

## GOOD RAINS FALL IN THIS AREA

### Fighting Badgers Give Their All Against Blizzards

By Principal C. A. Farley  
A fighting band of Merkel Badgers, outweighed and outnumbered, received a "cold" reception at the hands of the Winters Blizzards last Friday night in the Runnels County city.

The speedy Blizzards controlled the game and outclassed the local eleven even more than the 19-6 score indicates. It was merely a good team being defeated by a better team. The locals fought valiantly and fiercely. They gave all they had, but it was a hard fight with a short stick. A leaky pass defense helped the Blizzards' cause considerably.

Early in the tilt it was apparent to the several hundred loyal Merkel fans present that the Badgers had gotten into a "hornet's nest," although Coach Benson's charges put up stout defensive play to halt the first two Winters' offensive rushes.

The Blizzards took the opening kickoff on their own 21 and headed for "the Promised Land" in a business-like fashion. Ten plays, including a beautiful 26-yard pass carried to the Merkel 7-yard line. The Merkel defense, led by tackle Billy Wayne Dye and linebacker Dale Dudley, tightened at this point to hold the Blizzards off.

The Merkel club could not go and after an exchange of punts, the Winters boys took over on their own 41. Doyle Black had just booted the pigskin for a neat 56 yards on the previous play. On the very next play, Dalvin Awalt broke over his own left tackle and raced 59 yards for the initial TD of the fracas. Colburn booted the extra point to give the Blizzards a 7-0 lead, which they never relinquished.

It was a nip and tuck affair until early in the second canter when Tailback Doyle Black had to leave the game because of a leg injury. In the middle of the frame this same Awalt guy went through the middle of the Badger line on a delayed buck and went to T. D. City unhampered via Main Street. The Merkel forward wall rushed Colburn so badly he could not kick from placement. Score at the half: 13-0.

The Runnels County lads took the second half kickoff on their own 30. Awalt and Holland took turns toting the mail to the Merkel 22, where Jonas passed to Guy over the double stripe to make the count 19-0. The hard-charging Merkel line blocked the try for the extra point.

Merkel's lone tally came in the middle of the closing stanza. Benson's men partially blocked a Winters' punt and recovered on the Blizzards' 45. A pass by Darrel Kelso was no good, Kelso circled left end for 10 yards. Standard hot-footed in around right end for six more, a pass to Thomas Watson netted 7 yards. Jimmy Russell waltzed around left end to the five yard line. Kelso hit right tackle for 4 and then Kelso jack-knifed through the middle for Merkel's first touchdown of the game and of the season. Russell's kick for the extra point was no good.

In the Merkel business department, Kelso was the work horse, collecting 32 yards in 8 carries. Black amassed 17 yards in 7 tries. Standard got 8 yards in 4 attempts and Russell netted 2 yards in 3 trips with the mail.

Tackle Billy Wayne Dye was an outstanding performer for the Badgers on the defense. Right along with him in top level performance were Guard Bobby Owens and Linebacker Dale Dudley.

The following figures reveal clearly why the Badgers came out second best:

First Downs: Merkel 5; Winters 15  
Net yards rushing: Merkel 59; Winters 267  
Passing: Merkel completed 2 out of 8 for 20 yards. Winters completed 7 out of 19 for 118 yards.  
Punting: Merkel 7 for 36 yard

average. Winters 5 for 26 yard average.  
Penalties: Merkel 6 for 30 yards; Winters 8 for 90 yards.

### How Are Prices For Cattle, Sheep Calves & Lambs

By Ted Gouley  
Virtually all classes of cattle, calves, sheep and lambs are currently selling substantially below prices in effect the week before the Korean fighting broke out.

Korean fighting began June 25, 1950. Let's compare today's prices of livestock with the week preceding the outbreak of fighting: Hogs have held their own. Monday they brought \$20 and \$20.25 at Fort Worth, same as on June 22, 1950.

But, cows sold from \$13 to \$22.50 before Korea, and today it's \$9 to \$18. Bulls then drew \$16 to \$22.50, and today sell at \$12 to \$20. Slaughter calves ranged from \$15 to \$30 before Korea, and today from \$12 to \$28.50. Slaughter steers and yearlings sold then at \$16 to \$31, and similar cattle today sell at \$12 to \$31.50.

Stocker calves were reported at \$18 to \$31 on June 22, 1950, and today similar kinds get \$16 to \$28. Stocker yearlings then brought \$20 to \$29, and today sell from \$15 to \$26. Stocker cows at \$18 to \$25 then, now bring \$14 to \$23.50.

Slaughter lambs at \$16 to \$27 then, currently sell at \$8 to \$24. Yearling wethers at \$15 to \$22 then, now bring \$8 to \$18. Slaughter ewes before Korea brought \$9 to \$11, and now \$5.25 to \$7.25. Feeder lambs at \$15 to \$23 then, now sell at \$12 to \$18. Feeder yearlings then drew \$15 to \$21, and now \$10 to \$14.

Just a year ago this week steers and yearlings sold at Fort Worth from \$23 to \$38, \$8 to \$10 above current prices. Cows a year ago this week cashed from \$15 to \$28, bulls from \$28.50 down. Fat calves topped at \$34.50 a year ago this week and stocker calves at \$40 and higher. Six dollars and \$12, respectively, higher than today's levels at Fort Worth.

Lambs topped at \$31.50 a year ago, \$7 to \$8 above today. Ewes drew \$10 to \$15.50 a year ago, against \$7.25 down today. Yearlings brought \$27, against \$18 and down this week. Feeder yearlings drew \$25 and down, and now bringing \$14 and less. Feeder lambs at \$30 a year ago compare with \$18 and down today.

### Fisherman Catches Other Man's Fish at Phantom Lake

One of the Merkel leading fishermen, Ross Ferrier, vouches for the following story:  
Ross was out at the Phantom Lake Saturday evening and a man by the name of Cleve Wharton of Abilene, who lives on West Sixth, was drifting and dragging his line 100 feet behind his boat. Mr. Wharton got a strike and the fish jerked his rod and reel into the lake.

Another fisherman, who was in the same boat with Mr. Wharton, started to reel and caught the other man's line. This other fisherman pulled it in and caught Mr. Wharton's fish. It was a catfish and weighed six pounds.

### MERKEL VS. ROSCOE

The Badgers journey to Roscoe Friday, September 26, for a battle with the Roscoe eleven. The starting time is 8 p. m. It is a non-conference game. The Plowboys lost last week to Rotan 18-7. The band and pep squad will be there as well as a big following from here.  
Doyle Black, one of Coach

### Merkel 'B' Team Battles Highland To 6-6 Score

The Merkel "B" team and the Highland football eleven fought here to a 6-6 tie on Thursday night of last week to open the "B" team schedule.

The Highland team scored first in the early moments of the second quarter. The "B" team tied the score up late in the second quarter. The touchdown was set up by Freddie Boone who went off his own left tackle for a nice 55-yard run only to be caught from behind and pulled down on the 5-yard line.

From the 5th the "B" team punched over its six points, Boone carrying the ball. A pass for the extra point was blocked. Both teams threatened in the second half but couldn't find pay dirt.

