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## Same 50-Cent Tax Rate For County; Budget Is Raised

Commissioner Tittle was in attendance at the Commissioner's Court meeting in Abilene Monday at which meeting the tax rate for the county was set. It will remain at the present rate of 50 cents on the \$100 valuation.

The Commissioners also adopted the county budget for the calendar year of 1951 which amounts to \$658,603.24, this being about \$58,900 more than the present budget. This figure was reached on the estimated \$30 million anticipated total assessed valuation in the county. This valuation is more than a \$3,000,000 gain over the 1950 valuation.

## West Auto Supply Co. Sold to the West Co.

A business transaction of interest to all Merkel was the sale this week of the West Auto Supply Co. to the West Co.

Mrs. James H. West has sold the auto supply store she has managed since the death of her husband in 1947 and the business is to be consolidated with those now owned by the West Co.

The late James H. West founded the auto supply store in Merkel in 1914 and under his and Mrs. West's management prospered through the years.

Mrs. West says she has no plans for the future except to take a well-needed rest and to really clean and beautify her home. After she has done this she may then make a decision as to what she will do. Whatever it may be, her friends feel sure it will be done with the zest and ability she has so ably demonstrated.

## GOODMAN HD CLUB MET WITH MRS. H. G. GOODE

The Goodman Home Demonstration club met Friday, August 25 in the home of Mrs. M. G. Goode. Roll call was answered with "What I Learned By Keeping the Household Accounts."

Mrs. Frank Carter, president, presided over a business session and gave the council report in the absence of the council delegate, Mrs. H. H. Windham. Mrs. Cal McAninch, club recreation leader directed several games and the members held a round table discussion on home harmony.

Present was one visitor, Mrs. T. E. Goode and the following members: Mesdames D. R. Butler, Cal McAninch, B. T. Murfee, J. L. Washburn, J. C. Washburn, Frank Carter and the hostess.

The next meeting will be Sept. 8 in the home of Mrs. J. C. Washburn.

## Here's A Tip: Badgers Will Win Many Games And Coaches Are Just Spoofing

After getting newspaper reports from the other schools of the district and listening to some of the coaches, Coach Carroll Benson is ready to concede the district title to one of several teams.

"We will have to scrap to stay out of the cellar this year," stated "Peavine" early this week. "We will have the lightest team in the district and will lack capable reserves in several positions. It is true that we will have 13 out of 16 lettermen back from last year's team which won 5 and lost 4 contests; but the other teams of the district are also 'loaded' and much heavier than we are," moaned "Big B."

The Badgers have scrimmaged the Haskell Indians twice and looked only "fair" against Coach Jack Rotten's huskies. Next week the locals will scrimmage the Wiley Bulldogs here on Tuesday afternoon in preparation for their initial encounter of the season against Kermit at Kermit on Sept. 8. The local coaches doubt that their charges will be able to give the Kermit boys much more than a scrimmage session.

In the practice and scrimmage sessions thus far, Coaches Benson and Ellis have used the following lineup most of the time: left end, Sidney

## Fun, Music, Prizes at Roundup-Pageant

Monday night, September 4, at 8 o'clock is the starting time for the big roundup and beauty pageant.

The Badger stadium is the place and everything is in readiness for the funnest to get under way promptly and the Lions will see to it you are entertained to the queen's taste.

Remember there are to be over 100 gate prizes given away, many of which are worth more than the admission price.

Prizes for the beauty pageant have been secured and for the 3-4, 5-6-year group are as follows:

First prize — \$25.00 savings bond, donated by the F. & M. National

## North Sector Oil News Good; Not So Good South

Oil activity in the Merkel area the past week centered mainly in the northern sector. However, there are rumors afloat something worthwhile may be doing south of town in the not too far distant future.

The Texas company has completed the No. 4, Louie Herring, 7 miles north of Merkel, and it is flowing 30 barrels an hour after a hydraulic treatment.

R. H. K. Drilling company has made a location on the No. 1 Herring and Largent as a wildcat, five miles north of town, proposed depth is 5,450 ft. with rotary.

Potential has not been taken on the Charles Williams yet, though it is reported the well is a good one at approximately 20 to 30 barrels per hour.

In the Stanley Field, north of Merkel, the American Trading & Producing company, No. 4 L. R. Stanley offset to production has been completed.

A potential of 430.55 barrels of 40.5 gravity oil in 24 hours was filed for the project. The total depth was 4,261 feet.

Roark, Hooker & Roark are drilling No. 7, J. M. Winters as an offset to the Williams, No. 1 which is a flippen. The same company has made a location, No. 9, on Odel Eoff, which is also an offset to the Williams, No. 1. The Crown Central, No. 13, Lilly Pratt Brown is drilling at about 4,400 feet.

Drilling south of town is quite this week, no new developments. The Van Williams well is still incomplete.

## Kin of Merkel Folks Killed in Korean War

Mrs. B. T. Sublett has learned of the death of her grand-nephew, Jimmy Cain of Hobbs, New Mexico, in Korea. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cain of Hobbs, N. M. Mrs. Cain is the former Helen Roberts.

Young Cain was a grand-nephew also of Mrs. R. H. Denton and Mrs. Roy Fusten of Abilene.

## Williams, 160 lbs.; left tackle, Dudley Farr, 175; Bobby Campbell, left guard, 150; center, Kenneth Bowen, 134; right guard, Barton Robinson, 145; right tackle, Walton Lively, 165; right end, Doyle Melton, 155; blocking back, Bob Johnson, 150; tailback, Willie Robertson, 155; left half, Gaylon Johnson, 145; and right half, Billy Harris, 150.

The above eleven averages 153 pounds, which is one of the lightest teams which Merkel has ever had. The local school was represented at the fall meeting of the district 6A football committee meeting in Sweetwater last Sunday afternoon by Coaches Carroll Benson and Tommy Ellis and Principals Edwin Read and C. A. Farley.

