

Lester Dorton Heads Boy Scout Finance Group

Lester Dorton, has been named chairman of the finance committee for the Central District of the Chisholm Trail Council, Boy Scouts of America.

His appointment was announced last week by Morey Millerman district vice chairman of the Boy Scouts.

As finance chairman, Mr. Dorton will have the responsibility of organizing campaigns to raise money for the Boy Scouts in Taylor and Callahan County towns which do not have a Community Chest to subsidize their troops, Millerman said.

These towns are Merkel, Tuscola, Clyde, Baird, Putnam, and Trent, he said.

Mr. Dorton was chairman of the Red Cross rural fund campaigns during the last fund drive.

Mrs. Etzell Hunter Given First Prize By Merkel Drug

The first prize given away by the Merkel Drug Store was received by Mrs. Etzell Hunter. It was a set of china goblets and set of silverware.

Other prizes were received by Mrs. Dove Freeman, set of china-ware, 2nd; Mrs. Jerry O'Brien, set of silverware, 3rd; Mrs. McMillan, silver cream and sugar set, 4th.

COUNTY SINGING MEET

The Taylor County Singing Convention will be held at the Pioneer Memorial Church at 2 p. m. Sunday, August 9. Silas Clark, Abilene, is president and invites everyone to come and hear good singing and to bring someone with him.

Tom Russom Sees Big Turnout at County Meeting

The annual meeting of Taylor County Sheep and Goat Raisers Association opens today, Friday, at the Abilene State Park. About 400 stockmen, ranchers and their families are expected.

Speakers will discuss the problems of the ranchers and stockmen.

Tom Russom is president of the association. "We are looking for a good turnout and a good meeting," said President Russom.

BOY TO T. E. WALLACES

A baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Wallace of Oklahoma City, Okla., August 4, named Stephen Forrest. The grandmother is Estella Hanna who is going to stay with them for a week. Mrs. Wallace is the former Willie Jo Hannah.

Noodle Church Of Christ to Hold Gospel Meeting



REX KIKER, EVANGELIST



BURL MCCOY, SONG LEADER

The Noodle Church of Christ will hold a gospel meeting starting today, August 7, and continuing through August 16. The meeting will start at 8:15 p. m. daily.

Rex Kiker of Abilene will be the evangelist. He has been teaching school in Florida the last two years.

Burl McCoy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hollis McCoy, will be the song leader.

There will be Bible teaching and spiritual singing. The public is invited.

"Wonderful Time" Reports F. Breaux

Vice President Isadore Mellinger presided at the Lions Club meeting Tuesday. Frank Breaux made a few short remarks about his trip to the National Boy Scout Jamboree.

"We had a wonderful time," said Mr. Breaux.

Music and Drama Of Show People At Pioneer Theatre

A backstage drama with music about the show people who help make Hollywood and Broadway the crossroads of the world's entertainment business, Warner Bros. "She's Back on Broadway" begins its local engagement at the Pioneer Theatre on Sunday and Monday.

Filed in Warner Color, the new screenplay presents a big cast including Virginia Mayo, Gene Nelson, Frank Lovejoy, Steve Cochran and Patrice Wymore in the important roles.

HAS MAJOR SURGERY

Homer Shanks underwent major surgery at the Sadler Hospital July 30.

HAS OPERATION

J. A. Wheeler had major surgery at the Sadler Hospital Aug 4.

Merkel Music Co. Moves Its Shop

The Merkel Music Co., has moved across the street and is now located at 130 Cent St. It is in the same building with the Merkel Radio and Electric.

Pvt. Bobby Campbell Attends School

Pvt. Bobby Campbell, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Campbell, who is stationed at Fort Bliss, El Paso, is attending 40 weeks of school for guided missiles.

BLOOD DONORS NOTE

Donations of blood to fight polio are urgently needed. A bus will be in front of the Merkel Drug Co., at 5 p. m. next Wednesday to take donors to Abilene. Anyone, age 18-60, who wishes to donate and hasn't received his card is asked to contact Marie Ely at the Merkel Drug Co., or Holt Vaughn at the Taylor Electric Coop, to sign up.

Covered Wagon Story Links Past

Mr. and Mrs. Dent Gibson have moved to their farm where they have just finished their new home.

Mr. Gibson had lived on this farm before. His parents had lived on it for about 65 years after coming here from Weatherford. Previous to that they had come from Missouri in a covered wagon with their parents.

Dent Gibson's parents knew each other in Missouri. While they were both in Weatherford they were married and the elder Gibson built a new home here on the farm and then he brought his new bride here to live.

J. S. Pinckleys Celebrate Their Golden Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Pinckley, 511 Edwards, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Wednesday, July 29, with a family dinner.

All of their children were present: Jarrett S. Pinckley, Jr., Pauline Collins, Lubbock; Marie Castle, Perryton; Marcella Patterson, Roby; Fay Reeve, Friona; Sue Morgan, Perryton.

Jarrett S. Pinckley and Cynthia Marcella Yancey met while she was teaching at Hawk School in the Denton County Community where he was born and reared.

She was born in Mississippi and reared in Carthage, Mo. They were married Wednesday, July 29, 1903, at 7:30 p. m. at the Methodist Parsonage in Denton with Rev. T. H. Morris officiating.

They lived in Denton County until 1920 when they moved to Taylor County. In 1923 they bought a farm in the Salt Branch Community where they lived until 1947 when they moved to Merkel. In-laws and eight grandchildren were also present at the dinner.

Sen. Robert Taft Dies Last Friday At Age of 63

Sen. Robert A. Taft, a symbol of Republicanism, died of cancer. He was 63. Senator Taft lived in the White House when his father was President. He ran against President Eisenhower and lost the nomination.

