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NEWS ABOUT TOWN

Mrs. J. M. Spurgin visited recently over the weekend with her son Ray and wife in Dallas. Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Patton and family of Odessa were weekend visitors of relatives.

J. Pierce Horton of Plainview was here Saturday on business and visiting friends. He had a snow two weeks ago but he depends on irrigation for his water.

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their son J. D. and family move to Dallas. J. D. is employed there by the White Motor Co.

B. J. Jones and Milam Pike of Bagwell were here Sunday and Monday visiting Mr. Pike's mother Mrs. Gertie Pee, and Mr. Jones' sister-in-law, Miss Christine Collins.

Jackie McCright daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. McCright of Sweetwater, spent the weekend with the Tom Kerns family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. LaGrone of Odessa spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Rust and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wilson and family visited Sunday in Lamesa with her brother Tracy and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hicks and Mrs. H. R. Hicks were in Sweetwater Sunday to see their sister and daughter, Mrs. A. E. Brown, who was in the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Peevy of Abilene were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hicks.

Mr. and Mrs. N. T. Hodge, Mr. and Mrs. Mac Springer and children and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Walters and boys of Abilene were in Ruidoso New Mexico from Thursday to Sunday last week.

Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Hook were in Winters over the weekend, visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Gannaway.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Mewborn and family were in Comanche and Ranger Saturday night and Sunday, visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Ferguson and Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Russell were in Dallas for the weekend, visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Knox and John T. Morgan.

Mrs. James Dicky Denison with her daughter Dinah of Houston are visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Toombs.

Mr. and Mrs. John Shannon were at the Fat Stock Show in Ft. Worth this week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Grimes of Quannah visited Sunday with his brother Dee Grimes and wife.

Doyle Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oddie Jones, was home over the weekend. He attends the University of Houston.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Stamford and Mrs. R. D. Ely and son Jimmy attended the Fat Stock Show in Ft. Worth over the weekend.

Bobby Jinkens attended the Fat Stock Show in Fort Worth over

the weekend and also visited his uncles, Loyd and T. C. Jinkens.

Mr. and Mrs. Gaston Gregory of Colorado City visited his mother, W. C. Gregory, Saturday.

Mrs. May Horton of Wichita Falls visited her sister, Mrs. Hugh Campbell, and Mr. Campbell over the weekend.

Mrs. G. C. Horton and Mrs. Madalyn Abbott and daughter Glenda of Wichita Falls visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Addison of Blair, over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Miller were in Edgwood over the weekend visiting her mother, Mrs. W. F. Hooks, and Monday and Tuesday they attended the Fat Stock Show in Fort Worth.

Mrs. O. A. Page and C. A. and Johnny Bollier of Fort Worth were weekend guests in the John Oliver home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Swafford of Sweetwater spent Tuesday here on business and visiting friends.

Floyd Green and Nath White of Abilene were in Wichita Falls on business Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Julius Smith had their sons visiting them last weekend: Douglas and Foy of Fort Worth and Pvt. Loyd Smith of Ft. Hood.

Mr. and Mrs. Clesby Patterson and son Pat visited her sister, Mrs. M. W. Knight, and husband in Wichita Falls over the weekend.

Solve Murder Story In "Yukon Gold" At Queen Theatre

"Yukon Gold," a Canadian northwoods action drama plays Friday and Saturday at the Queen Theatre.

The handsome and husky Kirby Grant and the great white dog, Chinook, return in the top roles, with the dog playing a very active part in the story.

Grant, a corporal in the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, is assigned to solve the murder of a prospector knifed to death.

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Legal Notices

THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Urshel Robinett 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 9th day of March, A. D., 1953, 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 15 day of December, 1952. The file number of said suit being No. 18,640-A.

The names of the parties in said suit are: Opal Robinett as Plaintiff, and Urshel Robinett as Defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were married 25th day of May, 1950 lived together as man and wife until about the 25th day of February, 1952 at which time they became permanently separated.

Plaintiff alleges there were no children born to this union and

no community property accumulated by them.

