

Big Fire Destroys Prime Grassland In the Canyon

An angry fire which Wednesday destroyed about 1,000 acres of prime grassland apparently trapped itself in a canyon on the Clemmer Brothers ranch early Thursday morning.

It burned a swath three or four miles long on the Louis Butman ranch in the northwest corner of the Sam Butman Sr. ranch, missing a new ranch house being constructed there by barely 50 feet.

Firemen from Merkel Sweetwater, and Abilene were called to fight the blaze after Mrs. Butman discovered it at 2 p.m. Wednesday.

The fire was presumably first sighted on a 231 acre grant made by Sam Butman, Sr., to the Methodists for a youth recreation camp, C. M. McWilliams said.

From there it spread over the Louis Butman ranch toward the Clemmers' ranch, and cut up the canyon. No buildings were in the path

of the fire as it burned towards the Clemmers' ranch, Mr. McWilliams said. Only damage which he reported besides the grass was to a barbecue pit and benches on the ranch.

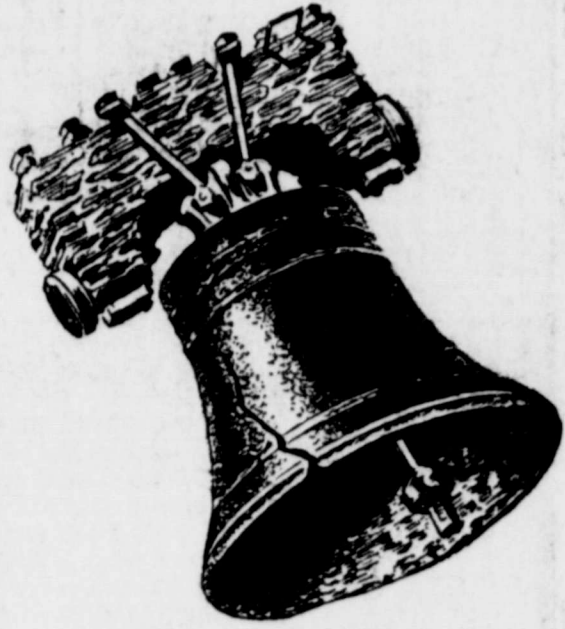
In the confusion, Mrs. Butman almost stepped on a rattlesnake with 10 rattlers which was trying to get away from the fire.

BIBLE DATED 1848

Mrs. J. C. Walton has a Bible that was published in 1848 by H. & E. Phinney, Cooperstown, N. Y. The Bible was given to her grandparents in 1849 when they were married.

OH, SO COLD

Mr. and Mrs. James R. Herron and family of Portland, Ore., are visiting his mother, Mrs. J. W. Herron. When they left Oregon two weeks ago they had the heater on in their home, it was so cold and damp, and it was raining.



LET FREEDOM RING THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

Layton Plaster Accepts Call To Missouri Field

Layton Plaster, minister of the Church of Christ, has accepted the



LAYTON PLASTER

call to preach in the Missouri Mission Field with the church at Ava, Mo. He will preach in the churches of Douglas and Ozark Counties. He will go to his new work before Sept. 1.

Mr. Plaster remarked that he regrets to leave here as he likes it so well but there is a great need of preachers in that part of the country and he feels the urgency of going there.

The minister made the announcement of his change to his congregation Sunday morning and it came as a great surprise to the members. The local church regrets very much to see him go.

During his less than a year ministry here Mr. Plaster has won many friends not only in his own church but in the entire town and area. During his ministry here the church has started its new building which is now in the process of being built and is getting along nicely.

W. I. Decker Dies Wed. Morning At Age of 88

William Isaac Decker, 88, Taylor and Jones County resident since 1885, died in his home here at 4:30 a.m. Wednesday after an illness of several years.

He was born Sept. 11, 1864. He moved to Taylor County in 1885. He and the former Ellender Baker of Trent were married in 1887.

Funeral was to be held at 3 p.m. Thursday in the First Baptist Church. Officiating was to be Ebb Randol, Church of Christ minister from Muleshoe, and Layton Plaster, minister of the Church of Christ here. Burial was to be in Rose Hill Cemetery under the direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

Survivors are his wife; three sons, Jim and Bill, both of Gore, and A. Z. of Abilene; eight daughters, Mrs. J. E. Kirkpatrick of Waco, Mrs. T. E. Levy of Farwell, Mrs. J. B. Baldrpe of Southland, Mrs. J. L. Wingo of Brentwood, Calif., Mrs. Warren Kelly of Muskogee, Okla., Mrs. O. C. Shouse of Mineral Wells, and Mrs. Ima Moore and Mrs. Hollis McCoy, 29 grandchildren and 56 great-grandchildren.

STORES CLOSE JULY 4

Merkel will observe July 4, Saturday, as a holiday and the stores will be closed. The F. & M. National Bank and the Merkel Mail will be closed. This is one of the holidays the merchants have signed up on which to close.

Independence Day

Thousands of Americans will become dependents: maimed, widowed, orphaned by Independence Day accidents.

Several hundred will die. These accidents need not happen.

The driver who speeds to get to his destination—what difference does it make whether he arrives 10 or 20 minutes later? The youth who attempts to swim across the lake—what is gained by trying to show off in front of a crowd? Falls, sunstroke and heat exhaustion, food poisoning and miscellaneous accidents also exact their toll.

Independence Day tolls are not inevitable. They can be prevented. Take it easy on the Fourth. Don't let Independence Day make you a dependent!

Willie J. Largent Authors Article In June Magazine

Willie Joe Largent has turned author for the June issue of Western Live Stock.

Willie Joe authored an article titled, "Proper Selection Will Keep Brood Cows Queens of the Plains." He points out factors involved in selection of females as brood cows.

Western Live Stock is a general ranch magazine circulated by subscription only in Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, North Dakota, Montana, Wyoming, Arizona, Utah, Nevada and Idaho.

Where Was the Old Coal House At Butman School Brings Argument

V. G. Gore and D. H. Hallbrook, road commissioner of East Texas Wood County, dropped by for a short visit with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Russom. Mr. Gore and Mr. and Mrs. Russom were in school together when boys and girls. Mr. Gore is a close friend of the Russoms.

It was 28 years ago that they attended the Butman School. As they viewed the new Pioneer Church and parsonage Mr. Gore remarked, "Time changes everything."

There was an argument about just where the school building was. Mr. Russom took Mr. Gore and showed him where the old coal

Postmaster, Wife Called to Bedside Of Her Father

Postmaster and Mrs. Wren Durham were called to Brownwood Sunday as her father, Earl Clements, was not doing well. He is critically ill.

General, Good Rain Can Still Save Row Crops in Area

While Abilene got 2.35 inches of rain this week Merkel and its surrounding area were not as fortunate. The only exception in this immediate section was Noodle.

At Noodle the rainfall Tuesday morning was 1 inch, near there it was 1.25, on the other side, at the river, it was 1 1/2 inches while at the school house it was .80.

The Goodman Community, seven

miles northwest of here, reported .40 inch.

Merkel itself got .15 inch, reported weatherman J. I. Ford, while east of town there was not enough rainfall to lay the dust.

The picture in this immediate area in regard to moisture remains the same as before the rain. What is this view?

