Dr. Cox said that the State Health department would furnish upon request a pamphlet outlining safe and practical methods recommended for use in fly control.

Dudley Radio Shop to Install TV Set

In the near future, Quannah Dudley of the Dudley Radio and Electrical service plans to put in a television set for demonstration purposes.

He has just returned from a week's television service course at Dallas, sponsored by the Schoellkopf company of Dallas. Instructor in the course was Ed Greaney of the Hoffman Radio and Television corporation of Los Angeles, Calif.

A number of special entertainment features were provided for those attending the school. On Thursday night of last week they visited KRLD TV station and watched a religious service.

LAST RITES FOR WELL KNOWN STITH WOMAN

Mrs. W. I. Burton, Passes Away Saturday Night at Abilene Hospital; Husband, 3 Brothers, 3 Sisters Survive.

Mrs. W. I. Burton, 65, resident of Stith for 45 years and a member of the Baptist church of that community over this entire period, died at 11:45 p. m. Saturday in Hendrick Memorial hospital, Abilene. She had been in the hospital for 14 days preceding her death.

Funeral services were held from the Stith Baptist church at 3 p. m. Monday, with the pastor, Rev. W. T. Hamor, officiating, assisted by the Methodist pastor, Rev. Lynward Harrison.

Burial followed in the Stith cemetery, under direction of the Starbuck Funeral home.

Pallbearers were nephews of Mrs. Burton: Hollis and Jerry West and Drew Curtis, of Dallas; Billie Dillon and Norman Bicknell of Abilene, and C. R. Rogers, Jr., Billie Clay Jones and Norman Winter, of Merkel.

Honorary pallbearers were Fletcher Jones, Earl Foster, T. J. Amason, Jack Canon, Sam Mashburn, Bob Mashburn, Ira Stanley and Bryan Dunagan.

Mrs. Burton was born Samantha C. West, in Huron, Tenn., on Jan. 6, 1885. She moved with her parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. H. C. West, to Texas the same year, settling in Ellis county, near Waxahachie. In 1905, they moved to the Stith community, where she had resided since.

She was baptized by letter from the South-Prong Baptist church in 1905 to the Stith Baptist church, of which she was a member until death. She was married to W. I. Burton of Stith on Nov. 3, 1915.

Survivors are her husband; three brothers, Elbert West and Miles West of Merkel and Willard West of Dallas, and three sisters, Mrs. J. C. Jones and Hettie West of Merkel and Mrs. Jessie Dillon of Abilene.

Out-of-town relatives attending the funeral were Mrs. Jim Bailey, Van Alstyne; Mrs. Joe Davis, Tioga; Mrs. Lillie Smith, Barleson; Rev. and Mrs. Osie Burton, Clyde; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Burton, Abilene; Rev. and Mrs. D. G. Reed, Bradshaw; Rev. and Mrs. M. P. Burton, San Antonio; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Burton, Monument, N. M.; Mrs. Lee Wier, Moran; Mr. and Mrs. Alton Burton, Moran; Russell Burton, of Lawn; Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Burton, Winters; Cecil and Vertis Ross, Trent.

Three Hinds Children Together First Time In Ten Years

Visitors in the home of Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Hinds last week-end were their three children and five of their seven grandchildren—the first time the children have all been home at the same time in 10 years.

Present were: Rev. Marshal R. Hinds, his wife and three children, Don, Sarah Sue and Nita Grace of Madrid, Nebr., Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ethrie and Buddy, of Childress, and Mrs. C. W. Garrard and Bettye, Fort Worth.

Fred Starbuck Buys Curington Home

The Fred Starbuck family plans to move the last of the week into the Curington home, 512 Yucca street, recently vacated when the Curingtons moved to Avoca.

Sale of the home to Fred Starbuck was completed by Cyrus Pee, real estate agent.

REHEARSALS PROMISE BIG SUCCESS FOR MINSTREL SHOW.

High enthusiasm and a spirit of pep has marked the rehearsals during the week for the Lions Club Jubilee Minstrel, which is to be staged at the Queen theatre Wednesday and Thursday, Mar. 12 and 13, under the direction of Happy Doc Holland of the American Amusement Enterprises of Fort Worth.

"Doc" arrived Monday and lost no time in getting the cast together. There will be about sixty ladies and men in the cast.

Opening with the Southern melody minstrel, the first part will introduce the sweet singers, funny comedians and wise-crackers, also several special numbers, "Sidewalks of New York," "Lay My Head Beneath a Rose," and closing the first part with a spectacular defense, "America First."

The second part will consist of special numbers, introducing Miss Roberta Sloan, Miss Beattie Westenhover, Miss Mona Margaret Jones, the Men's Glee club, Miss Christine Collins, Miss Dona Loyless, Happy Doc Holland, "destroyer of sorrow," Jimmy Moore, de luxe dancer, Mrs. E. Yates Brown, A. J. Douglas, and Rufe Tittle.

A special olio number will be an

Singing at Shiloh.

There will be a singing at the Shiloh Baptist church Sunday night, Mar. 5, starting at 7:30 p. m.

