

City And School Elections To Be Held Sat., Tues.

Two elections are to be held in Merkel. One is the city election. The other is the school election. The school election will be held Saturday, April 4. The polls will be open at the Red Cross room at 8 a. m. and will close at 7 p. m. The present incumbents, David Gamble, Ellis Harris and Joe Seymour, have filed for re-election on the Merkel School Board. T. L. Grimes will be the presiding judge. The city election will be held Tuesday, April 7. The polls will be open at the City Hall at 8 a. m. and will close at 6 p. m. Mayor H. C. West and Alderman R. O. Anderson are running for re-election. Paul Honeycutt is also running for alderman. There are two aldermen to be elected. T. L. Grimes will be the presiding judge.

Senior Class Play Delights Crowds Last Friday

Last Friday Merkel High School seniors delighted both afternoon and night audiences with their class play, "A Certain Young Miss." All age groups were interested in the story of the city election. Those who heard the concert stated that it was the best they had heard in years. The program consisted entirely of gospel songs. Visiting singers and their families who had arrived for the Sunday singing convention attended the concert. The church was filled by the crowd.

Famous Quartet Gives Excellent Program Sat.

The concert given by the Bowden-National Quartet of Ft. Worth at the Pioneer Memorial Chapel Saturday night was a great success. The program was sponsored by the Woman's Society of Christian Service. Those who heard the concert stated that it was the best they had heard in years. The program consisted entirely of gospel songs. Visiting singers and their families who had arrived for the Sunday singing convention attended the concert. The church was filled by the crowd.

Merkel 20 Years Ago

TAKEN FROM THE 1933 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL

HENRY R. HICKS DIES
Funeral services were held at the First Baptist Church at 2 p. m. Saturday afternoon for Henry R. Hicks, 65, a resident of Merkel for nearly 30 years and well known in business, church and Masonic circles here.

MRS. J. S. BICKLEY DIES
Mrs. J. S. Bickley, who was christened American McNeese, in honor of her natal day, July 4, 1860, died Sunday night. Funeral services were held Monday from the Methodist Church where she worshipped 39 years. She was one of the few remaining early members of this church.

ELLIOTT RE-ELECTED MAYOR
Mayor W. M. Elliott, now completing his first term as mayor of the city of Merkel, was re-elected on Tuesday's balloting by a margin of 32 votes over Judge N. D. Cobb, himself a former mayor. In the race for aldermen, two to be elected, W. D. Hutcheson and Fred Baker were high men.

CRICKET CRAIG WINS
Dick Bland's Cricket Craig, which was not scored against, won the 16-dog registered stake, at the dog races held last weekend on the racing course at Abilene.

RECORD BIRTHS
Born to Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Neal a baby boy March 25, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hawkins baby boy April 1, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Shurlock a baby girl April 2.

PRESENT PLAY
The district meet for one-act

This Happened in Merkel Forty Years Ago

TAKEN FROM THE 1913 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL

The Anchor Hardware Company this week contracted for the erection of a strictly modern brick building on their property. The building is to be 90x100 feet and is to have a southwest front.

The Southern National Bank let a contract for the remodeling and re-building of the front of its bank building. The style is to be Gothic and colonial and four large concrete columns will run to the top of the building. The front will be almost wholly of plate glass with tiling floor.

The contract has not been let but the front of the Burrough Drug Store is to be remodeled and a modern awning and entrance pro-

plays was held in Sweetwater Friday and Saturday. Merkel presented "Pink and Patches." The cast consisted of Imogene Middleton, Van Roberts, Opal Huskey and Frances Marie Church.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL WINS
Grammar school not only showed up well this year in the county meet but they brought back numerous first places. They took firsts in spelling, arithmetic, chinning the bar, 100-yard dash, broad jump. Merkel grammar school also carried off the all-round championship!

WIN IN SPELLING
At the county meet in senior spelling Nell Hughes and Anna Lou Church won first.

WIN IN TENNIS
In tennis the girl's singles and boy's singles came off first.

WIN IN SPEAKING
Howard Stanley and Neil Hughes represented Merkel in extempore speaking at the county meet. Howard took first place and Neil second.

PREACHING AT TRENT
Brother Howell of Abilene is preaching a series of sermons at Trent.

provided as soon as the contractors complete work for the bank. Dr. M. Armstrong left Sunday on his annual trip to Chicago for the purpose of taking a post graduate course in general and special practice of medicine.

The vote Tuesday resulted in the election of W. T. Potter as new mayor and the re-election of W. N. Hall, marshal; R. A. McLain, secretary; H. C. Burroughs, treasurer, and Aldermen J. O. Hamilton and G. H. Adams.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Britain entertained at their home Tuesday evening for the "local talent" who had parts in the play, "Because I Love You."

EASTER

An Editorial

Next Sunday is Easter and all things will take on a new life. As people walk or ride to church there will be a freshness about them, enhanced by new clothes. And all about nature will be bursting forth in new grandeur of color and beauty. And more, the spirit of man will take on a new meaning of revival, a meaning of regeneration, a meaning of renewed and everlasting life.

IS IN HOSPITAL
Rev. John N. Russell, Presbyterian minister, is in the Hendrick Memorial Hospital. He entered there on Monday of last week.

RAIN FALLS HERE
The rain that fell here Monday measured .15 inch, reported Weatherman J. I. Ford. Abilene got a smaller amount of rain while no other places got rain.

NEW SWITCHBOARD
The Merkel Telephone Company planned to cut in the new switchboard at midnight last night, announced Tommy Odum, manager of the company.

SCHOOLS CLOSE
The public schools closed Wednesday afternoon for the Easter holidays. Classes will begin again Monday, announced Supt. Mack Fisher.

RATES GO UP
The local telephone rate increase allowed by the City Council went into effect with the bills that were received this month.

FLYING SAUCER?
What was it? An object of white color, very small size, was floating over Merkel Tuesday morning. It was a few miles up, looked like three inches in width, more or less. Ira Cross first called Editor Hy White's attention to this and many others saw the object. Hazily it looked like an inverted parachute.

GOT NO MONEY
Entry was made into the vault of new elementary building Thursday night of last week by knocking a hole through the wall. There was nothing in the vault. "The office doesn't see money daily and so no money is in the vault," stated Supt. Mack Fisher.

AT PIONEER SUNDAY
A group of McMurry students under the supervision of Mrs. George Steinman gave the program Sunday night at the Pioneer Memorial Church. They sang and did the preaching.

SET MINSTREL DATE
The Lions Club Minstrel will be held Thursday, April 23.

Missionaries To Tell Stories Of Foreign Work

The Assembly of God Church will have a special Easter Missionary Service from 10 a. m. Sunday, through Wednesday night. These are returned missionaries from India. They have been in missionary work the last ten years. Rev. and Mrs. Ted Vasser will conduct the services. They will relate many interesting happenings. Rev. Vasser was superintendent of the Assembly of God Orphanage. The public is invited.

Awning Fire At Edd's Cafe Does No Damage

A fire in the front of the awning of the Edd's Cafe Monday morning was put out before much damage was done. The fire was caused by a short in the wiring of the neon sign. This is the first fire Edd's Cafe has had in 46 years.

