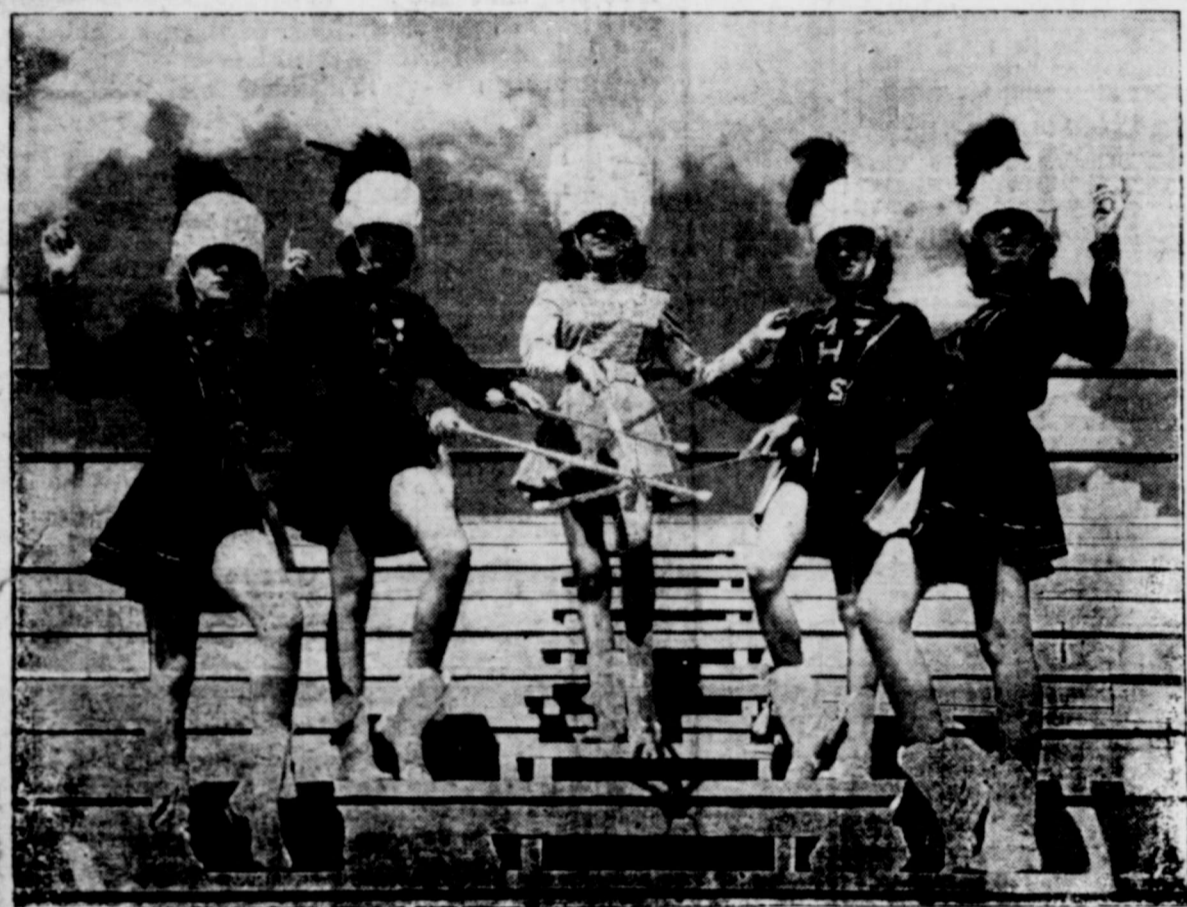


XMAS DOLLAR DAY VALUES



NEWS from County Home Demonstration Agent Texas A. & M. College Extension Service

By Loreta Allen

(Editor's Note: This is the first of intimate weekly articles to appear in The Mail.)

I have enjoyed my visits in the county so much, that I thought I'd like to share some of them with you, so I've decided to write this column.

I was out at the Union Ridge Home Demonstration Club the other day, when it met in the home of Mrs. Clyde Newton. Can you imagine what she had for refreshment? It was delicious pumpkin pie, made out of a pumpkin grown right there on the Newton Farm. We can't say it has been so dry that we couldn't grow a thing to eat, because the Newtons would be sure to correct us. Another pumpkin made a real pretty Fall centerpiece for the table.

The O. E. Harwells are doing some work on their house. Mrs. Harwell says that it beats all how sheet rock does. They measure it, and when they start to put it up, it stretches, or something — anyway, it's hard to make it fit.

Merkel Youth Center will be the setting for Taylor County Home Demonstration Council Christmas Program, on December 17th. Every club member is invited to bring a covered dish and a gift, for a lot of fun at 11:00 a. m., and be at Merkel and fellowship. Wylie and Merkel School Choral Clubs will furnish the program. Of course, Santa plans to come.

READY FOR YULETIDE PARADE — Twirlers and majorettes who led the Merkel High School band in Abilene's big Christmas parade, from the left, were Peggy Bond, Jane Tipton, Paka Newby (drum majorette), Barbara Wilson (assistant drum majorette), and Johnnie Tipton.

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa Claus: I hope you are well. For Christmas please bring me a walk doll and a cowgirl hat and a Let's Play School Kit, an identification bracelet. I love you. BARBARA McANINCH, age 7, Trent.

Dear Santa Claus: I hope you are well. For Christmas please bring me a walking doll, a cooking set, a good book to read, a treasure chest of games and a little ring. I have a little sister just past one who wants a cuddly baby doll, a pull toy or anything you can bring that you think she will like. With love. BETTY McANINCH, age 8, Trent.

Grand Opening Of New Conoco Station Is Saturday

The grand opening of the New Conoco Filling Station will be held tomorrow, Saturday, announced Grif Barnett, Conoco agent. Hopper and Hopper operate the station. Free gifts will be given with each fill-up, said Mr. Barnett. Items to be given are sack of cane sugar, first aid kit for the car and suckers and balloons for the kiddies.

Turkey Dinner Is Gobbled Up When 325 Come to Eat!

The dinner served last Sunday by the Fortnightly Study Club at the school cafeteria was a sell-out. About 220 tickets were sold in advance and about 325 plates were served.

Farley Contract As Principal Extended 3 Years

At the last regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Merkel Elementary School District, C. A. Farley, principal of the local Elementary School, was given a three-year extension on his present contract, which expires this coming August. Mr. Farley is now in his eleventh year as principal of the Merkel Elementary Schools, coming here from Dimmitt in 1943.