Plaintiff prays for divorce on grounds of harsh and cruel treatment and that her maiden name be restored to her for costs of suit, and for such other and further relief, to which plaintiff is due.

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

Issued this 23rd day of January A. D., 1953.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 23rd day of Jan. A. D., 1953.

J. Neil Daniel, Clerk.
42nd District Court, Taylor County, Texas.

By Irene Crawford, Deputy.
Adv. Jan. 30, Feb. 6, 13, 20.

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To any Sheriff or any Constable within the State of Texas—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for four consecutive weeks, the first publication to be at least twenty-eight days before the return day thereof, in a newspaper printed in Taylor County, Texas,

the accompanying citation, of which the herein below following is a true copy.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Willie Warner, Defendant Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 23rd day of February, A. D., 1953, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 18th day of November, A. D., 1952. In this cause, numbered 18,576-A on the docket of said court and styled Georgia Faye Turkaly, Plaintiff, vs. George Joseph Turkaly, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff sues for divorce on the ground of cruel treatment, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 12th day of January A. D., 1953.

Attest: J. Neil Daniel, Clerk.
42nd District Court,
Taylor County, Texas.
By C. Bower, Deputy.
Adv. Jan. 30, Feb. 6, 13, 20.

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Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 22nd day of January, A. D., 1953.

Attest: J. Neil Daniel, Clerk.
42nd District Court,
Taylor County, Texas.
By C. Bower, Deputy.
Adv. Jan. 30, Feb. 6, 13, 20.

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: George Joseph Turkaly, Defendant, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 23rd day of February, A. D., 1953, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 18th day of November, A. D., 1952. In this cause, numbered 18,576-A on the docket of said court and styled Georgia Faye Turkaly, Plaintiff, vs. George Joseph Turkaly, Defendant.

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Attest: J. Neil Daniel, Clerk.
42nd District Court,
Taylor County, Texas.
By Irene Crawford, Deputy.
Adv. —Jan. 23, 30, Feb. 6, 13.

THE STATE OF TEXAS

Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between W. H. Curtis and H. E. Coates, each of Taylor County, Texas, operating and doing business under the firm name of MONARCH COMPANY, was dissolved by mutual consent on the 31st day of December, A. D. 1952, and the said W. H. Curtis is not connected with said company in any manner after the above said date.

To certify which, witness our hands this 3rd day of January, A. D. 1953.

W. H. CURTIS
H. E. COATES
Adv. Jan. 16, 23, 30, Feb. 6.

THE STATE OF TEXAS

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: James Edward Williams, Defendant, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 23rd day of February, A. D., 1953, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 7th day of January, A. D. 1953 in this cause numbered 18,686-A on the docket of said court and styled Stella Francis Williams, Plaintiff, vs. James Edward Williams, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were married January 25, 1945 and became permanently separated January 2, 1952. As a result of this union, 2 children were born. No property has been accumulated. Plaintiff prays for divorce and

custody of minor children and that defendant pay into the registry of this Court the sum of \$50.00 per month for support of minor children, and for such other relief as to the court shall seem proper, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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

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Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 7th day of January, A. D., 1953.

Attest: J. Neil Daniel, Clerk.
42nd District Court,
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Attest: J. Neil Daniel, Clerk.
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By Christine Bower, Deputy.
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Highlights and Sidelights FROM Your State CAPITOL

By VERN SANFORD
Texas Press Association

No husband is legally permitted to be present when his wife is signing a legal document. The theory is that he might unduly influence her.

Some theory! Anyhow it's the law, women who take an interest in legislative matters are trying to bring about its repeal.

There are four feminine lawmakers.

Senator Neveille H. Colson of Navasota is the first Texas wo-

man to have served in both House and Senate. She was first elected to the House in 1939, served five terms, and was promoted in 1949 to the Senate, where she still serves.

Two women are serving their second term in the House. They are Mrs. Dorothy Gillis Gurley of Del Rio and Miss Virginia Duff of Ferris.

