

Little League To Be Sponsored Again by Lions

The Lions Club voted Tuesday to sponsor the Little League again this year.

Rev. S. E. Tullock, president of the league last year, brought the matter before the club. He stated that the application with fee must be in by February 1.

Principal C. A. Farley spoke on the March of Dimes. He told about the 5 per cent increase in the local quota and the reason for this.

Butch Palmer Kills First Deer With One Shot

Clesby Patterson, son Buddy, Nolan Palmer and son Butch went hunting at Junction Monday and Tuesday of last week and got an 8-point buck.

Butch is 12 years old. This was the first time he had ever shot at a deer.

for holidays was brought up by Isadore Mellinger. President Mack Fisher presided at the meeting.

Youngsters Hail The New Year With Devotional

The New Year's Eve Party held by the Young People of the Church of Christ at the Community Center was greatly enjoyed.

There were 52 present. The party started at 8 p. m. and ended at 12:05 midnight.

Some games were played and songs were sung for a while. There were a few specials.

At 10:30 p. m. refreshments were served. After that a few went to the midnight show while the rest played games and sang.



FRED SANNER named vice-president

Fred Sanner Named Vice President Of Sports Writers

Fred Sanner, Abilene Reporter-News sports writer and expert on West Texas high school football, was elected vice president of the Texas Sports Writers Association January 1.

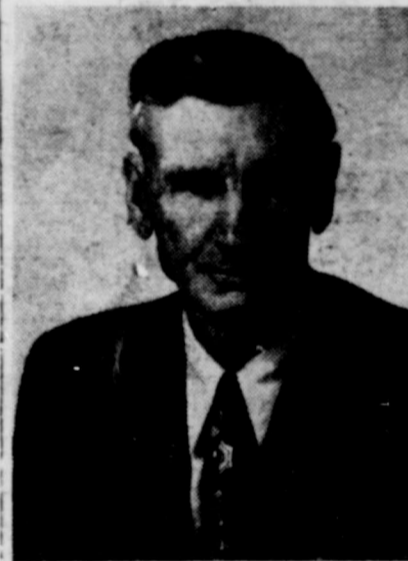
His election took place at the group's annual meeting held in Dallas. The association meets each year on New Year's in connection with the Cotton Bowl football game.

This year Fred served as state chairman of the AA All-State football selection committee of the Texas Sports Writers Association.

Fred has great respect for the ability of Coach Carroll Benson. "Watch the Skipper," is what he remarks about Coach Benson.

250 AT SINGING

The New Year's Eve all-night singing at Pioneer Church was a big success, reported Tom Russon. About 250 attended.



RUFE TITTLE

Rufe Tittle Has Announced for His Re-election

Rufe Tittle has announced his candidacy to succeed himself for the office of county commissioner of precinct No. 2.

Commissioner Tittle has served this precinct in this office for the past five years. His record speaks for itself and it is on record that he asks the continued support of the voters.

In making his announcement Commissioner Tittle stated: "I want the voters to know that I appreciate very much their past favors and considerations. It has been a privilege to serve you; it will be a continued privilege if you elect me to office again."

"I have tried in the past and will continue to do so in the future to look after the interests of our precinct at all times.

"A lot has already been done for the precinct and there is a lot more to be done. In the near future some of the biggest and most vital issues that will affect this area are to come up.

There is the right of way for Highway 80. There is the matter of taxation. And there are other issues. "I have studied these problems carefully and I hope to be able with the consent of the voters to continue to handle these problems to the best interest of the precinct. "Your vote and your influence will be deeply appreciated."

Allen D. Glenn Opens Office To Practice Law

Allen D. Glenn has opened his office here for the practice of law. He is located at 132 Kent, in the Post Office Building.

Mr. Glenn received his LL. B. degree from the University of Texas in August, 1953. He graduated from Abilene Christian College with a B. A. degree 1950.

He was born in Springfield, Mo., and went to school there. He was in the Army from July, 1943, to June 1946, and saw a year's service in England.

His wife, the former Esme Estes is the older daughter of Dr. Sol Estes of Abilene. She graduated from the Abilene High School. She went to Abilene Christian College for two years and then finished at the University of Texas, receiving her bachelor of science degree in art. She has taught grade school in Austin.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn were married December 24, 1950.

1954 Ford Autos Are Introduced By Paul Honeycutt

The 1954 Ford passenger cars now on display at Paul Honeycutt Motors feature the following Ford exclusives in the high volume field:

An entirely new 130-h. p. Y-block V-8 engine with overhead valves. A new 115-h. p. I-block Mileage Maker Six engine, noted for economy. New ball-joint front suspension which Ford engineers call the greatest advance in front suspension in 20 years.

The Skyliner — an entirely new hardtop model with tinted, transparent plastic roof over the driving compartment. A smart new Ford Sunliner convertible with an unusual transparent plastic panel inserted in the top over the front seat to provide overhead visibility.

Four new power-operated driving assists: Power brakes, power steering, 4-way power seat, power-lift windows, Fordomatic transmission.

Bill Mack Show To Appear Here Tuesday, Jan. 12

The "Bill Mack Show" from KWFT and KWFT-TV in Wichita Falls is scheduled for an appearance in Merkel under the auspices of the Boy Scouts, Troop 20, on the night of January 12 at 8 p. m.

The show will feature music, comedy and fun for all ages... starring Bill Mack and his Blue Sage Boys — and co-starring the Callahan Brothers, Columbia Record Stars.

Bill Mack has gained national attention from his Imperial Records and compositions of such hit songs as "When the Sun Goes Down," "Play My Boggie," "Ain't It a Shame," "I'll Still Be Waiting" and many more.

The Callahan Brothers also produced a hit song in their "Blue Letters." They were also co-featured in a motion picture with Jimmy Wakely.

Admission prices for the "Bill Mack Show" are: Adults 60 cents; children (under 12) 3 cents. Advance tickets may be purchased from any member of Troop 20.

The show will be held in the school cafeteria.

GIRL TO BOBBY HUNTERS To Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Hunter a girl was born on New Year's Day at the Sadler Hospital.

GIRL TO JACK TARPLEYS Mr. and Mrs. Jack Tarpley are the parents of a girl born at the Sadler Hospital January 5.

JAMES BOYDS HAVE BOY A boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. James Boyd at the Sadler Hospital December 31.

DOLLAR DAY NOTE As next week's issue will carry Dollar Day ads the merchants are kindly requested to have their ads ready early.

Father and Son Are Crash Victims In Sunday Wreck

Graveside rites were held at 4 p. m. Monday in Trent Cemetery for George L. Price, 77, and his son, Cullen H. Price, 34, who burned to death in an automobile crash near Brownwood Sunday evening.

Rev. Dwayne Welch, Baptist pastor at Trent, officiated at the services. Burial was under the direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

Father and son were en route to Galveston at the time of the accident. A daughter of the elder Price, Mrs. Jim Smith of Merkel, was scheduled to undergo surgery at John Sealey Hospital there.

They died in the flaming wreckage of their 1951 Chevrolet after it collided with another car on U. S. Highway 84 about midway between Brownwood and Bangs.

Four Bangs high school boys in the other car were injured, none seriously.

The two cars collided head-on on a slight incline along a straight stretch of highway at about 6 p. m. investigating officers said.

Sam Butman, Sr., Reaches Age of 91 Honored at Party

Sam Butman, Sr., who was 91 on Dec. 23, was honored with a birthday dinner and party on Dec. 20 in the home of Mrs. Euel Ray.

After a bountiful dinner, served cafeteria style, Santa Claus came and left gifts for everyone.

Those attending were nine of his children and families, Mrs. J. B. Sloan of Big Spring, Mrs. Tom Russon, Mrs. Euel Ray, Mrs. Joe Swinney, Miss Lottie Butman, Will, Sam, Jr., Louis and Ford.

DAMAGED BY FIRE

The Swap Shop was damaged by smoke and heat when a fire broke out at 10 a. m. Tuesday. Smoke also did damage at the Ira Cross Upholstery, next door. The Fire Department put out the fire.

HAS MAJOR SURGERY

Herbie Kay Skinner underwent major surgery at the Sadler Hospital January 5.

POSTPONE SINGING

The regular singing of the second Sunday has been postponed at the Pioneer Church.

HAS BIBLE COURSE ALL THIS WEEK

The First Baptist Church is conducting a Bible Study Course all this week. The book is entitled "Study in Psalms." The minister, Rev. S. E. Tullock is the teacher.

Good Old Days When Harley Sadler Came to Town With Show Recalled

The good old days "When Knighthood Was in Flower" and Senator Harley Sadler was delighting the public with real live actors were brought to mind in the issue of The Mail of 20 years ago, Jan. 12.

On page 2 column two in found the heading, "Harley Sadler and Roy E. Fox Players Coming Next Week." The picture of Billie Sadler and Roy E. Fox appeared with the story.

In the article it tells about Mr. Sadler bringing the most beautiful tent theatre ever built, with a special heating system which insures a comfortable tent in any kind of weather.