It all depends on the weather. If we get a general rain—and it must be a general rain and a good one—we can still make an average row crop for this territory. If no rain falls in the next 10 or 15 days the situation here will be critical and crop prospects will deteriorate rapidly.

So much for the crops. As for stock here is another side of the picture. Stock farmers and

small ranchers in this area are about out of grazing and since their field pastures have been grazed out they turn to their mesquite beans and Johnson grass.

But this combination has been the "mortgage lifter" in this area anyway.

Lobos Defeat Anson Sunday By Score Of 5-1

The Merkel Lobos continued on their winning streak. Sunday afternoon they defeated Anson at Anson 5 to 1.

Dink Whisenhunt pitched for Merkel and was in fine form. He struck out seven batters. Lupe Riberra caught.

Walter Whisenhunt is captain of the local team while Juan Bieria is manager.

The Lobos were in the lead all the way through the nine innings. On July 5 San Angelo comes here to play on Lobo Field at 2:30 p.m.

Sweetwater is holding a tournament of eight teams and the Lobos will take part in it. All games will be played at Sweetwater.

Baseball scouts will be out to watch the tournament to see who the good players are.

Layton Plaster Conducts Revival At Missouri Town

Mr. and Mrs. Layton Plaster and family were in Gainesville, Mo., for two weeks, where Mr. Plaster conducted a revival. They returned home Thursday of last week.

Clyde Wurst Back From Korean War, Visits Parents

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Wurst, Arlene and Dale returned from Oroville, Calif., last week where they met their son, A/2c Clyde, Jr., who has just returned from Korea. He came home with them on a 30-day leave.

Fishermen's Row Comes Up Again With Another Story for Last Week

Well, here it goes again! Oh, yes, it happened on Fishermen's Row.

Uncle Joe Higgins, James Allen Higgins and Charles S. Higgins went fishing in Phantom Lake last Saturday evening. They fished and they fished and they fished. No one had any luck.

Finally Uncle Joe decided to go to bed. He was getting sleepy. So he went to bed, leaving his two lines set. About 9:30 p.m. the other two looked at Uncle Joe's lines. And lo and behold one of his lines was gone!

Rev. Berry Baker Will Preach at Pioneer Revival

The Rev. Berry Baker of Quitaque will be the evangelist at the revival that begins July 8 at the Pioneer Memorial Methodist Church. The meeting will last



REV. BERRY BAKER

... evangelist, Quitaque, Texas through July 19.

The services will be held at 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. daily. "Rev. Baker is one of the outstanding evangelists of the North-west Texas Conference," asserted Rev. E. H. Phillips local pastor. "During this revival meeting we will have good singing, good preaching and good fellowship. Everyone is cordially invited."

National Guards Leave Sunday for Summer Camp

The 36th Division of the National Guards left Sunday for summer maneuvers at North Ft. Hood, near Waco, for two weeks.

Among those from here were Don and Dale Dudley, Kent Satterwhite, Dwaine Shugart, Dwaine Jones, Willie Robertson, Dean Smith, Joe Doan, Thomas Watson, LeRoy Teaff, Donald Wayne Douglas, Jeff Chancey, Doyle Conley, Reuben Horton.

Wayne McLean has just returned from summer maneuvers with the 49th Division.

Home Runs Are Game Features At Little League

In the Little League games Thursday of last week, June 25, Starbuck-Patterson defeated the Bankers 15-9. The Willie Wired Hands bested Hodge-Palmer also 15-9.

Batteries: For the Bankers—Raymond Shugart and Tut Seymour pitchers, Don Wilson, catcher; for Starbuck-Patterson—Lou David Allen, pitcher, Urban Bright, catcher.

S-P led throughout the game. Manley Denton, for the Bankers, batted 1,000. He was three times at bat and hit three times, two of these being home runs.

Umpires On balls, Bob Hook; bases, Ralph Miller and Bill Forrester.

Batteries: For Hodge-Palmer—Pat Patterson, Fernando Moreno, B. F. Clark and Pedro Ybarra, pitchers, Lester Dorton, Jr., catcher; for Willies—J. R. Mashburn and Jerry Phillips, pitchers, Benny Melton, catcher.

The Willies were in the lead at all times. Fernando tallied three hits with four trips to the plate. Benny got two hits with four times at bat. Billy Higgins, weighing about 50 pounds, for the Willies, carried a heavy stick and knocked out a triple and a double, batting 1,000.

Umpires: On balls, Ralph Miller; bases, Bob Hook and Bill Forrester.

Little League Baseball Suits Arrive, Are Worn

The Little League baseball suits have arrived and were worn by the players in Tuesday's game.

The Starbuck-Patterson team wore suits of white with red letters, cap and Sox.

The Hodge-Palmer nine had on gray suits with navy blue Sox, caps and letters.

The Willie Wired Hands sported gray suits with royal blue letters, caps and Sox.

The Bankers group had on gray suits with orange letters, caps and Sox.

Mighty Willies Bow to Bankers Tuesday Night

In Tuesday night's Little League games the Bankers beat the mighty Willie Wired Hands 18 to 10 while the Starbuck-Patterson aggregation won over the Hodge-Palmer team 18 to 7.

Batteries: Bankers—Phil Seymour, Lupe Garcia, Manley Denton, pitchers, Don Wilson, catcher; Willie Wired Hands—Joe Neill, Jerry Phillips, pitchers, Benny Melton, catcher.

With the bases loaded Manley smacked out a home run. Umpires: balls—Robby Hook; bases—Ralph Miller, Bill Forrester.

Batteries: Starbuck-Patterson—Firman Hernandez, Lanny Perry, Pitchers, Urban Bright, catcher; Hodge-Palmer—Pedro Ybarra, Buddy Patterson, pitchers, Lester Dorton, Jr., catcher.

Lanny swatter two home runs. Umpires: balls—Ralph Miller; bases—Bobby Hook, Bill Forrester.

Merkel 20 Years Ago

TAKEN FROM THE 1933 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL

QUEEN OPENS JULY 15

Under new management and with new sound equipment the Queen Theatre will open here about July 15, it is announced by Frank Benson, formerly with the R. & R. Theatres at San Angelo, who with his associate, Gail Herrington, an experienced exhibitor himself, will move to Merkel and both of whom will devote their entire attention to the theatre.

VARYING RAINS COME

The extremely hot weather which has prevailed throughout the South and has been particularly felt by West Texans since June 21, the initial day of summer proper, was broken Wednesday afternoon when Merkel and surrounding sections were visited by varying rains. It rained here three-eighths of an inch, 1 1/2 inches in the French pasture and good rains toward the mountains.

MERKEL WRECKS ABILENE

Playing Sunday, Merkel lost an 11-inning game at Abilene against Abilene 2 to 1. On Tuesday, July 4, Merkel wrecked ample revenge by trouncing Abilene 18 to 2. Merkel got 17 solid knocks, including two doubles and two triples.

TO HOLD PICNIC

A rodeo and picnic are announced for Wednesday of next week, July 12, at Butman and prospects point to a large attendance as well as plenty of amusement and entertainment. There will be a ball game, goat roping, steer riding, calf roping, bronc busting, tournament races, guinea races,

This Happened in Merkel Forty Years Ago

TAKEN FROM THE 1913 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL

C. T. Mershon and wife of Terrell have returned to Merkel to make their home after an absence of several months.

Miss Leila Nisbet of Fluvana came in Saturday night, staying over until Monday with her sister, Mrs. Carl Evans.

