

OFFER BARGAINS GALORE

Plaster Praises Boy Scout Work At Pot Luck Supper

"Be Prepared!" That motto and password of Scouting is known all over the world, asserted Minister Layton Plaster of the Church of Christ, in his address at the Eighth Annual Boy Scout Week pot luck supper held at the school cafeteria Thursday night of last week.

About 140 persons were present, including all Cubs, Boy Scouts, Explorers, their parents, scout officials and guests. This supper is the highlight of the week, Feb. 8-14, which commemorates the 43rd birthday of Scouting in America.

Principal C. A. Farley, neighborhood commissioner of Merkel and Trent, was toastmaster and

tion for Scouting. When he returned to England he organized Scouting in 1909.

Later a Chicago newspaperman, William Boyce, came to London and saw the new organization in operation. He was so impressed that he brought the idea back home with him and on Feb. 8, 1910, he started Scouting in America.

Minister Plaster, in closing his address, quoted J. Edgar Hoover, head of the F. B. I., as saying, "There has never been a former Boy Scout who has ever been accused of being a subversive person never has a former Boy Scout betrayed his country."

The evening's program began by Sessions Hammond, Junior Whiteley and Dicky Elliott presenting the Colors. Fred Starbuck led the audience in singing "God Bless America" with Mrs. Tommy Odum at the piano. The pot luck supper was served cafeteria style. There were chicken of all kinds, meats in great variety, salads of all kinds, potato, fruit, vegetables, pies, cakes, coffee and soda pop.

Then Principal Farley introduced the speaker who gave his address. After that, Minister Plaster in an impressive ceremony presented Gold Palms to Sessions and Johnny Hammond and George Starbuck, all Eagle Scouts. Gold Palms are awarded for earning 10 Merit Badges after securing the Eagle Badge.

Introduction of Merkel's official Scout family was made by Scoutmaster K. C. Whiteley. He introduced Cubmaster R. L. Elliott, who presented the Universal Scout Badges to the Pack Committee composed of Buster Hester, H. W. Higgins, W. B. Toombs and I. J. Hall.

Explorer Advisor Waymon Adcock presented the same kind of badges to the Post Committee composed of Frank Simpson, Fred Starbuck, J. W. Hammond and Horace Hargrove.

Scoutmaster Whiteley presented like badges to his Troop Committee of Rhettt Eidson, Robert Malone, Ellis Harris, Clesby Patterson, Tommy Odum and Isadore Mellinger, Institutional Representative, and Frank Breaux, assistant scoutmaster.

Cut Scout Den No. 2 with Bill Russell as Den Chief and Mrs. Griff Barnett, Den Mother, presented a stunt.

Den No. 1 with Leslie Whiteley as Den Chief and Mrs. Lester Dorton as Den Mother also presented a stunt.

Don Wilson's Bob White Patrol presented a "Worst Aid" skit. Bob Whites were Mike Farley, Harry Odum, Skippy Hicks, Bobby Malone and P. L. Wilson. This act was followed by a real first aid team composed of Junior Whiteley, Skippy Hicks, Bobby Malone, John Thomas and James Bird.

One of the high points of the program was the presentation by Fred Starbuck, a member of the executive board of the Chisholm Trail Council of the Boy Scouts of America, of a Boy Scout paper weight to Waymon Adcock in token of appreciation for the fine work done by Mr. Adcock as finance chairman of Merkel last fall.

The evening closed with Scouts, Cubs and Explorers reciting the Scoutmaster's Benediction, led by Sessions Hammond.

Special guests included R. L. Hurst, field scout executive, of Abilene, and Editor and Mrs. Hy White.

Ralph Russell Suffers Injury To Knee in Roping

Ralph Russell suffered an injured knee when he wrestled with a big Brahms calf at the roping in the Fat Stock Show in Fort Worth. Ralph is in the Sadler Hospital and may have to have surgery.

SPECIAL NOTICE!

The Merkel Garden Club will serve a luncheon at the Community Center at 12:30 noon Feb. 21, \$1 per plate. The public is invited. Reservations must be made by Feb. 19 by contacting Mrs. Lige Gamble or Mrs. Dale Litton. Adv.



MARTHA ANN WINN to teach at Christoval School

BULLETIN!

Mrs. L. C. Zee died unexpectedly Wednesday night at Midland, Texas, 2 p. m., will be held at Starbuck Funeral Home today, Friday, Mrs. Zee was the wife of Dr. Zee. They lived here when Dr. Zee practiced dentistry here before going to Midland.

Plans Are Made For Red Cross Drive For 1953

At the meeting held at the Taylor Electric Coop. office here plans were made for the 1953 Red Cross fund campaign. Mrs. W. S. G. Brown was elected chairman of the drive here with Lester Dorton as co-chairman.

Among those present were Paul Hodge, Abilene, county chairman of the drive, and Mattie Bell Newberry, Abilene, executive secretary.

Those from here who attended the meeting were Supt. Mack Fisher and Rev. Hugh Hunt, in charge of schools and churches; Mrs. Brown, in charge of residential districts; Mrs. John Hughes, in charge of rural areas; Tom Morrison in charge of V. F. W. department; Mr. Dorton and Clesby Patterson, in charge of the business district; Mrs. Murry Toombs, Mrs. Allen King, Mrs. John Rister, Mrs. T. W. Miller, Mrs. J. H. Clark, Waymon Adcock, J. H. Hugas.

RAINS 20 INCH

J. I. Ford, Merkel weatherman, gauged the sleet, hail and rain that fell here Tuesday night at 20 inch.

From early Tuesday morning, about 8 a. m., the rain kept falling, but it was mist-like, and did not measure. Around midnight the sleet and hail began to fall.

RAIN AD PAYS

In its story headed "Clear Skies Follow Light Rain and Hail" on the front page of the Abilene Reporter-News it stated: Ad Pays Off. Hy White, editor of the Merkel Mail, felt gratified when 20 of an inch of snow and sleet was gauged there. White said he felt it was in answer to an ad which he ran on the front page of his paper last week calling for "any kind of moisture — rain, sleet or snow" within a week's time.

"This is the third time in 20 years in Texas that I've advertised for rain and got it," White said. Other times were last year in Merkel and at Karnes City in 1932.

HAVE GRANDSON

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin C. Stevens, 2301 Jomar, San Angelo are the parents of a baby boy born Feb. 7 at the Clinic Hospital. The baby weighed 8 pounds 10 ounces and was named Ryan Earl. The maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Robertson of Merkel.

Bigger Values Are Expected Tuesday For Dollar Day

Bargains galore in every store! That's what the public may expect and get at the ninth Dollar Day in Merkel next Tuesday. Big-

ger bargains, bigger values than ever before are being offered. Dry goods merchants are offering tremendous savings in desirable merchandise. Prices are being slashed deeply and on a great variety of items.

Grocers are again making tempting offers in supplies that the housewife needs for the table. The filling stations are also making attractive offers.

This will be another big Dollar Day in Merkel. It will pay everyone to come to Merkel next Tues-

day and make tremendous savings. The friendly town of Merkel invites you.

Brotherhood Week

An Editorial

Love your neighbor as yourself. That is a great command. It is the basis of our civilized world, it is the basis of brotherhood.

And next week, Feb. 15-22, is Brotherhood Week. It gives us the opportunity to analyze again our ideals of respect for people and human rights, the dignity and equality of each individual.

Communists have no respect for people, no respect for human rights, no respect for the dignity and equality of each individual.

All religions stress respect for people, human rights, for the dignity of man and the equality of each individual.

Next week, Brotherhood Week, we rededicate ourselves to these ideals. This rededication is good for an entire week; it is better as a reminder for the entire year.

As President Dwight D. Eisenhower said, "Without tolerance, without understanding of each other or without a spirit of brotherhood, we would soon cease to exist as a great nation."

Austin Minister Will Preach At 1st Baptist

The pulpit committee has invited the Rev. S. L. Harris of Austin to preach at the First Baptist Church Sunday morning and evening. Rev. Harris is a graduate of the Southwestern Seminary of Ft. Worth and comes highly recommended.

The church has been without a regular pastor since Rev. Glen Braswell resigned December 1. Rev. Truett Sheriff of Abilene has been serving as supply pastor. All members are urged to be present.

Donald W. Hunt On Honor Roll at McMurry College

Donald W. Hunt, freshman at McMurry College is listed on the scholastic honor roll for the fall term. Only those with an average from 2.5 to 3.00 are listed on the honor roll. Twelve freshmen were included on the roll.

Donald is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Hugh H. Hunt.

