

4.25-INCH RAIN FALLS HERE

Timing Is Right For Cotton Date Planting, May 20

The total amount of rain that fell here all last week was 4.25 inches, stated Weatherman J. I. Ford.

Up to Thursday of last week the rainfall had measured 2.75 inches. On Friday it rained another inch. Then on Saturday the precipitation amounted to .50 inch.

Last Friday Joe Winters reported that Noodle Creek was running bankful. At the same time L. R. Cade stated that three inches of rain had fallen from Monday to Friday noon.

Last Monday morning Odell Eoff reported the total rainfall last week at Noodle as 3.70 inches.

Last Friday, four miles southwest of Merkel, at the Lewis Spratten Farm, the rainfall measured one and one-half inches at noon.

The rainfall all last week at Blair amounted to 4.25 inches, reported "Mayor" A. L. Moore. At A. D. Scott's farm at Mulberry Canyon the measure was 3.75. On the Divide there were lakes of water.

All last week Trent received three and one-half inches of rain. The precipitation at Bryan Duna-

gin's amounted to 3.25 inches at Stith.

The rain last week was timed exactly right because agriculturally speaking this is a cotton country. May 20 is recognized as the ideal cotton planting date.

The rain may help extremely late wheat, increasing the yield as it is still green and not filled out yet.

It is remarkable that no devastating hail fell here with the whole week of rain.

On account of the sun coming out right after the rain it will make possible an early harvest as soon as the ground is dry enough to hold up the combine.

WHEN IS IT RAIN?

When is it really a rain? Lucile Hail recalls that years ago a man he knew could tell when it rained, really rained. This man would go out in his field with a broom stick. He would push the handle down into the earth. If the handle went all the way in, he said, "That's rain." Well, that's one way to tell!

NO MEMORIAL CLOSING

The stores of Merkel will NOT be closed for the Memorial Day holiday. They will close July 4, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas and January 1.



PAKA NEWBY
... drum major

Benjamin Holt Dies Last Friday At Age of 85

Benjamin Allen Holt, 85, a retired blacksmith, died about 6:30 p. m. Friday at Lawson's Rest Home after a short illness.

He was a retired blacksmith, having spent 45 years in the business.

Funeral was held at 2:30 p. m. Sunday in the First Baptist church. Burial was in the Rose Hill Cemetery under the direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

Mr. Holt was born in Texas on August 28, 1867. He married Miss Mary Viola Slater of Kennedy. She died in 1917.

He was married to the former Ruth Pullin and moved to Trent in 1927.

He was a member of the Live Oak Baptist Church in Merkel.

Survivors include his wife of Dallas; seven sons, Barney Allen of Seattle, Wash., Martin H. of Pendleton, Ore., Joseph B. of Belflower, Calif., Alvin Ray of South Gate, California, Elmer D. of Amarillo, Texas, Benjamin F. of McAlister, Oklahoma, R. L. of Dallas, a step-son, Edward E. Pullin of Tioga, Texas; five daughters, Mrs. E. J. Fikes of Culver City, Calif., Miss Louise Holt of Hollywood, Calif., Mrs. Olive Downer of South Gate, Calif., and two daughters of Dallas; 21 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren.

HEALERS HAVE GIRL

Born to Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Healer at the Sadler Hospital a baby girl on May 14.

TURNERS HAVE DAUGHTER

Mr. and Mrs. Ike D. Turner of Fort Worth announce the birth of a daughter, Debra Dale, on May 8, at the Harris Hospital. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Harwell and the paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Walton. Mrs. Harwell who had been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Turner, returned home Sunday with Mr. Harwell and daughter, Mrs. Frances Carey, and children who were weekend visitors there.

THE GRADUATES

An Editorial
Tonight, the high school will graduate its seniors. The seniors will come before the community and offer themselves as a demonstration of the American Way of Life.

For four years, after finishing their grammar grades, they have labored to accomplish their studies that would win them their diplomas. But they have won more than just a piece of paper that states that they have finished so many hours of study. Yes, lots more.

In our system of education we learn a way of getting along with our fellowman. We learn how to win and, what is more, we learn how to lose like a good sportsman.

This makes possible the American Way of Life. It is founded on the idea that we must give a little and not expect to get everything our way. There is always a happy medium.

This kind of idea can make for a happy, peaceful world. And it is the basis upon which we as Americans are trying to get along with the rest of the nations.

But dictatorship does not understand or does not want to understand our way of life. They want what they want regardless of the rest of the world. That is why it is so hard to get along with them and why it is so difficult to come to terms with them.

So these seniors, who will graduate tonight, have inherited the American Way of Life, the way that will lead to a happier, better world, if they will carry on into life what they have been taught in school.

Each graduate can well feel that he is not alone, that he is not a helpless individual. No, he is part of the whole American Way of Life. Each graduate is important. He has a duty and a responsibility to carry on our tradition. We congratulate them all.

DEDICATED TO GRADUATES

This issue of The Merkel Mail is dedicated to the graduates. They have all worked hard to complete their studies, they have given well of their energy to improve the school spirit and they have won well earned honors in scholastics and on the field of sport. We are happy to dedicate this issue to them, The Class of 1953.

High School Graduation Will Be Held Tonight

The Merkel High School will hold its commencement exercises at 8 p. m. tonight, Friday, in the cafeteria-auditorium. There will be 32 graduates.

Carl Anderson, lawyer of Sweetwater, will deliver the commencement address.

A full schedule of the program for the graduation appears on page one of the commencement section of The Mail. It also includes a complete and correct list of the graduates.

Elementary School Has Class Roll Of 55 Graduates

There were 55 students on the list graduates from the Merkel Elementary School. They were:

Gary Bailey, D. L. Bowen, Cannon Bradley, Roy Cassidy, Minnie Lois Campbell,

Margaret Chancey, Chester Collinsworth, Billie Ruth Denman, Edward Denman, Irene Dishman, Molly Beth Douglas, Patty Sue Eakin, Reta Eldson, M. H. Ely, Patricia Fisher,

Clarence Gregory, Jackie Harris, Harold Hohertz, Edward Holmes, Darlene Horton, Charles Jacobs, Jimmy Jinkens, Larry Kerns, Carl McKeever, Linda McLean, Robert McLeod, Jo Ann Malone, Edwin Mewborn, Jerry Miller, Twyla Moore, Jimmy Neill, Olen Nichols, Gail O'Brien, David Orr, Jerry F. Patterson, Kenneth Payne, Betty Sue Reddin, Chicho Ribera,

Jacky Russell, Janice Rutledge, Kermit Rutledge, Janell Seymour, Raby Sims, Lloyd Shugart, Wesley Smith, Travis Swinney,

Barbara J. Sylvester, Imogene Thomas, Jocille Thompson, Dwan Wade, Elsie Ward, Glenda Webb, Robert Williams, Margie F. Williams and Atansia Ybarra.

SAW DOLLAR DAY!

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Lackey of Lorenza are visiting their son Thomas and wife. "Wanted to see what Dollar Day looks like," remarked C. O. Lackey.

These Fish Stories Just Grow And Grow Like All Fish Stories Do

The editor is becoming bewildered.

These fish stories are growing more, growing more... well, they are GROWING! Listen to this one.

Monday morning the editor was out on the street gathering news. Then he came to Fisherman's Row. He met Ross Ferrier first. Did he have a fish story? It had rained, the lakes were full and perhaps the fish were starting to bite. How about it, did Ross have a story? Sure, certainly he had a story, and a good one. Here it is.

Tom and Jack Bagby had gone fishing last Saturday on Phantom Lake, said Ross. They caught 23 catfish, weighing from small size to four and a half pound each. That sounded all right to the editor.

Then he went on along Fisherman's Row and he came to Ira Cross, himself a fisherman of note. Did he know about Tom and Jack going fishing? Did he know how many they had caught? Did he



CAROLYN JANE TEAFF
... salutatorian



MAROLYN JUNE TEAFF
... salutatorian



TOMMIE JEAN MADDOX
... valedictorian



ODA GYLN CLARK
... top-ranking boy

"Your Generation Is Marked," Says Rev. Sam Tullock

"Your generation is a marked generation."

That was the accusation made by Rev. Sam Tullock, pastor of the First Baptist Church, in his baccalaureate sermon Sunday night to the Merkel High School seniors.

The cafeteria - auditorium was packed.

While the congregation stood the professional of seniors started. Mrs. Comer Haynes was pianist and Mrs. Edwin Read was violinist.

In his invocation, Rev. Hugh Hunt, pastor of the First Methodist Church, stressed that eternal vigilance is the price of freedom. He stated that the American school system was a part of this vigilance and that independence was a part of our heritage.

The congregation sang the hymn, "Take the Name of Jesus." The Girls' Chorus sang: "One Leading Hour," "Lift Up Your Head, O Ye Gates," "A Prayer," "Consider and Hear Me," "Life Is

Nothing Sweeter" and "Thanks Be to God."

