

New Year To Bring Food Area Oil Play

Oil wells stand cemented and mobile; the weather for com-

zer field north of Merkel, is still testing in the lower Strawn.

Drilling & Exploration Co., Clark Brookerson No. 1, semi-

Drilling & Exploration Co. Inc. & Hanley Co., Andy Baker No. 4,

is drilling ahead at 2,100 feet. This well is a north offset to the

Gochemical Surveys, C. H. Grubbs Drilling Co., No. 6 T. J. Bird,

Trent Pioneer, Enoch A. Martin, Buried Tuesday

Funeral services for Enoch Alonzo Martin, 74, were held Tuesday afternoon at the Trent Church

Mr. Martin died at his Trent home Sunday night.

Born in Ellis County, Sept. 23, 1877, he moved to Trent in 1885. He had been actively engaged in farming until 1941.

Mr. Martin married the former Maude S. Cook Dec. 30, 1897. She died in 1903. Three children of this marriage survive. They are James Franklin Martin of Hugo, Okla.; Mrs. Annie Lee Riggan of Big Spring, and Mrs. Emmie Scott of Trent.

He was married to Bessie Patterson of Merkel on Dec. 17, 1905. Surviving children of this marriage are Floyd Martin of Sweetwater, Mrs. Maggie Ashford of Westbrook, Alton Martin, Trent, Clarence Martin of the Air Force, stationed at Bermuda; Mrs. Ola Johnson of Sweetwater and Lee Roy Martin of Ozona.

A stepdaughter, Mrs. Annie Mann of Merenci, Ariz., also survives.

Auto Safety Law Now In Effect; Test Stations To Open

The new auto safety law is now in effect. You must have sufficient liability insurance to cover any accident in which you may become involved. And, too, you can't renew your automobile license until your car has passed a rigid safety test.

As of this writing no test station in Merkel has yet been officially named though two have made application to render this service. These are Badger Chevrolet Co. and Palmer Motor Co. Both are expected to be ready to begin testing cars within the next two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Kinsey have just received a letter from their son, Pfc. Gilford Jerome Kinsey, informing them that he was wounded in Action in Korea during December.

Pfc. Kinsey and squadron were on patrol when they ran into a mine and a piece of shrapnel struck him in the back and lodged in one of his lungs.

He had been on "Heartbreak Ridge" and had retired for several days rest, and had just returned to combat duty when he was wounded.

Pfc. Kinsey entered the service February 16, 1951, trained in Fort Jackson, S. C., and had been in Korea about four months. He is in the 2nd Division, 23rd Regiment. He moved with his family to Merkel from Colorado City in 1947 and had worked on Louie Herring's farm since that time.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Garner and son, Darrell of Spade are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. Garner.

Fort Worth Man New Pastor First Baptist Church

The Rev. Glenn E. Braswell has accepted the call of the First Baptist church of Merkel. He will preach his first sermon as the pastor at the morning service Sunday—the first Sunday of the new year.

Rev. Braswell comes to Merkel from Fort Worth where he was at one time pastor of the River Oaks Baptist church and a well-known evangelist.

He will bring his wife and three children here later this month. He has two boys, 9 and 5, and a girl 19 months old.

The First Baptist congregation will not only have a new pastor to start the new year but also a new pipe organ. The new organ, a gift from Mr. and Mrs. W. S. J. Brown, is being installed this week and will be used for the first time at the Sunday morning service.

Former Merkel Man Warren McSpadden Now Heads ASPCA

Warren W. McSpadden has been appointed by the Board of Managers of the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals as General Manager of the Society. He succeeds Sydney H. Coleman who has retired after serving 21 years as executive vice-president. The new executive officer of the Society has been the director of education since 1939 and is nationally known as a leader in the humane education field.

Mr. McSpadden is a native of Texas. He was reared in Merkel, graduated from the Merkel high school, and he and his parents were well and favorably known here and many will be glad to learn of the success he has attained in his chosen field. He was graduated with high honors from the University of Texas in 1933 with A. B. and A. M. degrees and is a member of Phi Beta Kappa. Later he did graduate work at the University of Chicago and Columbia University. He became an instructor at Teachers College, Columbia in 1934 and then, in 1939, joined the ASPCA staff.

Mr. McSpadden has initiated many innovations in the Society's education program. Instruction is given to about 50,000 children a year. He is the author of several courses of instruction on pets and animals for use by teachers in elementary schools, and other books of general interest. He has also directed the ASPCA's obedience training program since 1944, the first of its kind in New York City. He organized a civil defense program for animals in World War II, continuing during the present emergency.

Even though the weather has turned colder since New Year's it has not deterred politics from warming up a bit.

Already several likely candidates for county offices are on the verge of making announcement of their intentions but they are waiting to see what the other fellow will do before definitely tossing their hats in the ring.

The sheriff's race may develop into a free-for-all. Especially so should Sheriff Fleming not seek re-election. He has made no definite statement as to whether he will run, but many believe he will. In any event he will have opposition.

There will likely be two women in the race for county clerk. Mrs. Homer Hutto will enter this contest against Mrs. Chester Hutcheson, present incumbent.

It has been reported that Merkel commissioner, C. R. Tittle, may have opposition, however this is not yet official.

Within the next few weeks many will have made up their minds and the glad-handers will be in our midst in droves.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mrs. A. H. Murphree has received an announcement of a new granddaughter, Glenda Jan, who made her appearance on December 23rd. Glenda Jan's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Glenn Cox of Fort Worth. The paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Murphree and the maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Belew of Winters.

HOSPITAL NOTES

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

As medical patients—W. L. Fugate, December 28; Gene Warren, December 29; E. V. Satterwhite, January 1; Doyle Hudson, Mrs. C. A. Cox, Mrs. Delmar Compton, (fractured hip), Mrs. B. F. Sipes, January 2.

For surgery—Mrs. Henry Uecker, Mrs. Leon Scott, January 2.

Helps Dimes Drive



Miss Texas—Glenda Jane Holcomb of Odessa—a Miss America contestant in the annual Atlantic City Pageant, makes one of the first contributions to the 1952 March of Dimes. The March of Dimes period has been doubled to include all January because of the record polio toll of the last four years.

Burleson To Seek Reelection; Will Have Opposition

Before leaving for Washington last week Congressman Omar Burleson announced he would be a candidate to succeed himself as a representative from the 17th district. It is a certainty he will have opposition as one avowed candidate has already announced and others may enter within the month.

Polio-Fighting March of Dimes Fund Campaign On; Need More Money

The campaign for polio-fighting funds got underway in this community and throughout the nation this week, as volunteers geared themselves for the doubled effort that will be necessary to help the March of Dimes keep pace with the march of polio.

The campaign period has been doubled this year because the National Foundation has been forced into debt four years in succession by surging polio incidence. The drive started Jan. 2, and will continue until the end of the month.

During the last four years, the National Foundation and its chapters have spent \$79,000,000 in March of Dimes funds for patient care charges alone, as compared with \$41,000,000 in the previous ten-year span.

This situation was brought about not only by rising costs but also because there were more cases during the last four years than in the entire previous decade.

Added to increased costs and increased incidence has been a third factor that has compounded the difficulties of the National Foundation. Polio doesn't just hit and run. The effects of any one year's epidemic are not soon forgotten by many of the stricken ones, nor by the National Foundation chapters which pay the bills.

In 1951, for example, the March of Dimes organization provided care for 45,000 men, women and children stricken in prior years—in addition to the four out of five of the new patients, who needed and received help.

This black picture has meant that the National Foundation is annually faced with an average of 30,000 cases in contrast to the ten to twelve thousand cases a year formerly considered "normal."

This is the reason why the 1952 March of Dimes period has had to be increased; it is also the reason why contributions will have to be increased this year, if polio is to be checked and eventually conquered.

Father of Merkel Woman Dies in Okla.

I. W. Yancey, father of Mrs. J. S. Pinckley, passed away at his home in Oklahoma December 22, on his 93rd birthday. Relatives from Merkel attending the funeral at Frederick, Oklahoma were Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Pinckley and Mr. and Mrs. Jarrett Pinckley.

Reeds Hold Annual Christmas Dinner

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Reed entertained Christmas with their traditional turkey dinner.

On Christmas eve they all enjoyed exchanging gifts in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Reed. Several readings were given and a number of carols were sung.

These present for the occasions were Mrs. John Coomer, Mr. and Mrs. Allen D. King, Ida May, Sue, Allen, Jr. and Buddy, Franks Reed, and Georgia May, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Reed and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Reed and Johnny.

Union Ridge Ed Club

The Union Ridge Home Demonstration club will meet Friday (today) in the home of Mrs. Gordon Pursley at 2 p. m.

Year's-End Bank Statement Shows Fine Condition

The Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Merkel prints this week their statement of conditions at the close of business December 31, 1951. It shows a total of \$3,498,868.33 in deposits and a total of \$581,380.87 in loans. This is a very creditable showing when the fact of the severe drought suffered in our area the past year are considered.