Miss Duff is thought to be the smallest person ever to serve in the legislature. She is just under five feet tall and weighs 91 pounds. During last summer's campaign her weight went down to 86. Miss Duff says she is "Little but loud."

women members were antedated by Miss Margie E. Neal of Carthage, who was Texas' first woman senator. She was elected in 1927 and served until 1935.

Also by Mrs. Edith Wilmans of Dallas, first Texas woman legislator. She was elected to the House and served in the 38th Legislature.

- Some of the measures in which women are interested at this session are those that would:
1. Permit women to serve on juries.
 2. Permit women to sell separate property without the consent of their husbands, if the property belonged to the woman before her marriage or was acquired by her through inheritance.
 3. Abolish the separate acknowledgment requirement for wives. This is the one that chases the husband out of the room while the wife is signing a legal document.
 4. Extend homestead tax exemptions to single persons.
 5. Keep the motor vehicle inspection law.
 6. Increase the basic teaching salary to \$3,000 per year and give raises to principals and supervisors.

Approved by a house committee was a proposed constitutional amendment that would increase the salaries of legislators from \$10 to \$25 per day during the first 120 days of the session.

Members would get \$5 per day after the first 120 days, the same as at present.

Two bills were aimed at reducing traffic accidents. Senator Car-

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SINCE 1907

A freshman member of the House is Miss Anita Blair of El Paso, who lost her sight in an automobile accident in 1936.

Miss Blair has been informed by the American Foundation for the Blind that she is the first blind woman ever to be elected to public office.

Fawn, a 14-year-old seeing-eye dog, accompanies Miss Blair around the capital.

The legislature's present four-

Boy Scouts Celebrate 43rd Birthday



Official Boy Scout Week Poster

Boy Scout Week, Feb. 7 to 13, marking the 43rd anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America, will be observed throughout the nation by more than 3,250,000 boys and adult leaders. Since 1910, more than 20,200,000 boys and men have been members.

"Forward on Liberty's Team" is the birthday theme and the emphasis is on "The Scout Family" of programs meeting the interests of boys in three age groups: Cub Scouting for boys 8, 9 and 10; Boy Scouting for those 11, 12 and 13 and Exploring for boys 14 and up.

The high point of Scouting in 1953 will be the third National Jamboree. More than 50,000 Boy Scouts will camp at a 3,000-acre tent city on the Irvine Ranch in the Newport Harbor area of southern California next July 17 to 23.

EDITOR LEARNS SOMETHING

Melvin Stoker of Abilene is an auto supply agent who makes this town. He is a very friendly fellow and tries hard to teach the editor things. The other day he asked, "Do you know what gin whistle terms are?" The editor confessed his ignorance and asked, "What are they?" "Gin whistle terms," replied Melvin, "are terms that say that you can pay when the gin whistle blows."

Call Local Men To Serve on Jury In County Court

Leon Toombs, Pete West, C. E. Derrington and Luther Orsborn were called for county jury duty last week.

Martha Ann Winn Will Teach In Christoval School

Martha Ann Winn, who has recently completed work for a B. S. degree in elementary education in Abilene Christian College, has been elected to teach grades one and two in the Christoval School. She was graduated from Trent High School and was salutatorian of her class. Her mother is Mrs. Ola Lee Winn.

Army Reserve Training Plans Are Announced

Advance plans for two-week field training camps for units of the Army Reserve in Texas were announced by Texas Military District headquarters for the period May 15 and August 31.

"This announcement is being made at this time in order to afford members of the units and their employers ample time to arrange vacation schedules for the summer without creating last minute revisions and hardships," Col. M. E. Jones district-chief, stated.

Seventh Graders Elect Officers On January 29

January 29 one of the seventh grade rooms elected officers. The officers are: James Bird, president; Gerald Limer, vice president; Sue Mewborn secretary; Stella Russell, parliamentarian; Riley Seymore, policeman, and Mena Stallo, reporter. Teacher is Miss Mable Phillips.

