

City Lot Leasing Encouraging; To Drill Soon Is Hope

City leasing of lots is still making progress and those desiring for lining up all those desiring to see this project be successfully concluded are much encouraged.

The same operators are drilling around 2,500 feet on the No. 2 E. J. Cooley, which is slated for 5,000 feet with rotary.

R-H-K et al Herring & Largent No. 7 is drilling around 3,000 feet. This is an offset to production.

South of town Carl Hovgard & Fitzgerald Drilling Co., E. J. Orsborn No. 2 is being completed in the Tannehill Sand, its stands cemented at 2707 to 2731.

H. & B. Drilling Company Snyder, have run an electric log at 2,886 feet on the No. 1-B Kincaid lease in Blair.

Drilling & Exploration Co., Inc., has made another location south of town. It is the Andy Baker No. 1, one and one-half miles northwest of Blair.

Parents To Visit Local Schools

Parents of all children in the local elementary school, grades 1-8, are scheduled to visit school next Thursday and Friday afternoon, February 21-22, from 1:15 to 3:45, for the purpose of seeing some of the work done by the pupils during the past nine weeks and to confer with the teachers about the progress of the pupils.

This is the third of four "Conference Days" slated for the parents and teachers of the Merkel Elementary School for this school year.

Between 70 and 80 per cent of all parents have been coming to school for these important conferences.

Report cards were sent home by the pupils this Friday, February 15, in grades 5-8. In the first four grades the parents have received letters from their child's teacher.

Seeks Reelection To Justice Post She So Capably Holds

Mrs. N. D. Cobb announces this week her intention of again being a candidate for justice of the peace of Precinct No. 5. In asking the consideration of voters in this precinct Mrs. Cobb says she is seeking reelection based on her record since her appointment to this important office following the death of her husband.

In the fulfillment of her duties Mrs. Cobb has striven to be fair and impartial at all times in the cases that have come before her court, showing favor to none. That she will continue to do this is a certainty.

Mrs. Cobb is most appreciative of the support given her in the past and hopes she will be given the support of all law-abiding citizens in the coming democratic primaries July 26.

Merkelite Wins Award In Dallas

Lola Mae Higgins of Dallas spent last week-end here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Higgins and other relatives.

Miss Higgins is employed by Neiman-Marcus and is one of the six display experts employed by that concern who won awards for window display in the 1951 International Display Contest.

High School Mothers To Meet Tuesday

The High School Mothers will meet Tuesday night, February 19 at 7:30 in the home of Mrs. Homer Newby at 505 Yucca Street.

The subject, "Character That Clicks With Youth," taken from the National Parent-Teacher, will be discussed by Mrs. Ray Wilson.

All High School mothers are invited to come.

Dr. and Mrs. C. B. Gardner will leave today for Fort Worth to attend a meeting of the State Medical Board.

Beta Sigma Phi To Sponsor Bake Sale

The Beta Sigma Phi Sorority will sponsor a bake sale Saturday morning beginning at 9 o'clock at Carson Grocery.

Merkel To Lose Good Fire Credit Rating March 15

Merkel has lost the 15 per cent good credit rating on fire insurance granted by the state insurance department last year.

The several fires that plagued our little city during the year has wiped out this good credit and will cause the new rate effective March 15 to be increased this 15 per cent.

Local insurance agents were informed of this bad news Thursday and it is hereby passed on to you.

Scouts Hold Open House At Center To Wind Up Week

More than 100 persons registered at the open house held at the new Scout Center here last Sunday afternoon.

The number of visitors who inspected the \$3500 structure was very gratifying, according to the Merkel Scout officials.

The money for the project, sponsored by the Merkel Lions Club, was raised by selling bonds to the public. Bob Fowler was superintendent of construction; Sam Hill and Forrest Hill donated most of the plumbing; Jay Greenfield installed the lights; and Frank Breaux took care of the heating.

The Scouts and Explorers and their leaders attended the First Baptist Church on Sunday night.

As a highlight of Scout Week, the local lads set up a camp on the T. & P. right-of-way last Saturday.

The next big project for the Merkel boys is the sponsoring of the Bill Mack Show of radio station KWFT, Wichita Falls here on Tuesday night, March 4.

La Siesta Motel Now AAA Member

La Siesta Motel in Merkel is now a fully accredited member of the AAA.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wilson, owners and managers of this fine addition to Merkel's businesses, have just received notification their application for membership in this organization has been approved. It was only after a full investigation of their claims as being tops in the motel field that their application was granted.

They are now displaying the emblem of this fine organization and there is no doubt by so doing and the further fact the advertising of AAA will carry this information, their business will be materially increased.

Incidentally the town of Merkel on the whole will benefit from this advertising.

Congratulations are in order to Mr. and Mrs. Wilson for this recognition.

City Council Seats Still Go Begging; No Candidates Yet

No one has as yet announced for any one of the three city council seats that must be filled at the April 1 city election.

However one of those whose term expires says he will not be a candidate. Howard Carson says his duties are such he cannot serve longer and hopes he will not be asked to do so.

The time is short for announcing and it is hoped three men who can and will serve will come forward to fill these important posts.

Set Goal At 400 For Sunday School

Roland Whatley of H-SU will lead the choir and congregational singing at the Baptist church Sunday. An invitation is extended to everyone to be present.

The Sunday school workers have set a goal of 400 for classes Sunday morning. Last Sunday the attendance was 360 and forty more is desired.

Cyrus Pee made a business trip to Fort Worth this week.



TEXAS OBSERVES BROTHERHOOD WEEK—Governor Allan Shivers, right, presents to R. E. (Bob) Smith of Houston a copy of the official proclamation designating February 17-24 as Brotherhood Week in Texas in 1952. Smith is a member of the national board of the National Conference of Christians and Jews which for 24 years has been carrying on an educational program for civic understanding and cooperation between Protestants, Catholics, and Jews. Smith is also national vice chairman for the Southwestern division of the Conference. He has recently received recognition in a national magazine for his efforts to improve Latin American relations through his work with the Texas Council on Human Relations. Governor Shivers is honorary chairman for Texas of the annual Brotherhood Week celebration.

BASKETBALL GAME FOR CHAMPIONSHIP ON TAP MERKEL GYM TONIGHT

The district meeting of the basketball Interscholastic League was held at Hamlin Wednesday night. A series of games was arranged to determine the championship.

Tonight (Friday) Throckmorton comes to Merkel for a game to start at 8 o'clock. Should another game be necessary to determine the championship a coin will be flipped to see whether the game be played here or some one of the four other towns still in the running. These towns are Merkel, Roscoe, Munday and Throckmorton. The championship game will be played Monday night at one of these towns.

Tonight's game will determine whether or not Merkel remains in the championship runoff and is certain to be a thriller.

Admission is 50 cents and game time is 8 o'clock.

Taylor County Will Have Record Vote

With an assured voting strength of approximately 22,000 Taylor county will have the largest turnout at the July primaries ever recorded.

With politics getting warmer every day candidates become more numerous and by the time the mesquite tree begins putting on their leaves the hand-shaking tours will be on in full blast.

Just who and how many will run for what office has not been definitely decided, but that there will be many hats in the ring here long is a certainty.

Russell vs. Newton In Roping Contest

A match roping contest between Ralph Russell of Merkel and Jack Newton of Abilene is scheduled for Sunday, February 24, at 2 p. m.

The contest will be held at Jack Stricklin's arena, four miles from Abilene on the Coleman highway.

The contestants are to rope eight fresh Brahma calves for a purse of 500.00. There will also be a 5.00 jack pot roping contest that will be open to all.

Livestock Show At Trent Next Monday

The public generally is asked to be in Trent next Monday, February 18, for the Livestock Show. The animals to be exhibited will include both fat and breeding classes.

Trent boys are expected to enter forty-one animals in their 4-H and FFA project show.

T. C. Blankenship, teacher of vocational agriculture at Hamlin, will place the entries and the show will be the classification type with each animal to be rated according to its own merit. Ribbons and premiums will be awarded on this basis.

