

MERKEL 19, MUNDAY 0!

Mrs. H.B. Boney's Father Is Shot On Hunting Trip

R. T. Gray, 54, of Winters, father of Mrs. Horace Boney, was accidentally shot while he was sitting in a tree looking for a deer at Sunday noon.

He underwent surgery Tuesday and at midnight he was improved but still in a critical condition.

Mr. Gray is assistant manager of the Winters-Ballinger district of West Texas Utilities Co., and local manager at Winters. He was formerly manager of the company here.

He is in the Shannon Hospital at San Angelo.

BOY TO B. J. GRAHAMS

A boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Graham at the Sadler Hospital November 20.

MERKEL MAIL OFFICE CLOSING

The Merkel Mail office will be closed until Tuesday morning as Editor and Mrs. Hy White plan a trip out of state over the Thanksgiving holidays, weather permitting.

TOTAL GINNINGS

To noon Wednesday: Farmers Coop, Merkel . . . 1867 Guita Gin . . . 1184 Noodle Gin . . . 1400 Stith Gin . . . 1245

GIRL TO BRANDION WADES

Mr. and Mrs. Brandon Wade are the parents of a baby girl born at the Sadler Hospital, Nov. 22.

V. C. WALLERS HAVE GIRL

A girl born to Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Waller at the Sadler Hospital November 24.

BULLETIN!

W. J. Largent and Son showed four Hereford calves at the Ogden, Utah, Livestock Show, winning two 1sts, three 2nds and two 3rds. They left Thursday for the International Livestock Show, Chicago.

SINGING AT STITH

Taylor-Jones County 5th Sunday singing convention will be held Sunday, beginning at 2 p. m., at the Stith Baptist Church. Everyone invited.

SINGING AT COURT HOUSE

There will be all-day singing in the Sacred Harp Song Book at the Court House in Abilene Sunday, Nov. 29. Good singers are expected from Lubbock and other parts of the plains. The public is invited.

Early Breakfast Will Be Served Before S. School

Next Sunday the Down Town Business Men's Bible Class will be formally organized. Officers will be elected and committees will be appointed.

A breakfast will be served at a downtown cafe at 8 a. m. From there the men will go to the Texas Theatre where the class will meet at 9 a. m.

This class is non-denominational and any man with or without church affiliation is welcome to become a member. The Methodist Sunday School is sponsoring the organization.

Rev. Aubrey F. White has been conducting the classes since it started Nov. 1. It is planned however to have several teachers who will alternate in teaching this class.

Those desiring to join the class are invited to meet at the cafe for breakfast next Sunday and then go to the class.

Delicious Dinner Will Be Served Sunday, Dec. 6

The Fortnightly Study Club is sponsoring a dinner for Sunday noon, Dec. 6, at the school cafeteria. The proceeds will be used to buy lunch tickets for needy school children.

It is promised that the menu will be good and the food delicious.

The tickets for the dinner are: Adults \$1.25, elementary school children 75c, primary school children 50c.

Tickets may be had from any member of the club or at the door.

New Minister Moves Family Here Last Week

Rev. and Mrs. George Epperson and two sons of Coleman have moved to Merkel. They arrived Tuesday of last week. Rev. Epperson is the new minister of the Calvary Baptist Church and has been preaching here on Sundays since accepting the call.

Billy Mosier Tells Father He May Be Home Xmas

Billy Mosier of the Navy who is in Cuba talked to his father, R. N. Mosier, by Trans-Atlantic telephone last week on Wednesday. His voice was very clear. He said he hoped to be home by Christmas.

Rev. J. N. Russell Is Buried Sat. In Garland, Tex.

Funeral services for Rev. John N. Russell of Hobart, Okla., were held at 2:30 p. m. Saturday at the First Presbyterian Church in Garland, where he served nine years as pastor.

Rev. Russell, 62, died Thursday morning of last week in Hobart at the home of a son, Rev. Paul Russell. A service was held Friday morning at the First Presbyterian Church in Hobart.

Rev. I. O. Woodall officiated at the Garland service Saturday afternoon, and burial was in Restland Memorial Park, Garland.

Rev. Russell had been ill of a heart ailment since last March. He was pastor of the Garland church from 1925 to 1930, and again from 1935 to 1939. He had been a Presbyterian minister 39 years at churches in Arkansas and Missouri as well as Texas.

He is survived by his wife: three sons, Joe Russell of Temple, David Russell of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Rev. Paul Russell, Hobart, and six grandchildren.

Rev. Russell began his pastorate in Merkel June 1, 1952, and resigned Sept. 1, 1953, on account of ill health. Even though suffering from a heart ailment while here he extended himself to the limit of his vitality.

W. T. DEDMON, 74 Dies Monday Night And Buried Here

Funeral for W. T. Dedmon, 74, route 5, Abilene, was held at 3 p. m. Tuesday in the Merkel First Baptist Church. He died about 7:30 p. m. Monday at the home of a granddaughter, Mrs. R. G. Bond.

Officiating were Rev. Scott W. Hickey of Abilene, and Rev. M. E. Randolph and Rev. Sam Tullock. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery under the direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

Mr. Dedmon was born March 11, 1879, in Ringold, Ga. He moved to Taylor County when a young man. He worked for Dr. J. D. McGee, pioneer Taylor County physician. In 1902, he moved to Abilene with Dr. McGee and his family. Mr. Dedmon fed cattle for the doctor at the site of the old West Texas Utilities Co. building.

Following Mr. Dedmon's marriage to Mrs. Mary Joe Brown in 1905, the couple moved to Runnels County. In 1928, the couple returned to Taylor County.

Mr. Dedmon was a member of the Baptist Church.

Other survivors are his wife: one son, J. M. Dedmon of Route 5, Abilene; one daughter, Mrs. J. H. Wimberly; two nephews, Jesse and Drew Leonard of Haskell; and a sister and two nieces, all of Abilene.

