

Bryan Bradbury Shows Example of Democracy at Work

"This is an example of democracy at work."

That was the ringing statement of Bryan Bradbury, prominent attorney of Abilene, at the annual meeting of the Taylor Electric Cooperative and the Taylor Refrigeration Cooperative.

In humorous but sincere fashion the speaker called attention to the rain that had fallen, saying that he could find only mud holes in which to park his car in coming to the meeting.

"Right here we have liberty and freedom and goodwill at work. And there are only a few places in the world that are like this."

"You have a sound and solvent enterprise, rendering a great service to four or five counties in this vicinity."

Then Mr. Bradbury recalled the saying of Benjamin Franklin during the days of the constitutional convention, in which he said that the men of the colonies must hang together or they would hang separately.

"And the farmers and their families too must hang together to get what they want," he asserted feelingly. "They must hang together to build a better America for their children."

"Right here we have an example

of democracy at work, neighbor working with neighbor for a better country, for a great country for our future and better homes for tomorrow."

Local Teachers Are Delegates

Sixteen Merkel teachers were among the 2,000 who attended the 12th annual Oilbelt District Convention of the Texas State Teachers Association held at Vernon last Friday and Saturday.

The following local teachers left Merkel at 5 a. m. last Friday morning on a school bus and returned Saturday afternoon: Miss Viola Allred, Mrs. Bryan Dunagin, Mrs. Josephine Tidwell, Mrs. H. C. Reid, Miss Norah Foster, Mrs. Johnny Cox, Mrs. Ellen McReynolds, Mrs. John West, Miss Mable Phillips, Mrs. Vincent Barnett, Mrs. Elsie Nash, Mrs. Paul Orsborn, Mrs. Comer Haynes, Principal C. A. Farley and Supt. and Mrs. Mack Fisher.

Prof. Fisher, Mr. Farley and Mrs. Haynes served as delegates from the Taylor County Unit to the District House of Delegates. Mrs. Haynes was elected a delegate from the Oilbelt District to the state convention to be held in Dallas next Thanksgiving.

Mrs. T. J. Toombs Claimed by Death At Age of 90

Mrs. T. J. Toombs, 90, pioneer settler of Taylor County, died at 2 p. m. Sunday in Hendrick Memorial Hospital, Abilene, after an illness of five days.

She suffered a stroke Wednesday of last week and fell at the home of a daughter, Mrs. I. N. Anderson, in Abilene. She never regained consciousness.

Mrs. Toombs came to Taylor County with her husband in 1888, settling first at Mulberry Canyon before moving to Merkel. Mr. Toombs was president of the First State Bank in Merkel until his death Sept. 11, 1927.

Funeral was held at 3 p. m. Monday in the Church of Christ. Burial was in the Rose Hill Cemetery under the direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

A very large crowd came to pay their last respects.

Mrs. Toombs was a member of the Church of Christ. She attended the Highland Church of Christ, Abilene, during the last four years while making her home with her daughter, E. R. Harper, minister of the Highland church, conducted the funeral Monday, assisted by Rev. Hugh Hunt of the First Methodist Church and Layton Plaster, minister of the Church of Christ.

The pallbearers were grandsons: W. B., Stanley, Bud, Billy Joe, Malcolm and Cullen Toombs.

Born May 6, 1862, in Paris, Tenn., she was the former Henrietta Ulala Moore. She was married to Mr. Toombs Nov. 11, 1880, and the couple moved to Farmers Branch in Dallas County in 1884, and then to Taylor County four years later.

Survivors are 11 children, six sons, H. H., J. J., L. T., all of Abilene and W. W., Leon, and Joe B., five daughters, Mrs. Sally Angus, Mrs. Eron Walton, Mrs. I. N. Anderson, and Mrs. Jewel Haskins all of Abilene and Mrs. Myrtle Boden; 22 grandchildren; 43 great-grandchildren, and nine great-great-grandchildren.

Jack Millers On Flying Trip To Many Points

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Miller left here Wednesday on a flying tour, traveling by Pan American Clipper. They drove from here to Miami Florida. They will leave there March 24 by plane for the rest of the trip.

Their trip includes: San Juan, El Yunque, Caribbean National Forest, Rio Piedras in Puerto Rico.

St. Thomas in Virgin Islands, Ciudad Trujillo in Dominican Republic.

Port Au Prince, Kenscoff, Le Refuge in Haiti, Kingston, Ocho Rios, Montego Bay in Port Au Prince, Jamaica, Camaguey in Cuba.

They return to Miami in 14 days and will remain there for a week. Then they will drive back to Merkel.

Revival Starts At Hebron Baptist Sunday Morning

The Hebron Missionary Baptist Church will hold a revival beginning Sunday morning and ending March 29 with services at night only, 7:30 o'clock.

Texas Merchants Are Optimistic Says Visitor Here

Mr. and Mrs. William Cosel of Houston visited Monday with her sister, Mrs. Max Mellinger, and family. The Cosels have traveled 1,500 miles over Texas in the last two weeks.

Things are looking up everywhere with more optimistic feeling and confidence among the merchants, said Mr. Cosel. He looks forward to better business conditions.

DAIRY BAR REOPENS

The Dairy Bar has reopened for the season. The public is invited to enjoy our soft cream, malts, sundaes, hamburgers and hot dogs.—Adv.

Kyle Minister Accepts Call

Rev. Samuel Tullock of Kyle has accepted the call to be minister of the First Baptist Church. He was extended a unanimous call at a regular conference of the church. He preached here recently.

Rev. Kyle will arrive here the week of April 7.

TORNADO NOTE

Quannah Dudley listened in to the ham radio operators who were contacting Knox City after the tornado struck there last Friday. It was the only means of communication to Knox City.

SEE TORNADO DAMAGE

Mr. and Mrs. Mouree Thompson and Mr. and Mrs. Buster Thompson visited in Knox City with Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Hester. They saw the destruction caused by the tornado. They were not allowed to see the worst part of it as it was zoned off and guarded by State Highway Patrolmen and men from the Wichita Falls Air Base.

A PSRINKLE

A shower fell here Tuesday morning but was too light to measure. Other areas around here got more rain.

DOLLAR DAY CROWD

Folks flocked here Dollar Day Tuesday to take advantage of the Rainy Day bargains. The early arrivals got the best bargains before they were sold out. This was Merkel Merchants way of saying a friendly, "Thank you."

DR. WARREN IS ILL

Dr. Don W. Warren has been at home ill in bed this week.

CHESTER IS HOME

Chester McWilliams returned home Monday after his operation at the V. A. Hospital in Big Spring. He is feeling much better.

AT CONVENTION

Ruth Pangle attended the American Medical Association and Nurse Anesthetist convention in Dallas last week.

NEED BLOOD DONORS

Fifteen blood donors are needed from here, announced President Horace Boney at the Lions Club Tuesday. The bloodmobile will be in Abilene March 25 and 26. Blood donors should contact Lester Dorton or Mrs. Elma McFarland.