Remember the day, date and place. Trent on Monday, February 18. The judging will start at 2:30 p. m.

Joseph E. Johnson, who is stationed at the naval base at Corpus Christi, visited the past week with Bobby Campbell.

Coming of Bloodmobile Unit And Brotherhood Week Are Challenge To Merkel People

Next week is Brotherhood Week throughout the nation. What better way could one show a desire to do a brotherly act than to be willing to donate a pint of blood when the Bloodmobile visits Merkel February 26?

Brotherhood is a universal and continuing concept. The need for blood to sustain life is universal and continuing. Last summer the military supply of dried blood plasma, so vital to the lives of our troops on the battlefield, was virtually exhausted, creating a critical defense problem. To meet the demands of the Korean campaign and build up a military reserve for all future contingencies, a vastly larger and steadier flow of civilian blood donations is essential.

A nationwide campaign for gifts of blood to our fighting men is one very practical way of implementing the ideal of brotherhood. So, for Brotherhood Week, February 17 to 24 in 1952, the group of citizens in the Merkel area in cooperation with newspapers and the conference of Christians and Jews ask you to assist in this campaign for pledges of blood to the armed forces.

Consequently, during Brotherhood Week, we are asking for pledges.

We want you to come to the Merkel Community Center on Tuesday, February 26, ready and willing to make your donation of blood—the brotherly gift. There will be no physical pain to you, and there should be no mental pain.

This will be something you can

Here's a Brotherly Deed In Time For Brotherhood Week

Next week is National "Brotherhood Week." But the neighbors of Vernon Hudson didn't wait until next week to show their brotherly feeling for him.

Mrs. Hudson has been critically ill for weeks, needing his constant attention. He could not be away from her bedside to carry on the work so badly needed on his farm. His neighbors and friends knew this and they knew also his land should be prepared for planting.

Wednesday morning thirteen of his neighbors with eleven tractors were at his farm home early and before nightfall every acre of his farm was neatly plowed and the land placed in readiness for the rains daily expected.

Not to be entirely outdone by these friends from the farms the grocery stores in Merkel prepared and sent to the workers a number of sandwiches and cold drinks for their noonday lunch, while the local wholesale dealer of Cosden gasoline saw to it their tractors were amply supplied with fuel.

Yes, it's "Brotherhood Week" every week where friends and neighbors such as these reside.

Luther Land Asks Voters Support In Race For Constable

The Mail has been asked to announce the candidacy of Luther L. Land for the office of Constable of Precinct No. 5, Merkel. He is asking the voters in the July primaries for a second term to the office to which he aspires.

Mr. Land has lived in Merkel the past 30 years, is known to practically every man, woman and child in this area and has made a capable officer.

His candidacy is subject to the action of the July 26 democratic primary and he expresses the hope the voters will give him their support.

Pioneer Memorial To Hold Anniversary

Pioneer Memorial Chapel will hold their first anniversary services on Sunday, February 24. It will be in the nature of an all-day meeting with dinner served at noon.

The Rev. R. L. Butler of Munday will bring the morning message and the Rev. H. Clyde Smith of Abilene will bring the evening message.

The pastor, E. H. Phillips, will outline the accomplishments of the year in a short talk to the congregation.

Everyone is invited and a large crowd is expected to attend.

Clip and Mail Today

To: Blood Donor Program, Care Mail, Merkel, Texas.

As God is the Father of all men, so all men are brothers. Because the gift of my blood may save a brother in need, I hereby pledge, during Brotherhood Week, my contribution to the Armed Forces Blood Donor Program. Please let me know the hour for my appointment and I will be at the Community Center, Merkel, on February 26.

Mr., Mrs., Miss (name) (telephone)

(address) (convenient time)

Persons 18- are eligible to donate.

do for brotherhood, for the need for blood, like brotherhood, is constant.

Send in your blood donor card now. If you do not have one clip the coupon on this page and send it in and be at the Community Center on the 26th.

The men and women responsible for bringing the bloodmobile unit to Merkel deserve all the praise possible to bestow upon them. They have done and are doing an

excellent job. To date more than 300 people in this area have pledged to donate a pint of their blood while the unit is here. Many will, of course, be unacceptable for various reasons and this is why the committees are asking for more volunteer donors so that there can be no doubt Merkel will more than meet the quota expected.

Give blood for brotherhood is a good slogan and worthy of your consideration.

Merkel 20 Years Ago

TAKEN FROM THE 1931 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL

FIRE DESTROY HOME

The residence of Brooks Patterson, together with all contents, was practically a total loss from fire which broke out Sunday night. In fighting the fire one of the firemen, Woodrow Wozencraft, was painfully burned.

SIX O'CLOCK CLOSING

All the merchants of Merkel signed an agreement this week to close their business houses at 6 o'clock throughout the spring and summer months.

NEW POSTOFFICE

Work is starting soon on the new building to house the Merkel postoffice. The equipment for the new postoffice has already arrived and will be placed in storage until the building is ready.

VISITS RELATIVE HERE

T. S. Christopher, assistant attorney general, spent Tuesday night in Merkel the guest of his sister, Mrs. Lon S. Bett. After his visit here he will leave for Washington on official business.

MARTIN-MILLER

Wedding bells rang in Noodle last Saturday when Miss Evelyn Miller became the bride of Henry Martin. This popular young couple will make their home here, which is pleasing to their host of friends.

KING-REED

Miss Alice Reed and Allen D. King were married Sunday at the home of the bride, with Rev. M. Williams performing the ceremony. After the wedding a bountiful dinner was served.

This Happened in Merkel Forty Years Ago

TAKEN FROM THE 1911 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL

The Merkel garage advertising notices for autos they prepared to give all customers free air for their tires.

Claude Comegy and Arthur Thornton made the trip to Abilene and return in the County's automobile Tuesday with a mishap more serious than a puncture.

An automobile party went to Anson last Friday and trip was reported. A lunch had been prepared served picnic style to Misses Wilhelmine Bigham, Annie T. Daniel and John R. Daniel.

Harvey M. Warren has been further of our to Abilene next week for additional equipment.

H. D. CLUB MET IN MERKEL

The Salt Branch H. D. Club met last Friday in the home of Mrs. Fred Baker in Merkel. There was a large crowd in attendance and all enjoyed Mrs. Baker's hospitality. She was assisted in entertaining by her daughter, Miss Edith.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Y. Gaither

graciously entertained in honor of Rev. E. L. Yeats' birthday in their home last Monday evening. In addition to many remembrances presented Rev. Yeats at the party a huge birthday cake made especially for the honoree was given him.

ATTEND SUNDAY SCHOOL

The attendance at Sunday school for the five churches in Merkel last Sunday totaled 846. This is next to the largest attendance ever recorded here and the largest so far this year.

NEW LUMBER CO. MANAGER

H. M. Howell has moved his family to Merkel from Breckenridge and will assume the management of the Clay Lumber Co. He succeeds Ed Lancaster who resigned to enter the radio business here.

NEW MEXICO VISITORS

Jess Pribble and son, Earl, of Portales, N. M., left for their home this week after spending several days here looking after their business interests.

GO TO FORT WORTH

A. J. Canon, Cyrus Pee, J. M. Collins and Elmo Collins left Wednesday for Fort Worth on a business trip. They expect to be away several days.

Miss Dethal Jenkins, one of Merkel's most beloved young women, died early last Monday morning at her home. She was buried the following day and almost the entire town was present at the last sad rites.

Arthur Browning, who has a traveling position out of Dallas, spent several days here this week visiting relatives.

Lee Pribble was in Merkel several days this week from his Trent home. He is a tonsorial artist of no mean ability and may decide to locate here.

At 7:30 p. m., on February 6 at the home of the bride's parents in Jefferson, Oscar Adams was married to Miss Florrie Faviell.

Lester Ellis spent several days in Abilene this week looking after some business interests as well as making some social calls.