For Merkel Boone, George Starbuck, Kelton Williamson and Bobby Mayfield looked good in the backfield. On the line Billy Gilbert, Bobby Elliott, George English and Wesley Martin stood out.

The next "B" game is at Anson on Thursday night, October 2.

### Joe D. Jaynes Dies At Age of 60 After Illness

Joe D. Jaynes, 60, Merkel farmer, died at his residence about 2 1/2 miles north of here, at 9 p. m. Saturday following a year-long illness.

He had been seriously ill and confined to his home for more than a year and had lived in Merkel community for the past 30 years. He was a farmer.

Funeral services were held at 3:30 p. m. Sunday in the First Baptist Church with the pastor, the Rev. Glen Braswell, officiating.

Burial was in the Rose Hill Cemetery under the direction of the Starbuck Funeral Home. Graveside services were conducted by the Masonic Lodge No. 710.

### SINGING AT AMNITY

There will be singing at Amnity Baptist Church on Thursday, Oct. 2 at 7:30 p. m. Everyone is welcome.

Carroll Benson's best backs, suffered a fractured ankle in the Winters game in the first quarter, and will be out of the next six games. His absence in the lineup will be keenly missed.

Freddie Boone will probably be his replacement on the offensive team and Billy Mack Gilbert will probably take his place on the defensive team.

Roscoe team will outweigh the Badgers 25 pounds to a man.

The Merkel-Roscoe game is the traditionally arch-rivalry game of the season and the Badgers are going over there with the determination to bring back another upset victory like they did last year.

IT'S A GREAT GRANDSON  
Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Adeock were in Midland Wednesday to Friday of last week visiting their daughter, Mrs. A. A. Betterton, and great grandson, born Sept. 15 to Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Thompson.



THE REV. DAVE JOHNSON

### Singing Parson Makes Recordings, Has Relations Here

The Rev. Dave Johnson, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Richmond, has signed a two-year contract with Columbia Recording Artists, and has already made two recordings. The Rev. Johnson is the son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Miller of Merkel.

Each recording has two hymns, one on each side of the record. The first record, soon to be available at record stores, has the following well-known hymns: "My Father Watches Over Me" and "In the Garden."

The Rev. Johnson has sung with the Houston summer-time opera.

### Mrs. Alice McNeill Dies Last Week And Buried Here

Mrs. Alice T. McNeill passed away about 8 a. m. Thursday of last week at her home in Copperas Cove. The funeral services were held last Friday at the First Baptist Church in Copperas Cove with Rev. Collier officiating. Burial was in the Rose Hill Cemetery here at 4 p. m. with the Wallace Funeral Chapel in charge.

Relatives attending the funeral were: Mr. and Mrs. John Neel of Gatesville, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Bond of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Derrick of Austin, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Totten and children of Waco, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McNeill of Killeen, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. McNeill and son of Copperas Cove, and Mr. and Mrs. R. B. McNeill and daughter of Abilene.

Mr. McNeill passed away in 1943. There are 10 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

### Chester McWilliams Meets Heavy Rain, Stopped On Highway

Chester McWilliams was in Big Spring Monday to see his brother, Sherwood, who has moved to Denver, Colo.

Chester left here at 4:30 a. m. and the rain had just started. At the roadside park, 2 miles from here, it began to pour as if the skies had opened up. At Loraine he had to stop because he could not see through the rain. All traffic was stopped.

It was heavy rain all the way to Big Spring. He left there at 4:30 p. m. and the rain had about stopped.

### Katherine Learns What Rain Will Do To a Sand Pile

Katherine Patterson is 19 months old. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Patterson. She has been playing in a sand pile.

When it rained she wanted to go out and play in the sand. Her mother would not listen to her. Finally Mr. Patterson remarked, "Oh, dress her and let her go out." Mrs. Patterson still objected, so Mr. Patterson helped her on with her coat and led her to the door.

Little Katherine ran out and went to the sand pile and started digging. She dug and she dug and she dug. It was not sand. She was amazed, confused and finally got mad. Papa Patterson was watching her. So he, too, finally went out, grabbed her by the hand and brought her in.

So little Kathy learned that sand piles are not sand piles when it rains. They are mud.

### Merkel Gets 2.9 In. While Other Points Are Drenched

The total amount of rain that fell here from Monday morning to Thursday morning was 2.90 inches.

The rain started falling around 4:30 a. m. Monday and by 8:30 a. m. 1.40 inches had fallen, reported Weatherman J. I. Ford. It had reached 1.50 by 9 a. m. and 1.70 inches by 11 a. m. At 6:30 p. m. the same day the gauge stood at 2.3 inches, said Mr. Ford.

Tuesday it tried to rain but all that happened was a slight sprinkle that did not measure. It began at 11:30 a. m. At 5:30 p. m. it still was trying and continued to 8:30 p. m.

However, by Wednesday morning there was one-half inch of rain, stated Weatherman Ford.

Thursday morning the gauge showed that .10 inch of rain had fallen during the night.

The rainfall previously this month measured 2.10 inches. The

total so far for the month is five inches. All this fell within a period of 15 days.

The rainfall in the area around

here as of early Monday was: H- bron 1-2 inch, Trent 1 1-2, Union Ridge 2, Noodle 2, Stith 1.70, Nubie 3, Toland 4, Hodges 1.70, Blair 1.70 inches.

### Merkel 20 Years Ago

TAKEN FROM THE 1932 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL

#### NAMED REPRESENTATIVE

W. O. Boney has been designated as Merkel's representative in the preparation of the city's application for relief funds and with others he has asked to assist him the plan is being carefully studied.

#### TO PREACH AT BLAIR

W. G. Cybert will preach at the Church of Christ at Blair next Sunday at 11 o'clock.

#### GIN OVER 400 BALES

Cotton receipts for the season to date at the six gins in Merkel and including Blair, Stith and Noodle have passed the 400 mark, the exact total being 405 up to Wednesday night.

#### STORM LOCAL LODGE

In observance of the 81st birthday of the Rebekah degree, a delegation of Abilene Rebekahs stormed the local lodge on last Friday night, bringing their luncheon, and after a regular session enjoying a social hour of music and games. Mrs. Will Patterson, noble grand of the local chapter, presided over the meeting, with Mrs. Mary Alice Dunn as secretary.

#### DIES HERE TUESDAY

Clyde L. Jeffrey, age nearly 22 years, adopted son of G. Kinsey and better known as Clyde Kinsey, died shortly before noon Tuesday. Death was due to pernicious anemia. Clyde had been in a weakened condition from malaria for several months.

#### OPEN DOORS FOR FAIR

Saturday, October 1, is the date for the Quilt Fair, sponsored by the ladies of the Woman's Missionary society of the Methodist Church. The place will be the Mellinger Building and the doors will open at 10 o'clock Saturday morning, remaining open until 8 that night, if the interest justifies.

#### LOCAL PLANE FLIES

Manufactured in his shop in Merkel and equipped with a Ford model-T engine, Warren Higgins' two-passenger airplane made its first flight last Saturday afternoon under the guidance of Walter Warnick as pilot. It was a thrilling sight to watch the homemade plane circle the city. The ship was tested by Lt. Ralph Vaughn, lic-

### This Happened in Merkel Forty Years Ago

TAKEN FROM THE 1912 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL

V. B. Walters reports the sale of two Merkel homes this week. Mrs. J. S. Barnes is in Trent this week, visiting her daughter, Mrs. John Childers.