\$886 FOR RED CROSS

Lester Dorton announced at the Lion Club Tuesday that \$886 had been collected in the Red Cross drive. Only one more committee remained to give its report.

MAY VOTE BONDS

Taylor County residents may soon be asked to vote bonds to finance highway construction that has been recommended for the Abilene area, according to the Abilene Reporter-News.

RALPH BRADY IS HERE

Ralph Brady of 525 Chestnut, Denison, was here Wednesday and Thursday, visiting. He is working for the M. K. T. railroad. He was formerly band director here.

E. B. WALLACE HOME

E. B. Wallace was operated on Thursday morning of last week and was home Sunday. Monday he was downtown for a few moments and is feeling much improved.

Riggs Shepperd Is Visitor Here

Riggs Shepperd, REA deputy administrator, of Washington, D. C., visited Ray Wilson and Lester Dorton Sunday.

BABY IS BURIED

Deborah Ann, one week old, was buried Saturday in Rose Hill Cemetery with Starbuck Funeral Home in charge. Deborah Ann was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby James Dye. She died last Friday afternoon, Mrs. N. D. Cobb, justice of the peace, returned an inquest verdict of "death by strangulation by hands unknown."

Taylor Electric Breaks Two Records At Annual Meet

A record crowd attended the 12th annual meeting of the Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc., assembling jointly with the Taylor Refrigeration Cooperative, Inc., at the high school gymnasium Thursday of last week.

Last year 1,600 persons attended the meeting. This year it was estimated that there were more than that. The cars were packed not only in front of the gymnasium and on that block but they were parked for blocks around on both sides of the streets. The co-ops have 3,500 members.

Last year the Taylor Electric Coop., did over a quarter of a million dollar business, which is also a record, stated manager Lester Dorton.

H. R. Roberts, president of the Taylor Electric Coop., presided at the meeting and kept things moving along smoothly.

All officers were re-elected. They were: Mr. Roberts, president; C. F. Hill, vice-president; and Sam Butman, Jr., secretary-treasurer.

Myron Merchants, field representative of the REA, stated that the Taylor Electric Coop had the biggest payroll in Merkel.

Directors renamed by the nominating committee and approved by vote of the members were, in addition to the three named, J. J. Anderson, Eskota; U. S. Akins, Stith; Comer Haynes, Merkel; Elmo Jones, Abilene; O. S. Moore, Nolan; and Oma Thomas, Merkel. Entertainment features included a talent contest and an hour-long program by Shorty Underwood and Band.

President Roberts gave a brief report on the operation of the Co-op. He pointed out that it cost \$245,610 to operate the organization during 1952 and that the net income for the year was \$40,024.

The net income was reduced, said the president, by the fact that the Co-op finished the year with 372 fewer rural homes connected to distribution lines than at the beginning of 1952. The disconnects were attributed to the dry weather which forced many former users to vacate their homes to find employment elsewhere.

Because of an increase in operating costs, an increase in the average bill of customers from \$5 to \$7.11 a month, the directors voted to increase the amount of the meter deposit from \$5 to \$10.

Secretary Butman called the members' attention to the fact that the Taylor Electric had grown into a \$2 million enterprise in 12 years. Manager Dorton reported that the company's operation had now been changed from one of construction to maintenance and operation.

"Consequently, we are having to revamp the organization" asserted Mr. Dorton.

The distribution system is being brought up to date, he said, which requires heavier lines, transformers, substation equipment, and more and larger poles.

He pointed out that the consumption of electricity in the system had increased from an average of 41 KWH per farm user in

1941 to 145 KWH per farm user in 1952.

Mr. Dorton said the organization has established a meter laboratory and all meters would be tested and put into perfect working order.

"We are big business," stressed Manager Dorton, "with an investment of over a million dollars in the Taylor Electric Coop. We have the best equipment and we are one of the strongest coops in this part of the country."

Bryan Bradbury, a member of the legal staff of the cooperative, announced that he had been advised by Pat Patterson, president of the Taylor Telephone Cooperative the Washington REA officials had

Trent Quartet Delights Lions

The Lions Club was entertained by the Trent High School Quartet.

President Horace Boney had charge of the meeting. He announced the need for blood donors. On the nominating committee he appointed Lester Dorton, Fred Starbuck and Earl Hughes.

President Boney announced that the 25th anniversary of the club would be celebrated March 28, which would be Ladies' Night and that there would be outside speakers. He appointed the following program committee for the occasion: Fred Starbuck, Lester Dorton and Isidore Mellinger. Mr. Dorton gave the Red Cross report.

The club voted to have its annual minstrel.

Mr. Starbuck, program chairman, introduced Prof. W. B. Williams, Trent superintendent of schools, who took charge of the program.

The Trent quartet is composed of Jesse Yandell, Jerry McWilliams, Jerry Estep and Robert Payne. The boys are self-taught and delighted the club with their singing of fine harmony. They sang "Like the Waves Upon the River," "Rock of Ages" and "Mansion Over the Hilltop."

Nazarene Church To Hold Revival March 25 - April 5

A revival will begin at the Church of the Nazarene Wednesday, March 25, and last through April 5. The meetings will start at 7:45 p. m.

Rev. Jim Ashcraft of Lorena will preach. He was converted and began his preaching here. He has relatives and friends in Merkel.

Miss Glenda Hinds of Coleman will lead the music.

"Rev. Ashcraft is a very interesting speaker," said Rev. Geneva Kilgore, local minister.

BOY TO BEASLEYS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Andy Beasley a baby boy at the Sadler Hospital March 16.

Girls' Basketball Team Piles Up 529 Points In Season's Play

The Merkel Girls' Basketball Team, under the coaching of Mrs. Betty Lackey, got away to a slow seasonal start but captured second place in the district tournament in Colorado City and piled up 529 points against its opponents' score of 695.

The players were:

"A" team — forwards: Lois Black, Imogene Dye, Janie Owens, Vernell McLean and Tommie Maddox. Guards: Betty Foster, Dorothy Foster, Blanche Hewitt, Marie Kerns, Sue Byrd, Shirley Massey and Jo Ann Young.

"B" team — forwards: Clydene Eager, Kay Toombs, Gwen Hagar, Glenda Perry, Marquitta Cook and Joyce Watson. Guards: Patsy Anderson, Mary Harris, Denta Gib-

son, Bobbye Windham, CeVene Neil, Doris Watson, Jo Ann Watson and Glenda Pangle.

announced approval of final plans for the rural telephone system, and had approved an order for advertising of construction bids.

Mr. Bradbury said it was believed that construction work on the rural telephone system would get under way on or before June 1.

Divide Girls Win First Place

The Divide Girls' Quartet won first place cash prize of \$15 at the annual meeting of the Taylor Electric Coop and the Taylor Refrigeration Coop Thursday of last week.

