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Need Your Help To Build House For All Scouts

Now that the March of Dimes Campaign has closed with Merkel going all over the top on its goal of \$1000, the Boy Scout Fund drive for the Scout Center is getting under way.

Already Chairman Keller Roberts has received several checks for building bonds and the committees are getting their receipt books ready for any and all who desire to buy a bond or make a donation to this most worthy project.

Remember you are asked to buy a bond to finance the building of a house to be used as a meeting place for Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and Cubs. These bonds are to be redeemed and will be issued in denominations of \$10, \$25, \$50 and \$100. You may of course make any donation of any amount or buy as many bonds as you can. You'll help raise the \$300 needed, won't you?

Aged Merkelite Died Here Sunday; Burial Monday in Rose Hill

Walter Douglass, a resident of the Merkel vicinity since 1948 died Sunday in Sadler Clinic here.

Mr. Douglass was 87 years old and he had made his home here with two nieces, Mrs. Mollie Hatfield and Miss Eula Sears.

Funeral was held Monday at 2 p.m. from the Merkel Methodist Church with the Rev. R. L. Butler, Munday pastor, and the Rev. Hugh Hunt, Merkel pastor, officiating.

Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery, under the direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

Mr. Douglass was born July 21, 1863 in Lacey, Ark., and moved to Bonham, Texas, at the age of five. He made his home in Central Texas before moving here three years ago.

Besides his Merkel nieces, Mr. Douglass is survived by a son, Walter A. Douglass of Englewood, Calif.

Pallbearers at his funeral were Dave Anderson, W. S. J. Brown, Dee Grimes, Buster Horton, Ray Wilson and R. O. Anderson.

Elect New Leaders For Scout Troops

In the recent re-organization of the local Boy Scout troop, the following boys have been elected as troop leaders: Jerry Jones, Senior Patrol Leader; Lowell Moseley, Narcisse Rivera, and James Simpson, Patrol Leaders; Freddie Boone, Scribe; Billy Mac Gilbert, Quartermaster; and Jimmy Doan, song leader.

There are 28 boys registered with the troop at present.

Plans of the troop include a scout-craft hike for next week and an overnight camp at Camp Tonkawa on March 22.

RECORD OF BIRTHS

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Hicks, February 15, 1951.



SCARED SOUSAPHONIST—Little ladies and giant sousaphones seldom make harmonious companions as two-year-old Korolyn Low proved at the 48th annual Music Industry Trade show in Chicago. Unable to extricate herself from the mammoth instrument after an ear-shattering solo passage, Miss Low let loose with a scream that brought music dealers racing to the scene of discord.

Pioneer Memorial Dedication Sunday

The opening and dedication of the Pioneer Memorial Chapel will be held next Sunday. No doubt one of the largest crowds ever to assemble at this historic spot will be present.

While the name of this just completed edifice is officially the Pioneer Memorial Chapel it is now and will continue to be called the Butman Memorial. This in honor of Sam Butman, the pioneer citizen whose generosity made the building possible.

Services will start at 10:15 a.m., first with songs and later a sermon by the Rev. R. L. Butler, pastor of the Munday Methodist church. There will be a basket picnic lunch at noon and in the afternoon a recognition service will be held. This service will be under the direction of Sam Butman, Jr. He will introduce the Rev. H. C. Smith, the district superintendent of the Methodist church, who will preach the concluding dedication sermon.

C. H. Collinsworth Made TPI Member By Governor Shivers

Chester H. Collinsworth of Merkel has just been appointed by Governor Allan Shivers as a member of the Texas Pasture Improvement committee of Better Pastures, Inc. This organization was formed in Austin in September.

Mr. Collinsworth received his appointment by the governor on recommendation of C. W. Vogler of Austin who is chairman of the Texas Ten-Year Pasture Improvement Committee.

This organization, which includes statewide membership, decided at the September meeting that the county, district and state committees could best function through the formation of Better Pastures, Inc.

Merkel Symposium Was P-T.A. Feature At Tuesday Meeting

A large crowd was present Tuesday night at the regular monthly meeting of the P-T.A. at the school auditorium. The president, Mrs. Buster Horton presided. Mrs. Mack Fisher acted as secretary due to the absence of Mrs. C. S. Earey.

The program was a symposium—"Our Merkel"—in which the following participated: Mrs. George T. Moore, chairman; Mrs. S. D. Gamble, "Early Days in Merkel;" Mrs. Earl Lassiter, "Our Government;" Mrs. Johnny Cox, "Our School;" Mrs. Elma McFarland, "The Needs of Merkel."

The first grade pupils under the direction of Mrs. Nash, Mrs. Jones and Miss Alfred sang motion songs, "The Watermill, The Brownie Song, The Clock Song, Old King Cole, George Washington and Topsy Turvy."

Mrs. Horton announced to the crowd that on March 27 Merkel would be visited by the McMurry Chanters who will give a program here under the sponsorship of the P-T.A. The committee to handle the ticket sale was appointed and consists of Mesdames Virgil Patterson, Spencer Bird, June Hogan, Wren Durham, Johnny Cox, Edwin Read and Stacy Bird.

The next meeting is scheduled for the evening of March 8. Mrs. Joe Allen will be the speaker on the subject, "Cultivating in Children a Taste for the Good." Mrs. Judd McReynolds will be the leader and the High School band under the direction of Bandmaster Brady will be the school feature.

ATTEND SCHOOL OF MISSIONS

Everyone is invited to attend the School of Missions at the Shiloh church every night next week, February 25 through March 2.

Invite Farley To New Mex. Scout Training Course

Last week Scoutmaster C. A. Farley received an invitation from Dr. Arthur A. Schuck, Chief Scout Executive, New York City, to be a participant in the Wood Badge Training Course to be held at the Philmont Scout Ranch, Cimarron, New Mexico, May 12-20.

Thirty-six men from Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico have been chosen for this camping and training experience.

Selection of men for Wood Badge Training is based on the capacity and willingness of each to serve his Council as a trainer of instructors for basic training in scouting. The course will prepare each man for his task so that he may give informed leadership upon returning to his council.

During the last three years, 14 courses have been conducted in the United States, and the 472 men who attended are more enthusiastic. They refer to it as a mountain-top experience in the Scouting career. They learned Scout methods by living in the out-of-doors and they definitely experienced adventure.

The Philmont Scout Ranch is not new to Scoutmaster Farley, as he has been to this national scout camp four times previously and served two summers on the staff of the camp.

Pioneer Drive-In To Close for Repairs

At the conclusion of the showing of "The Daughter of Rosie O'Grady" Monday night the Pioneer Drive-In Theatre will close for three weeks.

Some needed repairs will be made, the grounds beautified, the speakers and playground equipment overhauled and grass and shrubs will be planted around the front and driveway.

The showing of "The Daughter of Rosie O'Grady" is the first time this picture has played Merkel. It is a musical comedy by Warner filmed in technicolor.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Admissions to the Sadler hospital the past week were reported as follows:

As medical patients — L. McRee, Paula Skidmore, Feb. 15; Mrs. J. L. Dunlap, Paul Findley, Feb. 16; Mrs. Jim Patterson, Feb. 17; Sue Mayfield, Ethel Lynn York of Snyder, Feb. 19; Mrs. Vernie Smith, Linda Maas, Feb. 20.

For surgery — Loyd Warren, Blandie Medford, Feb. 18.