Rabbit Drive Slated at Trent March 13-14

A rabbit drive has been scheduled at Trent for March 13-14.

Hunters will meet at the Trent school house each morning at 8 o'clock and free dinner will be served in the school cafeteria.

H. H. McLeod said shotgun shells will be sold at wholesale prices. No rifles will be permitted, he said.

The GI Agriculture School at Trent is sponsor of the annual event. Two-hundred hunters made the drive last year.

CITY MAKES PLOT AT WATER TOWER INTO MUNICIPAL PARK

March 4 Is Deadline For Candidates to File for Aldermen

Deadline for candidates to enter the race for aldermen of the City of Merkel in the election to be held Apr. 4 is noon, Saturday, Mar. 4, City Secretary W. M. Elliott stated Tuesday.

Up to closing time for this issue of the Merkel Mail, no one had announced for the three places to be filled on the city council.

Those whose terms expire are: J. L. White, B. T. Sublett and Lendon Coats.

The annual school election is set by state law for the first Saturday in April. Notice of election and deadline for filing for places on the school board will be ordered at the meeting of the board next Tuesday night, Supt. Mack Fisher said.

Mayor Proposes to Increase Downtown Parking Space

As a means of providing additional parking space for shoppers and out-of-town visitors, Mayor A. J. Canon has entered the suggestion that merchants and their employees park their cars in the open spaces back of their stores.

A year or two ago these unoccupied areas were given a caliche coating and otherwise graded and improved in order that more parking space might be made available.

Fifth Annual Lectures Scheduled Next Week at McMurry College

Abilene, March 3.—Next week at McMurry college will be devoted to the Fifth Annual Willson Lectures, scheduled Mar. 7-10.

Bishop J. Waskom Pickett, episcopal head of the Delhi (India) Area of the Methodist church, and Dr. Bernice Milburn Moore, consultant for the Homemaking Division, State Board for Vocational Education and the Hogg Foundation for Mental Hygiene, will be the speakers.

Bishop Pickett's general topic will be "The Confirmation of the Gospel." Dr. Moore will speak on "Families and Personalities—Past, Present, and Hope for the Future."

On the schedule are lectures by Bishop Pickett at 7:30 Mar. 7; at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Mar. 8 and 9; and at 11 a. m. Mar. 10. Dr. Moore will speak at 10 a. m. and 3 p. m. Mar. 8, 9 and 10.

The lectures have been made possible by Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Willson of Floydada.

MHS Seniors to Sell Magazine Subscriptions

Starting Thursday, Mar. 2, Merkel High School Seniors will sell magazine subscriptions for two weeks, to make money for their annual trip to Carlsbad Caverns at Easter time.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From Files of The Merkel Mail, March 7, 1930.)

attractive group from the younger set in "Singing in the Bath" and "Tiptoe Thru the Tulips," including Louise Booth, Verna Tee Beasley, Doris Brown, Mattie Lou Largent, Thelma Leach, Missie Dye, Mary Elizabeth Grimes, Willie Evelyn Boaz, Nadine Tippet, Margaret Canon, Willie Maye Swartz and Eleanor Mae Hamilton.

The end men or wise-crackers will consist of L. B. Scott, Tom Allday, Charlie Jones, Ed McCrary, Parker Shary, Jack West, Hale Lanchester and Doc Holland. Booth Warren is to be interlocutor and others appearing will be Sam Swann, as Aunt Dinah, "Our Boys with the Tunesful Melodies," E. Yates Brown, Olin Lusby, Slat's Boura, John West, Byron Patterson, E. L. Turner, Dee Grimes, L. B. Scott and others who will be announced later.

The last act, a farce comedy, in three scenes, entitled "In the Trenches," presented for laughing purposes only, will show Tom Allday as "Capt. P. D. Q.," Parker Sharp as "Unconscious," a recruit; Happy Doc Holland as "Dynamite," a recruit; Jack West as Buffalo Bill, Jr.; Ed McCrary as "Red Devil Fighting Indian," our brave soldier boys, Sam Swann, Slat's Boura, E. Yates Brown, and John West, Uncle Sam's sailors, cowboys, cowhands and others, by the cast.

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SOCIETY

EASTERN STAR.

The Merkel Chapter No. 212, Order of the Eastern Star, met Tuesday evening for their regular meeting with Mrs. H. C. Reid, worthy matron, presiding.

Refreshments were served by Mesdames Pete Morgan, Finis Bartlett and Florence Berry. Those registering were Mesdames Ida Sharp, H. C. Reid, Hosea Windham, D. R. Butler, Florence Berry, Howard Carson, C. W. Seago, C. O. Harriss, Fern Rushing, Bryan Dunagin, Pete Morgan, Finis Bartlett, Craig Humphreys, Louis Butman, Bill Hayes, Ernest Teaff, C. B. Rust, Oscar Johnson, Neva Chancey, and Messrs. D. R. Butler, S. L. Rakes, Ross Pratt, Arthur Blackman.

GIFT SHOWER.