SOCIETY

FORTNIGHTLY STUDY CLUB

Members of the Fortnightly Study Club met Tuesday afternoon at the Community Center for their regular scheduled meeting.

Mrs. Comer Haynes presented Denta Gibson, Marie Kerns, Barbara Sue McLeod, Billie Rutledge, Iris Verner and Betty Wylie who sang several numbers to the delight of their hearers.

The main theme of the Tuesday meeting was Health and Medicine and the talks by Mrs. W. T. Sadler and Mrs. Johnny Cox were on this main theme.

Mrs. Sadler highlighted her talk by excerpts from the great book "Your Psychiatrist and You" by Dr. W. C. Menninger in making her points on her subject, "Mental Health Is Everybody's Business." Mrs. Sadler forcefully reminded her listeners of the importance of controlling one's emotions if they are to enjoy the good health intended for them. She also stressed the need of child control in the early years to avoid later trouble.

Mrs. Cox explained in detail

how science with the new drugs recently discovered are benefiting mankind of diseases formerly considered incurable. Not only did Mrs. Cox explain the working of these wonder drugs but had pictures to illustrate her most enlightening talk.

Mr. Glen Braswell was welcomed into the club. Others present were Mesdames Ben Robert Hicks, Johnny Cox, C. H. Collinsworth, Griff Barnett, Elma McFarland, Lige Gamble, Earl Lassiter, Tommy Eas, Carroll Benson, Mack Fisher, Homer Patterson, Judd McRehlds, David Gamble, H. C. West, Andy Shouse, Earl Hughes, P. W. Miller, Comer Haynes, L. F. Bookman, and Miss Christine Collins.

GARDEN CLUB NOTES

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GOOD NEWS for HOMEMAKERS



PENNIES FOR THE PIG BANK will come your way more easily when you feature dishes like Celery Chop Suey at festive family meals. Oh, what a pleasure to eat. And the price is so reasonable. No wonder chop suey is an international favorite. Browned chunks of pork and flavorful cream of celery soup are the main ingredients in this recipe.

Celery Chop Suey
 1 pound pork, cut in 1-inch cubes
 1 tablespoon shortening
 1 large onion, chopped
 1 can (1 1/4 cups) condensed cream of celery soup
 1 4-ounce can (1/4 cup) mushrooms (save juice)
 1/2 cup water
 1/2 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
 3 cups hot, cooked rice (1 cup uncooked)
 Brown pork cubes in shortening in a heavy saucpan. Add onion and cook until soft. Blend in soup, mushrooms and juice, water, and Worcestershire sauce. Cover and simmer for 30 minutes; then remove lid and cook 15 minutes longer or until pork is tender. Serve over hot rice. Makes 6 servings.

SAY "BE MY VALENTINE" in a colorful way at mealtime; serve tomato soup with heart-shaped croutons. For the croutons, use slightly dry bread, and a small heart-shaped cutter; or cut around a cardboard pattern. Lightly toast croutons in the oven. Place two or three hearts on each bowl of hot, rosy soup.

KITCHEN CLEANUP CUE: Good time to do some of your cooking for the day is after breakfast—before you do the morning dishes. Stir up the meat loaf or whatever you're planning for meals later in the day. Then have one grand cleanup of all the dishes.

ENTERTAINS 7TH AND 8TH GRADE PUPILS WITH PARTY
 Ida Beth Adkins entertained the 7th and 8th grade pupils of Noodle school with a party last Monday night. Mrs. Clyde Chaney assisted by Mrs. Ben Adkins and Mrs. C. B. Lucas directed the group in playing several games.

Cold drinks and cookies were served to the following guests: Jeanette Lucas, Joyce Wheeler, Judy Spurgin, Melba Jo Carter, Frankie Sullivan, Robbie Goode, Elva Loyce Allred, Clara Hill, Myrna May Patterson, Bill Tucker, James Allred, Georgia Harrison, Sandra Sprayberry, Ann Patterson, Morris Chaney, Bobbie Sullivan, Georgia Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. Riley Sprayberry, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Lucas, Mrs. B. T. Murphy, Mrs. Charlie Allred and Mrs. Clyde Chaney.

NEWTON-HARRISON

Patty Sue Harrison, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Lynward Harrison of Tye, and Theo Weldon Newton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Theo Newton of Tye, were united in marriage at 7 p. m., Thursday, February 7 at the Tye Methodist Church.

Rev. Lynward Harrison, father of the bride performed the double ring ceremony before an altar banked by baskets of stocks, greenery and tall candelabras.

Given in marriage by her brother, Lynn Harrison, the bride wore a long sleeved, white satin gown with a lace yoke trimmed with seed pearls. She wore a shoulder length tier and carried a white Bible topped with pink rosebuds.

Mrs. Elwood Fox of Brownfield was matron of honor. She wore a blue net ballerina length dress with matching hat and carried a white satin heart topped with pink rosebuds.

Leroy Teaff, cousin of the bridegroom, served as best man. Candles were lighted by Glenn Teaff and ushers were Johnny Teaff, cousin of the bridegroom, and Edgar Newton, brother of the bridegroom.

Mrs. Dave Warner played the pre-nuptial music and the traditional wedding marches. James Bell of Merkel sang "Smilin' Through" and "Because."

After the ceremony, a reception was held in the home of the bride's parents.

The bride's table was covered with a white hand-crocheted lace cloth and centered with a three-tiered white heart-shaped wedding cake decorated with pink rosebuds. The cake was baked by Mrs. Weston, the bride's grandmother.

Mrs. Arch Teaff greeted the guests and Mrs. Johnny Teaff presided at the register. Serving at the bride's table were Mrs. Elwood Fox and Mrs. Leroy Teaff.

When the couple left on their honeymoon, the bride wore a navy blue suit with grey accessories and a corsage of pink rosebuds.

The bride, a 1951 graduate of Abilene High School, is employed with Zenith Cleaners in Abilene. The bridegroom is a 1948 graduate of Abilene High School and is now employed with Coca Cola Bottling Company of Abilene.

Lieut. Simpson Now At Ft. Lee, Virginia; Completes Training

Second Lieut. Frank M. Simpson, Jr., oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Simpson of Merkel, has been assigned to the quartermaster center, Fort Lee, Virginia, having just completed a 16-week quartermaster associate officers' basic course. During his training period, Lieut. Simpson visited many points of historical interest in Virginia, and saw all the sights in Washington, D. C., and nearby Maryland.

Before beginning his officers' basic course, Lieut. Simpson made his home for a short time in Hopewell, about five miles from Fort Lee, where he held a position with a construction company piping natural gas into one of the Hopewell plants.

The Lieut. has seen previous service in the U. S. Army, beginning at Fort Lee in 1946. This was followed by eight months service in the Aleutian Islands in 1947.

Discharged in 1948 he returned to his studies at Texas Tech where he received his degree in chemistry in January '50, and began graduate work at Texas A. and M., the following year. While there he received his commission as Second Lieutenant. Recalled to service in September, 1951, he has been at Fort Lee until the present time.

ALATHEAN CLASS

The Alathean Sunday School class of the First Baptist church met last week in the home of Mrs. W. A. McCandless with Mrs. Besie McClung as co-hostess.

Mrs. McCandless led the opening prayer and Mrs. P. F. Harris brought the devotional in connection with the study book on the early churches of the New Testament.

Refreshments were served to one visitor, Mrs. W. L. Johnson, and Mesdames Clyde Bartlett, P. F. Harris, E. O. Carson, W. C. Burleson, Hugh Campbell, J. Ben Campbell, Pick Allen, Fred Baker and the hostesses.

MERKEL HD CLUB

The Merkel Home Demonstration club met in the home of Mrs. J. W. Bryant last Friday afternoon for their regular meeting. Miss Loretta Allen, county agent, gave the program on "Family And Health."

Those present were Mesdames L. P. Liles, John Hughes, Rhett Eidson, Jr., J. Ben Campbell, Stella Cutler and the hostess. The next meeting will be February 22 in the home of Mrs. Rhett Eidson.

