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MERKEL, TEXAS, FRIDAY MAY 4, 1951

Drilling Continues North and South Merkel Men Win \$1000 Cash Lions Club Install New Officers As Area Oil Activity Progresses Prize For Conservation Work Who Set Goal For Coming Year Oil Activity in the Merkel area the R. H. K. Drilling Co. Louie

continues steady with several new Herring No. 2-A, official potential locations being made. being 308 barrels per day. In the same field the R. H. K.

The Payne Drilling Co. has returned to active participation in Drilling Co. are down to 3,800 this area and are bringing eight feet on the Texas Co. No. 1 Callofamilies to Merkel who will make way Chancey, six miles north of their homes here.

One of the best wells to be completed in the last few months was

Four School Bands **To Present Annual Spring Concert**

The four Merkel school bands. will present their annual spring concert Friday evening, May 4, in the school auditorium beginning at 8 o'clock.

The first group will include the members of the third grade tonette band of 48 pieces and most of the numbers will be directed by student directors chosen from the group.

The second part of the program will feature the fourth grade tonette band of 43 members and student directors will again direct most of their program.

The third group is the grade school band of 45 pieces which will play several numbers they have rehearsed during recent practice sessions.

The remainder of the program will be presented by the high school band of 56 members which won a first division rating in sight reading and a second division rating in concert playing last week in the regional Interscholastic Flippen but plug has not been League meet held in Brownwood

The high school band will include their consert selections on the program Friday evening and Completes Training, other selections have been chosen Billy Knight Wins to appeal to the average music lover of military band pusic. Sev Marine Promotion

quick-ster march's will be

Merkel A well that will be watched with interest was spudded in Monday, the No. 1 T. D. Compton. Payne Drilling Co. is operating for Geochemical. This is the first offset to be drilled to the McColium No. 1, eight miles north of Merkel. Plugged and abandoned was the

Harper, northeast of Stith. The Sam Swann No. 1 W. A. Moncrieff et al, west of Noodle

was plugged and abandoned the past week end. The Sol Minizer and Joe Josephson No. 1 B. L. Bond just north-

so this week end. Two locations on the Forrest E. Black place, south of Noodle will offset production on the Odie Matthews place. French M. Robertson

the operators.

Exploration Co. This rig was moved off the A. W. Hunter place after surface casing had been set. Operators have 30 days to come back and finish the Hunter No. 1. Two wells in this area are in process of completion: The Van Williams No. 3, Drilling and Explor-

a clean-out machine over it as yet. The Hanley Oil Co. Willie B. Toombs No. 1 is assured of produc-

fate of the Van Treese No. 1, Ralph

west of Merkel was abandoned al-

and L. G. Rhodes, Abilene, are

A rig moved in Monday for the No. 2 Herman Doan Drilling and

ation has been drilled in but has

drilled Wednesday.



PROUD CONSERVATIONISTS of the Merkel Area who are to be awarded the \$1,000 cash prize for their outstanding work. In the front row, left to right, James Dominy, Middle Clear Fork Soil conservationist, Byrd Hughes and Lewis Spratlen. Back row, left to right, are P. C. Wiley, Merkel work unit conservationist, Borden Perkins, Carlton King and Frank Merritt, who are farmers participating the ward.

At the regular meeting of the payments against the building and Lions club Tuesday noon the new-ly elected officers were installed while projects for the good of Merfor the coming year. These officers kel and vicinity. Lion Benson expressed his

are Lester Dorton, president; Horace O. Boney, first vice president; thanks to the club for making it Mack B. Fisher, second vice presipossible for one of the football dent: Isadore Mellinger, third vice Tamer and C. R. Tittle, tail twister. The new directors will be re-

tiring president, Fred Starbuck, and Ray Wilson.

The outgoing officers in their report on the past year's activities stressed the progress they had the indebtedness against the Community Center building and of the assistance they could give in helping pay for the new piano just

bought. The new officers have set for their goal the completion of the

L. C. Keyes Dies At Home in Trent

Lee Chester Keyes, 56, farmer near Trent died at his home Tuesday after an extended illness.

Funeral was held at 3 p. m. Funeral Home.

Mr. Keyes was born Aug. 20, 1894, in Ranger and moved to in the Mother's Day charity plan Trent in 1904. He married Mar- include Hendrick Memorial, Abigaret Graham of Merkel April 4, lene; Southeast Texas, Beaumont: 1924

at an early age and was active as Hillcrest Memorial, Waco; and a teacher and Sunday School su- Southern Baptist Memorial, San perintendent.

Survivors include the widow;

players to have an operation on president; E. L. Horton, secretary- his knee, thereby making him treasurer; Keller Roberts, Lion more valuable to the Badger team. **Texas Baptists To Honor Mother With**

> Texas Baptists will observe Mother's Day, Sunday, May 13, by

> giving to a special hospital charity fund in their churches. The churches of the Baptist Gen-

> eral Convention of Texas will take the offering in cooperation with the seven Baptist hospitals in the state. The money given on this day each year goes to the hospitals for care of patients who are unable to pay for treatment.

The theme of this year's observance is "Be a Good Samaritan in 1951.

Each Baptist is urged to give Thursday at the Trent Methodist one day's care for one needy pachurch. The Rev. W. S. Dabney of tient. The average cost for one Tulsa, Okla., officiated, assisted day's hospitalization is \$16.25. by the Rev. H. C. Adair of Trent. Churches and church organiza-Burial was in Trent Cemetery tions are being asked to provide under the direction of Starbuck for one or more patients for a week.

Baptist hospitals participating Baylor, Dallas; Valley Baptist, He joined the Methodist Church | Harlingen; Memorial, Houston; Antonio.

The Mother's Day hospital fund one son, Forest Lee Keyes, 7; one brother, H. C. Keyes; one neice, Mrs. Beneda Price, and a grand-tion. Its use must be approved by nephew, Jerry Price, all of Trent. a Baptist church. Patients cared Pallbearers were A. H. McElfor under this plan receive sta murray, Paul Collins, Lonnie Hal- ments marked, "Paid by the Bapbrooks, John Boyd, Marvin Free. tist Churches of Texas." man, all of Trent, and Ross Young 4-H CLUB of Roscoe.

made in retiring considerable of Hospital Gifts

The usual admission price for the annual spring concert of 50c for adults and 25c for students will go to the band fund to help pay for band materials and supplies.

Scout Honor Court **To Meet Tuesday**

The public is invited to a Boy Scout Court of Honor to be held in the school cafeteria next Tuesday night at 8:00 o'clock.