Mrs. Roy Satterwhite was honored with a gift shower at the home of Mrs. George Cooper of Noodle on the afternoon of Feb. 22.

Refreshments of coffee and cake were served to the following guests: Mesdames Troy Sloan, T. C. Satterwhite, J. E. Boaz, W. M. Parham, A. B. Parham, Clayton Dillard, E. V.

Uncle Sam Says



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Satterwhite, Cline Satterwhite, Sam Perrin, L. S. Story, and the hostesses; Mesdames George Cooper, J. S. Bird, James Williams and L. R. Cade.

Sending gifts were: Mesdames Benny Anderson, Nath Maxwell, Lester Hopper, Ernest Dixon; C. B. Lucas, E. W. Herring, H. P. Hopkinson, J. M. Sloan and J. T. Williamson.

ANNOUNCEMENTS POLITICAL

[Subject to action of the Democratic Primary in July.]
For Commissioner, Precinct 4,
Jones County:
W. O. RAINWATER.
[Re-Election.]
HERMAN T. STEEL.
For Justice of the Peace,
Precinct No. 5:
MRS. N. D. COBB.
[Re-Election.]
For Sheriff:
J. E. (Jim) GREELY.

Record of Births.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Patter-
son, Jr., Feb. 25, 1950.
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. E. L. McLeod,
Feb. 25, 1950.
Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Doley,
Feb. 27, 1950.

Department Answers Call.

The fire department answered an alarm shortly after noon Tuesday to the home of David Gamble, corner South 7th and Oak, resulting from smoke from burning grease in a skillet on the kitchen stove.

Vacancies For Men In Air Forces

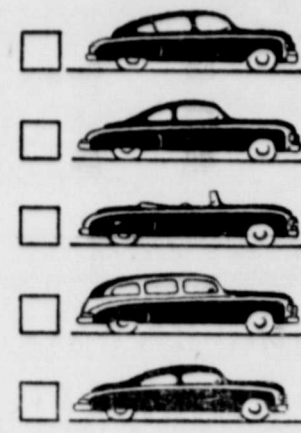
First Sergeant Paul E. Peacher and T-Sgt. Oris L. Maddorra, of the Abilene US Army and US Air Force Recruiting Station, state there are several vacancies for qualified men in this area per month for Air Forces. Qualified men may choose a vocation they may desire to make a career, such as airplane mechanic, both jet and conventional type motors, radar, radio, photographer, clerical, weather observers and many others.

Each airman, without prior service, will receive thirteen weeks basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, before going to a Technical School of his choice.

Texas 4-H members last year exhibited about 22,000 head of livestock and poultry at 212 livestock shows and fairs.

TELEPHONE THE MAIL

The Mail will be glad to receive news of entertainments or visitors in Merkel homes, as well as other news items of a general nature. If you have company, entertain friends or return from a trip please telephone 61 or 26.



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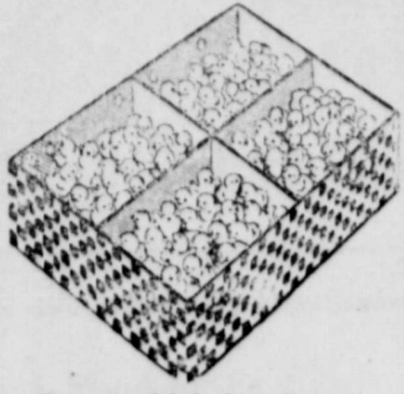
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GOODMAN CLUB.

The Goodman Home Demonstration club met Friday afternoon, on Feb. 24, in the home of Mrs. J. C. Washburn. A time skit, "Hopeful Headline," written by Mrs. Zack Norton, was presented by Mrs. Cal McAninch as Lera, Mrs. J. C. Washburn, Grandma Brown, Mrs. D. R. Butler, Mrs. H. H. Windham and Miss Maxine Swinney as 4-H club girls and Mrs. R. A. Swinney, announcer for the skit.

Mrs. Frank Carter, club president, presided for the business session, and Mrs. H. H. Windham took notes in the absence of the secretary.

"Beautiful Texas" was sung, led by Mrs. Grover Blair. Mrs. Cal McAninch directed two games, "Tell Your Own Story" and "Tell the Making of a Dime." Mrs. Frank Carter gave a report on the bake sale that the club held at the Trent Har-

ware, Feb. 18, at which \$22.00 was made.

Mrs. H. H. Windham gave a very interesting report from the council. She read the marketing recommendations and the club accepted them.

Mrs. R. A. Swinney gave a report on cereal foods, which Miss Loreta Allen, county agent, had brought to her Feb. 17.

The THDA 4-H recommendations were received by the club.

After the meeting the Goodwill Lady, Mrs. Grover Blair, brought in a beautiful gift box, in which a dime a chance was taken. Mrs. G. M. Freeman was the lucky name drawn. The amount of \$1.70 was received for the flower funds.

