

Church Of Christ Is Now Erecting House Of Worship

The Church of Christ is building a new church.

The new building will be located in the Kelley Addition on the southside of town on the farm-to-market road. It will face east.

The old church is being torn down.

The new building will be 110 feet long and 80 feet across at the back. It will be T-shape. It will be brick veneered. Cream buff faced brick will be used.

There will be auditorium 13 class rooms, nursery plus rest rooms, dressing rooms and heater

room. It will take five months to build.

"However," said Layton Plaster, minister, "we have hopes that it will be done in less time."

Meantime all services will be held at the Texas Theatre.

Large Crowds Surge to Church On Easter Sunday

The good rain that fell in the morning did not take away from the glory of Easter Sunday. In fact it added to the joy of the significance of the everlasting life.

The churches here for the most part were filled with the worshippers who came to hear the story of the Risen Christ.

Throughout the day the sun broke through the clouds to lend an air of glory to the Easter Sabbath.

GIRL TO JENNINGS

A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Jennings at the Sadler Hospital April 4.

Farmers Co-op Society No. 1 Will Hold Annual Meet

The annual membership meeting of the Farmers Co-operative Society No. 1 of Merkel will be held at 2:30 p. m., Saturday at the local gin.

Three directors will be elected. The annual report will be read and discussed.

Dee Teaf is president of the society and L. S. Tipton, Jr., is secretary-treasurer.



REV. S. E. TULLOCK

Rev. S. E. Tullock To Preach Sun. At First Baptist

Rev. S. E. Tullock of Kyle, new pastor of the First Baptist Church, will deliver his first sermon in his new charge next Sunday morning.

Rev. and Mrs. Tullock moved here this week.

Rev. Tullock came here from the First Baptist Church of Kyle where he has been pastor for the past four years.

Rev. Tullock was born and reared in St. Louis, Mo. He received his A. A. degree from Hannibal-LaGrange College of Hannibal, Mo., his B. A. degree from Howard Payne College of Brownwood. He completed his residence work for his M. A. degree at the University of Texas and has done advanced work on his Ph. D.

He is 30 years old and has been an ordained minister for 11 years. Mrs. Tullock holds her B. A. degree from Howard Payne College and has done graduate work at the Southwest State Teachers College.

The New Merkel Telephone System

An Editorial

The New Merkel Telephone System is a splendid contribution to the progress of our town. It brings our telephone system up to the high standard that has made the American telephone systems outstanding in the world.

Harold N. Odum and his son Tommy have gone all out in making this progressive step. With an investment of over \$100,000 they have shown their faith in Merkel. By this large investment they have given us a newer, better and speedier service.

We join with the rest of the town in congratulating the Merkel Telephone Company on this splendid contribution to the growth of our town and salute Harold N. Odum and son Tommy with a big "Thank You" for giving us this newer, up-to-date, speedier telephone service.

IS IMPROVING

Rev. John N. Russell is still in the Hendrick Memorial Hospital. It was reported early this week that he was improving nicely.

BAND CONCERT TONIGHT

The High School Band will give its annual spring concert tonight, Friday, at 8 p. m., in the cafeteria auditorium, led by Director W. G. Reed. The 3rd and 4th grade tonette bands, also the grade school band will play. There is no admission charge. Everyone is welcome, especially the band parents.

TO DISTRICT MEET

Eight boys from here will represent the Badgers at the District Track Meet in Snyder Saturday. They will be accompanied by Coaches Carroll Benson and Tommy Ellis.

COMPETE CEMETERY

Those who are interested in Compere Cemetery are asked to be present Wednesday, April 15, for an all-day working. Everyone is urged to bring a basket lunch to be served at noon.

SCHOOL MEN ELECTED

At the Merkel Independent School Board meet Tuesday all officers were re-elected: M. H. Ely, president; J. W. Hammond, vice president; Ray Wilson, secretary.

TALKS TO HAWAII

Mrs. Winnie Cypert received a telephone call from her daughter, Mrs. Geo. Swanke, of Honolulu, Hawaii, Easter Sunday.

COMMUNIST PAMPHLET HERE

The Associated Press carried a story last Friday that Communist propaganda designed to agitate the South-west is being circulated in Texas cities. The Merkel Mail received one pamphlet that was postmarked Houston, Tex.

WIDEN ROAD

Farm-to-Market Road No. 126 has been widened at the point where it meets Highway No. 80. Previously it had been a great hazard to make a turn at this point.

NEW TENNIS COURT

The Shop Boys are building a second tennis court at the high school grounds under the direction of Delmer Melton, instructor.

P.-T.A. MEETS THURSDAY

The Merkel P.-T.A. will meet Thursday afternoon, April 16, at 3:40 p. m. in the school cafeteria. Mrs. Spencer Bird, program chairman, will present a style show. A number planned to attend Taylor County P.-T.A. Council at Tye School on April 9.

SON TO MORGANS

Mr. and Mrs. Loyd W. Morgan of Perryton announce the birth of a son named Neal Alan, born April 4. Mrs. Morgan is the former Sue Pinckley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Pinckley.

DOLLAR DAY NOTE

As next week is Dollar Day advertising, it would be appreciated if the merchants had their ads ready early.

If you need feed or seed, we open 6:30 a. m., close 7:30 p. m. Paterson Grain. —Adv

New Switchboard Speeds Up Service Of Telephone Co.

The new common battery switchboard of the Merkel Telephone Company was cut over as scheduled midnight Thursday, April 2.

The office was also immediately moved from upstairs in the Anderson Building to downstairs at 1005 North Second.

"There were a number of problems that had to be worked out," said Tommy Odum, manager. "However, most of these had been solved by Saturday night. Very few of the customers even knew when the change took place as there was no inconvenience to them. The few who were inconvenienced were very patient."

The service as it is now offered gives more speed to each call and no interruption by the telephone operator. Previously when the subscriber wanted a number he lifted the receiver, turned a crank or pushed a button and waited for the operator to answer. After that he might be asked a number of times, "Did your party answer?" Often while talking the operator had to ask, "Are you waiting?"

Now all the subscriber has to do with the new telephone is to lift the receiver and this immediately lights a white line lamp. The operator asks the number and immediately connects in the party desired. The subscriber can hear the buzz that tells that his number is being called.

If there is no answer the operator says, "Your party does not answer." If the party answers the operator does not have to ask if you are talking as the lights are off until the conversation is ended. When both parties hang up the lights go on that signal that the conversation is completed.

June 1, 1950, Tommy Odum and H. N. Odum bought the Merkel Telephone Company. At that time there were 205 telephones.

The new owners immediately set out to improve the service. New cable was installed, new customers were served as rapidly as possible. At that time it took 90 days after application for the company to get around to putting in the new phone because the demand was so heavy.