GENTRYS HAVE GIRL

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Gentry are the parents of a baby girl born at the Sadler Hospital Feb. 11.

REYNOLDS' SON BORN

A baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Oris Reynolds on Feb. 5 at the Sadler Hospital.

GRANDSON TO MCCONNELLS

Born to Sgt. and Mrs. Robert F. Reed of Ft. Worth a baby boy Jan. 28. The baby is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. G. D. McConnell.

SIGN OF WHAT?

The natural spring on Earl Wallace's ranch on the Divide started flowing Saturday. It had been dry for over a year. Earl said that it has never failed to rain after the spring started flowing.

Stamford Wins From Badgers By One Point

In a thrilling finish last Tuesday night Stamford nosed out Coach Tommy Ellis' Badgers by one point to practically assure the ball championship in 20 years. Bulldogs their first district basket-

At the end of the third period Merkel led 36-34. The score stood 45-46 in favor of the Badgers with eight seconds left to play. A winning shot by Stamford gave them the game.

Stamford led 12-8 at the end of first quarter and 28-22 at the half. Corky Cox and Arlan Harris hit 12 point each.

Stamford's B team won 31-26 over Merkel. Philip Pursley made 14 points for the Badgers.

Merkel's Badgers won their seventh game in eight starts in District 5-AA play Friday night, drubbing the crippled Rotan Yellowhammers, 83-25.

Merkel led 21-10 in the first period, 41-13 at halftime and 64-17 after three quarters.

Several Rotan men were injured and unable to play. Merkel also sidelined its starting team during much of the game.

Arlan Harris scored 23 for Merkel and Jerry Cunningham was second with 12.

Merkel won the B game, 47-33, with Philip Pursley scoring 10 for the winners.

Election Notice

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Merkel, Texas, notice is hereby given that an election will be held at the City Hall in the said city on the first Tuesday in April, 1953, same being the 7th day of the month, for the purpose of electing a Mayor and Two Aldermen, each to serve a term of two years.

Said election shall conform as nearly as possible to the State laws regulating elections and a City Ordinance requiring all candidates to file their names with the City Secretary, naming the office for which they are to be a candidate for, together with \$1.00 filing fee at least 30 days prior to said election.

T. L. Grimes is hereby appointed election judge. Polls shall open at 8:00 A. M. and close at 6:00 P. M. Given under my hand and seal this the 10th day of Feb., A. D., 1953.

H. C. WEST
Mayor of the City of Merkel, Texas.
Adv. 1148.

Herman Carson On District Court Grand Jury

Herman Carson was on the District Court grand jury this week.

J. T. Darsey, Sr. Dies Unexpectedly In His Sleep

John Thomas Darsey, Sr., died unexpectedly in his sleep Thursday night of last week. He was 75 years old.

He was at his place of business all day Thursday and when he went home he told his neighbors downtown that he was feeling fine.

He lived alone and when he failed to report to his furniture store at the usual time Friday morning Barney Borwig and Waymon Adcock went to his home. They found him dead. Death was apparently due to a heart attack.

The funeral was held at 4 p. m., Saturday at the Church of Christ with Layton Plaster, minister, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery under the direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

Mr. Darsey was born May 28, 1877, in Coryell County and had lived in Merkel since September, 1906. He came here in a covered wagon.

First he did carpenter work. Then he made pocket knives and traveled in this area, selling them. Finally he went into the furniture business.

Survivors are a daughter, Mrs. Chester Hutcheson, Taylor County Clerk; three sons, Guy P. Darsey, Austin; W. W. Darsey, San Angelo, and J. T. Darsey, Jr., Midland; a sister, Miss Willie Darsey, McGregor; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

One of his grandsons is Don Hutcheson, staff photographer with the Abilene Reporter-News.

Funeral bearers were Tye Sublett, Waymon Adcock, Andy Shouse, Dean Higgins, George Woodrum and Booth Warren.

Free Show, Dinner To Be Features On John Deere Day

Jack Miller, local John Deere dealer, has announced Saturday as the date for this year's John Deere Day program. Free to farmers and their families, the program will be held at the Miller Implement Company and is scheduled to begin at 10 a. m.

The feature picture, "Paradise for Buster," is a comedy and stars Buster Keaton, popular clown of stage and screen.

Other films included on the program are "Tom Gordon Goes Modern," "Costly Bargains," "Oddities in Farming," consisting of scenes of rare farming practices; and "What's New for 1953," unveiling the complete lineup of John Deere equipment for the coming year, showing this equipment at work in the field and demonstrating briefly all outstanding features.

Mr. Miller, in his announcement mentioned that although the program is free to farmers and their families, admission will be by ticket only. He invites farmers who require more, to be sure to stop at the store and ask for them. A free dinner will be served at noon.

"COUNTRY DOINGS" is the play to be presented by the M. F. T. Club of Trent at 7:30 p. m., Feb. 20 at Trent. Humor, drama, music. Admission 25c, 10c, adv.

Merkel 20 Years Ago

254 BIRDS ENTERED

Arl Snarp had the best male bird in the poultry show held here when 254 birds were entered. R. J. Miller had second best. W. C. Eoff had the best female bird. Bob Mayfield had second best. Castle B. Ellis had the best 15 bird display. W. C. Eoff had second best.

8 MEN LETTER

Those who lettered were: Harry Boaz, captain; Gerald Derrick, Clarence Church, Albert Cade, Jack Patterson, Milton Shannon, Harold Reese, Neil Durham. The four who will be back next year are: Boaz, Durham, Reese and Shannon.

RECORD BIRTHS

Boy to Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Price Feb. 10. Boy to Mr. and Mrs. Elmore Ashcraft Feb. 10. Boy to Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Spence of Trent Feb. 10. Girl to Mr. and Mrs. Chester Lucas of Noodle Feb. 11.

ADOPT COUNTY BUDGET

Taylor County's 1933 budget for all purposes, including road and bridge funds and bonded debt, was fixed at \$206,269.35 by the commissioners court Tuesday, as it closed its February session.

WIN OVER OPLIN

Tuesday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock the girls' debate team from Oplin met the local team in the high school library. Misses Helen Joyner and Lucille Campbell defended the negative for the Badgerettes. The decision was two to one in favor of the local team.

OVER BALE TO ACRE

A yield of 65 bales of cotton, averaging 550 pounds to the bale, on 63 acres of land is reported by M. J. Shaw, who resides two and a half miles east of Stith.

MERKEL BEATS BLAIR

In the conference games played in Abilene High Gymnasium, Merkel defeated Blair easily. Merkel was rushed at no time in the game. Patterson was high point man with 9 points. Boaz

showed excellent work on guard. The game ended 26-14 in favor of Merkel. The Badgers lost to Tuscola in the second game, 16-30.

ABANDONED TOT FOUND

A blue-eyed baby boy, probably three to five days old, was found shortly after 6 o'clock Sunday afternoon, wrapped up in a pasteboard box and just off the pavement about a mile east of Mulberry. The baby was placed in the West Texas Baptist Sanitarium.

DEATH OF VANSCHILL BOY

Funeral services were held Friday afternoon with Rev. O. B. Tatum officiating, for the 10-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. I. I. Vanschill of the Golan community. Interment was in the Golan Cemetery.

ENROLLMENT TO 700

The enrollment in the Merkel public schools nears the 700 mark with the Feb. 10 report to Supt. Burgess. Only three times since 1919, when the present superintendent came to Merkel has the enrollment reached 700. In 1924-25 it was 713, in 1927-28 it was 711, and in 1928-29 was 726.

THIS HAPPENED IN MERKEL FORTY YEARS AGO

Taken from the 1912 files of the Merkel Mail

Pursuant to call, a number of ladies met with Mrs. Fred Groene Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock at her home in North Merkel for the purpose of organizing a cemetery association. The officers elected were: Mesdames Tolbert Robertson, president; W. M. O'Briant, vice president; O. W. Williams, secretary; Fred Groene, treasurer.

Mrs. J. D. Boring left Saturday for Fort Worth to visit her son, W. F. Buchanan. While away she will visit in Arlington and Dallas.

Mrs. W. M. Rice of Abilene returned to her home Monday after a short visit here with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Williams.

Sunday being their regular day in the capital city Messrs. Ernest Faucett and Lester Ellis made their appearance there on time.

Frank Ferrier was a social caller in Sweetwater Sunday.

Mrs. Jno. Hamm came in from Anson Sunday morning to join her husband. They were welcomed back by their friends after an absence of several months during which time they made their home in California.

Roscoe Sharp left for Corpus Christi Tuesday with a round trip ticket due to expire in 90 days. Roscoe stated that if he did not spend his money before he did his vacation that he would use the allotted time shown on the ticket.