The \$10 second place cash prize was awarded the Hodges Community Club. The \$5 third place cash prize went to Mary Robbins for her instrumental playing.

The winners were decided by audience applause.

Contestants who competed were as follows and are listed in the order they were placed by the judges.

VOCAL DIVISION

1. Divide Girls' Quartet (composed of Roxie Moore, Jean Lewis, Glo Lewis and Dorabelle Hanks, pianist Bertha Nell Modrall)

SHORT SKIT DIVISION

1. Hodges Community Club — "A Preview of Easter Hats"

2. Blue Bonnet Home Demonstration Club — "Just Like A Man" — Rev. E. H. Phillips, Mrs. Dewell McLean and Mrs. Frank Brnovak.

3. Pioneer Woman's Society of Christian Service — "The Gay 20's" — Rev. E. H. Phillips, Mrs. E. H. Phillips and Mrs. Tom Russon.

INSTRUMENTAL DIVISION

1. Mary Robbins (15 years old) daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Robbins of Route 3, Merkel, Electric Steel Guitar Solo — "Steel Guitar Rag."

2. Mrs. Billy Muncy of Maryneal, Piano Solo — "Boogie Woogie."

3. Marilyn Gilliland (16 years old) daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Gilliland of Star Route 2, Baird, Accordion Solo with Piano accompaniment by Dorothy Henry — "Medley of Popular Songs."

Added entertainment during the morning was furnished by the elementary choral group under the direction of Mrs. Norma Winter. Their presentation featured a solo by Jimmy Hargrove, son of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Hargrove; a clarinet quartet composed of Iris Verner, Britta Kay Denton, Denta Marie Gibson and Jo Ann Reddin under the direction of the band director, W. G. Reed, and Glynn Clark who rendered two piano solos and an accordion solo. One of Glynn's piano selections was his own composition, "Yearning."

Names of Children Who Will Enter School Are Wanted

The names of boys and girls who will be beginners in the local first grade next fall and who do not now have brothers and sisters in school are wanted by Principal C. A. Farley, the census enumerator for the Merkel Independent School District.

All children who will be at least six years of age by next Sept. 1 and not over 18 must be enumerated by April 1.

Parents may get in contact with Principal Farley at the elementary school in person or by calling 110 or 112.

"We especially need the beginners enumerated as soon as possible," stated Mr. Farley.

Stewart Dean Opens Business

Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Dean and son Larry of Abilene have moved to Corpus Christi where he will be in the ball bearing business for himself. Mrs. Dean is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dee Grimes.

Merkel 20 Years Ago

TAKEN FROM THE 1933 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL

WINNING SOULS

Merkel church folk are joining wholeheartedly in the Methodist-Presbyterian revival, which started last Sunday morning. Rich in simplicity and frankness of style and using just plain language for plain folks, Rev. John Neal, evangelist of Huntsville and chaplain at the penitentiary, is presenting gospel facts in most convincing manner.

ENTER COUNTY MEET

On Saturday of this week the contestants from the various schools of Taylor County meet to compete in the preliminary events of the county meet. The main meet will be held on March 31-April 1.

RECORD BIRTHS

Girl to Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Davis March 17, girl to Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Dunn March 22.

TO HOLD ELECTIONS

Two members of the board of trustees of the Merkel public schools are to be named on April 1. Those whose terms expire are Herbert Patterson and J. M. Collins. In the city election to be held April 4 a mayor, two aldermen and a city secretary and tax collector ex officio are to be elected. Aldermen whose terms expire are A. T. Sheppard and Len Sublett.

INTEREST IN POOL

Considerable local interest centers in the news of the extension of the Royston pool in Fisher County with the addition of Callahan and O'Donnell No. 1 Purdue. Tom Largent and Fred Hughes own about 80 acres a third of a

mile from this well and between it and the Jean well, one of the largest in the pool.

MRS. J. J. STALLINGS DIES

Funeral services, in charge of the Eastern Star, were held at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon from the Woodrum Hotel for Mrs. J. J. Stallings, who died at 5:20 Friday afternoon at the home of her daughter, Mrs. A. C. McGee, in Ft. Worth.

VARIETY STORE TO OPEN

About April 10 the Reid Variety Company will open for business in the Jones building, on Edwards Street, between the Barrow Furniture Company and the Merkel Motor Company. The store will be operated by Roy Reid of Paducah.

BOY SUFFERS CONCUSSION

Little N. R. Harvell, Jr., 4-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Harvell, sustained very serious injuries when he fell from the back seat of a touring car without any top early Tuesday afternoon as the car rounded the corner at the street intersection where Mrs. W. A. McSpadden lives.

CROP IS LARGEST

Taylor County's 1932-33 cotton crop — largest for all times — fell just a little short of 60,000 bales, according to the final cotton ginning report issued from Washington Monday. The total reported was 59,000 bales, larger by over 3,000 bales than the next heaviest production, 55,969 bales in the season of 1925-26.

This Happened in Merkel Forty Years Ago

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FORMER MERKEL MAN DIES

L. R. Parker, former Merkelite, died in Carthage at 10 p. m. Sunday, March 9. He was a 32nd degree Mason and a Knight Templar.

TENNESSEE MAN HERE

W. J. Birdsong of Medina, Tenn., is visiting here. One thing that caught his eye was a common cowpuncher, all rigged out in full and according to the visitor such a sight on the streets of his home would be equivalent to a circus street parade.

TO ENTERTAIN CHILDREN

The Philaetha Class of the Baptist Church will entertain the ladies and children of Merkel with a tea and egg hunt at the

residence of Mr. and Mrs. John Sears the afternoon of March 22 at 3 o'clock.

SHIP CHICKENS

Chickens going out of town by the carload is something unusual, even for Merkel, but the very thing occurred here Monday. Lively bidding was done and the price jumped from 8 to 11 cents. One carload went to New York and the buyers said that the eggs laid en route would pay for the freight.

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SOCIETY

SANDRA SADLER MARRIES BILLY CLYDE HAYNES

Palm leaves, white stock and calla lilies formed the background for the wedding of Sandra Lu Sadler, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. William T. Sadler, and Billy Clyde Haynes, of Santa Fe, N. M., in the



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home of the brides' parents Wednesday, March 1.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Comer Haynes of Merkel.

Rev. Truett Sheriff of Abilene read the ceremony at 7:30 o'clock in the evening in the presence of relatives and close friends of the families.

Mrs. Dwain Jones and Dr. Jack Haynes both of Abilene, attended the couple.

Mrs. Brandon Wade, organist, accompanied Roy Largent who sang "Because," "At Dawning," and "The Lord's Prayer," after cathedral candles in branched candelabra were lighted.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore an original ballerina length gown of chantilly ivory lace over ivory satin. Deep bateau neckline of the fitted bodice was filled in with net. Long sleeves came to points over the hands and were embroidered with seed pearls.