TWINS TO MOSLEYS
Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Mosley are the parents of twin girls born Sunday, March 29, at Cisco. The babies weighed exactly seven pounds each.

In Service



PVT. GERALD CROFTON stationed in Japan



PVT. BOBBY CAMPBELL at Ft. Bliss



PVT. JIMMIE BROWN completes MP school

Last Rites for Mrs. G. B. Brown To Be Held Today

Funeral services for Mrs. G. B. Brown will be held at 3 p. m. today, Friday, at the Methodist Church. Mrs. Brown died at 2 a. m. Wednesday at Pharr. Rev. Hugh Hunt will conduct the service with Starbuck Funeral Home directing. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery. Survivors are three sons, W. B. G. B. and Dewey, and one daughter, Miss Tiney Brown. Mrs. Brown is a former resident of Merkel. Her husband is buried here. John Brown is a cousin of Mrs. Brown.

W. B. Neill Joins Merkel Farm Mach. In Tractor Work

W. B. Neill is now associated with the Merkel Farm Machinery Company and is in charge of tractor repairing. For the past seven years Mr. Neill has been in Sweetwater. For over 20 years he has been doing tractor work, dating back to the time that row crop tractors came on the market. Mr. Neill is married.

BOY TO DEAN SMITHS
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Dean Smith a baby boy at the Sadler Hospital March 26.

DICKERSONS HAVE GIRL
Mr. and Mrs. Troy Dickerson are the parents of a baby girl born at the Sadler Hospital March 29.

Merkel Wins Meet At Rotan Saturday With Score Of 129

Merkel won the District Inter-scholastic League meet at Rotan last Saturday. It scored 129 points.

The winners for Merkel were: Slide Rule — Doyle Black 1st, Bobby Deen 2nd, Barbara Wilson 3rd. One-Act Play — Second. Sessions Hammond 2nd as male actor and June Gregory 3rd as female actor. Declamation — Senior Boy: Glynn Clark 1st; Senior Girl: Joy Walker 1st; Junior Boy: Homer Payne 2nd; Junior Girl: Betty Chancey 3rd. Ready Writers — Gloria West 2nd. Extemporaneous Speaking — 1st: Buddy Martin 1st; 2nd: Tommie Maddox 2nd.

Reflective Tape Will Help Reduce Auto Accidents

Local Boy Scouts, sponsored by the Lions Club, will apply "Scotch-lite" reflective tape to the bumpers of local cars and trucks in a move to reduce accidents and improve safety on the streets and highways. The program is part of a national "Lite-A-Bumper" automobile safety campaign backed by the Public Safety Committee of the National Junior Chamber of Commerce. The reflective tape — already in use on trucks, ambulances, fire engines and police cars in a number of cities over the country — glows brilliantly at night when picked up by the headlights of other automobiles. A special taping station for applying the reflective tape will be arranged at the Community Center and will be manned by a crew of Boy Scouts, their fathers and Lions Club members for several Saturdays, starting April 11. The tape is said to be equally effective on rainy nights and to last for at least two years under normal conditions. Automobiles protected with reflective tape are visible at night, even when parked by the roadside without lights, long before they could otherwise be seen. A nominal fee of \$1 for each bumper will be charged for the tape and application, which is a small price to pay for the protection offered. Bicycles and scooters will be charged 25 cents. Profits derived from this safety program will be used by the Scouts for summer camp fees, equipment and for National Jamboree fees.

John W. Newton Passes Away After Long Illness

John Wesley Newton, 84, died Monday at 2:30 a. m. after being in bed health 15 years. Funeral was at 3 p. m. Tuesday at the First Methodist Church here. The Rev. Hugh Hunt, pastor, and the Rev. Lynwood Harrison, Methodist preacher at Tye, officiated. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery under direction of Starbuck Funeral Home. Mr. Newton was born in Lincoln County, Tenn., and moved to Texas in 1901. He settled near Caps and since that time has lived in the Caps-Tye-Merkel vicinity. He had been a member of the Methodist Church about 45 years. Survivors include four sons, Theo of Tye and Carl of Pyote, Texas; one daughter, Gladys Newton; 10 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Pallbearers were Jessie Jowers, Ernest Teaff, Matt Ely, Grover Loller, J. W. Hammonds and Leo Harris.

Large Crowd Sees New Home Built By Shop Boys

A large crowd of folks came Sunday afternoon to see the house built by the Merkel High School Shop under the direction of its instructor, D. E. Melton. A continuous stream of onlookers saw the home. The building consists of combination living room and dining room, kitchen, two bedrooms, bath, hall and garage. Knotty pine is used in the kitchen cabinet work, finished in satin varnish. Gray color is used in the living, dining room and kitchen. There is yellow wainscoting in the kitchen. Sliding doors are used in the bedroom closets. The closet doors are four feet and two feet. There is a floor furnace. Twenty-six boys from the Junior and Senior Industrial Shop built the home under the supervision of Mr. Melton. "Lite-a-Bumper For Safety." See The Boy Scouts at the Community Center Saturday, April 11.

W. J. Bicknell's Grandson Returns From Korean War

Mrs. D. L. Nicholson of Lubbock visited her father, W. J. Bicknell, last weekend. She was accompanied by her son D. L., Jr., who just returned from 19 months in Korea. He has received his discharge from military service.

Sunrise Easter Service to Be Held in Abilene

A sunrise Easter service will be held at 6:30 a. m. Sunday by the Lutheran Church of Abilene at the Crescent Drive-In Theatre, located on the Ballinger Highway 33 and 34. A 30-voice mixed choir will sing special Easter hymns. Rev. Herman Baumann, pastor of South Side Lutheran Church, will bring the Easter message. Rev. O. H. Horn, pastor of Zion Lutheran Church, will serve as liturgist. Theatre gates open at 5:30 a. m. Special recorded organ music will be heard at 6 a. m.

About 400 Persons See Julia Lawson Rest Home Sunday

About 400 persons responded to the invitation to visit the Julia Lawson Rest Home last Sunday. From 1 p. m. to 6 p. m. they came to see the addition to the building in Merkel. Though the home was not quite ready on Tuesday Mrs. Lawson had everything complete for public view on Sunday. Each of the 17 private rooms were painted and the floor covering laid. Mrs. Lawson reported that by Monday all of the 12 patients had been moved over to the new building.

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W. A. McCandless Dies Friday At Age of 74

William Andrews McCandless, 74, long-time Merkel resident, died here about 10 a. m., Friday, after suffering a heart attack. Mr. McCandless, employee of the First Baptist Church, was working on the church lawn at the time he was stricken. He died before a doctor could reach him. The funeral was held at 3 p. m. Sunday at the First Baptist Church with Rev. Truett Sherif in charge, assisted by Rev. Joe Allen of Kermit, Rev. Levi Price of Monahans and Rev. Hugh Hunt, close friend of Mr. McCandless, and Starbuck Funeral Home in charge of arrangements. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery. Mr. McCandless had been a member of the First Baptist Church since 1920. He was a member of the W. O. W. Mr. McCandless was born in Georgia Aug. 26, 1878. He came to Grimes County, Texas, when a child, with his family, and later moved to Collin County. He was married to Miss Ida Bayless of Fannin County on July 13, 1901. The couple moved to Merkel in 1906. Mr. McCandless had been an employee of the First Baptist Church for the past 15 years. Survivors include his wife; one brother, J. R. McCandless of Farmerville; one sister, Mrs. A. W. Mays of Fort Worth; one daughter, Mrs. Gilbert Boswell of Abilene; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, Harry L. McCandless, in 1940. Pallbearers were Commissioner Rufe Tittle, Sam Swan, Sam Martin, Clyde Bartlett, Irl Walker and Charlie Sylvester. Relatives and friends attended the funeral from as far Dallas, Amarillo and Cove, Ark.

