

Local Boy Scouts Will Participate In 44th Birthday

The local Boy Scouts will participate in the 44th birthday of Scouting, which will be celebrated from Feb. 7 to 13.

The Boy Scouts of America were incorporated at Washington, D. C., on February 8, 1910.

Local Troop 20 of the Boy Scouts of America has a variety of activities planned for the observance of the 44th birthday of Scouting, according to Clesby Patterson, chairman of Troop 20 committee.

On Saturday afternoon, Feb. 6, the four Patrols of Troop 20 will stage a "Four Ring Circus" in front of Max Mellinger's store between 2 and 4 p. m. The live action demonstration will include fire making by flint and steel, flap jack cooking, first aid and knot tying. The public is invited to witness these demonstrations.

Members of both Troop 19 and Troop 20, committeemen and parents will attend the Assembly of God Church on Sunday night, Feb. 7, at 7 p. m.

"Because I Am A Scout" is the title of the play to be given by the Scouts of Troop 20 to the elementary school pupils on Thursday afternoon, Feb. 11, at 1:40 p. m.

The climax of Boy Scout Week for Troop 20 will be the annual pot luck supper and court of honor

to be held in the school cafeteria on Thursday night, Feb. 11, at 7:30 p. m. Barbecue and all the trimmings will be furnished by the troop committee. Parents will bring dessert, potato salad and their own silverware. Registration cards will be presented to members of Troop 20 by Clesby Patterson. A number of second class badges will be presented by Nolan Palmer, and Lester Dorton will award first class badges.

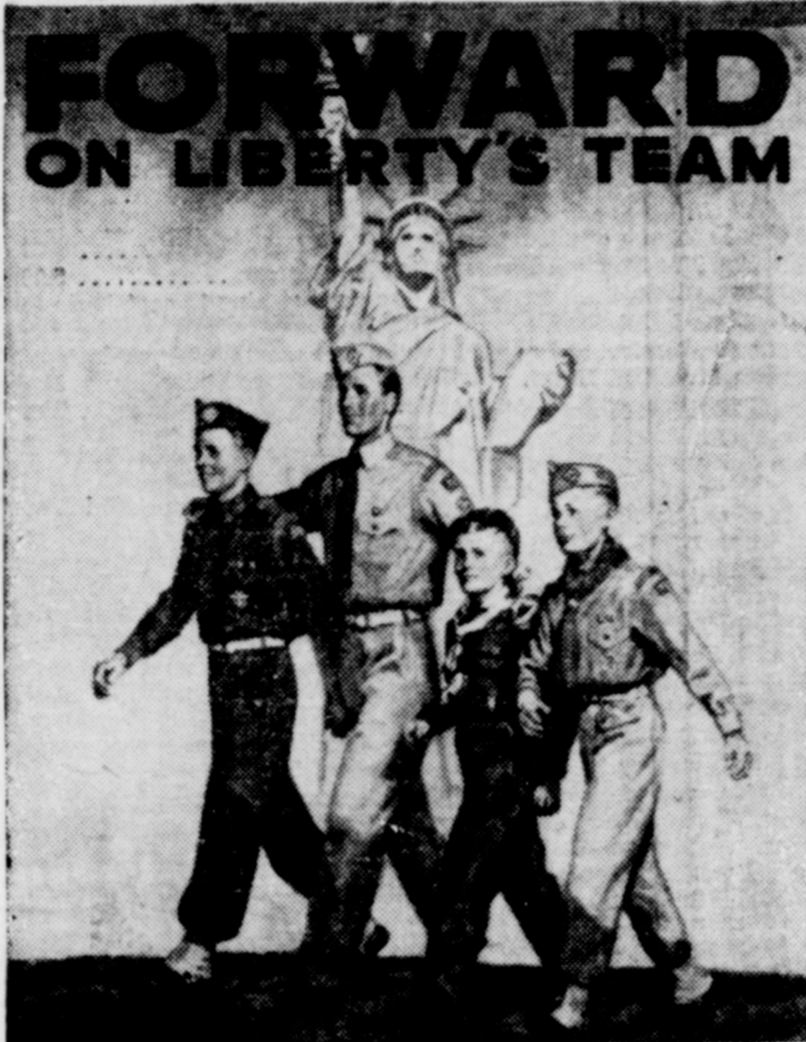
Pickup Is Stolen From in Front Of Patterson's

Clesby Patterson's pickup was stolen Saturday. At 10:45 a. m. Saturday Clesby left his pickup in front of his store and when he came back by 11:45 a. m. it was gone.

