

Wins Second Place In Literary Meeting

Merkel High School won second place in the annual District 7-A Texas Interscholastic League Literary Meet held here Saturday in the high school and at the elementary building. Faculty members

"We Ought Not To Judge People," Says Evangelist

"We ought not to judge people. What is a temptation for one person may not be a temptation to another."
This was one of the many high points in the first sermon in the revival that is being held this week at the First Baptist church by the Pastor-Evangelist Glen Braswell.
About 122 persons attended at different hours the prayer meeting that lasted all through Saturday night. The minister was there throughout the devotions.
Sunday morning the church was filled to capacity.
The subject that the Rev. Braswell spoke on was "Backsliding." He based his sermon on passages from Jeremiah—2:19, 3:12-14.
The minister stressed the point that in talking of backsliding God is not talking to or about those who have not been saved but those who are believers, who are children of God. A backslider, he said is a forsaker of God.
"God wants us to have intimate relations with Him," continued Mr. Braswell. "It is a relationship akin to that of the marriage state. Anything and everything we do against God's will make us commit spiritual adultery."
Why does a child of God backslide? God's standard is perfection, but as we are human there is a temptation to stray. When we are saved, the nature is changed but not eradicated. We give way too often to the flesh and sin.
Each person has a temptation, the minister explained. All of us have weaknesses in our lives where we stumble and fall.
Then the evangelist gave illustrations from the Bible to point his thought. There was Noah. In the midst of a wicked generation he was a preacher of righteousness. Yet, he drank, became drunk, lay naked and brought shame to his children. Not all the Noahs have passed out of our churches today, he remarked.
Abraham was a man of God, but in a tight spot he lied.
"We can lie in business," asserted Rev. Braswell, "we can lie in school, we can lie in appearance."
Moses was a great man, but he did not do the will of God and smote the rock when he should have spoken to it and he did not enter the Promised Land. He lost his temper.
David was God's child but was guilty of immorality, adultery. Jonathan did not follow the will of God.
"We win victories when we overcome our temptation," stated the minister. "Watch your lives and note your backsliding. Note your temptations. When you backslide it is an insult to God. Let us search ourselves. What is in our lives that is unworthy? Then trust in God and have power to overcome our backsliding and have peace and contentment and happiness of life."
The revival will conclude Sunday.

Merkel School Bands Will Give Two Concerts Tues.

The Merkel School Bands will give two concerts next Tuesday. A matinee performance will be given for the elementary and high school students and all adults who will be unable to attend the evening concert. The afternoon performance will start at 2:30 p. m. and the evening program at 7:30 p. m.
The high school band is composed of 54 members and will play three overtures: "Coronation," "Gypsy Princess" and "Two Moods." The remaining numbers will be marches and popular numbers of the quick-step variety. The overtures will be selections that will be marches and popular numismatic league contest and are beautiful numbers of the melodious and fast moving types.
The elementary band has 50 members from the fifth and sixth grades, all playing regular band instruments. They will play several marches, waltz numbers and concert selections of good sounding quality.
The tonette band of over 100 members will not perform.
Concert prices are: Evening concert—adults 50c, elementary students 25c; afternoon—adults 50c, high school students 25c, elementary and primary 15c. Big crowds are expected to hear the concerts and help make the Merkel Bands second to none.

Christine Collins Improving Nicely

Friends of Miss Christine Collins will be glad to hear that she has returned home from Temple after having surgery in the hospital there. She is doing fine. Her sister, Mrs. Homer Easter Wood, of Taft is with her.

New Rodeo Arena Is Being Built Here For Use in Big Roping Contest

A new rodeo arena is being built here on the farm owned by the S. G. Russell Estate. It has been under construction for four weeks and will be completed by April 12, in time for the big roping contest to be held here. This is the first roping and cutting contest to be held in Merkel since 1939. The contest will last two days: April 12 and 13.
This new arena will be extra large: 150 feet wide by 300 feet long. A mainstand was used to level off the land.
Thirty fresh Brahma roping calves have been purchased to be used in the roping contest.
A new feature in the contest will be the cloverleaf barrel race for cowgirls.

Mrs. Ira D. Clarke Succumbs Monday

Mrs. Ira D. Clarke, 55, a former resident of Trent, died at her Dallas home Monday after a lengthy illness.
Funeral was held at 9 a. m., Wednesday in Highland Park Methodist Church in Dallas.
Graveside rites were conducted at 5 p. m., Wednesday in the Trent Cemetery.
Burial was in the family plot at Trent.
Mrs. Clarke, the former Maga Pauline Smith, was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Smith of Trent. She was born Jan. 2, 1897 in Glen Cove, Texas, and moved to Trent in 1900.
Survivors include her husband; three sisters, Mrs. Tom Williamson of Trent, Mrs. Tom Galloway of Rankin, and Mrs. Anna Bell Zander of San Antonio; six brothers, W. E. Smith of Abilene, Frank Smith of Big Spring, Walter Smith of Lamesa, Ollie Smith of Oakland, Calif., Charles and Henry Smith of Denton.

School Election Will Be Held Saturday

Voters in the Merkel Independent School District will vote Saturday on two school trustees at the City Hall from 8 a. m. to 7 p. m.

Stories of Old Timers Are Told Today

It is interesting to listen to the stories the old-timers have to tell. Last week The Mail carried an item about J. Hamp Campbell who worked with oxen. The editor's comment is on the editorial page this week and also includes a story of another old-timer, I. H. Robinson.

BULLETIN!

Mrs. L. A. Shugart, 44, died Thursday at 5:45 a. m., at her home after a long illness. Funeral service is to be at 3 p. m. today at the Pioneer Memorial church, Butman community.

BULLETIN!

The annual membership meeting of the Taylor Electric Cooperative and the Taylor Refrigeration Cooperative started yesterday morning as scheduled. Over 1,000 persons attended the morning session and more were expected in the afternoon, stated Lester F. Dorton, manager.

Believes Fourth Oil Pool May Be Found In Merkel

Robert E. Mead of Dallas was in Merkel Wednesday to get a first-hand report on the leasing activity in the Merkel city limits. Mr. Mead and associates have made extensive explorations in this vicinity, were instrumental in developing three pools adjacent to Merkel, and Mr. Mead said he believed he is on the track of a fourth pool. This, he said, is within the city limits of our town and is the reason why he is attempting to secure leases on as many city lots as possible so as to have large blocks on which to drill.
The price he is offering for city lot leases equals about \$50 per acre if leased on an average basis. Leasing of lots is being handled here for Mr. Mead by R. O. Anderson and Jake Massey, who are attempting to complete the leasing as quickly as possible so that drilling can be started with but little delay.