The text of Rev. Tullock was taken from Romans 12:1 and 2, "Don't let the world around you squeeze you into its mould but let God remould your minds from within."

"The world demands that we be realistic even to the point of being cruel if we are to solve our problems," stated the minister. "Your generation is a marked generation, marked with juvenile delinquency. I do not know if it is because of the church or the home or the school."

Then he went on to cite Texas figures of 1952: 1,648 murders, 2,507 robberies, 29,000 burglaries, 5700 aggravated assaults, 13,000 auto thefts, 2,500 rape cases.

"And the largest number of these crimes are committed by juveniles," he pointed out. "You may not have any part in these crimes but you are part of this generation, this marked generation."

"Unless this generation turns, unless this generation changes, it will not conquer the world. Are the youth prepared to meet the challenge, are they ready for it spiritually, are they ready for it educationally, are they ready for it morally?"

"Are you ready to face the world? Unless you have spiritual fortitude, unless you have a good moral foundation, the world will squeeze you out of life and out of living."

"There is a difference between living and existing. Money, palatial home, and so forth do not make necessarily for living. I have known millionaires who were not living; they were merely existing."

The world may be hard and tough but don't let this world squeeze your ideals out of you, squeeze out your life, squeeze out your purpose. God placed you here for a plan, a purpose. But the world will try to squeeze, to strangle that purpose.

"Let Jesus have His way in your life to make you what you want to be and say 'I want to live down the mark of my generation!'" After Rev. Hunt gave the benediction the congregation remained seated for the recessional.

Merkel 20 Years Ago

TAKEN FROM THE 1933 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL

33 TO GRADUATE

Thirty-three candidates for graduation are numbered in the Senior Class of 1933 of the Merkel Public Schools and closing exercises will take place on Sunday and Monday nights, May 28 and 29, both at the Methodist Church. Dr. E. B. Surface, pastor of the Central Presbyterian Church, Abilene, will preach Sunday and Dr. D. M. Wiggins of Simmons University will deliver the main address Monday.

TO GIVE PLAY

The Merkel High School Senior play, "Adam and Eve", to be presented Friday night, May 26, at 8:15 o'clock in the Grammar School Auditorium is an old story in an entirely new setting.

TO PLAY 8 GAMES

Merkel schools voted to play a round robin football schedule for 1933 in the Merkel district, which gives Merkel eight conference games next fall, four away and four at home. Oct 27 and Nov. 30 are open dates. Nov. 30 is Thanksgiving Day and must be filled, Coach Irvin said.

EARN'S DEGREE

Among the 37 members of the graduating class of Abilene Christian College is Ruskin Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Smith. He has figured prominently in the activities of the college, especially in the work of the Dramatic Club. He graduated from Merkel High School with the class of 1929.

This Happened in Merkel Forty Years Ago

TAKEN FROM THE 1913 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL

L. E. Sanders, A. V. Dye, W. L. Buras, C. K. Russell, Frank Woodrum and F. A. Sanders, the Merkel delegates to the Firemen's Convention at Wichita Falls last week, reported a very enjoyable time while there.

Tuesday afternoon two fast teams of local Merkel baseball players were assembled at Highland Park in a very interesting game, the score was 13 to 4 in favor of the side championed by the Hamlet & Rogers genial representative (Abe) Rogers. Batteries for the Cash Grocery: Black, Moore and Kelsae; for the H. & R. team: Rogers, Rose and Faucett.

Rev. E. D. Russell will preach at

BOOTH WARREN LEADS

Booth Warren was elected district chairman of Boy Scouts activities at a called meeting of friends of Scouting, held here Thursday night of last week, and plans were got under way for increasing interest in the movement here.

TO SUMMER SCHOOL

Of the faculty of 21 members of the Merkel Public Schools four will attend the summer session of the University of Texas and three will go to North Texas State Teachers College at Denton.

WILL GRADUATE

Included in the list of eight graduates of the El Paso Masonic School of Nursing were the names of two Merkel girls, Misses Bessie Westenhover and Eunice Bird.

RECORD BIRTH

A boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Lee Griswell May 20.

INSTALLS OFFICERS

Public installation of officers of the Eastern Star will take place Wednesday night, May 31, at 8:15 p. m. A special program is being arranged for the occasion by Mrs. Lucy Tracy Haynes and everyone is invited.

OBLIGATION PARTY

The hospitable home of Mrs. Frank Gollady, on Oak Street, was opened Tuesday afternoon to members of the N. G. O. Club.

the Southside Christian Church Saturday evening and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Johnson of Stamford were here Saturday, visiting the former's parents.

Elmer Lowe returned to Merkel last week to visit his mother, Mrs. M. J. Lowe.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Adrian of Trent were here Monday, in Mr. Adrian's new auto.

Ed Scott, 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Scott was hurt Wednesday when riding with his uncle, Edwin SoRelle, who was driving some cattle from his ranch near Eskota to Sweetwater.

NEWS ABOUT TOWN

Mrs. J. T. Warren is visiting in Dallas with her daughter, Mrs. H. C. Coit.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. McKeever and sons, Ronnie and Carl, returned Monday from a visit to Arkansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Quannah Dudley

and children visited Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Earl Wallis, at Nolan.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Seago visited Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Smith north of Abilene Sunday.

Mrs. John Hammond returned Wednesday to Lufkin to be with her mother, Mrs. Rube Sessions, who is still critically ill. She is 76 years old.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Bible and sons of Seminole visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Dunn, from Friday to Sunday evening, Mr. Dunn's

brother, C. H., is a visitor from Odessa.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lucas of Abilene visited Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Floyd Green, and Mr. Green.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayman Adcock and family spent Sunday in Gorman with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Henderson and son of Dallas spent the weekend recently with Mr. and Mrs. Claude Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Mewborn and family spent Sunday evening in Ranger, visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Earthman visited his sister, Mrs. N. K. Cotten, of Van Alstyne the first part of last week, returning home Thursday.

Mrs. F. H. Goodwin returned from Rankin where she has been with her son Bobby who finished high school there. Bobby is in Monterrey, Mexico, on a senior trip for a week.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Patterson returned last week on Wednesday from Temple.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Dunagin and son Dane of Jacksboro spent Wednesday and Thursday of last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Bartlett.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Henderson and son Bobby and two grandchildren of Dallas spent the weekend with relatives in Merkel. Bobby leaves for the army this week.

Postmaster and Mrs. Wrenn Durham were in Brownwood over the weekend, visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Clements.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Stalls and son Mark of Dallas were Mother's Day visitors of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stalls.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Murrain of Ft. Worth visited Mrs. Murrain's brother, R. N. Mosier, and wife four days last week. While here, they all visited the Harold Bowles family in Sweetwater in their new home and had a big fish fry. The fish were caught at Lake Phantom in Sweetwater. Two big yellow catfish weighted 50 pounds each.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Johnston of Pampa were Sunday visitors of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Murray. Mr. and Mrs. Dean Murray and family were also here Sunday, visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Murray.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sledge and family were in Big Spring and Snyder Sunday.

Mrs. Joe Hartly and Mrs. Billy SoRelle and baby were in Sweetwater Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Raymond Neal of McKinney spent Mother's Day with her aunts, Mrs. Heater and Sadie Woodrum.

Billy Woodrum and family of Midland visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Woodrum, over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Jackson Parker of Odessa visited here last week with her sister, Mrs. Dewey Hutchins, Mrs. Parker is the former Dixie Blair.

Exciting Bandit Raids Pack Show At Queen Theatre

The atmosphere of the bandit era in Oklahoma Territory is thrillingly captured in "Montana Belle," RKO Radio's new romantic drama in Trucolor which opens Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at the Queen Theatre.

Jane Russell and George Brent have the stellar roles in the thrilling story with Miss Russell cast as Belle Starr, the girl who became an exponent of frontier banditry, and Brent portraying a well-to-do gambler whose chief ambition is to wipe out the Dalton band of outlaws.

But when Belle, in disguise, holds up his gambling establishment and subsequently posing as a wealthy widow, buys a partnership in Brent's business, his interest is intrigued. Three exciting bandit raids and a wealth of action enliven the fast-paced picture, directed by Allan Dwan.

Lots of Fun in WAC Training Center At Queen Theatre

Filmed against the interesting backgrounds of Washington's scintillating diplomatic society, the Wac Training Center and Quartermaster Board at Fort Lee, Va., Frederick Brisson's "Never Wave at a WAC" comes to the Queen Theater on Sunday and Monday, with Rosalind Russell, Paul Douglas and Marie Wilson in the stellar roles.

It is a comedy of service life in the Women's Army Corps.