BADGER SCHEDULE

Friday, Feb. 5, Roby here. Tuesday, Feb. 9, Munday here. Friday, Feb. 12, Throckmorton there.

Boy Scouts Observe 44th Birthday



44th ANNIVERSARY 1954 BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA Official Boy Scout Week Poster

The 44th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America will be observed during Boy Scout Week, Feb. 7 to 13, by more than 3,300,000 boys and adult leaders. Since 1910 more than 21,000,000 boys and leaders have been members. Boy Scout Week will highlight the "Forward on Liberty's Team" theme which seeks to produce a greater functioning manpower and provide a higher quality program for an ever-increasing membership. In countless communities, Scouts, their parents, local institutions and public officials will pay tribute to the leaders of 89,000 units for the contribution they are making to the boyhood of America.

FREE SHOW TICKETS AGAIN

More free tickets are being given away by the Queen Theatre this week. Look for your name in the personal column, the want ad column and on the front page. The Queen makes the treats.

DRAWS GOOD CROWDS

A good crowd gathered at the Church of Christ from 2:30 to 3:30 p. m. Sunday to enjoy the singing. About 15 leaders directed the congregation in singing hymns.

Jacky McAninch Wins First Place Among Hampshires

The local boys won one top honor and other awards at the Fat Stock Show in Ft. Worth, reporting Chester Collinsworth.

Jacky McAninch won first place in the Hampshire lamb class of the entire show. He also won 11th place in the Hampshire and Shropshire class. Payton Scott won two places also: 4th and 9th.

In the heavy weight Hereford steer class Jimmy Russell got 8th in a class of 50, which produced the grand champion of the junior show. Ronnie Barnett won 15th place.

Eddie Sandusky showed two Hampshire lambs. Payton won a special award for showmanship in showing lambs. Out of 126 showmen, he was in the top six.

Eddie, Jimmy and Ronnie are selling their animals today, Friday, in the auction at Ft. Worth.

Three Oil Wells Are Brought in At Stith Area

The oil activity at Stith is increasing. A well was brought in Sunday on the Tren Butler farm. The oil was flowing in the Swastika, around 3,000 feet, on drill stem test.

A well was also brought in Saturday on the A. W. Clemmer farm. The oil was also flowing in the Swastika.

On the Grady Bond farm in the Swastika a well was brought in last Friday. Last week also another well was started on the Bond farm.

DOLLAR DAY NOTE

As next week's issue will carry Dollar Day ads it will be appreciated if the merchants get their ads ready early.

March of Dimes Exceeds Quota By Margin of \$350

Merkel and surrounding communities raised \$1,850 in the 1954 March of Dimes, exceeding their quota of \$1,500, by \$350, stated Principal C. A. Farley, local director.

This year's total is an increase of 85 per cent over last year's figure of \$1,000. Year before last only \$900 were donated.

"Merkel is one of the few towns in Texas which voluntarily accepted a 50 per cent increase over last year's quota and more than met it," said Principal Farley.

"We feel that the 85 per cent increase in donations to the March of Dimes is due chiefly to the fact

that the Merkel citizens realize the importance of a permanent vaccine for polio.

"The \$1,850 contribution was made possible by the whole-hearted co-operation on the part of a great many individuals and organizations. Special thanks go to the following: Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Lions Club, school faculty members, Queen Theatre, Merkel Mail, P.T.A. Room Mothers, ladies in the rural communities, grade school basketball teams, Beta Sigma Phi Sorority and the merchants of the town."

The largest money-raising event in the local campaign was the Mothers' March on Polio held last Friday night. The P.T.A. Room Mothers, led by Mrs. David Gamble and Mrs. Carroll Benson, raised \$452 between 7 and 8 p. m.

Other fund-raising events included: Schools, \$106; coin collectors, \$133; March of Dimes cards, \$277; boxing glove basketball games, \$45; grade school basketball games, \$46; Western Parson show, \$105; traffic blockades, \$230; telethon, \$180; collections at Queen Theatre, \$65; Stith and Warren, \$55.67; Salt Branch and Mulberry, \$37.75; Mt. Pleasant and Castle Peak, \$25; Union Ridge, \$25; Cross Roads, \$21.16; Butman, \$19.80; Blair, \$17.95; and I. X. L., \$9.00.

"On behalf of the National Foundation and the Taylor County Chapter, we want to thank each and every one who had a part in making this year's campaign the most successful that we have ever had. We certainly appreciate the

SINGING AT TRENT

There will be singing next Thursday at 7:30 p. m. at the Trent Methodist Church.