Hot Music Warms Up Freezing Fans At Friday's Game

Hot music was furnished by the Merkel High School Band at the half-time at the game last Friday night to warm up the freezing fans. There were about 200 of them, most of the spectators being from Merkel.

The band entered the field with Director W. G. Reed announcing the number, "Drums and Bugles."

The first formation was an "M" which was a salute to Munday and the Merkel football fans.

The second formation was a juke box. Hit tunes were played: "You, You You," "Crying in the Chapel" and "Vias Con Dios."

The band and pep squad left the field playing "Them Bases."

Coach Benson's Lads Blast Moguls Most All the Time

Merkel mangled the Munday Moguls last Friday night on the Munday gridiron and crushed the Moguls 19 to 0. At only one moment of the game did the Moguls threaten and Bobby Owens squashed that by his fleetness of foot and strategy. At almost all other times Coach Carroll Benson's battling Badgers carried the game into their opponent's territory.

As the biting, freezing air swirled around, Ralph Bartlett kicked off and the game was on.

Jackie McAninch tackled the receiver on the Munday 35. Jerry Miller held them. Then a splendid pass shot a runner down the

field but the fleet footed Bobby Owens knocked him out of bounds on the Badger 23. That was the only time when the Munday team threatened. Bobby's alertness had kept the Moguls scoreless.

Garth McLeod and Corky Cox in two plays forced the Moguls for losses.

The Badgers received the ball on their own 18. Cox carried the ball for a nice gain. But the Merkel lads had to kick soon and the Moguls fumbled with the Badgers recovering the ball on Munday's 47.

Then Dink Whizenhunt shot a nice pass to Corky, good for 27 yards. Another pass, Dink to Billy Fisher, then Fisher carrying the ball, soon Freddie Boone placed the ball on the 4. After tries by Boone and Fisher, Boone shot around left end for the TD. George English's educated toe made the extra point.

Ralph Bartlett stopped Munday on the Mogul's 40 when the advanced from the 29. Wesley Morton and Corky held them on two plays at the 44 as the quarter ended, B 7, M 0.

Corky threw the Moguls for a

loss and they kicked. The Badgers got nowhere after a good pass from Dink to Jimmy Russell.

Robert McLeod stopped the receiver on the Munday 35.

Billy Wayne Dye stopped the Moguls for little gain. Ralph got the receiver of a pass. Billy Gilbert threw them for a loss. Dye prevented a pass. Gilbert and Ralph got the receiver of a pass on the Badger 40. Corky intercepted a pass when Dye did some good helping.

Now the Badgers had the ball on their own 48. Boone in two plays made a first down. Jimmy Russell and Boone advanced the ball but a penalty soon made Robert McLeod punt. Munday had the ball on its own 11. Ralph stopped them on the 19, they fumbled and the Badgers recovered on the 19. Loss and penalty placed the ball on the 30 and as the half ended Dink shot the ball to Corky to bring the ball to the 18. B 7, M 0.

Now the Badgers went to work in earnest.

In steady first downs Coach Benson's warriors traveled from their own 30 to the Munday ball being carried by 8 with English, Boone, Russell with Fisher netting 20 yards. A loss and penalty put the ball back on the 20.

Fisher shot to the 11, Dink to the 5 and then Boone went over for the pay dirt.

Munday then tried hard, going as far as the center stripe with Ralph, Richard Chaney, Sessions Hammond, Owens and Billy Gilbert doing the tackling. In this march Ralph knocked down two attempted passes. Then as Munday strove hard to complete its passing plays Ralph Bartlett snagged one on the Munday 49.

Boone made a yard. Fisher, 8, then Boone got a first down on the 45. Fisher landed on the 32 as the quarter ended. B. 13, M 0.

The Badgers were not through yet.

The Merkel boys fumbled but Munday could get nowhere with English, Gilbert, Corky and Robert McLeod doing the tackling. It was the Badgers' ball on the Munday 43. Dink shot a pretty one to English who flew the whole distance for the TD.

Munday had the ball on its own 10. Its passing plays did not get them farther than the 16 as Owens and Bartlett did fast work.

The Badgers now played from the Munday 35 but suffered a loss and a penalty and finally Robert McLeod punted. Munday tried desperately by passing from its own 20. But Robert McLeod and Larry Joyce stopped any threat when the passes were completed and the Badgers took the punt on their own 41.

English made a yard gain. The Dink to Jackie McAninch pass netted 16 yards. Fisher carried the ball to the 30. The Moguls awoke and four attempted passes were incomplete.

Munday took over on the 30. Miller stopped them on the 31. Troy Deane on the 35. The game ended with the ball on the 37 yard line.

Outstanding were Dink Whizenhunt at passing, Freddie Boone and Billy Fisher in running; on defense — Corky Cox at end, Ralph Bartlett linebacker, Wesley Morton guard, Bobby Owens as defensive halfback, playing his only game of the season and was missed all year.

The Badgers made 14 first downs, the Moguls 6. The Badgers attempted 12 passes and completed 7, the Moguls 18 and completed 6.

Jack Boone was spotter for Merkel.

Badger 'B' Team Drowns Anson By Score of 41-7

Coach Tommy Ellis' Badger "B" Team drowned the Anson "B" group at Anson Thursday night of last week 41-7.

At the end of the first half the score stood 14-0. At the end of the third quarter the Badgers led 21-0.

It was the best "B" game of the season.

Jackie Russell scored three touchdowns. Robbie Mayfield scored one TD. Kermit Rutledge made a touchdown.

Robert McLeod got a pass from Philip Pursler that was good for 50 yards in all. Kermit kicked five out of six extra points. This made 12 out of 13 for the year.