Morelle McCoy Elected V. Pres. At U. of Texas

Miss Morelle McCoy, a junior home economics student at the University of Texas, has been elected first vice president of the Home Economics Club for the coming year. Morelle was a 1950 graduate of Merkel High School. Morelle has been an active member in the Home Economics club and has served as Civil Defense chairman of the H. E. Club, membership chairman of H. E. Club, coordinator for Theodora Co-Op for two semesters; a member of WICA, Co-Ed Assembly, Inter-Coop Council, and a representative to Texas H. E. College H. E. Clubs workshop. She has part-time employment at the University with Dr. K. A. Kobe in Chemical Engineering.

Convention at Pioneer Memorial Overflow Crowd Enjoys Singing

An overflow crowd enjoyed the fifth Sunday singing convention at the Pioneer Memorial Church last Sunday. The church was filled and the fellowship hall was packed and many were outside. The singing of the Bowden-National Quartet of Fort Worth was the highlight of the convention. New officers were elected at the close of the singing. John Crain of Trent was named president, Tom Russom of Butman vice president and Mrs. Herndon of Abilene secretary-treasurer. A number of folks from Fort Worth and Coleman were present, also many from six counties around here.

Merkel Girls Win Over Rotan Last Week

Merkel Girls Volley Ball team won two out of three games by both "A" and "B" teams against Rotan Thursday of last week. Mrs. Betty Lackey is the coach.

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**SOCIETY**

**A. C. HEATLYS ANNOUNCE APPROACHING MARRIAGE**

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Heatly of Trent announce the approaching marriage of their daughter Emma Lois to Delbert Duane Shugart, son of Mrs. L. A. Shugart of Mer-

kel. The wedding date has been set for April 18.

**MRS. WALLA ENTERTAINS ON SON'S BIRTHDAY**

Mrs. Alf Walla entertained her little son Mike with a party Thursday, March 19, celebrating his fifth birthday. Games were played and pictures taken. After gifts were opened refreshments were served to:

Minyon and Roger Beard, Larry and Suzanne Howard, Jerry Honeycutt, Tommy Horton, Frosty Winters, Mike Hester, Dick Dale, and Dianne White, Dale Farmer, Linda and Vickie Clark, Pam and Mike Walla.

Mrs. Henry Howard, Mrs. Lonnie Beard, Mrs. B. J. White, Mrs. J. L. White, Mrs. Wade Watson and Mrs. Walla.

**P.T.A. TEEN-AGE STUDY GROUP HEARS ABOUT SAFETY**

The P.T.A. Teen-Age Study group met Tuesday March 24, at 7:30 p. m. at the high school library. A talk and a film were given by Ross Kemp who is with the Safety Patrol office of Abilene.

Those attending the meeting were Mesdames R. L. Elliott, H. Newby, Nolan Palmer, E. Joyce, C. Eager, G. Gilbert, O. Bagby, D. Toombs, Hail, D. Cox, McReynolds, Miss Ruth Pangle and visitors, Mack Fisher and Dencil Cox.

**STITH COMMUNITY LADIES ORGANIZE H. D. CLUB**

The ladies of the Stith Community met in the home of Mrs. M. E. West Monday evening, March 23, and organized a home demonstration club. Miss Jimmie Lu Wainwright, the home demonstration agent of Jones County, was there to help organize.

Officers were elected and names were drawn for secret pals.

Refreshments of cookies and cakes were served to 18 members and one visitor, Mrs. Carrie Miller. Members present were Mesdames Forrest Walker, Wesley Mashburn, Roy Mashburn, Ross Pratt, Kay Perry, Fletcher Jones, Paul Bradley, F. J. McDonald, Jr., Dick Mashburn, J. B. Harris, J. H. Windland, Ted Hudson, Wilburn Lafflin, J. C. Brown, Albert Evans, C. R. Rogers, M. E. West, and Miss Louise Hudson.

The next meeting will be April 7 with the president, Mrs. Ted Hudson, at which time chickens will be barbecued.

**GLEANER S. S. CLASS MEETS WITH MRS. H. N. ODUM**

The Gleaner Sunday School Class met in the home of Mrs. H. N. Odum with Mrs. Alta Ingram and Mrs. F. Y. Gaither as co-hostesses. Mrs. F. Y. Gaither, president, presided.

Mrs. John Shannon read the minutes and roll call. Mrs. H. V. Odum led in prayer and gave the devotional. For entertainment domino, "42" and canasta were played.

A delicious plate of sandwiches and frosted punch and other favors in celebration of St. Patrick's

Day were enjoyed by the following members:

Mesdames Winnie Cypert, Jack Miller, W. S. J. Brown, M. L. Douglas, Kenneth Pee, F. Y. Gaither, T. L. Grimes, Lu Petty, Alta Ingram, John Shannon, Misses Lottie Butman and Mable McRee.

**PAUL HONEYCUTT HONORS EMPLOYEES WITH SUPPER**

Paul Honeycutt gave a barbecue supper with all the trimmings for his employees and families last Friday. Games were played. About 35 persons enjoyed the evening.

**Exciting Mystery Melodrama Here**

**At Queen Theatre**

One of the most exciting mystery melodramas to come out of Hollywood in the past few years will play at the Queen Theatre Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. It is "Angel Face," Howard Hughes' presentation for RKO Radio, starring Robert Mitchum and Jean Simmons.

It is the story of events leading up to a dual murder, the trial of two suspects and the surprising and shocking climax to the affair, after their acquittal. It's loaded with mystery and suspense of the high-tension drama.

**Stirring Love Story To Play**

**At Queen Theatre**

The bravery, resourcefulness and stamina of the men and women of the Mobile Army Surgical Hospital Corps forms the backdrop for the stirring love story between Humphrey Bogart and June Allyson in "Battle Circus," new M-G-M drama to play at the Queen Theatre Sunday and Monday.

The film's title derives from the circus technique employed by mobile hospital units in Korea and the speed with which such front-line hospitals can be moved, set up and moved again when necessary. "Battle Circus" tells the story of the valiant personnel who make up these units and who devote their lives to saving the lives of the wounded.

**COTTON GINNING REPORT**

The census report shows that 1,532 bales of cotton were ginned in Taylor County from the crop of 1952 as compared with 9,016 bales 1951, stated Mrs. Belle F. Thompson, special agent of the Bureau of Census.