TRENT FRIENDSHIP CLASS ENJOY LUNCHEON

The Friendship class of the Trent Baptist church had its monthly luncheon February 13 in the home of Mrs. Seith Rakes, class teacher.

A valentine theme was carried out and a heart-shaped cake centered each table.

Mrs. Othel Barnhill brought the devotional on "Being a Christian." The opening prayer was given by Mrs. Odell Freeman and the closing prayer was led by Mrs. Alton Martin. Secret pal gifts were exchanged.

Nineteen members and seven children were present.

The next luncheon will be on March 12 in the home of Mrs. L. W. Rose.

KING'S DAUGHTERS CLASS

The King's Daughters Sunday School class of the Methodist church met in the church parlors Tuesday morning for their regular monthly meeting.

At 12 noon a luncheon consisting of baked chicken and all the trimmings were served to three visitors and 20 members. After Mrs. Brooks Patterson, president, presided over the business meeting, an interesting program was brought on church work. The visitors present at this meeting were Mrs. C. F. Knox and daughter, Mary Katherine of Dallas, and Mrs. Amy Sears of Abilene.

GOOD DEED CLUB

The Good Deed club met Monday for their regular meeting. Four new members were voted into the club. They are: Sara Hunter, Virginia Criswell, Patsy Gregory and Peggy Greenfield.

The next club meeting will be February 18.

H. E. Stubbs is in Jasper, Alabama visiting relatives this week.

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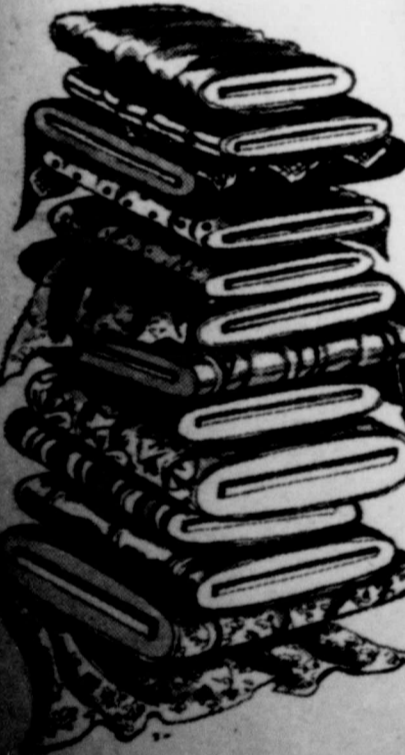
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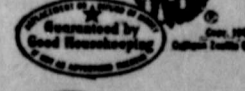
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The Egyptians liked red fingernails, as some now do—but they didn't stop at the fingertips; they also dyed the palms of their hands red and the soles of their feet too. They used henna for this.

Another strange custom of the well-groomed Egyptian lady was to wear her perfume on top of her head—literally. She did sometimes apply it in the conventional manner, as is done today; but at other times she went about with a lump of nard fixed on top of her head.

It's interesting that in at least

one case the Egyptians used ingredients in their cosmetics that are still being employed in their modern counterparts. Namely the mineral oil with which they straightened those unruly eyelashes. Today, when women apply mascara to their lashes, they are making use of a highly refined oil product that comes from the same petroleum that the Egyptians knew.

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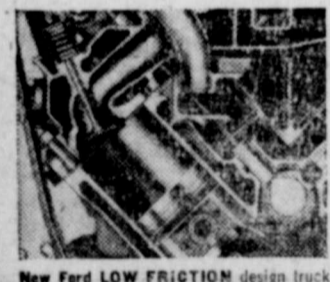
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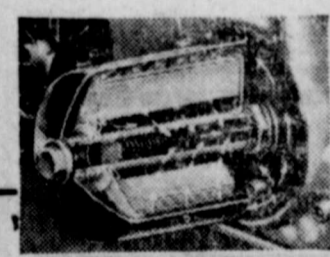


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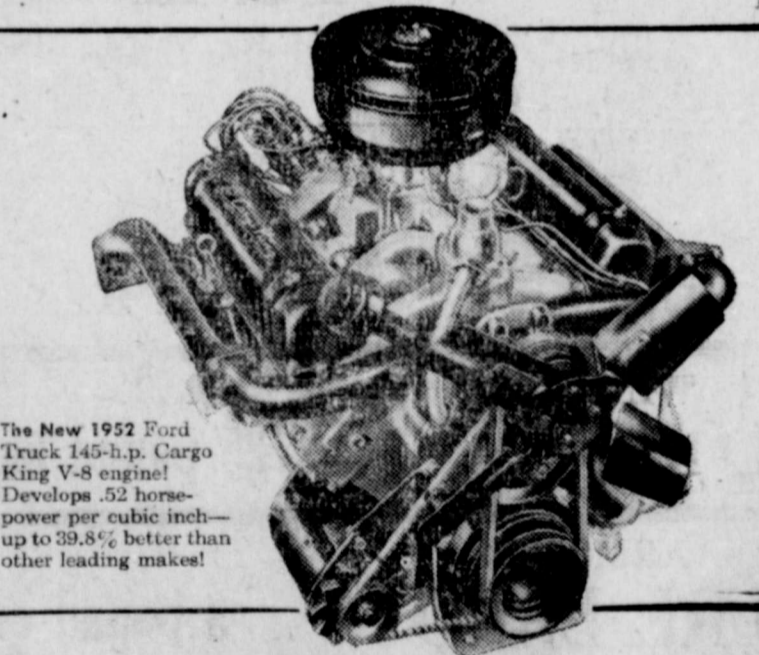
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 Wednesday:
 Prayer Services... 7:30 p. m.

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

Merkel First Baptist Church
 Sunday School... 9:45 a. m.
 Morning Worship... 11:00 a. m.
 Training Union... 6:30 p. m.
 Evening Worship... 7:30 p. m.
 Wednesday:
 Prayer Service... 7:30 p. m.

Trent Church of Christ
 Sunday:
 Bible Class... 10:00 a. m.
 Morning Worship... 11:00 a. m.
 Evening Services... 7:30 p. m.
 Thursday:
 Ladies Bible Class... 4:00 p. 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... 7:30 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... 7:30 p. m.

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 Sunday:
 Sunday School... 9:45 a. m.
 Morning Worship... 11:00 a. m.
 Training Union... 6:45 p. m.
 Evening Services... 7:30 p. m.

"Soul" Is Subject For Sunday Service

The cultivation of spiritual sense gives man dominion over all evil, according to the Lesson-Sermon entitled "Soul" to be read in all Christian Science churches next Sunday. Understanding God as Soul, the source of real happiness, the Golden Text is made clear: "My soul shall rejoice in his salvation" (Psalms 35:9).

This Bible admonition is included in the Lesson-Sermon: "Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth" (Colossians 3:2). The theme is developed in these words by Mary Baker Eddy from her textbook: "We cannot deny that Life is self-sustained, and we should never deny the everlasting harmony of Soul, simply because, to the mortal senses, there is seeming discord. It is our ignorance of God, the divine Principle, which produces apparent discord, and the right understanding of Him restores harmony. Truth will at length compel us all to exchange the pleasures and pains of sense for the joys of Soul" (Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, p. 390).

Comper Baptist Church
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 Morning Worship, 2nd and 4th Sunday... 11:00 o'clock
 Rev. Ross Merritt, pastor.

Noodle Church of Christ
 Sunday:
 Bible Class... 10:00 a. m.
 Morning Worship Service 11:00
 Young People's Service 6:30
 Evening Worship... 7:30 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... 7:30 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... 7:30 p. m.
 Tuesday:
 U. M. U. ... 9:30 a. m.
 Wednesday:
 G. A. 's and R. A. 's... 6:30 p. m.
 Prayer Services... 7:30 p. m.
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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... 7:30 p. m.

Young People To Sponsor Quartet
 The young people of Pioneer Memorial Church are sponsoring the Bowden National quartet of Fort Worth in concert Friday-night, February 15, in the church auditorium. The concert will start at 8 o'clock.