Mrs. Hibbits left Saturday night for Colorado via Ft. Worth, where she met others, and from there the crowd goes to Boulder, Colo., to spend the summer and attend the Colorado Chautauqua.

Miss Pet Sears returned Thursday from St. Louis, Denver, Colorado Springs and Manitou, returning home by way of Paducah where she visited her sister, Mrs. Della Campbell. Miss Sears had been in school at Nashville, prior to her western trip.

Ted Lamar came in from Ft.

later races, cigar and sack races, with jubilee jultips on the side.

INVITES TAXPAYERS

Letters have been mailed during the past few days to all those owing delinquent taxes to the City of Merkel and these parties have been asked to see Joe Childers, Abilene attorney, who has been employed by the city authorities to assist in collecting back taxes and who will be at the city hall here on Tuesdays and Fridays of each week during the month of July.

TO TALK TO FARMERS

J. E. McDonald, Texas commissioner, is to be in Abilene Friday afternoon to conduct a final discussion of the cotton acreage reduction campaign plan. He is to be accompanied by Julius Seligman, business man and farmer.

RAINBOLT REUNION

Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt was honored with a surprise birthday party on July 4 with her daughters in charge of the entire affair.

SUBLETT REUNION

The annual reunion of the Sublett family was held at the City Park, Sweetwater, on July 4. At noon all enjoyed a lovely picnic lunch.

CLASS REUNION

Members of the senior class of '26 enjoyed their annual get-together meeting this year on Elm Creek within the government reservation on Sunday, June 25.

Worth Tuesday to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Lamar.

Prof. E. White of the department of education at Austin, formerly connected with the city schools here, stopped off between trains Thursday to shake hands with friends and relatives.

Duke Evans of Dallas was here the first of the week visiting his parents.

Mrs. Fred Groene, honored Miss Jessie O'Briant Tuesday evening with a daintily appointed 6 o'clock dinner.

The devotees of the dance honored Miss Jessie O'Briant Wednesday evening with an informal dance at the opera house.

Mrs. R. O. Anderson entertained with a slumber party Monday night, complimentary to Miss Jessie O'Briant.

**NEWS ABOUT TOWN**

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Shouse and son Robert returned Wednesday of last week from a week's trip through Boston and Ozark Mountains in Arkansas. The farmers had harvested a good hay crop but now needed rain.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ray Perry and son and Mrs. Martha Whisenhunt and children of Tucson, Ariz., visited with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Perry and Mrs. Tommie Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Diltz, Jr., of San Angelo visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Diltz, Sr., over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Gregory and family spent the weekend with their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Barbee, and family in Stamford.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Bunch and family were in Haskell Sunday, visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Campbell.

Ross Ferrier, Jr., of Ft. Worth visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Ferrier, Sr., over the weekend. He was accompanied by his daughter Roselyn and Mrs. Jackie Bryan Spiegel. He returned home Sunday with his daughter and son George Ronald.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Miller took Miss Elaine Johnson back to Edgewood over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Walla and family visited his mother, Mrs. J. J. Walla, in Caddo, Okla., and other relatives in Tulsa, Okla., from Thursday to Sunday.

Miss Norma Hall of Bangs is visiting this week with her sister, Mrs. W. T. Mosley, Mr. Mosley and family.

Mrs. Minnie B. Hicks is in Sweetwater, visiting her daughters, Mrs. A. E. Brown and Mrs. A. H. Hutchens.

Mr. and Mrs. Irven Thompson and daughter Jocille and her mother Mrs. J. M. Toombs, were in Pecos over the weekend, visiting her sister, Mrs. Joe Risinger, and family, also Mr. and Mrs. Joe Winter. Jocille remained for a longer visit.

Mrs. Anna McCormick with her son Clarence and wife and their son Jerry of Los Angeles are visiting her sister, Mrs. E. O. Carson, and Mr. Carson.

J. H. Farmer of Ballinger brought his son Danny Frank and left him for a week with his great grandfather W. F. Golladay, while his mother was in the hospital. Danny went home last Sunday.

Randy Farmer of Ballinger spent the week with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Malone.

Mrs. Donna Walker of Artesia, N. Mex., Mrs. Alvin Brown of



**MRS. AND MRS. CHARLES ANDY SHOUSE**  
... recently married

Pampa, Mrs. Crawford and children of Midland were Sunday morning visitors at the Church of the Nazarene.

Miss Margaret Gilmore returned Tuesday of last week from Jefferson where she visited her grandfather, C. I. Boules, who is very ill.

Miss Mildred Hamm spent part of her vacation visiting her sister, Mrs. Guy Darsey, and family in Austin.

Mrs. John Hammond is visiting this week with her father, Rube Sessions, in Wells.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Baze of Idalou were weekend guests of his brother Earl and wife. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Ed Chancey.

**ROSE LEE FELLERS AND THOMAS YANDELL ENGAGED**

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Fellers of Trent announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Rose Lee to Thomas Yandell, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Yandell of Trent. The wedding will take place July 17.

Miss Fellers attended Trent High School. Mr. Yandell also attended Trent High School and is employed at Horace Holly Motors in Abilene. He and his bride will live in Abilene.

**TROY RAY DOUGLAS MARRIES FRANCES TARPLEY**

In a candlelighted twilight ceremony Frances Tarpley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Tarpley of Abilene, became the bride of Troy Ray Douglas at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 17, in the Graham St. Baptist Church. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Douglas.

Rev. James Alexander, pastor, read the single ring ceremony.

Mrs. James Alexander, pianist accompanied Anna Mae Tarpley, sister of the bride, who sang "I Love You Truly," "Because" and "The Love of God."

The bride was given in marriage by her father. Her gown was fashioned of blue frosted organdy. Her shoulder length veil was caught in a bandeau of daisies. She carried a white Bible topped with cascade of white carnations. She wore a strand of pearls belonging to the groom's sister, Mrs. Frank Spaw. Her only attendant was Molly Beth Douglas sister of the groom.

Best man was Bobby Freeman of Abilene. Ushers were Keith Brown and Henry Tarpley of Abilene.

The reception was held in the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. J. A. White, in Abilene. A three-tiered cake centered the table laid with an embroidered blue Japanese cloth.

For her wedding trip to Ft. Worth the bride wore a green suit with white accessories.

The bride attended Abilene High Schools. The groom attended Merkel Schools and served two years in the Army, one of which was in Germany.

**MRS. HORACE BONEY'S MOTHER HONORED SUNDAY**

Messrs. and Mesdames R. T. Gray of Winters, Clyde Sears and daughter Carolyn of Wingate and Doyle E. Gray and daughter Dinah of Abilene were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Boney and daughter Annette. The occasion celebrated the birthday of Mrs. Gray, who is Mrs. Boney's mother.



By VERN SANFORD

Texas Press Association Federal officials are taking action on emergency drought relief for Texas as requested by Gov. Allan Shivers.

Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Benson conferred with the governor and toured drought areas from Lubbock to San Antonio.

More than half of Texas has been labeled a disaster area by the Southwest's soil conservation chief at Fort Worth.

President Eisenhower had previously notified Shivers that the Federal Civil Defense Administration and the Department of Ag-

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riculture had been put to work on the drought disaster problem.

