



**NEWS ABOUT TOWN**

Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Fox, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Fox and twins spent the weekend in Lubbock with Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Walker. Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Conley with

their daughter, Helen were in Stanton over the weekend visiting their son, Doyle and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Murry Toombs and Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Crim saw the Baylor-SMU game in Dallas Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Miller with daughter and granddaughter, Mrs. Marlyn McCannon and Ann of Boerne visited over the weekend with Mrs. Josephine Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Miller, and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Pool of San Angelo visited recently with her father, S. G. Tipton, and family.

Mrs. C. W. Tipton and daughter, Mrs. Joe Cypert and son, Danny are visiting her daughter, Mrs. Travis Owen, and family at Shreveport, La.

Mrs. George Smith of Bentonville, Ark. is visiting with her son U. T. Smith, and daughter, Mrs. R. W. Duke, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Carson visited in Haskell Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Norton.

Guy Gannaway with D. W. Giles of Winters visited Sunday with his daughter, Mrs. B. L. Hook, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Nunnally of Roswell, New Mexico, spent two days in Merkel last week with her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. James Kussell.

Kenneth Bowen of Midland visited here Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Bowen.

Mr. and Mrs. George T. Moore spent the weekend in Abilene with her brother and wife Mr. and Mrs. George Elliott.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Washburn and children, Preston and Nancy, of Colcord, Okla., are visiting relatives and friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. G. D. McConnell and Homer McConnell are spending the Thanksgiving holidays in Fort Worth with Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Dunning, Mr. and Mrs. Dolphie McConnell and Sgt. and Mrs. Robert Reed.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Strawn took his mother to Greenville Sunday and returned Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryon Roark of Dallas stopped by Sunday to visit with his uncle, J. S. Pinckley.

Mrs. Sam Redwine and daughter Sammy Doris of Littlefield spent Friday night with her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. James Russell. They were on their way to McKinney to visit Mr. Redwine who is a patient at the Veterans Hospital.

Mesdames T. M. Corbin and Winnie Horton of Dallas visited Mrs. Corbin's sister, Mrs. Bill Stutts, family and other relatives.

**BACK ON JOB**  
E. O. Carson who has been in the Sadler Hospital is now back on the job, assisted by his crutches.

**IS ILL MONDAY**  
Mrs. W. C. Perkins was ill Monday and unable to teach.

**Local Persons**  
See First Showing Of New Pontiac

Nolan Palmer and Stanley King were in Dallas last Friday to witness the dealer showing of 1953 Pontiac. The public showing will be held December 6.

**When A-Bombs Fall On Texas Will You Help?**

Texas is a state famous for having at least a little of everything. In this case, everything includes lots of industry and military installations.

The only dark spot to this picture is that industry and military installations would make Texas a prime target in the event of an atomic war. As a result, civil defense officials are saying more strongly than ever that we must get a sound civilian protective system organized now.

About 100 national and state-wide organizations are registering volunteer civil defense workers in a campaign which will continue through November 27. The program is designed to form a reserve of manpower which will be available for service in civil defense when called upon by local civilian defense officials.

Fred Starbuck, coordinator of civil defense activities in Merkel, stated that anyone wishing to volunteer may contact him, Lester Dorton, in charge of Red Cross civil defense, or H. O. Boney, in charge of city responsibilities.

**Thrilling Western Packs Action At Queen Theatre**

Film fans who like their action western in word and deed are in for a treat when they see RKO Radio's thrilling outdoor-drama "Desert Passage" starring Tim Holt at the Queen Theatre Friday and Saturday.

Tim and his Irish-Mexican pal Chito Rafferty again portrayed by Richard Martin, have exciting adventures when, as stage-coach operators, they are hired as helpers by a prison parolee. The ex-convict has returned to the scene of his crime to dig up \$100,000 he had stashed away before being imprisoned and expects to cross the Mexican border.

**Fiery Charmer Brings Romance To Queen Theatre**

"Hurricane Smith," Paramount's Technicolor adventure drama which plays Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at the Queen Theatre, is an action-packed story, speeding along at the rapid pace suggested by the title.

John Ireland plays Hurricane Smith, a sea captain who knows the location of a sunken gold treasure. The focal point of the film concerns his efforts to secure the fortune, an endeavor in which he is frustrated by his enemies. This action takes him to the exotic South Seas.