TOTAL GINNINGS To Noon Wednesday: Farmers' Coop, Merkel . . . 2,115 Guitar Gin . . . 1,410 Sifted Gin . . . 1,418 Noodle Gin . . . 1,450

Badger Cagers Win Two Contests At Tournament

Badger Cagers won two contests against the McMurry College's annual Invitational Basketball tournament held in the Recreation Gym last week and lost.

Coach Tommy Ellis' Badgers won the first contest. The Badgers had as their first opponent Avoca, the boys battled valiantly but were unable to stop the mighty Hamilton and thrashed them soundly, with the final score reading 43 to 23.

In the second contest Coach Ellis' boys went up against Hamlin and thrashed them soundly, with the final score reading 43 to 23.

Seranton was the next opponent and proved tougher than Hamlin. However, the Badgers had what it takes to win and beat Hamlin 37 to 33.

In the consolation finals Ham-

Coach Ellis' Badgers Beat Anson 43 to 41

The Badger Cagers beat Anson Tuesday night here 43 to 41. It was a close game all the way through with first Coach Tommy Ellis' Jans taking the lead and then the Anson Cagers. Jerry Cunningham and Dink Whisenand both were high with 23 points each.

In the "B" game the Badgers were way out in front with the final tally being 46 to 24. Bill Horton caged 16 points to win high place.

PIONEER SINGING

This Sunday singing at Pioneer Memorial Church will be postponed due to the planning of the all night singing New Year's Eve.

GIRL TO CAREYS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Carey a baby girl at the Sadler Hospital December 6.

J. Cunningham Wins Place On All-Tournament

Jerry Cunningham made the all-tournament basketball team at the McMurry College's third annual Invitational Tournament last week. There were 10 men selected to be on the team.

Christmas Lights and Decorations Bring a Blaze of Cheer to Merkel

The friendly town of Merkel is ablaze with Christmas lights and Christmas decorations.

Last week on Thursday the colored lights were strung across the streets of the up-town section. Those who did the work were Earl Hughes, Holt Vaughn, Horace Hargrove, Otis Williams, Vernon Mansfield and City Marshal A. D. Fulton.

The stores of Merkel are gay with Christmas decorations, Christmas trees and lights and tinsel. At night a number of the stores are burning their window lights to

Many Gift Items Will Be Offered On Next Tuesday

The 19th Dollar Day in Merkel comes next Tuesday, December 15, and right in time for Christmas shopping.

All merchants are now displaying all their Christmas items, gifts that will suggest valuable items, pleasing gifts for everyone, dad, mother, sister, brother, the grown-ups and the little tots.

Bargains may be found every-

where. Variety may be found than are listed in the ads today. There will be bargains all over town.

It will be one of the biggest Dollar Days that Merkel has ever had. Profit by these bargains. Come to Merkel Tuesday and shop and save for Christmas. The friendly town of Merkel invites you.

Accidental Shot Proves Fatal To R. T. Gray, 54

Funeral for R. T. Gray, 54, prominent Winters civic leader, held at 2 p. m., Saturday in the Winters Church of Christ.

Mr. Gray died at 9:10 a. m., last Friday in Shannon Hospital at San Angelo. He had been on the critical list since Nov. 22, when he was accidentally shot during a hunting expedition near Mason.

The Winters man, who was with a party of West Texas hunters, was sitting in a tree looking for deer when a rifle bullet struck him. The bullet was believed to have ricocheted.

Entering at one shoulder, the bullet passed through and came out the other shoulder. A cannon doctor said injury probably was done to his lung and spinal cord.

Mr. Gray suffered minor injuries when he fell from the tree. He was taken to a Mason hospital, where he was given a blood transfusion, and sent on to San Angelo.

He was manager of the Winters West Texas Utilities Company and last year was named assistant manager of the WTUC for the Balingier-Winters district.

Born in Fallon in 1899, Mr. Gray was married to the former Lou Bennett on March 1, 1919, in Coolidge. The couple lived in Lamesa before they moved to Abilene, where Mr. Gray went to work for the WTUC on Feb. 16, 1929.

He was an employee of the company's former gas department, a linesman's helper, meter reader, and also worked at the company electric station, which was on North Third and Hickory streets.

Later he was transferred to Merkel, where he was manager of the TWUC office here. He also served on the Merkel School Board.

He had been living in Winters for 10 years.

Mr. Gray was a member of the Lions Club, the Masonic Lodge, the Winters Church of Christ, and the Chamber of Commerce.

He also served as chairman of the Red Cross campaign, district chairman of the Chisholm Trail, Boy Scouts of America; the Taylor County draft board; the tire ration board, and was Winters representative to the West Texas Chamber of Commerce.

Officiating at the funeral was M. D. Manning, minister of the Winters Church of Christ.

Burial was in Merkel Cemetery. Survivors are his wife; two daughters, Mrs. Horace C. Boney of Merkel, Mrs. Clyde Sears of Abilene; one son, Doyle Gray, of Winters; and three granddaughters.

Small, round loaves by baking in No. 2 popcorn or soup cans. Fill cans about 2-3 full of batter. When cold, cut in thin rounds, and spread with butter or creamed cheese for afternoon tea, or party refreshments. Nippy cheese is much better.

This would make good Christmas gifts, too.

'Christmas Joy' Pageant Will Be Given Dec. 15

The Girls' Choral Club and the High School Players, two high school organizations, have selected "Christmas Joy" as their traditional annual Christmas pageant.

This one-hour program will be presented in the auditorium of the First Baptist Church on Tuesday night, Dec. 15, at 7:30 o'clock. The public is invited.

Merkel 20 Years Ago

TAKEN FROM THE 1933 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL

312 CHICKENS ENTERED When entries closed Wednesday afternoon for Merkel's Fourth Annual Poultry Show and Auction Sale, there were 312 birds on exhibit, according to the final tabulation of Secretary Castle B. Ellis. Last year, when entrance was restricted to Merkel's immediate trade territory, only 254 chickens were in the competition.

NEW CONOCO AGENT H. L. Duffer, formerly of Sweetwater, is now wholesale agent in Merkel for the Continental Oil Company, having established headquarters at Blake's Dry Cleaners. He, with his wife, have apartments in the W. E. Lowe home.