The most important decision made by the group was to use four officials for each game this fall and to secure them from the Abilene Football Officials Association for \$15 each, if possible. Last year only three officials were used at \$15 each.

The admission for each game was set at 74 cents for adults and 40 cents for students.

As has been the custom in the past, the receipts from each game will be split 50-50, after the government tax of 20 percent and the officials' fees are deducted.

## Merkel Cotton Crop Prospects Good; Gins Ready To Go

The principal question being asked in all parts of town is, "What will cotton in the Merkel area do this year?"

At present the outlook is for an above-average yield but the unsettled conditions due to rains in some sections and drought in others and the fight against insects make it hard to estimate just what the crop will do.

It is a certainty, however, every effort will be made to gather every boll as the price may reach 40 cents on the higher grades.

Getting sufficient pickers will again be a problem and no pains will be spared to secure the services of Latin Americans on their annual trek to the plains. This may prove another problem.

All the gins are in readiness to start up at a moment's notice and will no doubt soon be running full blast.

Give us a few days of hot sunshine and all will be well.

## Funeral Tuesday For Fort Worth Banker, Former Merkelite

Otly M. Sharp, 62-year-old Fort Worth banker and a former Merkel resident died Monday morning in his Fort Worth home after a long illness.

His funeral was at 4 p. m. Tuesday with burial in Fort Worth Greenwood Cemetery, Rev. H. Guy Moore conducting the services.

Mr. Sharp was born in Stephenville in 1888. He came to Taylor Co. with his family when he was 12 years old. He left Merkel in 1917 for Fort Worth where he lived the rest of his life. He worked for the First National Bank in Fort Worth for 26 years and had been employed at the West Side State Bank of Fort Worth since it was started last year.

He is survived by a widow, a foster son, Jimmy Bourn, his mother, Mrs. Sharp, Merkel; three brothers, Parker Sharp and Arl Sharp, both of Merkel, and Kenneth Sharp of El Paso; and two sisters, Mrs. Elsie Nash and Mrs. Jim A. Haggard, both of Merkel.

Mrs. Sharp is the former Ina Jobe, the daughter of the late Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Jobe, who were long-time residents of Merkel.

## New Head For Trent Schools; Newhouse To Pecos County

Trent has a new school superintendent. He is H. Grady Hamrick and comes to Trent from the Union school near Lamesa, where he served as principal. Previously he had been superintendent of the Stanton schools and taught four years at Pylon.

He is succeeding Ben W. Newhouse who not only was school superintendent but the mayor of Trent and one of the best loved citizens in the town. The Trent Community Club presented Mr. Newhouse with a fine watch at a testimonial meeting and many were the complimentary words said of him. During his term as Mayor Mr. Newhouse developed the first water wells giving Trent a good and plentiful supply. He is leaving Trent for Imperial, in Pecos County, where he has been made superintendent of schools there. A special election is to be held in Trent next Wednesday to elect a successor for Newhouse as mayor.

The schools of Trent are to open Monday and all teachers have been named as Mrs. Hamrick will temporarily teach the classes in English.

## ORGANIZATION TRAINING MEETING FOR 3 HD CLUBS

The Bluebonnet, Union Ridge and Merkel Home Demonstration clubs met Tuesday in an all day meeting at the Community Center in Merkel. This was an Organization Training meeting preceding election of officers for 1951. Miss Annie Lucy Lane, County Home Demonstration agent led the meeting. She was assisted by Mrs. Anne E. Harmann. At the lunch hour a delicious covered dish lunch was enjoyed.

Those registering throughout the day were Mesdames Wade Ensminger, Ben Batman and Leroy Riney, of the Bluebonnet club; Mesdames Clyde Newton, J. E. Jaynes, Joe Jaynes, J. L. Hester, Denzel Cox, Kenneth Pee, and Miss Mabel McRee of the Union Ridge club; Mesdames J. B. Campbell, John Hughes, W. C. Lee, Ben Sublett, S. G. Russell, L. P. Lyles, Rhett Edison, Jr., and Dewey Witcher of the Merkel club. Mrs. B. T. Sublett was a visitor.

Mrs. Irl Walker and son, Gaston visited in Austin last week.

## Merkelites To Dallas For Football Game

Among the thousands who were in Dallas Wednesday night to see Sammy Baugh and the Washington Redskins down the Detroit Lions were the following from Merkel: Fred Starbuck, David Gamble, A. T. Sheppard, Cyrus Pee, Woody Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. N. T. Hodke, Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Sadler, Sandra Sadler, Sue Mayfield, Robert Wayne Sledge and Billy Clyde Haynes.

There may have been other whose names we failed to get.

## ROBERTS-CLOVIS WEDDING IN MERKEL SEPT. 15

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Roberts, 1109 South 8th, are announcing the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Evie Mae, to William Edward Clovis, II, of St. Marys, West Virginia.

The wedding will take place Friday, September 15 at the Church of Christ in Merkel.

The bride-elect is a student in Abilene Christian College and the bridegroom-elect is a summer graduate of A. C. C.

## BLUEBONNET HD CLUB

The Bluebonnet Home Demonstration club will meet in their regular meeting, Sept. 5 at 2 p. m. in the club house with Mrs. Frank Brnovak as hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Walton have returned from a two-weeks vacation. They first visited at the home of their daughter, Major and Mrs. Frank Quillen at Pantex, then with Mrs. Quillen they went to mountain resorts in New Mexico and before returning visited their sister, Mrs. Bud Pearce at Manitou, Okla. They are now back at their old stand, Edd's Cafe, ready to serve one and all.

Jimmy and Gaston Walker, students at Texas Western College have been visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Irl Walker, Jimmy, who is a senior, has returned to El Paso, but Gaston will remain here for about ten days.

