

FIRST FOOTBALL GAME HERE

Pfc. Robert Nolen Is Reported Dead In Korean War



PFC. ROBERT A. NOLEN

... reported killed

Pfc. Robert A. Nolen has been reported dead. Mrs. Edna Nolen, his mother, was notified that her son had been killed in action, according to his sister, Mrs. Charlie

Jones. The notification came from the Department of Defense last Friday.

Robert had been missing in action since July 11, 1950. Date of the death was unknown.

A veteran of World War II, Pfc. Nolen spent three years in North Africa. He re-enlisted in the Army in May, 1948, and was stationed in Japan when the Korean War started.

Former Merkel Editor, Succumbs

Ed J. Leeman, one-time editor of the Merkel Mail, died in Duncan, Okla., at 4 a. m. last Friday.

He published the Duncan Daily Banner from 1906, when he moved there from Merkel, up to his retirement three years ago.

Funeral was to be held in Duncan Sunday or Monday pending the arrival of a son who is a medical missionary in Tokyo, Japan. Mrs. Leeman who survives him is the sister of Mrs. Jud Sheppard

TO HOLD RALLY

A rally for adults in the Abilene Methodist district has been set for 7:30 p. m. Sept. 21 at the Merkel Methodist Church.

Harold E. Thompson, music professor at McMurry College, will be soloist; his accompanist will be Mrs. George E. Tyson, also of McMurry.

Preceding the service Cyrus Pee, choir directors of the Methodist Church, will lead a singsong.

Roy E. Gulley Is Employed By Local Church

Roy E. Gulley of Atascadero, Calif. has recently been hired as the new minister of the local Church of Christ.

He will begin his work as evangelist for the Merkel congregation on Sunday, Oct. 4, when the new church building on the Blair Highway is expected to be ready for occupancy.

Brother Gulley has been preaching for the Church of Christ at Atascadero as well as working for the California Youth Authority. He is a native Texan and attended Abilene Christian College.

Mr. and Mrs. Gulley have two teen-age sons, one a freshman in high school and the other a sophomore.

Gulley replaces Layton Plaster, who moved to Ava, Mo., to do missionary work.

The new church building will be opened with a one-week gospel meeting, with Layton Plaster doing the preaching.

Trent Gorillas Smash Hornets To Tune of 26-7

The Trent Gorillas opened the 1953 football season last Friday night by trouncing the Aspermont Hornets to the tune of 26-7 at Trent.

Trent put across the first score on the second quarter on a pass from Jerry Estep to Jerry McWilliams. Bob Barnes' conversion was good. Joe Scott on a quarterback sneak scored the second Gorilla touchdown and once again Barnes' kick was good.

The longest run of the game produced the third Trent score when Phil Goodwin raced down the field for 54 yards. Barnes try for the extra point failed. Jerry Estep scored the final Gorilla tally in the fourth quarter on a run.

The lone Aspermont score came in the final quarter by Lewis Dolsen, Hornet back. Wayne Mason's extra point was good.

Scores by Periods:
Trent 0 7 13 6 26
Aspermont 0 0 0 7 7

Last Rites Held For Mrs. Estes At Graveside

Rites for Mrs. Stella Martin Estes, 79, were held at 3 p. m. Thursday of last week at the graveside in Rose Hill Cemetery with Rev. W. E. Peterson, pastor of the Abilene First Methodist Church, officiating, assisted by Rev. J. W. Saffell.

Mrs. Estes died Wednesday of last week at the home of a sister in Abilene, Mrs. Ola Spurgin, 1450 Marshall St. She had lived in Abilene since the death of her husband, M. L. Estes, at Merkel in 1941.

Survivors include four sisters, Mrs. Spurgin, Mrs. Ethel Goodyear and Mrs. Emma Garrison, all of Abilene, and Mrs. W. F. Evans of Andrews.

FAMILY REUNION

A Skurlock family reunion will be held at the Abilene State Park, starting at 9 a. m. Sunday, Sept. 20. Basket lunch will be served.

A BAZAAR

Will be held at the Starbuck Furniture Store Friday, Saturday Monday, Sept. 25-26-28 by the women of the Methodist Church. Adv.

3 First Bales Are Announced

The first bale of cotton was ginned at the Farmers Co-op Gin at Stith on Sept. 7 at 11:30 p. m. by Lloyd Robertson, 3 1/2 miles north of town. Snap cotton weighed 1,700 pounds, lint 484 pounds. Up to Tuesday 10 bales had been ginned.

The first bale of cotton was ginned at the Guitier Gin on Sept. 10 by A. L. Rogers, 5 miles northwest of town. Snap cotton, 1,850 pounds; lint, 495 pounds.

The first bale of cotton was ginned at the Farmers Co-op Gin on Sept. 14 by Frank Carter or near Goodman Community. Snap cotton 2,035; lint 597 pounds.

Merkel 20 Years Ago

TAKEN FROM THE 1933 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL

TO MAKE ADDRESS

Judge James P. Stinson of Abilene, one of the ablest speakers in West Texas and long a leader in civic and patriotic movements, has accepted an invitation to address the people of Merkel and of the surrounding communities who are in Merkel at 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon of this week in the interest of the National Recovery Administration.

PLOW-UP CHECK ARRIVE

Big news for Taylor County farmers, and businessmen and citizens as well, was the announcement from Abilene Saturday that the first of government cotton plow-up checks had arrived. The first day's receipts in the office of County Agent C. Metz Heald came in four batches, aggregating \$77,708 for some 252 farmers.

OPENING GAME FRIDAY

While Merkel's first conference game does not come until Friday, Sept. 29, at Anson, the Badgers will play Clyde on the local gridiron at 3 p. m. Friday of this week. It will be the first game for either team this season. Both teams are to be small; they will average about 150 pounds. Clyde will have a slight advantage in physical condition as they have been working out longer than the Badgers.