Senator Johnson Speaks at Meeting

Juna Beira, Jesse Morena and J. Hernandez were the local delegates to the American GI Forum in Ft. Worth Saturday and Sunday. Senator Lyndon Johnson and Attorney General John Ben Shepard were the speakers. A medal of merit was presented to Dr. Hector Garcia of Corpus Christi, founder of the forum.

TO HOLD REVIVAL

Rev. L. D. Regeon will be the evangelist at the Hebron Missionary Baptist Church revival, Aug. 7-17, with services at 10:30 and 8 p. m.

Constable Land Has His Woes While Minding His Own Business

Constable Luther Land has his troubles.

If he is not chasing folks who are out of line it seems that they are chasing him or something.

He sure has his troubles. Just look at what happened last week. He was hauling a load of sheet rock up to the Church of Christ to be used in the new edifice. At the same time he was carrying a copy of last week's Merkel Mail and had not read it.

He was certain he had it with him. He was positive about that; well, as positive as a man can be. When he arrived at the new building he began to unload. After

Three Merkel Boys Win Swim Trophies

Three Merkel lads swam away with leading honors at the water carnival held Saturday night at the end of the annual Learn-to-Swim Program at the VFW Swimming Pool in Abilene.

Very Large Crowd Pays Its Respects At W. C. Hill Rites

W. C. Hill, 79, long-time resident of the Golan Community, died here Sunday after an illness of several weeks.

The body lay in state at the First Methodist Church until 3 o'clock Monday when services were conducted by Rev. C. W. Parmenter, Methodist minister of McLean, assisted by Rev. Louder of the Golan Methodist Church. Graveside services were in charge of the Masonic Lodge. Burial was in the plot beside his father, mother and brothers, in Rose Hill cemetery.

Pallbearers at the church were A. Sheppard, J. Sheppard, J. M. Winter, Bob McDonald, Booth Warren and Henry West.

Starbuck Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

He is survived by his wife, the former Frances Coggin; by one brother, Ben Hill of El Paso; by five sons, Darwin and Orvel of Golan, A. J. of Noodle, Wallace of Fort Worth and Alfred of Dickinson; by two daughters, Mrs. L. E. Smith of Abilene, and Mrs. Joe M. Winter of Grand Prairie, and by 19 grandchildren.

William Claborn Hill was born at Morgan Hill, Tex., on February 28, 1874. In 1890 his father, A. J. Hill, settled on Mulberry Creek in Taylor County a few miles southeast of Merkel. The original house begun in January of 1890 and completed some two months later, is still standing. The livestock were driven from Erath County by the father and some of the sons. In March the mother and the smaller sons arrived at the new home.

One of "Willies' earliest jobs was that of clearing land for a field. This, he said later, was a great disappointment to him, as he had expected only to raise cattle and horses at the new place.

In 1906 when the "Robinson Pasture" in Jones County was divided into small tracts, he moved there into what later became known as the Golan Community. He lived there ever since.

Stolen Goods Are Returned Here

Two boys were arrested in Waxahachie in connection with the burglary at the Merkel Drug Store.

Part of the merchandise that was taken has been returned to the drug store. The narcotics were sold in Dallas, according to the police report. Part of the narcotics that could not be sold was thrown away.

Among the merchandise that was returned are cameras, cigarette lighters, watches and fountain pen sets.

BOY TO E. N. NOWELLS

Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Powell of Roswell, New Mexico, announce the birth of a baby boy born July 23. Mrs. Powell is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Butman, Jr. Mrs. Butman is now visiting with her daughter.

Barry Scott won first in the Swimmers' Class race. Harry Odum came out ahead in the Intermediate Class, 12-year olds. David Scott placed first in the eight-nine year olds race.

Barry is 13 years old, David is 8. Both are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Scott. Harry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Odum.

There were seven trophies given at the carnival and Merkel took three.

The month-long program drew 1,400 lads. It was offered free to

Lobos Again Run Into Rain Sunday

The rain won again when the Merkel Lobos played Rotan at Rotan Sunday afternoon. After three and a half innings the rain fell hard enough there to stop the game. The score stood 1 to 0 in favor of the local boys. The game of course does not count.

This is the second time in eight days that this has happened to the Lobos.

Don Dudley hurled for the local boys and Seferina Luna caught.

Walter Whisenhunt is captain and Juan Biera is manager of the Lobos.

Lobos play Rotan here at 2:30 p. m. Sunday.

L. Gibson Accepts Job as Principal Of Morton High

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Gibson of Petersburg have moved to Morton where he will be high school principal. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dent Gibson.

Assembly of God Revival Continues

The revival at the Assembly of God Church has been continued for another week and will last through Sunday night. Mrs. J. D. Jolly of Dallas is the evangelist.

"It has been a good revival and we have had good crowds and that is why we have continued it," said Rev. H. S. Earp, local pastor.

Norman Kings Move to Merkel

Mr. and Mrs. Norman King and two children moved here from Lubbock Saturday and are living at 303 Oak.

Colonel Wallace Accepts Position

Colonel Wallace, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Wallace, left Sunday for Anson to begin his work with the P. M. A.

Earle Miller In Vet Hospital

Earle Miller spent last week in the Veterans Hospital at Sulphur, Oklahoma.

Mrs. G. W. Brown To Join Husband

Mrs. G. W. Brown and son Gary who have been living with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Floyd, will leave for Germany in about two weeks to join her husband who has been in Germany since December.

HOLD DIVIDE REUNION

The second annual Divide Old Settler's reunion was attended by 350. It was held at the American Legion Hut in Sweetwater July 26. The 1954 reunion will be held at the Divide School gymnasium the first Sunday in August.