The number of customers grew so rapidly that the old magneto switchboard was made obsolete. A new switchboard was the next problem. That meant a need for additional working capital. A connection with the Chase National Bank of New York solved this.

Sunrise Service At Pioneer Church Is Held on Easter

The Pioneer Memorial Church sunrise Easter service was held at 6:30 a. m. in the chapel. Rev. Elra Phillips conducted the service with 33 present.

Then the congregation cooked breakfast at the fire place outside. The air was warm and calm. It was a nice day though the clouds were in the sky.

Regular services were held at 10 and 11 a. m. and the church was filled.

Vacational Church School Institute To Be April 15th

Vacation church school institute will be held for the Abilene District at the First Methodist church in Abilene April 15.

Paul Honeycutt Injures Elbow When Horse Falls

Paul Honeycutt suffered an injury to his elbow when his horse fell Thursday of last week. Paul was thrown far enough so that the horse did not fall on him.

HAS MAJOR SURGERY

J. B. Griffin had major surgery at the Sadler Hospital last Friday.

problem. This was in October, 1951.

An order was placed for an 800-line common battery switchboard and additional lead cable, both of which were very scarce items at that time. The new switchboard was ready December, 1952. To expedite things Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Odum went up in a truck to Rochester, N. Y., and got the new equipment.

Since then the company has worked night and day to speed up the installation in order to give

the public better and speedier service.

There are a few people who still have the old style boxes but these will be changed as speedily as possible, said Tommy Odum. Also, the present system still remains to be perfected as the operation is new to the local office, and the linemen and the switchboard operators need to get used to the new method.

Over \$100,000 have been spent in putting in the new system, stated Mr. Odum.

Now the telephone company has 600 customers where before it had 250. And now new phones can be installed in seven days or less time after application is received.

"It is a great pleasure to us to give Merkel this up-to-date, speedier and better service," said Mr. Odum.

Revival Starts Sunday At New Live Oak Baptist

A revival will be held at the New Live Oak Baptist Church beginning Sunday and will continue through April 19.



REV. M. E. RANDOLPH

Rev. M. E. Randolph, local pastor, will do the preaching and J. E. Meeks, Jr., will have charge of the singing.



J. E. MECKS, JR.

"You will hear old time gospel preaching," said Rev. Randolph. Prayer service will start at 7:15 p. m. and preaching at 7:45 p. m. The public is invited.

BROTHER IN HOSPITAL

Mrs. Irl Walker received word Sunday that her brother was in the hospital in Austin. She left immediately to visit him there. Her sister, Mrs. John Cross, of Rotan accompanied her.

"Lite-A-Bumper" Taping Station Will Be Opened by Boy Scouts Saturday

The local Boy Scouts, sponsored by the Lions Club, will be manning their "Lite-A-Bumper" taping station at the Community Center Saturday to apply reflective tape to the bumpers of cars, trucks, bicycles and motor scooters, according to K. C. Whiteley, scoutmaster.

Purpose of the "Lite-A-Bumper" drive is to promote street and highway safety. Proceeds from the campaign will help the Boy Scouts attend summer camp and the National Jamboree and buy needed

Up To 1.3 Inches Of Rain Fall In This Area

The rainfall here Sunday measured 1.3 inches, reported Weatherman J. I. Ford. The strong wind damaged some roofs, windows were blown out and neon lights destroyed.

Campbell Grocery received damage to its roof, caused by the hail, which acted like bullets. Bragg's had roof damage that wetted some merchandise in the second floor.

At the La Siesta Motel window lights, screens and neon signs were damaged.

At the D. P. Moore farm, 1 mile south of town 3 inch rain fell; near Union and at Stith, over 1 inch; at the Weldon McAninch farm, five miles northwest of town, 1.3 inches.

Small Interest Seen in Elections Held Here

In the uncontested school election held here Saturday 15 votes were cast. Around 1947 13 votes were cast.

J. G. Wilks of Trent received 15 votes for county trustee at large of Precinct 2.

Joe Seymore, Ellis Harris and David Gamble each received 15 votes and were re-elected to the Merkel Independent School District.

Only 23 votes were cast in the city election held Tuesday at the Red Cross building instead of the city hall. There was no opposition. Mayor Henry West received 27 votes and W. T. Toombs got one write-in vote for mayor.

O. D. Anderson was re-elected for alderman with 28 votes while Paul Honeycutt was elected with 25 votes.

T. L. Grimes was election judge and the clerks were Andy Shouse, Mrs. Earl Lassiter and Mrs. T. L. Grimes, in both elections.

Three school trustees were named: Trent: Allen King, 34 votes; Frank Carter, 28 votes; and S. A. Driggers, incumbent, 27 votes. J. G. Wilks, incumbent, was re-elected to a position on the Taylor County board from Precinct 2. He polled 51 votes.

Merkel 20 Years Ago

TAKEN FROM THE 1933 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL

TO HOLD MEET The Abilene District Meet of the University Interscholastic League will be held in Abilene on Friday and Saturday of this week. This is district No. 3 of the league. Merkel will be represented at this meet by the students who won first places in the Taylor County Meet.

RE-ELECTED FIRE CHIEF Jimmy Toombs was re-elected chief of the Merkel Volunteer Fire Department at its annual meeting held Monday night and Parker Sharp was re-elected president of the association. Earl Teague is vice president, while Morris Horton is assistant chief. Bob Dennis was re-elected secretary-treasurer.

NOODLE PLAY BENEFIT For the benefit of the Merkel Fire Department the senior class of Noodle will present their play, "The Old Oaken Bucket," at the Cozy Theatre here Friday night. Admissions: children 10c, adults 20c.

MERKEL SCHOLASTIC UP Merkel has 699 scholastics, according to the census enumeration just completed. This is a gain of 85 over last year, when the total was 614. At the present date, the enrollment for this year in the Merkel schools is slightly over 700.

NEW STORE OPENS The Reid Variety Store opens for business here Friday morning, with a complete stock of new merchandise which has been placed during the week in the Jones building on Edwards Street.

This Happened in Merkel Forty Years Ago

TAKEN FROM THE 1913 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL

Remember I am in charge of the new \$6,500 Opera House owned by Dr. R. G. Milling in which I am going to entertain the people with a grand ball every Friday night in the year of 1913. I am prepared to entertain in many ways all of my friends who visit here. Everything is first class and up-to-date with fine music by the Daniels Bros. Orchestra.

N. A. Brown, Gen. Mgr.

Miss Ruth Merritt, who has been visiting Miss Aileene Sanders and other relatives in Huntington, Tenn., returned home Monday after five months' visit away from home. The dangerous conditions of the water of the Mississippi River caused her to come home.

