

Funeral Monday At Rose Hill For Former Resident

Funeral and graveside services were held in Merkel Monday for Mrs. W. H. Dunning who died in a Fort Worth hospital Friday morning. Interment was in Rose Hill cemetery.

Funeral services were conducted in Fort Worth Sunday at Meisner Funeral Chapel at which the Rev. Woodson Armes officiated.

Mrs. Dunning, who was 65 years old, lived in Merkel for many years. She has relatives and a host of friends. She was an active, civic and lodge worker. The late Mr. Dunning was in the drug business here. After his death in 1936 Mrs. Dunning moved to Fort Worth where she resided until her death last week.

At her funeral here Monday the local Order of Eastern Star had charge of the services with the Rev. Glenn Braswell, pastor of the First Baptist church, officiating.

Pallbearers were six of her nephews: Homer and Dunning McConnell of Merkel, Donald Beck of Fort Worth, Bryon Beck of Odessa, Fred Allen of Tuscola, and George S. Dunning of Abilene.

Mrs. Dunning's survivors are a son, W. R. Dunning of Fort Worth, three sisters, Mrs. W. M. Pickard and Miss Lena Beck, both of Fort Worth, and Mrs. A. M. Gilbreath of Waco; five brothers, Otto Beck of Weatherford, Clyde of Tucumcari, Frank E. of Sherman, and V. B. and Robert Beck of Lubbock. She has two nephews in Merkel, Homer and Dunning McConnell.

Cpl. Derrell Farmer Home From Korea

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Farmer received a telephone call from their son, Cpl. Derrell Lee Farmer, that he arrived in the United States Sunday and hopes to be home soon.

Cpl. Farmer has been on the fighting front in Korea for a year with the First Marine Division.

Mrs. Jinkins To Replace Blood Given Husband

Mrs. Robert A. Jinkins of Merkel who was wounded in Korea several months ago is now in the Leffler Army hospital in San Francisco, recuperating from having his left leg amputated. From a letter received by relatives here he says he is in doing fine and hopes to get a leave in a few weeks and come home.

While in the hospital it was necessary he be given 12 blood transfusions.

His wife, who is with him and who he married in Berlin, Germany, while stationed there, says she is so grateful she plans to replace the 12 pints of blood given her husband by donating a pint of her own blood to the blood bank every few weeks.

Merkel F. F. A. Boys And Instructors To Fat Stock Show

Merkel Future Farmers and their instructor, Chester Collinsworth, along with Edwin Read, high school principal, are to leave this morning for Fort Worth to attend the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show.

Future Farmers from all over the state are expected to attend the Stock Show and Rodeo. Saturday has been designated as F. F. A. Day at the show.

Jimmy Russell will show a Hereford in the steer show and Dale Dudley will show Southdown lambs in the lamb show.

Merkel F. F. A. boys attending are: Jacky McAninch, Corky Cox, Eddie Breaux, Jerry Cunningham, Tommy Cutler, Kenneth Bowen, Billy Fowler, Bobby Fowler, Jerry Gibson, D. C. Hendricks, J. C. Horton, Bruce Knight, Bobby Mayfield, Bobby Owens, Claud Smith, Dick Whisenant, Dale Wurst, Arlan Harris, Berton Harris, Thomas Watson, Garth McLeod, Dilard Harris, Payton Scott, Freddie Boone, Glen Sandusky, Ralph Bartlett, Billy Dye, and two members of the Trent F. F. A. chapter, Richard Leverich and Eudell Hodges.

Prospects Bright In Merkel Area For More Wells

One completion, two locations and one other in the process of completion, highlight the oil activity in the Merkel area this week.

Drilling & Exploration Inc. & Henley Co., Andy Baker No. 4, has been finished with a daily potential of 90 barrels.

Three miles south of Merkel Hugh G. White et al, No. 1 J. D. Sandusky, is drilling ahead below 2,000 feet. Slated depth is 3,500 feet with rotary.

Woodley Petroleum Co., R. A. McCollum No. 2, is drilling below the Compton No. 2 is slated for 5,100 feet.

Carl Hogvard & Fitzgerald Drilling Co., E. J. Orsborn, is drilling around 2,100 feet. This is an east offset to the Brookerson No. 1 and a north offset to the Meeks No. 2.

There will surely be a large crowd of rooters on hand to cheer their teams to victory.

Both the A and B teams will see action. Be on hand early as the games start promptly at 7 o'clock.

Drilling & Exploration Inc. has made their No. 2 location on Clark Brookerson.

D. & E. Hughes, San Antonio No. 1 J. B. Wade, Jr., has been spotted as a wildcat four miles northwest of Merkel.

Former Merkelite Dies From Fall At Greenville Home

Mrs. Lewis Butman and her two children of North Augusta, S. C., formerly of Merkel, who have been here several days have returned to their home.

Mrs. Butman's visit to Texas was on a sad mission. She had been called to Greenville because of the accidental death of her father, Paul Blackaby. After the funeral she came on to Merkel to see relatives and old friends.

Mr. Blackaby's death in Greenville was on Christmas morning due to a fall in his chicken house. He fell with much force striking his head against the corner of a brooder house stove and his death was instant. His wife found his body shortly after the incident.

Mr. Blackaby was well and favorably known in Merkel where he lived for many years, moving to Greenville in 1945.

Funeral services were from the Johnson Street Church of Christ at Greenville, with Minister H. Osby Weaver officiating and burial was in the Caddo Mills cemetery. Pallbearers were five brothers-in-law, Ed, Dewey and William Sandusky of Merkel, Austin Sandusky of Bronte, Jesse Sandusky of Davis, Okla., and Pat Koger, a cousin of Mrs. Blackaby.

His widow is the former Lue Annie Cokuy, whom he married in Coke county in 1912. She survives along with two daughters, Mrs. Rosalie Wingo of Pecos and Mrs. Pauline Butman, a brother and four sisters of Kentucky and four grandchildren.

Donations To Cemetery Fund

Since the last report the following have donated to the Cemetery Maintenance Fund:

- Mrs. Alta Ingram \$25.00
C. F. Curb 10.00
Joe Holmes Estate 7.50
Ira Stanley 5.00
H. W. Hester 5.00
L. W. Forrester, Lubbock 5.00
Velma Clark, Wichita Falls 5.00
J. L. Douglas 5.00
Mrs. J. P. Sharp 3.00
Elsie Nash 3.00
Lorraine Boyce, Beaumont 10.00
Mrs. L. M. Touchstone, Abilene 5.00
Pete Morgan 5.00
J. M. Provine Estate 3.00
Anyone wishing to contribute to this fund may leave checks or donations at the clerk's windows of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank, at Branch Dry Goods Co., or at the Merkel Mail office.

RECORD OF BIRTHS

- Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Pat Cypert, January 19, 1952.
Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Ted McAninch, January 21, 1952.



Merkel And Noodle Play Basketball Here At 7 Tonight

The Merkel Badgers are to take on the Noodle Guerrillas in a basketball game here tonight (Friday) at the Badger gym. This should prove an interesting battle from start to finish as both teams are keyed to win.

There will surely be a large crowd of rooters on hand to cheer their teams to victory.

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Rufe Tittle Home; Almost Well Again

Our genial commissioner, Rufe Tittle, has been released from the hospital and is now at his home here. He was forced to undergo surgery several weeks ago and it is gratifying to report he is fast getting well.

He expects to be about his usual duties in another week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Price of Lubbock spent last week-end with Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Seago.

Explain Workings Bloodmobile Unit To Merkel Women

Plans for the Bloodmobile unit visit in Merkel on February 26 are nearing completion and cards signifying their desire to donate blood are being signed by citizens in all surrounding communities. So gratifying is the response to this most worthy cause there is a possibility the unit may remain here for a longer time than was first contemplated.

