

Open House For All Area Schools Next Tuesday, March 4th

Next week is Public Schools Week. The schools of Merkel, Trent and Noodle, the schools you own, the schools that are educating your sons and daughters, are holding open house next Tuesday, March 4. The officials invite you to visit the schools. They want you to see for yourselves just what is being done to fulfill the obligation imposed by this American heritage.

The slogan of this second observance of Public Schools Week, a Texas institution, this year is: "Texas Public Schools — Democracy in Action."

Those words, that phrase have an important meaning. For it is only in the United States that the public school has reached full flower. And it is more than coincidence that only in the United States has democracy reached its fullest bloom.

The two facts are closely related. And this relation may continue only if the citizens of each community do their share to provide the required schools and the school administrators meet their obligation of providing education and teaching the fundamentals of good citizenship.

It was only when the first colonists came to this continent that the principles of free, democratic public schools were planted, to grow into the great educational system that exists and flourishes in this nation today.

This educational system offers anyone and everyone the chance for an education. Admission to the schools is not based on the question of WHO one is, how much money his parents have, or his capabilities. The only requirement is residence in the United States.

This principle of free public school education was first recognized by the General Court of the Massachusetts Colony in 1642. The court declared that each community should provide teachers for the children. From this grew the public school system of the nation. And that is why historians say: "The education of the masses through these schools, which were public schools, has been the bulwark of the liberties of the people and the national freedom of the country."

This belief in the necessity of public school education as a fundamental keystone of democracy, grew with the nation.

And in this state, the nation's great Southwest bastion of culture, industry, and business, the Public

Pioneer Memorial Chapel Celebrates First Anniversary

Last Sunday was auspicious day for Pioneer Memorial Chapel. It marked the first anniversary of this church — one year of continual interest and growth of its congregation.

An all-day meeting was planned with the Rev. R. L. Butler of Monday bringing the morning sermon, the Rev. H. Clyde Smith of Abilene the afternoon sermon, while at the noon hour dinner was served by the women of the church to the large crowd present.

Some wonderful singing was done by the congregation at each service, while special quartets from Divide and Trent gave enjoyable numbers.

Before the start of the afternoon services, the pastor, Rev. E. H. Phillips, reviewed his stewardship during his year's ministry, outlined the work already done and what he hopes to accomplish. He has done much and there is still much he can and will do.

Bank Closed Monday Independence Day

Texas Independence Day — March 2 — falls on Sunday this year and the day therefore will be celebrated on Monday the 3rd. Except for the fact the bank will be closed all day Monday in observance it is unlikely it otherwise will be noted.

Do your banking Saturday or you must wait until Tuesday.

Mrs. W. W. Toombs is in Houston visiting her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. James Dicky Dennison.

School has not failed — and must not fail. For democracy must be preserved.

We must meet the challenge of a growing population, the needs of the children for proper schools and education. If we fail to do this, we will be guilty of sabotaging our American way of life that

has given us blessings denied so many, given to only so few.

This is your opportunity to see what has been accomplished, to see what remains to be done. Visit your public school this week. It is open house week. See the Texas Public Schools — Democracy in Action.

GUEST EDITORIAL

The following guest editorial was written for the Merkel Mail by Mack Fisher, Superintendent of the Merkel Schools, especially for Public School Week which begins next week, with Open House being scheduled for next Tuesday, March 4.

OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND THE AMERICAN HERITAGE

By MACK FISHER

The philosophy of the American public school system can be found in the second paragraph of the Declaration of Independence which reads as follows: "We hold these truths to be self-evident: That all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." Perhaps the greatest and richest treasure of our American heritage is the idea of democracy which is an integral part of the Declaration; this idea is the underlying thought of the whole structure. The education of a free people needs to be one that enables the individual to understand and appreciate his privileges and obligations. Within our heritage lies specific commitments to public education. These commitments have grown constantly stronger with the years. Our public schools are our chief and most effective means of making our democratic way of life meaningful in the lives of succeeding generations.

If the public schools are to be able to function successfully, they must have our full support and interest; their success depends largely upon our understanding of the principles which aid in the development of democratic aspirations. Our country stands before the world dedicated to the proposition that all men are created free and equal; this is one of the fundamental cornerstones of our constitution. Each of us must recognize this privilege and obligation and be willing to share this ideal with others.

You Can Pay Car Tags At Home As Collector's Coming

Do you have your new car tags yet? If not you may as well wait until the Tax collector pays his regular annual visit to our section.

Raymond Petree says he will have one of his collectors at Trent all day Tuesday, March 11 and at Merkel the two days following — Wednesday and Thursday, March 12 and 13.

He especially requests all car owners to please bring their title and receipts.

Loses Pants While Visiting Relatives

When a man loses his shirt it's hardly news, but when he loses his pants — well that's a story. And a sad one it is for Chester McWilliams.

Chester went visiting last weekend. He and family decided to spend the night with his sister and husband at Big Spring. He wishes he hadn't.

After all had retired and fast asleep a burglar broke into the house and spying Chester's trousers neatly folded on a chair he slipped out with them. Upon awaking in the morning Chester being pantsless, had to eat breakfast in bed. Later his trousers were found in the alley but the pockets were shy of all Chester's cash and his watch. Other than that, Chester says, he and family enjoyed their visit.

Returns Home After Surgery In Houston; Finds Farm Plowed

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Jaynes have returned from Houston where Mr. Jaynes underwent surgery at the Herman hospital there. He is reported considerably improved but still suffering from the effects of the operation.

When Mr. Jaynes reached home he found all his land had been expertly plowed and placed in condition for planting when the rains come.

His neighbors and friends gathered at his home with their tractors and plows several days before Mr. Jaynes' return and within a few hours his spring plowing had been done for him.

That Mr. Jaynes and his family are grateful for their thoughtfulness and consider themselves fortunate for having such friends and neighbors goes without saying.

Merkel Masons Honor Birthday Of Washington

Merkel Masonic Lodge fittingly celebrated Washington's birthday Friday night with a dinner at the High School cafeteria. It was two fold in purpose, coming as it did just a week before the start of School Week in Texas, in which Texas Masons are to take an active part.

About one hundred Masons, their families and friends were present to enjoy the buffet style dinner served by the ladies and the good fellowship such occasions bring.

After the invocation, brought by Horace Boney, lines formed for the feast — and that was just what it was.

When dinner was over Master of ceremonies Buck Leach introduced District Deputy Grand Master Andy Shouse who delivered an eloquent talk on George Washington, the patriot, the statesman and the Mason.