LARGENT HEREFORDS WIN

Following up repeated success at all the fairs where the Largent show cattle have been exhibited, W. J. Largent has wired from Tulsa the information that they won 14 firsts and six champions, a complete clean-up of

champions as this is all classes judged. The Largents will exhibit their famous Herefords at Oklahoma City before bringing them to the State Fair of Texas.

BOB CONDER SOME BETTER

Reports from Bob Conder who was taken to the West Texas Baptist Sanitarium Monday for major surgery, are that he was some better Thursday morning.

DR. J. W. H. MARTIN DIES

Dr. J. W. H. Martin, who practiced medicine for 40 years in the Canyon, retiring about five years ago, and father of Bob Martin, one of Merkel's pioneer grocers, died Wednesday afternoon at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Jack Beall, in Chandler, near Tyler.

RECORD BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Thompson a boy Sept. 14, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Huffman, near Trent, a boy Sept. 16, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Miller, near Trent a boy Sept. 19, Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Williams a boy Sept. 20.

FIRST RUN OF GASOLINE

First run of gasoline by the New Deal Oil and Refining Company, of which R. O. Anderson and associates are lessees, was made Thursday of last week and operations are now said to be well under way.

BOARD MEETS

Two of the original appointees, Watt Blair and T. J. Swafford were unable to serve on the city board of equalization.

This Happened in Merkel Forty Years Ago

TAKEN FROM THE 1913 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL

Billie Teaff has returned to Waco where he will attend Baylor University this year.

Luther Grimes left Monday night for Dallas where he will spend a few days visiting.

Miss Bonnie Abernathy and Frank Smith were married at Trent Wednesday. Rev. Scott officiated.

Miss Sadie Collins and brother Grady are visiting relatives in Weekly, Tenn. They visited in Alabama en route to their old home in Giles County.

Otti Coggin was a social caller in Sweetwater Friday night.

Miss Sophia Howard left Sunday for McAuley where she will teach this year.

Mrs. L. Baulch spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Rucker of Caps.

John West left for Fort Worth Sunday night where he will attend the T. C. U. this year.

O. J. Adcock left last Saturday for Evansville, Ind., where he was sent as a delegate to the National Rural Letter Carriers' convention.

Dr. and Mrs. J. M. C. King have bought the Turner home on South Oak street and are making some improvements and additions



VETERAN BADGERS — They are the only four regulars. FRONT ROW: (left to right) tackle Billy Dye, tackle Ralph Bartlett. BACK ROW: quarterback Freddie Boone, right halfback Jimmy Russell.

Badgers Battle On Home Field Against Winters

The first football game of the season opens here at 8 p. m. tonight when the Badgers meet Winters on the local gridiron.

It will be a tough game. Last week the Badgers journeyed to Ballinger and many of the boys got their first taste of what a real football game is. The Bearcats were wild enough to make their bites and scratches felt by the local boys. They learned a great deal.

In the past week Coach Carroll Benson and Assistant Coach Tommy Ellis have been putting the boys through some toughening practice and they should give the

Winters team a good fight.

The visitors are bringing a strong team over to play here. Last week Winters defeated Hamlin 26-0.

Winters has some experienced men. Jonas, quarterback, is a fine passer. Buchanan, weighing 180, is a splendid fullback. Woods tailback is fast. Roberts at end is good. These are the best boys Winters has and will have to be closely watched. They are all regular men from last year.

A good Badger crowd roaring for the local boys, will help a lot. A big crowd is expected.

STARTING LINE-UP

Corky Cox or Jack Miller, L. E. Garth McLeod, L. T. Billy Gilbert, L. G. Sessions Hammond, C. Wesley Morton, R. G. Billy Dye, R. T. Jackie McAninch, R. E. Freddie Boone, B. B. Richard Chaney, R. H. Bobby Mayfield or Billy Fisher, L. H. Dink Whisenhunt or Phillip Pursley, Q. B. Three regulars who will miss the game due to injuries are Ralph Bartlett, T. Jimmy Russell, L. H. Troy Dean, G.

Badger Touchdown in Last Quarter

The green, inexperienced, untried Badger Team went up against the veteran, experienced, smooth running Ballinger machine and kept fighting to the last whistle, even though the Bearcats were able to pile up a score of 40-7.

The mighty spirit of the Badgers was revealed in the fact that the local boys scored in the middle of the last quarter of the game. A beautiful pass by Dink Whisenhunt over the Ballinger goal line, that Bobby Mayfield received, gave the Badger their tally. Then George English nicely kicked the extra point.

The starting line-up for the Badgers was: Corky Cox, Jackie McAninch, E. Billy Wayne Dye, Ralph Bartlett, Garth McLeod, T. Billy Gilbert, Troy Dean, G. Sessions Hammond, C. Freddie Boone, Dink, Richard Chaney, B. Corby Cox and Ralph Bartlett were the co-captains.

As the Badgers opened the game by receiving they carried the ball from their own 31-yard to the 41 for a first down. Boone carrying the ball, Chaney and Bartlett advanced the pigskin and then the Badgers kicked.

When the wild Weldon Brevard got loose from his 33 and looked like a sure touchdown Sessions Hammond fell on him and downed the runner on the Merkel 15. However he was not to be stopped and

went over on the second play. The kick was good.

After the Badgers received the ball Boone carried the ball without much success and Dink passed to Jackie McAninch for eight yards. Then the Badgers kicked out.

When the Ballingers got nowhere they kicked. A fumble by the Badgers gave the ball again to the Bearcats. Dink knocked down a dangerous pass. Merkel took over, Chaney and Bartlett tried. Then Dink passed to Corky for five yards.

Ballinger got the ball on the Merkel 47. A wild runner was stopped by Sessions on the 15 as the quarter ended. Score B7 — M 0.

Ballinger speedily took the ball to the 10. Bartlett and Cox stopped them on the five, and threw them for a yard loss. But on the next play Richard Toliver went over.

A few minutes later a pass from Bell to Toliver gave the Bearcats another tally and Marek kicked the point.

