

Revival Starts Sunday Morning At Baptist Church

An eight-day spring revival begins Sunday morning, March 30, at the First Baptist Church of Merkel. The pastor, Glen Braswell, will preach. Roland Whatley who accepted the call as music director will lead the gospel singing. Services will be conducted daily, Monday through Friday, 10 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

The public is invited and urged to attend.

Several cottage prayer meetings have already been conducted in various parts of the community.

Saturday night there will be an all-night prayer meeting beginning at 8 p. m. and closing at 8 a. m. on Sunday.

The Sunday School and Training Union organizations are seeking to reach their enrollments in attendance on the two Sundays of the revival.

Sunday morning the pastor will preach on "Backsliding, What The Bible Says About It." Sunday night the subject will be "Little Sins."

Baptist Church Hears New Music Director Sunday

Rowland Whatley has accepted the call as music director of the First Baptist Church. Mr. Whatley is 29 years old, married and has one daughter, four years old, named Margaret Yvonne.

He is a sophomore at Hardin-Simmons University at Abilene, majoring in music. Mr. Whatley is from Louisiana but before coming here Mr. and Mrs. Whatley were located in Albuquerque, N. Mex.

Mr. Whatley will be in charge of the entire musical program of the church here. He will arrange for any special music at the church said the Rev. Glen Braswell, pastor.

Last Sunday he sang for the first time as regular music director, led the choir and sang one solo, "When Jesus Comes." Mr. Whatley has a splendid tenor voice.

Clint Kapus Is Here Tues. Taking Pictures Of Merkel Show

Clint Kapus, staff photographer of the Abilene Reporter-News, was here Tuesday night, taking pictures of the Lions Club Minstrel. Mr. Kapus was accompanied by his wife and daughter Mackey.

City Election Will Be Held in Merkel On Tuesday, April 1

The city election will be held in Merkel on Tuesday, April 1. The voting hours are from 8 a. m. to 6 p. m. The voting place is at the City Hall.

The citizens will vote for three aldermen. Those who have filed are B. T. Sublett for re-election, Fred Starbuck and Grif Barnett.

A quiet election is anticipated as there is no opposition. Unless there are names written in the candidates will be elected.

WEEK-END VISITORS

Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Farmer and son, Ronnie of Galveston spent the week-end with his relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Murry Farmer.

J. Hamp Campbell Comes to Merkel, Works Oxen as Mail Is Published

Last week The Mail published the story of its 63rd anniversary. On Saturday a man came into the newspaper office and said that he remembered when The Mail was first issued. He is J. Hamp Campbell, Route 4. Mr. Campbell came in to renew his subscription to The Mail.

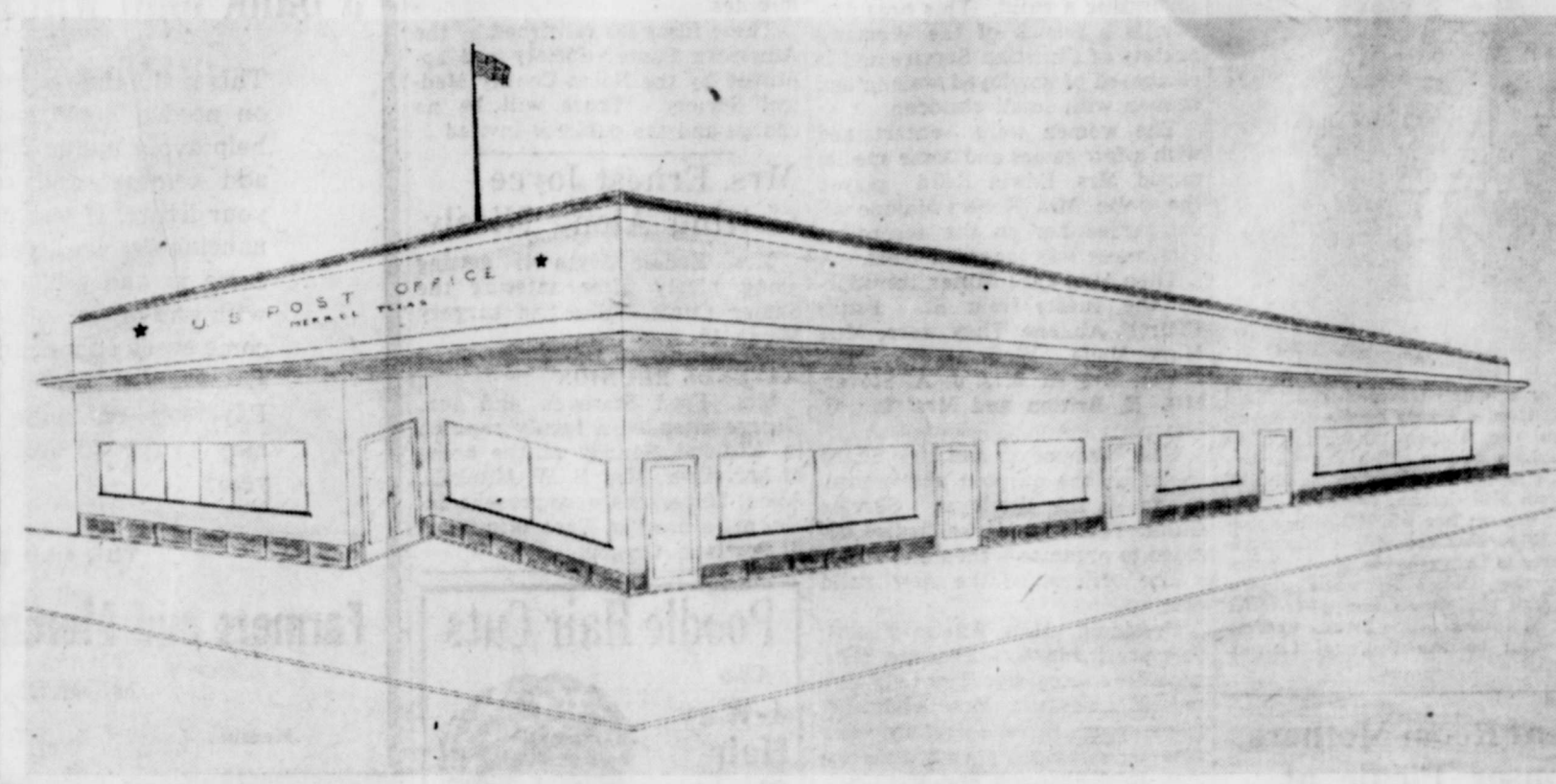
He is 80 years old. He was born October 11, 1872.

Mr. Campbell carries his age nicely. And his hearing is good and his conversation quick.

"Yes," he answered in reply to a question, "I've been taking the paper ever since there has been a Merkel Mail, when 'Mary Jane' was first published the paper.

"I came here October 1, 1886," he continued without hesitation. "I came here on horseback from

Here Is How Merkel's New Postoffice Will Look



Above is Architect Billy Joe White's drawing of the Merkel Post Office, that is now being erected at North Second and Kent. The building was started only a short time ago but speed is being made in putting it up. By yesterday the outside walls were almost complete and the next step was to finish the fire walls.

Use New Process Of Salt Water Flooding In Area

A new process in increasing oil flow in old wells is being used here now with great success. Salt water flooding is the new method employed.

The Geochemical Surveys drilled a deep salt water well a few weeks ago southeast of town in the Gibson Lime Stone Unit and the water is being used according to the new process. As the water is forced into old oil wells that have been pumping for several years it increases production to some extent and greatly adds to their permanency.

This method is being used on the Dee Moore well and on two of W. D. Curb's wells, as key wells, in an effort to raise production.

Wimberly Associates, Dave Tarpley No. 11, Piland Drilling Co., in the Sixth Community is being completed in the Gunsight. It is an offset to the I. N. Burton.

Geochemical Surveys T. D. Compton No. 3 is being completed in the lower Strawn.

D-H-H Drilling Company of Abilene moved their rig on their T. C. Allen No. 1 location, 6 miles northeast of Merkel and started drilling Wednesday. Slotted depth is 3,300 feet with rotary.

Rain Here Starts Falling Thursday

Rain fell here Thursday and everyone was happy and wore a big smile. . . and hoped that it would continue for a long time. The rain began about 4 a. m., and was still falling in the afternoon. Local observers in the street estimated the rainfall by noon Thursday as around one-fourth of an inch.

A little sleet fell at the noon hour.

A 55-mile an hour duster cut visibility to zero here Saturday night. Looking west on the highway the dust looked like a black massive wall. The electric lights went out for a moment.

A trace of rain, a teaser, fell Wednesday noon and at 6 p. m.

VISIT RELATIVES SUNDAY

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Daniel spent Sunday in Fort Worth, visiting an aunt, Mrs. H. M. Newsom.