## Merkel Schools All Set For Opening Monday; Must Register Today

Approximately 800 pupils are expected to enroll in the Merkel Public Schools this Friday afternoon, starting at 1:00 o'clock.

There will probably be about 300 each register in the primary and elementary buildings and about 200 in high school.

All pupils, grades 1-12, are supposed to register in their respective building Friday afternoon. Books will be issued on Monday morning, Sept. 4. Pupils may buy a ticket good start.

The first meal in the lunchroom will be served at noon on Monday, Sept. 4. Pupils may buy a ticket good for 20 meals for \$5.00 or pay a quarter at the door each day.

Local school officials wish to announce that no pupils are to be at school before 8:30 each morning. No students will be allowed in the buildings before 8:30, except in case of bad weather. Classes will start at 8:45 in all three buildings but the noon hours will vary.

In the primary school, the first graders will be dismissed at 11:20, the second and third graders at 11:25 and the fourth graders at 11:30. All classes will take up at 12:15 at the primary building and all grades will be dismissed for the day at 3:00.

## Hutchins Rites Held At Loraine

Last rites for George A. Hutchins, Loraine druggist were conducted at 4 p. m. Tuesday at the First Methodist church in Loraine.

Burial in the Loraine Cemetery was under the direction of the Patterson Funeral Home, Sweetwater.

Mr. Hutchins, 68, died at his residence in Loraine about 10 a. m. Sunday. He had been ill for some time. A native of Buffalo Gap, he had lived at Loraine for the past 33 years. He became a druggist in Stanton in 1906 and followed the profession the rest of his life.

Survivors include Mr. Hutchins' wife; a daughter, Mrs. D. L. Templeton of Abilene; a son Stanton Hutchins of Loraine; three sisters, Mrs. Effie Rider of Merkel, Mrs. Stella Williams of Stamford, Mrs. Lizzie Wilcox of Cottonwood; a brother, Bust Hutchins of California; a granddaughter and three great-grandchildren.

## HOSPITAL NOTES

Mrs. H. F. Kimmey was admitted to Sadler hospital during the past week for surgery. Darlene Isenburg received a tonsillectomy on August 29. Entering the hospital for treatment were: Woodrow Barnes, (cast on leg), Aug. 24; Mrs. Lewis Farmer, Mrs. A. W. Cook, Mrs. S. Gilbert, Aug. 25; Billie Dean, Mrs. J. W. Mayfield, Aug. 28; Reece Madison, Aug. 30.

## RECORD OF BIRTH

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. I. V. Garrett, August 24, 1950.  
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. David Largent, August 27, 1950.

## MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(FROM FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL, SEPT. 5, 1930)

## DROUTH COUNCIL NAMED

Because of the drouth in 1930 a council of Taylor citizens was named by the governor to decide on what, if any relief might be needed by the people. Henry West was named chairman of the Merkel group and it was suggested the building of roads be one method of providing work for those needing assistance.

## FORGER ARRESTED

A man who had passed a forged check on the Crown Hardware Co. was arrested at Blackwell and Constable King went for the felon and placed him in the Taylor County jail at Abilene.

Wm. L. Elliott was the leader of the Men's Prayer service held at the Baptist church.

In the elementary building, the 5th and 6th graders will be dismissed for noon at 11:40 each day and the 7th and 8th graders at 11:55. Classes will be resumed at 12:50 each afternoon and grades 5-8 will be dismissed for the day at 3:45.

High school pupils will be let out at 12:15 for the noon hour and will return to classes at 12:50 each day. Dismissal for the day will be at 3:45.

On Tuesday of this week all teaching positions were filled with the exception of homemaking, according to Mack Fisher, Supt.

School employees for the year have been announced as follows: Primary School: C. A. Farley, principal; fourth grade: Mrs. Glover Wright, Miss Norah Foster and Mrs. Hazel Pargament; third grade: Mrs. John West, Miss Alzada Pogue and Mrs. Harold Reynolds; second grade: Mrs. H. C. Reid, Mrs. Josephine Tidwell and Mrs. Bryan Dunagin; first grade: Mrs. Elsie Nash, Miss Viola Allred and Mrs. Truett Jones. C. M. Foster, custodian.

Elementary School: Glover Wright, principal; Mrs. Norman Winter, music; Mrs. Judd McReynolds, Social Science; Albert Cade, coach and science; Mrs. Mack Fisher, English and librarian; fifth grade: Mrs. Carroll Benson, Mrs. Spencer Bird, Miss Lydia Norcross; sixth grade: Mrs. Johnny Cox, and Mrs. Paul Orsborn; Lonnie Smith, custodian.

High School: Edwin Read, principal; Ralph Brady, band; Carroll Benson, coach; Tommy Ellis, assistant coach and math; L. D. Barnes, assistant coach; H. G. Byrd, shop and math; C. H. Collingsworth, vocational agriculture; Mrs. Comer Haynes, English and speech; Mrs. Ruth Perkins, math and librarian; Helen Ruth Plumlee, commercial; Mrs. Edwin Read, science; Mrs. Myrtle Woolley, girl's physical education; Mrs. P. C. Wylie, English; Miss Juddie Tyree, history; Mrs. Ida Mae Graham, secretary; and J. E. Miller, custodian.

Bus drivers: Howard Beard, Route 1; Mrs. Austin, Route 2; Clarence Melton, Route 3; Charlie Gouge, Route 4; Mrs. Price Floyd, Route 5; Mrs. Ruth Perkins, Route 6; Irl Walker, Route 7; and Mrs. Petie Rutledge, Route 8.

Cafeteria: Mrs. Earl Hughes, manager; Mrs. Tommie Smith, Mrs. Grover Gilbert and Mrs. Harry Barnett.