"The western half of the state is now in the fourth year of drought. Conditions continue to grow worse," the governor reported. He asked for "credit extension and other relief" for farmers and ranchers.

The governor said that reports indicate at least 128 counties seriously affected. A survey among livestock producers showed a growing sentiment that government aid, either by purchase of cattle or the sale of feed at disaster prices, may be necessary to prevent wholesale bankruptcy.

Farmer and rancher groups from various counties discussed the emergency with Secretary Benson, who was in Lubbock to speak before the American Cotton Congress. Among other things, Benson discussed ways of preventing dumping of beef cattle on markets from the Southwest.

A fund is already available to drought-hit farmers and ranchers, according to the U. S. Department of Agriculture. The federal loan aid which they've been receiving for the last year is still available for seed, feed, fuel, groceries and other operating expenses.

A few solutions to water shortages have been offered by State Health Officer George W. Cox. He said that if the state had built reservoirs on Texas streams we wouldn't have a water problem.

SHORT SNORTS: An Austin livestock official sums up the price situation in this way: "The cow people are hurt so bad they aren't even talking; some come up to get their check—and that takes their breath."



**177 YEARS**

This month we observe the 177th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence! Each year, this anniversary grows more and more important... each year it becomes more and more apparent that we have a tremendous responsibility to safeguard and preserve our birthright of freedom for future Americans. It's up to us... Freedom is everybody's job. Let's all remember that on July 4th... and on every day of every year!

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| SUN SPUN Peach Jam 2 lb. jar 45c   | LIBBY'S 3 NO. 303 CANS Tomato Juice 33c |

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Dates of the 1953 junior shows are Oct. 17-21 for dairy cattle and Oct. 19-24 for all other livestock.

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**THE STATE OF TEXAS**

To any Sheriff or any Constable within the State of Texas — GREETING:

You are hereby commended to cause to be published once each week for four consecutive weeks.

the first publication to be at least twenty-eight days before the return day thereof, in a newspaper printed in Taylor County, Texas, the accompanying citation, of which the herein below following is a true copy.

**CITATION BY PUBLICATION  
THE STATE OF TEXAS**

TO: JOHN A. JOYCE, 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 10th day of August A. D. 1953, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 24th day of June A. D. 1953, in this cause, numbered 19,123-A on the docket of said court and styled FRANCES MAYFIELD JOYCE, Plaintiff, vs. JOHN A. JOYCE, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and defendant were married about January 1, 1948 and separated about November 1, 1952. Plaintiff further shows that there are no property right to be adjudicated and there were no children born to the marriage.

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

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

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

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 24th day of June A. D. 1953.

Attest: J. Neil Daniel, Clerk,  
42nd District Court, Taylor County, Texas.  
By Irene Crawford, Deputy  
Adv. July 3, 10, 17, 24

**NOTICE OF BOARD OF  
EQUALIZATION MEETING**

In obedience to an order of the Board of Equalization, regularly convened and sitting, notice is hereby given that said Board of Equalization will be in session at its regular meeting place in the school house in the town of Merkel, Jones and Taylor Counties, Texas, at 9:00 o'clock A. M. on Thursday, the 9th day of July, 1953, for the purpose of determining, fixing and equalizing the value of any and all taxable property situated in Merkel Independent School District, Jones and Taylor counties, Texas, for taxable purposes for the year 1953, and any and all persons interested or having business with said Board are hereby notified to be present. BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION.

W. W. TOOMBS,  
Chairman, of the Board  
Merkel Independent School District Jones and Taylor Counties, Merkel, Texas, 10th day of June, 1953.  
Adv. June 19, 26, July 3.

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To: George Davis, 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 20th day of July A. D. 1953, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 5th day of June A. D. 1953, in this cause, numbered 7273-B on the docket of said court and styled Allie Mae Davis, Plaintiff, vs. George Davis, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were married on or about January 20, 1951, and lived together until on or about February 15, 1953. 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 ask that her maiden name of Carroll 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 the 5th day of June A. D., 1953.

Attest: J. Neil Daniel, Clerk,  
104th District Court,  
Taylor County, Texas.  
By Faye Terry, Deputy.  
June 12, 19, 26, July 3.

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To any Sheriff or any Constable within the State of Texas — Greeting:

You are hereby commended 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: Alma Woodall Tucker, Defendant,  
Greeting: YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 20th day of July A. D. 1953, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 4th day of June A. D. 1953, in this cause, numbered 19,089-A on the docket of said court and styled Elbert C. Tucker, Plaintiff, vs. Alma Woodall Tucker, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: that defendant was guilty of excesses, cruel treatment and outrages which rendered their living together insupportable.

Plaintiff and defendant have accumulated no community property and no children were born of this marriage, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 4th day of June A. D. 1953.

Attest: J. Neil Daniel, Clerk,  
42nd District Court,  
Taylor County, Texas.  
By Irene Crawford, Deputy.  
June 12, 19, 26, July 3.

**NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION  
OF  
B & B PIPE AND SUPPLY CO.  
LTD.**

Notice is hereby given that the limited partnership of B & B Pipe and Supply Co., Ltd., composed of W. D. Brookover, Jr., as General Partner, and W. D. Brookover, Sr., as Special Partner, was dissolved by mutual consent on December 31, 1952. All debts due to said partnership are to be paid, and those due from the same discharged, at 3202 Pine Street, Abilene, Taylor County, Texas.

WITNESS OUR HANDS this, 16 day of June, 1953.

W. D. Brookover, Jr.,  
W. D. Brookover

THE STATE OF TEXAS,  
COUNTY OF TAYLOR.

Before me, the undersigned authority, a Notary Public in and for said State and County, on this day personally appeared W. D. Brookover, Jr., General Partner, and W. D. Brookover, Sr., Special Partner, of B & B Pipe and Supply Co., Ltd., known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that they each executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed, and in the capacities

therein stated.  
Given under my hand and seal of office this 16 day of June, A. D. 1953.

Lee W. Dail  
Notary Public, Taylor County,  
Texas.

To be published in the "Merkel Mail".

Mrs. Chester Hutcheson  
County Clerk, Taylor County, Tex.  
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County Clerk, Taylor Co., Texas.  
Adv. — June 26, July 3, 10, 17.