Sixth Graders Elect Officers At January Meet

Mrs. Mack Fisher's sixth grade room met Tuesday morning, Jan. 20, for the purpose of electing officers for the second semester. The following were elected: Don Wilson, president; Katie Hunter, first vice president; Harry Odum, second vice president; Dixie Wade, secretary; Jerry McLeod treasurer; Sue Sylvester, parliamentarian; Donna Sue Scott, critic; Peggy Greenfield, reporter.

The program committee for February is composed of David Melton, Pat Patterson, Stanley Morris, Dixie Wade, Brenda Sublett and Cherry Lynne Eiland.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Admissions to the Sadler Hospital the past week were:

As medical patients—Lon Stevens Mrs. Rex Reddell, Mrs. Lige Harris, Mrs. Ennis Reidenbach, Janice Roberts, Lee Allison, Mrs. Earl Palmer.

For surgery — R. B. Buntin, kicked in the face by a horse, Mrs. Betty Hazelwood, Mrs. E. L. Martin.

WELL-SUITED SISTERS



These adorable little sisters are well-suited to any occasion in their smart denim skirts and jackets. One of the cotton denim suits is grey, the other brown. Both of the suits are trimmed in harmonizing plaid cotton at the collar and on the pockets. The trim little suits are designed in Everglaze denim by G. H. and E. Freyberg for the fashion-conscious young lady.

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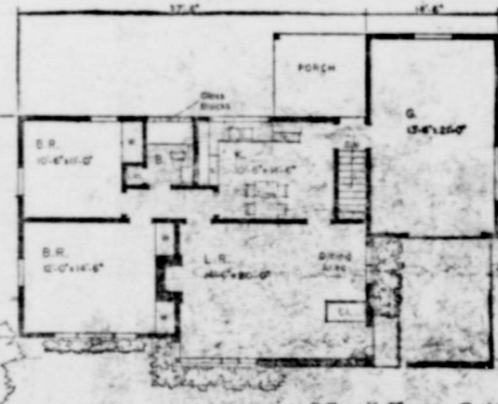


Four Room Design

Total living space is cut to a minimum without sacrificing room size in this design by Architect Elmer Gyleck. The front bedroom is definitely out of the minimum class, as are living room and kitchen.

The living room is made especially attractive by the floor-to-ceiling corner window near the fireplace. It furnishes an ideal spot for a conversation grouping. An excellent feature is the two wardrobes in the master bedroom. Also admirable is the bedroom's window area, and the convenient bathroom linen closet. Glass blocks help beautify the bath.

L-shaped kitchen permits traffic-free work space, while being spacious enough for a dinette set. Storage space for garden tools, lawns, etc., is available in the large garage or basement, but this plan can be had in a basementless version. Total area of this house is 955 sq. ft. Information on blueprints and cost can be obtained by writing to Small Homes Guide, 82 W. Washington, Chicago 2, Ill.



Los Ashley of Llano introduced one that would impose a minimum five-day jail sentence on drunken drivers.

MAY LET CONTRACTS

Some construction contracts on the \$80 million Abilene Air Force Base will probably be let by this summer. Joe Cooley, Abilene Chamber of Commerce manager received that word last week at the office of Col. H. R. Hallock, district Army engineer, at Ft. Worth.

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San Angelo Girl Wins State Honors In 4-H Home Improvement

Of a practical bent Frances Stanford, 16, of San Angelo, turned her efforts to making the interior of her home more comfortable and attractive. Little did Frances realize that good planning and painstaking efforts in the 4-H Home Improvement program would net such a fine reward—state honors and an all-expense trip award from the Sears-Roebuck Foundation.

Frances redecorated her bedroom, painting, upholstering and rearranging old furniture. Blue Indian Head draperies and marbled linoleum were selected to harmonize with jonquil yellow painted walls. Frances also takes time to devote to the study of piano, and entertains at many of the 4-H meetings. Her other projects include sewing, cooking, gardening, poultry and frozen foods.

This program is conducted under the direction of the Cooperative Extension Service.

