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On the "Broadway of America"

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Cotton Rolling In; 1988 Bales Ginned In Merkel To Date

The good weather prevailing the past week is reflected in the yards of the three Merkel Gins. Cotton is rolling in and all hands are up to their necks in the fleecy staple.

Up to Thursday morning the three gins here have processed a total of 1988 bales. This is behind the total of this time last year, but the season is much later.

The farmers are all hoping for hot, dry weather and more pickers.

Rat-Mice Control Demonstration At Merkel October 25

Rats and mice are taking their toll of the newly harvested grain crops in storage in Taylor County, according to County Agricultural Agent H. C. Stanley.

Taylor County farmers have requested that rat control demonstrations be held in various points in the county. Demonstration of this type will be held at the Merkel Community Center on Wednesday, October 25, at 7:30 p.m. Everyone interested in rat control are cordially invited to attend this demonstration, which will be held by the Rodent Control Service of the U. S. Department of Interior in cooperation with the Extension Service and the Veterans Vocational Schools of Taylor County.

Last Rites Held For Retired Farmer

George Forney West retired farmer, died at his home in Trent at 10 p.m. Friday.

Funeral services were held at the Trent Church of Christ at 2:30 p.m. Sunday. Minister Holland L. Boring, pastor, officiated, assisted by Minister Tommy Bonner of Sweetwater. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery, Merkel, under direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

Mr. West was born Feb. 17, 1872 in Croton, Tennessee. He moved to Texas at the age of 17 and has lived in Taylor County since 1902.

He was married to Mary Tenny Griffin December 29, 1898 in Hamilton County.

Mr. West had been an active member of the Church of Christ for the past 40 years.

Active pallbearers were Wayne Boyd, John Boyd, Leslie Beasley, Bill Scott, Orzo Steen and Lonnie Halbrook.

Honorary pallbearers were Karl Bonneaux, B. L. Folkner, C. L. McLeod, John Barnes, J. C. Hamner and Joe Nalley.

Survivors include the widow, one son, J. H. West of Trent; one daughter, Mrs. Lima Lansford of Merkel; three granddaughters, Mrs. Aulton Pruitt of Colorado City; Mrs. Gene Starkey of Seymour; Mrs. A. S. Beard, of Merkel, one grandson, Booth West of Trent; Three grandsons, David and John West of Abilene; Dawson West Starkey of Seymour, one great-granddaughter, Pamela Deene Pruitt of Colorado City; one sister, Mrs. Claud Bond of Ada, Okla.; one brother, Neal West of Calif., and also Watt Blair of Merkel.

At the Annual Conference of the Methodist Church meeting Abilene last week, Mrs. Virgil Patterson was elected secretary of children's work.

Garden Club Cooking School Last Week Enriched Treasury and Cooking Knowledge

Merkel Garden Club members had a field day last Wednesday at the expense of the Badger Chevrolet Co. and the Crosley people when the local club sponsored a double header "Kitchen Clinic," in both morning and afternoon sessions.

The New Chevrolet building came in for its share of the compliments as the cooking school was held in the new service area which has just been completed. Green draw curtains provided an effective background for the new electric ranges, deep freeze and Shelvador appliances on display and beautiful flowers grown and arranged by club members added to the general attractiveness.

The show was M. C.'d by V. L. Lindermann, general manager of United Appliance Co. and Jim Nelson who was announcer for a radio pro-

Lion Minstrel Show Now Being Planned

The Merkel Lions have decided to take on a huge amount of work in the hope of providing a larger amount of entertainment to our people. Some time during the coming holidays the Lions will ring up the curtain on a stupendous, colossal minstrel show that would be the envy of Lew Dockstader or "Honey Boy" Evans if they could only be present.

President Starbuck and his committees will soon begin the selection

of talent, casting the characters and get into rehearsals. Can you pick a banjo, shake the bones, dance a jig? You may be called on to perform. Past entertainment of this kind proved very popular and this no doubt influenced the board of directors to again stage such a show.

Dr. Houston Byrd has been chosen program director and talent scout. Just as soon as the preliminaries are worked out a definite date will be set for this extravaganza.

One of Merkel's First Citizens Writes Letter To Editor; Recalls Early Days of This Area; Extends Sympathy on Death of Old Friend

The following letter just received from an old time resident of Merkel will, we believe, be of interest to many of our readers. We are therefore printing it in full just as received by us.

3372 Sequoia Dr.
South Gate, Calif.
Editor Merkel Mail,
Merkel, Texas

Dear Sir:
My copy of the Merkel Mail always reaches me on a Monday morning. This Monday I was saddened by the news of the passing of my old friend Wm. A. Campbell. Although I have not seen Will face to face for upward of sixty years I still see him in memory as he sits in the choir in the old college building, and I can still hear his voice, clear and true, above the others of the choir, most of whom, I have no doubt, have long since passed to their final reward.

I wish to extend my sympathy and condolence to his bereaved wife and family. I remember Will as I took his picture in my little studio, just south of the depot, to place with other members of the Presbyterian Session in a group setting, a copy of which now hangs in the living room of the residence of Sam Butman Sr in Merkel. The members of the session, as I recollect, were — Rev. A. A. Baker, J. L. Vaughn, Mr. Warnick, Mr. McMillan, Mr. Childers, Doc. Marten, W. A. Campbell, Mr. Clinton and W. W. Wheeler.

Mrs. Campbell will remember the photo I took of her while she was yet Miss Sally Hall. And now you will want to know who in the heck I am. Well!

Early settlers will remember me as "Trobe Vaughn. I was the first boy to ever live in Merkel. We came to Merkel in 1862. My father was station agent for the T. & P. My mother, Abbie G. was night operator. Because the nearest house, excepting the depot, was the old stone Story house some miles to the north-west we had to live in the depot. We children were — Madge, (later Mrs. Sam Butman Sr.) Edna, Evadine, George and myself.

Merkel had a population of several thousand prairie-dogs and ground squirrels. Coyotes and antelope were frequently shot at from the depot platform. A band of roving Indians passed through between Merkel and Trent but were not sociable enough to call, for which we were duly thankful. The only people we saw were those on the daily trains, two short, three-car passengers and two freights, and any cowboy passing by would stop and have a meal with us.

As my father was fond of company and was also the real-estate agent, he would stop every covered wagon

going through, the hopeful ones headed west and the disillusioned ones headed for back home. We soon had a little town building up around us.

My memories of the pioneer days of Merkel are very vivid and many are the tales and anecdotes I could tell of those wonderful times but the ones that might interest you most are those when the first editor of the Merkel Mail dropped off the train and said he was going to start printing a paper there.

I believe it was in 1884 and we already had quite a few stores, a church and school building, etc. (A painting by my father of the town can be seen at the residence of Sam Butman Sr.)

Many were the suggestions turned in for a name for the paper and it was about a week after his arrival that Mary Jane Cox approached my father and announced he had decided on a name for his paper, THE MERKEL MAIL. We all waited with impatience for the first issue, which was not long in coming, and needless to say, everyone bought a copy and perused it to the last word.

Now, sixty years later, I still look forward to the coming of my copy of the Mail both with sorrow and with pleasure. Sorrow to note the passing of the old settlers and pleasure to read of the improvement and prosperity of the town which I can truly say was my home town and that I was Merkel's first boy. I like the new face of the paper and wish to say you are doing a grand job.