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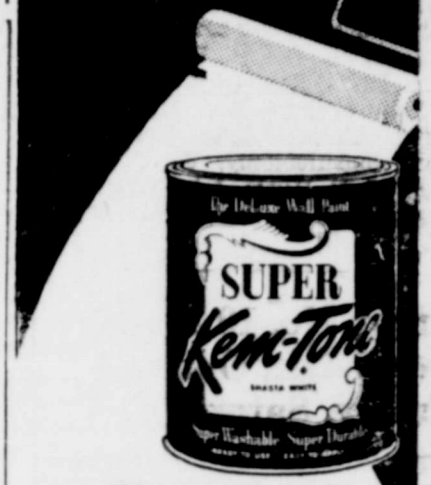
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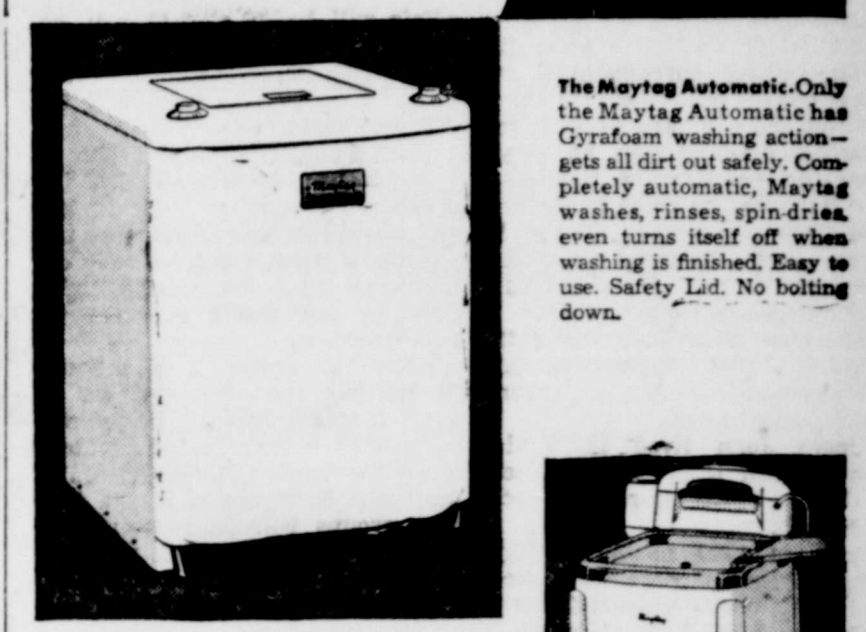
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## John French Seeks New Frontiers In West Texas at Age of 86

In restful Rose Hill Cemetery lies the grave of John Jay French and his wife. But behind the peacefulness of the place lies an interesting story.

When John Jay French was 86 years old he pulled up stakes in Beaumont and headed toward the west—for Taylor County. Uncle John's wife was also 86.

He had been among the first white settlers in East Texas. He had warm mellow old ties there. A majority of his kith and kin were there. Yet after half a century he was leaving for a new and to him strange country.

Why? "This country's getting too fast for me," he asserted. "I'm going west."

And west he went. Where did he come from, this man with the youthful spirit who sought adventure at an age when others were seeking a quiet life amid settled surroundings and warm old friends of long standing?

From the northern Atlantic seaboard as a young man, he leaped over the frontiers of Tennessee and Arkansas, to come to the new and untried Texas. There he traded with Indians, sometimes taking pure gold for the liquor and the tobacco he gave them.

There he established one of the country's first industries, and there his son John Jay, Jr., ground the first rice meal.

Uncle John lived in Taylor County until 1890, when he died, at the age of 90. He ran the hotel in Merkel.

Born in 1799 at Woodbridge, Conn., of English parents, he married Sally Webb Munson in 1819. He dealt in hides. He made shoes. He produced leather for the Confederate Army. And he set up a store.

Uncle John was a spiritualist, played hymns on an accordion, entertained friends with parlor tricks, among them, "How to light a candle without touching the wick," for they used tandles at first, even kerosene not being available.

Uncle John was unusually humorous. He made quantities of fine wines and brandy. He lived well, for he knew the art of living and taught it to nine children.

This man, who saved his money, loved the good earth. And when he came here at the age of 86 he bought land in Taylor County. So the Connecticut Yankee who turned pioneer in East Texas,

lived his last few years here in West Texas and now lies peacefully in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Miss Loraine A. Boyce is his great granddaughter. Mesdames G. W. Boyce, Mitchell Leeman, Walter Mitchell and R. P. Easters are his granddaughters.

## Scout Council To Hold Combined Meeting on July 9

J. C. Hunter, Jr., Central District Chairman, announced a combined meeting of the Cub, Scout and Explorer Roundtables with the District Committee on July 9. The affair will begin at 6:45 p.m. at the Council Boy Scout Office, 3325 South 11th St. in Abilene, with a buffet supper. The meal will be .80c per plate.

Each Pack, Post, and Troop is urged to be present with all of its registered adults (ie: Unit leader and assistants, committeemen, institutional representatives and den mothers) since every adult will have an interesting program to participate in.

After the dinner a 10 minute period has been reserved for a guest speaker. This will be devoted by a 60 minute period followed to the four groups in their separate meetings. Promptly at 9 p.m. the four groups will be reassembled for the awarding of a six months' egg supply to the unit having the largest number of registered adults present.

Men and women just registering in Scouting will be awarded the Universal Scouting Pin.

Mr. Hunter has requested that all registered adults promptly return their reservation cards in order that a place at the supper may be held for them.

## Dr. Billye G. Gant Will Intern At Brooks Hospital

Dr. and Mrs. Billye G. Gant visited last week with his mother, Mrs. Sallie Gant, and other relatives. Dr. Gant just finished Taylor Medical School at Houston and will intern at Brooks Army Hospital at Ft. Sam Houston, San Antonio.

**MRS. MARBELL ASHMORE WEDS J. C. CLARKSON**  
Mrs. Deverl Teafk announces the marriage of her sister, Mrs. Marybell Ashmore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Douglas of Merkel, to J. C. Clarkson of Batesville, Miss., son of Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Clarkson of Enid, Miss.

The single ring ceremony was read at 10 o'clock on June 25, in the Methodist Parsonage at Oklona, Miss., by Rev. J. R. Grishom with Mrs. Grishom attending. After a wedding trip to the Smokey Mountains in Tennessee the couple will make their home on a farm near Batesville, Miss.

## HOSPITAL NOTES

Admissions to the Sadler Hospital the past week were:  
As medical patients—Sam Mashburn, Mrs. B. L. James, Billye Bigbam, Janice Kay Pilgreen, Mario and Mauro Mareno, O. C. Rister, Margaret Ervin, Mrs. H. F. Wilson, J. A. Wheeler, Mrs. J. H. Bishop, Mrs. Ed Martin, Dale Middlebrook, Raymond Smith, Mrs. G. L. Lollar, Ronnie Luke, Mrs. Nellie Sandusky.  
For surgery—Mrs. Earl Mashburn, Connie Jane Henderson, both tonsillectomy, W. C. Reed, Mrs. W. T. Perry, John Boyd, finger injured at oil rig, Allen King, W. E. Neill.

## Troop No. 19 Plans Two-Night Outing Friday, Saturday

The Greenbar Patrol of Troop No. 19 met Monday night with Dr. James H. Chaney, scoutmaster. They made plans for the two-night outing of the whole troop at Billy Joe Toombs lake, 10 miles south of Merkel Friday and Saturday.  
-14 PRINCIPAL FARLEY.  
Principal C. A. Farley attended a one-week work-conference on "The Role of the School Principal" at the University of Texas this week. Mr. Farley was a speaker on the program.

**HAS POLIO, IMPROVES**  
Mrs. Mary Jo Clark has been released from isolation at Hendrick Polio Ward. She has polio but is getting along fine.

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## personals

Mr. and Mrs. E. Q. Warren of Knox City, former Merkelites, are visiting here for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Bookman are moving to Ft. Worth where they expect to make their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Roberts and son Carl Gene of Seven Sisters were over-night visitors last week in the D. T. Subiett home.

Miss Mabel McRee returned Saturday from McView where she visited her brother Dr. Judson T. McRee, and family for a week.

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Harwell and daughter, Mrs. Frances Carey, and two children returned Thursday of last week from a few days' trip to Colorado Springs Colo., and back by way of Red River, N. Mex., where they encountered frost.