Rev. Hugh H. Hunt, pastor of the First Methodist church, was next introduced and he tied in with his talk on Masonry the dangers that lurk in some places to our free schools in America as we know them. He told how to recognize these dangers and how we as Masons and citizens can combat them.

During the evening some excellent music was furnished by Othel Barnhill on the mandolin, Jack Bright on the guitar and Robert Payne on the steel guitar, with Charles Sherrell at the piano.

The crowd requested and received several piano and accordion solos by Mr. Sherrell. In his own inimitable manner he entertained the crowd by playing popular numbers, and some of his own composition.

Locate Three New Wells For Drilling In Area Oil Fields

Drilling around Merkel slowed up a bit the past week but renewed activity is now noted. Three new locations have been reported and three wells almost finished, while the official potential is reported on another.

Two and one-half miles south of Merkel, Chester Imes, E. F. White, Jr., C. B. Drilling Company will drill No. 1 S. G. Tipton as a north offset to the No. 1 Tom Maddox.

D-H-H-B Drilling Company has spotted No. 1 T. C. Allen as a Salt Branch Field location six miles northeast of town. Proposed depth is 3,000 feet.

Fain & McGaha of Wichita Falls No. 1, A. D. Hill is to be a regular field try six miles northwest of Noodle. It is slated for 5,400 feet with rotary.

D. & E. Company Andy Baker No. 1 is drilling ahead at 2,820 feet. Location is one and one-half miles northwest of Blair.

D. & E. Company Clark Brookerson No. 2 is drilling below 100 feet in the Blair field one location north of Brookerson No. 1.

Carl Hogvard & Fitzgerald Drilling Co. E. J. Orsborn No. 1 has been finished with a daily potential of 50 barrels of oil.

The same operators No. 2 E. J. Orsborn is pumping but no potential has been taken.

R-H-K et al Herring & Largent No. 7 have topped the upper Strawn at 4,590 feet and have attempted to test for three days but a cave-in has prevented, however they think they have a good well.

Woodley Petroleum Company No. 2 E. J. Cooley topped the upper Strawn at 4,480 and are now drilling ahead to test the lower Strawn around 5,100.

Donkey Basketball Local Gym Tonight

There'll be fun galore at the High School gym tonight when the local F.F.A. chapter tangle with a team from the industrial shop class.

If you have never seen a basketball game played on donkeys you have missed a lot of fun. That's how the game tonight is to be played, and on donkeys that have been specially trained.

The funds raised will be used to supplement the finances of the F.F.A. in their various activities.

You'll miss a lot if you aren't present when the whistle blows for the start of this game.

Merkel Reaches Quota Asked By Bloodmobile Unit

Tuesday was a great day in Merkel. It was Bloodmobile day and blood donors from all sections of this area were here to offer their blood, their time and their service.

Sandwiches Given Blood Donors Made By Merkel Girls

The second year Homemaking classes of Merkel High School made 300 ham sandwiches for the Bloodmobile donors of the Merkel area when the unit was here Tuesday. Wednesday morning they made 300 more sandwiches for the Abilene donors who gave to the Bloodmobile.

Mrs. H. D. Gooch, homemaking teacher, commends the Carson Grocery for their assistance in the preparation of the ham and supplies and the Junior Red Cross for the purchase of the materials.

School officials expressed pride that the Merkel Future Homemakers were able to assist the Bloodmobile. Doyle Jones, president of the Student Council, also helped with the responsibility.

The girls helping to prepare the sandwiches were: Beulah Dye, Patsy Floyd, Virginia Rogers, Sue McLeod, Laura Williams, Marie Kerns, Emma Jean Ely, Dollye Limer, Wanda Beard, Martha Beene, Joy Johnson, Jo Ann Nash, Romona Ybarra, June Loney, Tessie Hester and Aline Dickerson.

ices to make the first visit of this unit the complete success it proved to be.

Officials had stated they were skeptical of coming to a town as small as Merkel fearing the response would not be as great as they require. They are not skeptical.

Funeral Today For Mrs. H. L. Stout At Rose Hill Cemetery

Death came to Mrs. Henry Lee Stout of Snyder, Thursday morning at 5:45 o'clock at Sadler Clinic after being critically ill for several weeks.

Funeral services will be at 3 p. m. today at the Methodist Church. The Rev. E. H. Phillips, pastor of the Pioneer Memorial church, will officiate, and the Rev. Hugh H. Hunt, pastor of the Merkel Methodist church, will assist.

Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery under direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born Elouise Horton in the Nubia Community, south of Merkel on July 19, 1917, she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Horton of the Nubia Community.

Mrs. Stout and her family had been living in Snyder some few months, but when she became ill she was brought to the Sadler Clinic here.

She married Mr. Stout August 16, 1934, and they had lived in Merkel until moving to Snyder.

Survivors include her husband, 6 children, Gene, 15, Jerry, 12, Stanley, 10, Linda, 8, Mollie Ann, 5, and Barbara, 3; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Horton, Nubia; one sister, Mrs. Melba Hunter, Snyder; one brother, Bonnie Horton, U. S. Army in France, and a host of other relatives.

Palbearers will be Jack Whisenhunt, W. S. Hendricks, Homer Newby, Earl Carter, Frank Brnovak and Dewel McLean.

Donations To Cemetery Fund

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

- Callie Horton Williams... \$10.00
V. D. Jones, Bagwell... 10.00
John R. Collins... 10.00
H. H. Spears, Riverton, Wyo... 5.00
Mary Anna Mayfield... 5.00
R. F. Mashburn... 5.00
G. W. Teaff... 5.00
Sarah E. Herron... 2.50
M. E. Herron... 2.50

Anyone wishing to contribute to this fund may leave checks or donations at the teller's windows of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank, at Bragg Dry Goods Co., or at the Merkel Mail Office.

Three Announce For Council Seats At City Election

Three Merkel citizens have just announced for the three City Council seats which will be vacated April 1.

B. T. Sublett has announced for re-election while Fred Starbuck and Grif Barnett have announced for the other two seats to be vacated by Keller Roberts and Howard Carson.

Election day is Tuesday, April 1 at the City Hall with T. L. Grimes as election judge.

Fred Starbuck Says Lions Minstrel Show Fast Taking Shape

The busiest man in these parts just now is Fred Starbuck. Why? The reason is he is whipping into shape some classy dialogue, funny jokes, lining up talent, selecting songs, picking out a cast and otherwise getting all the loose ends together for the annual Lions Club minstrel.

He has some wonderful performers on the verge of signing a contract and already he is promising the largest, best staged and most wonderful minstrel ever before shown to Merkel people. That's what the man says.