Erath County, Merkel, as I remember it, was then a wide place in the road. There was only one store here. Abilene . . . well, Abilene was just a small town. There has been great changes since then."

Mr. Campbell began farming with oxen. He raised cotton and sorghum and some wheat that made better than now, he remarked. There was not a church in town at that early day. All preaching was done at the school house.

"How about the people," he was asked, "were they as friendly as they are today?"

"Yes," replied Mr. Campbell, quickly, "they were friendly, just as friendly as they are today. They were mostly cowpunchers."

Literary Meeting Will be Saturday

The annual District 7-A Texas Interscholastic League Literary activities will be held here Saturday. The contests will take place in the elementary building and the high school building, announced Supt. Mack Fisher.

The schools that will participate are from Colorado City, Hamlin, Roby, Roscoe, Rotan, Snyder, Reagan Junior High of Sweetwater and Merkel.

The schedule of events follows: 9 to 10 a. m., declamation, ready writers and typewriting.

10 to 11 a. m., extemporaneous speech and shorthand.

11 to 12 noon, spelling and number sense.

Bad Check Artist Is Quickly Stalled And as Quickly Arrested in Merkel

A man tried to pass a bad check on John R. West Saturday afternoon but ended up getting arrested.

The Negro, accompanied by another one, came up to Mr. West and asked for a carton of cigarettes. In payment he offered a \$25 check signed with the name of Nolan Palmer. Mr. West immediately saw that the signature was forged.

"Who gave you the check?" asked Mr. West.

"Nolan Palmer," replied the man.

"I'll have to check up," said Mr. West.

We went to the phone. As he

48 Valuable Prizes Are Being Offered In Folger's Contest by Local Stores

The Campbell Grocery and Market and the Carson Grocery and Market are having a Folger's guessing contest. It will be held this week, starting today and ending tomorrow.

Forty-eight prizes in all are to be given away at the two stores. Each store has a mass display of Folger's Coffee. Each person may observe the number of pounds in the display and register his estimate. He may do this at each store and win at each store. There is nothing to buy and he does not have to be present to receive an award.

Among the prizes at each store

Spring Revival Starts Sunday At Hebron Church

Hebron Missionary Baptist Church will begin its spring revival March 30 and end April 6. The Rev. Riley Fugitt, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Baird, will be the visiting evangelist. Services will be daily at 10:30 a. m., and 7:30 p. m. The Rev. Ralph Caffey is the local pastor.

Reveals Names Of Safety Group For This Region

The Texas Safety Association has revealed the names of those who will serve from this region as its officers during the forthcoming year, according to Bill Braymer, Lone Star Gas Company, Abilene, regional vice president for TSA. They are as follows:

Regional director for industrial safety — E. C. Pendery, Humble Oil and Refining Company, Abilene; Regional Director for School Safety — J. H. (Bob) Nail, Abilene; Regional Director for Traffic Safety — W. E. Fraley, Fraley and Company, Abilene; Executive Committee — J. Walter Hammond, Texas Farm Bureau Federation, Tye.

In announcing the new slate of officers, Mr. Braymer made an appeal to all Texans in this area to support these men in every way possible. He said, "These individuals, although busy men, are giving generously of their time without remuneration other than the hope that they will be contributing to the safety and welfare of other Texans. Support them in this worthy cause. Help make Texas a safe place in which to live and work."

Vanlandingham Announces For Job of Constable

James Edwin Vanlandingham has authorized The Mail to announce his candidacy for the office of constable, precinct 5, subject to the action of the Democratic primary July 28.

Mr. Vanlandingham is 33 years old, has lived here all his life and served five years in the Army, before and during World War II. He saw service in the South Pacific.

His parents are Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Vanlandingham, Route 1, Merkel.

Mr. Vanlandingham stated that he has always been a Democrat and will appreciate the vote and cooperation of the voters.

Inter-Church Council Will Meet Monday At 1st. Baptist Church

The Inter-Church Council will meet at 3 p. m., Monday, March 31, at the First Baptist church.

FORMER MAIL EDITOR

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Durham of Clovis, New Mexico, are here this week visiting his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Wren Durham and old friends, Mr. Durham owned the Merkel Mail in 1920-1929.

AND THE FACE OF EDITOR WHITE IS RED!

Monday of last week it rained. Tuesday Editor Hy White was working hard and he looked out the window. He saw the street filled with water. He yelled, "It's raining!" Mrs. I. M. Bookman rushed to the door and took one glance. "No, it's not," she remarked with a broad smile. "That's the firemen practicing."

REA Co-operative Annual Meeting To Be Held April 3

The annual membership meeting of the Taylor Electric Cooperative and the Taylor Refrigeration Co-operative will be held Thursday, April 3, at the high school gymnasium.

Registration, display of electrical appliances and an amateur talent contest will start at 10 a. m. The business meeting will begin at 2 p. m.

The contest is in three divisions: vocal, instrumental and short skit. The vocal contest will consist of solos, duets, trios and quartets.

The important part of the business meeting will be the election of directors for the coming year. The nominating committee has named the following for re-election for electric cooperative directors: H. R. Roberts, Sam Butman, Jr., C. F. Hill, U. S. Akins, J. J. Anderson, O. S. Moore, Oma Thomas Elmo Jones and Comer Haynes; for Taylor Refrigeration Cooperative directors: H. R. Roberts, U. S. Akins, Sam Butman, Jr., J. J. Anderson and Comer Haynes.

Lester F. Dorton, manager, stated that he expected over 1,000 persons at the annual meeting. There will be attendance prizes. Zeke Williams and His Band will play from 12:30 p. m. to 1:30 p. m.

The REA territory covered by this project includes: Taylor, Callahan, Nolan, Jones, Shackelford and Fisher Counties. The Electric REA and Refrigeration Coops have about 3,500 members, said Manager Dorton.

Those who served on the nominating committee for the Electric Cooperative were: J. E. Manly, chairman, Paul Copeland, A. H. McElmurray, Jarrett Pinkley, G. L. Clark, Dewell McLean, E. J. Cooley, and J. A. Cook.

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Merkel 20 Years Ago

TAKEN FROM THE 1932 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL

REORGANIZE BOY SCOUTS

Preliminary steps looking to the reorganization of the two Boy Scout Troops in Merkel were taken Monday night at a meeting of business men at the Methodist Church here. More than 40 attended the session.

PLANS TAX COLLECTIONS

The city council issued a statement stating that there were \$23,000 in delinquent taxes. Some of these are taxes due for the year 1931. Most of them are due for years prior to 1931. April 1 has been set as a time limit within which time no penalty or interest will be collected on 1931 taxes if paid prior to that date.

TO HOLD SUNRISE SERVICE

In keeping with the custom, begun two years ago, Abilene Commandery No. 27, Knights Templar, will again celebrate Easter with a sunrise service to be held next Sunday morning at 6:34 o'clock at the Simmons University athletic stadium.

MOVES BAKERY

Having leased the building belonging to the John Sears Estate adjoining the Farmers State Bank, Allen McGehee is preparing to move the Merkel Dandy Bakery to that location at an early date.

REPORTS SCHOOL CENSUS

Carl Black reported that he has already enumerated 610 in the school census. Last year there were 559. This shows an increase of 60 pupils. The enrollment at the high school has now passed the 200 mark. This is the second time in the history of the Merkel School that the enrollment in the high school has reached 200. The other

This Happened in Merkel Forty Years Ago

TAKEN FROM THE 1912 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL

S. P. Miller of Dallas visited his sister, Mrs. W. H. Dickson, this week.

Junior League Program: Leader, Robert Nesbit; Eph. 4:32, Frank Armstrong; Rom. 12:16, Howard Laney; Matt. 5:48, Roy Moore, James 1:22, Loring Hamblet; Gal. 6:7, Deverle Johnson; Ps. 31:25, Jim Lawliss; Matt. 24:44, Elbert Touchstone; Mark 5:36, Merle Burroughs; Rev. 2:10, Jack Clements; benediction, Charley Lofton.

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VISITING IN OLD MEXICO

Mr. and Mrs. Norman T. Hodge are away on a vacation visiting in Mexico City, Mexico. They expect to be gone three weeks.

TO GO TO LEAGUE

The following are winners to go to the Taylor County League, announced Miss Lucy Tracy, in charge of dramatics: Declamation, seniors, Annie Lee Owen, Van Roberts; juniors, Betye Lou Grimes, Robert Grimes, Jr.; extemporaneous speaking, Imogene Middleton, Jas. H. West, Jr.; debate — boys: Ross Ferrier, Jr., Mardell Shouse; girls: Lucille Campbell, Duncan Briggs.

ESAY WRITING, WALTERINE HUSKEY, MEYER MELLINGER, SENIOR

spelling, Lucille Campbell, Nell Hughes. Cast of one-act play: Frances Marie Church, Ida Mae Derstine, Albert Cade.