Producer Frederick Brisson, with the full cooperation of the Department of Defense and the WAC personnel at Fort Lee, dispatched the entire cast and crew to Virginia for several weeks of filming. Laughs abound in those scenes dealing with a Washington hostess and a Broadway showgirl who go through the eight weeks of basic training with different reactions to regimented life.

Double romances result when the hostess salvages her unhappy marriage to a wealthy textile manufacturer after he arrives at Fort Lee to test new Army uniforms, and the ex-chorus cutie ropes a wolfish Army sergeant into matrimony.

Thrilling Show, "Kansas Pacific" At Pioneer Theatre

Sterling Hayden stars as an army engineer, assigned to help railway builders push a new highway of steel through the west, in "Kansas Pacific," a dramatic picture in color that plays Sunday and Monday on the screen at the Pioneer theatre.

In "Kansas Pacific" the construction of the new road is being systematically sabotaged by southern sympathizers, hoping to prevent rail transportation reaching the union forts in the west.

The organizer of the saboteurs is Quantrell, later to be known in history of the Civil War years as the leader of Quantrell's Raiders. To combat Quantrell's men, Hayden is forced to call on the United States army, and the picture moves to a thrilling and action-packed climax.

Knots in pine logs are almost imperishable, decaying much less rapidly than the log itself.

Japanese Hear Of U. S. Methods In Human Relations

Mrs. W. S. J. Brown accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Melvin J. Evans on a six-week tour of Japan. Mrs. Evans is the former Geneva Brown.

Mr. Evans, Chicago, is a consultant management engineer. His principal interest is better human relations in industry. He calls himself an "operating Christian" and is the author of the book "It Works". He calls his foundation "Democracy in Action."

While in Japan he presented his program to top executives. While there he was a guest speaker in Rotary and Chambers of Commerce from Tokyo to Osaka.

Mrs. Brown was greatly impressed with the exquisite arts on every hand displayed in Japanese museums, shops and gardens.

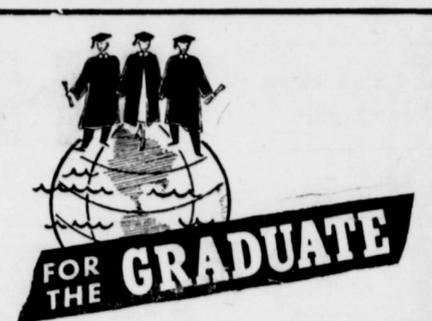
ABOUT EYE CANCER

Scientists at the University of Texas will study possibilities that cattle inherit eye cancer.

UNIFORM ALLOWANCE NOW

New regulations for payment of uniform and equipment allowances to Army Reserve officers were received by Colonel M. E. Jones, chief of the Texas Military District. Under the recently enacted Armed Forces Reserve Act, three types of allowances—initial, maintenance and active duty—are available for officers of reserve components.

Rats have caused more deaths than any other animal.



The Farmers & Merchants National Bank joins with this entire community in extending congratulations to graduates. Graduation is an important event . . . to you because it is a mark of achievement; to our community because it is tangible evidence that our young people are being equipped with the proper educational tools with which to build a better life. The Farmers & Merchants National Bank is proud of the 1953 graduates — you'll always find a cordial welcome here with every service you need to meet your growing banking requirements.

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 Sunday School.....9:50 a. m.
 Morning Worship.....10:50 a. m.
 M. Y. F.6:30 p. m.
 Evening Worship 7:30 p. m.

Church of the Nazarene
 Services at the Merkel Church of the Nazarene are as follows:
 Sunday School.....10:00 a. m.
 Morning Worship..... 11:00
 Training Union..... 7:00 p. m.
 Evening Services .. 7:30 p. m.
 Wednesday:
 Prayer Service 7:30 p. m.

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

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

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Merkel Grace Presbyterian Church
 Sunday School.....10:00 a. m.
 Worship Service..... 11 a. m.
 Evening Service7:00 p. m.

Merkel First Baptist Church
 Sunday School..... 9:45 a. m.
 Morning Worship... 11:00 a. m.
 Training Union..... 6:30 p. m.
 Evening Worship .. 7:30 p. m.
 Wednesday Prayer Service 7:30 p. m.
 W. M. U. Mon. 9:30 a.m.

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

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

Merkel Church of Christ
 Sunday:
 Bible Study.....9:45 a. m.
 Morning Service.....11:00 a. m.
 Young People's Bible Class 6:30 p. m.
 Evening Services .. 7:30 p. m.

Merkel Assembly of God
 Sunday school 10 a. m.
 Morning Service 11 a. m.
 C. A.'s (Young People) .. 7 p. m.
 Evening Worship 7:30 p. m.
 Tuesday W. M. C. 2 p. m.
 Wed. Prayer Service 7:30 p. m.

Tye Methodist Church
 Sunday:
 Sunday School 10 a. m.
 M. Y. F. 7:00 p. m.
 Prayer Meeting ... 7:30 p. m.
 Morning Service.....11:00 a. m.

Noodle Church of Christ
 Sunday:
 Bible Class.....10:00 a. m.
 Morning Worship Service 11:00
 Young People's Service 6:30
 Evening Worship .. 7:30 p. m.

Trent First Baptist Church

Sunday:
 Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
 Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m.
 Training Union.....6:45 p. m.
 Evening Services 7:30 p. m.
 Tuesday:
 U. M. U. 9:30 a.m.
 Wednesday:
 G. A.'s and R. A.'s..... 6:40 p. m.
 Prayer Services 7:30 p. m.
 Brotherhood, 1st Thursday of month, "You are a stranger here but once."

Trent Church of Christ

Sunday:
 Sunday School.....11:00 o'clock
 Bible Class.....10:00 a. m.
 Morning Worship.....11:00 a. m.
 Evening Services8:00 p. m.

Noodle Baptist Church

Sunday:
 Sunday School..... 10:00 a. m.
 Morning Worship.....11:00 a. m.
 Young People's Class 6:30 p. m.
 Evening Service 8:00 p. m.

Trent Methodist Church

Sunday School.....10:00 a. m.
 Evening Worship..... 8:00 p. m.
 Morning Services.....11:00 a. m.
 M. Y. F. Services ... 6:30 p. m.
 Wednesday:
 Prayer Services 7:30 p. m.

Hebron Baptist Church

Sunday School.....10:00 a. m.
 Morning Worship .. 11 o'clock
 Training Union.....7:00 p. m.
 Evening Worship 8:00 p. m.
 Wednesday:
 Evening Prayer Services 7:30 p. m.

Pioneer Memorial Chapel

Sunday School.....10:00 a. m.
 Morning Service.....11:00 a. m.
 Evening Services8:00 p. m.
 Wednesday:
 Evening Prayer Service ..7:30

New Live Oak Baptist Church

Sunday:
 Sunday School.....10:00 a. m.
 Morning Worship11 a. m.
 Training Union ... 6:45 p. m.
 Evening Worship .. 7:30 p. m.

Salt content of the Great Salt Lake is high because there is no outlet. The lake loses water only through evaporation, leaving only the salt.

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

Washington

"As It Looks From Here"



A Committee of the United States Senate has voted to increase the salary of members of Congress and most federal judges to \$25,000 a year. I shall not support such a proposition if it comes to a vote in the House of Representatives.

If the Congress would cut out a lot of useless activities, pay more attention to strict legislative matters, and less politics, it would not be necessary for us to remain in almost continuous session every year. It would be cheaper for the individual member of Congress and to the Nation if we did our work in six months and went home.

Another thing more important than increasing salaries for member of Congress would be to extend the term of office and prohibit spending of huge sums of money to be elected. Common sense will tell anyone that a man who spends thousands of dollars to be elected is receiving it from

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THE STATE OF TEXAS
 COUNTY OF TAYLOR

Notice is hereby given that the general partnership heretofore subsisting between Clarence R. Collins and Miles M. Fox, both of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, under the firm name of Fox-Collins Realty and Insurance Agency, with home offices in Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, was dissolved by mutual consent on the first day of May, A. D. 1953.

All debts owing to the said partnership are to be received by the said Clarence R. Collins, who is now the sole owner of said business, and all demands on said partnership are to be presented to the said Clarence R. Collins, for payment, and the said Miles M. Fox has no connection whatsoever with said business, and that the said Clarence R. Collins, will hereafter operate under the same name, Fox-Collins Realty and Insurance Agency.

WITNESS OUR signatures this 7th day of May, A. D. 1953.
 Clarence R. Collins
 Miles M. Fox
 Adv. —May 15, 22, 29, June 5.

sources to which he will be obligated after he is in office. At least he should be if he is going to accept such contributions.

Personally, I had rather have a little time off in order to attend to personal business back home than to have an increase in salary. It is true that in some parts of the United States, only rich men are elected to public office because they can spend great sums on a campaign. There are a number of millionaires in the Congress today, and I doubt if it would be good for the country if the Congress became a "rich man's club." President Eisenhower favors increasing salaries for senators and representatives and has said, "There is danger, conditions being what they are, that only the well-to-do could afford to serve in Congress."