Mrs. J. G. Broughton left Tuesday for Jayton to visit friends.

J. E. Martin's Tin Shop for all kinds of plumbing.

J. D. Gaither, manager of the Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Co., and Miss Jesse O'Briant, milliner, returned from St. Louis Wednesday morning after 10 days purchasing in that city.

SOCIETY

SANDRA SADLER'S DATE OF MARRIAGE ANNOUNCED

Dr. and Mrs. William T. Sadler announce the approaching mar-

riage of their daughter, Sandra, to Bill C. Haynes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Comer Haynes. The marriage will take place March 11.

ENGAGEMENT OF BARBARA BARTLETT IS ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Bartlett, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Barbara to Carroll Free of Lubbock. The marriage will take place at the First Baptist Church here March 21.

MRS. DALE DUDLEY HONORED WITH TEA FEBRUARY 6

A gift tea honoring Mrs. Dale Dudley, nee Beth Thomas, was held Friday, Feb. 6, at the Ray Wilson home, 805 Oak. During the evening music was played by girls of the house party. Mrs. Ray Wilson, Mrs. Dudley, her mother, Mrs. Wilbur Thomas, and mother-in-law, Mrs. Lem Dudley, were in the receiving line.

Members of the house party were Mrs. Virgil Patterson, Bertha and Sandra, Mrs. J. F. Cason, Neva and Bonnie Ruth, Mrs. L. P. Liles and Marilyn, Mrs. Ray Wilson and Barbara, Mrs. Pete Rutledge and Billie, Mrs. F. T. Bartlett and Barbara, Mrs. Burley Bond and Peggy, Mrs. Fred Starbuck, and Mrs. Grover Gilbert, Mrs. Robert Malone and Jane Tipton. About 60 guests called.

MRS. WILEY MASSY HONORED WITH BRIDAL SHOWER

A bridal shower was given in honor of Mrs. Wiley Massy, nee Shirly Shoemaker, in the home of Mrs. Johnnie Berry, from 3:30 to 5:30 p. m. Wednesday, Feb. 4. The Valentine motif was used throughout the decorations.

The hostesses were Mesdames Johnnie Berry, Etta Tucker, Lela Barnes, Alvin Smith, Ivy Brooks and Mary Black. In the receiving line were the bride, her mother, Mrs. Shoemaker, and the groom's mother, Mrs. Edd Massy of Tye.

After refreshments were served a beautiful array of gifts were shown. About 200 invitations were extended.

KING'S DAUGHTERS ENJOY ANNUAL BANQUET TUESDAY

The King's Daughters Sunday School Class of the Methodist Church held its annual banquet at the church Tuesday. Group singing was the diversion in the forenoon. The president, Mrs. Collins, was in charge of the business meeting held in the afternoon.

Mrs. C. K. Russell led the singing with Mrs. Tom Coats at the piano. Mrs. Bertha Ensminger gave the devotional. Mrs. Bessie Johnson led the prayer.

The six members whose birthdays occurred in January and February were honored by the other members singing a birthday song. Mrs. Watts read a Valentine poem. Mrs. Pinckley gave a short story of the origin of Valentine Day. Mrs. Coats and Mrs. Pearl Harris played a piano duet, much enjoyed by all. Twelve members were present.

LAMBDA BETA CHAPTER HAS PROGRAM ON DRAMA

Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met in the home of Mrs. Robert Malone Tuesday night, Feb. 3. Canned foods and other groceries were brought by the members for a needy family. The society has already purchased a lunch ticket for the two children who are in school.

The program was on drama. Suz Springer gave the history of drama and Viola Allred told about the five-act comedy, "The Barretts of Wimpole Street."

Refreshments of coffee, angel squares and heart shaped ice cream were served to: Jo Barnett, Ruth Horton, Jake Elliott, Mildred Barnett, Janice Russell, Sug Springer, Jane Wade, Spooky Tombs, Elma McFarland, Mary Hargroves, Marie Ely, Fay Robertson, Opal Malone and Viola Allred.

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MERKEL GARDEN CLUB HEARS ABOUT ZENNIAS

The Merkel Garden Club met Feb. 5 at the Community Center with 13 members and one visitor present. An interesting program was given by the members.

The first part was about "Zennias, the old maid of yesterday, goes glamor girl." Mrs. Carroll Benson displayed packages of seed and a scrapbook showing how the lowly old maid has become one of the leading flowers of the nation, having been taken from among the wild flowers in the hills of Old Mexico, and cultivated until now it appears among the aristocrats of almost every flower garden the country over.

It is a hardy plant that will thrive in almost any soil and requires very little cultivation and is called the cut and come again flower for the simple reason that the more you cut the blossoms the more they produce.

The zennia is found in many colors and sizes from the very small puff balls to the large dahlia flowering type.

Mrs. Jack Miller gave the February pointers, stressing the need of renewing and fertilizing the old lawn, also the gathering and caring for the flowers for bouquets in the house.

The club voted to serve a luncheon for which there will be a charge at 2:30 noon Feb. 21, at the Community Center, followed by a book review by Mrs. Clyde Bartlett of "The Man From the Tall Timber" as their fund raising project of the year. The public is invited.

ALTHEAN S. S. CLASS MEETS WITH MRS. STEPHENS

The Althean Sunday School Class of the First Baptist Church met in the home of Mrs. Stephens Feb. 4 with Mrs. E. O. Carson as co-hostess. Mrs. Earl Lassiter, president, presided.

Delicious refreshments were served to the following members: Mesdames Armstrong, McClung, Castle, Booth, Kuykendall, Lassiter, Zollinger, McCandless, and two visitors, Mrs. E. W. King, Mrs. Bertha Ensminger, and the hostess.

"MAKING A PATIENT HAPPY" IS BLUE BONNET SUBJECT

The Blue Bonnet Home Demonstration Club met in the home of Mrs. Dewel McLain for its regular meeting with Mrs. King, president, presiding. Roll call was answered with a joke by each, song and prayer by Mrs. Phillips. Mrs. Butman read standard rules of club.

Mrs. Bronavak gave a talk on "Making a Patient Happy," also "Proper Bed Arrangement."

Refreshments were served to two visitors, Mrs. Bob McLain and Mrs. R. G. Tombs and the following members: Mesdames Euel Ray, Ford Butman, Tom Russom, Adrin Farmer, Kenneth Ray, Frank Bronavak, Allen King, Elmer Patterson, Frase Demere and Ellery Phillips.

The next meeting will be with Ford Butman February 18.

DORCAS CLASS MEETS WITH MRS. L. C. MURRY

The Dorcas Class of the First Baptist Church met February 3 in the home of Mrs. L. C. Murry. Mrs. Ada Higgen, Mrs. O. B. Boden and Mrs. Emma Wheatly were co-hostesses.

The opening prayer was by Mrs. Ada Higgen, devotional by Mrs. W. Am. Hayes, closing prayer by Mrs. E. W. King.

A plate of refreshments was served to one visitor, Mrs. E. W. King and 13 members: Mesdames J. J. McNeese, O. B. Boden, L. C. Murry, Ada Higgen, Charles West, Emma Wheatly, J. S. Swann, W. M. Hayes, S. R. Dwiggen, G. F. Nash, G. M. Sharp, M. T. Head and Laura Payne.

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PATRICIA LYNN BUNCH HAS BIRTHDAY PARTY

Mrs. Clyde Bunch honored her daughter Patricia Lynn on her second birthday Tuesday, Feb. 3. A Valentine theme was used throughout the decorations.

Games were played and gifts opened after refreshments were served to Charlotte, Ronnie and Barbara Alexander, Donald and Barbara Harris, Linda and Ronnie Luke, Glenn Alexander, Elaine Cots, Clarence and Walter Harris and Jimmie Rives.

Also present were Mrs. Scott Alexander, Mary Harris and Mrs. C. O. Washburn, paternal grandmother.

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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 the 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.

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 9th day of March A. D., 1953, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 22nd day of January A. D., 1953, in this cause, numbered 18,718-A on the docket of said court and styled Erma Beth Warner, Plaintiff, vs. Willie Warner, Defendant.
 A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were married on 9 August 1950 and separated in September in 1952. There are no children of this marriage. Plaintiff and Defendant have accumulated no community property. Plaintiff prays that defendant be cited to appear and answer herein and that she have judgment of divorce dissolving the bonds of matrimony heretofore existing between Plaintiff and Defendant, for costs of suit and for further relief to which she may be entitled, 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 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.

