

BIG BARGAINS NEXT TUESDAY

Minstrel Show By Lions to Be Presented Tuesday

Everything is almost ready for the grand presentation of the Lions Minstrel Show.

Live Oak Baptist Revival Brings Out Large Crowd

A good attendance came to the Live Oak Baptist Church Sunday evening when the revival began.

Queen Theatre next Thursday, April 23, at 8 p. m.

The high school chorus will take part in the minstrel. There will be out-of-town talent; a quartet and an accordion player.

DALE GRADUATES

Dale Doan, AFAM, of Pensacola, Fla., is here on a 10-day delay en route to Oceana, Va., visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Doan.

J. H. Campbell Dies Last Friday At Age of 99

James Henry Campbell, pioneer West Central Texas settler, died last Friday at the age of 99.



JAMES HENRY CAMPBELL

He had been staying in the Lawson Rest Home for the past two years. He was a member of the Baptist Church.

Fire Damages Farmer Home Tuesday Afternoon

Fire badly damaged the kitchen and bathroom of the Lewis Farmer residence Tuesday afternoon.

Rev. Hugh H. Hunt Addresses Two District Meets

Rev. Hugh H. Hunt addressed the sub-district meeting of the Abilene District Methodist Church Vacation Bible Institute in Sweetwater Thursday of last week.

Rev. John N. Russell Returns Home From the Hospital

Rev. John N. Russell returned home from the hospital Tuesday of last week. He is getting along nicely.

Spring Football Practice Begins This Week

The Merkel Football Team was to start spring practice April 15. Coach Carroll Benson expected 47 boys to come out.

DOC BROWNFIELD DIES

Funeral services were held Sunday for L. D. (Doc) Brownfield, 59-year-old Nolan County stockman and rancher who died Friday.

AT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Little George Havens of Hollywood and Merkel will preach at the Presbyterian Church at 11 a. m. Sunday. The public is cordially invited.

Folks Are So Poor They Steal Garbage in Haiti Says Jack Miller

"Wonderful work is being done by the United States in Puerto Rico in cleaning up the slums by building low rental housing projects," stated Jack Miller on his return home Saturday night.

He and Mrs. Miller had just completed a flying trip to the West Indies. They had been gone over three weeks and traveled 7,500 miles, almost half of the distance by air.

"That was the most impressive thing on our trip — the housing projects in Puerto Rico," Jack continued. "Puerto Rico is like any other American city with the exception that it has a much lower income per capita. The United States is trying to raise the standard of living."

"In this new housing they are offered two rooms, bath and kitchenette for \$14 a month."

In Haiti, an independent republic, conditions are unbelievably bad, he asserted. In the slum district of the island the folks don't have enough to wear and eat. They pilfer garbage. That side of the island smells so bad you can't stand it.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller got to see this side of the island life by hiring a guide and conveyance of their own. They did this because they wanted to have a true picture of the island. In all Jack took 2,000 feet of moving pictures.

On the other side of the Haiti and in the mountains the folks lived good, Jack commented. They farm gardens of 100 to 200 feet square and raise vegetables.

Offer Dollar Day Values That Are Better Than Ever

The 11th Dollar Day in Merkel will be next Tuesday, April 21, and the merchants are offering drastic cuts in merchandise for the occasion.

Carson Grocery Enlarging Store And Remodeling

The Carson Grocery and Meat Market is enlarging and remodeling its store.

The front part of the building will be 50 by 80 feet. The addition, which will be the store room will be 50 by 30 feet. It will be of tile brick construction.

The whole store will be redecorated. New gondolas will be installed. Super-Structure fruit and vegetable cooler will be put in. There will be a Super-Structure frozen food display. There will also be a Super-Structure self-service display box for meats. The meats will go on a semi-self service.

The latest type check-outs will be installed and there will be three instead of the present two.

Probably the new remodeling opening will be May 2 or May 9.

Dan J. Kelley, Former Merkelite, Is Buried Here

Daniel J. Kelley, 84, resident of Kilgore and former resident of Merkel died Saturday in Kilgore.

He had resided in Merkel but had moved to Kilgore 18 years ago. Services were held here at 3 p. m. Monday at the Presbyterian Church.

The Rev. Leland Murphy, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Abilene, officiated. Burial was beside his wife's grave in Rose Hill Cemetery.

The dry goods merchants are slashing prices way down, some items are cut as low as one-third off and some items even in half.

Groceries for the Dollar Day will mean a big saving; so will many items at the filling stations. Watches, clocks, silverware and dishes are being offered at tremendous savings by the jewelers.

This Dollar Day will be a red letter day of big savings for everyone. Look the ads over, make a list of what you need and come

Golden Wedding Celebrated by J. A. Pattersons

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Patterson celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Wednesday of last week with a dinner party for their children and grandchildren. They were married April 8, 1903, in Midway. They moved to Merkel in 1917.

Doyle Black Places At District Meet Held in Snyder

At the district track meet held in Snyder last Saturday Doyle Black won third place in the discus throw. Colorado City won the meet.

Coach Carroll Benson was accompanied by Doyle, who entered shot put as well as the discus throw; George English, shot put and discus; Billy Fisher, 440-yard dash; Freddie Boone, 180-yd. low hurdles; Kenneth Moore and Larry Joyce, 880-dash; Elbert Foster, Emmet Taylor, Earl O'Brien, mile run; 440-yd. sprint relay, George English, Wesley Martin, Billy Mack Gilbert, Billy Fisher.

Those entered in Junior Track were Terry O'Brien and Phillip Pursley.

All these boys were freshmen and sophomores except Doyle, senior.

"The boys got valuable experience and will go farther next year if more boys get interested in track," stated Coach Benson. "Last year we won the district meet but lost most all the boys by graduation and had to start a rebuilding program."

Free Show Tues. At Pioneer

The Pioneer Theatre is celebrating its 3rd anniversary with a free show Tuesday. There will be no admission charge, said N. T. Hodge owner.

"We will show a specially selected family picture," stated Mr. Hodge. "Bring all your friends for this free entertainment. Bring the kiddies early to be assured a speaker and to take advantage of our free playground."

Bill Young Wins High Honors At Livestock Judging Contests

Bill Young, member of the Trent Chapter, Future Farmers of America, took third high individual honors in livestock judging at the Area IV FFA contests held at Tarleton State College last Saturday. More than 180 boys competed.

Bill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Young of Trent, is a senior in Trent High School.

Other Trent FFA members who entered the various judging events either livestock, dairy, or poultry, at Tarleton and made a creditable showing were Leroy Armstrong, W. A. Dennis, Bobby Barnes, C. W. Edwards, Sherman Driggers, Jr., and J. B. Swinney.

