

Big Rodeo Contest To Be Sat. and Sun.

Everything is in readiness for the big roping and cutting contest, the first to be held here since 1939, to take place Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m. one mile northwest of town on the farm owned by S. G. Russell Estate. All amateurs have been invited.

About \$1,000 in purses and prizes are offered. Pursues range from \$200 to \$400. A special \$200 saddle is offered for the best average time on four calves. This saddle is a 15-inch Crosby tree made by O. W. Jolly of Abilene and has been on display at the F. and M. National Bank.

About 50 calf ropers are expected here, 30 ribbon ropers, 20 cowgirls in the cloverleaf barrel race and 20 top cutting horses. Around 140 to 150 entrants are anticipated and a huge crowd is expected.

"Fat Boy" Wright of El Paso, well-known rodeo announcer, will

do the honors at the roping and cutting contest. He announces all the amateur rodeo contests throughout West Texas.

A new rodeo arena has been built for this occasion. It is extra large: 150 feet wide by 300 feet long.

Thirty fresh Brahma roping calves have been purchased to be used in the roping contest. A new feature is the cloverleaf barrel race for cowgirls.

Among the great horses that will be here are Miss Aledo, a little paint mare, bought at Fort Worth Fat Stock show for \$2,000 by the well-known Cowboy Bob Crosby and owned by him at the time of his death. She is now owned and will be shown by Jerry Christmas of Abilene. Rex Smith cutting horse Polesite that has won a number of shows in the last two years will be in the contest. John Wallace, who was the champion calf roping at Stamford Cowboy Re-union, will be here.

Also Hollis Parmilly of Tye, winner of the cowboy wild cow milking contest at Stamford in 1951, will be entered in the roping contest.

Preparation are being made to wet down the arena and surrounding ground Saturday morning to keep the dust down.

Alaska Minister Is Preaching Here

Holy Week services are being held at the Assembly of God Church, Second and Rannels Street from Wednesday night through Sunday night at 7:30 p. m. The speaker is the Rev. Mrs. Jennie O'Brien of Talkeetna, Alaska.

Mrs. O'Brien is an interesting speaker, reports Rev. Earp, a world traveler and on her way to the World Pentecostal Convention in London, England, sailing the third of June.

On Wednesday night, April 14, Mrs. O'Brien will present a travelogue of Alaska in colored slides. The public is invited to the travelogue and the preaching.

Court of Honor To Be Held Monday

A Boy Scout Court of Honor will be held at the local Scout Center next Monday night, April 14, at 7:30 p. m. The general public and especially parents of Boy Scouts and Explorers are invited.

The following Explorers will receive badges of advancement: George Starbuck, Johnny Wayne Hammond and Sessions Hammond. Scout awards will be presented to Gary Wylie, Harry Odum, Don Wilson, Edwin Higgins, Kennedy Whiteley and James Bird.

Carry Raincoats to Old Mexico But Never Get Chance to Use Them

"It is just as dry in Mexico as it is here."

That is the report brought by Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Hodge on their return on Thursday of last week from a long trip by auto and air.

"The conditions that we saw in the towns and county were disappointing," remarked Mr. Hodge. "It is very dry in Mexico. The flowers are not blooming. We were told to bring raincoats along with us but we never got a chance to use them, not even on the coast."

They had however a very enjoyable trip. It was interesting to watch the men work on the mountain side, working their banana plantations and corn fields.

The trees are first cut down from the mountain side. The rest is burned, cleaned off and then planted.

The Hodges were gone 18 days. They went from here to Monterrey and on to Taninul where they spent three delightful days in a fine resort hotel with sulphur and fresh water swimming pools and horseback riding.

They were in Mexico City four days and then flew to Acapulco where they enjoyed the deep-sea fishing and swimming. After their return to Mexico City, Taninul and

60-Barrel Flow South of Merkel

South of Merkel in the Blair Field, Drilling and Exploration Co., No. 2 Clark Brookerson has been finalized with a daily potential of 60 barrels of oil.

Carl Hogvard and Fitzgerald have dug slush pits on their E. J. Orsborn No. 3 location and drilling is expected to start soon. This is a north offset to their No. 1 Orsborn and an east offset to the D. & E. No. 2 Clark Brookerson.

The Texas Co., Bill Andree Drilling Co., Annie Mayes No. 3 is drilling ahead near 2,000 feet. This well is three miles southwest of Noodle and is slated for 2,500 feet. D-H-H B Drilling Co., T. E. Allen No. 1 has been abandoned.

Merkel School Board Reorganizes on Mon.

The Merkel School Board met Monday night and reorganized. M. H. Ely was elected president and Ray Wilson secretary.

Re-elect Sharp At Firemen's Meet In Snyder April 3

Veteran secretary-treasurer J. Parker Sharp was re-elected at the semi-annual Midwest Texas Firemen's Convention in Snyder on Thursday of last week.

Eleven persons from here attended the meeting. They were Messrs. and Mesdames Ollie Fox, Clyde Wurst and Ray Holmes, and Messrs. Calvin Peterson, Jim McAninch, John Mansfield, Rex Martin and J. Parker Sharp.

Secretary Sharp reported the firemen had about \$300 in the treasury.

All were served a fine barbecue luncheon and entertained at night with a dance.

Merkel won second place, 14.9, in the two-men hookup contest.

Methodist Church To Hold Revival Starting April 20

The First Methodist church of Merkel will hold a revival from April 20 through April 27, announced the pastor, the Rev. Hugh H. Hunt. The evangelist will be the Rev. T. M. Johnston, district superintendent of the Vernon district.

Cyrus Pee, choir director of the church will lead in the revival singing.



THE EASTER SEASON

An Editorial

Next Sunday is Easter. It is a season of rebirth, of being born again, a time for an awakening of a refreshed spirit. New energy seems to spring up every where and everything takes on a new meaning.

There is a great glory in Easter. It inspires us with a noble spirit and tells us that life is worthwhile and more than mere animal existence. It assures us that man is immortal and that the spirit never dies. The season of Easter — it is indeed the season of new life.

TO HOLD SUNRISE SERVICE AT TYE IN PASTURE

The Tye Methodist and Baptist Churches will have an Easter sunrise service at 6 a. m. Sunday in Luther Askin's pasture. Everyone is welcome.

TO HOLD SUNRISE SERVICE AT PIONEER CHURCH

Sunrise service at the Pioneer Memorial Church will be held at 6:30 a. m., Easter Sunday.

Following the service breakfast will be served in the Fellowship Hall. Sunday school hour will be held immediately after the breakfast. The service for the day will be dismissed until 8 p. m., announced the Rev. E. H. Phillips.

Red Cross Drive Raises \$650.88 As Campaign Ends

The funds raised in the Red Cross drive here amounted to \$650.88 announced Chairman Earl Hughes. This statement completes the campaign.

Chairman Hughes wishes to thank all members of the committee for their faithful and untiring work in raising the money and those who generously gave to the drive.

Hold Last Rites For Mrs. Shugart

L. A. Shugart, 44, died at 5:45 a. m. Thursday of last week at her home.

She was born, Ada Lenora Berry, on March 19, 1908, near Merkel and had made her home here all of her life.

Mrs. Shugart joined the White Methodist Church when 12 and had been a member there since that time. She was married to L. A. Shugart on March 14, 1925.

The funeral was held at 3 p. m. last Friday at Pioneer Memorial Methodist Church with the pastor, the Rev. E. H. Phillips, officiating; assisting was the Rev. Lynwood Harrison, pastor of the Tye Methodist church.

Burial was in the White Church Cemetery with Starbuck Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Survivors include her husband, two sisters, Mrs. A. C. Windham, Mrs. Erma Dell Melton of Merkel; two sons, Duane Shugart of Merkel, and Dale Shugart of the Air Force, stationed at Mountain Home Air Base, Idaho; and one daughter, Mrs. Clayton Doan of Merkel.