Misses Bertie and Grace Diltz were in Clyde Sunday, visiting friends.

STAGING DEBATES Much interest is being manifested in the debate on church doctrines being conducted at the Church of Christ, beginning Tuesday night of this week and scheduled for eight weeks. Principals are Rev. C. S. Slapes, Baptist minister from Oklahoma, and John O'Dowd of Abilene Christian College.

SINGERS ELECT OFFICERS S. E. Clark of the Wylie community was re-elected president of the Taylor County Singing Convention at the annual spring meeting, held Sunday at Buffalo Gap. Buster Horton of Tye was elected secretary, succeeding W. A. Jones of Abilene.

ENTERS HOSPITAL Dr. R. I. Grimes has entered the Veterans Administrative Hospital at Muskogee, Okla., for surgical attention, due to the skull fracture which he suffered in an automobile accident west of town in January.

TO CHURCH ASSEMBLY As pastor commissioner to the general assembly of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., which convenes in Columbus, Ohio, on May 18, Rev. R. A. Walker, pastor of Grace Presbyterian Church here, was named by the Abilene Presbytery at its semi-annual meeting in Cross Plains which was held Tuesday and Wednesday.

LOSES MEET Last Friday afternoon Merkel's track team went to Roscoe, the game resulting in the score of 59 for Roscoe and 42 for Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Nix left Saturday for Sweetwater where they will make their home. He is in the poultry business.

The new mayor and council began their administration with one act which endears them to our business people and their friends: new hitch racks for Merkel patrons on the vacant property north of the business houses on Edwards Street.

Merkel Fine Stock Show will be April 17 and promises to be second only to the state show. This means everybody, for, next to a real pretty girl with dimples on her rosy cheeks, a pure-bred high class animal is about the prettiest on earth.

Mrs. G. B. Brown Is Buried Here At Age of 87

Funeral services for Mrs. G. B. Brown, 87, were held at 3 p. m. last Friday from the First Methodist Church, conducted by Rev. Hugh Hunt, assisted by Rev. C. C. Armstrong of Anson. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery, directed by Starbuck Funeral Home.

Nancy Lenora Brown, widow of a Merkel ginnee, died Wednesday of last week at the home of a son, W. B. Brown, in Pharr, where she had lived for the last seven years. She was the widow of the late G. B. Brown. The couple was married Sept. 21, 1884, and moved to Bastrop County the same year. A year later, Mr. and Mrs. Brown moved to Merkel, where he operated a gin for many years before his death in 1936. They left here in 1923. For several years, they lived in Anson.

Survivors are two brothers, J. W. Bogar of Abilene and J. G. Bogar of Rudosa, N. M., a sister, Mrs. S. H. Garrison of Little Rock, Ark.; three sons, W. B. Brown of Pharr, S. D. Brown of Phoenix, Ariz., and G. B. Brown, Jr., of Odessa; a daughter, Tennie Brown of Pharr, and three grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Lions Minstrel Began Rehearsals

The Lions Club minstrel rehearsals began Tuesday night when the end men got together. The chorus will start rehearsing April 17.

The show will be put on April 23 at the Queen Theatre, Fred Starbuck is directing the minstrel.

Principal Farley To Be on Program At Tex. Conference

C. A. Farley, local elementary principal, will appear on the program at the annual Conference of Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors at Austin next Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Principal Farley will serve as chairman of one of the 22 sectional meetings. He is also chairman of the resolutions committee of the state organization and during the current year served on the Research Committee.

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NEWS ABOUT TOWN

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harwell of Kermit visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sandusky, during the Easter holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. John Turner of Grand Falls were weekend visitors of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Walton, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Cade of Brownfield and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Cade of Kermit were weekend guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Cade.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Dismuke and daughter Debra of Idalou were weekend visitors of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob McDonald.

Major and Mrs. Russ Blair of San Antonio were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Wozencraft and Mrs. Lucy Ford.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Clark of Abilene were Easter guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Clack. Mrs. Royce Iland and two sons

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of Folsom, New Mexico, visited last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Largent while her husband visited his sick mother in Snyder. They were accompanied home by Jane Largent, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Largent.

Visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Honeycutt Easter were her father, Rev. Hamilton Wright, of Abilene, her sister, Mrs. Willard Kelton, husband and children, her brother, Bill Wright and wife, her sister, Ramona Wright, J. B. Brinkley, all of Fort Worth, Mrs. Slatton and son J. B. Slatton of Abilene, aunt and cousin of Mrs. Honeycutt.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Hook Sunday were her sisters, Mrs. D. W. Giles, and husband of Winters and Mrs. C. T. Carpenter and husband of Abilene. Mr. and Mrs. Ben Bingham were Easter visitors of her sister, Mrs. J. L. Wilson, in Hamlin.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rone and boys of Sudan were Easter visitors of Mrs. J. A. Milliken and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Seago spent the weekend with their son E. H. and family in Midland.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Riley of Midland visited Easter with Mr. and Mrs. Quannah Dudley and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Houston Russom and children of Floydada were Easter visitors of their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Odis Bagby.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Moore of Ft. Worth were Sunday visitors of her sister, Mrs. D. L. Moore, and Mr. Moore.

A 1/c Robert Sledge of the Webb Air Base, Big Spring, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sledge, over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Fox had their children home for Easter. They were Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Walker, Dale and Betsy of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Fox, Jerry and Terry of Dallas.

Nolan Palmer and E. B. Herndon of Sweetwater were in Van Horn at the end of last week on business.

Mrs. Ross Ferrier went to Fort Worth Friday to visit her son, Ross Ferriers, Jr. She was accompanied by her grandson George Ronald who had been visiting here.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wilson and sons were in Ada, Okla., over the Easter holiday. They were accompanied by Mrs. E. L. Wilson. They visited the son of Mrs. E. L. Wilson. It rained all the way from Ada.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Eason and son Eddy Ray of Fort Worth spent Easter with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Jennings.

Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Dilt spent the weekend with their daughter, Mrs. J. C. Wright, and family in Lubbock.

W. T. Mosley was in Cisco Sunday and returned home with his wife and new twin daughters, Paula Clairice and Barbara Maurice.

Miss Minta McAninch of Raton, New Mexico, was a visitor over the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. W. T. McAninch.

Mrs. Raymond Earthman of Chicago, Ill., is visiting here with Mr. and Mrs. W. T. McAninch.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Boney and Annette spent the weekend in Kermit with Rev. and Mrs. Joe Allen and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hicks and son Gary Don spent the Easter holiday with her mother, Mrs. J. R. Stratton, in Lubbock. Mrs. Hicks and Gary had gone up Wednesday of last week.

Mrs. J. V. Hester and children of Knox City spent Easter with her sister, Mrs. Buster Thompson, and family.