A prize wil be given to the Patrol having the greatest number of parents present.

Members of the local Scout Committee will present the awards of advancement.

Among the boys receiving badges will be James Bird, Kennedy Whiteley, Douglas Looney, Bill Wheeler and Jackie Harris.

Donations This Week To Cemetery Fund.

Since the last report the following have donated to the Cemetery Maintenance Fund: Mrs. W. H. Derstine, Lamesa \$5.00 Martha Jones Swafford 5.00 5.00 Roy Harrell, Colorado City . 5.00 W. C. Hill 5.00 W. R. Cox Tom M. Allday, Dalhart 5.00 F. F. Earthman 2.50 Shower for Mr. and Ted Pargarment 2.00 Mrs. A. C. Sosebee 2.50

E. W. King Anyone wishing to contribute to and Mrs. Lum Gilbreath gave them this fund may leave checks or do- a shower of useful and welcome nations at the teller's windows of gifts at the Noodle school gym the Farmers and Merchants Na- Tuesday afternoon. These were tional Bank, at Bragg Dry Goods especially welcome at this time Frank Merritt, all of Merkel. Co. or at the Merkel Mail Office.

Teachers Attend Banquet at Highland

Mesdames Ernest Teaff, Ted and Miss Norah Foster attended a as follows: banquet for Nolan County teachers at Highland school, south of Roscoe last Thursday,

ucation class at Sweetwater each Blackburn, April 27; Mrs. H. R. Thursday night and the professor Poor, April 30; Mrs. R. J. Bond, of the class was guest speaker for Mrs. R. R. Bennett, Paka Newby, the banquet.

Tye 4-H Girls to Have Achievement Day Tea

The Tye 4-H girls are having an achievement day tea Sunday, May 6 from 2 til 5 p. m. at the Tye school lunchroom. Everyone is invited to attend.

Clyde Eager and Truitt Perry have just returned from a fishing fee and cake or you can take one trip to Colorado Lake.

Merkel, recently completed his re-cruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, Calif. In recognition of this accomplishment he was promoted to the

rank of Private First Class. The young Leatherneck has been thoroughly trained in basic weapons of the Marine Corps, first military courtesy, infantry drill aid. field sanitation, map reading, and many other military subjects. Almost one-third of this training was at the rifle range where he quickly became an efficient marks man with the M-1 rifle.

He will now be transferred to one of the numerous duty stations where Marines are serving throughout the world, or be as signed to a specialist school for further technical training.

De Luxe Is New Name for Laundry

The De Luxe Laundry is the new owners, Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Tadlock, announced the change this week.

They are offering special service to all old and new customers and Fort Worth Press and other assowant to get their new name firm- ciates. This neighborhood group ly fixed in your mind.

2.50 Mrs. Lum Gilbreath

Neighbors and friends of Mr. following the fire of last week which destroyed their home and

all belongings. HOSPITAL NOTES

Admissions to the Sadler hos Pargament, H. C. Reid, John West pital the past week were reported

As medical patients - B. L Faulkner, Bill Largent, Geneva Gilbreath, April 26; Mrs. O. W. These ladies are attending an ed- Graham, Jack Benningfield, U. L

> May 2. For surgery-Mrs. Tom Hogan April 27; Wesley Joe Marton, May 1; Mrs. A. F. Johnson, May 2.

BAKE SALE

sponsor a bake sale Saturday, beginning at 10 o'clock at Edd's cafe. We will either serve you pie, cof- tures.

or more home with you.



A FATHER AND SON COMBINATION are shown checking with P. C. Wiley (center) on more work they have planned. Left, Buddy Derrington and right is Emerson Derrington.

E. W. KING

Also Shares In Prize

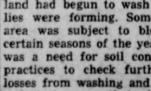
Patience and endurance in doing conservation work has paid off new name of what has long been well for members of the Derringknown as Winter's Laundry. The ton conservation group. This week this group was announced as the state winner in the "Save the Soil and Save Texas" conservation awards program sponsord by the of eight farmers was considered as doing the outstanding job in Texas as a group or community and will be awarded the State prize of \$1000. The award will be made at a state dinner in Fort Worth on Saturday, May 5th. Members of this group are' Emerson Derring-

ton, Borden Perkins, Carlton King, E. W. King, Buddy Derrington,

It has required a lot of planning, ance on the part of each farmer

in this group to accomplish their sought after objective of conser- methods of conserving the soil, interest centers in their church vation of the land. This group is Now all the 1560 acres of crop- work. located 4 miles southwest of Mer- land is terraced and farmed on the

and is made up of sandy loam least every other year, and every trips. and clay loam soils. Most of the year on some of the land. Most of



and to improve their farm pas- year by year. Most of the permanent and semi-permanent conservation practices today as it was prior to the in-

practices. Carlton King has a similiar idea about the land he works. The same general idea of increased production after the use of a well rounded soil conservation program is felt by all the group. Emerson Derrington feels he has been getting good yields from his 175 acre farm the past few years. particularly after using soil conserving practices. Last year he put with the Merkel area receiving aabout 20 acres of grassland in cul- bout two inches. These rains prac tivation. He terraced this area and tically assure a good grain crop farmed it on the contour. It was and puts a good planting season in week. planted in combine maize along the ground. side some old land which was also planted in maize. He made exactly

twice as much from the new land

hard work, patience, and endur- are almost complete on all the he hopes to improve his old land those attending and the sponsors ed at each service. originally planned work and are with conservation measures to very gratified. branching into new practices and make it more productive. Group

Group members are members of

operated by 8 farmers totalling agement carried out on at are considered active members 1960 acres of land. About 80 per least 1373 acres of the area There are some group activities cent of this area is in cultivation and this practice is repeated at such as domino parties and fishing

Most of the group members are feet slope per 100 feet. Most of the year crop rotation between cotton, the newcomer to the group having oldest and best beloved women.

area was subject to blowing at bout one-half land owners and one- farming program of diversification certain seasons of the year. There half share tenants; however, they involving cotton and grains for The Gleaner Sunday school class was a need for soil conservation are characterized by a strong de-of the First Methodist church will practices to check further soil sire to care for the land to the best and grain for grazing to support

losses from washing and blowing, of their ability and to improve it a small livestock program. and to improve their farm pas- year by year.

LOOK WHO'S HERE May 2 at 3 o'clock in the Elemen-The first baby girl born into tary school building. Plans were the Carson family in thirty years discussed for a tea. There were 28 was born last Wednesday to Mr. members and one mother leader and Mrs. Howard Carson at Sad- present. ler hospital. The young lady has

been named Ann Elizabeth and all the Carson family are celebrat- visited here with her aunt, Mrs. ing her arrival.