It is rumored that Skinny Evans is figuring on a job at Dallas.

Messrs. R. L. Krigbaum and B. D. Black were in Abilene Wednesday on school business.

Homer Easterwood, our local editor, is on the ailing list this week, suffering with symptoms similar with a man in love or very bilious.

Doss Sheppard left for Dallas Saturday night where he goes to accept a position with the Trinity River Lumber Company.

In a realty transaction made last week between W. O. Boney and Dr. J. H. Warnick the latter acquired another block of the

ensured pilot. It is capable of about 75 miles per hour.

#### RECORD BIRTHS

Born to Messrs. and Mesdames J. C. Washburn, near Trent, a boy; Bob Mayfield, a girl; Lois McDonald of Trent, a boy; Borden Perkins, a boy; Wade Paulk, a boy.

#### OPEN FOOTBALL SEASON

Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock the football fans and citizens of Merkel will have a chance for the first time, to witness the Badgers in action. The Badgers will go to battle against the Putnam Panthers on the local field. This game is the initial game for the Badgers.

#### ELECT SNOOD DELEGATES

At the closing session of the Abilene Presbytery held at Ranger on Tuesday and Wednesday of last week, Rev. R. A. Walker, pastor of the local Presbyterian Church, was named as pastor delegate, and James H. West, as elder delegate from presbytery to the meeting of synod, which convenes in Dallas October 6.

#### "DOWN TO EARTH"

Will Rogers, America's jester, in his latest picture, "Down to Earth" heads one of the season's outstanding programs at the theatre in Abilene. It will show Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.

#### TO SHOW MORE PICTURES

Commencing Monday, October 3, the Queen Theatre will show two pictures a week. The management announces shows every Monday and Tuesday as well as Friday and Saturday.

#### BULLOCK OPENS STORE

The Bullock Hardware Company, owners of a store in Abilene, will open a store here on the tenth of next month in the Sharp Building, formerly occupied by the Crown Hardware Company. J. H. Cook will be manager, assisted by Tye Sublett.

#### TO HOLD QUILT FAIR

The quilt fair under the auspices of the ladies of the Methodist W. M. S. to be held at the Mellinger building on Saturday, October 1, will include five divisions and a special prize for first place in each division will be awarded. Ribbons will go to second and third places in each division.

stock of the Hogue-Hamilton Company, one of our oldest mercantile establishments.

Tracey Barlow, our fast typewriter and assistant job and ad man, visited his grandmother and friends south of Dallas last week.

Miss Juanita Harris visited Miss Annie T. Daniel this week.

Rev. and Mrs. C. S. Annis are the proud parents of a fine boy. The young man made his appearance at the home Wednesday of last week.

W. P. Duckett is enjoying a visit from his brother, J. A. Duckett, of Fort Worth, whom he had not seen for five years.

Mrs. Chas. Mershon is entertaining her mother, Mrs. Geo. E. Bristow of Van Horn this week. Visitors in Abilene on Saturday were: John McDonald, Sunday E. A. Cluck.



# SOCIETY

## FORTNIGHTLY STUDY CLUB DISCUSS POLITICAL LEADERS

Mrs. Robert Malone opened her lovely new home Tuesday to members of the Fortnightly Study Club. The club president, Mrs. Powell Miller, conducted a short business session and Mrs. Norman Winter led the group in singing "Dixie" and "Yankee Doodle."

An open study of the Democrats vs. Republicans constituted the program. Mrs. David Gamble as program chairman prefaced her introduction with some timely remarks on "What the people expect in November," then presented Mrs. Murry Toombs who reviewed the life of the presidential nominee and later the life of the vice-president, both from the Democratic party.

The Republican nominees were ably represented by Mrs. Paul West.

"The Party Platforms" were discussed by Mrs. Henry West. The following members answered roll call with famous

quip, "With the Boys in the Back Room."

Mesdames Chester Collingsworth, Judd McReynolds, Norman Winter, Weston West, Paul West, Henry West, Murry Toombs, Andy Shouse, W. T. Sadler, Elma McFarland, Homer Patterson, Geo. T. Moore, Powell Miller, Robert Malone, Earl Lassiter, Bill Largent, Comer Haynes, Earl Hughes, Lige Gamble, David Gamble, Mack Fisher, Tommy Ellis, Carroll Benson, Grif Barnett and Christine Collins.

## UNION RIDGE HD CLUB MEETS IN REA KITCHEN

The Union Ridge Home Demonstration Club met Sept. 19 in the kitchen of the REA Building. This U-shaped kitchen with all the modern built-ins was enjoyed both for beauty and found to be most convenient.

Miss Loretta Allen, county agent, demonstrated chocolate meringue pies. The pie crusts were made with hot water, mix

and were very tender and the pies delicious. She suggested serving pies in the afternoon or as a dessert. As a Sunday dinner with fried chicken use less gravy and potatoes but more vegetables or less rich food.

Mrs. J. H. Clark presided for a short business meeting. Officers elected were:

President, Mrs. Buford Buntin  
Vice president, Mrs. J. H. Clark  
Secretary, Mrs. Clyde Newton  
Treasurer, Mrs. Kenneth Pee  
Reporter, Mrs. O. E. Harwell  
Council delegate, Miss Mabel McRee.

The refreshment plate, consisting of the chocolate pie, a sandwich and olive with coffee or a drink was served to one new member, Mrs. Lou Stephens, Rt. 3, and members, Mesdames Kenneth Pee, Clyde Newton, W. C. Lee, J. H. Clark, Beauford Buntin, Allen Agnew, Clay Satterwhite, Mabel McRee, O. E. Harwell and Loretta Allen.

Oct. 3, the club meets in the home of Mrs. Agnew at 2 p.m.

## COMPLETING BASIC INDOCTRINATION



AIRMAN BILL S. BUTMAN



AIRMAN WILEY J. MASSEY

## NOODLE 4-H CLUB MEETS AND ELECTS OFFICERS

The Noodle 4-H Club met Sept. 17. They planned a club for 1952 and 1953. They also elected officers.

The officers are as follows: Morris Chancey, president; Kenneth Vance, vice president; Bobby Sullivan, secretary; Larry Olney, council delegate; Loyd Warren, reporter. The next meeting will be the second week in October.

Airmen Bill S. Butman of Trent and Wiley J. Massey of Merkel are completing AF basic indoctrination courses at Lackland Air Force Base.

Airman Butman is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Butman of Trent and Airman Massey is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Massey of Merkel.

Both are preparing for entrance into AF technical training and for assignment in specialized work.

## REEVES REUNION HELD AT NEWMAN THIS WEEK

Descendants of the late George Reeves and Mrs. Reeves met at Newman, near Sylvester, Saturday and Sunday for their annual reunion. There are six girls in the family. All were present. Two boys were present, also 23 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. Many friends were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Reeves moved to Merkel in 1902 and lived near here until Mr. Reeves' death in 1924. Mrs. Reeves later moved to Rotan where she still lives.

Those attending from Merkel were Mr. and Mrs. Irl Walker, Mrs. Will Webster and children, Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Whisenhunt and Mrs. Ted Hamm.

