

Principal Read Presents Award

The following students of the 1953 Merkel graduating class received college scholarships: Tommie Maddox, valedictorian; Carolyn Teaff, salutatorian; Marolyn Heffest, salutatorian; Glynn Clark, highest ranking boy. These students also received medals from the school.

Other medal awards to seniors were: Best all-around girl, Sue MeLeod; best all-around boy, Bruce Knight; student council president, Bruce Knight; President senior class, Derrell Kelso; yearbook editor, Patsy Anderson; yearbook assistant editor, Jan Lemens. Perfect attendance certificate went to Bertha Patterson.

Medals were also presented to the top ranking students of the other high school classes: Barbara Wilson, average 97.00; highest junior, Paka Newby, average 94.90; highest sophomore, Betty Chancey, average 94.10; highest freshman, Principal Edwin E. Read presented the awards at the commencement exercises last Friday.

Box Supper Will Be Given by Girls Next Tues. Night

The Intermediate and Browns Troops will have a box supper next Tuesday at 7 p. m. in the cafeteria. The Intermediate Troop will present a play, "Cinderella." Anyone interested in Scouting is urged to attend.

Parents may bring boxes. Each person who brings a box should write on the outside of it whether there is enough food in it for two, three or four people to eat.

CELEBRATE 9TH YEAR

Sunday the Assembly of God Church here will celebrate its ninth year. Nine years ago Rev. H. S. Earp put up a tent and held a revival. The church has grown since then. Special speaker Sunday at 1 a. m. and 8 p. m. will be Rev. (Mrs.) J. D. Jolly of Dallas. A memorial service will be held at 2 p. m.

SINGING CONVENTION

Taylor-Jones County Singing Convention meets the fifth Sunday, May 31, at 1:30 p. m. at Highland Park Baptist Church in Abilene.

SINGING AT PRIMITIVE

There will be an all-day singing from the Sacred Heart Book at the Primitive Baptist Church Sunday. Dinner will be served on the grounds. Everyone is invited.

SINGING AT AMITY

There will be singing at Amity Baptist Church next Thursday at 8 p. m. Everyone invited.

OIL NEWS

Blackwell Oil & Gas Co., Moore No. 2, down to 1,300 feet Monday.

Rev. William Mayhew Buried in Temple

Rev. William James Mayhew, 81 pastor of the Methodist Church at Merkel in 1927-28, died May 10 after a short illness and was buried in Temple the next day. He is survived by his widow. Among the pallbearers was Roger A. Burgess, superintendent of Merkel schools for 15 years and now living in Waco.

GIRL TO FORKNEBS

A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Forkner on May 26 at the Sadler Hospital.

Merkel 20 Years Ago

TAKEN FROM THE 1933 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL

IS VALEDICTORIAN

Supt. Roger E. Burgess announced that Lucile Campbell earned the place of valedictorian with an average of 96.44 salutatorian was Nell Hughes with 94.392. Van Roberts was highest ranking boy with 94.155 and next boy was Meyer Mellinger with 93.125.

DESTROYED BY FIRE

The Tracy ranch house, one of the landmarks of Mulberry canyon, was destroyed by fire some two weeks ago. It was a two-story frame house and at the time of its erection about 36 years ago by Ed Tracy, one of the earliest pioneers of this section, was among the first of the modern ranch houses in this section. A Mr. King now owns the property.

44 GRADE GRADUATES

Graduating from grammar school, 44 seventh grade pupils received their diplomas at commencement exercises at the Methodist Church, held Saturday night. Mrs. Len Sublett principal, presented the diploma to the group of 27 boys and 17 girls.

ON HONOR ROLL

Nineteen pupils in the Merkel Public Schools were on the honor roll for every grade period of the 1932-33 session and the list of pupils who were neither absent nor tardy for the entire school year numbered 52.

SCHOOL CENSUS UP

Taylor census has 10,068 scholars, 310 more than last year, the

completed census rolls in the office of County Superintendent M. A. Williams show. Merkel had 699, a gain of 85 over last year's figure of 614. Trent had 243.

ATTEND MEETING

Three of the Merkel rural carriers, with their families attended the annual session of the association of the 17th Congressional District in Abilene Memorial Day. They were: Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Slayden and two children, Mr. and Mrs. J. Ben Campbell and Misses Mary Kate and Sally Mary, and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley King and son Norman. Miss Berdelle Adcock gave a reading on the program.

FIELD IS ABANDONED

The emergency landing field, installed here some two years ago by the airways division of the Department of Commerce, is being dismantled due, it is reported, to the fact that the government is abandoning this type of field. Similar fields at Baird, Odessa, Stanton and Salt Flat have been, or will be abandoned.

LOCAL PASTOR RETURNS

Rev. R. A. Walker, pastor of Grace Presbyterian Church, returned Thursday morning from Columbus, Ohio, where he attended the sessions of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church U. S. A., as pastor-messenger from the Abilene presbytery. En route he visited the Century Progress, Chicago's second World's Fair.

This Happened in Merkel Forty Years Ago

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The Merkel Independent School District elected Roger A. Burgess as principal of the public schools at this place for the coming year. Mr. Burgess was formerly connected with the schools of Lubbock.

Ed Newman of Corsicana, who formerly was connected with the Newman Bros. Jewelry Co., of this place, stopped off here Wednesday to shake hands with old friends. He had been attending court in San Angelo.