The statement compares most favorable with the one issued October 10, 1951, when deposits totalled \$3,216,512.54 and loans were \$762,069.41. On December 31, 1950, deposits were \$3,962,273.19 and loans \$536,809.19.

Shareholders shared in the earnings of the banking institution to the extent of a ten per cent dividend on Dec. 31. Earlier in the year, on June 30, a ten per cent dividend was declared, giving Shareholders a 20 per cent dividend for the year.

All employees were given a month's pay as a Christmas bonus by the officials.

A stockholders meeting has been called by President Booth Warren for January 8 for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year.

Need Funds Now For Cemetery Work

The Merkel cemetery maintenance fund starts the new year in the red. It now has a deficit of \$30.52 and there are now labor bills to pay and no money to pay them.

Right now would be a good time to mail or bring in a check for the cemetery fund while fund drives are getting under way.

Our cemetery is maintained entirely by free-will offerings of our people. Without these offerings the necessary work cannot be continued and the beauty of the place will be marred.

Therefore consider this as a plea for funds. Mail or bring your donations to the F. & M. Bank, Bragg Dry Goods Co. or The Merkel Mail.

Bloodmobile Unit Here Next Month

The Bloodmobile unit of the Texas Defense Blood program will visit Merkel early in February to give the people of Merkel and vicinity a chance to donate a pint of their blood for the benefit of our fighting boys in Korea. The exact date has not as yet been definitely set but will be within the first two weeks of February.

The Bloodmobile unit will be sent to Merkel for blood donations, just as has been done in other towns and cities over the United States. It will be set up in the Community Center building with a local committee assisting the experts who will accompany the unit here. Lester Dorton, president of the local Lions club, has appointed David Gamble chairman of the local committee to have charge of the arrangements. Mr. Gamble will shortly select the men and women to assist him in securing blood donors.

In most of the larger cities where bloodmobiles have been set up there has been an average of approximately three per cent of the population who have responded for the urgent call for blood. Those in charge of bringing this unit to Merkel feel sure no such small percentage will be registered here. In fact, it is believed and hoped that a percentage of from

8 to 10 per cent of the people of the Merkel-Trent area will respond to this great life-saving call for blood.

Make a date now to donate a pint to save a life when the Bloodmobile comes here. It will require only a few moments of your time, is painless and you will know you have made a priceless donation to help your country.

Merkel 20 Years Ago

TAKEN FROM THE 1931 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL

NEW P. O. BUILDING

Upon the completion of a new building to be started at once, the Merkel postoffice will move from the site it has occupied for more than 25 years to the new structure.

LEGIONNAIRES FETED

Ex-service men enjoyed a wild turkey dinner Wednesday night at Mack's Cafe as guest of Perry Dickinson, Homer Patterson, J. T. King and J. L. Speck who returned recently from a turkey hunt and were fortunate to get the limit. Dent Gibson was toastmaster and music was supplied by a stringed orchestra.

SHOWING AT THE QUEEN

Twenty years ago the Queen was showing as a special attraction the Mark Twain immortal story "Huckleberry Finn," starring Jackie Coogan and Mitzi Green.

VISIT TEENT RELATIVES

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Boone have returned to their home in Memphis after a pleasant visit in Trent as guests of Mrs. Boone's mother.

HAVE CANDY-BREAKING

Miss Florence Sherman entertained the Trent young people's Sunday school class and leaguers with an old-time candy breaking last Friday night. All members were present and an enjoyable time was had.

TEAFF-HINDS

Miss Johnnie Ruth Hinds of Tye and James W. Teaff of Merkel were married at the Tye Methodist church Thursday. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. C. Hinds of Childress, a brother of the bride.

This Happened in Merkel Forty Years Ago

TAKEN FROM THE 1911 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL

Miss Winnie Warren left today for Waco to resume her studies at Baylor University after spending the holidays with Merkel home folks.

Wesley Edwards, assisted by his mother, Mrs. Lulu Edwards, and daughter, Lucile, entertained a number of his friends on the lawn of his home last Tuesday evening. A large camp fire had been lit, over which he had barbecued meats, roasted eggs, cooked Irish stew and biscuits and the crowd enjoyed the excellent meal. After the meal T. A. Johnson sang Irish songs to the accompaniment of Miss Laura Jennings.

T. L. Grimes and family moved back to Merkel this week from Vernon where they have been living the past two years. Mr. Grimes says no town can beat Merkel as a place to live.

Many of Merkel's young people enjoyed a holiday dance last Friday evening, it being one of

BRIDGE-SHOWER

Mrs. Orin Tittle, the former Nadine Tippet, was complimented with a lovely bridge party Wednesday in the home of Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Sadler, with Mrs. Sadler and Miss Louise Booth as co-hostesses. After the games and refreshments a number of pretty and useful gifts were presented the new bride.

SOME 1932 PRICES

Red seed oats advertised for 25c per bushel. Sliced sugar-cured bacon at 15c a pound. Peaberry coffee offered at 2 pounds for 25c. Ten pounds of potatoes for 18c, and oranges at 20c a dozen.

SLUMBER PARTY

Mrs. Cecil Guthrie entertained with a slumber party honoring her sister, Miss Hallie Pike, who is visiting here from Bogata. A midnight lunch was served to the many young people present.

VISITORS FROM LUBBOCK

Mr. and Mrs. George Hunter and grandson, Horace Atwood, and his wife and daughter from Lubbock were holiday guests in the A. W. Hunter home in the Canyon.

RETURN TO ARIZONA

Mrs. K. L. Vidrine and little son, Lionel, have returned to their home in Phoenix, Ariz., after a visit with her mother, Mrs. J. R. Hester, and other relatives here.

OHIO VISITOR

Mrs. Lillian Adrain of Loraine, Ohio, is a Merkel visitor being a guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Vickers. She is expected to leave for her home next week.

entertainment features arranged in honor of the several out-of-town guests spending the weekend here. A stringed-instrument orchestra from Abilene supplied the music.

Miss Bessie Medlen has returned home after a pleasant visit to relatives in Anson. She spent the holidays there and was graciously entertained.

An interesting story of early-day life in the Merkel country was that written by Rev. A. A. Baker and printed in the Merkel Mail forty years ago. Rev. Baker came here in 1885 and his account of conditions here as he found them when he arrived is most entertaining. Only four buildings comprised the business section of the town and one of these was a saloon. Land was selling from \$1.00 to \$5.00 an acre and farmers were just beginning to become interested in the possibilities of this section.

Miss Patsy Swann Seriously Injured In Auto Accident

All Merkel is rejoicing that Miss Patsy Swann continues improvement in a Albany hospital, though she is far from being out of danger.

Miss Swann was seriously injured in an automobile accident last Friday evening near Albany which one woman was killed and two men hospitalized.

The car in which Miss Swann was a passenger was being driven by James Weldon and was in collision with one being driven by Cecil Gordon of Abilene in which his wife was a passenger. Mr. Gordon lost control of his car causing it to careen directly in the path of the one Weldon was driving.

The force of the collision was such that Mrs. Gordon was killed and Miss Swann suffered head and other injuries which kept her in a coma several days. Neither of the men were seriously hurt.

Her parents are at Pat's bedside and daily reports from friends here are to the effect she is now conscious and slowly improving. It is hoped she can soon be returned to her home here.

Mrs. Vera Compton Suffers Broken Hip

Mrs. Vera Compton slipped on the ice-coated pavement Wednesday afternoon, fell and broke her hip. She is now in Sadler hospital.

Her many friends will regret to hear of Mrs. Compton's mishap and are hoping for her early recovery.

O. E. Harwell has returned home after a seige in a Dallas hospital where he underwent eye surgery for the removal of a cataract. He is reported making satisfactory progress.

Special Speakers Are Next Week For Convention

Religious sectional Sunday school churches will be in attendance at the community center on Monday, January 9, at 7:30 p. m., with Rev. H. H. Hester, pastor, in charge.

Speakers will be in attendance at the evening special messages. These speakers are Copeland of Springdale, National Sunday school; Rev. and Mrs. Ernie Lee of Fort Smith, Ark.; Sunday school workers, McCann of Olney, Sunday school.

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NEWS ABOUT TOWN

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Lott and sons, Eddie and John of Indie, La. are visiting in Merkel with Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Cunningham.

Dwayne Maserang has returned to his home in Abernathy after spending the Christmas holidays with his cousin, J. B. Swinney.

Mr. and Mrs. George Meeks and Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Howard of Abilene were Sunday visitors in the home of Dr. and Mrs. L. P. Howard.

Rev. and Mrs. Hollis Shook and children of Carlsbad, N. M. spent the holidays with Mrs. Shook's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Orsborn, Route 4.

Rev. and Mrs. E. H. Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Toombs and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Swinney attended the fifth Sunday singing at Hobbs last Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Smith of Lubbock and Mrs. Tom Winter of Abilene were in Merkel Friday visiting their sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Owen.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen D. King, Ida May, Sue, Allen, Jr. and Buddy attended the golden wedding celebration for Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Baxter at Bend, Texas, last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Smith and son spent Christmas in Colcord, Oklahoma and also visited in Rogers, Arkansas with Mrs. Smith's brother, George Smith and Mrs. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Nichols and sons, Bob and Edd of Tyler and Mr. and Mrs. John D. Oliver and Danny of Midland were guests in the John Oliver home during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Sharp and Arl Sharp of El Paso spent Thursday and Friday of last week in Merkel with their mother, Mrs. J. P. Sharp and other relatives and friends.