Mrs. Whisenhunt is a sister of the late Mr. Reeves.

## SHARRON TERRY HEADS TRENT FFA ORGANIZATION

Sharron Terry was elected president of the Future Homemakers of America at a meeting of the organization Monday in Trent.

Other officers are: Judy Steadman, vice-president; Jane Williams, secretary-treasurer; Kay Beasley, reporter; Thelda Hammer, recreation leader; Beatrice Smith, historian; Melba Roberts, sergeant-at-arms.

"A Well Mannered Guest" was selected as theme of the club for this year. "Busy Bees" was chosen for the name of the organization.

## Hollywood Hannah BY MODERN BEAUTY SHOP



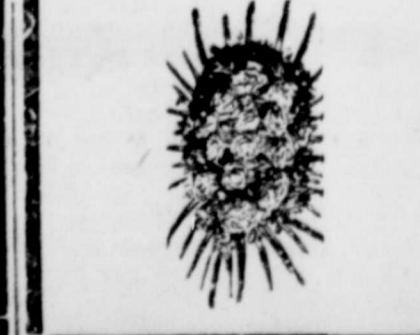
"A bore," says Hannah, "is a guy who's here today and here tomorrow!"

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and Mrs. John D. Oliver and twin daughters, Marilyn Lou and Sheryl Sue.  
Mrs. W. T. McAninch spent last week visiting her daughters, Mrs. E. E. Slither of Dallas and Mrs. J. M. Taylor of Burleson, and was accompanied home by the Rev. and Mrs. Taylor who spent Saturday here.

Mrs. Gerald McCoy who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Winters, left Saturday for her home in Bartlesville, Okla., where her husband is a teacher at the college.

Guests in the Ollie Fox home for the weekend were their children Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Walker and children, Dale and Betsy of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Fox and children, Jerry and Terry of Abilene; Mrs. Fox's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Wallis, and children, Jeanie, Bill, Doug and Susy of Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Fisher of Lansdale, Penn., spent one day last week with Mr. and Mrs. David Gamble.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Ryals of Dallas spent one day last week with their daughter, Mrs. David Gamble and family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bryan visited their daughter Mrs. Ross Ferrier, and family of Ft. Worth last weekend and returned with their grandson George Ronnie, who will visit with his grandparents for two weeks. Ronnie will go fishing with his other grandpa, Ross Ferrier.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Woodard and Elsie Sapp of Waco were visitors of their mother, Mrs. Hugh Grayson. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Grayson of Lubbock and Mr. and Mrs. John Rice of Albany were also here Sunday. Mrs. Rice remained for a week's visit.

John Westenhaver of Connecticut was here this week visiting his sister, Mrs. J. H. McDonald, who has been ill and is improving nicely.

Eilly Bowen, Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Eason and Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Eason of Fort Worth visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Bowen and Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Douglas.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Grimes were on a trip to Dallas this week.

Mrs. M. G. King had all her children home over the weekend. Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Gray of Hamlin, Mr. and Mrs. Verna Harris of Midland, Mrs. Lee Allison and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Harwood of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Harwood are moving to Midland. Mrs. Ella Neef also visited her sister, Mrs. King, Sunday.

Mrs. Annie Fuqua of Abilene and Mrs. Will Hulmark of Moran visited their brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. M. G. King, the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Oliver and children, Jim and Patsy, spent the weekend in Midland with Mr.

Trasurer, Jerry Cunningham Reporter, Bobby Mayfield Parliamentarian, Ralph Bartlett Sentinel, Garth McLeod Historian, Charles Jennings oSng Leader, Billy Gilbert

Other business discussed at the meeting was the possibility of the chapter attending the State Fair at Dallas on October 4. Definite plans are in the making.

## Two Merkel Boys Are In Army And At El Paso

Jimmy Walker, who recently entered the Army, is now in Ft. Bliss at El Paso. His wife is working in the office of the City Water department of Pecos but will soon join him in El Paso.

Another Merkel boy, Jeff Dunlap, is also there. His wife, the former Jerry Jenkins, will join him in El Paso sometime soon.

## Swashbuckling Show Of Australia Comes To Queen Theatre

Swashbuckling drama, plenty of high-powered action and some of the most exciting Technicolor scenery ever brought to the screen blend to make Universal-International's film version of Rex Beach's lusty novel, "The World In His Arms" one of the most spectacular movies ever produced.

Packed with action from beginning to end, "The World In His Arms" which opens Sunday, Monday and Tuesday at the Queen Theatre emerges as a personal triumph for its co-stars, Gregory Peck and Ann Blyth. Peck, as a devil-may-care sea captain who poaches seal pelts from Alaska in defiance of Czarist Russia, plays the virile role to the hilt. Ann Blyth, as a Russian countess arriving in 1850 in San Francisco displays seductive charm in the many romantic love scenes with Peck.

## Visit In Merkel After Long Absence And Find Changes

Weekend guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Irl Walker were two uncles of Mrs. Walker, Jesse and Georgie Davis of Rosebud. They spent Saturday on the streets of Merkel shaking hands with many old friends. It was Jesse's first trip here since he left 40 years ago and Georgie's first trip back in 22 years. Both were former land owners here, and were surprised to see oil wells now on the land they once sold at a very low price.

They will visit their sister, Mrs. Fannie Reeves, of Rotan this week.

## Will Rogers' Show To Play at Pioneer Next Week

The chance to see the beloved Will Rogers again will be given to the public by N. T. Hodge when he brings to the Pioneer Theatre that wonderful picture, "Steamboat 'Round the Bend." Mr. Hodge has returned the picture on account of popular demand and it will play here on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

In it the public will have the chance to see Will Rogers in one of his parts that have made him so beloved by all, the all-time favorite.

# GOOD FOOD at ECONOMY PRICES!

SPECIALS for FRIDAY and SATURDAY, Sept. 26 - 27

ARMOUR			
<b>PURE LARD</b>	3 Pound Carton		<b>49¢</b>
KRAFT		ALL SWEET	
DINNERS	2 for	OLEO	lb. 27¢
REGULAR BOX		BEST MAID — PINT	
VEL or TREND		SALAD DRESSING	25¢
BAMBA — 12 OZ. JAR		BEST MAID PEACH — 2 LB. JAR	
PEANUT BUTTER	29¢	PRESERVES	45¢
BAKE RITE			
<b>SHORTENING</b>	3 Pound Can		<b>69¢</b>
PET		GREENIES — 2 CANS FOR	
MILK	2lg. cans	LIMA BEANS	45¢
GOLD MEDAL		WILSON	
FLOUR	25 lb. bag	CHILI No. 300 Can	43¢
RANCH STYLE		BALLARD	
SPAGHETTI	2 for	BISCUITS	can 10¢
<b>PRODUCE</b>		<b>MARKET</b>	
GREEN BEANS	lb. 19¢	SLICED	
		BACON	lb. 47¢
LETTUCE	head 10¢	CENTER CUT	
		CURED HAM	lb. 89¢
FRESH		FRESH	
TOMATOES	lb. 12¢	FRYERS	lb. 57¢
FRESH		ALL MEAT	
PEACHES	lb. 10¢	BOLOGNA	lb. 49¢
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an ordinance captioned as follows:

AN ORDINANCE MAKING IT UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON TO DRILL FOR, MINE, OR IN ANY MANNER ENGAGE IN OPERATIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXTRACTING OIL, GAS OR OTHER PETROLEUM PRODUCTS FROM THE SOIL WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL LIMITS OF THE CITY OF MERKEL, TEXAS, EXCEPT UNDER EXPRESSLY DESIGNATED CONDITIONS; LEVYING A TAX ON OIL PRODUCED; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT AND COLLECTION OF SUCH TAX; PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLIC SAFETY; PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS HEREOF; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION HEREOF AS PROVIDED BY LAW; AND DECLARING

**THE EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.**

Such ordinance provides that any violation of the terms of same shall be deemed a misdemeanor and any person convicted of such violation shall be fined a sum not exceeding \$100.00. Each day of such violation shall be considered a separate offense, and further provides for the repealing of any ordinance in conflict therewith. The purposes of said ordinance are as set out in the caption thereof.