She wore ivory satin slippers and carried a white prayer book adorned with an orchid and Stephanotis. Her pearl jewelry was a gift of the bridegroom.



MRS. BILLY CLYDE HAYNES

Mrs. Jones wore a gown of champagne net over satin, fashioned with a fitted bodice and gored skirt. She wore champagne satin pumps and carried a bouquet of calla lilies.

The bride's table at the reception was laid with white nylon net over stain and centered with an epergne filled with calla lilies and white stock. Mrs. S. D. Gamble and Mrs. Booth Warren served.

Others in the houseparty were Mrs. Roy Largent, Mrs. Keller Roberts, Mrs. Paul West, Mrs. Horace Boney, and Mrs. Carrol Benson.

Guests were present from Abilene, Sweetwater, Lubbock, Midland, and Merkel.

For the wedding trip to New Mexico, the bride wore an original navy suit and a white hat. Other accessories were navy. She wore the white orchid from her wedding bouquet.

The couple are at home in Santa Fe, N. M. The bridegroom is employed by Senco Motor Co., in Santa Fe.

The bride attended Colorado Women's College in Denver and the University of Colorado in Boulder and was graduated from Texas Technological College. She is listed in Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities.

Mrs. Jones entertained close friends of the bride at a coffee in her honor Monday, March 9. The following evening Mr. and Mrs. Comer Haynes gave the rehearsal dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert McKissick honored the bride and bridegroom with a dinner party Monday night of last week in their Abilene home.

THEME OF EDUCATION USED BY FORTNIGHTLY CLUB

The Fortnightly Study Club observed National Education Week on Tuesday of last week when they met at the Community Center with Mrs. George T. Moore as hostess.

Mrs. David Gamble introduced the speakers, using as her theme, "Education for Service." Members

answered roll call "whether or no" they had visited school during visitation week. "Aims of Education" were presented by Principal C. S. Farley, who was both optimistic and proud of his statistics, reliably obtained.

Mrs. Grif Barnett gave a fine account of "Exchange Students With Foreign Countries." Mrs. Henry West read excerpts from "On Education" by John Ruskin. Sixteen club members were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Perry and Martha and Mrs. J. O. Armstrong visited Mrs. Armstrong's sister, Mrs. Oliver, at Cleburne Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Clark left Friday for their home in Rush Springs, Okla., after spending 10 days visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Clark, and other relatives.

FARM NEWS

This is the time of year to make sure farm machinery and farm buildings are in good repair for the season (deferring minor repairs now may mean major repairs later with costly loss of time). This bank is ready, of course, to co-operate with you in making the best of the coming season... if you need cash for repairing old or financing new equipment; if you are repairing, modernizing, or enlarging farm buildings... come in and tell us your plans and requirements. You'll find here personal, friendly service with all the modern banking facilities you need to help make this a successful farming year.

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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: Roy S. Lucas, 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 6th day of April A. D., 1953, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 15th day of February A. D., 1953, in this cause, numbered 18,642-A on the docket of said court and styled: Jenna Lee Lucas, Plaintiff, vs. Roy S. Lucas, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff prays for a judgment of divorce and that the Court grant her full custody and control of child to be born in March, 1953; for costs of suit and for all such other and further relief to which

she may be entitled to. No community property has been accumulated. 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 17th day of February A. D., 1953.

Attest: J. Neil Daniel, Clerk, 42nd District Court Taylor County, Texas. By C. Bower, Deputy. Adv. Feb. 27, March 6, 13, 20.

30th day of March A. D., 1953, at the Court House of said County, in Abilene, Texas, when said Account and Application will be acted upon by said Court.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND and seal of said Court, at my office in the City of Abilene, Texas this 10th day of March A. D., 1953.

Mrs. Chester Hutchison Clerk, County Court Taylor County I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Original Writ now in my hands.

Ed Powell Sheriff Taylor County. By R. A. Ross, Deputy. Adv. — March 20, 27, April 3.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS

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

Mabel Knight, Guardian of the Estate of Barbara Mae Colbough, Minor having filed in our County Court her Final Account of the condition of the Estate of said Barbara Mae Colbough, Minor numbered 4733 on the Probate Docket of Taylor County, together with an application to be discharged from said Guardianship.

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED, That by publication of this Writ one time and said publication shall be not less than ten days before the return day hereof, in a Newspaper printed in the County of Taylor, State of Texas you give due notice to all persons interested in the Account for Final Settlement of said Estate, to appear and contest the same if they see proper so to do, on Monday the

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BETTIE MAXINE KERNS' ENGAGEMENT IS ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kerns announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Bettie Maxine, to Lt. Thomas Lynn Ridenhour of Concord, North Carolina. The wedding date is April 10.

TWO STUDENTS FROM MERKEL ARE PLEDGING AT McMURRY

Two McMurry College students from Merkel, Don Hunt and Alice Nell Spurgin, are pledging social clubs this semester.

Alice Nell, a freshman and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Spurgin, is pledging Kappa Phi. Don, also a freshman and the son of the Rev. and Mrs. Hugh H. Hunt, is pledging Ko Sarl.

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD MEETS AT MRS. HONEYCUTT'S

The Wesleyan Service Guild of the First Methodist Church met March 16 in the beautiful home of Mrs. Paul Honeycutt.

Mrs. Don Dudley, president, presided. The guild sang "Fairer Lord Jesus" with Mrs. Andy Shouse accompanist. Miss Mary Collins led in prayer. The Guild Hymn was led by Mrs. Honeycutt. Mrs. Pete Touchstone led the lesson, "Race Relations," based on the Mission Study of Africa.

At the next meeting, April 6, the new Bible study, "Toward Understanding the Bible," will begin. The hostess served frosted cakes and cookies to one visitor, Mrs. Lem Dudley, a new member. Mrs. C. F. Swartz, and 13 members.

WILLING WORKERS CLASS MEETS WITH MRS. MURRAY

The Willing Workers Class of the Presbyterian Sunday School met at the home of Mrs. L. L. Murray March 10 for its monthly business and social meeting. After singing "The Old Rugged Cross" by the group, Mrs. John Russell had charge of the devotional reading the Easter story from Mark 16. The theme of the talk was "He is risen."

Several interesting articles and poems were given by those present. Roll call was answered by Scripture verses. The meeting was closed by repeating the "Lord's Prayer" in unison.

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was served to Mesdames W. T. Curb, L. L. Murray, J. J. Russell, Sr., J. W. Spurgeon, John N. Russell, Etta Tucker, J. W. Witcher, W. M. Elliott, J. R. Walling and Miss Jennie Teny.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. Spurgeon April 7.

UNION RIDGE H. D. CLUB MEETS WITH MRS. HARWELL

The Union Ridge Home Demonstration Club met March 6 in the home of Mrs. O. E. Harwell. Mrs. Buntin, president, presided. The club collect was read, also motto and prayer by all.