Chaney and Bartlett tried for Merkel but Ballinger soon took over again. A pass was good and Jackie McAninch stopped the receiver. Another long pass and Dink tackled the receiver. But Jerry Bell, 180 pounds, went over and Marek made the extra point.

Merkel could do nothing with the ball. Ballinger through penalty had the oval on its own 40, the only

time in the quarter it played in its own territory. Another wild runner went on the rampage and scooted to the Merkel 23 where Chaney stopped him. The half ended soon after. B 27 — M 0.

Troy Dean was hurt in the third quarter and was taken out of the game. Mike Egan carried the ball over at the start of the third quarter, traveling 27 yards. Grady Curry kicked the point.

Merkel kicked on the fourth down after Freddie Boone carried the ball eight yards. Ballinger through penalty and loss of ground also kicked. Merkel took the ball on its own 31. A fine pass, Dink to Corky, netted 41 yards. With the ball on the Bearcats 29 the Badgers ran into a wall. A Ballinger raced from that point to the Merkel 25 where Jackie McAninch tackled the runner a beautiful tackle. Dink stopped Ballinger on the 21. The quarter ended with the ball in possession of Ballinger on the Merkel 39. B34 — M 0.

In the last quarter the Badgers still had a mighty wallop left even in the face of the brick wall they had been hammering at.

Billy Gilbert knocked down a pass. Merkel took over on its own 49 when it blocked a kick. Boone carried the ball to the Ballinger 48. Chaney shoved the ball forward and then George English placed the ball on the 45. Dink kicked.

Ballinger tried hard again but

got nowhere. Jerry Cunningham made a good tackle to stop a runner who traveled 25 yards. Ralph Bartlett stopped them dead and was injured on the play and was taken out.

A fumble was costly to the Bearcats. The Badgers recovered the ball. Advancing the ball to the 35 Dink passed to Chaney and placed it on the 15. Chaney fell but kept the ball O. K. Then Dink passed to Bobby Mayfield for the tally. English made the extra point.

Merkel kicked and Ballinger fumbled and the Badgers recovered on the Ballinger 25. But Merkel could not take advantage of this. Jackie McAninch knocked down a forward pass. Ballinger soon kicked.

Two plays later with the ball on the Merkel 28 Toliver intercepted a Merkel pass. He ran for the touchdown. The game ended with the ball in the hands of the Badgers on their own 30-yard line.

Outstanding for the Badgers were Jackie McAninch Sessions Hammond, Richard Chaney and Billy Gilbert on defense. Dink Whisenhunt in passing and Freddie Boone in running.

FIGURES OF THE GAME

Ballinger	Merkel
13	5
270	58
18	17
7 for 38	5 for 91
3 for 42	6 for 23
12 for 110	2 for 10
1	2

Many Merkel Fans Accompany Team To Ballinger

Over 2,400 persons saw the game between the Badgers and the Bearcats last Friday night in Ballinger. A large number traveled from Merkel to cheer the boys on.

By 7:30 p. m. a good crowd was present. At this moment the Badgers came on the field and the Merkel yells and music filled the air. The boys went through their gymnastics and running plays.

Merkel won the toss and chose to receive. There was little wind blowing.

The Badger Band played and then the Ballinger Band played. The game was soon on.

At the half the two bands and pep squads gave exhibitions on the field. The Merkel Band formed the letters M and B, then a second figure HI for the Ballinger folks and then turned around and made the same figure for the Merkel folks.

The Ballinger group made the M for Merkel.

It was good music and good marching and twirling by both groups. W. G. Reed is the Merkel band director.

NOTICE!

Cars that are admitted to the stadium at the football games will be charged 50c a car. All proceeds will go to the Band Fund. Sponsored by the Band Parents Club. Adv.

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SOCIETY

PFC. OSCAR WAYNE BREWER, JOYCE MAE PARSONS WED

Pfc. Oscar Wayne Brewer and Miss Joyce Mae Parsons were married Friday night, Sept. 4, at the Merkel Assembly of God Church. Rev. H. S. Earp officiated.

MISS MARY JO ARMSTRONG IS MARRIED SATURDAY

Miss Mary Jo Armstrong was

married to Arthur Henry of Washington, D. C., at 8 p. m. Saturday, Sept. 12 at the Saint Andres Episcopal Church, Fort Worth, the Rev. Louis F. Martin officiating, assisted by Rev. Bert N. Hones.

The bride is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. William Franklin Armstrong of Fort Worth and the granddaughter of Mrs. M. Armstrong and the late Dr. M. Arm-

strong, a pioneer of West Texas physician.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Watson Berryman of Baltimore, Md.

A full vested choir sang Ava Maria and The Lord's Prayer as well as the traditional wedding marches by Mendelssohn and Lohengrin.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. She wore an original gown by Galina of re-embroidered Chantilly lace and nylon illusion over satin. The molded bodice of lace had a deep decollete neckline and long fitted sleeves. The skirt was designed with a deep lace yoke formed of tapered points from which fell the cloud like illusion skirt ending in a cathedral train.

Her full length tiered veil was attached to a cap of matching lace encrusted with pearls. A shoulder length face veil covered her face.

She wore a single strand of pearls. Her something old, was a hand made handkerchief made for a bride nearly a 100 years ago and belonging to a friend of the family, Mrs. Henry A. Griffin. She carried a white prayer book topped with a shower bouquet of lilies of the valley centered by a white orchid.