Miss Mary Gunn, who has been in school at San Marcos, returned home Wednesday evening.

Several from this section of the

country left last week for Chattanooga to attend the United Confederate Veterans' Reunion. Among those going were Miss Amanda Curtis, J. T. Howard, G. W. Johnson, S. R. Curtis, J. S. Swann and Jno. Wheeler.

Arch Harris of Route Two was in town twice last Saturday to see the carnival. He came in the morning and, finding that the thing had not opened in full returned home until after dinner and was back again, J. T. Williamson of Trent, similar in some respects to Mr. Harris, was also here.

W. Parton and J. M. Pate went fishing and hunting on the Colorado and Concho rivers.

Grammar School Commencement

The grammar school graduated 55 students on Thursday of last week in the cafeteria-auditorium. There was a capacity crowd. The program follows:

Processional, Mrs. Norman Winter: "There's Something About America," chorus; "Preamble of the United Nations," Jerry Miller, Gail O'Brien, Jimmy Neill, Canon Bradley, Jimmy Jenkins, Larry Kerns, Robert McLeod, Lloyd Shugart, Jerry Frank Patterson, Edward Holmes;

"We Come With Songs of Gladness," "How to Spell Friendship," "I Know a Friendly City," chorus; Honor awards, Prof. Mack Fisher;

"Tommy Tax," "Song of the Good Neighbor," chorus; "Song of the Islands," 8th grade girls; "Keep the Peace," David Orr; "Fifty Friendly Nations," chorus; Presentation of diplomas, Principal C. A. Farley; "Good Bless America," chorus;

The ushers were Sue Newbourn, Linda Winter, Patsy Smith, Bette Smith, Irish N. Pair, Madie Kelso. The sponsors were Mrs. Vincent Barnett, Leon Walker and Mrs. Norman Winter.

Norvell F. Brown Dies Last Week

Norvell Franklin Brown, 47, native of the Goodman community north of Trent, died about 10 a. m. Wednesday of last week in a Wichita Falls hospital.

Funeral was held at 3:30 p. m. last Friday at the Starbuck Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Mr. Brown had lived in the Goodman community all his life until moving to Wichita Falls about 10 months ago. He was a farmer.

He was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. E. C. (Bud) Brown of the Goodman Community. He was born Jan. 4 1906.

Baptist School Is Now In Progress

The First Baptist Church Vacation Bible School is now in progress. It ends June 5. It lasts from 8:30 a. m. to 11 a. m. daily. Classes are for those from 2 1/2 through 17 years of age.

Former Baptist Minister Here Receives Degree

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Bartlett went to Brownwood Friday and attended the graduation exercises at Howard Payne College. Rev. Cooper Waters, former pastor here of the First Baptist Church, received an honorary D. D. degree at that time. He is now pastor at Orange.

Mr., Mrs. B. F. Cox Have Anniversary

J. Parker Sharp attended the golden wedding anniversary Sunday in Abilene of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Cox, who are former Merkelites.

Methodist School Begins June 1st And Ends on 7th

The Vacation Bible School for kindergarten, primary and junior will start June 1 at the First Methodist Church and end June 7.

SHIRLEY TEMPLE HERE

Shirley Temple, greatest child star in Hollywood history and now Mrs. C. A. Black, passed through here Thursday of last week and stopped at the Merkel Drug Store for breakfast. Mrs. Marie Ely waited on her here.

IS IN MIDLAND

Woodrow Parton is in Midland contracting and the family will join him later.

TO CLOSE MONDAY

Practically all merchants of Merkel have signed an agreement to close Monday, June 1, in observance of Memorial Day. This action was taken Wednesday afternoon.

AT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

L. L. Murray is in Minneapolis, Minn., as commissioner to the 165 meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., from Abilene Presbytery. It will end June 3.

Eighth Grade Awards Presented By Prof. Fisher

Prof. Mack Fisher awarded medals to each top ranking boy and girl in the eighth grades at the commencement last week.

In Mrs. Vincent Barnett's room the winners were: Kermit Rutledge with an average of 93.6 and his cousin Janice Rutledge 93.3.

In Leon Walker's room the winners were: Margaret Chancey with 93 and David Orr with 92.

Buddy McKeever And Mark Holt Ordered to Report

Mark Alexander Holt of Trent and Buddy Darrell McKeever have been ordered to report for induction into the armed forces by Selective Service Board No. 115.

ON WAY TO JAPAN

Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Smith and two daughters-in-law, Mrs. Raymond Smith and Mrs. Dean Smith, returned Sunday from a trip to the West Coast. They were gone two weeks and were in California, Washington and Oregon. They met Raymond who is on his way to Japan.

Many Graduate From Texas Tech

Among those who received degrees from Texas Tech at Lubbock Monday were:

In Agriculture — John Anderson of Trent.

In the Division of Business Administration — Leroy M. Hand of Trent.

Those who completed requirements for degrees in January and now received their degree were:

Norman S. King, W. A. McDonald, Oris R. Reynolds, Sue M. Reynolds (Mrs. O. R.), Sandra Sadler (Haynes).

Norah Foster Receives Degree

Miss Norah Foster, teacher in the fourth grade, received her Master of Education degree at McMurry College Tuesday morning.