The 4-H girls met Wednesday,

Mrs. Jack Standard of Abilene J. L. Tucker last Wednesday.



JOHN J. PENCE DIES

John J. Pence, 83, passed away is a piano student at Simmons U. stalling of good soil conservation Monday night, after an illness of about two months, at the home of his brother here. Burial was at Rose Hill Cemetery with Rev. J. T. King officiating.

GOOD RAIN FALL

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POULTRY SCHOOL

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Eight carloads of cattle were shipped from Merkel this week. K. Stoker shipped seven cars to Fort Worth and W. H. Laney shipped one to the El Paso market. Rains were general over much

MOVEMENT OF CATTLE

ARIZONIANS AT TRENT of West Texas the past week end Mr. and Mrs. E. K. SoRelle, Jr., and son, Billy Jean, of Tucson, Ariz., have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Hamner the past ...

MEN'S PRAYER MEETING

The Men's prayer service will Lare numbers have been in at be held next Sunday at the Nazaas he did from the old land or tendance at the night sessions of rene church with R. L. Griffin as Lewis Spratlen, Byrd Hughes, and were started in 1946, and they 3000 pounds per acre as compared Merkel poultry and rabbit school leader. These service are very have continued year by year to to 1500 pounds. This has begun to conducted by V. R. Glazener. The popular with the men from all work at the job until today they make Mr. Derrington think and school is proving a real benefit to churches and interest is maintain-

EAST TEXAS VISITORS

MERKEL GIRL WINNER Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Taylor of Madra Elayne Nixon of Merkel Quitman are the guests of her partook first place in the junior piano ents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Mckel, and is a part of the Middle contour following established ter- two churches, namely the Baptist solo contest at the Temple meet- Aninch. They are planning to at-Clear Fork Soil Conservation Dis- races. There has been a very Church and the Church of Christ ing of the State Federation of tend the University of Texas this Music clubs. She is the daughter fall.

> This Happened in Merkel Forty Years Ago TAKEN FROM THE 1911 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL

> In the death of Mrs. T. B. Gar- | members of her house party. Mrs outte, which occured at her coun- Jackson has eighteen of her womty home north of town Wednesday, en friends from several nearby the Merkel vicinity lost one of its towns as her guests for the week.

Mrs. Comer Clay is visiting with Merkel friends while her husband is attending the Confederate reunion at Little Rock, Ark., and to visit his father at Charleston, Ark.

Mrs. G. W. Black has returned to her home in Sweetwater after Friends of Mrs. J. G. Jackson an extended visit here with her have been entertaining extensively sisters, Mrs. W. Parten and Mrs. the past week complimentary to I. S. Allen.

intendent to succeed Prof. Hudgins

Byrd Hughes believes his land ing practices installed on these 10

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cultivated land is gently rolling the farmers in the area are follow- old time settlers of this area datwith land slopes of from 1/2 to 3 ing either a two year or three ing back to 1900. Frank Merritt is

land had begun to wash and gul-lies were forming. Some of the This group is composed of a- They all carry on a general type

At a meeting of the school board Saturday night R. L. Krigbaum

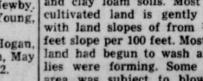
of Weatherford was selected super-

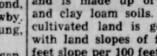
who will retire for a year's rest.

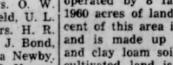
trict. It is comprised of 10 farms good crop litter residue man- They attend church at Merkel and

May 1; Joy Walker, J. O. Young,

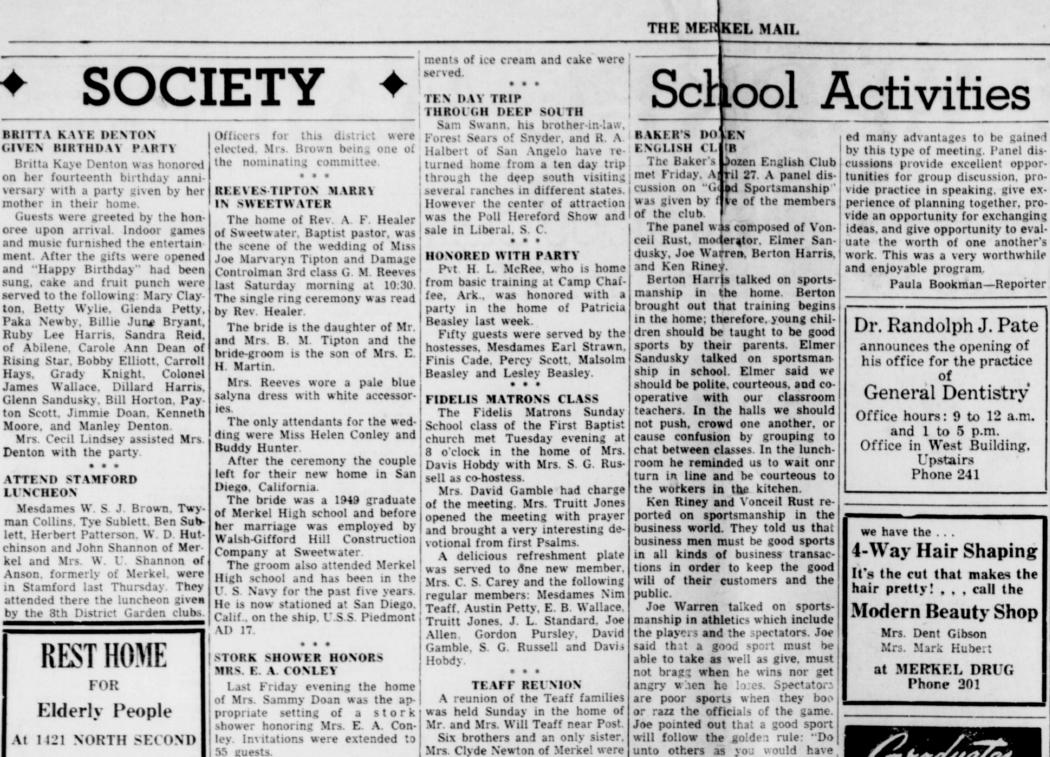
The state peters division







Friday, May 4, 1951



STORK SHOWER HONORS MRS. E. A. CONLEY

FOR **Elderly** People At 1421 NORTH SECOND Julia Lawson

Phone 326

BRITTA KAYE DENTON

mother in their home

GIVEN BIRTHDAY PARTY

on her fourteenth birthday anni-

Guests were greeted by the hon-

oree upon arrival. Indoor games

and "Happy Birthday" had been

Paka Newby, Billie June Bryant,

Ruby Lee Harris, Sandra Reid,

of Abilene, Carole Ann Dean of

Rising Star, Bobby Elliott, Carroll

Hays, Grady Knight, Colonel

James Wallace, Dillard Harris,

Glenn Sandusky, Bill Horton, Pay-

ton Scott, Jimmie Doan, Kenneth

Mrs. Cecil Lindsey assisted Mrs.