The ordinance further provides for publication of said ordinance in a newspaper of general circulation in Taylor County, by publishing a descriptive caption or title of same, and stating in summary the purpose and penalty for the violation thereof. And further provides that the ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon publication as provided therein. Such ordinance was duly passed on the 2nd day of September, 1952.

W. M. ELLIOTT  
City Secretary  
City of Merkel, Texas

**THE STATE OF TEXAS**

To: John Finley, 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 3rd day of November, 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 14th day of August, 1952.

The file number of said suit being No. 18,424-A.

The names of the parties in said suit are: Willie Mae Finley as Plaintiff, and John Finley as Defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were married in or about the year 1945, they lived together as husband and wife until about the 11th day of March 1952, at which time they became permanently separated.

Plaintiff alleges that she owns as her separate property a four-room house together with furnishings and furniture and asks the Court to declare it so and to remove any claim or cloud which the defendant is asserting against said property.

Plaintiff further alleges that they have an adopted child, to wit: a boy, Izaiah Finley, three years of age.

Plaintiff prays for divorce on grounds of cruel treatment, and for Custody and control of minor child, Izaiah Finley.

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 September A. D., 1952.

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

J. NEIL DANIEL, Clerk  
Court Taylor County, Texas  
By Irene Crawford, Deputy  
Sept. 26, Oct. 3, 10, 17

**THE STATE OF TEXAS**

To: Earl A. Williams, 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 27th day of October, A. D., 1952, at or before 10 o'clock A. M., before the Honorable 104th Dist. Court of Taylor County, at the Court House in Abilene, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 12th day of Sept., 1952. The file number of said suit being No. 7922-B.

The names of the parties in said suit are: Annabelle Williams as Plaintiff, and Earl A. Williams as Defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: Plaintiff and defendant were married on or about January 6, 1942, and lived together until on or about September 26, 1944, when they became permanently separated.

Plaintiff alleges that she and defendant own no community property, and no child was born to their marriage union.

Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of harsh and 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 12th day of Sept. A. D., 1952.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 12th day of Sept. A. D. 1952.

J. NEIL DANIEL, Clerk  
104th District Court, Taylor County, Texas. By Dorothy H. Dickerson, Deputy  
Adv. Sept. 19, 26, Oct. 3, 10

**THE STATE OF TEXAS**

To: The Unknown Trustees of the Colony Hill Baptist Church, 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 13th day of October, A. D., 1952, at or before 10 o'clock A. M., before the Honorable County Court of Taylor County, at the Court House in Abilene, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 26 day of August, 1952.

The file number of said suit being No. 10,834.

The names of the parties in said suit are:

THE STATE OF TEXAS as Plaintiff, and the unknown trustees of the Colony Hill Baptist Church as Defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: Condemnation of land for proposed F. M. 1750.

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

Issued this the 26 day of August A. D., 1952.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 26 day of August A. D., 1952.

Mrs. Chester Hutcherson, Clerk  
County Court Taylor County, Texas  
Adv. Sept 5 - 12-19-26

**THE STATE OF TEXAS**

To: The Unknown Trustees of the Colony Hill School 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 13 day of October, A. D., 1952, at or before 10 o'clock A. M., before the Honorable County Court of Taylor County, at the Court House in Abilene, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 26 day of August, 1952. The file number of said suit being No. 10,833.

The names of the parties in said suit are:

THE STATE OF TEXAS as Plaintiff, and the unknown trustees of the Colony Hill School as Defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: Condemnation of land for proposed F. M. 1750.

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

Issued this the 26th day of August A. D., 1952.

Given under my hand and seal

of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 26th day of August A. D., 1952.

Mrs. Chester Hutcherson, Clerk  
County Court, Taylor County, Texas

Adv. Sept. 5, 12, 19, 26

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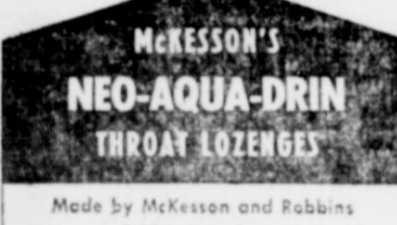
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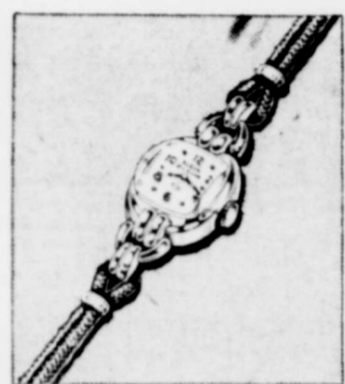
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What is believed to be the first disaster hay to arrive in Texas was shoved to a siding at the Kimbell Elevator in Merkel about 4 o'clock Monday afternoon of last week. The first shipment was only three cars, but up to 22 more were on their way. Here A. H. Jefferies, right, Taylor County PMA administrative officer, checks the first car with Texas & Pacific Station Agent Marka Bowen. This car was grown near Fremont, Wis., and left there Sept. 8. Although darker than West Texas grown hay, the grass and legume mixture is of high quality.

**ONE AND ALL**  
 Last week at the Lions Club luncheon a film was shown that makes us proud of our civilization. It was a color film put out by Chevrolet. Of course cars were featured in it but that was not the major point. The main thing was the vastness of America and how it is unified.

The 29-minute film was entitled "American Harvest."

In it was shown the great panorama of life in which we live. It revealed the vastness of our economic heritage and how it has changed in the last years.

Not so many years ago a farmer was a lord unto himself. He tilled the ground with his team of horses or mules, he sowed seed

and he harvested his grain. He had his own garden. He raised his own chickens and hogs and cows. He even made the cloth for his clothes.

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All this to large extent has changed. Instead of farming with animals he now works his farm with mechanical equipment, with tractor and combine and harrows

and hay balers and cotton pickers. Where there were only small farms there are now vast lands owned and operated by one man or company by means of mechanized equipment.

Where does the mechanized equipment come from? From all parts of the United States and even lands beyond our borders. This splendid picture revealed the different sections of our country, what it raised, what it mined, what it grew. It gave a vivid picture of men at work in the field, on the canals, in the wheat fields, in the cotton lands, in the tree areas, in the sulphur industry, in the carbon and petroleum industries.