Another argument is used that many people in government receive more than a member of Congress. Many "bureaucrats" appointed by the executive and approved by the Senate are paid more than those who have jurisdiction over them. Congress Martin Dies has suggested that no "bureaucrat" be paid more than a member of Congress and maybe this is a good idea.

Be this as it may, I repeat, I shall oppose an increase in salaries at a time when we are making great efforts to economize and balance the budget.

The returns from my annual questionnaire have been exceedingly gratifying. A few are still coming, and to date, more than 7,500 have been received. A preliminary check shows that most people in the 17th Congressional District decidedly favor balancing the budget and reducing the huge public debt before reducing taxes. People in our area also, by about 2 to 1, favor an equal percentage of reduction for all taxpayers when taxes are reduced.

Overwhelmingly, those in our area believe that governmental authority and the expenses it entails,

should be turned back to the states and that government should get out of business and not compete with private enterprise.

The poll shows great favor for the continued effort at government reorganization.

People also believe that the United States should continue military support to the free nations of the world if these countries do their part towards building up strength to oppose Russian aggression and Communism.

More strict immigration laws are overwhelmingly favored, and by 3 to 1, the outlawing of the "union shop" is favored.

A very great majority have also expressed themselves affirmatively requiring labor unions to publish financial reports.

This method of giving people the opportunity to express themselves is, in my opinion, true representative government. I certainly feel it is my duty to know how

the people whom I represent think and feel on the various issues with which I must deal.

I am most grateful for the many encouraging words which have accompanied the questionnaires.

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Local Folks See Terrible Damage Done at San Angelo by Tornado

Many folks from here went down Sunday to San Angelo to see the destruction caused by the tornado.

Mr. and Mrs. Pinky Cyfert and daughter visited his brother O. D. and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Strawn, Mr. and Mrs. John Strawn, Mrs. Dene Seago and Strawnie visited their sister, Mrs. A. J. Johnson and family.

Mr. and Mrs. O. N. Buford just went over to see the devastation. So did Mrs. I. J. Hall and son.

The residence of O. D. Cyfert's father-in-law and mother-in-law was demolished, said Pinky. The furniture was about half saved, though damaged. O. D.'s house was not touched.

Three blocks away from the in-laws' house was the Lakeview School that was hit but no one was hurt. The children and teachers laid down in the halls.

All the windows of the in-laws' house were knocked out, said Pinky. The tornado raised the ceiling and then dropped it right down into the house. The walls were left standing.

Pinky saw places where the brick foundations and all the houses were just swept to the ground, cut off at the bottom.

Mrs. Hall reported that she saw where a woman and little daughter had gone into a clothes closet because the girl was afraid. When they came out the walls and furniture were entirely gone, only the floor was left.

In another home everything was gone, the entire house and all the furniture. The only thing left was a piano.

In another place a man dove under a bed and the wind blew the bed away. He was unhurt.

"It was really freakish," said Mrs. Hall.

"It was terrible," remarked Mrs. Strawn.

EDITOR KNOWS RAIN!

Editor Hy White was reporting the rain last week to the Reporter-News by telephone. He said that it had rained 1 inch and had started to rain again. "It is raining now," said the editor. "Oh, it is showering now," stated the man on the other end of the phone. "No," exclaimed the editor, "it's raining! I'm from Missouri and know rain when I see it!"

"It was pretty bad," asserted Mr. Buford.

Claude Smith Buys Gulf Station From Roy Hunter

Claude Smith has bought the Gulf Service Station on west Highway 89 from Roy Hunter. Mr. Smith took over operation of the station last Friday.

Two Local Piano Students Win National Honors

Students of Mrs. T. T. Earthman and Mrs. R. J. Miller won national, state and district honors at the annual auditions of the National Guild of Piano Teachers held at Hardin-Simmons University last week.

Winners of national honors were Linda Leech, Gloria West, and Barbara Wilson, who played 10 pieces.

Winners of state honors were Lola Dee Loflin and Jocille Thompson, who played seven to nine pieces.

Winners in district honors were Patsy Harris, Stanley Harris, Danny Harris, David Loffen and Kay Wallace.

Merkel Baseball Team Defeats Loraine 8 to 5

The Merkel Baseball Team beat Loraine Sunday there 8 to 5. Captain Walter Whisenhunt, pitched for Merkel while Manuel Ybarra caught.

Blas Rominez knocked a three-bagger and brought in two runs in the fourth inning, making the score 5 to 1 in Merkel favor.

Merkel has won four games and lost one so far this season. John Biera is local manager.

Merkel will play Stamford at 2:30 p. m. Sunday at Lobos Field here.

WHAT KIND OF RAIN?

What kind of rain was it that fell last week?

Well, Pinky Cyfert tells this story. When his daughter Sharon, 10 years old, came home from school one day last week she told Mrs. Cyfert of seeing all the water surrounding the streets.

"Mother," she asked, "mother, is this the first time that it rained like this since I was born?"

Rainy Day Values Draw Big Crowds On Dollar Day

The big rains brought big bargains for Dollar Day Tuesday. Folk came to town early to enjoy the tremendous bargains and make the large savings.

As usual the dry goods and department stores had the biggest rush with their offers of savings running up to one-half price. The groceries enjoyed good business as did the filling stations.

Everyone was pleased and the friendly merchants of the friendly town of Merkel again have said, "Thank you," in a friendly money-saving manner.

Lt. James Farmer Receives Orders To Go to Korea

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Price of Trent Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Farmer and Fredlyn spent Sunday with Lt. and Mrs. James E. Farmer at Ft. Hood. Lt. Farmer received orders last week that he will be at Ft. Hood six more weeks. After a 30-day leave at home he will go to Korea.

His wife Doris will live here until his return. Mr. and Mrs. Travis Farmer also visited in the Lt. James E. Farmer home Sunday.

Jimmy Hobbs Wins State First Place In Sports Writing

Jimmy Hobbs of Grand Prairie High School won first place in Sports Writing when the University Interscholastic League Press Conference announced Individual Achievement Award winners in journalism for the year in Austin.

The Press Conference is statewide, including more than 240 public school publications.

Jimmy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hobbs, former Merkelites, and the grandson of Mrs. R. E. Windham and Mr. and Mrs. John Hobbs of Merkel.

Larry Joyce Heads High School Band, Jack Miller, V. P.

The Merkel High School Band met May 12 at its regular band period and elected officers for 1953-54. The past president and secretary George Starbuck and Iris Verner, presided.

The new officers are: President, Larry Joyce vice president, Jack Miller; secretary, Betty Chancey; reporter, Peggy Bond.

The band will not have any more rehearsals until summer. The summer rehearsals will be announced in The Merkel Mail.

Jimmy Russell Elected President Of Pat Neff F. T. A.

The Pat Neff F. T. A. of Merkel High School held its candlelight ceremony in an initiation service May 14 at 7:30 p. m.

The red and white candles and red verbenas decorated the officer's table.

Ralph Bartlett and Sessions Hammond were the officers for the ceremony. Twenty new members took the pledge for personal service and public leadership.

Several older members were present to give a program on ideals, moral attributes and citizenship for school life and youth training. The sponsor, Mrs. Ellen McReynolds, installed the new officers for next year, presenting a key to each officer:

Jimmy Russell, president; Jack McAninch, 1st vice president; Jerry Cunningham, 2nd vice president; Marie Kerns, secretary; Delbert Allred, treasurer; Ralph Bartlett, parliamentarian; Joy Walker, historian; Sessions Hammond, reporter.

The hospitality committee served frosted punch and fudge cookies to 35 sophomores, juniors and seniors.

The retiring officers were: Dale Dudley, president; Ralph Bartlett, vice president; Bertha Patterson, secretary; Joan Reddin, treasurer; Jimmy Russell, parliamentarian;

DeLois Black, historian; Sandra Patterson, reporter

Mrs. Lucian Rudd To Receive Degree Of B. S. From H.-S.U.

Mr. and Mrs. Lucian Rudd were weekend visitors in the E. C. Ray home, Mrs. Rudd is the former Peggy June Ray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Ray.

Mr. Rudd will enter the seminary in Fort Worth this summer to study to become a Baptist minister. Mrs. Rudd has been employed to teach in the Ft. Worth schools next semester.

Mr. Rudd graduated last year from Hardin-Simmons University. Mrs. Rudd is graduating this year with a B. S. degree, majoring in education. Mrs. Rudd is a granddaughter of Sam Butman, Sr. The Rays live in the old Butman ranch house.

Buddy McKeever To Receive Degree From McMurry

Buddy McKeever will be one of the McMurry college seniors to receive his degree, May 26, at commencement exercises. Buddy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. McKeever. He majored in secondary education.