Badgers Wind Up Basketball Season In Fourth Place; Play Noodle Tonight

The Merkel Badgers will officially wind up their current basketball season against the Noodle five here this Friday night.

Next week Coach Benson will issue a call for candidates for the Purple and Gold track squad.

As the result of losing a nip-and-tuck affair with the Snyder Tigers here last Friday night, the locals wound up their 6A conference schedule in fourth place, behind Snyder, Colorado City, and Roscoe. In the last conference game, the Badgers led most of the way, 9-3, 18-12, and 28-27, but were nosed out in the closing minutes, 36-32.

Joe Dell Gregory topped the local sharpshooters with 11 points. Kelton Williamson garnered 8, Boyd Moore

7, Arlan Harris 4 and Jeff Chancey 2.

Coach Benson's little Badgers put up a good scrap against the Tiger reserves but were outclassed, 45-24. "Toughy" McCoy was about all Merkel had in the business department, racking up 14 points.

Down at Coleman Tuesday night the Ellis men got off to a very slow start, being behind 26-9 at the intermission, but outplayed and outscored the Bluecats during the last two frames. Final count: Coleman 52, Merkel 38. Joe Dell Gregory continued his torrid scoring pace with 21 tallies. Chancey collected 7 points, Williamson 4, Harris 4 and More 2.

The Merkel subs were outclassed again by a 45-18 count. Owen, Scroggins and McCoy led the local cagers with 4 points each.



"DIE OR DIE"—In Korea, where U. S. jet planes and the modern Soviet-built tanks of the North Koreans have been making headlines, the GI in the field still finds the age-old shovel his most effective means of protection. A front-line American soldier is shown digging a hole that his life may depend upon.

Building Material Conservation Is Urged By Bartlett

If everyone uses scarce building materials wisely, more building can be done in Merkel and the Merkel area during the emergency, according to Clyde Bartlett, local lumber and building materials dealer and member of the Public Affairs Committee of the National Retail Lumber Dealers Association.

"Because of production restrictions adopted to meet the needs of the rearmament program, supplies of certain building products, such as nails, pipe, gutters and downspouts, metal lath and reinforcing steel, are likely to be restricted for some months to come," Mr. Bartlett said.

"By not using those scarce products unless absolutely necessary, using no more than is required for safe construction, and avoiding waste in their use, the available supply can be made to stretch over a larger amount of construction work and benefit more of our local people."

"There should be plenty of lumber, wall board, cement, brick, and other non critical building materials in the months ahead, but the amount of building that can be done will be determined largely by the care with which materials containing critical metals are used in building."

"With the virtual elimination of copper and aluminum for construction purposes, steel now is the material which must be carefully conserved in building until such time as expanded production makes it possible to meet both defense and civilian needs."

Merkel Mail Plant Visited By Pupils

The Merkel Mail plant was honored by a visit of the Fifth grade class of Mrs. Carroll Benson last Thursday afternoon.

We were glad to welcome this group of youngsters who appeared interested in seeing how a newspaper was made.

The group chaperoned by Mrs. Benson and Mrs. Powell Miller were Douglas Looney, J. B. Price, Errol Rutledge, Gary Jaynes, Johnny Martin, Mercedes Garcia, Eddie Hobdy, Edwin Higgins, Annette Phillips, Patsy Little, Minta Lou McAninch, Marilyn Kelso, Michael Miller, Ann Melton, Sandra Pursley, Bill Pair, Joan Lindsey and little Bill Miller who was just a bit too small to understand what the noise was about.

We appreciate the visit of these future citizens and extend an invitation to all groups of whatever age to come see us.

TAKE FIRST AID COURSE

Everyone who is interested in taking a first aid course are asked to meet at the Noodle High School Monday night, February 26 at 7 p.m. Dr. Chaney will be the instructor.

HOME ON 10 DAY LEAVE

Pfc. Billy Gene Frazier, who has completed his boot training in the U. S. Marine Corps at San Diego, California, has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Frazier for the past ten days. He will leave today for Camp Pendleton near San Diego, where he will receive his orders.

Oil Picture Brightens As Three Wells Get Under Way In Area

Oil play south of town is getting new life this week with three new wells starting up, named Stanley Field, Toombs, No. 2, Taubert, Co. which supped in Monday and the Drilling and Exploration Co., No. 1, W. C. Bryant test which moved in this week. The Toombs well is a southwest offset to the Tipton production.

The third to spud in this week is on Travis Bennett six miles north of town. They were drilling at 1500 feet Wednesday. Roark and Hooker moved this rig off of Roy Largent and brought in a cleanout machine after shooting the Largent well Wednesday. The Roy Largent No. 1 is completing in the lower straw at 5126 and slush pit has been dug for the Roy Largent No. 1-A by the same operators. The Roark and Hooker J. M. Winter No. 9 twin well is completing in the Swastika, and an unofficial test gauged 100 barrels per day on pump.

The J. W. Tiner No. 1, Taubert Drilling Co. was plugged back from the Swastika to the Noodle Creek and set pipe at 2700 feet this week.

Exchanges Bars For Major's Gold Leaf

The many friends of Russell T. Blair will be glad to learn of his promotion from Captain to Major. He is now in Korea and is liaison pilot attached to the 304 Signal Operations Battalion.

Major Blair is married to the former Grovone Ford, who is making her home in Merkel with their two daughters, aged seven and three, awaiting the return of the husband and father. Major Blair's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Blair, also live here. All are rejoicing at his well-earned promotion.

Merkel 20 Years Ago

FROM THE FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL 20 YEARS AGO

DEATH OF FLOYD DOWELL

Death came Sunday morning to Floyd Dowell, 25, after a long illness, bringing grief to his family and a score of friends. He was buried in Rose Hill Cemetery with the Rev. Ira L. Parrack in charge of the services, assisted by the Revs. E. L. Yeats and R. A. Walker. Members of the volunteer fire department, of which he was a member, attended in a body.

ASK GAS RATE CUT

Over 100 city officials from 33 West Texas towns met in Abilene this week to ask for a cut in rates on gas served to the several communities. Merkel was represented by T. G. Bragg and Booth Warren, members of the city council.

WORK ON CEMETERY

The Lions Club has assumed the responsibility of seeing to it that the local cemetery is properly worked and cared for. Subscriptions from lot owners and donations from others are solicited for funds to hire the help needed to make the cemetery the beautiful spot it should be.

BOY FRACTURES FOOT

Jack Huddleston, 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Huddleston, was struck by a truck as he was crossing Front street Tuesday. He was knocked down and a wheel passed over his right foot, fracturing it. He was treated at the Merkel sanitarium.

What Happened in Merkel Forty Years Ago

TAKEN FROM THE FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL 40 YEARS AGO

Workmen are busy this week modernizing the front and inside of the Armstrong & Co. drug store building. The improvement will be quite noticeable when completed.

The Hayden Music Club met last Tuesday at Miss Mackey's studio with a special large attendance. Miss Mackey conducted a lesson on Bach and the program consisted mainly of his music. The program committee was Misses Roxie Moon and Faye Allen.

A house occupied by W. M. McDuff and family and owned by W. R. Provine was damaged by fire last Friday morning. The firemen did good work in fighting the flames and soon had the fire under control.

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The J. R. Hester No. 1 two miles east of town was plugged and abandoned this week.