At a meeting of volunteer women workers Wednesday afternoon at the Community Center Bill Reaves of Fort Worth, field representative of the Red Cross Bloodmobile unit, explained in detail what is expected of Merkel. There were thirty-seven women present, representing every section of the Merkel area, to hear Mr. Reaves instruct them in the working of the unit and from whom and how blood may be donated.

The blood taken from Merkel will go directly to a Fort Worth laboratory and become the property of the United States office of defense. Here it will be made into plasma.

All persons between the ages of 18-60 are eligible to donate blood. Persons eighteen to twenty-one years of age, however, must have both parents signed consent. If married, the wife must have written consent of husband and husband written consent of wife. Anyone that has had hepatitis or yellow jaundice is not permitted to donate blood. All other people will be checked and passed by staff and doctor of the unit except weight must be 110 minimum. The entire procedure will take about one hour for each donor, according to Mr. Reaves.

Pledge cards are in the hands of many volunteer workers in all communities, or one will be mailed you. At Noodle cards may be secured from Robt. Wyche or from anyone of the several volunteer women workers there and from the women volunteers in all communities. Any member of

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Merkel Girls In Roby Tournament

The Merkel girls' basketball team will journey to Roby where they are to play in the tournament there tonight.

They expect to meet some stiff competition in their attempt to bring home a victory.

a V. F. W. will see to it you get a card and an appointment made for you, as will any member of the Merkel Lions club.

It should not be necessary to remind one of the vital need for blood. One Merkel boy's life has just been saved only by the fact blood was available to give him the twelve transfusions necessary to do this. He had lost a leg on the Korean battlefield and the shock and loss of blood came near proving fatal. So grateful is his young wife, now at his bedside in a San Francisco hospital, she has pledged to replace these twelve pints by donating this amount of her own blood to the army blood bank.

"Give a pint and save a life" is a motto all of us should obey.

Merkel 4-H Girls To Sponsor Bake Sale

The Merkel 4-H girls will have a bake sale Saturday, January 26, in front of Max Mellinger Dry Goods Co. Everyone is invited to come by and buy their sweets.

Merkel 20 Years Ago
TAKEN FROM THE 1931 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL

MAGICIAN COMING

Sponsored by the senior class of the Merkel high school Myterio, the noted magician and mental wizard, will appear at the school auditorium Tuesday evening. He will entertain with a program of original mystery and illusions.

ANOTHER GOOD RAIN

The heavy rain last Friday yielded more than an inch and one half of moisture. This added to the already good rains the past two months gives the Merkel area an excellent season.

C. L. WHITESCARVER DIES

Friends of Mrs. H. R. Chancey will regret to learn of the death of her father, C. L. Whitescarver, at Dallas on Tuesday. Funeral services were at the Cox cemetery.

MOVES BACK TO TRENT

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Rogers have moved back to their farm west of Trent. They have been living in Lubbock but decided the high plains unsuited to them.

NOODLE SINGING

Great plans are being made for the fifth Sunday singing convention to be held at the Noodle high school building. Prof. N. O. Stamps will be present to lead the singing which will get underway at 10 a. m.

CATTLE SHIPMENTS

Bob Malone shipped a number of calves to the Fort Worth market this week. He reports he received an average of \$5.15 per head for the stock.

DANGEROUS ROOSTER

A rooster bought from a farm near Merkel pecked the hand of Paul Molberg while he was handling it. Blood poisoning resulted and Mr. Molberg died two days later at a Fredericksburg hospital.

TO OPERATE HATCHERY

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Davis have moved to Merkel from Winters and will operate the Merkel Hatchery the coming season.

BUYS DRUG STORE

Sie Hamm has bought the drug store known as the City Drug Store, has completely overhauled the building and is to open Saturday under the name of Sie Hamm Drug Company.

HAVE "42" PARTY

Mr. and Mrs. Roger A. Burgess entertained a number of their friends with a "42" party at their home last Friday evening. Highest scores were made by O. N. Buford and Robt. Hicks.

REVIVAL MEETING

The revival meeting at the Fundamental Baptist church, conducted by the pastor, Rev. Ernest Dowell, is meeting with splendid results and good crowds attending.

STITH H. D. CLUB

Mrs. Edgar Bradley entertained 24 members of the Stith Home Demonstration club at her home last Friday. The county agent gave an interesting talk on the making of hot beds which was most instructive. Mrs. Walter Kelso, president, presided at the meeting.

This Happened in Merkel Forty Years Ago

Last Sunday evening in the church park the Rev. A. A. Baker of Merkel united in marriage Miss Edna Harrison and Douglas Harrison of Blair. Only a few of their intimate friends were present for the ceremony. They will make their home at Blair.

W. W. Wheeler is advertising a good young horse for sale, but says he will sell only to one who will guarantee to treat this fine horse in a proper manner.

Summons at court this week were Rev. J. Hamilton, Dr. M. Armstrong, S. French, Austin Dunagin.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Diltz last Friday evening Rev. Geo. L. Hamilton's class entertained Miss Bertha Diltz's class. Assisting Miss Beulah Haynes. A two-course dinner of fried oysters, cake and gelatine was served to the large crowd in attendance.

Miss Evelyn Williams has returned home after an extended visit to her sister, Mrs. Tully Pense, in Marshall, Mo.

J. E. Pitzer of Sweetwater was in Merkel several days this week on a business deal in which he was interested.

Merkel people are getting the jitters over the meningitis scare now sweeping over West Texas. All the towns on the T. P. west of Sweetwater are now under quarantine. It is hoped no cases of the dreaded disease comes this way.

Mrs. Victor Harris and little daughter, Ruby, have returned home after a several weeks' visit with relatives in Dallas.

W. A. Hall drove in from Blair Monday to pay his taxes, he said, since the county tax collector was in Merkel for the day. Having the tax man here for the day was a great convenience for our people.

Dime Drive Starts Final Week For Polio Funds; Now Far Behind

As the 1952 March of Dimes campaign nears its close national and local officials of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis joined in predicting that the American people would see to it that the March of Dimes overtakes and keeps pace with the quickening march of polio. However in the Merkel area and all Taylor county the drive is far behind.

Doubling of the March of Dimes period this year was necessitated by tripled incidence of polio during the last four years. Each year the National Foundation has gone into debt providing for patient care of children and adults stricken with polio—the only epidemic disease still on the increase in America.

Incidence during the last four years has been so high that an entirely new concept of polio has been developed, a concept geared to 30,000 cases a year instead of the ten to twelve thousand cases experienced during the previous decade.

Since scientists say it is likely that accelerated polio incidence will continue until the final answer to the disease is discovered, it seems clear that the only way left open to cope with the new concept is to meet it squarely with a new concept of giving. Only a new and enlarged concept of giving will enable the nation to cope with the three big increases that cloud the polio picture — increased incidence, increased numbers of carry-over cases requiring expensive long-term care, and increased costs of hospitalization, trained personnel and equipment.

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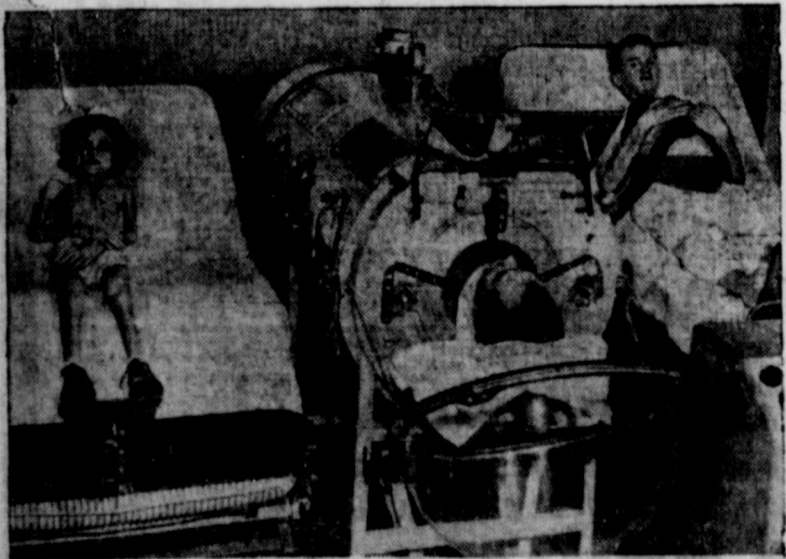
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Three Ways to Breathe



Here are three different breathing mechanisms—all provided with March of Dimes funds—which assist polio patients at the Southwestern Poliomylitis Respiratory Center in Houston, Texas. Nine-year-old Charlotte Sword (left), of Houston, is on the rocking bed. Dr. Joseph H. Nelson (center), young Berger, Texas, physician, is in the large iron lung equipped with plastic oxygen dome. Steve Spearman, 20, of Hot Springs, Ark., breathes with aid of a chest respirator.