Have You Got Old Rags, Newspapers Or Magazines for Scouts, Explorers?

Anybody have any old rags, newspapers or magazines? The local Boy Scouts and Explorers have recently started collecting these items and would like to have the cooperation of the citizens of Merkel.

Each Scout and Explorer is organizing a route of his own and will make regular and periodic collections from his "customers."

If you have any old rags, newspapers or magazines, you are urged to get in touch with some Boy Scout or Explorer or you may call 157-W, 112 or 7 on the phone.

Collections will be taken by the unit leaders to Abilene for sale. The boys will get 75 per cent of the proceeds, but must spend 50 per cent of their share for Scout

Farmers Co-op Society No. 1 Will Hold Annual Meet

The annual membership meeting of the Farmers Co-operative Society No. 1 of Merkel will be held at 2:30 p. m., Saturday at the local gin.

Three directors will be elected. Dividend checks will be distributed and the annual report will be read and discussed.

Dee Teaf is president of the society and L. S. Tipton, Jr., is secretary-treasurer.

WHOLE PETERSON FAMILY IS ILL TEN DAYS

Everyone in the Otis Peterson family have been ill the last 10 days. Mr. and Mrs. Peterson have been ill and also their four children. They are all better.

Cancer Drive Here Will Start Soon

The Taylor County Cancer Drive will start here soon, announced Isadore Mellinger, chairman of the local crusade. The Shriners of the county are assisting wholeheartedly in the drive.

Fifty per cent of the money raised in the county will go toward supporting the tumor detection center at Hendrick Memorial Hospital. Dr. W. T. Sadler stated that all members of the Taylor-Jones County Medical Association are cooperating in the center.

The quota for the county is \$6,000, for Merkel \$300. Shriners will contact folks here. Those who wish may send contributions to Box 685, Merkel.

Spencer Bird Will Offer Oil Well Service Very Soon

Spencer Bird was in Walters, Okla., and Olney most of last week, where he purchased machinery to go into oil well servicing. Guy Simmons of Olney, who has spent his whole life in this business, will assist Mr. Bird in starting the enterprise.

The machinery is now on display at Mr. Bird's home. Mr. Bird was with the REA at its beginning and with it over 10 years.

Cub Scouts Will Hold Wiener Roast Tonight

The Cub Scouts wiener roast will be held tonight, Friday. The boys will meet at the Community Center at 7 p. m., and then go to the Road Side Park. All cubs are urged to come and bring their parents.

"Bring necessary food and drink for the wiener roast for your group," advised Cub Master Wayman Adcock.

Attend the Grade School Show April 16. Admission: adult 25c, student 15c. Adv.

REA Draws Largest Crowd and Reaches Record In '51 Sales

The largest crowd ever to attend the annual membership meeting of the Taylor Electric Co-operative and Taylor Refrigeration Co-operative and one of the biggest years ever had by them were highlights of the affair on Thursday of last week.

Manager Lester Dorton estimated the huge crowd at about 1,600. Last year the attendance was 900. According to figures released by Sam Butman, secretary of the electric cooperative, the gross business done last year was \$258,799.97 for his division.

The re-elected directors were: H. R. Roberts, Ovalo, chairman; Sam Butman, Jr., Merkel; U. S. Akins, Abilene rural route; C. F. Hill, Hamby; O. S. Moore, Nolan; Comer Haynes, Merkel; Omar Thomas, Marydel, and Elmo Jones of Tuscola.

Roberts, Butman, Haynes, Anderson and Akins were also elected directors of the Taylor Refrigeration Co-operative.

The winner in the short skit division was Women's Society of Christian Service Pioneer Memorial Church, Butman Community, with "Club Woman Taking a Trip." The actresses were Mrs. Dowell McLean and Mrs. Elmer Patterson of the Nubia community.

The other participants were J. A. Abbott, 88 years old, of Bradshaw, who read a poem that he had written 65 years ago, entitled "Texas Sandstorm"; and the Lawn Home Demonstration Club, represented by Mrs. Elgie Ham who gave a skit entitled "Carry Just What You Have to When You Make a Trip."

The first winner in the instrumental division was Mrs. Jean Tyrone playing the piano and Carl Moore playing the guitar, both from Nolan. Lura Jane Myers of Route 2, Clyde, gave a piano solo.

In the vocal division first place was taken by the Nolan Quartet. Others in this division were the

Noodle Trio, Harmony Quartet of Trent, Silas Tucker of Clyde and Mrs. Joe Welch of Belle Plains Community, Callahan county.

In the final contest of the three divisional winners, the first prize of \$15 was won by Mrs. Jean Tyrone and Carl Moore; second prize of \$10 by Mrs. Joe Welch and the third prize of \$5 by the Women's Society of Christian Service.

The judges in the contests were Mesdames W. T. Sadler, E. L.

Horton, Jr., and Robert Malone.

Volunteer ladies who worked the co-op refreshment booth were Mesdames Oscar Johnson, Henry Howard, W. A. Henager, R. L. Elliott, Jr., and Holt Vaughn, under the supervision of Mrs. Weldon McAninch and Mrs. Neta Curb.

Manager Dorton praised his personnel for "another year of outstanding work. Company drivers have driven 270,000 miles and only one fender has been dented, Manager Dorton said.

Coy McDougald, Lubbock representative of the REA's application and loan division, told the members that more than \$375,000,000 have been loaned for REA development, but, "well over 99 per cent of this is being repaid at a faster-than-necessary rate."

Bryan Bradbury, Abilene attorney for the Co-op, told those present that only in a few countries could people meet and form organizations that served such a noble purpose as do the various REA co-operatives over this nation.

In relation to the co-op's proposed telephone system, Pat Patterson of Law, director of the telephone board, said bids for the rural system would be taken within 60 days.

Many REA co-op employees were on hand for the meeting to serve free coffee and drinks to the visitors who filled the gymnasium and overflowed into the surrounding school grounds.

During the lunch hour, Zeke Williams and his cowboy band from Abilene furnished music.

School Election Vote on Saturday Near Low Record

One of the lightest votes ever cast in a school election was counted Saturday, according to T. L. Grimes, judge of the election. Mr. Grimes has been judging elections for over 40 years. The number of votes cast last Saturday was 18. Back in the 1940s there was one time when 13 were cast.

Those re-elected for a term of three years on the Merkel Independent school district were M. H. Ely 17 and J. W. Hammond 18. Pete Petty received one vote that was written in.

James E. Freeman of Abilene was re-elected county school trustee-at-large by receiving a write-in vote of five.



MERKEL SCHOOLS WIN

Both high school and grammar school led the scoring at the Taylor county meet of the University Interscholastic League held in Abilene during the weekend. Twenty-eight schools of the county competed in the events.

FORMER MERKEL GIRL WINS

Miss Alice Church, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Church, former residents of Merkel, won first place in the meet canning demonstrations held in Lubbock last week.

ELECT ALDERMEN

Three new aldermen, Dr. C. B. Gardner, John West, and C. E. Jacobs were named at Tuesday's city election. They succeed T. G. Braggs, Booth Warren and Herbert Patterson, Holdover aldermen, who together with Mayor W. M. Elliott, constitute the governing body, are A. T. Sheppard and Len Sublett.

NAME BOARD MEMBERS

In Saturday's election the voters named O. J. Adcock, A. J. Canon, J. M. Collins and J. E. Richardson as members of the school board for the Merkel Independent district. Holdover trustees are W. O. Bonney, S. D. Gamble and Herbert Patterson.

HOME FROM HOSPITAL

After undergoing an appendix operation at a hospital in Abilene Warren Durham was able to come home this week. He is getting along nicely.