Mrs. Kenneth Pee gave the treasurer's report after roll call.

The program on making of rugs was shown by Miss Mabel McRee; crocheted both mats hooked and braided. The members were asked to keep record of the ones they make. A spring refreshment plate recent on pink, was passed to seven members and five children.

Mrs. W. T. McAninch's home will welcome the members on March 20. Agent, Miss Allen, present.

GOODMAN H. D. CLUB MEETS WITH H. F. JORDEN

The Goodman Home Demonstration Club met Wednesday, March 11, in the home of Mrs. H. F. Jorden. In the absence of the president, the vice president, Mrs. Karl Bonneaux, had charge of the meeting. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The T. H. D. A. dues were turned in, also the yearbook were paid for, here was no council report.

Mrs. Florence McAninch was appointed assistant reporter.

The club was to have a regular monthly social Monday night, March 16, in the Frank Carter home, serving hot dogs and chili.

Club pals will be revealed at the next meeting on March 27 in the Karl Bonneaux home. Mrs. Windham collected \$1.06 for the flower fund.

Mrs. Jorden served a delicious refreshment plate to Mesdames Cal McAninch, Carl Carey, Frank Carter, Karl Bonneaux, Teal Windham, Grover Blair and Linda and Barbara McAninch.

CANNING AND GARDENS DISCUSSED BY COMPERE

The Comper Home Demonstration Club met March 12 in Mrs. Childers' home for the regular meeting. Mrs. Vernon Stanley, president, had charge of the meeting.

The minutes were read by the secretary, Mrs. Adkins. Mrs. Walter Kelso and Mrs. Vernon Stanley gave a demonstration on "Canning Quality of Vegetables" and "How Does Your Garden Grow?"

The next meeting will be with Mrs. Vernon Stanley. Mrs. Ray and Mrs. Arthur Blackmore, a visitor from Stith, will bring the program on T. B. Secret pals will be revealed and there will be a preview of Easter hats.

Mrs. Childers served refreshments to one visitor and nine members.

JONES COUNTY 4-H CLUB CROWNS KING AND QUEEN

The 4-H Club of Jones County met at the Anson Garden School Gym March 14 for a program in observance of National 4-H Club Week. Highlight of the program was the crowning of the county 4-H king and queen.

James Royce Allred and Jane Cliff were chosen as king and

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queen. Both were from Noodle School. To help elect their candidates the Noodle Club sponsored a game night at the school, a bake sale in Merkel and had the cooperation of the teachers, parents, adult leader, county agents and fellow club members.

Miss Jimmie Lou Wainscott is county home demonstration agent and Bill Lehmborg is county agent of Jones county.

personals

Mrs. Twyman Collins returned Thursday of last week from visiting relatives in Bryan, Conroe, Dallas, Denton and Fort Worth. She didn't see the sun from the time she left here, encountering light showers most of the way.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dennison and Dianne of Houston were here Monday for the funeral of her grandmother, Mrs. T. J. Toombs.

Ervin Whitley of Fresno, Calif. visited in the home of his sister, Mrs. Tom Kerns and family over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brandon of Dallas were here Monday and attended the funeral of Mother Toombs. Mr. Brandon is an uncle of Mrs. Leon Toombs.

Mrs. Norma Bond At Beauty Show In Dallas

Mrs. Norma Bond attended the All-Texas Beauty Show in Dallas last week at the Adolphus Hotel.

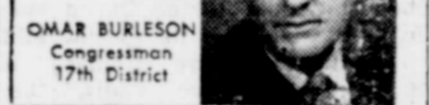
Remembers When He and Associates Were Here in 1920

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rubin, formerly of Ballinger, and now of Memphis, Tenn., visited this week with Mr. and Mrs. Max Mellinger. Mr. Rubin who has been away from Texas for a few years and was impressed with the improved conditions he has seen in the West Texas Area.

While sitting in the office of the Merkel Mail Mr. Rubin recalled the day in 1920 when he with his associates visited the adjoining store to the Merkel Mail to look over and purchase the stock of The Siegel Store.

Washington

"As It Looks From Here"



OMAR BURLESON
Congressman
17th District

It is rather a peculiar thing that most of us in public life cannot refrain from appearing on a radio or television program when invited to do so. The same thing is also true in talking to newspaper reporters.

About the only conclusion to be reached is that it is an appeal to the ego and not many can overcome the temptation. It seems I am able to do so only occasionally. Some of you may possibly have heard the program from San Antonio last Sunday night, on which I appeared in a discussion particularly related to the death of Stalin and its consequences. The fact that no one can intelligently estimate the situation in Russia or behind the Iron Curtain at this time should be reason enough not to discuss the subject in very great detail. I know of no speculation on events which could prove more wrong in the future than the new Communist regime.

In addition to talking when one should be silent are the hazards of being partly quoted which changes the meaning intended. These hazards are always present in any type of utterance on radio, television, statements to newspaper reporters, and even in columns such as this.

General Van Fleet appeared before my Committee the other day and testified that there was a shortage of ammunition in Korea. Top Generals here in Washington say that the statement standing alone is not true. They say that all times it is necessary to ration ammunition, depending on the place and circumstances. These Generals also say that they must take a global view and not just the one spot in Korea.

The head of the Bureau of Federal Prisons says that the convicted Communists who are now in the Federal penitentiaries continue to carry on their rotten work by the underground. Where could they find a more fertile field to impart their cancerous doctrines than with their fellow prisoners.

They should be deported and not allowed to enjoy the good air of the good earth, and the covering sky of this land of ours.

NAVY NEWS
"Is Jack conceited?"
"Is he conceited? Why he joined the Navy to let the world see him!"

Highlights and Sidelights FROM Your State CAPITOL

By VERN SANFORD

Texas Press Association
Crime is the big news in the Legislature.

Lawmakers are considering a report of the House Crime Investigating Committee. Among other things, the committee recommended that the state set up an agency, something like the FBI, to act when local law enforcement officers fail to do their jobs.

In the Senate is a modified automobile inspection bill, passed by the House after a great deal of wrangling.

Representative D. H. Buchanan of Longview is author of the bill, which provides that brakes, lights, warning devices, horns, mirrors, and windshield wipers must be inspected.

The bill does not make an inspection tag necessary to get a car license.

The House appropriation committee followed the lead of economy-minded members and approved a bill providing \$161,358,168 for general expenditures during the next two years.

That is all the money in sight from present sources. According to the constitution, the state cannot spend more than it has.

The appropriation does not take care of increased spending, demanded from many sources for higher teachers' and state employees' salaries, road building, and other expenses.

If those expenses are to be met, there will have to be new taxes to raise the money.

Another recommendation was that of a West Texas group in the House. They presented a bill that would up taxes on natural resources, refineries, and the chemical industry so as to bring the state an additional \$80 million per year.

