

Tribute Paid Commissioners For Fine Record

Taylor county commissioners have just been paid a compliment of which all are justly proud, and well they may be.

When Frank Melton, representing the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, told the commissioners, "you have done a wonderful job," and congratulated them on their achievements, he based his words on their actions.

He told the court Taylor County was ranked "five-star," the highest rating given by the WTCC. In commenting on the compliment given the court by Mr. Melton, Merkel Precinct Commissioner C. R. Tittle said he was proud of his part in making it possible to keep the county tax rate down, in keeping the debt within the 5 per cent assessed valuation, operating the county on a cash basis and within the budget and in collecting 95 per cent of assessed taxes within the past few years. All of these were mentioned by Mr. Melton in his congratulatory talk.

It is good to know our officials are making such a record they are receiving bouquets instead of brickbats.

State Highway Builds Storage Barn In Merkel

The State Highway Department has completed the large barn on Cherry street erected for the purpose of storing highway equipment.

This storage barn in Merkel will be of great benefit to the workers and save them much time in making the necessary repairs and maintenance of our farm-to-market roads. All of the needed equipment will be instantly available and the long hauls from other towns avoided.

Revival Starts Tonight at Pioneer Memorial Church

A 10-day revival is to start tonight (Friday) at the Pioneer Memorial church, with services twice daily at 10 a. m. and 8 p. m. Sunday, the 19th, will be a full day of goodwill and fellowship with the morning service being dedicated to Mr. Sam Butman, Sr., in appreciation of his great contribution to the church and community.

Immediately following the service dinner will be served and a corial invitation is extended to the general public to come, bring your basket and enjoy the full day. The pastor, Rev. E. H. Phillips, will have charge of the revival.

Revival to Begin At Noodle Baptist Church

A revival will start Friday night, August 17 at the Noodle Baptist church and will continue through August 26.

Rev. Joe Allen, Pastor of the First Baptist church here will do the preaching at both the morning and evening services.

Joe Caudle of Abilene will lead the singing at each service.

Rev. Thomas Lawrence, pastor, invites the entire community to join them in this worship and announces there will be services each morning at 10:30, prayer services at 8 p. m. and the evening service at 8:30 o'clock.

To Direct School Band at Ralls

Mr. and Mrs. Don Wood and little son, James left Wednesday for Ralls where they will make their new home. Mr. Wood will direct the school band and Choral club there.

SINGING AT SHILOH

A singing at Shiloh will be held Thursday night, August 23 at 8 o'clock. Everyone is urged to come and hear this good singing.

RECORD OF BIRTHS

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Earl McKinney, August 12, 1951

Fort Worth Burial For Gas Co. Official



JAMES M. FLOYD

Funeral services were held in Fort Worth Monday for James M. Floyd of Dallas, advertising director for the Lone Star Gas Company, widely known attorney and leader in community affairs. Mr. Floyd was 50-years-old.

Floyd died Friday afternoon at his Dallas home, 4629 Watauga Road, after being stricken suddenly on Thursday night while dining with friends.

Big, jovial and friendly, Mr. Floyd was a familiar figure at conventions and other gatherings of the advertising and newspaper profession in the Southwest. He was in constant demand as a speaker and during his more than fourteen years with Lone Star had made many appearances at civic and church meetings through the gas company system in Texas and Oklahoma.

Football Boys To Meet With Coach Monday

With the sun blazing down and temperatures in the hundreds seems an odd time to be writing about football, but it's news just the same.

In just one week Coaches Benson and Ellis will have the 1951 Badger squad in action and begin training in earnest for the first football game of the season against the hard-charging Colorado City eleven early in September.

The coaches want all boys who are in any way interested in coming out for the team this year to meet with them at the gym next Monday evening, August 20, promptly at 7 o'clock. It is most important you be there as the coaches are very anxious to know who and how many candidates they will have so a quick start can be made in putting in a strong and versatile team to carry the Badger colors this year.

Don't forget, boys, you have a date with Coach Benson next Monday evening at 7 o'clock.

Ten-Day Revival to Start at Shiloh

The Shiloh Baptist church will begin a ten-day revival meeting Friday night, August 24 and continue through September 2.

Rev. V. D. Walters, pastor of the Baptist church at Paint Creek, will do the preaching.

The public is cordially welcome to attend every service of this meeting.

NOW IN KOREA



H. M. 3 Van D. Carson has landed in Korea, according to a letter just received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Carson. He was stationed only a short time in Japan before being flown to the battle front near Hongkong, Korea.

Despite Heat, Activity Good In Area Fields

Geochemical Surveys No. 1 D. W. Ashby is drilling ahead at 2,450 feet.

The same operators are drilling at 4,300 feet on their T. D. Compton No. 2.

The R-H-K Drilling Co., Ltd. & Clark & Cowden Drilling Co. No. 2 R. T. Bennett, six miles north of Merkel has been completed with a potential of 408 barrels of oil in 24 hours.

Trinity Production Co. No. 1 W. U. Shannon is drilling below 3,185 feet.

Woodley Petroleum & Payne Drilling Co., E. J. Cooley No. 1 has been completed. It made 156 barrels of oil in 16 hours.

Oxford Drilling Co. Humble Oil & Refining Co. R. L. Bimard two miles east of Trent is nearing contract depth.

The R-H-K Drilling Co., Ltd. & Clark & Cowden Drilling Co. Herring & Largent No. 4 is drilling ahead at 3,250 feet.

D-H-H-B Drilling Co., D. T. O'Rourke No. 1 Frank Brovach four and one half miles south of town is drilling at 5,440 feet with no commercial shows to date.

Carl Hogvard has made their No. 1 location on Andy Baker one mile west of Blair. Projected depth is 3,000 feet with rotary.

Geochemical Surveys have made their No. 1 location on C. Haynes as a Wildcat, two miles north and two miles east of Merkel. Contract depth is 3,300 feet with rotary.

Crown Central Petroleum Corp. No. 1-A, S. G. Tipton has been reopened, treated with 1,000 gallons of acid and is now pumping 24 barrels daily from the Flippen Sand.

This well was first completed in 1950 as a reef producer when it gauged 134 barrels of oil daily on pump.

A new location is The Reddin Operators Committee No. 12, J. A. Horton five miles north of Tye. This well will be an offset to production slated for 2,600 feet with rotary.

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bragg had as their week-end guests their children, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Marr of Stephenville, Mrs. and Mrs. Wallace Bragg of Chillicothe. Their grandson, Granville Bragg, who had spent a week here returned to Chillicothe with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Dent Gibson and Denta have returned home after visiting with their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Gibson of Petersburg, and Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Horton of Plainview. They also visited in Hale Center with a cousin of Mr. Gibson's.

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Health Clinic will meet at P. T. Community Center on August 17 at 2 o'clock. Dr. J. H. Kreutz will be present.

Spencer Bird Leaves REA; Promote Elliott

The board of directors of the Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc., and manager Lester F. Dorton have just announced the resignation of Spencer Bird from its staff of employees, which was regretfully accepted. Mr. Bird was one of the original employees of this rural electric cooperative. H. R. Roberts, president of the

board of directors, in announcing the resignation, said, "we hate very much the loss of Spencer from our staff. He has been a faithful, conscientious worker for a good long time."

Lester F. Dorton, manager of the Cooperative, has announced that the vacancy made by the resignation of Mr. Bird will be filled

by R. L. Elliott, former construction foreman of the Cooperative. Elliott, wife and two sons, Bob and Dickie, moved to Merkel in 1947 from Baird, where he was employed by the city of Baird as superintendent of the city water and light department.

Mr. Dorton also announced the appointment of Miss Adelle Elkins as office manager. Miss Elkins has been head bookkeeper for the Cooperative for nine years. She moved here from Coleman, where she was employed by the Coleman County Electric Cooperative. Her vacancy will be filled by Mrs. Margaret Hunter, the former Miss Margaret Calloway, of Noodle.

Holt Vaughn will assume part of the duties vacated by Dorton when he was named manager.