On the distaff side, Yvonne De Carlo, playing the part of a fiery South Seas charmer, complicates the treasure hunt for Ireland and his cohorts through her complicity with James Craig, Ireland's rival in the adventure.

**Will Roger's Story Packs Humor, Wit At Queen Theatre**

"The Story of Will Rogers" comes Sunday and Monday to the Queen Theatre. Will Rogers, Jr., and Jane Wyman have the leading roles in the Technicolor film.

"The Story of Will Rogers" follows the life of the Oklahoma entertainer and philosopher from his boyhood wanderings as a famous trick roper through to his success in vaudeville and the Ziegfeld Follies, climaxed by his "favorite son" nomination at the Democratic convention. Eddie Cantor has a top role.

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**Merkel Calvary Baptist Church**  
 Sunday School.....9:45 a. m.  
 Morning Service.....11:00 a. m.  
 Evening Bible Class 6:30 p. m.  
 Evening Worship .. 7:30 p. m.

**Primitive Baptist Church**

Saturday Night Service  
 Sunday Service ..... 11 a. m.

**Tye Baptist Church**

Sunday:  
 Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.  
 Morning Worship.....11:00 a. m.  
 Training Union.....6:45 p. m.  
 Evening Services .. 7:30 p. m.

**Tye Methodist Church**

Sunday:  
 Sunday School.....10:00 a. m.  
 M. Y. F. .... 7:00 p. m.  
 Prayer Meeting .. 7:30 p. m.  
 Morning Service.....11:00 a. 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.  
 Training Union.....7:00 p. m.  
 Evening Services... 7:30 p. m.  
 Wednesday:  
 Prayer Service.....7:30 p. m.

**Trent Church of Christ**

Sunday:  
 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.

**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.

**Merkel Church of Christ**

Sunday:  
 Bible Study.....9:45 a. m.  
 Morning Service...11:00 a. m.  
 Young People's Bible Class 6:30 p. m.  
 Evening Services .. 7:30 p. m.

**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 .. 7:30 p. m.  
 Tuesday:  
 U. M. U. .... 9:30 a.m.  
 Wednesday:  
 G. A. 's and R. A. 's... 6:30 p. m.  
 Prayer Services .. 7:30 p. m.  
 Brotherhood, 1st Thursday of month, "You are a stranger here but once."

**Hebron Baptist Church**

Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.  
 Morning Worship .. 11:00 a.m.  
 Training Union.....7:00 p. m.  
 Evening Worship .. 8:00 p. m.  
 Wednesday:  
 Evening Prayer Services .. 7:30 p. m.

**New Live Oak Baptist Church**

Sunday:  
 Sunday School.....10 a. m.  
 Morning Worship .. 11 a. m.  
 Training Union .. 6:45 p. m.  
 Evening Worship .. 7:30 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 .. 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.

**Merkel First Baptist Church**

Sunday School.....9:45 a. m.  
 Morning Worship...11:00 a. m.  
 Training Union.....6:30 p. m.  
 Evening Worship .. 7:30 p. m.  
 Wednesday Prayer Service 7:30 p. m.  
 W. M. U. Mon. .... 9:30 a.m.

**Merkel First Methodist Church**

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

**Merkel Assembly of God**

Sunday school.....10 a. m.  
 Morning Service.....11 a. m.  
 C. A.'s (Young People) .. 7 p. m.  
 Evening Worship .. 7:30 p. m.  
 Tuesday W. M. C. .... 2 p. m.  
 Wed. Prayer Service 7:30 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 .. 7:30

**Merkel Grace Presbyterian Church**

Sunday School.....10:00 a. m.  
 Worship Service.....11 a. m.  
 Evening Service.....7:00 p. m.

**Compre Baptist Church**

Sunday School.....10:00 a. m.  
 Morning Worship, 2nd and 4th  
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### How Many Colds Do You Have In One Year?

Studies show that most people have two or more colds a year, each lasting about two weeks and causing a considerable amount of stuffy discomfort, said Dr. Geo. W. Cox, state health officer.

The danger of the common cold lies mainly in the other infections that may follow after it. A cold lessens resistance and is likely to pave the way for other more serious respiratory ailments.

