

Jimmy Kingsbury visited in Cisco last week with his grandparents Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Henington.

personals

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Rust visited in Odessa Sunday with her parents Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Kall.

Mrs. Joyce Purser, Linda Faye and Larry are visiting in Arlington with their aunt, Mrs. Vester Sibley, and other friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Coleman O'Brien and family visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Black in Clyde Sunday.

Pfc. J. C. Clawson of Alabama stopped by Monday morning to visit with J. D. Gentry.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman King and children spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bertram, in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Mashburn and grandson Tommy who had been to Colorado Springs, Colo., spent one night last week at the cabin in Crede, Colo., where Mr. and Mrs. Weldon McAninch and Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Elliott of Dalhart, were vacationing.

Major and Mrs. R. T. Blair and children of San Antonio were visitors of his father, Watt Blair, and other relatives over the weekend.



He returned to San Antonio and she and the children remained as

guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Wozencraft.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Overby of Hobbs, New Mexico, were weekend visitors of her brother, Chas. Sylvester, and family. Their daughter, Mrs. Pete Wilson, and husband of San Antonio were also here.

Misses Helen Conley, Betty Jane Tittle, Laurel Sherrell and Mrs. D. B. Bowen were in Colorado Springs and Estes Park, Colo., last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wright and daughters, Hope and Betty Faith, of Lubbock spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Diltz.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. McCormick of Abilene visited Sunday afternoon with her brother, Andy Shouse, and Mrs. Shouse and family.

ERRAL SETS RECORD!

Erall O'Brien, son of Mr. and Mrs. Coleman O'Brien, is shown here at the left with his cousin, O. F. O'Brien, of San Antonio at right with the boat captain in center. They caught 155 pounds of Kingfish recently at Port Aransas, which was the record catch for the day. Mrs. O. F. O'Brien helped catch the fish.

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that was given me by Mrs. Charles Walgreen, sister of the late Mrs. George Crow, Sr., and it belonged to the Walgreen family, who came from Sweden. The Bible was printed in Stockholm, Sweden, in 1855. "The entire Bible is printed in the Swedish language and has the birth and marriage records of the Walgreen family. They are also in Swedish, which by the way, we can't read.

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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, 1952.

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

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LEGAL NOTICE

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 184 acre tract owned, or formerly owned, by E. M. Hawk; THENCE South with the east boundary line of the said 184 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 1930 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

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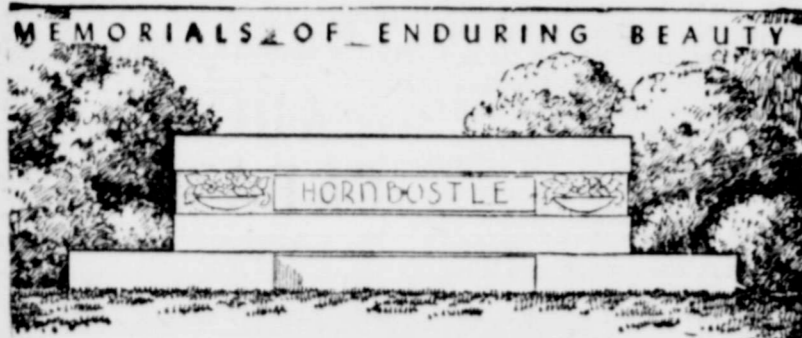
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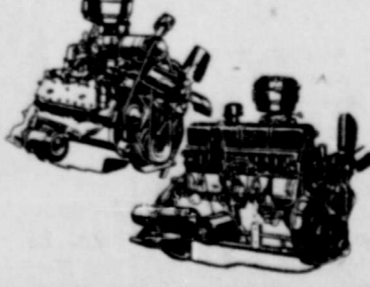
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Mrs. W. M. Hays \$1.00

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Sunday School—10:30 a. m.
Evening Bible Class 6:30 p. m.
Evening Services 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 Caivary 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 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.

