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# Tommy Ellis' **Badgers Bang** Roby 67 to 44

Last week, Coach Tommy Ellis' ANSON VS. MERKEL Badgers took one game and lost

With the local cagers running smoothly they went to Roby on Tuesday of last week and banged them 67 to 44. Robert McLeod was This affected the Badger play very high man with 25 points while much. When 6-foot, 6-inch Jerry Jerry Cunningham earned second left the game the Merkel cagers with 15.

With Coach Ellis at home sick board. the Badgers journed to Munday last Friday and were squeezed out to 55 with three minutes left to out by Munday 66 to 62.

Even without the coach present goals to take the lead and keep it. the Badgers were trying to fight | The score at the end of the first GIRL TO W. J. STALLOS their best for him and led all the quarter stood 19 to 10, Badger way until the end of the third leading. At the end of the half the quarter.

It was about this time that Jerry Cunningham playing center, fouled Badgers slipped one point behind, out. Then Jacky McAninch, guard, 48 to 49. fouled out in the fourth quarter.

# **Badgers Beat** Throckmorton Tuesday 61 to 52

Freshman forward Robert Mc-Leod went on a 23-point scoring spree here Tuesday night to lead the Merkel Badgers past the Throckmorton Greyhounds, 61-52, enabling Merkel to retain the Dis- PAYMENT DEADLINE trict 8-A lead with a record of four wins and one loss.

Never behind, Coach Tommy closed the gap to seven points midway in the third period, the closest margin all night but faded.

The Badgers journey to Anson tonight, Friday, for a non-conference game.

could not get the ball off the back-

Even at that the Badgers led 58 play. Then Munday shot two field

Badgers led again 35 to 28. Then

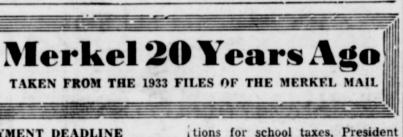
Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Stallo in San at the end of the third quarter the Diego, Calif., where he is station- steering committee. ed as P. M. 3rd class on the U.S.S.

**JACKIE HOGAN** 

**FFA District Sweetheart** 

Merkel Candidate for Abilene

Corky Cox was high for the Bad- Dixie. Her name is Jerie Lyne. gers with 16 points while Dink Mrs. Stallo is the former Jean Mathews and is the daughter of Mr. Whisenhunt was next with 14. Sharp of Mundayy was really and Mrs. R. H. Mathews of Pyote. sharp and led the scoring with 22 W. J. is the son of Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Stallo.



points

O. J. Adcock of the board of trus-Wednesday, Jan. 31, is the last tees of the Merkel Public Schools day upon which delinquent school has issued a call for a special meet- year. He told about the status of U.S. have been discontinued. Ellis, Badgers took a 31-21 lead at intermission time and held on to est. After that date 10 per cent take the victory. Throckmorton penalty will be added and the price tary, W. O. Boney.

penalty will be added and the principal will bear interest at 6 per FAULKS WIN FIRST cent. Until Jan. 31 all delinquent Elton Faulks won first place in coffee.

# Truett Lattimer Hilarious Games With No Holds State Representative Truett Lattimer spoke at the meeting of the Lions Club Tuesday. He was intro-duced by Isadore Mellinger, pro-gram chairman. Supt. Mack Fish-

er, president, presided. Principal C. A. Farley reported on the March of Dimes, "We are getting along according to schedule", remarked Principal Farley, chairman of the local drive.

Secretary Leon Walker read a letter from the Abilene Evening Lions Club inviting the local members to the Ladies' Night and Charter Night to be held in Abi-

lene January 21. SCS Becomes Lester Dorton gave a report on the Little League. The club voted A baby girl was born Jan. 11 to for the recommendations he made and which were planned by the

teering committee. The steering committee is composed of Lester Dorton, Booth Warren, Norman Hodge, Nolan Palmer, Clesby Patterson and Fred Starbuck. Minister Roy F. Culley and Fred

Minister Roy E. Gulley announced the speaking on "Alcoholism" to be held at the Church of Christ

last Wednesday night. tive under its recent reorganiza-Representative Lattimer gave an tion, H. N. Smith announced. Mr. account of his work in the State Smith, who has been acting reg-Legislature. He is a member of the ional director for the four-state reprison committee and inspected gion of Arkansas, Louisiana, Okla- Toombs, Lucille Litton, Margaret the different prisons of the state. homa and Texas, with headquart- McAninch, Janice Russell, Sis Seif-"There are 7,500 inmates," he lers in Fort Worth will assume his ried and Nell King said. "The inmates raise all their new title as State Conservationist own meat. The cost per man per for Texas, and will report directly header, pitting the ladies of the day for food is now 49 cents."

Mr. Lattimer talked on the Washington. amendments to be voted on this

the teachers' pay raise. The club enjoyed a banquet of at Temple.

Fans who like basketball at its ma Phi soroity will get underway and Editor Hy White. Vera Compbest (?) will certainly get their at 7:30 p.m. The Lions Club mem- ton will direct the 90-member pep money's worth Friday night, Jan. bers, coached by Clesby Patterson, squad. 22, at the local high school arena will be handicapped to some exwhen a hilarious double-header is tent by having to wear boxing unreeled for the benefit of the gloves

March of Dimes. The curtain raiser between the array of former high school and local Lions Club and the Beta Sig-

er, Isadore Mellinger, Ben Hicks, Waymon Adcock, Salty Breaux, E. L. Horton, Jr., Lester Dorton, Fred Starbuck and Howard Carson.

The sorority, coached by Mrs. E. L. Horton, Jr., last year spent so much time primping and powdering that they lost their game to the teachers. They swear that it will be different this year.

"We are going to win this year, even if we don't look so pretty Effective Jan. 18, the U. S. Soil or smell so good," stated Coach Conservation Service became ac. Horton.

The sorority sisters who will be fed to the Lions are: Mildred Barnett, Mary Hargrove, Viola Allred, Gloria Dorton, Mary Helen

The second bill of the doubleto the Administrator of SCS in school faculty against the men of the faculty, will start at about 8:30 p. m. As in the other contest, the The seven regional offices of the men will be wearing boxing gloves

as a handicap. Mr. Smith's headquarters will be The ladies of the faculty, coach-

turkey, dressing, gravy, creamed "Functions of the SCS in carry- ed by Mrs. J. F. Nodge, will be potatoes, cranberry sauce, string ing out the national program of composed of Miss Mable Phillips, beans, cherry pie with cream and soil and water conservation throu- Mrs. Andy Shouse, Mrs. Mack Fishgh soil conservation districts are er, Miss Viola Allred, Mrs. Tom-

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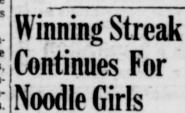
Admission: 50 cents for the big ones and 25 cents for the little

Win Their First

The Noodle Girls have started their first conference game on the right side. Fighting the powerful Lawn Girls, the Noodle Basketball Girls really settled down and played heads-up ball to beat the Lawn team 56-45.

Karie Olney, Noodle forward, was high pointer of the game with 27 points. Jeanette Lucas followed closely with 23 points.

The Lawn Boys won over the Noodle Five 61-54. Grant of Lawn and Hatfield of Noodle tied for high point honors with 17 points each.



Coach Patterson has lined up an college stars, such as Horace Bon-ey, Horace Hargrove, Leon Walk-Noodle Girls

**Conference Try** 

Roberts' 23 points were good for top scoring honors in the game. A trio of Badgers shared runner-

up honors for Merkel - center Jerry Cunningham, guard Corky Cox, and Whisenhunt - all netting 10 points.

# BARBARA LYNN REID, SEVEN MONTHS OLD, IS BURIED SUNDAY

Funeral for Barbara Lynn Reid 7 months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Reid of Abilene, was held Sunday afternoon Jan. 17, at 2 p. m. at the Starbuck Funeral Home Chapel. The child died during surgery in a Dallas Hospital Friday afternoon.