IS CRITICALLY ILL

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Mosley were called last Friday to the bedside of her mother, Mrs. E. B. Hall, of Bangs. Mrs. Hall is critically ill.

DOLLAR DAY NOTE

As Dollar Day ads will be carried in next week's issue, it would be greatly appreciated if all ads are ready early.

school-age children by four sponsors, The Abilene Reporter-News, the American Red Cross, VFW and American Legion.

Bankers Hold Lead in League

The Bankers continued to win last week on Thursday and Betty Jane Tittle's team was still ahead in the Little League by half a game. And Don Dudley's Hodge-Palmers continued to keep in second place by winning again.

The Bankers defeated the Willie Wired Hands 5 to 3.

David Pursley pitched for the Bankers and Manly Denton caught while Joe Neill hurled and Benny Melton caught for the Willies.

The Hodge Palmers won from the Starbuck-Patterson 8 to 7.

In the last of the sixth the score stood 7 to 4 in favor of the S-P. And Dudley's boys came from behind to win.

Fernando Moreno hurled for H-P, and Jerry McCloud and Lester Dorton, Jr., caught while Firmin Hernandez and Lou David Allen pitched for S-P and Lanny Perry caught.

Umpires: Balls, Mike Hernandez; bases, Bill Forrester and Sammy Scoggins.

TUESDAY NIGHT'S RESULTS

Bankers 6, Hodge-Palmer 1. Manly Denton, p. David Parsley, c. for Bankers; Fernando Moreno, p. Buddy Patterson, c. for H-P.

Starbuck-Patterson 17, Willie Wired Hands 1. Lou David Allen pitched a one-hit game, Lanny Perry, c. for S-P. Phillips and Bailey, p. Benny Melton, c. for Willies. Joe Neill got a homer for the Willies.

Umpires: Balls — Bob Hook, B. A. Bailey; bases — Joe Higgins and Bill Forrester.

Nazarene Church Pastor Announces Her Resignation

Rev. Geneva Kilgore announced that she has resigned as pastor of the Church of the Nazarene, effective Sept. 1. She has been pastor here for two years and eight months. She and her husband are planning to move to Seminole where they will organize a Church of the Nazarene there.

Mr. Kilgore will leave Monday. After establishing himself there he will move his family a couple of weeks later to Seminole.

The Kilgores have two children: Paula, 4 years old, and Tobert Howard, 8 months old.

Wanda's Florist Sold Last Week To Abilene Woman

Edna McGee of Abilene has bought Wanda's Florist.

She took over Thursday of last week. She is a graduate of the Dallas School of Floral Design and was for two years with Dickey's Floral of Abilene and other florists in Dallas.

Before this she taught high school in Monahans and Hobbs. She is experienced in all types of floral design, including weddings, funerals, parties, corsages. She will carry a line of pottery and ivy. All her relatives live in Abilene. She will live in the shop.

The name of the shop has been changed to Merkel Florist. Open house will be held from 2 to 6 p. m. Sunday. A carnival will be given to each guest and there will be door prizes. Everyone is welcome.

Mrs. M. T. Quillin On Honor Roll

Mrs. Margaret Turner Quillin, who has four children in school and whose husband, Major Frank Quillin, is in Korea is on the honor roll at the TSCW. She is the daughter of Mrs. J. C. Walton.

She made all A's She graduated from Merkel High School in 1930.

Merkel 20 Years Ago

TAKEN FROM THE 1933 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL

MAIL CERTIFICATES

First Taylor County certificates of performance, showing complete compliance with cotton plow-under contracts, were on the desk of the Secretary of Agriculture Wednesday. Seventy-nine certificates were mailed last Friday by C. Metz Heald, county agent, and 100 more went forward Wednesday afternoon.

JOINED IN DEATH

Separated by death only five days from his helpmate and companion of nearly half a century, Jasper N. Shelton, well-known retired farmer and one of Merkel's most respected pioneers, died at 11 o'clock Wednesday night, joining his wife less than a week after her departure. The shock of his wife's death which occurred at 11 o'clock Friday morning of last week, left him in such a state of grief that he felt he had nothing to live for. They were the parents of Mrs. W. M. Elliott.

TO HOLD SCHOOL MEET

Friday in the district court room at Abilene the county school board will meet. A representative from the state department of education will explain all matters concerning the rural aid law, especially the law concerning transportation of high school students whose grades are not taught in their district.

NETS ABOUT \$10,000

A total of \$9,480.42 in cash and signed agreements to pay delinquent taxes before December 31.

This Happened in Merkel Forty Years Ago

TAKEN FROM THE 1913 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL

The news that Merkel is to be on the route of the Southern National Highway, one of the cardinal roads of the American Automobile Association, is brought to us this week in the large daily papers.

In the campaign to save Stamford College by the raising of funds to pay an indebtedness of approximately \$65,000.00, Revs. Young and McCarey, with the assistance of Rev. R. A. Clements and others, over \$1,000 were subscribed by our citizens here Monday.

The City Council decided to pay \$500 for a trained team from the fire department of Abilene. The purchase of a team of black horses wagon and apparatus will make possible the extension of our water

1933, was reported by City Tax Collector Juanita Ferguson up to Thursday morning of this week in the drive started the latter part of June by the city authorities on delinquent taxpayers.

TO HOLD FIDDLER CONTEST

A fiddlers' contest, open to old and young alike, in fact open to anyone who plays any string instrument, whether fiddler, banjo, guitar or what have you, is to be the extra added feature at the Queen Theatre on Saturday night of next week, August 19.