Need For Civil Defense Grows Daily As Communism Dangers Increase

"Ours is a country that the men who rule Russia would hope to divide and weaken. Whether we as a nation succeed or fail in our mission will be determined not by Washington, but by the individual citizens of this country, whether on the farm, in the village or the city."

Thus spoke French M. Robertson, southwestern federal civil defense regional director, to a group of citizens last week. He was explaining the need of civil defense preparations in every section of our country, just as Mayor West, Fred Starbuck and others here in Merkel have endeavored to stir up interest in our community in forming such an organization.

Mr. Robertson continued "it is our responsibility to provide the leadership necessary to prevent the enslavement of all free peoples by Soviet Russian imperialism. Our leadership is vitally neces-

sary to unify the free people of the world," he said. "We are the only nation strong enough to rally all other free nations to the cause of freedom and peace."

"Russia has decided to dominate the world. Communism is a false and vicious deception. Communism pretends to be an idealistic doctrine but in practice its only purpose is to fool and entrap unsuspecting people everywhere."

"We must immediately prepare for our defense," he declared. "We know that a smash attack from Russia can come with little or no warning."

"Every city, factory, office and home must be organized for civil defense. As long as there is a chance of any kind that we can be attacked," he declared, "we cannot gamble. We cannot be caught unprepared."

Cargill Child Dies At Hale Center

The many friends in Merkel of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Cargill of Hale Center will grieve with them at the loss of their 10-month-old granddaughter Elizabeth Kay. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Cargill.

The death of the child was in a Plainview hospital where it had been taken for special treatment. At first it was thought she was suffering from polio but the doctors later diagnosed the disease as double pneumonia.

Far-Off Visitors Enjoying Our West Texas Sunshine

Now that Merkel has an up-to-date Motel some very interesting guests are registered almost daily at La Siesta.

According to Mrs. Ray Wilson, the most interesting guests with whom she has talked were those who spent the night there recently and whose homes are in Guam.

These guests were A. T. Shimizo and Joaquin A. Limtiaco who with their families are making their first tour of the United States. Mr. Shimizo is a government official in Guam. While Mr. Limtiaco is a petroleum executive in this far-away island.

They arrived in San Francisco last week, bought a new station wagon and began their tour of our country. They told Mrs. Wilson they are truly enjoying their trip and this hot West Texas, sun made them feel more at home.

Often in Guam, they say, the temperature reached 120 degrees and our 100 was no novelty to them.

Merkel Boy Now At U. S. Medical School

Billye G. Gant, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Gant, Merkel, student at Baylor University College of Medicine, Houston, is among more than 90 R. O. T. C. cadets from ten colleges and universities attending the second and final summer camp for medical and dental cadets, conducted by Brooke Army Hospital, a unit of Brooke Army Medical Center at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

As captain, Gant served five years with the U. S. Air Force. His service in the European Theater of Operations in Italy won for him the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with two leaf clusters.

Meet Merkel Band For Band

Ralph Bragg met with the band director, the evening of August student council. All students in the 20, 2nd band and those who were beginners band from last year's 7th, 8th and 9th grades should attend this meeting. Pre-school practice periods will be scheduled at this meeting for the remainder of August.

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Taylor County Sheriff spent several days in Merkel this week assisting local officers in clearing up a bit of misdoing on the part of some of our citizens.

Rev. and Mrs. Jack Walker will leave Merkel Saturday on a tour of a number of eastern states. Rev. Walker will conduct several gospel meetings on this trip.

Merkel 20 Years Ago

TAKEN FROM THE 1931 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL

AT FAMILY REUNION Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Pee, Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Pee, joined by Mr. and Mrs. Mason Pee of Sweetwater enjoyed a family reunion and picnic at Snyder last week-end.

MRS. D. P. FOSTER DIES Mrs. Dana P. Foster, 37, a Taylor county resident most of her life, died Saturday after a long illness. She was buried Sunday after services at the Baptist church with Rev. J. T. King officiating.

RETURN FROM CALIFORNIA Mr. and Mrs. Carl Black and daughter, Jannell, and Miss Pearl Elliott have returned from a month's visit to points in California.

NEW MEXICO VISITORS Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Jones and son, John A., of Tatum, N. M. are guests of Mrs. Jones' parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Teaff, and other relatives.

EAST TEXAS VISITORS Misses Margaret Tucker of Clarksville and Juanita Scott and Fay Miller of Paris were guests the past week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Lassiter.

DRUGGIST CONVENTION Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Gammon, Warren Smith are attending annual West Texas Druggists convention in Abilene.

WINS SILVER Beautiful yard, and rear premises. For the silver cup has lawn and to Mrs. John West the Judges. Her average was 100.

ALL HAPPENED IN MERKEL FORTY YEARS TAKEN FROM THE 1911 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL

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96, being only two points higher than the 94 scored by Mrs. Sam Swann.

MERKEL DEFEATS ROBY Merkel's crack baseball aggregation is continuing its winning streak. On Tuesday they journeyed to Roby and defeated the team there by the lop-sided score of 11 to 3. Merkel's ace pitcher, Tannie Jones, struck out eleven of the Robyites.

CATTLE MOVEMENT Two cars of cattle were shipped from Merkel the past week. One car was shipped by McCoy and Lowe while the other wears Boaz and Patterson. Both cars were consigned to the City market.

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# SOCIETY

## GERALDINE MECKEL AND BILL TITTLE WED IN SENORA

Miss Geraldine Meckel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben F. Meckel of Sonora, and Bill Tittle, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Tittle of Merkel, were united in marriage at the ranch home of the bride's parents Friday morning, August 3.

The double ring ceremony was read by the Rev. W. H. Marshall, pastor of the First Methodist church in Sonora. Vows were exchanged before an improvised altar of white gladioluses. Arrangements of cut flowers were used at vantage points throughout the room.

The bride was lovely in a beige dress of imported lace with brown accessories, and carried a white Bible topped with an orchid.

Mrs. Jimmie West of Eldorado and sister of the bride was matron of honor. Neely Tittle of Merkel served as his brother's best man.

Pre-nuptial music was played by Mrs. Mora C. Clark of Fort Worth, aunt of the bride.

Both are graduates of Texas Western college, El Paso. Mrs. Tittle also attended Southern Methodist University, Dallas, after being graduated from Sonora High school. Mr. Tittle graduated from Trent High school and served with the U. S. Marine Corps during World War II. While in college, he lettered four years in football, and was co-captain of the football team.

A wedding dinner was served on the lawn of the Meckel home. The three-tiered cake, topped with a miniature bridal couple was decorated with pink roses and green leaves.

When the newlyweds left for a

wedding trip to Corpus Christi, the bride was wearing a navy blue suit with red accessories and an orchid corsage. The couple will return to El Paso where Mr. Tittle is employed as baseball coach, and assistant football coach at El Paso High school.

Those attending the wedding from Merkel were Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Tittle, Mr. and Mrs. Cullen Tittle, and Mr. and Mrs. Neely Tittle.

## BIRTHDAY PARTY

Mrs. Johnnie Berry honored her daughter, Dianne, with a party on her 7th birthday at her home.

The youngsters were first taken to the water tower for some snapshots of them singly and in groups and then returned home for games. Most interesting of their activities was watching Dianne open and admire her lovely gifts.

Ice cream and cake was served to the thirty youngsters and four mothers attending Dianne's enjoyable birthday celebration.

## SEWING CLUB

Mrs. Nolan Palmer was hostess to the Sewing club in her lovely new home at 401 Locust last Wednesday afternoon.

Those present were two guests, Mrs. Charkie Largent and Mrs. Pal Miller and eight members: Mesdames Tommie Ellis, Earl Watts, Bowman Barlow, R. T. Blair, R. L. Elliott, Lester Dorton, E. L. Horton and Pete West.

Refreshments of sandwiches, cookies and cokes were served.

The next meeting will be in the Community Center with Mrs. Earl Watts as hostess.