The Sam Swann, No. 1, V. C. Perini Jr. et al, north and west is drilling at 4200 Thursday with contract depth to go to 4800 feet.

Business Concern Moves To Merkel

A new business opens in Merkel next Monday, the Lone Star Desk Co. which has been in process of moving here from Abilene for the past two weeks.

Messrs. L. L. West and T. L. Culliton are the owners and they are located on North 1st, next door east of the Merkel Farm Machinery. The business of remodeling school desks is unique in itself but the fact that this firm will service a wide area by truck and headquarter in Merkel is cause for pride.

The refinishing work on three hundred desks received from Baird delayed the formal Merkel opening this week and will give some idea of this business.

BAKE SALE

The Gleason Sunday School class of the Methodist church will have a bake sale Saturday, February 24 in front of Bragg Dry Goods Store, beginning at 10.30 a.m.

CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

C. T. Beckham was honored with a party on his 75th birthday at his home in Trent by Mrs. Beckman. Present were all their children and grandchildren.

AND ANOTHER RAIN

Another quarter-inch rainfall was recorded in the Merkel area over the week-end, making seven straight week ends it has rained this amount or more here.

ATTENDS GROCERS MEET

A party of Merkel grocers consisting of John R. West, Eli Case, J. M. Collins, J. H. McDonald and Wm. Elliott were in Amarillo this week attending a meeting of grocers.

POULTRY-RABBIT SHOW

The Merkel Poultry and Rabbit show came to an end this week and was voted by all a huge success. More than 300 entries of chickens and 46 entries of rabbits were exhibited with cash and merchandise prizes being awarded the winners. H. M. Rose of Sweetwater was the judge of the show.

BRIDGE CLUB MET

The Happy-Go-Lucky bridge club met last week with Mrs. Carl Bonneau as hostess at her home in the Shiloh community. Refreshments were served at the conclusion of the games.

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The 2-year-old son of Bob Mauldin was badly gored by a cow Wednesday afternoon, necessitating the removal of a cheek bone from the child's face. The little fellow had followed his father to the cow lot and was attacked when he neared the barn.

W. Parten has returned from St. Louis where he has been the past week buying spring and summer merchandise for his store here.

A home-talent play, "The Girl From L. Triangle Ranch," is to be staged Friday night at the opera house for the benefit of the firemen. It is under the direction of Frank Ferrier and a full house is expected to attend.

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GLEASER SS CLASS

The home of Mrs. Jack Miller was open last Wednesday for the monthly social meeting of the Gleaser Sunday School class, with Mrs. Roy Bacaus and Mrs. Denzel Cox as co-hostesses.

Mrs. Dee Grimes, president, presided for a business meeting, and Mrs. Roy Bacaus gave the opening prayer. Mrs. Denzel Cox gave an inspiring devotional from the 5th chapter of Matthew and Mrs. Jack Miller read two poems, "Blackberry Girl" and "I Know Something Good About You."

The living room was decorated with red roses.

A lovely Valentine corsage was pinned on each guest as they entered.

A dainty refreshment plate was served to two guests, Mrs. W. A. Culley and Mrs. W. U. Shannon and the following members: Mesdames Lu Petty, Dee Grimes, Lizzie Latham, Kenneth Pee, F. Y. Gaither, Roy Largent, Sallye Gant, W. S. J. Brown, Tom Largent, Ross Ferrier, C. B. Gardner, Hugh Hunt, John Shannon, Jack Miller, Roy Bacaus, Denzel Cox and Miss Lottie Butman.

SURPRISE BIRTHDAY PARTY

Mrs. Will Butman was entertained with a surprise birthday party Monday night, February 19, when friends and neighbors came in bringing many lovely gifts. Games of '42' progressed during the evening.

Refreshments of cake and coffee were served to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wallis and Johnnie, Mr. and Mrs. Cherry Dunlap, Mrs. Mildred Lawson and children, all of Divide; Mr. and Mrs. John D. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Swinney and children, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Newby and children Mrs. L. J. Renfro, Mr. and Mrs. Banning Butman and children and Mr. and Mrs. Will Butman and Loren.

HONORED WITH SHOWER

Mrs. Marshall Owens opened her home, entertaining in the form of a bridal shower on the evening of February 9, honoring Miss Barbara Ann Bryant, before her marriage the following Saturday afternoon to Bobby Joe Hunter.

Sharing hostess duties with Mrs. Owens were Mesdames Otis Bagby, Alfred Derrington, Lewis Farmer, Glenn White, Oscar McLean, Joe Nalley, Earl Palmer, Lonzo Petterson, Aubrey Reagan, Leon Scott, Lee Ward and Mrs. Byron J. Bryant of Abilene.

Mrs. Owens introduced the bride, her mother, Mrs. Chester Bryant of Abilene; the groom's mother, Mrs. W. C. Hunter, and the bride's sister, Sue Bryant.

Peggy Scott registered guests and Mrs. Byron Bryant invited them to the refreshment table which was laid with a beautiful hand-made lace cloth and appointed with crystal.

A large rectangular white cake artistically decorated in pink, green and silver adorned the table. Across the top of the cake, silver wedding bells hung from garlands of pink roses. In the top center two white love birds sat looking down at a large heart inscribed with the names of the couple.

Mrs. Lonzo Petterson served the cake, assisted by Mrs. Otis Bagby while Mrs. Earl Palmer ladled punch. The refreshments carried the theme of pink and green as did the floral arrangements throughout the reception rooms.

Mesdames Oscar McLean and Leon Scott presided in the gift room. The large and attractive display of bridal gifts attested to the popularity of this young couple.

Ann Booth and Paula Bookman were at the record-player and furnished a lovely background of soft

and appropriate music throughout the evening.

Pictures to be treasured through the years were made by Mrs. Lonzo Petterson.

SWEETHEART BANQUET IN TRENT

The Young People's Training Union of the First Baptist church in Trent entertained the Juniors and Seniors of Trent High School with a Sweetheart banquet last Monday night.

The W. M. U. of the Baptist church prepared the food. The room was an eye appealing decoration by Mrs. Carl Edwards and Mrs. Geta Williamson.

Guest speakers for the evening were Rev. and Mrs. Alford Woodard of Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene. Approximately 60 attended.

KNOX-PETTY

Miss Colene Knox, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Knox of Fort Worth and James Petty, son of Mr. and Mrs. Porter Petty of Merkel were married on February 10 at 8 p.m. in the Sanctuary of the Wesley Methodist Church in Fort Worth. Rev. R. R. Willingham of Fort Worth performed the ceremony.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a white brocaded taffeta gown with a sweetheart neckline and fitted bodice. She carried a white Bible topped with an orchid.

Bridal attendants were Mrs. O. C. Bell, matron of honor; Mrs. Ruel E. Brown, brides matron and Miss Sarah Davis, bridesmaid. The bridegroom was attended by Alvis Shaw, best man. C. A. Brookshire and O. C. Bell were groomsmen and Rueben Tritsch and Sam T. Hayes served as ushers.

A reception was held in the church recreation room following the wedding.

The couple will make their home in Merkel.

GOODMAN HD CLUB

The Goodman Home Demonstration club met with Mrs. Karl Bonneaux on February 9. The president was in charge of a short business session and roll call was answered by telling "How I Like to Spend a Rainy Day". The recreation leader directed games.