Nina Orsborn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Orsborn, who underwent surgery at Hendrick Memorial hospital in Abilene last Friday is doing fine and expects to return to her home soon.

Dr. and Mrs. L. P. Howard spent the holidays in Lubbock with Dr. Howard's mother, Mrs. B. H. Howard. Mrs. Howard is 85 years old and has 13 living children, 12 of whom were present for the occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Ray had as their holiday guests their children, Mr. and Mrs. Lucian Rudd of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. Horace Steele of Houston. Joe Keany, Baylor University, also visited in the Ray home. Mrs. Ray and Becky accompanied the Steeles back to Houston for a few days visit.

Cpl. Johnny Thaxton has returned to Ft. Leonardwood, Missouri after spending the holidays with his parents Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Thaxton and his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Massey.

Those visiting in the home of J. H. Swinney during the Christmas holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Odell Anderson and son of Benbrook, Mr. and Mrs. Clovis Harrison of Monahans, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Maserang and sons of Abernathy and Mrs. Jess Russom and Maggie.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Patterson have returned home from Indianapolis, Ind. Where they spent the Christmas holidays with their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Truett Patterson and two granddaughters, Mary and Jane. This was their first introduction to Jane, the newest member of the family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Pinckley had as their guests Christmas day Mr. and Mrs. Otha Castle and Judy Beth and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Morgan and son, Phillip, all of Perryton. Other visitors during the holidays were Mrs. Pinckley's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Yancey of Carthage, Missouri.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McCoy enjoyed a happy Christmas this year by having all their children and grandchildren home. They were Mr. and Mrs. Medford McCoy, Mr. and Mrs. Miniford McCoy and Debra, Borger; Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Deal, Jr., Los Alamos, New Mexico; Morelle McCoy, Austin; Mr. and Mrs. Melvin McCoy and Tommy Dan and Merkel McCoy, all of Merkel.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Clark during the Christmas holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Clark, Carolyn and Bobby Joe, Mr. and Mrs. Mell Jones and Melva Ann, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Clark, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Haisten, Charles and Dennis, Alba; Pic. Buddy Wayne Haisten, Whidley Island, Washington; H. D. Clark, Miss Annette Newton and Mrs. Chas. West, Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Riney enjoyed a happy Christmas by having all of their children and grandchildren home. They were Mr. and Mrs. Paul Riney, Artesia, Colo.; Mr. and Mrs. Doc Alexander and family, Borger; Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Perry and girls of Merkel. Other guests visiting in the Riney home were Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Cahill, Snyder; Mr. and Mrs. Lee Sparks and Jimmy, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Duncan and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jackson Parker, Odessa; Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Bush, Mrs. Freeman Denton and children, Mrs. Dewey Hutchins, Mary Jo, Linda and Vicki, all of Merkel.

Annual Yuletide Party Held At Brown Hereford Ranch

Yuletide season comes each year and quickly passes into history, but not until the W. S. J. Brown's give their holiday party at their Noodle Hereford Ranch Lodge. A precedent of eighteen years standing—much to the delight of the invited guests—it was delayed this year due to illness of some and given as a New Year's Eve party.

Missing for the first time, due to illness, were Mr. and Mrs. Lige Gamble. Also for the first time in the 18 years was the absence of the Christmas tree, Yule log and fire in the big fire place.

The large banquet table was set with white linen, china and crystal. In a bed of red and white carnations the large white styrofoam clock pointed to midnight.

Tall twisted white candles in single and double crystal holders ranged along the table. Red and white styrofoam roosters held place cards. Table setting and decorating, done by Mrs. Tom Largent, was both unique and very beautiful.

Turkey with other complimentary food was served buffet style, including blackeyed peas for good

luck during the coming year. After the meal each one gave a very brief discussion of an assigned subject on the host and hostess, which were wire recorded. When played back Tom Largent received first prize of a box of candy. His original poem being judged the most outstanding recorded.

A great many songs were recorded by the group, as was also the quartet singing of Mr. and Mrs. Yates Brown, Mrs. Booth Warren and Roy Largent.

The customary passing of gifts from previously drawn names was a period of surprises and delights.

Many popcorn balls were consumed during a most enjoyable time of waiting for the stroke of twelve, which came all too soon. Ringing of bells and blowing horns preceded the singing of Auld Lang Syne.

Visiting and reminiscing with friends for so many years is a pleasure and a heritage none would want to give up. Being the guest of the genial host and hostess the W. S. J. Brown's is a pleasure everyone treasures. Registering in the Lodge's Log book this year were Messrs. and Mesdames E. Yates Brown, Midland; V. P. Tippett, San Angelo; Booth Warren, Tom Largent, Roy Largent, Dee Gimes, Willie Joe Largent, Johnny Cox, and Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Sadler.

Horse-Bear Fight Unusual Adventure In Pioneer Film

Presenting thrills and excitement never before duplicated in films, Eagle-Lion's Cinecolor production of "Red Stallion," opening next Friday at the Pioneer Drive-In Theatre, will make motion picture history with one of the outstanding sequences ever filmed. Breathtaking and memorable, one of the exciting climaxes of "The Red Stallion" features a vicious and brutal fight between a valiant horse and an enraged wild bear.

Barbee Family Hold Family Reunion

The Barbee family reunion was held during the Christmas holidays in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Barbee of Rochester, formerly of Merkel. They had all eight of their children together for the first time in thirteen years.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Buck Sexton, Dennie, Dale and Frankie, Mr. and Mrs. Edd Black, Janet, Jerry, Kay, Vickie and Brenda, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Head, all of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Barbee, Eddie and Donnie, Midland; Mr. and Mrs. Don Barbee, Carlsbad, N. M.; Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Holsley, Ronnie, Billy and Gail, Jal, N. M.; Miss Thelma Barbee and Johnnie Barbee of Rochester. Mrs. Barbee's father, D. D. Coats was also present for the reunion.

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STATEMENT OF CONDITION
FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK
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CLOSE OF BUSINESS DECEMBER 31, 1951

RESOURCES	
Loans	\$ 581,380.37
Overdrafts	7,350.92
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	4,500.00
Furniture and Fixtures	2,500.00
AVAILABLE CASH AND QUICK ASSETS:	
United States Bonds and Securities	\$ 1,747,186.00
Other Bonds and Warrants	21,633.21
Cash and Due From Banks	1,343,554.79
Total	3,112,374.00
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	75,000.00
Surplus	75,000.00
Undivided Profits	51,737.41
Dividend Payable Dec. 31, 1951	7,500.00
DEPOSITS	3,498,868.38
Total	3,708,105.79

The above statement is correct.
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New Year's Party At Farm Home

Mrs. H. R. Chancey entertained friends with a New Year's Eve party at her farm home near Comper. Guests arrived at 7 p. m. and remained to watch the old year out and the new year in

Games of "42" and dominoes were played and at midnight refreshments were served to the following guests: Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Justice, Mr. and Mrs. Tye Sublett, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Jennings and boys, Jamie, Jerry and Johnnie, Mrs. Ima Moore, Mrs. W. C. Bush, Mrs. Eva Fay Den-

ton and sons, Manley and Kent. Mrs. Chancey has been in her farm home only a few weeks, having returned there after a 4-year absence.
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White Again Asks Agriculture Post

John C. White of Wichita County has become the first official candidate in the 1952 political arena. With all requirements of a new election code in this year, White handed in his fee to State Democratic chairman, J. E. Wheat of Woodville. He also filed affidavits of loyalty.

Attend the Church of Your Choice

Merkel Church of Christ
 Sunday: Bible Study... 9:45 a. m. Morning Service... 11:00 a. m. Young People's Bible Class... 6:30 p. m. Evening Services... 7:00 p. m.

Merkel Assembly of God Church
 Sunday: Sunday School... 10:00 a. m. Morning Service... 11:00 a. m. C. A.'s... 6:30 p. m. Evening Worship... 7:00 p. m. Tuesday: Women's Missionary Council... 2:00 p. m. Wednesday: Prayer Service... 7:15 p. m.

Hebron Baptist Church
 Sunday: Sunday School... 10:00 a. m. Morning Worship... 11:00 a. m. Training Union... 7:00 p. m. Evening Worship... 7:00 p. m. Wednesday: Evening Prayer Services... 7:00 o'clock.

Trent Methodist Church
 Sunday School... 10:00 a. m. Evening Worship... 7:00 p. m. Morning Services... 11:00 a. m. M. Y. F. Services... 6:30 p. m. Tuesday: WSCS... 3:00 p. m. Wednesday: Prayer Services... 7:30 p. m.

Tye Methodist Church
 Sunday: Sunday School... 10:00 a. m. M. Y. F. ... 6:30 p. m. Prayer Meeting... 7:00 p. m. Morning Service... 11:00 a. m.