The money would go to teachers and state employees, city streets, highways, colleges, and prisons.

Some legislators were up in arms about the Esquire magazine piece "Truth About Texas." Representative Marshall O. Bell urged the Attorney General to find out whether the magazine's mailing privileges could be suspended. Representative S. J. Isaacks said "no other writer has told so many lies in so few words."

SHORT SNORTS: Unless Texas sets up an agency to deal with the federal government about surplus foodstuffs, the state may not get any more. The foods have been used largely in the public school lunch program. Representative Don Kennard of Fort Worth intro-

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Nolen Woodward Wins Three Stripes In the Philippines

Latest promotions for American military personnel stationed on Clark Air Force Base in the Philippines found Nolen Woodward, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bajney W. Woodward, wearing the three stripes of an airman first class in the Air Force.

The new three striper was advanced to his present grade while assigned as a construction techni-

cian for the 6201st Engineer Construction Squadron, Thirteenth Air Force.

CATTLE SLAUGHTER UP

Cattle slaughtered commercially in Texas in 1952 amounted to 1,175,000 head as compared to 989,000 head in 1951. U. S. meat production rose six per cent during the same period, stated A.&M. College.

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duced a bill providing that legislators must show where their money comes from.

One of the Representatives received a wire the other day from a friend back home stating that the friend's wife had just given birth to a baby girl. Attached to the wire was a sticker which read, "When you want a boy, call Western Union."

LAST LAUGH

Srb: "My wife has been nursing a grouch all week."

Mdvani: "Been laid up, have you?"

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Middle Clear Fork Soil Conservation News

Grass seeding time is again upon us. To further this worthwhile and much needed conservation activity, Middle Clear Fork Soil Conservation District Supervisors have provided a source of scarce grass seed and have purchased additional planting equipment for the district.

The board is urging every co-operator to inventory his farm or ranch to see if his land is producing its maximum amount of grass. Idle fence corners, cropland areas abandoned because of rocks or lack of fertility, cropland that should be retired for some reason and denuded or overgrazed ranges are some of the areas that might profitably be reseeded to adapted grasses.

Grass is fast taking its rightful place beside legumes as a builder and conditioner of soils and many farm areas now alternate cropland between three to four years intervals to grass followed by field crops. District supervisors are backing this method as a sound conservation practice for the Middle Clear Fork District.

In the past two years, about 100 co-operators in the west part of the district have planted over 3,000 acres of abandoned or low-return cropland to native and adapted range grasses.

Although both 1951 and 1952 were extremely dry, many plantings have established and made good growth.

Louis Butman 15 miles south west of Merkel, planted 200 acres of K. R. bluestem in 1951 with a district drill. One 98-acre field has made good growth, including two seed crops, and the remaining acreage has done fairly well considering drought.

K. R. bluestem, an Asiatic grass, grows well in the area, particularly on heavier soils. It should be planted about one-half inch deep at a rate of two pounds per acre in either rows or drills. March is the favored month for planting but April and May are satisfactory under good weather conditions.

A prolific seeder, this grass soon develops a dense stand.

Weeping lovegrass, also an introduction to the United States, has met with much favor. Z. Edgar Boaz, Jr., seven miles of Noodle, has 100 acres of this grass seeded in 1948 on which he has just wintered 80 mother cows and 100 calves and yearlings. It grows well on sandy soils and can be planted in rows or drilled on 10 inch spacing. From two to four pounds of seed per acre are recommended.

Planting date is March or April and depth is one-half inch. It is sometimes cultivated, with especially good results on tighter land, for with cultivation it appears to withstand drought much better on tight soil.

Some of the best and hardiest grasses are native to Taylor and surrounding counties. Sideoats grama; blue grama; Indian; buffaloe; big, little and sand bluestems; switch and Texas winter are some of the grasses frequently planted, either alone or in combinations.

Recent rains have improved seeding possibilities and many co-operators are preparing to plant in March or early April. H. H. McLeod is planting 65 acres with a mixture containing 100 pounds of weeping lovegrass, 60 pounds of sideoats grama, 50 pounds of blue grama and 30 pounds of K. R. bluestem. Allen King, 7 miles south of Trent, is planting 80 acre to weeping lovegrass plus a small planting of buffaloe grass.

Carl Jackson, 3 miles east of Noodle, has planted 20 acres to a mixture including perennial rye, orchard grass, Kentucky 31 fescue, smooth brome and Madrid sweet clover. This land is to be irrigated and the mixture should furnish grazing year-round. H. F. Jeffery

of Golan has planted 7 acres to K. R. bluestem.

Other co-operators in the district preparing to plant include Sam Swann who has 125 pounds of weeping lovegrass and 50 pounds of buffaloe grass. R. N. Campbell is to plant 14 acres to weeping lovegrass and K. R. bluestem. Booth Warren is planting 12 acres to a mixture of buffaloe and K. R. bluestem, and is overseeding an old planting with more K. R. bluestem plus buffaloe grass.

Livestock Report

By TED GOULDY

Hogs hit the highest point since last Summer at Fort Worth Monday with a top of \$22.25 and the bulk of the good and choice 185-250 pound butchers selling 25 to 75 cents above last week's close and in the \$21.75 to \$22.25 range.

Sows were steady at \$16.50 to \$19. Receipts all around the major market circle were far below a week ago and a year ago also, indicating the short supply of hogs this season was possibly in excess of predictions earlier this year.

Easter lambs shared the spotlight with breeding ewes Monday. Some pairs of ewes and small lambs sold around \$25 and \$26 per pair, a new high for months on this class, and this reflects directly the enhanced prospects in the sheep country since the good rains of about two weeks ago.

Admissions to the Sadler Hospital the past week were:

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A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows to-wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were married in 1939, and lived together until July 15, 1952. No community property was accumulated. Three children were born to this union for which Plaintiff sues for full custody and control. Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of harsh and 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 11th day of March A. D. 1953.

Attest: J. Neil Daniel, Clerk,
42nd District Court
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By Faye Terry, Deputy.
Adv. — March 20, 27, April 3, 10.

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Our recent sad loss leaves us with grateful hearts toward our neighbors and friends. Their comforting expressions of sympathy and thoughtfulness will always be remembered.

The family of Mrs. T. J. Toombs.

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I wish I could personally thank each one of the many friends and all who were so nice to me during my recent illness in the Sadler Clinic. Thanks to the Doctors, Nurses, and Hospital staff. Thanks to the ladies of Trent and Merkel who sat with me and to all those who sent flowers, cards and other gifts. Thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Odum and all the operators. May God bless each one of you.

Winnie Brown

CARD OF THANKS

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

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Dye
Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Dye
Mr. and Mrs. Buster Rogers.