Then the article revives memories of long ago when vaudeville had standing and was a happy part of the world of the show. The story names xylophonist, dancer, jugglers, juvenile songster, Alpine yodlers and a 12-piece orchestra. And then it adds,

"As a special added attraction, Harley Sadler presents the origin-

'Watch Night Party' Enjoyed By Methodists

The "Watch Night Party" by the Methodist young folks was a big success.

At 7:30 p. m. New Year's Eve 30 of them met at the Methodist parsonage with their sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. William Cypert, Mrs. Virgil Patterson and Miss Betty Jane Tittle. Mental and physical games were played.

At 9:30 p. m. they all went to the Methodist Church where more games were played and refreshments were served.

At 11:20 p. m. the "Watch Night Service" began with Mr. Cypert as leader. As a conclusion to the service Rev. Aubrey F. White, pastor, brought a brief message and then they observed the Lord's Supper.

The service was finished at three minutes after 12 and the church tower chimes were rung at the end.

New Ford Trucks Now on Display At Honeycutt's

Ford's 1954 line of trucks, powered by five new ultra-modern short-stroke, low-friction, high-economy truck engines and featuring the first tandem axle unit ever built by Ford, is now on display at Paul Honeycutt Motors.

The five truck lines, including 24 series and more than 220 models range from 4,000 lbs. to 40,000 lbs. rated gross vehicle weight. They again feature Ford's famous "driverized" cabs which last year helped bring Ford a record 150 per cent truck sales increase over the previous year, said Mr. Honeycutt. And master-guide power steering now is available on the big jobs with Fordomatic fully-automatic transmission on all light duty models.

New to the line are the Series T-700 and T-800 tandem axle trucks which gross combination weights up to 60,000 lbs. They are factory-built with all components engineered for tandem operation.

Brings Warm Ray of Friendship Into Merkel Last Saturday

It was like home-coming week at The Merkel Mail office last Saturday afternoon. And it may have been the same all over town.

The reason? Editor Thomas Durham was in town. He was accompanied by his wife and their son Neil of Clovis, New Mexico, where Mr. Durham edits the Curry County Times. They were all here visiting Editor and Mrs. Durham's son Postmaster Wrenn Durham, Mrs. Durham and daughters, Penny and Dana. They were here over the weekend.

While in The Mail office Editor Durham recalled the days of 1920 when he published The Merkel Mail. While in the office different folks came in and the wide smile of welcome with which Editor Durham greeted each one was like a brilliant ray of sunshine.

"When W. R. Cox came in, Mr. Durham spread his warm smile and went up to the man and put his arm around him.

"You know," he said, "you look just like you used to look, not a day older. You look as healthy as ever. You know, I remember faces, but I don't remember names so well. What is your name?" "Cox, W. R. Cox."

"Sure, I remember now. You know, I've been all around town meeting the old timers and it feels good to do that. It's like meeting blood relatives," said Editor Durham.

The Price car burst into flame immediately, and both men were dead by the time the fire was extinguished by the Brownwood Fire Department.

George L. Price, a retired farmer, lived about one-half mile east of Trent.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Callie Price; five daughters, Mrs. Roy Buchanan, Mrs. Jim Smith, and Mrs. Doris Farmer, all of Merkel, Mrs. W. D. Crawford of Midland, and Mrs. Wade Davis of Abilene; two sons, Nolan Price of Compton, Calif., and Lonzele Price of Bel Garden, Calif.; a brother, Will Price of Santa Anna; two sisters, Mrs. Frankie White of Caddo Mills and Mrs. Emma Aills of Gilmer; 15 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Cullen H. Price is survived by his wife, the former Bernada Keyes of Merkel, and a son, Jerry, 9.

A pumper and gauger for Skelly Oil Co., for the past five years, the younger Price was a veteran of World War II. Born July 25, 1919, at Pittsburg, he was married in June, 1943.

OIL NEWS

Geochemical & Robert E. Mead Merkel Township have put up a rig and are ready to drill on the block of the Higgins Blacksmith Shop.

Location for a 4,600-foot wildcat was staked six miles north of Trent in southwestern Jones County. It is Ted Weiner, et al, of Fort Worth No. 1 Butler.

Roark & Hooker et al has just completed another good well for Roy Largent, and are drilling another one just east of the latest completion.

Cresslen Oil Co., et al are now drilling their third well for W. J. Largent, 3 1/2 miles north of Merkel.

North American Oil Co., et al C. L. Irvin No. 1, are trying for completion in the Pilo Pinto Reef, as they had a good drill stem test at that depth.

Pittman & Sellers et al, from Midland, are drilling on the Hester Estate, two miles east and one mile south of Merkel.

Crown Central Oil Co., has completed their No. 14, W. S. J. Brown five miles north and one mile west of Merkel.

American Trading Oil Co., are drilling deeper on the A. W. Clemmer farm, 2 1/2 miles northwest of Stith after encountering a good well in the Swastika, around 2900 feet.

Rev., Mrs. Tullock Will Attend Baptist Meeting

Rev. and Mrs. S. E. Tullock will be in Ft. Worth from Monday to Wednesday of next week, attending the Texas Baptist Evangelistic Conference. About 7,000 Baptists are expected.

Rev. Billy Graham will be the featured speaker Tuesday evening.

Merkel 20 Years Ago

TAKEN FROM THE 1933 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL

H. M. RAINBOLT DIES H. M. Rainbolt died at 5:30 a. m. Thursday at the age of 76. He was a former county commissioner and a prominent member of the Methodist Church. He was born Dec. 9, 1858, in Angulina county. He married Miss Carrie Bell Cook on Nov. 6, 1884. They went to Taylor County in 1904. The family moved to Merkel in 1920.

MARY ANN DOUGLAS DIES Mrs. Mary Ann Douglas died at the family residence four miles northwest of town Saturday morning about 11:30 o'clock. Mrs. Douglas, former Miss Ann Craven, was born Aug. 25, 1860, in North Carolina. On Dec. 25, 1879, she married Calvin Joseph Douglas. In 1889 they moved to the Merkel community.

URGES PREVENTION With reference to health conditions in Merkel and the surrounding district Dr. C. B. Gardner, district and city health officer, in a public statement to The Mail urges specific prevention measures to fight certain diseases, especially those that attack children.

RECORD BIRTHS Born to Mr. and Mrs. Rex Martin a girl Jan. 5. Mr. and Mrs. C. Moran a girl Jan. 6. Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Adair Handley twin boys January 11.

CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Banner celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

This Happened in Merkel Forty Years Ago

TAKEN FROM THE 1913 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL

In addition to our hardware business we are now making arrangements to open up an absolutely new line of dry goods and groceries. In our dry goods department we have secured the services of Mr. and Mrs. Austin Pitts. In the grocery department Messrs. Robert Hicks and Owen Ellis will be pleased to wait on you. A. C. Rose, H. L. Propst and R. L. Bland proprietors.

W. L. Harkrider and family and Mrs. Asa Sheppard motored to Abilene Tuesday afternoon in the former's car.

M. J. Whisenant returned from Lone Oak Saturday where he has been visiting his brother, C. J. Whisenant.

sary by holding open house. Jacob Banner and Sabra Bates were married Jan. 8, 1873, in Comanche County. The celebration included a family dinner.

CULTURE INSTITUTE STARTS The Christian Culture Institute for Tye, Stith, Trent and Merkel begins here Sunday, Jan. 14. Herbert Patterson is to be the dean of the institute. Rev. W. R. Reeves of Trent will teach the course, "Leadership Training," and Rev. P. M. Gates will teach "Evangelism."

TO DEDICATE CHURCH The West Side Baptist Church at Tye, completed within 30 days from the date of starting without a stick of timber on the ground, will be dedicated Sunday. The house of worship, complete with a piano and covered by insurance, is fully paid for.

WILL SUPPLY TRAPS Under the direction of Tom Durham, local supervisor, assisted by Clyde Mayfield, the work of signing the business houses for permission to put out traps—the first step in Uncle Sam's campaign to stamp out rodents in Taylor and Jones Counties — has been completed.

REPORT GINNINGS Tabulation of the 1933 ginnings at the seven gins in Merkel and those at Blair, Stith and Noodle showed 17,038 bales. Last year the figure compiled by The Mail from the same gins was 27,266 bales.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Lamar have enjoyed a visit from their daughter, Mrs. R. C. Tyler, of Baird.

Bill Sheppard was a social caller in Sweetwater last Friday evening.

Miss Gladys Walters entertained Monday evening with a Progressive Heart Party.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Baxendale celebrated the 20th anniversary of their marriage last Monday evening at their home on Edwards St. Progressive "42" furnished diversion for an enjoyable evening. A salad course with hot chocolate was served to Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Sadler, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Grimes, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Bland, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. McMillen and Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Pate

NEWS ABOUT TOWN

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sledge and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Norwood of Clyde spent Sunday in Comanche with Mrs. Sledge's mother, Mrs. J. H. Lloyd.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Walker, Dale and Betsy of Lubbock were here over the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Fox. They reported D. R. Thompson as improving from his illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Lon Stephens and Mary were in Coleman Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Wright and family.