This Happened in Merkel Forty Years Ago

Mrs. George Easterwood came in from Midland Tuesday night in answer to a message telling her that her mother, Grandma Coggins, is very sick.

Last week J. A. Woodard sold his livery business and the property on which the business is located to John R. Daniel but from being so accustomed to the line of work it was the first of this week before Mr. Woodard could find out he was not a member of the firm, so turned the management of the firm over to the new buyer April 1.

On last Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock, Dr. Robert I. Grimes, formerly of this city but now of Dallas, was married to Miss Harriet Terrell of that city.

E. H. Cordell, J. A. Collins and H. R. Hicks were business callers in Abilene this week.

A. C. Rose returned from Dallas Friday morning where he has been attending the state meeting of hardware dealers.

Dr. L. W. Hollis reported two cases of meningitis to County Health Officer Cash Saturday, in the family of Dabney Harvey who resides in the Circle Cross pasture 1 1/2 miles southwest of this city.

Over 100 of the ablest preachers of the state were in session at the district conference which came to an end Monday night, with Dr. H. A. Boaz's sermon, which was a feature of the conference.

RANDIE TAKES HIS MEDICINE LIKE A MAN!

Randie is a good boy, a very good boy. He takes his medicine like a man. In fact he takes it from the whole bottle. He is supposed to take one teaspoonful of sulfa preparation. Saturday he found the bottle and put it to his lips and swallowed 12 teaspoonfuls! His mother, Mrs. Burly Bonds, looked for him, discovered him and rushed him to the hospital. Dr. W. T. Sadler immediately applied a stomach pump. Soon Randie was happy and no ill effects followed. Randie is three years old.

SOCIETY

MISS MARKA BARNES MARRIES H. L. BOWEN IN TRENT

Miss Marka Barnes was married to H. L. Bowen on Saturday, March 29, at 3 p. m., at the residence of the Rev. J. B. Lamb, pastor of the Church of Christ in Trent.

Immediately after the ceremony a reception was held at the R. T. Bishop home in Trent. The newlyweds went to San Angelo on a wedding trip. They will make their home at 509 Yucca.

SHIRLEY FAY WEBB IS MARRIED MARCH 31

The marriage of Miss Shirley Fay Webb of 806 East 3rd, Sweet-

water, whose parents live near Merkel, to Luther (Buck) Hatfield of Odessa, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Hatfield of Merkel, took place Monday, March 31, in the bride's apartment with about 25 guests attending.

The Rev. Billy R. Frazier read the double ring ceremony. Mrs. Ronald Smith, who has been living with the bride while her husband is in the Army, was the only attendant. She wore a navy crepe dress with white trim and a white carnation corsage.

The bride wore a navy gabardine suit with white trim. Her shoes had white bow trim. She wore a white hat and a white carnation corsage.

After a wedding trip to Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Hatfield went to Odessa to make their home.

Mrs. Hatfield attended Merkel High School, Mr. Hatfield the Noodle Junior High School.

MISS ADELLE ELKINS REPORTS ON GUILD MEET

The newly organized Wesleyan Service Guild held its first business and social meeting in the home of Mrs. Woodrow Wilson on Monday eve.

The president, Miss Adelle Elkins presided. It was decided that the next meeting would be in the chapel April 21. Miss Elkins gave a report of the Northwest Texas Conference of the Guild that she attended in Abilene March 30.

Mrs. Ben R. Hicks gave a most inspiring devotional on "Prayer and God's Promise of Protection." Prayer was led by Mrs. Paul Honeycutt.

Mrs. Hugh Hunt gave an interesting review of "So Sure of Life" by Violet Wood, a biographical study of the Rev. Robert F. Thomas, who with missionary zeal served as both pastor and doctor, building up a locality the Smoky Mountain Region into a complete living unit.

At the refreshment hour a tea plate of dainty sandwiches, wafers, hot chocolate and colored jelly beans in Easter nests of green coconut was served.

Those present were: Mesdames John Shannon, Holt Vaughn, R. M. Ferguson, Johnny Cox, Alvin T. Lemens, Ben R. Hicks, Cyrus Lee, Paul Honeycutt, Jack Miller, Tommy Ellis, Hugh Hunt, Pete West, Clesby Patterson, Misses Adelle Elkins, Annette Johnson, Lela Patterson, Betty Jane Tittle and Mary Collins.

BLUE BONNET H. D. CLUB SUPPER RAISES \$74.30

The Blue Bonnet H. D. Club met in the home of Mrs. Adrian Farmer for its regular meeting. Mrs. Allen King presided in the absence of the president, Mrs. Trammell. Mrs. Farmer gave the council report.

Mrs. Ford Butman read the minutes and gave a report on the supper. Funds raised amounted to \$74.30. The auctioneer was Dell McLean.

Mrs. Sam Butman gave an interesting demonstration on sponge cake baking. The cake, coffee and fruit were served to two visitors. Mrs. Harrison Malone and son, and eight members: Mesdames Frank Bronovak, Allen King, Sam Butman, Ford Butman, Euell Ray, Frazee Demere, Tommy Russon, the hostess and two children.

The next meeting will be April 15 with Mrs. E. H. Phillips.

"HARMONY IN COLOR" IS PROGRAM AT UNION RIDGE

The Union Ridge H. D. Club met in the home of Mrs. George Cow, Friday, April 4, with the president, Mrs. Gordon Pursley, presiding.

The Woman Collect was read, followed by prayer by Mrs. Pursley.

The program was "Harmony in Color." Mrs. Dehart, Mrs. King and Mr. Randolph of Abilene, representing a prominent paint company, gave helpful hints on color schemes.

Refreshments of cake and punch were served to the visitors, Mesdames King, Dehart, Will Toombs, and the following: Mesdames Tom McAninch, Wynona Scroggins, W. C. Lee, O. E. Harwell, M. L. Douglas, J. E. Jaynes, J. H. Clark, W. C. Newton, E. L. Palmer, Denzel Cox, Gordon Pursley, George Crow and Miss Mabel McRee.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. M. L. Douglas.

NOODLE SCHOOL GRADE STUDENTS HAVE PARTY

The Hubert Sullivan home was the scene of a party for the 7th and 8th grades of the Noodle School Friday night, April 4. Frankie Sullivan and Elva Joyce Allred were hostesses, assisted by their mothers, Mrs. Sullivan and Mrs. Charlie Allred.

Indoor games with prizes, carrying out the Easter theme, and refreshments of iced drinks and cookies were enjoyed by Jeannette Lucas, Clara Hill, Diane Chen, Gloria Lawlis, Zoie Adair, Remol Vancel, Clinton Spurgin, Eddie Bumpass, Bill Tucker, James Allred, Ida Beth Adkins, Sandra Spraberry, Morris Chancey, Kenneth Alford, Robbie Goode, Merna Patterson, Lloyd Warren and Bobby Sullivan.

Others present were Earl Tucker, Karan Sullivan, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Adkins, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Tucker and Hubert Sullivan.

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MRS. SIMMIE O. ALLRED

Mrs. Simmie O. Allred, formerly Betty Sue Kelso, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Kelso of Trent, was married recently to Simmie Othell Allred of Merkel.

NOODLE JR. 4-H HEARS TALK "COLORS AND YOU"

The Noodle Junior 4-H Club met Wednesday, April 2, at 9:15 a. m., in the Noodle home-economics room. President Gloria Lawlis called the meeting to order. Secretary Jeanette Lucas called the roll and read the minutes.

The Jones County Home Demonstration agent and 4-H leader, Miss Jimmie Lou Wainwright, gave an interesting demonstration on "Colors and You." Girls were chosen to come forward and model "color collars."