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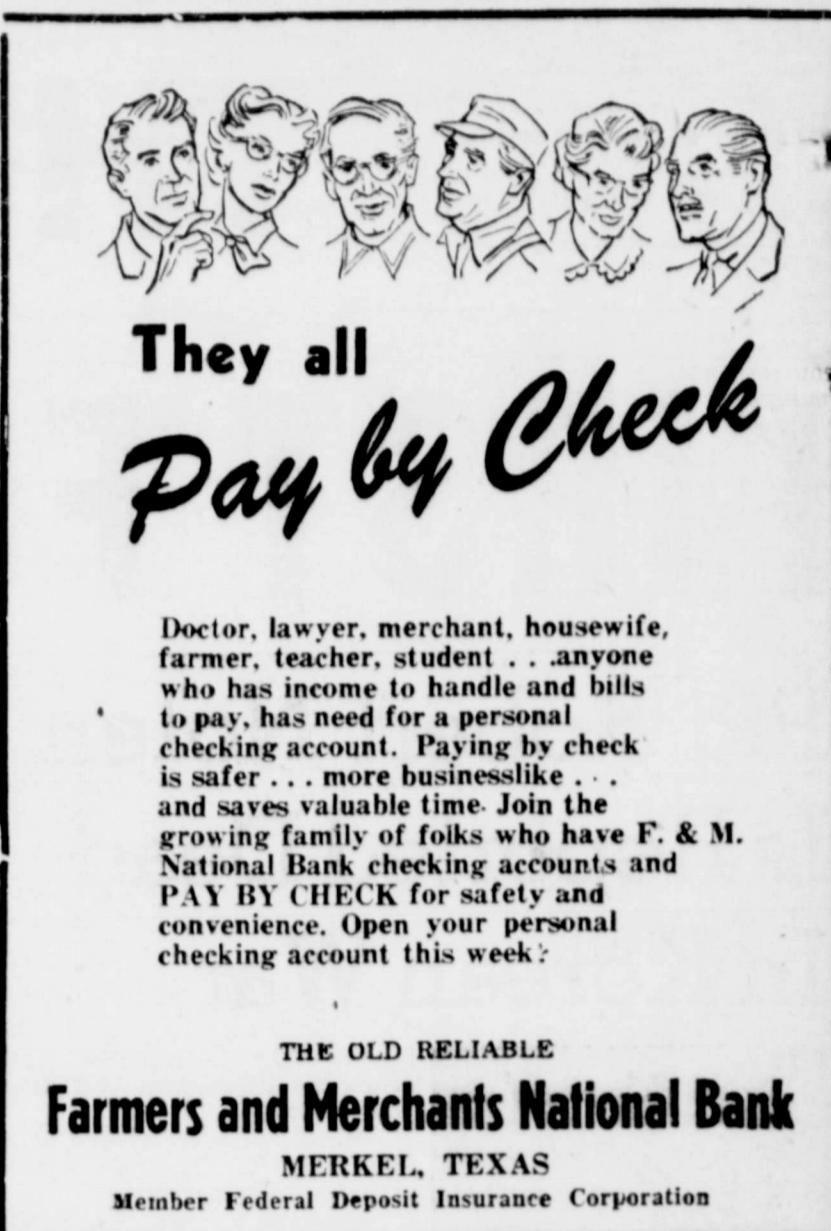
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SOCIETY

WILLING WORKERS CLASS MEETS WITH MRS. WALLING

The Willing Workers Class of the Grace Presbyterian Church met in the home of Mrs. J. R. Walling Tuesday afternoon, Sept. 8. The meeting opened with a song, followed by the Scripture lessons from the 23rd Psalm by Mrs. J. M. Spurgin. Prayer was by Mrs. J. R. Walling.

The program was closed with a song, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds." Thanks was given to Mrs. J. H. Witcher for the quilt she gave to be packed in the box for the Orphans Home.

GLEANER CLASS MEETS WITH MISS LOTTIE BUTMAN

The Gleaner Sunday School Class of the Methodist Church met in the home of Miss Lottie Butman on Sept. 9 at 3 p. m. for its regular social and business meeting. The president, Mrs. W. W. Toombs, presided over the business meeting. Devotional was given by Mrs. Ray Wilson on "Faith and Works" and "A Religion That Does Things."

After the business meeting the social activities included the telling of a funny experience each one had had. Refreshments were served to two guests and 21 members. The hostesses were: Miss Lottie Butman, Mrs. Winnie Cypert and Mrs. J. L. Ingram.

MRS. JENNINGS WINTER MADE HEAD OF GOODMAN CLUB

The Goodman Home Demonstration Club met in regular session Friday, Sept. 11, in the Cal McAninch home. Mrs. Jennings Winter president, presided. Mrs. Charlie Hodges was in charge of recreation. Mrs. Grover Blair led the group in singing. Roll call was answered with "Something I Remember About My School Days." Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Officers for the coming year were elected: President, Mrs. Jennings Winter; vice president, Mrs. Karl Bonneaux; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Cal McAninch; council delegate, Mrs. Charlie Hodges; reporter, Mrs. Ted Windham; recreation, Mrs. Grover Blair. After the business was taken care of Mrs. Ted Windham and Mrs. Grover Blair gave a demonstration on broiling steaks on top of the stove and on the broiler. Both were very delicious and so quick and easy to prepare. At the close of the meeting Mrs. McAninch served refreshments.

MRS. KELSO-ELECTED PRESIDENT OF H. D. CLUB

The Compere Home Demonstration Club met Sept. 10 in Mrs. J. E. Touchstone's home for its regular meeting. Mrs. Vernon Stanley led the group in singing "The Eyes of Texas." Mrs. W. D. Ramsey gave the prayer.

Roll call was answered with "Something I Remember About My School Days." The club voted

NEWS ABOUT TOWN

Mrs. J. L. White returned Sunday from Wichita Falls where she in favor of the county-wide kitchen tour.

The vote was unanimous to not have an exhibit of canned and baked goods at Anson Sept. 19.

Officers for the new year of '54 were elected: President, Mrs. Walter Kelso; vice president, Mrs. Jess Foy; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Vernon Stanley; council delegate, Mrs. I. B. Ray; Mrs. Ab Hunter to be alternate delegate; reporter, Mrs. W. D. Ramsey.

Mrs. Stanley and Mrs. Ramsey gave a demonstration on "Indian Weave."

Mrs. Touchstone served refreshments to the club members and one visitor. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Ben Adkins Sept. 24.

visited a sister, Mrs. Vera Clark.

Mrs. L. B. Moore of Putnam visited all last week with her daughter, Mrs. A. B. Allen, and family.