A 1/c Robert W. Sledge and girl friend, Miss Johnnie Griffith, of Big Spring were guests Friday

and Saturday of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sledge.

Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Paimer attended the Cotton Bowl game in Dallas last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Renfro had as weekend guests their children and his sister, Mrs. Ernest Thornton, and Mr. Thornton of Olney. Mr. Renfro who has been ill is improved.

Mr. and Mrs. T. K. Marshall and daughter, Mrs. Dennis Davis, and Mr. Davis visited five days with Mrs. Marshall's sister, Mrs. Buster Richardson, and Mr. Richardson at Emmett, California.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester McWilliams and family and Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McWilliams visited Sunday in Big Spring with his sister, Mrs. E. R. Thompson, and brother Ward and families. They returned with

Joy who had been there one week.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lackey of El Paso spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Truett Thompson. Mr. Lackey is in the Army and she is teaching at Ballinger.

E. O. Carson spent last Friday with his brother J. P. and family in Midland.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Mewborn and son Edwin were in Ranger on Jan. 1 with Mr. and Mrs. Alex Robertson.

Edna McGee visited her brother, Foy Warlick, and family in Clyde during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. John Turner of Grand Falls visited over the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Walton.

Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Pee were spectators at the Cotton Bowl game last Friday.

Mrs. Clarence Perry returned Saturday from Odessa after visiting a week with her children.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Richardson and children spent the New Year holidays with her parents, City Marshall and Mrs. A. D. Fulton. Isadore, Meyer and Sylvan Melinger attended the Cotton Bowl game last Friday.

Pvt. Buddy McKeever returned to Fort Bliss, El Paso, last Saturday night after spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. McKeever.

Mrs. Royce Eiland and three children of Folsom, New Mexico, of the Largent Ranch, are here on a two-month visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Joe Largent. Two of the children are already going to school here.

Mrs. Joe Weston of Midland visited several days here last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Demere.

Mr. and Mrs. Ocie Day and daughters, Anne and Elaine of Chandler, Okla. spent the holidays with relatives and their grandmother, Mrs. Myrtle Boden.

Mr. and Mrs. Ace Sheppard are in Dallas with their son Sterling, who is ill in a hospital there.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ford Smith, Jr., over the holidays were: Mrs. Smith's brother, Mr. and Mrs. James D. Graves, Margaret and Sandy of Houston, Miss Jean Hughes, daughter of Mrs. Smith from McMurry College, another daughter, Mrs. Odis A. Claxton, Jr. Mr. Claxton and daughter Cynthia of Abilene, and Mr. Smith's son, Mr. and Mrs. Berry Ford Smith of Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul H. Douglass of Ruidoso, New Mexico, were here last week, visiting relatives and friends and on business.

Visitors Christmas Day in the home of Mrs. Sallie Horton and her mother, Mrs. Taylor Ann Blackburn, were Mr. and Mrs. John Blackburn of Crosbytown, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Pyle of Sweetwater and Mrs. Nelma Alexander and daughter of Borger, A 1/c and Mrs. Hollis McLean of Fort Worth, Henry Lee Stout of Houston, Mrs.

WELCOME

1954

As the old year ends, we want to thank all the folks who, through their confidence and their patronage, have helped to make it a good year for this bank.

We extend sincere wishes that 1954 will be a year of progress, prosperity and good health for you and your family.

May many new opportunities come your way. We shall be very happy if we can help you to make the most of them.

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B. H. Riney, Mrs. Dewel McLean and Miss Cevene Neill.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Fraizer, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Fraizer and two children of Clint, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Masserang and son Weldon of Pecos spent the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Fraizer's and Mrs. Masserang's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Turner. Other children of Mr. and Mrs. Turner who visited in the home were Mr. and Mrs. Vergil Turner and family of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ensminger, Mrs. Vada Coats and children, Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Patterson, Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wallace of Arlington and grandchildren of the Turners.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Jaynes and boys returned Sunday to their home in Tucumcari, New Mexico, after spending the holidays in Merkel with their folks. Lucy, Kathy and Patricia Leeton of Fort Worth are visiting their great aunts, Myrtle Wozencraft and Mrs. N. E. Wood.

Mrs. Julia Hampton returned Friday from a trip to Austin and Corpus where she met her great grandchild, Kerry Beene, at the latter town.

**STATEMENT OF CONDITION
FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK
MERKEL, TEXAS**

CLOSE OF BUSINESS, DECEMBER 31, 1953

RESOURCES

Loans	\$ 487,550.21
Overdrafts	544.36
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	4,500.00
Furniture and Fixtures	2,500.00

AVAILABLE CASH AND QUICK ASSETS:

CCC Cotton Loans and Certificates of Interest	\$ 295,348.42
United States Bonds and Securities	1,791,988.00
Other Bonds and Warrants	16,308.18
Cash and Due From Banks	1,136,334.96

3,239,979.56

Total \$ 3,735,074.13

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 75,000.00
Surplus	75,000.00
Undivided Profits	77,030.85
Dividend (Payable Dec. 31, 1953)	7,500.00
DEPOSITS	\$ 3,500,543.28

Total \$ 3,735,074.13

The above statement is correct.

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FOOD Specials

SPECIALS for FRIDAY and SATURDAY, January 8 -- 9

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WHITE SPUDS lb. 5c	CHUCK ROAST lb. 49c
CELLO CARROTS bag 15c	SLICED BACON lb. 55c
FIRM CABBAGE lb. 4c	CELLO FRANKS lb. 45c
SUGAR PURE CANE 5 Lb. BAG 49¢	SUN SPUN JAM
CAMPBELL'S Tomato Soup 2 cans 25c	APRICOT PLUM PEACH 45¢
OUR VALUE Green Beans 2 cans 29c	2 lb. Jar
SUN SPUN CORN 2 cans 35c	CRISCO 3 LB. CAN 85¢
LIBBY'S SPINACH can 15c	SUN SPUN PICKLES Dill or Sour qt. 29c
WOLF BRAND TAMALES can 25c	SUN SPUN Salad Dressing pt 29c
WOLF BRAND CHILI No. 2 can 49c	GERBER'S Baby Food 6 cans 49c
SALMON OUR VALUE 1 Lb. CAN 39¢	WOLF BRAND DRY MILK Star Lac 1 lb. ctn. 39c
	AUSTEX BEEF STEW can 33c
	MARSHALL HOMINY 3 cans 25c

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"Those Redheads" Sing and Romance At Queen Theatre

"Those Redheads From Seattle"—they sing, they dance, they romance, they make up a sparkling package of celluloid at the Queen Theatre Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. It's in color by technicolor and is in the new movie magic of three-dimensions.

"Those Redheads From Seattle" contains a cast that includes such delightful performers as Rhonda Fleming, Gene Barry, Teresa Brewer, Guy Mitchell, the Bell Sisters and Agnes Moorhead. Liberally sprinkled with musical inter-

ludes, the firm has an adventure story background, laid in the fabulous Yukon at the turn of the century.

CEMETERY FUND

Since the last report the following have donated to the Cemetery Maintenance Fund:

David Wozencraft, San Francisco \$10.00
 Max Swafford, San Antonio 10.00
 A. L. Hogue 10.00
 G. D. Bryant Est. 7.00
 Mattie J. Swafford Est. 5.00

Anyone wishing to contribute to this fund may leave checks or donations at the teller's windows of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank, at Bragg's or at The Merkel Mail office.

"Eyes of Jungle" Packs Thrills At Queen Theatre

Thrilling adventures laced with the mysteries of the East are unfolded in "Eyes of the Jungle," Lippert Pictures presentation starring Jon Hall at the Queen Theatre Friday and Saturday.

Hall is cast as a young doctor who goes to India for medical research, facing dangers of jungle beasts and hostile castes while matching wits with American adventurers seeking to loot native treasures.

"Devil's Canyon" Is Fascinating At Queen Theatre

Virginia Mayo as Abby Nixon, the woman outlaw around whom the story of "Devil's Canyon" at the Queen Theatre Sunday and Monday revolves, portrays one of the most fascinating and notorious feminine figures of frontier fiction.

In addition to Miss Mayo, the stars include Dale Robertson, as a former U. S. Marshal unjustly accused of murder, Stephen McNally as a gun-crazy follower of the terror trail, and Arthur Hunnicutt as a philosophic killer-by-mistake.

SOCIAL SECURITY TAX RATES GO UP ON JANUARY 1ST

The social security tax rate for persons whose work counts toward old age and survivors insurance will increase on the first of January, manager of the Abilene, Tex-



This 1954 Ford Crestline Fordor sedan—new this year—has interior beauty and new power assists usually found only in costly limousines. Its smart new grille has a characteristic Ford center spinner, recessed parking lights and jet-type air scoop. Like all 1954 Ford passenger cars, it has new ball-joint front suspension for easier handling and the choice of either Ford's completely new 130-h.p. Y-block V-8 engine or the new 115-h.p. I-block Mileage Maker Six. For ease and driving pleasure it has power steering, power brakes, power operated windows and front seat, plus Fordomatic or overdrive, available at extra cost.

as social security office, reminded employers, employees, and self-employed people today.