BAPTIST REVIVAL SUNDAY

The Rev. J. T. King announced that a revival will start next Sunday at the Baptist church. The Rev. Ross A. Smith of Breckenridge will do the preaching.

TO COMPLETE POST OFFICE

The new brick building to house the post office will probably be completed by Saturday night.

PRAISE MERKEL SCHOOLS

The supervisor of educational work for the Texas fire insurance department at Austin visited here and reported that fire prevention is being taught quite effectively in the Merkel schools.

MISS OLA POPE WAS A VISITOR TO ABILENE WEDNESDAY.

Mr. and Mrs. Sid Criswell were Abilene visitors Saturday.

G. W. WILSON, THE POSTMASTER OF INKUM, WAS A BUSINESS CALLER TO OUR OFFICE SATURDAY.

Oscar Ash came in from Gorman Tuesday for a visit with relatives before returning to work.

JUDGE T. A. BLEDSOE HANDED US A DOLLAR FOR THE CAUSE AND COMPLIMENTED US ON THE CONDITION OF THE MERKEL COUNTRY, THE MAIL COMING FOR ITS SHARE OF THE HONOR.

SOCIETY

MONA MADOLYN ROBERTSON, BRIDE-ELECT IS HONORED WITH AFTERNOON TEA

The lovely home of Mrs. W. H. Bullock was the setting for a tea Wednesday afternoon in honor of Miss Mona Madolyn Robertson, bride-elect of Dwan Jones, who will exchange nuptial vows April 12 in the First Baptist Church. Approximately 300 invitations were extended with calling hours from 4 to 6 o'clock.

The hostess group was composed of Mesdames Paul West, T. J. Bird, W. T. Sadler, Johnny Cox, Earl Baze and W. H. Bullock.

Mrs. Bullock headed the receiving line and presented Miss Robertson, her mother, Mrs. Clyde Bartlett, and the bridegroom-elect's mother, Mrs. Odie Jones. Mrs. Byers Petty and Mrs. Brandon Wade registered guests.

The honoree wore a bouffant gown of tulle in dream blue and a corsage of gardenias, which was presented her by the hostesses.

Mrs. Carroll Benson and Miss Carolyn Lassiter presided at the tea table which was laid with blue net over white satin, with tea appointments in silver and centered with a beautiful floral arrangement of calla lilies in a silver urn. Assisting in serving were Misses Ann Booth, Carol Sue Dunagin, Dinky Roberts and Laurel Sherrell.

Mrs. Horace Boney and Miss Bobby June Riney said goodbyes. The hostess gift to Miss Robertson was a beautiful sauce boat in her chosen pattern.

HONORED ON BIRTHDAY

Friends and relatives gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Shugart Wednesday night to help Mrs. Shugart celebrate her 44th



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birthday. A delicious dinner was served at 7 o'clock p. m. After games were played Mrs. Shugart was presented with a number of nice gifts.

Those present were Mrs. Clayton Doan and children, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Brown and Glenn, Janice Shugart, Emma Lois Heatley, Margaret Witcher and Dwan Shugart.

STUDY CLUB HOLDS INTERESTING MEETING

With the president, Mrs. H. C. West, presiding the Fortnightly Study Club held a most interesting meeting at the Community Center Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. W. T. Sadler was hostess.

Mrs. Andy Shouse and Mrs. Vincent Barnett charmed those in attendance with their singing of three lovely songs. Their accompanist was Mrs. Norman Winter.

Mrs. Elma McFarland gave an interesting talk on the "Phantom Negro," mentioning especially the great work being done for his race by George Schuyler, editor of the fine Negro paper, The Pittsburg Courier.

Mrs. Grif Barnett's talk was on the "Forgotten Mexican" and the discrimination too often shown them in our country. Her talk also brought out some of the advantages they now enjoy as Americans.

Mrs. Judd McReynolds had as her subject, "Indian Truths — You Asked About the Indian." She surprised her hearers by telling of the Indians who live in Texas and of their educational and other advantages they enjoy.

Through the generosity of the Study Club members six of the underprivileged children now attending Merkel schools will be assured of receiving a good hot lunch every day for a month at the school cafeteria. Their contribution of cash is sufficient to cover the cost of a meal ticket for six for 30 days.

At the next meeting on April 3 the club members and guests are assured of a real treat. The entertainment will be supplied by the students from foreign countries who are attending the colleges in Abilene. There is no doubt this will prove one of the most interesting meetings of the club year. The members so believe and as a consequence have invited their husbands as special guests.

The meeting Tuesday was largely attended by the membership, and by Mrs. Vincent Barnett, who was an invited guest.

HUMMING BIRD CLUB

The Humming Bird Club met Monday for their regular meeting. Sue Carr resigned as club vice-president and Dana Durham was elected to take her place. Roll call was answered with "My Favorite Book I Have Read."



For a widely-worned 1952 Mail of Cotton, a sports outfit borrowed from the Italian, interpreted in American cotton. Miss Pat Mullarkey, chooses this Stanley Wilkins of Beacon Hill design, for her leisure moments on her 65,000-mile goodwill tour. The versatile turtle neck sweater is in washable black cotton knit, the dickey in white cotton knit and the shorts and go-to-town shirt in ambra solare bronze denim, according to the National Cotton Council.

Trent Room Mothers Sponsor Picnic at Creek Bridge Tuesday

The room mothers of the senior class of the Trent High School sponsored a picnic Tuesday night at the Sweetwater Creek bridge.

Those attending were the room mothers, the seniors and guests. The room mothers were Mesdames Ola Beasley, Lesley Beasley, Ben Butman, Finus Cade, Fred Horton, Richard Scott. The seniors were Louise Royal, Peggy Horton, Patricia Beasley, Weldon Beasley, Bill Scott, Tommy Scott, Bill Butman, Corkey Strubling, Jerry Cade.

Guests of the seniors were: Sylvia June Taylor, Morene Richardburg, Van Graham, all of Teah; Maxine Kerns, Paula Bookman, Vernel McLean, all of Merkel; Ruth Ann Jones, of Sweetwater; Pfc. Bobby J. Graham, of Biggs Air Force Base, El Paso.

BLUEBONNET H. D. CLUB

The regular meeting of the Bluebonnet Home Demonstration Club was held at the home of Mrs. Allen King.

Miss Loreta Allen, the County Home Demonstration agent, gave a demonstration on quick cakes and icings. A white cake mix in two layers with seven-minute icing was baked and a discussion on the texture was discussed after which the hostess served the delicious cake with punch to the following: Mrs. Kenneth Ray, who was a visitor, Miss Loreta Allen and Mesdames Pat Trammell, Euel Ray, Frank Bronovak, Ford Butman, Frase Demere and Tom Russom.

The next meeting will be held April 1 with Mrs. Adrian Farmer.

UNION RIDGE H. D. CLUB

The Union Ridge Home Demonstration club met in the home of Mrs. W. C. Lee last Friday.

The meeting opened with the group singing "Sing Your Way Home" and "Song of Peace," followed by a prayer given by Mrs. W. J. Hayes.

Mrs. Gordon Pursley, president, presided over the business session and roll call was answered with "My Favorite Flowers." Miss Mabel McRee gave the council report and Mrs. Kenneth Pee gave the treasury report. Pals were revealed and names drawn.

A delicious refreshment plate was served to two visitors, W. J. Hayes and Mrs. R. L. Proctor, and the following members: Mesdames Gordon Pursley, Wynona Scroggins, O. E. Harwell, M. L. Douglas, Kenneth Pee, Denzel Cox, Clyde Newton, J. H. Clark, Geo. Crow, Bufford Buntin, W. C. Lee and Miss Mabel McRee.

The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Geo. Crow.

VISITS IN EULA

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Randolph and family spent the week-end at Eula, visiting relatives.

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Local Ladies Form Wesleyan Service Guild on Tuesday

A Wesleyan Service Guild has been organized here.

At 8 p. m., Tuesday a party was held in the lovely home of Mrs. John Shannon for the purpose of organizing a guild. This organization is a branch of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and is composed of employed women and women with small children.

The women were entertained with a few games and some special music. Mrs. Edwin Read played the violin. Mrs. Robert Malone accompanied her on the accordion. The music was indeed a treat.

Then Mrs. Jack Miller introduced the guests from St. Paul's Church, Abilene. They were: Miss Mary Mauw Wedemeyer, Miss Jewell Everett, Mrs. J. A. Stover, Mrs. E. Britton and Mrs. L. C. Sharp.