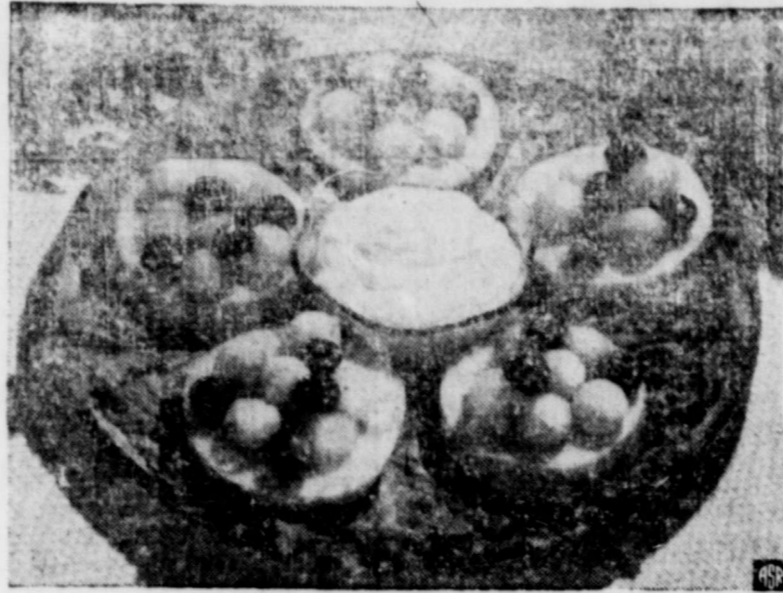
## BLUEBONNET HD CLUB

The Bluebonnet Home Demonstration club met August 7 in the home of Mrs. A. L. Farmer with Mrs. Ford Butman presiding.

The Womans Collect was read and Mrs. Frank Brnovak led in prayer. Mrs. E. J. Patterson gave a demonstration on making batter rolls.

Delicious ice cream and cookies were served to six visitors, Mesdames John Oliver, W. A. Harrison, Elra Phillips, E. J. Patterson, Jr., Misses Becky Ray and Blanche Farmer, one new member.

## Festive Melon Salad



Vine ripened cantaloupe and honeydew melons, cousins in appearance and refreshing flavor, are perfect in salads for all occasions. The cool, sweet meat of melons is tantalizingly good with mayonnaise, and the appearance of melon salads is always appetizing whether you slice the meat, cube it or make balls. Melon and cherry salad highlights the good flavors of both melons in a salad you'll enjoy making for your family, and for all happy guest occasions which may be yours this season.

**Melon and Cherry Salad**  
Sliced, peeled cantaloupe  
Leaf Lettuce  
Honeydew melon balls  
Bing cherries  
Mayonnaise

Place rings of cantaloupe on lettuce on a round chop plate. Fill the centers of the rings with the honeydew balls and cherries. Put a bowl of mayonnaise in the center of the plate.

Mrs. Jack Reid, and the following club members, Mesdames A. L. Farmer, F. R. Demere, Sam Butman, Jr., Fuel Ray, E. J. Patterson, Sr., Frank Brnovak and Tom Russon.

The club will meet in Fellowship hall of the Pioneer Methodist church September 4 with Mrs. F. R. Demere as hostess.

## BETA SIGMA PHI

Beta Sigma Phi met Tuesday evening, August 7 in the home of Viola Allred.

A short business meeting was held in which plans were made for the following year. The organization is a cultural and service sorority as well as social. The girls plan to study outlined cultural programs on beauty the following year.

Mrs. W. B. McSpadden, sister of the hostess and past president of Beta Sigma Phi in Sweetwater, told the girls many interesting facts about the state convention which she attended in Fort Worth this year. Walter W. Ross, the founder of Beta Sigma Phi was present and told of his great inspiration in establishing Beta Sigma Phi in 1931. Also the elab national project of Girls-Town was mentioned and the Mobile X-ray provided by members of Beta Sigma Phi was discussed. Our members were certainly happy to learn more about our international sorority.

Delicious home made ice cream and cookies were served to the following: Mesdames E. L. Horton, R. T. Blair, Vincent Barnett, Bowman Barlow, Elmer McFarland, W. B. McSpadden and Miss Helen Plumlee and the hostess.

The next meeting will be on September 4 in the home of Mrs. Grif Barnett.

## T. E. L. CLASS

Mrs. W. J. Largent was hostess to the T. E. L. Class of the First Baptist church last Thursday. Mrs. E. R. Clack brought the devotional and Mrs. Sam Swann led the prayer.

After the business hour a delicious sandwich plate and punch was served to the following members: Mesdames T. J. Bird, Henry Hester, Lucy Ford, Jim Kuykendall, A. R. Booth, E. W. King, Booth Warren, E. R. Clack, Sam Swann, John Walker and Mrs. Earl Lassiter.

## WASHBURN REUNION

Mrs. C. O. Washburn had all her children home last Sunday for a family reunion. The occasion was in honor of her youngest son, Lewis Bunch, who, as a member of the U. S. Navy, has been in Korea for the past eighteen months and home for a short furlough.

Lunch was served to Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Bunch and Patricia.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Ross, Terry, Wayne, Jan and Sammie, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Campbell, Brenda and Glenda, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bunch, and Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Rives and Jimmie.

## BEAIRD-BRITTON

Announcement was made this week of the marriage of Evelyn Jean Britton, of Abilene, and Sgt. James Milton Beard, of Merkel. Chaplain Thomas G. Hepner read the double-ring ceremony in Hill Air Force Base Chapel at Ogden, Utah, before an arrangement of white stock, lilies and greenery.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Britton of Mineral Wells and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Beard of Merkel.

The bride was attired in a dress of white embroidered organdy designed with fitted bodice, low boat neckline, and with a flared skirt. She used navy accessories and wore a corsage of red roses.

The couple is living in Ogden, Utah, where the bridegroom is stationed at Hill Air Force Base.

Before her wedding Mrs. Beard was employed at Commercial Standard Insurance Co. in Abilene. She was graduated from Mineral Wells High School and attended North Texas State College at Denton. Sgt. Beard attended Merkel High School and has served in the U. S. Air Force for five years.

## FLOY HAWKINS CIRCLE

The Floy Hawkins Circle of the First Baptist church met Monday, August 13 in the home of Mrs. S. J. Swann for Bible study with Mrs. J. O. Castles as leader.

Those present were Mesdames R. T. Blair, Clyde Bartlett, Lucy Ford, W. W. Wheeler, Sam Swann, George T. Moore, Paul West, and Don Riney.

## RETURN FROM PLEASANT 3-WEEK VACATION TRIP

Mr. and Mrs. Tom J. Largent and Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Shepherd have returned home after a three-week vacation trip that carried them through seventeen states and to the Nation's Capitol. They went as far north as northern Michigan and the weather they encountered ranged from almost freezing to sizzling hot and from very dry to near floods.

## FORMER MERKELITES TOUR NORTHWESTERN STATES

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Eoff and Clifford LaMarque of Hamlin, and former residents of Merkel, have returned from a tour of several of the northwestern states which took them through South Dakota, Colorado, Montana, Wyoming and New Mexico.

Mr. Eoff Still has extensive holdings near Noodle.

## Mayor West Asked To Be Special Guest At Dublin Rodeo

Mayor H. C. West, has been invited by Everett Colborn and Gene Autry, producers and owners of the Dublin Rodeo, to attend the Pre-Madison Square Garden Rodeo at Dublin, Texas as their guest. This year the rodeo at Dublin will be on August 29, 30, 31 and September 1. Top cowboy performers from all over the United States attend the Dublin Rodeo and then board a special train for New York for the Madison Square Garden Rodeo, produced by Mr. Colborn.

## Union Ridge Club Entertains Families

The Union Ridge Home Demonstration club met last Friday night for their annual family night get-together in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Denzel Cox.

The president, Mrs. Don Riney, presided over a short business session before the evenings entertainment began.

Home-made ice cream and cake was served to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Baccus, Mr. and Mrs. Rhett Edison and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Cramer Reynolds and boys, Mrs. Gertie Pee, Mr. and Mrs. John Rister and children, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Newton and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harwell, Mrs. Frances Carey and children, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Clark and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Jaynes and family, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Pursley and family, Mr.