Merkel First Methodist Church
 Sunday: Sunday School... 9:50 a. m. Morning Worship... 10:50 a. m. M. Y. F. ... 6:30 p. m. Evening Worship... 7:00 p. m.

Noodle Baptist Church
 Sunday: Sunday School... 10:00 a. m. Morning Worship... 11:00 a. m. Young People's Class... 6:30 p. m. Evening Services... 7:00 p. m.

Tye Baptist Church
 Sunday: Sunday School... 9:45 a. m. Morning Worship... 11:00 a. m. Training Union... 6:45 p. m. Evening Services... 7:00 p. m.

Merkel Grace Presbyterian Church
 Sunday School... 10:00 a. m. Morning Worship... 11:00 a. m. Evening Services... 7:00 p. m.

Pioneer Memorial Chapel
 Sunday School... 10:00 a. m. Morning Service... 11:00 a. m. Evening Services... 7:00 p. m. Wednesday: Evening Prayer Service 7:00

Merkel Calvary Baptist Church
 Sunday School... 9:45 a. m. Morning Service... 11:00 a. m. Evening Bible Class... 6:30 p. m. Evening Worship... 7:00 p. m.

Trent First Baptist Church
 Sunday: Sunday School... 10:00 a. m. Morning Worship... 11:00 a. m. Training Union... 6:45 p. m. Evening Services... 7:00 p. m.

U. M. U.
 Tuesday: U. M. U. ... 9:30 a. m. Wednesday: G. A.'s and R. A.'s... 6:30 p. m. Prayer Services... 7:00 p. m. Brotherhood, 1st Thursday of month, "You are a stranger here but once."

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... 6:30 p. m. Evening Services... 7:00 p. m. Wednesday Prayer Service 7:00 p. m. W. F. M. S. meets at 2:30 p. m. each first and third Thursday.

Merkel First Baptist Church
 Sunday: Sunday School... 10:00 a. m. Morning Worship... 11:00 a. m. Training Union... 6:30 p. m. Evening Worship... 7:00 p. m.

Noodle Church of Christ
 Sunday: Bible Class... 10:00 a. m. Morning Worship Service 11:00 a. m. Young People's Service 6:30 p. m. Evening Worship... 7:00 p. m. Rosada, or the Pink House.

Trent Church of Christ
 Sunday: Bible Class... 10:00 a. m. Morning Worship... 11:00 a. m. Evening Services... 7:00 p. m. Thursday: Ladies Bible Class... 4:00 p. m.

Roy Rogers Thriller At Queen Saturday

Roy Rogers, King of the Cowboys, comes up with another smashbang western thriller in "Spoilers of the Plains." Republic film which opens Saturday at the Queen Theatre. Vivacious Penny Edwards again is Roy's leading lady and Gordon Jones supplies deft comedy touches. Foy Willing and the Riders of the Purple Sage provide the fine western music which has made them tops in the field.

Texas Farmers Lead In Comfort

We knew it all along, but now it's official—the average Texas farmer has it all over his neighbors in other states for efficiency and comfort.

Texans with the largest number of electrified farms in the nation, are reaping the benefits of the equivalent of three dozen robot servants in mechanical conveniences and power facilities, estimate Minneapolis-Honeywell researchers. For example, in a special study they found that Texas leads the nation in the use of automatic heating systems, warming themselves with more than 194,150 modern gas space heaters alone. Gas ranges are in use in 45,000 homes and some 39,352 homes have automatic water heaters, again putting the state among the pacesetters in use of such work-saving equipment. Furthermore, they pointed out that such other automatic aids to living as deep freezers, automatic dishwashers and laundry equipment are virtually standard items in the homes

served by the rural electrification system. Texas, with the most farm homes using electricity—265,195 to be exact—is out front in making rural life more comfortable than city living was ten years ago.

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THE PRICE OF FOGHORNS

In one of his Washington columns, Steffan Andrews of the North American Newspaper Alliance quoted a Congressman as saying: "In the ten commandments there are 297 words, in Lincoln's Gettysburg address 266 words, but in an OPS order setting ceiling prices on manually operated foghorns there are 12,962 words."

No one would expect the masterminds at OPS to produce anything within cannon shot of the ten commandments or the Gettysburg address. But the OPS order on the vital subject of foghorn prices is a perfect example of how the bureaucrats work, once they get a taste of power. The red-tape gets thicker and thicker. The orders become more and more verbose—and, of course, more and more difficult to understand and follow. Some of the OPS orders, in fact, have been masterpieces of utter confusion.

The people who make and sell foghorns undoubtedly spend some sleepless nights trying to get their teeth into OPS' 13,000 word order. And they aren't the only ones. It's a safe bet that there isn't a producer or a distributor in the country who hasn't gone around talking to himself after reading one or another of OPS' literary efforts. Some of them, indeed, proved to be totally unworkable, and OPS had to hustle out changes and amendments.

In a situation like this, every producer and merchant becomes, willy-nilly, a law breaker. And if anyone thinks that such a situation helps the consumer, he should think again. More and more of the time, effort and money of manufacturer, retailer and all others involved must be given to trying to untangle the red-tape and to following the orders as best they can. That's one way to hamstringing an economy.

VINSON FOR PRESIDENT

The Democrats must select a candidate who has the backing of the southern states, they must run a candidate whom the Republicans cannot smear, they must run a man who knows the structure of the Democratic party, and they must run a man who stands for economy in government.

Our vote is for Fred M. Vinson. The Chief Justice is acceptable to the Southern delegation. He knows the Democratic party and his record as a citizen and lawyer are above reproach. He is also well schooled in economy in government. He is also a personal as well as a political friend of president Truman, and it would please the President if he does not choose to run, to pick a winning candidate.

VITAL FORMULA

"There is no substitute for petroleum," said Governor Shivers of Texas recently. "And there is no substitute for our American formula for having enough petroleum. That formula has been the maintenance of proper economic incentives to stimulate our free, dynamic oil industry in its perpetual search for new and greater reserves."

Does anyone honestly believe that such an achievement would have been possible without those economic incentives of which Governor Shivers spoke? Finding oil is an extremely risky and expensive process. Only about one out of five wildcat wells turn into a producer; the other four are dry and worthless. In many fields the drilling goes down thousands upon thousands of feet, and the cost is tremendous. People spend their time and money and energies on

THE AMERICAN WAY



Jack Spratt could eat no fat. His wife could eat no lean. And so, betwixt them both, you see They licked the platter clean!

such ventures for only one reason—because they know that if they are successful, they will earn a profit. That consideration—and that consideration alone—makes the risk worthwhile.

SUPER IDEALIST
Reformers are Super-idealists who believe that the world could be perfect by rectifying a million or so slight faults in humans—which they take the trouble to point out.

WIDER HIGHWAYS
The old narrow trails where two cars could pass without colliding are being replaced with beautiful wide highways on which six or eight cars can collide at one time.

SATISFIED WITH IMITATIONS
Wealth may not bring true happiness, but there are some folks who would be satisfied with good imitations.

BONES OF CONTENTION
There may be no skeletons in the administration's closet, but the Republicans are finding bones of contention.

Don't expect too much from the man who talks about what he did instead of what he's doing.

Famous Horses Will Feature Fat Stock Show At Ft. Worth

A great array of Western type horses will be seen at the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show, Jan. 25 through Feb. 3, according to Douglas B. Mitchell, assistant manager of the exposition and horse show superintendent. Gaited horses from many famous stables likewise will be exhibited, for the Fort Worth show

ranks among the major and most diversified in the nation. One of the early entries in the cutting horse contest is Wild Bill Elliott, star of western movies, who will ride "Red Boy," the 1950 reserve cutting horse champion of the world. The Palomino show is one of the outstanding shows of the country. Palominos are shown in stock horse and pleasure type divisions. Each division offers both halter and saddle performance classes.