Geochemical Surveys, T. D. Compton No. 3, north of town, was perforated and hydraulically fractured and was to be opened late Thursday.
D-H-H-B Drilling Co., T. C. Allen No. 1, six miles northeast of Merkel, is drilling around 2,500 feet looking for the upper Hobe near this depth. However, slotted depth is 3,300 feet.
A rig is being moved on the J. B. Jones, one-half mile north of Blair. The name of the drilling company to make this try could not be learned.

IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE
Mrs. Grady Slagle of San Antonio, granddaughter of Mrs. H. F. Gronewald, was visiting here recently. She picked up what she thought was a stray dog and returned to her home. In reading The Mail she saw the lost ad of Mrs. Nolan Palmer and knew immediately that the dog belonged to Mrs. Palmer. She brought it from her home in San Antonio to Merkel and delivered it to Mrs. Palmer.

CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

J. M. Marshall celebrated his 71st birthday on March 18. He was born in 1881 in Panola County. He has been here 35 years.

Former Editor Finds Improvements In Merkel Substantial In Every Way

In order to speed up the interview, Editor White suggested that Editor Durham go ahead and give the answers to the questions "he would ask someone else if he were interviewing him. So the following is what he said:
"Clovis is drier than a powder house, drier than here. The big wheat planting is already blown away.
"Clovis has big cattle interests and an auction market. At this market \$1,000,000 worth of cattle and more is auctioned off every week.
"I have found substantial improvements in Merkel, both in business and residential sections. I want to compliment Merkel on its school improvements. I noticed them especially as I was on the school board here for many years.
"I know the initials of every man in this area and I can tell more about the men than they do themselves."

Twyman Collins, Pioneer Citizen, Dies At Age of 64

Merkel lost a good man Monday, one whose friends are legion and whose entire citizenry are but few. This man was Twyman Collins, who for more than 50 years had lived here and who had contributed much to the advancement of this area.
Mr. Collins, 64, was a member of a pioneer cattle family and was the eldest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Collins, who came to this section in 1900.
Following the death of the senior Mr. Collins, the boys, Twyman and John, carried on as Collins Bros. until recent years when the deceased practically retired.
Death came Monday morning at 11 o'clock due to a heart attack a few hours earlier.
The funeral service was held at the Collins home on Bettis Heights at 4 p. m., Tuesday. Conducting final rites was the Rev. Glenn Braswell, pastor of the First Baptist Church, assisted by Paul Rogers, minister of the Church of Christ, and the Rev. Lynward Harrison, Methodist pastor at Tye, who paid personal tribute to the deceased.
Burial was in Rose Hill cemetery under direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.
Pall bearers were R. O. Anderson, Earl Lassiter, Dervel McLean, Griff Barnett, Forrest Gaither, Asa Sheppard.
Mr. Collins is survived by his wife, a brother, John Collins, a sister, Christine Collins, all of Merkel, and another sister, Mrs. Homer L. Easterwood of Taft.

Ruth Anderson Dies At Age of 15

Ruth Anderson, 15, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Anderson of Eskota, died at her parents' home at 11:30 p. m., Sunday after a long illness.
Funeral services were held at 10 a. m., Tuesday in Starbuck Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Garley Williams, pastor of the Clyde Methodist church, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery, under direction of Starbuck.
Survivors include the parents, three brothers, R. L. Anderson, Merkel, Pfc. Dink Anderson with the Air Force in Newfoundland, and John C. Anderson, Lubbock.
She was born May 9, 1936, in the Eskota community.
Pallbearers were E. K. SoRelle, Homer Williams, Jr., Kenneth Wilson, Wesley Utley, Norman Blankenship, and Bert Robinson.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS TO MEET

The Wednesday Morning Bible Class will meet at 9:30 a. m., in the home of Mrs. Sam Swann. Mrs. Keller Roberts is teacher.

R. N. Mosier is Home And Feeling Better

R. N. Mosier returned from the hospital in Big Spring where he had surgery. He was there a month. He is getting along fine.

AND THE FACE OF EDITOR WHITE IS WHITE!

Ray Wilson almost scared the life out of Editor Hy White Saturday. Ray took the FBI picture in last week's issue and showed it to the editor with the comment, "You've got a terrible mistake in your paper." On the picture under the headline, "WANTED BY THE FBI," were the faces of Ray and Joe Cypert and their names. The editor's face turned white. On closer examination he found that the faces and names had been pasted on! And then everybody laughed.

Attend Merkel School Band Concerts

April 8. Admission: Evening concert—adults 50c, elementary students 25c; afternoon program—adults 50c, high school students 25c, elementary and primary 15c. Adv.

Lions Club Minstrel Delights Big Crowd

The Lions Club Minstrel was a great success in every way.

A capacity crowd jammed the Queen theatre on Thursday of last week. The lower floor was filled without even one seat being vacant. And every seat in the balcony was taken. As early as 6:30 p. m., folks started coming and from then on there was a steady stream of cars and persons.

The audience enjoyed the show tremendously. They kept up a steady roar of laughter throughout the show when jokes and amusing incidents occurred. They applauded loudly the splendid singing by individuals, groups and the whole cast.

From the opening number to the final song the show moved along smoothly and snappily.
Great credit is due Fred Starbuck, who directed the whole minstrel for the professional quality of the performance. It could easily be seen that he had rehearsed the performers well. The singing was tuneful and outstanding, the jokes were put over with a punch that produced loud bursts of laughter, the costumes were attractive, colorful and in some cases funny.

Mrs. Sam McLeod, piano accompanist, did a splendid artistic job, keeping the tempo of the show snappy.
The audience loved the music as the tuneful familiar songs were sung, songs that have made the minstrel show the popular attraction it is. The crowd got huge fun when the actors did not follow the script. Missing or forgotten lines created roars of laughter. The beautiful girls of the chorus were attractively dressed and a great delight to the eyes.
Throughout, everyone agreed that it was a wonderful show with the performers showing fine stage presence, talent and with the ability to put over songs and jokes delightfully and effectively.
The variety of the lighting effects were well handled by C. B. Rust.