Outstanding on defense were Robert McLeod, Cail O'Brien, Bill Horton, Emmett Taylor. Those who scored were outstanding as was Philip Pursler on passing, running and setting up scoring plays.

All the boys showed lots of determination, tackling, blocking and hard running.

THINGS DO HAPPEN! Things do happen when one goes to a football game in another town.

At Throckmorton the Badgers put out a fire in the kitchen of a cafe they ate in.

Coming home from Munday the Greyhound bus carrying Badger fans limped into Abilene on account of a gas line defect.

Completing re-engineered to give outstanding performance in meeting modern hauling requirements, a new line of 1954 Chevrolet trucks will be introduced by the Badger Chevrolet Company.

Truck operators will have an opportunity to see the new vehicles in an exclusive truck display at the Badger showrooms at that time. Among the more important advancements are:

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Merkel 20 Years Ago

TAKEN FROM THE 1933 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL

STATE MEET

A number of teachers of the Merkel Public Schools, including Superintendent Roger A. Burgess, R. B. Irvin, principal of the high school, and Mrs. Len Sublett, principal of the grammar school, will attend the fifth annual convention of the Texas State Teachers Association which opens at Austin Thanksgiving Day.

TO SHOW AT LOS ANGELES

Willie Joe Largent, who came in Sunday afternoon from Kansas City where the Largent steer, R. J. Domino 2337, was named grand champion fat steer of the show, remained until Wednesday of this week, leaving that night for Los Angeles. The Largents will show their Herefords at the Great Western Livestock Show there this week, having shipped them from Kansas City, to arrive at Los Angeles Thursday night.

GINNING SLOW DOWN

Since the tabulation of ginnings up to Wednesday afternoon, as published in last week's issue of The Mail, only 163 bales had been ginned up to Tuesday afternoon at the seven plants here and those at Stith, Blair and Noodle, bringing the total for the season to 16,457 bales. Up to this time last year, 24,795 bales had been ginned at the same plants.

TO OBSERVE HOLIDAY

Thanksgiving will be observed here generally as a holiday, with practically all of the stores being closed, except filling stations, drug stores and cafes. The public schools have been dismissed for both Thursday and Friday in order to permit the teachers to attend the state meeting at Austin.

This Happened in Merkel Forty Years Ago

TAKEN FROM THE 1913 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL

Chas. Russell and Frank Hamm left Sunday afternoon for Van Horn and other places on business.

Mrs. C. D. Mims and little daughter Billie Burk are in Fort Worth visiting her daughter, Mrs. C. I. Gilliland.

Miss Alcie Bigham is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen of Eskota.

Henry Hester returned home Wednesday from the Davis Mountains where he has been hunting.

Miss Emma May Mashburn returned home Friday morning from Stanton where she has been visit-

BRING BACK TROPHIES

More Merkel hunters have returned during the past week from the deer country, with one or more trophies of the sport. Gene Reese brought back two bucks, each 4-point, and Henry Wilson also claimed a 4-point buck. Arch Rose who went with W. E. Carr to Marathon in the Fort Bend country, picked off a 6-point buck.

SNYDER BEATS BADGERS

After holding the powerful Tigers from out west for three periods the Badgers let them open up in the last quarter to tally 13 points. The Badgers outplayed the Snyder boys the first three periods but in doing so played themselves down. The standouts for Merkel were Boaz and Moore.

\$500 PAY ROLL

Pay roll for the first week locally under the civil works construction program, of which City Marshal P. F. Dickinson is in charge, totaled \$519.20. This was the actual amount distributed Saturday afternoon for labor on the first project under the city program, that of graveling 40 blocks of streets.

TO PUT ON PLAY

The 3-act comedy entitled, "Mrs. Tubbs of Shantytown," will be presented by the Epworth League at the Queen Theatre Dec. 11 and 12.

RECORD BIRTHS

Born to: Mr. and Mrs. John Caffey of Comper a girl Nov. 25. Mr. and Mrs. Lindell Martin a girl Nov. 27. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Roy a girl Nov. 28. Mr. and Mrs. Caltonia Romedez a girl November 29.

Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Phillips from Dora were visiting in our city Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Largent and Master Charles, Jr., are in Fort Worth at the stock show.

Miss Mary Gunn is in Dallas this week.

Miss Lavernia McNeese is visiting her brother in Dallas this week.

Etyssel Church came in Saturday night from points east where he has been visiting relatives.

AGAINST EQUAL RIGHTS

Two young men saw two pretty girls meet and embrace. Sad one: "That's what's wrong with the country."

"Women do you mean?" asked his friend. "Women doing men's work." neither longitude, latitude nor altitude.

MRS. H. R. CHANCEY, SR. MOVES TO ABILENE

Mrs. H. R. Chancey, Sr., has moved to Abilene and is now living at 842 E. N. 12th.

NEWS ABOUT TOWN

Mrs. Mary Tankersley of Fort Worth visited her mother, Mrs. Etta Tucker, last weekend and also another daughter, Mrs. George Burris, and family of Dallas visited this weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. David Gamble and family visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Ryals, in Dallas over the weekend.

Mrs. Florence Matthews of Dallas spent last week with her mother, Mrs. Florence Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Anderson of Abilene visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Toombs.

W. F. Golladay was here this week from Ballinger where he is staying with his granddaughter, Mrs. J. H. Farmer.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Elliott were in Abilene Sunday afternoon and visited with Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Mansfield attended the Baylor-S.M.U. game Saturday at Waco.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sledge and son visited Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Cook at Divide.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Fox and twins, Jerry and Terry, of Lubbock spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Fox.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Renfro of Odessa were weekend visitors of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Renfro.

Mrs. B. M. Tipton, Mrs. G. M. Reeves and baby daughter, Karen visited Mrs. Tipton's mother, Mrs. J. W. Welch in Sweetwater Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard R. Payne of Snyder visited Saturday night with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Payne.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Price and two children of Brownwood attended the family gatherings of the Russell children Sunday.