This increase in tax contribution is in accordance with the 1950 amendments to the social security law, and was enacted by Congress in anticipation of future obligations of the program.

Employees in jobs covered by the law will have 2 per cent instead of 1½ per cent deducted from their pay beginning with the first of January up to earnings of \$3600 a year; their employers will contribute an equal amount.

The new rates will apply to all taxable wages paid after December 31, 1953, regardless of when earned.

The social security tax for the self-employed will increase from the present 2-1-4 percent to 3 percent, for the period commencing January 1, 1954. Since the self-employed whose work is covered by the law pay their tax just once yearly at the time of filing their Federal income tax return, they will pay the present 2-1-4 percent social security tax on their 1953 income that counts toward social

security. This will be due not later than March 15, 1954. Their first payments at the increased rate of 3 percent will be due March 15, 1955 for the calendar year 1954.

GETTING MORE EGGS

Laying hens need 12 to 14 hours of light daily to maintain top egg production. One 40-watt bulb for each 200 square feet of floor space is sufficient. Commerce using lights now and increase the lighting period as the days become shorter. Early morning lights are

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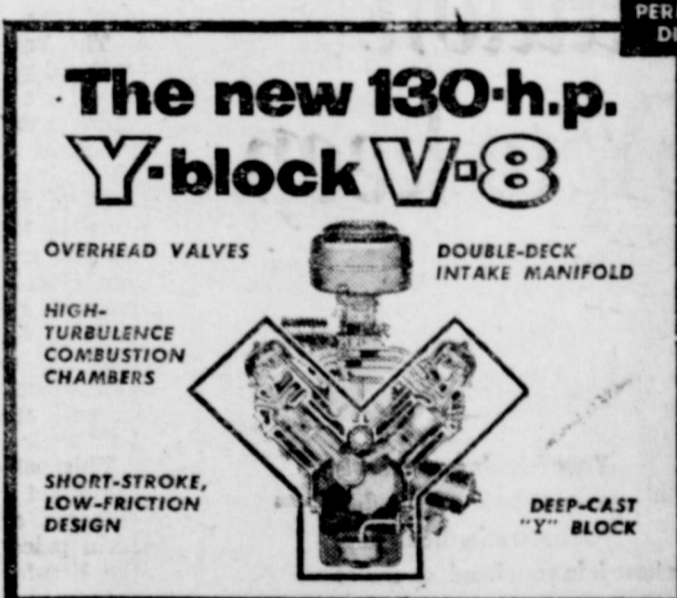
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1954 Health Plan Is Offered Now For Happy Life

At this time of the year when everyone is making their New Year resolutions Dr. Geo. W. Cox, state health officer, urges "one be included to do something about personal health. That resolution would be to have a complete physical examination.

This is the time for the person forty and over to take stock of the situation as far as he is concerned. The best way to prepare for a continuing happy life is to begin early. An important thing is the periodic check-up by your doctor. A health problem discovered early is always easier to correct. Prevention is the watchword. The principal foes of health to confront in the middle years are heart disease, cancer, high blood pressure, hardened arteries, diabetes and arthritis.

Heart disease is the leading cause of death. A person with a damaged heart should learn his limitations and not exceed them.

Many persons with heart disease lead useful and productive lives by following their physician's instructions.

Cancer is the second leading cause of death. Many types of cancer can either be cured or brought under control if found early and diagnosed. This is another important reason why the periodic medical check-up is a "must."

Diabetes is a condition in which the body cannot use sugar. If you have not been tested lately to see if this has developed: you should do so at once.

Three of the diseases common to the after-forty group are concerned with the circulation of the blood. These are apoplexy, hardened arteries, and high blood pressure. You will want your physician to check your blood pressure.

A great deal can be done to arrest certain forms of arthritis. The person may be put on a special diet. The doctor may advise the removal of some hidden infections. Let's plan to keep well during 1954.

Benjamin Franklin was the first Postmaster-General of the United States.

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

By LORETA ALLEN
A new year, time to make a new start. Home Demonstration Clubs start with the new officers and a new Yearbook. Let's make this year our best in many ways.

The 4-H Club had a club meeting at Ann Askin's home recently. Ann is Dairy Foods Demonstrator for her club. She gave a demonstration on "Making Apricot Milk Shake." She served it with sandwiches to 14 club members and 3 leaders. Tye Club is losing one of its good members, Jo Carol Goza. She is the daughter of Jim Goza and they are moving to Arizona.

With the outlook for 1954 farm and ranch incomes remaining about like they were in 1953, families who are considering the family budget are probably looking at every trip to town with the question "Is this trip necessary?"

If so, recreation, family style, is going to take on greater emphasis this year. Lucille Moore, recreation specialist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, suggests playing together at home and in community centers as one means of meeting the situation. "Make fun out of planning your parties and socials," she says. "Learn how to lead games."

Suggestions for planning recreation events and being good leaders are at my office.

A good New Year's resolution might be to see that every member of your family starts the day with a good breakfast.

Maybe if you are having trouble getting them to eat, a remark heard by a 4-H Girl might be good for you to remember. She said, "I wouldn't mind eating breakfast, if it wasn't the same old thing every morning."

Plan good breakfast menus and get your family in the habit of eating breakfast.

BREAKS HER HIP

Mrs. W. L. Johnson fell on the basement concrete floor of the Baptist Church Monday afternoon and broke her hip when she went to get her coat after attending a meeting there. She was taken to the Hendrix Hospital where she had surgery Tuesday. She is doing alright.

NEWS' ODDITIES

Lawyer Felix Ortiz complained in District Court in San Juan, Puerto Rico, that his wallet containing \$480 was stolen in the courtroom while he was presenting a motion in behalf of a client charged with being a pickpocket.

An angler and his son pulled a hollow log from a creek near Danville, Pa., for firewood, heard a splashing inside, reached into the log and pulled out an 11-inch black bass and a 10-inch bass.

In Akron, Ohio, Edna Stewart was lying in bed, talking with her mother, when she raised her hands over her head, tried to take off her wrist watch — and swallowed it.

In Le Bois, France, the children of the village school went on strike because their teacher, Charles Lagon, 57, let them fight with rulers and sail paper airplanes when they wanted to study, went to sleep when he should have been giving them lessons.

Foundation, reported that a man who wanted to prove that the public will donate to anything, raised a sizeable sum of money for the "fund for the widow of the Unknown Soldier," later returned it to the "red-faced givers."

A Lexington (Ky.) resident posted a parking meter in one corner of his bathroom, also this sign: "To help pay the sewer rental."

In Pittsburgh, an automobile agency official, who put three new 1954 models on his lot in preparation for a showing and carefully covered them with canvas, reported that a thief had taken two wheels from a gray car, one from a green car and one from a red car.

In El Paso, Texas, Ellis J. Aylward, a photoengraver charged with counterfeiting, indignantly denied he planned to spend the \$80,000 he had half printed when Treasury Agents nabbed him, contended he "did it for the heck of it."

Crop Changes Are Considered For 1954 Profits

By JOHN C. WHITE
Commissioner, Tex., Dept. of Agriculture

The year of 1953 is a past issue, agriculturally speaking, but its effects linger on.

It was a year of extremes, too—extreme drouth, extremely warm weather and extremely cold, extremely good crops in some commodities — extremely poor ones in others.

Many farmers are taking up another notch in their belts to help relieve some of the hardships suffered in the unending dry weather that plagued a large part of Texas last year. Other farmers gratefully remember the rains that snapped the record setting drouth in their own area.

The beginning of another agricultural year is the time, traditionally, for a liberal dose of optimism judiciously sprinkled with some practical plans based on current situations.

Farm prices took a surprising drop in 1953. But economists tell us that prices in 1954 should average close to current levels. No marked change in the domestic demand for food and other farm products appears likely in 1954 and those all important foreign exports are expected to at least hold their own at the present rate.

This past year has had a sobering effect in some cases. But these setbacks can be remedied. The farm price drops, the collapse of the livestock market, and further cuts in production goals in several commodities, particularly cotton, calls for more diligent efforts to produce an equal or better profit margin in '54.

Farmers and ranchmen are now taking inventory of their operations to insure themselves of a business with a profit this coming year. This is the time to consider

MARCH OF DIMES



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LT. ZEDIC JOHNSON home from Korea

crop changes that can be made in order to produce the biggest return for the dollars spent.

These changes are not new. Yet, they are necessary to keep agriculture thriving. The grower who resists changes in his crop production may find himself working "in the red."

Taking these changes into consid-

eration, then practical ideas and shrewd planning is a "must" to ensure advancement of agricultural methods that will produce a net result "in the black" for Texas farmers and ranchmen this new year.

Trent Girls Win In Basketball Tournament Sat.