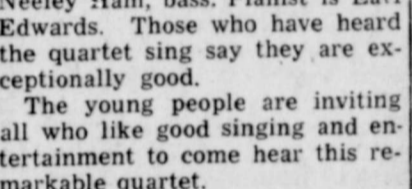
The quartet is composed of Robert S. Arnold, tenor; Dell Clever, first tenor; T. D. Bowden, lead and manager of quartet, and Neeley Ham, bass. Pianist is Earl Edwards. Those who have heard the quartet sing say they are exceptionally good.

The young people are inviting all who like good singing and entertainment to come hear this remarkable quartet.

Crude Production Reaches New Peak

Production of crude oil in the U. S. in 1951 is estimated at two billion 245 million barrels, thus passing the two billion barrel mark for the second time in history. The previous record was made in 1948, when production soared to two billion 20 million barrels. The big jump in 1951 production over 1950 (14 per cent) was caused by ever-expanding consumption by the American people of gasoline, fuel oil and other petroleum products; by increased military demands; and at least in part by the shutdown of Iranian production.

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

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... 7:30 p. m.
 Tuesday: Women's Missionary Council... 2:00 p. m.
 Wednesday:
 Prayer Service... 7:30 p. m.

Hebron Baptist Church
 Sunday School... 10:00 a. m.
 Morning Worship... 11:00 a. m.
 Training Union... 7:00 p. m.
 Evening Worship... 7:30 p. m.
 Wednesday:
 Evening Prayer Services... 7:30 o'clock

Pioneer Memorial Chapel
 Sunday School... 10:00 a. m.
 Morning Service... 11:00 a. m.
 Evening Services... 7:30 p. m.
 Wednesday:
 Evening Prayer Service... 7:30

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That's part of the American tradition. We get along fine with everybody. The counterman in the grocery, the waitress in the restaurant, the fellow at the next bench or desk, as well as the man across the street and his wife and children, they're all alike to us. They're all neighbors.

The idea of getting along with people is an old American custom. Nevertheless, one week out of the year we announce publicly that we don't care what a man's creed, color or national origin is; he's our neighbor. That's Brotherhood Week. This year it's February 17 to 24.

In the face of this, somebody is bound to ask, "Why have Brotherhood Week? It's what we do all the year."

Well, it doesn't hurt to remind ourselves that this is a great country. It suits us fine. We live in it and love it. Of course, we'd like the rest of the world to feel peaceable toward us, but until that happy day we'll do our best to keep the peace here and among our friends abroad.

In the meanwhile, most of us feel there isn't much we can do to change the world. It's a little too big for any of us to handle by ourselves. The average fellow says, "That's a job for the big shots. I'll tend to my own business." But the peace of the world is part of our business today, even if most of us don't know what we can do about it.

This year the National Conference of Christians and Jews has come up with a happy suggestion. You can pledge a pint of your blood in Brotherhood Week. There isn't a better way for Americans to show they mean brotherhood as a working idea. Give a pint of your blood for your neighbor who might need it or for someone caught in a disaster. Never mind his color or his religion, if he needs your blood to live. Or give your blood for a soldier in Korea. He may be one of our American boys, or he may be a Turk or a Greek, a Canadian or a Britisher. Whoever he is, he needs blood because he's been fighting so that there can be peace in the world.

If you want to do something real for Brotherhood Week, fill in this coupon on the first page of this issue and mail it today. If you want to have a light and happy heart, be a good neighbor who means it. Pledge your blood for brotherhood.

ANOTHER MILESTONE FOR TRUE "PUBLIC OWNERSHIP"

A short time ago a well known American oil company honored its 66,000th shareholder, a woman, who is dean of students at MacMurry College for Women, Jacksonville, Illinois. By coincidence she is 66 years old and the number "66" is part of the trade name of the company's products. She was in New York, where she visited the company's offices, and was the first woman to be named as a shareholder of the New York Stock Exchange as the guest of its president.

Another example of the way in which public ownership in the oil industry which is a "public utility" is being demonstrated in the above mentioned case. Under "public ownership" the company puts the shares of the product, which are sold for the benefit of the community, in the hands of the people.

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RED SHIELD AWARD TO PRESS OF TEXAS—Lt. Col. John A. Morrison, right, Texas commander of The Salvation Army, presents the Army's Red Shield Award to Brad Smith, Westaco, president of the Texas Press Association. The gold plaque is inscribed: "To the Press of Texas in appreciation of outstanding and sympathetic coverage of the human welfare and religious activities of The Salvation Army." The shield was presented in Austin at the 5th annual Mid-Winter meeting of TPA. "How well you have told our story is evidenced by the fact that last year The Salvation Army in Texas spent one and one-half million dollars in a far-reaching spiritual and welfare program throughout the state," Colonel Morrison said. "You let the people know the need, and they furnished the means to meet that need."

holders soared to 71,000 during the relatively brief period of time necessary to complete arrangements honoring shareholder number 66,000. That is typical of how swiftly this splendid "public ownership" movement is growing. Every time a company adds a new member to its team of shareholders, the whole nation is strengthened — and the menace of socialism is to a degree lessened.

LOSING APPEAL

We have the feeling that the more Eisenhower's candidacy is examined, the more flaws will be found in it. The reaction to his declaration can be compared to that which greeted Truman's firing of MacArthur. In each case nearly everyone at first was for the General. As time went on, however, many of those who thought at first that Truman was wrong in recalling MacArthur changed their minds. A similar reversal might occur in the case of Eisenhower's Presidential candidacy, especially if he stays out of the country and leaves the task of nominating him entirely to a group of well wishers who are captivated by the chance for political success that his personal appeal so plainly offers.

A Letter From Korea

Editor's Note: The following is a liberal quotation from the letter of a corporal as he wrote it from "about 52 miles north of the 38th Parallel."

"We have been a front line outfit since August and never even under the worst of circumstances have we had to go without at least five movies a week. Imagine that, doesn't it stir your blood a little? We are just one battalion, there are thousands of battalions and the same story fits all of them.

"When darkness sets in thousands of movies start to roll, in tents, ground dugouts, on a hillside, in hand constructed buildings, in bombed out buildings, in rice paddies and in many other places. I have stood on top of a high hill at night and looked down in a valley and have seen nine movies going at once. From every mountain you can see the same scene. From one section you can hear hot jazz music from 'The Strip' and from another you can hear Lana Turner, and another a mystery thriller and on and on.

"Tired, fatigued, and sometimes completely exhausted, young soldiers stop to see a movie, and then as if by a miracle they become less tired, less fatigued, and their exhaustion seems to pass by the couple of hours relaxation given to them through a movie.

"Well, these are the things that I wanted to pass on to you. Just possibly they might be of some use in some way. They can never be exaggerated enough, believe me."

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"Your Life and God" To Keynote Annual T. U. Religious Week

A theme of "Your Life and God" will keynote the University of Texas' annual Religious Emphasis Week February 17-21. Ten visiting lecturers will participate in seminars and special services sponsored by religious denominations and will visit living units in the University area on request.

During the five-day period, bookstores near the campus will present special displays of religious books. Pastors of nearby churches have prepared a special daily devotional booklet to be distributed for the observance.

Tooth Arrived Late And Without Pain

Clarence J. Estey, 82, of Memphis, has cut his first wisdom tooth. It emerged without distress beside his false teeth. Dentists told him he established a record since the oldest person previously known to have grown a tooth was only 65.



Texas is known as the Lone Star State.

Nebraska is known as the Cornhusker state.

New Hampshire was originally called the Province of Laconia.

The southernmost quarter of Illinois is known as Egypt.

The Craters of the Moon are located in Idaho.

President Calvin Coolidge's father administered the oath of office to his son.

"Remember the Alamo" was the battle cry of the Texas Revolution of 1836.

Sitting Bull is buried in Standing Rock Agency at Fort Yates, North Dakota.