Merkel 20 Years Ago

TAKEN FROM THE 1932 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL

MISSIONARY TO LECTURE

Rev. Ernest O. Mills, returned missionary from Japan will lecture at the Baptist church Wednesday night. He will illustrate his lecture with more than 100 colored slides he has brought back with him showing scenes of interest of his work in that country.

NEW POSTOFFICE BUILDING

Work is to start this week on the new building to house Merkel's postoffice. The contractor is O. S. Tolle of Dallas and he says he expects to have the building ready for occupancy within 30 days.

KEEP CHICKENS AT HOME

City Marshall Dickinson warns Merkel citizens there's a law against allowing chickens to run at large and destroy neighbor's yards and gardens. Keep your chickens at home or be prosecuted, he warns.

THE SUN SHINES AGAIN

For the first time in nine days the sun shone almost all day Tuesday clearing the rainy, misty weather that had prevailed. Four inches of rainfall has soaked the Merkel area since the new year began.

BRIDGE PARTY

Mrs. Cecil McRee was hostess to a number of friends in her Trent home Saturday evening with a bridge party honoring her sister, Miss Louise Matheny. Mrs. John Bowman and Royce Dowdy won high score.

STAGE SHO WAT QUEEN

Brunk's Comedians will open a week's stand at the Queen theatre next Monday with a complete change of program every night. They carry 20 people with band and orchestra.

This Happened in Merkel Forty Years Ago

At the opera house Friday night will be presented the fine comedy, "The Man On The Box," starring Billy Long and Bert Leigh.

Sterling P. Miller who is now in the navy recruiting office at Dallas, was here several days this week visiting his sister, Mrs. W. H. Dickson.

Felix R. Jones, a former Merkel citizen but now living in Abilene, was here this week shaking hands with his friends and announcing his candidacy for the office of sheriff of Taylor county.

The Merkel firemen gave a farewell party Tuesday night in honor of Assistant Chief N. C. Sinclair and Lecher Hunnycutt who are leaving our town. Mr. Sinclair goes to Belton to make his home while Mr. Hunnycutt joins the ranks of professional baseball players and reports first at San Antonio and then to one of the big leagues in Florida.

MRS. N. M. PERRY DIES

Mrs. Nancy M. Perry, age 84, died Friday and was laid to rest in Rose Hill Cemetery the following day. Services were from the Merkel Methodist church with Rev. Marvin Williams of Abilene officiating. She settled in Mulberry Canyon with her family 34 years ago.

MISSISSIPPI FROM FORT WORTH Misses Coy May Callihan and Mary Millican of Fort Worth are visiting in Merkel this week the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Baze.

ENTERTAINS FRIENDS HERE

Miss Ruby Johnson of Trent entertained a number of her Abilene, Merkel and Trent friends here last Thursday at the home of her sister, Mrs. John West. The highlight of the entertainment was the piano and vocal selections rendered by Miss Mary Evelyn Brooks.

TEXAS FOR GARNER

A "Texas For Garner" club may be organized in Merkel this week to boost the Hon. John Nance Garner for president of the United States. Many such clubs have been organized throughout the state and Merkel may fall in line.

RETURNS TO DALLAS

Miss Inez Lackey left Wednesday for her home in Dallas after spending a week in Merkel the guest of Miss Laura Barnett.

ATTEND MASONIC MEETING

Thirty-six members of Merkel Masonic Lodge attended the special Washington anniversary meeting of the Sweetwater Masonic lodge last Monday night. More than 300 others also attended to hear the eloquent address by W. A. Brownling of Dallas.

T. J. Coggin returned this week from an extended visit to points in both New and Old Mexico where he purchased a ranch of 60,000 acres and 700 head of high grade cattle. Otti Coggin and Jess Scarborough were left in charge of the ranch and cattle.

The Kent Street Wagon Yard is advertising some special service for their patrons. They will clean and grease your buggy and groom your horses at their fire-proof shed while you do your trading.

J. D. Jones, was in the county capital all last week serving on the jury. He says he intends soon to start on a county-wide campaign for one of his friends who will make formal announcement within a few weeks.

Miss Lizzie Mae Freeman returned from Dallas Sunday night where she had gone to purchase her spring stock of millinery. The latest in women's headwear will soon be on display at her shop.

SOCIETY

GARDEN CLUB PRESENTS ABILENE SPEAKER

The Merkel Garden club presented one of the finest programs it has been its privilege to host since its organization, last Thursday afternoon at the Community Center.

Mrs. Jack Miller, as program chairman, introduced Mrs. Otha Hillyard of Abilene who spoke on the subject of "Improving Our Soils." Mrs. Hillyard is an authority on this subject and carried samples of various soils in this section to illustrate her talk.

"Composting, Acidizing And Lumes" were sub-topics on soil conservation under discussion. This information was most timely in that February is the best month to apply tactics for summer beauty.

Those present were Mesdames Carroll Benson, Clyde Eager, Beauford Allen, Dale Litton, J. W. Jackson, B. H. Jones, L. H. McAden, Ben Sublett, John Brown, Kenneth Pee, Joe Hartley, Dee Grimes, Lige Gamble, Homer Newby, Don Morue, C. F. Lindsey, C. L. Sherrell, John Shannon, Jim

Sourgin, Wade Ensminger, Jess Anderson, C. A. Farley, Frank Breaux, Pete Morgan, John Hughes, Tye Sublett, W. O. Boney, Mack Fisher, Jack Miller, Misses Lottie Butman and Christine Collins.

The club presented Mrs. Hillyard a gift of appreciation. Table decorations were yellow jonquils in a green and gold planter.

The next meeting will be Thursday, March 6 at the Community Center.

MISS CLETA WEEKS COMPLIMENTED WITH TEA

Mrs. Hollis Irvin complimented Miss Cleta Weeks of Abilene with a gift tea in her home. Miss Weeks is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Weeks of Noodle and the bride, elect of Morris Tarver, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Tarver of Abilene.

The hostesses were Mesdames Riley Sprayberry, Henry Ueckert, Ernest Spurgin, Jack Benningfield and Dick Herron.

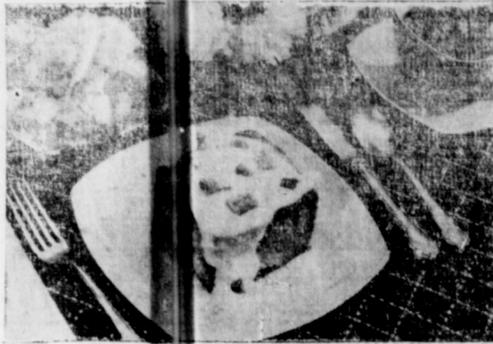
The bride's chosen colors of yellow and white were used in party appointments.