IS QUITE ILL

Word was received here Sunday of the serious illness of J. S. Bickley, an old time resident of Merkel, at the home of a son, J. M. Bickley of Chaffield. It will be remembered that Mrs. Bickley died only a few months ago.

CALLS PASTOR

At a meeting of the members of the Church of the Nazarene Tuesday night, a call for another year was extended to Mrs. Ola Bolls, now serving as pastor of the church so faithfully and capably.

TO HOLD REVIVAL

Beginning next Sunday, August 13, a revival is to be held at the Methodist Church of Stith, with Rev. Woodrow Adcock, of Haskell, conducting the services.

RECORD BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Suggs a boy August 9.

mains from the Templeton boarding house to the Stallings residence and the extension of a main running south three or four blocks from the corner two or three blocks west of the Methodist church will give water privileges and fire protection to some of our best residence sections, which have heretofore received little consideration.

W. D. Woodruff, proprietor of the W. D. Woodruff & Co.'s General Dry Goods Store, left Wednesday for the eastern markets. In talking of his trip he said that he would be away until about August 20 and during his absence would visit St. Louis, New York, Chicago and Boston and would buy the largest line of goods he has ever handled.

Mrs. Ford Wegenhoft of Columbus visited here Monday with Mrs. W. L. Fugat. She also attended the wedding of her niece, Miss Bobbie Jinkens, formerly of Merkel.

NEWS ABOUT TOWN

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Boney and family of Colorado City spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. W. O. Boney, and brother Horace and family.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Rives and children have returned here from Elizabeth City, N. Carolina, where Mr. Rives has been employed with the Urice Drilling Co., for the last few months. They are now visiting her mother, Mrs. C. O. Washburn.

Mrs. Rena Stanton of Porterville, Calif., who for two weeks has been visiting her sister, Mrs. W. W. Webb, who has been seriously ill, left last Friday for Lubbock to visit her daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Perry of Houston are visiting his brother, M. E. Perry, and sister, Mrs. A. R. Toombs, and other relatives. They are former Merkelites.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Patterson have as their guests this week Mr. and Mrs. Herman Bloomsma and their daughter, Mrs. Herman Bloomsma, Jr., and children of Long Beach, Calif., Mrs. Constance Ruse of San Antonio, Mrs. Sybil Jalazin of Dickinson, and Mr. and Mrs. Truman Harlow of Brownwood. Other recent visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Patterson and children of Houston and Mr. and Mrs. Kemp Hinch and children of Oklahoma City.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Thomas and children of Pecos were weekend visitors of her sister, Mrs. Wright Dishman, and family and his mother, Mrs. J. W. Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Fox were in Lubbock over the weekend with their relatives. Two grandchildren, Dale and Besty Walker, returned home with them for a week.

Ross Ferrier and son Ross, Jr., left Sunday for Ft. Sumner, New Mexico to visit the brother of Ross Ferrier, Sr. George, and his wife. They were there a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Renfro of Odessa are visiting his parents, Mr.

and Mrs. L. J. Renfro, while on a week's vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Truett Thompson and son visited in Clyde and Abilene Saturday and Sunday with friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Warrick of Lake Jackson visited two days last week with his aunt, Mrs. Earle Miller, and Mr. Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Walton returned Thursday of last week from a five-day visit to Fort Worth and Denton, visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Eiland Hafe of Dallas visited her mother, Mrs. E. L. Wilson, and his mother, Mrs. Fred Hale, at Trent over the week end.

Mrs. Earle Miller returned last week from Jefferson where she visited her father who is critically ill.

Mrs. Orien Tittle and daughters, Peggy Lou and Jayne, of Eagle Pass are visiting Commissioner C. R. Tittle and family, Mr. and Mrs. Cullen Tittle and boys of Eagle Pass visited their families here and at Trent last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Toombs and Kay and Ronny spent a few days recently with Mr. Toombs' sister and brother in Snyder.

Jerry Gibson was home over the weekend from Texas Tech., visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dent Gibson.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Webb and daughter who have been living in Los Angeles, Calif., stopped off

here for a few days to visited with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Webb, while enroute to Nashville, Tenn., where they will be located for a while.

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD MEETS WITH MRS. SHANNON

The Wesleyan Service Guild met in the home of Mrs. John Shannon Monday night of last week. During the business hour it was decided the guild would have an old-fashioned ice cream and cake supper on the church lawn August 5 and invite the public.

Mrs. Woodrow Wilson is to teach the next subject, "Alcohol and Our Christian Responsibility." After a most interesting devotional, Mrs. Shannon passed a delightful sandwich plate to Mesdames Joyce, Lemens, Pee, White, Dudley, Swartz, Vaughn, Shouse, Honexcutt, Miller, Cox, Ferguson, Clark, Hicks, Ellis and Betty Jane Tittle.

'SHOW SOMETHING WE MADE' AT UNION RIDGE CLUB

The Union Ridge Home Demonstration Club met July 17 in the home of Mrs. Buford Buntin. The president, Mrs. Buntin presided.

Roll call was answered by "Show something we made." Mrs. J. H. Clark gave the prayer. Miss Mabel McFee gave the council report.

The program was given by Mrs. Buntin, using her new electric machine and attachments. She made button holes, also used binder, narrow hemming and shirrer gatherer.

A lovely white cake was served with punch and jello to the members present. August 6 was date set for annual picnic to be held at 7:30 p. m. at Buffalo Gap.