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 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 Irene Crawford, Deputy.
 Adv. —Jan. 23, 30, Feb. 6, 13.

known heirs and legal representatives, and any unknown persons who claim or have claimed the described land, Defendants.
 A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff sues for title and possession of Lots Number 25, 27, and 29 Block Number 39, Town of Buffalo Gap, Texas, in Taylor County, Texas, 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 5 day of February, A. D., 1953.
 Attest: J. Neil Daniel, Clerk, 42nd District Court Taylor County, Texas
 By Irene Crawford, Deputy.
 Adv. Feb. 13, 20, 27, March 6.

will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for each, to the highest bidder, as the property of said Claude Gilmore.
 And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper published in Taylor County. Witness my hand, this 9 day of February 1953.
 Ed E. Powell,
 Sheriff Taylor County, Texas.
 By R. H. Ross, Deputy.
 Adv. —Feb. 13, 20, 27.

sale, in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper published in Taylor County. Witness my hand, this 9 day of February 1953.
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 Sheriff Taylor County, Texas.
 By R. H. Ross, Deputy.
 Adv. —Feb. 13, 20, 27.

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SHERIFF'S SALE
 THE STATE OF TEXAS
 County of Taylor

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That by virtue of a certain execution No. 10,876 issued out of the Honorable County Court of Taylor County, on the 23 day of January, 1953, by County Clerk of said Taylor County, Texas for the sum of Eight Hundred Ninety Eight Dollars and — 10/100 (\$898.10) Dollars and costs of suit, under a Judgment, in favor of Roy L. Duke in a certain cause in said Court, No. 10,876 and styled Roy L. Duke vs. Claude Gilmore, placed in my hands for service, I Ed E. Powell as Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas, did, on the 9 day of Feb. 1953, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Taylor County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, Block N, Carver Addition to the City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, as shown by Deed recorded in Volume 357, Page 160, Deed Records of Taylor and levied upon as the property County, Texas, and levied upon as the property of Claude Gilmore and that on the second Tuesday in March 1953, the same being the 10 day of said month at the Court House door, of Taylor County, in the City of Abilene, Texas, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m., by virtue of said levy and said Notice of Sheriff's Sale. I

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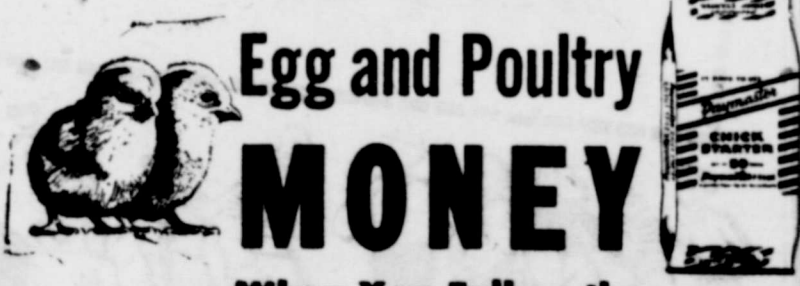
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Highlights and Sidelights FROM Your State CAPITOL

By VERN SANFORD
Texas Press Association

One step in the direction of solving the state's difficult highway problem was taken when the Legislature passed a resolution asking the federal government to abandon its two cents per gallon gasoline tax.

States now levying an income tax agreed to give up that revenue source if the federal government will stop taxing gasoline. If the federal government abandons its two-cent tax, the state could impose that additional amount and thus, without actually increasing the gasoline tax as paid by the consumer, boost Texas revenues by about \$60 million a year.

That amount has been going to the federal government annually from Texas highway users. But Texas has been receiving only about \$29 million per year in federal aid to highways.

A bill has been introduced that would set up a district (similar to a water conservation district) for the purpose of building a Fort Worth-Dallas toll road.

One way to build up highway finances would be to step diverting road user taxes. A constitutional amendment has been offered to require that all taxes on motor fuel and lubricants must be spent on roads.

One-fourth of the gasoline tax now goes to the public schools of Texas. If the schools should lose this revenue, they would have to find other funds.

What's the right way to finance roads, and what's the right way to finance schools? Members of the Legislature would give you a rousing vote of thanks for an acceptable answer to that one.

Members of the house of Representatives have voted for a proposed constitutional amendment which, if approved by the citizens, would raise the pay of legislators from \$10 per day to \$25 per day for the first 120 days of the legislative session.

If approved, the amendment would become effective Jan. 1, 1955.

It provides that after the first 120 days, the pay of lawmakers would drop to \$5 per day, the present rate.

In the house is a bill that advocates the creation of a public utilities commission.

The commission would be empowered to set telephone, gas, and electricity rates, except those of consumers' co-operatives or those owned by cities.

Authority for fixing utility rates now rest with the cities, and it is felt by proponents of Patten's bill that a state commission would tend to bring about more uniformity in the pricing of utility services.

Approved by a House committee is a bill authorizing the state to issue \$6 million in revenue bonds and use the money to build a state office building and a courts building in Austin on property which is publicly owned.

Author of the measure says that construction of the new buildings would save Texas \$441,520 per year in rents.

Should banks close on Saturdays? The present regulation is that banks must stay open five and a

Byrd Hughes Family Move From Trent To Merkel Friday

The Byrd Hughes family of Trent moved last Friday to Merkel where they will make their home.

Farm Cash Income In Texas for '52 Shows Big Drop

Farm cash income in Texas during 1952 was \$1,847,708,000—a 14 per cent drop from the '51 total, the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research reported.

Most severe reverses came to producers of cotton (down \$188,000,000), cattle (down \$95,000,000), and calves (down \$44,000,000). Wool, sheep and hog revenues each were \$12,000,000 less than in 1951. However, income was up from wheat (\$38,000,000), rice (\$23,000,000), and cottonseed (\$21,000,000).

Most of the total reduction resulted from price declines, the bureau said.

half days a week, except for 13 legal holidays. But a number of big city banks are supporting the five-day banking week, as proposed in a bill introduced in the House.

Country banks are inclined to oppose the proposition because they do a lot of business with farmers and ranchers on Saturday.

The bill is merely permissive—each bank would do as it pleased about opening on Saturday morning.

The bill would prohibit below-costs of cigarettes by requiring all retailers to add at least 10 per cent to the wholesale cost.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Admissions to the Sadler Hospital the past week were:

As medical patients — Mrs. W. M. McMurray, Frank Jeffrey Watt Blair, Mrs. Edna Horton, H. A. Devers, Mrs. Joe Dell Gregory, Mrs. W. E. O'Kelley, R. O. Payne, Mack Perkins.

Donations Are Made To Cemetery Fund

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

Lorraine R. Boyce, Beaumont \$19
J. M. Dunn, Jr., Cisco \$10
V. D. Jones, Bagwell \$19
Mrs. W. A. Sullivan, Odessa \$35
H. B. Chambless \$35
W. C. Hill \$5
Rufus L. Adcock, Brownwood, \$2

Anyone wishing to contribute to this fund may leave checks or donations at the teller's windows of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank, at Bragg's or at The Merkel Mail office.

Livestock Report

By TED GOULDY

Slaughter steers and yearlings opened the week at Fort Worth with around 50 cents higher prices, making advances above the low time of the previous week fully \$1 to \$2. Cows sold 50 cents higher, or \$1 above a week earlier. Calves and stocker and feeder classes revealed similar strength and some to better advantage. Bulls gained 50 cents.

Slaughter sheep and lambs ruled fully steady, lambs holding to the substantial advances of a week ago. Feeders also drew firm prices. Hog shipments were resumed following a weekend shutdown caused by a suspected case of VE appearing on the yards. The suspected vesicular exanthema hogs were destroyed and yards cleaned and disinfected. Demand for good hogs has been strong.

A feeling persisted around the Fort Worth stockyards that more orderly marketing of fed cattle and less bunching of shipments would be seen in the coming weeks and this should strengthen the market on those classes.

Good and choice fed steers and yearlings cashed at \$18 to \$23.50 in most sales, just a few above that range. Common and medium slaughter kinds sold for \$13 to \$18, a few shelly kinds lower. Beef cows drew \$13.50 to \$16.00 and canners and cutters sold for \$10 to \$13.50. Bulls cashed at \$10 to \$17.50.

Good and choice slaughter calves drew \$19 to \$23 and common and medium slaughter grades sold for \$13 to \$18. Culls sold from \$10 to \$13. Good and choice stocker steer calves drew \$18 to \$23. Stocker steer yearlings sold mainly from \$22 downward. Stocker cows cleared at \$13 to \$20.