Of the things I love to recall are the religious services which were held in the depot freightroom. The Reverends Norris and Strickland, drove to Merkel from their homes in Mulberry Canyon to deliver their long-winded but reverently listened to sermons. Not having had a chance to preach for months these sermons would go on and on. As our cook-stove was in the freightroom Mother often had to call a halt so she could cook dinner for the many visitors who had come miles in their covered wagons to hear the sermons.

Sunday school, with Father as superintendent, was in the afternoon with everybody, young and old, attending. The cowboys hunkering down with their backs against the wall seemed to enjoy it as much as anyone.

So much for the first days of Merkel and Mr. Editor, please say "Howdy" for me to any of the old timers who may remember

Trobe Vaughn.
P. S. Please excuse any mistakes I have made. My typewriter and I are both getting old and my typewriter can't spell any better than I can. For your information, I will be 80 years my next birthday.
Yours very truly,
H. Latrobe Vaughn

Merkel Lads Help Win For Miners

The two-platoon system of Texas Western College was expanded to include the ends. Coach Brumblow announced that Jimmy Walker, known as "Doak" by the Miners, was the offensive starter against Arizona last Saturday night in El Paso, which the Miners won 14-13.

Walker, a Merkel lad, weighs 175 pounds and gave a good account of himself. Other offensive starters for the Miners included Bill Tittle and J. D. Partridge, also of Merkel. All are seniors at Texas Western.

MAYOR CANON IMPROVED
Mayor A. J. Canon continues improvement at his home, to the delight of his many friends.

Foreign War Vets Hold Meeting In Stamford Oct. 21-22



J. T. RUTHERFORD

Semi-annual meeting of District No. 8 of the Department of Texas, Veterans of Foreign Wars, will be held in Stamford Saturday and Sunday, October 21 and 22, with Stamford Memorial Post No. 9179, as host.

J. T. Rutherford, Odessa and Austin, commander of the Department of Texas, will attend this meeting. Justin Morrow, Rotan, is commander of the 8th District, which is the largest in the state.

Commander Rutherford will outline the national and state V.F.W. program for the current year, with special emphasis being placed on the nation-wide community service program being sponsored by the world's oldest and largest organization of overseas veterans.

On a state-wide basis the Department of Texas is sponsoring a fund raising campaign for the Gonzales Warm Springs Foundation, the state's own center for treatment of victims of polio and other crippling diseases. Every post and every member of the V.F.W. in Texas is being asked to assist in this worthy project, and to give other interested people an opportunity to contribute to the campaign.

District No. 8 is made up of posts located in Abilene, Merkel, Sweetwater, Colorado City, Snyder, Rotan, Hamlin, Anson, Breckenridge, Brownwood, Comanche, Eastland, Cisco, Haskell, Rising Star and Stamford.

Trent Gorillas Meet Rochester Steers At Trent Friday Night

The Trent Gorillas will meet the Rochester Steers at Beasley Field in Trent Friday at 7:30 p.m. Both teams have good records, with Trent winning 5 out of 6 games and Rochester winning 4 out of 5. The Gorillas have defeated Hobbs, 12-7; South Taylor, 15-0; Hermleigh, 31-6; Loraine, 32-0; Rule, 46-12. They were defeated by the Wylie team 20-12 after fumbling 12 times during the game.

The Rochester Steers defeated Loraine, 46-0; Estelline, 67-0; Woodson, 61-0 while losing to the powerful Clyde Bulldogs, 13-7.

The Trent team will rely both on a passing and a running game. Their running attack is led by two fast running little halfbacks, Weldon Beasley and Jerry Cade, while their power has been led by a dandy running fullback, Don Duncan. Their passing attack is led by quarterback, Jimmy Winn, who against Hermleigh completed ten straight passes. His favorite targets are Bill Scott and Tommy Scott, who are both ends.

The line is led by Joe Rex McLean, tackle, who is backed up by Billy Sam Butman, guard; Benton Yandell, guard; Jimmy Decker, center; and two freshmen, Elton Freeman, guard and Robert Payne, tackle. J. M. Heatly has also done some good playing as fullback and defensive halfback. Merkel fans are especially invited to see this game.

RECORD OF BIRTHS
Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Rust Largent, Oct. 13, 1950.
Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Grif Barnett, Oct. 13, 1950.
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Billy Doan, Oct. 16, 1950.
Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Seymore, Oct. 17, 1950.
Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Noster, Oct. 17, 1950.

Mrs. Howard Lackey and son John of Raton, N. M., are visitors at the home of Roy Rust Largent, Mrs. Lackey is the maternal grandmother of Mr. and Mrs. "Rusty" Largent's young daughter and this is her first opportunity to see the young lady.

Poster Winners Get Prizes From Firemen

Fire Prevention Week was observed in Merkel mainly by the school children and in their Poster contest for the cash prizes being offered. There was a deal of competition among the youngsters and some excellent posters were presented to the judges for their award.

The first prize of \$7.50 was won by Leon Kelso for his effort.

The second prize of \$5.00 was won by Geraldine Lindsey and the third prize of \$2.50 was won by Paka Newby.

No Game Tonight; Hamlin Pied Pipers Next Badger foe

The local Badger football eleven does not have a game scheduled this Friday night and will take a much-needed rest.

The next encounter on the Badgers' much-scarred escutcheon will be against the Hamlin Pied Pipers here on October 27. Several of the-Merkel players and fans will probably go to Trent this Friday night to see the Trent-Rochester fray.

The Badgers will continue to work-out once daily during the next two weeks and should be in a much better physical condition for the Pipers than they were for Roscoe. It is doubtful, however, that Billy Harris, regular tailback, will be ready to go.

Coach Red Burditt's warriors have won three and lost two thus far this season.

Former Merkel Man Dies on Eve of 50th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Demere and Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Pannell were notified by wire Oct. 12 of the sudden death of Dave Moore, a former Merkel resident, now living at Temple, and a brother of Mrs. Demere and Mrs. Pannell. Earlier the same day they had received a card announcing open house on Sunday, October 15 in honor of the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Moore.

Mr. Moore was laid to rest in a Temple cemetery at 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Demere and Guyn Pannell of Abilene attended the funeral services.

HOSPITAL NOTES.
Those admitted to Sadler hospital for surgery the past week were S. M. Horton and Robert Rupp. Theda Nesmith and Tommy Horton received tonsillectomies the past week. Patients entering the hospital for treatment were Bob Riney, A. L. Kiser, Oct. 12; Mrs. Ben Adkins, Jimmy Smith, Oct. 13; Norman Rosser, (lacerated finger), Oct. 15; Mrs. Dick Skidmore, Oct. 16; Mrs. J. P. Davis, Oct. 17; Frank Carter, Oct. 18.

Mrs. L. F. Bookman is in Lamesa where she was called at the death of her 80 year old uncle.

Merkel 20 Years Ago

FROM THE FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL 20 YEARS AGO

ATTENDS FUNERAL
G. W. Cypert was in Rochester 20 years ago to attend the funeral of his brother-in-law, H. L. Matheny, who died at the age of 70 at his home there. Mr. Matheny was a Church of Christ minister for 48 years.