Ralph B. Coats of Abilene and

ick, Okla., were here Monday on business.

Mrs. T. G. Hull and daughters and Mrs. C. A. Churchill of Midland spent the weekend in Moran with Mrs. Hull's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Brewster.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Green visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Walker, in Abilene Sunday.

Mrs. M. J. Carey has returned home after a 10-day visit with her daughter, Mrs. J. W. Walter, of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Rayford Cockerell and children of Fort Worth visited her mother, M. J. Carey, Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Coop left Saturday for Beaumont for a week's visit with her daughter, Mrs. George Petrie, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Hill and sons, Gary and David Bruce, of Grand Prairie were weekend visitors in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hamm. On Saturday they attended the wedding of Frank McFarland and Jeanne Hart in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Bicknell of Odessa were here Sunday and they went to Dallas and Kilgore, accompanied by his father, W. J. Bicknell, and Mrs. Odell Eoff. They returned here Tuesday, accompanied by her son, Naylor Eoff, who was in Dallas for a week.

Mrs. J. F. Merritt had all of her children home for Easter. They were Vernie Merritt, Brisbane, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Bigham, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Merritt, Sandy and Jerry, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Hayes, also Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Bigham and three children, Johnny, Jerry and Kakka.

Cpl. and Mrs. Leon Toombs, Jr., visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Toombs, Sr., over the weekend. Cpl. Toombs was on his way to Ft. Bliss, El Paso.

Mrs. Fannie McKay was in Midland on business Tuesday and Wednesday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny E. McDan-

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DOVE BRAND — 1-Oz. CAN BLACK PEPPER **20c** LIBBY'S Chili - Spaghetti **32c**

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KRAFT CARAMELS 2 1/2 lbs. **89c** WHITE KARO bottle **23c**

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els, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Holmes and son of Uvalde visited their mother, Mrs. Kate Phillips, over the weekend.

Odie Clark and son Glynn accompanied by other relatives from here and Abilene attended the christening of his granddaughter Joan Lawhon, at the Episcopal Church in Baird Sunday afternoon. Joan is the three-month-old daughter of the former Lula Mae Clark of Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Royce Dowdy were in Sweetwater Monday. Mr. Dowdy was there on business.

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

15 People for Dinner

A farmer today has to feed himself and fifteen other people. Back in 1930 he had to supply food for 11 other people. By 1975, experts predict, for each farmer there may be 25 at the dinner table.

It would be nice if there were more land. But last year there was only 1% more land under cultivation than prewar.

What's more, there are fewer farmers. 17% fewer man-hours were spent in agriculture last year.

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WEINER ROAST IS ENJOYED BY CUBS, SCOUTS, GUESTS

A weiner roast was held at the Roadside Park Monday, March 30, at 6:30 p. m. Those who attended were:

Dickey Elliott, Lester Dorton, Ronald Barnett, Jay Hail, Lonnie Denman, Stanley Harris, Mac Mansfield, Wayne Mitchell, Tim

Martin, Dick Leach, Robert Paul Lawler, Gary Glenn Beard, cubs; Leslie Whitley, Bill Russell, scouts; Messrs. and Mesdames R. L. Elliott, I. J. Hail, Lester Dorton and Mac, Grif Barnett; Mesdames Ellis Harris, Jimmy and Patricia, Buck Leach, Vernon Mansfield, Howard Beard; Donald Denman.

"CARE OF POTS AND PANS" DISCUSSED BY UNION RIDGE

The Union Ridge Club met in the home of Miss Mabel McRee April 3 with the vice president, Mrs. J. H. Clack presiding. The motto, prayer and woman's collect were read, led by Mrs. M. L. Douglas.

The secretary, Mrs. Clyde Newton, called the roll, answered by naming a tasty one-dish meal. The program, "Care of Pots and Pans," was given by Miss Mabel McRee and Mrs. Kenneth Pee. Mrs. Pee also read the markets T. H. D. A. committee recommendation. An attractive plate of home made

cookies, sandwiches and potato chips with drinks were served to these members: Mesdames: Kenneth Pee, Mrs. M. L. Douglas, O. E. Harwell, E. L. Palmer, W. C. Lee, J. H. Clack, Clyde Newton, Miss Mabel McRee and Yonlinda Carey.

The next meeting will be April 17 at the home of Mrs. E. L. Palmer.

Legal Notices

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To: Jessaphine Housh, Defendant, Greeting:

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ing 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 the 31st day of March A. D., 1953.

Attest: J. Neil Daniel, Clerk, 42nd District Court Taylor County, Texas. By C. Bower, Deputy. Adv. April 3, 10, 17, 24.

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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.

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What about ride? Here's another Ford similarity with high-priced cars . . . *Riding Comfort.* One of the misconceptions for many years has been that weight—sheer weight—is what it takes to make a car ride well. Ford has found that you can make a 3000-pound car ride softer and hold the road better by far than many cars that weigh a full 1000 pounds more. In the '53 Ford, for example, front end road shock has been reduced up to 80%. We say it compares most favorably with the heaviest cars sold today.

What about automatic transmissions? It would take the fingers of both hands to count the various kinds of automatic and semi-automatic transmissions on the market today. The one we

offer is called Fordomatic. It is the most versatile on the market, it represents the most profound consideration of engine-to-wheel power transfer—and that it does the best job for our engines isn't even open to question. It "shifts" better than you could shift by hand.

What you can see is also important. Here again Ford Cars lead not only in their price field but in the medium and upper brackets as well. Ford visibility is *Full-Circle* Visibility. This means huge, curved unobstructed glass area, front and rear, plus side windows that allow all passengers what the hotels call "room with a view."

Appearance? A higher price, of course, does not make a car more beautiful. Conversely, beauty in a Ford comes "for free." Ford has found that it costs no more to develop a beautiful car than one that is less pleasing in appearance. You can drive up to the most exclusive doorways in the world and feel perfectly at home in your Ford. Fords "belong" . . . in exactly the same social category as the finest, one-of-a-kind creations. After all, a Ford is a custom creation multiplied.

What about running costs? Here's one place that Ford's advantages are obvious. For oil and gas economy Ford has the big cars whipped. Ford parts cost less. Ford service charges are less. Ford tire mileage is thousands of miles greater. And, Ford depreciation is the lowest of any car on the market—bar none.

What are Fords made of? Some people have the idea that the costliest cars are made of "better stuff." It's true that some high-priced cars have costlier upholstery and fittings. What Ford has is

so good, both in durability and appearance, that you probably could not tell the difference. You might even prefer it, because of its better design and more pleasing appearance.

Then there's the question of sheet metal. If you were to measure and analyze the sheet metal structure in the most expensive car, you most likely would find it identical in thickness to the corresponding panels in Ford.