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MARKET
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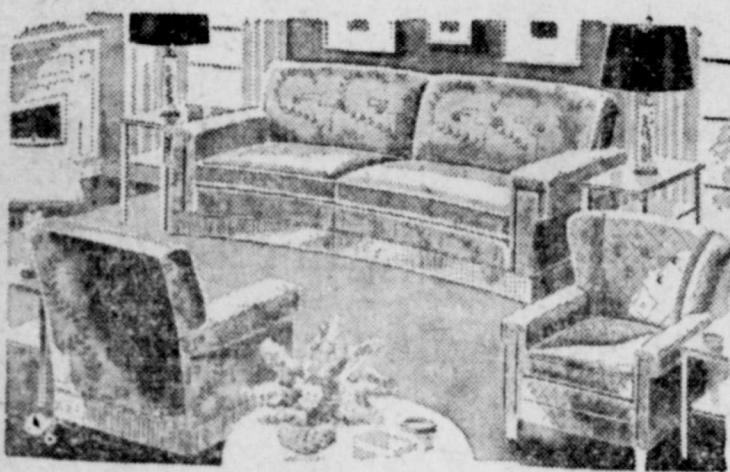
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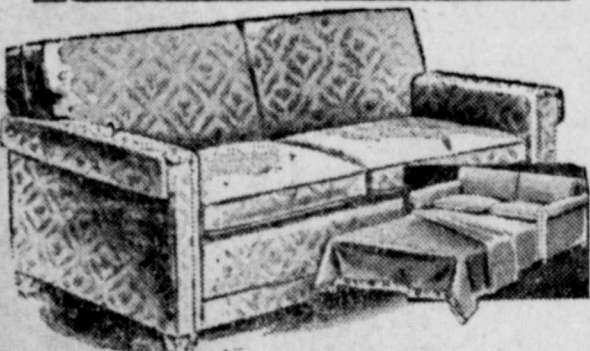
Living Room Furniture—2-piece modern curved front, covered in grey wool frieze, Was \$249.50, Now . . . \$194.50

Two-piece Sofa Bed Suite, covered in grey wool frieze, Was \$239.50, Now . . . \$187.50

Two-piece Suite, Beige wool frieze was \$184.50 now \$149.50

Five-piece plastic covered Living Room Suite for \$154.50

Folding Bed, with inner Spring Mattress, . . . \$39.95

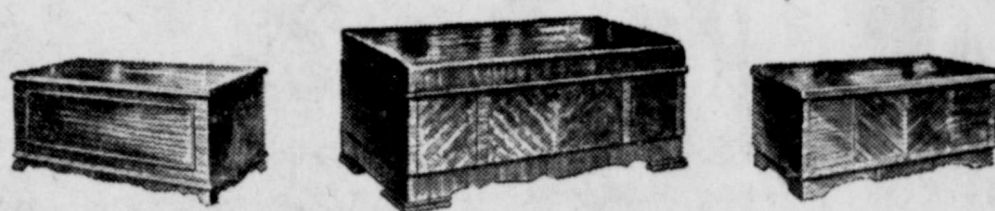


Two-piece Sectional, makes a bed, was \$149.50, now . . \$79.50

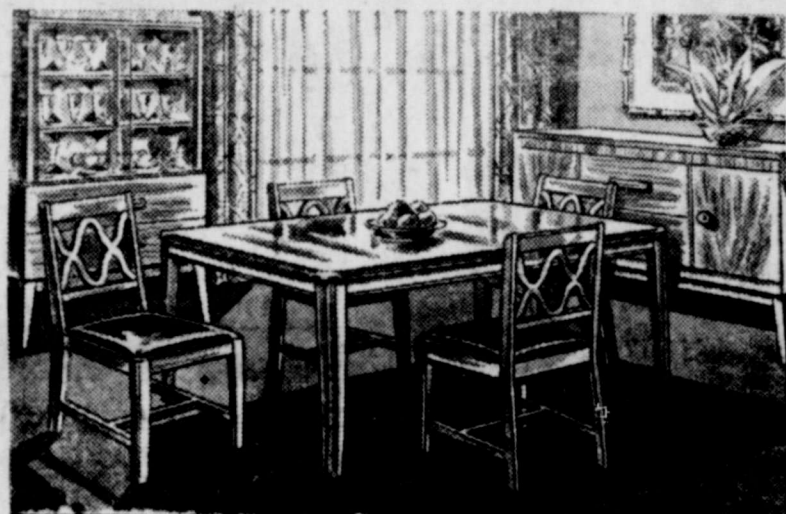
Sofa Bed, two only, was \$97.50 now . . . \$77.50



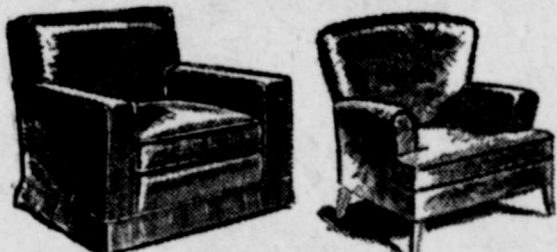
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Hearth-Glo Heaters, 5-grate \$12.50

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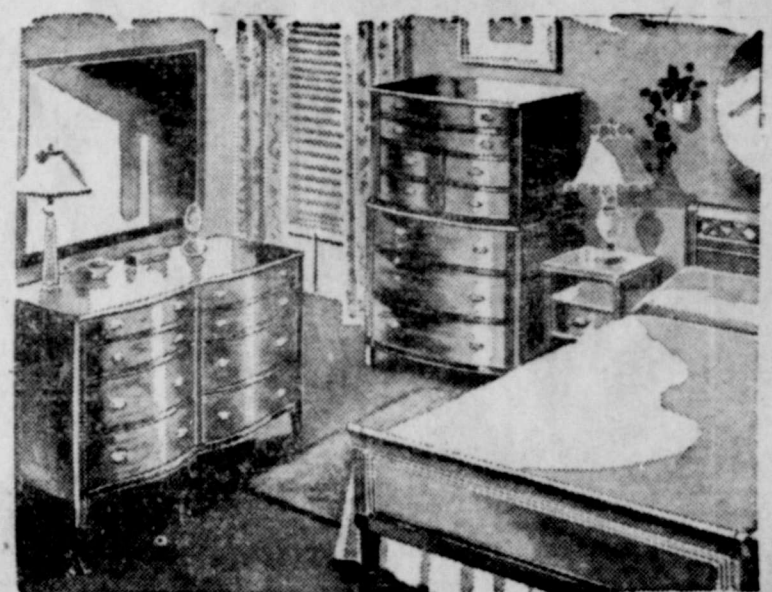
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Ike For President Movement Grows, Says Chairman

Pledges of support for the non-partisan Texas For Eisenhower movement have been received from every large Texas city and from nearly every county in the state, chairman Robert Doss has announced.

Doss, a young attorney and veteran, launched the movement Thanksgiving Day with a broadcast from Denison where Eisenhower was born.

He urged Texans, regardless of party affiliation, to join in a demand that Eisenhower become a candidate for President by writing Texas For Eisenhower headquarters in Denison to indicate their support. The signatures so collected will be personally presented to General Eisenhower to back up the request that he become a candidate.

THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Violet Mae Mankin

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 date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday the 28th day of January, A. D., 1952, 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 29 day of October, 1951.

The file number of said suit being No. 17,846-A.

The names of the parties in said suit are: Joe Mankin as Plaintiff, and Violet Mae Mankin as Defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows: to wit: Plaintiff and defendant were legally married on or about the 16th day of January, 1948 and lived together until on or about the 15th day of April, 1948.

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

Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of abandonment.

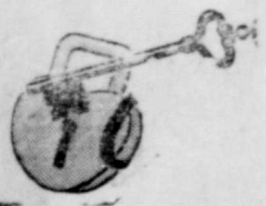
If this Citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

Issued this the 10th day of December, A. D., 1951.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 10th day of December, A. D., 1951.

J. Neil Daniel Clerk
42nd District Court
Taylor County, Texas
By Dorothy Smith Deputy

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Legal Notices

THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Charles A. Kelley

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 28th day of January, A. D., 1952, 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 11 day of December, 1951.

The file number of said suit being No. 17,927-A.

The names of the parties in said suit are: Mrs. Era L. Kelley as Plaintiff, and Charles A. Kelley as Defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows: to wit: Plaintiff and defendant were legally married on or about the 9th day of April 1951, and lived together until on or about the 6th day of October 1951.

There were no children born to this marriage union and their community property consists of articles of household and house-keeping furniture.

Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of cruel treatment.

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

Issued this the 11th day of December, A. D., 1951.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at offices in Abilene, Texas, this the 11th day of December, A. D., 1951.

J. Neil Daniel Clerk
Court Taylor County, Texas
By Dorothy Smith Deputy.

THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: James Meador

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 28th day of January, A. D., 1952, 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 30 day of October, 1951.

The file number of said suit being No. 6762-B.

The names of the parties in said suit are: Dorothy Meador as Plaintiff, and James Meador as Defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows: to wit: Plaintiff and defendant were legally married on 11 July 1950, and lived together until 6 May 1951.

There was one male child born to this marriage union and they have reached an agreement with reference to the community property.

Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of cruel treatment.

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

Issued this the 11th day of December, A. D., 1951.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 11th day of December, A. D., 1951.

J. Neil Daniel Clerk
District Court
Taylor County, Texas.
By Dorothy Smith Deputy.

THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Austin Kershner

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 28 day of January, A. D., 1952, 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 15th day of Dec., 1951.

The file number of said suit being No. 17,938-A.

The names of the parties in said suit are: Rose Kershner as Plaintiff, and Austin Kershner as Defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows: to wit: Plaintiff & Defendant were legally married May 12, 1951, and lived together as husband and wife until the 13th day of November, 1951.

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

Plaintiff prays for divorce on grounds of cruel treatment.