It showed giant steel presses. It showed mighty drop forges in action.

It revealed the diversity of our country. It also pointed out its unity, its inter-relationship, its inter-dependence.

It emphasized our need to cooperate.

It stressed strongly that we do not live alone, that business does not thrive alone, that farming does not thrive alone, that industry does not thrive alone. They all live together, depending on one another, each one a cog in a mighty machine that we call American economy.

And it is this vastness, this diversity, this unity, this mighty urge to cooperate with one another that give to America its high ideal of brotherhood and a seeking for something not ourselves that makes for finer living.

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**FIVE BOYS**  
 Those five boys who won signal honors at the Lions Club are to be heartily congratulated. Winning Boy Scout honors show that these boys have the determination to reach the top and that is what it takes to win in the game of life. Kenneth Whitley, Jr., was presented the Life Scout

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ilene Christian is hard to beat. Figfield adds that the efforts of youth are the promises of man-

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**FOOTBALL**  
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ASSETS	
1. Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balance, and cash items in process of collection	\$343,321.31
2. United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed	212,000.00
5. Corporate stocks (including \$3,150.00 stock of Federal Reserve bank)	3,150.00
6. Loans and discounts (including \$637.37 overdrafts)	268,083.09
7. Bank premises owned \$1.00, furniture and fixtures \$3,499.00	3,500.00
12. TOTAL ASSETS	830,054.40
LIABILITIES	
13. Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	708,547.61
16. Deposits of State and political subdivisions	10,155.80
19. TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$718,703.41
24. TOTAL LIABILITIES (not including subordinated obligations shown below)	718,703.41
CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	
25. Capital*	25,000.00
26. Surplus	80,000.00
27. Undivided profits	6,350.99
29. TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	111,350.99
30. TOTAL LIABILITIES and CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	830,054.40

\* This bank's capital consists of Common stock with total par value of \$25,000.00.

I, James V. Ross, Cashier, of the above-named bank, hereby certify that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

James V. Ross

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J. C. CRAIN  
J. G. WILKS  
DIRECTORS

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**Trent Church of Christ**  
 Sunday: 11:00 o'clock Bible Class, 10:00 a. m. Morning Worship, 11:00 a. m. Evening Services, 8:00 p. m.  
 Thursday: Ladies Bible Class, 4:00 p. m.  
**Trent First Baptist Church**  
 Sunday: Sunday School 10:00 a. m., Morning Worship 11:00 a. m., Training Union 6:45 p. m., Evening Services 8:00 p. m.  
 Tuesday: U. M. U. 9:30 a. m.  
 Wednesday: G. A. 's and R. A. 's 6:30 p. m., Prayer Services 8:00 p. m., Brotherhood, 1st Thursday of month, "You are a stranger here but once."

**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 Service 8:00 p. m.  
**Compere Baptist Church**  
 Sunday School 10:00 a. m., Morning Worship, 2nd and 4th Sunday 11 a. m.  
**Merkel Church of Christ**  
 Sunday: Bible Study 9:45 a. m., Morning Service 11:00 a. m., Young People's Bible Class 6:30 p. m., Evening Service 8:00 p. m.  
**Trent Methodist Church**  
 Sunday School 10:00 a. m., Evening Worship 8:00 p. m., Morning Services 11:00 a. m., M. Y. F. Services 6:30 p. m.  
 Wednesday: Prayer Services 8:00 p. m.  
**Noodle Church of Christ**  
 Sunday: Bible Class 10:00 a. m., Morning Worship Service 11:00 a. m., Young People's Service 6:30 p. m., Evening Worship 8:00 p. m.  
**Hebron Baptist Church**  
 Sunday School 9:45 a. m., Morning Worship 11:00 a. m., Training Union 7:00 p. m., Evening Worship 8:00 p. m.  
 Wednesday: Evening Prayer Services 8:00 p. m.

# PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Jones recently visited The Little White House at Warm Springs, Ga., where President Franklin D. Roosevelt lived part time and where he died in 1945.  
 Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Gentry spent the week in Colorado City with their parents, Messrs. and Mesdames E. B. Gentry and Ed Putman.  
 Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Stockbridge visited in Breckenridge Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Nannie Glenn.  
 Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Crawford of Midland visited over the weekend with his sister, Mrs. Wright Dishman and Mrs. Dishman.  
 Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Patterson and Pat and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Russell were in Wichita Falls Sunday visiting Mr. and Mrs. M. W. King and 2-week old son, M. W. King III.  
 Claude Smith was in all the states west of here in the last three weeks on business. Most places looked like Merkel except in the irrigated sections.  
 Mrs. Joy Baze and daughter, Cathy of Abilene, visited her sister, Mrs. Harold Reynolds, and Mr. Reynolds.  
 Mr. and Mrs. John Brown and son C. B. visited the new hospital in Anson Sunday.

**New Live Oak Baptist Church**  
 Sunday: Sunday School 10 a. m., Morning Worship 11 a. m., Training Union 7:30 p. m., Evening Worship 8:15 p. m.  
**Merkel Assembly of God**  
 Sunday school 10 a. m., Morning Service 11 a. m., C. A.'s (Young People) 7 p. m., Evening Worship 8 p. m., Tuesday W. M. C. 2 p. m., Wednesday prayer service 8 p. m.



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 Wednesday: Evening Prayer Services 8:00 p. m.  
**W. F. M. S. meets at 2:30 p. m.**  
 Wednesday: Prayer Services 8:00 p. m.  
**Amity Baptist Church**  
 Morning Service—11:15 a. m., Sunday School—10:30 a. m., Evening Bible Class—7:30 p. m., Evening Service—8:15 p. m.  
**Merkel Calvary Baptist Church**  
 Sunday School 9:45 a. m., Morning Service 11:00 a. m., Evening Bible Class 6:30 p. m., Evening Worship 8:00 p. m.  
**Pioneer Memorial Chapel**  
 Sunday School 10:00 a. m., Morning Service 11:00 a. m., Evening Services 8:00 p. m.  
 Wednesday: Evening Prayer Service 8:00 p. m.  
**Merkel First Methodist Church**  
 Sunday: Sunday School 9:50 a. m., Morning Worship 10:50 a. m., M. Y. F. 6:30 p. m., Evening Worship 8:00 p. m.

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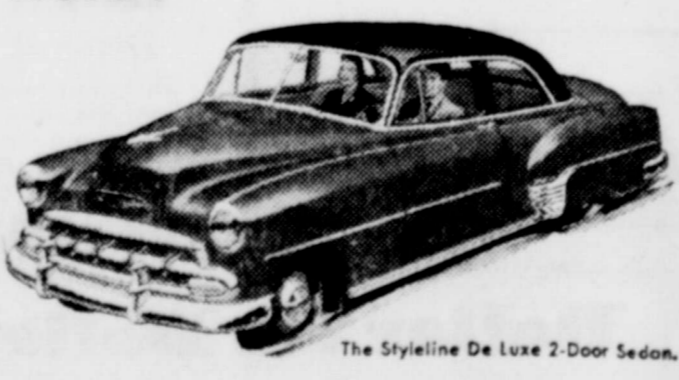
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Mrs. G. Armstrong Breaks Her Hip In Fall Monday

Mrs. G. W. Armstrong fell and fractured her hip at 2 p. m. Monday. She tripped over a footstool in her living room. She was rushed to the Sadler Hospital for emergency treatment. She is 83 years old.