The informality of the whole show was good and made the evening an intimate affair between the performers and the audience. At one time, during the intermission, Mr. Starbuck shouted over the loud speaker, "Will the stage hands please come to the stage!" This tickled the crowd immensely.
At the intermission an act was put on by Abilene folks. A parallel bar acrobatic show was in charge of Lee Grant Scott of the Abilene high school. He and Lynn Hall first went through a highly skilled routine. Then the Flying Cats from A. C. C. put on some comedy acrobatics that also included some splendid turns on the bars.
Gene Estes pleased the crowd with his accordion playing and whistling. He was called back for a number of encores.

The minstrel began with a zip and was kept that way all the way through. All who took part in the show gave a good account of themselves. Everyone performed in a polished, finished, professional manner. The crowd was greatly delighted. The Lions club feels that it can place this year's annual event among the best successes.

Those who took part in this splendid show were:
Interlocutor, Lester Dorton.
End men: E. L. Horton, Jr., Keller Roberts, Leon Walker, Horace

RE-ELECT SUPERINTENDENT

Supt. Roger A. Burgess will begin his eleventh year as head of the Merkel Public Schools with the opening of the 1932-1933 session in the fall, having been re-elected for another year by recent action of the school board.

LEVELING HIGHWAY PAVING

About 20 men were given employment on the initial work of leveling the concrete pavement, about two miles east of town. The project, besides eliminating the high joints which have made travel a series of bounces for several hundred yards, is part of the highway department's campaign against unemployment.

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This Happened in Merkel Forty Years Ago

TAKEN FROM THE 1912 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL

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Work was started this week on the Abilene-Tye Highway and is now assuming the aspect of a paved street.

Miss Christena Frederickson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Frederickson, former head nurse for one of the leading hospitals in Hot Springs, was here visiting relatives and looking after business pertaining to the establishment of a sanitarium in the Davis Mountains near Toyahvale. While here Miss Frederickson bought of Merkel firms over \$1,000 worth of supplies.

Boney, Clesby Patterson, Billy Largent.

Chorus: High school girls' group Denta Gibson, Maxine Kerns, Betty Wylie, Marie Kerns, Barbara Wilson, Tessie Hester, De Lois Black, Peggy Scott, Iris Verner, Billie Rutledge, Joy Walker, Peggy Bond.

Men's Chorus: Bob Hicks, Harry Barnett, Pete West, Roy Largent,

Fire Destroys Home and Garage Of C. R. Rogers

Fire destroyed the farm home and garage of C. R. Rogers of Route 3, two miles west of Hodges at 3 p. m., Monday. Part of his furniture, including a piano, was saved with the help of neighbors.

Mr. Rogers was coming home from visiting his neighbor, Leonard McCoy, and saw the smoke coming out of the back part of his house. The loss is estimated at around \$11,000 and was partly covered by insurance. Cause of fire is unknown.

Merkel 20 Years Ago

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TO OCCUPY NEW P. O.

A habit of over a quarter of a century standing will have to be changed Friday morning, April 1, when patrons of the Merkel postoffice will receive their mail and post their letters at the new red brick structure just completed on Elm Street west of the Farmers State Bank. Sometime in April, 26 years ago, the postoffice was moved to the present quarters.

CLEANING FOR SPRING

Cooperation of businessmen, civic clubs, all citizens and our people in general is urged by Mayor W. M. Elliott in the observance of annual Spring Clean-Up Week in Merkel, the dates for which have been designated as all of next week, April 3 to 9, inclusive.

RABBIT DRIVE AT NOODLE

A cordial invitation is extended to everyone to participate in a rabbit drive in the Noodle Community Tuesday of next week.

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Bud McKeever, Howard Carson, Joe Nalley, Paul Honeycutt, Cyrus Pee, Ralph Brady, James H. Chaney and Homer Newby.

Special characters: Roy Largent, Ralph Brady, Cyrus Pee, Betty Tittle, Barbara McLeod, Howard Carson, Joe Nally.

Others who helped with ticket sales, as ushers, stage hands, etc: Clyde Bartlett and Nolan Palmer, co-chairmen; Bob Fowler, Chester Collinsworth, Ben Robert Hicks, Meyer Melling, Mrs. Herman Daniels, Owen Hodge, L. B. English, Eldon Price, Max Hodge, Holt Vaughn, Spencer Bird.

Merkel Mail, for ample publicity; Taylor Electric Coop., furnished public address system; Badger Chevrolet Co., furnished spotlight equipment; Merkel Music Co., furnished music records; J. W. Hammond, loaned electrical equipment; Hilton Suber, built platform; Claud Farley, printed tickets free; Luther Land, furnished truck for hauling; Mrs. John Hamner, stenographic work; Merkel Drug, furnished part of make-up; Mrs. C. B. Gardner, musical advisor.

The Lions Club thanks all these and everyone who supported the show by attending.

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SHIP 12 CARS OF CATTLE
Twelve cars of cattle moved out of Merkel in one shipment Saturday when Allison and Mann completed their sale to George Arbonide of Archer City of a string they had been feeding since fall on the Beasley Ranch.

LIST GINNING TOTALS

Taylor County cotton ginnings for the 1931 crop totaled 34,494 bales—more than twice the 1930 figure of 15,008—it is shown in a report issued by Tobias Watson, government crop statistician.

DRILLING STARTS SOON

The rig is going up for an oil test on the M. G. King place, southeast of Merkel. The location is about one-half mile northwest of the Hunter No. 1, being on the south line of the 2,300-acre Sayles lease, part of which was transferred to the Eastland Oil Company and Dunnagin Brothers.

HOLD FAMILY REUNION

As has been the custom now for several years on Easter Sunday the Howell children with their families and close friends meet at the old homestead for a reunion. So on last Sunday the crowd began to gather with well filled baskets and at noon a bountiful lunch was spread and served to about 50 people.

GRAVELING STARTS

By the end of next week it is expected that the graveling of the Blair Road from the end of Oak Street here to the thriving little city to the south will be completed, according to County Commissioner P. A. Diltz.

TO NAME TRUSTEES

Four trustees are to be elected Saturday, April 2, for the Merkel Independent School District. Those whose names have been entered are: O. J. Adcock, A. J. Canon, J. M. Collins and J. E. Richardson.

Ed Young of Carlsbad, New Mexico, was here this week, visiting in the home of W. R. Bigham. Mr. Young stopped off here on his way from Fort Worth.