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

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

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

J. Neil Daniel Clerk
42nd District Court
Taylor County, Texas.
By Jean Henderson Deputy

The State of Texas
County of Taylor

In the name and by the authority of the State of Texas, NOTICE is hereby given as follows:

To the following who are included as defendants in a certain suit more fully described herein after:

GROUP A: Fannie K. Rister, whose address is unknown; J. D. Gaither, whose address is unknown; L. D. Gaither, whose address is unknown; and Hogue Hamilton Company, whose residence is unknown;

GROUP B: The unknown heirs, assigns, devisees, and legal representatives of each of the defendants included above in group A, who is deceased;

GROUP C: The unknown spouses of each of the defendants included above in Group A;

GROUP D: The unknown heirs, devisees, and legal representatives of each of the defendant's spouses included in Group C above who is deceased;

GROUP E: The unknown stockholders of each of the defendant corporations included above in Group A;

GROUP F: The unknown owner, or owners, of the hereinafter described lands involved in this suit or any interest therein;

GROUP G: Any and all other persons, including adverse claimants, owning, having or claiming any legal or equitable interest or lien on or said land;

Group H: The following taxing units, hereinafter called "impleading party defendants." To-wit: Merkel Independent School District; The State of Texas; Taylor County, Texas.

The said land so involved in said suit is situated in Taylor County, Texas, and is more particularly described as follows:

Lot Number One (1), Block "J" of R. E. Edminson's Subdivision of all Blocks Three (3) and Five (5), Sheppard's Addition to Merkel and that portion of Blocks Four (4) and Six (6) of Sheppard's Addition to Merkel, lying West of Oak Street, as extended and being situated in Taylor County, Texas.

Said land is alleged to be delinquent to the plaintiff in said suit for ad valorem taxes for the years and in the amounts stated below.

Year	Amount	Year	Amount
1920	\$.97	1935	\$ 1.42
1921	.97	1936	1.42
1922	.97	1937	1.42
1923	.97	1938	2.17
1924	1.50	1939	1.80
1925	1.50	1940	1.65
1926	1.57	1941	1.65
1927	1.65	1942	1.65
1928	1.65	1943	1.65
1929	1.65	1944	Paid
1930	1.65	1945	1.50
1931	1.65	1946	1.50
1932	1.65	1947	10.95
1933	1.65	1948	10.95
1934	1.65	1949	10.95
		1950	10.95
		Total	\$ 83.28

Said amounts are exclusive of interest, penalties and costs. In addition to said taxes, the total of which is \$126.82, said plaintiff seeks to recover in said suit all penalties, interest, cost, and other charges or expenses, that may be or become legally due and owing to said plaintiff up to and including the day of judgment in said suit by reason of the delinquency and nonpayment of said taxes. Said plaintiff also seeks to recover in said suit all ad valorem taxes becoming delinquent to said plaintiff against said land from the filing of said suit up to the day of judgment therein, including all interest, penalties and costs allowed by law thereon. Said plaintiff seeks judgment in said suit condemning said land and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory liens thereon for the payment of each and all of the foregoing items so sought to be recovered by said plaintiff.

You are hereby notified that suit (the one hereinabove referred to) has been brought by City of Merkel Independent School Dis-

trict, as plaintiff, against the defendants included above in Groups A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, and also against the following impleading taxing units: Merkel Independent School District, The State of Texas, Taylor County, Texas.

You are further notified that said suit was brought by petition filed by said plaintiff on the 17th day of December, 1951, in a certain suit styled City of Merkel vs. Fannie K. Rister et al., for collection of ad valorem taxes on said land hereinabove described, all as more fully stated hereinabove, and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Taylor County, Texas, 42nd Judicial District and that the file number of said suit is 17,941-A, and that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on said land, not made parties to said suit are: None, in that all taxing units have been impleaded as parties defendant.

Plaintiff and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims in said suit seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on said land hereinabove described, and in addition to the taxes, all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law thereon up to and including the day of judgment in said suit, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

All parties to said suit, including plaintiff, impleaded taxing units, defendants and intervenors, shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said land hereinabove described at the time said suit was filed, but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law thereon, may upon request therefor, be recovered in said suit without further citation or notice to any parties therein; and all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleading now on file and which may hereafter be filed in said suit by all other parties therein, and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene therein and set up their respective tax claims against said land.

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and defend said suit at or before 10 o'clock in the morning of the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 4th day of February, A. D., 1952, (which is the return day of this citation), before the honorable District Court of Taylor County, Texas, to be held at the Courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered in said suit for such taxes, penalties, interest and costs, and condemn-

ing said land and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the plaintiff and all other taxing units parties thereto, and those who may intervene therein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment therein, and all costs of said suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City

of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, this the 22nd day of December, 1951.

J. Neil Daniel Clerk of the District Court Taylor County, Texas, of the 42nd Judicial District.

A 5 1/2 inch spacing of cotton plants in the row at the Temple Experiment Station increased the yield of cotton over 11.4-inch spacing by 174 pounds per acre.

INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE

A congressional investigating committee is a body that wastes minutes, wastes hours—and payers money. With farm prices edging upward and the prices that farmers pay for labor, equipment and materials edging upward, the farmer who meets this situation better planning and more production will be ahead.



If your food had stayed as low in price as electricity for the past 10 years you'd get this much



for what you now pay for this much



It's startling when you think of it! The average family served by the West Texas Utilities Company pays less per kilowatt-hour of electricity today than it did ten years ago!

Living costs have gone 'way up. The cost of materials, fuel, manpower and everything else needed to provide your electric service has gone 'way up, too. But your rates have stayed low. Your electric service is still the biggest bargain in the family budget!

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See for yourself how a Chevrolet truck can cut your costs in every way



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- FACT No. 3—Right Truck for Every Load
- FACT No. 4—Keeps Its Value Longer

AMERICA'S truck users buy on down-to-earth facts, not fancy phrases. That's why more of them buy Chevrolet trucks than any other make . . . nearly as many as the next two makes combined!

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WATER DOES NOT ALWAYS FREEZE AT FREEZING POINT—(32° F)

ITS TEMPERATURE CAN BE REDUCED SEVERAL DEGREES LOWER WITHOUT ITS CONGEEING, ESPECIALLY IF THE WATER BE PURE AND IT IS NOT AGITATED. I — "Popular Fallacies" — A. S. E. Ackermann.

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HOME FOLKS SPECULATE ON PRICE DANIEL



The presence of Price Daniel, Attorney General of Texas, and his family in their home town of Liberty during the holidays increased speculation that the historic old city might furnish Texas another Governor or Senator in 1952. The last Liberty lawyer to hold these offices was Sam Houston who is Mrs. Daniel's Great-Great-Grandfather. Pictured above are the Attorney General, Mrs. Daniel and their four children. Price Jr.; Jean; Houston Lee; and John.

Education, Training and Organization are Three Vital Needs of Civil Defense

The most staggering civil defense problems are public education, training, and organization. These must be solved without delay. Immediate training for some 15,000,000 Americans, and intensive training in self-protection for others are vital. Here are facts and figures for your local civil defense.

Picture the number of workers that would be needed to handle an attack situation. For example, a single first-aid station should consist of almost 600 workers. They should handle about 600 wounded people in 24 hours.

To care for those injured by one Hiroshima-size atomic bomb, many such first-aid stations would be needed. That adds up to hundreds of first-aid workers needed

for such atomic bomb—but it doesn't include hospital staffs. An engineering service would be needed to clear away the rubble before first-aiders could reach the wounded. A highly trained rescue service would be needed to get people out of wrecked or burning buildings. A large and efficient supply service would be needed to bring food, clothing, and medicine.

There would be other jobs of putting out fires, restoring utilities, caring for the homeless, gathering families together again, feeding the people, and getting the community life rolling once more.

Most of the ways of meeting atomic disaster are not new or different, except in size. The biggest problem is to prepare ourselves to handle disasters greater than any that ever have struck the United States.

Remember what you read in the previous article about the Japanese at Hiroshima and Nagasaki. They were almost completely unprepared—and what happened? Their indifference in organizing an efficient civil defense should be a grim warning to us.

Here are some really important things to remember. They make up civil defense:

1. A possible enemy has the weapons now to attack us.
2. There is a defense against any attack, including atomic warfare, and civil defense is a big part of it.
3. At least 15,000,000 Americans must be trained in civil defense, and every American must learn the facts of survival.
4. Without civil defense our town would be helpless; with civil defense, your losses could be cut in half.
5. Your State and local civil defense directors must have your support. They have an important job for you no matter where you live.
6. Read the official civil defense booklets right away. You can double your chances of survival if you know what to do.
7. Civil defense is up to you. Get into civil defense right now. The biggest problem before us now is to be prepared on the home front—and that problem can be met only through civil defense. Each of us must have a job to do if trouble comes—and must know how to do it.

Barbara Stanwyck, Joseph Cotten Star In Sunday's Film

Joseph Cotten, Barbara Stanwyck, Louis Calhern and Leslie Caron form the strong all-star cast of M-G-M's "The Man With a Cloak." Sunday's attraction at the Queen Theatre. Story of a young French girl who comes to New York in the mid-nineteenth century to seek financial aid for leaders of the French Republic, and who becomes involved in a strange mystery and a unique romance. The new picture is described as a suspense-packed thriller in which the identity of its chief character is hidden until the very last line of the story's ending.

CONCEPTION OF EQUALITY

The average man's conception of equality is a state in which he will be considered an important citizen.