**OUR EASTER MESSAGE**



This is the time of year for the Easter bunny, colored eggs, greeting cards and Easter gifts . . . but let's remember that Easter means far more than that. This is one of the most glorious seasons of the year . . . a symbolical time of re-awakening with new life, new hope, new faith . . . a time of thanksgiving for the blessings that are ours . . . a time of renewed determination to live according to His teachings. Go to church Easter Sunday . . . and every Sunday!

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SUNSHINE Marshmallows 1 lb. 30c

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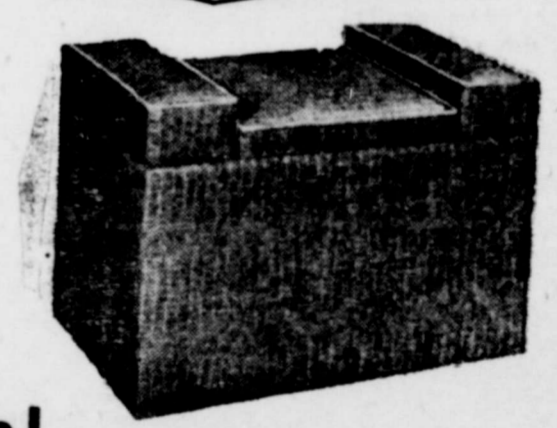
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**Legal Notices**

**THE STATE OF TEXAS**  
To any Sheriff or any Constable within the State of Texas—Greeting:  
You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for four consecutive weeks, the first publication to be at least twenty-eight days before the return day thereof, in a newspaper printed in Taylor County, Texas, the accompanying citation, of which the herein below following is a true copy.  
**CITATION BY PUBLICATION**  
**THE STATE OF TEXAS**  
To: Inez Smith, 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 27th day of April A. D. 1953 to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 28th day of February A. D. 1953, in this cause, numbered 18,755-A on the docket of said court and styled Earl Smith, Plaintiff, vs. Inez Smith, Defendant.  
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 the 11th day of

March A. D., 1953.  
Attest: J. Neil Daniel, Clerk,  
42nd District Court  
Taylor County, Texas  
By Faye Terry, Deputy.  
Adv. — March 20, 27, April 3, 10.

**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 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.



**CHAMPION RABBIT TRIO** — of the three New Zealand White-Leslie Whiteley Merkel 4-H lad and son of Mr. and Mrs. K. C. Whiteley, is shown here with the district champion trio of fryer rabbits of the Abilene Fat Stock Show. Each weighed exactly 3 3/4ths pound. Leslie is in his second year as a club boy. He attends Merkel Elementary School, where he is in the sixth grade.

**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.

**EXPECT JUDGMENT SOON**

A workman's compensation suit which twice before resulted in hung juries was tried before Judge Owen Thomas without a jury in 104th District Court.

H. J. Martin, 44, brought the suit against Texas Employers Insurance Association, asking in his petition for total and permanent compensation or injuries allegedly suffered Nov. 15, 1951, when he was working as a driller for RH&K Drilling Co.  
Judge Thomas said he probably would give a judgment within several days.

Testifying for the plaintiff were Martin, Neely Tittle, Bob Dudley and Earl Watts.

Witnesses for the defense were Troy Gordon Deen, Leo Turner and C. W. Burrow, Durwood Mc

Williams and Donald Douglas, J. V. Hester, Corky Land. — Reporter-News.

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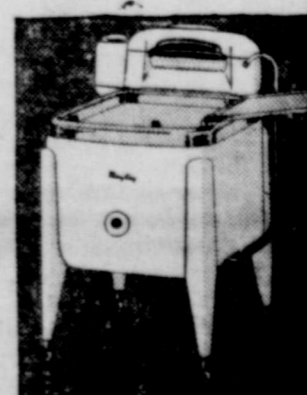
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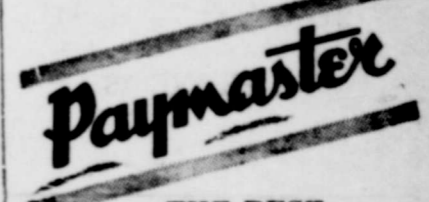
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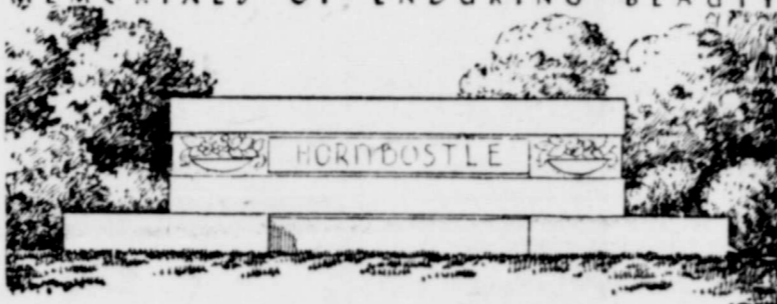
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# Highlights and Sidelights FROM Your State CAPITOL

By VERN SANFORD  
Texas Press Association

This is about the time when it seems that the Legislature is all bogged down in so many different bills that it will never get anywhere.

But the truth is that the lawmakers are making very good progress.

What clouds the picture is the variety of subjects before both houses. First and foremost, there's the appropriations bill. Then there are the subjects of four-year terms for county and district officials, water conservation, stream pollution, preferential primaries, modernization of colleges, and so on at great length.

Maybe there won't be any new taxes.

It seems that economy forces are in control of both houses, and that they will keep the appropriations bill down to the amount of revenue the state can expect to receive during the next two years.

Hope for a quick stack of blue chips faded when three pipeline companies appealed to the State Supreme Court their case against the gathering tax on natural gas.

The Senate passed and sent to the House a bill providing for a presidential preferential primary in Texas.

The bill requires party delegates to cast their first ballot at the convention for the presidential and vice presidential candidates according to the choices expressed by the voters. On all ballots, the

delegates would be bound to vote as a unit.

Senator Jimmy Phillips, author of the bill, said it is aimed at the elimination of boss rule and rump political conventions.

Senator Dorsey Hardeman opposed the bill, saying it would not achieve its purpose, but would only create confusion. He urged the senate to wait and see what Congress might do about preferential primaries.

Both houses shoved along toward final passage a bill that would give four-year terms to county and district officials, and the house added an amendment that would include state representatives.

## Washington

"As It Looks From Here"



The questionnaire which I yearly submit to the people of my Congressional District is now going out. Each year since I have been in Congress, I have sought the opinions of those whom I represent in order that I may reflect as best I can their wishes and desires.

There are several reasons for my submitting the questionnaires. First, I like to have the thinking of the people whom I represent. Second, it makes us aware and acquaints us with some of the more prominent problems to be faced by the Congress. Third, it provokes thought in matters of Government, and I hope creates a greater interest on the part of everyone. It is every citizen's responsibility to be interested in the affairs of his government, and this is one way to give everyone a more direct voice in what is done.

It is my hope that everyone receiving my questionnaire will fill it out and return it to me. As they are received, I will study each one personally and have the results tabulated. The results will be given to this newspaper. Let me assure everyone that your views will be valued and respected in the discharge of my responsibility in the Congress of the United States.