After all, then, what is the difference between a Ford and the costliest cars?

In our opinion, the difference is largely a matter of dimensions, weight (and the power required to move it) plus the distinction of owning a car that not so many other people own. The desire for these things is understandable . . . and probably justified for people who are willing to pay the price to satisfy it.

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STACY ANN MARTIN IS MARRIED ON MARCH 27
Mr. and Mrs. Jake Martin announce the marriage of their daughter, Stacey Ann, to Richard Leverich, son of Mrs. Joe Gilstrap of Abilene, on March 27 at Pecos. After a short wedding trip to Mexico they are now at home at 4202 Russell in Abilene. The bride is a junior at Merkel High and a twirler in the band. The groom is employed by the Wilson Tile Co.

CHEATHAM McFARLAND MARRIES MISS JEAN HART
Jean Bohannon Hart and Frank Cheatham McFarland, Jr., of Abilene, exchanged nuptial vows Easter Eve in the Church of Heavenly Rest, Episcopal at 5:30 o'clock, in Abilene. The double ring service was read by the Rev. T. Robert Ingram, assistant rector. Attendants were W. J. Largent, Jr. of Merkel and Mrs. William Dean Grosvenor, sister of the bride. The bride wore a beige shantung princess style dress with long matching kid gloves and shoes. Her toast bonnet hat had beige flowers. She carried a brown orchid on a white prayer book. After a short wedding trip, the couple will live at 1134 Blair St., Abilene. She is the daughter of Mrs. J. P. Bohannon and the bridegroom is the son of Mrs. F. C. McFarland, Sr.

GLENDIA PERRY MARRIES JIMMY SMITH ON APRIL 1
Miss Glenda Perry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Perry, became the bride of Jimmy Smith of Ft. Sill, Okla., son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Smith in a formal double ring ceremony at the Calvary Baptist Church. The ceremony was read at 7 p. m. Wednesday, April 1, by the Rev. A. D. Smith of Sweetwater. Banked with Easter lilies, greenery and bridal wreath with white satin marked the altar. Anna Marie Hewitt was pianist for the ceremony and accompanied the soloist, Denta Gibson. She sang "Because" and "Always." The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of pale green, ballerina length, with white accessories and carried yellow roses on a white

BLUE BONNET H. D. CLUB MEETS WITH MRS. PATTERSON
"Care of Pots and Pans" was the program for April 7 as the Blue Bonnet Home Demonstration Club met in the home of Mrs. Elmer Patterson. Roll call was answered by each naming a "tasty one-dish meal."

An Easter song was sung by the group, prayer by Mrs. Elra Phillips, council report by the president. Discussion followed on attending an upholstery school given by Miss Loretta Allen in the Community Center at Merkel. Six ladies from the club planned to go from April 6 to 9; also it was planned to give gifts and clothes to one of the wards of old ladies in the state hospital in Abilene. A delicious refreshment plate was served to one visitor, Mrs. Leon Tombs, and the following members: Mesdames Allen King, Ford Butman, E. H. Phillips, Sam Butman, Frank Bronovak, Frase Demere, James Butman and hostess.

The next meeting will be April 21 with Mrs. Adrin Farmer as hostess.

HOWELL REUNION IS HELD EASTER SUNDAY AT TRENT
The Howell reunion was held Easter Sunday in the school cafeteria, Trent. They sang "The More We Get Together" and Mrs. Grace Warren gave the invocation. A delicious lunch was served. In the afternoon "Precious Memories" was sung. Cecil Rutherford spoke on "What the Reunion Means to Me." T. B. Sorrels gave the devotional. Carolyn Bowers sang "Amazing Grace." Allie and Lewis Howell sang a "Comical Song." A reading was given by Clara Cummings. Mrs. Edd Bowers, Ben and Spurgin Howell told of a trip to the plains in 1902. "How Wonderful" was sung by the chorus. A kinship quilt was presented to Mrs. Jeffie Terry and Susie Sorrels. Those elected: President, Mrs. Bessie Billings; vice president, Ben Howell; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. E. W. Smith. The next meeting will be Easter Sunday, 1954 at the same place. Leonard Quattlebaum gave the benediction. There were 90 present.

MR. MRS. J. H. CAMPBELL, JR. ENTERTAIN ON EASTER
Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Campbell, Jr. entertained their children, grandchildren and friends on Easter Sunday with a dinner. They were Messrs. and Mesdames Homer Cleckler and children, Abilene; W. C. Lay and children, Fort Worth; Homer Campbell, children, Wilson; Homer Campbell, Jr., daughter, Wilson; Lee Sandel, Tuscola; Dave Anderson, Dewitt Campbell, family, Merkel; Laura Campbell, Merkel; Pvt. Bobby Campbell, Ft. Bliss, El Paso; and Misses Yvonne Peterson, Oilton, Leta Hester, Knox City.

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MRS. BRAGG READS STORY, "THE JOURNEY TO PARADISE"
The Kings Daughters S. S. Class met Tuesday at the church for an all-day quilting. The program started with a song; devotional Mrs. W. D. Hutcheson; prayer, Mrs. L. A. Watts. After a short business session an interesting story was read by Mrs. T. G. Bragg entitled, "The Journey To Paradise." Mrs. C. K. Russell gave a humorous reading and Mrs. Jenia Graham read a poem. Afternoon refreshments of coffee and angel food cake were served by Mrs. R. B. Johnson and Mrs. T. G. Bragg.

A. J. WRIGHTS HOLD FAMILY REUNION EASTER SUNDAY
Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Wright had as Easter guests their six sons and families, including 18 grandchildren. They sang, worshipped the Lord and ate a picnic dinner. Those present were Homer and family, May; Huston and family; Hawley; Sidney and family; Knox City; Vernon and family; Sweetwater; Cecil and wife, Abilene; Jim, Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Yandell, Abilene.

MRS. R. McKEEVER Arrives Here Sat. To Make Her Home
Mrs. Robert McKeever arrived Saturday night from Brunswick, Ga., and will remain here with her husband.

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Mrs. Dee Grimes Hostess To Garden Club Last Week
Mrs. Dee Grimes opened her home on Thursday afternoon of last week to members of the Garden Club in one of the most beautiful and timely programs of the entire year. The rooms were decorated with blue iris and giant pansies with an Easter motif predominant. Mrs. Wanda Sublett was speaker, employing a style show theme for the wearing of flowers for Easter. Tiny tots led the parade and Mrs. Sublett fashioned corsages for all ages, even to new ideas for bags and hats. These were presented later as favors. Mrs. Grimes served a dainty tea-hour refreshment plate to 17 members and one guest. The program closed with a duet, "The Easter Parade," sung by Mrs. Homer Patterson and Mrs. Sammy Doan.