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CRISCO 3 Lb. Can 85¢	
SCOTT TISSUE 2 rolls 25c	GLADIOLA FLOUR 10 lb. bag 93c
ALL FLAVORS KOOL-AID 6 pkgs. 25c	GLADIOLA FLOUR 5 lb. bag 47c
KASCO Dog Meal 2 lb. bag 35c	LIPTON'S TEA 1/4 lb. box 33c
SUN SPUN NEW SPUDS 2 cans 29c	CHURCH'S Grape Juice 24 oz. 33c
COFFEE FOLGER'S Pound 85¢	
BIG TOP — 20 Oz. Jar Peanut Butter 55c	RED & WHITE PEACHES No. 2 1/2 can 29c
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CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

To R. A. Shelton, if living, and if dead, then his heirs, unknown heirs and legal representatives, if any. Also any unknown persons, if any, if living, and if dead, such unknown persons' heir, or heirs, that claim or have claimed any interest

in the hereinafter described land, Defendants, 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 31st day of August A. D., 1953, to Plaintiff's petition filed in said court, on the 16th day of July A. D., 1953, in this cause, numbered 19,162-A on the docket of said court and styled Lucille Hill and husband, Paul C. Hill, Plaintiffs, vs. R. A. Shelton, if living, and if dead, then his heirs, unknown heirs and legal representatives, if any, and any unknown person or persons who claim or have claimed any interest in the hereinafter described land, Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiffs sue in trespass to try title, for title and possession of Lot No. Three (3) in Block No. One (1) of the Stinchcomb Addition to the City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, being a Subdivision of 5.17 acres of land out of the Northwest corner of Lot No. Four (4) of the Subdivision of B. Austin Survey No. 92, in Taylor County, Texas, and being further and more fully described in Volume 172, Page 180, of the Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas, 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 17th day of July A. D., 1953. (SEAL)

Attest: J. Neil Daniel Clerk, 42nd District Court Taylor County, Texas By C. Bower, Deputy. Adv. July 24, 31, Aug. 7, 14.

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personals

Mrs. Katie Giles and daughter, Naomi of Burnet visited Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Earthman over the weekend.
Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Hopper and sons, Jr. and Derrell, visited in Galveston, Houston and other East Texas point while on their vacation last week. They made a 1,200-mile trip.
Shelby Howell of Plainview visited his sister, Mrs. Roscoe Owen and family.
Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Fletcher visited the R. N. Owen family Saturday.
Saturday visitors in the H. R. Kilgore home were his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Kilgore, of Coleman.
Betty Nix of Anson and Sondra Sprayberry of Noodle are visiting Sondra's sister and family at Win-

ters. Mr. and Mrs. Dayl Wood, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Clement and little sons of Snyder visited their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George

Cooper, last weekend. Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Gentry and daughter of Eunice, New Mexico, visited his brother J. D. and family last week.

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FOLGER'S COFFEE	1 lb. 79c	AZALEA OLEO	2 lbs. 45c
		POWDERED SUGAR	1 lb. box 15c
		AUNT JEMIMA MEAL	5 lb. Sack White or Yellow 46c
		KRAFT'S MIRACLE WHIP SALAD DRESSING	PINT 29c
		LIBBY'S Tomato Juice	46 Oz. Can 29c
		TIDE	REGULAR BOX 29c
		PRODUCE	
		QUALITY MEATS	
		CARTON TOMATOES	ctn. 16c
		ROUND STEAK	lb. 55c
		FRESH CANTALOUPE	lb. 5c
		LOIN or T-BONE STEAK	lb. 45c
		KENTUCKY WONDER GREEN BEANS	lb. 17c
		CHUCK ROAST	lb. 39c
		YELLOW SQUASH	lb. 9c
		VEAL HAMBURGER	lb. 29c
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PERSONAL

MRS. LUCY FORD has returned from a two weeks' visit with her daughter, Mrs. Russ Blair, Major Blair and family of San Antonio. Mr. and Mrs. John Crain of Trent and Joel have returned from a visit with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Caffey, of Pyote. They visited in Fort Davis, Marfa, Fort Stockton and Grand Falls.

Minnie Lois Campbell returned home Monday from a three-week visit with her sister, Mrs. W. C. Lay, of Fort Worth and other relatives in Dallas.

Leta Fay Hester of Knox City is visiting her this week with Minnie Lois Campbell.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy H. Mathews and son Roy Kent of Pyote visited last weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Mathews, and her father, W. L. Blair, and other friends. The Blair boys from the Plains visited Mr. Blair over Sunday.

PEGGY SCOTT BECOMES BRIDE OF KENNETH BOWEN

Miss Peggy Scott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Scott, and Kenneth Bowen, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Bowen, were married Tuesday night, July 28, at 7:30 o'clock, in the Baptist Parsonage.

Rev. Sam Tullock, pastor of the First Baptist Church, read the double ring ceremony. The bride wore a white linen dress fashioned with a boat neckline sprinkled with rhinestones and pearls, and a full skirt. She wore white accessories and carried a white Bible topped with an orchid.

Laurel Sherrell was maid of honor and Billy Bowen served as his brother's best man.

For going away the bride wore a beige linen suit and benedictine accessories.

After a wedding trip to New Mexico the couple will make their home in Weatherford where the bridegroom is employed by the Western Electric.

The bride and groom are both graduates of Merkel High School. She was employed by Universal CIT Credit Corp., before her marriage.

Mrs. Clyde Bartlett and Mrs. Dwan Jones of Abilene honored Miss Scott with a party in the new home of Mrs. Jones at 3110 Highland, Abilene, on Saturday afternoon, July 25. About 20 friends of the bride attended.

The bride was also honored with a gift tea in the home of Mrs. Horace Boney Monday evening, July 27. Hostesses for the occasion were Mesdames Clyde Eager, Jarrett Pinckley, Earl Baze, Wilmer Criswell, Tom Kerns, Grover Gilbert, Booth Warren, Joe Boone, Charlie Sherrell, Beauford Allen, R. D.