O. I. Boyd, vocational agriculture teacher, is advisor to the boys.

to Merkel next Tuesday, to the big Dollar Day event.

Must Learn to Live Together Says New Pastor

A resounding challenge was hurled by Rev. S. E. Tullock in his first sermon as pastor of the First Baptist Church here. That challenge, Rev. Tullock stated, is that America and all the world must learn to live together.

The church was filled to capacity and two Sunday School rooms at the rear were opened and packed to welcome the new minister.

Roland Whitley led the singing, Mrs. Tommy Odum played the organ and Mrs. Comer Haynes the piano.

"Needless to say," began Rev. Tullock, "I am happy to be here." His voice was smooth, easy and comforting. A warm, contagious smile flashed across his face. But as he penetrated further into his sermon his voice became forceful in his youthful enthusiasm. His words were shot through with sincerity and earnestness. At times there were flashes of kindly humor.

"All civilization is produced by response to a challenge," he quoted from a historian. "Rome fell, Greece fell, other ancient nations fell because they did not respond to the challenge of their times."

"America and all the world must learn to live together — that is the challenge of today," asserted Rev. Tullock. "Churches ought to learn to live together, communities ought to learn to live together, families ought to learn to live together."

"The family is disintegrating because it has not learned to live together. This spreads to the community and to the town and to the state, to the nation and to the world. We must face the challenge, we must respond to the challenge of learning to live together."

"And the only way we can learn is through the church and following the word of God. The Master did not intend that we should live as we do today with vast numbers of juvenile delinquents, with war and with hate. He did not intend that the church should be as it is today."

"He did intend," continued the minister, "that the church should be a church of love, that lives by the Old and the New Testaments. He did not intend the church to be a church of smug saints. He meant it to be a church for the common ordinary people. He did not intend the church to be one of prejudice. Let us have none here. We should be prejudiced against only one thing, that is against sin and Satan."

"The church serves the spiritual needs of the community. It is a place where marvelous things can happen. It is a place that makes it impossible for us to do unrighteous things, little things. It is a place where we learn to live the life that Jesus taught in his teachings and sayings," concluded Rev. Tullock.

C. DOAN'S HAVE BABY Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Doan are the parents of a baby girl born at the Sadler Hospital April 13.

BABY TO PANNELLS Mr. and Mrs. Dan Pannell are the parents of a baby girl, Deborah Lea, born April 6 in Dallas. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pannell.

Merkel 20 Years Ago

TAKEN FROM THE 1933 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL

YOUTH IS VICTIM

The accidental discharge of a single barrel 410 shotgun he was holding as he cranked a car brought almost instant death to Jack Reddin, 15-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Reddin, of the 5th Community. The full charge struck him in the left side, below the heart. The accident occurred when he was participating in a rabbit drive at Noodle.

ATTEND DRUGGIST MEET

Retail druggists of the Abilene area gathered Wednesday night for a combination business and get-together session at the Hilton Hotel in Abilene. Lige Gamble and Sie Hamm were among the guests.

DR. H. P. HULSEY DIES

Dr. H. P. Hulsey, 56, who had been a resident of Merkel only eight years, succumbed to an attack of double pneumonia at 5 a. m. Friday of last week.

RECORD BIRTHS

Babies born: boy to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hendricks April 14, boy to Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Rosson April 15, girl to Mr. and Mrs. Clint Maddera April 16, boy to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hickman April 17, twin girls to Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Head of north of Noodle April 20.

This Happened in Merkel Forty Years Ago

TAKEN FROM THE 1913 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL

A large crowd of Merkel showgoers attended the firemen's carnival at Abilene Wednesday night. Many went by autos and motorcycles. Several of the local boys attempted to catch a side door Pullman car down to Abilene but soon found their car set out at the west end of the Merkel switch and for sometime did not understand or appreciate the joke.

Imo Mann and sister, Miss Mattie T., were here last week visiting their cousin, Mrs. A. D. Templeton.

Mrs. Ervin Jennings of Abilene and Ross Jennings of El Paso came in from Abilene Monday to visit the latter's mother, Mrs. J. W. Jennings.

Stonewall Garoutte, son of T. B.

SERVE ON JURY

Four Merkel men, Lige Gamble, J. T. Darsey, Sr., W. J. Sheppard and Watt Blair are on the 42nd grand jury impaneled by Judge M. S. Long Monday.

TO FILL OUT TERM

Every efficient postmaster will be allowed to fill out his term regardless of political affiliation. stated Postmaster General Farley. Local Postmaster Oscar Adcock has almost three years yet to go on his four-year commission.

FIRE DESTROYS COTTAGE

A frame cottage in northwest Merkel, belonging to R. L. Newman and occupied by Will Patterson, was totally destroyed by fire at 12:40 Monday night.

AT CE UNION MEETING

Many from here attended the meeting of the Taylor County Christian Endeavorers at the First Christian Church in Abilene Monday night.

SECOND IN MILE

Merkel was represented in the district track meet held at Abilene Saturday and did not lose everything she entered. Shannon won second place in the mile, running it in 4:54.2 minutes, which was better than his district time last year.

Garoutte, came in last week from California to visit his father. This is the first time in 14 years that the California man has visited his old home.

W. L. Harkrider is the owner of the newest auto to be delivered here. The new car is a seven-passenger, electric lighted, self-starting 35 h. p. Studebaker.

Miss Neva Warnick returned home Monday morning from Sweetwater, having gone there to attend the Presbytery.

Next Thursday evening the members of the Dallas Chamber of Commerce will be in our city for one hour. Merkel will be the only town between Sweetwater and Dallas at which the Special will stop.

MRS. KLIMAN IMPROVES

Mrs. Mort Kliman, who has been at the Sadler Hospital since Nov. 3, 1952, is getting along so nicely that her left leg was removed Wednesday from the hammock which had been holding it in place for bone repair. Mrs. Kliman was in an auto wreck.

SINGING AT SHILOH

There will be singing at Shiloh Baptist Church at 7:45 p. m. Thursday, April 23. Everyone is welcome.

TRENT PLAY TONIGHT

The Trent High School seniors will present a 3-act farce-comedy, "Desperate Ambrose," western style, tonight, Friday.

Drafts and notes differ in that the former is a written order to pay; the latter a written promise to pay.

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MRS. ROBERT TYLMAN MASON
... a recent bride

BETTIE MAXINE KERNS BECOMES BRIDE

Bettie Maxine Kerns was given in marriage by her father to Lt. Thomas Lynn Ridenhour at 7:30 o'clock Friday night.

The Rev. Sam Tullock, pastor of the Merkel Baptist Church, read the double ring ceremony in the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kerns.

Lt. Ridenhour is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph L. Ridenhour of Concord, N. C.