Hon. J. C. Mason, of Deport, Lamar County, was in our city this week, looking over his property and placing his candidacy for railroad commissioner of the state.

Miss Ina Jobe entertained at her home in South Merkel Tuesday evening with games of "42". Those present were Misses Myrtle Conner, Josephine Saunders, Ince Moon, Lizzie Calvert and Messrs. Ollie Sharp, Robert Hicks, Otis Barnett and Homer Jobe.

SOCIETY

MONA MADOLYN ROBERTSON HONORED BY YWA

The Vaughnelle YWA met Monday at 4 p. m., in the home of Mrs. Horace Boney.

They honored Miss Mona Madolyn Robertson, bride-elect, with a kitchen shower. After an enjoyable event of opening gifts, refreshments were served by Mrs. Boney to Misses Robertson, Vonciel Rust, Glenda Perry, Patsy Anderson, Maxine and Marie Kerns, Tessie Hester, Bonnie and Neva Casin, Denta Gibson, Betty Foster, Mary Criswell, Wanda Bradley, Vernell McLean, and one visitor, Miss Kitty Sue Bryant.

MISS BETTY SUE KELSO MARRIES SIMMIE ALLRED

Miss Betty Sue Kelso, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Kelso of Trent, was married to Simmie Othell Allred, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Allred, at 6 p. m., March 23 in the Zion Chapel church. The Rev. Frank Travis, pastor of the Central Presbyterian church, Abilene, officiated.

Annette Newton, pianist, accompanied Barbara Sue McCloud who sang "Always," "I Love You Truly"

and "The Lord's Prayer." Mary Frances Kelso, sister of the bride was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Sarah Casey and Charlene Mashburn of Abilene.

After a trip to Carlsbad, N. M., the couple will live at 350 Vine, Abilene.

GARDEN CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS

The Merkel Garden Club met in the home of Mrs. Carroll Benson. Highlighting the meeting was the election of the following 1952-53 officers.

President, Mrs. S. D. Gamble; first vice president, Mrs. Dee Grimes; second vice president, Mrs. W. S. I. Brown; third vice president, Mrs. John Shannon; 4th vice president, Mrs. Jack Miller; secretary, Mrs. B. F. Jones; treasurer, Mrs. Wade Ensminger; parliamentarian, Mrs. Ben Sublett; reporter, Mrs. John Hughes.

Mrs. Mack Fisher spoke on "Dahlias," followed by a round table discussion. Miss Norah Foster's subject was "Glads."

Spring blossoms were used as decoration for the entertaining rooms. The hostess arrangement was a combination of greenery and painted daisies in an early American maple balance.

Nineteen members and one guest were present.

4-H CLUB TEA SUNDAY

Merkel 4-H Club Girls will hold an achievement tea Sunday from 2 p. m. till 4 p. m. It will be in the school cafeteria. Everyone is cordially invited.

Mrs. J. D. Beasley of Meadow, formerly of Merkel, is visiting her sister, Mrs. L. R. Cade and Mrs. Tom McGahee and Mrs. Grady Petree of View.

Mrs. W. T. Sadler Announces Niece's Engagement at Her Home on Friday

Mrs. W. T. Sadler honored her niece, Miss Sue Mayfield, with a tea Friday afternoon in her home to reveal Miss Mayfield's engagement to Oris Reynolds. Approximately three hundred invitations were extended with calling hours from 4 till 7 p. m.

Miss Mayfield, daughter of Mrs. Helen Mayfield, will become the bride of Mr. Reynolds, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cramer Reynolds, April 25 in the W. T. Sadler home.

The entertaining rooms were decorated with floral arrangements of pink carnations. The buffet was adorned with an arrangement of pink and white ranunculus in a silver chafing dish and the mantel was decorated with pink carnations.

Mrs. J. E. Boaz, aunt of the bride-elect, greeted guests, and presented Miss Mayfield, her mother, and the bridegroom-elect's mother.

The honoree wore a ballerina-length gown of pink chantilly lace, accented with rhinestones, and a corsage of deeper-pink camellias.

Mary Anna Mayfield of Midland, aunt of the bride-to-be, Mrs. S. D. Gamble and Mrs. Booth Warren

presided at the tea table, which was laid with white net over white satin. The tea appointments were of silver and the table was centered with an antique epergne of sweet peas and sweetheart roses in the bride-to-be's chosen colors—pink and white. The bridal theme was given further emphasis with miniature cupid figurines which spilled ribbon streamers with Sue and Oris and the wedding date April 25, inscribed on them in gold.

The flowers decorating the table were a gift to the hostess from Mrs. Robert McKissick, friend from Abilene, who also made the arrangement and fashioned other floral decorations about the home.

Others in the house party were Meses. Paul West and Weston West and Misses Ann Booth, Patsy Swann, Laurel Sherrell, Dinky Roberts and Bobby June Riney. Registering guests were Mrs. McKissick. Music during the afternoon was given by Mrs. Brandon Wade and Miss Mona Robertson.

Mrs. W. V. Ramsey of Abilene and Mrs. Carroll Benson said the goodbyes.

Lions May Clear About \$450 on Show

The Lions Club will clear about \$450 on its minstrel show, it was reported at the luncheon Tuesday. Total receipts were \$550 with expenses about \$100.

Nominations for officers were announced. Band Director Ralph Brady told about the band concerts to be given Tuesday. Coach Carroll W. Benson stated that the local Badgers had a good chance to win at Snyder Saturday.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank you all for your sympathy and floral offerings during the sickness and death of our beloved Ruth. Your kindness will always be remembered and treasured.