Mr. and Mrs. Clesby Paterson and Buddy were in Ruidoso, N. Mex., over the weekend.

Nolan Palmer was in Dallas Monday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nally, who are on a vacation in Arkansas, wrote Mrs. G. D. McConnell that it was hot and dry there while in West Texas at least they had a good breeze, also that they saw former Merkelites, the Buster Hortons and the George Smiths.

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## Mrs. L. A. Watts' Sister Dies Sunday At Age Of 88

Mrs. J. W. Slusher 88, of Marionville, Mo., sister of Mrs. L. A. Watts, died Sunday afternoon and was buried Wednesday in Marionville. Mrs. Slusher, the wife of the late Rev. Slusher, Methodist minister, had been ill for several years.

## Anderson Building Is Being Remodeled

The R. O. Anderson apartment building is being remodeled and redecorated upstairs. The work is almost completed.

## Highline Corporation Moves In Workers

The Highline Service Corp. has contracted work with the West Texas Utilities Company between Abilene and Merkel. Workers for

the Highline were seeking housing here.

## Haunting Love Story and Action

"The Snows of Kilimanjaro," Twentieth Century-Fox's heralded Technicolor production of Ernest Hemingway's classic story starring Gregory Peck, Susan Hayward, Ava Gardner and Hildegarde Neff, will have its local premiere on

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at the Pioneer Theatre.

It is so easy to get ecstatic about "The Snows of Kilimanjaro," the one hardly knows where to begin in describing the adult, haunting love story which moves from Africa, to Paris and its intriguing boites, through the French Riviera, the Spanish Civil War and back to the African camp at the base of Mt. Kilimanjaro.

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| <b>PRESIDO<br/>CANTELOPES lb. 9c</b>     | <b>CHUCK<br/>ROAST lb. 39c</b>          |
| <b>LONG WHITE<br/>SPUDS lb. 5c</b>       | <b>VEAL<br/>HAMBURGER lb. 35c</b>       |
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**UNION RIDGE H. D. CLUB MEETS WITH MRS. S. H. CLAY**

The Union Ridge Home Demonstration Clubs met in the home of Mrs. J. H. Clark at 9 a. m. June 19. Mrs. Buford Buntin, president, presided.

Mrs. Don Riney led in singing. The woman's collect was followed by prayer by Mrs. Riney. Roll was called by Mrs. Clyde Newton. Miss Mabel McRee gave the council report.

Mrs. W. C. Lee gave a talk on "Taylor County's Natural Resources." Pal gifts were exchanged. There were 12 members and seven children present.

The club was to meet at 2:30 p. m. July 3 at the Community Center. The 4-H Girls were to have charge of the program.

**STITH H. D. CLUB MEETS WITH MRS. ALBERT EVANS**

On Wednesday, June 24, the Stith Home Demonstration Club met in the home of Mrs. Albert Evans for its regular meeting.

Miss Wainscott, home demonstration agent, gave a demonstration on cooking vegetables wisely and well.

The club was called to order by the president, singing was led by Mary Robbins. Roll call was answered with my favorite piece of cleaning equipment.

The club voted to have an ice cream supper at the M. E. West home Thursday night, July 2, at 8 o'clock for the club members and their families.

At the close of the meeting Mrs. Evans served vegetables and soft drinks to 17 members, one new member, Mrs. Orville Ely, and 10 children.

**GOODMAN H. D. CLUB MEETS WITH MRS. JENINGS WINTER**

The Goodman Home Demonstration Club met Friday, June 26, with Mrs. Jennings Winter for an all-day meeting. The agent, Miss Wainscott, demonstrated a quick and easy to cook cauliflower, carrots and potatoes.

Each member brought a covered dish for lunch. After eating dinner and washing the dishes the meeting was called to order. There was no recreation as no one felt up to it after partaking of that fine meal.

Roll call was answered with "My favorite pan to cook vegetables in." Minutes of the last meeting were approved. Mrs. Fern Windham gave a council report.

The meeting was turned over to Mrs. Winter and Mrs. Windham who brought the last part of a work simplification program. This part being the proper way to sprinkle and iron a man's shirt, which was very interesting.

At the close of the meeting Mrs. Winter served a frosted drink to eight members, one visitor and five children. The next meeting will be July 10 with Mrs. Carl Carey.

**'Take Me to Town' Packs Lusty Humor At Queen Theatre**

A rich combination of lusty humor, action, music and romance is brought to the screen in Universal-International's Technicolor "Take Me to Town," which opens Sunday and Monday at the Queen Theatre with Ann Sheridan and Sterling Hayden in the starring roles.

Seen in the role of a colorful

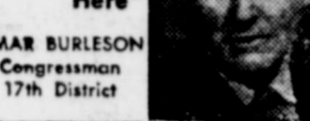
frontier dancehall entertainer who is unwittingly adopted by three small motherless boys, Ann Sheridan has the opportunity in "Take Me to Town," and takes full advantage of the situation.

Sterling Hayden, cast as a rugged lumberjack, part-time preacher and father of the three motherless waifs, registers a strong characterization as he attempts to make a place in the strait-laced logging community for the flamboyant entertainer "adopted" by his youngster.

Hayden succeeds in accomplishing his purpose when Miss Sheridan is eventually accepted by the townspeople after she stages a gigantic fund-raising show for the new community church.

**Washington**

"As It Looks From Here"



OMAR BURLESON  
Congressman  
17th District

Of course news coming from Washington concerning the drought in Texas would be no news at all. However, those of us from the drought areas are acutely aware of the situation.

During the last several days, we have been conferring with all officials of the Government who may hold the key to some sort of remedy whereby farmers, dairymen, and ranchers can secure livestock feed at reasonable costs.

At the present time, the Commodity Credit Corporation holds about 700,000 tons of cottonseed meal and cake. Most of this supply has been intended for foreign shipments at about \$52 per ton sacked. At the present time, the cattlemen must pay about \$66 a ton.

A number of us have talked to

representatives of President Eisenhower, including officials of the Bureau of the Budget, and also have advised the Secretary of Agriculture of the seriousness of the situation. The principal conflict in making available surplus commodities for sale in this country, is the long range effect it could have on prices of the product the farmer will have to sell in the future. In other words, the reason for the surplus commodities being held by the Commodity Credit Corporation is because of the price support system.

We believe, however, the Commodity Credit should make available these stocks immediately, and at the same time try to work out some system of guaranteed loans which would encourage local banks to assist the man who is trying to hold on to his basic herd of cattle.

The Secretary of Agriculture Benson has talked personally with President Eisenhower and members of the Cabinet, and he indicates that they hope to have some program concerning relief for the drought area in a short time.

The past week has been the busiest the Congress has had since the beginning of the Session. Veterans Administration, consumed two days. The Congress also passed a one year extension of the Reciprocal Trade Agreements which have been on the books for several years. Late Friday night, legislation continuing the Mutual Assistance Act, commonly referred to as Foreign Aid, was completed.

It is hoped that by the time this column is published, a definite program for relief of livestock owners in our area will have been worked out.

Along with other Members of Congress from Texas, I have been in almost daily contact with Government officials regarding the crisis created by the long drought. We are asking that everything possible be done to cut the red tape which is always wound around things of this kind. If we have to

**CARD OF THANKS**

We wish to express our appreciation to the County Road Dept., The Merkel Fire Dept., The Abilene Fire Dept., and our friends and neighbors for the excellent effort in fighting the fire.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Butman

wait too much longer for results, it will be too late.