Harry E. Cline, Jr., of Concord, N. C., was best man, and Marie Kerns, the bride's sister, was maid of honor.

Mrs. Dwain Jones, pianist, accompanied Barbara Sue McLeod who sang "Because," "Yours," and "Ah, Sweet Mystery of Life."

The bride wore a street-length white linen dress, with lace in the design of daisies centered with pearls and rhinestones. With a face-length veil, her hair of white lace was also decorated with pearls and rhinestones. She carried a white Bible and an orchid encircled with tiny white flowers.

After a wedding trip to California and Nevada the couple will be at home in Mountain Home, Idaho, where the bridegroom is stationed with the Air Force.

The bride was a graduate from Merkel High School in 1952. She was cheerleader for three years and was voted most popular girl in her senior year.



MRS. ALEX GAMBERGER
... recent bride

was enjoyed. Refreshments were served. Hostesses were J. B. Boyett, G. M. Sharp, O. B. Tatum.

Next meeting is May 5 in the home of Mrs. W. M. Hays.

TAYLOR COUNTY P-T-A COUNCIL ELECTS OFFICERS

Mrs. D. M. Warner was elected president of the Taylor County Parent-Teacher Association Council Thursday of last week when the council met at the Tye Methodist Church.

Tye Rhythm band, conducted by Effie Stegner, gave several numbers after the cooperative lunch. Mrs. Aubrey McAuley directed her students in a playlet, "Women's Easter Bonnets."

3 HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUBS MEET LAST WEEK

The Home Demonstration Clubs of Blue Bonnet, Union Ridge and Merkel met at the Community Center Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of last week for a training school on upholstery with Miss Loretta Allen, county agent, as instructor.

Blue Bonnet Club was represented by Mrs. Allen King and Mrs. Frank Bronovak, Union Ridge by Mrs. O. E. Harwell, Mrs. Rhett Ertson, Mrs. L. P. Lyles, Mrs. J. Ben Campbell, Mrs. John Hughes. On Friday the Merkel H. D. Club met at the Community Center. Use and care of pots and pans were discussed and a demonstration on a quick method of cleaning silverware.

Mrs. J. W. Bryan reported on her visit to Fort Worth. Refreshments of coffee and cake were served.



Mrs. Earle Miller spent last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. I. Boules, in Jefferson, Mr. Boules, 82, is very ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Cochran had as Easter Sunday visitors his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Cochran, and his daughter, Mrs. J. C. Berryman of Wichita Falls, the former Betty J. Cochran.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Cochran Sunday were her brothers, Robert Dickey, wife and Bobbie Ann of Odessa, and Dub Dickey and wife, and her sister, Mrs. Maggie Watkins and daughter Minnie of Sweetwater.

Mrs. Lou McDonald left last week for Camp Chaffee, Ark., where she was to join her husband.

A. D. English of Haskell is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Woody Wilson, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Weston and sons Bill and John of Midland spent the weekend visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Demere and Mrs. H. M. Weston. Also visiting in the Demere home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Malone Buford Malone and wife of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. Mayfield of Blair.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Orr of Monahans, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kelley of Wichita and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kelley and boys, Mike and Steve, of Fort Worth visited in the home of Miss Sally Orr.

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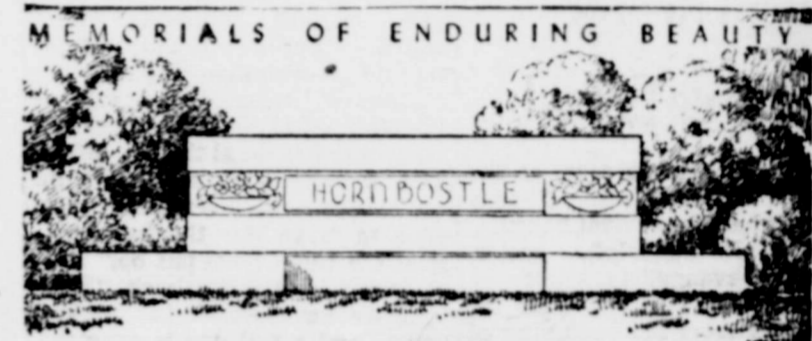
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DORCAS CLASS MEETS AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

The Dorcas Class of the First Baptist Church met in the basement of the church April 7.

Mrs. W. L. Johnson called the meeting to order. After singing, Mrs. J. J. McNeice led in prayer. After business a social meeting.

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We, the undersigned subscribers, have this day entered into a limited partnership agreeably to the provisions of the Revised Statutes relating to limited partnerships, and do hereby certify that the terms of our said partnership are as set out in the Certificate of limited partnership as follows:

CERTIFICATE OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP
I. A. PARMER WELL SERVICE COMPANY, LTD.
THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF TAYLOR

This is to certify that the undersigned, A. H. Bernstein, H. A. Horwitz, and I. A. Parmer are forming a limited partnership and make this certificate as follows:

I.
The name under which the partnership is to be conducted is I. A. Parmer Well Service Company, Ltd.

II.
The general nature of the business intended to be transacted is to establish and maintain and operate a Spudder Rig and all necessary equipment incident thereto for the purpose of drilling in and cleaning out oil and gas wells; to contract with, or lease to other parties said rig and equipment for such services and purposes in the carrying on of said business.

III.
The principal place of business shall be situated in Abilene, Taylor County, Texas.

IV.
The names of the general and special partners interested therein, distinguishing which are general and which are special partners, and their respective places of residence, are as follows:
Partners Place of Residence
I. A. Parmer, Abilene, Texas
General Partner
A. H. Bernstein, Pueblo, Colorado
Special Partner
H. A. Horwitz, Tulsa, Okla.

Special Partner

V.
The amount of capital stock which each special partner has contributed to the common stock in cash is as follows:
A. H. Bernstein \$5,250.00
H. A. Horwitz \$5,250.00

VI.
The period at which the partnership is to commence is the 1st day of February, 1953, and the period at which it is to terminate is the first day of February, 1954.

WITNESS OUR HANDS on this the 23rd day of March, 1953.
I. A. PARMER
A. H. BERNSTEIN
H. A. HORWITZ

**THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF TAYLOR**

Before me, a Notary Public in and for the County of Taylor and State of Texas, on this day personally appeared I. A. Parmer, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office this the 27th day of March, A. D. 1953.

**R. C. GRISHAM
Notary Public, Taylor County, Tex.
THE STATE OF COLORADO
COUNTY OF PUEBLO**

Before me, a Notary Public in and for the County of Pueblo and State of Colorado, on this day personally appeared A. H. Bernstein known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office this the 31st day of March, A. D. 1953.