Mrs. B. T. Murfee was the only 4-H mother present. The club will meet with the mothers April 16.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank everyone for the kindness shown us during our illness.

Otis Peterson and family.

Adv.

PATIENCE FOR MOTHERS DISCUSSED BY MOTHERS

The High School and Teen-Age Mothers had their regular study course lesson in the home of Mrs. P. C. Wylie on Thursday, April 3. The subject was The Patient Years for Parents.

Mrs. Ray Wilson reviewed the topic and Mrs. Powell Miller thoroughly discussed the article, "If They've a Mind for Marriage."

The theme for the entire nine lessons in the National Congress of Parents and Teachers for 1951-52 has been "Building Healthy Personalities." The purpose is to help parents help their adolescent

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children, believing that "force never changed anybody's mind." Those present at the meeting were: Mesdames Vincent Barnett, Merkel P-TA president, Frank Breaux, Roy Kelso, Ray Wilson, Nolan Palmer, J. L. Standard, Sam McLeod, O. W. Johnson, Homer Newby, Denzel Cox, Mrs. F. T. Hogan, Jr., Mrs. P. C. Wylie, Powell Miller and Judd McReynolds, program chairman.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Admissions to the Sadler Hospital were reported as follows: As medical patients—Mrs. F. F. White, April 4; Mrs. J. M. Sloan, Mrs. Pruitt Perry, Mrs. W. B. Toombs, Mrs. S. A. Coats, April 5; Marvin Mayfield, April 9.

For surgery — Mrs. Charles Carter, April 7 and dismissed April 9.

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Annual Membership MEETING of the FARMERS CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY NO. 1 MERKEL, TEXAS

To be held at the Gin Saturday, April 12, 1952, at 2:30 p. m. Please be sure and attend your annual meeting and ask your cooperative friends to come.

Three Directors are to be elected. Dividend Checks will be handed out. The annual report will be read and discussed.

DATE: SATURDAY, APRIL 12, 2:30 P. M.

DEE TEAFF, President.
L. S. TIPTON, JR., Secretary-Treasurer.

Easter EYE STOPPERS

SPECIALS for FRIDAY and SATURDAY April 11 & 12

FLORIDA ORANGES	lb. 9c	ARMOUR'S READY TO EAT PICNIC HAM	lb. 55c
SUNKIST LEMONS	lb 15c	GOOCH BLUE RIBBON HAM whole	lb. 55c
FIRM CABBAGE	lb. 5c	CELLO FRANKS	lb. 59c
YELLOW ONIONS	lb. 15c	DRESSED FRYERS	lb. 49c
LONGHORN CHEESE	lb. 59c	ARMOUR'S STAR SLICED BACON	lb. 49c

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SKINNER'S RAISIN BRAN	10 oz. 18c	RED & WHITE SLICED Pineapple No. 2 can	29c
SKINNER'S Egg Noodles	5 oz. Package 2 for 25c	LIBBY'S Whole Spiced No. 2 1/2 can	PEACHES 39c
PETER PAN Virginia Peanuts	7 oz. 29c	ROSEDALE PEARS No. 2 1/2 can	39c

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He Is In Korea and All He Hears Is Scared Kids Crying But No Music

The following letter with a clipping from The Mail was received from Pfc. W. D. Lively, 475125, U. S. M. C., G-3-11, 1st Ar. Div., F. M. F., %F. P. O., San Francisco, Calif.:

Dear Editor — I noticed a letter in the February 15 issue of The Mail from a corporal who was supposedly in a front line battalion. His story stirs my blood plenty. He

said there wasn't a time that he didn't see at least five movies a week.

I am a radioman on a forward observer team with an infantry line company. I would like to know what kind of a line outfit see five movies a week unless it's the Army. He must have been in a chow line or a pay line.

I have been in Korea three and

a half months and I have seen one movie. This corporal says you can stand on every hill and hear music, movie stars or mystery stories. All I have heard is the chatter of machine guns, the crack of an exploding mortar or the cries of a scared or wounded kid.

We wouldn't mind having movies every night but there is no use trying to fool the folks at home about the good or bad things in Korea. Yes, sir! It does stir my blood; the nearest movies are far behind the lines.

I am from Merkel and I attend M. H. S. I love Merkel and

everything about it and I don't want people to get the wrong idea of how it is over here. It is the principle of the thing that really stirs my blood.

Legal Notices

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To: James Slaughter Crosby
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 19th 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 3rd day of April, 1952. The file number of said suit being No. 18,147-A.

The names of the parties in said suit are: Elizabeth Virginia Crosby as Plaintiff, and James Slaughter Crosby as Defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were married September 27, 1941 at Conway, Ark., and lived together until July, 1951. To this marriage one child was born, Andri Ann Crosby, in Conway, Ark., October 28, 1943, and Plaintiff requests custody of child. Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of cruel treatment.

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

Issued this the 3rd day of April A. D., 1952.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 3rd day of April, A. D., 1952.

J. Neil Daniel, Clerk, Court Taylor County, Texas.
By Dorothy H. Dickerson, Deputy Adv. April 11, 18, 25, May 2.

Spine-Tingling Show Packed with Suspense Comes to Pioneer Sun.

"For Defiance," a spectacular production, is a spine-tingling outdoor drama set in the days of the last great Indian wars just after the Civil War. It tells a suspense-packed story with a tremendous sweep of action, against breathtaking New Mexico backgrounds. The picture is being released by United Artists and plays Sunday and Monday at the Pioneer Theater.

The popular star, Dane Clark, plays his first western role as Johnny Tallon, a trigger-happy killer. Ben Johnson as the man whose conscience will not lie easy until he has killed Tallon, he gives a fine, strong and sensitive portrayal.

"PRESS AS YOU SEW" IS 4-H CLUB GIRLS' TOPIC

The Merkel 4-H Club Girls met March 28 in the school study hall. Sixteen members and two leaders were present. A demonstration called "Press as You Sew" was given by Darlene Horton and Margaret Chancy. Elnora Holmes showed 28 interesting shrubs that she had collected to have in a shrub contest in June. The achieve-

ment tea was planned at this meeting.

Sixth Grade Room Elects Officers

Mrs. Johnny Cox's sixth grade room elected new officers last week. They are Patsy Sue Watson, president; Patsy Ann Smith, vice president; Becky Ray, secretary; Jerry D. Melton, reporter, and Ronny Toombs, policeman.



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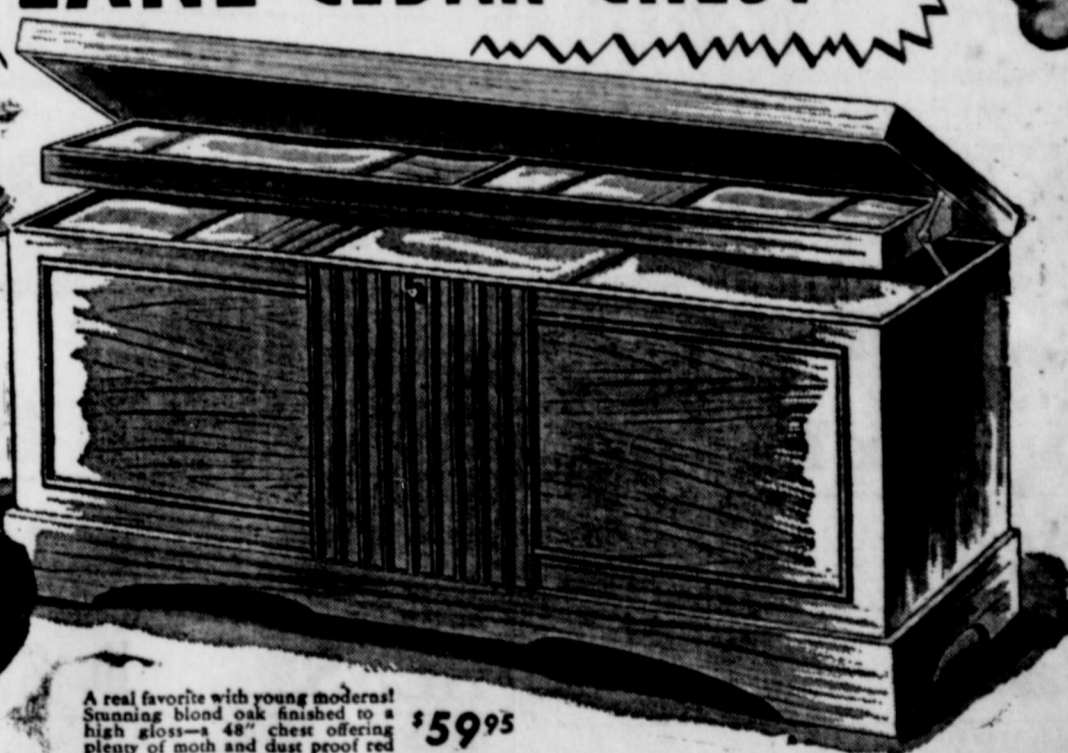
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Local Boy Takes Part in Atomic Weapons Test