Mrs. Bill Caldwell, two little daughters, Ruby and Paula, also Mrs. Dayre Wood and Mrs. W. D. Clemit and two little sons Maurice and Jackie spent Friday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Cooper.

Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Satterwhite are visiting their son Cline and family in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Pack, accompanied by their son Raymond, spent last week in Dallas where Raymond is having his hands treated.

Carroll Spurgeon is back in school after having spent a few weeks in the polio ward in Hendrick Memorial Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. N. T. Hodge returned Monday from a trip to Lake Charles, La., after a visit with their son Robert Tom and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. McGehee and children, David and Trezlyn, of Del Rio have been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. Y. Gaither. Other visitors were her sister, Mrs. Wyatt Chandler, and her niece, Mrs. Bob Felton, of Carter, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Ridenhour left Thursday for Concord, N. C., after visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kerns.

Mrs. M. E. Harris spent the week in Arlington with Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Hendrix. M. E. Harris and Leona Bunch spent the weekend in Arlington with them.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Fisher Sunday were her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Glasgow, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. Foy Spruill and children of Buffalo Gap, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Petty of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Holloway and Wayne and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Reddin spent the weekend on Brownwood Lake this week. Had big time but no fish caught.

George West, Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Taylor and Randy of Midland visited Mayor and Mrs. Henry C. West Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Grimes, Bobby and Pamela of Alice, and Luther Grimes of Georgetown visited their sister, Mrs. Pete West, and Mr. West over the weekend.

Mrs. L. W. Cox, Mrs. Dewey Sandusky and Elmer Lee have returned after a week's visit with Mr. and Mrs. Donald Latimer and children of Bowie, Arizona. While in Arizona, they visited Safford and Wilcox, the Wonderland of Rocks in Chiricahua National Monument, Apache Pass and old Fort Bowie. Miss Linda Latimer returned with the group to Merkel for a visit with her grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Latimer and daughter, Marilyn are visiting in Merkel with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Sandusky and Mrs. Garrie Latimer of Abilene, and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Sandusky, Jr., and family of Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Miller returned from Clarksville Sunday afternoon. They went up Saturday and visited their daughter Mrs. Dave Johnson and Rev. Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman King, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bertram and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Bertram visited with Mr. and Mrs. Leon Yeager in Colorado City Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Shouse of Mineral Wells spent Thursday of last week with his brother Andy and family and her mother, Mrs. W. I. Decker.

Mr. and Mrs. Weldon McAninch and sons were in Lamesa over the weekend, visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Middleton.

W. E. Payne of Wichita Falls, F. A. Payne of Baird and W. T. Payne of Abilene visited Sunday with their daughter and sister, Mrs. Charles Sylvester, and Mr. Sylvester.

Mr. and Mrs. Truett Thompson and son and Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Thompson spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Thompson at Lamesa.

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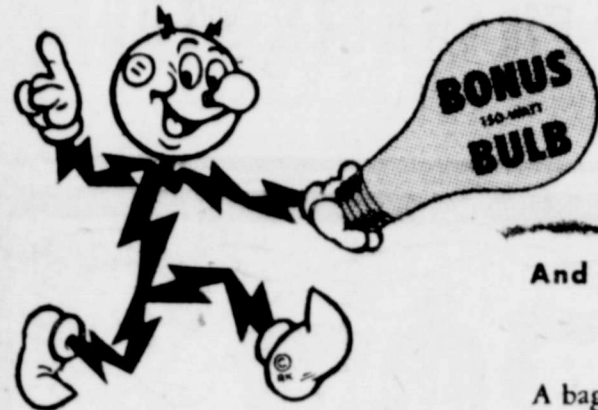
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FORTNIGHTLY STUDY CLUB ENJOYS BRUNCH SATURDAY
The Fortnightly Study Club met Sept. 12 for a brunch at the Chicken Shack in Abilene. Mrs. Powell Miller was master of ceremonies and announced the program theme for this year's book, "Our Part in the Great American Parade."
Mrs. Hart Shoemaker, Abilene, Federation president of the sixth district, was guest speaker. She spoke interestingly on club federation.
Charter members were honored guests as the club celebrated its 20th year of organization. Eight charter members attending were: Mesdames R. O. Person, Abilene, Olin Lusby, Big Lake, Lewis Giles, Abilene, Tom Largent, W. S. J. Brown, S. D. Gamble, Elma McFarland and Miss Christine Collins.
A centerpiece of asters and gladiolus adorned the white tables for which was served a very pretty fruit plate to 23 members.

STITH H. D. CLUB MEETS WITH LOUISE HUDSON
On Wednesday, Sept. 10 the Stith Home Demonstration Club met in the home of Miss Louise Hudson for its regular meeting. The president, Mrs. J. E. Hudson, presided. Minutes were approved. Roll call was answered with "Something I Remember About My School Days."
Pillow slips were auctioned off, grossing \$20.
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Brown gave a demonstration on how to make ear screws and necklaces.
Refreshments of cake and punch were served to 13 members, one visitor and four children.
The next meeting will be Sept. 23 with Mrs. W. M. Loflin and on that day pals will be revealed.

Sophomores Elect Class Officers And Sponsors

The sophomores had a class meeting Tuesday morning, Sept. 15, to elect class sponsors and officers. Class sponsors are W. Baker, T. Ellis and Mrs. E. Read. Class officers are: President, Jackie Hogan; vice president, Clydene Eager; secretary and treasurer, Betty Chancey; reporter, Glenda Pangle; sergeant-at-arms, Leon Kelso. There are 17 class mothers.

4-H Clubs Elect Officers at Meet On Last Friday

Officers were elected and plans were discussed for the coming year at a meeting of the Merkel 4-H Club last Friday in the Elementary School Building.
Officers of the Junior 4-H Club for the coming year will be: President, Joe Sargett; vice president, Billy Bob Toombs; secretary-treasurer, Jerry Hargrove; and reporter, Ramon Shugart.
Officers of the 4-H Club will be: President, Wiley Seymore; vice president, Benny Scott; secretary, Joe Neil; reporter, Eddie Higgins; and song leader, Benny Melton.
Warren Woods assistant county agricultural agent, led a discussion of lamb and hog feeding projects following the election of officers.