**Mary Jo Alessandri
Notary Public Pueblo County, Colorado.
My Commission Expires June 2, 1956.
THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA
COUNTY OF TULSA**

Before me, a Notary Public in and for the County of Tulsa and

State of Okla., on this day personally appeared H. A. Horwitz, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office this the 31st day of March, A. D. 1953.

**A. E. DAVIDSON
Notary Public, Tulsa County, Okla.
My Commission expires Jan. 24, 1955.**

I hereby designate the "Merkel Mail" at Merkel, Texas as the newspaper in which this is to be published.

**Mrs. Chester Hutcheson,
County Clerk.**

Filed for record 9 o'clock 30 minutes, April 8, 1953.

**Mrs. Chester Hutcheson
County Clerk, Taylor Co., Texas
Mary Alice Young, Deputy
Adv. April 17, 24, May 1, 8.**

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: John E. Lane, 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 25th day of May A. D. 1953, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 7th day of

April A. D. 1953, in this cause, numbered 18-872-A on the docket of said court and styled Frances Lane, Plaintiff, vs. John E. Lane, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff asks for divorce on the grounds of cruelty, for custody of the child of the parties, Donna Renee Lane, Age 6 years, and for such sum as the court may find should be paid for the use and benefit of plaintiff in supporting said child, and for any other relief in law or in equity to which she might be entitled as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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

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

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

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

By C. Bower, Deputy.
Adv. April 17, 24, May 1, 8.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS**
To: Jessaphine Housh, Defendant.

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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.

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

BRIEF OBIT

A reporter for the truck line paper was instructed to use fewer words in his stories. On his next assignment he wrote, "John Smith struck match to see if any gas was in tank. There was. Age 32."

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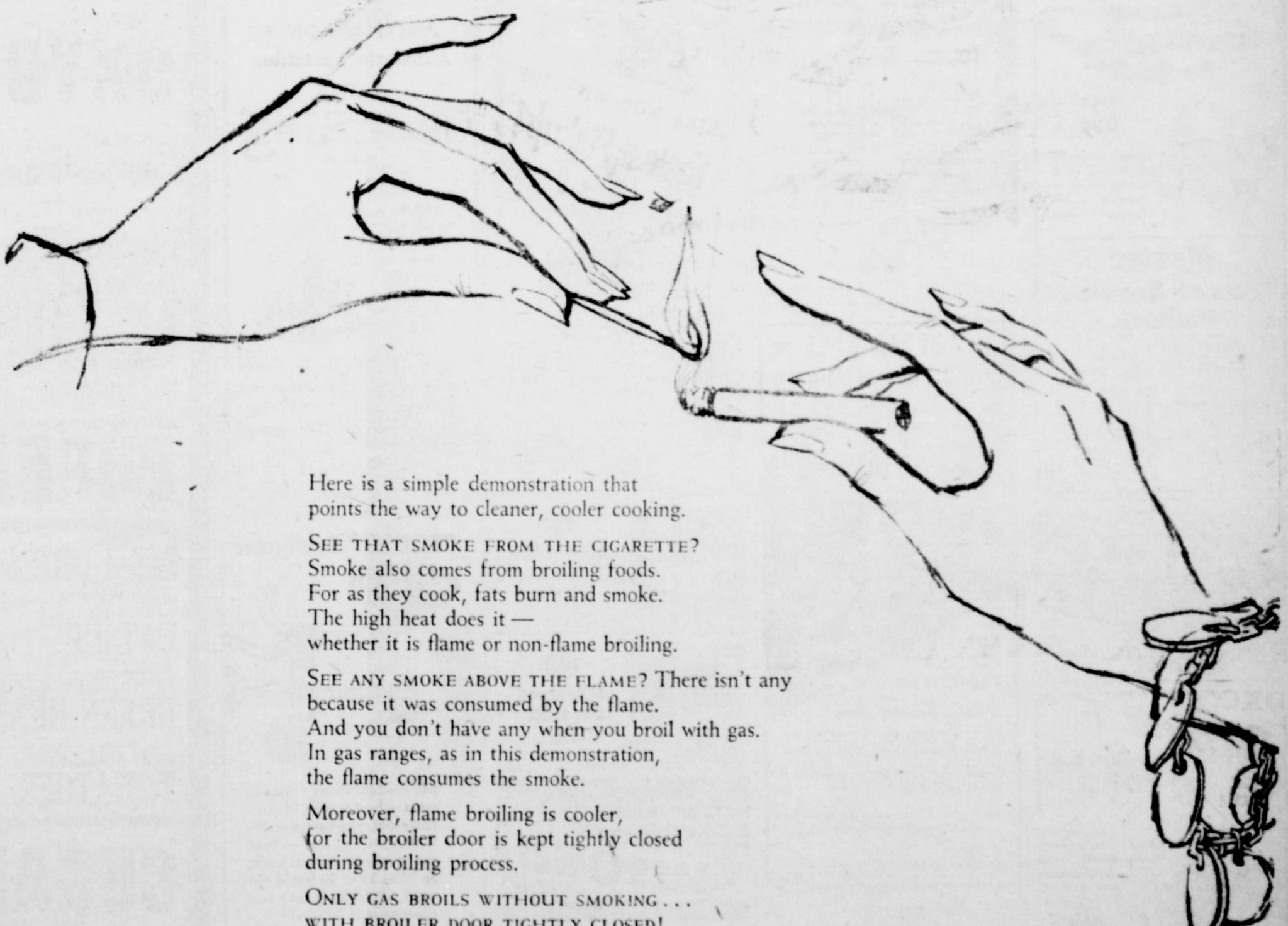
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Elementary Pupils Present April Fools' Program

The Merkel Elementary pupils held their second annual track meet and April Fool program April 1. They were repeated April 10 for the primary pupils.

A prize of \$250 was won for the best play by Mrs. Barnett. Those who took part in the program were Sandra Pursley, Sue Newborn, Lois Reese, Meana Lou Stallo, Ann Melton, Mary Henderson, Becky Ray, Stella Russell, Shirley Bagby, Linda Winter, Joe Cunningham, Kay Teaff, Gail O'Brien.

Charles Curb, Kay Swartz, David Allen, Barbara Reese, Millie Poe, Eddie Higgins, Arthur Bagby, Suzy Bird, Barry Scott, Patricia Butman, Minta McAninch, Patsy Watson, Dora Pippin, Ora Vee Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Green attended a Detroit Jewel Stove and Sew Gem Sewing Machine Sales meeting in Abilene Monday night.

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SIGN OF RAIN?

Will Orr killed a 5-foot rattlesnake with 11 rattles on his farm, 13 miles south of town, Tuesday morning. He was within two feet of it when the snake rattled and he saw it. He broke off a stick from a mesquite and hit its head that was raised, ready to strike. "We find lots of them," said Mr. Orr. "This is the biggest."