Mrs. Troy Roberts and baby of Coahoma spent Sunday with the Lige Harris family.

Mrs. J. R. Stratton of Lubbock is visiting this week with her daughter, Mrs. Ben Hicks, and family.

W. S. C. S. GIVES PROGRAM AT PIONEER MEMORIAL

The W. S. C. S. of the Pioneer Memorial Church gave the program to the M. Y. F. The program: Meditation, Mrs. Tom Russom; song, "Jesus Calls Us"; invitation to decision by the pastor, John Ferguson; Methodist Student Loan Mrs. Ford Butman; A Calling to Fulfill, Mrs. R. G. Toombs; Our Bit of the Road, Mrs. Dewell McLean; song, "I Am Thine, Oh, Lord"; prayer.

There were 81 in Sunday School November 22.

RECENT BRIDE IS HONORED WITH GIFT TEA

A gift tea for Mrs. Donald Wayne Douglas was given on Tuesday of last week by Mrs. Dent Gibson. In the receiving line were Miss Denta Gibson, Mrs. Douglas, her mother, Mrs. J. F. Cason, the bride groom's mother, Mrs. O. R. Doug-

las, Miss Patsy Floyd played piano selections.

The table was lovely with white cut tablecloth with yellow and white mums.

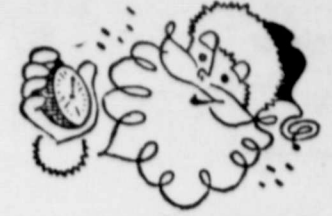
House party girls were Eve Cason, Patsy Anderson, Betty Foster, Jan Lemens, Peggy Bond, Mrs. Kenneth Bowen, Kay Toombs and Sue McCloud.

Patsy Anderson and Betty Foster poured tea. Neva Cason was at the register book. The other girls displayed the gifts. There were 17 hostesses.

Laughs and Tears in "Scoutmaster"

The vicissitudes of a harassed scoutmaster, played by Clifton Webb, and the beguiling appeal of a small boy in the person of 7-year-old George Winslow, who tells tall tales about his non-existent family, prove plenty of laughs and a great deal of pathos in "Mister Scoutmaster," which opens Sunday and Monday at the Queen Theatre. This appealing comedy was fashioned with a deft touch for human interest values by Producer Leonard Goldstein and Director Henry Levin for Twentieth Century Fox.

They took a sprightly volume of reminiscences about Rice E. Cochran as the springboard for their story which gives a splendid insight into the local organization operations of the Boy Scouts of America.



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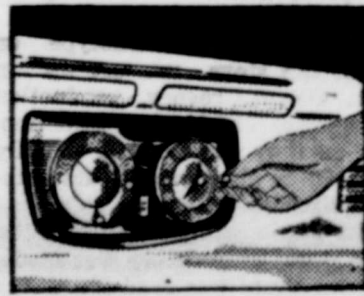
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'Only the Valiant' Ends the Season at Pioneer Theatre

The last show of the 1953 season will be presented Friday and Saturday at the Pioneer Theatre, announced N. T. Hodge. The show is entitled "Only the Valiant." It is packed with fighting scenes that thrill.

Gregory Peck, Barbara Payton and Ward Bond are in the starring parts.

The Pioneer will reopen in the early spring, stated Mr. Hodge.

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By VERN SANFORD
Texas Press Association

House Speaker Reuben Senterfitt has taken his campaign to the people to elect him governor of Texas next year.

Governor Shivers hasn't said what he plans to do about the Governorship.

If he steps out, Senterfitt faces a rather large field of potentially powerful candidates.

Among those who are likely candidates are Lieutenant Governor Ben Ramsey, Attorney General John Ben Shepperd, Land Commissioner Bascom Giles, Representative Lloyd Bentsen, Houston Mayor Roy Hofheinz, and Austin Attorney Ralph Yarborough.

Others mentioned for the race are State Senator A. M. Aikin, Jr., champion of higher teacher pay, and Agriculture Commissioner John C. White.

A possible compromise on the teacher pay problem will come before a committee appointed by the governor, at a meeting to be held later this month.

In seeking to resolve the issue of state and local sharing of school costs, a committee members recommends a \$402 teacher pay raise, an 80-20 formula for state-local financing, and state aid on buildings.

But, as one committee member commented: "If there's no money available to pay a raise, it's love's labor lost..."

Government charges that a million dollar herd of rare Charolais cattle were smuggled through Texas as were expected to come before a federal court in January.

A quarantine has been slapped on the white French-origin cattle on ranches in Louisiana. Cattle associations have expressed fear that the big animals may have brought the dread hoof and mouth disease from southern Mexico.

A vast program to preserve Texas historical material is making progress. A committee authorized by the legislature is incorporating a non-profit Texas Historical Foundation and will accept donations to carry on many phases of the work.

MRS. BARNETT'S ROOM HAS CLASS MEETING ON NOVEMBER 19

Mrs. Barnett's eighth grade room had a class meeting Nov. 19.

The program was presented by Becky Ray, Barry Scott, Betty Smith, Eddie Hobby and Mena Lou Stallo. It was decided that the group have a Thanksgiving party in Mrs. Barnett's home on Tuesday night, November 24.

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: Angela R. Jackson, 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 14th day of December A. D. 1953. to Plaintiff Second Amended Original Petition filed in said court, on the 29th day of October A. D. 1953, in this cause, numbered 19,043-A on the docket of said court and styled Patrick J. Jackson, Plaintiff, vs. Angela R. Jackson, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and defendant, were legally married on or about the 28th day of April, 1941 and lived together until on or about the 18th day of March, 1950.

Plaintiff alleges no children were born to this marriage and no community property acquired.