Noodle Freshmen Elect Officers On September 3

The Freshman Class of Noodle High School had their first class meeting Thursday, Sept. 3, 1953. The meeting was held in the school home economics room at 9:30 in the morning.
The purpose of the meeting was to elect the new officers for 1953-1954. Mooris Chancey was in charge of the meeting until the president was elected.
The officers are: President, Judy Spurgin; vice president, Larry Olney; secretary-treasurer, Beth Adkins; reporter, Johnnie Mae

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Horton; Class sponsor, C. M. Brown; room mothers: Mesdames B. T. Murfee, John H. Horton, Ben Adkins and Earnest Spurgin.

Lt. Billy G. Gant Will Intern At Brooke Hospital

First Lt. Billy G. Gant, USAF, MC, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Gant, is serving a year's medical internship at Brooke Army Hospital, Ft. Sam Houston.
He was made a first lieutenant in the Officer's Reserve Corps this year after receiving his medical degree.
He served with the Air Force in Europe in 1944 and 45, and received the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with Two Oak Leaf Clusters.
He is one of the 37 recent graduates of medical colleges in the United States who will complete his medical training at Brooke Hospital.

Dramatic Love Story of Houdini

A dazzlingly colorful motion picture is coming Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday to the Queen Theatre when Paramount's Houdini makes its bow. This Technicolor screen biography of Harry Houdini, the fabulous daredevil who could do the impossible, stars Tony Curtis and Janet Leigh as

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Mrs. Rutherford Dies at Age of 72

Last rites for Mrs. Mary Alice Rutherford, 72, of Bangs were held

last Friday at 4 p. m. at the Trickham Church. Officiating were Rev. Howell Martin and Rev. McReynolds. Mrs. Rutherford died Wednesday of last week at 730 p. m. in Merkel. She was born Jan. 19,

1881, in Trickham. Surviving are her husband; two sons, E. E. Rutherford of Memphis, Tenn., and T. C. Rutherford of Wink; five daughters, Mrs. E. M. Whitley of Brooksmith, Mrs. J. Y. Seward of Merkel, Mrs. R. W. Williams of Haskell, Mrs. L. H. McElderry of Kermit and Mrs. John Lannon, Jr., of Fort Worth; three brothers, Oscar Watson of Santa Anna, E. V. of Kermit and W. I. of Coleman; two sisters, Mrs. Laura Anderson of Brownwood, and Mrs. Bessie Fuller of Van Nuys, Calif., five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Interment was in the Trickham Cemetery.

BOY TO WILLIAMS
Sgt. 1c an dMrs. L. C. Williams are the parents of a baby boy born August 23 at Killeen hospital. Sgt. Williams is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Williams of Odessa and is the grandson of Mrs. Ruth Jenkins and the great grandson of Mrs. Mary Risinger.

A. E. Moore Takes Over Shoe Shop And Now in Charge

A. E. Moore has taken over the Buck's Shoe Shop and is now in charge. Mr. and Mrs. Moore are from Abilene. Mr. Moore has been doing shoe repair work for over 25 years in Abilene. He operated the Hardin-Simmons Shoe Shop and also the Abilene Shoe Shop for years. Mr. and Mrs. Moore have a family and plan to move here as soon as they can get a house.

Dollar Day And Cotton Season Go Hand in Hand

With cotton starting to come in to the gins and money starting to flow in, Tuesday's Dollar Day was a big success. Merchants reported good sales and the people were happy with their bargains and big savings. This is Merkel's way of being friendly to all the people in the area. This is the merchants way to saying "Thank You."

CANCER CRUSADE RECEIVES MERKEL CHECK OF \$153

Merkel citizens have contributed \$153 to the Taylor County Crusade of the American Cancer Society. W. D. Gamble, chairman, sent the check in Sunday.

PVT. OSCAR BREWER LEAVES FOR N. J. AND THEN TO GERMANY

Pvt. Oscar Wayne Brewer of Camp Carson, Colo., spent his furlough with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Cooper, his sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ted McAninch, also his father, H. L. Brewer. He left Tuesday, Sept. 8, for New Jersey from where he will go to Germany.

GIBSON, KNIGHT GO TO LUBBOCK TO ENTER TEXAS TECH

Jerry Gibson and Bruce Knight left Tuesday night for Lubbock to enter Texas Tech.

ELLIOTT ATTENDS ABILENE PRESBYTERY AT BRECKENRIDGE

W. M. Elliott attended the Abilene Presbytery Thursday of last week at Breckenridge.

WILL WHITE JOINS REPORTER-NEWS EDITORIAL STAFF

Will White, son of Rev. and Mrs. Aubrey F. White, went to work on the Abilene Reporter-News Tuesday in the editorial department. Will is a graduate of McMurry College.

HUMBLE WILL AIR 5 KICK-OFF GAMES FOR SOUTHWEST SAT.

Humble Oil & Refining Co. will broadcast five kick-off games for Southwest Conference teams Saturday.

TEXAS A. & M. WILL MEET Kentucky at Lexington; Baylor faces California at Berkeley; Rice meets Florida in Houston; T. C. U. plays Kansas in Fort Worth and Texas battles L. S. U. in Baton Rouge. In another game to be broadcast, Texas Tech meets West Texas State in Lubbock.

Airtime for the Texas Tech-West Texas State, Texas A. & M. - Kentucky, Rice - Florida, and T. C. U. - Kansas games will be 8 p. m. Baylor-California will be at 2:30 p. m., and Texas-L. S. U. will be at 8:05 p. m.

CARDS OF THANKS

We wish to take this opportunity to show our appreciation for every act of kindness shown us, for the food and the beautiful floral offerings given us at the passing of our mother, May God bless you. Mrs. M. A. Rutherford's Family.