Rev. M. E. Randolph, pastor of the Live Oak Baptist Church, and Minister Roy E. Gulley of the Church of Christ conducted the services. Burial was in the Rose Hill Cemetery under the direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

Barbara Lynn was born June 2 1953, at Merkel.

a sister, Vicki Jane Reid, paternal WILL PREACH AT NOODLE grandparents Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Reid, and maternal grandmother, Mrs. Mardi Lewis. Among other Merkel relatives are aunts and noon. uncles, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Reid and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bagby.

# **Gorillas Defeat McCaulley Eagles** By Score of 54-22

The Trent Gorillas squeezed by the McCaulley Eagles at Trent Tuesday night by the slim margin of 54-52 in a District 21-B basketball game.

The Gorillas held a lead of 25-12 at halftime.

Highpoint man in the contest was Jerry Estep of Trent with 21 points.

In the girls game McCaulley downed Trent, 56-37. Betty Payne was high for Trent with 11 points.

# **O. W. Donald Paine Announces** for **Justice of Peace**

O. W. (Donald) Paine has authorized The Merkel Mail to announce that he will be a candidate on July 24.

school taxes may be paid without | payment of penalty or interest.

RAT PROJECT ON The federal project for the extermination of rats throughout best time. Taylor and Jones Counties is now well under way in this city and the surrounding communities, the campaign being under the direction of Tom Durham, local supervisor, assisted by Clyde Mayfield. Some 400 pounds of poison were

given out Saturday in two-pound odist Church on last Friday afterpackages to farmers of this section. noon.

ELECTED FIRE CHIEF N. A. Dowell, constable of this

precinct and who has served Merilton, now attending John Tarleton kel in former years as chief of the College at Stephenville, is song volunteer fire department, again leader for a two week's revival at heads that organization, having the Methodist Church at Spur, of been elected chief of the newly or- which Rev. E. L. Yates, former ganized Merkel Volunteer Fire De- pastor here, is the shepherd. partment Monday night. A. V. Dye was elected as president, J. A., TRENT NEWS

Stanford as vice president, Ross Ferrier as assistant chief, and S. M. Cox as secretary-treasurer. Bobbie left Monday to visit the latter's brother, A. C. Halsell, of Cottonwood.

Fort Worth

er, Mrs. Pauline Freeman.

Straub and Mrs. Lizzie Gandy,

Rev. W. B. Reaves, M. E. pastor of Trent, will preach at the Noodle Methodist Church Sunday after-

## **OIL NEWS**

Up to Thursday morning the Cecil Guthrie No. 1 on the W. C. Campbell tract in southwest Jones of Wellborn. County, which made a good oil showing early last week, had not two children, Virginia Cole and H. been drilled in, operations waiting L., left Sunday to spend the Christfor cement to set. mas holidays visiting relatives in

TO HOLD SPECIAL SESSION

In view of the fact that there the Christmas holidays in the of last week. Mr. Thomas is vocaare some who have expressed dis- home of her mother, Mrs. R. B. Mc- tional industrial teacher here.

## This Happened in Merkel Forty Years Ago TAKEN FROM THE 1913 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL

When a joy ride is not a joy tary, Ollie Shaffer; assistant sec-ride: We were told that such a retary, Miss Nell Tracy; treasurer, state of affairs occurred Friday af- Ennis Grimes; corresponding secternoon when two matrons and retary, Miss Mary Jennings; chapthree maidens started to Abilene lain, Jasper Tucker; circuit, Miss in an automobile, when two miles, more or less, from a phone or gar-age, a puncture and a blow-out left them nothing to do but walk. Eva Walters; journalist, Shirlie King; assistant, Miss Willie Swann. While cutting wood several days

While walking is not so crowded it ago Otho Smith of Trent was a vicis dreadfully slow in the present tim of a peculiar accident. The style dresses, but two of the brav- axe he was using glanced and he est maidens were willing to try it struck himself with the sharp and in a short time returned with blade just above the ankle. Mrs. a machine and a preacher. We are Smith is able to be out on crutches told that "all's well that ends and is bemeaning himself for havwell." The ladies spent a delighting been hurt while trying to atful afternoon with Abilene friends. tend to his wife's business.

The E. Love Hawkins' Society Visitors to Abilene Saturday for the office of justice of the met in business session Jan. 16. were Mrs. Lee Carter and daughtpeace for precinct No. 5, subject to The following officers were elect- er, Miss Allie; last week were Misaction of the Democratic primary ed: President, Carol Rister; vice ses Lucille Belle and Louise Warpresident, Maggie Wheeler; secre- ren.

calf roping at the rodeo at Stith Saturday afternoon, time 67 sec-onds for roping two calves. In the William T. Cox wild cow milking event Erbin Me-Craw furned in 35 seconds for the Dies Here Tuesday At Age of 73 ATTEND FUNERAL

Several from Merkel, including Mayor and Mrs. W. M. Elliott and Mrs. D. I. Shelton, attended the funeral of Miss Mary Alexander, which was held at the Tye Meth-

#### ter a short illness. IS SONG LEADER Church of Abilene, assisted by SCS. A Merkel girl, Miss Ethel Ham-

Rev. Aubrey F. White and Rev. S. E. Tullock. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery under the direction of Starbuck Funeral Home. Mr. Cox was born in Robertson

to Taylor County and had lived Mr. and Mrs. Garland P. Franks since in a rural community south and Mrs. M. A. Franks and son of here.

He was married to the former Dovie Hughers Dec. 21, 1902. Survivors are his wife; one son Mrs. Harold Bowls and baby Ray Cox of Fort Worth; two

daughter Wilda Lee have returned daughters, Alma Cox and to their home at Eastland after an Carlton King; three sisters, Mrs extended visit here with her moth- H. B. Chambless, Mrs. Ira Moore and Mrs. Rufe Tittle; and three Mrs. Ann Boone left Saturday to brothers. Le Cox, Jim Cox of Cali spend a week with her sisters. Mrs. fornia and Floyd Cox of Fabens.

County. At the age of 9 he moved

## J. E. THOMAS ATTENDS Mr. and Mrs. Hale McRee and FUNERAL OF HIS WIFE'S GRANDFATHER

J. E. Thomas attended the funeral of his wife's grandfather, J. H. Mrs. Gene Chiles of Dallas spent Todd, in Ryan, Okla., Wednesday

## GIRL TO PANNELLS

A baby girl was born to Mr. and go down to San Felipe in Lower Mrs. Paul E. Pannell of Pickens, California on the west side of the Miss., Jan. 13, named Cynthia Sue. gulf. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Pannell of Merkel and Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Melton of Pampa.

INGING NEXT SUNDAY The Haskell and Jones Coun-ties Singing will take place at 2 broke a rib. SINGING NEXT SUNDAY p. m. Sunday at the Swenson Avenue Baptist Church in Stamford.

#### THE WEATHER

Last Friday Merkel had .10 istered 70 degrees. It was cloudy took him 35 minutes to land.

ot changed in any way, Mr. Smith said.

This action transfers greater res- and Mrs. Vincent Barnett. ponsibility to the state SCS offices and gives these offices additional technical and administrative personnel. In practically every instance the same personnel now directly serving soil conservation districts will continue in their Funeral for William Thomas jobs..

Cox, 73, were held at 2 p. m. Wed-"This reorganization will permit nesday in the Methodist Church. the SCS to operate more on a local rules, even if we have to use the He died at 5:30 a. m. Tuesday aflevel for more cooperation with boxing gloves which we will be state soil conservation boards and wearing," stated the two officials. Officiating was Rev. D. D. Denni- local soil conservation districts," son, pastor of the First Methodist said Coleman O'Brien of the local

#### DEE GRIMES IS HOME

Dee Grimes arrived home Monday afternoon from the hospital in Galveston. He underwent surgery. He is getting along nicely.

#### SINGING AT SHILOH

There will be singing at Shiloh Baptist Church at 7:30 p.m. next Thursday, January 28.