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<b>WHITE SWAN 46 oz.</b>	<b>KIMBELLS 46 oz. ORANGE JUICE</b> 25c
<b>GRAPEFRUIT JUICE</b> 25c	<b>SCOTT'S TOILET TISSUE 2 for</b> 25c
<b>FAB or SURF</b> 29c	
<b>YELLOW FREESTONE PEACHES Heavy Syrup No. 2 1/2</b> 29c	
<b>Salad DRESSING pt.</b> 35c	<b>BABO 2 for</b> 25c
<b>POWDERED SUGAR</b> pkg. 13c	<b>BAKERS 4 oz. COCONUT pkg.</b> 20c
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## Governor Names August 19-25 As Texas REA Week

Governor Allen Shivers has issued an official proclamation setting forth the week of August 19-25 as rural electrification week, paying tribute to the REA for the fine work done by this organization.

His official proclamation follows:

### GREETINGS:

The percentage of farm homes in Texas receiving central station electric service has increased from 23 per cent to 90 per cent during the past 16 years, largely through the stimulation of the Rural Electrification Administration (REA) program.

More than 282,000 rural families of Texas now enjoy the benefits of electric lights and power through cooperative which they themselves own and operate.

Each of the 77 rural electric cooperatives in Texas is a free and independent, tax-paying business enterprise, chartered under the laws of the State of Texas, and owned and controlled by the farmers and ranchers who receive service along its lines.

The availability of electricity has brought about a wholesome revolution in farm methods, production and living standards; has lightened the drudgery of farm tasks and increased farm output and profits; has been instrumental in keeping young people on the land, and has promoted the general welfare not only of rural people, but of urban residents as well whose prosperity and well-being depends upon a sound and prosperous agriculture.

THEREFORE I, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim the week of August 19th to 25th, inclusive, as RURAL ELECTRIFICATION WEEK in Texas, and call upon all citizens of the state to observe during this week the splendid progress that has been made in electrifying rural areas during the past 16 years, and to resolve anew that the program shall continue to expand until every farm family in the state shall enjoy the blessings of electric lights and power.

In official recognition whereof, I hereby affix my signature this 16th day of July, 1951:

/s/ Allan Shivers  
Governor of Texas

### Demand Increases For Tubeless Tires

Remember all of those "miracle" products promised during World War II for use after the war?

Well, at least one of those promises has come true to benefit American motorists.

Tubeless tires, unknown before the war, have since carried Americans nearly seven billion blow-out-protected miles. That's like making 140 round trips between Earth and Mars.

Locally observing the fourth anniversary of the revolutionary puncture-sealing, tubeless tire, Palmer Motor Co., B. F. Goodrich dealer in Merkel, said that tubeless tires are now on more than 200,000 cars and the number is increasing daily.

"In terms of trouble-free driving, the tubeless tire is already changing the American motoring scene," Nolan Palmer said.

Last year, for the first time in history, tires were not the number one cause of breakdowns on the highways.

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### Paper Containers For Milk Now Rig Texas Industry

Increased national production of the paper milk containers—manufactured in Texas for the first time last year—has added another \$5,000,000 to the business volume of this state's other industries, according to trade estimates made in Houston this week.

Sharing the major portion of this revenue are the Texas paper pulp and paraffin industries, which supply these materials to the milk container plant in Houston, as well as to a number of other plants throughout the country. Canco's purchase of these materials, coupled with expenditures for transportation, fuel and associated services in Texas, last year totaled approximately \$5,000,000.

The Canco milk container plant here—first of its kind in the Southwest—is already one of the largest single consumers of Texas-made paper pulp and paraffin, although only in its second year of operation. About 68 million single-service milk containers were produced here last year, but output for 1951 is expected to be more than 100 million, he said.

Thomas Jefferson was the first U. S. president to send a written message to Congress.

About 100 years ago, railroad conductors were known as Masters of Transportation.

### Baird Lad Winner Premier Oil Contest



Charles Young, fourteen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Young of Baird, wrote the winning essay in the Premier-Dizzy Dean Contest and won an all expense paid trip to New York. Premier officials were present at his departure from Love Field via American Airlines Thursday. Subject of the essay was "The Value of Baseball in the Development of American Youth."

Charles, a freshman in Baird High School, works as a printer's devil at the Baird Star during summer vacations.

### Jack Carson Stars With Ginger Rogers At Queen Tuesday

A cowboy hero takes a good-natured ribbing and the lady attorney who marries him runs into a series of hilarious situations during the course of Universal-International's new comedy release "The Groom Wore Spurs," opens next Tuesday at the Queen Theatre.

Ginger Rogers and Jackie Carson are starred while such popular performers as Joan Davis, Stanley Ridges and Jim Brown play top supporting roles.

Miss Rogers, appearing as the feminine lawyer whose legal work for a big-time celluloid Western star lands her in a Las Vegas wedding chapel, enjoys her finest comedy assignment in years. The cinematic model for career girls has a role reminiscent of the one which earned her an Academy Award for "Kitty Foyle" a few years ago.

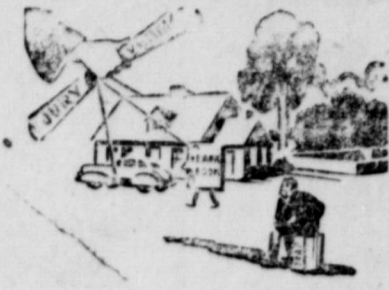
### CARD OF THANKS

Words cannot express our appreciation to the good people of Merkel for the kind words of sympathy, the beautiful flowers and the good food which was served to Mrs. C. K. Russells in the death of our dear mother, Mrs. Molly Parker.

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In 1950 Texas farmers and ranchmen purchased 228,286 tons of super-phosphate. It was used primarily under legumes and on pastures.

Farmers in Cooke county, Texas report that the use of warfarin in a county-wide rat control campaign has resulted in a saving to the county of thousands of dollars.



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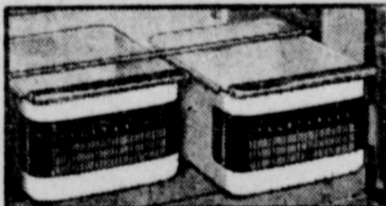
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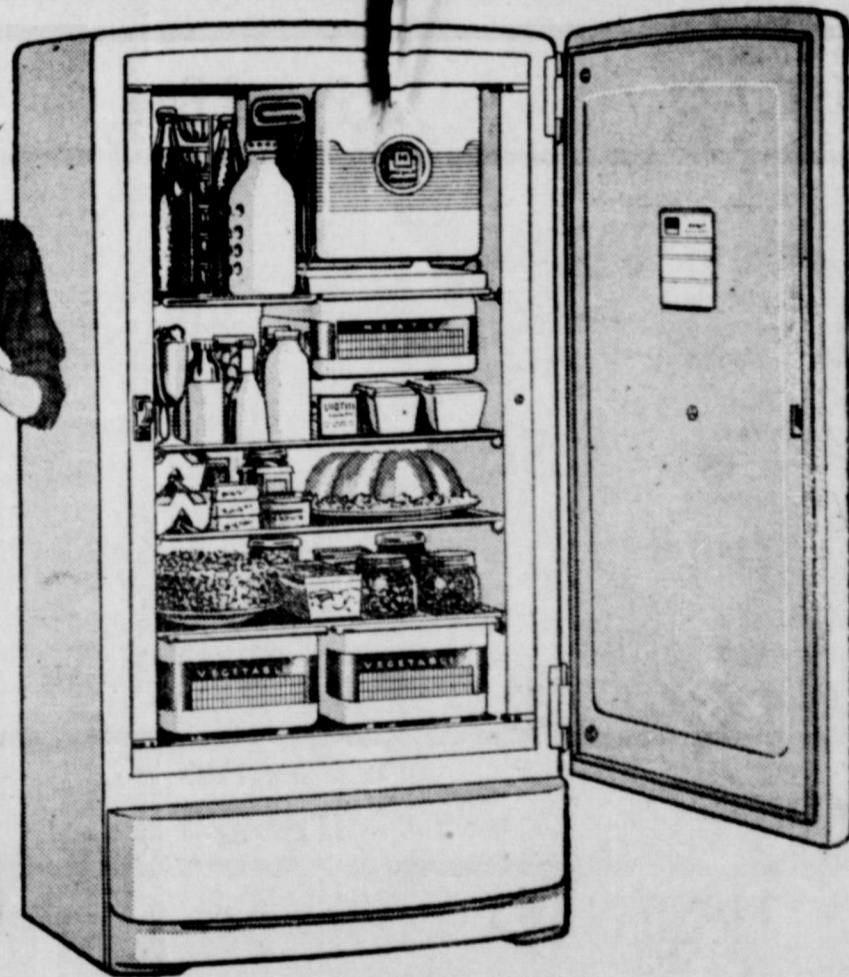
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Everybody seems to be concerned with the subject of stabilized meat prices and how to get them, but relatively few have come up with workable suggestions.