Miss Wedemeyer and Mrs. Sharp spoke on the purpose and organization of the Wesleyan Service Guild. Then the Merkel ladies decided to organize—then and there. The officers of the new guild are:

President, Miss Adelle Elkins, vice president, Mrs. Tommie Ellis, recording secretary, Miss Lela Patterson; treasurer, Mrs. Alvin Lemens; promotional secretary, Miss Annette Johnson; co-ordinators, Mrs. John Shannon and Mrs. Jack Miller of the W. S. C. S.

The new guild voted to meet every first and third Mondays at 8 p. m. Their first meeting will be April 7 in the home of Mrs. Woodrow Wilson.

Very delicious refreshments, consisting of chicken salad sandwiches, cookies, olives, mints hot and iced tea were served to the following:

Misses Lela Patterson, Annette Newton, Annette Johnson, Betty Jane Tuttle, Adelle Elkins, Gladys Newton, Mary Collins.

Mesdames Edwin Read, Johnny Cox, Ralph Russell, Cyrus Pee, R. M. Ferguson, Earl Hughes, Griffith Barnett, Brandon Wade, Homer Patterson, Clesby Patterson, Woodrow Wilson, Alvin Lemens, Holt Vaughn, Andy Shouse, Paul Honeycutt, Ben R. Hicks, Tommy Ellis, Robert Malone, Fred Starbuck, Spencer Bird, Ruth Cox and guests, Misses Wedemeyer, Jewell Everett, Mesdames J. A. Stover, E. Britton and L. C. Sharp, Abilene.

Hostesses were Mesdames John Shannon, Jack Miller and Hugh Hart.

Announces Name of 1st Place Winner in Safety Contest

Bill Braymer, Lone Star Gas Company, Abilene, regional vice president for the Texas Safety Association announced the first place award winner for Region 3 in the \$1 Individual Driver Safety Contest. He is D. L. Carlson of Colorado City.

Mr. Braymer said, "It is our sincere hope that all firms, and cities, in Region 3 will see fit to participate in this award program. Although these are contests, they are also a means by which a firm or a city might appraise itself each year as to what its accomplishments are as far as safety is concerned."

Uses Milk To Put Out School Fire

A milkman who poured his dairy products onto a fire was credited with saving a schoolhouse from destruction.

Bugene Anderson dumped the contents of his milk cans onto a fire which destroyed a church in suburban Lockport Sunday. When the milk supply was exhausted Anderson was joined by neighbors who filled the cans with water which they poured on the fire. Their efforts kept a nearby schoolhouse from igniting.

Offer Summer Jobs To Teach Navy Men

Want to teach this summer? The Navy needs qualified naval reserve officers and enlisted personnel not on active duty to teach a reserve officer candidate class for eight weeks during the summer.

The "ROTC" students are college men and women who perform the navy part of their training during their summer vacations from their studies. Men will train at a naval activity on the west coast, and the women at Bainbridge, Md., naval training center.

VISITS IN ARKANSAS

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle King of Hamlin, Mrs. Lena King and daughter, Hortence Reeder and Mrs. Ella Neeb visited their mother and uncle, H. H. Hobbs of Rogers, Ark., last week. Mr. Hobbs has been in the hospital there and will return later for surgery. Mrs. King will remain in Arkansas for a longer visit.

"The Doctor Speaks His Mind" Will Be Film at Trent P.T.A.

Two films, "The Doctor Speaks His Mind" and "The Traitor Within," will be shown at the Trent High School at 8 p. m., today, Friday. The show is sponsored by the Trent P. T. A. and will last 45 minutes.

These films are furnished by the American Cancer Society and approved by the Nolan County Medical Society. There will be no charge and the public is invited.

Mrs. Ernest Joyce Getting Along Nicely

Mrs. Ernest Joyce is getting along nicely after entering the Sadler Clinic. She had surgery March 15.

ATTENDS REUNION

Mrs. Fred Starbuck and son, George attended a family reunion in Midland Sunday at the home of her sister, Mrs. B. W. Mitchell. About 20 persons were present, including a brother, Theo Windham, of Portland, Oregon.

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Policeman Probes Accident, Finds It's His Own Car

John Harris, known here as J. H., who is now in the Canal Zone, sent his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harris, the following story, which appeared in a local paper there:

A Pedro Miguel policeman was surprised this morning when he answered an accident call to find out the car involved was his own. After reaching the scene of the accident on Gaillard Highway near Paraiso Hill, Policeman John Harris discovered his own jeep in a badly damaged condition. Then he realized what had happened. Earlier in the morning he had given permission to two young men to borrow it. David McIlhenny of Balboa, who has a driver's license, was teaching his friend, Henry Cruz, of Panama, who had a learner's permit, to drive. Investigation of the case could not be made by Policeman Harris because the policy of the Canal Zone police is not to send a man

to investigate any incident involving his own family or property.

So another policeman took over and reported that the driver of the jeep, Cruz, lost control of the vehicle as he came speeding down Paraiso Hill, ran off to the right hand side of the road, traveled across the road and hit a bank on the other side.

Neither of the youths was injured. However, the jeep was towed into the Ancon Corral for repairs.

World War II Vets Repay Home Loans

World War II veterans already have repaid in full about \$1.5 billion in GI loans for homes, farms and businesses since the GI loan program went into effect nearly 8 years ago, Veterans Administration announced.

This represents almost 9 percent of the \$16.8 billion in GI loans closed to January 25, 1952, the latest date for which statistics are available.

In the number of loans repaid in full, the percentage is even greater. A total of 329,749 GI loans have been repaid in full, nearly 12 percent of the 2,837,651 GI loans closed.

"It's a Big Country" Brings Forgotten Man To Queen Theatre

The power of the press in a free democracy is touchingly demonstrated by Ethel Barrymore, George Murphy and Keenan Wynn in M-G-M's unusual picture, "It's a Big Country," coming to the Queen screen Tuesday and Wednesday.

Revealing a cross-section in the lives of rich and poor, immigrant and native-born, "It's a Big Country" shows America at work and at play.

Miss Barrymore is seen as Mrs. Riordan, an old lady who feels forgotten because she has been overlooked by the census takers. When she takes the matter up with George Murphy, managing editor of the city's leading newspaper, he makes a joke of it and sends cocky young reporter, Keenan Wynn, to call on Mrs. Riordan, representing himself as a census taker.

But when the old lady makes both the editor and reporter feel like complete heels, they make a crusade of correcting the census tally, with all the power of the press behind it.

Department Reports 655,000 Living Vets Of Korean Conflict

Veterans Administration announced the number of military personnel who have returned to civilian life as veterans since the Korean conflict started June 27, 1950. As of January 31, 1952, there were 655,000 living veterans with U. S. military service since the Korean conflict began. This is an average discharge rate of nearly 35,000 a month for the 19-month period.

Many of these since—Korea veterans also saw service during World War II.

Sailors Conduct Own Divine Services

Under a program initiated by the Navy to provide religious observances in the absence of a chaplain, more than 1,000 officers and enlisted laymen of all religious faiths are conducting divine services aboard ships of the U. S. fleet throughout the world.

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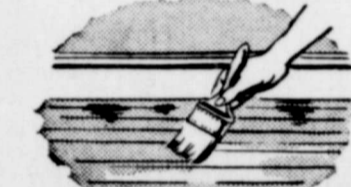
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A WORD OF GRATITUDE

The reception we have received here has been very kind. It has reinforced our first impression of Merkel. When we arrived here and walked down the street we were greeted by almost everyone and we felt how friendly the town was and realized that it would be a good place to live in, to labor in and to make our home.

After we were here a few days we found that this friendliness was not just on the surface but went deeper into the nature of the folks around here. It is truly the wide open spaces where the hearts of men are just as wide.

We could not list here all the help that we have received in putting out our first issue of the paper. Though we have owned two other weeklies and knew how to manage them, the beginning of a new paper is always filled with a great number of details that overwhelms one. And everyone has been most cooperative.

The Bookmans have been most gracious in their help. We believe that without them we would not have been able to get out our first paper. We are deeply thankful for them. Banker Booth Warren has been most kind in his wise advice which we have followed and for which we are most grateful. The schools have been very cooperative and we wish especially to thank Superintendent Mack Fisher for many courtesies.

And all those who work at the Mail did a wonderful job in seeing that the paper came out on time... and this includes the boys in the circulation department. To these and to everyone we are most grateful.

ABOUT THE WEATHER

Mark Twain once remarked that everyone talks about the weather but no one ever did anything about it. Of course he was talking in an age when they did not have rain makers. Now we do have them and we do try to do something about it.

Some places hire professional rain makers to bring the rain and other places just talk about the rain. But, being a newcomer, we have noted that Texans are always very careful what they say about the weather. We have noted that Texans are always ready for any kind of weather. In fact we have a good friend down in Karnes City, Texas, Banker Tom Ruckman, when he goes on a trip always wears a summer suit, carries an umbrella and has an overcoat along with him. He is prepared for any kind of weather.