God Is the Power Behind the Power

Editor Merkel Mail: Man is considered a very intelligent being in this present day and age. He has come to be regarded as an invincible mortal being. When the great wonders of science are considered man is generally thought of as controlling the universe. Energy has been harnessed to such an extent that man fears his own destruction. Energy is used to control heat or cold to the extremities of nature. Energy is used to carry man through the air faster than sound and so far into the realms of space that thought is made of travel to some distant planet. Few diseases remain that medical science cannot successfully combat. So many accomplishments have been made by man it is taken as matter of fact that in time man will do whatever he so desires. God's power is still almighty. He is the same immortal all-powerful being He was thousands of years ago that is recorded in biblical history. God still has power to bring about whatever He so desires or deems necessary by His great wisdom. He still controls the tide of the sea, the rain, snow, winds, lightning and so many more things a lifetime of thought could be used on this one subject. God still controls the universe with all His sovereign power. Man would be helpless without God's help. The necessity of natural resources to bring about the great wonders of science is usually realized, but do people in general realize that God didn't stop when He created the universe with its natural resources? What would happen if the earth and all the other planets suddenly came to a standstill? What would happen if the stars suddenly fell from their places in the firmament and where would they fall? Where would man be if the power of gravity suddenly ceased? The time has come when people should stop immortalizing man for the few accomplishments God has permitted him to make and put God uppermost in our minds as the power behind the power. Without God's sustaining hand man would be absolutely powerless.

M. E. Randolph

Trent Students Home For Holidays

College students visiting in Trent during the holidays included Joe Armstrong, a student at Kansas State College, Manhattan, Kansas, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Armstrong; Billy Reynolds, who is attending Cisco Junior College, visited with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Reynolds; Lanell Carey, a student of Hardin-Simmons University, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Carey; Edwin Earl Winn, a student at Cisco Junior College, and Martha Ann Winn, who is a student at Abilene Christian College, visited their grandmother, Mrs. Ann Boone; H. A. Purser, a student at Sam Houston State College at Huntsville, together with Mrs. Purser visited his mother, Mrs. Faye Purser and her mother, Mrs. Ada Duncan; W. E. O'Kelly, a student at Cisco Junior College, together with Mrs. O'Kelly, visited his mother, Mrs. Lola Lee O'Kelly and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Steen.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express to our friends our sincere appreciation for the many kindnesses shown us during our recent illness. Your thoughtfulness will always be remembered.

Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Satterwhite

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MISCELLANEOUS

- WATER WELL drilling and surface pipe set. Higgins & Malone, Box 267, Merkel. Phone 26.
- For MONUMENTS, see J. I. (Tom) Coats, Phone 131. P. O. Box 314.
- GET MY PRICES on brake ser vice, phone 68. Fox Repair Shop
- WATER WELL DRILLING. Call give quick service. Have two machines. B. T. Sublett. 705 Oak St. Merkel, Phone 106.

CLASSIFIED AD SECTION

LODGE CALLS

NOTICE MASONS

Stated meeting of Merkel Lodge No. 710, A. F. & A. M., Saturday, January 5, at 7:30 p. m. All members are urged to attend. Visiting brethren cordially invited.

Zed H. Bright, W. M.
C. B. Rust, Sec'y.

NOTICE EASTERN STAR

Stated meeting of Merkel Chapter 212, Order of Eastern Star, will be held Monday, January 7, 7:30 p. m. All members are urged to attend. The district Deputy will make her official visit. Supper at 6:15.

Mrs. D. R. Butler W. M.
Mrs. Fern Windham, Sec.

LOST AND FOUND

WORKING IN Abilene? Need a ride? All passengers insured. Leave Merkel at 7 a. m. Leave Abilene at 5:15 p. m. See Charles Brunson, 411 Ash Street. 3tc

A REWARD of \$100.00 will be paid for the identity or evidence leading to the identification of the person or persons who entered my home and carried away the family Bible and the picture of my late wife. Sid Criswell. 1tp

FOUND—An ideal time and place to have those blankets cleaned for winter at reasonable prices. Adcock Cleaners.

FOUND—Where you can buy the best electric refrigerator. It is the 1951 Crosley and all sizes are in stock at Badger Chevrolet Co. 2tp

SITUATIONS WANTED

WANTED — Practical nursing. Hazel B. Lay, 1306 South Second street. 2tp

FOR RENT

THREE ROOM farm house for rent, 2 miles out on Blair road. Also Florence Kerosene living room heater for sale. Mrs. Ford Smith, Jr., 704 Locust St. 2tp

FOR RENT—5-room house with two galleries, garage, out buildings, and small pasture on Blair Farm-to-Market road. Jack Latimer, 132 Kent St., Merkel. 1tp

FOR RENT—Building, two doors west of the Fire Station. See Bob Hicks. 2tp

YOU CAN buy any kind of electric appliance easier than you can rent one. Just see them at Badger Chevrolet Co. Terms to suit if you desire. 2tp

WILL HAVE four room unfurnished house for rent January 1st. Butane gas. See Mrs. John C. Thompson. 2tp

FOR RENT—Apartment in the Oasis apartments.

FOR RENT — Furnished apartment, close in. H. F. Groene, 1203 North 3rd.

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—1949 Chevrolet pickup, 1/2 ton, bought new in December '49. Priced reasonable. Z. L. Johnson, 910 Rose St. 1tp

Very nice G. I. home. \$900 will handle. This is a home that will please any small family. 160 acre farm in Jones County, about 9 miles Merkel, \$65.00 per acre.

130 acre farm, 80 acres in cultivation, 4 water wells, good tank, \$85.00 per acre.

Nice 3 bedroom home on Oak street, priced to sell.

DOWDY & TOOMBS

FOR SALE—1 dressing table with mirror, 3 dressers with mirrors, 1 dresser base, 1 victrola stand, 1 bathroom heater, 1 butane bottle, full of butane. Mrs. H. Wren, 6th and Marion Streets. 1tp

FOR SALE—4-room house, 2 lots, windmill, place for cows and chickens, butane, water piped in, and good garden—never fails. Call 228. 1tp

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—1949 2-door custom Ford, with all the extras, overdrive, radio, heater. See Jim Kuykendall at O. K. Grocery. 1tc

FOR SALE — Good piano. See at 111 Oak Street or phone 73W.

FOR SALE—My house at 611 Oak. Mrs. C. B. Rust. 2tp

FOR SALE—4-disc Athens one-way. A. D. MOORE, Blair. 2tp

THREE BEDROOM house, 4 years old. Part financed. South side. Reasonably priced. With or without furniture.

Six room house on Oak Street. Close in with nice lawn and plenty of pecan trees. Own water system.

2 small houses near churches and school. Priced to sell. Choice lot on Oak Street. Good building site. See me before you buy. ANDY SHOUSE 115 Kent Street Phone 32

USED 8-foot Frigidaire in perfect condition. A real bargain. See Mrs. Stanley King at Palmer Motor Co. or phone 263-W after 6 p. m.

LATE model Electrolux refrigerator at a real bargain. Badger Chevrolet. 2tp

SEVERAL Used electric refrigerators, all sizes and prices. Badger Chevrolet. 2tp

HUMBLE STATION and General Store for sale. See Mrs. John C. Thompson at Noodle store. 2tp

USED Ford, Chevrolet and Plymouth parts, Badger Chevrolet.

FOR SALE—Crosley refrigerators, home freezers, electric ranges and radios. Small down payments and pay balance in easy installments. Badger Chevrolet Co.

FOR SALE—6 room house at 409 Oak St. See Louie Herring or Andy Shouse. 2tp

BUSTER HESTER, agent for Abilene Reporter-News and Dallas Morning News. Phone 269W.

WANTED TO BUY

WANT TO BUY youth bed and mattress in good condition. Phone 228. 1tp

MISCELLANEOUS

THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: GEORGE H. STAHL

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 18th day of February, A. D., 1952, 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 10 day of November, 1951. The file number of said suit being No. 17,858-A.

The names of the parties in said suit are: Iola Stahl as Plaintiff, and George H. Stahl as Defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: Plaintiff and defendant were legally married on September 11, 1948, in Abilene, Taylor County, Texas.

Plaintiff alleges that there was born to this marriage one child a boy, Alvah James Stahl, now about two years of age.

Plaintiff sues for divorce on the grounds of cruel treatment.