The program consisted of "What's Cooking in Mexico", with Mrs. Bonneaux giving a discussion on foods; Mrs. D. R. Butler reviewing habits and home life, and Mrs. Frank Carter giving the art and music of the country.

Mrs. Cal McAninch gave a demonstration on making pollo con tacino and it was later served with tortillas and coffee to the following members: Mesdames Frank Carter, Karl Bonneaux, D. R. Butler, Cal McAninch, Grover Blair, H. H. Windham, W. L. Phillips and D. L. Butler.

SEWING CLUB

Mrs. Earl Watts was hostess when the Sewing Club met at the Community Center last Wednesday at their regular meeting. Fourteen members were present.

Refreshments were served to Mesdames E. L. Horton, Grif Barnett, Carroll Benson, Vernon Mansfield, Helen Barlow, Hoyle Lemens, Bill Largent, R. L. Elliott, Pete West, Lester Dorton and Mrs. Earl Watts.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. Grif Barnett at 1403 Herring Dr. on March 14.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Cooley, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Conley and Helen spent last week-end in Houston visiting with relatives.

NOW IN TRAINING AT EL PASO



JERRY L. MASSEY

Jerry L. Massey, 22, son of Mrs. Floy Massey of Denton, and the nephew of Mrs. Twyman Collins of Merkel, is now stationed at Fort Bliss, El Paso, where he is receiving his basic training.

Massey, who served for one year with the merchant marine during World War II, is a graduate of Denton High School and attended North Texas State College for one year. He was born in Trent and moved to Denton when 3 years old.

For one year he lived here with his aunt, Mrs. Collins and attended the Merkel High School.

STATIONED IN CALIFORNIA

Pvt. Earnest Reynolds, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Reynolds who recently joined the Air Force is now stationed in California. His address is: AF 18391534.

Prov. T. N. G. Sqdn. H.Q. & H.Q. Sqdn. 22nd Air Base Gp. March Air Force Base, California.

RECEIVES DISCHARGE

Pfc. Louie D. Whitaker arrived home last Wednesday from Camp Roberts, after receiving his Honorable Minority discharge. He served about one year in the Army.

TRANSFERRED TO GEORGIA

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Anderson have received a letter from their grandson, Billy Joe Campbell, who has been stationed at Camp Chaffee, Ark., but is being transferred to Camp Gordon, Georgia for the remainder of his basic training.

SEVEN MONTHS IN WAR ZONE

Boatswain's Mate Clarence Melton, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Melton, Sr., of Route 4, Merkel, arrived in California on the escort carrier Badoeng Strait after a seven months tour in the Korean war zone. Clarence's mother and wife, the former Lucile Hassey of Tye, were there to meet him when the ship docked.

Next July, Clarence, Jr. will have served 10 years in the Navy. He plans to re-enlist and will be given a 90-day furlough at that time and will come to Merkel to visit his parents and old friends.

Mrs. Melton, Sr., will remain in California for about two months visiting her two daughters who live there.

Privates John Burfield and Charles Garrett, who are receiving their basic training at Camp Polk, La., were home on Furlough this week visiting home folks.

Jimmy Black has been promoted to corporal, his relatives here have been informed. Jimmy is stationed at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio and his friends are glad to learn of his promotion.

Sam Clinton of Belton was a Merkel visitor several days last week.

Billy Tucker, a petroleum engineer now stationed at Ozona, visited his grandmother, Mrs. J. L. Tucker, here several days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Clappitt of Fort Worth spent last week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. McAninch.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Anderson spent last week-end in Wilson visiting their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Campbell.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Tucker and Mrs. Julia Prim of Sweetwater were visitors in the home of Mrs. J. L. Tucker this week.

Mrs. Warren Higgins and daughter, Betty Lou, have returned to their home in Corpus Christi after a week's visit with Mrs. Higgins' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Toombs, and other relatives and friends. Mrs. Higgins visited the Merkel Mail office, renewed her subscription and said that while she has made many friends in her new home she still thinks Merkel the best place to live.

MARKED CHANGE

The decade 1835-45 marked America's shift from colonial to industrial life, according to the Encyclopedia Britannica, for mechanical developments of the decade included railroading, iron manufacture, transatlantic steam navigation, and the telegraph.

Bluebonnet HD Club Has Pleasant Meeting At Ben Butman Home

The Bluebonnet Home Demonstration Club met in the home of Mrs. Ben Butman on Tuesday. Presiding was Mrs. Ford Butman who also gave a council report. The group sang "Beautiful Texas" and Mrs. E. J. Patterson led in prayer. Secretary, Mrs. Pat Trammel read the minutes of the last meeting and the standing rules of the club.

Mrs. Louis Butman was nominated for delegate to district meeting at Brady, April 8-9.

Elected to represent the Mulberry Canyon Community in the soil conservation queen contest was Mrs. Ford Butman.

Topics for the day's lesson were keeping up to date with heart diseases, pruning shrubs and yard care simplified, given by Mrs. Ben Butman and Mrs. Tom Russon.

Present was one visitor, Mrs. W. H. Ensminger, two new members, Mrs. J. T. Morehead and Mrs. A. L. Farmer, and the following members: Mesdames J. T. Blackburn, Ben Butman, E. J. Patterson, E. C. Ray, Doyal Barnes, Ford Butman, A. D. King, F. R. Demere, Louis Butman, Pat Trammel and Tom Russon. Five children were present.

The next meeting will be March 6 with Mrs. Pat Trammel.

CARD OF THANKS

We want to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to each and every one of our friends who were so kind and helpful during the illness of our husband and father. He is back home now and doing nicely.

May God's Richest blessings be with each of you.

Mrs. Arch Black and Family

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Troyce Bagley of Hawley are the parents of a daughter, Marsha Jan, born Saturday night in Hendrick Memorial hospital and weighing 6 pounds and 5 1/2 ounces. Friday night.

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The Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Walden of Merkel and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Bagley of Anson.

Doyle Howell, student at Midwestern College at Wichita Falls, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Howell over the week end. He also attended the wedding of his boyhood friend, Bobby Hughes in Trent Friday night.

NAZARENE SERVICES

Sermon topics at the Church of the Nazarene Sunday will be "Growth in Christian Living" at 11 o'clock and "Our Heavenly High Priest" at the 7 p.m. service. The pastor, Rev. Kilgore will be the speaker.

Sunday School will be at 10 a.m. You will find a hearty welcome at the Church of the Nazarene.

Read the Merkel Mail Want Ads.

SHARE in this SPECIAL Food SAVINGS

Specials for Friday & Saturday, February 23-24

AMERICAN SARDINES, flat can ... 9c

ANGELUS Marshmallows, 10 oz. 10c

IMPERIAL SUGAR 10 lbs. 89c

MIRACLE WHIP Salad Dressing, pt. 35c

CHEESE Kraft's Velveeta - 2 lb. box 98c

SUPREME SALAD WAFERS Crackers, 1 lb. box ... 29c

PURE LARD ARMOUR'S - 3 lb. ctn. 69c

PRODUCE

LARGE LETTUCE, head 13c

IDAHO SPUDS, 10 lbs. 42c

SUNKIST LEMONS, lb. 14c

FLORIDA ORANGES, lb. 10c

DELICIOUS APPLES, lb. 13c

MARKET

ARMOUR'S DEXTER BACON, lb. 45c

LEAN PORK CHOPS, lb. 58c

SWIFT PREMIUM WEINERS, lb. pkg. 55c

LONGHORN CHEESE, pound 58c

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Two Popular Young People Exchange Vows At Church Wedding in Trent Saturday

Standing before an arch outlined with greenery and white gladioluses with an overhanging white wedding bell, Willie Jean O'Rear, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert O'Rear, Rt. 1, Trent, and Bobby Gene Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Martin of Merkel, exchanged wedding vows at 7 o'clock Saturday evening in the new First Baptist Church at Trent. The Rev. Riley Fugitt, pastor, read the double ring service.