New Plumbing Shop Has Been Opened Here in Merkel

Charlie Massey and J. D. Gouge have opened up a plumbing and heating shop. The firm will be known as the Massey & Gouge Plumbing Company and will be located for the present at 409 Runnels street.

WANTED — RAIN! Within next 10 days. Any kind of rain, snow or sleet. Starting at 1/2 inch, then continue.—Adv.

Take One Night Off... Be our guest Ernest Dixon Monday and see "The Boy From Oklahoma," Queen Sunday, Monday, Feb. 7, 8.—Adv.

CHERRY LYNN EILAND ELECTED PRESIDENT OF SEVENTH GRADE

On Feb. 1 Miss Mable Phillips' seventh grade class elected officers for February. The officers were:

President, Cherry Lynn Eiland; vice president, Bobby Malone; secretary, Manley Denton; treasurer, Annette Boney; reporter, Dana Durham; fire chief, Manley Denton; assistant fire chief, Skippy Hicks.

Six Parents and 13 Children Are Found Hungry Near Trent

When the sleet and snow were covering the ground and freezing weather was in the air Rev. B. E. Welsh, First Baptist Church pastor, Trent, went out to make a routine ministerial visit to see folks who had moved into a farm house about four miles south of Trent. He went out there to invite them to come to church.

He found them destitute. He found three families living in the house, including about 13 children. There was a little heat in the house, said Rev. Welsh, but the place was very dirty.

One mother was sickly and her baby was sickly. The day before they had seen the doctor but they had no money with which to buy medicine.

On inquiry the minister found the families had come from Kentucky where the men had worked in mines. All the men can do is manual labor but were unable to find work here.

The WMU of the church were told about these destitute families and set about doing what they could to help them. About \$70 worth of groceries were brought to them last week.

One bed served for one of the families: the parents and the children. Four beds were taken to the home but they have no mattresses. Table and chairs were brought over.

BULLETIN!

The City Council voted Wednesday afternoon to allow the Merkel Telephone Company to increase its rates when toll charges to three towns are eliminated.

The ordinance states: "The Merkel Telephone Company Inc., is hereby authorized to place in effect on its first billing date after the elimination of the present toll charge to Trent, Nubia and Noodle, Texas, the following schedule of rates." The monthly rates will be:

One party business \$8.50, business extension, \$1.50, one party residence \$4.75, two party \$4, four party \$3, residence extension \$1, semi-public \$4.50, installation \$3.50, move \$2 and re-connection \$1.50.

BULLETIN!

The Merkel Telephone Company and the Taylor Telephone Cooperative have signed a contract for the cooperative to use the Merkel switchboard and operating services for their Nubia and Noodle exchanges.

Merkel Schools Receive Honor Of Highest Rating

The Merkel Schools have received the highest rating as a member of the Southern Association of Secondary Schools, announced Supt. Mack Fisher. The local schools have met the requirements of accredited high schools and in addition have met the higher requirements of the association.

Many Features And Free Dinner Planned For Sat.

John Deere Day is next Saturday. The Miller Implement Company will be the host and has planned a big program and a free dinner.

The program is for farmers and their families and admission will be by ticket only, said Jack Miller. Children with parents are welcome. Tickets may be had at the company office.

The feature, "Mr. Christmas," a full-length, full-color entertainment will high light the program and will be shown at 10 a. m. and 2 p. m.

Besides the feature, there will be the pictures, "The Safety Pin," "The Job Ahead," "Oddities in Farming," "What's New for 1954" and "What's New."

"We invite the farmer and his family to come to this special program and dinner that we have prepared for him," stated Mr. Miller.

Merkel 20 Years Ago

TAKEN FROM THE 1933 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL

CONFEDERATE VET DIES

W. S. Telford, 96, Confederate veteran and resident of West Texas since 1905 died at 4:30 Saturday afternoon at his home, 210 Amarillo Street, Abilene. He was ill only 10 days and until stricken had been up and active around the house. He visited his daughter, Mrs. J. P. Sharp, here about the first of the year. Parker Sharp, a grandson, was a pallbearer.

ON COLLEGE HONOR ROLL

Margarette Turner, a sophomore student in McMurry College and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Turner, was among the 38 students named on the college honor roll at the close of the first semester. She was among the upper tenth of the student body scholastically.

"TWELVE OLD MAIDS"

"Twelve Old Maids," a musical comedy, will be presented at Zion Chapel by the Noodle Home Dramatization Club Tuesday evening, February 13. Admission, adults 10c, all school children 5c.

ADOPTS RESOLUTION

The Merkel Poultry Association at a called meeting adopted a resolution in which it stated that "exhibition eggs must be bought direct from the breeders." And was signed by Castle Ellis, secretary.