# **Trobe Vaughan Talk About Fish**, **Breaking Rib and Eating Food** I stuck to the smaller variety

H. Lotrobe Vaughan, former and caught 22, running 18 to 25 Merkelite now in California, man inches and averaging around of the world, artist and great fishpounds each. But believe me erman, wants to know what's the I enjoyed more, catching perch matter with Fisherman's Row. He from the 'lake' west of Merkel, or wrote: the Clear Fork or Elm Creek when

Jan, 9, 1954

What's the matter with Fisherman's Row? Have they gone into hibernation for the winter? If they want to get some action they should come out to California and

Jan. 13, 1954

Well! What do you know? started to write you, got up to go out and close the garage door for

Hurts like the dickens but I'm glad, in a way. Get to eat somebody's cooking that isn't my own. However, as I was saying about

the fish-Am enclosing a photo of a couinch of rain, reported Weather- ple of fish caught by my son, Col. man J. L. Ford: There was a Ralph G. Vaughan, (born in Merdrizzle here Sunday and ice on kel. May 20, 1989), and his wife the windshields. Monday the sun Ruth. Ralph caught the smaller came out and thermometer reg- one which weighed 100 pounds and

my Ellis, Mrs. Bryan Dunagin Carroll Benson, Mrs. Elsie Nash

The Noodle Girls won their sec-The men of the faculty will be ond conference game last Friday tutored by J. E. Thomas. He will night. have a fine (?) aggregation of W. The girls defeated the hard-to-

G. Reed, Bill Baker, Don Estes, C. handle Hawley Girls 44 to 36. A. Farley and Norman Winter. Barbara Newton, Hawley for-The two games will be "roughaward, was high pointer of

game with 21 points. Jeanette Lu-cas, Noodle forward, followed closely behind with 20 points. reed" by Rev. Sam E. Tullock and Rev. Aubrey F. White. "We intend to enforce ALL

In each game, women's rules will be played the first half and men's rules the last half.

Official water boys for both games will be Prof. Mack Fisher

HAS MAJOR SURGERY Mrs. H. A. Hartley underwent major surgery at the Sadler Hospital.

**D. CAMPBELL IMPROVES** S. D. Campbell is reported improving "wonderfully." He is in a hospital in Galveston. He is expected to be home by Feb. 1.

Is on Way Home From Korean Duty Sergeant First Class Billy G.

Sorelle, 24, whose wife, Coralynn, lives on Route 1, Merkel, is en route to the U.S. after serving in Korea with the 2d Infantry Division.

Noodle's basketball schedule of

Tues., 19 - Tuscola at Noodle

Thurs., 4 - Tuscola at Tuscola

Thurs., 21 - Lawn at Lawn

**Billy G. Sorelle** 

Fri., 29 - Hawley at Noodle

onference games

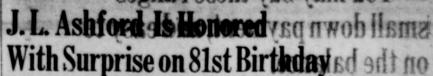
January:

February:

The son of E. K. Sorelle, Jr., 2102 Amarillo st., Abilene, he served as mess sergeant in the 37th Field Artillery Battalion. A veteran of seven years' Army duty, he holds the Good Conduct Medal and the UN and Korean Service Rib-



the Merkel Mail and would miss it no end, if I were deprived of it I wish to take this opportunity to wish you a grand and successful New Year and compliment you in getting out your paper, the best ever.



On Jan, 10 the children of J. L. | Leon Ashford and Peggy of West-

Ashiord honored him with a pleas-ant surprise on his 81st birthday at his home, 606 Marion St. About 10 o'clock Sunday morn-ing, without warning, they began to arrive, bringing well filled boxent including Mrs. Ashford and

Tuesday but warm. Wednesday the sun again came out but by noon a norther started to make its appearance. Ruth caught the larger one that was 6 ft 4 inches long and weighed 200 pounds. She battled it 4 hours and 30 minutes before landing it. By noon there were present: Mrs. Ola Beasly and son Weldon of Trew, also Andy and wife and sons Trew, also Andy and Mrs. The honoree. The honoree. The conversation and all had a good time.

Ashford honored him with a pleas- brook.

s of food.

# NEWS ABOUT TOWN

Rev. and Mrs. Joe Norton, sons | and family visited in Hobbs, New John and Bobby, and daughter Mexico with his sister, Mrs. T. W Elizabeth of Hamlin were Sunday Overby and family. guests of their aunt, Mrs. M. Armstrong, and Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Mike of Abilene visited here

Cox. Mr. and Mrs. Roland Whatley parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Cross. and daughter Yvonne of Abilene Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Fox were in Mrs. Hugh Campbell.

spent Sunday of last week with Lubbock over the weekend and J. H. Roberts returned last week , who is improving nicely

from Artesia, New Mexico, where he visited his son Roy and daughter, Mrs. Otis Foster. He went back this week to be with them again.

Mrs. Dent Gibson was in Fort Worth all last week, visiting her husband and Mr. and Mrs. A. E. weekend, visiting his grandmoth Cannon

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond T. Smith of Galveston spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R T. Smith

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Boney and daughter Annette and Mrs. Boney's mother, Mrs. R. T. Gray, were in Mexia over the weekend.

Mrs. A. T. Sheppard is in Dallas, visiting her son Sterling who has been ill for a month.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sylvester

# **Desperate Mission Enriches Story** At Queen Theatre

One of the most desperate missions engineered by the Confederate Army during the waning days riches the story adventure 'Border River," which opens Tuesday Wednesday and Thursday at the Queen Theatre with Joel McCrea, Yvonne De Carlo and Pedro Armendariz in starring roles.

With the action set in the bordunusual aspects. It is in Technicol-



friends he hasn't met as yet. \$1.50 MEN'S HALF SOLES LIGHT LEATHER HEEL TAPS FOR LADIES, small size .... 35c He also features Dyeing of shoes. Bring in those old shoes and

have them repaired like new. **Buck's Shoe Shop** A. E. MOORE, Prop.

Mr. and Mrs. Melton Cross and

Thursday of last week with his

ilth.

visited her father, D. R. Thompson

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Dismuke and daughter Debra of Ira spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob McDonald

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Joe Toomba and baby were in Linden over the r, Mrs. Kate Surratt.



In his State of the Union mes sage to Congress, President Eisennower recommended that legislation be enacted to provide that a citizen of the United States, con-

victed in the courts of conspiring to advocate the overthrow of the Government by force or violence, of the War Between the States en- be treated as having, by such act, enounced his allegiance to the United States, and forfeited his citizenship

On August 15, 1950, I introduced a resolution calling for an investigation to determine the feasibility

of deporting subversives, whether erfown bandit state of "Zona Lib- they be citizens of the United re," lawlessly broken off from States or not, to some remote is Mexico, the picture takes on many land in the Pacific Ocean.

A real Communist does not par icularly care whether he has United States citizenship or not, but I think he would fear, most of all, being banished from the shores of this Country

Put these warped minds together on some little island, and let them be whatever they want to be. They might even be self-supporting, and it's a cinch they couldn't swim back. There would be little expense

If this Administration and this Congress really want to find the answer to the treatment of Communists, it seems to me this idea is worth developing. It has been

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proved that some of the Commun- turn, these currencies may be used which we are in very short supsts who have been convicted of to purchase scarce strategic mater- ply; second, it saves dollars which onspiring to overthrow this Gov- ials which we need in this country. have been going into these foreign rnment by force and violence. This same idea was embraced in countries; and third, it will relieve and who are now in our Federal an amendment I offered last year the farm surplus problem which prisons, have been carrying on to the foreign military aid bill. In is one of the biggest headaches we putside. In addition, a prison is fact, the proposal I submitted at have

theoretically a place of reform. that time went further. The money With this kind of people in with received from foreign countries, in surpluses, it should increase the ordinary criminals, they have a payment for the surplus agricul- price of future farm commodities. fertile to continue to peddle their tural commodities, would be used for the same purpose for which we

President Eisenhower's advisors these various nations. have been sending dollars into are reported to be considering the

proposition of disposing of farm The idea accomplishes three im surplus commodities to foreign portant things - first, it amounts countries, taking as payment the to trading surplus farm commolocal currency of the particular dities which we can not use, for country to which they are sold. In much-needed raw materials of

Chinese One Dish Meal - a Perfectly Won-

REALLY TOPS!! Those who eat

this simply terrific rice and beef

dish will praise you again and

again. You'll see - because

every food and seasoning in this

main dish seems to be there for

the purpose of adding that much

Perhaps it is the bit of soy sauce

which adds just the right touch.