The McCaulley boys and Trent girls won the championship in the Trent Invitation basketball tournament in Trent Saturday night.

McCaulley whipped Rotan, 57-49, in the boys finals and Trent defeated Wylie, 48-44, in the girls finals.

The boys consolation championship went to Bronte with a 61-39 triumph over Roby while Blackwell drubbed Trent B, 36-19, for the girls consolation crown.

Forwards George Decker of McCaulley and Jerry McWilliams of Trent, center Doyle Waddell of Rotan, and guards Kenneth Scott of Bronte and John Faught of McCaulley were named to the boys all-tournament team.

The girls all-tournament sextet is composed of forwards Venita Quattlebaum of Trent, Peggy Chrane of Wylie and Vonnie Waits of Blackwell and guards Nadene McCright of McCaulley, Barbara Edwards of Trent and Barbara Dudley of Wylie.

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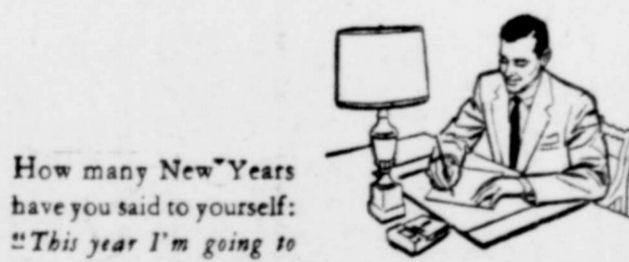
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SPECIALS for FRIDAY and SATURDAY January 8 - 9

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Make all your New Years happier—own U. S. Savings Bonds through the Payroll Savings Plan

SOCIETY

MISS BARBARA NICHOLS MARRIED SATURDAY

A simple ceremony witnessed by relatives and close friends united in marriage Saturday morning Miss Barbara Nichols and Gilbert B. Oakeley, student at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cutris Nichols of Vernon, Mr. and Mrs. Edward B. Oakeley of Taos, N. M., are the groom's parents.

Dr. E. S. James read the double ring vows in the home of the bride's parents. For the ceremony, the couple stood before the fireplace which was banked with greenery, Baskets of white gladioli and white burning tapers on the mantle completed the nuptial scene.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a tailored suit of powder blue wool.

She carried a white orchid nestled in Stephanotis atop a white Bible. Her earrings were rhinestones.

Miss Virginia Nichols, sister of the bride, was maid of honor.

Dale Stitt was ring bearer. Kenneth Feeny of Star City, Ark., was best man.

Following the wedding, a reception was held in the home of the bride's parents.

She is a teacher in the Merkel public schools.

Mr. and Mrs. Oakeley will be at home after January 1 at 1207 Fourth Street, Merkel.

JOHN HORTONS ANNOUNCE MARRIAGE OF DAUGHTER

Mr. and Mrs. John Horton announce the marriage of their daughter, Billie Jean, to Jimmy Montgomery, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Montgomery. The bride was given in marriage by her father.

She wore a powder blue tailor-made dress trimmed with rhinestones and carried white asters.

The bridesmaid, Johnnie Maye Horton, sister of the bride, wore a powder blue tailor-made dress and carried pink asters.

The best man was Ray Garrett, a friend, who is serving in the Navy.

Myrna Maye Patterson played the wedding march.

A short reception was held after the ceremony. The table was covered with a white lace cloth with a bouquet of red gladioli. The Christmas tree was carried out in the white wedding cake and green punch served to several

friends, the bridegroom's parents and relatives of both.

Eva Lois Allred, a friend, Johnnie Light, a cousin of the bride, and Mrs. Irene Murphy, the bride's best friend, were hostesses. The couple are now living in Abilene.

GRANDDAUGHTER OF JOHN SHAW'S IS MARRIED DEC. 19

Miss Patsy Mashburn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Royce B. Mashburn of Ephrata, Wash., and Harold Euteneier, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Euteneier of Prosser, Wash., were married Dec. 19 in the Prosser Methodist Church by the pastor, Rev. Laird V. Glasscock.

Miss Mashburn is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Shaw of Merkel and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mashburn of Cotton, Calif. The old tradition of something old, borrowed and blue was observed in the white handkerchief she carried which belongs to her great grandmother, Mrs. W. P. Mashburn, of Merkel.

The bridegroom has been in the U. S. Marines for 14 months.

FAMILY REUNION IS HELD AT HOME OF MRS. HARRISON

A family reunion was held at the home of Mrs. W. A. Harrison New Year's Day. A bountiful dinner was served. There were over 30 present.

UNION RIDGE H. D. CLUB MEETS TODAY AT 2:30 P. M.

The Union Ridge Home Demonstration Club will have its first meeting of the New Year in the home of Mrs. J. H. Clark today Friday, January 8, at 2:30 p. m. Each member is urged to come.

J. A. PATTERSON ENTERTAINS ALL THEIR CHILDREN XMAS

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Patterson had all their family, grandchildren and great grandchildren for dinner Christmas Eve. Those from out of town and their families were Jim of Tulsa, C. O. of Lawn, Lester and Louise Pomeroy of Abilene. There were 22 present.

MRS. ORVIL BROWN HONORED WITH BRIDAL SHOWER

Mrs. Orvil Brown, a recent bride, was honored with a bridal shower Friday, January 1, at the home of Mrs. Dan Reidenbach, aunt of the groom. Other hostesses were Mrs. Talma Wilson of Snyder sister of the groom, Mrs. Ann Metz of San Antonio and Mrs.



WATT L. BLAIR ... dies at age of 76

Maxine McDaniel of Merkel, cousins of the groom. The bride received many nice gifts.

CLOWN PARTY HONORS ANN AND GARY LEE SMITH

Ann and Gary Lee Smith were feted on their seventh and third birthdays respectively Sunday afternoon when their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ford Smith, Jr., entertained with a party in their home.

A clown circus was the theme for the occasion. The ceiling of the den was covered with inflated balloons of various colors. Games of chunk the bottle, bingo, etc., were enjoyed.

The clown theme was carried out in the gaily decorated table and the laughing clown and circus cake and the "Big Top" tent. Clown hats for the kids also accentuated the same theme.

Ann and Gary blew out the candles and made a wish as the children sang, "Happy Birthday to You." They were accompanied at the piano by their grandmother, Mrs. Ford Smith. There were about 29 present.

BIG CHRISTMAS DINNER AT HOME OF MRS. FROZIER

A big Christmas dinner was served at 8 p. m. at the home of Mrs. E. L. Frozier, 212 Cherry St., to her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. About 30 persons were present.

MOVE TO LUBBOCK

Carl Carey and family are moving to Lubbock and he will be engaged in farming.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Admissions to the Sadler Hospital the past week were:

As medical patients — Mrs. Doyle Blair, Mrs. S. J. Benningfield, Mrs. J. E. Boaz, Sr., Mrs. Betty L. Cox, Mrs. T. C. Allen, C. R. Rogers, Arch Teaff, Mrs. S. H. Estep, Charles Palmer, Mrs. Ida Hamner, A. L. Rogers, Mrs. J. R. Walling, S. H. Estep, J. W. Love, Mrs. Lee Rogers, Henry Stubbs and Mrs. William D. Doan. For surgery — Danny Malone, tonsillectomy, Mrs. M. F. Conlin.

WILLIAM LEDBETTER ELECTED PRESIDENT OF MRS. COX'S CLASS

Monday morning Mrs. Cox's class elected new officers for the fifth month.

They were: President, William Ledbetter; vice president, Joe Shugart; secretary, Dewell Burden; treasurer, Donald Black, and reporter, Mike Farley.

personals

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hogan and son Kenny spent the weekend in Waco, visiting Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Stewart.

Mrs. Ruth Cade of Jayton is convalescing from a broken hip at the home of Mrs. Ben Butman.

A 3/4 Bill Butman of Perrin Air Force Base, near Sherman, spent the holidays with friends and relatives.

Mrs. Jack Ryan of Harrison, Ark., spent two weeks with her mother, Mrs. Pearl Ash, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Moore, Mrs. Jessie Wilson and daughter Johnnie Lee of Seymour spent the weekend with her sister, Mrs. Edna Horton, and Sonja Sue and other relatives.

R. B. Horton and daughter, of Abilene visited his mother, Mrs. Hugh Campbell New Year's Day.

Visiting in the Mrs. J. D. Swann home were seven of her eight children: Mrs. O. R. Dennis, and daughter Mary of Winston-Salem, N. C., Mrs. Fannie Jones, Tullia, Miss Irene Swann, Roswell, N. M., son James Swann, Chicago, Mrs. C. C. Mills, San Angelo. They all spent Christmas Eve and Day with another daughter, Mrs. F. B. Sears, Snyder.

Miss Patsy Swann, a teacher in Roswell (N. M.), spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Swann, returning Sunday to Roswell.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Sherrill over the holidays were Captain La Moine Sherrill and family. Capt. Sherrill is stationed at Selfridge A. F. B., near Detroit, Mich. Other visitors were: Mr. and Mrs. John Sherrill and family of Waco, Mrs. Charlie Waford of Lawn, Mrs. Ray Trumble of Allen, sisters of Mr. Sherrill.