Miss Alice Spurgin presided at the register. Jean Irvin played a piano medley of love songs.

A mock wedding was presented with Mrs. Dick Herron, bride; Mrs. Henry Ueckert, groom; Mrs. Carl Baccus and Mrs. Clayton Dillard, flower girls; Mrs. Ernest Spurgin, bridesmaid; Mrs. Jack Benningfield, best man; Mrs. Dick Pack, bride's mother; Mrs. Grady Carr, groom's mother; Mrs. Riley Sprayberry, preacher, and Mrs. Hollis Irvin, train bearer.

Assisting in serving refreshments were Von Katherine Herron, Larue Weeks, Peggy Pack and Jean Irvin.

Guests present were Mesdames H. F. Hennington, A. D. Hill, Carl Jackson, Lewis Corder, Lum Gilbreath, Ernest Dixon, Thomas Lawrence, Ronald Lawrence, John Dooley, Betty Williams, Jim Boaz, Sam Perrien, L. S. Story, F. Tucker, T. P. Weeks, Alfred Parham, Meade Parham, Clyde Mize, Ben Adkins, Odell Eoff, W. B. Tarver, R. G. Johns, John Horton, Forest Warren, Sr., Craighead Hazzard, and Misses Mary John Carr, Karen



Leftovers go farther and taste better when dressed in toast baskets. To serve four, slice across 1 whole loaf enriched bread to form 4 equal parts. Remove crusts from each part. Cut out center of each with scissors leaving a rim and bottom of about 1/2". Brush each basket inside and out with lemon butter, made by melting 1/4 c. butter or margarine and adding 2 tbsp. lemon juice. Place baskets on cookie sheet and bake at 350°F. (moderate oven) until baskets are brown and crisp, turning frequently. Meanwhile prepare creamed leftovers: Melt 2 tbsp. butter or margarine. Add 1 1/2 cups leftover meat cut into bite-size cubes, 1/4 c. minced onion, 1/4 c. chopped green pepper. Cook until onion is clear. Sprinkle in 2 tbsp. flour and gradually stir in 1 c. milk. Cook over low heat, stirring constantly, until thick. Fill toast baskets with this mixture and serve at once.

Irvin, Sandra Spraberry, Ida Beth Adkins, Judy Spurgin, Brenda Weeks, Linda Gardner and Janice Hill.

Those sending gifts were Mesdames J. S. Bird, Sam Allen, John Thompson, Robert Wych, Troy Dawson, A. J. Hill, C. I. Lucas, Frank Carter, V. R. Justice, Troy Sloan, L. R. Cade, Nath Maxwell, Andrew Wheeler, Bill Finch, E. W. Anderson, and Misses Virginia Sprayberry, Rosa French and Jo Ann Maxwell.

ENTERTAINS FRIENDS WITH SLUMBER PARTY

Miss Jo Ann Lindsey entertained several of her friends with a slumber party at her home Friday night.

Refreshments were served and a number of games were played.

Those present were Mary Kelson, Kay Lynn Perry, Arlene Horn, Kay Swartz, Michael Mille, Lueta Mosley, De Lois Reese, Iris Neil Pair and Geraldine Lindsey.

HONORED WITH PARTY ON THIRD BIRTHDAY

Mrs. J. S. Pinckley honored her daughter, Catherine Sue, with a birthday party Thursday, February 21, on her third birthday.

After a number of games were played and gifts were opened refreshments of cake and punch were served to Wanda and Brenda Sylvester, Brounlyn Gamble, Brenda Blair, Kay and Glori Teaff, Jack and Glenda Petty, Paul, Connel and Billy Higgins, England Barnett and Mesdames Lucie Ford, Nim Teaff, Joe C. Higgins, Austin Petty, W. B. Lollar, Chas. Sylvester, Vincent Barnett and David Gamble.

BECKY RAY HONORED WITH BIRTHDAY PARTY

Mrs. E. C. Ray honored her daughter, Becky Annette, with a slumber party on her 12th birthday last Friday.

After the group enjoyed playing outdoor games and horseback riding a picnic lunch was served to the following girls: Linda Ann Winter, Mena Lou Stello, Sandra Pursley, Stella Mae Russell, Betty Flo Smith and Patsy Oliver.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Elliott and Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Blair attended an installation service of the Abilene W. O. W. camp Thursday night in Abilene. Mr. Blair is the Council Commander of the Merkel Camp and Mr. Elliott the financial secretary and clerk.

Mrs. Lula Mae (Clark) Lawhon, daughter of Oda Clark, is now living in Abilene. Mrs. Lawhon is a

stenographer at the Southwestern Paper Company. Mr. Lawhon is working at the St. Ann Hospital as a laboratory technician.

CARD OF THANKS

I would like to thank all the people who remembered us with cards and letters while I was in the Houston hospital. Especially do I want to thank all those who helped in plowing my land.

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Ramsey Asks Voters Re-Elect Him Texas Lieutenant Governor

Ben Ramsey of San Augustine, winner in a field of twelve candidates for Lieutenant Governor 2 years ago, announced for re-election to another 2-year term. He said he was running on the same principles he did two years ago.

Main points in that platform, he noted, are:

A blacktop road to every farm home in Texas.

Rural telephones at reasonable rates.

Conservation of Texas' vital natural resources, soil and water.

Less government, better government and cheaper government.

No new taxes.

Honesty in government to protect the interests of the people so that they will get a dollar of value for each dollar of taxes they pay, for the tax burden now is becoming intolerable.

Ramsey also emphasized the need for experience in government in order to achieve those goals.

Freeze Eggs Now And Eat 'Em Later

At present prices, it will pay homemakers to freeze and store eggs. The foods and nutrition specialists with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service say that thawed eggs may be used the same as fresh eggs for cakes, meringues, omelets, souffles and scrambled as well as in any other recipe calling for eggs.

For freezing, eggs should be cooled to about 32 degrees F. Egg whites and egg yolks may be frozen separately or mixed. Egg whites need no treatment. Mixed whites and yolks or just yolks should have 1 tablespoon light colored corn syrup mixed with 2 cups of the eggs to prevent the yolks forming into a thick curd-like mass during storage. Salt, 1 teaspoon per cup of yolks, may be used instead of corn syrup if the eggs are to be used for making mayonnaise.

The specialists say clean each egg and break into a small dish to be sure there is no stale odor. Pour into a bowl, mix thoroughly and freeze in small containers. Use promptly after thawing.