Second Lieutenant Frank M. Simpson, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Simpson of Merkel, has joined the quartermaster board located at Fort Lee and has been assigned to special projects branch.

The 1945 Merkel high graduate was recalled to active duty last September. His branch participated in the atomic weapons tests at Eniwetok and Nevada and has the

mission of carrying out quartermaster tests connected with a number of research and development projects in the field of radiological defense.

Lieut. Simpson graduated from Texas Tech in 1950 and worked on his masters degree in chemistry at Texas A. & M. in 1951. His previous Army service includes eight months duty in Alaska.

HAILS JAP PEACE TREATY

Senator Tom Connally of Texas, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, this week hailed ratification of the Japanese Peace treaty and the related Pacific security pacts as "a long step forward toward lasting peace in the Pacific area."

"Flame of Araby", Is Daring Action And Desert Romance

Universal International's spectacular "Flame of Araby," to show at the Queen Theatre Thursday and Friday of next week.

The film stars Maureen O'Hara long regarded as the queen of Technicolor, and rugged Jeff Chandler, star of "Iron Man" who today is considered the hottest star in Hollywood.

Story concerns the attempt by desert outlaws Lon Chaney and Buddy Baer to wrest a kingdom from Maureen O'Hara, cast in the colorful film as Princess Tanya. Jeff Chandler, in the role of Tarzlane, rescues Miss O'Hara and wins her hand in marriage.

Mrs. Julius Smith's Mother Dies March 24

Mrs. Julius Smith was called to the bedside of her mother, Mrs. Lee Ida Batey, 73, March 23 at Fort Worth. Mrs. Batey died March 26 and was buried in Poplar Prairie cemetery in Parker county March 28.

High School Band Has Busy Calendar For Rest of Year

"The high school band has a busy calendar for the rest of the school year," said Director Ralph Brady, "and all members are working hard on the concert and contest programs."

Sectional rehearsals are being held before school hours and all members are regular in attendance. Parents and students are making a sacrifice in order to make the Merkel bands second to none, said the director.

The band will rehearse in the Redford Memorial Auditorium to test volume and acoustics response April 16 and several soloists will attend a clinic in San Angelo April 19.

Sage of Figfield Is Citation Item

The Karnes City Texas, Citation, a weekly owned formerly by Editor Hy White, with the headline, "Sage of Figfield Purchases Merkel Mail," carried the following story:

The Sage of Figfield, better known in Karnes City as Hy White, is back in the weekly newspaper business after an absence of four years.

A copy of the Merkel Mail was received Sunday and the announcement of the purchase was made in that issue. The Mail is a 63-year-old paper. Merkel is located near Abilene, Texas.

TO HOLD 4-H OUNDRUP
The annual Texas 4-H Club Roundup will be held at Texas A. & M. College June 9-10.

FORMER MERKELITES HAVE GRANDSON, GREAT-GRANDSON

Mr. and Mrs. Everett McGehee, Ballinger, are the parents of a son born Friday, March 28, named Charles Lawrence McGehee.

The paternal grandmother, Mrs. Gladys Deutschman McGehee, and great-grandmother, Mrs. Charles Lawrence Deutschman, both former residents of Merkel, now live at 1942 North Second, Abilene. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jack Seay, 2810 Simmons Avenue, Abilene.

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personals

Mrs. A. V. Boone of Sweetwater spent Monday visiting Mrs. Joe Boone and Miss Winnie Brown. Stanley Toombs of San Angelo is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Toombs. R. L. Denson and grandson, Ronnie Ogles went fishing Sunday at Sweetwater Lake. "No luck." Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Wood were in Ralls Monday, visiting their son, Don Wood, who is music director in the Ralls schools. Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Russell and Mrs. R. M. Ferguson spent the weekend in Dallas with Mr. and Mrs. Cayton Knox. Mrs. Knox is the sister of Mrs. Ferguson and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell. Mrs. Knox returned with them to Merkel to spend the week.

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To: D. S. Thompson 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 26th 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 5th day of April, 1952. The file number of said suit being No. 18,150-A. The name of the parties in said suit are: Polly Ebilene Thompson as Plaintiff, and D. S. Thompson as Defendant. The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were

married Oct. 15, 1949 and lived together until Jan. 1, 1950. Plaintiff alleges that there was no child or children born to this union. They have no community property either real or personal. Plaintiff's maiden name before their marriage herein was Luton, which maiden name she asks the Court to restore to her. Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of cruelty and harsh treatment. If this Citation is not served

within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved. Issued this 7th day of April, A. D., 1952. Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene Texas, this the 7th day of April, A. D., 1952. J. Neil Daniel, Clerk. Court Taylor County, Texas. By Dorothy H. Dickerson, Deputy Adv. April 11, 18, 25, May 2.

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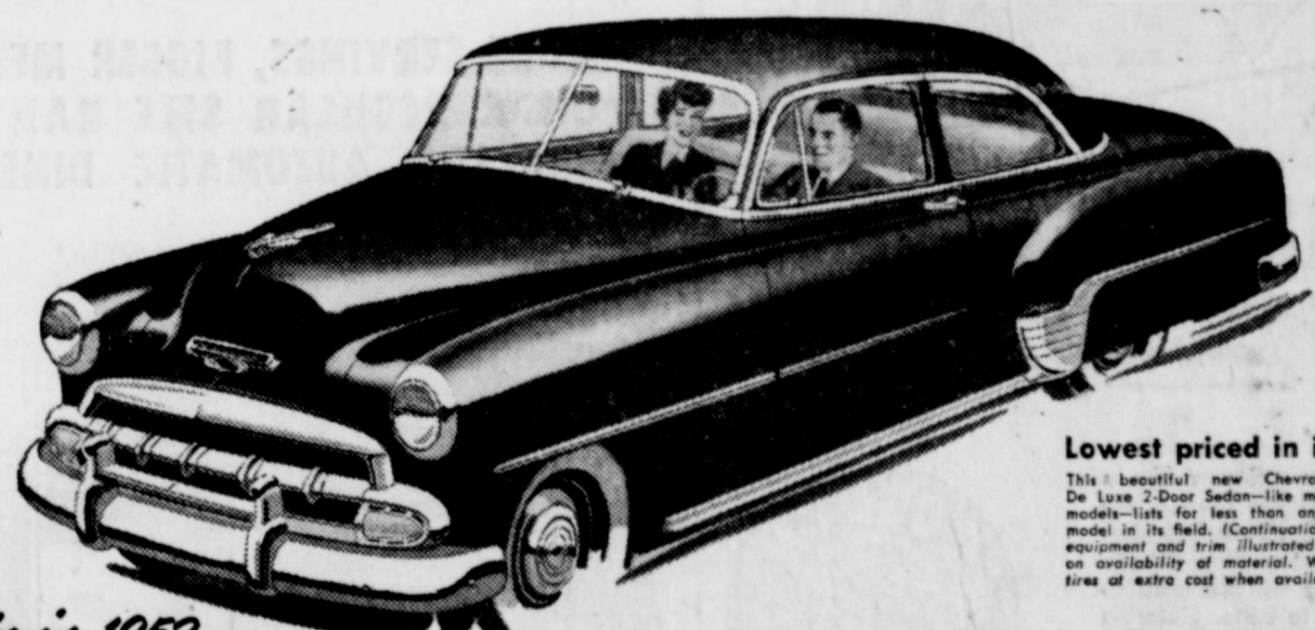
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Jim Harris spent Sunday morning in Eastland and had dinner with Mrs. Will Wood and Janice in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Humphrey of Lubbock visited here recently with her sister, Mrs. F. T. Bartlett and family.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Williams and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harris were in San Angelo Sunday, visiting Mrs. Harris' brother.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Randal and daughter, Penny of Vernon were visitors of her mother, Mrs. R. B. Johnson, and sister, Mrs. John R. West, and husband Sunday.