A refreshment plate was passed to six visitors, Mesdames G. M. Freeman, Leonard Casady and Marvin Freeman, Trent; Lewis Corder, of Noodle; Betty Kirkpatrick, Merkel; and Miss Maxine Swinney, and the following members: Mesdames Ivy Sadberry, J. L. Washburn, R. A. Swinney, Grover Blair, D. R. Butler, B. T. Murfee, Willie Thomas, Frank Carter, H. H. Windham, Cal McAninch and the hostess. Several children were present.

The club adjourned to meet March 10, with Mrs. D. R. Butler.

Watch your paper for a further notice of "The Womanless Wedding" you will not want to miss, which the club will be sponsoring very soon at Trent.

COMPERE HD CLUB.

The Compere Home Demonstration club met for its regular meeting on Feb. 22, in the home of Mrs. J. J. Bockman. There were 14 members and one visitor present. The club chairman, Mrs. A. W. Clemmer, was in charge of the meeting.

Roll call was answered with "What I Do When I Do What I Please." Mrs. R. G. Bond led the singing of "Home, Sweet Home" and also, "My Old Kentucky Home." Mrs. Loyd Reece gave the council report. Leaflets on "Better Health for Better Living" were passed out to all those present.

Mesdames W. D. Ramsey, C. E. Curry, I. B. Ray, R. G. Bond, Clyde Chancey, J. J. Bockman and Loyd Reece, presented one of the skits written for National Home Demonstration week, "Hopeful Headlines," which was very much enjoyed.

A refreshment plate consisting of sandwiches, cookies and cold pop was served to Mesdames Ben Adkins, W. S. Allred, Grady Bishop, R. G. Bond, C. E. Curry, C. S. Childers, Loyd Reece, H. J. Wrenn, Ab Hunter, Jr., I. B. Ray, A. W. Clemmer, W. D. Ramsey, Clyde Chancey; one visitor, Mrs. T. E. Butler, and the hostess. The meeting adjourned to meet with Mrs. Ben Adkins on Mar. 8.

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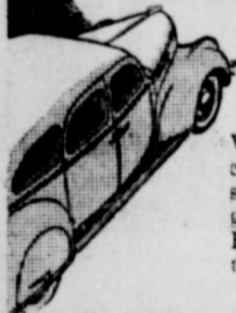
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Hutcheson's Photo Wins First Place In AP Contest

For the fourth consecutive year, Don Hutcheson, staff photographer for the Abilene Reporter-News, won first place in the photo contests of the Texas Associated Press Managing Editors association. The award was for entries in cities under 100,000 population.

This year's feature winner, "The Bride Wore Tears," was snapped at the Haskell County Fair last October as the three-year-old Rochester girl, Pat Rose, burst into tears in the middle of the parade. Dressed as a bride and accompanied by her groom, four-year-old Sammy Bell, also of Rochester, Pat suddenly realized in the midst of the festivities that her mother was missing from the scene. The groom seemingly couldn't decide what to do—aid his intended or just call it quits. Both tots represented the Rochester Home Demonstration Club.

The former Merkel boy, son of County Clerk Mrs. Chester Hutcheson, won second place in this year's sports photo contest with "Pardon My Glove," a highlight from the 1949 Golden Gloves bouts, held at Rose Field House. Charles Miller, Abilene high school boxer, absorbed a hard right to the face from his AHS teammate, Ronald Rhoades, and Hutcheson clicked the shutter as the force of the blow registered on Miller's face.

Another former Merkel boy, Aubrey (Tag) Shouse, was third place photo winner in the feature category with "Cotton Picking Champion". Taken on a Haskell County farm, the picture appeared in the paper October 24 and showed Everett Ed Tid-

Merkel Boy Attached to Navy's "Hunter Killer"

Clarence Melton, boatswain's mate, third class, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Melton of Route 4, Merkel, and husband of the former Lucille Hassey of Tye, is attached to the Navy's "hunter-killer" escort aircraft carrier USS Badoeng Strait, operating in Southern California waters.

The Badoeng Strait engages in frequent anti-submarine warfare training cruises with the ship's air units.

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FRESH LETTUCE, head **7c**

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RUTABAGA TURNIPS, pound **5c**