## Light Vote Cast In Runoff Primary

The run-off primary last Saturday was one of the quietest elections held here in years and the vote one of the lightest. The fact there was no contest in either the county or the precinct accounts for the small vote. The vote, however, was about on a par with the balance of the state except in the two districts where the Congressional races aroused considerable interest.

Just look over the winners in the state races and you'll see how the majority of people voted in Merkel and Taylor and Jones Counties.

## 182 BALES MARKETED

On this date 20 years ago a total of 182 bales of cotton had been marketed in Merkel. The T. & P. railroad had named Austin Robertson to handle the cotton loading platform and be subject to call at all times.

## BAND CONCERT

The Merkel Booster Band gave a special concert on the downtown streets, and then moved out to the residential area where another concert was given.



# SOCIETY

## THOMPSON-BISHOP RITES AT BROTHER'S HOME

Ada Marie Thompson became the bride of Omer Bishop on Wednesday evening, August 23, in a quiet wedding at the home of her brother, Truitt Thompson. Only relatives and close friends attended the ceremony, which was read by Rev. Hammer, pastor of the Stith Baptist church. The bride was attired in a navy velvet dress and her accessories were navy.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Thompson of Stith and is a graduate of the Merkel high school. She is an employee of the Ben Franklin Store here.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Grady Bishop of Merkel and is a graduate of the Noodle school. He is employed by an Abilene firm.

Following a reception in the home the couple left for a wedding trip to several towns in Oklahoma and upon their return will make their home in Merkel.

## FLOY HAWKINS CIRCLE

The Floy Hawkins Circle of the First Baptist Church met in the home of Mrs. Geo. T. Moore Monday afternoon for Mission Study. Mrs. Buster Horton led the opening prayer and Mrs. Joe Allen brought the study from the book "Ann of Ava."

A delicious refreshment plate was served to Mesdames Howard Carson, Gordon Pursley, Bob Fowler, Paul

West, Nim Teaff, Jarrett Pinckley, C. S. Carey, Horace Boney, Mack Tucker, Buster Horton, Bill Hays, Joe S. Allen and the hostess.

## BRIDAL SHOWER HONORS MRS. J. E. MEEKS

The lovely home of Mrs. Harrison Malone was the scene of a bridal shower honoring Mrs. J. E. Meeks, nee Catherine Phillips, on Wednesday evening of last week.

Hostesses assisting Mrs. Malone were Mesdames R. G. Toombs, Stanley Petterson, W. S. Hendrix, Lewis Farmer, Travis Farmer, Fred Johnson, Homer Freeman, John Oliver, Dewell McLean and Misses Jorene Risinger, Helen Conley, Ann Booth, Martha Beene, Jo Ann Seymore and Maxine Kerns.

Mrs. Stanley Petterson, Abilene, registered guests in the bride's book. During the party hours, games were directed by Mrs. R. G. Toombs.

Lovely useful gifts were viewed and refreshments of punch and cookies were served to fifty ladies and eleven children.

## SEWING CLUB

The Sewing Club met August 23 with Mrs. Hoyle Lemens as hostess.

After sewing, delicious refreshments were served to two guests, Mrs. H. W. Peters and Mary Ann Doak, and the following members: Mesdames, Pete West, Bowman Barlow, Ben Hicks, Carroll Benson, Bill Skiles,

Riggs Sheppard, Lester D. Barnett, Vernon Mansfield, Gamble and Earle Watts. The next meeting will be in Mrs. Vernon Mansfield Sept. 1 in the Community Center.

## VICKIE TEAFF HONORED ON THIRD BIRTHDAY

Little Miss Vickie Diane Teaff was honored on her third birthday with a party Tuesday, August 22. Games were played and the children all took turns in blowing out the candles on the beautiful decorated cake.

A refreshment plate of punch and cake were served to the following: Linda Chase, Lonnie Thompson, Judy Beth and Patsy Ann McCartney, Mike and Sally McCartney, Kathryn Alline and Melba Jean Kimmey, Bessie Perry, Gayle Bagley, Johnnie and Butch Baker, Gloria Moore, Nancy, Mike and Bill Vaughn, Martha Ann Tipton, Sharon, Jo and Steve Buntin, Mack and Jack Mansfield and Sonny Henderson of Odessa; Mesdames Jessie Chase, Maurice Thompson, Walter McCartney, Jay McCartney, Willie Jay McCartney, M. D. Bagley, J. R. Baker, Lavern Moore, Holt Vaughn, L. S. Tipton, Jr., Beauford Buntin, Vernon Mansfield, Bessie Teaff, A. M. Hinds, Sr., Dee Teaff, H. L. Douglas and the honoree's mother, Mrs. Deverl Teaff.

Those sending gifts were David Wilson, Melinda Hinds, Miss Patricia Douglas, Mrs. Walter T. Henderson, Mrs. Morris Ashmore, Mrs. O. R. Douglas and Mrs. Clyde Reid.

## HARTLY CHAMBLESS

Mrs. Billie Chambliss, daughter of Mrs. J. W. Welch, Sweetwater and Joe Hartley, son of Mrs. A. J. Hartley were united in marriage in the home of the bridegroom's uncle Judge and Mrs. P. B. Hartley in Clovis, New Mexico Friday, August 25 at 10 a. m. Judge Hartley read the double-ring ceremony.

The bride was attired in an ice blue taffeta dress with navy accessories and a corsage of asters.

Mrs. Homer Lee Bennett was matron of honor and Earl Hartley, cousin of the groom, served as best man. Both live in Clovis, N. M.

Immediately following the ceremony a reception was held in the home of the bridegroom's uncle.

After a short wedding trip to points of interest in New Mexico the couple will make their home on Mr. Hartley's farm near Merkel.