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ran and petite Phyllis Thaxter in central roles.
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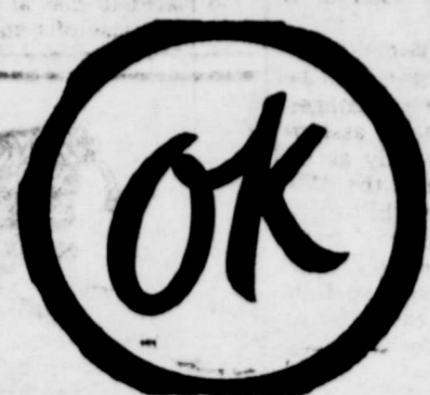
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TIDELANDS:

The House of Representatives has again passed the Tidelands Bill by an overwhelming majority. Those of us who have worked on this legislation for several years hope that the issue is going to be settled with the President's signature, although it is not all that we hoped it would be.

For Texas, it means ten and a half miles into the Gulf of Mexico.

RUSSIAN PEACE MOVES:

The American people are so desirous of peace that we are inclined to become somewhat glib towards overtures of cooperation from the Soviet Union. Within the last several days, a number of gestures have been made by the Russians which ordinarily might suggest a changing attitude. However, our hopes should not soar too high.

BIG GOVERNMENT

On Thursday, April 2, in a speech on the Floor of the House of Representatives, I had this to say:

If the press correctly reports the conference called by President Eisenhower with the mayors of big cities and certain local governmental leaders, he evidently must be rather disappointed, because they told him that they wanted the paternalistic attitude of the Federal government continued.

What does that mean? It means we will continue to have big government, and big government will get bigger.

Of course, we all realize we have Federal assistance for highways, for harbors, for airports, and for a lot of those things which effect national defense, but local governments usually get as much from the Federal Government as they can, yet they want taxes and expenses reduced. The two just do not go together.

It seems to me the basic fact to remember is that our freedom would be very limited if the United States were governed by only one national authority. In large measure, freedom is the product of local control over local affairs.

Doyle C. Melton To Report Back For Overseas Duty

After spending a 10-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Price Melton, A3/c Doyle C. Melton left last Friday for Camp Kilmer, N. J., for overseas assignment. Mr. and Mrs. Dangel R. Melton of Kermit and S/Sgt. and Mrs. T. C. Melton of Fort Worth also visited their parents.

Lions Club Hears Names of Nominees For Officers

The Lions nominating committee presented its nominees for officers. Lester Dorton, chairman, named: For president, Prof. Mack Fisher; 1st vice president, Isadore Melinger; 2nd vice president, E. L. Horton, Jr.; 3rd vice president, Clesby Patterson; secretary-treasurer, Paul Honeycutt; tail twister, Waymon Adcock; lion tamer, Tommy Ellis, directors — 1 year, Ben R. Hicks and David Gamble; 2 years, Horace Boney and R. L. Elliott.

President Boney reported on the minstrel show. He appointed on the ticket committee: W. D. Gamble, chairman, and Coach Carroll Benson.

A committee to get the cost on asbestos siding and painting of the Community Center was named by the president: Clyde Bartlett, chairman, Horace Hargrove and R. L. Elliott. Principal C. A. Farley introduced three seventh graders who were present to study community citizenship: Johnny Young, Gerald Linder and Jerry Don Melton.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Admissions to the Sadler Hospital the past week were: As medical patients — Pat Johnson, Jerry Cunningham, George Anderson, L. B. Brazelton, Mrs. Jack McCright, Mrs. J. N. Irvin. For surgery — Mrs. W. D. Carriker.

Captiol Highlights

By VERN SANFORD
Texas Press Association
Behind closed doors went senators and representatives trying to agree on the Legislature's big spending bill.

Both the Senate and House have passed appropriations bills, but they differ in amount. The Senate bill is about six million dollars higher.

Action on other spending bills was held up until the houses finally passed the big one, which is for general government expense.

One of the teacher bills would boost all teachers' salaries \$600 a year, another would give them \$240, and the third sets up a sliding scale giving lower bracket teachers \$504 additional and less for the higher-paid pedagogues.

Opposition developed quickly to a tax bill that would raise \$84 million a year in new money.

Favoring the bill were a group of West Texans who insisted that more money is needed for schools, roads, and other purposes. The tax bill levies on manufacture of lumber and lime; mining of coal, lignite, asphaltic limestone, gypsum, salt, sand, gravel, shell, clay, limestone, granite, marble, sandstone, asphalt and Fuller's earth; oil production; beer; gross receipts of chemical manufacturers; refining of gasoline; and imports.

Texas officials expressed gratification when the national house of representatives passed a bill returning ownership of the tidelands to Texas.

The Senate approved a proposed constitutional amendment that would give four-year terms of office to precinct, county, and district officials, except members of the House of Representatives.

In the house there is a similar proposal which includes the representatives in the four-year term of office.

Those who favor the change reason that local officials usually serve two terms anyway, and that running for office every two years takes time and costs money.

"Lascivious and misleading" book covers would be barred from the newsstands under the terms of a bill passed by the Senate and sent to the house.

Texas Livestock Shipments Drop In February

Total February shipments of Texas livestock dropped 26 per cent below January and 13 per cent below February, 1952 the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research reported.

Declines from January included hogs (77 per cent), calves (53 per cent), sheep (45 per cent), and cattle (16 per cent). In the February, 1952-February, 1953 comparison, hog shipments receded 96 per cent, calves 50 per cent, and cattle 5 per cent. Sheep shipments were up 17 per cent.

GIVEN JAIL SENTENCE

J. L. Gilbreath, who lives near Noodle, was charged with driving while intoxicated when he was arrested in Merkel by Constable Luther Land, stated the Reporter-News. Judge Thomas sentenced him to four months in Taylor County jail.

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

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Eastward Westward
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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.

Ronnie Freeman Wins \$150 Check From Paymaster

Ronnie Freeman, a 4-H youth of Route 2, Trent, has been named a "Cash for Champions" winner for the grand champion steer that he exhibited at the recent Abilene Fat Stock Show and Taylor County Show. He was presented with a check for \$150 Monday by Joe Montgomery, territory salesman for Paymaster Feeds, and Clesby Patterson of Patterson Grain, the Paymaster Feeds dealer in Merkel.

Ronnie qualified for the special cash award when his Paymaster-fed steer was selected as top ribbon winner in the show.