Sinusitis, ear infections, bronchitis and the various forms of pneumonia are frequently ushered in by a cold. Pneumonia, particularly, is likely to attack a person who is overtired, or run-down because of a severe cold.

Fortunately, many of the respiratory diseases are not as dangerous as they used to be. Modern

infection-fighting drugs, such as penicillin and the sulfa drugs, offer highly effective treatment for many cases. But, of course, it is always better to prevent a serious illness whenever possible.

When you have a cold, it's just good sense to stay away from people, to avoid spreading the infection; and to get plenty of rest—in bed if possible.

### Trent Girls Basketball Team Takes Two Games From Merkel Badgers

The Trent Girls Basketball Team came over here Thursday of last week and won two games from the Merkel Girls Basketball group. One game was a complete walk-away but the other was a closely fought game. In the "B" game the interest was great as it was an evenly matched game with the Trent group nosing out the Badger aggregation by the score of 23-23. In the "A" contest the Trent girls had an easy victory all the way, snuffing out the Badgers 44-18. Mrs. Betty Lackey coaches the

Merkel girls while Supt. Wray B. Williams coaches the Trent group.

### Chicago Stock Show Opens November 29

With a final count of entries still to be completed, the forthcoming 53rd International Live Stock Exposition and Horse Show at Chicago — the country's larg-

est stock show — has already drawn entries from 34 states, officials of the show report. The Exposition is scheduled to open Saturday, Nov. 29 in the International Amphitheatre for an eight-day run through December 6.

### Girls, Boys Will Compete at '53 Fort Worth Show

It will be the Junior Livestock

Show and not the Boy's Livestock Show at the 1953 Southwestern exposition and Fat Stock Show, Jan. 30-Feb. 8—in other words, girls and boys will take part in the same competition.

Previously, the only way a girl's livestock entry could compete was in the open classes, which (as the name implies) are open to the world and therefore the girl's entry was showing against the entries of adult contestants.

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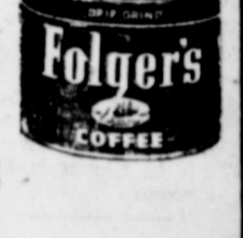
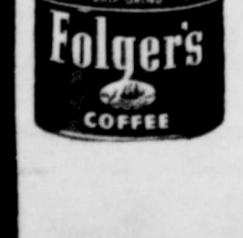
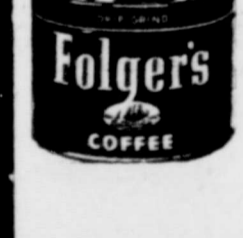


Fashions have undergone a big change when the men start wearing cotton sailcloth! 'Tis true. Here, Wellington Sears Topsail's functional wearability and casual air create a suit for a man to live in, day and evening, in the city or in the country. It's big news for the family budget, too, as it can be pressed, even washed, at home!

THE LITTLE CLASSIC



Ribbed striped Julliard cotton corduroy is used by Faye Robin for a wonderful full circle dress with a demi-roi collar, fitted bodice and young whirling skirt. John Fredricks red hat, the slash of red belt accentuate the gray, black and red tweedy-type stripes.



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SUGAR	Imperial 10 lbs.	89¢
DATES	DROMEDARY Pound	37¢
SALMON	HONEY BOY Tall Can	39¢

SUN SPUN CASTUP	2 bots.	29c
WILSON'S OLEO	lb.	19c
3 MINUTE POPCORN	2 cans	33c
PET MILK	2 cans	27c

MISSION PEAS	2 cans	29c
DIAMOND C. S. CORN	2 cans	29c
AUSTEX BEEF STEW	can	29c
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SMALL LEAN PORK CHOPS	lb.	55c
LEAN DRY SALT BACON	pound	29c
HORMEL — GOOCH SAUSAGE	2 pounds	98c
FRESH PORK ROAST	lb.	45c
HOT TAMALES	12 for	48c

ANGELUS MARSHMELLOWS	2 Packages	23c
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BREEZE Giant box 49c | large box 25c

Donald Duck ORANGE JUICE	2 cans	33c
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SUNSHINE Hi Ho 29c | Candy cello 19c

WHITE SWAN PORK & BEANS	2 24 oz. Cans	37c
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University Now**

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**EDITORIAL**

**90 YARD RUN**  
That thrilling run of 90 yards made by Halfback Phil Goodwin of the Trent Gorillas against the Hermleigh Cardinals was really more than a 90-yard run. It was more than a hundred-yard run!