## WEDDING DAY ANNOUNCED

Mrs. Ford Smith, Jr., is announcing the engagement and approaching marriage of her daughter, Leta Mae Hughes, to Odis A. Claxton, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Odis A. Claxton, Sr., of Abilene. The bride-elect's father is W. W. Hughes of Kellerville.

The marriage will be solemnized at 8 o'clock on the morning of Sept. 10, in the Calvary Baptist church in Abilene.

Both the bride-elect and the bridegroom-elect are students at McMurry College.

Mrs. Laura Booth and daughter, Sue of Fort Worth are visiting in the home of Mrs. J. T. Warren.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Sylvester and family spent the week-end in Kermit with his sister, Mrs. T. W. Overby.

Mr. and Mrs. Felix Stalls of Abilene spent Sunday in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stalls.

Billy Tittle who is attending Texas Western in El Paso was home last week visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Tittle.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Pyle, Becky and Larry, Long Beach, Calif. have been visiting the past two weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Melton.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Eager spent Sunday in Waco where they attended a reunion of the Christian family, who are related to Mr. Eager on his mother's side.

Mrs. J. M. Harris and son, Jimmy of Amarillo have returned home after a two weeks visit with her mother, Mrs. Ollie Skidmore. Mrs. Skidmore accompanied them home for a short visit.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Washburn Sunday was Mr. Washburn's mother, Mrs. W. O. Washburn, Breckenridge; two sisters, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Patterson, Lyndle and Jimmy and Miss Naomi Stringer, Aransas Pass; Mr. and Mrs. Bert Herrington, Breckenridge, and Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Head.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Price Melton the past week-end were their daughter, Mrs. John Wall and Sandra of Cleveland, Miss., Mr. and Mrs. Denzel Melton, Mike and Sharon Kaye of Kermit, and Cpl. Thomas C. Melton and friend, Cpl. Carl Preston, Carswell Air Force Base in Fort Worth.

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Mrs. W. A. Oliver has returned to her home in Cleburne after a two weeks visit with her sister, Mrs. J. O. Armstrong.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Howerton of Alamo, Texas have been visiting in the home of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Largent.

Guests in the home of Mrs. H. P. Allen last week were her son, Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Allen and daughter, Dale of Los Alamos, N. M.; also a grandson, A. C. Bland, Jr., and family of Abilene.

Miss Mary Derstine left for Austin today where she is a teacher in the state school for the deaf. Her mother, Mrs. Bessie Derstine, accompanied her and will remain there throughout the school year.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Roberts, Ann and Billy accompanied by Ripple Venable, Tahoka have returned home after a visit in Tennessee and Kentucky where Brother Roberts conducted a meeting.

Mary Kate Campbell who teaches school at Amarillo has returned to Amarillo after having spent the summer with her mother, Mrs. J. Ben Campbell. She was accompanied by Mrs. Joe Porter of Dallas, who has been visiting in Merkel and went on to Amarillo to spend a few days.

After returning from a trip to La Mesa, Margie Carey accompanied by La Nelle Carey has gone to Pampa to spend a week with their sister, Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Brooks. They will also visit their brother, Buddy, who has been in the Scottish-Rite hospital at Dallas, since July 4, awaiting an operation on his back.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Smith and Tressia Elaine of Fort Worth visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Smith last week. Mr. and Mrs. Smith accompanied them home where they visited her mother, Mrs. D. C. Batey, two brothers and a sister. They also visited their sons, Foy and Robert Smith.

## Back to School



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## Merkel Burial Association

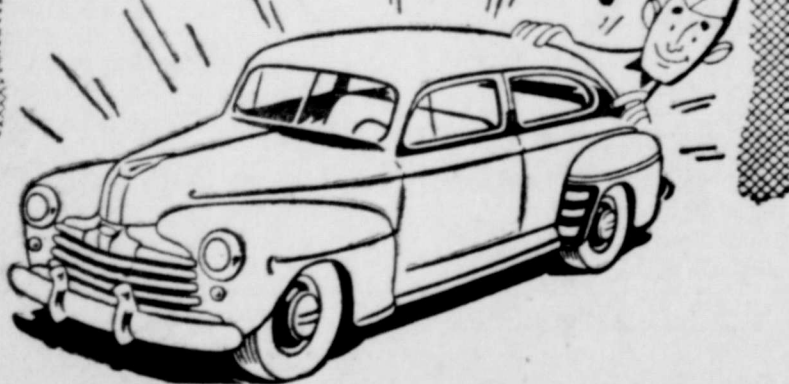
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DIAMOND  
Early June PEAS, 3 for 25c  
ALMA—Whole New  
POTATOES, 3 for ..... 25c  
HOSTESS  
Vienna Sausage, 3 for 25c  
DIAMOND  
Pinto BEANS, 3 for ... 25c  
DIAMOND  
Pork & Beans, 3 for ... 25c  
DIAMOND  
Lima BEANS, 3 for ..... 25c  
OUR VALUE  
TOMATOES, 3 for ..... 25c

KIMBELL  
Shortening, 3 lbs. .... 69c  
ARMOUR'S  
MILK, 3 for ..... 29c  
FOLGER'S  
COFFEE, lb. .... 79c  
ALL FLAVORS  
JELLO, 3 for ..... 25c  
SUNSHINE  
CRACKERS, 1 lb. box 25c  
SOAPS, 6 bars in plastic bag  
Cashmere Bouquet, for 59c  
WHITE SWAN  
MINCE MEAT, 2 for ... 35c  
KOUNTY KIST  
CORN, 3 for ..... 25c

## PRODUCE

NEW CROP  
Sweet Potatoes, lb. .... 8c  
FIRM  
LETTUCE, head ..... 14c  
NEW CROP  
APPLES, lb. .... 12c  
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**PERSONAL NEWS NOTES**

Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Windham of Abilene are visiting in the home of his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Starbuck.