"African Queen" Is Romantic Film At Pioneer Theatre

John Huston's fabulous Technicolor adventure drama, "The African Queen," will have its eagerly awaited premiere Sunday and Monday at the Pioneer Theatre. Co-starring Humphrey Bogart and Katherine Hepburn, who turn in sparkling performances, the film is a delight throughout. It was produced on location in Central Africa by S. P. Eagle as an "Horizon-Romulus Production."

Hair-raising adventure and a poignant, completely unusual romance dominate this breath-takingly exciting film.

Under the masterly direction of Director Huston, Miss Hepburn and Mr. Bogart bring to persuasive life the characters of Rosy, the prim English missionary's sister, and Charlie, the genial, salty river boat trader who are thrown together in a native village during a German skirmish in World War I.

Love and Combat Fill Fine Film At Queen Theatre

With an impressive all-star cast headed by Stewart Granger, Deborah Kerr, James Mason, Louis Calhern and Jane Greer, and with eye-filling Technicolor settings and costumes, M-G-M brings "The Prisoner of Zenda" to the Queen screen as the latest of its spectacular romantic adventure dramas in the tradition of "Quo Vadis," "Saramouche" and "Ivanhoe."

It will show here Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Anthony Hope novel of conspiracy, intrigue, combat and an idealistic love in a Middle European mythical kingdom of the last century.

TEXAS DECLARATION

A four-color reproduction of the Texas Declaration of Independence hangs in the office of the Mail. It was sent here through the courtesy of Karl Hobbeltzelle and the Texas Heritage Foundation. Exactly 117 years ago this March, 59 patriots signed the declaration at Washington-on-the-Brazos. Texas is the only state having its own Declaration of Independence.

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C. B. Rust, Sec'y.

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STRAYED or LOST — One mottled face steer calf with brand X on left hip. H. G. Cox, Rt. 3, Merkel Phone 9018F12. 3152p.

FOUND — Ladies' glasses, brown tortoise shell, has gold trim on top. Owner can have same by identifying and paying for this ad. See Merkel Mail office.

FOUND — Set of Car Keys on chain, number 1038 on tag. Owner can have same by identifying and paying for this ad. See the Merkel Mail office.

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FOR TRADE on farm land, building in Abilene renting for \$130.00 per month. Write box 294, Tyler, Texas. 4151c.

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4:29 a. m.	5:38 a. m.
7:06 a. m.	8:57 a. m.
11:26 a. m.	1:25 p. m.
11:52 a. m.	5:22 p. m.
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.	

Crackling Action In "Desert Legion" At Queen Theatre

Crackling with action. Universal-International's exciting Technicolor production, "Desert Legion," which opens Sunday and Monday at the Queen Theatre, blends the tale of a secret Algerian mountain community and the heroics of the French Foreign Legion into the type of entertaining film fare that will enthrall young and old alike.

Alan Ladd, a dashing figure in the uniform of the French Foreign Legion, adds even more stature to his star rating as he fights and loves his way through "Desert Legion" with one of the hardest-hitting performances of his movie career. Richard Conte, playing his first costume role as a villainous leader of a band of desert raiders scores a smashing success with his portrayal.

No less effective than her co-stars is gorgeous Arlene Dahl, who combines the flashiest wardrobe of the year with a fine emotional portrayal of a fiery beauty of Algeria.

STOCK SHIPMENTS DOWN

Only 2,427 carloads of livestock were shipped in Texas during January, compared with 5,965 in December, the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research reports.

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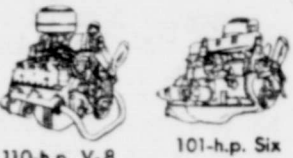


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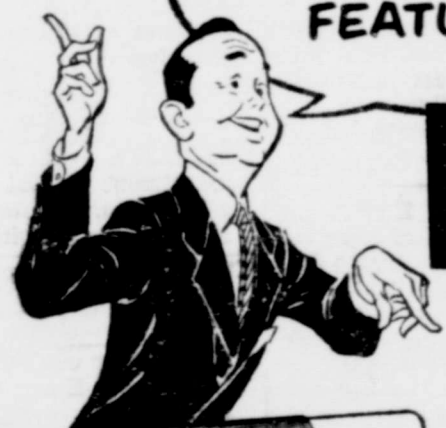
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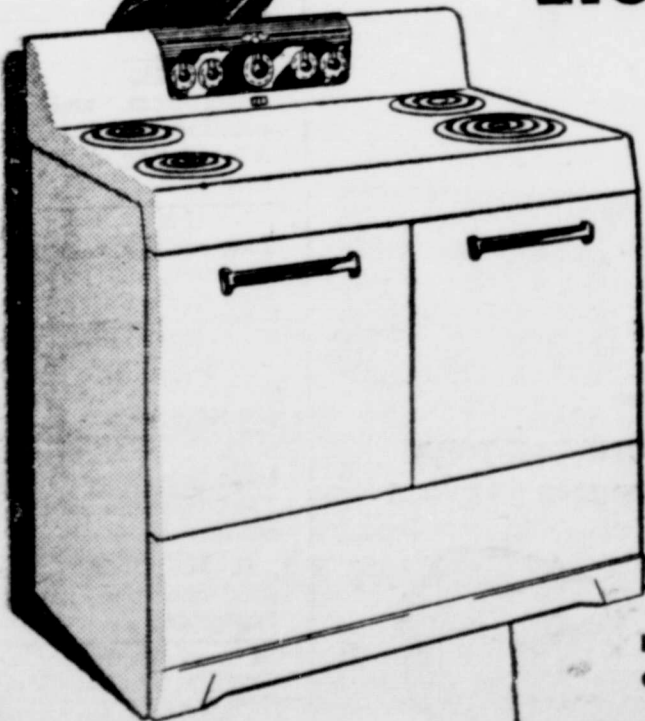


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Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Gentry with Patricia Gail visited in Colorado City Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dovey Conley and baby of Stanton visited over the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Conley and Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Clemmer.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Conley with Kaye Lynae of Winters spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Conley and Mr. and Mrs. Morris Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. McCormick of Abilene visited Sunday afternoon with her brother, Andy Shouse, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Dwiggin and Mrs. J. T. Merritt of Fort Worth were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Watts. Mrs. Watts is the sister of Mr. Dwiggin and Mrs. Merritt.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Boney with daughter Annette visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Gray in Winters Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Howard visited their daughter, Mrs. Cody Cardwell, and Mr. Cardwell in Junction Tuesday to Thursday of last week. They met good rains all the way down.

Mrs. Homer Alexander visited in Junction last week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Mewborn and family spent Sunday in Odessa with their daughter, Mrs. John Akins, and Mr. Akins.

Doyle Jones was-home over the weekend from the University of Houston.

Sidney Jack West was here over the weekend from Midland visiting his grandparents, Mayor and Mrs. H. C. West.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Green spent Sunday in Abilene where they visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Green, of Dallas.