We were going down the street the other day and the sun was shining and the air was balmy, and for the moment, the wind had stopped blowing and the dust seemed to be resting from its labors. We met a citizen of the town and we remarked that it was a nice day, just as we liked it. He said, "Yes, it is nice. But you can't tell what it will be another hour."

But what we were leading up to was the terrific winds and dust storms we have had since we moved in town. We have been told that it is unusual and that we arrived at the worst season

coming from Missouri, we are used to cyclones and tornadoes. We are used to mud. When we got the new one on us, it rained and blew the same time, and made us slip up in Missouri we slipped on our feet. But it seems that it is

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Former Merkel Resident Leads Boys Of Ropesville To Many Victories

The letter below was received by Johnny Cox from C. T. McCormick, vocational agriculture teacher, of Box 1, Ropesville. Mr McCormick, former Merkel resident, is the nephew of Andy Shouse. The letter follows:

We missed you at the show. We had a fine show. There were well over 200 animals entered. About 170 of these were hogs. There are nine FFA Chapters in this district and the 4-H Clubs.

The FFA Chapters are: Morton, Whiteface, Levelland, Sundown, Whitharral, Pettit, Smyer, Anton and Ropes. I am telling you all this first so you can see the kind of opposition we had.

My boys won everything in the hog division except the light Poland China, Heavy Hampshire and light Duroc — a 4-H boy from Ropes won the light Duroc.

We won heavy Duroc and Champion of the breed.

We won light Hampshire and Champion of the breed.

We won light and heavy Berkshire and Champion of the breed.

We won heavy Poland China, but lost champion of the breed.

We won light and heavy Spotted Poland China and Champion of the breed.

We won light and heavy O. I. C. and Champion of the breed.

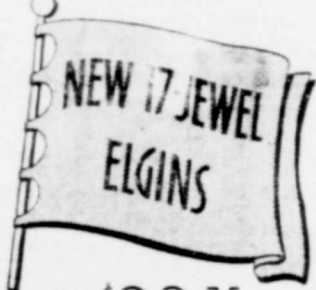
We won the crossbred class and champion of the breed with a Duroc-Berkshire cross. (He had no others in his class).

We won champion of breed in pen of three in Duroc, Hampshire, Poland China, Berkshire, and Chester White. (We had one pen of three Spotted Poland Chinas, but got the sifted and lost this one).

You see we had only the Champion Poland China against us in the class for grand champion. He got it. We showed the Reserve Grand Champion, a light Berkshire. Then, they sent back for the second Poland China after the Grand Champion was picked. I had a cinch on Reserve Grand Champion because all seven hogs in the ring were out of my chapter.

We had the grand and reserve champion pen of three, because we

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had them all (all first places in the show). The Berkshires won and the Poland Chinas were second.

We showed 19 O.I.C.'s. All of them came from your herd. I guess that is the first time I ever heard of that many hogs being in a show, and all from the same man. So, your hogs took first, second, third, and fourth in both the light and heavy classes. They took first, second, third and fourth pen of three.

We got quite a write-up in the Lubbock paper Saturday about winning nearly all the hog division.

I wish you could have been here and seen it. Anyway, you know how it came out.

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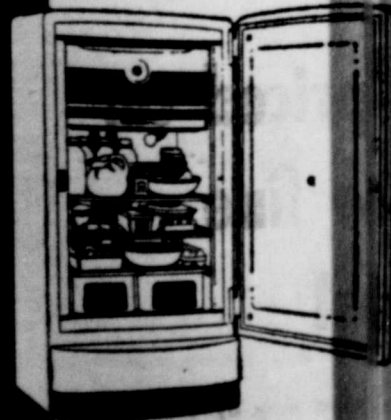
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Savage Blood-Baths Are Shown on Screen In New Queen Show

The days when tribal tomahawks and U. S. Cavalry carbines swept the plains in a savage blood-bath are recaptured in Columbia Pictures' "Indian Uprising," Edward Small production in Superintecolor, which appears Friday and Saturday at the Queen Theatre. The new film is the story of the great Apache rebellion led by Geronimo in 1885.

George Montgomery plays the leading role of "Indian Uprising," that of a cavalry captain who captures Geronimo and becomes friendly with him. The Apache chief signs a treaty which guarantees that Indian territory will be kept free from mercenary whites.

To insure that their treaty is upheld, the Apaches take matters into their own hands. Corrupt leaders of the miners organize a posse to cut down a group of Indians, and Montgomery orders his

soldiers to fire upon the posse. This is considered a shocking defense of the Indians above his fellow-whites, and the captain is placed under court-martial charges.

However, when the captain's successor and a whole cavalry company is trapped by Geronimo, the captain persuades the Indian chieftain to surrender peaceably without further bloodshed. The court-martial is dropped.

Wife Dies, Hears Her Call, He Dies

Mrs. Catherine Love, 65, died Friday. Today her husband, Howard, 70, told his two sons and five daughters:

"I hear your dear mother calling me." Then he collapsed and was

taken to a hospital, where he was pronounced dead on arrival. The hospital said he suffered an internal hemorrhage.

UNEMPLOYMENT IS LOWER
Local unemployed, currently estimated at 1,000 began stabilizing

during February. Initial claims accepted during February totaled 162 as compared with 245 accepted in January. A number of individuals presently unemployed will be called back to work by April, stated the Texas Employment Commission.

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 Sunday:
 Sunday School.....9:45 a. m.
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 Training Union.....6:45 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.

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.

Church of the Nazarene
 Services at the Merkel Church of the Nazarene are as follows:
 Sunday School.....10:00 a. m.
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 Evening Services.....7:30 p. m.
 Wednesday Prayer Service 7:30 p. m.

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 Sunday:
 Sunday School.....9:50 a. m.
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 M. Y. F.....6:30 p. m.
 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.

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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.

Tuesday:
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Wednesday:
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 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: WSCS3:00 p. m.

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

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

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.

Wednesday:
 Evening Prayer Services.....7:30 o'clock

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 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 Council2:00 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.

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.

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

Comper Baptist Church
 Sunday School.....10:00 a. m.
 Morning Worship, 2nd and 4th Sunday11:00 o'clock

Two Fellowships Awarded At T. U.

Two new chemical engineering fellowships for the 1952-53 school year have been established at the University of Texas by major industrial firms.

The Standard Oil Company has set up a \$1,250 grant plus tuition if

the recipient is ineligible for Servicemen's Readjustment Act benefits.

A \$1,400 fellowship for a student in his final year of study for a graduate degree has been established by Eastman Kodak Company. The award will be supplemented by any tuition and fees not covered by SRA benefits or University exemptions.

Local Band Members At Abilene Parade

About 35 of the Merkel High School Band members and Director Ralph Brady attended the Abilene High School Parade of Music concert Tuesday night of last week. They were guests of the Abilene Band.