GLENER SS CLASS

The Gleaner Sunday School class met Wednesday in the parlor of the Methodist church in their regular social meeting. Hostesses were Mrs. W. S. Brown, Mrs. Kenneth Pee and Miss Lottie Butman.

The meeting opened with the group singing "America The Beautiful." Mrs. Dee Grimes, president, presided over the business session and the roll call and minutes were read by Mrs. John Shannon. The devotional was brought by Miss Lottie Butman and Mrs. Sammie Knox reviewed the book, "The Brand New Parson."

A picture of the first printed Bible and a floral arrangement of Jonquils centered the two lace-laid

tables. Small flags were used as plate favors in commemoration of George Washington's birthday.

A refreshment plate of individual cherry pies topped with ice cream and cherries, stuffed olives and spiced tea was served to the following members: Mesdames F. Y. Gaither, J. R. Ingram, Herbert Patterson, Lu Petty, Jack Miller, Dee Moore, Dee Grimes, Roy Bacus, Lee Tipton, Will Toombs, Leon Toombs, Bob Hicks, Wade Ensminger, John Shannon, Hugh Hunt, Buddy Knox and Miss Mable McRee.

Florida, the last of the territory owned in North America by the Spaniards, was ceded to the United States in 1819.

Merkel Boy In Navy Stationed At Guam

B. D. Ray, storekeeper, third class, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Ray of Route 1, Merkel, and husband of Mrs. Hortense Ray of Haskell, is stationed aboard the U. S. Naval Supply Depot, Guam, Marianas Islands.

Ray is serving at the Naval Supply Depot Stock Control as a storekeeper. Before entering the Navy, he attended Anson High School and McMurry College.

France was the first foreign nation to recognize the United States as an independent republic. That was in 1778.

Pfc. Kermitt Newton Completes Training

Pvt. Kermitt Newton, of Merkel, recently completed his assigned course in the Signal School at Fort Monmouth, N. J., and is now awaiting orders for transfer to duty in his new military occupational specialty.

Pvt. Newton received his diploma February 19, in formal graduation exercises signifying the completion of the course in Signal Corps communications.

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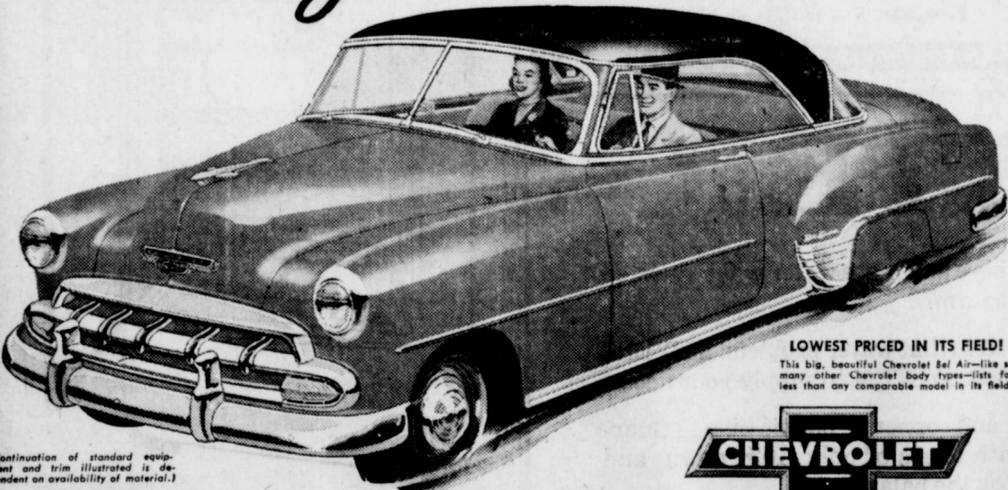
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| CELLO CARROTS bag | 15c | LEAN Pork Chops lb. | 49c |
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Texans have been outraged at the ethical facts of the tidelands controversy—the attempted Federal grab of properties long considered to be the sole properties of the state. On ethical grounds, Texans rightfully would have been incensed had the attempted grab involved but a dollar which by law belonged to Texas.

It's high time that Texans began to look the economic facts of the tidelands fight full in the face. The oil industry is a depleting industry — every gallon of oil removed from Texas soil is gone forever.

Texas was singularly blessed by nature with a tremendous source of petroleum deposits, a seemingly inexhaustible supply. A bountiful Providence has perhaps blinded us to the fact that our petroleum resources are exhaustible, that in due time the petroleum revenue from our public lands will cease to flow into the permanent school fund.

Wise legislators long ago dedicated the revenue from Texas public lands to a permanent school fund. This school fund is invested and the revenues from such investment supports our schools; these revenues that would otherwise have to be provided from other tax sources.

A NOTE OF PROPHECY?

There may have been a note of prophecy in last December's memorable remark by Premier Mossadegh of Iran that it might be best to close the Iranian oil fields and "act as if we had no oil at all," thus preserving it "for our children."

Production in neighboring Kuwait, an Arabian port at the mouth of the Persian Gulf, now is reported to be exceeding 640,000 barrels of oil daily, replacing nearly half of Iran's former output, and production also has been stepped up sharply in Saudi Arabia and Iraq, as well as in the Western Hemisphere. Even more oil can be brought from these fields in the months ahead, if necessary.

Premier Mossadegh, meanwhile, remains with his idle oil industry and an increasing financial problem in operating his government, with bankruptcy as the ultimate and not too distant prospect. The irony of the Mossadegh position lies in the uncertainty of large Iranian oil production even if the Iranian government should come to terms with the British on operation of the nationalized and seized properties.

The sheik of Kuwait and the king of Saudi Arabia, now receiving a flood of new oil revenue, may insist that their production remain near present high levels. Not only would they have a good case on their side, since they have stood by the West during the pinch for oil, but the West itself may prefer to favor the untroubled non-Iranian fields.

As the world learns to live without Iranian oil, Premier Mossadegh may discover his role has been, as he says, the preservation of a heritage for another generation. But one may be sure it was not his original intention. — Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

Remember a quarter century ago when flagpole-sitting was a national pastime? A fellow named Shipwreck Kelly made a national name for himself by first sitting atop a flagpole in New York for 26 or 28 days at a stretch. Just what sitting on top of a flagpole that long actually accomplished was never explained, but Shipwreck sure made the front pages.

Edward Everett of Maine made the principal address at the dedication of the cemetery at Gettysburg, Pa., speaking for two hours. President Lincoln, who was also present for the ceremonies, spoke for two minutes.

Sterling Williams of Snyder Announces for State Senator

The Hon. Sterling Williams of Snyder has authorized the Merkel Mail to make his formal announcement as a candidate for State Senator from this district. Mr. Williams points out in his platform many reforms for which he stands and states frankly and fully his views on questions that affect the welfare of our people.