We are asking that feed stocks now held by the Commodity Credit Corporation be made available and at the same time a system of guaranteed loans to help over the longer pull be provided.

It is likely that cotton acreage allotments will be imposed for 1954. Under the present formula, Texas would be compelled to cut back about 39%.

**BUS SCHEDULE**

| Eastward    | Westward    |
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| 4:02 a. m.  | 7:37 a. m.  |
| 4:29 a. m.  | 5:38 a. m.  |
| 7:06 a. m.  | 8:57 a. m.  |
| 11:26 a. m. | 1:25 p. m.  |
| 11:52 a. m. | 5:22 p. m.  |
| 3:01 p. m.  | 6:40 p. m.  |
| 8:22 p. m.  | 11:31 p. m. |
| 9:53 p. m.  | 12:10 a. m. |
| 11:56 p. m. |             |

**Livestock Report**

By TED GOULDY

Lighter receipts of livestock and some clouds and showers in the territory gave the cattle trade a stimulus at Fort Worth Monday. Most cattle and calves were 50 cents to \$1 higher and some cows and some calves were \$1 to \$1.50 above the low time last week. Receipts at Fort Worth were 20 percent under a week earlier and the nation's 12 major markets reported 11 percent fewer cattle and calves.

Good prices were firm with top hogs at \$26 and sows at \$20 to \$23. Pigs drew \$20 downward.

Most classes of sheep and lambs were steady, except feeder lambs were slow and some sales weaker. Good and choice fed steers and yearlings cashed at \$17 to \$22, and common and medium sorts sold from \$9 to \$16, with cull yearlings at \$6 to \$8.

Fat cows sold from \$8 to \$12.50, some heiferish kinds upwards to \$13 to \$14. Canners and cutters drew mostly \$6 to \$8. Bulls sold from \$7 to \$13, odd head reaching \$13.50.

Good and choice slaughter calves cleared at \$13 to \$18.50, while common and medium butcher calves sold from \$9 to \$13, and culls sold for \$6 to \$9.

Good and choice stocker steer calves drew \$12 to \$16.00, and stocker steer yearlings moved at \$10 to \$15. Heifer calves and heifer yearlings sold generally \$2 to \$3 under comparable steers. Stocker cows were considerably more active at \$7 to \$10.

Good and choice fat lambs sold for \$17 to \$23, and common to medium sorts drew \$10 to \$14, with culls from \$5 to \$10. Stocker and feeder lambs bulked at \$10 to \$15. Stocker ewes drew \$5 to \$7 slaughter ewes sold from \$3.50 to \$4.50.

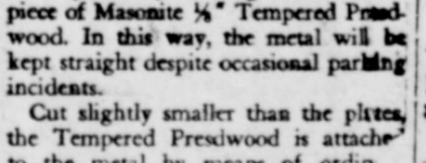
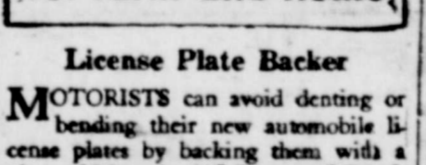
Fat yearlings wethers sold from \$10 to \$14, and feeder yearlings cashed at \$10 down. Old wethers sold from \$6 to \$8, and two-year-olds cashed at \$10 down.

Largest reptile in the U. S. is the alligator.

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for Farm and Home

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**CLASSIFIED AD SECTION**

**LODGE CALLS**

**NOTICE MASONS**  
Stated meeting of Merkel Lodge No. 710, A. F. & A. M., Saturday, July 25, at 8 p. m. All members are urged to attend. Visiting brethren cordially invited.

A. B. Parham, W. M.  
C. B. Rust, Sec'y

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WANTED—Ironing. Mrs. Truman Carey, 212 West St. 3t16p

**FOR RENT**  
FOR RENT — 3-room furnished south apartment. Private entrances. See at 408 Manchester. Mrs. Comegys, Phone 125W. t16c

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FOR RENT — Unfurnished house, 4 rooms and bath. Mrs. John Ensminger, 1006 Oak. t16c

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It's hard to believe, but this glamorous ball gown was made almost completely of cotton material from feed bags. Six pretty pastel pink bags were salvaged from the feed bin for this attractive formal with a full, full skirt. A bit of gleaming cotton sateen was combined with the feed sacks for the smart, strapless bodice.

**LITTLE LEAGUE SCHEDULE**  
JULY 2 — Starbuck & Patterson vs. Willie Wired Hands 6:30 p. m. Bankers vs. Hodge & Palmer 8:30 p. m.  
JULY 7 — Hodge & Palmer vs. Willie Wired Hands 6:30 p. m. Bankers vs. Starbuck & Patterson 8:30 p. m.  
JULY 9 — Hodge & Palmer vs. Starbuck & Patterson 6:30 p. m. Bankers vs. Willie Wired Hands 8:30 p. m.  
JULY 14 — Bankers vs. Hodge & Palmer 6:30 p. m. Starbuck & Patterson vs. Willie Wired Hands 8:30 p. m.  
JULY 16 — Bankers vs. Starbuck & Patterson 6:30 p. m. Hodge & Palmer vs. Starbuck & Patterson 8:30 p. m.  
JULY 21 — Bankers vs. Willie Wired Hands 6:30 p. m. Hodge & Palmer vs. Starbuck & Patterson 8:30 p. m.  
JULY 23 — Starbuck & Patterson vs. Willie Wired Hands 6:30 p. m. Bankers vs. Hodge & Palmer 8:30 p. m.  
JULY 28 — Hodge & Palmer vs. Willie Wired Hands 6:30 p. m. Bankers vs. Starbuck & Patterson 8:30 p. m.  
JULY 30 — Hodges & Palmer vs. Starbuck & Patterson 6:30 p. m. Bankers vs. Willie Wired Hands 8:30 p. m.  
AUGUST 4 — Bankers vs. Hodge & Palmer 6:30 p. m. Starbuck & Patterson vs. Willie Wired Hands 8:30 p. m.  
AUGUST 6 — Bankers vs. Starbuck & Patterson 6:30 p. m. Hodge & Palmer vs. Willie Wired Hands 8:30 p. m.  
AUGUST 11 — Bankers vs. Willie Wired Hands 6:30 p. m. Hodge & Palmer vs. Starbuck & Patterson 8:30 p. m.  
AUGUST 13 — Starbuck & Patterson vs. Willie Wired Hands 6:30 p. m. Bankers vs. Hodge & Palmer 8:30 p. m.  
AUGUST 18 — Hodge & Palmer vs. Willie Wired Hands 6:30 p. m. Bankers vs. Starbuck & Patterson 8:30 p. m.  
AUGUST 20 — Hodge & Palmer vs. Starbuck & Patterson 6:30 p. m. Bankers vs. Willie Wired Hands 8:30 p. m.

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 Worship Service ..... 11 a. m.  
 Evening Services ..... 8 p. m.

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

**Merkel First Methodist Church**  
 Sunday:  
 Sunday School ..... 9:50 a. m.  
 Morning Worship ..... 10:50 a. m.  
 M. Y. F. ..... 6:30 p. m.  
 Evening Worship ..... 8 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 ..... 8 p. m.  
 Wednesday Prayer Service 7:30  
 m.