SOCIETY

FORTNIGHTLY STUDY CLUB

Mrs. Carroll Benson extended gracious hospitality to members of the Fortnightly Study club on Tuesday afternoon. A quartet of ladies sang "Home," "When You're Smiling" and "Girl of My Dreams." The singers were Mesdames Vincent Barnett, Robert Malone, J. R. Baker and Christine Collins with Mrs. Norma Winter at the piano.

Mrs. P. W. Miller reviewed "Human Fertility" by Cook, in a most revealing and thought provoking manner. The subject came under the observance of health and medicine program.

Those present were Mesdames Earl Lassiter, Clyde Bartlett, Johnny Cox, Mack Fisher, Dave Gamble, S. D. Gamble, Comer Haynes, Ben R. Hicks, P. W. Miller, Geo. T. Moore, Elma McFarland, Judd McReynolds, Edwin Read, W. T. Sadler, Henry West, Weston West, Norman Winter, Robert Malone, Carroll Benson, Paul West and Christine Collins.

GARDEN CLUB NOTES

Mrs. Jack Miller most graciously entertained the Merkel Garden club members on Thursday afternoon January 17. "How to Plant Roses in the South" was related by Mrs. T. E. Collins. "Soils and Plant Foods" were discussed by Mrs. Mack Fisher and "What Makes an Arrangement" was presented by Mrs. W. S. J. Brown and Mrs. John Shannon made a winter arrangement of carved wood and greenery.

Those answering roll call were Mesdames A. B. Allen, Wade Ensminger, T. E. Collins, W. S. J. Brown, Jack Miller, Mack Fisher, Tye Sublett, John Shannon, J. W. Bryan, Herbert Patterson,

Kenneth Fee, Ben Sublett, Dee Grimes, Betty Petty, Bill Cook, Clyde Eager, Carroll Benson, Sammy Doan, Lucille Litton, P. H. Jones, L. B. Fisher, Lee Cox, and Miss Nora Foster.

MRS. DOYLE CONLEY COMPLIMENTED WITH TEA

Mrs. Doyle Conley was complimented with a gift tea in the home of Mrs. Don Morue Tuesday evening with calling hours from 6 to 8 p. m.

The hostess group was composed of Mesdames Elsie Nash, Joe Nalley, Buford Allen, Clyde Eager, W. H. Toombs, R. N. Campbell, Estel Hunter, Tye Sublett, Ben Sublett, Walter Hunter, J. W. Jennings, L. S. Kingsbury, Bob McDonald, C. F. Lindsey, P. A. Wylie, D. A. Lee, O. W. Paine, Tommie Hutchinson, A. A. Reagan, Pete Rutledge, George Woodrum, D. I. Bowen and Misses Nora Foster and Wilma Paine.

Mrs. Morue greeted guests and presented the honoree, who in turn presented her mother, Mrs. W. A. Clammer, and the bridegroom's mother, Mrs. C. C. Conley. Helen Conley presided at the register.

The tea table was laid with a madiera cut work linen cloth and was centered with an arrangement of pink and white carnations, the bride's chosen colors. Misses Peggy Scott, Elaine Kerns and Mrs. Billy Pat Nash served a dainty refreshment plate of heart-shaped sandwiches, sandtarts, olives and frosted punch. Neva Bishop invited guests to see the gifts.

Misses Wanda Beard, Joy Johnson and Joan Seymore presided in the gift room where a beautiful array of crystal, china, pottery, silver and linens were on display. A musical program was presented by Misses Barbara Sue McLeod and Betty Wylie.

WEDDING DATE ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. George E. Spillman of Austin are announcing the approaching marriage of their daughter, Joyce, to Joe Armstrong of Trent. The wedding ceremony will be held Saturday evening, January 6 at Saint Martin's Lutheran Church in Austin.

Armstrong, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Armstrong, is a graduate of Trent High school and is now a senior student at Kansas State College, Manhattan, Kansas. The couple will live in Manhattan where he will continue his studies. Miss Spillman is a graduate of the Buda High school and attended Seguin Junior college and the University of Texas.

Mrs. E. N. Dean, Jr. of Colorado City left by train here Sunday afternoon for Sterling, Ill. for a two weeks visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Abe Hey.

Jack Hester and Sue Kidd Marry In Woodville Church



MRS. JACK HESTER IN HER BRIDAL GOWN

Jack Hester of Ozona son of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Hester, of Merkel, and Sue Kidd were married in the First Baptist Church of Woodville at 7 o'clock Saturday evening.

The bride is the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Kidd, Woodville.

The double ring ceremony was read by the Rev. L. T. Daniel of Palestine.

Pre-nuptial music was presented by Mrs. L. M. Feagin, Woodville, organist, and Henrietta Morris, Dallas, soloist.

The bride given in marriage by her father, wore a dress of peacock blue taffeta with blue net overdress. Her veil of illusion was held in place by a half hat of blue seguin. She carried a nosegay of white iris and stephanotis.

Mrs. L. B. Taylor, Midland, was matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Virginia Parker, Austin, and Joan Daniel, Palestine.

Best man was L. B. Taylor. Ushers were Buddy Kidd and Gene Paul Daniel.

A reception was hosted in the home of Mrs. F. F. Mathews, Woodville.

Guests attending from Merkel were Mrs. H. W. Hester and Mrs. J. L. Hester.

After a short wedding trip the couple will live in Ozona where the bridegroom is a geologist for Phillip Petroleum Co.

Mrs. Hester is a graduate of Baylor University and has been employed in Midland with Dowell Inc. Mr. Hester is a graduate of Texas Technological College, Lubbock.

BETA SIGMA PHI

The Beta Sigma Phi met last Tuesday in the home of Mrs. Vincent Barnett.

Viola Allred gave the program on "Pride of Possessions." The club also plans to help with the Bloodmobile when it will visit Merkel next month.

Those present were Mesdames Forest Hill, Elma McFarland, Vincent Barnett, Robert Malone, Weldon McAninch, R. L. Elliott, Lloyd Robertson, E. L. Horton, Ralph Russell, and Misses Viola Allred, Patsy Dunagin and Helen Plumlee.

RUDD FAMILY REUNION

Members of the Rudd family, formerly of Palava had a get-together Saturday evening in Trent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Rudd. Honorees were a brother, C. H. Rudd and his friend, H. R. Spivey, who are on vacation from their work in Long Beach, California.

Present at the reunion were Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Rudd, Longworth; Mr. and Mrs. Claud Johnson and son, Stanley, Mr. and Mrs. Ivy Hartman, Mr. and Mrs. Punk Hartman, Palava; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Yoakum and Joy, Lamesa; Mrs. Ola Redden, Mr. and Mrs. Buck Rudd and Nelva Ann, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Howard and Cindy, Sweetwater; Mr. and Mrs. Smiles Hartman, Abilene; Earl Hartman, Marfa and Mrs. Minnie Hale, Trent.