Mr. and Mrs. Woody Wilson and son, Robert spent Sunday in Haskell visiting Mrs. Wilson's father, A. D. English.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Agnew and Judy spent the week-end in Hale Center visiting his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Ewell Agnew.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Womack and baby of Lubbock were the guests last week-end of their grandmother, Mrs. T. E. Goode and other relatives in the Noodle Community.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Butman and daughter, Louine and granddaughter, Paka Newby spent last week in Possum Kingdom. They report a nice rest, but not much fishing.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Newby and daughters, Paka and Phyllis spent Sunday in Colorado City with Mr. Newby's parents and brother. Paka remained for a few days visit.

Mrs. N. D. Cobb accompanied by her son, Billie of Dallas returned Friday from a vacation trip through New Mexico, Arizona, California, Nevada, Utah and Colorado.

**MERKEL LADIES ENTERTAINED**

Mrs. Jim Marter and Mrs. Bill Largent were guests of Mrs. Gene Finley and Mrs. B. G. Hatchett of Baird Saturday afternoon when they entertained a group of Abilene and Merkel friends with a dessert bridge at the Abilene Country club.

A fall football theme was carried out in decorations.

**Tuition Fee Refunded If Called To Service**

Armed forces reservists may enter McMurry College this fall without fear of monetary loss if called to active duty.

"Any reservist called to active duty will have his tuition fees completely refunded," Garnet Gracy, business manager, said today.

Deferments by their local boards guarantee non-reservists a full term at least, of college. Should such deferments be cancelled, similar refunds would be made.

**Noodle School Opens Monday; Three New Teachers Are Named**

The Noodle school will open next Monday, September 4, at which time all students are to be enrolled.

Three new teachers have been added to the faculty. They are as follows:

Dan Overman, a graduate of Hardin-Simmons, who will teach the fifth and sixth grades.

Miss Nellie Choate will teach homemaking and high school work. She, too, is a Hardin-Simmons graduate.

Mrs. Ima C. Jenkins will teach the first and second grades. Mrs. Jenkins is working on her master degree from Hardin-Simmons.

Lunch will be served daily, starting the first day of school, in the school lunch room.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bright and son of Fort Worth spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. E. B. Willburn, after returning from a vacation trip to Portland, Ore. and Victoria, Canada.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Woody Wilson Friday and Saturday were her father, A. D. English of Haskell and brother, Mr. and Mrs. John English of Rochester, New York.

**Recipe of The Week LEMON CREAM**

- 2 eggs
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup white syrup
- 1 cup milk (canned or fresh)
- 1 cup coffee cream
- 1/4 teaspoon grated lemon rind
- 1/4 cup lemon juice
- Pinch salt

Beat eggs well, add sugar. Mix syrup, milk, cream, lemon rind, lemon juice and add to the sugar and egg mixture. Pour into freezing tray and freeze at coldest point for one hour. Remove and whip or beat until light and creamy. Return to freezing tray and refreeze for 1 1/2 hours. Serves four generously.

Penny and Dana Durham have returned home after a two weeks visit with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Clements of Brownwood.

**SINGING-REFRESHMENTS AT SHILOH TONIGHT**

Everybody is invited to a singing at Shiloh tonight (Sept. 1). Go and be prepared to join in the music and stay for the refreshments when the singing is over.

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**JAIL THE COMMUNISTS AND KEEP 'EM THERE**

Can there be much wonder that the ordinary layman occasionally loses faith in our courts and expresses disgust at some of the decisions handed down by judges from their "holier-than thou" seats. The instance of the 2-to-1 decision freeing from jail the notorious Harry Bridges last week is a case in point. The judge who jailed him expressed surprise, the news dispatches say, but of course could not determine the amount of disgust the gentleman must have felt and which the ethics of the profession prevented him from saying out loud.

Why should an avowed communist and the head of a powerful organization whose record before, during and after World War II is nothing short of damnable be allowed to breathe the free air of America? Why should the eleven convicted communists who made every effort to make a mockery of our courts be allowed bail and continue their nefarious propaganda to stir up strife and turmoil in our country?

They should be in jail where Judge Medina consigned them. So should Alger Hiss and Judith Coplon and any and all others who prefer Mr. Stalin and the "perfect" way he governs Russia and his slaves.

But for these our boys would not now be dying in far-away Korea, our economy disrupted by threat of war and our tax money distributed to the four corners of the earth.

In our opinion they should be treated with the same consideration as a West Texas rattlesnake.

**A NEW COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE FOR TEXAS**

At long last Texas is to have a new Commissioner of Agriculture. The veteran J. E. McDonald was soundly thrashed by young John White in Saturday's run-off Primary.

Just why the people have over and over again elected McDonald to this important post is one of the mysteries of politics for which no reasonable answer can be produced.

While McDonald ran on the democratic ticket, claim he was a democrat in his campaign speeches, yet he managed in some way to find an excuse to vote republican while holding an office voted him by democrats.

Some say he made a good commissioner. Some not. Still the fact remains many thought him a renegade and will rejoice at his defeat.

**DID YOU KNOW WE LOST A YEAR?**

And now some wise guy claims that the ancient calendar makers disregarded the zero year completely and passed from 1 B. C. to 1 A. D. Therefore there have been but 1949 years since 1 B. C. instead of 1950 years as our calendar shows.

Now just who found this out and how he knows it's true is anybody's guess. Anyway it is too late to do anything about it now, so we'll just have to rock along and forget about the zero year the old-timers wouldn't count. If it was like some of the years we've seen it is best to forget it.

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"There is one economic lesson which our Twentieth Century experience has demonstrated conclusively—that America can no more survive and grow without big business than it can survive and grow without small business. Every fact of our economic and industrial life proves that the two are interdependent. You cannot strengthen one by weakening the other; and you cannot add to the stature of a dwarf by cutting off the legs of a giant.