J. R. Curb Dies J. R. Curb, 83, Taylor County resident for 43 years, succumbed after an extended illness at 10:45 Saturday night at his home here. He had been unconscious for about 10 days before his death. Besides his wife, he is survived by six children: W. F., C. F. and John Curb, Mrs. Betty Sue Berryman, Mrs. C. E. Shouse and Miss Sallie Curb.

SET XMAS HOLIDAYS It is regular meeting last Thursday night, the Merkel School board fixed the Christmas holidays at nine days. School will be dismissed on Friday afternoon, Dec. 22, and will reopen on Monday, Jan. 1. There will be no school Christmas week.

FIRE BOYS DISBAND Following the report that the Merkel Volunteer Fire Department was on the eve of disbanding, a large number of Merkel citizens and business men met jointly with the mayor and city council at

Sunday evening Miss Lillie Russell and George L. Vaughn of Colorado, Arizona, were married at Highland Park, El Paso. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Russell. Mrs. Sam Butman accompanied the bride to El Paso.

The singing class of the Church of Christ at their Sunday night meeting elected these officers: Jim Black, president; O. J. Adcock, vice president; Miss Inez Sharp, secretary; Dr. Williams, chaplain; C. C. Bankhead, first leader.

V. N. Ellis returned from Waco last week where he had been sent by the local Masonic Lodge as a delegate to the Grand Lodge of Texas.

This Happened in Merkel Forty Years Ago

TAKEN FROM THE 1913 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Coggin entertained at noon in honor of O. M. Coggin, who celebrated his 24th birthday. Those present were: Messrs. Dee Grimes, R. O. Anderson, Claud Sears, Oscar Pate, Ed Pike, Jim Black, Minor Goode, Sam Roberts, Homer Easterwood, Tally Holloway and the host, O. M. Coggins prepared special Mexican dishes.

Mrs. J. C. Calbert entertained with a dinner party Dec. 4 in honor of her daughter Eva's birthday. The dinner list included Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Charley Russell, Bernice Rainbolt, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. McDonald, Nell and Lucy Tracy, Lizzie Calvert, Julia Martin, Little Anna Lou Russell, the honoree and hostess.

SOCIETY

JOHN HORTONS ANNOUNCE ENGAGEMENT OF DAUGHTER
Mr. and Mrs. John Horton announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Billie Jean, to Jimmy Montgomery, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Montgomery, Hawley. The wedding will take place December 24 at the home of the parents of the bride-to-be.

Wednesday night of last week at the Pioneer Memorial Church on "The Call of Jeremiah." On Dec. 6 there were 68 in Sunday School.

STITH H. D. CLUB TO HOLD CHRISTMAS PARTY DEC. 18

On Wednesday, Nov. 25, Mrs. Ray Perry was hostess to the Stith Home Demonstration Club.

The president, Mrs. J. E. Hudson, presided. Minutes were read and approved. Roll call was answered with "The thing I have enjoyed most about club work this year."

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Each club member brought a gift to be sent to the Abilene State Hospital.

After the club adjourned Mrs. W. M. Loflin was honored with a lovely pink and blue shower.

Pals were revealed but names will not be drawn again until January.

The Christmas party and supper will be at the Community Center at Merkel December 18 at 6:30 p. m. All members and families are urged to be present.

Coffee, cocoa and pumpkin pie were served to 18 members, seven visitors and four children.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. Lila Robbins January 13 at 2 p. m.

Calif. He has spent 20 days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Swinney. He will be home in March to stay.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Swinney Sunday were the Robert Lee Whitworth family of Sweetwater.

Grandma Ray is visiting with her children and their families, Mrs. Ford Butman and Euel Ray.

NEWS' ODDITIES

A tune on the piano cost Elsie C. White of Long Beach, Calif., \$13. Her music drowned out the noise of a burglar.

A 32-year-old steak sandwich turned up last week as workmen cracked into a masonry wall in the 1100 block Key highway in Baltimore, Md., the Sandwich complete with mustard, was wrapped in a November 12, 1921, issue of The Evening Sun.

In Adrian, Mich., Farmer Harold Hoffman discovered thirteen "extra" cows on his farm, reported that no one has claimed them.

personals

Mrs. L. M. Humphrey and children, David and Glenda, of Crane were visitors in the home of her parents were Ivanell Bockman last weekend. Also visiting their parents were Ivanell Bockman of Abilene, J. J. Bockman and family of Stith, W. J. Gardner and family of Eula and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beard and family.

Herbert Swinney will leave Sunday morning for Camp Pendleton.

Before Evangelist William Freeman could get his tent up in Phoenix, Ariz., burglars had stolen his clothing, gasoline and tools.

The Baltimore, Md., zoo will need an interpreter for a 3-year-old elephant it ordered recently. The elephant was born in India but raised in Italy. It understands only Italian commands.

When bystanders and police chased the bandit, who had grabbed \$147 from the cash register of a peanuts and popcorn shop in Chicago, the man shed his jacket, which contained \$177.37, then ran into a subway and jumped into a train just as it pulled out.

In Mombasa, Kenya, James Thomas was sitting in his farmhouse reading when a leopard crashed through the window, landed at his feet, looked at Thomas for a moment then leaped over Thomas' head and out the window.

In New York, police finally nabbed Michael Marness, a thin man and a retired clothing cutter, who for a long time had been squeezing through the turnstile at a Brooklyn subway station without dropping the 15-cent token in the pay slot. In his pockets were \$1,197 in cash and a bank book showing deposits of \$10,127.

Sheriff D. A. Wennerstrom of Detroit Lake, Minn., was mistaken for a goat here.

He knocked at the door of a rural school and was greeted by Teacher Mamie O'Neil with an up-raised baseball bat.

Mrs. O'Neil said she thought the sheriff was a stray goat which had been butting its head against the school house door.

Jack Cann ducked as a light plane came in low over his boat on Cataract Lake.

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ABOUT SPRING FLOWERS

Spring flowers will be healthier and earlier if beds are prepared now. Spade the soil and leave it rough to absorb more winter rain and snow. A thick coating of leaves or straw will increase the organic content of beds resulting in healthier flowers next spring.



By VERN SANFORD
Texas Press Association

Texas can now boast of one of the first atomic-age bomb shelters. It is ready for use as the nerve center of operations in case of disaster or war emergency and is located at the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Buyers are getting better breaks in the eyes of the law, according to Dean W. Page Keeton of the University of Texas Law School. Courts are developing a new doctrine of "let the seller beware," he said.

Speaking of his views as stated in the Texas Law Review, he cited the example of a real estate sale in which the buyer was told the plumbing was "all right."