TAKES OVER BAKERY
A. A. McGehee assumed the management of the Quality Bakery, taking over from J. H. Jackson who moved to Dallas.

REOPEN TOURIST HOTEL
Mrs. N. A. Harper moved to Merkel from Loraine and reopened the Tourist Hotel. She refurbished the building as well as the cafe on the lower floor.

MORE RAIN
The rainfall in Merkel during Oct. 20 years ago had totaled 5 1/2 inches up to the 21st.

What Happened in Merkel Forty Years Ago
TAKEN FROM THE FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL 40 YEARS AGO

The Baraca Class held an enthusiastic meeting 40 years ago and was pleasantly entertained. Bert Hudgins was president of this club and Simpson Christopher secretary.

Mrs. H. C. Williams was in a Temple hospital for an operation.

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Firemen Feast After Practice Session Held

One of the largest attended meetings of the Merkel fire department in many moons was that of Tuesday night. The boys went through all the paces in the practice runs, hose drill, etc. and after the hard work was over they put on the feed bag.

The ladies auxiliary served refreshments to the following: Mr. and Mrs. John Mansfield, Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Fox, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Fox, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Mundy and Charles, Mr. and Mrs. Rhett Eldson, Jr., and children Reta Patricia and Rhett III, Mr. and Mrs. Buck Leach, Linda and Dick, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. McWilliams, Joy, Jerry Don and Nealon Ray, and Messrs. Miller Patton, Clyde Wurst, L. D. Bishop, Jim McAninch and Jimmy Petty.

This turnout was most gratifying and it is hoped still more will attend these meetings and join.

On every third Tuesday night the auxiliary will serve refreshments.

Elect Roy Largent V.P. at Kansas City Cattle Win Prizes

The Largent cattle have done it again. At the Kansas City American Royal Cattle Show the cattle exhibited there by Roy Largent and Sons won three prizes.

They won first prize on Senior bull calf, second prize on pair of bull calves and fifth prize on get of sire of C. W. Prince Domino 21st.

At a meeting of the directors of the American Hereford Association at the conclusion of the meeting Roy Largent was elected vice-president. His friends here rejoice in this honor to him.

BAKE SALE SATURDAY
The Crusader Class of the Methodist church will hold a bake sale Saturday, beginning at 11 o'clock in front of Max Melinger's Store.

Anyone wishing to bake something may notify the class president and she will pick it up.

VISIT PARENTS HERE
Frank, Bill and Buck O'Briant of Los Angeles returned home after a week's visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. William O'Briant.

SOUTH AMERICAN VISITOR
Roy Nalley, who had been in South America for some time, is visiting his sister, Mrs. Garnet Bryant, at Trent. He also visited with other relatives and friends at both Trent and Merkel.

MEN'S PRAYER MEETING
L. L. Murray was the leader at the Mens' Prayer meeting held at the Nazarene church 20 years ago. A large number of Merkel business men was in attendance.

BUSINESS FOR SALE
L. R. Thompson was offering his insurance business for sale, preparatory to moving to Abilene.

The Twentieth Century club was entertained by Mrs. W. H. Dickson. The meeting was well attended and thoroughly enjoyed.

SOCIETY

ABILENE MUSIC CLUB ENTERTAINED IN MERKEL HOME

The lovely home of Mrs. C. B. Gardner on Oak Street was opened Monday afternoon to members of the "Blue Music Guild" of Abilene, with Mrs. Homer Patterson and Christine Collins co-hostesses in entertaining with Mrs. Gardner.

Fall flowers decorated the rooms where Mrs. Robert B. Wylie presided, as program chairman, giving the Prologue to the year's study and the club members as Madrigal singers, gave "The Chant," "Songs of the Troubadours and Minnesingers," "Summer is icumen in," "The Madrigal" and "The Chorale." Mrs. Wylie Caffey was at the piano.

Mrs. Leo Tucker, president of the guild, poured at the refreshment hour when the hostesses served a delectable tea plate from a lace laid table centered with bronze mums and appointed in silver to Mesdames David Adams, Larry Adamson, H. C. Broadus, Wiley Caffey, C. T. Conerley, W. H. Eysen, A. S. Hawes, J. B. Jordan, Jr., Roy Mack, Hollis Manly, Lela Miller, W. M. Morrow, Ernest Old, Marvin Own, Homer Patterson, Harry Pace, E. J. Thomas, E. E. Traweck, Leo Tucker, M. A. Walker, C. B. Gardner, Robt. B. Wylie, Misses Jennie Tate, Christine Collins and Mary Pierson.

LAMBDA BETA CHAPTER

Members and guests of Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi were graciously entertained Tuesday evening, October 10 in the home of Miss Janice Patterson for their model meeting of the year.

In keeping with the program for the night, "Table Manners and Table Decorations", the group was invited into the candlelight dining room where Mrs. Woodrow Wilson had set a table for a formal dinner for four, using as a centerpiece a unique arrangement of gladioluses. Also shown was a complete setting for a buffet supper using Early American Postoria. Miss Patterson gave a commentary on table manners.

After a short business meeting, a refreshment plate of cherry ice, salted, olives and rum wafers was served to the following guests: Mesdames Vincent Barnett, Bill Largent, Bowman Barlow, Bill Chaney, Tommie Ellis and Miss Helen Plumlee. Members present were Mesdames Forest Hill, Jim Carter, Hoyt Byrd and Misses Jorene Risinger, Viola Allred and the hostess.

GOODMAN HD CLUB

The Goodman Home Demonstration Club met Friday, October 13 in the home of Mrs. Hosea Windham to elect officers for 1951.

Roll call was answered with "A Way To Economize in The Kitchen" and the minutes were read by Mrs. M. G. Goode. Mrs. Frank Carter presided over the business session and Mrs. H. H. Windham gave the council report. Plans were discussed about the making a United Nations Flag and a ceremony to raise it on United Nations' Day October 24.

The new officers elected were: Mrs. Cal McAninch, president; Mrs. M. G. Goode, vice-president and program chairman; Mrs. Grover Blair, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. B. T. Murfee, reporter; Mrs. Dan Butler, council delegate.

Refreshments were served to three visitors, Mrs. W. L. Phillips, Mrs. A. L. Moore, Mrs. R. E. Windham and the following members: Mesdames Karl Bonneaux, D. R. Butler, H. C. Barnwell, B. T. Murfee, M. G. Goode, Odell Eoff, Grover Blair, Frank Carter, Cal McAninch and the hostess.

The County agent, Miss Loreta Allen, will be present at the next meeting on October 27 in the home of Mrs. Grover Blair.

COMPERE HD CLUB

The Compere Home Demonstration Club met Wednesday, Oct. 11 in the home of Mrs. W. D. Ramsey.

Mrs. Ab Hunter, Jr. presided over the business session in the absence of the president, Mrs. O. W. Clemmer. Roll call was answered with "My Most Enjoyable Halloween Experience" and Mrs. I. B. Ray led the opening songs. A demonstration on making cream puffs and hush puppies was given by Mrs. W. D. Ramsey and Mrs. Clyde Chancey.

Refreshments were served to two visitors, Mrs. Ray Ramsey and Mrs. E. Harbor and the following members: Mesdames I. B. Ray, Ab Hunter, Jr., J. J. Bockman, J. E. Touchstone, Clyde Chancey and W. D. Ramsey.