It is impossible to place the questionnaire in the hands of each individual, and I am bound to miss someone. It is not intentional, and for those who do not receive one, I shall ask this newspaper to retain several copies for the use of those who may wish to call for one.

**PRISONERS OF WAR**  
April 9th is the deadline for filing prisoner of war claims under Public Law 303. Funds for this purpose come from enemy assets in the hands of our Government. All communications should be addressed to War Claims Commission, Washington 25, D. C.

## Your Report From



### SENATOR LYNDON B. JOHNSON

Thirty representatives of the Brazos River Electric Co-operative were here last Wednesday for a luncheon with Senator Daniel and me, members of the House from districts in the area served by the Co-op and REA officials. These men, who have done so much hard work to bring the benefit of electric power to the farms and rural areas of Texas, are concerned about the future of the REA. They were disturbed by the recent forced resignation of Claude E. Wickard, well and favorably known in Texas, as REA Administrator. They fear a crippling of the REA program.

As my friends know, I have fought for the REA ever since I came to Congress, and I told these men I have not changed my mind about the necessity and value of its work.

Senator Price Daniel, known for his able leadership in the fight to get back our tidelands, decided last week that the most effective course of action would be to separate the tidelands legislation as such from the question of ownership of the continental shelf. He suggested I do what I could to help bring this about.

I talked with Senator Taft, Senate majority leader, and Senator Knowland, chairman of the Republican Policy Committee, and they agreed to help get the Holland Bill out of committee. This is the bill that would restore to Texas clear title to the submerged lands out 10 1/2 miles from the shoreline.

Ernest Williams of San Angelo, secretary of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association, and R. W. Hodge, Del Rio, accompanied by officials of the National Sheepmen's Association, were in my office to discuss problems of the wool growers. I want to help them in any way I can, as wool prices are an important matter to Texans.

### Donations Are Made To Cemetery Fund

Since the last report the following have donated to the Cemetery Maintenance Fund:  
Mrs. Gerald R. Smith, Wink \$10.00  
John R. West ..... \$10.00  
E. H. Cordill ..... \$5.00  
Mary Kate Campbell, Amarillo ..... \$5.00  
Mrs. W. A. Steele, Sweetwater ..... \$5.00  
J. S. Pincley ..... \$5.00  
Mrs. Tom King ..... \$5.00  
John D. Jones ..... \$3.00

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.

"Lite-a-Bumper For Safety." See The Boy Scouts at the Community Center Saturday, April 11.



CO-OP OFFICERS — These four men were renamed to executive posts in the Taylor Electric Co-

operative, Inc., at the annual membership meeting Thursday of last week, they are, left to right, Sam Butman, Jr., secretary-treasurer, C. F. Hill, vice president,

H. R. Roberts, president; and Lester Dorton, manager. Seated is

### MARIE COX ENGAGEMENT IS ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Cox announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Marie to Doyle Nichols, the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Nichols. The wedding is to be in May.

### MRS. W. T. SADLER REVIEWS "THE HIDDEN FLOWER"

The Forthrightly Study Club met in regular session March 24 in the home of Mrs. Clyde Bartlett. Mrs. W. T. Sadler gave an excellent review of the book, "The Hidden Flower," by Pearl S. Buck.

Guests for the meeting were Shirley Bagby, Barbara Harris and Ann Melton of the seventh grade of the elementary school. They represented a project on the community being culminated in their room at school.

Two new members, Mrs. Wm. R. Cypert and Mrs. Ray Wilson, were introduced. The meeting adjourned with 24 members present.

### GARDEN CLUB MEETS IN HOME OF MRS. L. GAMBLE

Mrs. T. E. Collins and Mrs. Mack Fisher gave an interesting program when the Garden Club met in the home of Mrs. Lige Gamble March 19. Mrs. Collins gave an interesting discussion on trees, shrubs, and vines from a scrapbook and showed many species of trees, giving a history of their use as lumber, shade and ornamental purpose, showed pictures of numerous shrubs used in landscaping homes in all sections of the country.

Mrs. Fisher gave some interesting pointers on the care of lawns. Each member drew a number for a gift package. Mrs. Jackson drew the lucky number and received the package which was a beautiful stem glass.

### "April In Paris" Has Song and Dance At Pioneer Theatre

"April In Paris," Warner Bros.' big new Technicolor musical, begins its local engagement at the Pioneer Theatre on Sunday and Monday, with Doris Day and Ray Bolger, two of the screen's top exponents in song and dance.

Set against the colorful backgrounds of a trans-Atlantic liner and gay Paris boulevards, the story has Bolger, a State Department employee, mistakenly inviting Miss Day, a Broadway chorus girl, to represent the American theatre in an international festival of arts in Paris. Although engaged to the daughter of his boss, Ray falls in love with Doris aboard the luxury liner carrying the delegation to Europe.

Doris returns his affection and they are "married" at sea by an inebriated waiter posing as the ship's captain. It is then that the humorous complications arise when a dapper Frenchman pays court to Doris and Ray's fiancée appears on the scene.

### Hicks Auto Men Attend Show in Dallas Last Week

Those who attended the Southwest Automotive Show in Dallas March 26-29 from the Hicks Auto Supply were:

Bob and Ben Hicks, B. T. Sublett, Ben Sublett, Ernest Joyce, Albert Chancey, Marvin Perkins and wife, Louis Perkins, Mrs. Leona Bunch, H. P. Crimm and W. A. Whiteley.

"Best show in several years," commented Bob Hicks.

"Lite-a-Bumper For Safety." See The Boy Scouts at the Community Center Saturday, April 11.

### A FISH STORY!

A new fisherman got a bite when out fishing for the first time. He played the fish for a long time and finally landed it. In telling about it he said, "When I pulled it out, the sweat was running off the fish." "Was it a good one?" a friend asked. "You bet," he replied. "I like to see it," said the friend. "All right," he said, "look at it. It's over in the minnow bucket."

"Must have been The Merkel Mail editor," remarked Ira Cross.

### Jack Millers See Beautiful Spot In Puerto Rico

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Miller have made their first step on their flying trip. A card has been received from them, dated March 25, from San Juan, Puerto Rico. It said, "This is a very beautiful place. Arrived here last night after a four-hour flight from Miami. Going to the Virgin Islands Friday."

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## So the People May Know

The publication laws of Texas are many. Few attorneys are familiar with all of them, and public officials charged with carrying out these laws may not have a detailed knowledge of them.

This series of articles calls attention to some of the publication laws as to attract the interest of more citizens in the governmental units that they support with their tax dollars; and to inform government officials who may be in violation of these laws through unfamiliarity with them.

One of the provisions of the law is that the tax assessor and collector must by the first of April each year prepare the delinquent tax rolls of water control and improvement district.

Directors of the water control district must publish the delinquent tax rolls in a newspaper. The law says:

"Art. 7890-72. Water — publication of delinquent tax roll of water control and improvement district.