During the transaction, the seller failed to tell the purchaser that the plumbing was not connected to a public sewer, and the court regarded this as misrepresentation.

A ruling by the U. S. Supreme Court is feared as a knockout blow against the Texas gas tax law and a source of money to raise teacher salaries.

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be considered "interstate" in nature.

Texas' gas tax law is under attack as an illegal state effort to tax interstate commerce.

It is expected to come before the U. S. Supreme Court in January.

While the prospect loomed that this source of money would be lost, Texas school officials were poring over a compromise plan to raise teachers' pay a flat \$402 yearly.

Gov. Shivers has struck out against excessive oil imports as undermining the economic stability of Texas and the nation.

State revenues have fallen sharply during the past few months due to large stocks of oil and forced cut in production allowances.

Gov. Shivers told a congressional committee investigating the question that he is "deeply concerned with the effect of excessive imports" on national defense, the economy of Texas and the nation.

Another U. S. Supreme Court case appeared likely to pose heavier problems for the state.

A ban on the segregation of Negroes in public schools raises the question of the physical effect, among other issues.

Texas has spent at least \$100 million to provide separate schools in view of crowded conditions, however, little initial change would be expected.

SHORT SNORTS: Tidelands leasing has boomed the permanent school fund with more than \$23 million. It was five times the amount ever received on the tidelands. About 415,000 acres were leased to oil companies. The Agriculture Department has classified all of Texas for 1954 as a drought disaster area so that farmers can obtain FHA loans for farming operations.

FARMERS TO VOTE

Cotton and peanut farmers, on Dec. 15, get the opportunity to vote for or against marketing quotas for the two crops — 1954 on cotton and for a three year program on peanuts. — A. & M.

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A hearing upon such application will be held at the City Hall in the City of Merkel, Texas, on the 14th day of December, A. D., 1953, at 7:30 p. m., at which time and place all persons interested may appear and contest said application. Adv. — Dec. 4, 11.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS To: Mary McDole, 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 18th day of January A. D. 1954, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 1st day of November A. D. 1953, in this cause, number 19,435-A on the docket of said court and styled Arthur McDole, Plaintiff, vs. Mary (June) McDole, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and defendant were legally married on or about Sept. 1, 1926 and were permanently separated about May 15th, 1952. Plaintiff alleges no community property was accumulated during this marriage.

Plaintiff alleges two sons and one daughter were born to this union. Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of mental cruelty, and for

custody of two minor sons, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs. Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this 1st day of December A. D. 1953.

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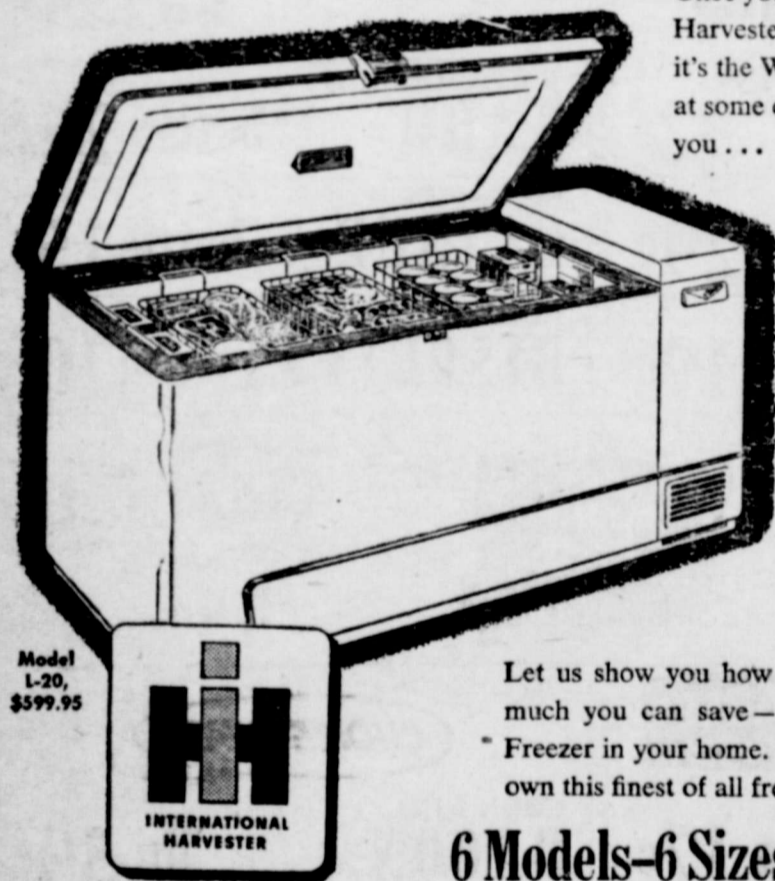
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"Christmas Blessings" is the theme of the December meeting of the Merkel Parent-Teacher Association to be held next Thursday night at 7:30 p. m., in the school cafeteria.

The story of the birth of Christ will be told in story, pictures and song. Michael Miller will be the narrator. Forty beautiful colored slides will be shown on the screen, as the "Singing Christmas Tree,"

made up of the elementary school girls' chorus, sings appropriate songs. Mrs. Norman Winter will direct and accompany the choral club.

The Christmas meditation will be given by Mrs. Vincent Barnett. A cash prize of \$2.50 will be given to the room in each building which has the highest percentage of parents in attendance. Fathers count two points and mothers one.

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Children's Xmas Program Planned At Conference

The pastor, Rev. Aubrey White, and Mrs. White were hosts Monday night to the Worker's Conference of the Methodist Church School, meeting in the parsonage. Reports were heard from the children, youth and adult departments. Plans for the children's Christmas program were made, which will be given on Wednesday night, Dec. 23.

"A Better Cooperation of Sunday School Work" was the theme of the evening program. Ellis Harris, newly elected general superintendent, gave a brief talk on "Aims of Our Sunday School".

Workers in the adult department present were: Johnny Cox, Andy Shouse, Mrs. W. D. Hutcheson, Mrs. Bertha Ensminger, Clesby Patterson, Mrs. Aubrey White. Workers in the youth department were: Betty Jane Tittle, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. R. Cypert, Mrs. P. W. Miller.

Workers in the children's department were: Mrs. Holt Vaughn, Mrs. Ellis Harris, Mrs. Pete Morgan, Mrs. Jack Hogan, Mrs. Clesby Patterson, Mrs. Hallie Burden, Miss Lottie Butman, Mrs. Andy Shouse.