Dwight Swafford Goes Into Army At Ft. Sam Houston

1st Lt. Dwight Swafford will enter the Army service as a medical officer at Ft. Sam Houston, San Antonio. He is the son of Mrs. T. J. R. Swafford. He was home over the weekend.

Other visitors were Miss Mildred Swafford, San Angelo, Max Swafford and family, San Antonio, Don Swafford and family, Hobbs, New Mexico, Dot Swafford, Fort Worth and Mrs. J. O. Pilant, Snyder.

FORMER MERKELITE SUICIDE

Robert Lee Smith, 38, former Merkel resident killed himself and his wife in a murder-suicide Sunday morning in Fort Worth, according to the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

Detectives reported the Smiths, who had been married nine years, had been having domestic difficulties and had separated several times.

Mr. Smith, a native of Merkel had lived in Fort Worth about eight years. He was a veteran of Italian fighting with the 36th Division in World War II.

ARE GREAT GRANDPARENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Adams of Brownfield are the parents of a baby girl, Angela Lynn, born on May 24. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Petty of Abilene and great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Petty and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hamm, both of Merkel.

Response Is Law Of Life, of Success Graduates Are Told

"Response is the law of life if it is the law of success."

That was the assertion made by Carl M. Anderson, prominent attorney and civic leader of Sweetwater, in his commencement address before the Merkel High School graduating class at the cafeteria-auditorium last Friday night. The hall was filled to capacity.

After the processional, Layton Plaster, minister of the Church of Christ, gave the invocation, calling attention to the fact that in their schooling the seniors had been taught the American Way of Life. In her salutatory address Carolyn Jane Teaff welcomed the folks.

The senior class sang "Halls of Ivy" and "The End of Perfect Day." In her salutatory address Marolyn June Teaff, twin sister of Carolyn, thanked everyone for their guidance during the scholastic years.

Derrell Kelso, class president, stated in his address "We believe that we will be better men on account of the years spent in Merkel High School."

Then the senior class sang "After Graduation Day," "Moonlight and Roses," which is the class song and "I Love Each Brick and Stone."

Tommie Jean Maddox in her valedictory address said that the problem of today is "How to get along with others."

Prof. Mack Fisher, superintendent of schools, introduced the main speaker.

"Things move fast these days," began Mr. Anderson. "Before we realize it youth soon become the leaders of the community."

Mr. Anderson spoke naturally, easily, conversationally, spicing his talk with humor and filling it with rich wit and enthusiasm.

"You are embarking on the great sea of life under sealed orders on a great mission," he continued. "I would like to give you a few words of encouragement and caution."

"Consider well before you throw out of the window any of the old ideals."

"Consider the restlessness of the times. People don't know where they are going . . . just moving. Consider where you are going. Make a plan. Plan for happiness, plan for usefulness, plan for success. And above all be aware of the needs of those about you."

"I don't share the thought that the world is going to the dogs. 'The key to success in life, in business, in every part of our activities is response. It is the law of life, it is the law of success. It makes great men great, it makes happy people happy."

"You must learn to adjust yourself to other people," advised Mr. Anderson, "and work with those about you. You must learn to respond correctly. If you cannot adjust yourselves to those above you, below you and about you you will fail."

"Response is the law of the home. 'To learn to respond is to seek out the good qualities in everyone, even the bad persons. Response is the difference between life and death. A tree responds, a bird responds. 'You are alive,' asserted Mr. Anderson, "in proportion to your ability to respond. The choice to

James Russell will rope against Herman Virden of Ballinger four calves each night during the Winters Rodeo June 24, 25 and 26. Herman has won the last two years against other ropers.

Elbert Foster left Monday for McDermitt, Nev., where he will work on a ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Head attend the funeral of her nephew Cecil Washburn in Odessa Monday.

Our store and elevator at Merkel, Hawley and Tye will be open all day Monday. Patterson Grain. — Adv.

Admissions to the Sadler Hospital the past week were:

As medical patients — Bert Ruth Denman, Mrs. Lurline Niblo, George Atkins, W. T. Perry, Ruby Irvin Mrs. Levi Brazilton, Sam Mashburn, Mrs. Milton Goode, Judy Hollar.

For surgery — Linda Clark, Terry Pelan Stevens, John and Jean Reed, all Stevenson. Mrs. Hollis Irvin, Mrs. Myrtle Han, Lesley Whiteley.

respond is yours. You can either make yourself or break yourself."

Principal Edwin Read gave out the special awards and scholarships and Prof. Fisher presented the diplomas. Mr. Plaster gave the benediction and recessional followed.

Mrs. Comer Haynes was the pianist and Mrs. Edwin Read the violinist.