"The tax assessor and collector shall on or before the first of April each year prepare a delinquent tax roll, showing all charges upon the tax rolls which have not been paid and file same with di-

rectors of said district. The directors shall publish said delinquent tax list showing name of owner, description of property, and total amount due, in a newspaper published in the county where said district or any part thereof is situated. Said notice shall be published once a week for two weeks. If no newspaper is published in the county said notice may be published in a newspaper outside of the county. There shall be paid to the newspaper for publishing such a notice a reasonable fee fixed by agreement, not to exceed, however, twenty cents for each rendition or each tract of land, allowing not to exceed three lines single column thereto. The publisher of such notice shall file in the office of the district a copy of each issue of the paper containing said notice with affidavit of publication attached thereto. The notice herein provided for to be made by publication is intended to be for the information of all taxpayers and shall not be, or be held to be, a requisite to the filing of any suit for the collection of taxes and such suits may be filed without publishing such notice."

Price Daniel's book of Texas Publication Laws, page 169.

## MONEY-SAVING Specials for FRIDAY and SATURDAY April 3-4

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<b>OLEO</b> Meadolake Pound <b>29c</b>	
RED & WHITE CATSUP 2 bottles 35c	RED & WHITE — No. 1 Fruit Cocktail 2 cans 49c
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## Middle Clear Fork Soil Conservation News

Guar, a summer legume, improves yields of cash crops following it in rotation.

In the above photo, Hiram Olson, district supervisor of the California Creek Soil Conservation District, and Albert Jordan, SCS, observe the effects of guar on cotton growing on Olson's farm near Stamford.

In the left foreground, cotton is following cotton. On the right is cotton following guar grown in 1951. Photo was made on Sept. 9, 1952.

This soil improving, summer legume is extensively grown in the

Stamford — Knox City area, several thousands of acres being planted each year. It is planted in many cases as a soil building crop in rotation with cotton and oftentimes is seeded in stubble land after grain harvest.

Flax farmers in the Kenedy area turned to guar as means of maintaining production on fast depleting flax land. It was found to improve soil tilth and to maintain or increase soil fertility.

District supervisors of the Middle Clear Fork Soil Conservation District are purchasing a small shipment of the seed to be sold at cost to farmers interested in trying the crop.

Several farmers including W. D. Ramsey, Tom Russom, H. H. McLeod and Mark Williamson plan to plant in late April or May. Many others in the Merkel and Trent

areas expect to plant in June or July in wheat and other small grain stubble.

Guar is normally planted in rows, 1 1/2 to 2 inches deep at a rate of 5 to 7 pounds per acre. Seed should be inoculated with guar inoculant (vetch inoculant may be used) for maximum nitrogen fixation. Ordinary planters equipped with maize plates are used for planting.

Under favorable moisture conditions, several tons of green forage per acre are grown. Livestock do not readily eat guar, but when confined upon it they develop a liking for the crop. Seed production ranges from about 250 pounds to as high as 800 pounds per acre and can be harvested with standard grain combines.

Guar has been grown successfully on all types of soils, but it apparently does best on deep loams. It is a very drought-resistant crop.

## PERSONAL

Mrs. J. W. Bryan visited her daughter, Mrs. Lona Ferrier, and family last weekend at Fort Worth. She attended the Dallas Garden Center flower show. She also visited in Palestine at the Dagwood Trails and other points of interest. Her grandson Ronnie accompanied her home for a short visit.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Betterton of Midland visited Sunday evening with his uncle, Wayne Adcock, and Mrs. Adcock, and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Adcock.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Perrien spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Troy Dawkins of Snyder.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Bryan over the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Melton Williams and Diana of Little River, Mr. and Mrs. John Moore and girls of Abilene, Mrs. J. W. Kemp of Ft. Worth and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Moore and boys of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. John Seago and daughter of El Paso were weekend visitors of his brother, C. W. Seago, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Anderson and boys spent the weekend in Arlington with Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Hendrix.

Donald Hendrix is spending Easter vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Hendrix, in Arlington.

Mrs. Billy Myers and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wood of Anson were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell Tuesday.

Miss Missie Spurgin of Midland visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Spurgin, and also attended the wedding of her niece, Mrs. Tim Mason, formerly Betty Lou Justice, Tuesday in Abilene.

## Willie Joe Largent Judges Hereford Show In Georgia

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Joe Largent were in Valdosta, Ga., where Mr. Largent judged a polled Hereford show. Then they visited in Clear Water Beach, Silver Springs, Pensacola and Tallahassee, Fla., and Bellingrath Gardens, near Mobile, Ala. They followed the coast on their way home. They were gone 10 days, returning last Friday night.

## HOSPITAL NOTES

Admissions to the Sadler Hospital the past week were: As medical patients — Mrs. Roy Whetsel, Mrs. W. H. Kelso, J. B. Griffin.

For surgery — Robert Brown Higgins, Jr., Douglas Gladden, Mrs. Don Doan, Mrs. Betty Lackey, all tonsillectomy.

## Public Speaking Program Offers Many Prizes

As a mean of helping 4-H members acquire the ability to speak convincingly in public, two college scholarships of \$300 each and two all-expense trips to the 32nd National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago next November will be awarded to a 4-H boy and girl selected from the state winners for outstanding achievement in the 1953 4-H public speaking program.

In addition, gold-filled medals of honor for county winners in each participating county, a set of silverware for the top-ranking 4-H girl, and a 17-jewel wrist watch for the outstanding boy in each of 26 states will be awarded.

A free booklet, "How to Make a Convincing Speech," is provided by the awards donor, and may be obtained by 4-H club leaders and members from the National Committee on Boys and Girls Work, 59 East Van Buren Street, Chicago 5, Ill. It contains valuable tips on platform presence, how to interest an audience, good delivery, how to open — and of equal importance — how to end a speech.

**ARMED FORCES DAY**  
The fourth Armed Forces Day will be observed throughout the nation on Saturday, May 16, under the slogan "Power for Peace."

## CARD OF THANKS

It is with grateful hearts we try to say thank you for all the wonderful things you did for us in our time of sorrow: for your visits, words of sympathy, beautiful floral offerings, for all the food and all who helped to serve the food in such a noble way.

May the Lord bless each one that had a part in any way in the services. May our Heavenly Father bless and reward each and every one is our prayer.

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The Students in the Driver Training Class of Trent High School wish to express our deep appreciation to the Paul Honeycutt Motor Co. for the beautiful 1953 Ford furnished for our use. This Motor Company has given the students of Trent High School this outstanding opportunity to learn better and safer driving, to stress "Highways are happy ways." Again thank you.

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## CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our gratitude to everyone who helped in any way during the illness and death of our beloved father.

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## CORRECTION

In the last line of the Card of Thanks for the Jeffrey Family it should have read, "Your thoughtfulness will always be remembered." The Merkel Mail regrets this typographical error.

## LEGAL

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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.

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To: Jessaphine Housh, Defendant.

**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 18th day of May, A. D. 1953, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 31st day of March A. D. 1953, in this cause, numbered 18,837-A on the docket of said court and styled Bobby Junior Housh, Plaintiff, vs. Jessaphine Housh, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff prays that defendant be cited to appear and answer herein and on final hearing, the bonds of matrimony between the parties hereto be dissolved and that plaintiff be divorced from defendant and for such other and further relief to which plaintiff may show himself 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 31st day of March A. D. 1953.