Refreshments were served by the hostess.

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Clesby Patterson Elected Chairman Of Scout Group

In the recent re-organization of Boy Scout Troop 20, sponsored by the local Lions Club, Clesby Patterson was elected chairman of the troop committee.

He will be assisted by W. B. Toombs, Robert Malone, Waymon Adcock, T. H. Odum, Jess Moreno.

George Epperson and the other fathers of Boy Scouts. Adult leaders of the troop are C. A. Farley, scoutmaster, and Frank Breaux and Bill Brazzil, assistant scoutmasters.

Junior leaders of the troop are: Bill Russell, senior patrol leader; Wayne Adcock, scribe; Don Wilson, quartermaster; John Thomas, song leader, and Lou David Allen, Bobby Malone, Harry Odum and Lester Dorton, Jr., patrol leaders.

Any boy 11 years old is invited to join this troop, which meets at the Scout Center at 8:30 p. m. each Monday.

Seattle, Washington is farther north than Nova Scotia.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Admissions to the Sadler Hospital the past week were: As medical patients — Manuel Rodriguez, E. C. Tarvin, N. C. Palmer, Mrs. Calvin Irvin, Oma Clay, employee of the Alpha Telephone Co., lost three fingers up to first knuckle in accident).

CARE ON HIGHWAYS

The State Farm and Ranch Safety Committee urges all citizens to be more careful as they travel the highways during the next few weeks. The death toll from traffic accidents is due to rise unless everyone does his part. —A. & M.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Toombs visited their daughter, Mrs. James E. Dennison, and family recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Taylor and son, Randall of Midland visited Sunday with her grandparents, Mayor and Mrs. Henry C. West.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Bingham visited Sunday with her sister, Mrs. J. L. Wilson and Mr. Wilson in Hamlin.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Gregory and daughters, Jaye Beth and Carolyn June, spent Sunday with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Barbee, at Clairmont.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris B. Smith and Sammy spent the weekend in Winters with their daughter, Mrs. E. A. Conley, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Barney Borwig have returned home after a 10-month stay in Los Angeles, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Marshall of Greenville visited the Earl Strawns over the weekend.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Moore Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Vanzant, Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Moore and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Cryts of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Horn and family were in Waco over the weekend to visit his mother, Mrs. Sarah Horn.

Mrs. Ross Ferrier returned last week from Fort Worth where she visited her son, Ross, Jr., and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Fox visited their son J. D. and family in Abilene Sunday evening. The younger folks recently moved from Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Hy White attended the 25th silver wedding anniversary honoring Mr. and Mrs. Hilmer Swenson at their home in Abilene Sunday.

Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Davidson and daughters, Donna and Suzy, visited Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Miller, during the recent holidays.

MRS. T. T. EARTHMAN ATTENDS MEETING OF PIANO TEACHERS

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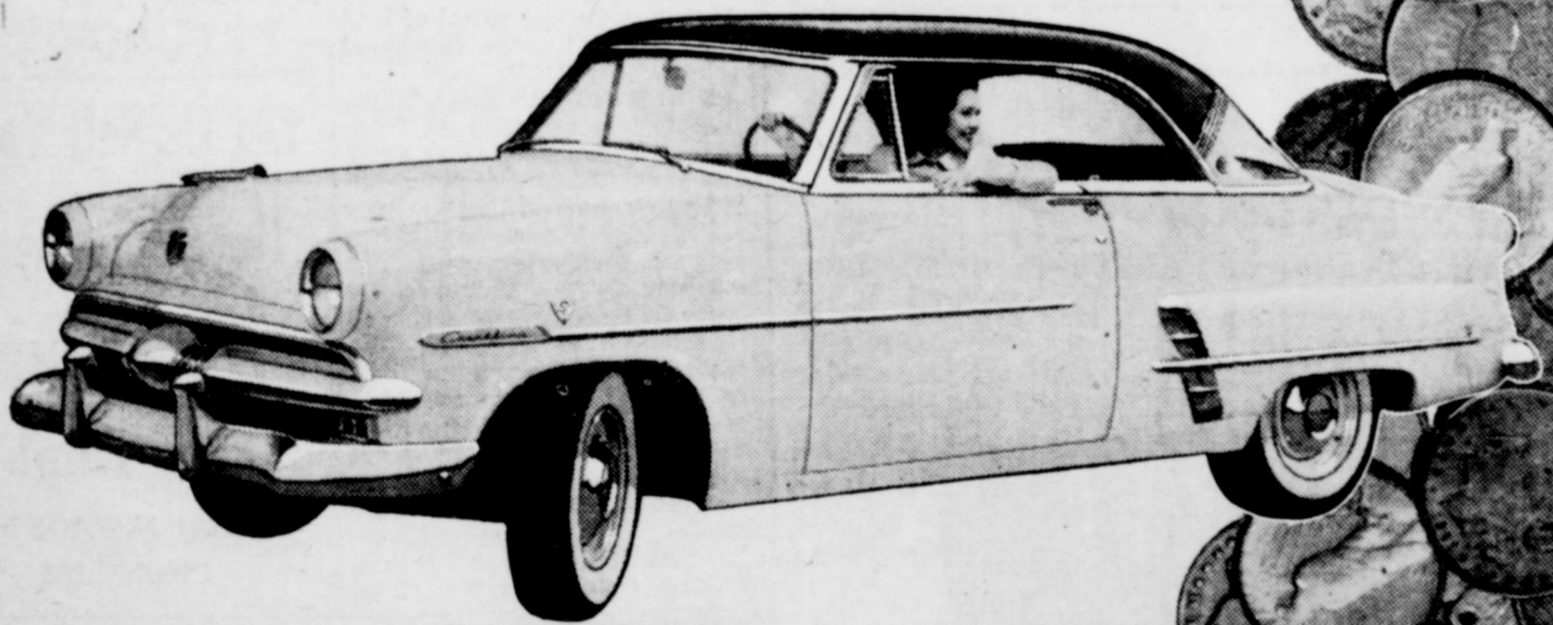
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printed in Taylor County, Texas, the accompanying citation, of which the herein below following is a true copy.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