Fair Is In Air And All Points To Big Texas Show

The fair is in the air in Texas. And the tempo of preparations for the 67th annual exposition of the great State Fair of Texas in Dallas is beginning to speed up on the opening day, Saturday, Oct. 4, draws nearer.

The latest sensation announced for the fair is the breathtaking ROTOR ride, one of two in the country. It'll be on the Midway. Shaped like a huge barrel with a floor inside, the device takes its riders on a dizzying spin, leaving them pinned to the walls by centrifugal force, suspended in mid air when the floor drops away.

The fabulous "Sky Wheels" ride, 33 other rides of all kinds, a dozen sideshows, the three-ring Variety Club Circus and "Show Boat," the popular musical presented by St. John Terrell's Music Circus, also will be Midway features.

More than 4,000 beef and dairy cattle, horse, sheep, swine, goat and Jr. livestock entries have been received for the big 27-breed livestock exposition, over 250 for the Pan-American Holstein Show Oct. 10-17. Junior livestock entries have broken all records.

The giant "Story Book of Texas Agriculture" has begun to take shape, with every county in Texas represented. Exhibits are being built in the new Electric Building, Science Building, General Exhibit Building, and all museums on the fairgrounds.

TRENT, FRESHMEN, SOPHS ELECT OFFICERS The sophomore and freshman classes in Trent High School have selected officers. The sophomores have chosen Zana Young, president, Carolyn McKee, vice president, Dayne Ambrose, secretary, Jerry Estep, treasurer, Yvonne Martin, reporter, and Betty Payne, parliamentarian. O. I. Lloyd is the class sponsor.

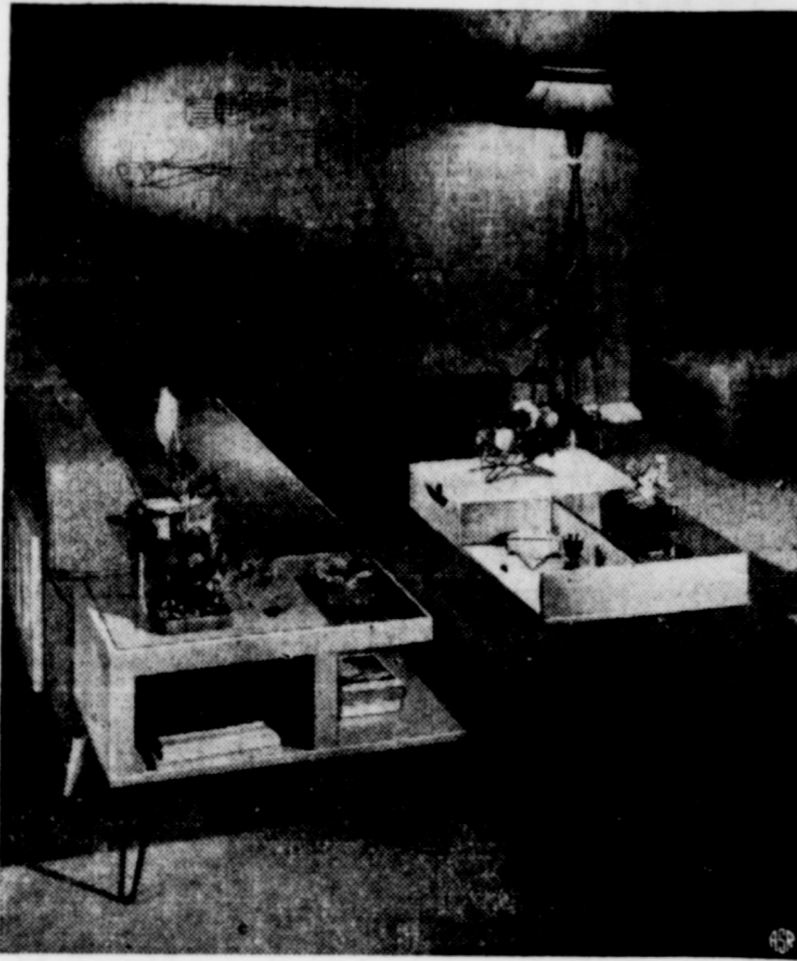
The freshmen have elected as pres., Jane Williams, vice president, John Stowe, secretary, Kay Beasley, treasurer, Jerry Horton, reporter, Thelda Hammer. As room mothers they named Mrs. H. C. Hammer and Mrs. H. L. Beasley. The class sponsor is Coach B. J. Everett.

Spectacular Drama Filled With Rage To Queen Theatre

Out of the wild bush country of Australia has come a spectacular motion picture, teeming with violence, raging nature and strange beasts. It is titled "Kangaroo" (The Australian Story), appropriately, and opens at the Queen Theatre on Wednesday and Thursday.

Everything about "Kangaroo" is new and different except, of course, Maureen O'Hara and Peter Lawford, its stars. The picture could well be classified as a western epic in an entirely new dress. The strange beauty of the Australian background are beautifully photographed in Technicolor and the rugged pioneer qualities of its people were integrated nicely in the screen play which centers around an Australian cattle station owner and his pretty daughter.

Furniture Fashions



New furniture styles for every room in the house will be shown in stores from coast to coast during Home Fashion Time, Sept. 18-27. To meet the architectural trend toward smaller homes and apartments most of the new units are styled along trim, tailored lines. Metal legs for rich, wood table tops are employed cleverly to achieve the light look so important to small rooms yet without sacrificing the strength and durability of more massive furniture.

Middle Clear Fork Soil Conservation News

Recent rains have given what appears to be the most favorable season in years for planting alfalfa.

In the past, several scattered plantings of alfalfa in the Merkel area have made good growth, produced hay and furnished grazing. Contrary to popular belief, alfalfa, once established is a very drought and cold resistant plant. In seasons of adequate moisture, it produces sufficient growth for grazing by sheep and hogs in winter months.

Bill Teaff, cooperater in the Middle Clear Fork Soil Conservation District, has seven or eight acres of alfalfa growing on the lower side of his farm. It has produced hay and furnished grazing for several years. He harvested a short hay crop in 1952.

A number of district cooperators, along the Clear Fork, have grown alfalfa and increased their yields with supplementary irrigation. A. J. Barbee has had 40 to 50 acres of alfalfa on his farm for several years. It has produced abundant hay crops and, on several occasions, grazing for large numbers of hogs.

October is the recommended time for planting alfalfa. With sufficient moisture, fall plantings get established and grow off ahead of weeds the following spring. Inoculation of seed with the proper bacterial culture is a standard practice, and fields planted with seed so treated will generally out produce those planted with non-treated seed.

Row planting of dry-land alfalfa has proved successful in several areas of West Texas. Three to five pounds of seed per acre being sufficient for a good stand. Planted in rows, the crop stands drouth longer and weeds and grass can be controlled by occasional cultivations.

Alfalfa has in almost every case given more than an immediate benefit to the farmer. It is a deep rooted legume that conditions and improves soil and will generally give an increased yield in succeeding crops of cotton and feed.

EDITOR WHITE'S FACE IS RED AGAIN!