Mesdames W. S. J. Brown, Twy-

man Collins, Tye Sublett, Ben Sub-

lett, Herbert Patterson, W. D. Hut-

chinson and John Shannon of Mer-

kel and Mrs. W. U. Shannon of

Anson, formerly of Merkel, were

in Stamford last Thursday. They

by the 8th District Garden clubs.

REST HOME

Moore, and Manley Denton.

Denton with the party.

ATTEND STAMFORD

LUNCHEON



Last Friday evening the home of Mrs. Sammy Doan was the ap-

55 guests. Hostesses assisting Mrs. Doan present. Another brother, Rev. A. neth Purser and Mrs. Lindy Smith. able to attend After gifts were viewed, refresh-

were Vada Campbell, Jorene Ri- T. Teaff, pastor of the Calvary singer, Janice Patterson, Mrs. Ken- Baptist church in Midland was un-Those attending from Merkel

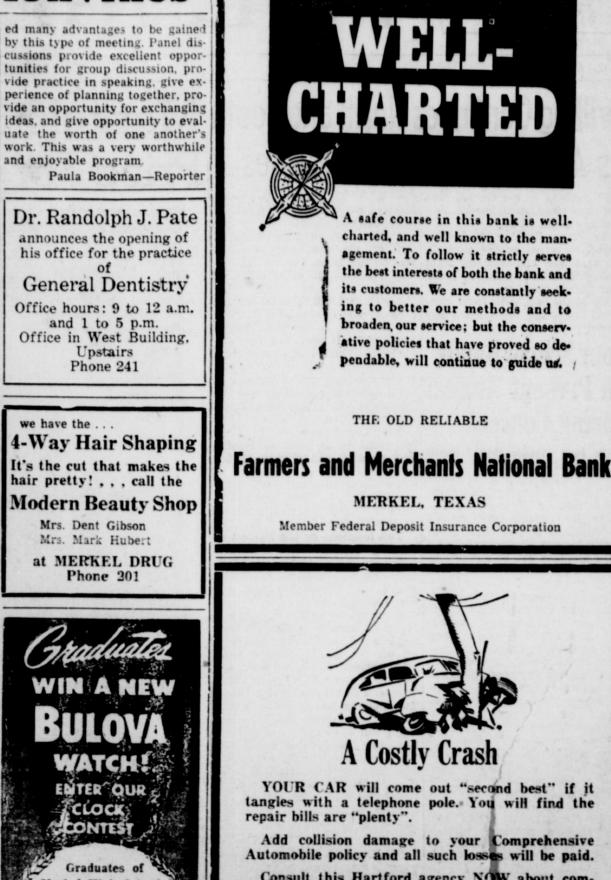
were Mr. and Mrs. Dee Teaff, Mr



The Baker's Dozen English Club cussions provide excellent oppor-

unto others as you would have

them do unto you. The club was honored to have Mrs. Read and the sixth period general science class as guests for the panel discussion.







Legal Notices

THE STATE OF TEXAS TO. Frank Edwin Clark 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 4th day of June, A. D., 1951, 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 13th day of April, 1951. The file number of said suit be-

ing No. 6605-B. suit are: Maxine Clark as Plain- and which are special partners, tiff, and Frank Edwin Clark as and their respective places of resi-Defendant

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: Plaintiff and defendant were Dallas, Dallas County, Texas. duly married on or about 24 August, 1945, and continued to live partner, place of residence, 1942 together until the month of May,

One child was born to this marriage union and the parties accumulated no community property. Plaintiff sues for divorce on

ground of abandonment. If this Citation is not served within 90 days after the date of lene, Taylor County, Texas: its issuance, it shall be returned

unserved. A. D., 1951.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, 15 H.P. Air Compressor Texas, this the 16th day of April A. D. 1951

J. Neil Daniel Clerk 104th District Court

Taylor County, Texas By Dorothy Smith Deputy

THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO. R. C. Shipley 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 21st day of May 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 30 day of March, 1951. The file number of said suit be-

ing No. 17,388-A. The names of the parties in said suit are: Billie June Shipley as Plaintiff, and R. C. Shipley as Defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows. to wit: Plaintiff and defendant were which it is to terminate is the 30th

gether until on or about the 22nd day of July, 1949. There was one child 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 CERTIFICATE OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP We, the subscribers, have this Texas.

day entered into a limited part-(Signed) nership agreeably to the provision of the Revised Statutes relating to limited partnerships; and do here-by certify that the terms of our

said partnership are as follows: This is to certify that the undersigned are forming a limited partnership, and that-

The name or firm under which the partnership is to be conducted Osborne's Washette, located at 150 Grape St., Abilene Texas.

The general nature of the business is laundry and dry cleaning substation.

The names of all the general and special partners interested therein, The names of the parties in said distinguishing which are general

dence, follow John M. Cook, special partner, place of residence 2220 Main St.,

James Wilson Osborne, general

State St., Abilene, Taylor County, Texas

The amount of capital which said special partner has contributed to the common stock is \$4,930.73 in property

All of the following property is located at 150 Grape St., Abi-

2 Huelesch Tumblers \$ 900.00 Issued this the 16th day of April 13 Press Unipress Unit 2,490.00

4 Cook No. 18 Twin Washettes 5.580.00 659.00

	A U II.I . THIS COULD'S COOVS	0.00
1	2 Cook Jr. Washettes	1,840
	3 20-inch Cook Extractetts	1.830
	Installation on equipment	2,022
	Laundry Equipment	
	2 Ace Hot Water Heaters	

136x72 Water Softner 1,285.00 Laundry Equipment 2.780.00 2.050.50 Total Cost

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Depreciation	2,566.47	
ctual Value	19,484.03	
fortgage on Equipment	11,127.98	

Less pre-paid interest	1,169.82	
		9,985.16

Unencumbered value of 9.525.87 equipment Miscellaneous Fixtures 188.52

Fotal equity in fixtures

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and equipment 9.714.39 The above total equity in fixtures and equipment is co-owned by John M. Cook and James Wilson Osborne in unequal shares.