THANK YOU CARD

We wish to gratefully acknowledge our thanks for the kind deeds shown us in the loss of our loved one. To those who sent flowers and food we offer our sincere thanks. May God's richest blessing be with you all. Nieces and Nephews of Miss Mary Craddock.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Admissions to the Sadler Hospital the past week were: As medical patients - Fire Chief John Mansfield I. D. Kimme, John Rister, D. A. Lee, Henry E. Stubbs, Mrs. H. A. King, Mrs. E. H. Phillips. For surgery - Beverly Hogue, tonsillotomy.

ONIS GRAHAMS ENTERTAINS TRENT FOOTBALL BOYS

Mr. and Mrs. Onis Graham entertained Trent football boys and pep squad girls at their home last Friday night after the ball game with a watermelon feast. About 60 attended.

LEMENS, LEVERICH TO HARDIN-SIMMONS UNIVERSITY MONDAY

Jan Lemens and Jimmy Leverich entered Hardin-Simmons University Monday.

KELSO, BREAUX ENTER ABILENE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Dervell Kelso and Eddie BreauX left Tuesday for Abilene to enter Abilene Christian College.

OMAR BURLESON AND SECRETARY VISIT HERE MONDAY

Congressman Omar Burleson and his secretary, Zeno Phillips, were in Merkel Monday on their swing around his district. Congressman Burleson and Mr. Phillips visited the Merkel Mr. office.

Swift-Moving Tale of Violence At Queen Theatre

The most eagerly awaited motion picture to come along in years is opening Sunday and Monday at the Queen Theatre. It is Paramount's first three dimension Technicolor production "Sangaree," the screen version of Frank G. Slaughter's unforgettable best-selling novel of the same title. Starring that glamorous couple, Gerardo Lamas and Arlene Dahl, plus gorgeous Patricia Medina, "Sangaree" tells the turbulent, swift-moving tale of violence, passion and intrigue during the post-Revolutionary War South.

Thrill-Packed Love-Filled Show At Pioneer Theatre

A thrill-packed motion picture of sultry love and voodoo vengeance set against the lush tropical background of the British West Indies is coming to the Pioneer Theatre Sunday and Monday when Paramount's brand new Technicolor adventure drama "Jamaica Run," makes its bow. Starring Ray Milland, Arlene Dahl and Wendell Corey the excitement loaded film explosively recounts the deadly conflict between two opposing factions battling for control of a sugar plantation. "Jamaica Run" emerges as a film that reportedly contains all the ingredients necessary to please everyone.

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11:26 a. m.	1:25 p. m.
11:52 a. m.	5:22 p. m.
3:01 p. m.	6:40 p. m.
6:22 p. m.	11:31 p. m.
9:53 p. m.	12:16 a. m.
11:56 p. m.	

personals

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Winter Sunday were W. O. Winter and family of Abilene. Mr. and Mrs. Bill James of Goodman, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Rutledge, Mina Winter and Mrs. Weldon Preston and Jean and Chiss, his mother, Mrs. Vas Preston stayed over for a few weeks. Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Tipton and sons, Sammy and Gary, of Samnorwood were weekend visitors of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Ayers, and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Tipton. Mr. and Mrs. James Shaver and Jimmy of Fort Worth returned home Sunday after spending a few days visiting Mr. and Mrs. Shannon. Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Diltz of San Angelo visited over the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Diltz, Sr. Mr. and Mrs. Kyle Blair of Lubbock, formerly of Merkel, spent the weekend with his sister, Mrs. Dewey Hutchins, and other relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Dunagin, Carol and Beth visited with Mr. and Mrs. Bobby J. Criswell in McCamey this past weekend. While they were there they drove to the Davis Mountains, visiting the McDonald Observatory, Fort Davis, and other points of interest along the way. Bobby J. is employed by the West Texas Utilities Company, and his wife is employed in the McCamey Public School. Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Reid visited their son Billy and wife of Canyon last weekend and her sister, Mary Kate Campbell of Amarillo.

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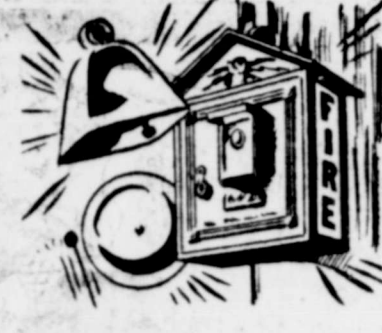
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Broom Sale Will Be Sponsored By Lions Club

The Lions Club voted to have a broom sale to provide funds for its welfare department.

Supt. Mack Fisher, president, presided at the luncheon Tuesday and brought up the matter of the sale. He named a committee to take care of the matter:

Clyde Bartlett, chairman. Booth Warren, Earl Hughes, Horace Bonney and Clesby Patterson.

Isadore Mellinger, chairman of the program committee, spoke on the Shrine Circus and introduced E. L. Turner of Abilene who told how the purchase of tickets would provide free tickets for children.

Fortnightly Club Sponsors Fund For "Americanism"

The Fortnightly Study Club is sponsoring a movement during "Americanism Week," Sept. 17-24. This is the collection of donations to redecorate Independence Hall.

In counters all over town the club has placed milk bottles with the notation, "Let's observe 'Americanism Week' Give your penny to help redecorate 'Independence Hall'."

Jack Newton Wins Over Les. Forest At Roping Sat.

Jack Newton won over Lester Forest at the roping held last Saturday night at Rodeo Hill Arena.

Jack Strickland won matched roping against Ralph Russell.

In the jackpot roping the winners in the first go round were as follows: Lester Forest 1st, Tutor Swann 2nd, Ralph Russell and Jack Newton tied for third.

In the second: Jack Newton 1st, J. L. Cook 2nd, James Russell 3rd.

ON WAY TO IOOF MEET

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Hamilton of Phoenix, Ariz., visited in Merkel with relatives a few days last week, en route to Atlanta, Ga., to attend the Independent Order of Odd Fellows' Sovereign Grand Lodge to be held there. Mr. Hamilton is past grand master of Arizona and now serving on the committee for the establishing of an international paper for the Order of the I. O. O. F. Mrs. Hamilton is the former Miss Eula Frederickson.