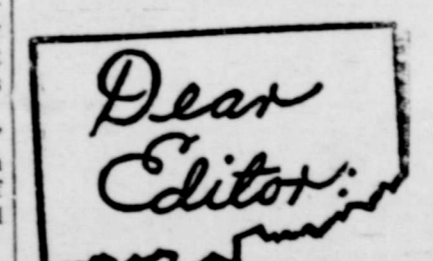
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States.
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Texas' historic boundaries will be restored.
I understand that bills are to be introduced in the Senate and House to reorganize the Farm Administration and make it an independent agency. The legislation would bring control and participa-

tion in all functions of the agency down to local levels within the 12 agricultural credit districts throughout the country. I think the agency should also be permitted to make economic emergency loans for any agricultural purpose, as well as for the disaster type loans now authorized.
Bungalow houses originated in India.

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EDITORIAL

LEAGUE MEET

Merkel won the District Inter-scholastic League meet at Rotan with a score of 129 points. The students and the faculty are to be heartily congratulated on this splendid achievement.
There is something more in winning a league meet than a victory.
The interest that is shown in winning a football game or other athletic contest is a splendid demonstration. It is an outpouring of school and city pride. It is commendable in every way.
But life is more than mere winning in diversions. It is a cultural aspiration. This is something that feeds the spirit and gives value to living.
By getting the student interested in literary events and giving them pride in their winning the school is adding something to the stature of the lives the students that will lead in later years.

LAWSON REST HOME

That about 400 persons came to see the new Lawson Rest Home in Merkel reveals the interest that Merkelites show in the development of their town.
Many persons living in Merkel may not have known that there was a rest home in Merkel. Frankly, it took us some time before we were aware that the home was in Merkel.
A town is made up of a great variety of enterprises and the more the enterprises the more economically sound the town is likely to be. We do not have many large industries here but we do have a great variety of enterprises and each one makes its contribution to the progress of the town.
Julia Lawson has added something fine to the town by putting up her new rest home that will take care of more folks. She has

added to the growth of the town, and the town should congratulate her on her contribution and wish her increasing success in her humanitarian work.

SHOP BOYS' HOME

There are two schools of thought in regard to high school work. One is that the high school should give a student a general education and prepare him for college. The other school contends that the student should be trained so that he can make a living when he quits high school.

Our school here trains both schools of thought: It trains students for college and it also trains them for making a living.
This latter thought was objectively demonstrated when the Merkel High School Shop students showed the home that they had built here under the careful guidance of their instructor, D. E. Melton.

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Result: This home was sold to one who will live in the home.

These boys have now a basis upon which to go on and finish learning a trade that will aid them in making a living in later life. Here is shown the practical side of vocational training.

There are other courses at the high school that lead the students in the same direction. Vocational agriculture is one of these courses.

All this is well and good. But the students who are stressing the practical courses should bear in mind that life is filled with living and that living is more than "making a living." The question always remains what to do with your living after you have "made it."

This can be accomplished by taking courses of a cultural value, courses that give "seasoning" to living.

"WHITE-ICISM"

That's ALL — and the Sage of Figfield adds that many lives are not lived, they merely exist.

COMPERE H. D. CLUB TALKS ABOUT CARE N. T. B.

The Comper Home Demonstration Club met March 26 in Mrs. Vernon Stanley's home for its regular session. Mrs. Adkins led the group in singing and Mrs. Kelso led the prayer. Mrs. Stanley, the president, had charge of the business meeting.

Roll call was answered with "What I Look For When Buying Canned Vegetables." Minutes were read and approved. Mrs. Stanley

gave the council report.
Mrs. I. B. Ray read an interesting paper she had prepared on T. B. Mrs. Blackman gave a talk on her 34 months in the T. B. hospital.

She told of the wonderful advances that have been made in medical treatment and in surgery for this dreaded disease. She added that it was only through constant care and the help of God that she is still with us. She said as yet she is not a "strong" woman but a "happy" woman.

Mrs. Ray had charge of recreation.
The home-made Easter hats were modeled. Mrs. W. D. Ramsey won the prize.
Pals were revealed and names drawn again. Cup towels were donated by the members for the Noodle lunch room.
Mrs. Stanley served refreshments to seven visitors, 11 members and five children.
The next meeting will be with Mrs. Jess Foy. The program will be "Barbecuing Chicken."