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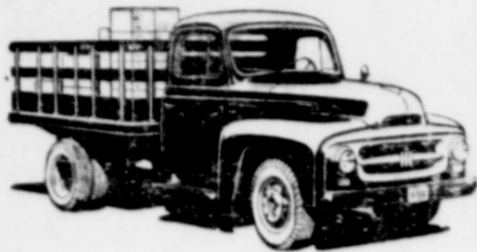
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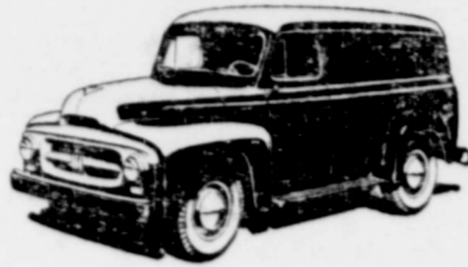
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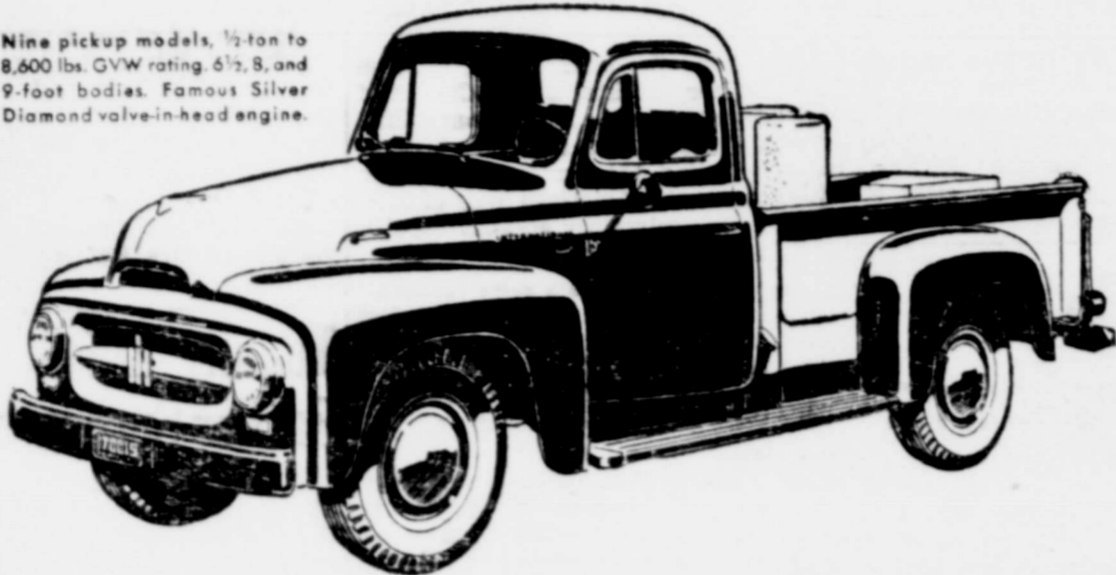


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personals

Jerry Robinson of Trent, son of Mr. and Mrs. Orvin Robinson, is home for a few days before returning to S. H. S. T. C. of Huntsville for summer work.

Edwin Earl Winn of Trent is home for the summer from S. H. S. T. C. He will return in the fall.

Johnnie Mae Horton and Myrna Patterson were the guests of Myrna's grandmother, Mrs. J. W. Dowdy, 1126 Meander, Abilene, for several days the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Sie Hamm of Colorado City were Sunday afternoon visitors of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hamm, and her brother, Postmaster Wrenn Durham, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Walker and family left for a vacation in Galveston Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Higgins and son Eddy were in Odessa Sunday, visiting her sister, Mrs. Ted Richmond, and family. Her mother, Mrs. J. J. McNiece, returned home with them.

A. J. Barbee, Sr., left Wednesday for Belhi, Colo., where he has a ranch. He will be gone all summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Chapman of Abilene visited their nephew, Floyd Green, and wife Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Newman and family of Denver, Colo., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Quannah Dudley and family. Mr. Newman will leave shortly for duty overseas with the Air Force.

Mr. and Mrs. Gaynes Fisher and Pat and Conita and Shirley Bagby spent Sunday afternoon at Buffalo Gap.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Elliott and family of Portland, Ore., are visiting her mother, Mrs. John S. Hughes, and other relatives. They are moving to Dallas.

J. D. Gentry was in Colorado City Sunday where he visited his wife and daughter who are guests of her sister, Mrs. Charles Womack who has a new baby boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Wright Dishman and family visited in Rising Star with his aunt, Mrs. Lee Poteet.

Mrs. Bob Fowler and sons were in Dallas over the weekend, visiting her mother, Mrs. J. H. Hobbs. Bob Fowler was in Grand Falls over the weekend at his ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Fox and twins of Lubbock spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. lie Fox.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Gregory visited Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. McDaniel, in Gorman.

Mr. and Mrs. Hail Derstine and son, Wayne of Lamesa visited here recently with Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Derstine, their cousins.

Mrs. Mark Williamson and new baby boy, Mark, Jr., came home from the hospital Tuesday of last week.

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

Mrs. Woody Wilson and children were in Haskell Friday and returned with her father, A. D.

English, who spent the weekend here.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Akin of Rowden and Mrs. M. E. Lineweaver and sons of San Angelo attended the Merkel High School graduation exercises last Friday and spent the week with Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Patterson.

Mrs. Bill Fugat visited the first of the week with friends in Notrees.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Tittle and daughter Becky Lynn of Mason, Mrs. Orion Tittle of Eagle Pass were weekend visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Tittle.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Doan visited his brother, Claude Doan, and wife of Abernathy over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Truett Patterson and daughters Mary and Jane of Indianapolis, Ind., arrived Monday to spend a two-week vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Patterson.