Medium, good and choice slaughter lambs sold from \$16 to \$20, a few at \$21. Shorn lambs cashed at \$19.50 downward. Stocker and feeder lambs sold from \$13 to \$16, some choice fleshy and fat shearing type lambs upwards to \$19.50. Slaughter ewes sold from \$6 to \$8.50. Slaughter yearlings and older wethers sold mainly from \$10 to \$15, a few yearlings to \$16.

Although no hogs arrived at Ft. Worth for sale Monday because of the embargo, the markets were generally higher over the nation and top hogs were considered quotable in the \$19.50 to \$20 level.

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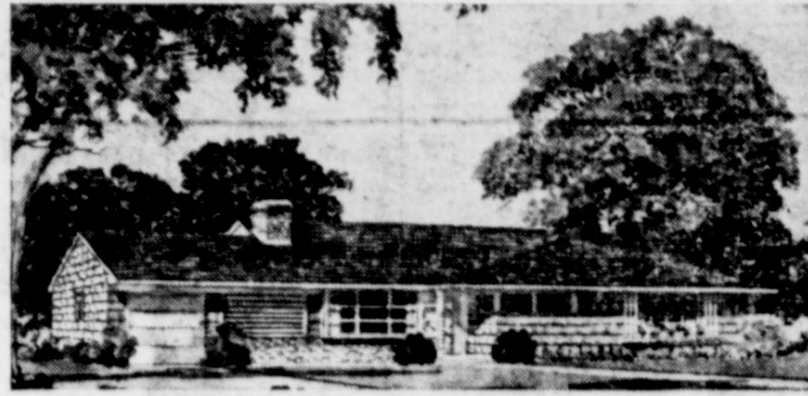
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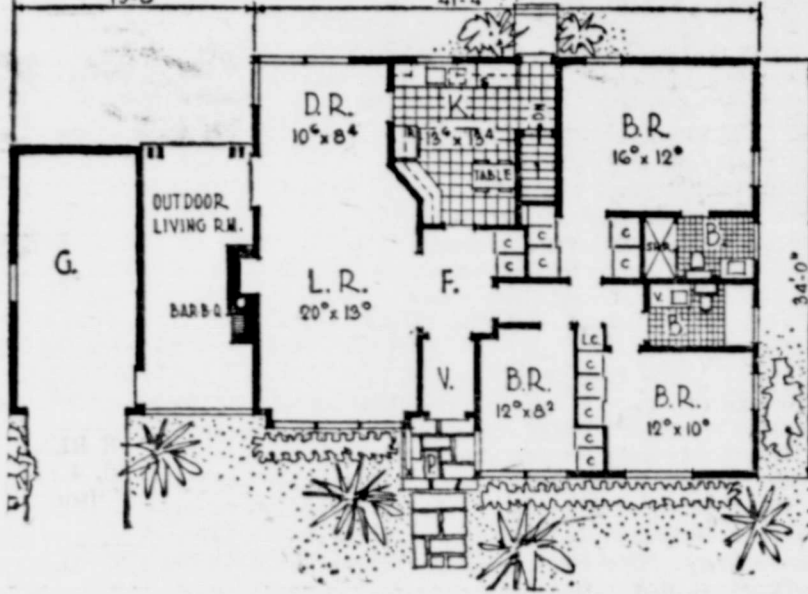
House of Different Ideas Given First Prize Honors From Small Homes Guide



Practical Construction

Here is a design full of "different" ideas by Architect Herman H. York. The house is so practical from both the builder's and the home owner's point of view, that it was almost inevitable for the Small Homes Guide board of judges to award it first prize for excellence of design. Something brand new is the lowered front opening of the breezeway, which ties house and garage together as a unit, yet allows full play to summer breezes. This, combined with attractive treatment at the rear, and the built-in barbecue, (fast becoming a standard item in today's home), makes an outdoor living room of this area.

Another good feature is the double bath arranged back-to-back, with one unit private to the master bedroom. Built-in shower is extra large. Kitchen work area bypasses back-to-front traffic perfectly. Convenience of basement stairway to service entrance is a definite plus. Floor area 1,339 sq. ft. Information on blueprints and cost can be obtained by writing to Small Homes Guide, 82 W. Washington, Chicago 2, Ill. © Small Homes Guide



December Stock Shipments in Texas Continue to Drop

December livestock shipments

in Texas continued a decline which began in November, the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research reported.

The 5,965 carloads moved in December were 10 per cent fewer than in November, but 20 per cent more than in December, 1951, the researchers declared.

Our Congressman Reports

By OMAR BURLESON

President Eisenhower in his first Message to the Congress said in effect, "We are going to fetch our city halls and courthouses away from Washington and send them back to Main Street, U. S. A."

In that simple declaration is expressed a feeling which many of us have shared for a long time.

While a few of his points are not entirely agreeable with my own views, his dominant and hopeful theme should bring encouragement to the hearts of all of us who seek relief from the "gimme" attitude and the "something for nothing" philosophy of federal government which has taken roots in this country in recent years.

In short, the President has promised to work for a far-reaching program of decentralization of government authority and responsibility.

As everyone knows, at least a part of the responsibility for the enormous transfer of governmental authority from local and state hands into the federal government has come about because of the willingness of many to sacrifice the old American principle of self-reliance, initiative, opportunity, and reward, for the sake of security.

Generally, we have been so willing to "let George do it,"—and in this case, George is Uncle Sam—that we have reached a high state of dependency on federal aid controls and intervention of various kinds of sorts.

Now the President promises to soft-pedal the Federal Government's role in many fields—agriculture, labor, business, social welfare, and even foreign aid. The program he outlined in his speech is not the expression of theory alone, but is practical, because it calls for a wholehearted resumption of responsibility by the individual citizens.

Examples of the President's resolution to reduce big government are found in numerous places in

his address to the Congress.

He exhorted state and local groups and organizations of citizens to "restrain themselves in their demands upon Congress for funds."

Abandoning his earlier concept of "full parity" for farmers, the President said in his speech that "full parity" must be sought "in ways that minimize governmental interference in the farmer's affairs... and encourage farmers to use initiative in meeting changing economic conditions."

In foreign aid programs, the President called for greater initiative on the part of our allies whom we have sought to help. "The needed unity of Western Europe cannot be manufactured from without," he declared.

The President's address reminded us that man throughout the ages has sought security, and upon attaining it, has wound up losing some of his freedom.

Local Girl Troop To Lead Singing At Abilene Meet

The Intermediate Troop has been busy making plans to attend a Thinking Day program which is to be given in Abilene on Sunday, Feb. 22. The girls from Merkel will be in uniform on the stage at the high school auditorium and will lead all the Scouts of this area in singing "Girl Scouts Together". Therefore the girls have been spending some time learning the Scout songs.

Also the girls have been bringing materials, games, books and various other articles for a box to be sent to a German Youth Activity Center. This box will also be presented at the Thinking Day Program in Abilene.

All parents, committee mothers and friends are invited to this program.

NAMES DEPUTY SHERIFF

Sheriff Ed Powell has named John Fred Owenby of 1557 Sycamore, Abilene, to be deputy sheriff.

TELLING TIME

Notes on the passing scene in Merkel. Time, present. Place, Edd's Cafe. "What time is it?" asks J. C. Walton. Horace Boney looks up, squints an eye and then says, "Wait a minute. Let me go out and look at the sun."

Cpl. T. H. Russom Arrives Home From Germany

Cpl. T. H. Russom, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Russom, arrived home January 31 after serving six months in Heildbronn, Germany.

FORMER MERKELITES MEET

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Jaynes, Star Route, Willcox, Ariz., on arriving at their new home wrote: "We do like it here very much. We have visited former Merkelites, the Paul Collinses here and Mr. and Mrs. Barty Reynolds came through Willcox this weekend and we visited with them."

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ter 15 minutes of baking in your gas oven.
The last championship bare-knuckle fight was in 1889 when Sullivan beat Kilrain.

NEWS ABOUT TOWN

Postmaster and Mrs. Wrenn Durham were in Brownwood over the weekend, visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Clements.
O. D. Cypert, Jr., and family of San Angelo had dinner with his mother, Mrs. Winnie Cypert, also Pat and Pinky and family.
Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Oliver and son Donny, Mr. and Mrs. John D.

Oliver and twin babies of Midland. Mr. and Mrs. David Klassen and son Charlie of Merkel visited in the Canyon with Mr. and Mrs. John Oliver family over the weekend.
Mr. and Mrs. Clovis J. Harrison of Monahans and Mr. and Mrs. Chic Renfro of Odessa were weekend visitors of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Renfro.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. McDaniel of Ulvade spent the weekend with her mother, Mrs. Kate Phillips and his sister, Mrs. J. B. Gregory, and family.
Pvt. and Mrs. Jeff Dunlap, Jr., of El Paso came here Saturday. Pvt. Dunlap will leave Feb. 16 for Ft. Lewis Wash., while his wife will remain here with her mother, Mrs. Ruby Jinkens.