But whatever it is, keep a box

of inexpensive rice on the shelf.

add the other ingredients you don't happen to have on hand to

your market order, and get set

to make a terrific impression on

all those lucky eaters of this

simply super Rice and Beef Main Dish.

1 pound of beef (or yeal) cut in

ubes, about 3/1 inch

2 cups onion, chopped

1 cup celery, chopped

2 tablespoons butter or margarine

ing youngsters.

INGREDIENTS:

spoon salt

cup flour

more super flavor.

INGREDIENTS:

By relieving the supply of farm

**Outdoor Thriller Has Mighty Punch** At Queen Theatre

Action, color and story-line have never been better served than they are by "Inferno," the outdoor thriller which opens Sunday and Monday at the Queen Theatre. "Inferno" presents its unusual story with a dramatic punch that is calculated to make you rock in your seat

The story of a spoiled, spiteful and "soft" millionaire who learns to be a man the hard way when his faithless wife and her secret lover leave him to die in the middle of the Mojave Desert on the pretense they have gone to get helf for him after he is handicapped by a broken leg, "Inferno" is continuously vivid, exciting and suspenseful

Robert Ryan( always the equivalent of any film actor both in talent and the rugged ability to handle himself in physical action scores on both counts. As a matter of fact, it's his best film portraval. and juiciest role, since the memorable "Crossfire" of some years ago. Rhonda Fleming, a beauteous redhead, has never been seen to better advantage



You can do without an automobile or a television set. But such modern conveniences make life more worth living.

This is true of a bank, too. You can get along without a bank. But you can get along much better with it.

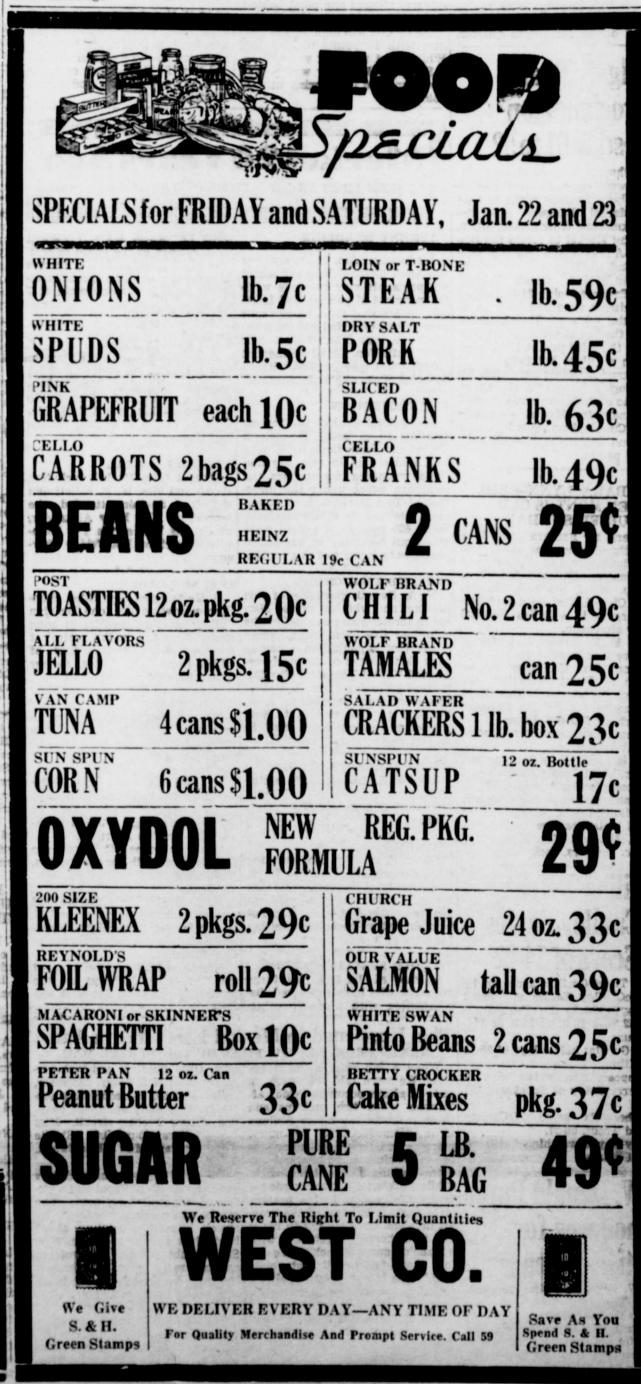
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Photo Rice Consumer Service

1 cup water METHOD: Cook the meat, on-

ions and celery in the fat until the meat is browned. Add the uncooked rice, chicken soup, mushroom soup, soy sauce, green peas, salt, pepper and water. Bring to a boil. Cover. Turn the heat as low as possible and leave over this low heat for 45 minutes or until the rice is tender and the meat is done.

Stir occasionally. This recipe makes 8 servings.

# **STOP! LOOK! READ! HEED!**

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Western Holly Gas Range Regular \$175.00 - - NOW \$110.00

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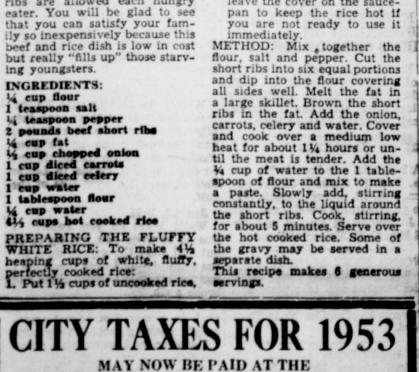
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MERKEL, TEXAS





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DELEGATES TO STATE MEET

The Merkel Future Teachers As-

library for its regular monthly

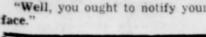
meeting, the first Tuesday night.

district meeting in Abilene Jan.

23. The group voted to have as of-

Jacky McAninch.

Jimmy Russell, president, pre-



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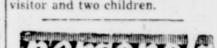
Corky Cox discussed pledges Wright; program, Mrs. Touchstone CHAMPIONSHIP RODEO for the club and increasing mem- and Mrs. Foy; 3E, Mrs. Goode and IS SCHEDULED bership. Four members are to Mrs. Hunter: 4-H, Mrs. Adkins and

FOR EL PASO IN FEB. sociation met in the high school write speeches on "Top Notch Mrs. Ramsey; recreation, Mrs. Vernon Stanley. Plans for the Southwestern

Garden leaders are: Mrs. Ray Championship Rodeo, scheduled and Mrs. Kelso; kitchen leaders, Feb. 10-14 at the El Paso County Mrs. Clyde Chancey and Mrs. Don Coliseum, have been cemented and Wright fans are due to be treated to a

The garden leaders will attend the training meeting at Anson Jan. 18 and bring their demonstration moving production of its kind in back to the club. The meeting adthe country. Top specialty acts journed to meet Jan. 28 with Mrs.

Don Wright. The program will be all times.



sons moved Wednesday to Levelland where they will operate a farm. Mrs. Hodges moved to Merkel from North Carolina in

MERKEL FOLKS

OF GULF PRODUCTS were served.

Officers for the new year are: leader, Mrs. Ben Adkins;



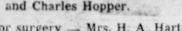
## HOSPITAL NOTES

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pital the past week were: As medical patients - Benny

Wayne Melton, Dee Teaff, Mrs. H. T. Torrence, C. F. Schwartz, Mrs. Joe Seymore, Tom Harwell well-rounded show which enjoys Mrs. J. D. Gentry, Mrs. J. H. Bisthe reputation of being the fastest hop and Charles Hopper.