T. E. L. CLASS

The T. E. L. Class of the First Baptist Church met last Thursday morning at 9:30 in the home of Mrs. John Mansfield for a business meeting. President, Mrs. Earl Lassiter was in charge of the business session. Mrs. Clyde Bartlett brought the devotional and Mrs. Joe Allen led in prayer. Coffee and cake were served to two visitors, Mrs. Joe Allen and Mrs. J. B. Boyett and the following members: Mesdames Ernest Teaff, Lucy Ford, J. T. Bird, Keller Roberts,

Craig Humphreys, H. W. Hester, Earl Lassiter, Booth Warren, Hob Robertson, E. W. King, John Walker, J. T. Nesmith, J. D. Bradley, Sam Swann, Jo Allen, A. R. Booth, W. T. Sadler, E. R. Clack, Robert Harris, Irl Walker, Clyde Bartlett and Mrs. John Mansfield.

"GRANNY" DODD HONORED

Cytha Dodd, known to everyone as "Granny" Dodd, was honored Saturday evening with a party in the home of her daughter, Mrs. T. C. Allen.

A devotional and prayer was given by Mrs. Sam Swann and the singing was led by Mrs. W. M. Elliott. The First Baptist Church sent a bouquet of asters. A beautiful array of gifts were on display.

After the program a delicious refreshment plate of sandwiches, mints, assorted cakes and punch was served to the following ladies: Mesdames Sam Swann, Mamie Swann, N. D. Cobb, Beulah Stamford, Clarence Newton, William Elliott, Etta Tucker, Della Breckenridge, W. E. Shouse, Etta McWilliams, Pearl Hamm, Elmer McFarland, Olga Gamble, Grace West, E. H. Thompson, J. C. Allen, Ethel Hicks, Effie Rider, Elsie McDonald, Euffie Woodrum, O. W. Payne, Billy Tom Hutcheson; also Mildred Hamm, Wilma Payne, Wanda Thompson.

MID-NIGHT SUPPER FOR COLLEGE GIRLS

Mrs. W. T. Sadler entertained with a delightful late supper party Friday evening following the Roscoe-Merkel football game complimenting house guests of her daughters, Misses Rose Mary Blackshear and Donna Caldwell of Texas Tech.

Beautiful roses decorated the rooms where the young ladies and their escorts enjoyed a cold seasonal menu, served buffet-style. Those present were Misses Wanda Stevens and Mona Robertson of Baylor U. Waco; Misses Sue Mayfield, Donna Caldwell, Sara Ira Sadler and Rose Mary Blackshear, Texas Tech; Dinky Roberts, Laurell Sherrell, Welda Bowles, Pat Swann, Glenna Clifford and Jimmie Sumerall all of Hardin-Simmons University and Misses Ann Booth and Sug Hodge.

GARDEN CLUB

Mrs. Raymond Ferguson was leader when the Garden Club met Thursday afternoon in the Community Center. The following reports were given: "Bulbs for Spring Blooms" by Mrs. Ben Sublett; "Roses From Start to Finish in the South", Mrs. W. D. Hutcheson; "Plants For Permanence", Mrs. Dee Grimes; "Perennials and Annuals", Mrs. T. E. Collins. Roll call was answered with "What To Do In Your Garden Now".

Two guests were present, Mrs. W. E. Coop and Mrs. Clyde Bartlett and the following members: Mes-

dames Twyman Collins, W. S. J. Brown, Ben Sublett, John Shannon, Kenneth Pee, Herbert Patterson, Lucy Ford, J. W. Bryant, Jim Spurgin, Lu Petty, Dee Grimes, Raymond Ferguson, Carrol Benson, Glover Wright, Jack Miller, Mack Fisher, W. D. Hutcheson and W. U. Shannon.

SEWING CLUB

The Sewing Club met Wednesday, Oct. 11 in the home of Mrs. Geo. T. Moore, hostess.

After sewing and exchanging of gifts, a delicious refreshment plate was served to three visitors, Mrs. Don Woods, Mrs. Paul West, Mrs. Tommy Ellis and the following members: Mesdames Woodrow Wilson, Bowman Barlow, Hoyle Lemens, Earle Watts, Riggs Shepperd, E. L. Horton, Houston Byrd, Horace Boney, Carroll Benson, Pete West, David Gamble, Doyle Seifried, Ben Hicks, Fred Starbuck, R. L. Elliott, Jr.

The club will meet October 25 with Mrs. Nolan Palmer in the Community Center.

HODGES MUSICAL SHINDIG

The Hodges Musical Shindig will be held Friday night, Oct. 20 at the Hodges school.

Come and enjoy two and one-half hours of music by the best musicians of this area. Hear one of the leading songwriters sing his latest songs.

It's all fun and frolic at the "Grand Ole Opry of Texas" the biggest free show in this area. A 30 minute broadcast by KRBC on Saturday, Oct. 21 at 7:00 to 7:30 p.m.

HOWELL REUNION

Children of the late Mr. and Mrs. E. Howell of Trent met October 14 and 15 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Howell of Austin for a family reunion. The two days were spent in visiting, making snapshots and all sorts of activities. It was voted to make this an annual affair.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Owen and children of Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Howell and Sue of Trent; Mr. and Mrs. Edd Clayton and Patricia of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Phillips, Mrs. Kate Glenn and children of San Angelo.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF ELIZABETH WATTS, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original letters of administration upon the estate of Elizabeth Watts, deceased, were granted to us, the undersigned, on the 15th day of June, 1950 by the County Court of Taylor County, Texas. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same to us within the time prescribed by law. Our residence and post office addresses are as follows:

Pat Murphy, Big Spring, Texas
Dewey McElroy, Kerrville, Texas.
Esco Walter, Attorney for Pat Murphy and Dewey McElroy, executors of the estate of Elizabeth Watts, deceased.

Charter No. 7481 Reserve District No. 11
REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE

FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK

of Merkel, in the State of Texas, at the close of business on Oct. 4, 1950, published in response to call made by Comptroller of the Currency, under section 5211, U. S. Revised Statutes.

ASSETS

1. Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balance, and cash items in process of collection	\$1,253,204.44
2. United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed	1,550,164.41
3. Obligations of States and political subdivisions	28,538.20
4. Other bonds, notes, and debentures	NONE
5. Corporate stocks (including \$4,500.00 stock of Federal Reserve bank)	4,500.00
6. Loans and discounts (including \$1,050.69 overdrafts)	653,695.86
7. Furniture and Fixtures	2,500.00
12. TOTAL ASSETS	3,492,602.91

LIABILITIES

13. Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	3,132,523.48
15. Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings)	22,281.89
16. Deposits of States and political subdivisions	141,269.63
18. Other deposits (certified and cashiers' checks, etc.)	1,241.78
19. TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$3,297,316.78
24. TOTAL LIABILITIES	3,297,316.78

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

25. Capital Stock:	
(c) Common stock, total par	75,000.00
26. Surplus	75,000.00
27. Undivided Profits	45,286.13
29. TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	195,286.13
30. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	3,492,602.91

MEMORANDA

31. Assets pledged or assigned to secure liabilities and for other purposes	54,000.00
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STATE OF TEXAS County of Taylor, ss:

I, Geo. T. Moore, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

GEO. T. MOORE, Cashier.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4th day of October, 1950.