Market

SLICED BACON, lb. **39c**

PURE PORK SAUSAGE, lb. **45c**

Fresh WEINERS, lb. **35c**

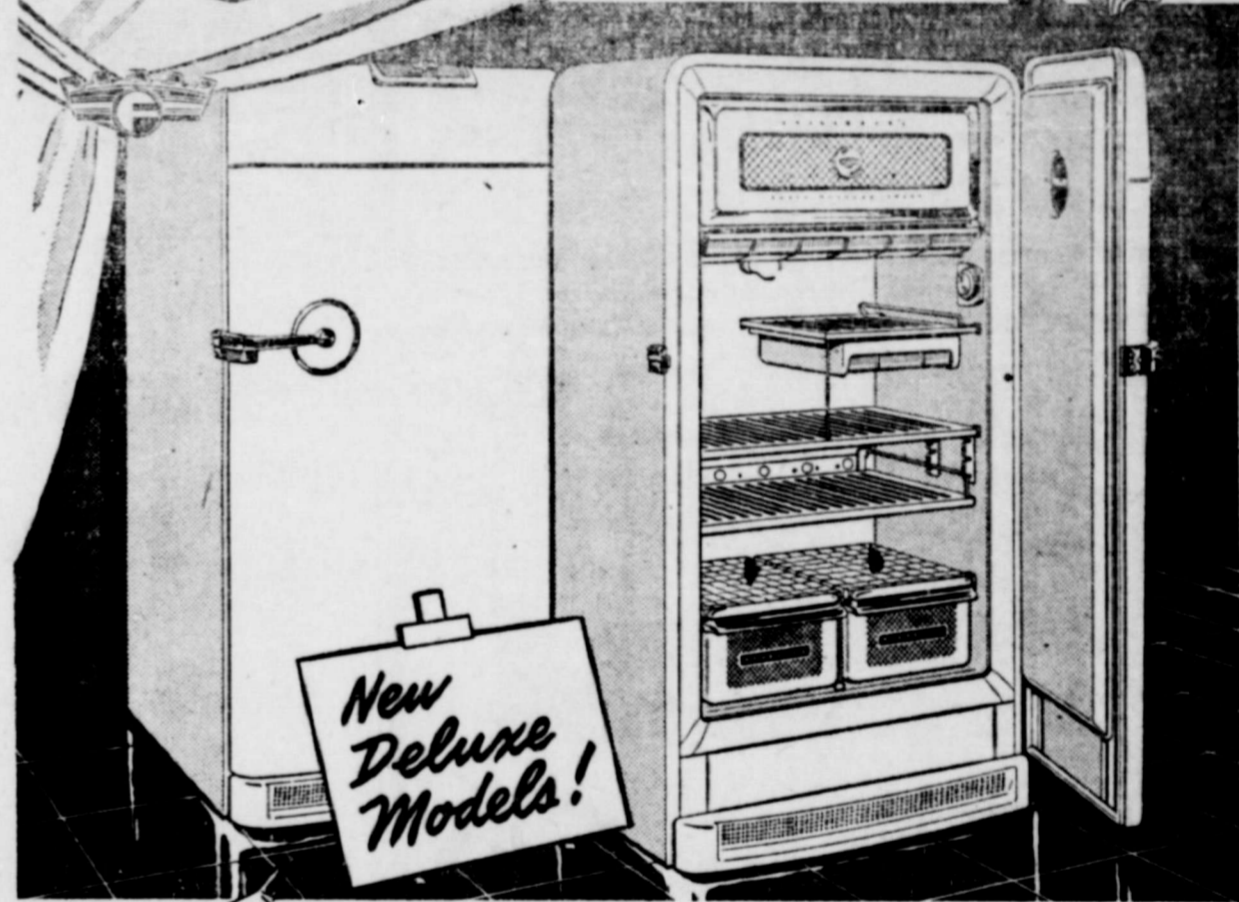
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Merkel Girl Named to Scholarship Society At Tarleton College

Stephenville, Mar. 3.—Barbara Sandusky, of Merkel, has been named to the Scholarship Society at Tarleton State college in Stephenville for the spring semester of 1950.

Barbara, who is majoring in music, maintained a 2.25 grade point ratio during the fall semester of this school year.

Every student having a 2.25 or higher grade point ratio, automatically becomes a member of the Tarleton Scholarship society. In order to attain a 2.25 grade point ratio, a student must make a grade average of A in one-fourth of his subjects and an average of B in the remainder, with no grade below C.

British Author Dies.

London, Mar. 2.—Sir Max Pemberton, 86, author and editor, died Feb. 22. He published his first book, "Diary of a Scoundrel," in 1891. His last book, "Sixty Years and After," came out in 1936.

Hospital Council.

Austin, March 2.—Gov. Shivers Wednesday announced the appointment of Miss Dixie Dieffenderfer of Columbus as a member of the Advisory Hospital Council. Her term will expire Aug. 13, 1955.

Shivers To Speak.

Dallas, Mar. 2.—The Texas Safety Association will meet in Dallas on Mar. 6-7. Gov. Shivers will deliver the keynote address the first day of the convention.

The "ditty bag" used by Navy personnel has been in use since the first days of sailing.

Income Tax Payments Decline From 1949

Washington, March 3.—The Internal Revenue Bureau reported Monday its tax collections in January dropped \$214,935,339 under a year ago. They totaled \$3,464,664,093 as compared with \$3,679,599,432 in January, 1949.

Main causes were declines in income tax receipts. Increased yields came from liquor, tobacco, manufacturers' excise (sales) and miscellaneous taxes.

Hal Tindall Awarded Medal at UT

Austin, Mar. 2.—Hal E. Tindall of Trent has been awarded the Distinguished Military Graduate Gold Medal Bar by the University of Texas.

Tindall, a newly-commissioned ROTC officer was given the award

at a joint Army, Navy and Air Force ROTC review recently. Presentation was made by Dr. James C. Dolley, vice-president of the University.

While at the University Tindall was a member of Phi Eta Sigma, national honorary scholastic organization to which he was elected for high freshmen grades; Square and Compasses; Army Transportation Association and the Foreign Trade Club, Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Tindell, he majored in foreign trade.