HOSPITAL NOTES

Admissions to the Sadler Hospital the past week were: As medical patients — Mrs. Sam Martin, Mrs. R. O. Payne, Leonard McCoy, Mrs. E. H. Martin, Mrs. Julia Lawson, Mrs. John S. Davis, Mrs. E. H. Thompson, Peggy Scott. For surgery — Joan Davis, tonsillectomy; F. J. McDonald, accident at oil rig; Tommie Jean Madrox, appendectomy.

Surging Fury Grasps 'The Savage' At Queen Theatre

Vibrantly focusing upon the blood-ridden days when the Red-skin fought the white man across the Western plains, is Paramount's new Technicolor drama, "The Savage," which charges with surging fury into the Queen Theatre Friday and Saturday. Cracking with the thunder of barking guns, trembling with the roar of horses' hoofs skimming across the plains and replete with awe inspiring vistas of scenic grandeur, "The Savage" tells its exciting story with a maximum of action.

This overwhelmingly powerful film stars Charlton Heston in the engrossing role of a white man whose family had been killed in an Indian massacre, and who had then been adopted by a friendly Sioux Chief who raised him as his son. Because of his background Heston thinks, acts and dresses as an Indian — even though he knows he is white.

Ronnie Cochran Pinned Beneath Trailer Truck

Ronnie Cochran, 2-year-old grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Cochran, was pinned beneath a 6-wheel trailer truck in Sonora but escaped serious injuries. The grandparents and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Cochran visited him last week.

Eldon Hicks Moves To South Carolina For Atomic Work

Eldon Hicks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vestal Hicks, and family moved from Stamford to South Carolina where he will work in the atomic plant across the line in Georgia.

J. D. Gentrys Buy Home at 309 Cherry And Move In

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Gentry have bought a home at 309 Cherry. They moved in Tuesday of last week.

Fred Bakers Move Back to Farm Here

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Baker, Jr. have moved back to their farm here. They had been living in Brownsville for seven years.

HERE FROM MEXICO

George Groene of Orizaba, Mexico, is here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Groene. He has been in Mexico 24 years. He is in the cement business.

PUT UP RED LIGHT

A red light has been put on Highway 80 at its intersection with Farm-to-Market Highway 126. The Highway 126 has not only been widened but a dividing shoulder has also been placed.

ENGAGEMENT OF PATSY JEAN CLARK IS ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Clark have announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Patsy Jean to Joe Ed McDuff, son of Mrs. Ethel McDuff of Stamford.

The wedding will take place May 1 in the home of the bride's parents.

MRS. LOYD SMITH HONORED WITH GIFT PARTY

Mrs. Loyd Smith, nee Dorothy Nell Irvin, was complimented with a gift party in the home of Mrs. John Brooks. Hostesses were Mrs. Bernard Clark, Mrs. J. H. Clark, Mrs. Lige Harris, Mrs. Dan Riney, Mrs. Leo Harris and Mrs. Brooks. Mrs. Joyce Purser presided at the bride's book. The couple left immediately for Maryland where he is stationed.

E. B. WALLACES HONOR THREE AT BIRTHDAY PARTY

J. W. Wallace, Betty Wallace and Charles Church were honored with a birthday party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Wallace Sunday.

COMPERE H. D. CLUB MEETS WITH MRS. JESS FOY APRIL 9

The Comper Home Demonstration Club met with Mrs. Jess Foy April 9 for the regular meeting. Mrs. Adkins led the group in singing and Mrs. Dewey Ramsey led the prayer.

The president, Mrs. Vernon Stanley, presided. Roll call was answered with "What is good with barbecue." Minutes followed.

Committees were appointed for arrangements of a tea to be given the Noodle 4-H Club Girls April 22 at 2 p. m. at the Noodle Home Economics room.

Mrs. Foy invited two guests and 11 members into her kitchen where she barbecued a chicken. The chicken, white bread squares, cookies and bottled drinks were served for refreshments. Mrs. Ray had charge of recreation.

STITH H. D. CLUB ENJOYS BARBECUED CHICKEN

Barbecuing chicken was the program when the Stith H. D. Club met with its president, Mrs. Ted Hudson, April 7.

The secretary called the roll that was answered with a flower with which one's given name started with. Barbecued chicken, hot rolls and punch were served to one visitor, Mrs. Lenoir, 14 members and five new members.

The next meeting will be April 21 with the kitchen demonstrator, Mrs. Paul Bradley.

PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Smith were visiting her sister, Mrs. Joyce Purser, and relatives this week.

New York and San Francisco Fairs commemorated the 150th anniversary of George Washington's inauguration.

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personals

Mrs. V. B. Sublett with her mother Edith Gilmore of Corpus Christi arrived Thursday of last week with Mrs. Sublett's son in law, Odell Crow of Uvalde, who entered the Sadler Hospital for treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bullock were in Clifton Sunday, visiting his sister, Mrs. Estelle Delton, of Barcelona, Venezuela, whose husband is auditor for the Gulf Oil Corp.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Rust and family spent the weekend in Odessa with her relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Brown of Pampa spent the weekend with Mrs. G. W. Brown. They were accompanied by their daughter, Mrs. Frank Shaw and family. They also visited Mr. Brown's sister, Mrs. Hollis Horton.

Mr. and Mrs. John Eakin of Odessa visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Mewborn, over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Payne of Baird visited Sunday with his sister, Mrs. Charles Sylvester, and family.

Charles Higgins visited relatives in San Antonio over the weekend.

W. B. Thomas visited his brother J. B., in Fort Worth last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Fox visited friends, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Neal, in Clyde Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Hook and family visited in Winters Sunday with her father, Guy Gannaway.

Mrs. H. C. Barnett of Grand

Prairie left here Sunday evening to visit her daughter and sons in Abilene after a visit here with her son Harry and wife.

Wayne McLean of T. C. U. visited his grandmother, Mrs. J. A. Milliken, over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Blair and daughter, Shirley and Mr. and Mrs. Hayden Blair, all of Levelland, were weekend guests of their father, Watt Blair.

Mr. and Mrs. O. N. Buford visited in Sweetwater Sunday with his cousin, Mrs. Gus Rigby, and others.

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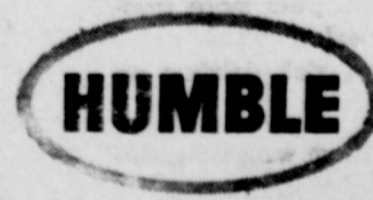
Now we all have a new series of miracles to wonder at—the transformation of petroleum hydrocarbons into chemical products of astonishing variety. These chemicals from petroleum have even added a new word to the American vocabulary—*petrochemical*.