To: Joe Dyches, if living, and if dead, the unknown heirs, devisees, and legal representatives of the said Joe Dyches, deceased, whose names and places of residence are unknown to the plaintiffs herein; and the unknown owners of the

hereinafter described undivided portion of land whose names and places of residence are unknown to the plaintiffs herein, except as set forth in plaintiffs' petition, and the unknown heirs, devisees and legal representatives of Mrs. Zella Howe, deceased, whose names and places of residence are unknown to the plaintiffs herein, except as set forth in plaintiffs' petition, and all other persons asserting or claiming any title or

interest in and to the hereinafter described undivided 1-4th portion of land, whose names and places of residence are also unknown to the plaintiffs herein, except as set forth in plaintiffs' petition, Defendants Greeting: **YOU ARE HERBY 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 18th day of January, A. D., 1954, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 20th day of November, A. D. 1953, in this cause, numbered 19,420-A on the docket of said court and styled JOHN D. HOWE AND MELVIN HOWE, Plaintiffs, vs. GEORGE DYCHES, MINNIE RENO, JOE DYCHES, if living, and if dead the unknown heirs, devisees and legal representatives of the said Joe Dyches, deceased, and the unknown owners of the hereinafter described portion of land, and the unknown heirs, devisees and legal representatives of Mrs. Zella Howe, deceased, and all other persons asserting or claiming any title or interest in the hereinafter described undivided 1-4th portion of land, Defendants.

Mrs. Zella Howe, a widow, owned an undivided one-fourth interest.

That said ownership was judicially and finally determined by the 42nd District Court of Taylor County, Texas, in consolidated Causes Nos. 15,879-A and 16,137-A, styled "John Howe and M. L. Howe (who were one and the same persons as the plaintiffs carried above herein) versus Zella Howe, a widow," on the 18th day of March, A. D., 1949, the judgment in said cause being hereby referred to and made a part hereof.

That on or about October 1952 Mrs. Zella Howe died and no will has been probated as of the date of the filing of this petition and no administration has been taken out and the plaintiffs do not know the present owners of the undivided one-fourth interest owned by Mrs. Zella Howe at the time of her death, but the plaintiffs would show that the defendant George Dyches is a brother of Mrs. Zella Howe, deceased, and now occupies the hereinafter described property, and on information and belief plaintiffs understand that Minnie Reno is a sister of Mrs. Zella Howe, deceased.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows:

1. Plaintiffs would show that the hereinafter described property on or about October 1952 was owned as follows: Melvin L. Howe and John D. Howe owned an undivided three-fourths interest; and,

2. The plaintiffs would show, therefore, that they are now the owners of an undivided three-fourths interest in the hereinafter described property and the defendants are the owners of an undivided one-fourth interest in said property and that the plaintiffs and defendants are, therefore, the joint owners of said property in fee simple, and together are the sole owners of the hereinafter described real estate.

3. The said real estate is situated in the County of Taylor, State of Texas, and is described as follows: Same being situated in Taylor County, Texas, and being part of the tract of land described and conveyed in and by deed recorded at Page 2 of Volume 41 of Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas, and being the same land conveyed to P. L. Howe (who is same person as said deceased) by deed from A. J. Dillingham and wife, recorded in Vol. 346, page 88, et seq., of Deed Records of said Taylor County, and being described briefly by field notes as follows: BEGINNING at point in S. B. Line of Highway No. 80, 1400 ft. N. 85-1-2 degrees W. and 15 ft. South of N. E. corner of Tract of land described in deed first above mentioned.

THENCE N. 85-1-2 degrees W. with the S. B. line of said highway No. 80, 351 feet to an iron pipe for N. W. corner of this tract; THENCE S. 287-1-2 feet to iron pipe for S. W. corner of this tract; THENCE S. 86 degrees East 282 feet to an iron pipe for S. E. corner of this tract; THENCE N. 17 E. 287-1-2 feet to place of beginning; LESS the following described tract of land which has been and may yet be the subject of condemnation proceedings instituted by the State of Texas, and which is described as follows:

BEING a tract or parcel of land out of the E. Ramirez Survey of Taylor County, Texas, BEGINNING at a point in the South right-of-way line of U. S. Highway 80, said point being South 05 deg. 00' W. 50 feet from center line chaining station 511 plus 90.4 of said highway; THENCE along said South right-of-way line S. 85 deg. 00' E. 351 feet to the Northeast corner of the grantor's property; THENCE Along the grantor's East property line S. 17 deg. 30' west 76.8 ft. to a point in the proposed South right-of-way line of said highway, said point being S. 05 deg. 00' W. 125 ft. from centerline chaining station 508 plus 56 of said proposed highway; THENCE along said proposed South right-of-way line N. 85

deg. 00' W. 334.4 feet to the grantor's West property line; THENCE along the grantor's West property line N. 05 deg. 00' E. 75 feet to the place of beginning. Said tract of land contains 0.590 acres, more or less.

Such real estate is of the estimated value of \$25,000.00.

4. Plaintiffs would further plead that the small strip of land above described which is, or has been the subject of condemnation, also be the subject of this partition proceedings and be disposed of herein as well as the larger tract; provided, that title is still in the plaintiffs and the defendants herein. But if title is not in the plaintiffs and defendants herein but has already been vested in the State of Texas through said partition proceedings, then said tract should not be the subject of this proceeding.

5. Plaintiffs sue herein for partition of said described real estate in kind, if this Honorable Court finds that same can be partitioned in kind in the proportions hereinabove set out; and, in the alternative, if the Court finds it cannot be so partitioned in kind, that same be ordered sold by the Court and the proceeds distributed and, plaintiffs would further show in this connection, that in the event this Court on hearing hereof determines that said real estate cannot be fairly and equitably partitioned in kind, that a receiver should be appointed to sell the entire described tract of real estate for cash, or upon such terms as the Court shall direct by private or public sale under the orders of this Court.

WHEREFORE, plaintiffs pray that citation issue and that said real estate be partitioned among such joint owners as provided by law; or, in the alternative, that same be sold and the proceeds distributed as the law provides; and that the Court appoint a receiver in the event the same is not partitioned in kind; and that said receiver sell said property and after the expenses of receivership are paid and the Court costs are paid that the remaining proceeds be divided in proportion to the respective interests as the Court finds their interest and proportion to be and for such further relief as they may show themselves, entitled either at law or in equity.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved. The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs. Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this 1st day of December, A. D. 1953. Attest: J. NEIL DANIEL, Clerk, 42nd District Court Taylor County, Texas By Irene Crawford, Deputy. Ad.—Dec. 4, 11, 18, 27.