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PURE CANE 10 lb. bag **89c**

<p>BLEACH PUREX qt. 17c</p> <p>LIBBY'S 46 oz. Can ORANGE JUICE 32c</p> <p>MRS. TUCKER'S 3 Lb. Carton SHORTENING 69c</p> <p>SALAD WAFER Lb. Box CRACKERS 23c</p>	<p>WOLF BRAND CHILI No. 2 can 59c</p> <p>NEW OXYDOL reg. box 29c</p> <p>WOODBURY'S Bath Soap 4 bars 35c</p> <p>SCOT TISSUE Toilet Paper 2 rolls 25c</p>
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EDITORIAL

A NEW GYM

The other day we went along with Coach Carroll Benson and Coach Tommy Ellis to Anson where that crucial basketball game was played. The coaches told us to get a good look at the Anson new gym. We did.

The first thought that struck us when we looked at the new structure was that it was beautiful. Supt. N. H. Touchstone of the Anson Schools was gracious enough to show us around.

We said the gym is new. In fact it is so new that it has as yet not been completed. As Prof. Touchstone explained, the gym would have more seats placed on the south end of the floor to accommodate 450 more persons. It now has the capacity of holding 800 persons.

The new Anson structure is more than a gymnasium. It is a combination field house, gymnasium, band hall and cafeteria. The over all dimensions are 135 feet by 175 feet.

The new structure is fireproof throughout and incorporates all the modern, up-to-date features that one would desire for the pleasure of the spectators and the convenience of the players. The building is made of bricks and concrete blocks and steel beams.

The seating capacity of the gym is sufficient. The floor for games is spacious. Its dimensions are 104 feet by 80 feet. The gym is well lighted and well heated.

The band room has many conveniences. There are four practice

rooms, an office, instrument storage and uniform storage.

The showers are very modern in the locker rooms.

All in all Anson has a new building that they can be proud of. Supt. Touchstone stated that the whole building with its many offerings and modern structure costs around \$120,000 to erect. It was his opinion that the gym alone such as they have in Anson, could be put up for around \$80,000 to \$90,000.

It is our opinion that when Merkel gets ready for a modern up-to-date, fireproof structure with many needed conveniences it could learn a great many things by studying the building at Anson.

COTTON RECORD

We read in last week's 20 Years Ago column that cotton ginning figures released for Taylor County placed the total at 57,809 bales. The sum is larger by almost 1,000 bales than the next highest production. This year the record made here would possibly be the record on the opposite end.

Nature is kind. Or she is hard. She gives plenty in some years and then in other years she takes back all she gives. Twenty years ago she gave lavishly with a record production of cotton, reaching 57,809 bales. This year the count is 1,526 bales prior to Jan. 16.

The farmer has to gamble. He works the ground, he plows, he sows seed and then he looks to the future. He waits for rain. Maybe it will rain, maybe it won't. But he waits. If it comes he is lucky, he makes a crop. If it does not come, he is unlucky and his crop is a failure.

Nature is unpredictable. She is kind. She is hard.

What can be done about it? The Soil Conservation Service and other agricultural agencies work with the farmer, offering suggestions of what to do to make the land produce under hard conditions. Even in dry years they have ideas that will keep the farmer from gambling too much.

Coleman O'Brien, manager of the local Soil Conservation Service and his staff, B. R. Eidson and H. C. Reynolds, assisting the Middle Clear Fork Soil Conservation District, are doing splendid work trying to pry open the secrets that Nature has hidden that will be of help to the farmer, the stockman, the ranchman.

Yes, Nature is unpredictable. She is kind. She is hard. So is life. The problems for all of us to solve is how to make her less hard, how to make her kinder.

"WHITE-JCISM"

That's ALL — and the Sage of Figfield adds that life without problems would be very dull.

Bushels of Fun In "Road to Bali" At Queen Theatre

No one emerging from the Queen Theatre where Paramount's Technicolor comedy, "Road To Bali," plays Sunday and Monday can fail to be happy. "Road To Bali" stars Bing Crosby, Bob Hope and Dorothy Lamour.

Its funny story occasionally gets lost in the laughs but basically, it tells what happens when a couple hand-me-down song-and-dance men — Bing and Bob — find it advisable to leave Australia in a hurry.