(Seal) HORACE O. BONEY, Notary Public

CORRECT ATTEST:

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

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Mrs. Barbee Honored On Eightieth Birthday

Mrs. W. L. Barbee, an old timer of Merkel was honored on her eightieth birthday Sunday, Oct. 8 in the home of a daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Eoff of Tulare, Calif.

The dining table was set in Early American crystal with a centerpiece of pink rose buds to match the decorations on the large birthday cake.

The dinner guests of the honoree included Mr. and Mrs. Jim Painter, Bakersfield, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. Donald Barbee, Fresno Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Winter, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Sargent, all of Kingsburg, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. Lavelle Eoff, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Eoff, all of Bakersfield, Calif.; and Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Owens of Abilene.

Pfc. John Washburn visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Washburn last week-end on a short pass. Mrs. Washburn prepared lunch for a few of his friends Sunday. They were: Red Cochran, Cherry Don Goza, Carl Washburn, Burl Grayson, Colleen Harris, James Smith, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Freeman.

Celebrates 71st Birthday at Trent

Mrs. J. E. Halbrooks celebrated her 71st birthday Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Orzo Steen at Trent.

Those in attendance were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Halbrooks of Midland; Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Halbrooks and family, Mr. and Mrs. Filbert Halbrooks and family, Mrs. W. M. Cooper, Delphine Cooper, Weldon Steen, Tilda Steen, all of Trent; and W. E. O'Kelly of Cisco.

A second-rate army is just as useless as the second-best hand in a poker game.

Merkel-Trent Ladies to Observe Prayer Week

The Methodist ladies will observe the Week of Prayer program Tuesday, October 24 at an all day meeting beginning at 9:30 a.m. The Trent ladies of the Methodist church will also observe this day with the Merkel ladies. Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish.

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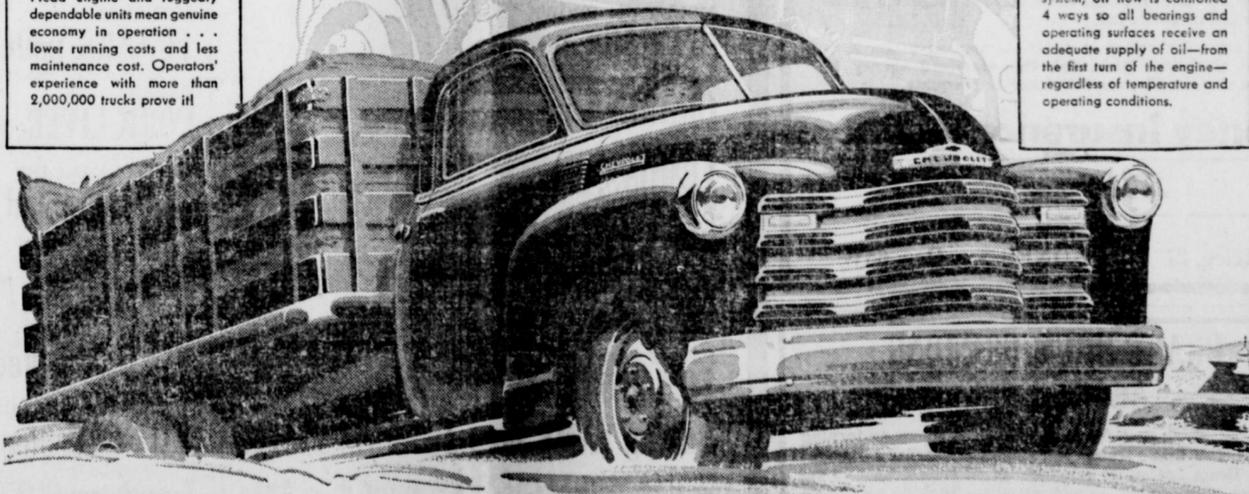
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Middle Clear Fork Soil Conservation News

The White Church conservation group held a group meeting Monday night, Oct. 2, at the church building. A fine group was present and good interest shown. Technicians from the Soil Conservation Service met with the group and showed conservation movies and local pictures featuring good conservation practices. The central theme of the meeting was the use of good conservation measures in controlling wind erosion. The use of crop strips and winter legumes was outlined.

C. B. Rogers, cooperater in the North Stith area, has planted 35 acres of winter peas and will plant 5 more acres when the present crop on the land is harvested. This is the second year for Mr. Rogers to plant winter peas on his sandy soils. He is planting these peas following maize. He prepares his seed bed in a manner to leave all the maize stalks on the surface soil. This large amount of litter protects the soil and the young pea plants until they are established. This combination of crop litters and winter peas is proving to be a sound conservation practice on that type soil.

N. D. Teaff, cooperater with the district in the Cross Roads area, has constructed a large waterway on his farm this past week. This work involved the leveling up and filling in of a small straight sided ditch which was inadequate and had grown up in trees, and the shaping of a large oval shaped waterway 100 feet along the natural course of the drainage way. This waterway area will serve as the water course on run-off water for about 300 acres of outside water and as terrace outlets for a 139 acre field. Mr. Teaff plans to seed this area to small grains at once to serve as temporary cover to prevent washing. This work was done with the county maintainers.

C. M. Brown, cooperater in the Ramsey Group, has harvested his 8 acre patch of first year King Ranch bluestem grass for seed. He harvested this with a combine directly off the stalk and drug a tarpaulin to catch the seed hay. This seed hay was dumped in windrows and will be run back through the combine after it ma-

tures. The remnants of this seed hay after running through the second time will be scattered in thin spots of the present patch and on another area to be reseeded. Yield figures are incomplete at this date but it is considered very good in light of the fact that he figured he had a weed patch all spring and summer until about 6 weeks ago when the King Ranch bluestem begin to show up above the weeds.

Buster Horton, cooperater in the Salt Branch area, harvested his 5 acre patch of King Ranch bluestem last week using a similar method to that described for C. M. Brown. Mr. Horton's patch should make about 50 pounds of seed and he plans to use this in reseeding another area. Mr. Horton has been practicing deferred grazing on a 60 acre pasture this summer and it has helped wonderfully to improve and strengthen his grasses. He has grasses showing up now that you could not find last year. The grasses have made a good top growth this summer and have increased their vigor. He will have good surface litter this fall and winter to protect the soil and to add organic matter to the soil. Spring and summer deferral of farm pastures is the best conservation practice a farmer can use in improving his pastures.

C. F. McCoy, cooperater in the Hope Church group, has completed about 3 miles of new terraces on his farm this week. These terraces were built with a disc belt type terracing machine.