STERLING WILLIAMS
 Candidate for State Senator

To the Voters:
 "In announcing my candidacy for State Senator of the newly created 24th District, I have in mind but one motive and one desire, and that is to serve the people of my district and my state in the capacity wherein I feel that I can render the greatest service."

"I have lived my life in this district. I am familiar with the problems confronting the people in each of these thirteen counties. I have served one of these counties as county attorney for two years and as county judge for six years. I have served six of these counties as representative in the legislature for eight years.

"No one has contributed to the expense of any campaign that I have ever been in. I have accepted no fee or favor of any kind for any service I have performed as a member of the Legislature. I am not on the retainer of any individual firm or corporation, and I have never been. I have had no trades, deals or business transactions of any kind with anyone which were brought about or influenced by virtue of my being a member of the legislature. The full record of all personal revenue and income that I have derived from every source is available to anyone who may desire to inspect it.

"As a representative in the legislature, I have represented no special group. I have been open minded on all matters and I have listened to the proponents and opponents of all measures. I have given honest, careful, sober consideration to all measures that have come before the legislature and I have cast my vote solely on what seemed to me to be the best interest of the people of my district and my state.

"All issues will be thoroughly discussed hereafter in this campaign, but I say here that during my tenure in the legislature, I have worked consistently for good roads. It is my belief that we could have no prosperity, rural or urban, if the streets of our cities were paved with gold and the rural people could not get to them. I deem it important that the units of local government, city and county, be maintained and that their fields of revenue be not infringed upon by the state and federal government and that no more of their powers be usurped to Austin and to Washington. The state has surrendered to the counties additional sources of revenue.

"I think that a study should be made to see what sources of state

revenue could be spared to the incorporated towns and cities to help them meet the additional requirements for expenditure, which progress has placed upon them. I have supported measures for higher salaries for school teachers and for revision and reform in school laws. I did not favor the Gilmer-Akin Bill as such, because I believed that it would place such a tax burden on the resources of the property tax payers of the state as to bring about federal participation in and control over our school system. I supported vigorously the bill permitting the creation of rural telephone companies based on the R.E.A. plan. I have supported measures for additional tax on natural gas, but I opposed setting a minimum price on gas. I do not believe that the producers of gas are any more entitled to a price guaranteed by law, than the producers of cotton are. I am opposed to taxing non-highway used gasoline. I have seen many years in this country when the amount of the proposed tax would have meant the difference between a small profit and a loss on a short crop.

"I think that a reasonable inspection of the safety devices on an automobile would promote safer driving on our highways, but I could not and did not support the inspection law passed by the last legislature because it contained requirements impossible to the average motorist to meet and because it placed legislative power in the department of public safety to make requirements and change requirements. I am against divorcing from the state control any department and allowing them legislative power to make their own laws. I think that the legislature should

make the laws and the departments should administer them. I have supported all measures for equitable redistricting, but worked to bring about changes in some of the bills that would have worked a hardship on some sections of our country.

"I feel deeply the need for economy in government. If I may represent you in the next Texas Senate, I will support all measures for economy that are consistent with progress in a humane and enlightened state. I will not be obligated to any special interest group, and in casting my vote, the vote of this district, I will recognize allegiance only to God and to the people."

"STERLING WILLIAMS."

Texas Tech Author Writes New Book On Texas Politics

Dr. S. S. McKay, noted Texas political historian at Texas Tech, has released a new book, "Texas Politics, 1906-1944."

The book is an accurate, objective account of the first 40 years of primary elections in Texas and gives the story of campaigns of Baidey, Colquitt, Ferguson, Neff, Moody, Connally, Mayfield, Sterling, Allred, O'Daniel, Johnson, Stevenson, and several others.

Special references are given to the German counties of the Comal-Gillespie area.

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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.

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

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

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.

Trent Methodist Church
 Sunday School.....10:00 a. m.
 Evening Worship.....7:30 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.

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

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 Sunday: Bible Class.....10:00 a. m.
 Morning Worship Service 11:00
 Young People's Service 6:30
 Evening Worship.....7:30 p. m.

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 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.

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.

New Live Oak Baptist Church
 Sunday: Sunday School.....10:00 a. m.
 Morning Worship.....11:00 a. m.
 Training Union.....7:00 p. m.
 Evening Service.....7:30 p. m.
 Wednesday: Prayer Service.....7:30 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
 Young People's Service.....6:30 p. m.
 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 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.

Compere Baptist Church
 Sunday School.....10:00 a. m.
 Morning Worship, 2nd and 4th Sunday.....11:00 o'clock
 Rev. Ross Merritt, pastor.

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.

Merkel Grace Presbyterian Church
 Sunday School.....10:00 a. m.

A banquet was held in January 1835, during Andrew Jackson's administration, to celebrate the fact that the country was almost free of debt.

OPEN HOUSE DAY

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If there be any — and there are many — who seek to destroy or tear down our greatest institution, let's get 'em told in language they'll understand.

If there be any — and there are a few — who seek to poison the minds of our youngsters with un-American ideas, to destroy their faith in the fundamental principles on which our government was founded, let's put them in their place — now.

Masons of Texas (everywhere) are public-spirited citizens. They believe in the great truths of democracy. They believe in the great work done by George Washington as a patriot, a gentleman, a scholar and a Mason. His teachings are just as timely now as when he spoke them. His integrity an example all of us could follow with honor.

Therefore, we, as Masons, as patrons of our schools, as Americans owing allegiance only to our God, respectfully invite and urge you to help observe Public School Week in Texas by visiting your school next Tuesday.

MERKEL MASONIC LODGE No. 710

Zed Bright, Worshipful Master

C. B. Rust, Secretary



SPECIALS for FRIDAY and SATURDAY Feb. 29-March 1

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| LARGE LETTUCE | lb. 10c | CENTER Pork Chops | lb. 49c |
| GREEN CABBAGE | lb. 5c | CHOICE LOIN STEAK | lb. 89c |
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World Famous Play On Life of Jesus At Dallas March 1-9

A stage presentation that annually vies with the best Broadway productions, and which boasts a far longer "run" than any other, soon will be given in Dallas by a group of professional actors who maintain the traditional realism of the 710-year-old vehicle. The Black Hills Passion Play is scheduled for March 1 through 9 at the Fair Park Auditorium in Dallas.