Attest: J. Neil Daniel, Clerk, 42nd District Court Taylor County, Texas.  
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Livestock premiums at the 1953 State Fair of Texas, Oct. 10 through 25, will total \$79,336 for 27 breeds of cattle, horses, sheep, swine and goats plus the Junior Livestock Show, Fair President R. L. Thornton announced.

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**personals**

Mrs. Seth Hamilton who has been in Wilcox, Arizo, for the past three months, visiting her daughter, Mrs. Paul Collins, has returned here and will make her home with her other daughter, Mrs. L. G. Shaffer, at the Merkel Hotel.

after a two week's visit with her daughter, Mrs. Alvis Shaw, and new granddaughter, Cheryl Lynn, who was born March 9.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. O'Brien of Big Spring visited last week with their son, Coleman and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Pratt and son Jimmy of Detroit, Texas, spent the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Cross.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Peterson were in Conroe over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Pinky Cypert and family spent Sunday with her cousin, R. T. Cypert and Mrs. Cypert in Hamlin.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Cooper of Plainview visited Sunday with his aunt, Mrs. Virgil Patterson, and Mr. Patterson. Mr. Cooper reports for Navy service April 5.

Archie Farr of Midland, Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Farr of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Carson and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jinks and Jimmy had Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Farr.

Mrs. Floyd Massey, daughter Joy, Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Starr and two children of Denton spent the weekend with Mrs. Twyman Collins.

Mrs. Ray B. Spurgin of Dallas visited last week with her father, W. J. Bicknell. His daughter-in-law Mrs. Otto Bicknell, of Kilgore was a visitor over the weekend.

W. Roundtree of Mineral Wells was here Saturday, attending to his farm at Noodle. Mr. Roundtree lived here for 40 years before going to Mineral Wells two years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Free and Mr. and Mrs. J. Humphreys and son, Jimmy of Lubbock spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Bartlett.

Joe Riney of Abilene spent Monday here on business and visited with his sisters.

Mrs. Don Dudley and Mike, C. K. Russell and Mrs. Raymond Ferguson were in Fort Worth and Dallas over the weekend. Mrs. Russell returned with them after a two week visit in Dallas with her daughter, Mrs. Cayton Knox.

Mrs. R. E. Dowdy and Mrs. J. Cal Hamner of Trent were in Ranger last Friday to be with Mrs. Glen Hamner who is very ill in the hospital there.

L. D. Bishop and R. E. Dowdy were in Houston over the weekend on business.

Mrs. W. W. Webb who is ill had as visitors her daughter, Mrs. Lena Ball, and daughter Linda, for the past three weeks; her son, Tommy of Norwalk, Calif., last week and her daughter, Mrs. Bill Brown, Mr. Brown and Calvin Ball of Roswell, New Mexico over the weekend.

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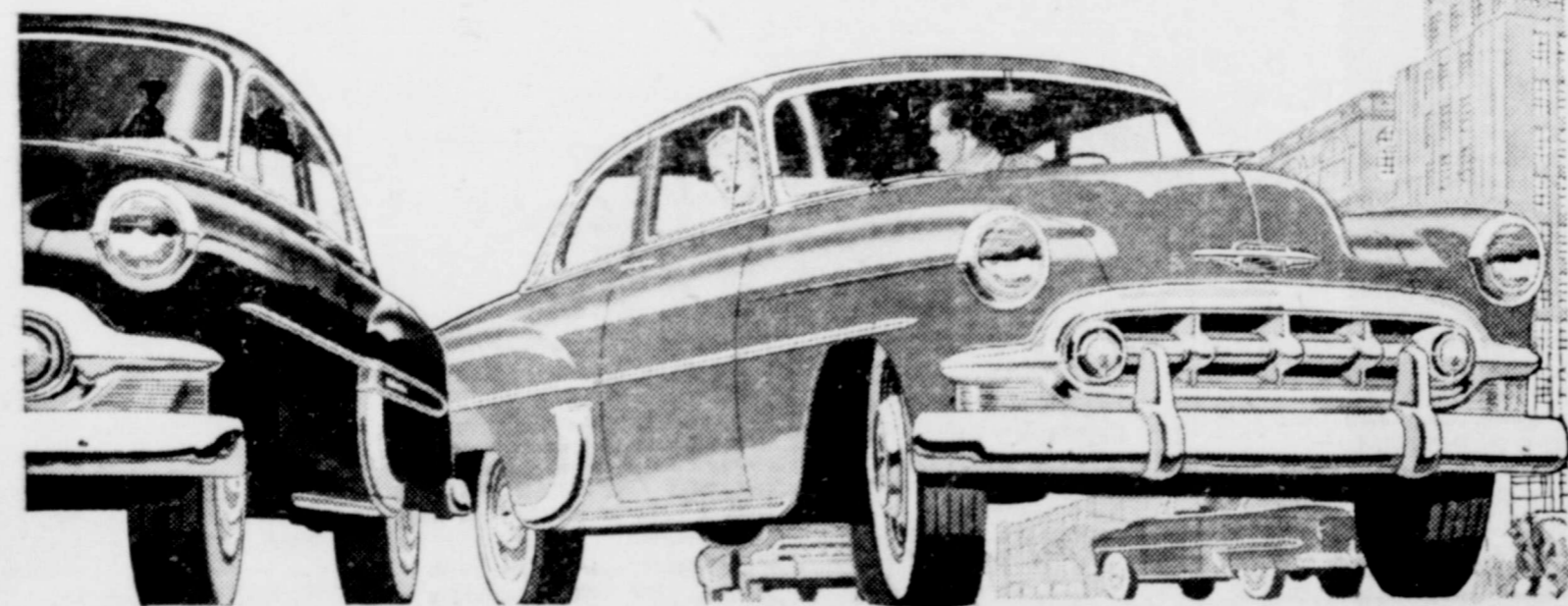
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**College Teachers Receive Less Pay Than Others Get**

Pay of college teachers has not kept pace with income of other groups of people who sell their services, such as professional or wage-earning workers, a recent study made for the Council of College Presidents of State Supported Colleges and Universities shows.

The gross income per year of members of certain professions has increased as much as 192 per cent in the past 12 years. Examples cited in the study are dentists from \$6,592 per year to \$14,058 per year; lawyers from \$6,747 to \$14,171; and physicians from \$7,632 to \$22,298.

Wages in manufacturing industries are up 181 per cent, going from \$25.20 a week in 1940 to \$70.80 in October, 1952.

Statistics show that while professional and wage-earning people were increasing their dollar income ranging from 110 to 192 per cent, college teachers of Texas were seeing their income increased only 62 per cent, to an average of approximately \$4,000 a year.

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EDITORIAL

HIGHWAY PROBLEMS

That the merchants of Merkel  
are intensely interested in high-  
way matters was shown by the big  
representation that appeared be-  
fore the Commissioners' Court.  
Headed by Mayor Henry West the  
group of 16 came to the court to  
listen to what was going to happen  
or what was being planned to hap-  
pen.

Dr. W. T. Sadler came to the  
point at once when he asked what  
the proposed bond issue was for.