"The American industrial machine is a unit, just like an automobile. It is made up of big parts and little parts, each does its own particular job and all of which are intricately fitted together. You may think it would be fun to sort them all out into neat piles according to size to please statisticians. You could even pass a law declaring that all the parts must be the same size; and the theorists, no doubt, would be delighted. But when you get through, your automobile won't run—and neither will American industry." — Benjamin F. Fairless.

**Letter To The Editor**

Editor, Merkel Mail  
Merkel, Texas  
Dear Sir:

I, as many others, have long been against Communism, but I have never thought there was anything about it but listen to Ted Malone. I found there was something I could do and would like to have this published as it will help other freedom loving people see my point.

If you will print the following, I will feel deeply grateful to you.

What is freedom?  
When a few Congressmen tried to have Communism outlawed it left this question on many people's minds.

Most of the Congressmen vetoed this bill to outlaw Communism. They said the Constitution gave everyone freedom of speech, press and religion.

To answer the question, What is Freedom, I wish to ask more questions.

What is freedom of religion? What is freedom of speech and press? Does freedom of religion give one the right to kill others for what they believe? Of course it doesn't, but if you remember hearing about Communists killing all the Christians.

Does freedom of speech and press give one the right to write and speak things which are aimed at turning Americans against our democracy and try to over turn it?

It's true there aren't many, if any, Communists around here but there are thousands in the U. S. We are engaged in a war with the Communists in Korea they are killing many of our boys but here they are free to walk the streets and conducting business with us while all the time spying and writing their Communist ideals. And they are doing that because we, the citizens permit it.

Many are against Communism but think there is nothing they can do about it, but there is something each of us can do. We can write our Congressmen and ask them to outlaw Communism in the U. S.

Thank you, T. T.

**Early Scrap Drives**  
Wartime scrap drives are not new. During the Civil War, one held in the South yielded water pipe, sash weights, bells and other metal items.

**No Weather Gauge**  
Thickness of the coats of furbearing animals does not have a bearing on future weather. Weather Bureau scientists state that heavy fur is indicative merely of summer and fall living conditions.

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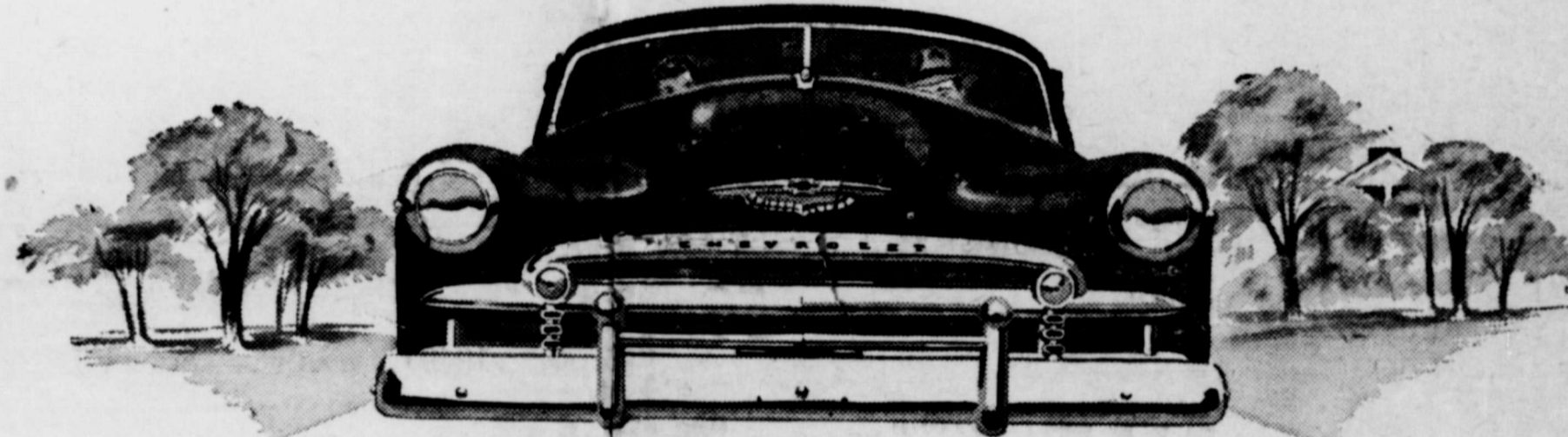
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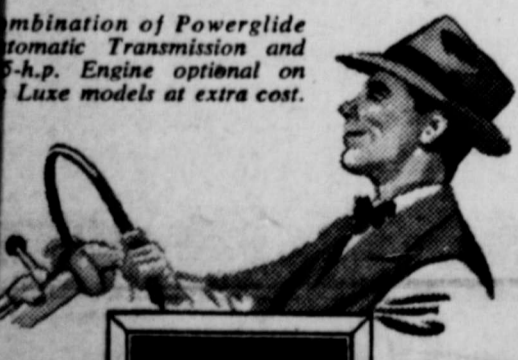


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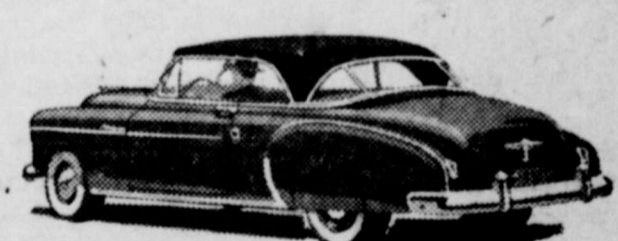