The value of John H. Cook's share being \$4,930.73. The period at which the partnership is to commence is the 1st day of May, 1951, and the period at married on or about the 22nd day of May, 1949, and they lived to-This 17th day of April, 1961.

(SIGNED)

John M. Cook Special Partner (SIGNED)

James Wilson Osborne General Partner

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Hon. 42nd Judicial Dist. Court of OF THE ESTATE OF Taylor County, Texas, at the Court BENJAMIN SCALAPINO, House of said county in Abilene. DECEASED Texas, at or before 10 o'clock A Notice is hereby given that or- M. of the first Monday after the iginal letters of Administration up- expiration of 42 days from the on the Estate of Benjamin Scala- date of issuance hereof, the same pino, deceased, were granted to being at or before 10 o'clock A. me the undersigned, on the 27th M. of Monday, April 16, 1951, and day of December 1950 by County answer the petition of M. E. Court of Taylor County, Texas. Nichols, Plaintiff, in Cause Num-All persons having claims against ber 17,333-A styled M. E. Nichols said Estate are hereby required vs. The Unknown Heirs of James to present the same to me within A. Lowry Et Al. in which M. E. the time prescribed by law. My Nichols is Plaintiff and the folTHE MERKEL MAIL

All that certain Lot Number

(3), Lakeside Addition to the City

If this citation is not served

Issued this 3rd day of March,

Clerk of the 42nd Judicial

District Court of Taylor

. Neil Daniel,

Neil Daniel,

County, Texas.

THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: James L. Waddell

day of March, 1951.

(Signed)

of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas

residence and Post Office address lowing persons are Defendants: is 424 Oak Lawn Drive, Kermit, The heirs and unknown heirs of James A. Lowry, deceased: John . Lowry, his heirs and unknown Ralph A. Scalapino, heirs, if deceased; Mrs. Mary C. Administrator of the Estate Thom, her heirs and unknown heirs, if deceased, and the un-known husband of Mrs. Mary C. Thom: Mrs. Edith D. Thorn-ton, her heirs and unknown of Benjamin Scalapino, Deceased. THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: Bonnie Lee Collins heirs, if deceased, and the unknown husband of Mrs. Edith GREETING You are commanded to appear D. Thornton; Mrs. Docia C. Olney, and answer the plaintiff's petition her heirs and unknown heirs, if at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday after the expiradeceased, and the unknown hus-band of Mrs. Docia C. Olney;

tion of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday the 11th day of June, A. D., 1951, at or before 10 o'clock A. M., before the Honor-able 42nd District Court of Taylor County, at the Court House in Abi-lene, Texas. Said plaintiff's petition was filed tion of 42 days from the date of

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 3rd day of March, 1951. The file number of said suit being No. 17,332-A.

The names of the parties in said suit is as follows: suit are: Jim Collins as Plaintiff, and Bonnie Lee Collins as Defendant

The nature of said suit being abstantially as follows, to wit: ty situated in Taylor County, Texsubstantially as follows, to wit: Plaintiff and defendant were as, to wit: legally married on or about April 1949, and lived together un-Four (4), Block Number Three til June 5, 1949.

There were no children born to this union and there is no com-munity property to be adjudicated. Plaintiff sues for divorce on

within 90 days after date of its issuance, it shall be returned ungrounds of cruel treatment. served. If this Citation is not served within 90 days after the date of 1951. its issuance, it shall be returned (Signed): unserved.

Issued this the 25th day of April A. D., 1951.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene Texas, this the 25th day of April A. D., 1951 Neil Daniel Clerk 42nd District Court Taylor County, Texas By Dorothy Smith, Deputy

THE STATE OF TEXAS TO The heirs and unknown (SEAL) heirs of James A. Lowry, deceas ed; John F. Lowry, his heirs and unknown heirs, if deceased; Mrs. Mary C. Thom, her heirs and unknown heirs, if deceased, and the unknown husband of Mrs. Mary C. Thom; Mrs. Edith D. Thornton,

her heirs and unknown heirs, if deceased, and the unknown husband of Mrs. Edith D. Thornton; Mrs. Docia C. Olney, her heirs and unknown heirs, if deceased, and the 28th day of May, A. D., 1951, the unknown husband of Mrs. Do- at or before 10 o'clock A. M., becia C. Olney; Quincy A. Lowry and the unknown heirs of Quincy A. Lowry; Walter C. Lowry and the unknown heirs of Walter C. Lowry: George W. Lowry and the un-

known heirs of George W. Lowry; Mrs. Lowell D. Johnson, her heirs and unknown heirs, and B. J. Johnson, the husband of Mrs. Lowell D. Johnson, Defendants in the hereinafter styled and numbered cause:

You and each of you are hereby commanded to appear before the Court of Taylor County, at the its issuance, it shall be returned Court House in Abilene, Texas. Said plaintiff's first amended petition was filed on the 9th day of April, 1951. The file number of said suit be-

ing No. 16,918-A. The names of the parties in said suit are: Marjorie Anderson Waddell as Plaintiff, and James L

Waddell as Defendant The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: Plaintiff and defendant married

on or about September 17, 1949 and lived together until on or about May 11, 1950. There was one child born to this 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 of its issuance, it shall

band of Mrs. Lowell D. Johnson. be returned unserved which petition was filed in said Issued this the 9th day of April Court on the 3rd day of March, A. D., 1951.

1951, and the nature of which said Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, This action is brought as well to Texas, this the 9th day of April

try title as for damages and to re- A. D., 1951. move cloud from Plaintiff's title J. N J. Neil Daniel Clerk 42nd District Court Taylor County, Texas

By Dorothy Smith Deputy

THE STATE OF TEXAS TO, Fred M. Curry 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 11th day of June, 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 Abi-lene, Texas.

County, Texas. GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE this 3rd Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 25th day of January, 1951.