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PINTO BEANS, 2 lbs.	19c
RED & WHITE Fancy HOMINY, no. 2 can	10c
COLORADO GARDEN SWEET PEAS, no. 303 can	15c
FINE FOR PASTRY CRISCO, 3 lbs.	89c
HEMET CALIFORNIA — Whole Spiced PEACHES, no. 2 1/2 can	25c
RED & WHITE ORANGE JUICE, no. 2 can, 2 for	35c
BIRDS EYE — FROZEN ORANGE JUICE, 6 oz. can	21c

RED & WHITE FLOUR, 24 lb. bag	\$1.69
DEL VALLE Vienna Sausage, 4 oz. can, 2 for	25c
MAINE SARDINES, reg. flat, 3 cans	25c
CRUSTENE SHORTENING, 3lb. ctn.	69c
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RED & WHITE COFFEE, pound	79c
SUNSPUN — No. 303 Can PORK & BEANS, 3 for	25c
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NO. 1 IDAHO RUSSET SPUDS, pound	5c
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FANCY CARROTS, package	18c
MOUNTAIN GROWN CABBAGE, pound	5c
TEXAS ORANGES, pound	10c
SUNKIST LEMONS, doz.	25c
FANCY YELLOW SQUASH, pound	10c
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Roscoe Downs Merkel Badgers 20-13 In Disappointing Game Friday Night

BY C. A. FARLEY

The Roscoe Plowboys were ready! The Merkel Badgers were not!

That just about tells why Coach Benson's boys dropped a 20-13 decision to their traditional rivals at Roscoe last Friday night.

It could have very easily been worse for the locals didn't seem to want to win and therefore did not put out much.

On the other hand the Plowboys were all set and ready for the Badgers, hustling and scrapping all the way.

Joe Dell Gregory fumbled the opening kickoff and the alert Plowboys recovered on the Merkel 26. Four plays netted 2 yards and Merkel took over on the Merkel 24. Following an exchange of punts, the hard-charging Farmers blocked Willie Robertson's punt and recovered on the Merkel 24. On the next play Jesse Ratliff loose-

hipped it around left end for the initial T.D. of the game. Cliff Burnett converted to give Roscoe a 7-0 lead which they never relinquished.

Early in the second chukker Robertson booted one over the goal and Roscoe took over on their own 20. On the very next play Teetles Buckner skirted right end for 80 yards and another Plowboy tally. After the ensuing kickoff the Badgers couldn't go and Robertson got off a prodigious boot from his own 30 to past the Roscoe goal line. The hard-running Plowboys then ripped the Merkel line from stem to stern in roaming to the Merkel two yard line before being halted.

About a minute before the half Merkel recovered a blocked Roscoe punt (due to the good work of two enterprising young Badgers — Sid Williams and Dudley Farr) on the Plowboys' 35 yard stripe. Willie made 3 after trying to pass, another pass

Recall Merkel Boy For Army Service

A Merkel boy, G. W. Brown, who had three years service in the U. S. Army during World War II, has been recalled to active service and is to report soon to the 321st Army Medical Depot at Fort Sam Houston. During the last war G. W. rose to the rank of sergeant and saw service in the South Pacific and in Japan. He was supply N. C. O. in the Medical supply depot in charge of organization and unit supply.

When he was released in 1946, Mr. Brown engaged in carpentry work here and later moved to Lovington, N. M., where he followed this trade and also acquired a one-half interest in an irrigated farm.

He is now visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Brown, until such time as his army orders reach him. The best wishes of all go with him.

fell incomplete. Jeff Chancey took one of the aerials for 17 yards to the Roscoe 15. Gaylon Johnson then cabbaged onto another pass to the 1 yard line and then Robertson went over for Merkel's first score on the last play of the first half. Robertson booted the extra point. Score at the half: 14-7.

Coach Moe Hedrick's lads took the second half kickoff on their own 30 and drove straight to pay dirt in six plays. Duckner scoring on a pass from Pointer from the Merkel 33.

The Purple and Gold club got back into the ball game in the middle of the last frame on a march of 70 yards. Robertson finding the picnic ground from the 1-foot line.

In the business department, Willie Robertson was the leader with a credit of 79 yards in 19 tries; Johnson collected 27 yards in 9 sorties; Gregory amassed 31 yards in six trips. Although he did not carry the ball much Franklin Mashburn, substitute, played a stellar game, stopping the fast Plowboy backs after they walked through the Merkel line and snagging a long pass when we needed it the most.

At the intermission Mr. Brady's "Rib Smashers" and the Pep Squad formed the letter "M" and rendered "On Wisconsin" to the delight of about 1800 spectators, about 1,000 of whom were Merkelites.

The story in figures: First downs, Merkel 14, Roscoe 13; Net Yards rushing, Merkel 135, Roscoe 315; Passes, Merkel completed 3 out of 9 for 50 yards, Roscoe completed 1 out of 7 for 38 yards; Punts, Merkel 6 for 169 yards, Roscoe 5 for 72 yards; Penalties, Merkel 2 for 30 yards, Roscoe 6 for 80 yards; Fumbles, Merkel 1, Roscoe 1.

V. W. Leopard of Anson visited his grandmother, Mrs. W. W. Wheeler Tuesday and was accompanied home by Mrs. Wheeler and an aunt, Mrs. W. L. Johnson for an indefinite time.

Trent Homemaking Class Meets Oct. 10

The Trent freshman Homemaking class met Tuesday, October 10. Glenda Reynolds presided over the business meeting and Barbara Edwards lead the girls in some songs. The program "Care and Trimmings of the Face" was well rendered. Sue McRee and Morene Rieburg, hostesses, served sandwiches and punch to the members of the class.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP

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ASSETS

1. Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balance, and cash items in process of collection	\$451,602.77
2. United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed	212,000.00
5. Corporate stocks (including \$3,000.00 stock of Federal Reserve bank)	3,000.00
6. Loans and discounts (including \$2820.87 overdrafts)	222,457.11
7. Bank premises owned \$300.00, furniture and fixtures \$300.00	600.00
12. TOTAL ASSETS	\$889,659.88

LIABILITIES

13. Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	773,636.49
16. Deposits of States and political subdivisions	1,263.34
19. TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$774,899.83

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

25. Capital	25,000.00
26. Surplus	75,000.00
27. Undivided profits	14,760.05
29. TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	114,760.05
30. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	889,659.88

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I, J. G. Wilks, cashier, of the above-named bank, hereby certify that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. G. WILKS.

CORRECT ATTEST:

T. H. WILLIAMSON,
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 TO: Mrs. W. J. Simpson, if living, and if deceased, the heirs and unknown heirs, assignees, devisees, and legal representatives of Mrs. W. J. Simpson, and unknown owners.

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

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 10 day of October, 1950. The file number of said suit being No. 10,502.

The names of the parties in said suit are: County of Taylor in the State of Texas as plaintiff, and Mrs. W. J. Simpson, if living, and if deceased, the heirs and unknown heirs, assignees, devisees, and legal representatives of Mrs. W. J. Simpson, and unknown owners as Defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: To condemn and take for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating a public road on the following described property:

Being a tract or parcel of land 140 feet in length and 10 feet in width off the North side of Lot 1, Block H, South Park Addition, to the town of Merkel, said tract of land contains 0.032 acre more or less.

If this Citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved. Issued this 10th day of Oct. A. D., 1950.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this 10th day of October A. D., 1950.

Mrs. Chester Hutcheson clerk County Court, Taylor County, Texas
 By Jo Clary, Deputy

THE STATE OF TEXAS
 TO: W. McCarty Moore, if living, and if deceased, the heirs and unknown heirs, assignees, devisees, and legal representatives of W. McCarty Moore, and unknown owners.