The Anderson Family

JAMES H. CHANEY

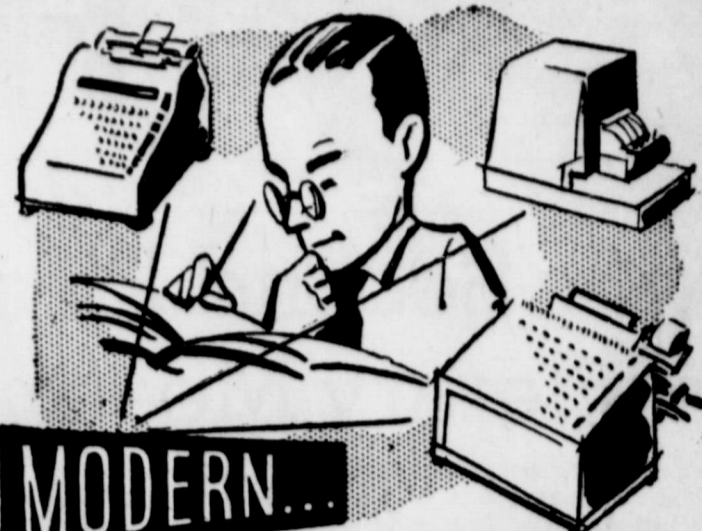
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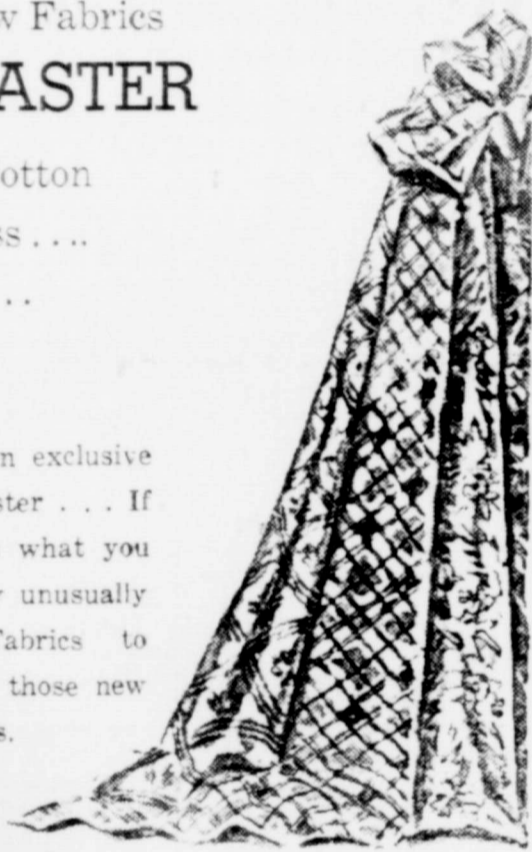
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Pvt. Chas. Simpson Helps Taxpayers Save in Korea

The following story was mailed from Korea March 8. With the Eighth Army in Korea—Pvt. Charles D. Simpson, 412 Locust street, Merkel, Texas is helping to save the taxpayer thousands of dollars in Korea.

He is a member of the 26th Signal Construction Battalion which is engaged in reclaiming field wire and cable strung by the fighting forces.

To date the battalion has saved the taxpayers more than \$167,000 by recovering 355 miles of field wire and some 95 miles of cable. A reel of cable, one-quarter mile in length, costs \$375. One mile of field wire costs the Army \$70.

1952 Texas Cancer Crusade Begins

The 1952 Texas Cancer Crusade was launched Wednesday, April 2, by a special "kick-off" ceremony in the Governor's reception room at the State Capitol, according to Ernest L. Kurth of Kelty's, 1952 crusade chairman.

"Cancer strikes one in five. Strike back!" is the theme of this year's Crusade, which will be held throughout Texas during April.

Come Hail or High Water—Tex. Is Ready

Come hail or high water—no tornado like the one which raged Arkansas a few days ago—and Texas will be ready to act.

Catastrophe Kits—blueprints of exactly what a community should do when disaster strikes—were distributed this week to 200 Texas cities and towns. In addition special "disaster teams" of trained trouble shooters have set up headquarters in Dallas, Houston, San Antonio, Amarillo, Lubbock, Abilene and Corpus Christi. They'll be ready, at a moment's notice to rush to any stricken area in Texas and help local community leaders organize to meet the problems that always follow a severe storm.

CALLING ALL MODEL AIRPLANE BUILDERS

Do you build or are you interested in building model airplanes? If so, come out to the Community Center on Sunday at 2 p. m. This meeting is to discuss plans for an airplane club. All ages and both the "fair" sex are invited to come out and join the fun.

SHOWER FOR ROGERS FAMILY

A shower for the C. R. Rogers family, whose home was destroyed by fire Monday, will be held at 7:30 p. m. Thursday, April 10, at the Sixth Baptist church. Everyone is invited.

TO HOLD RODEO SOON

Committee members were named this week to plan the Sixth Annual Hardin-Simmons University Intercollegiate Rodeo to be held in Abilene April 24, 25 and 26. More than 125 cowboys and cowgirls from a dozen western colleges and universities have been invited to the big three-day affair.

Oda Clark's Sister Dies in Houston

Oda Clark just returned from Houston where he was at the bedside of his sister, Mrs. Bertha Mae Spencer. She died on March 25 at the age of 41. Mrs. Spencer was a member of the Assembly of God Church for 25 years and a president of the Young People's Prayer Group.

Aldermen Elected Without Opposition

Total votes cast for aldermen in the city election Tuesday were 137. The aldermen elected were B. T. Sublett, re-elected, 45 votes; Fred Starbuck 44 and Grif Barnett 45. One vote each was received by J. M. Winters, Joe Risinger and J. W. Bryan.

Earl Miller Goes To Managers' Meeting

Earl Miller attended the zone service managers' meeting of the Chevrolet Motor Company at San Angelo Thursday of last week.

TO GO TO CAMP ROBERTS

Sgt. F.C. and Mrs. Billy Gene SoRelle of Ft. Lewis, Wash., are spending their 15-day leave with their parents, Messrs. and Mesdames Joe Hartley and E. K. SoRelle of Abilene. Sgt. and Mrs. SoRelle are being transferred to Camp Roberts, California.

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Announce Winners In Folger's Contest

Five persons tied for first place in the Folger's guessing contest at the Carson Grocery and Market and had to draw for places while one person estimated nearest the correct amount at Campbell Grocery and Market.

At Carson's the actual number of pounds was 459 pounds. Estimates among the tied persons were 458 and 460. These contestants drew for places as follows: Mrs. E. R. Foster, pressure cooker; Mrs. Deveral Teaff bathroom scales; J. M. Sturgin, electric clock; Mrs. Bill Largent, slicing knife; Miss Mary Jo Clark, slicing knife.

At Campbell's the first prize was won by Laura Williams, whose estimate was 320 while the actual number of pounds was 318, winning the cooker. Oda Clark received the scales; O. W. Graham the clock.