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.

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Local Schools Dismissed Wed. For Holidays

The local schools were dismissed at 2:30 p. m. Wednesday for the Thanksgiving Holidays. School will start again Monday morning. The schools were dismissed early Wednesday to allow the teachers to catch the bus that was going to Dallas where the State Teachers' Convention is being held.

Napoleon instituted the French Legion of Honor in 1802.

United States postal money orders were first issued during the Civil War.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Admissions to the Sadler Hospital the past week were:

As medical patients — Hollis McCoy, Mrs. E. M. Booth, Mrs. R. L. Jackson, Mrs. Pearl Wiggins, Rachell Tarpley, Mrs. G. D. McConnell, Janell Seymore (cut on face when car hit bridge Tuesday night, Myrtle Whisehunt fractured leg when knocked her down).

TEXANS HAVE BUYING POWER

Texas retail buying figures for the last 13 years (1939-52) are far ahead of the national average and that buying power still is growing the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research reported. Texans were able to buy two and one-fifth times as much in 1952 as they could in 1939.



The first United States Census was taken in 1790.

STUBBLE MULCH—C. R. Rogers, Jr., of the 5th area is typical of many soil conservation district co-operators doing a good conservation job with crop residues.

Mr. Rogers has two fields that were planted in milo this year and harvested in September. He plowed stubble remaining after harvest with a sweep plow and now has a good stubble mulch on the ground.

The accompanying photo shows a cover of milo stubble which is doing a good job of controlling wind erosion, which will remain effective until late spring if properly managed. Mr. Rogers expects this stubble to catch and hold any blowing snow or sleet received through the winter. He employs numerous other conservation practices including cover crops to protect his land and increase production.

Research and farmer experience has proved that ground cover not only helps control wind erosion, but it aids in water conservation by providing more openings in the soil through which water can enter. Once in the ground, moisture remains longer when surface evaporation is reduced by a good cover such as Mr. Rogers has.

The matter of good stubble mulch management was summed up by one farmer who said, "I never saw nature plow anything under, and I don't intend to change nature. I just want to guide and

help it a little." This is not Mr. Rogers' statement, but it is in line with his sentiments.

A marked change in management of stubble residue in the Merkel-Trent area has been noticeable over a period of years. Wheat and sorghum stubble is seldom burned anymore, and the tendency is to graze stubble less and plow to leave on the surface of the land. Supervisors of the Middle Clear Fork Soil Conservation District and Soil Conservation Service employees assisting the district heartily endorse the practice of stubble mulch farming.

personals

Mr. and Mrs. George Ensminger of Sweetwater visited over the weekend with their uncle and aunt Mr. and Mrs. Frase Demere.

Mr. and Mrs. Daryl Wood and Dyril's mother of Snyder visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Cooper Monday. Visitors Monday night were Mr. Cooper's sisters, Mrs. J. L. Lontrip of Anson and Mrs. A. L. Massey of Tucson, Ariz., also Mr. and Mrs. Claud Lontrip. Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Anderson are visiting their daughter in Corpus Christi.

BUSINESS LISTINGS JUMP IN MERKEL AND ALSO IN TRENT

The business growth of Taylor County was underlined this week when the physical count of names of businesses listed in the November 1953 Reference Book of Dun & Bradstreet was completed. The new count showed an increase of over 19% in the past two years. The book showed Merkel had 76 listings in 1951 and 80 in 1953 while Trent had 11 in 1951 and 15 in 1953.

MRS. W. J. STALLO TELLS OF PROMOTION AND NICE WEATHER

Mrs. W. J. Stallo, 3070 India, San Diego, Calif., sent in her renewal to The Mail and also wrote a newsy letter as follows:

"We sure do enjoy receiving The Mail every Monday morning and being able to keep up with all the news of our 'Home Town.'

"Here is some news you might like to put in the paper. Warren J. Stallo has been promoted to Patternmaker 3rd Class, stationed aboard the U. S. S. A. F. D. L. 30, U. S. Naval Station, San Diego, Calif., for the past two years.

I am Jean (Mathews) Stallo, Warren is the son of B. H. Stallo, Route 4.

"We are really having nice weather out here but will sure be glad to get back to Texas, even if only on a visit."

3 MERKEL STUDENTS AT McMURRY ARE IN SCIENCE CLUB

Three Merkel students attending McMurry College, Abilene, are members of the Science Club, a student organization devoted to the study of scientific subjects.

Carolyn and Marolyn June Teaff, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Teaff, Jr., are in the science club along with Bertha Patterson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Patterson. Miss Patterson is corresponding secretary for the club.

GALLANTRY IN ACTION

The warehouseman took his girl to the movies. Suddenly he turned to her and said: "Can you see all right?"

She nodded, "Yes."

"Is your seat comfortable?"

"Very," she smiled.

"Is there a draft on you?"

"No," she replied, overwhelmed by his attentiveness.

"Fine. How about changing seats with me?"

DROVE HIM LOCO

"Whar you from, stranger?"

"Cross Forks, Ohio."

"Cross Forks? Izzat one of those hick towns where everybody goes down to meet the train?"

"Train?"

"GIFT WRAPPING IS SHOWN BLUE BONNET H. D. CLUB

The Blue Bonnet Home Demonstration Club met in the fellowship hall of the Pioneer Memorial Church for its regular meeting with Mrs. Dewell McLain as hostess and Mrs. Allen King presiding. Roll call was answered by each member suggesting a practical gift for a homemaker.

After a song by the group and prayer by Mrs. Brnovak the meeting was then turned over to Mrs. Arthur Moore and Mrs. McLain who gave a most helpful demonstration on "Gift Wrapping."

After adjournment Mrs. Lonnie Whisehunt was honored with a lovely pink and blue shower. Refreshments of cup cakes and coffee with plate favors were served to nine club members and a host of friends and relatives of the honoree.