GREETING:
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The names of the parties in said suit are: County of Taylor in the State of Texas as Plaintiff and W. McCarty Moore, if living, and if deceased, the heirs and unknown heirs, assignees, devisees, and legal representatives of W. McCarty Moore, and unknown owners, as Defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: To condemn and take for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating a public road on the following described property:

Being a tract or parcel of land 140 feet in length and 10 feet in width off the South Side of Lot 6, Block L, Boyce Second Addition to the town of Merkel, said tract of land contains 0.032 acre more or less.

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36th Texas Division Memorial Dedication Fort Worth Oct. 28

Dedication of a Memorial to veterans of the famous 36th Texas (T-Patch) Division on original camp site of the first Camp Bowie will take place at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, October 28th in Fort Worth.

Members of T-Patch Division in two World Wars will gather in Fort Worth for their 25th annual Reunion beginning Friday night, October 27th, through Sunday, October 29th, with registration headquarters at the Hotel Texas. Former members of the 36th who fought at St. Mehl, the Muesse-Argonne in 1918 will join with veterans of Salerno, Anzio, Cassino, Southern France and the battle for Germany, for the big three day convention. All former members are urged to attend. A variety of entertainment for the former infantrymen will include business meetings at 10:00 a.m., and 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, 28th, a Grand Ball on Top-O-Texas Saturday night; Memorial Services 11:00 a.m. Sunday at Will Rogers Coliseum, followed by a real Western-Style Barbecue at noon on the Stock Show grounds.

THE STATE OF TEXAS
 TO: Wilbert Joseph Picou

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 30th day of October, A. D., 1950, at or before 10 o'clock A. M., before the Honorable 104th District Court of Taylor County, at the Court House in Abilene, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 9th day of March, 1950. The file number of said suit being No. 6301-B. The names of the parties in said suit are: Citizens Investment Corporation, a Corp. as Plaintiff and Wilbert Joseph Picou, individually and Nolan Palmer D-B-A Palmer Motor Company as Defendant.

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

Based on promissory note by Picou in principal amount of \$1202.40 payable to order of plaintiff in monthly installments of \$66.80 each beginning the 7th day of August, 1949, and continuing on the 7th day of each month thereafter until all principal and interest are paid, providing for 8 per cent interest after maturity and 25 per cent attorney's fees; said note being secured by chattel mortgage on one 1946 model Chevrolet 4-door sedan, Motor No. DAA-20317, Serial No. 5DJJ 7225, duly recorded in Houma, Louisiana; and there is total balance of \$1618.21 as of date of filing this suit due on this note. Plaintiff asks judgement for its debt, principal, interest, attorney's fees, costs of suit, foreclosure of its chattel mortgage lien, for order of sale and general relief. Picou sold said car to defendant Nolan Palmer, but any claim of said Palmer is subject to plaintiff's chattel mortgage. If this Citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved. Issued this 16th day of September, A. D., 1950. Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this 16th day of September A. D., 1950.

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

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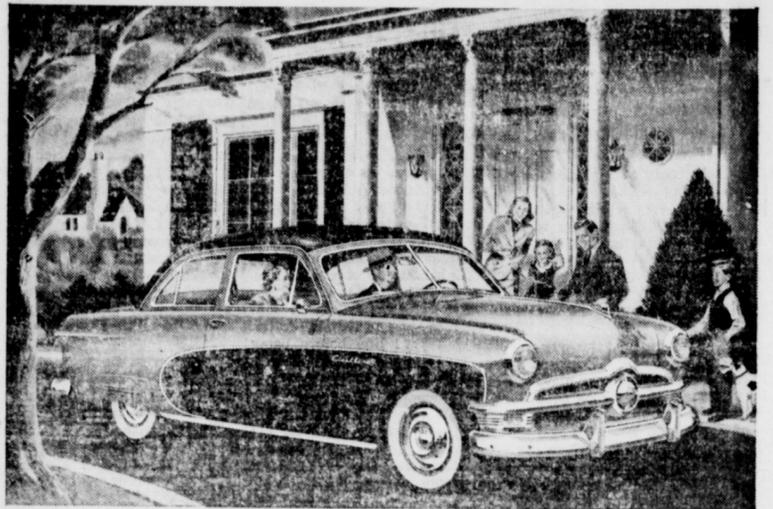
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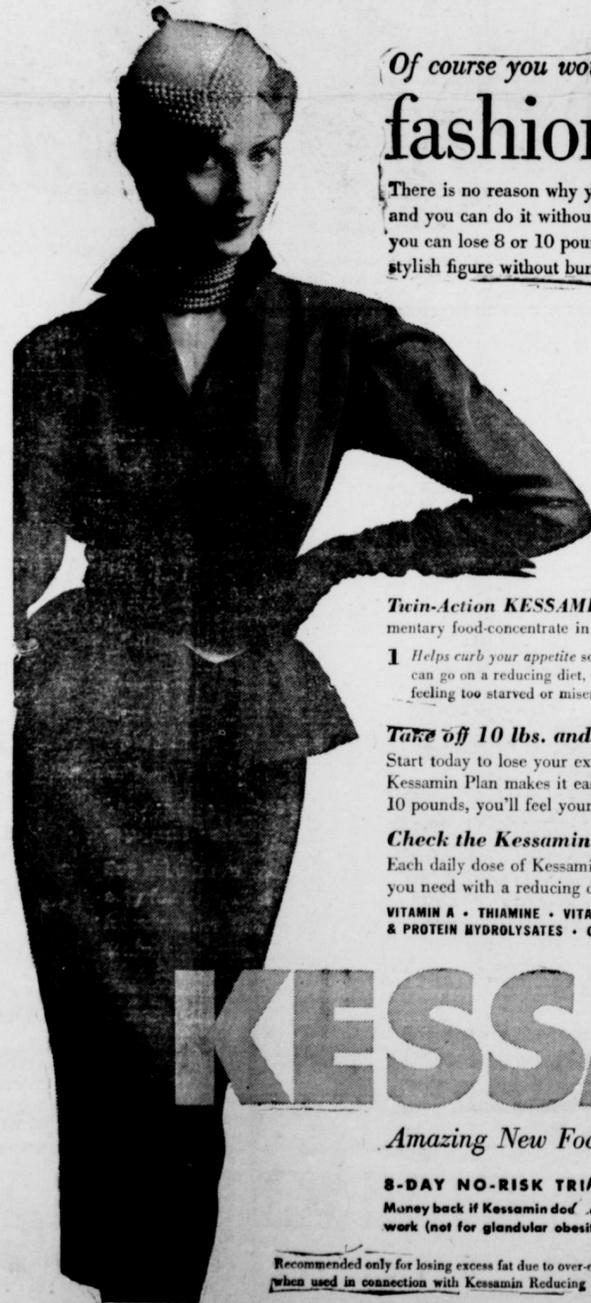
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PERSONAL NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Smith of Abilene were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Zed Bright last week-end.

Mrs. Sallie Moore has returned home after a week-end visit with relatives in Big Spring.

Mrs. J. M. Hines of Nogales, Ariz. is visiting her mother, Mrs. Nellie Sandusky and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Herman and family of Winters were Sunday visitors in the Max Mellinger home.

Mrs. H. P. Alderman and son, James of Fort Worth are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Doan.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wallace and son, Michael spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Patterson, Sr.

Mrs. Pick Allen has returned home after a two weeks visit with relatives and friends in Wichita Falls and Iowa Park.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Turner, Shirley and Sherry of Abilene visited Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Turner.