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Livestock Report

By TED GOULDY Monday was the 12th anniversary of "Pear Harbor Day." Americans recalled this tragic day when the infamous Jap attack took place in various ways.

A group of us at the Fort Worth Stockyards got talking about it and the question came up, "How do livestock prices today, compare with those the week before the Pearl Harbor attack?"

We looked it up and got a surprise. We think the comparison of pre-World War II prices with those paid at Fort Worth Monday will be interesting to you, too!

One thing sure is that you agree "a lot of water has run under the bridge since Dec. 7, 1941!"

At Fort Worth Monday fat steers and yearlings and slaughter cows were about steady in a slow trade. Some tippy fat calves were strong to 50c higher. Bulls and stocker and feeder cattle and calves were fully steady.

Comparing prices with Dec. 7, 1941 Good and choice fed steers and yearlings today sold for \$16 to \$22.25 — the same grades 12 years ago sold from \$9 to \$11.75 at Fort Worth!

Common and medium slaughter steers and heifers at \$10 to \$15 Monday, sold from \$6.50 to \$9.

Fat cows at Fort Worth Monday brought \$5.50 to \$12.50. Twelve years ago they drew \$5.25 to \$7.75. Canners and cutters sold for \$3 to \$6.25, then, and this week sold from \$6 to \$10.

Bulls at \$5.75 to \$7.50, sold at \$7 to \$12.50 this week.

On Monday good and choice slaughter calves sold at \$14 to \$20, a load at the latter figure from Graham. Twelve years ago on the first Pearl Harbor day their value was \$9.50 to \$11.75. Cull to medium Slaughter calves this week drew \$8 to \$13.50, and then they sold from \$6 to \$9.50.

Good and choice stocker and feeder steers and yearlings a dozen years ago sold at \$8.50 to

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\$10.75, and tippy steer calves reached \$12.

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Heifers and stocker heifer calves presently sell around \$2 under steers and at that time averaged \$1 or \$1.25 less.

Sheep and lambs sold at steady prices at Fort Worth Monday and good and choice fat woolled lambs sold at \$18 to \$19, and good choice shorn lambs sold from \$17 to \$17.50. A dozen years ago comparable lambs sold here at \$9 to \$10.50.

Slaughter yearlings sold here Monday at \$10 to \$14, compared with yearlings at \$8 to \$9.50 12 years ago.

On Monday slaughter ewes drew \$6 to \$7, and breeder ewes sold for \$7 to \$10. Old wethers cashed at \$7 to \$10, and old bucks drew \$3 to \$4.

Big Celebration To Feature Air Force Exhibits

San Antonio, famed and historic Air Force center, will go all out in its celebration of the 50th anniversary of powered flight, December 17.

A big downtown parade, special performances by the San Antonio Symphony Orchestra, a state-wide Chamber of Commerce dinner and an array of Air Force exhibits throughout the city are among events arranged.

Sarah Churchill, daughter of the British prime minister and well-known stage and television personality, will be mistress of ceremonies at the two performances, Dec. 17 and 18, of Marc Blitzstein's colorful "Airborne" Symphony by the San Antonio Orchestra and Musical Director Victor Alessandro.

The December 17 performance of the symphony, and ceremonies honoring air dignitaries preceding it, will be recorded for broadcast over the coast-to-coast facilities of the National Broadcasting Company 6:30 - 7:30 p. m. (EST) — 5:30 — 6:30 p. m. (CST).

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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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Sunday School 10 a. m.
Morning Service 11 a. m.
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Evening Worship 7:30 p. m.
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Wed. Prayer Service 7:30 p. m.

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Sunday Mass 10:30 a. m.

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Sunday:
Bible Study 9:45 a. m.
Morning Service 11:00 a. m.
Young People's Bible Class 6:30 p. m.
Evening Services 7:30 p. m.

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Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
Worship Service 11 a. m.
Evening Services 7:30 p. m.

New Live Oak Baptist Church
Sunday:
Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
Morning Worship 11 a. m.
Training Union 6:45 p. m.
Evening Worship 7:30 p. m.

Noodle Baptist Church
Sunday:
Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.
Young People's Class 6:30 p. m.
Evening Services 7:30 p. m.

Noodle Church of Christ
Sunday:
Bible Class 10:00 a. m.
Morning Worship Service 11:00 a. m.
Young People's Service 6:30 p. m.
Evening Worship 7:30 p. m.

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

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

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Sunday School 9:45 a. m.
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Services held first Sunday of month and Saturday preceding.

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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 7:30 p. m.
Wednesday:
Prayer Service 7:30 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.

Amity Baptist Church
Morning Service 11:15 a. m.
Sunday School 10:30 a. m.
Evening Bible Class 6:30 p. m.
Evening Services 7:30 p. m.

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

Trent First Baptist Church
Evening Worship 7:30 p. m.
Sunday:
Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.
Training Union 6:45 p. m.
Evening Services 7:30 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 School 11:00 o'clock
Bible Class 10:00 a. m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.
Evening Services 7:30 p. m.
Ladies Bible Class 4:00 p. m.

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

Tye Methodist Church
Sunday:
Sunday School 10 a. m.
M. Y. F. 7:00 p. m.
Prayer Meeting 7:30 p. m.
Morning Service 11:00 a. m.

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

Middle Clear Fork Soil Conservation News



NEW SOIL CONSERVATION EQUIPMENT
The above photo shows a rock-picking machine recently purchased by supervisors of the Middle Clear Fork Soil Conservation District.

building two miles of terraces north west of Noodle. Hollis Huddleston, Mrs. M. G. Bryan, R. O. Anderson, Lonnie Beaird, and J. G. Wilks are making preparations to build terraces.

Texas Business Swings Upward U. of Tex. Reports

October business activity in Texas was 2 per cent greater than in September, even after making adjustments for the seasonal upswing, the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research reports.

The October figure justifies optimism for the near future, the Bureau said. The indications do not signal the end of the decline in business activity, but the fact that the decline has not gained more momentum by this time is an encouraging sign.

HORSE FOSSILS FOUND

A University of Texas graduate student has discovered geological evidence on the Texas Gulf Coast of horse fossils estimated to be 20 to 30 million years old. The discoveries, by James H. Quinn of Austin, are expected to give geologists a sound basis for subdividing surface rocks of the estimated age just mentioned.