For surgery - Mrs. H. A. Hart-

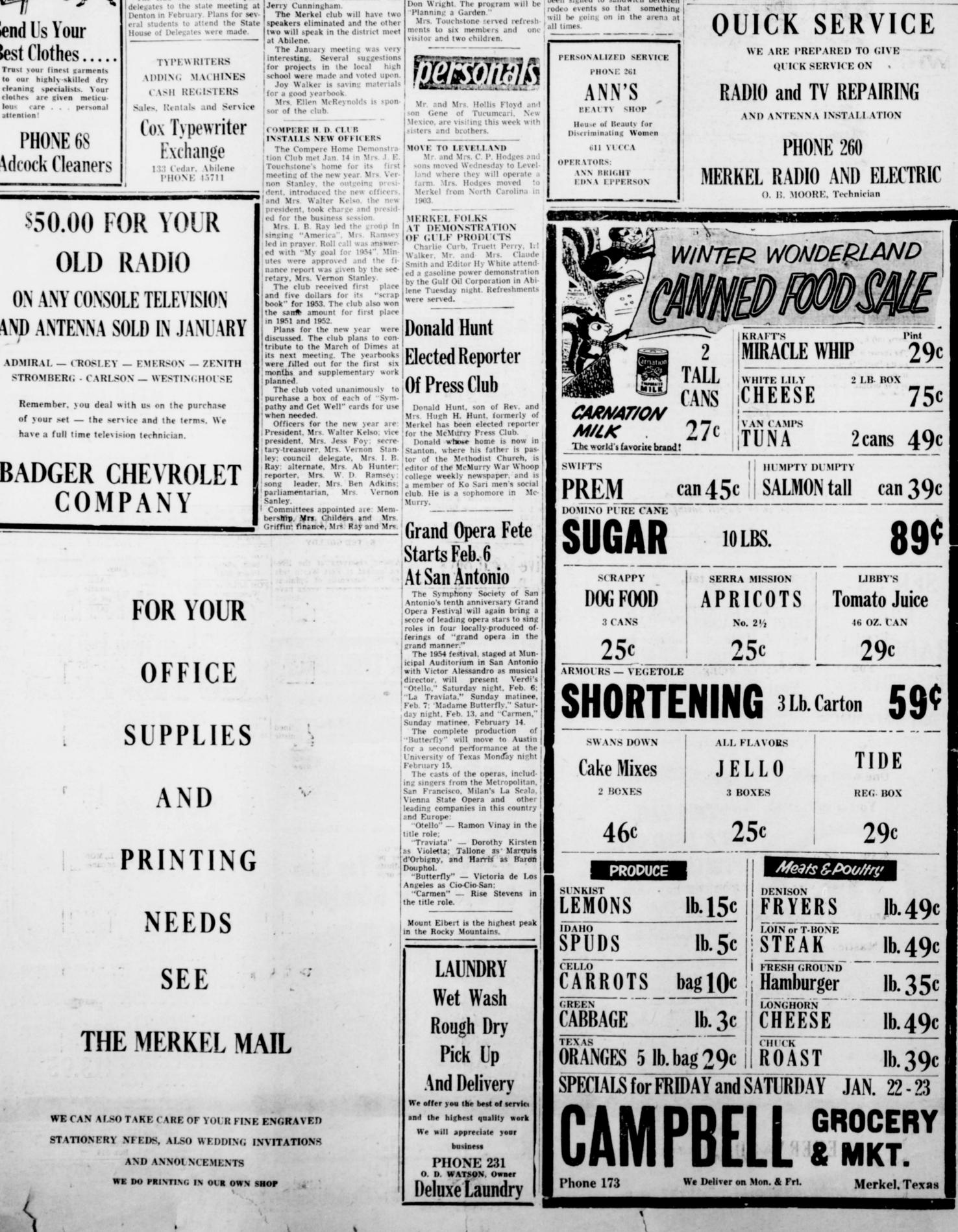


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er and for Mr. Future Teacher

talk will be held at Denton. The

sided over a business meeting, contestants will try out by districts

planning delegates to go to the the first in Abilene January 23.

ficial delegates Jimmy Russell and dra Patterson and Miss Joy Walk-

The club will send two paid will be Sessions Hammond and



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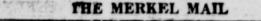
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# **Trent Gorillas Place Eleven Men On All-District**

The Trent Gorillas placed seven men on the 7-B All-District football selections. Trent got four men on the first team and three men on the second team.

The men on the first team were: Jerry MacWilliams, end, Robert Payne, tackle, Elton Freeman, guard, and Phil Goodwin, halfback. The men who made the second team were: Bobby Barnes, Troy Butman and Joe Scott.

The three coaches who voted on the teams were Elbert Yoes of Bronte, James Mancil of Robert Lee and Coach Hale of Trent.

# **Great Values On Dollar Day Please Public**

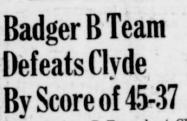
The great values offered last Tuesday, Dollar Day, marked a high spot in these events. The public had a great time making tremendous savings.

Many came early in the morning to take advantage of the better buys.

This again was Merkel's way of saying "Thank You" to everyone and proving that Merkel is the friendly town.

#### FOR TAXPAYERS

A booklet, entitled "Your Federal Income Tax for Individuals" has been published by the Govvernment. It can be obtained by the public by sending 25 cents to the Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C.



The Badger B Team beat Clyde 45 to 37 on Monday night of last

week at Clyde. Kermit Rutledge was high for the Badgers with 18 points.

On Thursday night of last week the B Team won from Clyde here

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54 to 21 Bill Horton was high man with

## THANK YOU CARD

We deeply express our gratitude to our many friends for their kind deeds, food, comforting words, prayers, and beautiful floral tributes during the illness and death of our darling baby, Barbara Lynn. We do especially thank Dr. Sadler and Dr. Warren and their entire staff for their patient service. May

at 7:30 p. m. All members are urg God bless each of you. ed to attend. Visiting brethren cor-Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Reid dially invited. And Family

MAN OR WOMAN - To service

customers in rural locality adja-STATED MEETING of Merkel cent to Abilene, Merkel, Sweet-Chapter No. 212, O. E. S. Tueswater. This is Full time route. day, January 26th, at 7:30 p. m. Unless you can work full time Inez Pratt, Worthy Matron do not apply. Good car or truck needed. No cash needed if you Fern Windham Secretary. can qualify. Write P. O. Box 972, Abilene. 4t45c

#### MRS. ERNEST JOYCE ATTENDS MARKET OF SPRING FASHIONS

Mrs. Ernest Joyce was among the more than 5,000 buyers who attended the American Fashion Association's Spring and Summer Market in Dallas, January 17-22.

**Merkel Juniors Have Exciting** Night at Leuder

The Merkel Jr., "A" Badger boys with two of their best players out of the game were able to hold Leuders at Leuder Tuesday night to the tight score of 21 to 23, in favor of their opponents.

The "B" team did not fare so well and lost to Leuders 20 to 12. The Merkel Jr. "A" girls lost to Leuder 28 to 30. This is the first game they have played this season. On the way to Leuder they had a flat on the front bus tire and had had to wait because the bus did not have a spare. Five minutes later James Butman, Jr., came along and went to Anson to telephone to Merkel for another bus. James took the "B" team on to Leuder. About 10 minutes later Frank Breaux came along and took the 'A" team to Leuder. Mrs. Lloyd

Reese took the rest of the boys to Leuder. The girls waited for the other bus. The girls got there about five minutes before their time to play.



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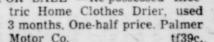
5-ROOM, very nice, \$5,500

6-ROOM, close in on Oak Street, \$8,500

ALL THE ABOVE CAN BE FI-NANCED.