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Elected Secretary Student Branch Engineers Society

Austin, Mar. 2.—Carroll Glenn Barnes of Loraine has been elected secretary of the student branch of the American Association of Architectural Engineers of the University of Texas.

Son of Mrs. Palace Barnes, Hyattsville, Md., he is a senior majoring in architectural engineering. He is a member of Tau Beta Pi, honorary engineering society; Chi Epsilon, national honorary civil engineering fraternity, and Phi Eta Sigma, national honorary scholastic organization to which he was elected as a freshman. Glenn is the grandson of Mrs. J. M. Meek, formerly of Merkel and now living in Loraine.

Mrs. Joe Cypert Gives Talk on Care of Hair

Twenty-one members, nine visitors and one new member were present at the Merkel 4-H meeting on Feb. 22 in the Grammar School auditorium. One mother leader, Mrs. L. P. Liles, was present. The girls played several games and sang club songs.

Mrs. Joe Cypert talked to the members how to care for and arrange their hair.

The 4-H club is having a box supper Thursday, Mar. 2, in the Grammar School auditorium at 7:00. Everyone is invited.

Clara Hill Chosen Noodle Candidate For 4-H Queen

The Noodle Junior 4-H girls met Feb. 8. President Patsy Moore called the meeting to order, and Secretary Billie Horton called the roll and read the minutes. The girls elected Clara Hill candidate to run for 4-H Queen on Mar. 11.

County Agent Loreta Allen gave a demonstration on floor coverings, showing different kinds of rugs and linoleums.

Sponsors present were Mrs. A. J. Hill and Mrs. H. O. Irvin. Members present were Ida Beth Adkins, Betty

Barbee, Yvonne Brown, Melba J. Carter, Janis Casbeer, Billie Jean and Johnnie Horton, Dolores Herron, Clara Hill, Jean Irvin, Janice Light, Jeanette Lucas, Annie Henderson, Patsy and Gwendolyn Moore, Myrna Patterson, Robbie Goode, Judy Spurgin, Joyce and Cleo Wheeler, Etta Deen Daugherty and Peggy Wren.

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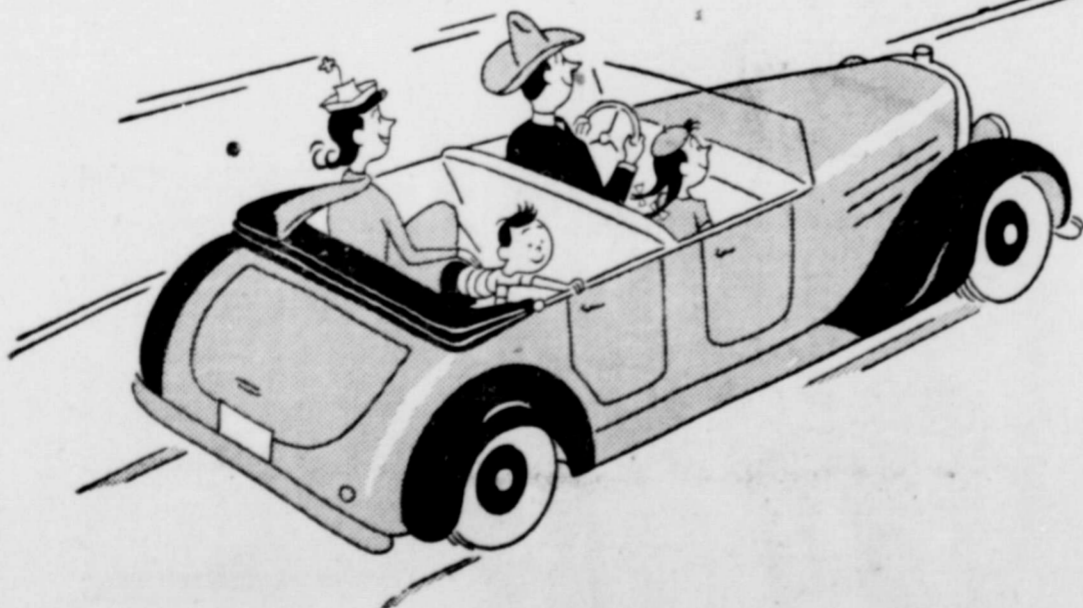
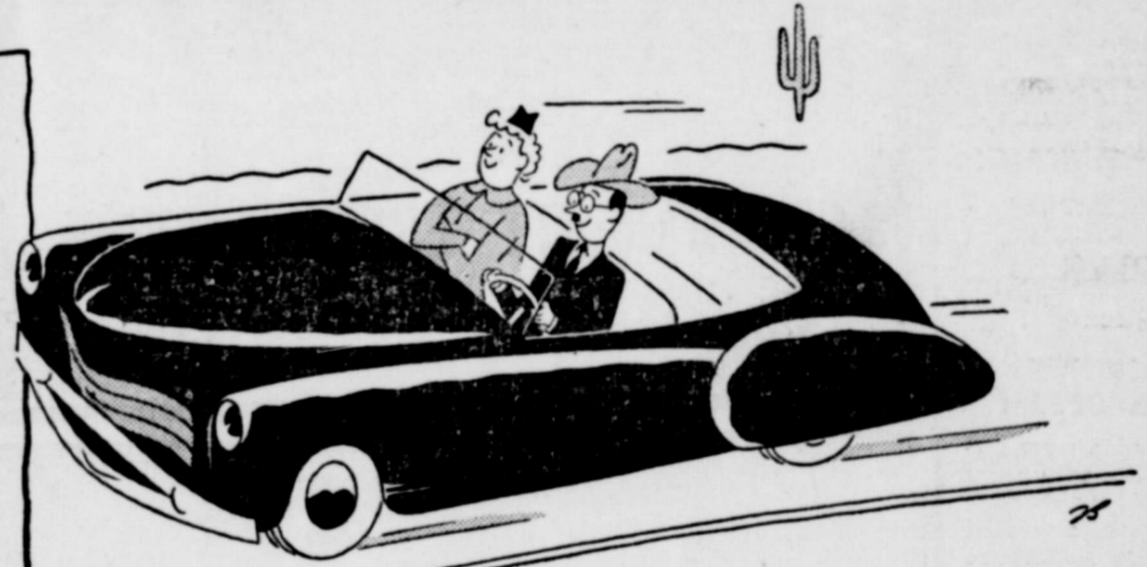
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Stated meeting of Merkel lodge No. 710, A. F. & A. M., Saturday, Mar. 4, at 7:30 p. m. All members are urged to attend. Visiting brethren cordially invited.