Carroll Free of Lubbock and Jack and Don Moore of Ft. Worth were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Bartlett over the weekend.
Miss Delia Kuykendall spent Sunday with Mrs. Bob Malone.
Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Winters attended the Fort Worth Fat Stock Show and also visited their son Joe, Jr., and wife in Grand Prairie.

Mrs. D. E. Lively has returned from California after accompanying her son Waldo back to Camp Pendleton. Mrs. Lively also visited relatives and friends in Huntington Park, Culver City and Long Beach, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Earle Miller were in Fort Worth over the weekend. Mr. and Mrs. Don Barbee of Carlsbad, New Mexico, are visiting for two weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Denson.
Dave Brown of Brady was a Sunday night guest of Mr. and Mrs. G. Kinsey.

D. I. Shelton with Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Dunn, Jr., of Cisco visited his sister, Mrs. W. M. Elliott, and Mr. Elliott Sunday.

Mrs. Mary Carey spent two weeks in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Rayford Cockerell of Ft. Worth returning home Sunday. Among the visitors in Mrs. Cockerell's home were Mr. and Mrs. Melven Carey of Harrison, Ark. He is foreman of the Olveys Hereford Ranch and while there showed several prize animals at the Fat Stock Show. Mrs. Mary Carey attended the Fat Stock Show and enjoyed the exhibits.

Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Gray of Winters and Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Gray of Abilene visited over the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Boney.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Boney and

family visited Sunday with his mother, Mrs. W. O. Boney.
Mr. and Mrs. Ed McCrary and daughter Barbara of Brownwood and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Mayfield of Abilene were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mayfield.

Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Bookman returned to Eastland after spending the weekend here.

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Douglas visited Sunday in the home of their son Bill and family in Graham.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Boone of Big Spring were here over the weekend, visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Boone and Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Criswell.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sledge and family were in Clyde Sunday, visiting her sister, Mrs. W. E. Norwood, and Mr. Norwood.

Nolan Palmer and Lester Dorton were in Dallas Saturday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Conley with Miss Helen were in Stanton over the weekend, visiting their son Doyle and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Fox visited Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Norwood in Clyde Sunday afternoon.

Ross Ferrier visited Friday with Ancil Coats in Fort Worth, also made an inspection of the Bell Aircraft Corporation plant at Hurst.

Miss Nora Foster and mother visited Mrs. Mary Carey Sunday afternoon.

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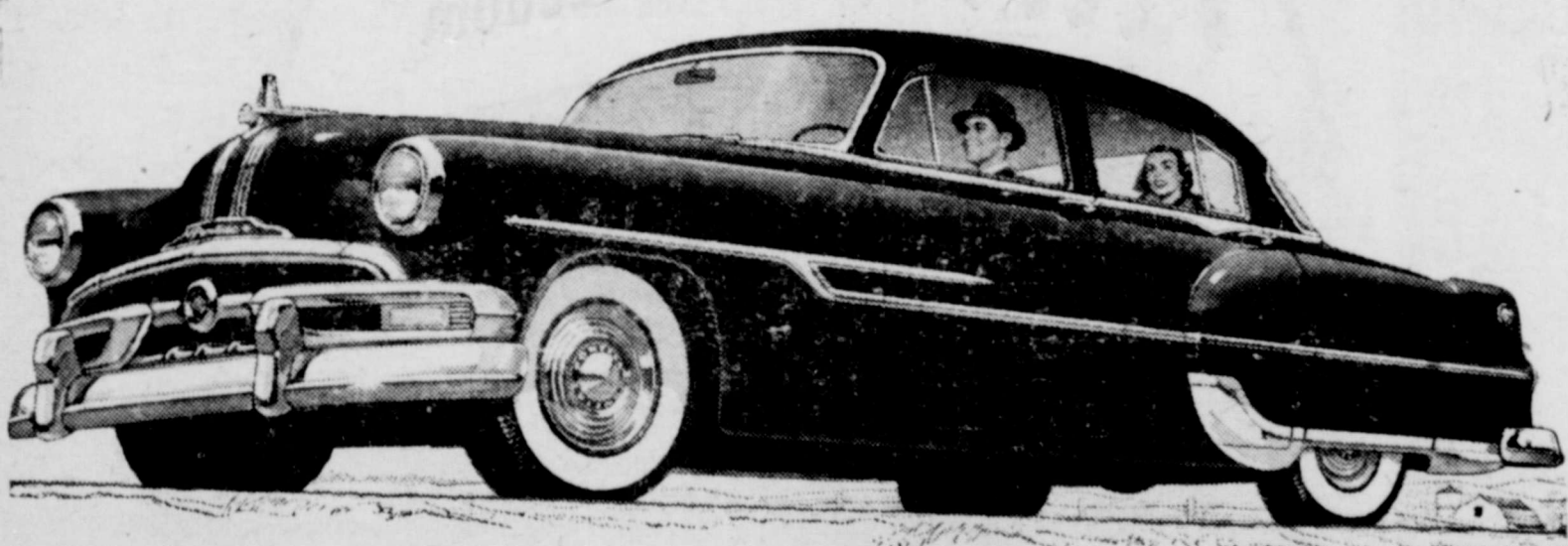
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Western Thrills
In "Silver Canyon"
At Queen Theatre

Columbia Pictures' "Silver Canyon" newest Gene Autry starrer, plays Friday and Saturday at the Queen Theatre to provide a bonanza of Western thrills, melody, and gun-blazing excitement. Champion, Gene's famed wonder horse, is prominent in the film, and the supporting cast includes Gail Davis, Jim Davis, Bob Steele and Pat Buttram.

In "Silver Canyon," Gene appears as a U. S. cavalry scout assigned to the job of smashing a band of guerilla raiders who are pillaging and murdering in the west.

Adventure, Romance
Pack "Gambler"
At Queen Theatre

As broad in scope and as dramatic as the great river from which its title is derived, Universal-International's new Technicolor adventure-film, "The Mississippi Gambler," starring Tyrone Powers, Piper Laurie and Julia Adams, shows Sunday and Monday at the Queen Theatre.

Here is a solid hour and a half of thrilling adventure, breath-taking intrigue and compelling romance, wound together in one of the finest films to reach the screen in the past decade.

The story concerns a handsome adventurer, adept at cards, dueling and love-making, who sets out to build himself a fortune through honest gambling. He wins his point, and the love of a headstrong New Orleans society belle, but not until he has fought his way to success with the cards stacked at every turn of the game.

At Queen Theatre
"Man Behind Gun"
Is Outdoor Epic

Randolph Scott and Patrice Wymore are the stars of "The Man Behind the Gun" Warner Bros. Technicolor outdoor epic which plays Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at the Queen Theatre.

The story, set in the Los Angeles of 1833, deals with the at-

tempt to make Southern California a separate state from California by rebellious means, and

the timely intervention of a cavalry officer who almost single-handedly smashes the plot and

brings about the arrest of the ring-leaders.
 Dick Wesson, Phillip Carey,

Lina Romany, and Alan Hale, Jr., comprise the important members of the film's cast.

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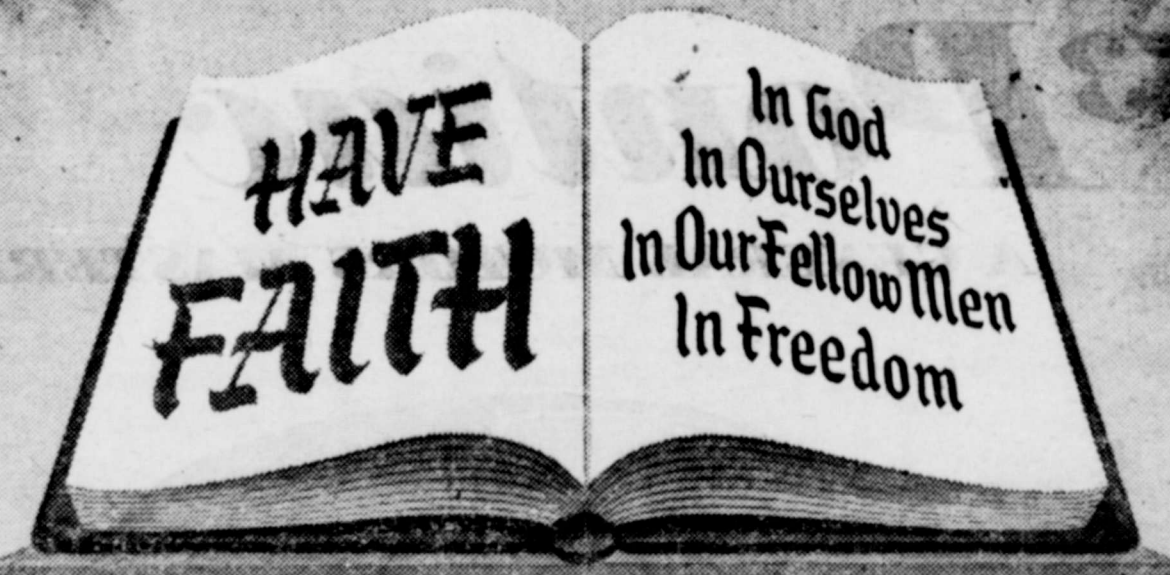
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IN THE FAITH WE PLACE IN GOD . . . in ourselves as individuals . . . in our fellow men and . . . in Freedom—rests the future of our nation!