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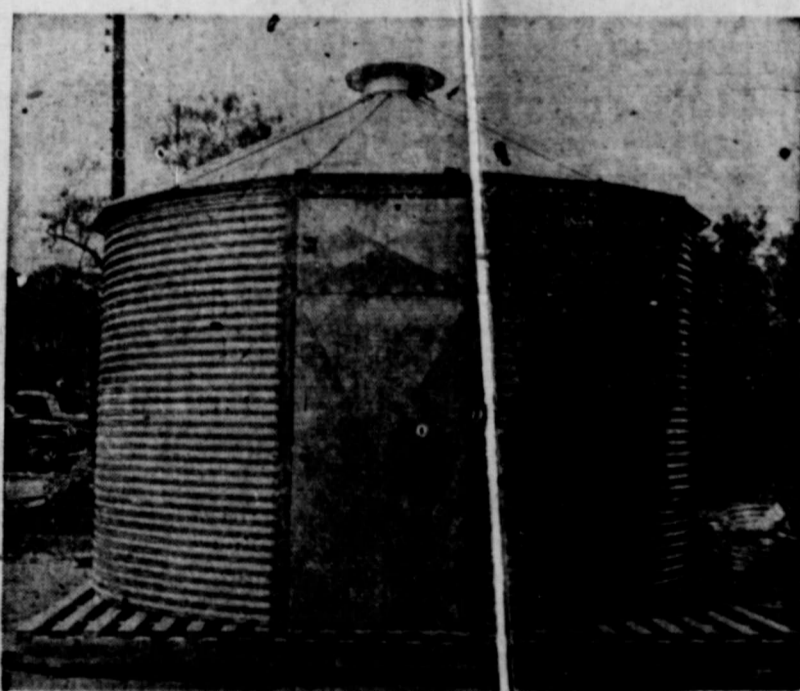
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Merkel's first bale of 1950 cotton was ginned Tuesday by the Farmer's Co-op Gin. The cotton was raised by Jack Whisenhunt and the 1975 pounds of seed cotton made a 543-pound bale. It was bought by F. F. Hogan at 40c per pound.

On last Saturday a scant bale was ginned for Floyd Bryant but since it failed to weigh the necessary number of pounds will not be counted as a first bale. Therefore Mr. Whisenhunt gets the honor.

## BIBLE STUDY GROUP MEETS SEPTEMBER 13

The interdenominational Bible Study with Mrs. Keller Roberts as teacher, will open its fall meetings on September 13 at 9:30 a. m. It is planned to study the first book of Peter, and anyone interested may consider this their invitation to attend. The group meets the second

and fourth Wednesdays in the month, and the sessions last approximately an hour. The first meeting place will be announced next week.

## LOOK WHO'S HERE?

Sfc. and Mrs. Dwight J. Curb, Jr. of Tokyo, Japan are announcing the arrival of a daughter, Karen Jane, on August 25. Maternal grandparents are

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September 1 and 2

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TUNA

CAN  
29c

Bake-Rite  
SHORTENING, 2 lb. can . . . 78c



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83c



Or FAB  
CAN  
27c

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SUGAR

10 POUNDS  
89c

GOLD CROWN  
FLOUR

25 POUNDS  
\$1.59

FROZEN  
Honor ORANGE JUICE, can . . . 19c



2 BOXES  
15c



CAN  
39c

MISSION  
PEAS

2 CANS  
23c

PRIMROSE PINECOT  
PRESERVES, 2 pound jar . . . 43c

HEMET  
PEACHES

NO. 2 1/2 CAN  
19c

Pet MILK, 3 cans . . . 32c  
Maxwell House TEA, 1/4 lb. glass . . . 27c  
Sunshine—pound Orange Slices . . . 25c  
Ken-L Ration DOG FOOD, can . . . 12c

Treasure—natural SARDINES can . . . 13c  
Kimbells' Jumbo Butter Beans, can 10c  
Diamond PICKLES, qt. . . . 19c  
Sunshine HI-H, lb. box . . . 29c

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POUND  
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TISSUE, 4 rolls . . . 29c

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Picnic HAMS, lb. . . . 49c  
CHOICE SIRLOIN STEAK, pound . . . 79c  
WILSON'S — ROLL SAUSAGE, lb. . . . 49c  
WILSON'S CORN KING Sliced BACON, lb. . . . 49c

HOT BONELESS  
BAR-B-Q  
CHOICE CUT RIB ROAST, lb. . . . 43c  
SLICED Bacon Ends, lb. . . . 33c  
FRESH DRESSED FRYERS, lb. . . . 59c

PALMOLIVE  
SOAP

6 BARS and PLASTIC BAG  
All For  
59c

## RECIPE OF THE WEEK

By Mary Lee Taylor

### Skillet Peppers

Broadcast: September 2, 1950  
2 large green peppers 1/2 cup finely cut celery  
12-oz. can lunch meat (do not chill) 1/2 cup finely cut onion  
1/2 cup soft bread crumbs 1 tablespoon hot shortening  
1/2 cup Fat Milk 1 can condensed tomato soup

Cut peppers in halves, lengthwise; remove seeds and fibers. Mash lunch meat with fork. Mix in the bread crumbs, milk and celery. Divide among pepper halves. Cook onion in skillet. Add soup. Put filled peppers in skillet, meat side up. Cover; cook over low heat 25 min., or until peppers are tender. Makes 4 servings.

## FRESH FRUITS and VEGETABLES

SEEDLESS GRAPES, lb. . . . 15c  
YELLOW SQUASH, lb. . . . 5c  
FRESH VELVET OKRA, lb. . . . 17c  
Crisp Jumbo LETTUCE, head . . . 9c  
FRESH PRUNE PLUMS, lb. . . . 12c  
FRESH Celery Hearts, pkg. . . . 25c  
FRESH Bell Pepper, lb. . . . 15c  
FRESH Cauliflower, head . . . 23c  
RED DELICIOUS APPLES, lb. . . . 10c

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