Rufe Tittle, our commissioner,  
looked at the whole matter in a  
practical light when he declared  
that before he would approve any  
bond issue for the whole county  
he wanted to know what it would  
include and what it would cost. He  
stuck to his guns and when it came  
to a vote before the court at this  
same meeting he voted "No" as no  
price tag was put on the whole  
proposition.

The problems of the highway at  
this moment seem to be three.

There is the problem of widen-  
ing Highway 80 as it now runs in  
Merkel. That is a matter of getting  
the expanded right-of-way from  
the T. & P. Railroad.

There is the problem of where  
the proposed super highway will  
run. As it now stands and as stated



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heavyweight drylot Hereford, "Lit-  
tle Griff," was named grand cham-  
pion of the Taylor County Junior  
Livestock Show. At left is Dor-

thea Griffin of Lawn, who bred  
the calf, and Ronnie Freeman,  
Trent 4-H Club boy, who fed the  
fitted steer for the show. Ronnie is  
the son of Mr. and Mrs. Odell  
Freeman, Trent.

by the district engineer it will be  
seven blocks north of the present  
Highway 80.

The third problem is that the  
super highway might be placed  
farther away from the town of  
Merkel and entirely by-pass the  
town.

At the present time there is the  
matter of the county bond issue.  
Do we want to include widening  
Highway 80, do we want to include  
the right-of-way for the super high-  
way, do we want to include all this  
to balance what we will have to  
give to Abilene?

All these problems cannot be  
solved by quick thinking. There  
is the personal, business interest  
of all of us involved in this. To  
some merchants it may be crucial,  
in fact a matter of life and death  
as far as their particular business  
is concerned. To others it may not  
be so tragic.

But it is intensely important to  
all of us. It may be that by all  
the persons getting together for one  
or more meetings to discuss the  
matter it may lead to something.  
At least the thought of one person  
may stimulate the thinking of the  
rest of us and bring about a solu-  
tion that may not be the best in  
the world but at least one that will  
go as far as possible under the  
conditions involved.

MRS. FRANK BRNOVAK

Mrs. Frank Brnovak has won  
honor for herself and the com-  
munity. She has been chosen as  
Taylor County Conservation Home  
maker. She now enters the district  
contest. The winner from there  
goes to the state contest.

The Brnovaks live in the White  
Church Community, located on the  
south side of the Canyon Wall.

It is noteworthy that the win-  
ning homemaker of the county is  
active outside of her home as well  
as inside her home. She has been  
garden demonstrator several years  
in the home demonstration club.  
She is active in the Women's So-  
ciety of Christian Service and other  
community activities.

We congratulate Mrs. Brnovak  
and wish her success in the dis-  
trict.

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filled with activities that are  
worthy.

ANTELOPE HERD HIT

The executive secretary of the  
Game and Fish Commission said  
negative reports are being receiv-

ed from far west Texas about the  
antelope herd. He said the status  
of the fleet, two-toned animals  
has become so uncertain that the  
weather during the next six weeks  
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be an open season next fall.

HATCHING TEST RESULTS

The chief aquatic biologist of  
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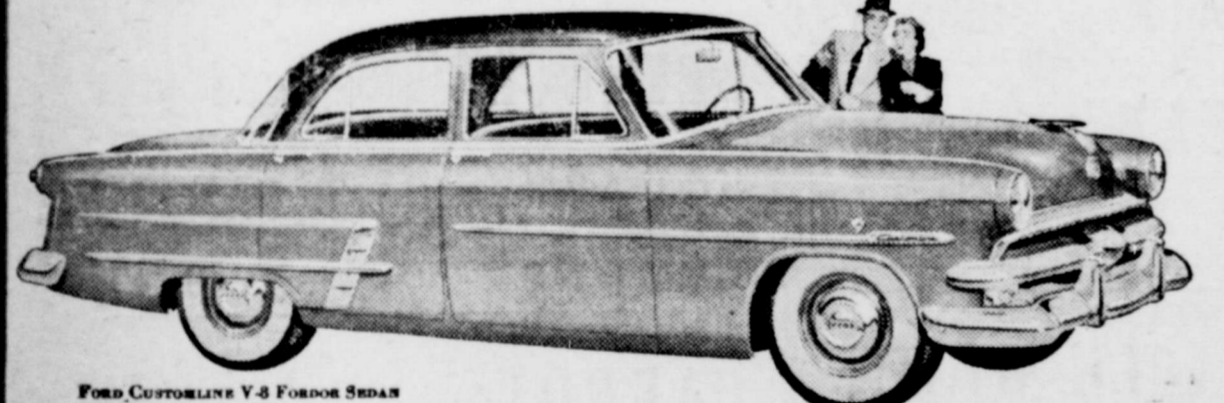
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- KIMBELLS — 303 **GREEN BEANS** 2 for 43c
- JUICE — WHITE SWAN — No. 2 CAN **PINEAPPLE** 2 for 25c
- JUICE — LIBBY'S — No. 2 CAN **TOMATO** 2 for 25c
- JUICE — HEARTS DELIGHT — 12 oz. CAN **PRUNES** 2 for 19c
- SLICED — H. D. **PINEAPPLE** 2 flat cans 29c
- LIBBY'S DELUXE — No. 2 1/2 CAN **PLUMS** 2 for 49c
- PATIO — No. 2 CAN **CHILI** 53c
- PATIO BEANS **CHILI** 3 cans 25c
- LAKEWOOD PEACH **PRESERVES** 2 lb. jar 39c

**SUGAR** Imperial - Domino 10 lbs. **89c**

**COFFEE** ADMIRATION Pound **83c**

**CRISCO** 3 lb. Can **79c**



- EASTER HAM 12-14 lb. Average **CURED HAMS** shank lb. 59c
- CURED HAMS** butts lb. 63c
- CHOICE BEEF **SHORT RIBS** lb. 29c
- WILSON'S CERTIFIED **PICNIC** lb. 39c
- GOOCH CHOICE BEEF **T-Bone Sirloin Steak** lb. 79c
- CORN KING **BACON** lb. 53c
- FRESH **GROUND MEAT** lb. 49c
- CHOICE BEEF **CHUCK ROAST** lb. 49c
- DENISON — WILSON **FRYERS** lb. 52c

- SALAD **WAFERS** lb. 23c
- GLADIOLA — WITH ADAMS **CAKE MIX** box 32c
- WILSON'S **PURE LARD** 3 lbs. 39c
- JELL-O** box 5c
- SALAD DRESSING **MIRACLE WHIP** pint 29c
- DIAMONDS **NAPKINS** 2 boxes 25c
- BREEZE** WASH CLOTH FACE TOWEL lg. box 29c giant box 59c



- JUMBO FRESH **LETTUCE** head 10c
- BANANA **SQUASH** lb. 15c
- SUNKIST **LEMONS** lb. 12c
- FRESH **CARROTS** bunch 9c
- FRESH **CUCUMBERS** lb. 10c
- FRESH **CELERY** stalk 15c
- FLORIDA **ORANGES** lb. 8c
- IDAHO **SPUDS** lb. 5c

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