HONOR PATSY SWANN

College classmates of Miss Patsy Swann honored her with a surprise birthday party last Saturday night at Doyle's Caba in Abilene. This was not only to celebrate her birthday but also for the speedy recovery from her recent auto accident.

Those present were the honoree, Wayne Bethel, Laura Jane Smith, Jimmy Weldon, Lois Crook and Dean Smith.

BLUEBONNET HD CLUB MET AT MEMORIAL CHAPEL

The Bluebonnet Home Demonstration club met last week in the recreation hall of the Memorial Chapel with the president, Mrs. Pat Trammel, presiding.

After the members sang their club song, "Lullaby," Mrs. Tom Russom led in prayer. Business was discussed and the following officers were installed: Mrs. Pat Trammel, president; Mrs. Ford Butman, vice-president; Mrs. Ford Butman, secretary-treasurer, and Mrs. Frase Demere, reporter.

A delicious refreshment plate was served to Mesdames Pat Trammel, Ford Butman, A. L. Farmer, E. H. Phillips, Tom Russom, Frase Demere, and the hostess, Mrs. Frank Bronovak.

The next meeting will be February 5 with Mrs. Ford Butman hostess. Miss Loreta Allen, county agent, will be present at this meeting. The program will be on "Family Health Today."

Study Group At Tye P-TA Holds Meeting

The Tye P-T. A. study group met last Wednesday in the school auditorium with ten members present.

Mrs. James Barley, the group chairman, made an interesting talk on the topic, "Why Children Cheat."

Mrs. N. O. Warner, the president, presided over an executive session after the study group meeting.

GOODMAN HD CLUB IN FIRST 1952 MEET

The Goodman Home Demonstration club held their first 1952 meeting in the home of Mrs. Karl Bonneaux last week.

Mrs. Cal McAninch presided over the business session. She appointed the following committee heads: Mrs. Frank Carter, year-book; Mrs. Jennings Winter, finance; Mrs. H. H. Windham, education, exhibit and expansion; Mrs. Frank Carter, recreation; Mrs. Carl Carey, marketing; Mrs. Byron Murfee, 4-H.

Officers retained from last year are: Mrs. Cal McAninch, president; Mrs. M. G. Goode, vice-president and program chairman; Mrs. Grover Blair, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Byron Murfee, reporter; Mrs. Karl Bonneaux, parliamentary.

Mrs. Bonneaux served a refreshment plate to the following members: Mesdames Jennings Winter, Byron Murfee, H. H. Windham, Frank Carter, Grover Blair and Cal McAninch.

The next meeting will be held January 25 in the home of Mrs. Jennings Winter.

It is requested each member bring a small gift for some man and woman now in the hospital.

Read The Mail Want Ads.

Note To Our Customers

We will be closed several days next week remodeling our store to make room for the large stock of merchandise we bought on our recent visit to market. We will be glad to show you the new and beautiful spring lines we are adding to our stock.

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SPECIALS FOR FRIDAY and SATURDAY January 25-26

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SKINNER'S MACARONI SPAGHETTI 2 boxes 22c	PARKAY OLEO pound 29c	LIBBY'S TOMATO JUICE 46-oz. can 29c
BETTY CROCKER PARTY CAKE MIX, pkg. 39c	HERSHEY CANDY BARS 6 for 25c	TUXEDO TUNA FLAKES Flat can 25c
PURE LARD	ARMOUR'S PURE CANE SUGAR	3 pounds 63c
10 pounds 89c		
PRODUCE		MARKET
FRESH TOMATOES pound 19c	YELLOW SQUASH pound 15c	SKINLESS WEINERS pound 39c
FRESH GREEN BEANS lb. 17c	FRESH ONIONS bunch 8c	CHOICE PORK CHOPS lb. 52c
NO. 1 SPUDS 10 pounds 59c		LONGHORN CHEESE pound 55c
		NICE FAT FRYERS lb. 55c
		ARMOUR'S BACON 2 lbs. 78c

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Health Department Will Give Help In Any Clean-up Drive

State Health Officer Geo. W. Cox has spelled out in one-two-three order the requirements for a city-wide sanitation drive that will "show results in fewer flies, fewer rats, and less disease."

His plan in brief: Apply the idea of a good spring cleaning outside as well as inside the house. The long-time exponent of clean environment said the State Department of Health would, on request, send a team of sanitation experts to survey any Texas town for health hazards.

The survey would include a check on the manner of garbage storage, collection, and disposal, and a look into foodhandling establishments to see if they are coming from safe sources.

Residential and business districts would be inspected for sanitary violations, and each property owner would be strictly accountable for cleaning up his premises, with the city hauling away accumulations of trash.

"If we all begin work right now, using tried and proved methods, we can cut down the incidence of diseases caused by insanitary environments, contaminated water, and improperly handled foods. We can stage a fight against flies and stop them from spreading disease."

"We're here to help," the doctor said.

March of Dimes funds pay for hospitalization, nursing care, physical therapy, transportation, wheelchairs, braces and crutches wherever the need is indicated.

Attend the Church of Your Choice

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

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.

Merkel Assembly of God Church
 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.

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

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.

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

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.

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.

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.
 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."

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.

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.

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.

Graduates Today From Tarleton

Bill Tarpley of Merkel is one of the eleven Tarleton state College students who will graduate at the end of the current semester.

today. He is majoring in agricultural education. While attending Merkel High School Billy participated in football, basketball and track. Never ask for a favor unless you are ready to give one.

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The Livestock Show will be held in conjunction with El Paso's annual Southwestern Championship Rodeo. Dates for the Rodeo are Feb. 13-17. The cowboy show annually draws top rodeo performers from all over the nation.

Competition will include the regular bareback bronc riding, saddle bronc riding, bull riding, steer wrestling, and calf roping divisions plus an added event—a scrambling wild horse race.

The rodeo will also feature a bevy of special acts designed to keep the show moving at a fast clip.

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FOR U. S. SENATE—TOM CONNALLY

It is with regret we hear Price Daniel announce his candidacy for the United States senate by seeking to unseat the veteran Tom Connally.

We like Price Daniel. For most any other office to which he might aspire we would be glad to give him our unqualified support. But we can't help him send to retirement one of the most influential men in the United States Senate and one who has done so much for the state of Texas.

It would be years before Mr. Daniel or any other man could gain the standing in Washington, the regard of his colleagues and the influence now wielded by Tom Connally. His has been a long and honorable tenure in our country's highest law-making body and he merits and deserves the support of all of us.

Amity toward the president, objection to Secretary of State Acheson, promises to lower taxes and to fight against Communism; are not sufficient reasons why Mr. Daniel should think the majority of Texans will throw Tom Connally out of the senate. They are not enough for us to do so.

THE RAILROAD YEAR

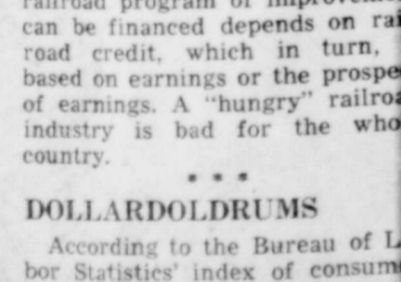
During 1951 the railroads made a great contribution to the country's transportation system.

Their expenditures for new equipment and improvements touched an all-time record. They carried a near-record traffic of 643,000,000,000 ton-miles, and took in gross operating revenues of more than \$10,000,000,000.

This may make it look as if all is well in the essential railroad industry. But that, unfortunately is not the case. Revenues increased—but expenses and taxes increased still faster.

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It begins to appear now that prosperity is an affliction.

Experience is a thing that keeps right on going up in price.

Self conceit is one of the things you can't get a mortgage on.

The most expensive part of poverty is in trying to hide it.

Some people argue over religion as stubbornly as though they had it.

The man who has money to burn always has a lot of hangers-on ready to light the fire.

Opportunity is a fine thing—so fine in fact that many of us miss it.