Starting the reknowned Josef Meier in his heart-warming role as the Christ and supported by a huge cast, the Passion Play brings to Dallas the "oldest story" presented by the world's oldest and most famous cast. The story of the last seven days in the life of Jesus of Nazareth unfolds in 22 scenes. Tons of scenery and unusual lighting effects bring to spectators the feeling of actually being present at the time these immortal events took place two thousand years ago.

The central set, depicting a typical street in ancient Jerusalem, includes such scenes as the Court of King Herod, the Last Supper and the Ascension. The play, which has been termed the greatest dramatic production ever staged depicting the story of Christ, will be presented for nine days. Premiere performance is at 8:15 o'clock, Saturday, March 1st.

The Dallas presentation of the Black Hills Passion Play is being sponsored by the Lions Club of Dallas with all proceeds being utilized by the Lions Club for its sight conservation and blind work program.

President Woodrow Wilson's first name was Thomas.



CLARA HUME As Mary, Mother of Christ

BLEBONNET HD CLUB

The Blebonnet Home Demonstration met last week in the home of Mrs. Sam Butman, Jr., for their regular meeting. The rooms were decorated with Mexican pot plants.

Mrs. Tom Russom gave an interesting talk on Mexico and Mrs. Ford Butman discussed their habits and costumes. Mrs. A. D. Scott read a Mexican poem and gave a demonstration on preparing and serving Mexican foods.

The club is planning a box supper and beauty contest on March 7. Everyone is invited to come and bring a box.

The dining table was laid with a cut-work cloth from Mexico and centered with a pepper plant.

A menu of appetizing Mexican foods was served to one visitor, Mrs. A. D. Scott and the following members: Mesdames Joe Swinney, A. L. Farmer, Ford Butman, Allen King, Euel Ray, Frase Demere, Pat Trammell and the hostess. Three children were present.

The next meeting will be held at Pioneer Memorial Chapel with Mrs. Frase Demere as hostess.

Promote Merkel Boy To Cadet Lieutenant

Oris R. Reynolds, Merkel, has been promoted from enlisted grade to cadet second lieutenant in the Texas Tech Air Force ROTC. Col. Ollen Turner, professor of Air Science and tactics, reported the promotion effective February 18. Reynolds is a senior agriculture student at Texas Tech.

Legal Notices

THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Clara J. Hammett GRETING: You are commanded to appear 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 14th day of April, A. D. 1952, at or before 10 o'clock A. M., before the Honorable 42nd Court of Taylor County, at the Court House in Abilene, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 8th day of February, 1952.

The file number of said suit being No. 18,060-A.

The names of the parties in said suit are:

Auda Vee Hammett as Plaintiff, and Clara J. Hammett, as Defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: Plaintiff and defendant were legally married on or about May 25, 1944 and lived together until on or about August 1, 1944. That no children have been born or will be born as a result of said marriage and no community property has been acquired. Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of abandonment.

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

Issued this the 25th day of February, A. D. 1952.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 25th day of February, A. D. 1952.

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

THE STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF TAYLOR.

We, the subscribers, have this day entered into a limited partnership agreeably to the provision of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas relating to limited partnerships; and do hereby certify that the terms of our said partnership are as follows, to wit:

The name under which said partnership is to be conducted is "Rocky Mountain Engineering Company Limited".

The general nature of said business is oil well log servicing.

The names of all the general and special partners interested therein, and their respective places of residence, are as follows, to wit: H. P. Lackey, general partner, Abilene, Texas.

W. T. Covey, general partner, Dallas, Texas.

H. R. Hawes, Jr., special partner, Abilene, Texas.

The amount of capital which the aforesaid special partner has contributed to the common stock is \$7,000.00 in cash.

Said partnership is to exist for the term of five (5) year from the date of these presents.

This 18th day of February, A. D. 1952. (Signed)

H. P. LACKEY
H. P. Lackey, General Partner
W. T. COVEY
W. T. Covey, General Partner
H. R. HAWES
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Not One Good Word For Flies Has State Health Officer Cox

This is a story about flies, told by a man who despises them for the disease they spread.

"Flies are one of the few species of life which does absolutely no good on this earth," State Health Officer Geo W. Cox charges. "Other insects are annoying, but they earn their existence by pollinating plants or by feeding on less desirable forms of life. But not flies."

He says these insects have but one saving grace: their short lives. A fly reaching maturity in the spring won't live to annoy autumn picnickers. One reaching adulthood in the fall might make it through the winter, but by spring he'll be aged and feeble, too old to pester folks out to witness the wonders of the fresh new season.

But during its lifespan, Dr. Cox says, a fly is extremely prolific. If a single pair begin their family in April, and if all their progeny live, there would be countless millions by fall.

"That's no pipe dream," the doctor said. "It's based on the most accurate entomological evidence."

In case you have ever wondered

how far a fly can fly, Dr. Cox has the answer to that one, too. He says entomologists have found an energetic one can cover up to 15 miles in one day without the aid of wind currents. How did they find out?

They trapped one, fed him radioactive phosphorous and set him loose. Retrapped, experimenters used a Geiger counter to make the identification. He was 15 miles from the starting point.

There's only one answer to the

fly problem in Texas, Dr. Cox believes. He says cleanliness, using chemical science as a tool, will keep them under control.

"And start now," he advises. "This weather is ideal for fly breeding."

Maryland was settled by the Catholics; Pennsylvania by the Quakers, New York by the Walloons, Georgia by the English debtors, and Virginia by the Cavaliers.

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Vaudeville Show To Be Staged At Trent By P-TA Next Week

The Trent P-T. A. plan to have a hilarious vaudeville show on Thursday, March 6, at 7:45 p. m. in the school gym.

They will present Doctor Rigor Mortis and his medicine show.

Slap stick comedy by Toby, classical music by the "String Strutters," who's theme song is "Red River Valley," songs by the flapper daughter, colored quartet and a Charleston contest. Local teachers and their prize pupils will display their talents, and see that nothing is overlooked that goes on at a medicine show.

WATT BLAIR CELEBRATES SEVENTY-FIFTH BIRTHDAY

W. A. (Watt) Blair was 75 years young Sunday and he celebrated this birthday at his home in South Merkel.

This was a two-fold celebration, in that it marked 15 years of service in the army for one of his sons — Major Russell T. Blair — who joined the service on his father's 60th birthday.

Most of Mr. and Mrs. Blair's children, grandchildren and great-grand children were here to help Mr. Blair celebrate the occasion. One son, Doyle Blair of Santa Rosa, California, could not be present.