Pvt. James L. Clay visited with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Clay on a 10-day furlough before leaving for Japan in November.

Mrs. Zola Teague spent last week-end in Big Spring, guest of her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. John R. Walling.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Smith last week were their daughter, Mrs. Novis Mayhugh and children, Beverly and Randall of Hereford.

Mrs. W. I. Cogburn of Fort Worth visited last week in the home of her son, Mr. and Mrs. Hurley Cogburn who have moved back to Merkel after living in California the last 5 years.

Mrs. Rice Jones and Mrs. F. Y. Gaither have returned home after visiting relatives in Elk City and Carter, Okla. On their return trip

they visited in Fort Worth with Mrs. Jones' husband's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Jones, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Joyce of Houston visited in the home of his brother and family, Ernest Joyce, over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Patterson, Jr. visited last week with his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wallace and son, Michael of Arlington. While there they all attended the Dallas Fair.

Barbara Sandusky, music student at Tarleton State College, Stephenville, spent last week-end at home visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Sandusky and brother, Eddie Glenn.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Green and Libby of Big Spring spent the week with her mother, Mrs. Betty Sue Berryman. Mr. Green is Chief of Police at Big Spring and was enroute to Austin where he will attend the Police Training School there.

Misses Mary Collins and Vivian Davis were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis G. Shafer while in Dallas last week-end. These young women had a busy schedule. They saw the Texas-Okla. ball game Saturday and that night saw Icecycles. Sunday matinee they were at the coliseum to see "South Pacific."

Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Nichols, owners of the South Side Laundry have moved to Merkel, having purchased the Wiley James home on Cherry street. They are now in better position to care for their laundry customers.

Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Sadler, Misses Sandra Sadler, Sue Mayfield, Rose Mary Blackshear and Donna Caldwell were house guests of Dr. and Mrs. Frank Armstrong of Fort Worth the past week end. They attended the T.C.U. Tech football game and the Okla.-Texas U. game.

Rev. and Mrs. Bill Reeves of Fort Worth spent last week-end in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Mathews. Rev. Reeves is attending the seminary at Fort Worth and Mrs. Reeves is a dental assistant for Dr. Moore.

LODGE CALLS

NOTICE MASONS

Stated meeting of Merkel lodge No. 710, A. F. & A. M. Saturday, October 21, at 7:30 p. m. All members are urged to attend. Visiting brethren cordially invited.

Alton Martin, W. M.
C. B. Rust, Sec'y.

Stated meeting of Merkel Chapter 212, Order of Eastern Star, will be held Tuesday, Oct. 24 at 8:00 p.m. All members are urged to attend. Visiting members cordially invited.

Mrs. Craig Humphreys, W. M.
Winnie Tarpley, Sec'y.

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Mr. Gilbert and family moved to Merkel in 1924 where he operated a barber shop for a number of years. Before moving to Big Spring he and his family lived in Abilene several years.

Survivors include the widow; one son, Grover Gilbert of Merkel; three

daughters, Mrs. Leonard Coker, Mrs. Bob Hobbs and Mrs. Arnold Seydler, all of Big Spring.

CHILD CONFERENCE TODAY

The Well Child Conference will meet in Mrs. McFarland's office Friday from 2 to 4 p.m. This meeting is for children under school age.

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Recipe of the Week

SWEET POTATO CUSTARD PIE

- 3 eggs
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup brown sugar, firmly packed
- 1 tablespoon flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 2 cups mashed sweet potatoes
- 1 1/2 cups top milk
- 1/2 teaspoon allspice

Beat eggs slightly; add sugar and mix well. Add flour, salt, and spices; then add potatoes and blend until smooth. Gradually add the milk.

Turn into unbaked pastry-lined pie pan. Bake in hot oven 450 degrees F. for 10 minutes; then in moderate oven (350 degrees F.) for 40 to 50 minutes or until a silver knife comes out clean when inserted in the filling. Makes one 9-inch pie.

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Friday & Saturday

October 20 & 21

<p>SWIFT JEWEL SHORTENING 3 lb. Ctn. 68c</p> <p>PANTRY NEEDS</p> <p>Del Monte GOLDEN CORN, 303 15c</p> <p>Wapco R. S. P. CHERRIES, No. 2 23c</p> <p>Del Monte Sliced PINEAPPLE, no. 2 35c</p> <p>Del Comida GREEN BEANS, no. 2 12c</p> <p>Blue Bonnet OLEO, colored, lb. 29c</p> <p>Hemet Spiced PEACHES, no. 2 1/2 23c</p> <p>White Swan TOMATO SAUCE, 3 for 25c</p> <p>Recipe — Pink SALMONS, tall 52c</p> <p>Patio ENCHILADAS, no. 2 49c</p> <p>PET MILK, 3 tall cans 32c</p>	<p>VEL Box 27c</p> <p>RINSO Box 27c</p> <p>NU-ZEST ORANGE JUICE 46 oz. can 35c</p> <p>JELL-O 3 BOXES 25c</p> <p>WHITE SWAN COFFEE Pound 79c</p> <p>GARDEN FRESH VEGETABLES</p> <p>GARDEN CRISP LETTUCE, head 7c</p> <p>Golden BANANAS lb. 12c</p> <p>TEXAS ORANGES 5 lbs. 39c</p> <p>U. S. NO. 1 IDAHO — WASHED SPUDS, pound 3c</p> <p>Winesap — Red APPLES, lb. 10c</p> <p>Fresh Cucumbers, lb. 17c</p> <p>Cello — 2 lb. CARROTS 19c</p> <p>Banana SQUASH, lb. 12c</p> <p>Tokay GRAPES, 2 lbs. 25c</p> <p>EATMORE Cranberries, pound 23c</p>	<p>CHOICE MEATS</p> <p>FRESH DRESSED FRYERS, lb. 53c</p> <p>Nice Lean PORK CHOPS lb. 59c</p> <p>RODEO WEINERS lb. 37c</p> <p>ARMOUR'S COUNTRY STYLE — Pure Pork Sausage, 2 lbs. 85c</p> <p>Sirloin or T-Bone STEAK lb. 79c</p> <p>Cudahy Hotel Pack BACON lb. 59c</p> <p>CUDAHY FANCY HAMS, 1/2 or whole, lb. 49c</p> <p>Wilson's CORN KING Sliced BACON, lb. 49c</p> <p>FOR QUICK LUNCHES</p> <p>Morrell SNACK, 12 oz. can 43c</p> <p>Diamond PORK and BEANS, 3 for 25c</p> <p>Sunshine HI-HO CRACKERS, lb. 29c</p> <p>Old Bill VIENNA SAUSAGE, 3 for 25c</p> <p>Red Crown POTTED HAM, 3 for 25c</p> <p>Port Clyde AMERICAN SARDINES, 3 for 25c</p> <p>Kraft's Aged CHEDDAR CHEESE, 1/2 lb. 35c</p> <p>Sunshine Candy, bag 10c</p> <p>PRIMROSE STRAWBERRY PRESERVES 2 lb. Jar 69c</p> <p>EVERLITE SALAD DRESSING, pint 25c</p> <p>C & H SUGAR 10 lbs. 89c</p> <p>HEART'S DELIGHT GRAPEFRUIT JUICE 46 oz. can 33c</p>
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