A lot of people can't get into high gear because they are shiftless.

Unfortunately the man who loses his head always keeps his tongue.

Turning over a new leaf doesn't count so much as the writing done on it.

A man who can't collect his wits would be a poor risk as a bill collector.

When a candidate hedges it is safe to say he is fixing his political fences.

Industry is the most successful form of inoculation against Communism.

Some local areas are so dry that they have even taken the nip out of the air.

Having the right-of-way at an intersection won't help much after the undertaker takes over.

No man is so stinky he will object to having others share his good opinion of himself.

March of Dimes research grants are awarded on a basis of merit and qualifications of the personnel conducting the study upon recommendations of a Medical Advisory Board, made up of the nation's most prominent physicians and scientists serving voluntarily.

Special Program To Usher In Texas Highway Week

Observance of Highway Week in Texas, January 27-February 2, will get a head start in Austin next Sunday when Gov. Allan Shivers will officially usher it in.

Honor guests invited to attend the program are the living former governors of Texas and all members of the highway commission, both present and former Commissioners.

J. H. Kutzgen, of Waco, president of the Texas Good Roads Association, will be master of ceremonies. Others on the program will include Judge George Prowse of Corpus Christi, president of the Texas County Judges & Commissioners Association, and Mayor Armistead Rust of San Angelo, president of the Texas League of Municipalities.

Expect Decrease In Tech Enrollment

Texas Tech officials expect a 700-student drop in enrollment when the college starts its spring-semester registration Feb. 4.

Registrar W. P. Clement estimated the spring enrollment at 4,200 students, which is a considerable decrease from the fall semester enrollment of 4,906. He added that the decrease is a yearly occurrence.

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More Polio Cases Demands Greater Efforts For MOD

Reports and a warning of high polio incidence in Texas unusual for winter months, call for a better March of Dimes than ever, says Lloyd Gregory, state chairman of the polio drive.

Gregory recalled a recent warning by the State Health Officer, Dr. George W. Cox, who was quoted as warning that continuance of the high winter incidence could give the state a fast push-off toward what might become the worst polio year in Texas history.

Taylor County in general and Merkel in particular is far behind the goal set for this section. Only by concerted and increased work can a fair showing be made toward raising the sizeable sum expected from us.

Where are the volunteer workers? How thin can a dime get that they are so few? What cause can be more vital?

Hope At His Merry Best In Spy Story At Queen Sunday

When one of the screen's most talented funnymen tops his best performances of the past, it makes for news of the happiest sort. Well, that's exactly what Bob Hope has done in Paramount's "My Favorite Spy," which will open Sunday at the Queen Theatre. Cast as a burlesque comedian who runs amok of an international spy ring, Bob is funnier, saucier and more ingratiating than ever before. If you're in the market for laughs, drop whatever you're doing and head for "My Favorite Spy."

Hope's partner in this delicious escapade is gorgeous Hedy Lamarr, and the two of them cavort through almost two hours of unrelenting fun in a wild and wonderful tale of a baggy-trousered buffoon who agrees to impersonate a dangerous foreign agent to help the Secret Service collar a big spy ring.

National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis chapter do not give polio treatment or care; they purchase it, with March of Dimes funds.

Our Navy Men Like Coffee—Meal Time Or Between Meals

According to Navy standards, one pound of coffee makes two gallons of liquid. In that case, the navy consumed approximately 18,000,000 pounds of coffee or 36,000,000 gallons during the 1951 fiscal year.

To break this down further, it is estimated that each man in the navy drank 53 gallons of coffee during the year.

Coffee, (according to the standards of most navy men is their "life-blood,") is drunk with meals, between meals, and at any other time of the day or night. You can usually find a pot boiling away in the torpedo shack, on the bridge or in the engineroom.

Just one ship alone, the battleship USS Missouri, drank up approximately 79,000 pounds. Ask any man in the navy and he'll tell you, "Not one ounce was wasted!"

If you have a relative in the navy, you might write and ask him if he got his 53 gallons of coffee last year.

Taylor County 4-H Clubs Meet Jan. 19

The Taylor County 4-H clubs met Saturday, January 19 for their regular council meeting.

The meeting was called to order by the president, LaWanda Vinson. Roll call was read by the secretary, Jackie Wilkerson.

A very interesting demonstration was given by Miss Brockie McCasland on buying and caring for underwear.

Singing was led by Gloria Jackson.

Thirty members were present. Those attending from Merkel were Elnovia Holmes, Mollie Beth Douglas, and Mrs. Ray Holmes, leader. Jr. girls attending were Donna Scott and Sue Sylvester.

The March of Dimes organization maintains equipment depots in seven strategically located cities to speed shipment of iron lungs, hot pack machines and other essential polio-fighting supplies to any stricken area.

We have no idea what Sherman would call the sort of war now going on between the United Nations and Red China.

'Baby! Do I Love My Orange Juice?'



Babies do love their orange juice, and they should have plenty of this natural, Vitamin C-rich food from about the age of two weeks right on through childhood. Government tests show that the Florida frozen concentrated orange juice is ideal for babies, as well as for grownups, so when you're in a hurry about food preparation, you can safely rely on this convenient product. This is the height of the fresh fruit season, and Florida's thin-skinned oranges are so juicy that you'll probably be using those now. When you prepare juice for infants or young children, don't exert too much pressure—too much peel oil may change the naturally sweet flavor of the juice. Hand reaming is the best method of preparation of juice for children who need the whole nutritive value of fresh fruit. Recent studies prove that it creates allergies in practically no cases if properly prepared.

Hunting Accidents Cause 28 Deaths During Past Season

The chief clerk of the Texas Game and Fish Commission said incomplete casualty reports from the recent major hunting seasons show that at least 28 Texans died from accidents.

All but six of the tentative total died from gunfire. Five drowned and one died of a broken neck sustained in a fall from a deer stand in a tree.

At least six other persons died from heart attacks attributed to over exertion while hunting.

The number wounded during the recent season was estimated at "in excess of 50." The total to date show that 13 hunters died from self-inflicted wounds and that seven were killed by guns handled by others. In addition, one hunter was mistaken for a turkey, dying from a shot through the head by a .300 calibre bullet.

The seven fatal wounds which were self-inflicted included such common causes as leaning on the gun barrel, crawling through a fence, removing a gun from a car, barrel first, and striking the butt end of a gun against the ground.

Over the years, through its scholarship and fellowship program, the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis with March of Dimes funds has financed professional training in 28 different fields ranging from physical therapy and orthopedic nursing to sanitary engineering.



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Need Officers For Two-Month Service

One hundred Texas Army reserve officers are needed for a sixty-day tour of active duty as umpires for the giant Army-Air Force field exercise "Long Horn" to be held at Fort Hood in March and April. Col. C. M. Culp, Chief of the Texas Military District has announced.

The service is voluntary and members of the Organized and Volunteer Reserve are eligible. Officers of the National Guard also may submit applications through their local commanding officers to the Adjutant General of the state.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to our many friends and relatives for their kindness and sympathy and for the many beautiful floral offerings at the death of our husband and father, Paul Blackaby. We are also grateful to H. Osby Weaver, Minister of the Johnson Street Church of Christ, Greenville, Merkel Order of Eastern Star, Pecos Pythian Temple, Pecos K. P. Lodge, Rebekah Lodge and Oddfellow Lodge of Pecos.

Mrs. Lue Annie Blackaby
Mr. and Mrs. Blakely Wingo
Mr. and Mrs. Louis S. Butman

She'll Get There



Mary Jane Ducote, of Bishop, Texas, smiles despite her two leg braces and abdominal support needed after polio attack. Help from the March of Dimes and other assistance from the Nueces County Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis makes possible continued treatment and ultimate rehabilitation of Mary Jane. January is March of Dimes month.

Life for most of us is a continuous process of getting used to things we hadn't expected.