Phil was chased behind his own goal line when he started his forward flight that netted for the Gorillas their only touchdown of the game.

And Phil actually gave everything he had to make that score. After he passed the Hermleigh goal line he was exhausted. He was wrapped in a blanket to be kept warm and then he was taken to the Sadler Hospital for treatment.

When he got back to the game he insisted on playing again.

Boys like Phil and men like Phil cannot be defeated. They may meet adversities and seemingly impossible obstacles but in the long run they will overcome them. For it is that extra ounce of determination and effort that brings victory.

Phil did not have to make that extra effort. He did not have to make that extra push. He did not have to make that extra strain. He did not have to make that extra try. But he did and he won.

Too many folks today are not willing, do not care, to make that extra push, that extra try, that extra effort. They are willing to do just so much and no more. Why make the effort, they ask.

Men who succeed do not ask that question. The game, the work, the life, is worth the effort, they figure.

After all, life is for living... and living fully, with every ounce of our being, with all the force we have, with all the power that we have.

**LIBERTY, FREEDOM**

Our city attorney, Bryan Bradbury, gave an excellent talk before the Lions Club last week. His picture of the European week that he saw on his recent travel there was revealing.

"The greatest issue in the world today is liberty and freedom," he declared.

But he did not rest his case on a mere assertion of this kind. He went on to show what disturbs the picture, what causes the loss of liberty and freedom. He brought the problem down to the least common denominator. He asserted that liberty is lost, free-

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Europe must be economically sound if she is to remain a foe of Communism, he said. "If it had not been for our aid the flag of Communism would now be flying along the English Channel," he said.

And we must continue our aid though not necessarily by giving financial help. Europe is producing today, producing in a healthy manner. But she must have an outlet for her trade. We must be willing to accept what she has to offer. If we do not she will bog down economically and she will be a prey for Communism again.

**FRIENDLY TOWN**

Again Merkel proves that she is a friendly town. The story of the Klimages and the Cashes highlights this fact. "They were strangers and we took them in."

**OIL ACTIVITY**

New life is being put into oil activity around here. Everyone will be watching closely to see what results we get from the present drilling in and near Merkel.

"WHITE-ICISM"  
That's ALL — and the Sage

Figfield adds that the better life goes to those who live it, not those who think about it.

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pop rally held last Friday morning in the high school gymnasium.

After the youngsters were seated in the hall Principal Edwin Read burst into the gymnasium with a jump and flare that would have given heart to the best producers of night shows on Broadway.

And his costume!!! He was dressed in short pants, sported a long funny nose, a loud necktie and wore long boots. His lips were painted red, clown-style. And he chewed gum.

Principal Read kept the show going in peppy style and plenty of laughs.

A beautiful lady was introduced, dressed in perfect latest style with slippers to match. She, hegnardon, he turned out to be Band Director Winford Reed.

Who was the next lady? Coach Carroll Benson!!! He, she was dressed like a majorette, with the long high white hat, sporting white shirt, short white dress and long beautiful hair. He wore on his feet... his own shoes and sox! (He forgot to wear his foundation.)

Delmer Melton wore a plaid dress. Supt. Mack Fisher was dressed in a long brown skirt. It was difficult from his headgear to decide whether he was a lion tamer or an elephant attendant.

Women in white overalls were Beverley Names and Melba Gooch. Mrs. Betty Lackey wore

an Indian suit with cowboy boots. Chester Collingsworth was a statuesque lady, with tight fitting dress that brought out the contour of his bust and body. He wore his own shoes.

Mrs. Edwin Read had on overalls and big rubber shoes that revealed her toes in grotesque style. Assistant Coach Tommy Ellis was very cute, dressed in a girl's dress and a kerchief over his head. He wore his own shoes.

Mrs. Ida Mae Graham was Miss Wolverine and Ed Miller was the big bad wolf. The musicians were Mrs. Comer Haynes, Mrs. Catherine Davis and Mrs. Ruth Perkins.