The faith of our country's founders was a sturdy and simple faith.

They believed in the Power which sustains through any crisis.

Upheld and guided by that Power, they believed in their own strength to do: to achieve, to build.

And, thus sustained and fortified, they believed that Freedom was more than an abstract dream: they made it an accomplished fact.

This Freedom is our children's birthright—ours to hand on to them and to their children—undiminished, unspoiled.

This is a sacred trust—one in which we must not fail.

Yet these are troubled times. *What can we do?*

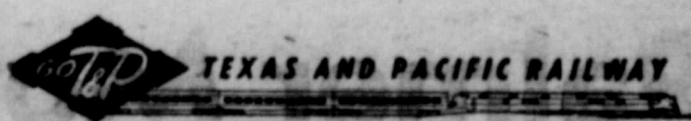
We can do as those before us did . . . renew the spirit that built our country.

We need . . . Faith in God, Who answers prayer . . . Faith in ourselves, and in our work . . . Faith in our fellow men, their courage and their honesty . . . Faith in Freedom . . . and in its strength!

When we have done these things—and only then—can we be secure in the knowledge that our children will be free and our country safe.

We must not fail.

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All Farmers and Their Families Invited



If there is one key Buster Kenton owns, it's the key to an audience's sense of humor. This is the scene from "Paradise for Buster," John Deere Day feature picture.

Club of Trent at 7:30 p. m. Friday, Feb. 20, at the Trent High School Auditorium. The play is filled with humor, drama, music and home talent. It is entitled, "Country Doings." There will be an admission charge.

BELIEVE IN SIGNS?

Ira Cross is a good fisherman but evidently does not believe in signs. Anyway, he acts like it. When he left for Dallas last year he put a sign on his door reading, "Gone to dinner. Back at 1 p. m." He got back three months later! When he returned from Dallas he had a sign on his door reading, "Open." There was a lock on his door!

P.-T.A. TO MEET

The P.-T.A. will have its meeting Feb. 19 at 3:45 p. m. at the school cafeteria. Mrs. L. A. Dudley will talk on "National Founders Day" and Mrs. P. W. Miller will give a talk on "We Believe in Our Community." The 5th grade will give the school feature. The P.-T.A. executive meeting will be held Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 18, at 3:45 p. m. in the elementary library.

MAKES CORRECTION

Supt. N. H. Touchstone of Anson wrote: "We appreciate the nice write-up about our new gymnasium in your paper that you sent to me, but I would like to correct one statement. The figure that you quoted on the over-all cost of the gym was \$120,000 when it is actually \$180,000."

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substitute clerk-carrier at \$1.61½ per hour for employment in the Merkel post office.

Further information and application forms can be obtained from Weston H. West at the post office or from the Regional Director, 14th U. S. Civil Service Region Room 809, 1114 Commerce Street, Dallas 2, Texas.

At the present time there is no vacancies, stated Postmaster Wrenn Durham.

Trent Club Will Present Play On Friday, Feb. 20

A play will be presented by the Mothers, Fathers and Teachers



Easy Rice and Cherry Pie With Coconut Crust is a New Idea for Heavenly Eating

This is a pie to remember! It is so good you won't be able to forget it. The rice and cherry filling is tinted a luscious red. The sweet and chewy coconut crust turns a golden brown as it bakes in the oven. As a fitting halo for this rice dessert, which is positively out of this world, clouds of fluffy whipped cream swirl over the luscious rice and cherry filling.

The family can enjoy this sumptuous pie all the time because the rice and cherry filling cooks in a hurry and the coconut crust takes only seconds of attention before the oven takes over.

The three magnificently good parts of this pie—the coconut crust—the rice and cherry filling—the whipped cream topping—combine to make one of the year's most talked about pies.

INGREDIENTS:
2 tablespoons soft butter or margarine
1, 5 oz. package or can of moist coconut (1½ cups)
2 cups cooked rice
2 eggs
¾ cup beet or cane sugar
1½ cups canned tart, red cherries, drained
Red food coloring, if desired
1 cup whipping cream, chilled
½ teaspoon vanilla
¼ cup beet or cane sugar

PREPARING THE FLUFFY WHITE RICE: To make 3 liberal cups of fluffy rice, put 1 cup of uncooked rice, 2 cups of cold water and 1 teaspoon of salt into a 2-quart saucepan and bring to a vigorous boil. Turn the heat as low as possible. Cover saucepan with a lid and leave

over this low heat for 14 minutes. Turn off the heat. Do not remove lid nor stir rice while it is cooking. After rice has cooked, remove saucepan from heat—but keep the lid on until you are ready to use the rice. Use exact measurements of uncooked rice and water. Time the cooking accurately.

For real convenience and economy of time and effort, keep unused rice in the refrigerator in a covered container at all times. Use it for many quick, delicious and inexpensive soups, salads, casserole dishes, hot breads and desserts.

METHOD: To make the coconut crust, spread butter or margarine evenly over an 8 or 9 inch pie pan. Sprinkle the coconut into the pan and press into the butter. It helps to use a moist teaspoon to press the coconut against the pan. Bake in a 350° F. oven until crisp and golden brown.

To make the rice and cherry filling, mix together the rice, eggs, sugar and cherries and cook over a low heat, stirring constantly, until the mixture thickens. The egg whites make the mixture foamy, but soon cook into the rice. If desired, add red food coloring. This makes a more delicious looking filling. Pour the filling into the coconut crust. Cover with wax paper or aluminum foil and chill in the refrigerator.

To serve, whip the cream and fold in the vanilla and sugar. Spread over the rice and cherry filling. This recipe makes 8 servings.

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In last week's issue of The Mail in the story on the March on Dimes the report on Salt Branch and Mulberry should have that \$41.50 were collected.

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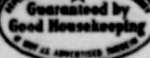
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3:01 p. m.	6:40 p. m.
8:22 p. m.	11:31 p. m.
9:53 p. m.	12:10 a. m.
11:56 p. m.	

Ross Ferrier Among Special Guests At Stock Show

Ross Ferrier was the guest of the Greyhound Bus Lines at the Ft. Worth Fat Stock Show Thursday of last week, along with other agents. They were given free transportation and served dinner and supper.

Floyd Green At Merchandise Show In Wichita Falls

Floyd Green was in Wichita Falls Sunday, attending the White Spring Merchandise Show.

Mrs Wade Ensminger Is Studying Floral Design in Abilene

Mrs. Wade Ensminger, co-owner of Wanda's Florist, is studying floral design work under Mrs. Lucille Gerber of Abilene, owner of Lucille's Flower Shop, who is considered one of the best designers in Abilene, said Mrs. Ensminger.

SEVENTH GRADE ROOM ELECTS OFFICERS

Mrs. Nodge's seventh grade room had a class meeting Monday, Feb. 9. They elected officers for the rest of the school year. They are: President: Patricia Butman, vice president: Millie Poe; secretary - treasurer: Kay Swartz; parliamentarian: Barbara Reese; fire chief: Eddie Higgins; assistant fire chief: Barry Scott; historian, Doyle Knight; reporter, Minta Lue McAninch.

ENJOYING THE MAIL

Mrs. Geo. F. Swanke of Honolulu, Hawaii, wrote that her Merkel Mail is coming through just fine and that she was really enjoying it. Her mother, Mrs. Winnie Cypert sent it as a Christmas gift.

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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
 Training Union..... 7:00 p. m.
 Evening Services... 7:30 p. m.
 Wednesday:
 Prayer Service..... 7:30 p. m.