Progress in the field has been amazing. The capital investment in new industries based on the petrochemicals has mounted to hundreds of millions. The new plants have created thousands of new jobs. And petrochemicals, as an industry, have provided a wider, a more complete, use of the country's oil resources.

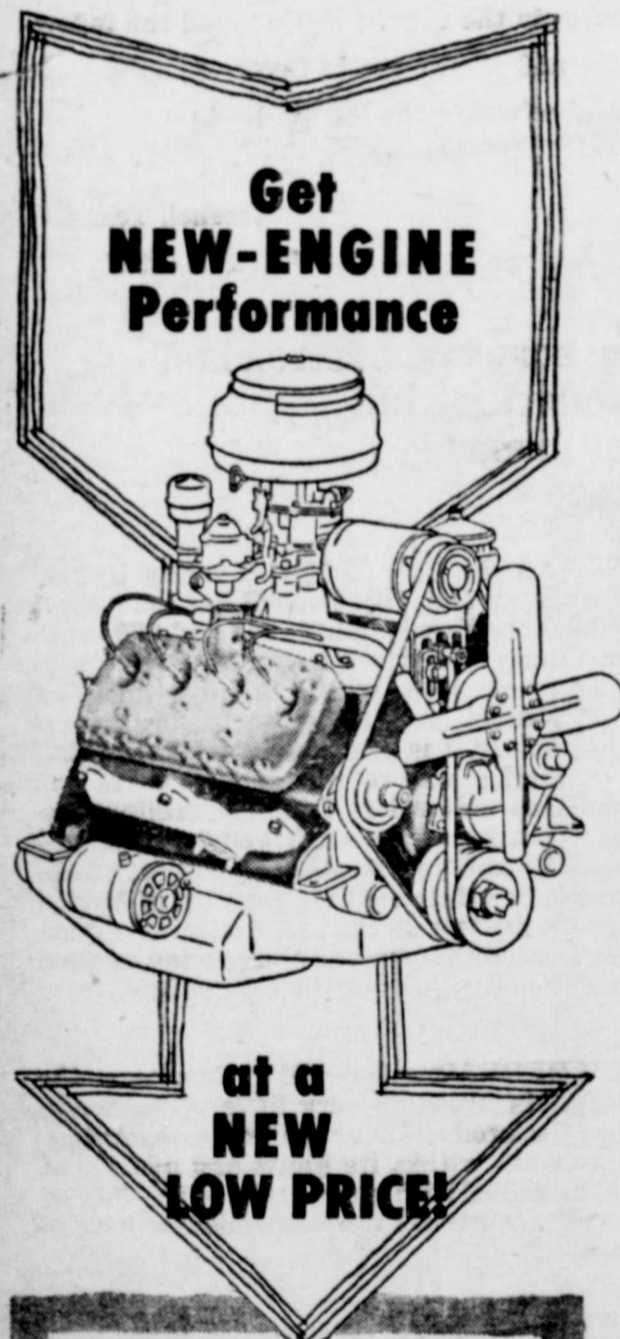
Butadiene and butyl for synthetic rubber, toluene for TNT, solvents, aldehydes, and many other petrochemicals—even alcohols—are now produced in oil refineries. For example, the Humble Company, at its Baytown, Texas, refinery, is building facilities to manufacture paraxylene, the raw material for the new fabric called *dacron*.

The day may come, and very quickly, when you can be clothed from tip to toe in synthetic fabrics derived from petroleum; when petrochemicals provide the rubber for your tires, the plastics for your car's interior fittings, the fabric for the seat covers, the vehicle for body paint and polish.

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MORELLE MCCOY ELECTED VICE PRESIDENT OF CLUB
Morelle McCoy of Merkel has been elected vice president of the

Home Economics Club at the University of Texas. Miss McCoy, a junior home economics student, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McCoy.

Rhett Eidson Is Now Doing

Temporary SCS Work
Rhett Eidson, a member of the Soil Conservation Service here, is doing temporary SCS work at Kaufman.

Donations Are Made To Cemetery Fund

Since the last report the following have donated to the Cemetery Maintenance Fund:
Mrs. W. L. Horkrider Est. \$15.00
Mrs. Jenia Graham \$5.00
Pauline Johnson, Abilene \$5.00
J. D. Sheppard, Dallas \$5.00
Mrs. R. R. Clark \$5.00
E. C. Richards \$5.00
J. S. Thomas, Est. \$3.00
Mrs. J. A. Milliken \$3.00
G. W. Moore Est. \$2.50
Geo. T. Moore \$5.00
Anyone wishing to contribute to this fund may leave checks or donations at the teller's windows of Farmers and Merchants National Bank, at Bragg's or at the Merkel Mail office.

A. J. Greenfield, Jr. In Army Service At Camp Rucker, Ala.

Pvt. Andrew J. Greenfield, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew J. Greenfield, has arrived at Camp Rucker, Ala., to undergo initial military training.

Two Local Boys Are Enrolling In Medical School

Four Hardin-Simmons University pre-medical students will enroll next fall in medical schools. They include, two Merkel boys: Eugene Bumpass and Burl Dillard. They plan to enroll at Southwestern Medical School of the University of Texas in Dallas.

The students have been accepted for five years of school, including one year as interne.

WHEN ATOMIC ATTACK COMES
William L. McGill, state coordinator of civil defense, gave Texans two aides to survival in our Atomic Age:

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Merkel, Texas
March 26, 1953

TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERKEL:
WHEREAS the City of Merkel acting by and through its Mayor and City Council has heretofore passed Ordinances Numbers 276, 277 and 279 regulating and taxing the drilling, operating, and producing of oil or gas wells within the city limits of the City of Merkel, and under such ordinances among other things it is provided in substance that the City of Merkel will receive certain taxes and other valuable considerations from the drilling, producing and operating of any such well for oil or gas within its limits and among other things said ordinances provide in substance that the City of Merkel shall designate drilling blocks and control the number of wells located thereon and the spacing of such wells within the city limits of the City of Merkel.

AND WHEREAS under said ordinances the city of Merkel is receiving very little revenue and return from the production or drilling or operating of oil or gas wells within its limits and additional wells would be drilled within the limits of the City of Merkel if said ordinances were amended as herein-after set out.