Elmer Lee Sandusky Is on Honor Roll At N. T. S. C.

Elmer Lee Sandusky was one of the 699 students of N. T. S. C. who made the Dean's Fall Honor list with an average of 2.0.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Grimes Attend Apparel Meeting In Dallas

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Grimes were in Dallas attending the Southwestern Men's Apparel Convention the first of the week.

E. M. Tarpley Meets Friend In Snyder After 49 Years

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Tarpley spent from Wednesday to Sunday of last week in Snyder with their daughter, Mrs. J. D. Melton, and family. While there Mr. Tarpley visited with Jack Haney, whom he had not seen in 49 years. They used to live in Tripp.

"Rained right smart while in Snyder," said Mrs. Tarpley.

Bob McDonald And Cyrus Pee Are on Grand Jury

The 42nd District Court grand jury reconvened at 9 a. m. Monday to finish its business for the current term ending June 6. Cyrus Pee and Bob McDonald were on the jury.

Nolan Palmers See Preview of Motorama Friday

Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Palmer attended a preview of the Motorama in Dallas last Friday.

Jack Millers At Motorama Show Over Weekend

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Miller attended the Motorama in Dallas from Friday to Monday.

Mellinger Brothers Attend Convention In Dallas

Isadore and Meyer Mellinger attended the Southwestern Men's Apparel Convention in Dallas this week.

TO HARVEST WHEAT

H. H. (Spud) McLeod, Trent farmer who cultivates about 1,000 acres on farms in Nolan, Taylor, and Jones Counties, will harvest some wheat and oats in spite of hail and drought. However, he lost 160 acres of barley on his Nolan County farm in an Easter Sunday hailstorm.

He has 100 acres of wheat on a Taylor County farm which he estimates will make 7 to 8 bushels to the acre.

He plans to plant 40 acres in guar.

BUDDING GENERAL

Quizzing a bunch of rookies, the sergeant asked, "Johnson, when you clean a rifle, what's the first thing you do?"

"Look at the number," the private answered promptly.

"Now what on earth has that got to do with anything?" the sergeant demanded.

"Just want to make sure," explained Johnson, "that I'm cleaning my own gun."

WON'T HINT WELL

"Any hint of marriage, dear?" "Yes, mother, several — but he just keeps ignoring them."

SINGING AT SHILOH

There will be singing at Shiloh Baptist Church Thursday, May 28, at 7:45 p. m. Everyone is welcome.

Martha Ann Winn To Receive Degree At A. C. C. May 25

Martha Ann Winn of Trent will be among the 159 Abilene Christian College seniors who will receive degrees at commencement exercises May 25.

Martha is the daughter of Mrs. Ola Lee Winn of Trent and is a 1949 graduate of Trent High School. She majored in elementary education with an English minor and will receive a B. S. degree.

Merkel Wins Oil Suit Before Jury In District Court

Judge J. R. Black Tuesday entered a judgment for the City of Merkel in a suit tried before a 42d District Court jury last week.

W. E. Ellis and others had brought the suit, questioning the legality of the city charter and of an ordinance recently passed regulating drilling of oil and gas wells within the city limits.

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Music	Senior Class
Valedictory	Tommie Jean Maddox
Introduction of Speaker	Mack Fisher
Address	Carl M. Anderson
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Presentation Diplomas	Mack Fisher
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Poor Eyesight Can Make Child "Slow" In School

Poor eyesight can make a child "slow" in school. Uncorrected visual defects can cause a normally bright youngster to dislike school, fall behind in his class and become self-conscious about playing sports and games, says Dr. Geo. W. Cox, state health officer.

A child will rarely complain about poor vision. It may be blurred, he may see double, yet in three cases out of four, he will not tell anyone because he does not know how well he should see. That is why it is so important for parents and teachers to know the symptoms of eye trouble. An intelligent child may be victimized by poor vision both at school and with his playmates.

Too often a youngsters' eyes are neglected because no one knows that they will need care, Dr. Cox points out. For this reason, visual tests should be continued throughout the child's school career.

Some of the symptoms which may mean that a youngster has eye trouble are:

1. Rubs eye often, attempts to brush away blur.
2. Becomes irritable when doing close work.
3. Blinks more than usual, stumbles or trips over small objects.
4. Is over-sensitive to light; can't play games requiring distance vision.
5. Red-rimmed, encrusted or swollen eye lids.

When any of these symptoms are present, those responsible for the child's condition should have his eyes examined at once. Early correction will save many days of unpleasantness and possibly blindness.

CHOKER ON THIS ONE!
A woman drove into a service station to complain that her car was using up too much gas. The attendant pointed to the choke lever, which protruded from the dashboard. "Do you know what that gadget is for?" he asked her. "Oh, that," said the woman airily. "It's not good for anything, so I keep it pulled out to hang my handbag on!"

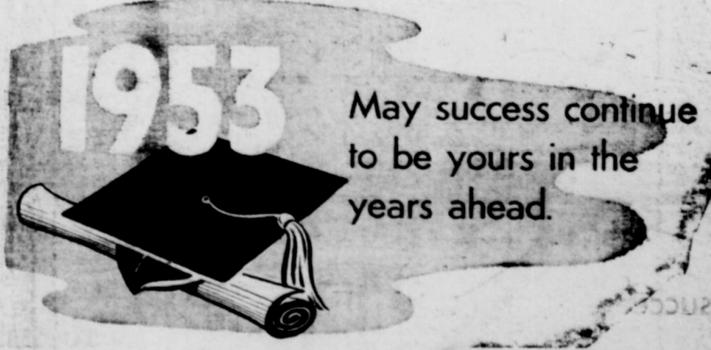
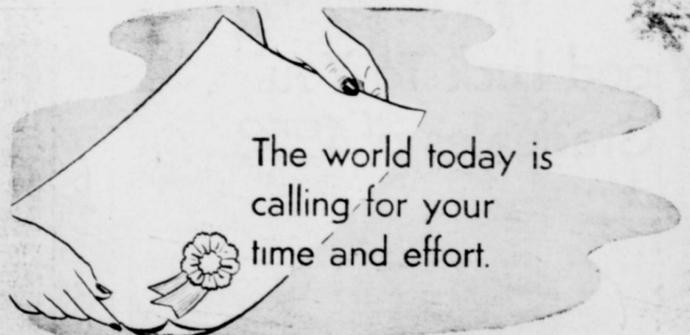
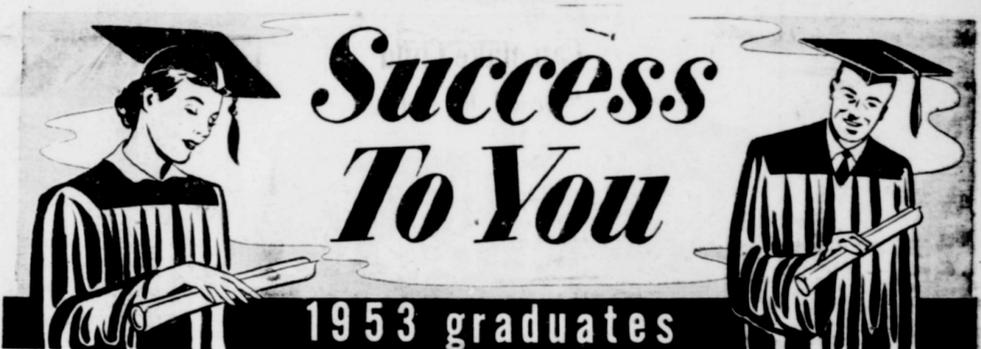
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CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

To: Leonard William Liles, Defendant, Greeting: YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 104th District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof in Abilene, Texas, by filing a writ-

ten 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 15th day of June A. D. 1953, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 30th day of April A. D. 1953, in this cause, numbered 7223-B on the docket of said court and styled Vivian Louise Liles, Plaintiff, vs. Leonard William Liles, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and defendant were legally married in Eastland County, Texas on or about January 7, 1950 and lived as husband and wife until about February 13, 1953, at which time they became permanently separated.

Plaintiff alleges they own no community property, and no child was born as issue to their marriage

union. Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of harsh and cruel treatment, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs. Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this 30th day of April A. D. 1953.