Ely, C. B. Rust, Cramer, Reynolds, Hollis McCoy, Dent Gibson, Dean Higgins and Bryan Dunagin.

She was presented with a beautiful array of china crystal, silver, pottery and linens.

MRS. PICK ALLEN ATTENDS GRANDDAUGHTER'S WEDDING

Mrs. Pick Allen returned Sunday from a visit with kinfolks and friends at Waco and attended the wedding of a granddaughter, Nancy Allen, to Lt. Joseph Hutto at James Connally A. F. Chapel.

This week she had her son, P. E. Allen, and wife of Los Alamos, N. Mexico, visiting with her. A grandson, A. C. Bland, Jr., wife and children, Diane and Dona, of Abilene also visited Tuesday in the Allen home.

EDWIN EARL WINN TO WED SAN ANGELO GIRL

Mr. and Mrs. John Middleton of Nugent announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Zona Belle, to Edwin Earl Winn, son of Mrs. Ola Lee Winn of Trent. The marriage will take place at 3 p. m. Sept. 6 at the home of the bride's parents.

Miss Middleton is a graduate of Leuder's High School. For the past two years she has been cashier of the National Life and Accident Insurance Company at San Angelo.

Edwin, a graduate of Trent High School, attended a Cisco Junior College, and is now attending Sam Houston State Teacher's College at Huntsville.

NEWLYWEDS ARE SURPRISED WITH PARTY LAST WEEK

A party honoring Mr. and Mrs. Charles Andy Shouse was held Thursday of last week in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Shouse. The relatives brought ice cream and cake and surprised the newlyweds. The couple received many lovely gifts. About 40 persons were present.

MARTIN DESCENDANTS HOLD FAMILY REUNION

The descendants of Jap and Enoch Martin held their 12th reunion at Forrester Park, Waco, August 1 and 2. Boating, swimming, fishing and dominoes were enjoyed. Those who attended from here were Mr. and Mrs. Ed Martin, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Martin and Sherry.

REV. GENEVA KILGORE HONORED ON BIRTHDAY

Miss Loren Horton was hostess at a surprise party honoring Rev. Geneva Kilgore on her birthday, August 1. There were about 20 present. Mr. Kilgore received several nice gifts. Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served.

"THE ROBE" IS REVIEWED BY MRS. R. B. JOHNSON

The Kings' Daughters Sunday School Class held its regular meeting Tuesday morning at the Methodist Church. The meeting opened with singing led by Mrs. C. K. Russell, Mrs. R. B. Johnson led the prayer.

The highlight of the meeting was a book review of "The Robe," given by Mrs. Minnie Howard.

After a short business session refreshments of doughnuts and coffee was served by Mrs. Lorinda Campbell and Mrs. J. R. Pee. There were ten present.

IDA MAY KING SHOWS GOALS TO BLUE BONNET CLUB

The Blue Bonnet Home Demonstration Club met July 28 in the home of Mrs. Tom Russom. The president, Mrs. Allen D. King, presided. Mrs. Dewel McLean led in prayer. Roll was answered with showing something each member

NOTE OF THANKS
We wish to express our thanks to all our friends for their many acts of kindness during the recent illness and death of our husband and father, W. C. Hill. The many beautiful flowers and kind expressions of sympathy are sincerely and deeply appreciated.
Mrs. W. C. Hill and Children.

had made. Several items were shown.

Mrs. Allen King gave the council report, announcing the county-wide picnic at Buffalo Gap at the picnic grounds August 6 at 7:30 p. m. Everyone was to bring a picnic lunch.

Mrs. Ford Butman gave a demonstration on sewing machine attachments and their use, including embroidery, button holes, zig zag attachment and its many uses, blind hemmer and quilting attachments.

Ida May King, who is a 4-H Girl at the Trent School, showed her five goals she had completed for the year. She showed a sun dress she had made and had won third place at the County Dress Review. She then showed the club scuffs she had made out of toweling, also coat hangers she had covered with plastic strings. She passed out samples of her peanut butter loaf bread that won her first place and at the bake show she won fourth place ribbon. She also passed out hush puppies she had made herself.

Refreshments were served to seven members and one visitor.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Admissions to the Sadler Hospital the past week were:
As medical patients - Dudley Jones, Mrs. Kenneth Ray, Daisy Diggins, Clona McClure, Mrs. W. W. Perkins, Bronwyn Gamble, Miss Wilma Payne, Mrs. H. E. Cole, Dale Litton, Mary Smith, Grover Gilbert, Mrs. A. W. Cook, James Canada (burned eyes), Tommy Largent, Mrs. B. H. Jones, Mrs. B. B. McCartney.

For surgery - Billy Gilbert and Kathleen Carrol, tonsilectomy, Mrs. H. C. Hamner.

Pvt. Bobby E. Owen In Basic Training

Pvt. Bobby E. Owen, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Owen, is in the sixth week of basic training at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo. He is with the Quartermaster, Sixth Armored Division. He went into the Army June 12.

Quannah Dudleys Move Family

Mr. and Mrs. Quannah Dudley and family have moved to 601 South First.

Capitol Highlights

By VERN SANFORD
Texas Press Association
Business has been booming in Texas the past six months, despite the former's plight. A report from the Bureau of Business Research of the University of Texas reveals that the first six months of 1953 were "the best in Texas' business history."

Heaviest activity was in the industrial growth of the state. Scattered showers continued to fall over Texas, putting a dent in the drought situation.

The U. S. Department of Agriculture reported that much of the state was benefited, except for dry southern counties. More rain is needed everywhere, the USDA said, especially in the south and the southern high plains.