Mrs. Cramer Reynolds and sons, Jackie and Tommie Watt were in Lubbock and Leveland this week visiting her son, Oris at Texas Tech College. Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Blair accompanied them. At

Leveland they visited Mr. and Mrs. Blair's sons.

Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Cypert, Jr., and children of San Angelo visited her brother, W. R. (Pinky) Cypert and his mother, Mrs. Winnie Cypert, over the weekend. Sunday visitor was Paul Crow of Lamesa.

Miss Betty Tittle and Miss Annette Newton and Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Dudley visited Mr. and Mrs. John Minter and Mr. and Mrs. Don Dudley and son, Mike in Fort Worth over the weekend.

Staff Sgt. William Shoemaker of Rapid City, South Dakota, is home on furlough from the Air Force visiting his mother, Mrs. W. M. Shoemaker. He has been in the Air Force almost four years.

Mrs. Lela Lawson has as house guests her daughter, Mrs. Henry Zavalo, and husband, Mrs. Lawson's granddaughter and child visited Mrs. Lawson for a few days last week. They are all from Yuma, Arizona.

of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 24th day of March A. D., 1952.

J. Neil Daniel, Clerk
42nd District Court Taylor County, Texas
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**THE STATE OF TEXAS
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.

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TO: JIM THREEEKES
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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.

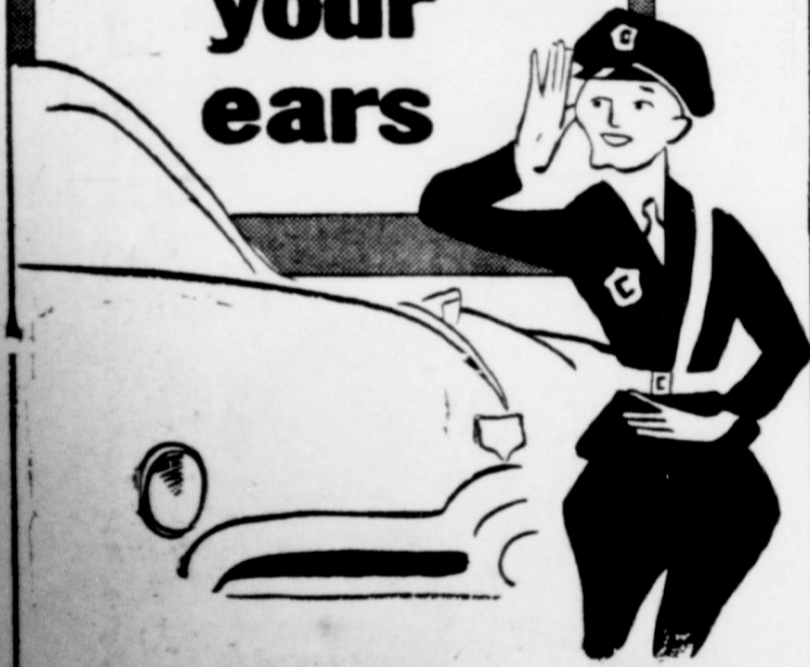
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 Morning Worship.....11:00 a. m.
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 Morning Worship.....11:00 a. m.
 Evening Services.....7:30 p. m.

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.

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

Trent Methodist Church
 Sunday School.....10:00 a. m.
 Evening Worship.....7:30 p. m.
 Morning Services.....11:00 a. m.
 M. Y. F. Services.....6:30 p. m.

Church of the Nazarene
 Services at the Merkel Church of the Nazarene are as follows:
 Sunday School.....10:00 a. m.
 Morning Worship.....11:00 a. m.
 Young People's Service.....6:30 p. m.
 Evening Services.....7:30 p. m.

W. F. M. S. meets at 2:30 p. m.
 each first and third Thursday.

Merkel First Methodist Church
 Sunday:
 Sunday School.....9:50 a. m.
 Morning Worship.....10:50 a. m.
 M. Y. F.6:30 p. m.
 Evening Worship.....7:30 p. m.

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.

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

Merkel Assembly of God Church
 Sunday School.....10:00 a. m.
 Morning Service.....11:00 a. m.
 C. A.'s.....6:30 p. m.
 Evening Worship.....7:30 p. m.

Tuesday: Women's Missionary Council
 2:00 p. m.

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

VISITS MOTHER WHO IS IN GALVESTON HOSPITAL
 Mrs. W. T. Mosley was in Galveston last week, visiting her mother, who is in the hospital there and improving.

ATTENDS WEDDING OF NEPHEW IN FT. WORTH
 Mr. and Mrs. Mark Hubert, Mrs. R. E. Tinney, and son, Tommy attended a wedding Friday night in Fort Worth of her nephew, Jimmie Jefferies, and Miss Glenda Payne.

Many Melodies Are Sprinkled Over Film To Play at Queen

Since Columbia Pictures' "Purple Heart Diary", starring Frances Langford at the Queen Theatre on Tuesday and Wednesday, is about the singer-actress' U. S. O. entertainment tour in the Pacific, it is only fitting that the new film is sprinkled with melodies. The songs include: "Hold Me in Your Arms," "Anywhere," "Hi—Fellow Tourists," "Where are You From?" and "Bread and Butter Woman." Featured in "Purple Heart Diary," in which Frances entrances and romances all our G.I. boys abroad in World War II, are Judd Holdren, Ben Lessy and Tony Romano.

FARM EMPLOYMENT LOW

Farm employment in the Abilene area currently estimated at 2,100, continues at a minimum.

The majority of the local farmers have their land put up and are awaiting sufficient moisture to plant, reported the Texas Employment Commission.



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Do you want to try and make Merkel an Oil Town and offset to some degree the effects of the drouth which is fast becoming the worst in our history.

Merkel has an opportunity to get a well drilled within the City limits and by Operators who feel that we will develop into an Oil town; this will add to property values and, as stated, offset the depressive effects of the drouth.

The price being paid for leases is not much but when figured on an acre basis is enough to buy most any lease in this vicinity, the total cost to operator will be in the vicinity of \$50.00 per acre.

Robert Hicks, Mrs. W. O. Boney, Horace Boney, Frank Hamm, Burton Lingo Lumber Co. H. T. Hodge, and other businessmen are cooperating by leasing all their lots; but some are holding back thinking the price will advance and they will benefit by the others cooperation.