Amity Baptist Church
 Morning Service—11:15 a. m.
 Sunday School—10:30 a. m.
 Evening Bible Class 6:30 p. m.
 Evening Services .. 7:30 p. m.

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

Primitive Baptist Church
 Saturday Night Service
 Sunday Service..... 11 a. m.

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 Evening Worship .. 7:30 p. m.
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Merkel Grace Presbyterian Church
 Sunday School.....10:00 a. m.
 Worship Service..... 11 a. m.
 Evening Service.....7:00 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.

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.

Tye Methodist Church
 Sunday:
 Sunday School..... 10 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.
 Wednesday:
 Evening Prayer Service .. 7:30

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.

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.
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Compre Baptist Church
 Sunday School.....10:00 a. m.
 Morning Worship, 2nd and 4th Sunday..... 11 a. 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.

New Live Oak Baptist Church
 Sunday:
 Sunday School.....10:00 a. m.
 Morning Worship ... 11 a. m.
 Training Union 6:45 p. m.
 Evening Worship .. 7:30 p. m.

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



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 ... 8:00 p. m. Mrs. Julius Smith, and Doro-

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EDITORIAL

ABRAHAM LINCOLN

Yesterday was the birthday of
 Abraham Lincoln, 16th Presi-
 dent of the United States. He was
 born February 12, 1809.

He was born in a log cabin. He
 knew the hardships of those early
 days. He had no luxuries. He had
 little schooling. His personal life
 was wrapped in sorrow.

But this man knew the value of
 laughter. He loved to tell stories.
 In the midst of a serious situation
 he would eject a stream of humor
 to lighten the atmosphere.

This man, this country boy, this
 boy who lacked many of the things
 that we cherish as a matter of
 course, this boy of little schooling
 carried our nation through one of
 its darkest periods.

He is a proud example of what
 our democratic country has to offer
 to every person in it. To the
 individual today he cries across
 the pages of history: "Freedom is
 yours! Opportunity is yours! The
 nobility of man is in his execution
 of his liberty, not in his birth;
 the grandeur of man is in his heroic
 deeds, not in his birthright;
 the distinction of man is in his
 free expression of his thoughts,
 his religion, not in his inheritance."

And to the nation as a whole he
 heralds in the midst of uncertain-
 ty, in the midst of calamity, in the
 midst of chaos, "Steer clear! Steer
 straight! We shall make the har-
 bor safely."

It is men like Lincoln who have
 made our land the glorious coun-
 try it is today.

MARCH OF DIMES

The March of Dimes campaign
 is over. It was a splendid success.
 Merkel and the nearby rural areas
 contributed about \$1,000. This was
 more than \$100 raised in last
 year's drive.

The purpose of course was a
 good one. It meant the saving of
 lives. The lives that may be saved
 may be yours, it may be ours.
 Polio strikes everywhere. The
 appeal of the campaign was a
 strong one.

But in spite of that the appeal
 alone could not make the cam-
 paign successful. It took ideas, it
 took men and it took leadership
 to bring this about.

Principal C. A. Farley, as chair-
 man of the drive, did a splendid
 job in organizing, creating ideas
 and in carrying them through to
 completion. Without his leader-
 ship and without the cooperation
 of his workers the drive would
 not have been successful. Chair-
 man Farley and the folks who
 worked with him in anyway are
 to be highly commended for a job
 well done.

THAT GROUND HOG

Someone has said, "Why don't
 you write about the ground hog?"
 Well, why not?

First of all, we know little about
 the ground hog, in fact we are not
 acquainted with him, in fact we
 do not know him at all. So there
 is little we can say about him.

Now this chatter about him see-
 ing or not seeing his shadow.
 Well, what about that? Well,
 what?

We know nothing about that
 either. As we said before we never
 saw him, so we did not see his
 shadow. We would not know if he
 were able to see his shadow. For
 all we know he may be like a kit-
 ten, born with his eyes closed.
 And it may be that he remains
 with his eyes closed the rest of his
 life. We don't know.

And if he was not blind and did
 see his shadow, what of it? What
 has that got to do with the weather?
 Would that mean that it would
 be cold or hot or mild or rainy
 or snowy or sleety? Would it?

Well, we've got a better way. If
 we go outside and if it is cold we
 know it is time to wear an over-

coat. And if it is raining we know
 it is time to wear a raincoat (if we
 have one). And if it is not cold
 and if it is not raining then we
 know that the day will be mild
 and we can leave the overcoat and
 raincoat home.

Or, if we are cautious, we can
 carry an overcoat, a raincoat and
 an umbrella and be prepared for
 what comes in Texas . . . regard-
 less of what the ground hog sees.

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

Figfield adds that the march of
 progress is made possible by men
 who march at the head.

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 Just before Joe died he made
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If you cannot see Don then, please contact him at 2225 Edgemont Drive or Phone 2-1996, Abilene, Texas.

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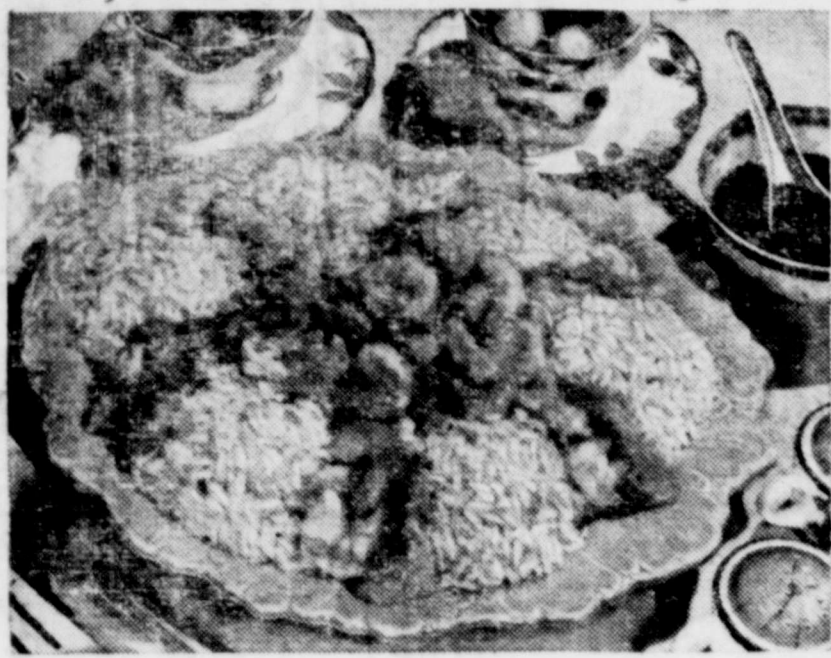
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INGREDIENTS:
 5 tablespoons butter or margarine
 1/2 cup chopped onion
 1/2 cup diced celery
 1/2 cup chopped green pepper
 2 tablespoons flour
 1 1/2 cups warm water
 2 tablespoons soy sauce
 1 pound cooked or uncooked shrimp, cleaned
 3 cups hot cooked rice

PREPARING THE FLUFFY WHITE RICE: To make 3 liberal cups of fluffy rice, put 1 cup of uncooked rice, 2 cups of cold

water and 1 teaspoon of salt into a 2 quart saucepan and bring to a vigorous boil. Turn the heat as low as possible. Cover saucepan with a lid and leave over this low heat for 14 minutes. Do not remove lid nor stir rice while it is cooking. Turn off the heat.

Use exact measurements of uncooked rice and water. Time the cooking accurately.

METHOD: Melt butter or margarine in saucepan or skillet. Add the onion, celery and green pepper. Cook until barely tender. Add the flour and mix well. Cook several minutes stirring constantly. Add the water and soy sauce and mix thoroughly. Cook five minutes stirring constantly. Add the shrimp. Cover and simmer 10 minutes, or until the shrimp curl and become pink. Serve over the hot rice. If cooked shrimp are used, thoroughly heat the shrimp in the sauce before serving over the hot rice. Serve with additional soy sauce on the table.

This recipe makes 6 servings.

personals

John Shannon and Bob Benson attended the Fat Stock Show Saturday. They were accompanied home Sunday by Mrs. Shannon who had spent a week visiting with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. James Shaver, and Jimmy of Ft. Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. David Gamble and daughters spent the weekend in Dallas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Ryals.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Campbell visited their son, Pvt. Bobby

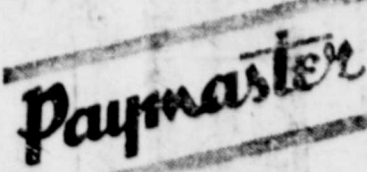
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