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EDITORIAL

FOOTBALL SEASON

The football season is on and

the first game has already been played. The Ballinger Bearcats showed their power and at the same time showed us where we needed improvements.

That is to be expected at the

start of the season. Coach Carroll Benson and Assistant Coach Tommy Ellis have to take what they have and build up a machine that will make a place for itself in the conference.

True, we played outside our conference last Friday against Ballinger and we expected that the fight would be tough and it was. But that is beside the point. The main thing is that the boys played

up to the last whistle and gave their all for Merkel.

That is the foundation upon which a coach builds, the fighting spirit. And our boys have got it. Even in experiencing injuries the boys wanted to stay in and fight. And that is the morale on which winning teams are built.

But there is another side to the picture. The boys the Badgers want to know that the rooters, the boosters, the football fans are behind them. They want to see them come out. They want to see them fill the grandstands they want to hear them cheering them on.

And with that combination Merkel should go on and through the season with a successful conclusion.

Let's boost the boys let's boost the Badgers, let's get out and show them that we are with them.

YEARS OF MARRIAGE

In these days of speedy change we see where people get married and in short time they part and get divorced. The courts are filled with them. Then people begin to think: Marriages do not last. Folks get married and before long they get divorced. Where is the foundation of our home life?

They do not hear of the many marriages that do last through the years, the marriages that are made in heaven and that "death do us part." Successful marriages, it seems, do not make headline news. The failures do.

However, once in a while we do print about the happy marriages, the marriages that last.

In last week's front page we printed the story of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Douglas who were honored on their fortieth wedding anniversary with a surprise party. That was happy news, good news. And we all rejoice with the Douglases and wish them many more years of happy contented life, the kind of life that makes the home the bulwark of our civilization.

GROWING OLDER

That was a very interesting article in last week's paper about the seven steps to growing older successfully.

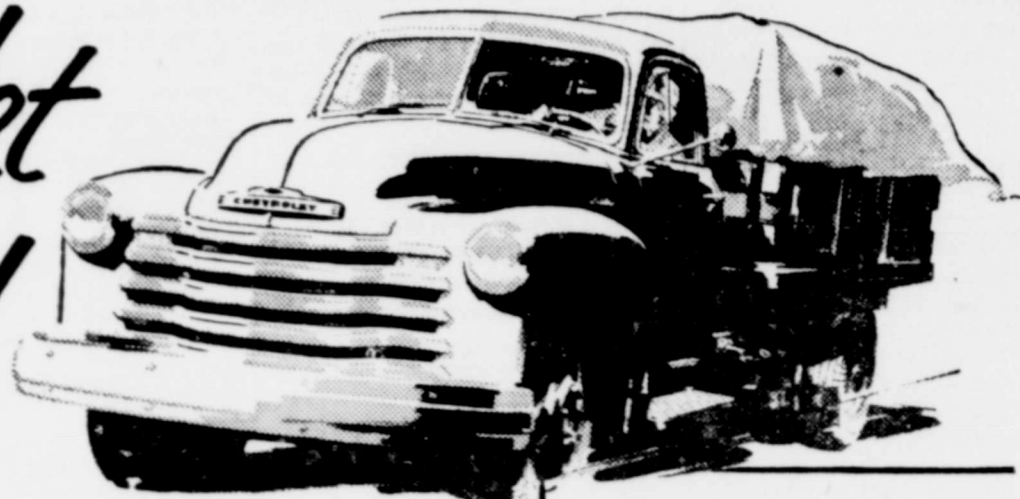
It stated Eat regularly, see the doctor regularly, get enough sleep, balance your exercise and rest, wear comfortable, attractive clothing, keep busy and cultivate a sense of humor.

The main thing is that as one grows older he has to learn to live with himself. That is, he is thrown more on his own thoughts. People who know how to keep busy in old age do not have time to pity themselves. People who love other people do not have to turn their minds upon themselves. People with a sense of humor find joy in almost anything.

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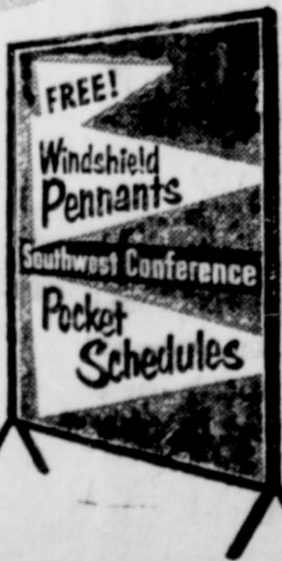
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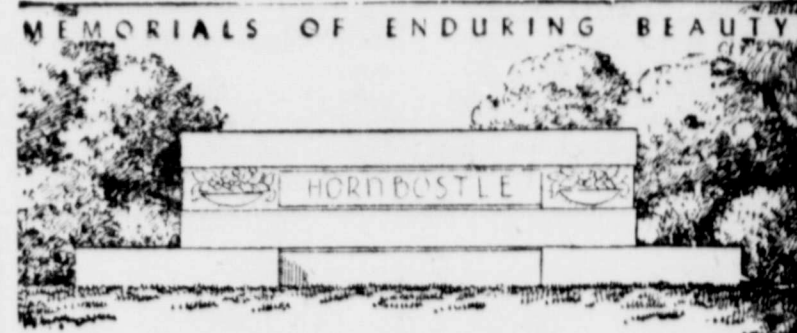
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David Largent son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Largent, is in charge of the show herd. Doyle Ponder and

J. W. Burfiend, also of Merkel, will accompany the cattle. Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Sadler and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Largent will attend the Johnston Hereford Ranch Sale at Folsom, New Mexico, tomorrow, Saturday, and the Nance Hereford Sale at Canyon on Monday, Sept. 21. The Nance Sale is the world's largest Hereford sale in 25 years, selling over 1,200 head.



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