Miss Edna Mae Sell and Richard Sell of McMurry College were guests Sunday in the home of Rev. and Mrs. Hugh H. Hunt.

Miss Delia Kuykendall, Mrs. Ada Mae Johnson and Mrs. Bob Malone

spent the weekend in Big Spring with Mrs. S. T. Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Dismuke and daughter Debra of Idalou spent the weekend with their

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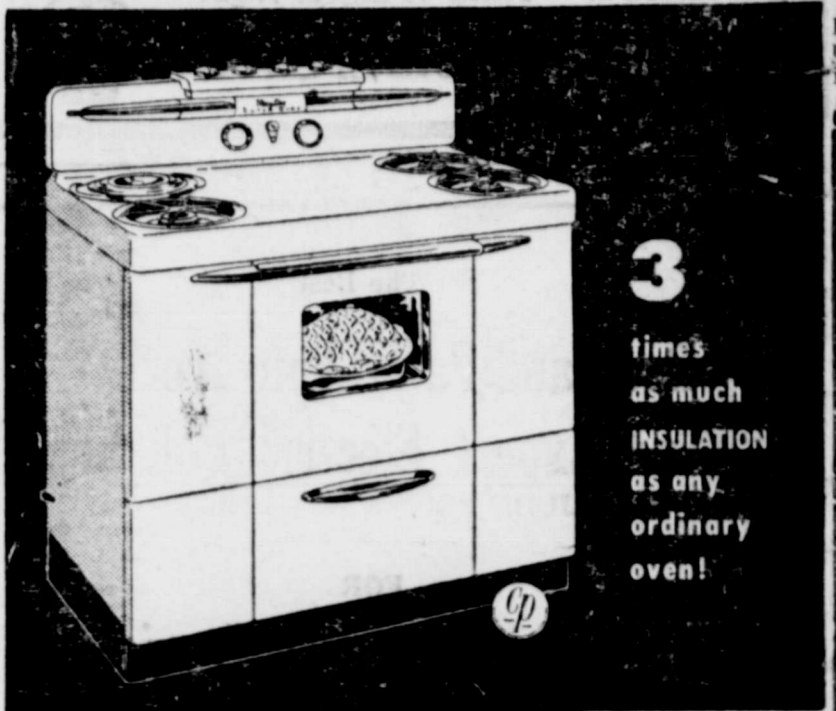
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EDITORIAL

OUR ANNIVERSARY

When we say our anniversary we really mean more than one anniversary. We mean two. With this issue The Merkel Mail passes an anniversary. It comes into its 64th year. With this issue the editor has passed his first anniversary in Merkel as owner of The Mail. For 63 years The Mail has been published continuously, giving uninterrupted news of the events in the daily lives of its people, of

the glorious growth of this West Texas section that we call ours, of the political and commercial developments that have made this section a big factor in the Lone Star State, of progress in education and culture and religion.

The files of the back issues of these 63 years reveal many, many interesting news stories, much important history, some facts that are possibly forgotten even by old timers.

Volume 1, Number 1 of The Merkel Mail was published March 20, 1890, by M. J. Cox, universally known as "Mary Jane" Cox. In this number the Merkel country

is referred to as "the finest agricultural and grazing district in the state," "the best watered country in Western Texas," blessed with "beautiful scenery and a healthful climate."

What was said 63 years ago is just as applicable now. History has but verified Editor Cox's vision.

Since "Mary Jane" Cox's time, editors have come and editors have gone, and they have brought inspiration to those who followed.

A PERSONAL WORD

As stated above this issue also marks the first anniversary of the

present editor in Merkel as owner of The Mail.

Yet it doesn't seem possible that a whole year has passed. Time seems to have speeded on its way. The reason for this is not hard to find. We have been busy all the time. In fact, we have been too busy, trying to make each issue of the paper better than the preceding one.

Wherever possible, we have attempted to report events in person. Especially, where we felt that the news was very important, we have tried to be present to give the story the benefit of our years of experience. How far we have fulfilled this aim remains to be decided by the readers.

In editing the paper we have tried to proportion space according to the interest of the stories. This is no easy task and one that an editor must decide as he thinks best. We realize that we have made mistakes, but that is part of any work that one tries to do. The man who makes no mistakes does not do anything.

We have tried to inject human interest stories and humorous items. We feel that life is not always serious, that there are moments of relaxation and fun. We feel therefore that a newspaper should reflect both sides of life, the serious and the humorous.

Another thing every week in this space we have tried to write editorials. As far as possible we have attempted to localize these editorials, writing of the things that are in our news section. Once in a while, at rare moments, we have commented on events of national or international affairs. Frankly, we have done this because we felt the urge.

Lastly, let us say that a newspaper is not an individual affair. It is a community enterprise. It reflects the people and the activities that happen. It is with the

cooperation of the public that a paper becomes better. It stimulates the editor to work harder and to give the best he has.

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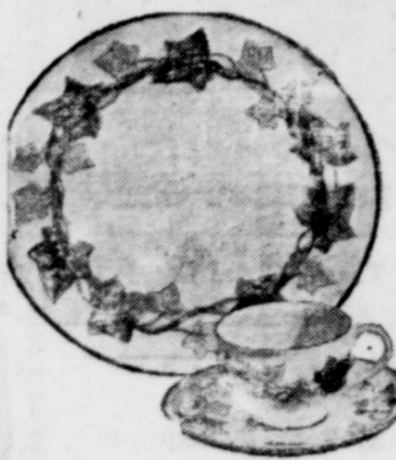
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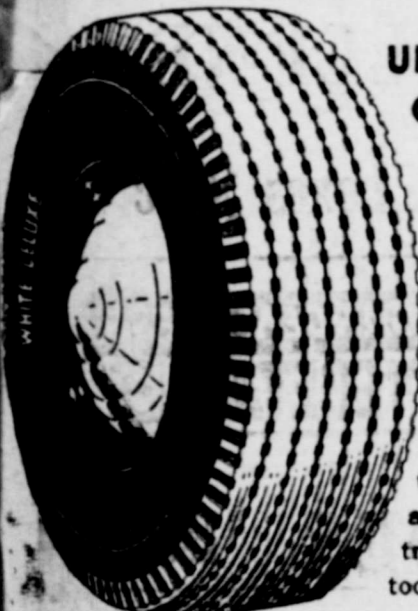
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The Merkel High School and Elementary Library Clubs sent representatives to the District 5 Teenage Library Association meeting that was held in San Angelo Feb. 20-21. Sandra Patterson, Merkel High School Junior, as president, presided at the meetings. The Merkel High School Library Club presented a play "Fourteen" at the association's breakfast

Members of the cast were Bertha Patterson, Iris Verner and Tommie Maddox.

Other Merkel girls attending were Kay Chancey and Marilyn Kelso. Mrs. W. C. Perkins librarian of the local schools, is the sponsor of both library clubs.

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