At noon a big birthday dinner with all the trimmings was enjoyed by the following: Mr. and Mrs. John L. Blair, Mr. and Mrs. Hayden Blair, Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Blair, Max, Peggy and Shirley, Mrs. Rita Faye Reeves, Eddie Joe, Patricia, Linda and Glenda, Mrs. Leon Phillips and Danny, all of Leveland; Mr. and Mrs. Roy H. Matthews, Pyote; Major and Mrs. Russell T. Blair, Judy and Brenda, San Antonio; Mr. and Mrs. Riley Whisenhunt, Jim and Janice, Mr. and Mrs. Cramer Reynolds, Jerry, Jackie and Tommy, all of Merkel, and Oris Reynolds, Lubbock.

In the afternoon the fellowship of all present was enjoyed and pictures were made of the honoree and many of the guests.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our deepest gratitude to our neighbors for plowing our land, for the generous donations that were given us by Merkel people and Merkel communities. We want to thank everybody who have been so kind to us in every way.

May God bless each of you.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Hudson.

NEWS ABOUT TOWN

Mrs. Harry Firstbrook of Dallas spent last week-end with her sister, Mrs. Roy Largent.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Boney and Annette visited last week-end with Rev. and Mrs. Joe Allen and family.

Bob Reynolds of May has returned home after visiting with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Reynolds.

Wayne McLean, student at Cisco Junior College, spent the week-end with his grandmother, Mrs. J. A. Milliken.

Pfc. Bobby Dubose has landed in Shaftesbury, England, according to a letter received here by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Dubose.

D. C. Johnson of Texarkana and Mrs. W. P. Billingsley of Wichita Falls visited last week with Mrs. J. T. Johnson and Delia Kuykendall.

Lon McDonald, Oris Reynolds and Sue Mayfield, students at Texas Technological College, were home last week-end visiting their parents.

Mrs. Earl Stanford, Marie Levech and Jimmy spent the week-end in Midland with their son and brother, Jack Stanford and Mrs. Stanford.

Sgt. and Mrs. Robert Tom Hodge of Lake Charles, Louisiana are here visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. T. Hodge and C. W. Edwards of Trent.

Mrs. Edna Horton and Sonja Sue spent the week-end with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Nutt and little grand daughter, Pamela Ann.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sheppard and sons, Rodney and Billy Mack of Big Spring were week-end guests in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Judd Sheppard.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Largent, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Largent and Mr. and Mrs. Willie Joe Largent spent three days last week in San Antonio attending the stock show.

Mr. and Mrs. Lecl White and J. C. White spent last week-end with their sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Johnston of Santo. They also visited friends in Mineral Wells.

J. C. White of Sacramento, California returned home Wednesday after a two weeks visit with Mr. and Mrs. Lecl White and family and Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Sanders and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Richie had all their children home last week-end. They were Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Winter, Liberal, Kansas; Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Richie and son,

Gary, Wichita Falls; Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Richie and children, Gerald, Linda Kay and Freddie, Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Seago spent last week-end in Stanton with their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Seago.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Thornton had as their guests last week-end Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Cramer of Fort Worth. The Thorntons and Cramers were old time friends and neighbors for many years in Fort Worth.

Cpl. Ernest Reynolds of March Air Base, California is home on a two week's furlough visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Reynolds and other relatives. After his furlough he will report for active duty.

Religious Week At H-S.U. March 3 to 7

Vance Havner, traveling preacher, teacher and writer, will conduct evangelistic services during Religious Focus Week at Hardin-Simmons University, March 3-7. Truett Sheriff, director of H-SU religious activities, has announced.

Dr. Havner will be one of a team of 12 spiritual leaders from over the nation who will visit the campus. Campus activities for the week will be focused on the role of religion in professional, social and collegiate life.

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children, Doris who is in the 8th grade and Troy who is in the 5th grade and both now entered in the Merkel school.

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TWO ROOM house for rent. Mrs. I. Vancil in charge. 1tp

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FOR SALE—Dining room suite. See Mrs. Robert Malone, 102 Ash. Phone 26. 1tc

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JACK COX of Stephens County.

For State Senator
STERLING WILLIAMS

For Sheriff
R. H. (BOB) ROSS

For Commissioner, Precinct No. 2
CHAS. ORR
RUFE TITTLE (re-election)

For Justice of the Peace,
Mrs. N. D. COBB.

For Constable, Precinct 5,
LUTHER L. LAND.

For Commissioner Precinct No. 4,
Jones Precinct
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FOR SALE

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THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF TAYLOR

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF THOMAS SHORT, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original letters of administration upon the estate of Thomas Short deceased were granted to me, the undersigned on the 4 day of Feb 1952, by the County Court of Taylor County. All persons having claims against said estate at same to me within the time prescribed by law. My residence at post office address are 893 Cedar Street, Abilene, County of Taylor state of Texas.

PERCY MAYFIELD
Administrator of Estate of Thomas Short, Deceased.

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Star H-SU Player Turns Pro; To Play With Washington

Frank (Dunny) Goode, all-Border Conference halfback for the Hardin-Simmons University Cowboys, has signed with the professional Washington Redskins. Last season Goode was the nation's second best ground gainer with 1399 yards. He was 20th in total offense with the same number of yards, sixth in scoring with 14 touchdowns for 84 points, and 15th in pass receiving with 37 catches good for 412 yards.

Sixth Grade Class Elects New Officers

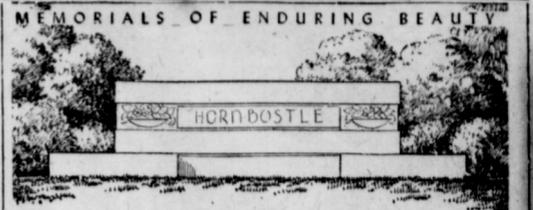
Mrs. Johnny Cox's sixth grade class met Monday to elect officers. The class elects new officers every month, so each pupil will

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Officers elected were: De Lois Reese, president; Linda Winter, vice-president; Tommy Standard, secretary; Johnny Young, policeman; Mena Lou Stallo, reporter.

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LIBBY'S No. 2 Tomato Juice 2 cans 25c

OUR VALUE No. 1 TOMATOES 3 cans 29c

OUR VALUE Green Beans 2 cans 25c

MORTON'S — LAST WEEK Salad Dressing pint 20c

SNOWDRIFT 3 lbs. 75c WITH COUPON



FRESH GREEN ONIONS bunch 5c

FRESH JUMBO LETTUCE head 12c

SUNKIST LEMONS dozen 23c

FRESH CABBAGE lb. 3c

FRESH CARROTS cello 13c

FRESH TOMATOES lb. 15c

FRESH NEW POTATOES lb. 8c

FRESH GREEN BEANS lb. 23c

FLORIDA ORANGES lb. 5c

We Reserve the Right to Limit Quantities

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