The file number of said suit t

ing No. 17,280-A. The names of the parties in said Clerk of the 42nd Judicial District Court of Taylor suit are: Christine Curry as Plaintiff, and Fred M. Curry as Defentant

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: GREETING: Plaintiff and defendant were You are commanded to appear legally married on January 31 and answer the plaintiff's first a- 1950, and lived together until Oct

mended petition at or before 10 ober 3, 1950. o'clock A. M. of the first Monday There were no children born to after the expiration of 42 days this union and there is no com-from the date of issuance of this munity property to be adjudicated. this union and there is no com-Citation, the same being Monday Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of cruel treatment. If this Citation is not served fore the Honorable 42nd District within 90 days after the date of

unserved Issued this the 25th day of April A. D., 1951. Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 25th day of April A. D., 1951. J. Neil Daniel Clerk 42nd District Court Taylor County, Texas By Dorothy Smith Deputy

NOTICE is hereby given that the general partnership between John H. Cook and James Wilson Osborne, under the firm name of "Osborne's Washette," was dissolved by mutual consent, on the 17 day of April, 1951. All debts due to the said partnership are to be paid and those due from the same discharged at 150 Grape st., in the

John M. Cook

said John M. Cook and James Wilson Osborne, as a limited partner ship under the firm name of "Osborne's Washette.

Chiropractor

It's amazing the number of things one can remember having forgotten.

James Wilson Osborne

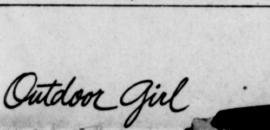
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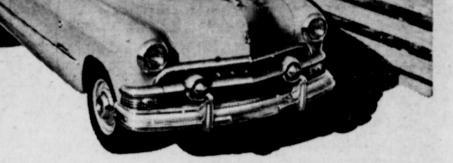
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A. D., 1951. Neil Daniel Clerk 42nd District Court Taylor County, Texas

By Dorothy Smith Deputy

the top models of America's top cars. It's fuel-saving power, too, with Ford's Automatic Mileage Maker squeezing the last ounce of power out of every drop of gas. And you get a ride that's the equal in comfort of far costlier cars, with Ford's Automatic Ride Control self-adjusting the ride to the road.





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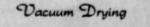
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Hollywood is filming a history of Dizzy's life; the New York Yankees are paying him handsomely for announcing their baseball games on television and Dizzy's over 61 stations, including WFAA-820, Dallas.

Dizzy's phenomenal appeal to he will earn more money this year | ing."

Greer Garson.

es baseball.

He and his wife, Patricia, were In these days of uncertainties Purser, former residents of Trent. married in Houston after a court- the only things you can count on Mr. Purser and Mr. Brown are stuship of seven days. Since 1932 their are your fingers.

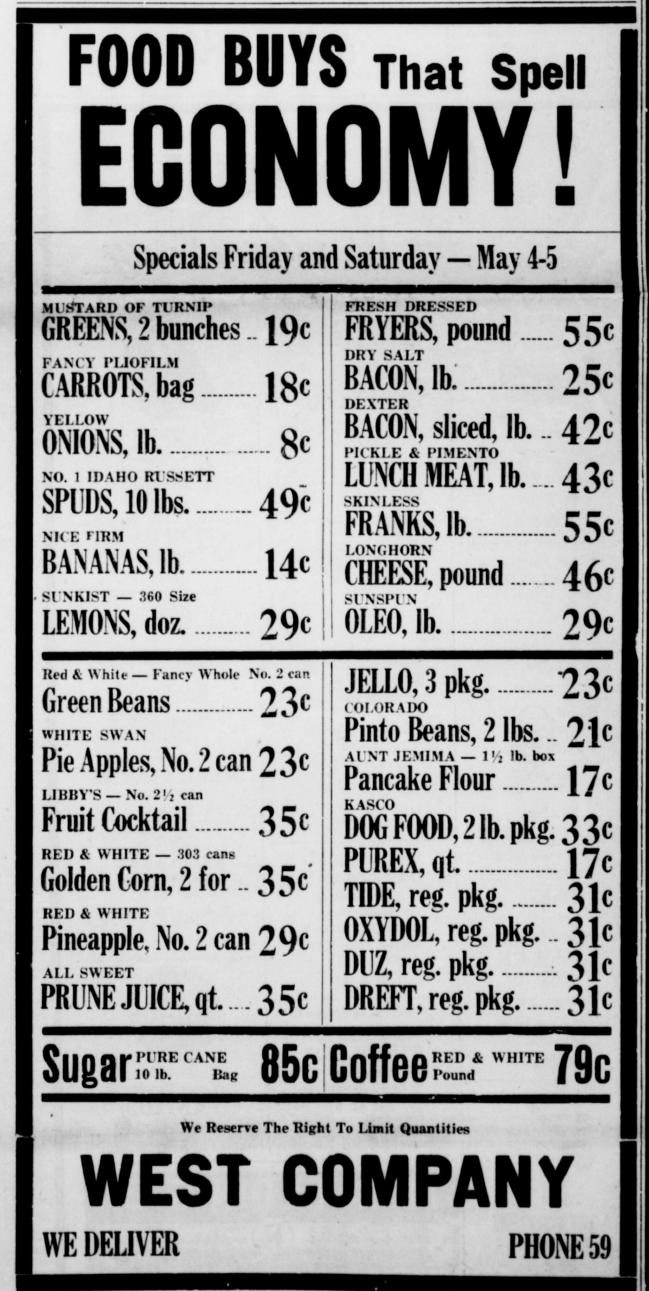
marriage has been an institution in the sports world. During those twenty years Mrs. Dean has acted as Dizzy's chief Texas H.D. Clubs manager, and all agree theirs is an ideal marriage. Though they seldom see eye-to-eye on any subject, Mr. and Mrs. Dean are still

Fifth Grade Class **Visits In Abilene**

him to the top in recent popular. day as a climax to a part of their sion of current topics. ity polls and indications are that years' study of "Our Ways of Liv-

tower.

Dean's life reads like fiction. Members of the class and guests creases for home demonstration Though he quit school in the sec- were: Mercedes Garcia, Kay Perry, work in six of the 18 counties in ond grade, his ability at throwing Marilyn Kelso, Gary Jaynes, Minta one Extension district largely a baseball took him first to the McAninch, Iris Pair, Eddie Hobdy, through the vigorous cooperation Houston Buffs, then to the St. Joan Lindsey, Edwin Higgins, Pat- of councils. Louis Cardinals, where he and his sy Little, Errol Rutledge, Johnnie brother, Paul, made headlines with Martin, Douglas Looney, Kenneth VISIT IN HUNTSVILLE the famous "Gas House Gang". In Minatra, Johnny Johnson, Sandra Mr. and Mrs. Irl Walker spent 1934 Dean led his team to the Pursley, Darrell Rhodes, J. B. the weekend in Huntsville visiting world's championship. An arm in- Price, Ann Melton, Bill Miller, their daughter and family, Mr. and jury ended his diamond career Bob Benson, Carol Sue McAninch, Mrs. Cadmus Brown and children, but he still lives, talks, and breath- Butch Jaynes and Michael Miller. Cadmus Irl and Sybil Ann. They