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Society

ENTERTAINS WITH BRIDGE AND CANASTA PARTY.

Mrs. Jim Carter entertained with a bridge and canasta party Saturday afternoon, Feb. 18, in honor of Mrs. Bill Largent. The honoree was presented a corsage of pink rosebuds.

Gifts for the honoree were found on the dining room table surrounding the unique centerpiece. The center of interest was a miniature clothes line in shades of pastel pink and blue on which hung dainty miniature baby clothes fastened with pink and blue plastic clothes pins. At the base of the clothes line poles were dainty pink azalea and hyacinth blossoms and foliage.

A salad plate consisting of tomato stuffed with chicken salad, wheat crackers, olives, pickles, frozen delight in shades of pink and blue and spiced tea was served. Plate favors were miniature baby saques fashioned from blue flannel.

The guest list included Mesdames Tom West, John Davis, Kenneth Newman, Jerry Warren, Doyle Gray, Bob Sumrall, of Abilene; Mesdames Bill Hatchet and Gene Firley of Baird, and Mesdames Horace Boney, Bill Skiles, Doyle Seifried, Lima McFarland, Bowman Barlow, David Largent, Houston Byrd, Ben Hicks, Royce Eiland and the honoree.

ENGAGEMENT OF RAY ANNE HAMM ANNOUNCED.

Mr. and Mrs. Sie Hamm are announcing the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Ray Anne, to Edwin Boynton Carlock.

Mr. Carlock is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Carlock of Colorado City.

The wedding will take place March 11 at eight o'clock in the evening in the First Methodist church of Colorado City. The Rev. Mr. J. E. Shewbert, pastor, will officiate.

WEINER ROAST ON LOS ANGELES MOUNTAIN.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Butman were hosts to a group of friends Sunday night when they met on Los Angeles Mountain.

Mesdames Andy Shouse and Bill Dunagin were in charge of several hilarious games played around a huge bonfire. Group pictures and snapshots on horses were taken in the afternoon and pictures of the

bonfire at night.

Later weiners and marshmallows were roasted over the smoldering embers. Those joining in the merriment were Messrs. and Mesdames Bill Dunagin, H. C. Reid, Ralph Tarpley, Craig Humphreys, Babe Tarpley, Andy Shouse; Rachel Tarpley, Davis Tarpley, Robert Shouse, Beverly Butman and Steve Butman.

MERKEL HD CLUB.

The Merkel Home Demonstration club met Friday, Feb. 24, in the home of Mrs. Bob Fowler.

Mrs. John Hughes, club president, presided. Mrs. Earnest Teaff gave the council report.

Mrs. W. C. Lee presented a clever game on "Texas Home Demonstration Association Fishing Pond."

Mrs. L. P. Liles told what was new in styles and fabrics, showing materials and prices from local stores.

"Fourteen Rules for Being Well-Dressed" was given by Mrs. Gordon Pursley.

Refreshments of sandwiches, pickles and soda pops were served to the following: Mesdames John Hughes, Dewey Witcher, S. G. Russell, Ray Holmes, Earnest Teaff, Gordon Pursley, Bernard Clark, Truman Harwell, L. P. Liles, W. C. Lee, W. L. Russell, Jack Bagby, J. Ben Campbell, Bob Fowler and one visitor, Mrs. Denzel Cox.

The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Gordon Pursley on Mar. 10 at two o'clock. The County Home Demonstration agent, Miss Lane, will present "Screening Unpleasant Views."