Mrs. Sam McLeod, pianist, accompanied Holland Boring, who sang "Because" and "Always".

Candlelighters were Buddy and Ann Martin, nephew and niece of the bridegroom of Merkel.

The bride who entered the church on the arm of her father wore a gown of white slipper satin made with a tight fitted bodice with sweetheart neckline and front button trim. Tight fitting sleeves were closed with self covered buttons and satin loops. A full length veil of lace-edged imported illusion was attached to a ruffle of the lace. She carried a white Bible centered with gardenias and festooned with satin streamers. For something old, the bride wore a gold chain worn by both her mother and her grandmother at their weddings; for something blue she carried a handkerchief, the gift of a cousin.

The bride's attendants wore identical gowns in taffeta made with sweetheart necklines outlined by pointed partrair collars and fitted bodices. They wore matching mitts and carried bouquets of carnations dyed to match gowns.

Mary Lou O'Rear, sister of the bride, of Abilene, was maid of honor. She wore aqua blue. Christine Martin, a niece of the bridegroom, of Merkel, Cliffa Jean Estep and Patricia Beasley, bridesmaids, wore pink, yellow and orchid gowns.

Sharon Martin, niece of the bridegroom, of Abilene, was flower girl. She wore a pink taffeta dress and carried a white basket filled with rose petals.

Jake Martin of Merkel, brother of the bridegroom, was best man. Ushers were Tommie O'Rear, brother of the bride, and Henry and

Jack Martin of Merkel, brothers of the bridegroom.

Mrs. O'Rear chose a black gabardine suit with white accessories and the bridegroom's mother wore a black wool suit. Their corsages were of gardenias.

Assisting at the reception in the church parlors were Mrs. Carl Edwards and Mrs. Geta Williamson. The bridal table was covered with a lace cloth and centered with bridesmaid's bouquets and white candles. The three-tiered wedding cake was topped with a miniature bridal couple. Serving were Emma Lois Heatly, Betty Lou Riggan, Barbara Edwards and Betty Martin.

For the wedding trip the bride chose a navy gabardine suit with pink and navy accessories. She wore the gardenias from her wedding corsage. They will live in Merkel.

Mrs. Martin is a graduate of Trent High school and the bridegroom was graduated from Noodle High school.

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John Marshall was the presiding judge when Aaron Burr was tried for treason. The trial ended when the chief justice declared that an act of treason must first be proved and then Burr must be connected with it. The government was not able to convict Burr of even a misdemeanor.

Famous Kipling Tale Makes Feature Film

"Kim," Rudyard Kipling's immortal story of romance, adventure and intrigue, has been brought to the screen by M-G-M as one of the year's outstanding motion picture events. The classic tale showing at the Queen Theatre Sunday, was made in Technicolor and is the first major Hollywood production to be filmed in India, much of it is against the awe-inspiring Himalayan Mountains.

With Errol Flynn as the unforgettable Mahbub Ali, better known as "Red Beard," and talented young Dean Stockwell as Kim, the action and suspense-packed adventures of the Afghan horse-dealer secretly a member of the British espionage and the little ragmuffin who aids the government in quelling an uprising, come to life against an incomparable pageantry of India of 1885.

Helen Horton and Bobby Hughes Married Friday Evening at Trent Baptist Church

Miss Helen Horton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Horton of Trent, and Bobby Hughes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Hughes also of that place, exchanged wedding vows last Friday evening in a six o'clock ceremony at the First Baptist Church of Trent.

The Rev. Buren Higdon, pastor of Nolan Baptist Church, read the double ring ceremony.

Mrs. Jane Barb of Roby played traditional music. Mrs. Jim Hughes, also of Roby, sang.

Miss Peggy Horton served as her sister's maid of honor. She wore a brown taffeta dress with brown shoes and pink hat and gloves.

Andy Beasley of Trent was best man. Ushers were Bobby Graham and Lyndell Quattlebaum.

Candles were lighted by Bobby Ann Dudley and Patricia Beasley. Mrs. Andy Beasley registered guests.

The bride, given in marriage by her uncle, Sherman Durham of Sweetwater, wore a pink dress with embroidered yoke, fitted waist, tiny covered button trim, and navy blue accessories.

After a brief wedding trip, the couple will live in Weatherford.

Mrs. Hughes was a 1950 graduate of Trent High school, where Mr. Hughes was graduated in 1948. He attended John Tarleton College at Stephenville for two years and is now employed in Fort Worth.

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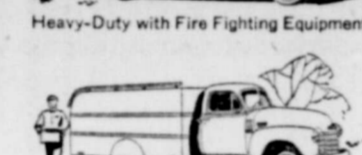
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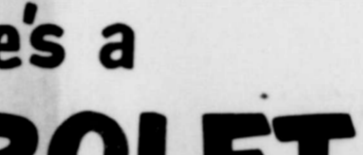
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Funeral Held Here Tuesday For Pioneer West Texas Woman

Mrs. Ella McClung, a longtime resident of Fisher County, died at 3 p.m. Monday in Hendrick Memorial Hospital in Abilene.

Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery here Tuesday afternoon after services at the Laughter-North Memorial Chapel with the Rev. L. D. Regeon, pastor of the North Grape Baptist Church, officiating.

She had lived for the past two years with a daughter, Mrs. I. V. Davis at 914 Truman St., Abilene.

Born Jane Boren in Hill County near Hillsboro, April 20, 1870, she came to West Texas when she was 17. The family settled in Jones County, and she was married to J. C. McClung at Anson Sept. 9, 1889.

The couple moved to McCaulley in Fisher County, where they remained until Mr. McClung's death in 1924. Mrs. McClung had lived at Trent before moving to Abilene.

Besides the Abilene daughter, sur-

vivors include two other daughters, Mrs. C. B. Kniffin of Clyde and Mrs. F. E. Caudle of Hamlin; one step-daughter, Mrs. T. W. McAninch of Merkel; one brother, W. E. Lester of Winston, N. M.; 23 grandchildren and several great grandchildren.

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The plot centers on a daffy American family of the early 1900's and the hilarious efforts of its eldest daughter to get her man. The daughter is played by Jane Powell, M-G-M's young singing star, who last scored in "Nancy Goes To Rio." The hero is Ricardo Montalban, who rose to popularity in such previous musicals as "Neptune's Daughter" and "On an Island With You."

Among the songs which highlight many of the Hit Parade melodies of an earlier day are "Destiny Waltz," "A Heart That's Free," "That's How I Need You," "Oceana Roll," "Aba Daba Honeymoon," "By the Light of

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Whiskered Wizards Basketball Team To Play In Abilene

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The Wizards, renowned for their comedy stunts on the hardwoods, will run into some of their toughest competition of the year in the Modern Cleaners, winners of the San Angelo and Winters invitational tourney last season.