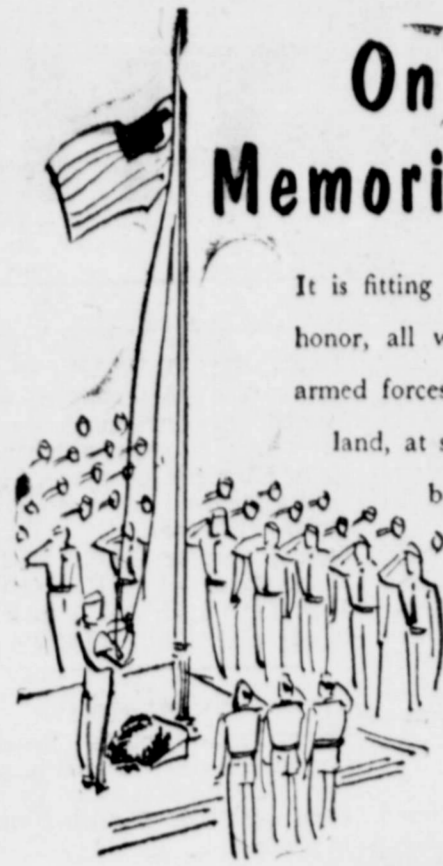
WESLEYN SERICE GUILD IS STUDYING BIBLE

The Wesleyn Service Guild met Tuesday night, May 19, in the home of Miss Bettye Jane Tittle. The guild is studying the Bible at this time, being ably taught and discussed by Mrs. Paul Honeycutt.

At the social hour Miss Tittle served a delicious sandwich plate. The next meeting will be at the parsonage with Mrs. Hugh Hunt as hostess.

Those present were Mesdames Ben Hicks, C. F. Swartz, R. M. Ferguson, Junior Clark, Holt Vaughn, Cyrus Pee, Ernest Joyce, Paul Honeycutt, Don Dudley, Miss Mary Collins and visitors, Mrs. Bill Fugat and Mrs. Bill Harris.

On this Memorial Day...



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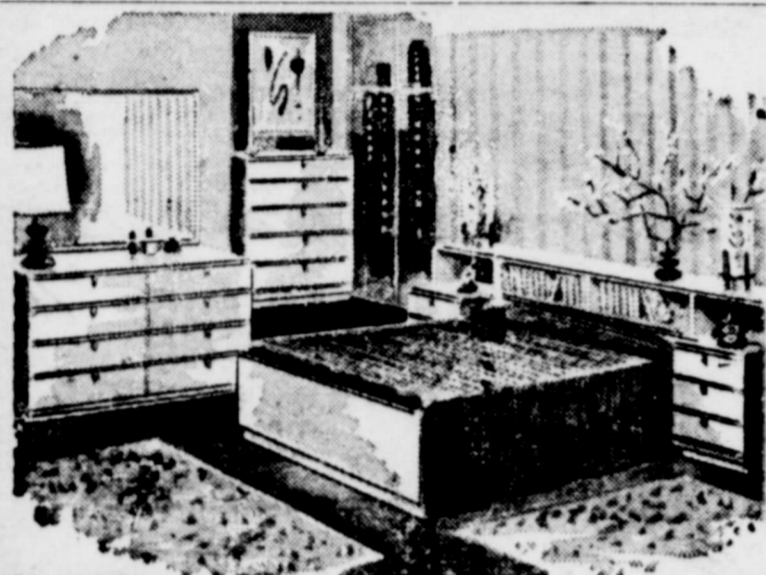
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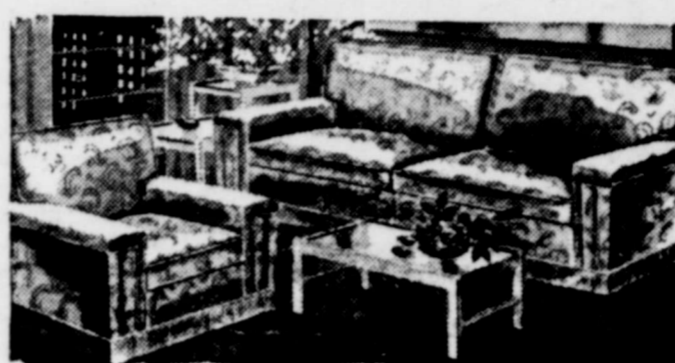
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Isadore Mellinger At Shrine Rite In El Paso, Texas
Isadore Mellinger attended the All-State Shrine Ceremonial in El Paso Thursday to Saturday of last week.

Little Child Will Show Gratitude Of Many Patients
A little child will place a wreath of flowers before the statue at Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Crippled Children in Dallas Sunday afternoon, June 7, to symbolize the gratitude of hundreds of little patients to the men and women, now dead, who made their treatment and care possible. The occasion will be the sixteenth annual memorial services of the hospital, honoring nearly 200 bene-

factors who left bequests to the institution in their last wills and testaments. The services will be broadcast at 2:30 p. m. The hospital treats crippled children from all parts of Texas without regard to race, creed or color.



By VERN SANFORD
Texas Press Association

Is Governor Allan Shivers going to run for a third term? That question came up at the tail end of a legislative session which has failed to accomplish major parts of the governor's program.

Governor Shivers has said that he wants to see his program completed.

Questioned by reporters, the governor replied that he "might some day" make another political race.

Asked directly whether he planned to run for another term as governor, Shivers responded:

"I don't know. But there have been lots of people nice enough to suggest it. I have always said that I want to do whatever the majority of the people want."