The American Meat Institute, which can speak with authority on the problems of the meat industry, is one of those few. In a recent release it observed that there is a two-step, common-sense remedy for the situation. It is this: 1. Stabilized consumer income. 2. Expanded production of meat. The Institute then said:

"Our rapidly growing population makes this second step one of primary importance. People should have all the meat they want at prices as low as production costs permit. But meat production is inseparably meshed with the production of livestock.

"As has been well proved by the experience of OPA, price and rationing controls actually create black markets, scarcity in legitimate channels of trade, under-the-counter favoritism, and no consumer benefits in the end. In fact, stabilization officials recognize these dangers and say that controls should be temporary and ended as quickly as possible. There are no substitutes for the natural law of supply and demand."

You don't have to be an Einstein to reason that anything which discourages meat production must inevitably breed more inflation by reducing the supply in the face of heavy demand. Livestock production is a long term proposition and it must be stimulated. The only sound policy is one which encourages the producer, and which will cause him to devote his money and his time and his labor to getting more meat animals to market.

**AMERICAN INDUSTRY**

In many fields, American industrial enterprise operates on an international scale. Left-wing elements here and abroad often use this fact as an ideological weapon—according to their version of the story, international business always ruthlessly exploits nations and peoples to feed its own insatiable appetite for money and power, and gives as little as possible in return. However, the truth is that in case after case international enterprise backed with huge sums of American capital and staffed with American executives and technicians has done just the opposite. It has built up backward lands, and brought new and higher standards of living and of health to their populations.

The Arabian American Oil Company is a particularly interesting example of this. Saudi Arabia contains one of the world's great underground reservoirs of crude oil. It had not been developed. Seventeen years ago the Aramco venture was started with this end in view by a group of American oil companies working in partnership. Agreements and treaties were arranged with the Royal Saudi Arab government. Aramco put up the money and went to work in a far-off land, which is primarily desert, which has one of the hottest climates on earth, and which had changed but little over the centuries.

Very difficult technical problems had to be met and solved. Practically everything needed for the vast job of exploration and development had to be shipped into Saudi Arabia by air and sea from the United States. In the first year of production, 1944, about 1,000,000 tons of crude oil came out of the desert. Since then the figure has steadily climbed, reaching almost 26,200,000 tons last year. In addition, the company produced, saved and sold 49,323,000 cubic feet of gas in 1950.

At present, something like 62 percent of all the company's employees are Saudi Arab. Americans make up 16.3 per cent of the total, while the balance consists of Palestinian, Adenese, Indian, Pakistani and other nationalities. The company has carried on an extensive accident prevention program. It devoted special effort to industrial training, on company time, so that native employees can

qualify for better and more responsible jobs as soon as possible. At the government's request, it has developed townsite layouts of a model character in various areas. It has aided in the development of new local industries, such as ice plants, machine shops, and so on. And it has been a very important factor in helping to improve Saudi Arab agriculture through modern farming methods.

The company has also carried on an extensive public health program. Clinics and hospitals of the most up-to-date type have been built and staffed, and last year more than 6800 patients were hospitalized while 310,000 out-patient treatments were given. Preventive medicine has been stressed, particularly in anti-malaria work.

The Saudi Arab government receives large royalties and substantial taxes from Aramco. A short time ago the company issued a handsome report of operations, containing both English and Arabic texts. In the forward, this was said: "The union of American capital and development skills with the crude petroleum resources of Saudi Arabia is bringing a fair division of profits to the government and the company, and makes possible the building of a better life for the people of Saudi Arabia." The record of this remarkable venture certainly seems to bear that statement out.

While other Presidents have died in office, William Henry Harrison and Zachary Taylor are the only ones whose deaths occurred in the White House.

**Grain Leaders Fight Disease**



An educational program to fight diseases of small grains is being conducted this fall in Texas by agricultural leaders. The objective of the campaign is to reduce the annual losses which small grain producers suffer because of seed borne diseases and from planting seed that is mixed with weeds or other undesirable plants.

Proper seed treatment with a seed disinfectant can reduce the effect of seed borne diseases. The Texas Agricultural Extension Service is taking an active part in the campaign and the county agent can supply information on how best to do the seed treating job. In view of the great need for the continued high production of all grain crops and the shortage of manpower on the farms of the state, it is highly important that all know steps be taken that can

mean larger yields with the least amount of labor. Planting cleaned and treated seed will help.

The leaders shown examining the poster for the campaign are left to right: Dr. I. M. Atkins, agronomist, Denton Experiment Station; Dr. G. M. Watkins, head of the Department of Plant Pathology, Texas A. & M. College and E. A. Miller, agronomist, Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

**To Teach 7th Grade History at Pasadena**

Mrs. Horace Steel, the former Anna Loyce Ray, who received her bachelor of Science degree in Education at McMurry College, Abilene, in May will teach history in the 7th grade at Pasadena Junior High school this fall.

Henry Clay is credited with saying "I'd rather be right than president."

Midshipmen are so called because originally they had quarters amidships.

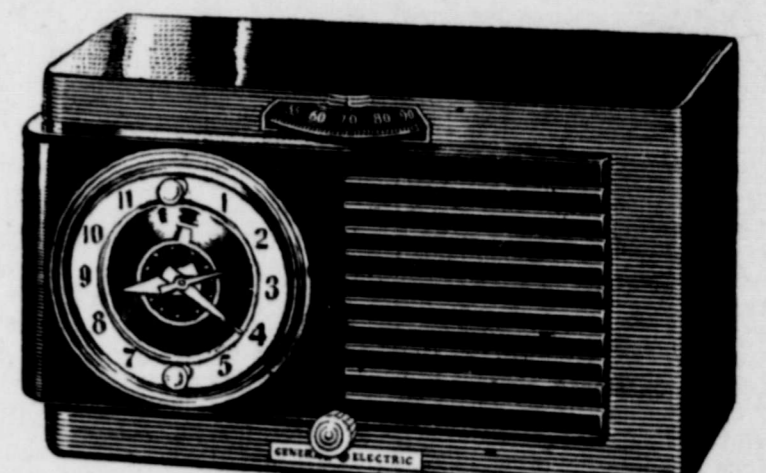
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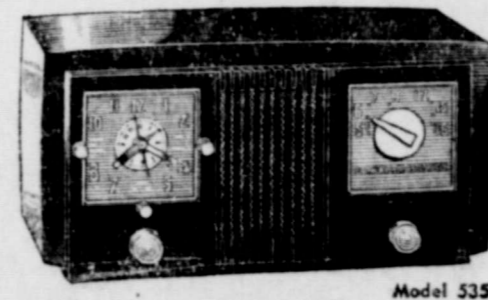
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FRESH CABBAGE	lb.	6c	CELLO PORK SAUSAGE	lb.	49c