#### DOWDY AND TOOMBS REAL ESTATE

FOR SALE - 9' Norge Refrigerator, Butane range, couch, table and chairs. See Vernon Hudson. 3t44p. Phone 298W. FOR SALE - F-20 Farmall Tractor, Planter, Cultivator and a Oneway. Ready to work. O. E. Harwell, Route 2, 3t43p FOR SALE - Re-possessed 1954 Model Automatic Washer, big discount. Palmer Motor Co. tf39c FOR SALE -Re-possessed Electric Home Clothes Drier, used



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THE MERKEL MAIL

Five Local Boys **To Be Represented** At Ft. Worth Show

Merkel will be well represented in the junior livestock show at the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show in Fort Worth, Jan. 29 through February 7,

Entries from Merkel include: Ronnie Barnett, one steer; Jimmy G. Russell, two steers; Payton Scott, four lambs: Jimmy McAninch, one lamb, Glen Sandusky, two lambs.

The world's greatest indoor rodeo will be presented in Will Rogers Memorial Coliseum twice daily in combination with the superb horse show.

In the Will Rogers Memorial Auditorium, nationally famous quartets will be presented in "The Battle of Songs". Band concerts, Western music and square dancing, fiddle bands in Pioneer Palace Midway shows and rides as well as scores of educational and commercial exhibits will be features.

TO HOLD RELIGIOUS WEEK The University of Texas will other period of sharp downward old its annual Religious Emphasis Week Feb. 14-18. More than 75 faculty and administration members have volunteered to lead discussion groups or other events during the week.

THE TIMID SOUL

The aggressive wife of a meek little man was hauling her husband over the coals. He sat in dejected silence. "And don't sit there," she shout-

ed, "making fists at me in your pockets, either."



By TED GOULDY Among observers at the live stock market at Fort Worth this week the concensus of opinions has been that recent weeks have

seen the most stablized conditions on cattle and calves that have been had in over two years. Woodrum. The prices of most cattle and calves have swung up and down in response to the pressure of supply and demand on the various classes, but there have been few times

when the rise or fall of prices has tilted more than \$1 per hundred. Of even more significance has been the trend in prices to regain lost ground, or to trim down the advances, within a few days after

the upset takes place. The trade is generally inclined seasoned observers temper their hopes with various qualifications, 'ifs" and "buts".

The narrow spread between stocker and feeder prices and the prices paid for fed cattle and fed lambs in recent weeks is cause for some fears that speculative buying may run prices up and over the prices buyers are willing to pay for replacements at later dates. This situation could result in an-

readjustments later if the speculative urge forces the stocker prices July 24, 1954. into unrealistic levels. On the favorable side is the con-

tinued broad consumer demand for meat. The expected crop of over 40 million calves next year promises to keep America on a beef eating spree for another year, but unless there is a drastic change the public appears ready and willing to pay going prices or maybe a little bit more for the privilege

Financial men here express the view that the efficient operator in livestock is a good risk now and in the future. However, they all agree that the marginal operator, or the stockman who can not operate with a minimum of expense. is going to suffer additonal set-

backs.

11:52 p. m.

9:01 p. m.

#### **BUS SCHEDULE** Westbound Eastbond 12:10 a.m. 2:20 a. m. 3:36 a.m. 5:22 a.m. 2:39 a. m. 6:32 a. m. 6:47 a. m. 5:54 a.m. 11:40 a. m. 11:45 a.m. 2:37 p. m. 1:01 p. m. 3:01 p. m. 5:00 p. m. 1:25 p. m. 7:57 p. m.

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## YELLOW CORN HYBRIDS

Three yellow corn hybrids, Tex toward a little more optimistic as 26, 28, and 30, gave outstandview of the future, although most ing results in tests conducted last year at widely-scattered locations over the state. Better secure 1954 planting seed early. - A. & M.

# POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Merkel Mail is authorized to announce the following candidates for office, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries

For Commissioner Precinct No.

RUFE TITTLE (re-election) For Justice of Peace Pct. 5

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## LEGAL NOTICE DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP

partnership lately subsisting between Sam Burns and A. L. Hopkins doing business under the firm name of All-Tex Modernizers in Tarrant County, Texas and in Taylor County, Texas was dissolved by mutual consent and agreement on the 1st day of January, 1954, Sam Burns having bought out the interest of A. L. Hopkins and all debts owing to the partnership are 12:15 a.m. to be received by the said Sam 1:21 a. m. Burns, and all demands on the said partnership are to be presented to him for payment; that from this 7:52 a.m. day hence the business of All-Tex 9:09 a. m. Modernizers will be conducted un-11:40 a.m. der the firm name of All-Tex Modernizers, but that A. L. Hopkins will no longer be a partner 4:19 p. m. thereof. 8:17 p. m. MAURICE V. BROOKS 4:57 p. m. Attorney for All-Tex Modernizers. 9:07 p. m. Adv \_ Jan. 15, 22, 29, Feb. 5.

used 16-ft. freezer, 3-year guarantee, for limited time, only \$229.50. Palmer Motor Co. tf39c. ORDER NOW BARGAIN PRICES The Merkel Mail and the Abilene Reporter or Fort Worth Star-Telegram at The Merkel Mail Office. OR SALE - 1950 Model Cushman Motor Scooter. Recently overhauled, good condition. \$125, Palmer Motor Co. tf32c NEW SHIPMENT - Cash Register Paper and Adding Machine Paper and many other stationery items. See The Merkel Mail. FOR SALE - Business lot, well located. Cyrus Pee, agent tf26c. FOR SALE - Bike, 26-inch. boys. good, used. Palmer Motor Co. GET your typewriter ribbons all makes, also adding machine and cash register paper at the Merkel Mail Office. SAVE MONEY by ordering your magazines from The Merkel Mail.

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### THE MERKEL MAIL



# Sombrero Tamales - Quick and Flavorsome Oven Dish 3. Leave saucepan over this low

Really fine eating, pardner, is this wonderfully delicious casserole of satisfying food which all the "cow punchers" in your family will praise and praise. This quick oven dish is put together in a matter of minutes. It is almost an "out-of-the-canaffair" because the rice cooks while you get out the cheese, the tamales and chili con carne and light the oven. This "savory favorite" from the southwest is different enough to make a big hit with company, too, and you'll find you won't need to "lasso" any compliments for it.

Applications or transportation INGREDIENTS:

- 1-15 ounce can or jar of tamales and sauce 3 cups cooked rice
- 1 151/2 ounce can chill con carne with beans
- 34 cup water

1/4 Ib. American cheese, sliced PREPARING THE FLUFFY WHITE RICE: To make 3 heaping cups of white, fluffy, perfectly cooked rice:

- 1. Put 1 cup uncooked rice, 2 cups of cold water and 1 teaspoon of salt into a 2-quart saucepan and bring to a vigorous boil.
- 2. Turn the heat as low as possible. Cover the saucepan with a lid. Do not remove lid nor stir rice while it is cooking.

An organization of Texas cities has started an early campaign to

By VERN SANFORD

ng because some of the 25 mem-

Before the committe was a com-

Gov. Allan Shivers indicated

West Texas farmers and ranchers

aid have been halted despite \$400,-

000 more in federal funds marked

Agriculture Commissioner White

said the program in the future will

cover half of the freight costs up

On past shipments the program

absorbed half the total cost and the

railroads the remainder. The rail-

roads stopped their reduced rates

Stockmen who already have al-

lotments but have not placed or-

ders or hay will be subject to the

Texas faces another serious prob-

lem in the overcrowded conditions

According to the board, a survey

of some of the institutions showed

20,850 patients occupying space

to a maximum of \$10 per ton.

or the program.

January 1.

new payment policy.

in state hospitals.

suitable for 13,200.

For extra fluffy, tender, separate grains allow the rice to steam for an additional 10 minutes - with heat off, but with-

new ready to use.

out removing lid.

heat for 14 minutes. Remove

from the heat. The rice is

For extra convenience and economy of time and effort, cook 2 cups of rice, 4 cups of water and 2 teaspoons of salt - keeping the extra cups of unused ready-cooked rice in the refrigerator in a covered container.