Rural Women In

More than 41,000 organized Texas rural women in 185 counties had opportunity to study and use homemaking information originating with the A. & M. College Extension Service. This information was provided by county home demon-

One section of the fitfh grade stration agents to the 41.282 memunder the supervision of Mrs. Car- bers of 2,317 community home radio program is being broadcast roll Benson and the following demonstration clubs who in turn mothers, Mesdames G. F. Rhodes, gave it to 344,753 other families. J. E. Jaynes, C. F. Lindsey, Powell Clubs meet 12 to 24 times yearly Miller, Roy Kelso and Curtis Mc- for practical demonstrations of the average American has zoomed Aninch visited Abilene last Tues- homemaking methods and discus-

The rural women, through 131 county home demonstration counthan he ever did playing baseball. The group went by train, were cils in the state, advised with home met by the mothers, had lunch at demonstration agents in planning scribed radio program were Bing Fair Park, then visited the Tele- their programs, carrying home-Crosby, Bob Hope and Doak Wal- phone office, Abilene Reporter- making information to non-club ker. Tonight (Friday) Dean will News, Mrs. Baird's Bakery, Air members, and learning how to funsize up the National and American and Weather Bureau and control ction in organizations to get home-League pennant races. On May tower of the Municipal Airport, making information. At the same 11th, Dizzy will play host to his The greatest thrill was exchanging time they headed public support, wife, Patricia, and on May 18th of greetings with a Pioneer Air- financial and otherwise, for Exhe will entertain Hollywood star line pilot from his ship to the tension work in counties. An example was obtaining salary in-

also visited Mr. and Mrs. H. A. dents of Sam Houston College.

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studio Monday morning. Someone Texas cotton farmers are urged to market their 1951 cotton crop had stolen all her lovely flowers by the green tag method. Accord- she had so carefully planted, ing to John L. McCollum, manag- watered and cultivated the past er, PMA's southwest area cotton few weeks and which were in full branch, the green tag signifies that bloom. When she noted they had the bale has been classed by U. S. been literally dug up by their D. A. cotton classers and the tag roots she says she couldn't keep carries the grade and staple length back her tears nor could she keep from wondering who was her enfor the bale.

Demand promises to be strong emy. Just why someone should for this year's crop and the grade strip her flower bed, leaving not and staple information will enable a root, Mrs. Earthman says is be the farmer to get the best price for yond her understanding. his cotton.

Texas county agricultural a

gents in 162 counties reported that A full silo is good feed insuran- 1,651 grain storage buildings were ce. If pastures get short, silage erected in 1950 as were 1,028 dairy will keep the dairy cow producing. | barns in 164 counties.



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BEHIND THE EIGHT BALL-Dan Smith, college student, and veteran of 14 years with the Gainesville Community Circus, is one of half a hundred clowns who will be seen in performances in Abilene. His eight-ball nose attracts much attention when he appears for his round of nilarity.

the only show of its kind in the admission seats are \$1,20 for world" is coming to Abilene. Arrangements have been made the Saturday afternoon matinee all by the Abilene Junior Service tickets are \$1.20 each. The tax is League which is sponsoring the included on all the quoted prices. appearance to be given on May 11 and 12.

Gainesville Community Circus is complete three-ring exhibition of arenic artists, including acrobats, aerialists, tight wire performers, trained elephant, horses ponies, goats, dogs and monkeys and two score clowns, but it is pre sented entirely by citizens of Gainsville, Texas, who in every-day life are lawyers, doctors, business men, clerks, housewives, soda dis pensers, school teachers, deliver; boys and students.

Despite the fact that it is a non professional show, it is, neverthess, the third largest circus



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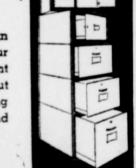
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America in number of performers participating in the program, and it is likewise the third oldest circus in this country, having been established in 1930.

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may be obtained at the Mackey Company, 1133 North Second. At the evening performances, the re-

Mesquite Control Of Range Land

Chemical control of mesquite on range land is receiving a great deal of attention by ranchmen and by various agricultural agencies. More than 6,000 acres of range land in Reagan County will be sprayed this spring with ester of 2,4,5-T. According to County agent Nevills, this chemical will be applied by airplane at the rate of wo-thirds of a pound of 2,4,5-T to one gallon of diesel oil and three gallons of water per acre.

Most Texas range lands are producing only 50 percent of their former capacity, A. H. Walker, Texas A. & M. extension range specialist has said.

This condition is due to overgrazing over a long period, drought and brush infestation. Sixty million acres of Texas range and are infested with various brush species, of which mesquite is the most important.

Walker has recently prepared a leaflet on controlling mesquite with chemicals. Extension Leaflet 127 gives directions for applying 2,4,5-T by airplane and to individual mesquite trees. It is available from county agricultural agents' offices.

Pink Boll Worm Cotton Enemy No. 1

John C. White, Texas Commissioner of Agriculture has called for the most stringent measures against the pink bollworm, which has been called the cotton industrys' enemy No. 1.

The worm today infests 171 Texas counties and costs farmers millions of dollars a year by destroying cotton and lowering grades. The farmers' expense in infested areas is increased because of treatment required at the gin to pre-vent spread of the "pink peril".

Dipthane Z-78 and Puratized Agricultural Spray, in 1950 tests, show promise as effective fungiides for controlling pecan scab.

Friday, May 4, 1951

Merkel High Band Wins Top Rating In League Contest

The Merkel High School Band, directed by Ralph Brady, won a first division rating in sight readin Brownwood, last friday.

Merkel was in class B competi- rail or commercial bus lines, how- They will spend a week in the tion with eighteen area bands and ever, in some cases units may be northern wilds fishing, camping, none of the bands made a higher moved by air in order to meet combination of ratings. Haskell training schedules. and Mason each received a first and second division rating thus

sharing honors with the Merkel ed this week from an inspection ality band All bands are rated from divis- at Camp Polk and classed them as

ion one through five on a grade basis. First division is a superior rating (Grade 95-100). Second div-

90-95). Third division is a good rating (Grade 85-90). Fourth div- news services offered under the ision is below average rating Smith-Doxey Act. (Grade 80-85), and fifth division

is a poor rating (Grade 60-80). Ratings of the area bands were as follows in Concert Playing: Division I, Mason and Ozona. Division II, Merkel, Haskell, Junction, Throckmorton, Sonora, and Menard. Division III, De Leon, Santa Anna, Albany, Eldorado, and Loraine. Division IV, Dublin, Rochester, and Crowell. Division V. Mozelle and Gorman. In sight reading; Division I, Merkel, Haskell and Santa Anna. Division II De Leon, Menard Sonora, Albany and Mason. Division III, Dublin, Junction, Loraine, Eldorado, Throckmorton and Ozona. Division IV, Gorman, Division V, Mozelle, Rochester and Crowell.