Unless we get this deal over I think that Merkel will never know whether there is Oil here, as a united effort is required to build towns and so far it is lacking in Merkel.

This is not a speculative deal as has been in the past and the excuse that it clutters the title is not valid, as a release can be gotten if the lease is not drilled at expiration of term and would not cost over Five Dollars in your abstract. This will be in two block units! only one well to each two blocks and all lots leased will participate in the royalty within the two block unit as the interests appears. If you want to co-operate in this venture see Jake Massey or call at my office.

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ECONOMY 63c SIZE IPANA PASTE 49c	LARGE \$2.50 SIZE IRONIZED YEAST --- \$1.95	50c SIZE FEEN-A-MINT 37c	MERKEL DRUG CO. Your Health (R) Service Store S. D. GAMBLE Phone 105 W. D. GAMBLE	

Fortnightly Hears Of Horrors of War

A real international flavor was given the regular Fortnightly Study Club meeting Tuesday night at the Community Center.

DID THE DOG READ THE AD?

J. W. Reynolds put a classified ad in The Merkel Mail, stating he had lost his Boston Bull dog.

curtain and doubtless all murdered. Sadly he added this would be his fate should he return.

These young people talked of the customs of their lands and played some piano numbers.

One exception was the young man from Estonia. He said his parents and relatives had been driven by the Russians behind the iron

personals

Mrs. Tom Payne of Blackwell is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Herman Daniel, this week.

Mrs. Andy Shouse attended the confirmation of one of her pupils, Harold Hohertz, at the Zion Lutheran Church at Abilene Sunday.

Ruth Jenkins is visiting her daughter, Mrs. L. C. Williams, and grandson of Odessa.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Toombs, Jr., of Snyder visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frazz Demere over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Woolbright of Quanah spent the weekend in the home of her uncle, A. J. Canon, and wife.

Donations Made to Cemetery Fund

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

J. W. Mansfield \$15.00, J. D. Beasley 10.00, Fred Guitar, Sr. 10.00, Mrs. Tessie Walling 5.00, Mrs. J. M. Toombs 5.00, Bob Popham 1.00

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's or at the Merkel Mail office.

Large Merkel Group Attends O. E. S. School

Folks from here attended the O. E. S. school held in the Abilene chapter room Sunday. A very large crowd was present.

Guests of honor were Mrs. Flora Best Boone, worthy grand matron; Earl G. Manning, worthy grand patron; Mrs. Elsie Bills, grand examiner; Mrs. Mollie Good Pasture, district deputy grand matron; Mrs. Jo. Lee, deputy grand matron and other grand officers.

Those attending from the Merkel chapter were: Mesdames Bill Hayes, Ross Pratt, Wade Ensminger, A. B. Parham, Seth Rakes, Rhett Edison, Craig Humphreys, Sallie B. Carter, Sweetwater, Charlie Seago, Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Butler, Messrs. H. C. Reid and Ernest Teaff.

Nolan Palmer Goes To Goodyear Meet

Nolan Palmer attended a meeting of the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company in Dallas last Friday. Over 500 dealers were there from the Dallas district.

The purpose of the gathering was to introduce a new tire, all Nylon body, the likes of which American has never seen and also a new life-guard tube, that prevents punctures as well as blow outs.

Jimmy D. McKeever Is Discharged From Navy and Is Home

Jimmy D. McKeever is now at home after being discharged from the Navy at San Francisco. He served seven months in the China-Korean area. He was in the naval Reserve. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. McKeever and is now living at 1425 Ballinger, Abilene.

Attend Funeral Of Mrs. Seago's Uncle

Zed Bright and Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Seago accompanied Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Seago to Albany Sunday afternoon where they attended the funeral of Mrs. E. H. Seago's uncle, Edd Childers.

Annual Rabbit Drive To Be Held at Trent

Monday and Tuesday have been selected for the Trent annual rabbit drive. Free lunch will be served at school luncheon.

FOR RENT REFRIGERATORS at Palmer Motor Co. Phone 159

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Post Office to Hire Vehicle for Use in Delivering Mail

Proposals will be received by the postmaster at Merkel until 10 a. m., April 15, for the hire of a vehicle without driver on an hourly basis for use in delivering and relaying mail during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1953.

Each proposal must be enclosed in a sealed envelope, with the notation on the envelope "Proposal for Vehicle Service, City of Merkel" and addressed to the postmaster. Estimated hours of service are 2 hours on week days.

Trent Gorillas Win at Tuscola

The Trent Gorillas took district 16-B track and field title at Tuscola last Friday. Bill Scott led the Trent crew in points. Trent's total score ran up to 56 3-8 points.

To Conduct Eight National 4-H Awards Program in 1952

Eight national 4-H awards programs, which have been important factors contributing to the widespread popularity of 4-H club work are being conducted in this State for 1952.

The programs, their respective anniversaries and donors are: Girls' Record, 30th, Montgomery Ward; Canning, 24th, Mrs. Ruth Kerr; Meat Animal, 23rd, Thos. E. Wilson; Food Preparation, 18th, Kelvinator; Farm and Home Electric, 17th, Westinghouse; Leadership, 16th, Edward Foss Wilson; Dairy Achievement, 16th, Lederle Laboratories, and Beautification of Home Grounds, 15th Mrs. Charles R. Walgren.

Nook Cafe Drive-In Adds New Stucco Building on Highway

The Nook Cafe Drive-In on the highway has added on a new stucco building for ice cream dispensing and curb service. The inside of the cafe has also been redecorated in green. The drive-in is owned by Leon Ed Wilson and W. D. Weber. The curb service from 6 p. m. to midnight was started last week.

Local School Folks Attend Oil State Teachers Meeting

Supt. Mack Fisher and most of the faculty of the Merkel schools attended the Oil Belt State Teachers Association meeting in Sweetwater recently. Many inspiration talks were delivered.

Starbuck Appoints Publicity Director

Fred Starbuck, local coordinator of civil defense and disaster relief, has appointed Editor Hy White as publicity director for this community, taking the place of L. F. Bookman. Mr. Starbuck stated in making the appointment, "Mr. Bookman has done a 'bang up' job with his assignment."

Frances M. Bennett Enrolls in University

New students enrolled at Ohio State University this spring quarter include Frances M. Bennett of Merkel.

INJURED IN OIL FIELD Cecil Rowden of Borger was injured in an oil field accident near here Monday. He was first rushed to the Sadler Hospital on Tuesday and then removed to Abilene.

EASTER HOLIDAY IS MONDAY Trent school will observe its Easter holiday on Monday.

Variety Talent Show to Be Given Wednes., April 16

The general public is invited to the hilarious Grade School Variety Talent Show to be presented in the school auditorium next Wednesday afternoon, April 16, at 2:00 p. m.

The Variety Show, staged by the students and teachers of grades 5-8, is chiefly good clean fun. The production had its premiere on April first before the students of the elementary school and a few parents, and there has been a community-wide demand for a repeat performance since.

The show includes a Negro Minstrel, a Faculty Baby Show, Spike Jones and his City Slickers, a Shadow Show, "What's Wrong with the Bonehead Seventh Grade?" and "You Can't Afford to Marry if You Cannot Afford a Ford."

The feature of the show is the Four Cousins from Possum Crick, a corny musical aggregation composed of Mrs. Andy Shouse, Mrs. Norman Winter, Mrs. Vincent Barnett, Miss Patsy Dunagin and Mrs. P. C. Wylie, M. C.

An added attraction for this second performance is a hillbilly musical number by Cowboy Carl Smith and Principal C. A. Farley. Proceeds will be used to buy books for the elementary school library.

Admission will be 25 cents for adults and 15 cents for high school and primary school students.