One part of Governor Shiver's program that failed in the Legislature was a pay raise for teachers.

The solons were ready to give the pedagogues an additional \$300 per year, but the teacher lobby held out for \$600 or nothing.

Thus the teachers got nothing. Their hope now is that a tax on natural gas, passed by the Legislature two years ago and now being tested in the courts, will be finally approved.

Should that happen, it is expected that the governor will call a special session of the Legislature to appropriate the money that the state has been collecting under the terms of the tax.

The money has been piling up, unspent, pending the final outcome of the court action.

The state now has \$15 million of

this money, and collections are continuing at the rate of about \$1 million per month.

Voters of Texas will decide at the general election in November of next year on a number of changes in the state constitution. Here are some of the questions the people will be called upon to answer.

Whether teacher and state employ retirement credits shall be interchangeable.

Whether the terms of local elected officials shall be lengthened from two to four years.

After two filibusters in the Senate and a storm of opposition in the House, the legislature finally passed a bill to set up a state toll road authority.

The authority will have power to issue bonds and use the money to build roads. When the bonds are retired the roads will become the property of the state.

SUGGESTION: If you haven't contributed to both the Waco and the San Angelo tornado relief funds, do so today. People in both cities are in urgent need of your help.

Positions Open as Highway Patrolmen Garrison, Jr., States

Homer Garrison, Jr. director of The Texas Department of Public Safety, announced that his department is receiving applications for appointment to the position of Texas Highway Patrolman.

Applicants must be males between the age of 21 and 35 years, inclusive; not less than 5 feet 8 inches in height, weighing not less than 2 pounds or more than 3 1/2 pounds per inch of height.

A high school education or its equivalent is necessary.

Those interested young Texans are requested to write directly to W. J. Elliott, Chief, Texas Highway Patrol, Austin, for application blanks up to midnight, June 30.

OVERLOOKED AN ITEM

"And now, gentlemen," continued the Congressman, "I wish to tax your memory."

"Good heavens," muttered a colleague, "why haven't we thought of that before?"

POLITICAL JIB

"Dad, what is a traitor in politics?"

"A traitor, my son, is a man who leaves our party and goes over to the other side."

"Then what is a man who leaves

the other party and comes over to our side?"

FISH TALE

A friend of our returned from a fishing trip and gave an enthusiastic report of a favorite spot he'd found.

"I caught a lot big ones," he boasted, "ten inches, 12 inches —" "Twelves inches!" I interrupted. "That isn't a big fish!" "Between the eyes?" he snapped.

Swap Shop Bargains

Ironing boards, new, \$2.50; dining sets \$10 up; sewing machines \$10 up; bedroom suites \$25 up; radios \$7.50 up; 2 Singer sewing machine cabinets, perfect shape, \$7.50 each; 2-pc. living room suite, new material, \$32.50. Regardless of what you need, always check the SWAP SHOP. Phone 263.

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SOCIETY

GARDEN CLUB INSTALLS NEW OFFICERS LAST WEEK

Mrs. Lige Gamble was hostess on Thursday of last week to the Garden Club at the Community Center. Mrs. Gamble installed the new officers:

Mrs. Dale Litton, president; Mrs. Twyman Collins, W. S. J. Brown and Mrs. Jack Miller, vice presidents; Mrs. Charlie Sherrill, secretary; Christine Collins, recording secretary; Mrs. Dee Grimes, treasurer; Mrs. S. D. Gamble, parliamentarian.
Twenty members answered roll call.

MERKEL H. D. CLUB MEETS IN COMMUNITY CENTER

The Merkel Home Demonstration Club met in the Community Center May 22 for its regular meeting. Roll call was answered with "One way I use aluminum foil." Mrs. Ray Holmes and Mrs. Rhett Eidson showed how to fix corn covered weiners which were served with ice tea. Two visitors and eight members attended the meeting.

HOUSE WARMING HELD FOR MR. MRS. LEWIS FARMER

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Farmer gave them a house warming last Monday night. Mr. and Mrs. Farmer have rebuilt and remodeled their home after it was burned. Their kitchen and bathroom were almost completely demolished.

MRS. THOMAS L. RIDENHOUR JOINS WIVES CLUB

Mrs. Thomas L. Ridenhour of Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho, was made a member of the Officer's Wives Club on the base Tuesday evening of last week. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kerns.

GRAND FALLS GUEST HONORED WITH PARTY

Myrna Murfee honored Bill Tucker of Grand Falls with a party last Friday night in her parents' home. Games were played and refreshments were served to 25 guests. All had an enjoyable time.

WILLING WORKERS CLASS MET WITH MRS. TUCKER

The Willing Workers Class of Presbyterian Sunday School met May 19 at the home of Mrs. Etta Tucker for business and social meeting.

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song by group and prayer by Mrs. John Russell, interesting articles and poems were given. After the meeting a delicious refreshment plate was served to nine members and three guests.

MAIL SCRAP BOOK

The Pioneer Memorial Chapel committee of Town and Country Church Development Program for 1953 have completed their scrap book and mailed it to College Station for judging.