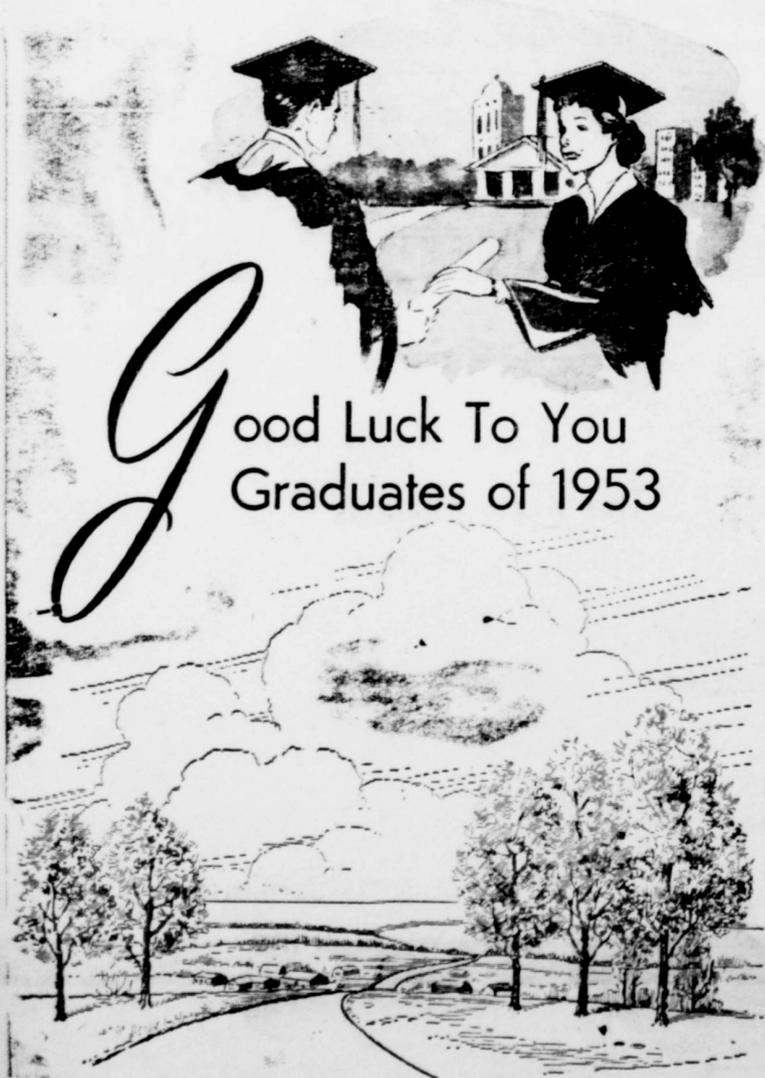
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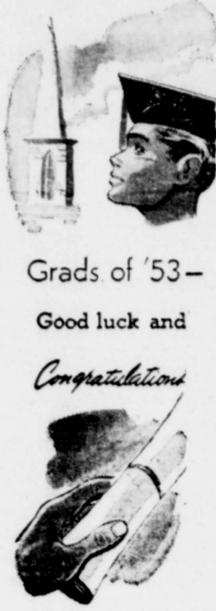
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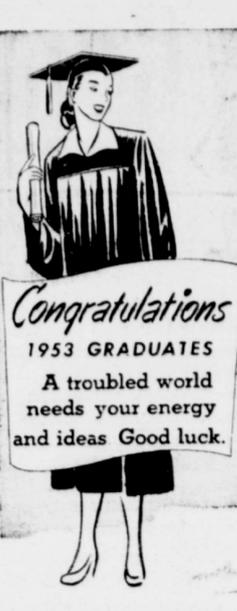
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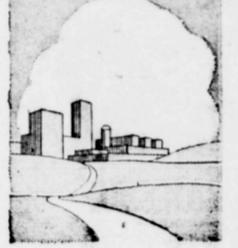
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Achievement, Honor... May they continue to be your goal is our wish to the Class of 1953.

Lemens Butane



Our advice to the Class of 1953 is to Aim High and Succeed. We congratulate you and extend our best wishes



DOWDY & TOOMBS



Congratulations, Class of 1953. We welcome your entry into the full life of our community.



Merkel Ice Co.

Greetings Grads!

It's your turn, Grads of 1953. The world offers you everything diligent efforts and abilities may obtain. Strive well!



Higgin's Blacksmith



Vision of success, Class of 1953. The world and the times are waiting for your achievements. Congratulations!

TEXACO STATION
Arthur G. Stout
Albert J. Schoonover



You have a chance of a lifetime. Good luck to you in your chosen career is our wish to you, Class of 1953.

VILLAGE INN
On Highway 80



Congratulations on your accomplishments, Class of 1953. May happiness and success await you always.



Station Inn
Neta Courts
W. A. LIDAY



We congratulate you sincerely on the record that you have made, Class of 1953.

C. F. Curb
GULF OIL PRODUCTS



May today's success be only the beginning of greater successes in the future is our wish to the Class of 1953.



Wanda's Florist
BEN and WANDA



"Local Grads Make Good." And we know you will go on to greater things in the world ahead, Class of 1953.



City Dry Cleaners



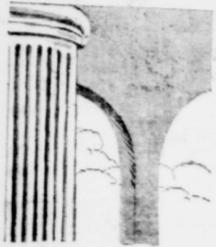
Good Luck, Class of 1953. May security and happiness be your good fortune always, is our sincere wish.



OAK ST. SERVICE STATION



CONGRATULATIONS



May you use your knowledge to make this a better world. Best of luck.

Paul Honeycutt Motors



Ahead is Success

1953 GRADUATES
and may each tomorrow bring to you a greater measure of success.
MERKEL FARM MACHINERY CO.



You've Done It

Class of 1953

and with your well-earned diplomas goes our sincere congratulations.
Hicks Auto Supply



to you of '53

WELL DONE

We all wish you "the very best"

Dudley Electric



THE TRACK IS CLEAR CLASS OF 1953

A bright future is in prospect for you. Good luck to you.

BURTON-LINGO COMPANY



the world is yours
1953 GRADS

Your youth and spirit will make it a better place.

Good Luck.

West Company

SINCE 1889



to the class of **1953**

We are all proud of you on your Graduation Day

Badger Chevrolet Co.
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May honor continue to be your goal.



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Grads of '53



... The Road Ahead is ready and waiting for your energy and enterprise.



Congratulations

B. & D. Garage

STACY BIRD

WRIGHT DISHMAN



look to the future 1953 graduates

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MERKEL CO-OP STATION



May you find the right road and follow it to success.

1953



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Grads of '53

We offer our sincere congratulations.



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ONLY GAS GIVES YOU HUNDREDS OF HEATS... not just a few!

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Are you one of the 43,000,000 thrifty Americans who already own Series E Savings Bonds? If you're not, why don't you join the Payroll Savings Plan today where you

work. Or invest through the Bond-A-Month Plan where you bank.

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Now safe, sure U. S. Series E Savings Bonds pay an even better return than ever before... thanks to 3 brand new money-earning features announced by the U. S. Treasury.

- 1 Now every Series E Bond you get earns 3% interest, compounded semiannually.
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Start now! Invest more savings in better-paying Series E Bonds—through the Payroll Savings Plan where you work or the Bond-A-Month Plan where you bank!

Peace is for the strong! For peace and prosperity invest in U. S. Savings Bonds

Middle Clear Fork Soil Conservation News

Now is the proper time to plant blue panic grass. Seed is available in Merkel and the per acre cost for seed is about the same as for su-

dan. It can be planted until July.

Although this grass grows off slowly the first two months after planting, it will out produce sudan after the first year. Being a perennial, it comes from the root each year and often yields good grazing as early as March. It grazes until frost and will usually produce about two months more grazing than sudan. It appears to do best where Johnson grass is best adapted.

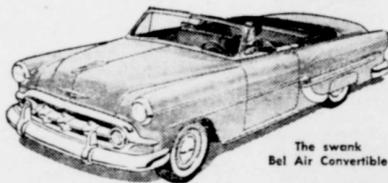
This grass is difficult to establish unless it is properly planted. Past experience has shown that the best method of planting is to plant on almost level ground. Planting furrow should not be over two inches and preferably not more than one inch deep. From one fourth to one half inch is the recommended depth for planting.

Maize planters with tight boxes and with most of holes in plate stopped can be used for planting. The Middle Clear Fork Soil Conservation District has planting equipment with small seed boxes which can be rented at nominal figures. This equipment is located at the W. D. Ramsey farm near Comper, H. H. McLeod farm seven miles north of Trent, and Tom Russom's farm at Butman.

Blue panic is a very palatable forage and all classes of livestock relish it. It is very drought resistant, many old planting furnishing good grazing in 1952 when sudan was never able to establish.

Seven entirely new Chevrolet sport models

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The swank Bel Air Convertible

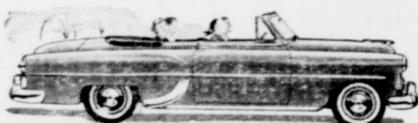
2 bright, breezy convertibles... 2 captivating sport coupes... 3 big, handsome station wagons... all of them styled and engineered like much costlier cars!

Here are the jauntiest cars in their field. They bring you new high-compression performance, Powerglide* automatic driving and Power Steering*—at lowest prices and with outstanding new economy. Come, see them—soon!