Colored Easter Rabbits Patterson Grain

We wish to express our sincere thanks to our many, many friends who assisted in any way at time of the loss of our dear husband and brother, for deeds done, words spoken, songs sung and the beautiful floral offerings and especially do we thank Dr. Gardner.

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CLASSIFIED AD SECTION

LODGE CALLS NOTICE MASONS Stated meeting of Merkel lodge No. 710, A. F. & A. M., Thursday, April 17 at 8 p. m.

LOST-White face steer calf, 6 or 8 months old. If found see B. L. Bond. 2t3c.

STRAY CALF came to our farm, 3 miles north of Merkel, over two weeks ago Mrs. Robert Higgins, Route 1, Merkel, Tex. If.

STRAYED OR STOLEN-Liberal reward for information or return of blond cocker dog. Answers to Blondie. Strayed from home half-way between Merkel and Anson, 3 miles west of Truby 6 miles east of Noodle.

SITUATIONS WANTED WANTED A JOB - Cleaning house or washing dishes in cafe. Mrs. H. B. Rogers, 4th block on West Street, Merkel, Texas. 1t3p.

FOR RENT - Furnished Apartment. Private bath. Couple only. Mrs. J. M. Collins. 411 Ash St. 1t4c.

FOR RENT - Apartment in the Oasis Hotel. 1t4c.

FOR RENT - 4 room Duplex Apartment unfurnished. Ray Wilson, Campbell Grocery. 1t4c.

FOR RENT - My Former Home at 509 Locust. O. B. Leach R. 1. 3t4p.

FOR RENT - Three room unfurnished house at Trent, newly papered. See G. N. Reynolds, Box 53, Trent. 3t3p.

FOR RENT - Apartment, 3 rooms. Bath and garage, close-in on southside of town. A. T. Sheppard. 3tfc.

FOR RENT - Three room furnished apartment with private bath. Mrs. John Ensminger, 1006 Oak Street. Phone 53W. 2ctf.

FOR RENT - Four room house and bath, double garage. A. B. Patterson, 607 Oak St. 1tp.

FOR RENT - Building, two doors west of the Fire Station. See Bob Hicks. 3ctf.

FOR SALE - Frysers - Frysers. Rhode Island Reds. Charles Baird, 301 Marion. 1t4p.

USED Ford, Chevrolet and Ply mouth parts, Badger Chevrolet.

FAIRBANKS MORSE deep well pumps, submersible pumps, jet pumps or booster pumps. Miller Implement Co.

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WE ARE ready to sell pumps, trade pumps or talk pumps - Fairbanks Morse of course. Miller Implement Co.

HOUSE FOR SALE - Attractive two bedroom house. FHA finance. Almost new. Located in Herring Addition. Can handle with small down payment. Can be seen by appointment only. Cyrus Pee, agent. 2ctf.

FOR SALE - Registered Northern Star cotton seed. See Morris Smith, Farmers Co-op Gin. ctf.

SEVERAL Used electric refrigerators, all sizes and prices. Badger Chevrolet. ctf.

SMALL home on Marion Street, good location. \$3500.00.

THREE good homes on Oak Street. Priced to sell.

THREE bedroom home, south-side, four years old. \$2800.00 for equity, balance financed. Let me show you these. Could be bargain time.

ANDY SHOUSE 115 Kent Street Phone 322

FOR SALE - Dining room suite. See Mrs. Robert Malone, 102 Ash. Phone 26. ctf.

DON'T FORGET - You can buy a set of tires, have your car repaired, repainted or accessories installed. We will also buy your license plates and put it all on the budget plan. Badger Chevrolet Co.

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BATTERIES \$8.50 until April 12. Less next week if they last. Patterson Grain. We DO appreciate your business. Phone 222. 1t3c.

FOR SALE - Crosley refrigerators, home freezers, electric ranges and radios. Small down payments and pay balance in easy installments. Badger Chevrolet Co.

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POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Merkel Mail is authorized to announce the following candidates for office, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries July 28, 1952.

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. RAINWATER

FOR SALE - My home and 2 lots on the south side. Very reasonable. See Lynn McSpadden. 2t3c

FOR SALE - Two piece living room suite. See Ollie Fox. Phone 66 or 308-J. 2otf.

WE HAVE too many 1/2 ton pickups, 1947 to 1951 models. Come in and lets see if we can trade. Badger Chevrolet Co.

1950 CHEVROLET 1 1/2 ton truck runs and looks like new, a real bargain for someone. Badger Chevrolet Co.

SEVERAL LATE model used tractors, all makes, good condition. Will give good service as they are ready to go. Merkel Farm Machinery.

FAIRBANKS MORSE submersible pumps are the answer to your pump problem. See them at Miller Implement Co.

FOR SALE - Florence Gas Range in good condition. Mrs. Weldon McAninch. 1t3p.

FOR RENT - Nice 5-room house well located.

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.

MISCELLANEOUS WATER WELL drilling and surface pipe set. Higgins & Malone, Box 267, Merkel. Phone 26.

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 46 oz. CAN **29¢**

Del Monte Fruit Cocktail
 2 1/2 CAN **39¢**

DEL MONTE CATSUP
 2 BOTTLES **33¢**

DEL MONTE CUT GREEN BEANS
 2 cans **43¢**

DEL MONTE PEACHES
 2 303 **43¢**

DEL MONTE FRUIT COCKTAIL
 2 303 **48¢**

DEL MONTE PEARS
 2 303 **53¢**

DEL MONTE WHOLE GREEN BEANS
 2 303 **48¢**

WILSON'S MOR 12 oz. CAN **39¢**
RINSO 2 boxes **49¢**
SURF 2 boxes **55¢**

Shortening **KIMBELL'S** 3 Lb. Carton **53¢**

COFFEE **MAXWELL HOUSE** Pound **79¢**

DEL MONTE Pineapple Juice 46 oz. **29¢**

DEL MONTE Orange Juice 46 oz. **29¢**

DEL MONTE PRUNE JUICE qt. **33¢**

DEL MONTE HALVES APRICOT No. 2 1/2 **38¢**

DEL MONTE SLICED PINEAPPLE No. 2 **29¢**

FROZEN FOODS
 Donald Duck CORN pkg. 19¢
 Donald Duck Brussels Sprouts 25¢
 Donald Duck BROCCOLI 25¢
 Donald Duck Cauliflower 25¢
 Donald Duck PEACHES 28¢
 Donald Duck SPINACH pkg. 23¢
 Donald Duck LIMA BEANS 28¢
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Del Monte No. 2 1/2 Can PEARS **43¢**

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EASTER HAMS shank or whole lb. **49¢**
 NUMBER ONE CLEAR DRY SALT BACON lb. **27¢**
 CHOICE BEEF — LOIN OR T-BONE STEAK lb. **88¢**
 CENTER CUT PORK CHOPS lb. **45¢**
 FRESH DRESSED FRYERS pound **49¢**
 CORN KING BACON pound **36¢**
 NUMBER ONE READY TO EAT PORK HAMS pound **42¢**
 BEEF CHUCK ROAST lb. **69¢**

WILSON'S OLEO Pound **18¢**

AUNT JEMMIA FLOUR
 10 Pound with 2 Lb. Meal FREE **93¢**
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KIMBELL'S EASTER EGGS Candy Bag **19¢**

IMPERIAL SUGAR 10 pounds **85¢**

MIRACLE WHIP SALAD DRESSING Pint **29¢**

Vegetables
 IDAHO MESH BAG SPUDS 10 pound **69¢**
 JUMBO CRISP LETTUCE head **15¢**
 FRESH TURNIPS and TOPS bunch **12¢**
 FLORIDA ORANGES lb. **8¢**
 FRESH CARROTS bag **9¢**
 FRESH CELERY HEARTS cello **29¢**
 FRESH BEETS bunch **10¢**
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