RAY WILSON HEARS TWO CARS COLLIDE SUNDAY EVENING

Ray Wilson heard the noise when two automobiles collided at 4:15 p. m. Sunday at Tye. Mrs. Florence Gonzales and her mother of Abilene were injured.

3 Local Hunters Shoot Four Deer At Leaky, Texas

Billy D. Doan, Horace Childers and Truett Perry went hunting at Leaky Sunday a week ago and returned last Saturday after shooting four deer.

Billy got an 8-point, Horace got 8 and 5-point, and Truett got a 6-point.

Local Hunters Get 2 6-Pt. Deer At Ft. McCavit

The three local hunters who left Sunday for Fort McCavit community in the western part of Menard County got two deer. They returned Thursday night of last week.

They got two 6-point deer. The hunters were Buster Hester, John Rister, Quannah Dudley and E. R. Brown of Big Lake.

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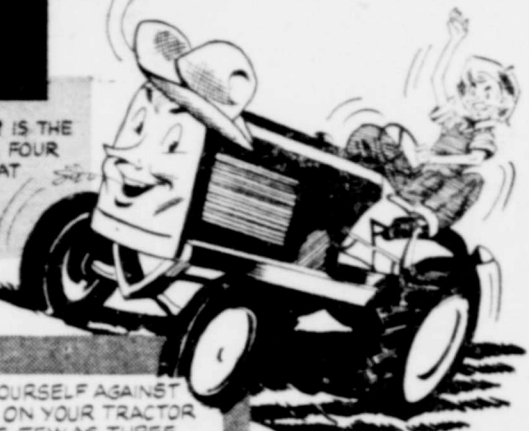
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AMELIA FAYE MARTIN WEDS J. M. HEATLY

The home of Mr. and Mrs. John Hamner in Trent was the setting for the wedding of his niece, Amelia Faye Martin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Martin, and J. M. Heatly, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Heatly.

Double ring wedding vows were exchanged at 6 p. m. Friday, Nov. 20, in a setting of baskets of white gladioluses, vases of white carnations, and white candles. Bill Haines, Church of Christ minister, read the ceremony.

Mrs. Milton Patton played pre-nuptial music and accompanied Mrs. John Hamner, who sang "O Promise Me" and "Always." She also played during the ceremony. The bride wore a powder blue paper taffeta dress, navy shoes and white wool hat. She wore a beaded necklace belonging to her grandmother, Mrs. Ida Hamner, and carried a white Bible topped with white gardenias.

Yvonne Martin, the bride's sister, and Jim Winn, high school classmate of the bridegroom, were the attendants. Yvonne wore a

pink faille suit black suede shoes and a black hat. Her flowers were white carnations.

Bobbie Ann Dudley lighted the candles and Peggy Horton registered guests. Out of town guests were the bride's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Martin, Sweetwater, her cousins, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. O'Kelly and Steena Beth, Abilene, and the bridegroom's sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Thomas, San Angelo.

Both the bride and groom are graduates of Trent High School. She is employed at the Morrison Supply Company in Abilene, and Hearty works for the D. H. H. B. Drilling Company of Abilene. They will be at home in an apartment in the home of Mrs. Gertrude Ogletree in Trent.

SPEECH CLASS FURNISHES PROGRAM FOR FORTNIGHTLY

Mrs. Comer Haynes' speech class furnished the program for the Fortnightly Study Club Tuesday evening at the Community Center.

"America in Drama" was the theme. "Our Town" by Thornton

Wildor was given by the students.

Mrs. Andy Shouse, president, presided. Mrs. Powell Miller announced the club had been presented a certificate award for its part in American Art Week.

The club voted to buy a \$5 T. B. bond. Members are to bring gifts at the next meeting for the Abilene State Hospital.

Mrs. David Gamble's meditations were summed up in poetry, "God Speaks to You."

Mrs. Catherine Davis was welcomed as a new club member. There were 21 members present.

JACKSIE SHORT MISSIONARY SOCIETY MEETS TUESDAY

The Jacksie Short Missionary Society of the First Baptist church met at the home of Mrs. Sam Tullock Tuesday. Mrs. Bill Largent is teacher of the mission book. There were 12 present.

The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Newt Logan Dec. 15.

TRENT Y. W. A. GIRLS ARE GUESTS OF LOCAL GROUP

The Vaughnella Y. W. A.'s met Thursday Nov. 16, in the home of Mrs. Sam Tullock. The Y. W. A.

girls of Trent were guests.

The meeting was called to order by Marie Kerns, president. Wanda Bradley, program chairman, brought the program, "American Indians and the Jesus Way."

Those on the program were: Joy Walker, Pat Palmer, Barbara Wilson, Tessie Warren, and Glenda Petty.

A delicious refreshment plate was served to Barbara Edwards Neleta Hale, Betty Payne, Veneta Quattlebaum, Shirley Carter, Pearl Mathews and Mrs. Zula Welch, all of Trent, and 13 regular members.

HOMEMAKERS CLASS MEETS WITH MRS. E. LARGENT

The Homemakers Class of the First Baptist Church met at the home of Mrs. Ernestine Largent Friday.

Plans were discussed and committees named for the Christmas banquet. Mrs. Lucille Litton was co-hostess with Mrs. Largent. Ten members were present at the meeting.

Kerosene replaced whale oil as a means of illumination.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere appreciation for the many acts of kindness and words of comfort during the illness prior to the death of our Husband, Father and Grandfather, W. T. Dedmon. The family wishes to thank each one who sent flowers and food. May God's blessings be with each of you.

The Family

CARD OF THANKS

We sincerely thank Dr. Sadler and Dr. Warren for their good services. We thank the nurses and all our friends and neighbors for all the beautiful flowers and sympathy they showed us while in the hospital.