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CRISCO 3 pound can 85c	
CHURCH'S GRAPE JUICE 24-oz. BOTTLE 3 for \$1.00	MRS. WINSTON'S APPLE BUTTER 24-oz. jar 25c
ARMOUR'S TREET CAN 49c	TOILET SOAP LUX, L'EBOUY or CAMAY 3 reg. bars 29c
OLEO AZALEA pound 19c	MILK ALL BRANDS 2 TALL CANS 27c
PRODUCE	MARKET
TURNIPS and TOPS bunch 10c	SLICED BACON lb. 39c
FLORIDA Oranges 5 lb. bag 30c	LEAN PORK CHOPS lb. 49c
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"Why Go to College to Learn to Farm?" A&M Dean Supplies Adequate Answers

Ever since there has been an agricultural college, people have been asking these two questions:

1. "Why go to college to learn to farm?"
2. "Why do agricultural graduates not go back to the farm?"

For the first time an attempt has been made to find a reasonably accurate answer. That answer is contained in a bulletin of Texas A. and M. College entitled "Study of the Agricultural Graduates of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas."

The author is Dean Charles N. Shepardson of the A. and M. School of Agriculture.

To ferret out the facts and figures, Dean Shepardson mailed a questionnaire to 4,702 A. and M. agricultural graduates. Replies had been received from 1,927 graduates—about 41 per cent of those to whom the questionnaire was mailed.

The replies seem to constitute the best answers available to the age-old questions. The answers are:

1. It is profitable to go to college to learn to farm. A. and M. graduates now engaged in full-time farming reported an average annual income of \$8,450 as compared to the \$2,800 average for all Texas farmers.

2. The majority do go back to the farm as owners or operators as soon as they can accumulate

sufficient capital to make this possible. Of the group answering the questionnaire, 44.1 per cent are farm owners or operators.

Some 56.3 per cent of the graduates included in the study still anticipate farm ownership or operator at some future time, while only 15.6 per cent do not intend ever to farm.

More graduates have become farmers, or still intend to, than planned to do so at the time of graduation.

Of the group which still anticipates farming 80.5 per cent gave lack of capital as their reason for delay. Other reasons included military service and lack of experience.

The interval since graduation and the economic conditions at time of graduation appeared to have an influence in whether a man is now engaged in farming or related business, or in professional work. In general the longer the interval since graduation the larger the percentage now engaged in farming.

Those graduates who now are farming appear to be farming better than those in other occupations. While the average income of all agricultural graduates is approximately \$6,000 per year, the average for the full-time farmer is \$8,450.

This compares with an average income of \$2,800 for all Texas

Price Daniel Announces



Price Daniel, attorney general, announced this week that he would make a vigorous race for the democratic nomination for the United States senate. In a hard-hitting, militant address he advocated a house-cleaning in scandal-ridden Washington bureaus, lashed out at "blunders of the foreign policy in Korea and the Far East" and demanded an end to government waste and increasing taxes. He pledged a continuation in the senate of his fight for Texas to keep its tidelands for the public free school funds.

farmers; \$7,650 for those graduates who are land owners, including the part-time farmers; \$6,750 for those in non-related business; \$5,900 for those in business related to agriculture, and \$4,800 for those in professional agricultural work.

The greatest benefits received from their college training were listed as technical foundation, ability to find information, practical training and development of self-confidence.

A large percentage of the agricultural graduates of A. and M. College continue in some phase of agricultural work, with more than two-thirds of them ultimately becoming farm or ranch owners or operators.

John Ben Shepperd Heads Heart Fund

John Ben Shepperd, Texas Secretary of State, has agreed to serve as co-chairman of the 1952 Heart Fund Campaign, according to information just released by Ben H. Wooten, Dallas, general chairman of the Texas Heart Fund.

Mr. Shepperd, prominent attorney of Gladewater and a former president of the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce prior to his becoming Secretary of State, was general chairman of the 1951 appeal.

"We feel very fortunate in having Mr. Shepperd again in a top position of leadership in this tremendously vital appeal for funds," Mr. Wooten said. "His experienced counsel and active generalship will be invaluable in our statewide organizational efforts."

The 1952 campaign will be inaugurated February 1st. Texas' goal is \$347,000.00, to be used for research, education and community service.

THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Nicholas Flores

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 3rd day of March, 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 9th day of October, 1951.

The file number of said suit being No. 17,820-A.

The names of the parties in said suit are: Francis Flores as Plaintiff, and Nicholas Flores as Defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were formerly married and divorced in 1945, and entered into a common law marriage in 1945 and lived together as husband and wife until October 4, 1951.

Plaintiff alleges there was born to this marriage one child, a girl Susanna Flores. Plaintiff and Defendant have accumulated as community property a 1950 or 1951 Buick Motor Vehicle, money now deposited in the Citizens National Bank in Abilene, a house and lot and two (2) other lots.

Plaintiff prays for divorce on grounds of cruel treatment, for custody of the minor child for one-half of the community property and reasonable child support.

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

Issued this 18th day of January A. D., 1952.
Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this 18th day of January A. D., 1952.

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

Legal Notices

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF THE LIMITED PARTNERSHIP KNOWN AS HOOKER & DE MOHRENSCHILDT, LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the limited partnership heretofore existing between Edward Gordon Hooker, George De Mohrenschildt and Marian Hooker, under the firm name of Hooker & De Mohrenschildt Ltd., engaged in the business of acquiring and developing lands believed to contain oil, gas and other minerals, is this day dissolved by mutual consent.

Dated this 26th day of December, 1951.

(Signed) Edward Gordon Hooker: General Partner
George De Mohrenschildt: General Partner
Marian Hooker: Special Partner

STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF NEW YORK—SS.

Before me, James J. Farrell, a Notary Public, in and for the said New York County, on this day personally appeared Edward Gordon Hooker, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office this 26th day of December, A. D., 1951.

(Signed) James J. Farrell
Notary Public

James J. Farrell Notary Public, State of New York Qualified in Bronx County No. 03-1166500 Certificates filed in New York, Kings, Queens, Nassau, Suffolk, and Westchester Co. Clk's Offices and New York, Bronx, Kings and Queens Co. Reg's Offices.
Commission Expires March 30, 1953.

STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF NEW YORK—SS.

Before me, James J. Farrell, a Notary Public, in and for the said New York County, on this day personally appeared George De Mohrenschildt, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office this 26th day of December, A. D., 1951.

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Commission Expires March 30, 1953.

STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF NEW YORK—SS.

Before me, James J. Farrell, a Notary Public, in and for the said New York County, on this day personally appeared Marian Hooker, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that she executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office this 26th day of December, A. D., 1951.

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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 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: Lola 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, 1946, 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 2nd day of January A. D., 1952.
Given under my hand and seal

of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this 2nd day of January A. D., 1952.

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

THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Milton L. Johnson

GREETING:

You are commanded to appear and answer the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday the 3rd day of March, 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 30 day of November, 1952.

The file number of said suit being No. 17,899-A.

The names of the parties in said suit are: Glee Johnson as Plaintiff, and Milton L. Johnson as Defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were married on about August 25, 1948 and separated on about January 1, 1951.

There were no children born to plaintiff and defendant and there is no property to be adjudicated.

Plaintiff prays for divorce on grounds of cruel treatment.

Plaintiff requests that her maiden name of Winters be restored to her.

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

Issued this 21 day of January A. D., 1952.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this 21 day of January A. D., 1952.

J. Neil Daniel Clerk
42nd District Court
Taylor County, Texas
By Ann Jones Deputy

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

GEO. H. McFADDEN & BRO.