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Badger Chevrolet
Johnny Jacobs has recently made extra fills in low places in his terraces southeast of Merkel. He will plow the terraces up before final land preparation. Dan Butler has done extensive fill work and is enlarging terraces on his farm north of Trent. A number of terracing jobs are in progress in the Merkel-Trent area. Mrs. Johnny Sears Snyder has just completed a syrup-pan terrace system near Noodle. Mack Hodo, Jr., has finished an eight-mile terrace job north of Trent the past week. C. E. Tipton is

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EDITORIAL

BROTHER PHIL'S LETTER

It appears that this column is getting more personal as each week passes. Last week it was about Ma Wrench and this week we are inclined to feature brother Phil of New York. We just received a letter from him.

It has been a long time since we heard from him and he begins his letter:

"I received your letter of Aug. 23. You will ask me why I did not answer sooner. I will not answer that but say it is my humor. Are you answered?"

Then he labels it Shakespeare. Of course I recognized it at once as a paraphrase of a speech by Antonio in "The Merchant of Venice." And by the way, it was our brother Phil, who is an actor, who introduced us to Shakespeare when we were very young. He used to "spout" it around the house

and one could not help hearing it.

Then he goes on:
"Or say it is my ill humor from my ventures and other ventures, etc."

"I also received your press clipping, the write-up in the Abilene Reporter-News. You know, your photo reminds me of Gov. Byrd of Virginia. It was nice to see your face. But I thought the press should print the facts. I helped you boys in college not to become actors as you stated."

Yes, we know, you wanted us to have more education. But reporters slip just like other human beings. The wonder is not that we make so many mistakes but that we make so few errors. Then he continues:

"Oh, I forgot. You said I was in ill health. Nothing of the sort. I feel O. K. Anybody can catch a cold or virus. However, I'll forgive you."

Well, now that is great news. We really thought he was in ill health. But we guess a toothache or a cold or a virus can be enlarged to appear like ill health. Well we'll have to discuss the philosophy of the subject further with the doctor.

Is a toothache ill health? Is a cold ill health? Is a virus ill health?

Off-hand, our reply would be that a toothache gives us pain, that a cold gives us discomfort and that a virus is a misery. But that still does not answer the question of whether they put one in ill health.

But back to the serious side of things. Brother Phil is a sensitive human being, just like almost all actors are. It is said of one great actor, we believe it was Sir Henry Irving, that off the stage he was very shy.

Brother Phil never does pass up an outstretched hand. His thought is that it is better to give to the undeserving than to miss the one who really is in need.

He has played with Helen Hays in "The Candle in the Wind." He supported Walter Hampden in "The Patriots." He received 17 curtain calls in London when he

opened up in "Potash and Perlmutter."

In regard to our write-up of our talks before the school children on "Freedom of the Press," he remarked, "I liked your article. I played John Peter Zenger on radio."

Zenger won his case in 1735 when he was arrested for printing criticism of the government, which resulted in the freedom of the press being in the Bill of Rights of the Federal Constitution.

"WHITE-ICISM"

That's ALL — and the Sage of Figfield adds that the plays the thing that gives us all a fling.

Washington

"As It Looks From Here"

OMAR BURLISON
Congressman
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The former Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, Gordon E. Dean, with whom I served in the Navy during World War II, has proposed that we advise Russia, "Let's tell them and mean it that while we hate the thought of using atomic bombs, the next Soviet aggression must be regarded as an invitation to use them, if need be, to stop the aggression."

The Foreign Aid Program, whether in the form of military assistance or Mutual Security, will be more carefully scrutinized by Congress during the next session than ever before.

Congress is not likely to vote for any appropriation of money just to help a foreign country.

The talk of a depression doubtless caused the Administration to try to change its hard-money policy. In addition, the program for a balanced budget next year is being abandoned.

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PERSONAL

Mrs. A. A. Betterton and two children, Joe and Evelyn, of Midland visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Adcock, Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. A. C. La Croix of Ft. Worth is visiting her daughter, Mrs. G. D. McConnell, and Mr. McConnell.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Walden had all their children home for Thanksgiving dinner: Messrs. and Mesdames Clarence Walden and two daughters, Mary and Kathy, of Midland; Woodrow Walden and Judy, Troyce Bagley and Marsha Jan, all of Abilene, and Fred Horton and Edward of Hodges.



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FORTNIGHTLY PLANS XMAS PARTY FOR GOLDEN-AGERS

"The American Home" was the theme when members of the Fortnightly Study Club met in the home of Mrs. S. D. Gamble Dec. 8. Mrs. Paul West and Mrs. George T. Moore presented Mrs. Max Randolph of Abilene who gave "Pointers on Interior Decorating."

Mrs. Randolph was club consultant with a large paint company during which time she was reviewed books for over 300 clubs.

"There is magic in color," she said. Then she went on to explain that it costs no more to make the home attractive than to leave it dull. She closed her talk with a review of "Mother of the Groom."

During the business session a vote of thanks was given to all who worked so hard to make a success of the turkey dinner.

Plans for the Golden-Agers Christmas party were announced for Dec. 19 and a committee was appointed to send out invitations. Mrs. Woodrow Wilson heads this committee.

Mrs. P. W. Miller was named chairman of the committee to help decorate the Christmas tree at the Community Center. The club voted to buy a string of lights.

Roll call was answered by 30 members. Guests were Mrs. Booth Warren, Mrs. Weston West and Mrs. Randolph.

LOCAL MEN SEE NEW 1954 CHEVROLET IN FT. WORTH TUESDAY

Jack Miller, Calvin Peterson and Kent Satterwhite were in Fort Worth Tuesday to see the dealers' showing of the new 1954 Chevrolet.

A new line of Chevrolet passenger cars, improved in appearance and performance, will go on display here soon.

Mr. Miller, of Badger Chevrolet Company, made the announcement on his return from Fort Worth.

"In line with the customary Chevrolet policy at these annual closed meetings, we have been asked not to reveal details of the new cars," said Mr. Miller. "The company feels that its automotive progress can be fully appreciated only by first-hand inspection. For this reason we make every effort to keep the models under wraps until the national showing, when they can be seen only in dealer showrooms."

For his local introduction, Mr. Miller plans special showroom decorations and a program that will make the event unusual.

RUSSIAN XMAS CAROL

A Russian Christmas carol by the Hardin-Simmons University Chapel Choir will open the traditional Christmas concert by the H-SU choirs Friday in Behrens Chapel at 8:15 p. m., according to Euell Porter, choir director.

The five-part program, directed by Mr. Porter, chairman of the voice department, will be opened by the Chapel Choir singing carols and Negro spirituals.

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