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

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.

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.

Pioneer Memorial Chapel
Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
Morning Service 11:00 a. m.
Evening Services 8:00 p. m.
Wednesday: Evening Prayer Service 7:30

Merkel Catholic Church
Sunday Mass 10:30 a. 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 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.
Tuesday:
U. M. U. 9:30 a. m.
Wednesday:
G. A.'s and R. A.'s 6:30 p. m.
Prayer Services 7:30 p. m.
Brotherhood, 1st Thursday of month, "You are a stranger here but once."

Trent Church of Christ
Sunday:
Sunday 11:00 o'clock
Bible Class 10:00 a. m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.
Evening Services 8:00 p. m.
Thursday:
Ladies Bible Class, 4:00 p. m.

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

Hebron Baptist Church
Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.
Training Union 7:00 p. m.
Evening Worship 8:00 p. m.
Wednesday:
Evening Prayer Services 7:30 p. m.

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PERSONAL

Jimmy Leverich visited friends in Odessa over the weekend.

J. Parker Sharp returned last week from a trip to El Paso and points in New Mexico. He was accompanied by his mother, Mrs. J. P. Sharp, and brother Arl who had been visiting here. Mrs. Sharp visited Arl and her other son, Kenneth. She returned home with Kenneth and his wife.

Mary Ellen Ward of Fort Worth visited last week with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Baze. Mrs. Norma Bond and two children visited this week with her daughter, Mrs. Norman English, and Mr. English in Ft. Smith, Ark. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Deen and Mr.

and Mrs. J. N. Hass of Baird spent a part of last week in Corpus Christi. Caught lot of fish.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Rutledge were in Ovada Sunday afternoon and met her sister, Mrs. Tom Holmes South Texas.

Mrs. L. J. Renfro with Mrs. Carvel Clark and children were in Putnam Sunday, visiting her nephew, John D. Eisenhower, and family and her niece, Mrs. Henry Freeman, and family of Corsicana. Mrs. Truman Carey and children and Margie Tucker of Abilene have just returned from a trip to New Mexico. They visited relatives in Lamesa and Seminole.



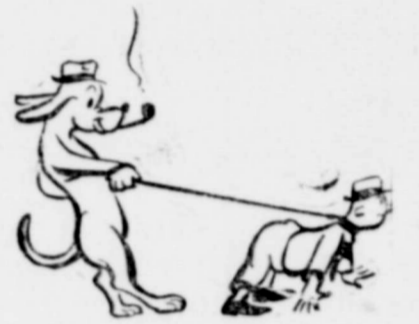
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EDITORIAL

WRITING

Each week at this time, which happens to be the end of the week, we sit down at the typewriter. We put a sheet of paper in the typewriter. Then we are supposed to hit the keys and get something down on paper.

That's how easy it is. But one has to have something to write about and have something to say about that something.

That's not so easy. Frankly, we are trying to write this and get ready to go to the meeting of the West Texas Press Association in Abilene which met in Abilene August 14 and 15. In other words, we are trying to do two things at one time. And it can't be done. It is difficult enough to do one thing at a time.

So we may take the usual method of just noting an item and commenting on it. That is the way Arthur Brisbane, the great Hearst editor, used to do. (Now, now, don't get us wrong! We are not

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comparing ourselves to the great Brisbane. We have reference to the method he used, not the content.)

BARGAINS

The big feature is the streamer about Tuesday being Dollar Day. That's good news. It means big savings for the public.

WATER RATES

The next item of importance is the statement that the water rates had been lowered. The City Council keeps its ear to the ground. The people get more water and they pay less. That's what they wanted. That's what they got. The City Council serves the people well.

NOODLE REVIVAL

Rex Kyker was to be the evangelist at the Noodle Church of Christ revival. He was struck down by polio. Our Layton Plaster came to the rescue and conducted the gospel meeting. Man rises to meet emergencies.