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This recipe makes 8 servings.

get the attention of legislators be- ed for road purposes, the league in which the vehicle owner lives. A commission set up by the Leg-



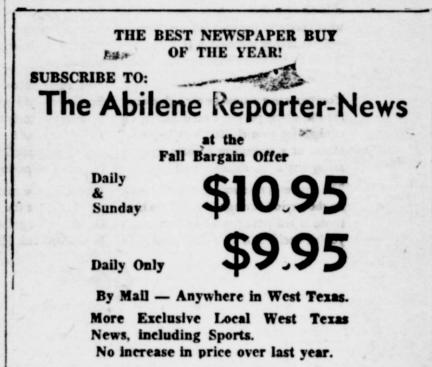
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and can lead to personality problems such as stuttering when h starts school

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# **EDITORIAL**

ESSAY, POETRY WINNERS

The local high school English udents are making a name for hemselves. Eight won outstandng honor in essay writing, three on outstanding honor in poetry riting.

tables

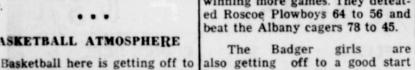
The essay writers won distincon by having their essays acceptd for publication in "Young Amrica Speaks," an anthology pubishes by the National Essay Assoiation. The poetry writers won listinction by having their poems ccepted for publication in Young America Sings," an anthogy of high school verse.

The essay winning writers are: ine Barley, Patsy Floyd, Jackie ogan, Sessions Hammond, Kay ames, Larry Joyce, Sandra Patrson and George Starbuck. The poetry winning writers are: onita Bagby, Wesley Pair and eorge Starbuck. The fact that these students will

e their writing in a national ublication will be an inspiration them and an urge to continue to rite creatively. These young folks are to be con-

atulated on their well-won hon-

good stride.



TOOL. inviting Salmon Salad pieces as large as possible. Place Bowl might be called the on watercress in center of salad fleter's delight, since hearty, fla- bowl. Arrange all other ingredients

Salmon Salad Is Dieter's Delight

rorful canned salmon is a low- around salmon. Serve with Blue talorie food. It's a treat to eat just Cheese Dressing. Yield: 4 servings. as it comes from the can, and it combines deliciously with garden-\*Blue Cheese Dressing

resh low-calorie summer vege-Combine 1 cup bottled creamy French dressing with 2 ounces Canned salmon tallies only about crumbled blue cheese or Roquefort 100 calories per 100 grams (slightcheese.

Blue Cheese Dressing or a dieter's

Salmon Salad Bowl

special low-calorie dressing.

They beat Roscoe 17 to 16.

scored and

ly less than a quarter-pound and Low Calorie Cooked a very adequate serving). More-over, it requires no calorie-laden Salad Dressing 4 teaspoon paprika 15 cups boiling water 2 tablespoons butter or envelope dressing to make it taste good. unflavored gelatine <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cup cold water <sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub> cup sugar <sup>1</sup> tablespoon dry mustard <sup>1</sup> tablespoon salt One of the most popular ways to eat canned salmon is just "as is." When you serve canned salmon in a summer salad, you get the margarine 2 eggs, beaten 1/2 cup vinegar benefit of its complete protein heartiness in a cool, inviting combination of colorful, flavorful gar-Soften gelatine in cold water in den vegetables. Here's nutrition top of double boiler Mix together sugar, dry mustard, salt and papa la king. And if you want a dressing, take your choice of a luscious rika. Add to softened gelatine with cluding George Starbuck, Ralph

boiling water and butter. Add Bartlett, Richard Chaney, Charles small amount hot mixture to beaten Beaird and Tommie Cutler, dress- ist breaks up a vicious gambling eggs, stirring rapidly. Return to ed in proper style for the scene ring with the charming assistance double boiler and cook, stirring and with the proper size mustache of the young woman society editor constantly, until mixture begins to

1 7% -ounce can salmon Watercress I large sweet onton, sliced I tomatoes, cut in wedges & cucumber, scorred and thicken. Remove from heat, grad. gave forth with sweet music. ually stir in vinegar Chill until Then the Gospel Quartet of the slightly thickened. Beat with rotary Assembly of God Church, includbeater until blended. Pour into jar: scored and sliced Drain salmon: flake, keeping cover and store in retrigerator, ing Dr. James H. Chaney, Mrs. H. Before serving, beat with a rotary beater. Yield: 2% cups. Cypert with Mrs. Chaney at the S. Earp and Mr. and Mrs. Pat

The Badger "B" Team beat Haw-Coach Tommy Ellis' Badgers ley 63 to 49. started the conference session The Trent Gorillas are also dowith two wins and the boys are ing a good job. They blasted winning more games. They defeat- Blackwell 54 to 36. ed Roscoe Plowboys 64 to 56 and

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#### "WHITE-ICISM"

their hymn singing.

to Tango.

That's ALL - and the Sage of How does it feel to be on TV? Frankly, we don't know. We Figfield adds that TRYING to win never have been on ourselves so has its fun just as winning has.

**Ring Is Broken Up** ly. Vicki Clark, the first grader, charmingly sang "I'm too Young At Queen Theatre The Barber Shop Quartet, in-How a crusading sports column-

MARCH OF DIMES MONTH in Texas, January 2-31, has been declared by Governor Allan Shivers, above

left. As Governor Shivers signs the proclamation, he is watched by Ruth Ann Bryant, 3206 Cherrywood,

Dallas, a three and one-half year old polio victim, and General Robert J. Smith of Dallas, State Chairman

of the 1954 March of Dimes Campaign and President of Pioneer Air Lines. The National Foundation for

Infantile Paralysis, through the March of Dimes Campaign, is seeking to raise an average of 50 cents in

**Vicious Gambling** 

every person in Texas. Part of the 1954 plans are to conduct vaccine field tests in the State.

of his paper is the theme of "Hot News," the new Allied Artists romantic drama, showing Friday and

Saturday at the Queen Theatre. The picture stars Stanley Clements, Gloria Henry and James Cypert with Mrs. Chaney at the Flavin are featured as the society piano, delighted the audience with editor and a hard-punching sports editor.

That closed the Merkel part of The young columnist, a former the program. It was good to see all boxer, starts his crusade, when an these folks on TV. over-matched fighter dies as the result of a beating received in the ring.

THE MERKEL MAIL

Cutler, Dillard Harris, Charles

Beaird and Kenneth Collier. They

played and the music came in nice-

England's sea power came into being with the defeat of the Spanish Armada.

### Friday, January 22, 1954.

## 13 NIGHT CLASSES WILL BE HELD AT H.-S.U. SOON

A total of 13 night classes will be held at Hardin-Simmons University during the spring semester A. B. Lee, registrar, announced.

Spring registration will be held Feb. 1 and 2, with class sessions slated to begin, Feb. 3

The classes will be offered in business administration, economics education, English, history, mathematics, journalism and sociology.

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A lazy man is willing to do all the labor saving for the family.