Principal Read led in making lots of noise. There were discordant music and prancing by the faculty. Coach Benson showed fancy steps and fancy panties.

Principal Read introduced Mrs. Chester Collingsworth, Lester Dorton, who said he came for laughs and got them, Holt Vaughn and Editor Hy White.

Bruce Knight, president of the student council, gave a talk. So did Head Cheer Leader Barbara Sue McLeod. The senior boys stood up and the crowd cheered. And the pop rally was over. But the students learned that not only can teachers teach but that they can be human as well.

## Who Is Looking For Some Dirt From Venezuela?

Who is looking for some dirt? Some Venezuela soil?

When Paul Russel of Venezuela came to the United States last year he visited his father, Rev. John N. Russel, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, and his name appeared in the Merkel Mail. A lady of Merkel saw his name and wrote his wife at his Fort Worth address, asking for some soil of Venezuela.

Now, the soil has arrived here in Merkel at the home of Rev. Russel, about a pint full of it has been mailed here by a returning missionary from Ohio.

But here's the problem. The Venezuela Russels lost the name of the woman in moving and so now Rev. Russel is trying to locate the lady so she can have the Venezuela soil. Who knows who this woman is?

If anyone does, kindly contact Rev. Russel, or the woman herself can claim the long-traveled soil at the pastor's home.

## COLD FACTS ON THE LONG HOT DROUGHT

The burning, dry weather which has gripped most of our state for many months has already cost us a minimum of \$424,561,000.

This is a staggering amount of money. But we haven't yet finished paying our tribute to the sun.

If the drought continues at its present rate, then fully two-thirds of Texas' approximately 350,000 farmers are going to need "above normal" financial assistance. This assistance must come from moneyed institutions such as banks, or from the federal government. But money must be available—or thousands of our farmers will have to quit the land.

Here is how the loss picture shaped up this year:

**COTTON** — A below normal crop was harvested. It was at least 1,100,000 bales below what could be expected. Figuring each bale worth \$200, then we lost some \$220 million worth to the drought.

**LIVESTOCK** — Counting livestock and livestock products such as poultry and eggs, milk products, etc., into this group, our sales receipts were at least 12 per cent below an average year. In 1950, these receipts totaled \$379,681,000. The 12 per cent drop means \$105,561,000 robbed from Texas pockets.

**GRAIN SORGHUMS** — Texas marketed some 71 million bushels of grain sorghums in 1951 as compared with an estimate of only 38 million bushels this year. Counting the very minimum worth of a bushel at \$1, losses in grain sorghums amount to about \$33 million.

**PASTURE DAMAGE** — A conservative estimate of the value of grazing losses, alone, on Texas' 100 million acres of pasture land would total \$66 million this year. And since it will take from 3 to 5 years to replace this grass loss, then we stand to lose at least this much money, if not more, for the next few years even if it began raining today.

The outlook for wheat in the Texas Panhandle is especially grim. Investigators report that less acreage has been seeded for next year's crop and the stands of wheat already up are in very bad condition. The land is reported too dry to germinate the seeds which have been "dusted in."

"The country is ripe for dust storms which would be worse than those of the middle '30s," one observer commented. "A few hard freezes and thaws without rain to hold the sod down would really start the earth moving."

We can hope and expect that adequate financial assistance will be available to farmers next year. This would at least assure the farmer of being able to hold his

own through another season. But the rest is up to the weather. We can only pray for rain.

## SINGING AT AMITY

There will be gospel singing at the Amity Baptist Church Thursday, Dec. 4, at 7:30 p. m. Everyone is invited.

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## Glynn Clark's Song To Be Played Here On Jukebox

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helped him name his song and inspired him to make a record. The record will be on the jukebox at the Nook Cafe next Tuesday.

## HOSPITAL NOTES

Admissions to the Sadler Hospital the past week were: As medical patients — Mrs.

Claude Phillips, Rebecca Lynn Stidham, Mrs. E. L. Tarpley, Jack Cannon, J. B. Griffin, R. J. Anderson, Mrs. Dean Seago, Mrs. John D. Couch and Roy Hunter.

For surgery — Shirley Baccus, Mike and Bill Vaughn, Blanche Farmer, all for tonsillectomy, and Mrs. Ralph Miller.

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