Jean Miller and Mary Frances Teaff each were rated in Division in the solo twirling contest and each received a gold medal for their efforts. A large gold plaque was won by the Merkel band in sight reading and a certificate was won in concert playing.

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you? You know that you have no

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always "out" on your feet, constant-

ly over-fatigued, nervous, weak,

irritable, cheerless. (This is espe-

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scientists have learned that such a

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ision is an excellent rating (Grade ply now, through organized groups train. for the free classing and market

Texas 4-H Boys Win dan average of 205 pounds of lint able weather and heavy insect in- festations. This compares with the One hundred and seventy Army Canadian Trip Three 4-H club boys, Bill

as will train at Camp Polk, La.. during June, July and August, Col-onel C. M. Culp, Chief of the Texas Military District, announced this Texas, are looking forward to a summer vacation that they'll not

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soon forget. According to Crockett ing and a second division rating in their home stations and moved to county agricultural agent W. A. concert playing at the regional in- Camp Polk as unit organizations Bergfeld, Jr., they have been seterscholastic league contest held under command of their own of- lected as winners of a trip to ficers. Generally travel will be by Minnesota and Ontario, Canada. canoeing and just having a good time. Their host for the outing

will be Tommy Bartlett, wellior Instructor for Texas, return- known radio and television person-All of the boys' expenses will be paid by Bartlett. They will go by train to Chicago, by plant to Minn-

esota and Canada and back to Cotton farmers are urged to ap- Chicago, and return to Texas by

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WE MISSED IT FOLKS

You've heard of "photo finishes" "missing by a hair", "a miss as good as a mile" and other such sayings. In case you haven't the Merkel Mail editor will be glad to explain to you these old sayings and to point out just how small a space three-one hundredths of an inch would require. That is the measurement by which we failed to guess the rainfall in Merkel and vicinity from the first to the twenty-fifth day of April. Yep, old Jupiter Pluvius failed us by a hair -and a mighty thin hair at thatthree-one hundredths of an inch.

Early in April we printed a "Rain Wanted" ad in the Merkel Mail, guaranteeing the signers at least an inch of rain in three weeks. According to semi-official rain measurer J. I. Ford the city of Merkel received 97/100th inches, therefore we didn't quite make it. We did however give several sections of our vicinity more than an inch-some nearly two inches during the three week's period-but in the town itself we missed. Therefore, signers, you are released from your obligation and we will continue to take our razzing in good spirits and hope the free "plug" will benefit all of you

As for you, old Jupe Pluvius, come on with that moisture. You know you are going to make it rain some time, so why not now. ...

AND STILL GOING DOWN

The nation has been given a series of top-flight stories lately-including the Fulbright investigation of shennanigans in the RFC, the Kefauver investigation of big-time gambling and with its resulting municipal corruption, the sentencing to death of two Americans who acted as A-bomb informants for issians, and the dismis General MacArthur and his dramatic return home to defend his position and policies. Such events as these naturally dominate the headlines. But, regardless of the big stories, the American people and their government must keep on dealing with the everyday problems of living in today's complex and difficult world. Among these problems, inflation still holds a top place. Some people think the present controls are doing as well as can be expected, some think them almost a complete flop. But just about everyone must realize that prices are not going to return to long-ago levels, that the probabilities are that they will continue to rise, and that the great American dollar isn't what she used to be.

plus. In the State three were rated excellent. In the District one rated Receive High Ratings excellent plus, four excellent and one good plus.

In the national playing auditions Trent W. M. S. Girls held at Hardin-Simmons university Elect Officers \$2.50 last Friday and Saturday Mrs. T.

T. Earthman and Mrs. R. J. Miller Members of the Trent Baptist entered twenty-five of their pupils. W. M. S. Girls auziliary met Mon-Any erroneous reflection upon the character, standing or reputation of may person, firm or corporation which may occur in the columns of THE MERKEL MAIL will be gladly corrected upon being called to the attention of the editor. Mrs. Earthman's pupils were rat ed as follows: In the National

ed as follows: In the National, tary; Judy Steadman, treasurer; three were rated excetient plus Shirley canter, pianist; Neleta and three excellent. In the State Hale, reporter, and Barbara Edtwo were rated excellent. In the wards, community mission chair-District three were rated excellent | man, Maybelle Redding and Betty Payne also attended the meeting.

Mrs. Miller's pupils were rated All intermediate and junior age as follows: In the National one girls are invited to attend the next was rated superior and one good meeting on May 7.

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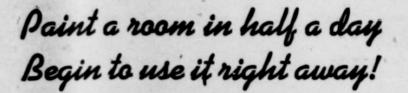
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A SMART FARMER

Herbert Sivage of Roosevelt Co., New Mexico, is a smart farmer, and he has come up with an invention that saves him a lot of time and work. Sivage's tractor plows his fields without an attendant.

Sivage first plows a furrow a round the outside of the field, making large arcs around the corner. Then he sets the plow guide in this furrow. To make the device fool-proof, he has installed a contact switch on the magneto. When the angle of the draw bar changes sharply, as it would if the tractor should quit its course the switch makes contact and kills the engine.

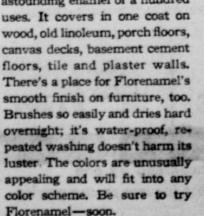
Now, all Sivage has to do is to start his tractor to plowing, and then goes about his other chores. He listens for the engine of the tractor. If it stops, he goes out, clears up the trouble, and sets if to going again. He says he can operate the tractor for as long as two hours without attention. After the tractor works itself into the center of the field, he gets onto the driver's seat and plows out the corners. - Carlsbad (N.M.) Current-Argus.

He called her his moth because she was always chewing the rag.

'Tis said that the proposed H-Bomb is more potent than any yet conceived. Reason: It's an A-Bomb dipped in Hadacol.

If the warring nations ever get into a race to develop an Oxygen Bomb, Russia should win hands down-for Russians seem to have more oxygen (or at least hot air) than any people anywhere.





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