MRS. HERMAN ASKINS HEADS TYE P.-T.A. FOR NEXT YEAR

At its last meeting the Tye P.-T.A. Mrs. J. L. Pritchett installed the following officers for next year:

Mrs. Herman Askins, president; Mrs. Bill Mauldin, vice-president; Mrs. Aubrey McAuley, secretary; Mrs. Aubrey Moore, treasurer; Mrs. James Barley, program chairman; Mrs. Ossie Rister, membership and publication; Mrs. Earl Dumis, hospitality;

Mrs. Bill Donaldson, budget; Mrs. Pat Moore, citizenship; Mrs. Jimmy Baker, publicity; Mrs. W. Roach, health; Mrs. Jettie Rister, character and spiritual; Mrs. Walter McCartney, historian; Mrs. D. N. Warner, parliamentarian.

B. J. Pole, Abilene Christian College student from Bombay, India, in his talk said that education is the only way to save India from communism. Piano students of Mrs. D. N. Warner played several numbers.

Washington

"As it Looks From Here"



The Congress is now grinding out appropriations bills for money to run the government for the fiscal year beginning July and running to the same period in 1954.

Reductions are being made in practically everything, but unfortunately the greatest reduction must come from national defense if the cost of government is greatly reduced.

Since 87c of every Federal tax dollar goes to pay for past wars, foreign military and economic aid, defense at home, veterans benefits and the interest on the national debt, it only leaves 13c to run all the other huge activities of the government.

The National defense budget has been reduced by over 5 billion dollars, and the Air Force is evidently bearing the brunt of it. The Secretary of Defense says that the efficiency of the Air Force will not be reduced. I hope he is right, but it is hard to see. It concerns me deeply because it just seems there is no choice but to be strong if we are to be safe in the dangerous world in which we live.

This country has brought two world wars for itself and a great many other countries and the bills are past due. These bills are represented by the public debt, the interest on which is around 6 billion dollars. In addition, since the present preparedness program started, there is left unpaid approximately 81 billion dollars. Those bills are now becoming due, and they can only be paid from the dollars wrung from the poor old taxpayer.

The Congress is always trying to figure out how the bitter pill can be sweetened, but it "ain't" easy.

We need an overhauling of our entire tax system in order to better equalize the burden.

I am often reminded to ask myself which is worse — to have no convictions or no courage to back them up.



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Max Mellinger And Son Sylvan At Fall Market

Max Mellinger and son Sylvan are in Dallas and Fort Worth this week at the Fall Fashion Market.

3-Ring Athletic Carnival Will Be Presented June 5, 6

By DON OLIER
Reporter-News Sports Writer

The NAIA, the fastest growing collegiate athletic organization in the world, returns to Abilene, Tex., June 5 and 6 with the second annual National Intercollegiate track and field, golf and tennis championships.

More than one-fourth of the 500-school organizations will be represented at the three-ring athletic carnival with an expected entry of over 300 of the nation's top college athletes.

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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.

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: 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 written answer at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 6th day of July A. D. 1953, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 18th day of May A. D. 1953, in this cause, numbered 7243-B on the docket of said court and styled Mamie Betty Moody, Plaintiff, vs. Jack Moody, Defendant.

ter 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.

Attest: J. Neil Daniel, Clerk
104th District Court Taylor County, Texas.
By Irene Crawford, Deputy.
Adv. — May 8, 15, 22, 29.

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A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were married on or about August 5, 1950 and lived together until on or about Jan. 1, 1952. Plaintiff shows there is no community property to be adjudicated and no children born of said marriage. Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of Cruel treatment and asks that her maiden name of Mamie Betty Moody be restored to her, 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 23rd day of May A. D. 1953.
Attest: J. Neil Daniel, Clerk.
104th District Court Taylor County, Texas
By C. Bower Deputy.
Adv. May 29, June 5, 12, 19.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

LODGE CALLS

NOTICE MASONS

Stated meeting of Merkel lodge No. 710, A. F. & A. M., Thursday, June 4 at 8 p. m. All members are urged to attend. Visiting brethren cordially invited.
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4:29 a. m.	5:38 a. m.
7:06 a. m.	8:57 a. m.
11:26 a. m.	1:25 p. m.
11:52 a. m.	5:22 p. m.
3:01 p. m.	6:40 p. m.
8:22 p. m.	11:31 p. m.
9:53 p. m.	12:10 a. m.
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NOODLE GRADUATES HONORED WITH PARTY

Noodle 8th grade graduates were complimented with a skating party and Weiner roast by the roommothers.

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The rest of the program included. Class song, "Texas, Our Texas," led by Robbie Goode; introduc-

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Invocation, Riley Sprayberry; "West Texas," a talk by Myrna Pat-

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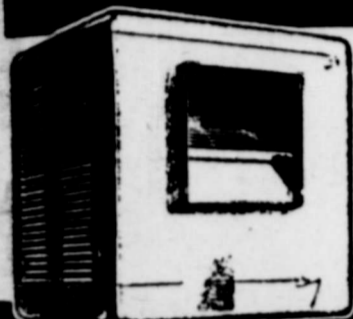
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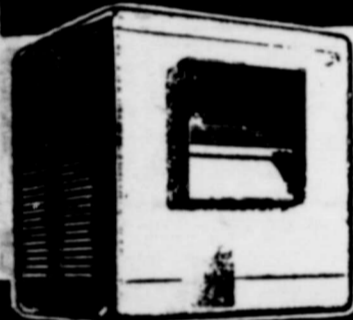
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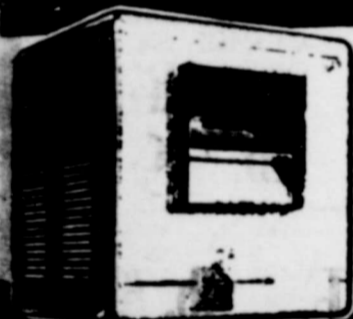
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accusation that Rev. Sam Tullock hurled at the high school graduates in his baccalaureate sermon. But the good minister had his facts marshaled to prove his point.