Other winners at Campbell's were: Tommie Smith, O. D. Watson, L. M. Coward, Mrs. O. E. Harwell, Atanasia Yhara, Stacey Martin, Earl Carter, Mrs. M. E. Winter, Mrs. B. M. Tipton, L. B. Floyd, Alf Walla, Hoyt Reagan, Mrs. Joe C. Higgins Doris Watson, Jessie Ray Hunt, W. D. McCandless, Truman Harwell, Mrs. H. D. Gooch, Patsy Floyd, Mrs. Etta Ingram, Mrs. Cal McAninch.

At Carson's other winners were: Johnny Cox, Ben R. Hicks, W. C. Lee, Mrs. Ed Griffin, Mrs. S. A. Coates, Jim B. Price, Clarence Newton, Eldon Price, E. V. Walters, Kenneth Moore, Dorothy Fos-

ter, Mrs. A. G. Stout DeLois Reese, Mrs. J. H. Swinney, Mrs. Ed Martin, J. W. Martin, Patsy Melton, Mrs. R. J. Miller, D. H. Jones, Curtis Horn, M. A. Noster, Mrs. O. J. Adcock.

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ED GOSSETT TO SPEAK

Ed Gossett of Dallas, who served 13 years as congressman of the 13th Texas district, will deliver one of the two main addresses at the annual Abilene Citizenship and

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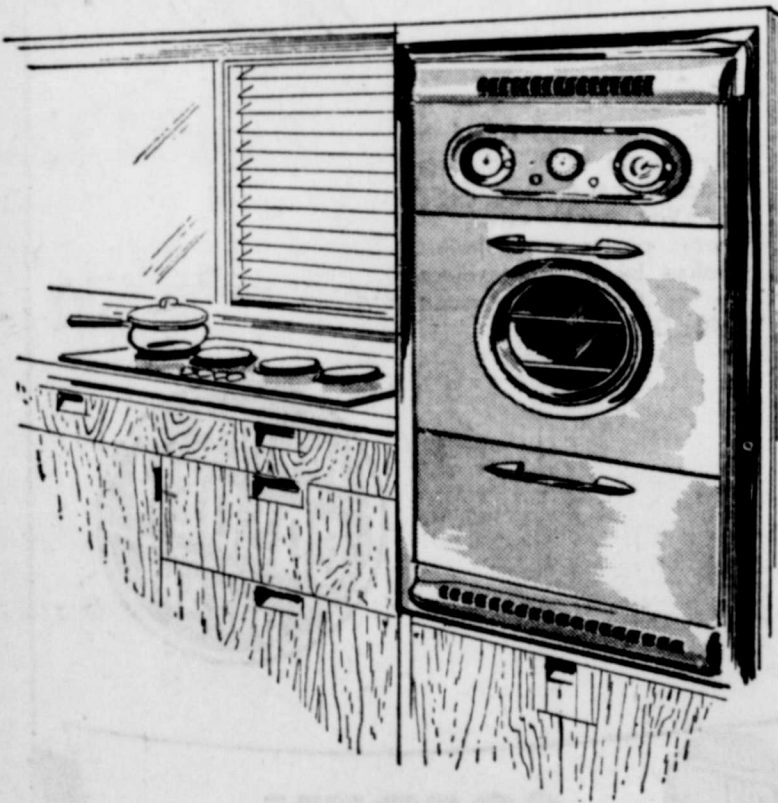
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THE OX TRAIL

The story of J. Hamp Campbell in last week's paper brought up many memories of the great past that has built our country and made it the bastion of liberty and individualism.

Mr. Campbell was able to remember the past as he saw it and lived it. Back in 1886 he came here when Merkel was only a wide place in the road and Abilene was just a small town. And he remarked that there had been great changes since then.

Those are the changes that have made Texas and our whole beloved Country what it is today. Mr. Campbell saw the changes. He saw Merkel become a town, he saw Abilene become a flourishing city. He saw the oxen give way to the tractors. He saw the oil wells brought in. He saw the churches come to town as there were none when he first came here.

This picture that Mr. Campbell was able to reveal by his own experience was the same that I. H. Robinson, 76, of Route 4 was also able to tell about. He came here in 1879, before Mr. Campbell did.

As he recalls, everyone carried a six-shooter, a big belt and cartridges in those pioneer days. There was no Merkel then. There was no Abilene. It was an area of real wide open spaces where the deer and antelopes ranged. There were also wild turkeys.

There were no buffaloes but skeletons of them could be found.

Though folks carried guns they did not use them. They were friendly people, just as they are today. They wanted to get along with each other and they tried to live that way and succeeded. They were happy people and were ready to laugh quickly, just as they are today.

In those days, said Mr. Robinson, a man's word was as good as gold. There was no such thing as a mortgage. When a man said he would pay, he paid.

Mr. Robinson was born in San Diego, Calif., on May 22, 1886. He came here in a wagon with a fellow named Kiser. They first stopped at Comanche for a short while and then settled here in 1879. His father freighted for several years and then went into the sheep business.

The first railroad that he ever saw was at Abilene.

There are two things that strike us strongly in the story of these pioneers who came here when Merkel was not here or just beginning and when Abilene was still in its infancy. These two items are the material progress of this country and the spiritual growth of this area.

When they came here all they had was the land and it was up to the pioneers to carve a civilization out of this frontier district. They did not sit down, lament the fact that there was nothing to see but wide open spaces. They saw land, good land, and they saw opportunity, wonderful opportunity.

They labored early and late, planting cotton and sorghum and raising their cattle. Soon their efforts were rewarded. The land grew. More folks came to the area. Merkel blossomed out as a town. It was a great town, loved by the people, people who labored and labored early. They revealed the character of the pioneers who built the whole area and made it the great town it is today.

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NEWS ABOUT TOWN

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Gentry spent Sunday in Colorado City.

Mr. and Mrs. Zea Bright met Mr. and Mrs. Houston Tiner of Lubbock Saturday at Possum Kingdom Dam where they fished. "No luck!"

Visitors in the P. A. Diltz home over the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Coats and children Sherry Lee and Danny of Big Spring.

Mrs. Norma Bond and daughter, Carolyn went to Fort Worth Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Earl Bright and husband and returned Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. James Strawn and sons, Mark and Garth of Florey visited over the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl

Strawn and Mr. and Mrs. H. L. McKee.

Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Hopper and son, Derrell left Friday for a trip to East Texas and visited in Jacksonville and Rusk with relatives.

Mrs. Betty Craver, Mrs. Loree Hankins of Ranger and Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Rust of Anson visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Rust and J. M. Rust.