George Washington's first employer was Lord Fairfax, whose lands he surveyed.

Carl Akeley, the American explorer, was buried on Mount Mikoko in Belgian Congo, Africa.

Herbert Hoover was the first president of the United States to be elected from a state west of the Mississippi River.

Ulysses S. Grant was the only West Point graduate to become president of the United States. He was graduated in 1843.

It was an English courtier of Elizabeth's time, Sir Walter Raleigh, who paved the way for the settlement of America.

President Benjamin Harrison was preceded and succeeded in office by the same man. He served between Cleveland's two terms.

Two women have been candidates for the presidency, Victoria Woodhull nominated in 1872, and Feha Lockwood in 1884 and 1886.

British were prevented from sailing up the Hudson River, during the Revolution, by a massive chain stretched across the river at West Point.

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Texas Schools Facing Critical Period, Says Teacher Official

Texas schools are facing one of the most critical periods in their history, Charles H. Tennyson, executive secretary of the Texas State Teachers Association, said in Austin Monday as he outlined pressing needs for new buildings and more teachers over the entire state.

The school population, particularly on the elementary level, is growing at an alarming rate, he pointed out. For example, births in Texas in 1945 — this year's first graders — numbered 156,000. In 1947, births in the Lone Star State jumped to 197,000, an increase of 65,000. If this additional group could be divided into classes of 30 children each, Texas would still need 21,000 additional teachers and classrooms in just the first and second grades.

And the birthrate continues to climb. In 1950, live births numbered 203,678, and the number for 1951 will exceed that figure.

In addition to the birthrate, educators worry about the size of the graduating class as compared to the number of children entering first grade. For instance, this year 156,000 youngsters crowded into first grade rooms over the state, but only 90,000 graduated from the eighth grade. This left already overburdened teachers with 66,000 additional children to accommodate in one year.

"The gain is going to continue to increase until at least the 1956-57 school year, Tennyson added,

"By that time, the elementary schools must take care of 300,000 children in addition to the ones now enrolled. If 75 per cent of this number enters public schools, it will mean 8654 additional classrooms."

The average cost of each classroom and related facilities now exceeds \$28,000. Thus Texas must spend \$242,312,000 for buildings and facilities alone if the children are to have desirable schools. And this does not take into consideration the need for new facilities to replace undesirable buildings and to relieve already over-crowded conditions. A recent survey made by the Texas education agency shows that Texas needs to spend \$540,294,500 to bring school buildings, facilities, sites and buses up to ideal conditions.

After the 1956-57 school year, the elementary enrollment over the state should begin to level off, but high schools will then face the problems of increased enrollment.

Texas does not face the educational problem alone. A nose count among elementary children over the entire nation showed that grade school population rose nearly three million from 1947 to 1950. In October 1950, the U. S. Census Bureau reported that enrollment in all schools and colleges was at an all time high of slightly over 30 million persons. This represents a fifth of the nation's total population and half of the population between 5 and 29 years of age.

Hampshire Is Grand Champion Lamb



CHICAGO—The Grand Champion Wether Lamb at the 1951 Chicago International Live Stock Exposition was a Hampshire, bred and shown by the University of Kentucky. Pictured is the University's Harold Barber, who described this Hampshire lamb as the finest and best finished Hampshire wether he had ever seen in this country or England.

Love and Devotion Features Fine Film At Queen Thursday

Romance of a unique kind keynotes "The Blue Veil," the Wald-Krasna presentation which stars Jane Wyman, Charles Laughton and Joan Blondell, Richard Carlson, Agnes Moorehead, Don Taylor and Audrey Totter. It opens at the Queen next Thursday.

The story deals with the career of a young widow whose love for other people's children takes precedence over her own need for remarriage and security. Her devotion to her self-chosen career provides the appealing drama of the plot, and leads to the picture's memorable ending.

Texas Tops Nation

Texas continues to lead the nation in number of certified Tree farm acres, according to a report released today by American Forest Products Industries. The Lone

Star State captured the Tree Farm leadership early in 1951 and held it with 339 units having a total acreage of 3,118,103. During the year just ended,

Texas added 98 new Tree Farms to its total. This was the largest unit increase in the Nation. The Texas program was launched in 1944.

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There is enough action in this red-blooded, two-fisted drama to fill a dozen motion pictures, its fever of excitement climbing from the beginning, when Gable, as the adventurous Devereaux Burke, is sent by ex-President Andrew Jackson to the beloved Texan patriot, Sam Houston, to intercede on behalf of annexation and is ambushed by Comanche Indian raiders, to the picture's fiery climax, in which Broderick Crawford, as Thomas Craden, bitter opponent of annexation and sworn enemy of Burke, tries to prevent the Texan Senate from convening in a blood-thirsty battle to break through Burke's barricades.

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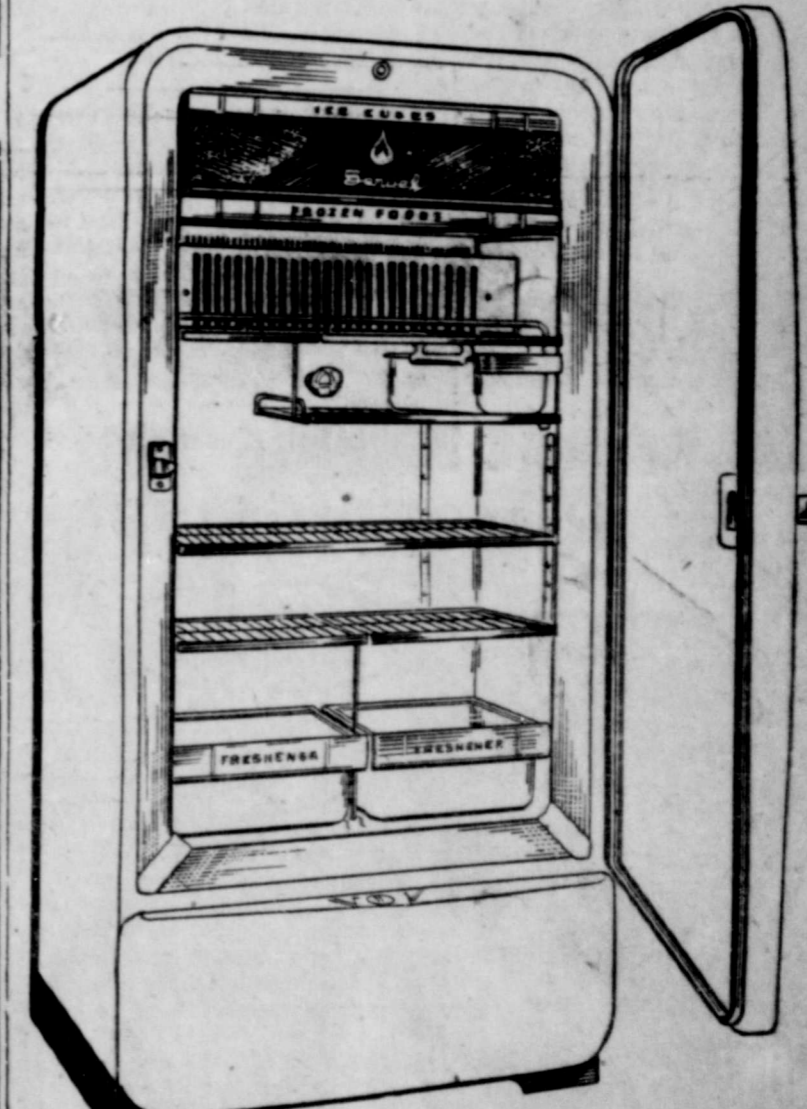
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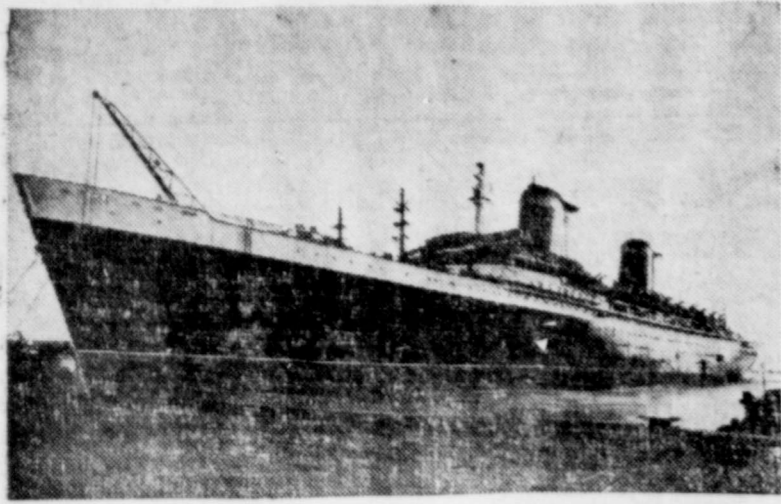
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Eddie Rickenbacker Speaks His Piece, Condemns Communism, Extols Religion