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF HARRIS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the limited partnership lately existing under the firm name Geo. H. McFadden & Bro., in which John H. McFadden, Jr., Hugo N. Dixon, Roy O. Beach, Gustave I. Tolson, Charles P. Oates, Robert D. McCallum, and Roy O. Beach, Jr., were general partners, and Annette B. McFadden, as Executrix of the last will

and testament of Philip G. McFadden, deceased, and J. Randolph Harrison were limited or special partners, was dissolved by the withdrawal of all such limited or special partners on the 31st day of July, 1950. The business will be conducted under the same name by the said general partners and Barclay McFadden and Eric A. Catmur, who have formed a new partnership therefor. All debts owing to the dissolved partnership are to be paid to said new partnership, and all debts owing by the dissolved partnership are to be presented to said new partnership for payment.

DATED this 31st day of July, 1950.

GEO. H. McFADDEN & BRO.

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF TAYLOR

Notice is hereby given that the partnership lately subsisting between Dan Sager and E. Rowlands of Abilene, County of Taylor, Texas under the firm name of Dan Television, 909 Butternut Street Abilene, Texas was dissolved by mutual consent on the 1 day of January, 1952. All debts owing to the said partnership are to be received by either of them and all demands on the said partnership are to be presented to either of the above named for payment. Witness our hands this 8th day of January, 1952.

Dan Sager
E. Rowlands

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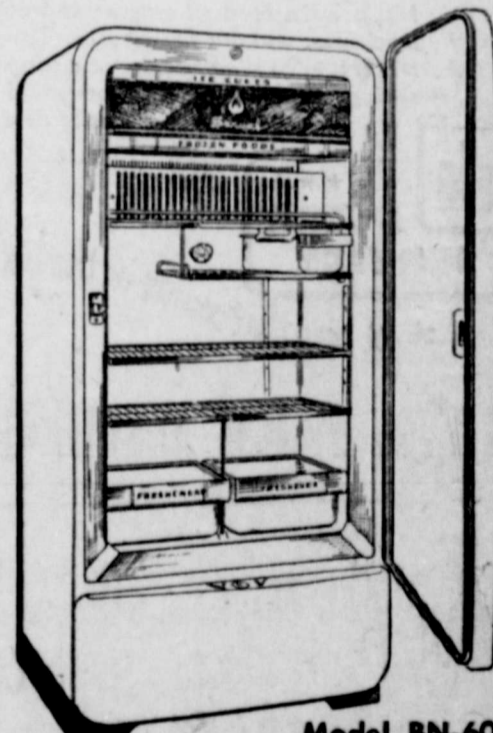
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Two Merkel Men To Lead Scouts On N. M. Jaunt

Two local Scouters, Frank Breaux, Explorer Advisor, and C. A. Farley, Neighborhood Commissioner, have been selected by the Camping and Activities Committee of the Chisholm Trail Council, Boy Scouts of America, to be adult leaders for a group of thirty Explorer Scouts who will attend the Philmont Scout Ranch, Cimarron, N. M., this summer.

The thirty Explorers will come from the six counties of this territory served by the Chisholm Trail Council. The cost of the two weeks expedition will be \$58, which includes a side trip to Carlsbad Caverns.

Philmont Scout Ranch, composed of 127,000 acres of land in the mountains of northeastern New Mexico, is the only national Scout camp now in operation. It was donated to the Boy Scouts of America by Waite Phillips about fifteen years ago.

The group to be led by Breaux and Farley will take a Southbound Expedition, which is an 85 mile hike and burro pack trip from the north end of the ranch to the south. The party will leave Abilene by school bus on June 28.

Last summer two local lads, George Starbuck and Bill Horton, made this same expedition. It is expected that at least seven or eight Merkel young men will make the trip this summer.

Top Film Coming To Pioneer Drive-In

"Born Yesterday," probably the greatest success in the history of the American stage, has been transformed by Columbia Pictures into an even more wonderful motion picture. Judy Holliday recreates the role she originated in the celebrated stage play and William Holden and Broderick Crawford are also starred in the Pioneer Theatre's "Born Yesterday," a mature, hilarious film that will take its place among the screen's outstanding achievements. It will show both Sunday and Monday.

Never before has a screen comedy possessed so rich an amalgam of laugh lines, story situations and captivating characterizations. "Born Yesterday" hilariously traces the development of a blonde, beautiful-but-dumb Billie Dawn, ex-chorus girl, into a cultured, intelligent young woman. With wisdom comes new values. The girl ultimately must choose between a rich and raucous boy friend and a crusading writer who doesn't think her two mink coats much of an achievement.

MRS. CLARK ENTERTAINS UNION RIDGE HD CLUB

The Union Ridge Home Demonstration met last Friday in the home of Mrs. J. H. Clark with the president, Mrs. Gordon Pursley, presiding.

The meeting opened with the club members singing "Beautiful Texas," followed by prayer. Roll call was answered with "My Greatest Baking Success."

Miss Mabel McRee gave the council report and Mrs. Gordon Pursley read the recommendations. The standing rules were read and approved.

Mrs. L. P. Liles, president of the Merkel HD club, gave information on the Bloodmobile which will be in Merkel February 26.

Mrs. Charles Harwell and Mrs. J. E. Jaynes gave steps on "making purses which can be made out of material to match dresses or suits" using the Fa-Cile fastener.

A dainty refreshment plate was served to two visitors, Mrs. L. P. Liles and Mrs. Rhett Eidson and members: Mesdames O. E. Harwell, Frances Carey, Kenneth Pee, Gordon Pursley, Charles Harwell, J. E. Jaynes, M. L. Douglas, Wynona Scroggins, Clyde Newton, Denzel Cox, J. H. Clark and Miss Mabel McRee.

The next meeting will be with Miss Mabel McRee February 1.

RETURN FROM MARKET

Merkel merchants and buyers attended market week in Dallas and Fort Worth this week where they made purchases of spring merchandise for their establishments. These included Mr. and Mrs. Dee Grimes, Mrs. Cyrus Pee, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Joyce, and Max and Sylvan Mellinger.

CARD OF THANKS
It is with a heart of gratitude we express thanks to all of you who were so kind to us at the time of the death and funeral of Mrs. W. H. Dunning. Especially are we grateful to the Eastern Star members, the Fidelis Matrons and all others who sent flowers and supplied food.
Family and Relatives
Of Mrs. Dunning

Junior Badgers Victors At Noodle Invitational Meet

Coach Leon Walker's elementary school basketball team showed plenty of class in winning the Noodle Junior Invitational Basketball tournament last week-end.

The local Junior Badgers came home with a nice first place trophy—the first to be added to the local grade school collection in about fifteen years.

Last Thursday night the locals took measure of the Noodle five by a 26-15 count and on Friday night downed the Hawley quintet, 26-24, in an overtime battle. In the final game Saturday night, Coach Walker's charges had easy sailing, trouncing the Anson team, 33-12. Robert McLeod led the scoring parade for Merkel with 13 tallies, followed by Kermit Rutledge with eight; George English, six; Curtis Hudson, four; and Jerry Russell 2. Other boys who saw action in the tourney were Jacky Russell, Charles Deen, Inlo Gregory and Phillip Pursley.

Two Merkel players, George English and Robert McLeod, were named on the All-Tournament team.
The local girls did not do so well, losing two games by wide margins. Thursday night the Noodle lassies "lucked out" on the locals, 36-7. On Friday night, the proteges of Mrs. Woolley were 18-3 victims of the McCauley sextet.

The unbeatable Avoca basketball team continued their winning ways Monday night by downing the Merkel Badgers 65-50 for their 23rd straight victory.

Not only do the Avoca lads have an undefeated season but have won the championship of the three tournaments in which they have participated.

The Merkel B team also lost their game to the Avoca B team by the close score of 50 to 47.

The fifth Texas Surveyors' short course will be held in Austin February 7, 8 and 9.

Land Commissioner Bascom Giles, who will preside over the first session, expects a record attendance of Texas surveyors. All meetings will be held in the hearing room of the Texas state highway building, directly across Brazos Street from the general land office building.