BANKERS' MARGIN

Then we read about the Bankers keeping their lead in the Little League. The headline read, "BANKERS' MARGIN SHOTS AHEAD." Lots of room for a misunderstanding there.

LOBOS

The headline stated that the Lobos took two games from Rotan. That's hardly startling news. The Lobos have been winning almost consistently.

FRIEND GEORGE

Nice letter from Friend George Root of Jefferson City, Mo. He wrote: "I have not been fishing but once in the last few years though am feeling better at 90 than most people do at that age and am thankful to the Lord for that. We are having a dry spell here - just a little shower about every two weeks. My nephew has to drive the cattle to a creek every day for them to drink."

FRIENDS PELOT

Our friends, the Three Pelots, of Sweet Springs, Mo., wrote: "Our garden is like all of Missouri, practically dried up. Need rain so badly but we had some tomatoes... no flowers except a few roses."

"WHITE-ICISM"

That's ALL - and the Sage of Figfield adds that playful thoughts are just as important as playful games.

JUST FOR TODAY

Ben Hicks' Favorite

Just for Today I will try to live through this day only, and not tackle my whole life problem at once. I can do something for twelve hours that would appall me if I felt that I had to keep it up for a lifetime.

Just for Today I will be happy. This assumes to be true what Abraham Lincoln said, that, "Most folks are as happy as they make up their minds to be."

Just for Today I will adjust myself to what is, and not try to adjust everything to my own desires. I will take my "luck" as it comes, and fit myself to it.

Just for Today I will try to strengthen my mind. I will study. I will learn something useful. I will not be a mental loafer. I will read something that requires effort, thought and concentration.

Just for Today I will exercise my soul in three ways: I will do somebody a good turn, and not get found out; if anybody knows of it, it will not count. I will do at least two things I don't want to do - just for exercise. I will not show anyone that my feelings are hurt; they may be hurt, but today I will not show it.

Just for Today I will be agreeable. I will look as well as I can, dress becomingly, talk low, act courteously, criticize not one bit, not find fault with anything, and not try to improve or regulate anybody except myself.

Just for Today I will have a program. I may not follow it exactly,



DO GOOD JOB - This trio served as executives of the Taylor County Sheep and Goat Raisers Association for 1952-53. They were re-elected for the 1953-54 term. Left to right are Tom Russom, president; H. C. Stanley, secretary-treasurer; Elmo Jones, vice president.

but I will have it. I will save myself from two pests: hurry and indecision.

Just for Today I will have a quiet half hour all by myself, and relax. During this half hour, sometime, I will try to get a better perspective of my life. Just for Today I will be un-

frail. Especially I will not be afraid to enjoy what is beautiful, and to believe that as I give to the world, so the world will give to me.

Plaster of Paris was originally manufactured near Paris, France.

FALL GARDENS

There is still time in most sections of the state to do some fall gardening. Use the varieties of vegetables that are adapted to your section. County extension agents can provide information on the subject.



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OMAR BURLESON Congressman 17th District

It is, of course, always a happy time when I can return home. I do a little "windshield" farming and look at the few head of stock I have on my place between Stamford and Anson.

Those who may wish to contact me can find me in Anson on Mondays, but during other days of the week, I expect to be travelling around over my twelve-county Congressional District to see as many people as I possibly can.

As I have stated in my questionnaires, I feel it very much my duty to contact as many of you folks as possible, to get your views regarding issues of national interest, and particularly those likely to be dealt with in the next Session of Congress.

Much of the time will be spent in visiting in the smaller communities. Naturally, it is possible to see more people in the towns, but too often I miss seeing folks whom I might contact at the "crossroads."

Let me remind you again that on each Monday for the next few weeks I shall be in my office in the basement of the post office in Anson, and anyone is welcome to contact me there.