The whiskered men will present a line-up studded with All-Americans and ex-professional stars.

The Cleaners will be under the tutelage of B. Gibbs, Hardin-Simmons Physical Education instructor, and who guided the team, sponsored by "Slim" Tartt, to an undefeated season last year.

As an added attraction, the Cowboy Club has lined-up two top high school girls teams from Lawn and Hawley, to play in a preliminary tilt.

Mrs. W. P. Derrington and daughters, Misses Geneva and Ona Faye, of Abilene were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Derrington here last week end.

Cowboys To Play In Pasadena Rose Bowl

The Rose Bowl will be a site for a Hardin-Simmons University football game this fall, Athletic Director, Warren B. Woodson has announced.

The Cowboys will meet Loyola of Los Angeles, Nov. 16 in the Pasadena Stadium.

The Cowboys and Lions will be meeting on the gridiron for the seventh time, each team has won three games.

TWO McMURRY STUDENTS VISIT HOME FOLKS

Misses Loyce and Peggy Ray visited over the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Ray, on the Butman Ranch, Loyce is a senior and Peggy a freshman at McMurry College and proud of the records they are making there. Loyce made the honor roll, being in the

top seventeen. Peggy is being featured as a solo twirler with the McMurry band because of her expert handling of the baton. During their stay at home they had several friends over for an evening's fun, after which pop corn, cake and punch were served.

San Antonio Symphony At H-SU February 27

The San Antonio Symphony orchestra will give two concerts at Hardin-Simmons university Tuesday, Feb. 27, it is announced by E. W. Ledbetter, school business manager.

The H-SU a cappella choir will sing several numbers with the orchestra during the performances.

The two concerts, to be held in Rose Field House on the campus will be presented at 3:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. The matinee concert will be slanted toward students of public schools.

All area public schools are cooperating with the university in the presentation. Each school group will sit in specified sections at the matinee performances.

U. T. Leads Colleges In Concrete Research

The University of Texas leads all U. S. Educational institutions in the number of concrete research projects conducted, the American Concrete Institute reveals. The University currently has 18 investigations underway. Second is the University of California with 17 projects.

MAJORING IN BUSINESS
Billy Reid, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Reid of Merkel has enrolled for the spring semester at West Texas State College at Canyon.

Reid, a sophomore, is majoring in business administration. He belongs to Kappa Kappa Psi, national honorary fraternity for band students.

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Dubose spent last week end with their daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Lloyd, at Austin. They were accompanied by Miss Louise Wade. On Sunday they all drove to San Antonio to visit with Bobby Dubose who is stationed at Randolph Field.

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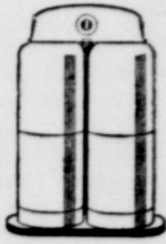


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WHO WILL IT BE

In only a few weeks Merkel must elect a mayor and two councilmen. As yet no one has announced an intention to seek these important offices. As in most other towns and cities—in fact in the entire country—there is greater need for wise leadership, for economy-minded government than ever before in our history. Much needs to be done in our community. We are at war, or so nearly so one can scarcely tell the difference, and at prices higher than ever recorded. This means economy must be the word uppermost in our minds and every way possible found to keep expenses of our city government at a minimum. This will require the best thoughts of our citizens and selections of three men for these jobs who will keep uppermost the fact that Merkel wants and demands real leadership in the trying days ahead.

MORE FOR YOUR MONEY

A very small number of services and commodities have not changed in cost since the pre-World War II era. Fire insurance is on that limited list.

The price of \$1,000 worth of fire insurance on an average home in a typical location in the United States is now about the same as in 1940. In the intervening years, real estate values have almost doubled. A home which cost \$5,000 in 1940 is worth around \$9,950 today, and prudent policy holders have naturally increased their insurance coverage accordingly.

However, in terms of wages and commodities, the real cost of fire insurance on this home which has doubled in value is down, not up. The average worker, for example, needs 16 per cent less hours of work to insure his \$9,950 home today than he did to protect his \$5,000 home in 1940. In 1940, to take still another example, the wheat farmer had to grow and sell 13 bushels of wheat to pay for his policy. Now he can buy his protection for the value of only eight bushels.

In the long run, of course, the cost of fire insurance is determined by the amount of the nation's fire waste. If destruction by fire increases, the rates must eventually increase. Beginning March 1 Merkel will enjoy a 15 per cent good credit replacing a 15 per cent bad credit. This will mean a saving to policy holders of 30 cents on every dollar your present policy costs you for fire insurance. This is an excellent reason why every Merkelite should learn about fire hazards and how to eliminate them. It means, over the years, money in his pocket—just as it means safety for himself, his family and his property against a great destroyer and killer, and, we might add, why all of us should support and help our fire boys.

THE CHOSEN FEW

In legislatures, there is truth in the old saying that many are called but few are chosen. We are not speaking here of the legislators themselves, but of the proposed laws they must consider.

For instance, between the opening

MISS DRYCLEANER'S DREAM OF 1951



Miss Janet Ruth Crockett, Miss Florida of 1950, has added another star to her crown! She was crowned "Miss Drycleaner's Dream of 1951" at the 42nd annual Convention and Exhibition of the National Institute of Cleaning and Dyeing held at Atlantic City.

Miss Crockett was chosen "Miss Drycleaner's Dream of 1951" because she exemplifies health, beauty, charm, intelligence, personality plus talent. She attributes her happiness to many influences, but chiefly to cleanliness and good grooming that gives her assurance and poise.

of the session in Austin on January 9 and February 15, the Texas Legislature had 534 bills introduced—311 in the House and 233 in the Senate. There is, of course, some overlap in these bills, but not as much as might be expected.

The realistic legislator—and the realistic citizen—knows very well that all of the bills are not intended to be made into laws. A great number are introduced by legislators simply to satisfy persevering constituents who are interested enough in specific things to push their Representatives and Senators into taking some action. Such bills get only "lip service" from their introducers, and they die in droves in the legislative committees. They are never voted on.

Therefore, a lot of people in Texas who figure they have won a cause because their pet bills have been introduced in the House or Senate are doomed to have their fond hopes blasted.

The only practical way to get a law passed or repealed is for you and people like you to keep pegging away at your legislators until they know they must work actively on your projects if they want to keep your support and your votes.

Only a chosen few of the hundreds of bills introduced in this session in Austin will ever become laws. Among the good and bad bills already introduced are many which will vitally effect state economy, spending, and taxation.

Are you interested in any of them? If you are, you had better begin communicating with your legislators right now, and keep on doing it. Otherwise, the things you are interested in will probably not be among the "few that are chosen."

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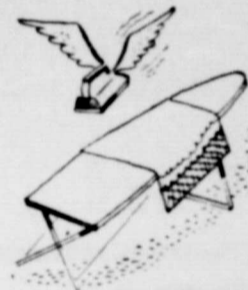
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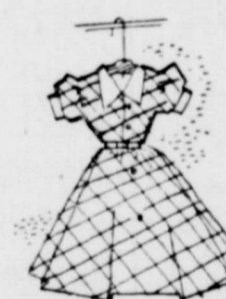
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Large Crowd Enjoys Annual Fireman Banquet

The annual banquet of the Merkel Volunteer Fire Department was held last Thursday evening at the Community Center. Members of the City Council and a few other invited citizens were the guests of the firemen and their auxiliary.