**Tye Baptist Church**  
 Sunday School ..... 9:45 a. m.  
 Morning Worship ..... 11:00 a. m.  
 Training Union ..... 6:45 p. m.  
 Evening Services ..... 8 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 ..... 8 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 ..... 8 p. m.  
 Wednesday:  
 Prayer Service ..... 7:30 p. m.

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

**Trent Church of Christ**  
 Sunday:  
 Sunday ..... 11:00 o'clock  
 Bible Class ..... 10:00 a. m.  
 Morning Worship ..... 11:00 a. m.  
 Evening Services ..... 8:00 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 ..... 8 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 ..... 8 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 ..... 8 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 ..... 8 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 ..... 8 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 ..... 8 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.

**Hebron Baptist Church**  
 Sunday School ..... 10:00 a. m.  
 Morning Worship ..... 11:00 a. m.  
 Training Union ..... 7:00 p. m.  
 Evening Worship ..... 8:00 p. m.

**Pioneer Memorial Chapel**  
 Sunday School ..... 10:00 a. m.  
 Morning Service ..... 11:00 a. m.  
 Evening Services ..... 8:00 p. m.

**New Live Oak Baptist Church**  
 Sunday:  
 Sunday School ..... 10:00 a. m.  
 Morning Worship ..... 11 a. m.  
 Training Union ..... 6:45 p. m.  
 Evening Worship ..... 8 p. m.

**Hard-Fighting Show - Full of Romance At Queen Theatre**  
 From the pages of the Saturday Evening Post comes Michael Fessier's stirring drama with an equally dramatic and intriguing title, "Woman They Almost Lynched." A hard-fighting, romantic and suspenseful story with a western Civil War background, this Republic picture story which opens Friday and Saturday at the Queen Theatre, has been given an impres-

sive star cast in John Lund, Brain Donlevy, Audrey Totter and Joan Leslie.  
 "Woman They Almost Lynched." is a bang-up parcel of dynamic cinema fare which takes place in a border town at the height of the Civil War. The action revolves around a lead mine which supplies the Union Army with material for war.  
 Although the mine supplies the bluecoats and is operated by a hard bitter Amazon woman, Nina Varela, the border city adjacent to the mine is neutral and its citizens

intend to keep it that way even if it means stringing up a man or woman by a rope from the nearest tree.  
**Girl Scouts Return From Week's Camp At Sweetwater**  
 Ann Benson and Michael Miller returned from the Girl Scouts Camp at Sweetwater Tuesday of last week. They were there a week. They hiked, did craft work and cooked out.

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EDITORIAL

JULY 4TH

The spirit of '76 is not dead. The  
 spirit of '76 is very much alive to-  
 day.

First, we may ask: What is the  
 spirit of '76? As our forefathers  
 saw it the spirit of '76 was the  
 spirit that could not stand tyranny  
 and cried for independence and  
 freedom. They did more than that,  
 more than merely cry. They took  
 action that won them their inde-  
 pendence from England.

It is good to recall those pioneer  
 days, the days of the American  
 revolution, to remember the be-  
 ginning of our great Nation, to  
 learn what it cost to get what we  
 have today and which we cherish  
 greatly.

King George III reigned in Eng-  
 land back in the days of 1776. And  
 the United States was not free and  
 independent. We were dependent  
 on the Mother Country, on Eng-  
 land. And England taxed us with-  
 out our having the right to rep-  
 resent ourselves.

We could take so much and no  
 more and we rebelled. We fought  
 our war of independence and we  
 won it and formed our own kind of  
 democratic government. We made  
 our own laws, we taxed ourselves  
 and we gave to each individual the  
 right to life, liberty and the pur-  
 suit of happiness.

It was on July 4th that we made  
 our Declaration of Independence.  
 And that is the day we will com-  
 memorate tomorrow.

And is the spirit of '76 dead? Was  
 that spirit just a moment in  
 history, in 1776, and is it gone  
 from the earth today? No, the  
 spirit of '76 is much alive today.  
 The love of freedom, the love of  
 liberty, the love of life is not a  
 peculiar thing that only one nation  
 possesses. This spirit of freedom  
 and liberty and life and is imbed-  
 ded in all individuals.  
 The French displayed this spirit,

this love of liberty and freedom  
 and life. Today, we read in the  
 papers that the East Germans are  
 rebelling, we read that the fine  
 people of Czechoslovakia are un-  
 restful.

Russia is trying to place its iron  
 hand on the throats of people who  
 do not take kindly to such treat-  
 ment. The Communists have made  
 promises, great promises to these  
 people of East Germany and  
 Czechoslovakia. They have prom-  
 ised them bread to eat.

But the Russians and their  
 tyrants have not been able to de-  
 liver what they promised. The  
 bread that they said would be  
 forthcoming has not been produc-  
 ed. These people of East Germany  
 and Czechoslovakia are hungry  
 and they want to eat. They cannot  
 be satisfied with promises.

This is true not only in East  
 Germany, it is true not only in  
 Czechoslovakia. It is true through-  
 out the world. The hungry people

of the earth will not be satisfied  
 with Communistic declarations.  
 They want to eat and they cannot  
 be satisfied with promises.

The spirit of '76 is alive today, it  
 is alive throughout the world. It is  
 as potent today as it was in 1776.

People are not satisfied with  
 mere existence today. They want  
 to eat and be nourished and be  
 satisfied. More, they want indi-  
 vidual freedom. They too, like the  
 Revolutionary Fathers, want life,  
 liberty and the pursuit of happi-  
 ness.

The spirit of '76 lives on July 4,  
 1953, is also a day of declaring In-  
 dependence for all the people of  
 the earth.

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"WHITE-ICISM"

That's ALL—and the Sage of  
 Figfield adds that in 1776 we  
 fought for our independence, in  
 1953 the world is fighting for its  
 independence.



JULY 4, 1776

JULY 4, 1953

LET US KEEP  
**INDEPENDENCE**  
**DAY**  
 A DAY OF HOPE  
 FOR A  
**FREE WORLD**

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JULY 8-19

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Features 8:15 - 10:15

## Bids to Be Taken On Overpasses For Highway 80

J. C. (Jake) Roberts, district highway engineer, announced late Monday afternoon that Taylor and Nolan counties had cleared the way for work on two four-lane divided overpasses on U. S. Highway 80.

The overpasses will be built to eliminate two of the three hazardous underpasses which now exist on the 41-mile stretch between the two cities.

One will be located immediately west of Trent over the Texas & Pacific Railway tracks, approximately 24 miles west of Abilene and the other will be over Santa

Fe Railway tracks about mid-way between Trent and Sweetwater.

Mr. Roberts also announced that elimination of the third dangerous underpasses—between Abilene and Tye — also promised after T&P officials Monday gave clearance for an overpass on this site and also approved the State High-

way Department's plans for the project.

He said he hopes to get the overpass project between Abilene and Tye under contract "sometime this fall."

But bids on the other two overpass jobs will be taken either Ju-

ly 14 or 15 in Austin at the State Highway Commission office.

Actual work will probably start in August or September, Mr. Roberts said, and the completion of the job will depend on the availability of steel. Normally, he added, the jobs take from nine months to one year to complete.

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