*Optional at extra cost. Combination of Powerglide automatic transmission and 115-h.p. "Blue-Flame" engine available on "Two-Ten" and Bel Air models. Power Steering available on all models.



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The colorful and captivating "Two-Ten" Convertible



The jaunty Bel Air Sport Coupe



The "Two-Ten" Handyman All-Steel Station Wagon

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The "One-Fifty" Handyman All-Steel Station Wagon



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EDITORIAL

GOOD RAINS

The best rain in five years. That
 is what Weatherman J. L. Ford
 said about the rain that fell on
 Monday of last week. It measured
 2 inches.

And that was not all. The rain
 kept falling each day, till 2.75 inches
 of rain had fallen by the time
 the paper came out last week. And
 since then more rains have fallen.
 Prospects look much better now
 than they did two weeks ago.
 Where before the farmer was hop-
 ing and waiting, he can now plan
 and do.

The good rain has been a long
 time in coming but it is greatly
 appreciated. It is this spirit of
 thankfulness that swells from the
 heart that makes West Texas the
 place to create strong character. It
 can take it and it can receive gra-
 ciously. That is the spirit that con-
 quers all things.

IMPORTANCE OF GUAR

Why plant guar?
 That was the question that was
 answered by John A. Esser, plant
 manager of General Mills, Inc., of
 Kenedy in his talk here at the
 Community Center.

What is guar used for? Mr. Es-
 ser replied that it is used primar-
 ily as a soil conditioner.

Is guar a good cash crop?
 The speaker was frank in his reply. If
 based on a one-year production it
 would not appear to be a better
 money-maker than maize. How-
 ever, when you consider that guar
 increases yields from 25 to 50 per
 cent in succeeding crops, gradually
 diminishing over a period of four
 to five years, it is decidedly more
 valuable.

Has it any other good points?
 Yes, it has, continued Mr. Esser.
 Experimental results and testi-
 monials from producers indicate
 that guar greatly increases the
 water intake of soil and increases
 the water holding rate of land.

Any special equipment needed?
 No, none is needed for planting
 cultivating or harvesting guar, he
 replied.

Has it any other advantages? It
 has, Mr. Esser answered. It is
 much more drought resistant than
 cotton or the common summer leg-
 ume, cowpeas. It grows on a wide
 variety of soils, doing best on deep
 sandy soil.

How much will it produce? The
 average production ranges from
 500 to 800 pounds per acre and the
 price at this time is \$4 per hun-
 dred, Kenedy, clean basis.

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There's the story and it appears
 in growing it now and with the
 good rains no doubts will go ahead
 with it.

Credit for bringing the matter
 of planting guar to a head should
 be given to Coleman O'Brien, local
 SCS manager. He did a splendid
 job in arousing interest in guar,
 in getting the speaker here and in
 his strenuous, determined effort
 to get out a crowd, which he did,
 to hear Mr. Esser.

CAROL ANN CORDER

Carol Ann Corder has done it!
 She won second place in declama-
 tion in the Interscholastic League
 competition in Austin.

This honor that has come to Car-
 ol Ann and to the Noodle High
 School has been well learned. She

Here Are Authentic Recipes for
 Bayou Style Jambalaya!



The Creole cooks of the deep
 South are famous for their de-
 licious Jambalayas and their
 Crawfish delicacies. Since the
 tune, Jambalaya, by Hank Wil-
 liams, became a nationwide hit,
 people all over the country are
 singing about these terrifically
 tasty Southern dishes. If you are
 one of the hundreds who have
 been wanting to try the wonder-
 ful dishes which inspired this
 ballad—here they are—direct
 from the south.

These dishes that are so numptious
 and savory that it is no wonder
 a song was written about them.
 In fact, the flavor is so superb
 as to inspire many more tunes
 and praises which will be sung
 and dedicated to the happy cook.
 What fun it will be for you to
 be a clever hostess and have a
 Jambalaya Party at which these
 Jambalayas and "history mak-
 ing" Crawfish Pie are served—

accompanied by a musical back-
 ground of the recorded version
 of JAMBALAYA! Singing favor
 dances throughout every bit of
 these rice, meat, poultry, vegeta-
 ble and fish dishes—so be pre-
 pared for ("seconds") en-
 cores. Guests will be in harmony
 with their compliments about
 the perfect "rhythm" of ingredi-
 ents and seasonings, because
 Jambalaya and Crawfish Pie
 are really stupendous eating and
 worthy of many, many curtain
 calls. Be sure to have pencil and
 paper on hand because many of
 your guests will wish to record
 "your" Jambalaya recipes for
 future use in their own homes.
 Here they are. Take your pick
 —or try them all. You can't go
 wrong. They are all delicious—
 and authentic—and in true
 southern tradition.

CREOLE CHICKEN
 JAMBALAYA

Ingredients:
 3 strips of bacon, coarsely diced
 1/2 cup chopped onion
 1/2 cup chopped green pepper
 1/2 cup diced celery
 1 No. 2 can tomatoes (2 1/2 cups)
 2 cups chicken stock (or 2 cups
 water and 2 chicken bouillon
 cubes)
 1/2 cup uncooked rice
 2 1/2 cups cooked diced chicken
 2 teaspoons salt
 1/4 teaspoon pepper
 1 bay leaf

METHOD: Cook the bacon several
 minutes in a large saucepan or
 soup kettle. Add the onion,
 green pepper and celery. Cook
 until the bacon is crisp. Add the
 tomatoes, chicken stock, rice,
 chicken, salt, pepper and bay
 leaf. Bring to a vigorous boil.

has been working hard to achieve
 this distinction. At Brownwood in
 the regional meet Carol Ann won.
 She was voted best actress in both
 district and area meets in the one-
 act play contest.

We extend to Carol Ann and
 those who helped her win our
 heartfelt congratulations and we
 include the Noodle High School.

"WHITE-ISM"
 That's ALL—and the Sage of
 Figfield adds that it looks easy to
 win...that's it, it looks—but it
 isn't.

Conoco Advertising
 Program to Feature
 Automobile Safety

Safer automobiles for safer driv-
 ing is the main objective of Con-
 tinental Oil Company's summer ad-
 vertising program, which begins
 Friday, May 22 in The Mall. Con-
 oco's advertising will contain a list
 of safe-driving tips compiled by
 the National Safety Council.

Turn the heat as low as possible.
 Cover with a lid and leave over
 this low heat for 14 minutes. Re-
 move bay leaf. Serve hot.

BAYOU COUNTRY SHRIMP
 JAMBALAYA

Ingredients:
 2 tablespoons fat
 1/2 cup chopped onions
 1 clove garlic, minced fine
 1 cup canned tomatoes
 1/2 cup water
 1 green pepper, chopped fine
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 1/4 teaspoon red pepper
 1/4 teaspoon thyme
 1 tablespoon Worcestershire
 sauce
 3 cups cooked rice
 2 cups cooked shrimp, cut in
 pieces
 1 cup tomato juice
 1/2 cup grated cheese
 2 tablespoons parsley

METHOD: Melt fat in skillet,
 stir in flour and blend thorough-
 ly. Add the onions and cook un-
 til the onions are tender. Add
 garlic, tomatoes, water, green
 pepper, salt, red pepper, thyme
 and Worcestershire sauce. Cook
 until pepper is tender. Stir oc-
 casionally. Add rice, shrimp and
 tomato juice. Pour into a
 greased baking dish. Sprinkle
 the cheese and parsley over the
 top. Place in a 350° F. oven for
 15 minutes.

SOUTHERN JAMBALAYA

Ingredients:
 2 tablespoons fat
 1 cup finely chopped onion
 1 cup finely chopped green
 pepper
 2 cloves garlic, minced fine
 1 cup diced cooked chicken
 1 cup diced cooked ham
 12 tiny pork sausages, cut
 in pieces
 1 No. 2 can tomatoes (2 1/2 cups)
 1 cup uncooked rice
 2 1/2 cups water and 2 chicken
 bouillon cubes
 1/2 teaspoon thyme
 1 tablespoon chopped parsley
 1/4 teaspoon chili powder
 1/4 teaspoon salt
 1/4 teaspoon black pepper

METHOD: Melt fat in a large
 saucepan. Add onion, green pep-
 per and garlic. Cook slowly, stir-
 ring often until onions and pep-
 per are tender. Add chicken,
 ham, sausages. Cook 5 minutes
 longer. Add tomatoes, uncooked
 rice, chicken stock, thyme, chop-
 ped parsley, chili powder, salt
 and black pepper. Place this
 mixture in a large greased cas-

serole. Cover and place in oven
 at 350° F. for 50 minutes or un-
 til rice is done and liquid is
 absorbed.
 This recipe makes 8 servings.