Because of a previous engagement it was impossible for Mayor H. C. West to be present, much to the regret of the firemen and guests.

After a delicious turkey dinner with all the trimmings, prepared by the firemen's auxiliary, had been enjoyed by all present, Toastmaster Buck Leach introduced everybody to everybody and got the party under way.

Representing the city council were Keller Roberts, Horace Boney and John Mansfield—the latter also the fire chief. Mr. Roberts extolled the virtues of firemen in general and Merkel firemen in particular. Mr. Boney explained to the crowd how the good fire rating enjoyed by Merkel will effect a saving of 30 per cent on future fire insurance policies, this due in no small part to the firemen. Short talks also were made by John Mansfield, Jim McAninch, J. L. Standard, Tommy Odum and the Merkel Mail editor.

The Abilene fire department was represented by A. C. Bland and Jim Wilson, who made short talks. They were accompanied by their wives.

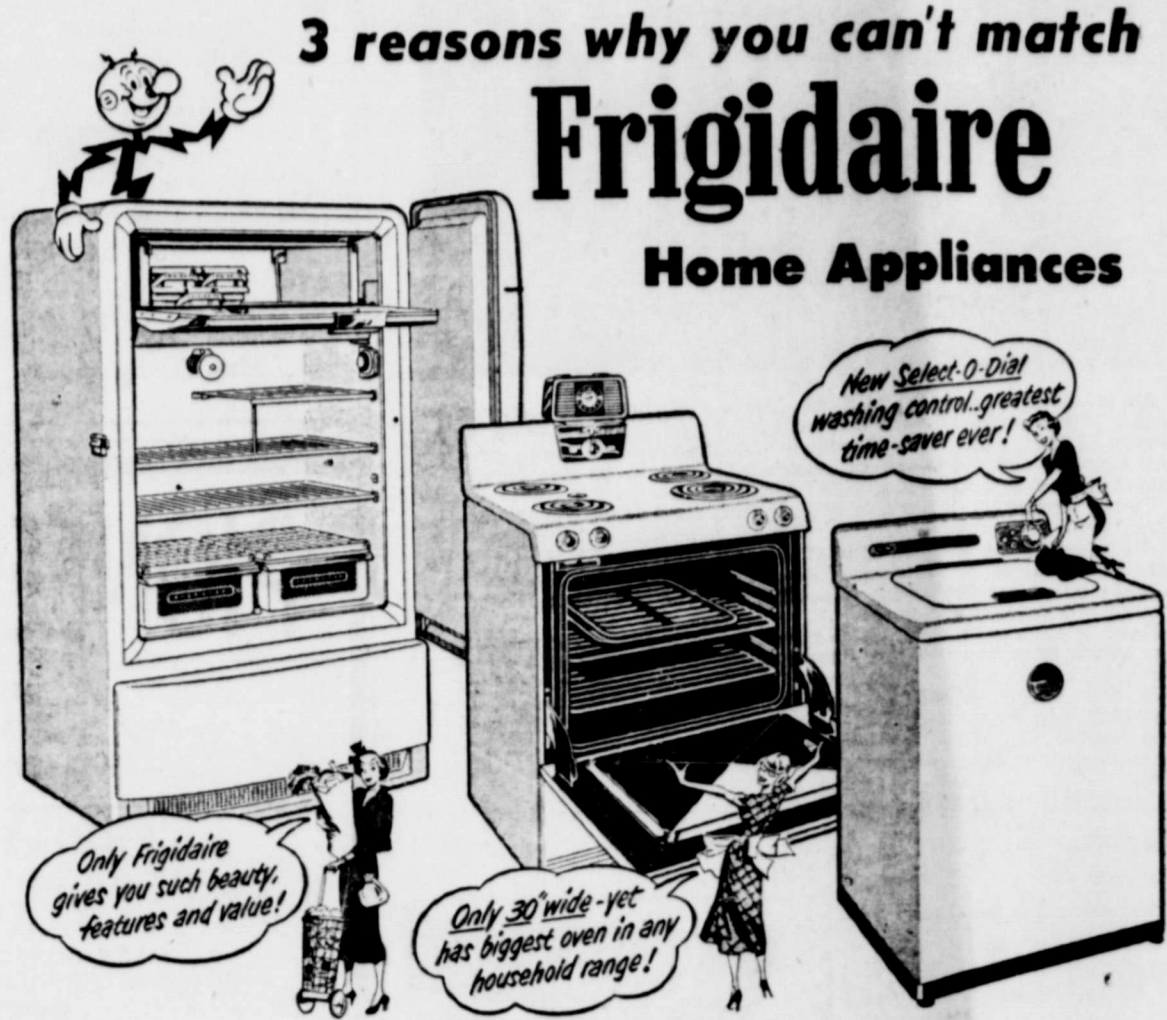
More than forty people attended this pleasant affair and from every angle it was voted a huge success.

INTERMEDIATE G. A.'S

The Intermediate G. A.'s met Monday, February 19 at 4 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Buster Horton. The leaders and the class members went to see Mrs. Margaret Foster, who is ill and carried her a package.

Refreshments of punch, sandwiches, potato chips and cup cakes were served by Mrs. Bob Fowler to

Neva Cason, Gloria Teaff, Glenda vester, Patsy Mullins, Rachell Tarp-Mrs. Buster Horton and Mrs. Nim Petty, Wyonia Foster, Barbara Syl-ley, Stacy Martin, Elnovia Holmes, Teaff.



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NOTICE MASONS

Stated meeting of Merkel lodge No. 710, A. F. & A. M., Thursday, March 1 at 7:30 p. m. All members are urged to attend. Visiting brethren cordially invited. Alton Martin, W. M. C. B. Rust, Sec'y.

LOST AND FOUND

LOST—Poland-China barrow, weight about 75 pounds. J. R. Baker. 11p

FOUND—Where you can buy the best electric refrigerator. It is the 1951 Crosley and all sizes are in stock at Badger Chevrolet Co. ctf

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WANTED—Man with family to work on farm. House furnished. Darwin Hill. 1tc

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FOR RENT—Three room furnished apartment with private bath. 1412 South 5th; phone 232. -tc

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FOR SALE—Hand operated Sunstrand adding machine; seven column with eight column total. Adds, subtracts and multiplies. Bought new in 1950. Jno. R. West. chg.

SEVERAL Used electric refrigerators, all sizes and prices. Badger Chevrolet. ctf

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FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Devil's Ivy and succulents for dish gardens at Wanda's Florist. One block south of hospital. Phone 319.

FOR SALE

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FOR SALE—Fireproof iron safe with Burglar proof lock. West Company.

FOR SALE—6 room house and bath on two lots at 211 Ash St., price \$5,000. Contact W. A. Elliott, Nolan, Texas. 1tp

MY HOME for sale at 311 Cherry st. Also 3 room unfurnished apartment for rent. And lot on north side for sale. Lela McEver, Merkel. ctf

FOR SALE—Windmill with steel tower in good condition. See C. B. Lucas, route 1, 3 miles east of Noodle. 1tp

FOR SALE—Goat's milk, 40c quart at the house; 50c delivered. Fred and Minnie Odell. 1424 North 1st.

FOR SALE—Used lavatory with hydrant spud in good condition. See John West.