Last month the Benjamin Franklin Society conferred its 1951 Gold Medal on Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker. In making the presentation, Brig. Gen. George L. Bliss stated it was given for "outstanding Americanism—a quality Captain Rickenbacker has revealed over the years in service to the nation in both world wars and the present defense effort."

Benjamin Franklin, in whose name the Society was founded, was a great American. How America could use his ability, wisdom and leadership today! The man who was accepting the Gold Medal, himself, possesses a great many of Franklin's virtues. His entire career proves that he possesses the qualities of leadership and is imbued with the same principles and ideals which actuated Benjamin Franklin.

Would that space permitted reproducing here the entire Rickenbacker speech of acceptance! At best, only a few of its highlights can be recounted.

Captain Rickenbacker described communism as "an un-Christian dogma originated by so-called Americans who came here to destroy us." He added that he could not understand how these people could "enjoy the citizenship we

offer, capitalize on our opportunities and then deliberately turn around and stab this land, its laws and liberties in the back."

Then he warned that "the moral laxness that has encouraged and supported widespread graft and corruption throughout our governmental structure is a far more dangerous enemy than communism because it comes from the inside." He called for "spiritual" as well as military rearmament to provide the leadership the world so sorely needs."

The Ace of World War I closed his address with an appeal to Americans to pray for strength and guidance, using these words:

"Let us, therefore, pray every night for the strength and guidance to inspire in others the gratitude, the obligations and the responsibilities that we owe to this great land of ours for the sake of the future generations—our boys and girls—our Leaders of Tomorrow. Then, and then only, can we say when the candle of life burns low—"Thank God I have contributed my best to the land that contributed so much to me."

Tom Thumb (Charles Sherwood Stratton) was born in 1838 at Bridgeport, Conn. He died in 1883.

Legal Notice 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 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 the 18th day of January A. D., 1952.

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

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

GUARDIANSHIP OF ROY ELTON ROBBINS, A MINOR IN THE COUNTY COURT OF TAYLOR COUNTY, TEXAS No. 4481.

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ABOVE MINOR OR HIS ESTATE. You are notified that I have on the 25th day of January, 1952, filed with the County Clerk of Taylor County, Texas, an application under oath for authority to make to Rock Hill Oil Company, as Lessee, an oil, gas and mineral lease on that certain real estate belonging to such minor described as follows:

40 acres of land off the West end of the W. T. Lassiter Pre-emption Abstract 1066, the West line of the said Lassiter Pre-emption being the West boundary line of this 40 acres, and the East boundary line of this 40 acres being parallel with the west line of said 40 acres and projected from a point in the South boundary line of said survey to a point in the north boundary line of said survey a sufficient distance from East to West to include a tract of 40 acres.

That the Judge of County Court of Taylor County, Texas, on the 25th day of January, 1952, duly entered his order designating the 12th day of February, 1952, at 10:00 o'clock a. m. in the County court room in the courthouse of such County as the time and place when and where such application would be heard and that such application will be heard at such time and place.

Clarissa Robbins, Guardian of the estate of Roy Elton Robbins, a minor

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP GEO. H. McFADDEN & BRO. STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF HARRIS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the limited partnership existing under the firm name Geo. H. McFadden & Bros., 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 C. 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.

All debts owing to the dissolved partnership are to be paid to the said new partnership, and all claims owing by the dissolved partnership are to be presented to the new partnership for payment. DATED this 31st day of July, 1950. GEO. H. McFADDEN & BRO.

John Law's scheme for exploiting the resources of French Louisiana was known as the Mississippi Bubble.

Guard Your Child Against Whooping Cough, Doctor Says

Inasmuch as the incidence of whooping cough in Texas is expected to show an increase during the coming months, Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer, has released a statement urging that strenuous efforts be made to control the spread of this debilitating childhood disease. There were 1273 cases reported during the first 5 weeks of this year.

"Whooping cough can only be contracted by direct exposure to the disease, and isolation of cases must be universally practiced if the incidence is to be controlled," Dr. Cox stated.

"The infectious agent or germ of whooping cough is transmitted by droplets expelled in coughing, sneezing, or speaking," Dr. Cox said. "The discharges from the nose and throat are dangerous to susceptible persons; the need for early recognition and careful isolation of whooping cough is obvious. Your family physician should be called at the first sign."

"Prevention and control of whooping cough, especially among infants and small children, may be accomplished through use of approved vaccine and convalescent serum," Dr. Cox asserted, "and it is important that such measures be taken to protect them. Neglecting to do so, and allowing the young child to suffer an attack of this disease, may seriously impair his future health."

Bulldog Drummond In Exciting Drama On Pioneer Screen

There's no let-down in the pulsating excitement and trigger-quick action of "Calling Bulldog Drummond," M-G-M's streamlined detective drama, which will show Sunday at the Pioneer Theatre, with Walter Pidgeon offering a top performance in the role of the shrewd Captain Drummond.

From its very opening shot, in which a company of thieves, working with split-second timing and military precision, hold up a big London store and make their escape through a dense fog, guided by a radar screen and walkie-talkie devices, this story of a battle of wits and intrigue between the commando-trained crook leader, known as Guns, and Captain Drummond holds the spectator with an unwavering interest.

The thirteen original colonies were: Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, and Virginia.

Four of our Presidents have been governors of New York State—Van Buren, Cleveland, Theodore Roosevelt and Franklin D. Roosevelt.

It was by the Hay-Bunau-Varilla Treaty of November 18, 1903 that the United States gained the sovereignty of the canal strip at Panama.

Six attempts to gain statehood were made by Utah before it finally succeeded on January 4, 1896. Admission was repeatedly refused because of polygamous practices.