Mr. and Mrs. Waymon Adcock and children, Wayne, Andrea and Gary, were in Fort Worth Saturday, Sunday and Monday, visiting his brother Oscar and family.

Mrs. Leah Hand and their three grandchildren, Pat, Sherry and Larry, and Mr. and Mrs. Bert Tuttle, all of Trent, visited with

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their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell, Sunday.

Mrs. Leroy Eason and baby son Ed Ray of Comanche visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Jennings, last week.

Ray Pennings attended a Church of Christ singing in Hanby Sunday. His uncle, Ely Jennings, started the singing hour every fifth

Sunday 35 years ago. Mrs. Ray Jennings and her mother, Mrs. J. W. Williams, went as far as Abilene with him.

Mr. and Mrs. Lucian Rudds, Sr., daughters, Lillie Mae, Jane Rudd, and Kenneth Meyers of Port Arthur, also Mr. and Mrs. Lucian Rudd, Jr., of Abilene were weekend visitors of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Ray.

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The annual Junior-Senior Ranch Style Banquet was held Friday night in the basement of the First Baptist Church. It was hosted by

the W. M. U. The banquet started at 7:45 p. m. and ended at 10:30 p. m. The Rev. Glen Braswell brought the invocation. Kenneth Hill of Hardin-Simmons University was master of ceremonies. John Calor of Hardin-Simmons delivered the after-dinner speech. The setting was very picture-

sque. The folks ate by the light of old-fashioned lamps. In the middle of the dining room was a bonfire effect with red lights under the logs. There were about 100 present at this lovely affair including students and sponsors. The girls wore semi-formal cotton dresses and the boys had on blue jeans and cow-boy shirts. The delicious banquet consisted of fried chicken, baked beans, salad, relish, ice tea and strawberry shortcake.

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TO: ESTHER MAE McDONALD
GREETING:

You are commanded to appear and answer the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock A. M., of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday the 5th day of May, A. D., 1952, at or before 10 o'clock a. m., before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County, at the Court House in Abilene, Texas. Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 19 day of March, 1952. The file number of said suit being No. 18,105-A.

The names of the parties in said suit are:
William Obert McDonald, Jr., as Plaintiff, and Esther Mae McDonald, Jr., as Defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: Plaintiff and defendant were married about August 1950 and lived together until on or about the 10th day of April 1951. There were no children born to this union and there is no community property to be adjudicated. 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 19th day of March, A. D., 1952.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 19th day of March, A. D., 1952.

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

THE STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF TAYLOR

NOTICE OF EXECUTION

By virtue of an execution issued out of the 42nd District Court of Taylor County, Texas, on a judgment rendered in said court on the 4th day of January, 1952, in favor of the Thomas Short and against the said R. S. Powers, in the case of Thomas Short against

R. S. Powers., No.17109A in such court, I did on the 11th day of March, 1952, at 10 o'clock a. m. levy upon the following described tracts and parcels of land situated in the county of Taylor, state of Texas, as the property of said R. S. Powers, to wit: being Lot No. twenty-seven (27), in Block No. Seventeen (17), of the Arthur Sears Park Addition, an Addition to the City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, and on the 6th day of May, 1952, being the first Tuesday of said month, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m. on said day, at the courthouse door of said county, I will offer for sale and sell at public auction, for cash, all the right, title and interest of the said R. S. Powers in and to said property in satisfaction of the foreclosure of the vendors lien retained by Thomas Short in the deed to R. S. Powers.

Dated at Abilene this 12th day of March, 1952.

H. T. Fleming
Sheriff of Taylor County.

STATE OF TEXAS

TO: JIM THREEEKES
GREETING:

You are commanded to appear and answer the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday the 5th day of May, A. D., 1952, at or before 10 o'clock A. M., before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County, at the Court House in Abilene, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 20th day of March, 1952. The file number of said suit being No. 18,115-A.

The names of the parties in said suit are:
Hattie Threeekes as Plaintiff, and Jim Threeekes as Defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows to wit: Hattie Threeekes and Jim Threeekes were married in Greenville, Mississippi in the year of 1915 and continued to live together as husband and wife until the year of 1919. That no children have been born to this marriage and that there is no community property.

Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of cruel treatment.

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

Issued this the 24th day of March A. D., 1952.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 24th day of March A. D., 1952.

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42nd District Court Taylor County, Texas
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Badgers Will Leave For Snyder Sat. For 7-A Track Meet

Coach Carroll W. Benson will take the Badgers to the 7-A District Track Meet in Snyder Saturday. Winners from there will go to the regional meet at Brownwood about April 20.

Coach Benson stated that he had some strong entries for the district meet.

"We have good boys in the dashes," said the Badger leader. "We also have good boys in the hurdles. We have fine contestants in the 440-yard relay and the mile run. These boys should give a good account of themselves at this district meet."

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Trent Gorillas Cop First Place

The Trent Gorillas copped the winner's place in the Novice third annual relays last Saturday. The Trent boys ran up 37½ points. Menard was runner-up with 34 1-3 points. Thirteen Class B teams participated in the events.

Stamp collecting was the hobby of the late Franklin D. Roosevelt.

—Real Estate—
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It Rained Friday But Not in Merkel

It rained Friday, but not in Merkel. That was the report brought in by Constable Luther Land. He had been away from town, of course. Here's the story as he tells it.

Luther took a boy who was burnt recently to the Santa Rosa Hospital in San Antonio for gastric surgery. Luther then went to Cor-

pus Christi to see his son, Corky, wife and grandson, Corky Lee. While there on Friday it rained and kept on raining all the way from there to Fredericksburg. "good showers", said Luther.

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The unholy alliance between organized crime and crooked public officials is vividly spot-lighted in Howard Hughes' presentation, "The Racket," starring Robert Mitchum, Elizabeth Scott and Robert Ryan which plays Sunday and Monday at the Queen Theatre.

The picture presents Ryan as a prominent gangster in a big Eastern city and Mitchum as a square-shooting police captain who bitterly resents the racketeer's political influence and immunity from arrest.

When Ryan has an informer brutally murdered in Mitchum's district, the police officer sees a chance to bring the gangster to justice. By cleverly playing off one faction against the other among the city's criminal leaders, Mitchum attains his end in a thrill-packed climax.