R. L. Earthman, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Earthman, spent the weekend with his parents.

Deward Gilbreath visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lum Gilbreath, during the holidays and returned to Canada Wednesday. He is a geologist with the Union Oil Company of California at Calgary, Alberta, Canada. He stated that he enjoyed the nice Texas weather and seeing old friends.

A 2/4 Billy Gene Greenfield who has spent the last year in Thule Air Base in Greenland has enjoyed a 30-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Greenfield, and grandmother, Mrs. E. A. Click. He left January 3 for his new assignment in Portland, Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. Irl Walker visited Mrs. Jimmy Walker and son Mike in Pecos last week.

Cadmus Irl and Sybil Ann Brown of Jayton are visiting their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Irl Walker.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Doan of Abilene attended the Live Oak Baptist Church service Sunday night and were accompanied back by Rev. and Mrs. M. E. Randolph.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Hamp Campbell of Blair visited her sister-in-law, Mrs. Hugh Campbell, Tuesday.

Mrs. C. P. Stevens returned home January 1 after a two-weeks visit with her son Silas and family of San Antonio during the holidays. Her sister, Mrs. Ella Green of Randlett, Okla., will arrive this weekend to stay with her.

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CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our appreciation to all who helped in any way by expressions of sympathy, sending food, flowers and your presence in the time of our recent sorrow. May God bless each of you. Mrs. E. F. Verner and Family.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks to everyone who was so kind to our son who was in the hospital. We are grateful to those who sent flowers and cards and especially to Dr. Sadler, Dr. Warren, the hospital staff and Sam Roberts.

The Earl Stevens, Sr., Family.

CARD OF THANKS

We want to thank our good friends for their expressions of sympathy, floral offerings and for the food brought to our home during our recent bereavement in the passing of our beloved father. May God's richest blessings be yours in your time of needs is our prayer. The Blair Family.

MRS. TOUCHSTONE ENJOYS FAMILY REUNION HERE

Mrs. J. S. Touchstone of Anson was honored Christmas by having all her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren together in the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Shannon, and Mr. Shannon for a delicious turkey dinner and all the trimmings.

A grandson, A. L. Sherrill, wife, son Mark and daughter Lorelle of Detroit, Mich., who had not been with the family at Christmas for 11 years were present. Over 20 were here for the happy occasion.

SINGING AT TRENT

There will be singing at Trent Thursday, Jan. 14, at 7 p. m. Everybody is welcome.

CARTERS VISIT HERE

Dr. and Mrs. Jim Carter who have just returned from Fairbanks, Alaska, were visitors here. Dr. Carter will get his discharge from Army January 7. He has leased a clinic in Longview.

Livestock Report

By TED GOULDY

Fed steers and yearlings and heavy weight calves were fully 50 cents and most late sales \$1 lower at Fort Worth Monday. The pressure on beef cattle followed the reports of heavy cattle runs over the nation. The 12 major markets reported 6,000 more cattle than a week ago and 12,000 cattle more than on the same date a year ago. Fed heaves predominated in the runs at all markets.

THINK BEFORE IN '54

Think before you act and live to tell for '54. That advice comes from the Texas Farm and Ranch Safety Committee, and they urge every Texan to take the slack out of their safety belts. In other words, they say, be careful. — A. & M.

SQUEEZE ON AG

The cost-price squeeze on agricultural producers is expected to continue during 1954. Reason — further declines for some farm commodities coupled with little or no expected changes in the cost of production items. — A. & M.

Three Great Stars To Appear at U. of Texas Jan. 26

Three great stars of the American theater will appear in person at the University of Texas January 26 in "John Brown's Body," the Pulitzer Prize-winning epic by Stephen Vincent Benet.

Tyrone Power, Anne Baxter and Raymond Massey will present this Cultural Entertainment Committee event, which has been described as "one of the truly memorable achievements of all time in the theater." The Walter Schumann Choral Group will accompany the actors.

Charles Laughton, the noted stage and screen figure, is director of "John Brown's Body," which was produced by Paul Gregory.

DISASTER LOANS

Authority to make economic disaster loans in all counties of Texas has been received by L. J. Cappelman, state director of the Farmers Home Administration. The effect of the designation, Mr. Cappelman explained, is to continue the making of production disaster loans throughout the state during 1954 and to authorize the making, for the first time, of economic disaster loans.

There is a difference in Economic Disaster loans and aid in the case of a production loss. The farmer who has suffered crop losses because of drought, floods, insects or other natural causes is eligible for a production disaster loan if he is unable to obtain operating funds elsewhere. If the farmer is a sufferer from the effects of insufficient income and excessive operating costs he is eligible for an economic disaster loan if unable to get needed credit from local sources.

CLASSIFIED AD SECTION

LODGE CALLS

NOTICE MASONS Stated meeting of Merkel Lodge No. 710, A. F. & A. M., Saturday, January 16, at 7:30 p. m. All members are urged to attend. Visiting brethren cordially invited.

A. B. Parham, W. M. C. B. Rust, Sec'y

LOST AND FOUND

LOST — Red print wool head scarf last Friday. Reward. The Merkel Mail Office.

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LEGAL NOTICE

ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING

Notice is Hereby Given: That the annual meeting of the stockholders of The Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Merkel, Texas, will be held at the office of said Bank on Tuesday, January 12th, 1954, at 7:30 o'clock P. M., for the election of Directors and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Respectfully, BOOTH WARREN President. Adv. — Dec. 25, Jan. 1, 8.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Evening Worship 7:30 p. m.	Evening Worship 7:30 p. m.	Young People's Bible Class 6:30 p. m.
Wednesday Prayer Service 7:30 p. m.	Tuesday W. M. C. 2 p. m.	Evening Services 7:30 p. m.
W. M. U. Mon. 9:30 a. m.	Wed. Prayer Service 7:30 p. m.	

Merkel Grace Presbyterian Church	Church of the Nazarene	Trent Church of Christ
Sunday School 10:00 a. m.	Services at the Merkel Church of the Nazarene are as follows:	Sunday: 11:00 o'clock
Worship Service 11 a. m.	Sunday School 10:00 a. m.	Bible Class 10:00 a. m.
Evening Services 7:30 p. m.	Morning Worship 11:00	Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.
	Training Union 7:00 p. m.	Evening Services 7:30 p. m.
	Evening Services 7:30 p. m.	Ladies Bible Class 4:00 p. m.
	Wednesday:	
	Prayer Service 7:30 p. m.	
	Primitive Baptist Church	
	Services held first Sunday of month and Saturday preceding.	
	Merkel Catholic Church	
	Sunday Mass 10:30 a. m.	
	Noodle Baptist Church	
	Sunday:	
	Sunday School 10:00 a. m.	
	Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.	
	Young People's Class 6:30 p. m.	
	Evening Services 7:30 p. m.	
	Noodle Church of Christ	
	Sunday:	
	Bible Class 10:00 a. m.	
	Morning Worship Service 11:00	
	Young People's Service 6:30	
	Evening Worship 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.	
	Merkel Calvary Baptist Church	
	Sunday School 9:45 a. m.	
	Morning Service 11:00 a. m.	
	Evening Bible Class 6:30 p. m.	
	Evening Worship 7:00 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.	
	Compre Baptist Church	
	Sunday School 10:00 a. m.	
	Morning Worship, 2nd and 4th 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.	
	Wednesday:	
	U. M. U. 9:30 a. m.	
	Wednesday:	
	G. A.'s and R. A.'s 6:30 p. m.	
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EDITORIAL

MARCH OF DIMES

The March of Dimes which is in
 this month, is a march to better
 health. It is a nation-wide attempt
 to fight polio.

And it is well that it be done on
 such a large scale. Polio is one
 problem that cannot be solved loc-
 ally. Victory can be won only if
 every community voluntarily sup-
 ports a coordinated national at-
 tack against the disease. This re-
 quires a national organization to
 lead the fight and we have the
 leader in the National Foundation
 for Infantile Paralysis.

For 16 years the National Founda-
 tion and its county chapters
 have been leading the attack
 against polio. It is a purely volun-
 tary organization financed solely
 by the March of Dimes.

It has been doing a good job.
 How far it has gone can now be
 seen. Where before the fight was
 to combat the disease where it had
 appeared it has now reached the
 stage where it is on the offensive
 that is, it is now attempting to
 prevent the outbreak of polio.

This is a wonderful advance.
 The fight on each disease goes
 through a number of stages. At
 first it is purely defensive. After
 the disease strikes the medical
 men do what they can to cure the
 patient. Then at long last the stage
 is reached where means are found
 to prevent the outbreak of the dis-
 ease.

Many diseases that we have al-
 most stamped out today went
 through these different stages.
 Now, we hope, we have reached
 a turning point on the fight
 against polio.

BUT the battle is still on. The
 methods of prevention now at
 hand have to be tested before we
 know that they will do what other
 preventives have done in the fight
 against other diseases.