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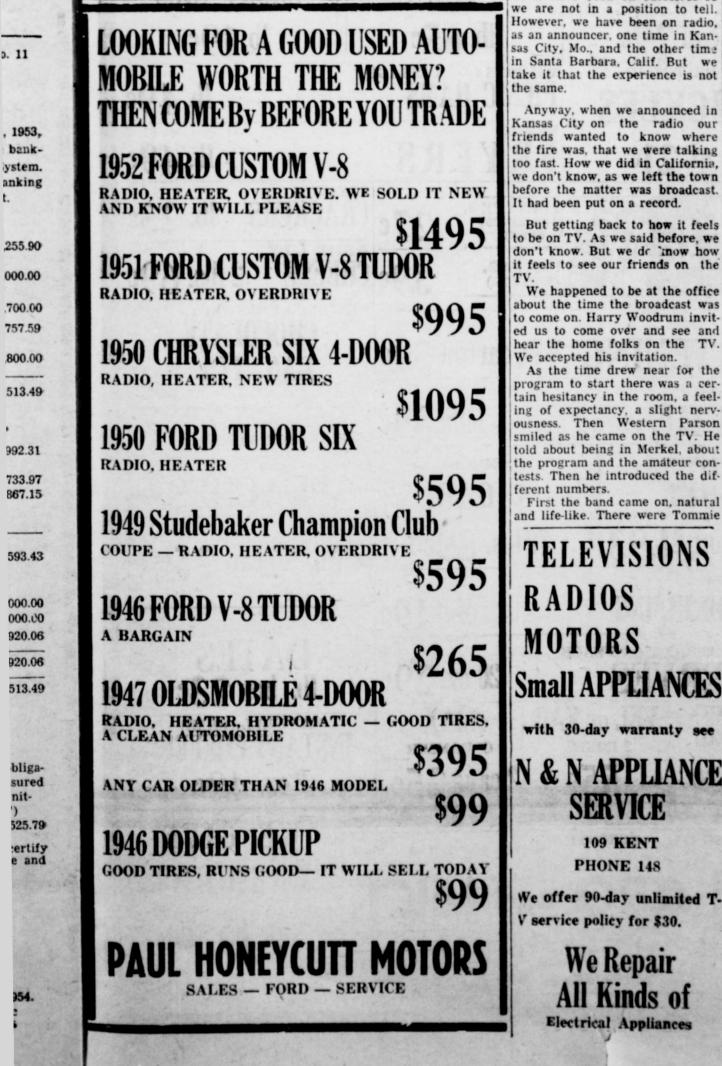


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Anyway, when we announced in Kansas City on the radio our friends wanted to know where the fire was, that we were talking too fast. How we did in California, we don't know, as we left the town before the matter was broadcast.

But getting back to how it feels o be on TV. As we said before, we don't know. But we de 'mow how it feels to see our friends on the We happened to be at the office about the time the broadcast was

ed us to come over and see and hear the home folks on the TV. As the time drew near for the program to start there was a certain hesitancy in the room, a feeling of expectancy, a slight nervousness. Then Western Parson smiled as he came on the TV. He told about being in Merkel, about the program and the amateur con-

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likely to develop lung cancer as a man of your age twenty years ago. They do know, however, that their chances of saving your life could be about ten times greater if they could only detect cancer long before you yourself notice any symptom. (Only 1 in every 20 lung cancers is being cured today, largely because most cases progress too far before detected.)

But why MEN over 45?

Our doctors still don't know

why, but if you are a man

over 45 you are six times as

That's why we urge that you make a habit of having your chest X-rayed every six months, no matter how well you may feel. The alarming increase of lung cancer in men over 45 more than justifies such precautions. Far too many men die needlessly!

Our new film "The Warning Shadow" will tell you what every man should know about lung cancer. To find where and when you can see this film, and to get lifesaving facts about other forms of cancer, phone the American Cancer Society office nearest you or simply write to "Cancer"-in care of your local Post Office.

> American Cancer Society



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in all industrial history. America's 800 businessmanaged electric companies prove daily that they can meet the country's electric needs. In view of this, you have the right to ask whether any federal government electric power projects-paid for with your tax money-are really necessary.

KILLS FIRST FOX

the Buster Horton place.

Is Suggested

Early filing of your 1953 income

pecially if they use Form 1040A,'

Mr. Campbell said. "But for those

who have a problem or two, our of-

fice stands ready to give assist-

ance or advice. If you need person-

al aid, visit our office at U. S. Post

Office and Courthouse, 3rd and 4th

"To obtain help and avoid the ush and pressure of last minute

It's true that the filing deadline is March 15, but little or nothing is

gained by waiting until the last

hat careful reading of the instruc-

tions, accompanying the forms re-

cently mailed out, will enable most

taxpayers to prepare their own re-

urns, often in less than an hour

AT EXHIBITORS SHOW

Max Mellinger and son Sylvan attended the National Fashion Ex-

bitors' showing of women's sum-

her apparel in Dallas this week.

stressed

St., on Pine St., Abilene,

rowds come in now

ninute to pay up. The district director

MAX MELLINGER

AND SON SYLVAN

# **March of Dimes Contribution Now** Stand at \$500

At the end of the second week of the local March of Dimes campaign a total of \$500 had been contributed, according to Principal C. A. Farley, local director.

The largest donation during the Early Filing past week came from the Merkel Public Schools. The primary **Of Income Return** school gave \$49, the elementary school donated \$47 and the high school, \$1.60.

Merkel's quota this year is \$1500 which is an increase of 50 per cent over last year.

Other important fund-raising events scheduled during the month tax return will be a big help to are:

Boy Scout collection at the traffic lights on Highway 80 on Jan. revenue. 23; collections at the Queen Theatre by Boy and Girl Scouts from Jan. 22 to Jan. 29; Mothers' March on Polio on Friday night. Jan. 29; and on Monday night, Feb. 1, the grade school will have a benefit double-header basketball game in the local gym.



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-Mrs. Allen Agnew

# FARMERS

January 31st 1954 is your deadline for filing your 1953 Income Tax without filing an Estimate; no need to file two returns. If you want my service

#### can make distribution match pro- bility of a depression Publisher plants and equipment than ever ROY WAYLAND THOMAS **Depression Talk** duction." T. C. Allen killed the first fox he had ever shot at in his life. Is Wasted Time He was with Vestal Hicks Mon-Hoyty said, "Every month a city day afternoon when Vestal call-Says Publisher the size of Toledo, Ohio, is being ed up two foxes. T. C. shot and added to the markets of this coun-

killed one. The hunting was "This country is due for a buyal opportunity for selling." done five miles east of here on er's market - not a depression,' said Patmer Hoyt, in reprimanding are getting farther and farther those who are trying to talk us in- away from even the remotest possi to a depression.

> Mr. Hoyt's remarks were made at the 7th Annual Mid-Winter Meeting of the Texas Press Association. held the past week-end in Austin

Mr. Hoyt berated people who are wasting a lot of breath and causing a lot of heartaches by insisting that we are going to have a de pression.

Uncle Sam said Ellis Campbell, "Newspaper advertising will play Jr., district director of Internal the major role in assuring prosperity in 1954." the publisher of the The vast bulk of Dallas District Denver Post stated, "for newspap taxpayers will find no difficulty in | er advertising is the one thing that making out their own returns, es

CHUCK WAGON

CHILI BEANS



OUR VALUE

Hoyt cited that 1953 saw the great-

creasing population of our nation provided in a single year, the high- produced - the gross national

non-farm homes were built and

private construction, other than

residential, was at near-record

Business spent more dollars for

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Speaking about the rapidly in- est volume of goods and services value of all the goods and services LEAVES LAST WEEK

est employment and a flow of per- production - was \$367 billion and

sonal income exceeding all past the most conservative estimates

years. More than a million new show almost equal figures upcom-

ing in 1954.

Louisiana produces

America's sugar cane.

IT PAYS TO FEED

SLICED

before, he asserted. The market

Paymaster

**Patterson Grain** 

THE BEST

most

FOR AIR FORCE DUTY

Roy Wayland Thomas, son of

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Thomas, has

enlisted in the Air Force. He left

Halley's comet will reappear

**Higgins Blacksmith** 

and Welding Shop

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**Machinery** Troubles

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In proving his point that we

in making your return call on or before January

31st, 1954, and avoid having to file an Estimate.

# **R. O. ANDERSON**



7:08 -9:01

TUES., WED:. THURS., JANUARY 26, 27, 28 Zona Libre! Land without Law on the Rio Grande! Haven of renegade, murder, and outcast woman

**"BORDER RIVERS"** JOEL MCCREA - YVONNE DE CARLO Color by TECHNICOLOR

> Also Color Cartoon and Short FEATURES 7:17 - 9:08