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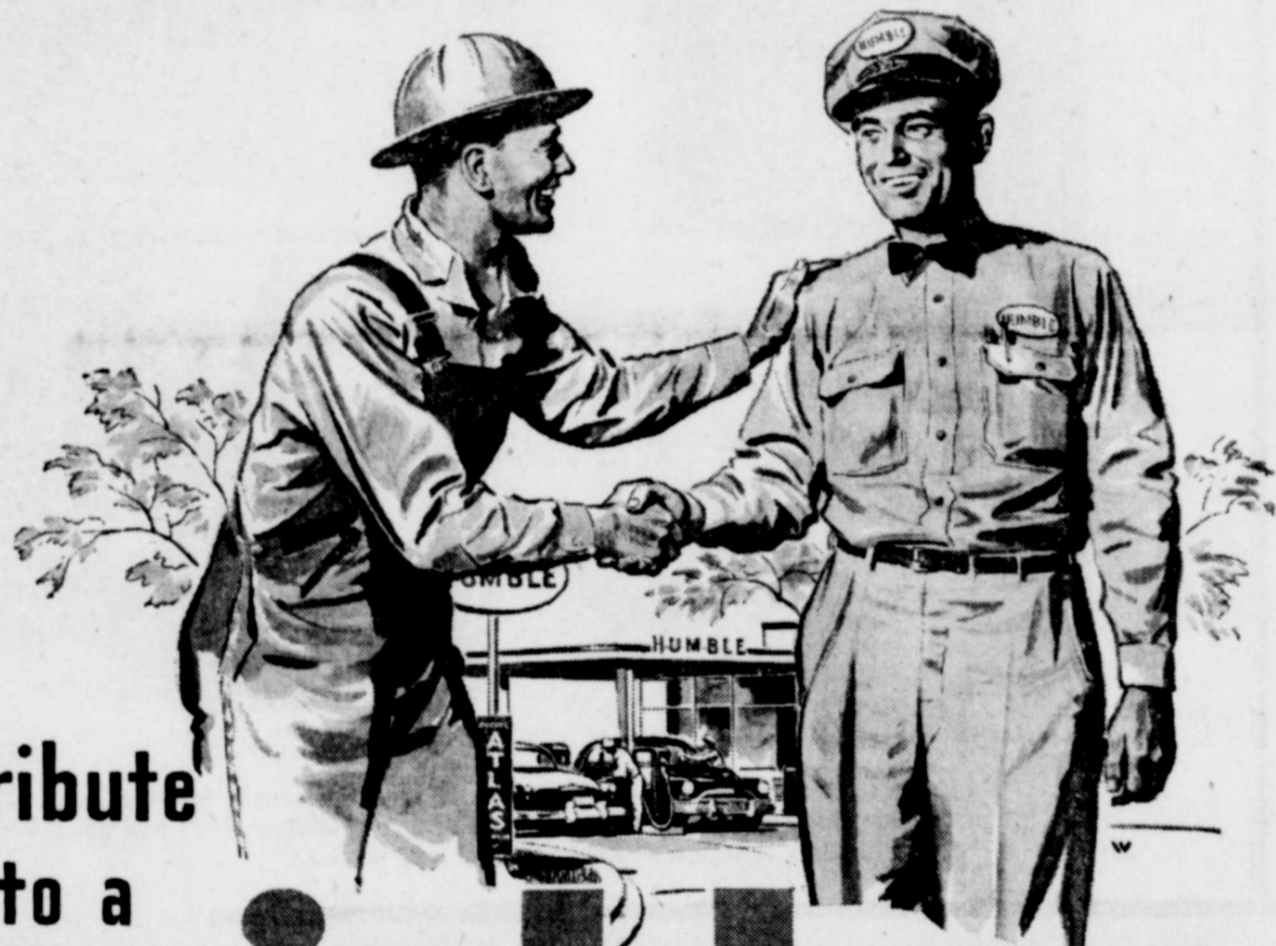
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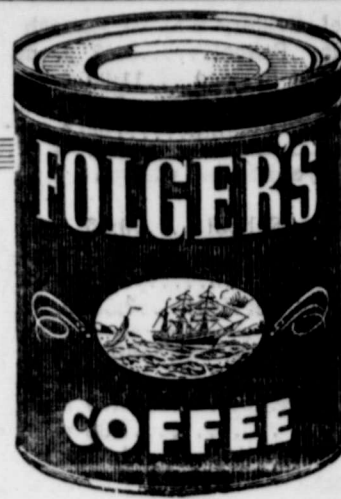
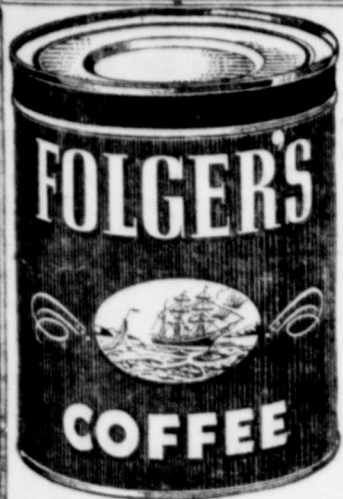
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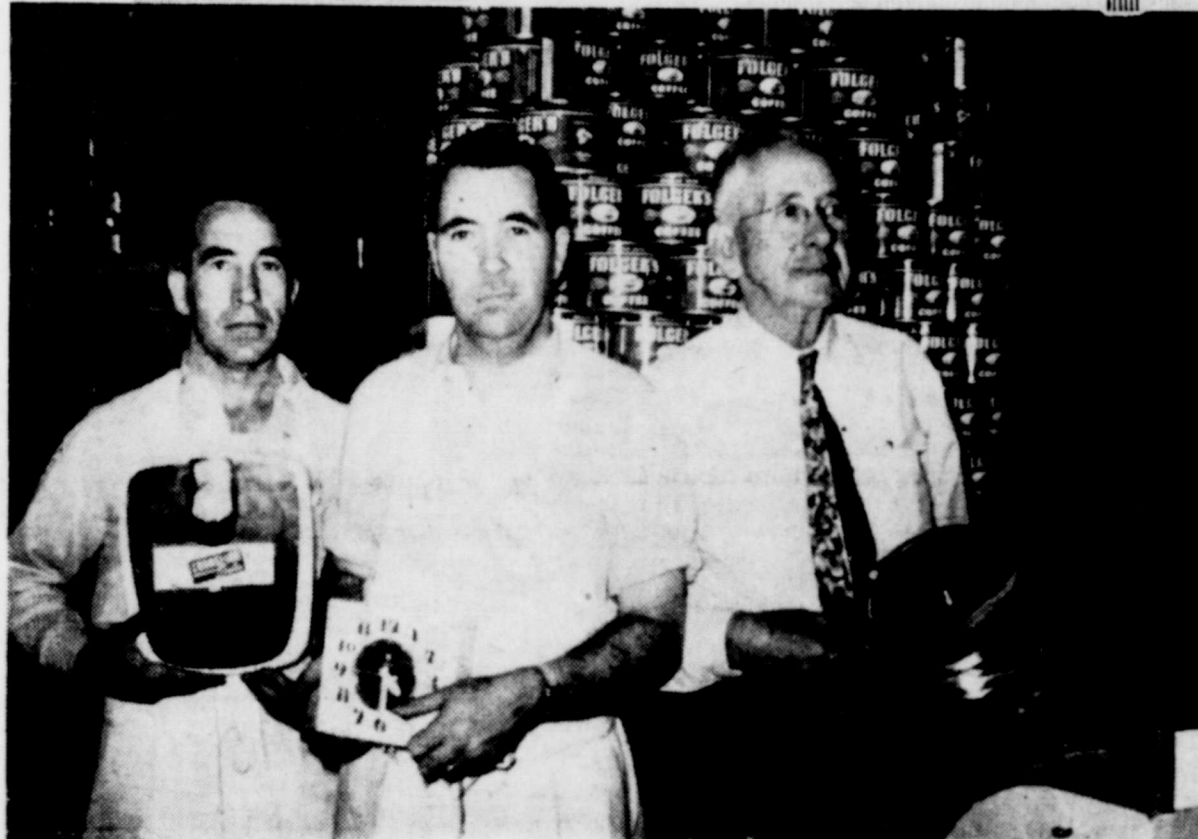


CAMPBELL GROCERY and MARKET

Shown here are Joe Cypert with bathroom scales and Ray Wilson holding a pressure cooker, two of the prizes to be given away in the Folger's Guessing Contest on Friday and Saturday.

CONTEST ENDS TOMORROW!

SATURDAY, MARCH 29



CARSON GROCERY and MARKET

Herman Carson has bathroom scales, Howard Carson is holding an electric clock and E. O. Carson has a pressure cooker, that are offered in the Folger's Guessing Contest this week.

HERE ARE THE RULES!

1. Visit any or both of the above stores. Inspect their display of Mountain Grown Folger's, and register your estimate of the number of pounds of Folger's Coffee in the display. That's all there is to it. You do not have to buy anything, and you do not have to be present to win.
2. Each person is eligible to guess one time in this contest in each store.
3. Winners of this contest will be announced on Monday, March 31, at both stores.

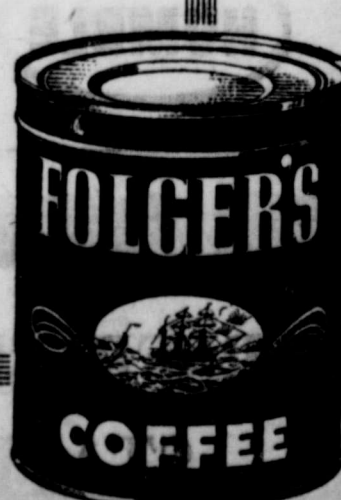
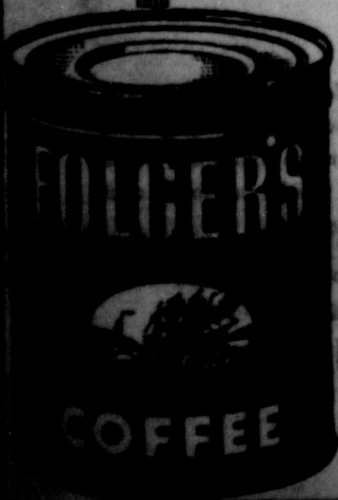
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JOSEPH FRANKLIN BENT, JR., with aliases: Franklin Joseph Howard Bent, Howard Franklin Bent, Jr., Joe Frank Bent, Carl F. Remond, Charles Rayborn, Map Rayborn, C. J. Redman, George Redman, C. F. Redmond, Cool Frederick Redmond, George Redmond, T. C. Richards, Thomas Claude Richards, Steve Ricci, Joe Tony, and others.

UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID PROSECUTION (Robbery, Attempted Murder, and Assault)

DESCRIPTION
Age 24, born November 30, 1927, Clay County, Mo.; height, 6 feet 1 inch; weight, 175 to 185 pounds; build, medium, athletic; hair, brown, wavy; eyes, brown; complexion, ruddy; race, white; nationality, American; occupations, fireman, fisherman, railway switchman, truck driver; scars and marks—scar on point of chin, 1/2-inch oblique scar on second joint of left index finger rear, 3/4-inch oblique scar on back of left index finger, 3/8-inch oblique scar above inner point of right eye, 1/2-inch horizontal scar above inner point of left eye, three 1/2-inch scars under chin, cartilage removed from tip of nose, dim cut scar on left side of forehead, 1/2-inch scar on right thumb, 1-inch scar on left knee, 1/2-inch scar on right elbow, bullet wound high on left shoulder; remarks—jaw has been broken and was wired, may be crooked; appears extremely nervous.

CRIMINAL RECORD
Bent has been convicted for armed robbery.

CAUTION
Bent is armed and extremely dangerous. Bent has escaped from

confinement, he has fired at officers seeking his arrest and has run through road blocks at excessive speed.
Complaints were filed before U. S. Commissioners at San Diego, Calif., and Cincinnati, Ohio, on March 20, 1950, and November 9, 1950, respectively, charging subject with violations of Title 18, U. S. Code, section 1073, in that he fled from the State of California to avoid prosecution for armed robbery and attempted murder and from the State of Ohio to avoid prosecution for robbery. An indictment was returned by a Federal grand jury at Cheyenne, Wyo., May 9, 1950, charging subject with a violation of the same statute in that he fled from the State of Wyoming to avoid prosecution for assault with intent to murder.

Any person having information which may assist in locating this individual is requested to immediately notify the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, Washington 25, D. C., or the Special Agent in Charge of the Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation listed on the first page of the local telephone directory.

Coach C. Benson Leads Badgers to Triangular Victory

Coach Carroll Benson's boys ran off with a triangular track meet here Thursday afternoon of last week, totaling 76 points to Trent's 41 and Clyde's 34.
Billy Harris of Merkel was high individual with 15 1/4 points, placing first in the high hurdles in 16.1, and low hurdles in 22.3, tying teammate Doyle Jones in the 220, in 23.7 and running a leg on the winning Merkel 440-yard relay team.
Other first winners were:
100-yard dash — Jones, Merkel, 10 flat.
440-yard dash — J. M. Heatly, Trent, 56 flat.
High jump — Bobby Campbell, Merkel, 6 feet.
Pole vault — Merkel McCoy, Merkel, 10.3.
Discus — Jimmy Taylor, Clyde, 116-8.
Shot put — Jimmy Taylor, Clyde, 38-6.
Mile run — Eddie Breaux, Merkel, 5:01.8.
880-yard run — Jerry Estep, Trent, 2:13.1.
Broad jump — Jerry Cade, Trent, 20-11.
440-yard relay — Merkel, 46.3.
Mile relay — Trent, 3:49.2.

The University of Minnesota and the University of Michigan meet on the football gridiron each year to battle for "The Little Brown Jug."

Comedy and Romance And Music Come to Pioneer Sunday, Mon.

Doris Day and Gordon MacRae are again united in "On Moonlight Bay," Warner Bros. musical drama which makes its local debut at the Pioneer Theatre on Sunday and Monday.
The plot concerns Doris Day as a young tomboy who would rather play baseball than indulge in romance — until Gordon MacRae comes upon the scene. From then on, the film unreefs a variety of comic situations.

Most of the songs in "On Moonlight Bay" are classics which have remained ever-popular through the years, such as the title tune, "Cuddle Up A Little Closer," "I'm Forever Blowing Bubbles," "Smiles," "There's A Long, Long Trail" and "Till We Meet Again."

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P.T.A. Study Group Discuss Military Training at Meet

The Mother's P.T.A. Study Group will meet at 7:30 p. m. Thursday, April 3, in the home of Mrs. P. C. Wylie. The high school mothers will hold their discussion. Mrs. P. W. Miller will be the leader. This is the next to the last lesson in the course of study of the year's program. All high school mothers are invited.
The March meeting was held in the home of Mrs. Frank Breaux, 209 Cherry Street. Mrs. P. C. Wylie reviewed "Barriers to College Education for Our Children" and Mrs. L. A. Dudley led a discussion on "Our Boys in Military Service." The "pros" and "cons" for universal military training were given.
Mrs. Breaux served a pretty refreshment plate with sandwiches, dainty cookies and bottled drinks. This Teen-Age Group can send an excellent report to the District P. T. A. Spring Conference, which was to be held in Sweetwater March 27. This year's study course report will also be sent to the P. T. A. headquarters at Austin.

The Hawaiian Islands were formerly called the Sandwich Islands, after the Earl of Sandwich a British peer.

Texas Corn Producers To Try for Records

Texas corn producers will have opportunities this year to participate in several different corn production programs, stated the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. In

addition to the many county programs the Texas Certified Hybrid Seed Corn Association is sponsoring a statewide program and there are others on a district or area basis. Top yield last year was 164.4 bushels per acre-made by a 4-H boy.

A Shoehone Indian girl named Sacajawea, which means "Bird Woman," guided the Lewis and Clark Expedition through the Northwest.

Lieutenant Andrew Summers Rowan is the man who carried the famed Message to Garcia, the Cuban revolutionist, during the Spanish-American War.

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Merkel Tracks Are Loaded With Pipe Used in Long Line

The side tracks in Merkel have been loaded with flat cars with pipes to be used in the pipeline running through the county and on to Colorado City, a distance of about 75 miles.

The pipe is 26 inches in diameter and is for the Gulf Pipe Line Company.

The first pipe was laid south of the town. By Monday night two miles of pipe had been welded. About 100 men are on the job.

The pipe is first welded on top of the ground for long distances. Then it is cleaned. After that it is insulated with paper and dope.

Then it is lowered into the ditch with side boom tractors. Finally, it is covered over by a back fill.

BUSTER HESTER, agent for Abilene Reporter-News and Dallas Morning News. Phone 268W.

Texas U. Seeks Answer That May Help Many Crops

What does treated-sewage irrigation do to soil? University of Texas scientists have launched a two-year research project to answer that question as a public service to the state's farmers, ranchers and municipalities.

Fifty-nine Texas communities are known to be using the special irrigation plan, which is particularly vital in the state's water-short areas. Merkel and Abilene are among the communities using sewage irrigation.

Prof. Ernest W. Steel of the University's civil engineering department is conducting the research under a \$6,000 U. S. Public Health Service grant. Here is how the special irrigation works. Sewage is run into a sedimentation basin where solid particles settle through water to the bottom.

The water is then run to fields for irrigation of any crop not to be eaten by humans. "Such irrigation probably improves the fertility and moisture-retention properties of the soil," Prof. Steel said.

"These possibilities have received no study in the past. With more knowledge of the subject, sewage may be used to a greater extent for irrigation of certain crops."

Taking samples of sewage water and soils from representative areas throughout the state, the University researchers are running tests to determine the facts about possible merits of such irrigation.

MURRAY ATTEND FUNERAL OF SISTER IN DEPART

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Murray attended the funeral of her sister, Miss Willis Stalls, in Depart recently. They went to Pampa where they visited her sister, Mrs. Girtha McConnell, and their daughter, Mrs. Marvin Johnston.

VISITORS FROM ARKANSAS

W. H. Frazier of Bentonville, Ark., is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Henry Walker of Sweetwater, and his brother, Walter Frazier of Merkel.

WEEK-END VISITORS

Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Tucker and daughter, Mildred of Plainview, visited with his mother, Mrs. Etta Tucker last week-end.

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New Cyclomatic Frigidaire food freezer and refrigerator combination, just introduced, features shelves that glide out on nylon rollers for easy access, handy storage space on door, and a new kind of safe, constant cold called Levelcold.

Donations Made To Cemetery Fund

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

- Mrs. W. L. Harkrider Estate \$25.00
Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Irvin ... 10.00
Byrom Heirs ... 10.00
Austin Petty ... 5.00
Joella Gilstrap ... 3.00
Mrs. Jas. H. West ... 5.00

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.

JOIN ATHLETIC GROUP

D. V. Marcum, former Rotan High School coach, has been named as an addition to the McMurry College Athletic Department, announced Dr. Harold G. Cooke, president.

This brings to three the number in the athletic department. Marcum joins Wilford Moore, athletic director and head football coach, and Mel Jowell, head basketball coach.

VISIT LUBBOCK FRIENDS

Mr. and Mrs. Quannah Dudley and family visited friends in Lubbock over the week-end.