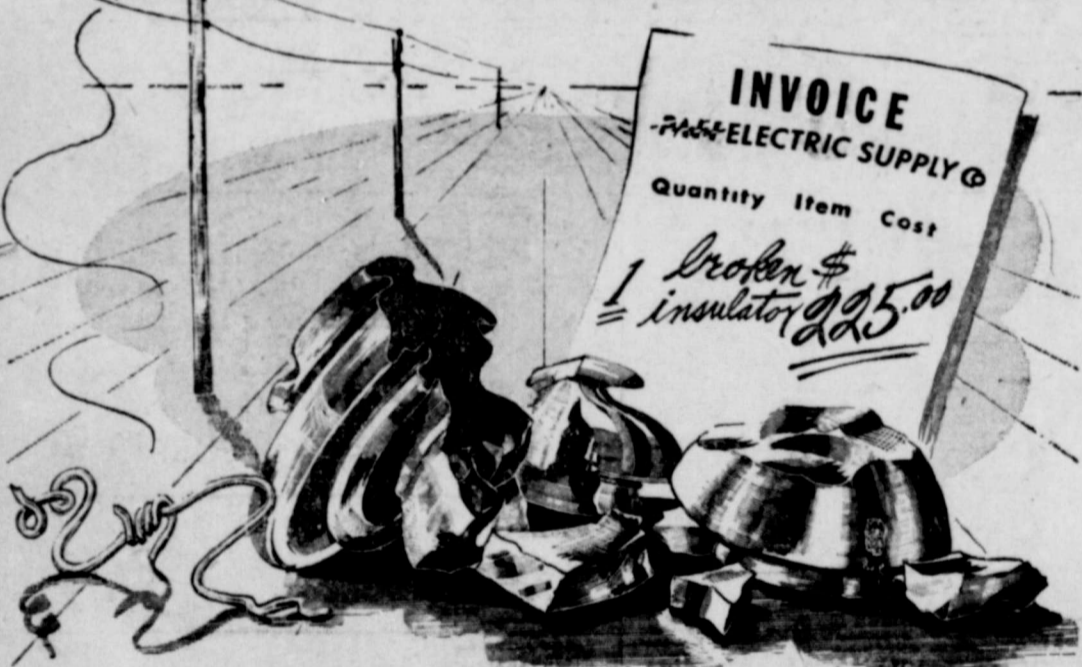
If this Citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

Issued this the 2nd day of January A. D., 1952.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 2nd day of January A. D., 1952.

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

PRETTY EXPENSIVE!



SEEMS like a high price to pay for a pound or so of porcelain, doesn't it? Yet that's just what it cost one co-op recently to replace an insulator broken by a very thoughtless fellow with a rifle and nothing else to shoot at. It took over 75 man-hours and 180 miles of line inspection to locate and repair that insulator.

The man who fired the shot just couldn't realize that he would cause all that trouble and expense. More important, he probably couldn't realize that the outage his stupidity caused would work a real hardship on many consumers on that line.

And "hardship" doesn't just mean that those folks wouldn't have any lights. In the present emergency, farmers are depending more and more on electricity to help them do the job of producing the food and fiber that is needed.

Our job is to keep the farmers supplied with that electricity, and to extend service to farms not yet electrified. Please don't make us take time from that job to repair equipment that wouldn't be damaged except for thoughtless shooting.

We would like to ask every member of this community to do one thing: When you use a gun, use your head. Don't sabotage vital electric equipment.

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MERKEL, TEXAS

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FARMERS!

YOUR INCOME TAX IS ABOUT DUE

Farmers are required to have their final Income Tax return on or before January 31st 1952 or file a declaration of estimated income.

NO USE FILING TWO RETURNS

If you wish my help in filing your return ask that you call early and avoid rush.

R. O. ANDERSON

Joyous Holiday For W. M. Hays Family

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Hays had as their guest during the holidays and for Christmas dinner their children and grandchildren. It was almost a family reunion for present were Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Hester of Ozona; Jack Hester and Miss Sue Kidd of Midland; Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Jaynes and daughter, Jo Ann, of Phoenix, Ariz.; Mr. and Mrs. Carter Young, Abilene;

Mr. and Mrs. Joe V. Hester and daughter, Beth, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. J. O. McMurray and son, Joe, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Sparks, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hays and son, Carroll; Mr. and Mrs. Buster Hester and Wayne and Mike; and Mr. and Mrs. Paxton Hays and Carala and Kenneth.

Orchard owners are reminded that this is the season of the year for doing the pruning job in the orchard.

Local Man Acquires Interest In Clyde Phone Exchange

Sale of the Clyde Telephone exchange and all equipment to Tommy Odom of Merkel and Johnny Patterson of Fort Worth was announced last week.

The exchange has been owned and operated the last 30 years by Home Telephone and Electric Co. Odom and Patterson, who have already taken possession of the property, said they plan extensive

improvements to the system, modernizing both the building and equipment, in order to be able to give patrons better service. They stated that new telephones will be installed as rapidly as possible.

In addition to the Clyde exchange he has just acquired, Mr. Odom also owns and operates the exchanges at Merkel and Trent.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Clark of Abilene are the parents of a son, named Larry Joe and born December 27. The maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bailey Toombs and the paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Clark.

Trent Service Men Home For Christmas

Service men visiting in Trent during the holidays were Booth West, Lt. Chet Bogle and Pfc. Bobby J. Graham. West, who is in basic training at Lackland Air Base, San Antonio, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert West, Lt. Bogle, who recently returned from Germany and is now stationed at Bergstrom Air Base at Austin, was with his wife and two children, guests of Mrs. Bogle's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carlton McLeod. Pfc. Graham of Lowery Air Base, Denver, Colo.

rado, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Graham, his brother, Bill Jones. Onis Graham and his sister, Mr. Bill Jones.

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FRIDAY & SATURDAY, January 4-5

The Picture With a Heart as Big As All Outdoors!

ROBERT PAIGE—NOREEN NASH

"RED STALLION"

Color By Cinecolor
Cartoon and Short

SUNDAY & MONDAY, January 6-7

His Face Was Known to Millions But Only Two Women Knew Why He Disappeared!

JOSEPH COTTEN—BARBARA STANWYCK

"THE MAN WITH A CLOAK"

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"A PLACE IN THE SUN"

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ROY ROGERS IN "SPOILERS OF THE PLAINS"
Three Stooges—Two Reel Comedy

"ROAR OF THE IRON HORSE"

Color Cartoon

SUNDAY & MONDAY, January 6-7

Features Sunday at 2:50 and 4:45
Monday at 7:10 and 9:00

The Mystery of The Great Wells Fargo Robbery
Actually Filmed in The Spectacular Depths of Carlsbad Caverns!

"CAVE OF THE OUTLAWS"

With MACDONALD CAREY—ALEXIS SMITH
In Technicolor

Plus: Football Thrills and Color Cartoon

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY, Jan. 8-9

Features at 7:00 and 8:55

Comedy of Crooks, Kisses and Characters!
The Frenzied Fun Story of The Two Newly-weds Whose Tiliating Department Made a Mess of The Underworld!

FARLEY GRANGER—SHELLEY WINTERS

"BEHAVE YOURSELF"

Added: Our Gang Comedy and Color Cartoon

THURSDAY & FRIDAY, January 10-11

Features at 6:45 and 9:05

M-G-M's Musical Masterpiece!

"AN AMERICAN IN PARIS"

With GENE KELLY—OSCAR LEVANT Thrilling
You With the Music of George Gershwin
In Technicolor

Also: Latest News Events and Color Cartoon

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THE LONGER YOUR LIST The More You SAVE



CHEER DREFT JOY or TIDE

BOX 27¢



KIMBELL'S GLASS PEANUT BUTTER 28c

Mission PEAS 2 cans 29c

HORMEL'S SPAM can 47c

DEL MONTE 46 oz. TOMATO JUICE 27c

KUNERS - 2 pies PUMPKIN 2 1/2 can 19c

GOLDEN HARVEST 46 oz. ORANGE JUICE can 29c

DIAMOND No. 2 CAN TOMATOES 2 for 29c

PET MILK 2 cans 27c

SUNSHINE HIHO lb. 29c Cello Bag CANDIES 10c

CHOICE MEATS

WILSON'S TENDERIZED PICNIC HAMS lb. 39c

FRESH PORK ROAST pound 49c

CHOICE BEEF—LOIN OR T-BONE STEAK lb. 89c

WILSON or HORMEL BACON lb. 39c

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WILSON'S PURE PORK SAUSAGE 2 lbs. 89c

SAVE 15¢ ON SOFTASILK Cake Flour

Coupon in Special Sacks of Gold Medal FLOUR 10 lbs. 93c

SOFTASILK with coupon box 29c

BETTY CROCKER'S CRUST-QUICK with coupon 2 boxes 19c

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STILL 25¢ BUYS IT

- HUNT'S TOMATO SAUCE 3 for 25c
- DIAMOND PORK & BEANS 3 for 25c
- OLD BILL VIENNA SAUSAGE 3 for 25c
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- STRAINED BABY FOOD 3 for 25c
- DIAMOND JUNE PEAS 3 for 25c
- ALL FLAVORS JELLO 3 for 25c
- DIAMOND HOMINY 3 for 25c
- MY-T-FINE PUDDING 3 for 25c
- DEL MONTE 12-oz. PINEAPPLE JUICE 3 for 25c
- KIM DOG FOOD 3 for 25c

FRESH FRUITS and VEGETABLES

- RED WINESAP APPLES 2 lbs. 25c
- FRESH Green Beans lb. 19c
- SUNKIST ORANGES pound 12c
- FRESH JUMBO CELERY pound 12c
- FRESH BANANA SQUASH lb. 15c
- FRESH GREEN ONIONS bn. 10c
- FLORIDA ORANGES 5 lb. bag 29c
- FRESH CARROTS bag 19c

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