We do want to thank the Boney Insurance Co. for the papers. They were a great help to us as they took away the thought of our pains.

May God bless you all. Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Redding

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Redding

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LODGE CALLS

NOTICE MASONS
Stated meeting of Merkel lodge No. 710, A. F. & A. M., Saturday, Dec. 19, at 7:30 p. m. All members are urged to attend. Visiting brethren cordially invited.

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3:36 a. m.	12:15 a. m.
5:22 a. m.	1:21 a. m.
6:32 a. m.	2:39 a. m.
6:47 a. m.	5:54 a. m.
11:40 a. m.	7:52 a. m.
11:45 a. m.	9:09 a. m.
2:37 p. m.	11:40 a. m.
3:01 p. m.	1:01 p. m.
5:00 p. m.	1:25 p. m.
7:57 p. m.	4:19 p. m.
9:01 p. m.	4:57 p. m.
11:52 p. m.	8:17 p. m.
	9:07 p. m.

TRENT FFA CHAPTER INITIATES 8 FRESHMEN AND RAISES 3 IN RANK

At a meeting of the Trent FFA Chapter eight freshmen boys were initiated into the chapter and three sophomores were raised to the rank of chapter farmers.

Those initiated were Buddy Carter, Frank Gramethbauer, Sid Moss, Jerold Duncan, and Theldon Rynes. They were given the bronze FFA pin.

Jerry Horton, Glendol Martin, and John Stowe were made chapter farmers and presented a silver chapter farmer pin.

James Wilks is chapter president, Albert Mayberry is sponsor.

TYE P.-T.A. SECTS ITS COMMITTEES FOR CIVIL DEFENSE

The civil defense committee of the Tye P.-T.A. selected committee members at a meeting in the home of Capt. Landon Hill, chairman.

The group also selected the school house, Methodist Church, Baptist Church and the National Guard Armory at old Abilene Air Force Base as headquarters during any emergency.

Storm cellars were located in the community and the four nearest the school were designated to be used by different rooms of the schools.

EDWIN McWILLIAMS BEGINS TRAINING AT FT. BLISS, TEXAS

Pvt. Edwin D. McWilliams, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McWilliams, and husband of Mrs. Dorlea McWilliams, recently began 16 weeks of basic training in the Antiaircraft Artillery Replacement Training Center, Fort Bliss.

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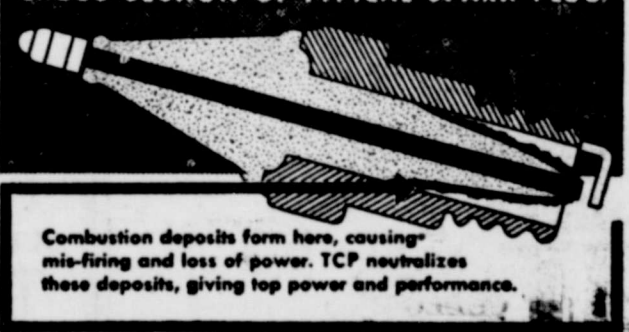
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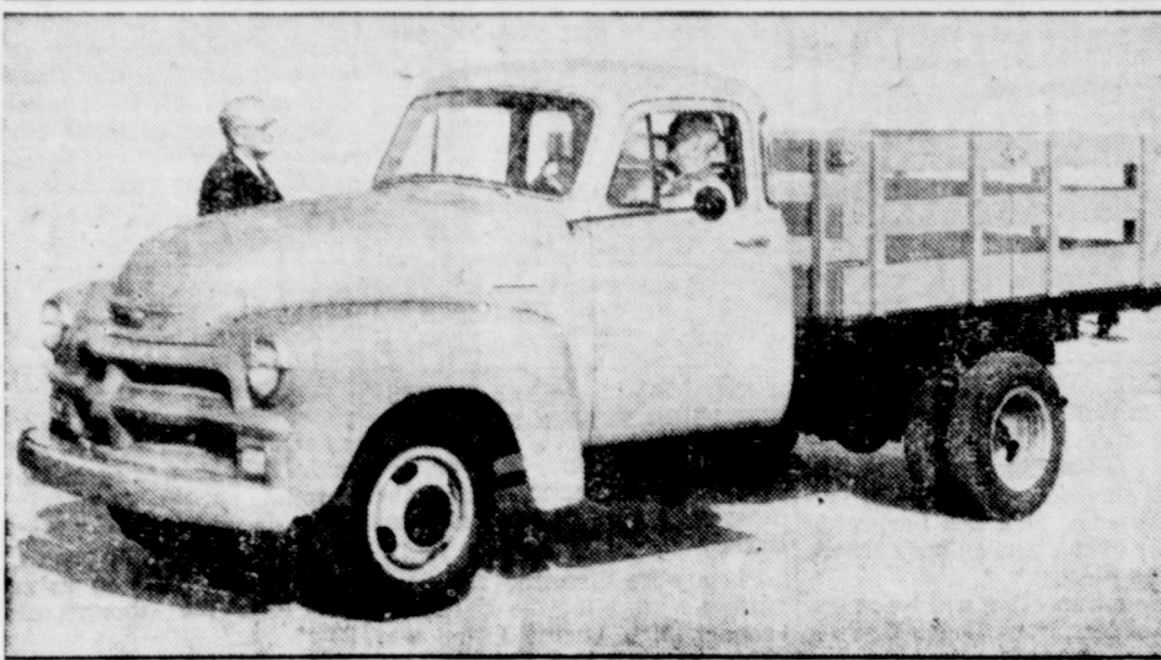
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Farmers do not have publicity agents.
With the exception of a few colleges and universities which have

an agriculture department, and except the agricultural schools agricultural economics is a neglected subject. Economics, as it is taught, is related almost wholly to industry.