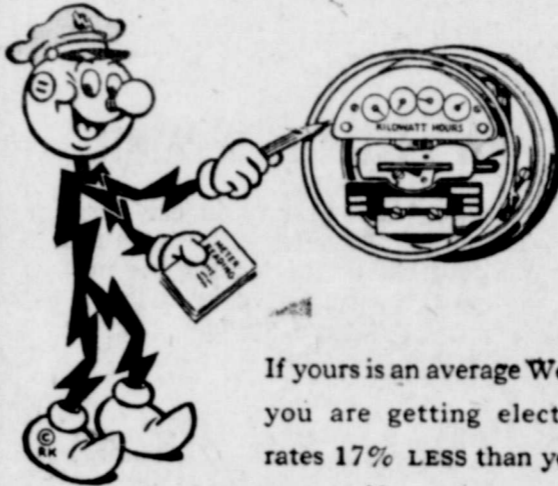
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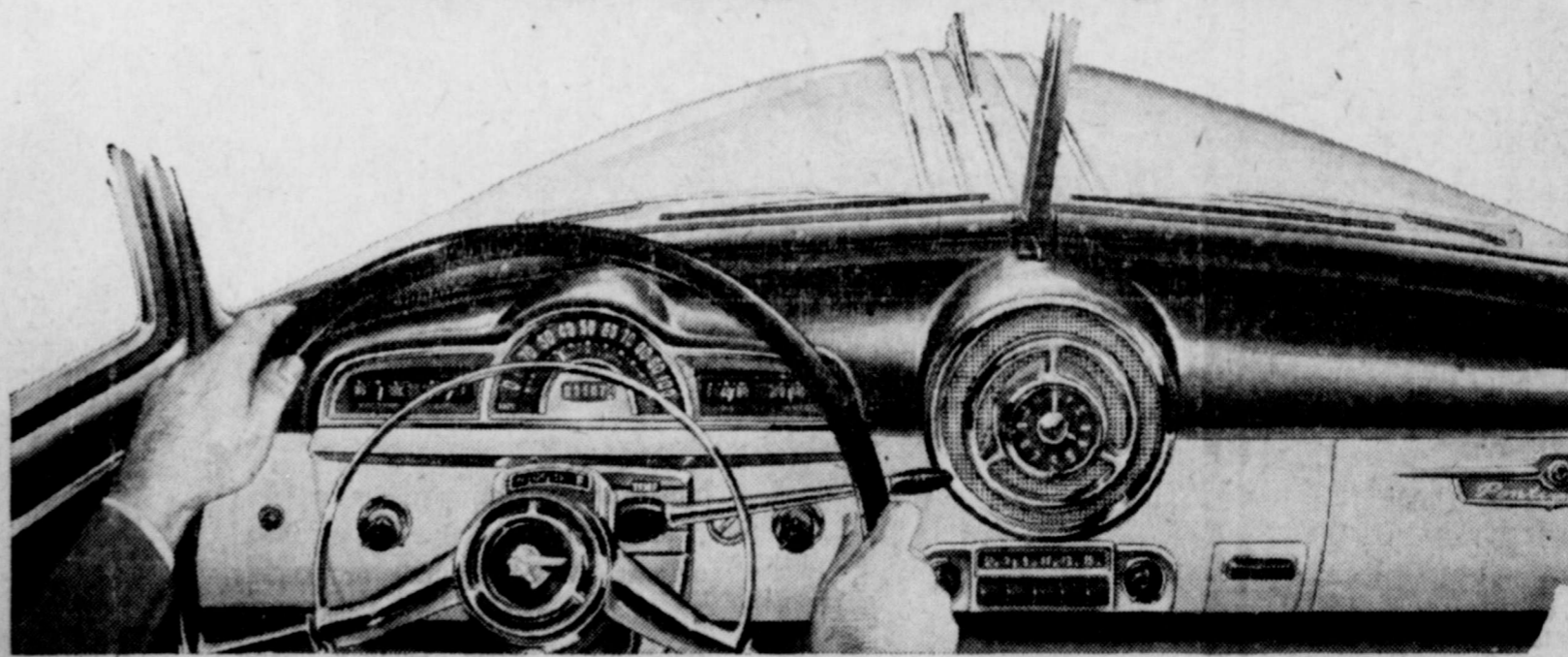
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Gold Star Mother Finally Gives In To Army Draft Board

A gold star mother, worn down by repeated draft board calls, and classified as 1A, announced that she was ready to go if they still wanted her.

Mrs. Joe Willy Riley, 35, of Chicago, said that she had received repeated notices from the draft board and had thrown them all away until the most recent one.

The last one, mailed to Joe Willy Riley, ordered her to report for induction.

Describing herself as middle-aged, Mrs. Riley says, "My efforts to find a job have failed because I'm more than 35. Yet the government thinks I'm good draft material. I've given both my sons to the service. What more do they want?"

Born in Grenada, Miss., Mrs. Riley says she was named Joe Willy after a grandmother, Joanna, and an uncle, Willy.

"I returned all the draft notices," she said, "Marking them 'no such person' or 'I'm a mother', but they keep sending me draft orders. I'm ready to go if they want me."

Offer New Course At Texas University

University of Texas co-eds who want to make their own clothes now may learn to do so without majoring in home economics.

A new course, offered for the first time, is open to any University student with at least sophomore standing. Selection and construction are taught in the elementary clothing course.

Other home economics courses for non-majors include "Meal Planning and Service," "Food Selection and Preparation," "Elements of Nutrition," "Costume Design and Selection," and "Home Planning and Furnishing."

VISITS IN FLORIDA

Captain W. P. Ricamore, wife and little daughter, Rita, left Tuesday for Bradenton, Florida where they will visit his parents, Colonel and Mrs. P. W. Ricamore.

For the past two years Captain Ricamore has been stationed at Guam and is now being transferred to Savannah, Georgia.

Mrs. Ricamore and little daughter have been in Merkel for almost a year with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. C. B. Gardner.

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To each and everyone who helped us in anyway when our home was destroyed by fire we wish to extend a hearty thank you and may God bless all of you.

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Fewer than half a dozen of the June, 1927 match books commemorating Lindbergh's Paris flight have been located. Collectors offer \$100 for one in good condition.

FLOWERY WORDS

After some flowery oratory before the state cabinet, Gov. Fuller Warren of Florida admitted he uses words "mostly for sound effects and not their meaning."

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Personals

Mrs. Dent Gibson went to Dallas to attend the Beauty Show Sunday and returned home Tuesday night.

Parker Sharp and John Mansfield attended the Hill Country Fireman's Convention in Winter's Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Marr of Stephenville visited Mrs. Marr's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bragg last week-end.

Sfc. Charles Douglas, stationed at Camp Carson, Colorado, was home this week visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Douglas.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Shaw and children of Wichita Falls visited last week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Doan and Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Shaw, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Farmer visited last week-end in Jacksboro with Mr. and Mrs. Glenn White. They also attended the spring show in Wichita Falls Sunday for White Auto Store Dealers.

Mrs. Barney Graves of Lubbock is visiting in the home of her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Adcock. Also Mrs. Adcock's brother, E. L. Bankhead of Abilene, spent last week-end in their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Williams and family of Lubbock were in Merkel this week visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Williams. While here Mrs. Williams came by the Mail office and subscribed to the paper.

Mrs. O. D. Allamon and two sons, Brian and Bruce, of San Angelo were guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Harris this week-end. Mr. Harris who has been confined to his home for several weeks is improving slowly.

Mrs. Morris Ashmore of Enid, Miss., Mrs. Jay Robbins and Mrs. Walter Henderson of Odessa, and Mrs. Deverl Teaff of Tye are at the bedside of their mother, Mrs. M. L. Douglas who underwent major surgery at Sadler Clinic last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Carey, Sr., and Mrs. O. R. Carey, Jr., of Post brought their grandson, Youlanda Wayne Carey, home after a ten-day visit there. They also visited relatives while in Merkel and came by the Mail office to subscribe to the paper.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Starbuck, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Boney and Annette spent the week-end visiting in the home of Rev. and Mrs. T. K. Anderson of Del Rio. Mrs. Anderson is the sister of Mr. Starbuck. While at the border they crossed over for a short visit at Villa Acuna, Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Melton of Route 4, Merkel had had as their house guests the past week their daughter, Mrs. Jones Graham, Sgt. Graham and two sons. Sgt. Graham was recently discharged from the Marines and he with his family are returning to their home in St. Cloud, Minn.

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Assistant State's Attorney Walter Mourovich said "several" food inspectors have told him that mulemeat has been used along with horsemeat at some Illinois packing plants to adulterate beef and other meat for human consumption.

J. D. Jaynes Has Surgery In Houston

Friends of J. D. Jaynes will be interested to read that he underwent surgery Tuesday in Houston and his condition is considered favorable. He has been in the Cancer Research M. D. Anderson Hospital under observation for several weeks and the operation was performed at Herman Hospital also in Houston. His wife and daughter, Bonnie are with him.

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For Commissioner, Precinct No. 2 **CHAS. ORR**
RUFIE TITTLE (reelection)
For Justice of the Peace, **Mrs. N. D. COBB.**
For Constable, Precinct 5, **LUTHER L. LAND.**
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