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GERBER'S BABY FOOD	6 cans	49c	PETTY CROCKER pkg. DEVIL'S FOOD MIX	35c
RED & WHITE 10 oz. MARSHMALLOWS	19c	PETTY CROCKER pkg. PARTY CAKE MIX	35c	
KASCO DOG FOOD	2 lb.	33c	NIBLETS MEXI CORN	2 cans 35c
PETER PAN 12 oz. PEANUT BUTTER	29c	MODART SHAMPOO	87c size 59c	
SOUR or DILL PICKLES	qt. 29c	RED & WHITE HOMINY No. 2 can	10c	

COFFEE	RED & WHITE drip or regular	lb. 83c
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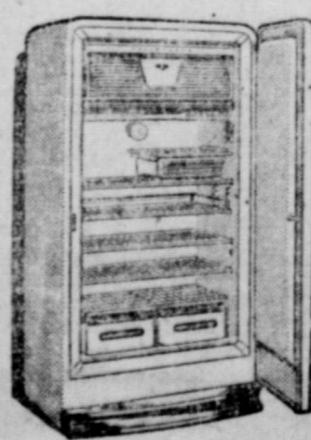
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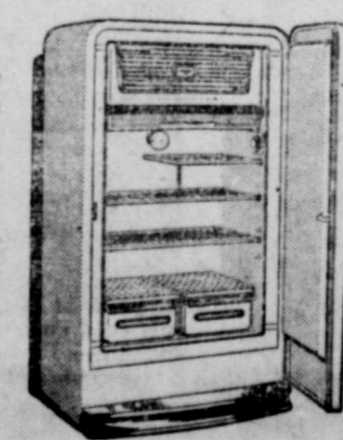
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### New Licenses For Hunting, Fishing Ready September 1.

Hunting and fishing licenses for the fiscal year beginning September 1 will be in the hands of Texas agents the last week in August, according to the chief clerk of the Game, Fish & Oyster Commission.

He said 1650 persons in practically every community in Texas will help distribute the licenses.

Approximately 315,000 individual resident sport fishing licenses and roughly 310,000 individual resident hunting licenses will have been issued to Texans for the current fiscal year ending August 31.

The chief clerk visions a small increase in the sale of both hunting and fishing licenses for the next year.

All of the licenses issued by the commission must be renewed for the new fiscal year.

One important change to sportsmen is the new combined \$2.15 resident hunting license which is good for both big game and small game, barring antelope which requires a special \$5 permit. All persons over 17 years of age hunting beyond their home county must have a hunting license.

The resident license for sports fishing in fresh water costs \$1.65. It must be used by all persons over 17 years of age when fishing beyond their home counties or adjoining counties. Licenses must be possessed even then if artificial bait is used in the home county or artificial bait or live bait are used in adjoining counties.

### Rare Texas Animal Not Vicious, But He Looks That Way

A black Scorpion-like animal strange to most of Texas was brought from Alpine to the Texas Game Fish & Oyster Commission headquarters for inspection by biologists and bugologists.

It is known as a whip scorpion. Its habitat is the semi-arid sections of the Southwest and is found along the Mexican border of Texas.

The arthropod is vicious appearing but it has no venom and the only danger to humans would be from a bite becoming infected.

This animal, also known in Texas as a vinegaroon, has many odd gadgets. Its low slung body is about two and one-fourth inches long. It has two folded pincers in front, eight legs and a tail two inches long.

The antennae-like tail, normally extending upward at an angle, apparently picks up sound. The many-jointed antennae has whorls of hair at the joints, possibly for insulation. Its long, jointed legs are very sensitive to touch.

### Go To Church ... Here's the Time and Place

**Noodle Church of Christ**  
 Sunday: Bible Class...10:00 a. m.  
 Morning Worship Service 11:00  
 Young People's Class...7:30 p. m.  
 Evening Worship Service 8:15

**Trent Methodist Church**  
 Sunday School...10:00 a. m.  
 Morning Services...11:00 a. m.  
 M. Y. F. Services...7:30 p. m.  
 Evening Worship...8:30 p. m.

**Tuesday:**  
 W.S.C. ....3:00 p. m.

**Wednesday:**  
 Prayer Services...8:30 p. m.

**Trent Church of Christ**  
 Sunday: Bible Class...10:00 a. m.  
 Morning Worship...11:00 a. m.  
 Evening Worship...8:15 p. m.

**Wednesday:**  
 Prayer Service...8:15 p. m.

**Thursday:**  
 Ladies Bible Class...4:00 p. m.

**Trent First Baptist Church**  
 Sunday: Sunday School...10:00 a. m.  
 Morning Worship...11:00 a. m.  
 Training Union...7:45 p. m.  
 Evening Worship...8:45 p. m.

**Monday:**  
 G. A. 's and R. A. 's...8:00 p. m.

**Tuesday:**  
 U. M. U. ....4:00 p. m.

**Wednesday:**  
 Prayer Meeting...8:00 p. m.  
 Brotherhood, 1st Friday of month, "You are a stranger here but once."

**Merkel First Baptist Church**  
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 Training Union...7:00 p. m.  
 Evening Worship...8:00 p. m.

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 Morning Worship...11:00 a. m.  
 Training Union...7:15 p. m.  
 Evening Worship...8:00 p. m.

**Merkel First Methodist Church**  
 Sunday: Sunday School...9:50 a. m.  
 Morning Worship...10:50 a. m.  
 M. Y. F. ....7:15 p. m.  
 Evening Worship...8:00 p. m.

**Noodle Baptist Church**  
 Sunday: Sunday School...10:00 a. m.  
 Morning Worship...11:00 a. m.  
 Young People's Service 7:30  
 Evening Service...8:15 p. m.

**Pioneer Memorial Chapel**  
 Sunday: Sunday School...10:00 a. m.  
 Morning Service...11:00 a. m.  
 Evening Service...8:00 p. m.

**Wednesday:**  
 Evening Prayer Service 8:00

**Merkel Church of Christ**  
 Sunday: Bible Study...9:45 a. m.  
 Morning Service...11:00 a. m.  
 Young People's Bible Class 7:00 p. m.  
 Evening Service...8:00 p. m.

**Merkel Calvary Baptist Church**  
 Sunday School...9:45 a. m.  
 Morning Service...11:00 a. m.  
 Evening Bible Class...7:45 p. m.  
 Evening Service...8:00 p. m.

**Merkel Grace Presbyterian Church**  
 Sunday School...10:00 a. m.  
 Morning Worship...11:00 a. m.  
 Evening Worship...8:00 p. m.

**Church of the Nazarene**  
 Services at the Merkel Church of the Nazarene are as follows:  
 Sunday School...10:00 a. m.  
 Morning Worship...11:00 a. m.  
 Young People's Service 7:30 p. m.  
 Evening Service...8:00 p. m.  
 Wednesday Prayer Service 8:00 p. m.

W. F. M. S. meets at 2:30 p. m. each first and third Thursday.

Rev. Geneva Kilgore, pastor, will do the preaching.

**Merkel Assembly of God Church**  
 Sunday: Sunday School...10:00 a. m.  
 Morning Service...11:00 a. m.  
 C. A. 's...6:45 p. m.  
 Evening Service...8:00 p. m.

**Wednesday:**  
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We want to assure every farmer in this area—our members and those who aren't—that we're not polishing home-made halos or celebrating with smug belief that we've gone about as far as we can go in this business of providing dependable, low-cost electric service.

We want our members to know that we'll continue doing all we can to give them even better service at cost, without profit . . . to enlarge our system to meet their fast-growing demands. . .

And we also want to let those farmers who do not yet have electric service know that we don't consider our job completed. Limited only by available materials and sound business operations, we intend to do everything possible to get them service as soon as possible.

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# Middle Clear Fork Soil Conservation News

Alec Carter, Cooperator with the district on his farm in the North Noodle area recently cut his 13 acre patch of alfalfa for hay. He had grazed this patch all spring and summer with about 40 head of hogs and only cut about 7 or 8 acres for hay. This made a yield of 13 tons of hay. Mr. Carter likes his alfalfa patch for hogs very much.

The continued dry weather has brought more attention to the need for more farm ponds. Recently Geo. T. Moore and Emmett Ayers, cooperators with the district on their farm in the North East Noodle area, constructed a new farm pond for livestock water. This was the first pond built on this farm and will supplement their present spring and well.