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Legal Notices

THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: Harlin Davis McCormack

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 12th day of March, A.D., 1951 at or before 10 o'clock A.M., before the Honorable 42nd Dist. Court of Taylor County, at the Court House in Abilene, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 23rd day of January, 1951. The file number of said suit being No. 17,276-A.

The names of the parties in said suit are: Sylvia Mae McCormack as Plaintiff, and Harlin Davis McCormack as Defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were legally married on October 25, 1941 and lived together until the month of November, 1945.

No children were born to this marriage union and there is no community property to be adjudicated.

Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of abandonment.

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

Issued this the 24th day of January A.D., 1951.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 24th day of January A.D., 1951.

J. Neil Daniel Clerk District Court Taylor County, Texas by Grace Jenkins Deputy

THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: Audre C. Terry 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 1st day of April, A. D., 1951, at or before 10 o'clock A. M., before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County, at the Court House in Abilene, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 15 day of Feb., 1951. The File number of said suit being No. 17,305-A.

The names of the parties in said suit are: John Terry as Plaintiff, and Audre C. Terry as Defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were legally married July 8, 1915 and lived together until on or about the 19th day of June 1950.

Plaintiff and defendant have no children under the age of 16 years and there is no community property to be adjudicated.

Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of cruel treatment.

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

Issued this the 15th day of Feb. A.D., 1951.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 15th day of Feb. A. D. 1951.

J. Neil Daniel, Clerk District Court Taylor County Texas By Grace Jenkins Deputy

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THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: Sally Johnson 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 9th day of April, A.D., 1951, at or before 10 o'clock A. M., before the honorable 104th Dist. Court of Taylor County, at the Court House in Abilene, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 15 day of Nov. 1950. The file number of said suit being No. 6521-B.

The names of the parties in said suit are: Charles E. Johnson as Plaintiff and Sally Johnson as Defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: Plaintiff and defendant were married on or about the 8th day of April, 1949, and lived together until about September, 1949.

There were no children born to this marriage union and there is no community property to be adjudicated.

Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of cruel treatment.

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

Issued this the 19th day of Feb., A. D., 1951.

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Farm Bureau President Wants Action On Farm-to-Market Road Building

W. O. Higgins, president of the Taylor County Farm Bureau today called in members of the local organization to contact Representative Harley Sadler in Austin and register their views on action of the state legislature in referring the Graham Bill, H. B. 226, from the Committee on Highways and Roads to the State Affairs Committee.

Last week, Higgins said, Farm Bureau representatives and county judges and commissioners from all over Texas appeared in Austin before the Committee on Highways and Roads in opposition to the Graham Bill, which would take thousands of dollars out of the counties, heretofore

used for rural road building purposes. The bill was killed in Committee by a vote of 15 to 3, Higgins said. Unknown to the opponents of the bill, a member of the legislature appeared before the Committee in opposition to H. B. 226 and attacked Mr. Graham's integrity and made caustic remarks against his character.

In retaliation for the attack by one member of the House against another, the House as a whole the following morning suspended all rules and reported Graham's Bill out of the Highways and Roads Committee to the State Affairs Committee of which Mr. Graham is chairman. This means that another hearing will be necessary Higgins said, unless the House recommits the bill back to the Highways and Roads Committee, which may be done by a simple majority vote.

The Graham Bill was considered on its merits and reported out of the Highways and Roads Committee unfavorably Higgins declared. Now in retaliation against one member of the House for attacking another, the House takes action which could not in any way be considered as punishment to the guilty party, but would result only in penalizing all of the people in Texas who are interested in a rural road program. The Bill as reported by the Committee should not be altered because of personal remarks as between members of the legislature Higgins charged, and is requesting that all members of the Taylor County Farm Bureau contact their representative requesting that he use his vote and influence to have H. B. 226 referred back to the Committee on Highways and Roads.

LONGER AND SHORTER
There is a shorter distance than any which we have measured and a longer than any which we can conceive, according to the Encyclopedia Britannica.

College students may choose their service for enlistment at any time in the two months before their last month of school.

Surprise Party On 82nd Birthday

Mrs. E. C. Tarvin was given a surprise birthday dinner last Tuesday at her home in the Comper community. The occasion was in honor of her 82nd birthday.

Her three daughters, Mrs. E. B. Wilburn, Mrs. Emmett Howard and Mrs. Jack Lanier planned the surprise for their mother and with their families all enjoyed the day. Their coming was a complete surprise to Mrs. Tarvin but a most welcome one.

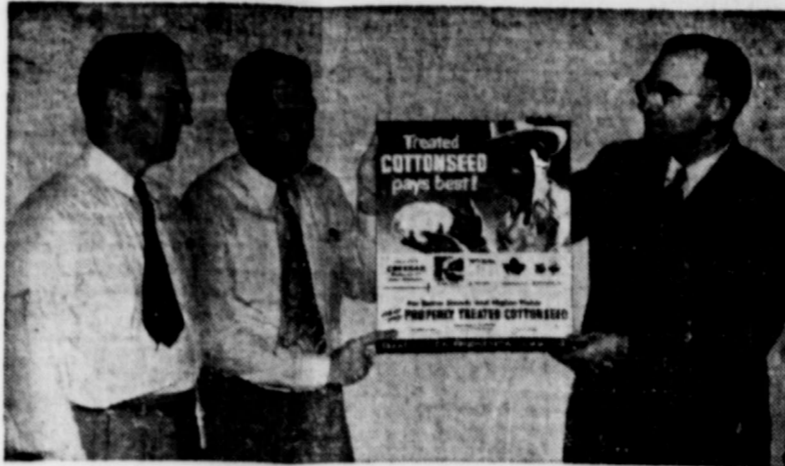
In addition to the three daughters, present also were grandchildren and great grandchildren. Mr. and Mrs. Bandy Hammond and daughter Cherry Gene coming in from Fort Worth to the party.

Mrs. Tarvin's three sons were unable to attend this surprise for their mother. They are E. C. of Barnhart, Sam of Fort Stockton and Howard of Fort Davis.

We congratulate Mrs. Tarvin on this occasion and wish for her many more happy birthdays.

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Cotton Leaders Fight Diseases



An educational program to fight diseases of cotton is being conducted in Texas and across the cotton belt by agricultural leaders. The objective of the campaign is to reduce the huge annual losses which cotton farmers suffer because of seed rot, sore-shin or damping-off, angular leaf spot and anthracnose boll rot.

Proper treatment with a seed disinfectant can reduce the effects of all these diseases and the importance of seed treatment is being emphasized by a poster and by educational releases on the subject from the Texas Extension Service. Because of the huge cotton production goal for 1951 and a below average supply of cotton seed, the treatment of seed is particularly important this year.

Texas leaders are shown above examining the poster for the campaign, which is being distributed for display in county agent offices, cotton gins, seed stores and other farm headquarters. Left to right are: Dr. G. M. Watkins, head of the Department of Plant Pathology, Texas A. & M.; Fred C. Elliott, Cotton Specialist, Texas Extension Service; and J. D. Prewitt, Chairman of the Texas Cotton Production Committee and Associate Director of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

NATURAL WONDER

The Natural Bridge of Virginia, one of the natural wonders of the United States, is a mammoth arch of limestone, 215 feet high, 100 feet wide, and 90 feet between the walls.

The Naval Clothing Depot, Brooklyn N. Y., has developed a new cold weather boot which insures better protection against frostbite. It reduces perspiration and has insula-

tion sealed in after the manner of a picnic jug.



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