Taylor County is well organized
 in the March of Dimes drive. It is
 well organized here under the ef-
 ficient chairmanship of Principal
 C. A. Farley and his co-workers.

These folks are giving freely of
 their home time to make this
 drive against a dreaded disease
 successful. The quota set here is
 \$1,500.

The amount is greater than last
 year, 50 per cent greater, but the
 need is greater than last year. Cam-
 ma globulin is being used in the
 fight against polio. This costs
 money.

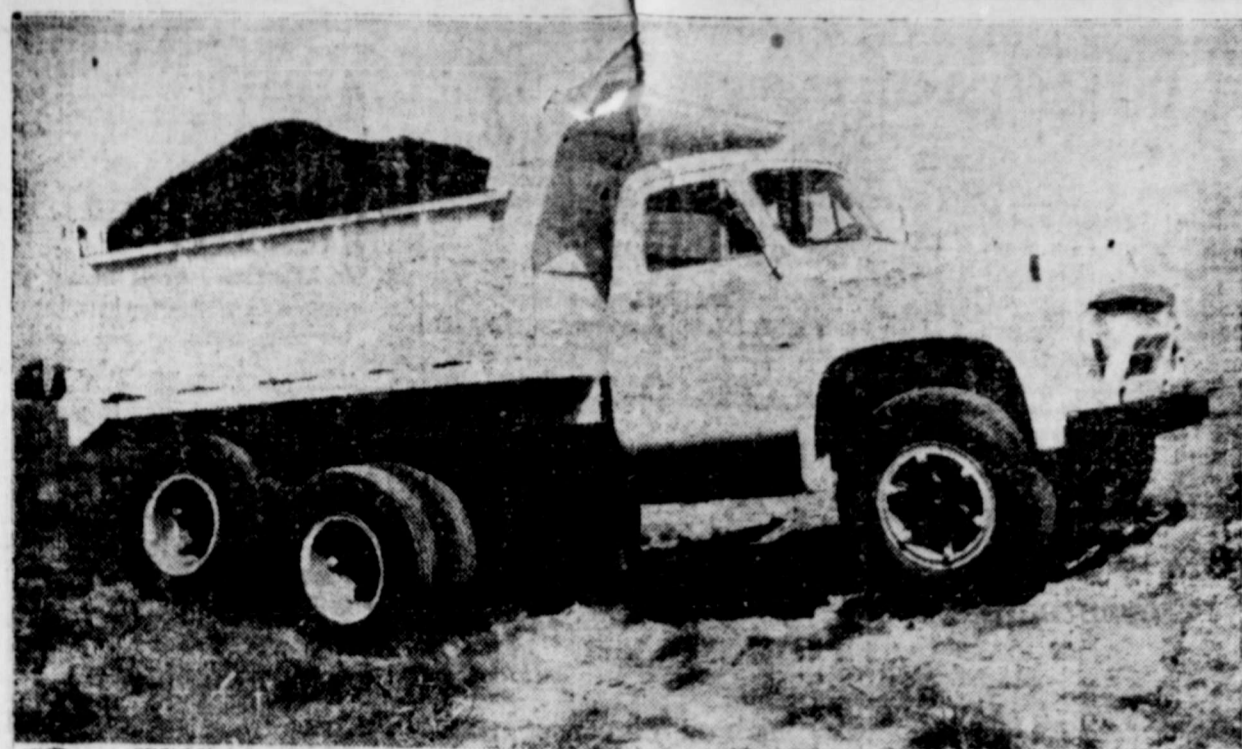
Special events have been plann-
 ed here to raise the money. There
 will be a hilarious basket ball

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game, a talent show, which will be
 over by the time this is in print,
 and the famous Mothers' March on
 Polio.

These different events give
 everyone the opportunity to con-
 tribute to this worthy cause and
 have fun at the same time.

Where does the money go?
 About \$19,000,000 will be spent
 on a gamma globulin program of
 prevention and \$7,500,000 on a vac-
 cine field trial.

The money will also help finance
 experiments in a new vaccine
 which will be given a mass field
 trial next summer.

One person alone cannot fight
 polio. It takes the concerted effort
 of everyone to do it. And this is
 being done by the March of Dimes.

A dime is a small amount to fight
 such a huge opponent. But the
 mass of dimes that are being ac-
 cumulated in the march add up.

The cause is worthy. The march
 is on. Let's all get in step and
 make our contribution to the fight
 on polio.



By VERN SANFORD
 Texas Press Association

State officials have taken more
 drastic action to thwart alleged
 Communist activity among labor
 group.

Organizer's cards for all repre-
 sentatives of two unions issued
 within the past 10 years have been
 cancelled by Secretary of State
 Howard Carney.

Prospects were increasing that a
 rare, special session of the Legisla-
 ture would be called, just when
 most of the lawmakers would be
 taking their cases to the voters
 next spring.

Action to control Communists
 looms as an issue along with the
 problem of raising teachers' salar-
 ies.

Two coming events will likely
 determine what action Gov. Allen
 Shivers will take.

1. A committee representing
 Gov. Shivers and the Texas State
 Teachers Association will meet
 Jan. 13 to pass on a compromise
 plan boosting teacher pay \$402 per
 year. It is favored by a majority of
 school administrators.

2. A decision by the U. S. Su-
 preme Court on the Texas gas tax
 law is the real key to the special
 session issue.

Should the court uphold the law
 money would be available for the
 pay raise and a special session
 would be necessary to complete
 the governor's proposals.

But if the tax is knocked out,

there likely would be a demand
 for a quick session to pass another
 tax bill.

Attorney General Shepperd filed
 a brief with the high court seeking
 to uphold legality of the State's
 tax on gathering of natural gas.

He denied the tax was an illegal
 levy on interstate commerce.

Texas has been allotted nearly
 \$35 million in federal highway
 funds which became available Jan.
 1.

About \$16 million of the fund

was allotted for primary highway
 systems, \$10.6 million for second-
 ary or feeder roads \$6.4 million for
 urban highways, and \$1.6 million
 for interstate highways.

In most cases federal participa-
 tion in highway costs is limited to
 half the total cost.

If some Texans have their way,
 license tags of the future are go-
 ing to have slogans, pictures and
 be larger.

personals

Miss Phyllis Royalty of Pecos
 visited for a week over the New
 year holidays with her uncle and
 aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Butman.

Those enjoying turkey dinner
 with all trimmings at the home of
 Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Clark were all
 their children, except one, Wood-
 row, and wife who were unable to
 come. Those present were Mr. and
 Mrs. Bernard Clark and family,
 Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Clark and
 Larry, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Edd Mc-
 Duff of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. M.
 B. Jones and Melva of Lubbock,
 Mr. and Mrs. Junior Clark and
 Mrs. Charles West.

Miss Melva Jones returned to
 her home in Lubbock Friday after
 spending the Christmas holidays
 in the home of her grandparents,
 Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Clark, and oth-

er relatives.
 Visitors in the home of Mrs. L.
 A. Watts and with other relatives
 during the holidays were a daugh-
 ter, Mrs. Sherman J. Lane, and
 Mr. Lane of Pasadena, and a son
 Foster and family of Hobbs, New
 Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Moore and
 sister, Mrs. Vera Wilson, and
 daughter of Seymour were visitors
 New Year's Day of their brothers
 and sister.