Joe Gunn, cooperator with the district in the North East Noodle area, is having two ponds constructed on the farm which he operates. He built a 2500 cubic yard pond on his mother's farm and a 2000 cubic yard pond on his farm. These were the first ponds on the farms and will aid in better distribution of livestock water for his 250 acres of grassland.

Alex and Claud Sears, whose ranches are located just outside the Middle Clear Fork Soil Conservation District have recently

constructed 3 new ranch ponds for their 9000 acre ranch. Watering places is one of their major problems for this ranch. They have 10 wells and several ponds but there is still lots of places where cattle have to walk 1 1/2 to 2 miles for a drink. The soil formation consisting mainly of gravel and rock make pond construction rather hazardous. These men have been carrying on a good range conservation program the past five years which has resulted in a much improved range. They have developed watering places, cross fenced, eradicated cedar, rotated grazing and used proper stocking rates which have resulted in more uniform grass cover, better species of grasses coming back, and a good surface cover of weed and grass litter.

Some sound general conservation jobs for the entire farm has recently been summarized. Each of these jobs probably would not be applicable to every farm but where they can be adapted they are worthy of use. They are:

1. Maintain and improve all presently used soil conservation practices.
2. Prevent burning of plant residues on all crop and pasture land.
3. Eradicate undesirable plants.
4. Establish and maintain an efficient well planned farm road system.
5. Establish and maintain permanent vegetation in critical areas for erosion control and wildlife.
6. Divert outside water to prepared or naturally protected outlets to help prevent flooding or erosion.
7. Odd areas, such as wet spots, small corners, rocky outcrops in cropland, should be used for wildlife.
8. Control rodents for protection to crops and to conservation measures.
9. Provide an adequate water supply if at all possible.
10. Apply sound fish management principals to suitable ponds.
11. Use good gully control practices where needed.
12. Use all available crop residues as a stubble mulch to protect the soil.
13. When fields are grazed, leave enough litter on the ground to form a good stubble mulch.
14. Use feed reserves to prevent overgrazing of stubble fields and farm pastures.
15. Use barnyard manure or other organic matter on thin spots.
16. Practice an occasional deep plowing where plow soles develop.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Cobb of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma visited here last week with his mother, Mrs. N. D. Cobb.

## 1/2 Million 4-H'ers Helping Reduce Farm Accidents



A recent survey of 2,000 farm accidents shows that 240 involve machinery. In other types, more farm people are injured by falls—476—than in any other kind of accident.

FARM FOLKS, as a general rule, give little thought to safety until a member of their family or a neighbor's is hurt or killed, or fire destroys their home or barn. Then they start doing something about safety.

This year it is particularly important that every farm family should do something about practicing safety, because even though there is a shortage of labor on farms, and new equipment is hard to get, food production must be boosted. That means the present manpower and machinery on

farms must be guarded against accidents.

An average of 47 farm people are accidentally killed every day.

Helping to reduce rural casualties are a half million boys and girls taking part in the National 4-H Farm and Home Safety Program. More than \$10,000 in awards for the best records of accident prevention and education are being provided by General Motors for the seventh consecutive year.

The program is directed by the Cooperative Extension Service.

## H. S. U. Graduation Sunday, Monday

Dr. W. R. White, president of Baylor University, and the Rev. Fred Swank, pastor of Sagamore Hill Baptist church of Fort Worth, will be speaker at Hardin-Simmons University summer graduation activities August 19 and 20, President Rupert N. Richardson has announced.

A total of 249 candidates for degrees are scheduled to hear the Rev. Swank bring the baccalaureate message Sunday at 8 p. m. in Parramore stadium. Commencement exercises, at which Dr. White will be the speaker, will also be held in the stadium beginning at 8 p. m. Monday.

## ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY FOR COMMISSIONER POST

Charles Orr visited the Mail office this week, renewed his subscription and announced his political ambitions. He says he believes in the old saying, "the early bird gets the worm" and will toss his hat in the ring as a candidate for county commissioner.

According to Mr. Orr, every voter in the precinct will have an opportunity to hear his reasons for aspiring to this office within the intervening months before election.

## TOURS EIGHT STATES

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Hendrix and sons, Donald and Billie Joe have returned home after a vacation trip through eight states, including Oklahoma, Colorado, Utah, Nevada, California, Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas. They visited Pikes Peak, Seven Falls, Petrified Forest, Royal Gorge, Golden Gate in San Francisco and Reno, Nevada.

## THOMPSON REUNION

Those enjoying a family reunion and picnic supper at Cobb Park last Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Omer Bishop, Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Mason Barker and son, Alfred, Hodges; Mr. and Mrs. Willie Barker and son, Jerry, Tye; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Ray, Anson; Wanda Thompson, Abilene; and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Sanders, Barbara Ann, Joyce and Johnnie, Redland, California.

## VISITS NEW GRANDSON

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Sherrell and Laurel left Wednesday where they will visit their son and daughter-in-law, Capt. and Mrs. A. L. Sherrell and new grandson, Mark Steven in Detroit, Michigan. Mark was born June 30.

After spending a few days in Detroit they will return to Texas by way of Canada. Laurel plans to enter H-SU soon after they return.

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## DORCAS AND ALATHEAN CLASSES ENJOY LUNCHEON

The Dorcas and Alathean Sunday School classes of the First Baptist church met August 8 in the home of Mrs. J. Ben Campbell for a covered dish luncheon.

Mrs. Campbell was assisted by her daughters, Mary Kate Campbell and Mrs. H. C. Reid.

After a bountiful lunch was served everyone assembled in the living room where a basket of gifts were presented to Mrs. Agnes Swann, who celebrated her 35th wedding anniversary.

Those present were Mesdames E. O. Carson, Earl Lassiter, General Jones, Bessie McClung, J. O. Castles, P. F. Harris, Clyde Bartlett, J. S. Swann, Agnes Swann, W. O. Boney, W. W. Wheeler, O. B. Tatum, Laura Payne, Chas. West, W. L. Johnson, J. M. McNeice, Ada Higgins and the hostesses.

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## Trent Girl's Auxiliary In Regular Meeting

The girl's Auxiliary of the Trent First Baptist Church held their regular weekly meeting Monday evening, August 13. Venita Quattlebaum, secretary, called the roll and each member answered with a verse from the Bible.

The group sang "We've a Story to Tell the Nation" and discussed experiences they had and plans they made at the Leaders Encampment.

Refreshments were served to Neleta Hale, Barbara Edwards, Betty Payne, Judy Steadman, Glenda Reynolds, Sylvia June Taylor, Venita Quattlebaum, and Mrs. Riley Fugitt, sponsor.

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**THURSDAY & FRIDAY, August 22-23**  
 Features at 8:10 and 10:05  
 Gold Smuggler and Adventurers Fighting For  
 The Orient's Stolen Riches!  
 Jeff Chandler-Evelyn Keyes  
**"SMUGGLER'S ISLAND"**  
 Cartoon and News

**Otho A. Smiths Celebrate Golden Wedding At Trent**

Mr. and Mrs. Otho A. Smith celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on August 12 in the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Lesley Beasley of Route 2, Trent. The other daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Allen Terry of Fort Worth were present for the occasion.

In the receiving line were Mrs. Beasley welcoming and Mrs. Terry registering the many friends and relatives who called during the afternoon to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Smith on their 50 years of married life which have been spent in the Trent Community. The couple was married at Merkel in the home of Mrs. Smith's parents Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Jennings.

The country home of the Beasleys was appropriately decorated for the occasion. Cut flowers of yellow roses, daisies, and chrysanthemums, contributed by relatives and friends, were arranged throughout the house. An attractive display of the many gifts presented the couple was arranged on white satin by Mrs. Harry Bullock of Merkel. Mrs. Emory Jones of Abilene, niece of Mr. Smith greeted guests in the display room.