Reportedly good was the outlook for a cotton crop.

Texas potentially has an ample water supply. But at present about 85 per cent of the flow of Texas' rivers goes into the Gulf of Mexico.

That circumstance was reported to the Senate by Senator Lyndon B. Johnson, who based his remarks on a study made by the Austin office of the U. S. Reclamation Bureau.

Johnson recommended that the federal government and the state work together for the conservation and use of this water so as to provide food, clothing, and industrial opportunities to an ever-increasing population in the Southwest.

Members of the Texas Legislative Council, meeting in a two-day session here, have given top priority to studies on six different and unrelated subjects.

Four of them were asked by the recent Legislature. They include:
1. Protection of livestock from disastrous disease and the control of such diseases; methods of financing control; means of paying livestock owners for losses incurred under control and eradication measures.

2. Comparison study of game and fish laws of other states and their conservation programs.

3. Study of proposals for reorganization of court system.

4. Inventory of public lands.

SHORT SNORTS-The shortage of teachers is so acute that many schools may be forced into half-day schedules next Fall, predicts the Texas State Teachers Association. Under new laws passed by the last Legislature, you must have your car inspected between Sept. 15, 1953, and April 15, 1954.

CLASSIFIED AD SECTION

LODGE CALLS
NOTICE MASONS
Stated meeting of Merkel lodge No. 710, A. F. & A. M., Saturday, August 22, at 8 p. m. All members are urged to attend. Visiting brethren cordially invited.
A. B. Parham, W. M.
C. B. Rust, Secy

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LOST - 1 blanket on Needle farm road. Finder please see C. B. Rust, c/o Badger Chevrolet Co. 1120c.

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WANTED - Job Chopping Cotton. Good hand, have transportation. See Clarence Gregory, due east Griffin's Mattress Factory. 1121p.

FOR RENT
FOR RENT - 4-room house with bath, 505 Ash St. See Red Dickerson. 3121p.
FOR RENT - 5-room house. First house west of Merkel Hotel. See David Tarply. 1120c.
FOR RENT - 2 nice houses, furnished or unfurnished. Dowdy and Toombs. 1120c.

FOR RENT
FOR RENT - 2-room modern. Furnished apartment, south exposure. 212 Cherry St., or see Andy Shouse. 3119c.
FOR RENT - 4 room house 1 1/2 miles North East of Merkel. Salt Branch Road. See T. T. Earthman. 211 Ash St. 316p.
FOR RENT - 5-room apartment and bath. Close in. Rent \$35 month. See W. B. or Leon Toombs. 1131c.
FOR RENT - Furnished 3-room apartment. Private bath. See Mrs. John Ensminger, 1006 Oak. 1117c.

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FOR SALE - Registered Hereford Bull. 18 months old. Mrs. H. R. Chancey, Comper Community. 1121p.
FOR SALE - 1950 Model McCormack Deering Hay Baler. Call 9013-R-1. 1121p.

PLENTY IMPROVED ELBERTA PEACHES ON YOUNG TREES AT CROW ORCHARDS, NORTH OF MERKEL 20 MILES. (S2). VERY NICE. 2120p.

FOR SALE - 2-room house in good condition. See W. M. Nolte, Tye, Texas, Rt. 1. 3120p.
FOR SALE - Second hand commode and several doors. Jim Kuykendall. 1120c.

FOR SALE - F-20 Farmall Tractor and Equipment. All in good condition. See O. E. Harwell, Route 2, Merkel. 3119p.
FOR SALE - Repossessed G. E. Food Freezer, worth the money. Palmer Motor Co. 1118c.
SPECIAL SALE - G. E. Wringer, Washers, \$129.95, and Free of extra cost, A Laundry Cart and a 24-piece Towel Set. Palmer Motor Co. 1118c.

PLENTY OF evaporative coolers for window installation. 2,200, 3,600 and 4,500 CFM. Badger Chevrolet Co. 1117c.

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FOR SALE - Used Vacuum Cleaners. Phone 159, Palmer Motor Co. 1115c.

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MISCELLANEOUS
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FOR MONUMENTS, see J. T. (Tom) Coats, Phone 131. P. O. Box 314.

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LEGAL NOTICE

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: Linda Ruth McCandless, 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 7th day of September A. D. 1953, in said court, on the 21st day of July A. D. 1953, in this cause, numbered 19,172-A on the docket of said court and styled John McCandless, Plaintiff, vs. Linda Ruth McCandless, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were married in Sweetwater, Texas, on Sept. 28, 1951 and lived together until the 15th day of May 1953, when they became permanently separated. No children have been born of this marital union, and no community property has been accumulated by the parties hereto. 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 21st day of July A. D. 1953.

(SEAL)
Attest: J. Neil Daniel Clerk,
42nd District Court
Taylor County, Texas
By Irene Crawford, Deputy.
Adv. — July 24, 31, Aug. 7, 14.