RICE VEGETABLE
 JAMBALAYA

Ingredients:
 1 cup uncooked rice
 1/4 cup butter or margarine
 1/2 pound mushrooms, sliced
 1/2 cup sliced onions
 1/2 cup chopped green pepper
 1/2 cup chopped celery
 3 cups broth, stock, canned
 bouillon or consommé, or
 water
 2 cups canned tomatoes
 1/2 bay leaf
 1/2 teaspoon chili pepper
 1/4 teaspoon onion salt
 Dash of red pepper
 1/4 teaspoon thyme

METHOD: Heat butter or mar-
 garine in a heavy skillet. Add
 dry, uncooked rice. Cook, stir-
 ring constantly about 10 minutes
 or until lightly browned.
 Add mushrooms, onion, green
 pepper and celery. Cook until
 vegetables are soft and lightly
 browned.
 Add remaining ingredients. Sim-
 mer over low heat, only partly
 covered, about 40 minutes or
 until the rice is tender. If a
 thicker mixture is preferred, re-
 move cover entirely and con-
 tinue cooking for a few minutes
 longer until the liquid has cook-
 ed down to the desired thickness.
 This recipe makes 6 servings.

PREPARING THE
 FLUFFY WHITE RICE:

To make 3 liberal cups of fluffy
 rice, put 1 cup of uncooked rice,
 2 cups of cold water and 1 tea-
 spoon of salt into a 2 quart sau-
 ce-pan and bring to a vigorous boil.
 Turn the heat as low as possible.
 Cover saucepan with a lid and
 leave over this low heat for 14
 minutes. Do not remove lid nor
 stir rice while it is cooking. Turn
 off the heat.

Use exact measurements of un-
 cooked rice and water. Time the
 cooking accurately.
 For real convenience and econ-
 omy of time and effort, keep un-
 used rice in the refrigerator in a
 covered container at all times.
 Use it for many quick delicious
 and inexpensive soups, salads,
 casserole dishes, hot breads and
 desserts.

DEEP SOUTH CRAWFISH PIE

Ingredients:
 2 cups meat from crawfish,
 lobster or shrimp
 2 cups cooked rice (see recipe
 above)
 1 10 1/2 ounce can condensed
 cream of mushroom soup
 1 cup water
 1/4 cup celery leaves, chopped
 2 bay leaves
 1/4 teaspoon salt
 1/4 teaspoon pepper
 2 egg yolks, hard cooked
 2 slices of bread spread with
 butter or margarine
 Paprika

METHOD: Mix together the fish
 meat, rice, mushroom soup, wa-
 ter, celery leaves, bay leaves,
 salt and pepper. Pour into a
 greased baking dish. Crumble
 the egg yolks over the top. Re-
 move the crusts from the slices
 of bread and cut each slice into
 four triangles. Arrange the eight
 bread triangles in a circle on
 top of the fish and rice mixture.
 This makes an interesting de-
 sign on top of the dish. Sprinkle
 paprika over the top of the dish.
 Place uncovered in a 350° F.
 oven for 30 minutes or until the
 mixture is thoroughly heated
 and the bread is toasted.
 This recipe makes 6 servings.

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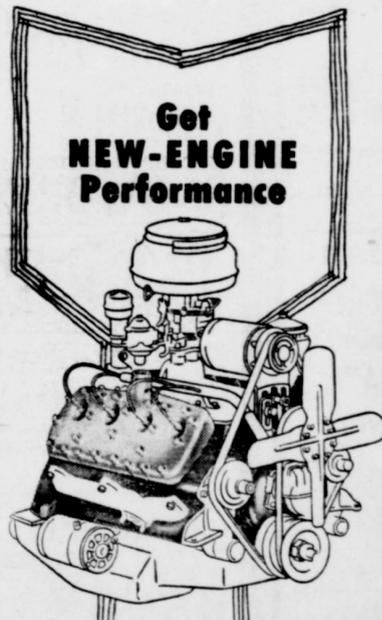
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So the People
 May Know

Previously in this series, atten-
 tion was called to the responsi-
 bility of county officials to publish
 regular financial reports. City of-
 ficials have the same duty.

Here are two provisions of the
 Texas statutes describing what the
 city authorities must do:

"Art. 1001. Cities, Towns, and
 Villages—publication of receipts
 and expenditures by city treasurer.

"At the end of every half year
 he shall cause to be published, at
 the expense of the city, a state-
 ment showing the amount of re-
 ceipts and expenditures for six
 months next preceding, and the
 general condition of the treasury

"Art. 1023. Cities, Towns, and
 Villages—city council shall pub-
 lish statement of receipts and ex-
 penditures.

"The city council shall, at least
 ten days before the expiration of
 each municipal year, cause to be
 published in a city newspaper a
 correct and full statement of the
 receipts and expenditures from the
 date of the last annual report, to-
 gether with the sources from
 which the funds were derived, and
 showing for what purpose disburs-
 ed, the condition of the treasury,
 together with such information as
 may be necessary to a full under-

standing of the financial condition
 of the city."

*Price Daniel's book of Texas
 Publication Laws, page 92.
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 Publication Laws, page 93.

LIVESTOCK SHIPMENT UP

March livestock shipments in
 Texas totaled 2,072 loads—16 per
 cent more than in February but 25
 per cent less than March, 1952, the
 University of Texas Bureau of
 Business Research reported.

March increases over Febru-
 ary include hog shipments (up 367
 per cent), cattle (up 20 per cent),
 and calves (up 3 per cent). In March-
 to-March comparisons, sheep ship-
 ments increased 4 per cent, but
 cattle shipments dropped 2 per
 cent; calves, 27 per cent; and hogs,
 74 per cent.

FARM INCOME IS DOWN

Texas farm cash income for the
 first two 1953 months was 22 per
 cent below the same 1952 period,
 the University of Texas Bureau of
 Business Research reported. In-
 come from wheat and oats more
 than doubled 1952 earnings and
 income from poultry and eggs reg-
 istered smaller gains. Income from
 wool, mohair, cottonseed, corn,
 and cotton was considerably lower.

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ANDY DEVINE

Also 2 COLOR CARTOONS
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Great Interest Is Being Shown In Guar Bean

The guar bean idea is taking
hold in Merkel and the surround-
ing area.

On Monday of this week the feed
stores in Merkel were contacted
and they reported that they were
selling different quantities of guar
seed and that great interest was
being shown by many farmers who
were looking into the matter.

Patterson Grain, Fager Feed
Store, Toombs and Moore, and the
Kimball Milling Company all have
the seed and inoculant and have
sold some already.

The consensus of opinion among
the dealers was that most of the
farmers of this area will experi-
ment with a small quantity of the
seed to see what it will do on their
land.

Many farmers have expressed
concern over the declining yields
on their land. Several old timers in
and about Merkel have remarked

that land is not producing like it
did 40 years ago, that yields have
gradually diminished over the
years and that something needs to
be done to put new life into the
land.

Many of these men feel that
guar may be the crop that will re-
build the land in this dry area.

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Buddies in Korea Are Partners Now Of Texaco Station

Arthur G. Stout of Merkel and
Albert J. Schoonover of California
have bought the Texaco Service

Station from Keller Roberts. They
took over last Friday.

Arthur finished grammar and
high school here.

The new owners were buddies in
the Army in Korea for 18 months.
Both are married and are now liv-
ing here.

Noah was 603 years old when
the ark was completed.

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TOWN HOUSE
BUTTER CRACKERS lb. 29c

CUDAHY
TANG Luncheon Meat can 39c

HONEY BOY
SALMON can 39c

LIBBY'S — 46 OUNCE
TOMATO JUICE can 27c

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

HEARTS DELIGHT — No. 2 1/2
FRUIT COCKTAIL can 33c

LIBBY'S — No. 2 1/2
PEARS can 39c

15c COUPON INSIDE CAN
SNOWDREFT can 83c

CHOICE MEATS

CHOICE BEEF — HEAVY
CHUCK ROAST lb. 43c

GOUCH CHOICE BEEF — HEAVY
LOIN STEAK lb. 79c

FRESH
GROUND MEAT lb. 45c

SLICED
BACON lb. 42c

CHOICE BEEF
SHORT RIBS lb. 32c

FRESH
FRYERS lb. 53c

WISCONSIN LONGHORN
CHEESE lb. 52c

CENTER CUT
PORK CHOPS lb. 69c

IMPERIAL
SUGAR 10 lbs. 89c

CHARLOTTE
FREEZE 1/2 gal. 59c

WRIGLEY'S
GUM carton 59c

300's
KLEENEX
2 Boxes 39c

VEL BEAUTY
BAR SOAP each 19c

DREFT — JOY — CHEER or
TIDE 2 boxes 55c

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FRESH CARTON
TOMATOES each 15c

FRESH
OKRA lb. 19c

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APPLES lb. 19c

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POTATOES lb. 6c

FRESH
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