The dining room was beautifully decorated with yellow daisies, chrysanthemums, and tall yellow tapers. The refreshment table was covered by a linen cutwork cloth with a centerpiece of yellow gladioluses and rosebuds.

Lading punch were the three granddaughters, Betty Terry, Patricia and Kay Beasley. Mr. and Mrs. Smith together cut the decorated cake which was served by the following girls: Amelia Faye Martin, Bobby Ann Dudley, Peggy Horton, Sylvia June Taylor, Sue McCree, Thelda Hamner and Carolyn McRee.

Mrs. Smith wore a corsage of yellow rosebuds, her favorite flower, other members of the house party wore yellow carnations.

Appropriate piano music and songs were given throughout the afternoon.

Out of town relatives calling were Mr. Smith's brother, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Smith of Abilene and Mrs. Wesley Edwards of Midland, sister of Mrs. Smith. Other relatives were Mr. and Mrs. Andy Baker, Hugh and Ann, Mr. and Mrs. Jennings Winters, Merkel; Mrs. Emory Jones and Pat, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Baker and Virgil, Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Hail, Abilene; Mrs. W. H. Derstine, Lamesa; Mr. and Mrs. Allen Edwards and Laura Ellen, Midland.

Out of town friends included Mrs. Bessie Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Rufe Little, Max Mellinger, Sylvian Hollinger, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Dennis, all of Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bowers, Miss Oma Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Sears, Mrs. H. F. Powell, Mrs. J. W. Dowdy and Gertrude, all of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Boyd and J. D. Cookwood, Hamlin; Mr. and Mrs. Hank Brown, Sweetwater.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith reside on their stock farm southeast of Trent where they have lived since 1932.

**MERKEL H. D. CLUB MEETS**

Mr. John Hughes, president of the Merkel H. D. Club presided over the meeting held in the newly decorated home of Mrs. J. Ben Campbell on Friday afternoon, August 10th.

The group sang "The Eyes of Texas" led by Miss Lottie Butman. The club prayer was said by all present.

Lists were made by club members for making out the 1951-52 yearbook, to be sent on to the Taylor County H. D. agent, Miss Loretta Allen.

Council report was given by the council delegate, Mrs. Liles, who always gives a good and strict account of all that happens in the council.

Report of the tri-county H. D. Club Camp at Leuders of Jones, Fisher and Taylor Counties was given by Mrs. Rhett Edison, Jr., Taylor County chairman. Those attending from Merkel were Mrs. S. G. Russell, Jr., and Mrs. Rhett Edison.

An interesting report on T.H.D. A. work was given by Mrs. W. C. Lee. Report of Taylor county council booth at Buffalo Gap on the picnic day headed by the farm bureau was given by Mrs. John Hughes.

The next meeting will be a demonstration on Ceramics at the Community Center, Friday afternoon at 2:30. Visitors will be welcome at the demonstration.

Those present were: Mesdames Pearl Harris, W. C. Lee, John Hughes, L. P. Liles, J. W. Byran, Ray Holmes, Rhett Edison, Jr., and Stella Cutler, Elnovia Holmes, Patricia Eidson, and Bettie Lou Holmes.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Benson, Ann and Bob have returned from a weeks vacation in Colorado Springs, Colorado and El Paso.

**Surprise Pastor With Gift Shower At Church Party**

The members of the congregation of the Grace Presbyterian church enjoyed an evening of fellowship at a watermelon party on the church lawn Tuesday night.

After the watermelon feast the congregation surprised the new pastor, Rev. George Walker, by presenting him with a number of gifts, consisting mainly of household equipment and utensils, in their effort to assist him in properly furnishing the manse.

Mr. and Mrs. Denzel Cox and daughter, Mrs. O'hell O'Kelly of Trent attended the funeral of the infant baby of Mr. and Mrs. Dave L. Cox of Midland.

**HOSPITAL NOTES**

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

As medical patients—Mrs. Nettie Cole, August 11; Mrs. Vernon Mansfield, Mrs. Henry West, August 12; Mrs. Buster Horton, Mrs. Vernon Hudson, Mrs. W. P. Derrington, August 13.

For surgery—Fred Starbuck, August 11; Wendall Bockman, August 12; Audie Allison, Zona Beth Young, August 13.

For tonsillectomy—Dannette Gilbreath, August 13.

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CHURCHS  
**GRAPE JUICE bot.** 32c

HEARTS DELIGHT  
**PEARS No. 2 1/2 can** 39c

HARVEST QUEEN  
**SALAD DRESSING pt.** 25c

AUNT JEMIMA  
**MEAL 5 lbs.** 39c

GOLD MEDAL  
**FLOUR 10 lbs.** 95c

ARMOURS STAR  
**PURE LARD 3 lb. ctn.** 63c

**CHOICE MEATS**

CENTER CUT  
**PORK CHOPS lb.** 59c

FRESH DRESSED  
**FRYERS lb.** 55c

HORMELS MIDWEST  
**BACON lb.** 43c

LONGHORN  
**CHEESE lb.** 47c

FOR BAR B. Q. or ROAST  
**SHORT RIBS lb.** 52c

NICE LEAN  
**PORK ROAST lb.** 49c

GOOCH'S PURE PORK  
**SAUSAGE lb.** 53c

FRESH  
**GROUND MEAT lb.** 63c

CHOICE BEEF  
**CHUCK ROAST lb.** 67c

DEL MONTE WHOLE No. 2 can  
**GREEN BEANS 2 for** 25c

DEL MONTE . . . . . No. 2 can  
**SPINACH 2 for** 29c

DEL MONTE No. 2 can  
**ORANGE JUICE 2 for** 25c

**FAB or VEL box** 29c

SOFTEX  
**TISSUE 2 rolls** 25c

LIBBY'S Tomato and Cheese  
**SPAGHETTI can** 13c

CREAMY  
**SNOWDRIFT**  
 3 pound can 89c

THRIFTY BUYS

HEINZ CANNED  
**MIX FOODS 3 for** 25c

DIAMOND 3 for  
**PORK & BEANS 25c**

ALL BABY  
**FOOD 3 for** 25c

DIAMOND 3 for  
**BLACKEYE Peas 25c**

HOSTESS 3 for  
**Vienna SAUSAGE 25c**

DIAMOND  
**HOMINY 3 for** 25c

AMERICAN  
**SARDINES 3 for** 25c

DIAMOND 3 for  
**PINTO BEANS 25c**

HUNTS 3 for  
**TOMATO Sauce 25c**

DIAMOND 3 for  
**LIMA BEANS 25c**

ALL FLAVORS  
**JELLO 3 boxes** 25c

KIM  
**DOG FOOD 3 for** 25c

DONALD DUCK  
 FROZEN  
**ORANGE JUICE**  
 Can 19c

**RECIPE OF THE WEEK**  
 By Mary Lee Taylor  
**Graham Fruit Dessert**

1/2 cup canned fruit cocktail juice  
 1/2 cup cold Pet Milk  
 1/2 teaspoon salt  
 1/2 pkg. orange gelatin  
 5 graham crackers, 2 1/2-in. square

Heat fruit cocktail juice and salt to boiling. Add gelatin; stir until dissolved. Cool to room temperature. Then stir in milk. Chill until mixture begins to thicken. Whip chilled gelatin until light and fluffy. Fold in fruit cocktail and 3 graham crackers, broken in 1/2-in. squares. Put into 4 dessert dishes. Crumble 2 graham crackers; sprinkle on fruit mixture. Chill until firm. Makes 4 servings.

2 Tall Cans  
**PET MILK 27c**

**FRESH FRUITS and VEGETABLES**

FRESH  
**CELERY stalk** 15c

FRESH WHITE ROSE  
**POTATOES lb.** 4c

TOMPSON SEEDLESS  
**GRAPES lb.** 15c

FRESH  
**CORN 2 Ears** 15c

FRESH  
**CAULIFLOWER lb.** 12c

YELLOW  
**ONIONS lb.** 8c

FRESH CRISP  
**LETTUCE head** 12c

RED  
**WATERMELONS choice** 49c

FRESH GREEN  
**CABBAGE lb.** 4c

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