Co-starring Dennis Morgan, Virginia Mayo and Gene Nelson, the Technicolor film highlights pop tunes and lavish production numbers.

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PERSONAL NOTES

John Oliver and son, Jim were in Fort Worth last Wednesday on business.

J. T. Darsey has returned from McGregory where he visited his sister, Miss Willie Darsey.

Gary Don and Butch Jaynes spent last week-end in Colorado City guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Dean, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Winter of Pecos were in Merkel last week visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Risinger and Mr. and Mrs. Jennings Winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Bartlett have returned from Waco after taking their daughter, Mona Robertson, who is a student at Baylor University back to school after a week-end visit here.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Patton of Big Spring have returned home from Pyatt, Ark. where they attended the funeral of H. K. Patton, brother of the late S. O. Patton, who passed away on January 12.

Merkel Boy Injured In Field Accident

Jack Stanford was injured in an accident near Midland Monday, his mother here has been informed.

The cable on a water well rig on which he was working broke striking him on the forehead over the left eye. He was rushed to a Midland hospital where doctors are attempting to save his sight.

His mother, Mrs. Earl Stanford, and his sister, Mrs. Marie Leverich, are planning to go to his bedside.

J. H. Harris, Visitor From Canal Zone

J. H. Harris, an old Merkel boy, visited a week in his home town with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harris and other relatives and friends. He left Tuesday for the Panama Canal Zone to resume his duties with the police department there, where he has been since 1949.

ON LEAVE FROM CALIFORNIA

Marine Pfc. Harold Forkner on leave from his base at San Diego, Calif. is visiting in Trent with his sister, Mrs. Charles Washburn. He has also been the guest of his mother, Mrs. John Graves of Abilene. Mrs. Graves has another son in the service, Sgt. Robert Forkner, who is stationed at Biggs Air Base, El Paso.

Pfc. Forkner will report to Camp Pendleton when he returns to active duty, possibly for overseas assignment.

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Boy Scouts Enjoy Venison Dinner At Warren Ranch

The local Boy Scouts and Explorers came home from Booth Warren's place east of town last Thursday night "full of venison."

The venison was donated by A. J. Canon and Mr. Warren was kind enough to let the Scouts use his facilities.

Fathers of the boys were special guests at the feed. This group included Ray Wilson, Bob Malone, C. S. Carey, A. E. Higgins, Tommy Odum. Other guests included Pete Cook, Field Scout Executive, and Leslie Reid, District Training Chairman, both of Abilene, and Booth Warren.

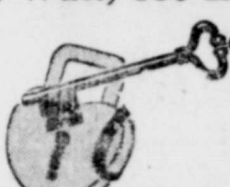
Scouts who enjoyed the venison were Don Wilson, Bobby Malone, Maxwell Carey, Eddie Higgins, Harry Odum, Kennedy Whiteley, Jackie Harris, Rhett Eidson, Eddie Hobby, Bill Russell, Wesley Smith, Bobby Boen and Wesley Marton. Leaders Frank Breaux, Kennedy Whiteley and C. A. Farley accompanied the group.

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Greyhound Lines Name New Officers

E. F. Freeman has been appointed president and general manager of Southwestern Greyhound Lines, Inc. He succeeds Paul W. Tibbetts, who has been elected chairman of the board of directors. At the same time, George P. Schmal, retired as vice president and controller and was succeeded by E. W. Stephens, and Oval Massey, general claim agent and director of personnel, was named vice-president. Their headquarters will be in Fort Worth.

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FOR RENT—Small house, 3 rooms and bath. See R. L. Griffin, Mattress Factory, Merkel. 1tc

FARM FOR LEASE. See Faye Pursley, Trent. 1tp

FOR RENT—Unfurnished 4-room house, butane installed in ever room. Lots of free water. Also furnished cottage for rent, all conveniences. These houses are in Noodle close to stores. See Mrs. John C. Thompson at Noodle Store. ctf

FOR RENT—4 rooms and bath, unfurnished. Close in. See Joe Garland, 402 Edwards. ctf

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ANSWERS every farmer should have to questions about scrap iron and steel

jects mass of metal. It may be resting and rusting in fence corners, in the fields, the backyard or the tool shed.

Q. Why should be done with farm scrap?
A. See that every bit of scrap gets to the scrap dealer located nearest to you. He will break it up into sizes used by the steel mills and foundries. He'll classify the metals then ship the scrap in carload lots. If you do not know the name of your local scrap dealer, consult your local implement dealer for this information.

Q. What else can I do about farm scrap?
A. Support the scrap drive organized in your locality. Work with your local Scrap Utilization Committee in getting the scrap started back to the steel mills and foundries through the local scrap dealer.

Q. How can more scrap be furnished?
A. By everybody pitching in—as we always do in every emergency—and searching out all possible sources of scrap. Manufacturers of all kinds of products are conducting scrap drives. Old ships are being salvaged... scrap is being obtained from countless sources including farms.

Q. How does scrap figure in the production of steel?
A. One pound of scrap is needed to make two pounds of steel.

Q. Is scrap getting scarce?
A. Yes, the supply of scrap at the steel mills and foundries is not increasing fast enough to meet the needs of expanding steel production. Yet, there are millions of tons of idle iron and steel scrap, in small amounts, on farms throughout the country.

Q. What if the needed scrap isn't obtained?
A. That will mean a serious loss of steel production... fewer products will be made of steel. It will mean more shortages of civilian products. Defense needs come first.

Q. Why not use pig iron instead of scrap?
A. Every ton of scrap conserves approximately 2 tons of iron ore, 1 ton of coal, nearly 1/2 ton of limestone and many other vital natural resources—to say nothing of transportation facilities. Besides, there are not enough blast furnaces to produce the iron needed to maintain production.

Q. What is farm scrap?
A. It is any worn out, obsolete, unrepairable equipment, tools or other ob-

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March 4 Date Set For Installation N. T. S. C. President

Plans were underway for the installation of North Texas State College's President J. C. Matthews, a recognition program for President-Emeritus W. J. McConnell, and the dedication of eight new buildings on March 4. A morning program in the main auditorium at 10 o'clock has been scheduled for the installation of the 50-year-old president who took office in September upon the voluntary retirement of Dr. McConnell. Dr. McConnell was named president-emeritus and remains

with the college in an advisory capacity to the administration. Dr. Ben H. Wooten, chairman of the NTSC Board of Regents, will conduct the installation for which members of the board and special guests will be present.

CARD OF THANKS

We would like to thank all our friends, the doctors and ministers for being so nice by their visits and acts of kindness during my illness. I am leaving for Houston this week for treatment. If I come back it will be God's will, and I will again be looking forward to your visits. Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Jaynes

HOSPITAL NOTES

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

As medical patients—Mrs. F. F. Johnson, E. V. Satterwhite, January 16; Tommy Young, J. R. Mashburn, January 17; Mrs. Lige Harris, Edna Horton, Bill Fugat, January 18; Dora Eoff, January 19; Phil Seymore, Stevie Carter, January 20; James Aneff, Jr., Glenda Payne, January 21; Mrs. George Woodrum, Rev. W. C. Hinds, January 22. For surgery—Rufe Tittle, January 16; Mrs. B. B. McCartney, January 22.

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RECIPE OF THE WEEK

By Mary Lee Taylor
Apple Crumb Pudding
1 slightly beaten egg 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
1/2 cup Pet Milk 1 cup graham cracker crumbs
3 tablespoons water 3 tablespoons sugar
1 cup canned applesauce 2 tablespoons melted butter
1/2 teaspoon salt
Mix egg, milk, water, applesauce, and vanilla in bowl. Combine graham cracker crumbs, sugar and butter. Fold 1/2 cup crumb mixture into the applesauce mixture. Pour into a greased quart baking dish. Top with rest of crumb mixture. Bake in a moderately slow oven (350) 30 min., or until firm. Cool. Makes 4 servings.

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