SEWING CLUB.

The Sewing club met Feb. 22 in the home of Mrs. Pete West. After sewing and visiting delicious refreshments were served to the following members: Mesdames Doyle Seifried, Horace Boney, Fred Starbuck, Ben

Hicks, Carroll Benson, Vernon Mansfield, Bill Skiles, Jim Carter, Riggs Shepperd, Earle Watts, Grif Barnett, Hoyle Lemens, Bill Largent, David Gamble, Pete West, R. L. Elliott, Jr., and two visitors, Mrs. Royce Eiland and Mrs. Weldon McAninch.

The club will meet Mar. 8, in the home of Mrs. Grif Barnett.

AUXILIARY PLANS SOCIAL.

Mrs. Erma Kerky, district president of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, met with the Merkel Auxiliary Tuesday night on Feb. 21, in a regular meeting, with Mrs. Waymon Adcock, the vice-president, presiding.

The February goal for the Auxiliary was "Studying Constitutions and Bylaws."

The next meeting is March 7. At this time the Auxiliary plans a social.

MISCELLANEOUS SHOWER.

Mrs. Erma Gillespie, of Kermit, (nee Miss Lucille English), was

honoree for a miscellaneous shower in the home of Mrs. W. M. Shoemaker on Thursday afternoon of last week. Calling hours were from 4 till 5 p. m.

Hostesses were Mesdames Warren Daniel, Bill Peterson, John English and Glenn Abbott.

The honoree was the recipient of a lovely array of gifts, which were shown by Mrs. English and Mrs. Abbott.

Refreshments of cake and cokes were served by Mrs. Daniel and Mrs. Peterson.

Invitations were extended to approximately 100 guests.

WEINER ROAST.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Harris graciously entertained the Friendship Couples class of Grace Presbyterian church Thursday night of last week with a weiner roast. A picnic lunch was brought by each and weiners were toasted over a bonfire. After a most enjoyable feast, games of "42" afforded diversion for the evening

Those present were Messrs. and Mesdames S. G. Russell, Jimmie Russell, Bill Teaff, W. J. Bernstein, Mesdames Norma Neel and Glenn Abbott, Miss Violet Allred, Rev. Tom Keenan, Ralph Russell.

BLUEBONNET CLUB.

The Bluebonnet Home Demonstration club will meet Mar. 7 in the club house. County agent, Miss Annie Lucy Lane will be present and roll call will be answered by "An Unpleasantly Object On My Farmstead that I Would Like to Hide." Mrs. Tom Russom will be hostess.

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PLANTATION Sliced PINEAPPLE No. 2 can 27c	SPAM 12 oz. can 39c	RIVER RICE 2 lb. box ... 23c
CAMPBELL'S TOMATO SOUP , can ... 10c	Pears Heart's Delight No. 2 1/2 can ... 29c	
GOBLIN HOMINY , No. 2 can ... 8c	FOLGERS Pound 75c	CHARMIN—300 Count Facial TISSUE , box ... 15c
OLD BILL Vienna SAUSAGE , can ... 9c	EVERLITE—(Coupons at Store) SALAD DRESSING pint ... 15c	
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HORMEL—Assorted LUNCH LOAVES, b. ... 43c
HORMEL HAMS, 1/2 or Whole, lb. 59c
HORMEL—ALL-MEAT BOLOGNA, pound ... 39c
HORMEL Sliced BACON, pound ... 39c
HORMEL—Package—ALL MEAT WEINERS, pound ... 43c
FRESH DRESSED FRYERS, pound ... 59c
GRADE AA—Fancy CHUCK ROAST, lb. ... 57c
FRESH Country BUTTER, lb. 63c

2 BOX DEAL BREEZE, ... 35c

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

HUGGAND-TESTED RECIPE
By Mary Lee Taylor

Juicy Salmon Loaf
Broadcast: March 4, 1950
1/2 cup Pet Milk
3 tablespoons salmon liquid
1-lb. can salmon, flaked
1 egg
1 1/2 cups soft bread crumbs (2 days old)
2 teaspoons grated onion (can omit)
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon pepper
Turn on oven; set at moderately slow (350° F.). Grease well, then dust with flour a quart loaf pan. Mix all ingredients well. Pack into prepared pan. Bake about 35 min., or until firm and light brown on top. Loosen sides of loaf with knife; let stand 5 min. before turning out. Serve with slices of hard-cooked egg and creamed peas if desired. Makes 4 servings.
*Tuna, halibut, haddock or canned fish flakes can be used.
You Will Need:
ALL BRANDS—AND
PET MILK tall 10c

GARDEN FRESH VEGETABLES

FRESH STRAWBERRIES, pt. 35c
CRISP LETTUCE, head ... 5c
FRESH NEW POTATOES, lb. ... 8c
BANANA SQUASH, pound ... 19c
FRESH—LARGE CARROTS, bunch ... 5c
FRESH FLORIDA TANGERINES, lb. ... 12c
FRESH GREEN BEANS, lb. ... 19c
MESH BAG—IDAHO SPUDS, 10 lbs. ... 45c

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