PUBLIC AG MEETING
 Texas farmers, ranchers, dairy-
 men and anyone else interested
 in agriculture are invited to attend
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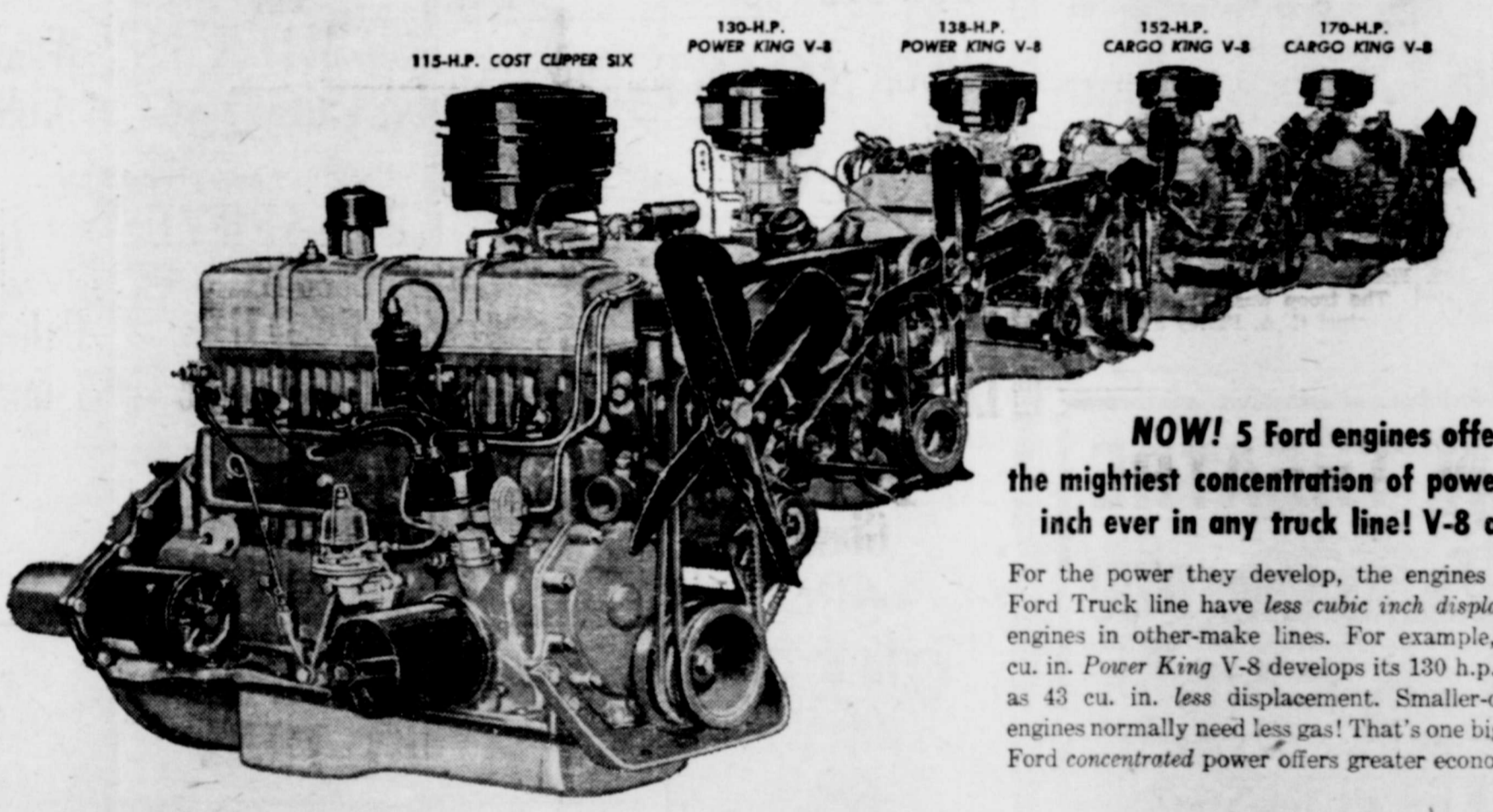
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Mrs. Mary Lula Tye Succumbs Tuesday After Illness

Mrs. Mary Lula Tye, resident of Merkel for the past 20 years, died here unexpectedly Tuesday after a five-week illness.

She was born in San Saba County and moved to Fisher County in 1900.

In 1901 she moved to Ector County where she finished school and later taught. She was married to Homer H. Tye on Feb. 4, 1918. She was a member of the First Christian Church in Odessa.

Funeral was to be held at 1 a. m. Thursday in the Merkel Methodist Church with Rev. Harlie Woolard, pastor of the First Christian Church of Abilene, officiating. Assisting was to be the Rev. Aubrey White, Merkel Methodist pastor. Burial was to be in Rosehill Cemetery in Merkel with arrangements by Starbuck Funeral Home.

Survivors include her husband; three brothers, Jim and Charlie Massey of Odessa and Henry Massey of Andrews County; three sisters, Mrs. Jim Massey and Mrs. B. C. Hendrick of Odessa and Mrs. Hez Countz of El Paso; one son, Homer H. Tye, Jr., of Odessa; and two grandchildren.

E. F. Verner Dies At His Home Here At Age of 76

E. F. Verner, 76, resident here since 1948 and longtime Anson plumber, died at 7:30 a. m. Friday at his home.

Born July 17, 1887, he was married Aug. 14, 1909. He had lived in Anson from 1919 until moving to Merkel. Mr. Verner suffered a stroke in 1948, leaving him paralyzed. He had been seriously ill for two weeks.

Survivors include his wife; one son, Charlie of Abilene; five grandchildren; and one twin sister, Mrs. Sally Bearden of Colorado City.

Funeral services were held at 4 p. m. Saturday at the Merkel Church of Christ with Minister Roy E. Gulley officiating, assisted by James Williford of Abilene. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery under direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

J. M. Deen, 82, Former Merkelite, Passes Away Mon.

J. M. Deen, 82, formerly of Merkel, died at 6:30 p. m. Monday in Canyon after being in ill health for the past four years. He moved to Canyon from Merkel in 1942. He was born on Feb. 8, 1871, in Wood County and was a member of the Methodist Church. Funeral arrangements are by

Starbuck Funeral Home here. Mr. Deen married the former Mrs. Oliver Franks in 1929 in Merkel. His first wife died in 1924. Survivors include his wife; four sons, J. S. Deen of Caldwell; Idaho, H. J. Bruce and Bob Deen, all of Merkel; two daughters, Mrs. James Hass of Merkel and Mrs. Dale Light of Escalon, Calif.; and 26 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Largents to Leave For Exhibitions At Leading Shows

W. J. Largent and son and Roy Largent and sons are leaving Jan. 11 for the Denver Stock Show. They will also make the Ft. Worth Fat Stock Show, the Houston Fat Stock Show and the San Antonio Fat Stock Show.

Parents Invited To Grade Schools To See Work Done

For the second time this year, parents of students in grades 1-8 are invited to come to school next Thursday and Friday afternoons to have conferences with the teachers and see some of the work done by the pupils since late October.

Parents are invited to come any time between 12:30 noon and 3:00 p. m. either afternoon.

Isadore Mellinger Addresses Bible Class Sunday

Isadore Mellinger gave the talk before the Businessmen's Bible Class last Sunday morning.

Scout Troop 20 Enjoys Outing At Camp Tonkawa

Fifteen Boy Scouts of Troop 20 enjoyed a weekend of winter camping at Camp Tonkawa, near Buffalo Gap, on Friday and Saturday of last week.

The following boys participated in this annual outdoor venture of the troop: Lupe Garcia, Pedro Ybarra, Mike Farley, Harry Odum, Butch Palmer, Lester Dorton, Permin Hernandez, Pat Patterson, Jimmy Hargrove, Don Wilson, Bobby Malone, Skipper Hicks, John Thomas, Bill Russell and Jessie Moreno.

The troop was accompanied by Principal C. A. Farley and Frank Breaux.

School Children Are Now Being Enumerated

The annual enumeration of all children of school age in the Merkel Independent School District is now being conducted by Principal C. A. Farley.

All children who will be at least six years of age on Sept. 1, 1954, and not over 18 must be enrolled.

Especially desired is the enumeration of children who will be beginners in the local school next fall. Parents of these beginners are requested to contact Principal Farley soon.

ABOUT SHADE TREES

The two most frequently made mistakes in home grounds improvement are overplanting and crowding of shade trees.

SUE SYLVESTER ELECTED PRESIDENT OF JR. G. A. MONDAY

The Jr. G. A. met January 4 and held an election. The following officers were named:

President, Sue Sylvester; vice president, Sharon Seifried; secretary, Colleen O'Brien; song leader, Sara Hunter; pro. chairman, Donna Sue Scott; reporter, Haroldine Reynolds, society chairmen, Mary

Watson and Joan Arnold; com. mis., Betty Watson; assistant, Edna Marie Russell. Refreshments were served. The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p. m. Mrs. Cunningham is the leader.

OUT OF HOSPITAL

James Earl Stevens, who was in a car accident Christmas eve, was released from the Sadler Hospital last Saturday. He may have to

have some plastic work done on his face.

WARREN J. STALLO ON TRAINING CRUISE WITH U. S. NAVY

S 3/c Warren Jerrell Stallo is now in the Dixie Tender with the Navy on a training cruise for a month.

DIZZY DEAN HERE

Mr. and Mrs. Dizzy Dean of Dallas came by Wednesday and went with Willie Joe Largent to Mr. Largent's Ranch at Folsom, New Mexico, to look at some cattle.

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OUR VALUE TALL **SALMON** can 32c

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OUR VALUE 303 **GREEN BEANS** 2 cans 29c

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LIBBY'S 12 OZ. BROWN PORK & BEANS 2 cans 23c

LIBBY'S CHEESE & 303 SPAGHETTI 2 cans 29c

LIBBY'S 303 TAMALES 2 cans 39c

LIBBY'S No. 2 Grapefruit Juice 2 cans 25c

KUNER'S No. 2 TOMATO JUICE 2 cans 25c

VEGETABLES

JUMBO LETTUCE head 12c

FRESH TOMATOES carton 15c

FRESH RADISHES bunch 5c

FRESH CAULIFLOWER lb. 10c

TEXAS 5 LB. ORANGES bag 29c

FRESH CARROTS cello 12c

FRESH CABBAGE lb. 3c

WINESAP APPLES lb. 17c

RED McCLURES SPUDS mesh bag 10lb. 39c

TIDE Giant 69c

CHEER Giant 69c

TIDE 2 Large Boxes 55

CHEER 2 Large Boxes 55

JOY 2 Large Boxes 55

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