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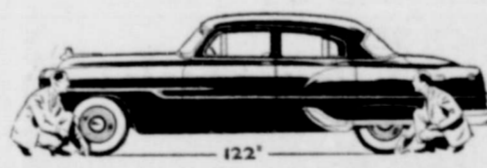
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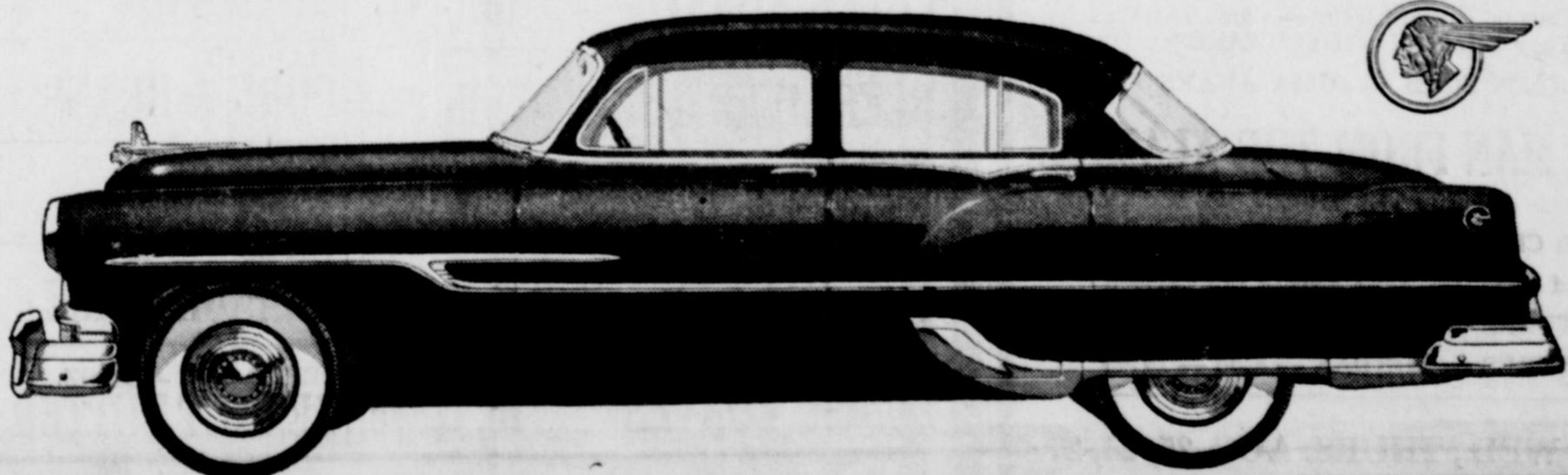


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Lions Club Enjoys Musical Numbers At Tues. Luncheon

The Lions Club was entertained by three young musicians from Abilene Tuesday noon. The club enjoyed the program very much. Prof. Mack Fisher, president, presided.

The program was introduced by Isidore Mellinger, program chairman. He in turn introduced John Horn of Abilene, who had charge of the program.

John Jay Horn, his son, a graduate of Hardin-Simmons University, and winner of the Presley Award for being the most valu-

able member of the band for four years, played three numbers on the miramba: "Indian Love Call," "September Song" and "Hora Staccato." Don Jones, vocalist, sang "I'm Yours." "Blue Moon," "With a Song in My Heart," "Old Man River" and "I Believe."

Bobbie Sanderson played the piano accompaniment for the other two musicians and also played one solo number, "Dancing in the Dark."

Postmaster Wrenn Durham reported on the free X-ray tests to be made here for T-B Aug. 28-29.

FATHER HAS OPERATION
 J. W. Wallace, 70 years old, of Abilene, father of E. B. Wallace, was operated on for appendectomy. He is getting along nicely.

WILL BE CLOSED

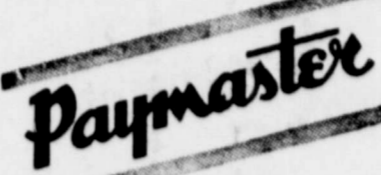
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