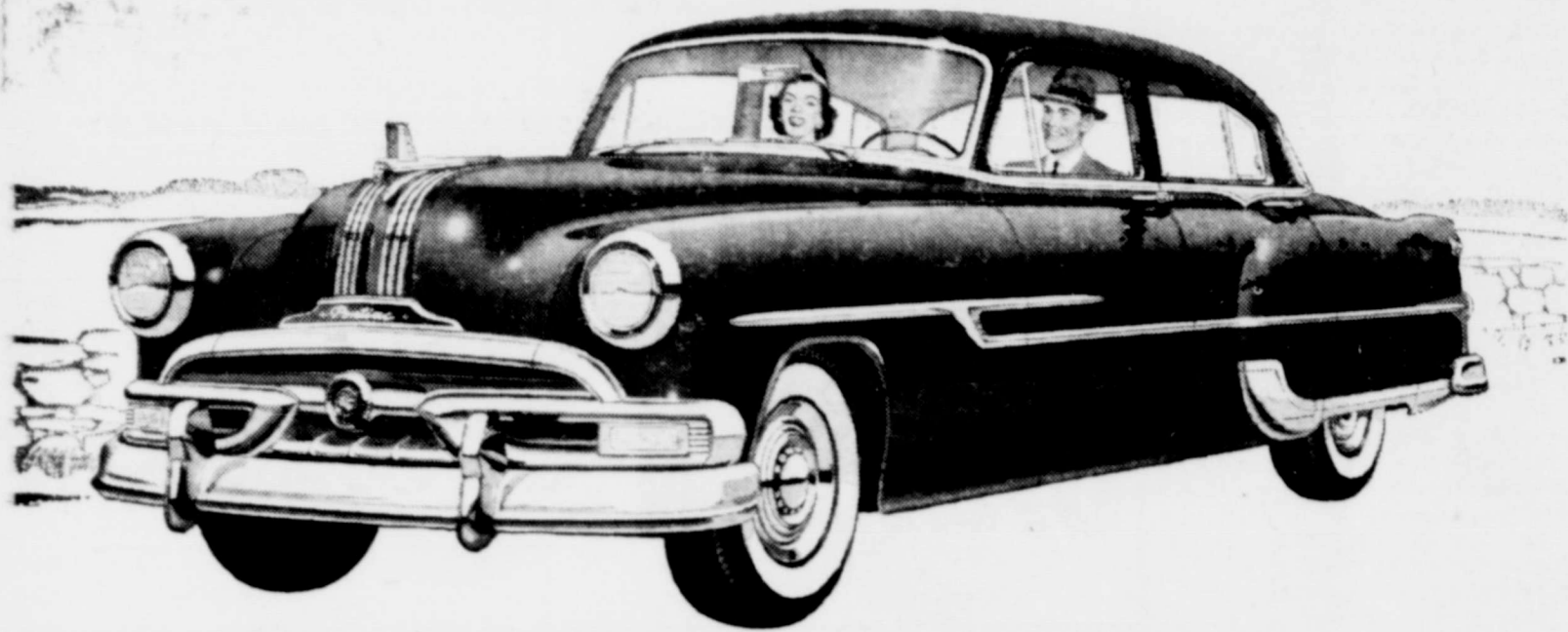
NOW, THEREFORE, We, the undersigned, taxpayers and property owners in the City of Merkel, Texas, hereby petition you to amend said ordinances so that any person, firm or corporation who has or obtains a permit from the Railroad Commission of Texas be allowed to drill, equip and produce a well for oil or gas as covered by any such permit issued by the Railroad Commission of Texas that can be drilled with safety, and in this manner obtain more wells drilled within the city limits of the City of Merkel and obtain more revenue for the benefit of each and every owner and holder of property within the city limits of the City of Merkel.

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Your Report From

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Peace Or A Sword
Are we on the road to peace—real peace? That is the major question before all of us. The Russians have indicated

willingness to settle some of the questions that have kept the Korean War alive. Possibly there will be a Korean truce by the time this appears in print.
Of course, we are ready for a truce on honorable terms. Every American wants to end the Korean fighting at the earliest possible moment. We cannot, however, permit the prospects for a Korean truce to lull us into a false sense of

curity that will cause us to weaken our defenses.
We must be vigilant—ready to discuss and accept proposals that will lead to real peace, but refusing to let down our guard.
Can We Cut the Budget?
The budget can and should be cut. We must not forget that 87 cents of every Federal Dollar goes to pay for past wars, foreign aid, defense, veterans' aid, and interest on the national debt. Even in the field of defense, there is much waste that should be eliminated. But it is hard to make any astronomical cuts out of that 87 cents.
Any saving will be welcomed by the hard-pressed taxpayers. But we are headed for a letdown if we look for "big savings"—savings that will balance the budget—this year.

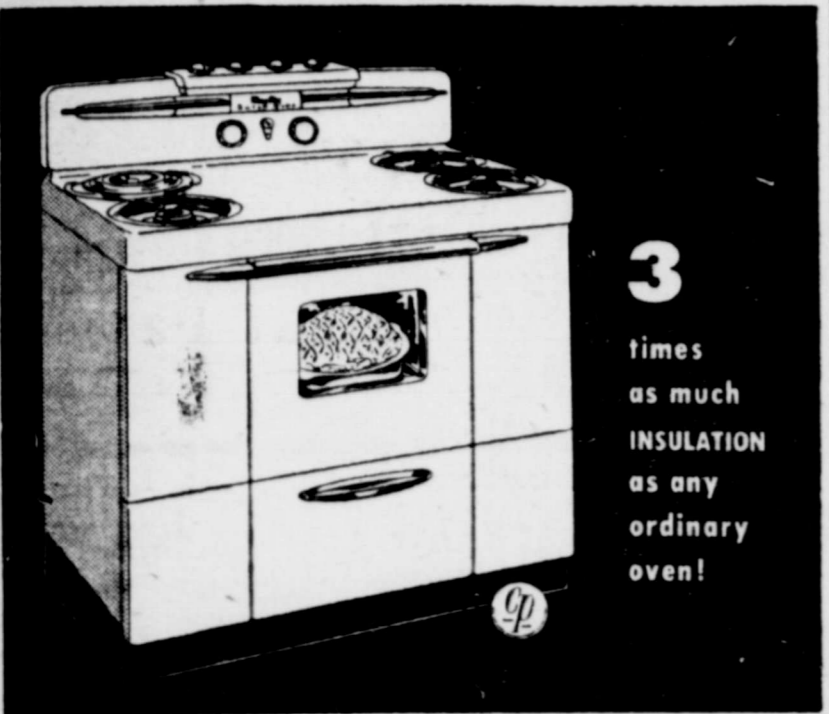
BEATRICE WINTER DIES
Funeral services for Beatrice Winter, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Winter of Paris, formerly of Merkel, was held Thursday at the Church of Christ in Paris.

"PEACE PILGRIM" HERE
"Peace Pilgrim," a nameless woman, was here over Wednesday night. She is walking across the United States in the name of world peace. She started at Los Angeles, Calif. She has already walked 57 days, averaging 25 miles a day.