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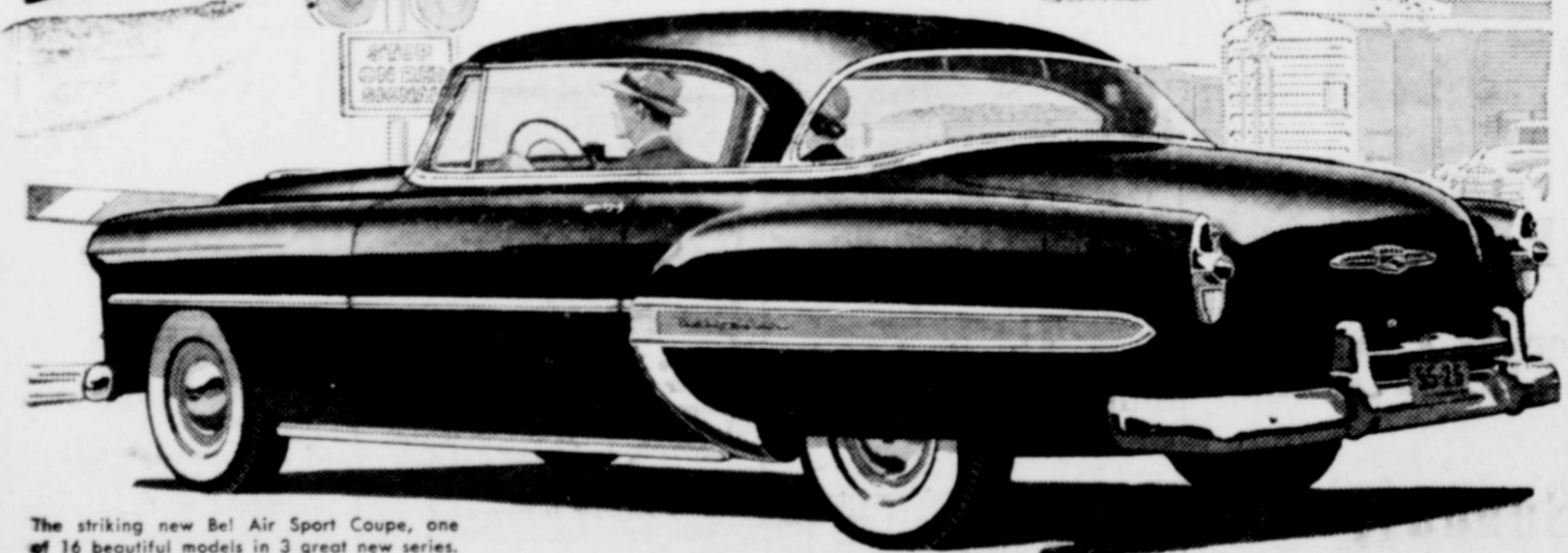
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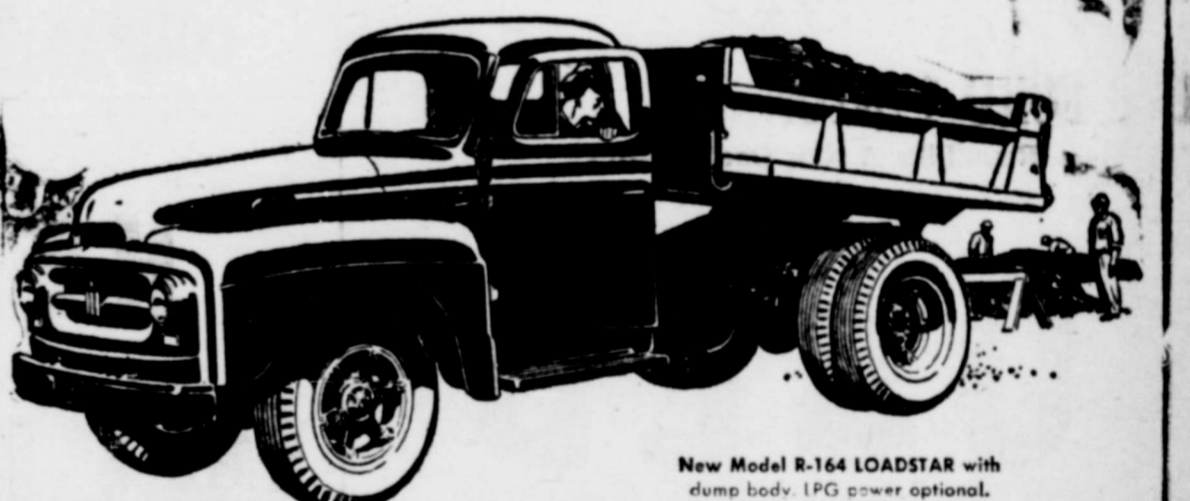
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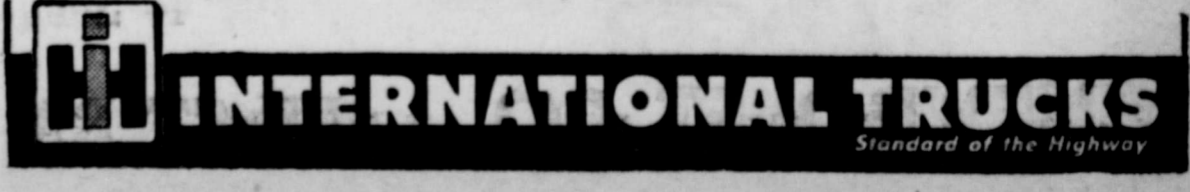


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Many Merkelites Attend Convention Of Texas Firemen

Many Merkelites attended the Midwest Texas Firemen's Association 29th semi-annual meeting held in Haskell Thursday of last week. J. Parker Sharp was re-elected secretary. The convention voted to send retiring president A. B. Parker of Rotan to the State Firemen's Convention in Austin and Mr. Sharp as alternate on June 9-11. Jake Lawson of Hamlin was elected president of the association.

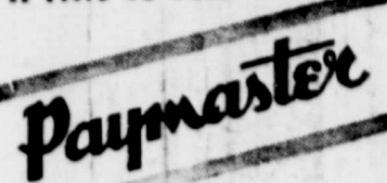
tion. Billy Hall Walls, Baird, was elevated from second to first vice president. Ray Lusk of Haskell

was elected second vice president and Rev. Joe P. Self, Jr., chaplain. Those who attended from here

were: J. W. Mansfield, J. Parker Sharp, Dale Wurst, Jim McAninch, Mr. and Mrs. Rhett Eldson, Mr. and

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WEEKDAY WINDOW SPECIALS

EVERYDAY LOW PRICES

FROZEN FOODS

DONALD DUCK OKRA pkg. 25c

DONALD DUCK Blackeye Peas 23c

DONALD DUCK BROCCOLI pkg. 23c

DONALD DUCK Strawberries pkg. 33c

MORTON — 11 Oz. Chicken Pie pkg. 43c

OUR VALUE

TOMATOES 2 303 cans 25c

MORTON SALAD DRESSING pint 23c

HEARTS DELIGHT PINEAPPLE JUICE 46 oz. 27c

ALLSWEET OLEO

lb. 23c

VELVEETA CHEESE

2 lb. box 89c

BALLARD

BISCUITS 2 cans 19c



STOCK UP and SAVE

For Rainy Days!

KIMBELL'S — No. 2 CHERRIES can 23c

WHITE HOUSE — No. 2 APPLES can 23c

CAMPBELL'S JUICE Tomato 46 oz. 29c

SUNSHINE HI-HO lb. 32c

SUGAR

Domino - Imperial 10 lb. Bag 89c

COFFEE

Maxwell House Pound 83c

SHORTENING

3 lb. Carton 63c

HEARTS DELIGHT — No. 2 1/2 PEACHES 2 cans 53c

CHEER — JOY — DREFT TIDE 2 boxes 55c

PET MILK 2 cans 27c



1/4 lb. ----- 32c



CHOICE BEEF POT ROAST lb. 52c

CHOICE BEEF T-BONE STEAK lb. 75c

FRESH HAMBURGER lb. 49c

CHOICE BEEF Porter House Steak lb. 59c

PORK LIVER b. 35c

SKINLESS WEINERS lb. 39c

NICE LEAN PORK ROAST lb. 49c

WILSON PICNIC HAMS lb. 39c

CURED HAM HOCKS lb. 23c

KIXS AND CHERRIOS both for 23c

BETTY CROCKER PIE CRUST 3 boxes 25c

STEWARTS PECANS lb. 29c

CREAMY SPRY 3 Lbs. 79c

GOLD MEDAL FLOUR 10 Lbs. 89c

BLACKBURN SYRUP 1/2 gal. 49c

BORDENS DRY MILK 3 qt. Size 25c

SUNSHINE CANDIES cello 19c



IDAHO SPUDS 10 lbs. 45c

FRESH CELERY HEARTS cello 23c

FRESH CUCUMBERS lb. 10c

JUMBO LETTUCE head 10c

FLORIDA ORANGES lb. 8c

FRESH BELL PEPPER lb. 15c

WINESAP APPLES lb. 17c

FRESH RADISHES Or GREEN ONIONS bunch 5c

FREE DELIVERIES

On \$3.00 Or More Orders
MON., WED., FRI., 4:00
PHONE 250

We Reserve the Right to Limit Quantities

CARSON GRO. and MKT.