Calvin Peterson is a "cracker jack" salesman but he could not make 100 per cent in spelling. In fact, he could not make 50 per cent, or perhaps less. Calvin was writing up an ad when he seemed to have trouble with the spelling. "Aw, don't mind the spelling," advised Editor Hy White. "I'll take care of that."

Trent Gorillas Meet May's Tigers Last Friday Night

May's Tigers defeated the Trent Gorillas 20-0 in a non-conference game here Friday night.

In the first quarter Fullback Bo Allen scored with Quarterback Dean Key passing to End Adrian Beck for the extra point.

Allen scored again in the third but the try for extra point failed.

A touchdown by Key, with Halfback Jimmy Mitchell running over the extra point, ended the scoring in the fourth quarter.

P-TA Officers For This Year Are Named

Officers of the P-T.A. are Mrs. Rhett Eldson Jr., president; Mrs. Stacy Bird, vice president; Mrs. Homer Newby, secretary; Mrs. June Hogan, treasurer; Mrs. Vincent Barnett, historian; Mrs. G. C. Gilbert, parliamentarian.

Meryl D. Grayson Home From Korea After 13 Months

A-2c Meryl D. Grayson is now stationed at Vance Air Force Base, Enid, Okla., after spending last month with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Grayson of Trent, Rt. 2. He arrived home August 9, having spent thirteen months in Korea.

His twin brother, Pfc. Beryl D. Grayson of Colorado Springs, Colo., visited with him while he was here, also his sister, Mrs. Elmer Hillin of Houston and another sister, Mrs. Louise Campbell, and small son Ronnie of Midland.

Hugh Grayson Suffers Stroke Last Friday Eve

Hugh Grayson suffered a stroke last Friday evening. He is in the Sadler Hospital and improving right along.

Football Games To Be Broadcast This Weekend

Humble Oil & Refining Company goes into its second week of broadcasting this season's Southwest Conference football games with the prospect of an exciting football weekend for fans throughout the Southwest.

Stamford Man Injured Near Here Last Friday

Ralph Dean, 28, of Stamford was injured at an oil rig four miles from here on the road to Noodle at 2 a. m. last Friday. He was cut across the left wrist and a tendon was severed. He is a derrick man for the RH&K Drilling Company. He was still in the Sadler Hospital Wednesday.

THANK YOU CARD Our heartfelt thanks to all who extended comforting sympathy and help in our recent sorrow. For the beautiful services, floral offerings, and other kindnesses, we are deeply grateful.

FOR SALE — 6-room house. Good water well, double garage, very desirable. Location on south side See C. B. Rust. tf28c

FOR SALE — 4 good young milk cows. See W. W. Webb, 312 Edwards St., Merkel, Tex. 3t28p

HOSPITAL NOTES Admissions to the Sadler Hospital the past week were: As medical patients — H. E. Stubbs, Hugh Grayson, Otis Foster, Tommy Odem, Mrs. E. L. Horton, E. J. Morris, Mrs. G. W. Rainwater, Mrs. Walter L. Phillips and Mrs. C. O. Patterson.

What Other Teams Are Doing

The Anson Tigers smeared Roby to the tune of 55-6 in their game at Anson Friday night. Kenneth Helms was again the star player for the Tigers with his educated passing, running, and point kicking. He was ably assisted by Don Watts and Jim Bradshaw.

Stamford rolled past the Ranger Bulldogs 19-7. Ranger lost their backfield star, Jimmy Comacho, through graduation last year. The Stamford Bulldog star was Kenneth Lowe. Stamford rushed two of their touchdowns and passed for the other. Stamford comes to meet the Badgers on home ground Oct. 24.

Rotan in the Rotan-Roscoe game at Rotan the Yellowhammers took a 18-7 win. Lloyd Cross and Cliff Burnett were outstanding for Rotan. Jackie Pitts seems to have extra-point kicking conquered for the 'Hamsters. The Plowboys, in their first two games, have started like a house afire only to lose their burning power early in the game.

Hamlin tried valiantly to rally but got lost in the shuffle with Haskell taking the long end of a 7-2 score. James Burkhardt, fullback, played an outstanding game for the Pide Pipers. His teammate for the Pide Pipers, Jim Hamlin was injured in the game. Hamlin plays a conference game with Merkel here Oct. 17th. It will be the first conference game of the year.

Ballinger continued their winning streak to make it two wins in two games as they took a decision over the Colorado City Wolves. Colorado City has a wicked passer in the backfield, little Billy Williams, who seems to be able to hit anything he throws at, and somebody has taught his line how to hang onto a pass once delivered. The Badgers certainly need to develop a pass defense before meeting Colorado City in Wolves Stadium Nov. 14 for the last conference game of the year.

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"Texas Democrats For Eisenhower" Opens This Week

"Texas Democrats for Eisenhower" is the name of a new citizens' organization which opened headquarters in Austin this week. Plans are being made to conduct a grass-roots campaign among members of the Democratic Party in behalf of Dwight D. Eisenhower, a native-born Texan.

CLASSIFIED AD SECTION

LODGE CALLS

NOTICE MASONS Lodge No. 710, A. F. & A. M., Saturday, Sept. 27 at 8 p. m. All members are urged to attend. Visiting brethren cordially invited.

Called meeting of Merkel Chapter No. 212, O.E.S., for the purpose of Electing a Delegate to Grand Chapter, Tuesday, Sept. 30, 1952, 7:30 p.m. Masonic Hall, Merkel.

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FOR RENT — 2 room furnished apartment. Private bath. Private entrance for couple. T. T. Earhman, 211 Ash. 1t18p

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

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FOR SALE — Registered Angus Bull, young. Price \$400. Otis A. Williams, 412 Yucca, Merkel. 1t28p

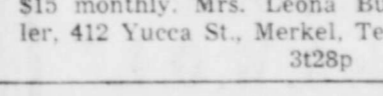
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**Layton L. Plaster To Hold Meeting**

Layton L. Plaster, local minister of the Church of Christ, will leave here Oct. 2, to conduct a Gospel meeting at the Church of Christ in Barren Fork, Mo. Mr. Plaster plans to take his family along on the trip since the meeting will be near the home of his wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Farless. The parents of Mrs. Plaster live in Gainesville, Mo. John Layton, the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Plaster, plans

and continue in school while his father and mother are away.

The minister that is to preach for the church during the absence of Brother Plaster has not yet been announced. Mr. Plaster plans to return in time to teach Wednesday night class Oct. 15.

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<b>SUGAR</b>	IMPERIAL 10 Pounds	<b>89c</b>
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STAR OR HORMEL		
HAMS Butt End	lb.	55c
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FRESH FRYERS	lb.	59c
FRESH PORK ROAST	lb.	49c
FRESH GROUND BEEF	lb.	59c
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KRAFT DINNERS	2 Boxes	19c
DIAMOND TOMATOES	No. 2 Can	17c
WHITE HOUSE RICE	2 pounds	29c

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TOKAY GRAPES	Pound	10c
FRESH TURNIPS & TOPS	Bn.	15c
YELLOW ONIONS	lb.	5c
JONATHAN COOKING APPLES	pound	9c
FRESH CARROTS	Cello	13c
FRESH PEACHES	lb.	10c
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