CARD OF THANKS
We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to all who were so kind to us at the death of our dear father, for the beautiful service, floral offerings, the good food and comforting words. We are deeply grateful to everyone.
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As a married couple reminisced, the husband remarked, "By the way, wonder whatever became of the old-fashioned girls who fainted when a man kissed them?"
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In the absence of Congressman Burlison, who is now back home, the column for this week is being written by his office staff.

After the Congressman visits with his mother in Anson, he will cover as much of his District as possible. He said before leaving that he expects to at least visit in all the County Seats of his twelve-county District, and in as many of the other towns and communities as time will permit.
Washington in April is perhaps

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at its most beautiful—and certainly at its most populated.
Over 500,000 visitors from all parts of the country were in town last week for the biggest Spring-time tourist attraction—the annual Cherry Blossom Festival.
The younger generation, too, had "their day" in the Nation's Capitol last week. On Easter Monday, President Eisenhower revived an old and honored Washington custom and threw open the gates of the White House for an "Egg Roll."
Some 19,000 guests responded to the President's invitation to roll eggs on his lawn, and both he and the First Lady, as well as their small grandchildren, took part in the fun.

Capitol Highlights

By VERN CANFORD
Texas Press Association

House and Senate wrestled this week with a new kind of appropriation bill—one that undertook to budget not only the state's general revenue fund, but also the all other sources such as federal aid and direct income such as highway taxes and college fees.
Last week a joint conference committee agreed on the total of expenditures for the next two years \$1,194,266,221. It was higher than the amount set by either House or Senate in their appropriation

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in the Abilene area have been very successful.

Several Middle Clear Fork Soil Conservation District cooperators plan to plant this grass for the first time. Among those planting are Bill Foy, Gene Bumpass, K. A. Goza and C. M. Brown. Many others have expressed interest and may plant.

This grass has a very small seed and about one pound per acre is the recommended planting rate. Planting time is May 1 to July 1. Most successful plantings have been made where land was prepared almost flat and seed were covered with not more than one-half inch of soil. Seed germinates with a succeeding rain. Grass best on deep, fertile soil, and apparently thrives best where Johnson grass is most adapted. It should be planted on clean land.

Unlike Johnson grass, blue panic is not a pest, being easily destroyed. It does best when planted in rows and is cultivated about twice each year. The number of years that a planting will survive is in-

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All classes of livestock relish this grass and generally take it in preference to sudan. It is a very heavy producer and a prolific seeder.

Middle Clear Fork Soil Conservation District supervisors have stocked a small supply of seed at the Kimble Feed Store in Merkel

and these are for sale at cost to local farmers interested in trying the grass.

Awesome Earthquake Roars to Screen At Pioneer Theatre

An awesome earthquake in an undersea city, a spine-tingling feat Hollywood has never attempt-

ed before, roars onto the screen of the Pioneer Theatre Sunday and Monday as Universal-International unveils its dramatic Technicolor adventure-story, "City Beneath the Sea," starring Robert Ryan, Maureen O'Hara, Anthony Quinn and Suzanna Bonifant.

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EDITORIAL

CHURCH

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

It will be a splendid addition to the skyline of Merkel.

Another thing. The church is

looking forward to the growth of Merkel and the church. When the new building is completed it will be able to hold almost twice as many worshippers as the old one held.

To its minister, Layton Plaster, and the members of the Church of Christ we wish heartiest congratulations.

A NEW MINISTER

Rev. S. E. Tullock of Kyle is now Rev. Tullock of Kyle. He arrived here last week with his wife and is now a resident of our town. He has also preached his first sermon in his new charge.

self and also to get a picture. We got what we wanted.

But the point we are arriving at is that we also wrote him something else. We told him that we had been here around a year. When we first came here, we wrote. We found the folks friendly. Then we added that after a year's stay here we still found the folks friendly and that we felt sure that he and his wife would find them friendly.

We want to join the First Baptist Church in its fine welcome to its new minister and his wife and wish him every success in his new charge.

MA'S LETTER

When we were at the University of Missouri we lived at the home of Prof. J. E. Wrench of the history department. We became very close friends of him and his good wife. In fact, we got so we called her "ma."

We have just received a letter from her. She tells of sending me a book to read about China. It is "Out of Red China" by Liu Shaw Tong with an introduction by Dr. Hu Shih, former Chinese ambassador to the United States. We have started the book and it tells of the horrors of the Communists there. She wrote:

"I am sending the book on China

to you. It is the first real information of any count that I have had about 'New China.' I cried when I read it."

"Ma" knows China of old very well. She has read almost everything that has been written about China. Another thing, she has had many friends among the Chinese students, Chinese who have been very influential in the past in China, before it became "New China." Among the students was one named Chui Yih. Of him she wrote:

"Had I heard from Chui Yih yesterday. He escaped with only a suit — no job, no money — and he editor of the largest paper in China. At long last he has a job with our Army. I believe he will do a lot to make our boys want to fight against the deadly thing."

May we add with the new face being presented by the Communists, especially the one shown by Russia, it is well to keep in mind that the Communists are still Communists, and that we must keep our guard up.

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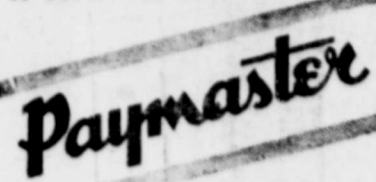
The Merkel Girls Volleyball Team lost to Colorado City in the district tournament held at Roscoe last weekend. Colorado City won two out of three games.

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T-TONE STEAK lb. 75c

FRESH DRESSED
FRYERS lb. 53c

WISCONSIN LONGHORN
CHEESE lb. 49c

DIAMOND — No. 2 CANS
TOMATOES 2 for 29c

ADAMS — 46 Oz.
ORANGE JUICE can 29c

LIBBY'S CRUSHED
PINEAPPLES 2 cans 49c

KOUNTY KORN
CORN 2 cans 29c

WHITE SWAN — No. 2
PINEAPPLE JUICE 2 for 25c

BREEZE or
SURF 2 boxes 55c

CHARMIN
TISSUE 4 rolls 33c



JUMBO CRISP
LETTUCE head 10c

SEEDLESS
GRAPEFRUIT lb. 8c

IDAHO
SPUDS 10 lbs. 45c

BANANA
SQUASH lb. 12c

FRESH
LEMONS lb. 12c

FRESH RADISHES or
GREEN ONIONS bunch 5c

FRESH
CARROTS cello 9c

CALIFORNIA
ORANGES lb. 12c

FREE DELIVERIES

On \$3.00 Or More Orders

MON., WED., FRI., 4:00

PHONE

250

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