NOTICE OF INTENTION OF THE CITY OF ABILENE TO RECEIVE BIDS FOR OIL AND GAS LEASE

The City of Abilene, a municipal corporation, having determined that it is advisable to lease its mineral interest in the hereinafter described property, hereby gives notice of its intention to lease for oil and gas exploration all of its interest in the following tracts of land situated in Jones County, Texas, and being described as follows:

224.57 acres of land off the East part of the following tract of land described by metes and bounds as follows, to-wit:

"BEGINNING at the N. E. Corner of the R. M. Thomson Sur. No. 6; Thence west with the North boundary line of said Survey No. 6, a distance of 1926 varas to a stone set in the ground, the N. E. corner of a 134 acre tract owned, or formerly owned, by E. M. Hawk; THENCE South with the east boundary line of the said 134 acre tract a distance of 1342 varas to its S. E. Corner, at a point in the South line of the Pressley Gosset Sur. No. 7; THENCE East along the South boundary of said Gosset Sur. No. 7 a distance of 1920 varas to the S. E. corner of said survey No. 7, a point in the center of Big Elm Creek; THENCE down the center of Big Elm Creek to the point of beginning; Being 462 acres, more or less, located in the R. M. Thomson Sur. No. 6 and the Pressley Gosset Sur. No. 7, Jones County, Texas," the herein proposed lease being all of the above described tract of land except 155.78 acres varying from three hundred feet to three hundred fifty feet distance from and outside of the high water line of Fort Phantom Hill Lake, which tract is now under an oil and gas lease to Rock Hill Oil Company and is off the west part of the above described tracts.

The City of Abilene here now gives notice of publication in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper published in the County of Taylor and State of Texas, having general circulation therein, and in the Western Observer, a Newspaper published in the County of Jones, State of Texas, having general circulation therein, once a week for a period of 3 consecutive weeks, and designates after such publications that it will receive and consider bids for oil, gas and mineral leases on the above described tracts at the City Hall in the City of Abilene on the 21 day of August, 1953, at 9:00 a. m. The bids for said mineral lease will designate the primary term of the lease, together with the bonus and annual rental to be paid each year, and such other additional considerations or agreements as the bidder may desire, and the form of the lease to the end that the City of Abilene may determine whether or not the lease is on such form as will be satisfactory to the City of Abilene. The City governing body will receive and consider all bids for the lease of said lands which are advertised for lease, and in its discretion the governing body shall award said lease to the highest bidder therefor considering the bonus, if any to be paid, the rentals to be paid, the length and form of the lease, and any other stipulations therein contained. If, in the judgment of the governing body, the bids do not represent the fair value of such lease, said body in its discretion may reject any and all bids, and may then give notice and call for additional bids. A public hearing will be given on the date above mentioned at the City Hall as per the above notice. The mineral lease must reserve to the City a royalty equal to 1-8 of its interest. Signed this the 27 day of July, 1953.

CIT OF ABILENE
By Lila Fern Martin,
City Secretary
Adv. — Aug. 7, 14, 21.

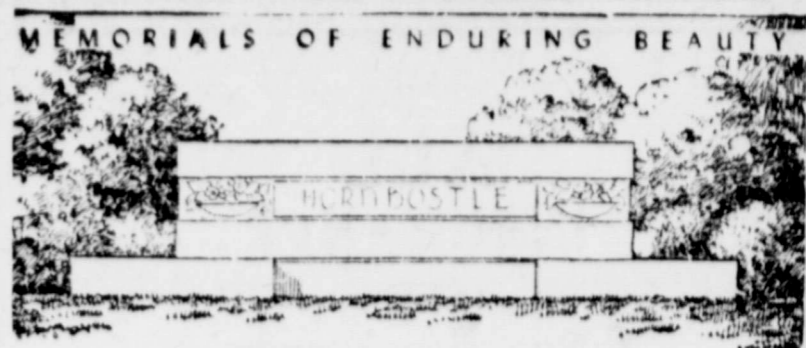
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EDITORIAL

THE KOREAN ARMISTICE

The shooting in Korea has stopped. An armistice has been signed. For a while our boys will not have to face the firing line. They will not be maimed, they will not be wounded, they will not be killed. For that much we are thankful. But the peace has not necessarily come with the ending of the shooting. There are many problems to be discussed and solved before a real peace can be established.

President Eisenhower brought that point out very pointedly in his talk to the Nation after the armistice was signed. His talk, if anything, warned us to be on our guard. Secretary of State Dulles in his remarks to the Country also stressed the need to watch and wait.

It has been our custom in the past, when a war was over, to bring our boys home and begin to live in a peaceful world. We did this after World War I. We did this after World War II. The war is over, we say, why not bring our boys home?

This has been our undoing. We let down our guard too quickly. We act too fast. We are ready even now to lay down our arms and return to the pursuits of peacetime. But peace is not here. Even if the armistice leads to a real peace, the conditions around the world are such that we cannot let down our guard.

That is why President Eisenhower made his talk and that is why Secretary of State Dulles made his remarks to the Nation.

What has been accomplished by the war in Korea? That is a question that has been asked all during the fighting and it is being asked now. Wouldn't it have been better, we ask, to have let Korea alone and let her fight her own war and keep our own boys at home?

Communism is on the rampage. If she had not been stopped in Korea she would have broken out elsewhere, perhaps in Europe, and before we know it there would have been another World War and we would have been in it. By holding the action to Korea we have been able to stop aggression before it became a world affair.

Communism expected to sweep across Korea. It did not. We stopped them. The UN stopped them. That taught Communism a lesson. It taught them that the UN would do more than debate and discuss matters. It taught them that the UN would act, act quickly, act to withstand armed aggression.

That means that Communism will think twice before it acts again. It will know that the UN, that the United States too will act if necessary.

The League of Nations failed because it would not act, because it did not put teeth in its laws. The United Nations has acted. It has put teeth in its commands.

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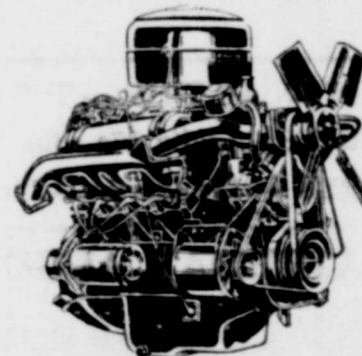
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