Industry and its commerce have so thoroughly dominated the education, habits of thought, and means of communication of the American people during the last few decades that many have come to look on the machine as the source of all the best things of life. The world of organic life and growth, upon which farming is based, has only a feeble grip upon our consciousness.

This ignorance of things agricultural extends even to Congress and the Executive Branch of the Federal Government. Worst of all a similar lack of understanding seems to envelop the Department of Agriculture. The towering bureaucracy of the Department of Agriculture is rooted in the Government Treasury, instead of the nation's soil.

Thus we see a vigorous, thriving industrial business, and an uncertain agricultural economy. The industrialist can cut his production at the first signs that his goods cannot be profitably sold on the market. The farmer cannot do so. Furthermore, the farmer must contend with the uncertain elements of weather, which continually presents his with all sorts of hazards.

Except for the elements of nature, farmers are fully equipped with the intelligence, ability, and resourcefulness to solve their major problems. This is proved by their achievements in increasing farm production needed during the war.

Now that surpluses are on hand, and more coming, the farmers have been without the leadership necessary to meet changing conditions. For instance, the retention and development of world markets for greater exports of farm commodities is the business of government. The farmer could not possibly have control over such things and it is therefore the business of his government. It has failed him in this respect, and that is a prime cause for the decline of farm prices today.

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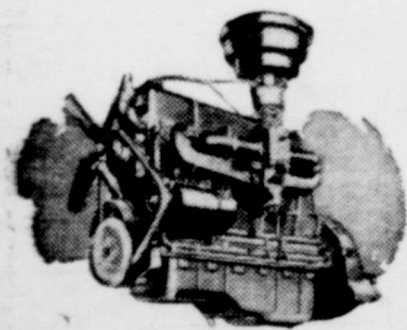
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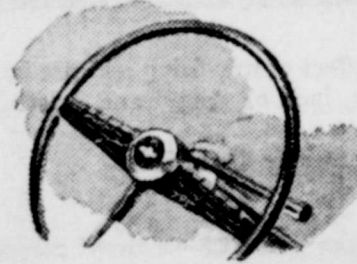
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A MATTER OF SPEAKING

It is refreshing to hear a man like Dr. D. D. Tidwell.

Before going to hear him one would think that his sermon would be "dry as dust," by a professor

who has a chore to do and does it in a listless manner.

Not so, Dr. Tidwell. As a professor who has made many class talks he has his ideas well organized and does not give his hearers mental indigestion by offering too many ideas at one time.

No, he takes a theme and looks at its facets and turns it like a fine diamond for his hearers to observe

and admire.

We heard his first sermon and we were amazed by the simplicity of his presentation and by the appeal to the emotions that he made... all in the simplest manner possible. No ideas were "thrust down the throat" of the listener. They were handed out daintily on a dish for one to admire and relish and enjoy.

And his emotional appeal was of the sophisticated variety. There was no shouting, no loudness, no lambasting. It was an earnest, intimate touch that lay lightly on the heart and slipped sympathetically into our deeper emotions.

It was a new kind of evangelism to us, and we enjoyed it.

Personally, we go in for the more dramatic art of delivery but we deeply admire the speaker who has the ability and the background of knowledge to put across a mental and emotional message with deep restraint. That, by the way, is the highest form of art, whether it be in painting, drawing, sculpturing, acting or speaking.

THE OLD MESSAGE

There are many things about Dr. Tidwell's first sermon here that appealed to us and it is not our purpose here to discuss every angle of it. We liked his subject, "What Is Religion?" The text he took in which to develop his theme was deeply relished by us as we have always admired the statement of Micah, "We hath told thee, O man, what is good; what the Lord doth require of thee, but to do justly,

and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God."

His development of the subject gave us keen delight.

But what we wanted to comment on here was his statement that "The messages of the old prophets have a striking timeliness, they are messages for us today."

Here we are back again to the statement that great art is restraint. But in this case we find that great emotions are universal, timeless. So great ethical teachings are without time limits.

Man goes on sinning from the beginning of time to the end of time. Cain killed his brother Abel. Today he is still doing it, though his name may be something else. Man goes on stealing as he did in times immemorial. Man goes on coveting that which his neighbor has, his land, his ass and his wife.

The admonitions that the old prophets gave can be applied thoroughly well today.

It can be said today as of old, "Thou shalt not steal, thou shalt not murder, thou shalt not commit adultery."

And so it can be said again, using Micah's thoughts, "Thou shalt do justly, thou shalt love mercy, thou shalt walk humbly with thy God."

"WHITE-ICISM"

That's ALL and the Sage of Figfield adds that people do not change and neither do morals.

MRS. C. O. WASHBURN HOME FROM HOSPITAL AND IS IMPROVING

Mrs. C. O. Washburn came home from the hospital Saturday morning. She underwent a major operation. She is getting along fine.

JACK MILLER GOES TO CHEVROLET MEET

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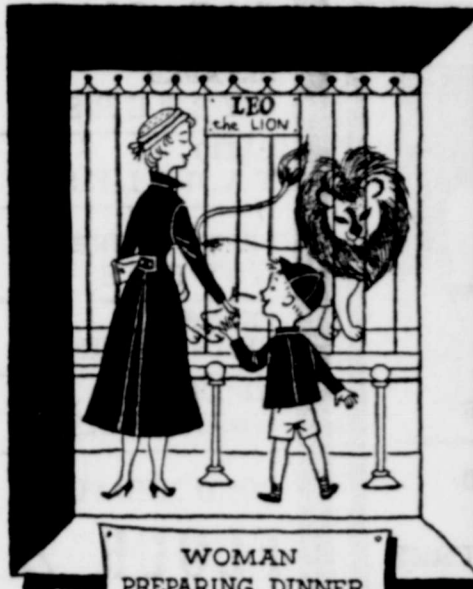
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