AUSTRIAN SINGERS WILL PUT ON CONCERT TUESDAY

The Trapp Family singers will return to Abilene Tuesday for a concert in Hardin-Simmons University's Behrens Chapel at 8 p. m.

The singers appear in their native Austrian folk costumes and use for accompaniment the ancient spinet, recorder and viol da gamba.

Their songs range from pre-classical church airs and motets and madrigals to lusty mountain yodels and folk songs.

Admission for the Abilene concert will be 60 cents for students and \$1.20 for adults.

MOVING TO FLORIDA

Cpl. and Mrs. Hollis McLean left Thursday for Cocoa, Florida, where Cpl. McLean is stationed at Patrick Air Force Base.

Grandson in Japan

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Anderson have received a letter from their grandson, Pfc. Billy Joe Campbell, stating that he arrived safely in Yokohama, Japan, March 16, and will ship to Korea soon.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Admissions to the Sadler hospital the past week were reported as follows: As medical patients - Lester Dorton, Jr., March 23; Shirley Bacus, Janell Seymore, March 24; James Emerson, Jr., March 25.

RECEIVES CHECK-UP

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Wallace and children, Colonel and Kay, visited recently in Fort Worth and Dallas. While in Dallas they took Colonel to a hospital for a check-up where he received a good report.

VISITS SICK MOTHER

Mrs. Amy Johnson of Lone Oak has returned to her home there after a weeks visit with her mother, Mrs. D. W. Ashby, who is much improved after a two months illness.

ATTENDS AUTO SHOW

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Robert Hicks attended the Automotive Show in Houston from Wednesday to Saturday last week.

JACKSBORO VISITORS

OKLAHOMA VISITORS

BAKE SALE

MIDLAND VISITOR

Two Merkel Teams Make Fine Showing At Judging Event

Two teams from here entered the Abilene Christian College Annual Judging Contest at Abilene Monday won fifth in livestock judging and two of the Merkel contestants were rated among the top 10 boys.

The boys who went from here with Vocational Agriculture Teacher Chester Collinsworth were: livestock judging - Jimmy Russell, Bobby Mayfield, Dale Dudley and Derrell Kelso; dairy judging - Jacky McAninch, Ralph Bartlett, Jerry Gibson and Eddie Breaux.

There were 63 teams entered from as far west as Plainview, as far east as Sonora and as far north as Wichita Falls. The number of contestants was 252.

"The boys made a splendid showing," remarked Mr. Collinsworth. "I am well satisfied with what they did."

Fire Damags Trailer Engine and Casings on Tuesday Afternoon

The fire department put out a fire on a trailer engine in the Lemens Garage at 3:15 p. m., Tuesday. The gasoline engine caught on fire. The fire department was called and put it out quickly.

Local Men Are Called For Duty on Jury At the County Court

Frank Mundy, Fred Jinkens and Lee Tipton were called for jury service in the county court this week. Mr. Mundy was selected to serve on a jury Tuesday.

GOODMAN HD CLUB

The Goodman Home Demonstration Club met last week for its regular meeting in the home of Mrs. M. G. Goode.

VISIT IN TYLER

Max and Isadore Mellinger visited in Tyler for a few days this week with relatives.

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LODGE CALLS

NOTICE MASONS Stated meeting of Merkel Lodge No. 710, A. F. & A. M., Saturday, April 5 at 7:30 p. m.

LOST AND FOUND

FOUND-Black Cocker Spaniel, male. Approximately two years old. Will owner please come and claim him.

LOST -Dog, Boston Bull. Has white on throat and a little black on face, medium size.

STRAY CALF came to our farm, 3 miles north of Merkel, over two weeks ago.

HELP WANTED

WANTED - Dairy hand. See Orin Higgins, Route 1. Phone 9011-J1.

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For State Senator HARLEY SADLER STERLING WILLIAMS

For Sheriff R. H. (BOB) ROSS TROY TATE

For County Clerk MRS. CHESTER HUTCHESON

For Commissioner, Precinct No. 2 CHAS. ORR RUFE TITTLE (reelection)

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

For Constable, Precinct 5, LUTHER L. LAND, James Edwin Vanlandingham

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For Congress 17th Texas District JACK COX of Stephens County. For State Senator HARLEY SADLER STERLING WILLIAMS For Sheriff R. H. (BOB) ROSS TROY TATE For County Clerk MRS. CHESTER HUTCHESON For Commissioner, Precinct No. 2 CHAS. ORR RUFE TITTLE (reelection) For Justice of the Peace, Mrs. N. D. COBB. For Constable, Precinct 5, LUTHER L. LAND, James Edwin Vanlandingham For Commissioner Precinct No. 4, JONES COUNTY W. O. RAJINWATER FOR SALE GOOD 200 acre farm, 160 in cultivation, creek pasture, fair improvements, possession of land now, only \$72.50 per acre. WE have two FHA and GI houses. Small Equity will handle. SIX ROOMS and bath on large corner lot, two car garage, lots of trees and shrubbery, close in, on Oak street, own water system. This is very nice. Price, \$6,350. DOWDY & TOOMBS FOR SALE - Two piece living room suite. See Ollie Fox. Phone 66 or 308-J. 20lt. DUNLAP DELUXE Tires, 600x16, \$12.79. No trade in. No tax. During March only. Patterson Grain. 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First Roping and Cutting Contest Since 1939 Will Be Held Here Soon

The first roping and cutting contest to be held here since 1939 will take place on April 12 and 13 at 2 p. m. one mile northwest of town on the farm owned by the S. G. Russell Estate. All amateurs have been invited.

There will be cowboys' calf roping contest, cowgirls' clover leaf barrel race, cowboys' cutting horse contest and cowboys' ribbon roping contest with purses ranging from \$200 to \$400.

A special \$200 saddle will be awarded to the best average time on four calves. This saddle is a 15-inch Crosby tree made by O. W. Jolly of Abilene.

Of great interest is the fact that the first cutting horse contest ever held in Merkel will take place at this roping event. Among the great horses that will be here are Little Paint Mare that was owned by the well-known Cowboy Bob Crosby at the time of his death.

She is now owned and will be shown by Jerry Christmas of Abilene. Rex Smith cutting horse Polestie that has won a number of shows in the last two years will be in the contest. Also John Wallace, who was the champion calf roper at Stamford Cowboy Re-union, will be here.

GIVE 427 PINTS OF BLOOD

Four hundred and twenty-seven pints of blood were donated by North Texas State College students and faculty members in the recent Red Cross blood drive. Co-operating with the Red Cross group were service clubs on the campus and the student senate.

Merkel High Students Invited to Meeting

Students of Merkel High school have been invited to attend the second annual Education for Citizenship conference on the Hardin-Simmons University campus Friday, April 4. The meeting is sponsored by the Abilene and West Texas Chambers of Commerce.

More than 1,000 senior students from approximately 100 high schools in the Abilene area are expected to attend the all-day conference, Dean W. A. Stephenson of Hardin-Simmons announced.

Warren Stall Is Now At U. S. Naval Center

Undergoing recruit training at the U. S. Naval Training Center, San Diego, California is Warren J. Stallo, seaman recruit, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Stallo of Route 4, Merkel. Stallo entered Naval service on February 1, 1952.

Upon completion of their 11-week training period at the training center, graduates are assigned to duty stations with the Fleet or at Navy, shore stations, or are sent to service schools for advanced technical training.

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RECIPE OF THE WEEK
By Mary Lee Tuttle
Pineapple Upside-Down Cake

Broadcast: March 29, 1952

1 tablespoon butter 1/2 pkc. white cake mix (see box)
1/2 cup brown sugar 1/4 cup Pet Milk
3 slices canned pineapple, well drained 1/4 cup water

Melt butter in an 8-inch skillet over very low heat. Remove from heat and sprinkle sugar over butter. Arrange pineapple slices on sugar. Let stand until needed. Put cake mix in bowl. Add half of a mixture of milk and water. Beat hard 1 minute. Stir in rest of the milk mixture and beat hard 2 minutes. Pour batter over pineapple. Bake in a moderate oven (375) 35 minutes or until cake pulls from sides of skillet. Remove from oven. Let cake stand in skillet 5 minutes before turning out.

Note: Use well-known brands calling for milk on the package.

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DOMINO — IMPERIAL SUGAR 10 lbs.	85¢	KIMBELL'S SLICED BEETS	2 cans 22¢
ALL SWEET OLEO	lb. 25¢	WILSON'S MOR	can 39¢
WHITE SWAN CATSUP 2 bottles	39¢	OUR VALUE SALMON	can 43¢
KIMBELL'S Peanut Butter glass	29¢	KUNER'S SOUR or DILL PICKLES	qt. 33¢
KIMBELL'S PRESERVES Strawberry glass	25¢	SILVER DUST or RINSO	2 boxes 49¢

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