In Texas alone last year, said Rev. Tullock, there were 1,648 murders, 2,507 robberies, 29,000 burglaries, 5,700 aggravated assaults, 13,000 auto thefts and 2,500 rape cases.

And the great tragedy of the story is that most of these crimes were committed by juveniles.

This is the basis of the accusation made by the minister, the accusation that "our generation is a marked generation."

That is a terrible thing to face, a cruel thing, a tragic thing. What can be done about it?

The minister gives the youngsters the answer.

It is to have the will to live



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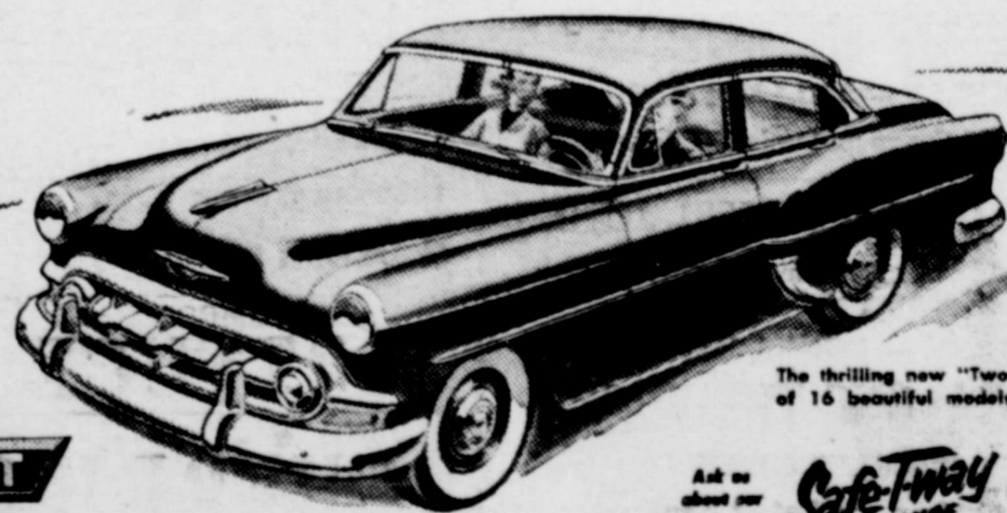
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Mrs. Tom Kerns returned home Sunday of last week from Fresno, Calif., where she visited her brother, Raymond Whitley, who is seriously ill. She was accompanied by

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"The Ghost Of Crossbone Canyon"

With Guy Madison, as "WILD BILL HICKOK"
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VERA RALSTON — WILLIAM MARSHALL

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The most exciting picture of the year!

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"TROUBLE ALONG THE WAY"

WITH . . . CHARLES COBURN

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FEATURES — SUNDAY — 2:25 — 4:25
MONDAY — 8:15 — 10:15

Tues., Wed., Thurs., June 2-3-4

When Bob 'n Mickey team up . . . the laughs come teaming down!

BOB HOPE — MARILYN MAXWELL

"OFF LIMITS"

Co-Starring EDDIE MAYEHOFF
FEATURES — 8:25 — 10:25

PERSONAL

Ray E. Hall and his wife of Fresno, Calif., were visitors here Saturday. Mr. Hall was in the insurance business here from 1905 to 1908 and is now an investment broker. He looked up Oscar Buford, whose brother was a buddy of Mr. Hall's in the Navy.

Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Cranfill of Abilene were visitors recently in the John Oiver home.

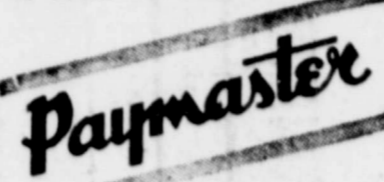
Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hughes visited in Wichita Falls over the weekend with their daughter, Mrs. Brandon Wade, and husband.

Weekend visitors in the Odie Clark home were his daughters, Mrs. Burton McNeil, husband and daughter Ina Lyn of Abilene and Mrs. Joe Lawhon, husband and daughter Joan of Brownwood. Mr. Lawhon has recently resigned as administrator of the Callahan County Hospital to accept a posi-

tion as chief X-ray technician at the Brownwood Memorial hospital. James Rister of Munday visited the Pete Cooks Wednesday and Thursday of last week. James is Mrs. Cook's nephew.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen D. King and children have returned from Tulsa, Okla., where they visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. O.

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Mrs. Dewey Phillips visited her son, James Phillips, and daughter, Mrs. Bill Cranfill, of Andrews all last week, and her daughter and children accompanied her home to spend a week here.

Mr., Mrs. Dee Grimes and Mrs. Cyrus Pee Attend Market

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CHOICE BEEF

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DIAMOND — No. 2

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