W. C. CHURCH MAY BE HOME ON SATURDAY
W. C. Church, who is in the hospital at Temple, is getting along nicely. He plans to be home Saturday.

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TRENT NEWS

Pfc. Bobby J. Graham is spending a 15-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Graham, his brother, Onis Graham, and sister, Mrs. Bill Jones, of Trent.

Private Graham has completed a special course in technical training at Lowery Field, Denver, Colo. On April 1 he will report for active duty to Biggs Air Force Base, El Paso. He has been in the service since August, and has had training at Lackland Air Base and at Sheppard Field, Wichita Falls.

Sgt. Robert Forkner has reported for duty to Perrin Air Force Base, Sherman, after spending a 15-day leave with friends and relatives at Trent. Sgt. Forkner has been in the service since 1948. For the last 18 months he has been stationed at Biggs Air Base. He had special training in Control Tower School at Scott Field, Belleville, Ill., and in A. and E. School at Sheppard Field.

The girls pep squad of the Trent High School met with their sponsor, Mrs. H. G. Hamrick, and organized for 1952-53 school term.

Officers elected were Bobbye Ann Dudley, president, Glenda Reynolds, secretary-treasurer, Zana Young, reporter. Sue McRee and Venita Quattbaum were elected majorettes, Amelia Martin and Barbara Washburn, drummers, Thelda Hamner and Nancy Jones assistant, drummers, Sylvia Taylor, Betty Payne, and Barbara Edwards, leaders, Sharon Terry, Judy Steadman, and Kay Beasley, assistant leaders, Kay McWilliams and Ricky McElmurray were named mascots.

Trent Seniors Will Present Play Thurs.

The Trent school Seniors are presenting a three-act comedy, "Aunt Susie Shoots the Works," Thursday, April 10, at 8 p. m., in the Trent High School gym.

TRENT W. M. U. CIRCLE ENJOYS LUNCHEON MONDAY

A luncheon for the W. M. U. Circle of the Trent Baptist Church was held Monday in the home of Mrs. J. B. Winn, Jr. Boxes of clothing were prepared for the West Texas children home at Round Rock. Plans were made for the circle to take the clothing and four crates of eggs to the home on April 10.

The devotional was brought by Mrs. Alton Martin and those attending were: Mesdames J. W. Tiner, G. Williamson, A. J. English, W. W. Cooper, C. C. Stribling, G. N. Calloway, W. P. Hood, J. B. Winn, Sr., C. Crocker, Carl Carey, L. W. Ross, Jr., and daughter, R. O. Boyd, Orvin Robinson, J. B. Winn, Jr., Carl Edwards, Alton Martin.

The Rev. Calloway, pastor, and daughter, Connie joined the ladies for lunch.

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Neighbors and friends gathered Wednesday and plowed for J. D. Jaynes. Two other friends came earlier in the week and plowed.

Mr. Jaynes has been ill for sometime. Mr. and Mrs. Jaynes are very thankful to the 16 men with tractors and all of the others who shared in this work, and Mina Winter, who filled the butane tank without charge.

MAKES ARRANGEMENTS FOR FIREMEN'S MEET

J. Parker Sharp, secretary of the Midwest Texas Firemen's Association, was in Rotan Monday, conferring with A. B. Parker, first president of the association, and in Hamlin conferring with S. E. (Jake) Lawson, second vice president, on program plans for the convention in Snyder April 3. About a dozen local firemen and wives were expected to attend the meeting.

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J. Pinckley's Sister Succumbs March 27

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Pinckley, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. Jarrett Pinckley attended the funeral of the elder Mr. Pinckley's sister, Mrs. A. A. Abbott, 80, at Cisco Saturday. Mrs. Abbott died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Eva Bowles, of Killean March 27 at 4:20 p. m.

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OUR VALUE TOMATOES No. 2 2 for 35c	TRUSTY DOG FOOD 3 cans 25c
FRANCO AMERICAN SPAGHETTI 17c	TIDE large pkg. 27c
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NEWS ABOUT TOWN

Buddy McKeever, McMurry College student from Merkel, is one of the about 550 McMurry students who will be on Easter vacation from April 10-14.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Walter and children of Lubbock and Mrs. J. D. Fox of Abilene visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Fox.

Mr. and Mrs. V. O. Wood were in Graford and Possum Kingdom over the weekend. Mrs. Wood visited her mother, Mrs. C. A. Olsen,

in Graford while Mr. Wood went rattlesnake hunting. "No luck."

Sgt. F.C. Jack Tankersley, who is on a furlough, stopped off here Monday for a short visit with his grandmother, Mrs. Etta Tucker, while en route to his home in Fort Worth.

Miss Tommie Clack of Abilene was a guest of Mrs. Fred Groene Saturday. Mrs. Groene's granddaughter, Mrs. Grady Slagle, of San Antonio and son, Gordon left Wednesday for home.

Confederate Men Beat Carpetbaggers In Pioneer Play

A picture chapter of Middle Border history is opened in RKO Radio's "Best of the Badmen," in color by Technicolor which comes to the screen of the Pioneer Theatre Friday and Saturday with Robert Ryan, Claire Trevor Jack Buetel and Robert Preston in the starring roles.

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 2 teaspoons baking powder
 1/2 cup sugar
 1/4 teaspoon salt
 1 well-beaten egg
 1/2 cup Fat Milk
 1/2 cup juice of apricots

3 Tablespoons shortening
 1/2 cup drained cooked, dried apricots, cut-p
 4 teaspoons sug
 1/2 teaspoon cinna
 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg

Sift flour, baking powder, sugar and salt into bowl. Stir in quickly a mixture of egg, milk juice and shortening. Fold in apricots. Put into 12 greased muffin cups filling about 3/4 full. Sprinkle top with mixture of 4 teaspoons sugar, cinnamon and nutmeg. Bake in a moderately hot oven (400) 20 minutes.

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FRESH GROUND MEAT	lb.	63c
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WHITE SWAN — WHOLE GREEN BEANS	2 No. 2	49c
CURTIS Marshmallows	10 oz.	15c
WHITE SWAN Pork & Beans	3 cans	29c
WHITE SWAN Grapefruit Juice	46 oz.	19c
CHUCK WAGON Chili Beans	3 cans	29c
VEL or FAB	2 boxes	55c
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FRESH CORN on COB	3 ears	25c
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FRESH AVOCADOS	each	19c
FRESH BELL PEPPER	lb.	15c
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