Their resultant wanderings take them to a secluded atoll nearby the celebrated isle of Bali. The two mirth provokers meet up with the sarong-clad Dorothy Lamour.

Before long they are up to their troublesome necks in diving for sunken treasure; romancing Dotty; fighting ferocious animals; and skirmishing a host of equally wacky and uproariously funny misadventures.

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Local Girl Teams Will Take Part In Tournament

Sixteen of the West Texas area's top girls high school basketball teams will converge on Rose Field House at Hardin-Simmons University, Feb. 5-7, when HSU holds its second annual Invitational Girls Basketball tourney.

February 5, Merkel and Roby will play at 11:15 a. m., Noodle and Tuscola at 6:15 p. m., Trent and Eula at 7:30 p. m.

Metropolitan Opera Is Coming To Dallas in May

The civic-sponsored presentation of the Metropolitan Opera Company in Dallas' State Fair Auditorium for 1953 has been set for May 8, 9, and 10, with four operas to be given.

Arthur L. Kramer, president of the Dallas Grand Opera Association, announced the season schedule: Mozart's "Don Giovanni," Verdi's "Rigoletto," Strauss' "Der Rosenkavalier," Wagner's "Tristan Und Isolde."

Tickets are not yet available.

HOLLYWOOD FASHION

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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.

Pioneer Memorial Chapel
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Morning Service.....11:00 a.m.
Evening Services .. 8:00 p.m.

Trent Church of Christ
Sunday:
Sunday School.....11:00 o'clock
Bible Class.....10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship...11:00 a.m.
Evening Services .. 8:00 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.
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Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Training Union.....7:00 p.m.
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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.

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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.

Merkel Grace Presbyterian Church
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Worship Service 11 a.m.
Evening Service7:00 p.m.

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Sunday:
Sunday School..... 10 a.m.
Morning Worship ... 11 a.m.
Training Union ... 6:45 p.m.
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Trent Methodist Church
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Evening Worship... 8:00 p.m.
Morning Services.....11:00 a.m.
M. Y. F. Services 6:30 p.m.
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Noodle Church of Christ
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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.

Our Congressman Reports

By OMAR BURLESON

The present law on the reorganization of the government which authorized the Hoover Commission expires on April 1. A bill has been introduced to extend the law and the President's authority under it to April 1, 1953.

Two other measures have been presented to set up a new study Commission similar to the Hoover Commission which would review the entire executive structure of the government and recommend steps to limit expenditures, consolidate functions which now overlap and duplicate, abolish functions and services found to be unnecessary, eliminate services which more properly belongs to State and local governments, and to eliminate non-essential services which compete with private enterprise.

This is a big order but one which is certainly needed. I intend to support these propositions to the fullest.

If the cost of this government is ever to be reduced, the size of government must first be whittled down. The best information available shows that government today consists of 2,055 major units of Administration.

Another good illustration of loose and expensive management is to be found in military purchases. There are more than 90 ordnance districts of the Army, each of which is almost a law unto itself. One district bids against another for supplies and equipment, resulting in tremendous costs. This situation is not peculiar to the Army.

It prevails more or less in all three of the major Services.

If real savings are to be made, a goodly percentage of it must come from the costs of our national defense. This must be done without impairing the preparedness program. It should be done by using more efficient methods which certainly should result in reducing waste and extravagance.



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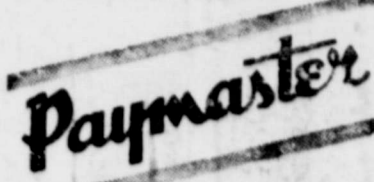
Noodle, Badgers Split Twin Game On Local Court

After a suspenseful and exciting first half the Merkel Junior Badgers defeated the Noodle Freshmen basketballers 51 to 24, here Monday. The Noodle boys had a tight zone the first half and held the Merkel boys to a 17-14 half time lead.
In the third quarter Coach Leon Walker's boys moved more rapid-

ly and the Merkel boys extended the lead to 39-18.
Robert McLeod was high point man with 19 points.
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39-24. Pack of Noodle was high with 20 points.
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