RECORD BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ford Smith a boy Jan. 27. Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Hawkins a boy Feb. 2. Mr. and Mrs. B. Y. Bryant, a girl Feb. 5. Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Taylor a girl February 5.

This Happened in Merkel Forty Years Ago

TAKEN FROM THE 1913 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL

At 5 o'clock Tuesday afternoon a crowd of jolly girls arrived at the home of S. F. Haynes. The girls were dressed in white middie blouses and dark skirts. At six o'clock a perfectly appointed dinner was served; the girls then made candy. An hour later several boys joined the merry makers in bunco and "42". Delightful music was furnished by Misses Mattie T. Mann, Bess Touchstone and Grace Diltz. Before the boys said goodnight Miss Gladys Haynes served fruit, cake, candy and hot chocolate to Misses Tommy Lou Coggin, Bess Touchstone, Lillie Dean, Amy Gunn, Gertrude Cauten, Evalyn Turner, Mattie T. Mann, Grace Diltz, Messrs. Ennis and Emmett Grimes, Ivo Mann, Oscar Pate, H. C. Burroughs, Jr., Jack Walker, Choc Diltz, Raymond Touchstone and Emzi Burroughs. The girls were greatly shocked

when they found out some one had turned back the clock.

Steve Duckett made a business trip to Abilene Thursday.

Miss May Robins of Trent was the weekend guest of Mrs. I. B. Valentine.

J. B. Briggs returned from Dallas the first of the week and reported Mr. Wheatley resting well from the operation of appendicitis.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Propst and little son Roy, Mrs. J. P. Sutphen and Mrs. A. C. Rose and daughter Ona Faye motored to Abilene Wednesday.

Miss Tillie Mosier of Dallas is here this week visiting Miss Zora Coggin.

AT METHODIST RALLY

Among those who attended the rally of the Northwest Texas conference of the Methodist Church at Sweetwater Monday were: Rev. and Mrs. P. H. Gates, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Patterson, Supt. and Mrs. Roger A. Burgess, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Daniel, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Glenn, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Mashburn and son, Ewell, Mr. and Mrs. Clark Church, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Mashburn, John Hughes, and Mesdames E. C. H. C. Williams, B. M. Black and J. R. Pee.

FORMER MERKELITE DIES

G. W. Boyce received a letter from Mrs. Compton in which it stated that J. W. (Will) Compton had died at Los Angeles, Calif., on Dec. 26. Mr. Compton was a blacksmith here many years ago and in late years had served as a Pullman porter on the run from Los Angeles to Chicago.

TO HOLD SONG SERVICE

The choir of the South Side Baptist Church of Abilene will give a sacred song service Sunday afternoon from 3 to 4:30 at the Salt Branch Baptist Church. Rev. S. J. T. Williams will preach at the 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. hours.

HAZEL INEZ MELTON DIES

Funeral services were held at 5 o'clock Wednesday afternoon for Hazel Inez Melton, 4-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Melton, the little girl having died late Tuesday afternoon from diphtheria.

Lions Approve Rate Increase For Telephone

By a majority vote the Lions Club went on record as approving a rate increase for telephone rates in Merkel. The vote was taken after the members heard that the company planned improvements in the service here by taking in more area if the raise was granted and would allow the company to earn a rate more in keeping with the capital invested.

Vice President Isadore Mellinger presided in the absence of the president. Rev. S. E. Tullock spoke on the Little League and the meeting to be held Monday at the school cafeteria. Football pictures will be shown and a large crowd is desired.

David Gamble suggested a community chest for Merkel. Up to 10 drives are conducted in a year here he remarked, and the chest would eliminate the work involved in making so many campaigns. The club approved the idea and vice president Mellinger appointed a committee to develop the matter: Clesby Patterson, Earl Hughes, Ray Wilson, N. T. Hodge and David Gamble.

The club voted to donate up to \$50 for the Boy Scout pot luck supper.

Fred Starbuck introduced the program.

Tommy Odum told of the changes in service that the company had made since he took over the system and how it had modernized it.

George Culler, auditor for the company, reported that the net return to the company last year was 2 per cent. "A fair return is from 6 to 8 per cent," he remarked. "The increases now asked for will allow a return of from 3 to 3 1/2 per cent. This will allow for improvements also."

The improvements that would be allowed by the higher rates are service to Nubia, Noodle and Trent. The business rate would be \$8.50 a month with the one party residential phones being 4.75.

BOY TO J. L. WASHBURN

A baby boy was born at the Sadler Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Washburn February 2.

RAIN .10 INCH

The rainfall here Monday night measured .10 inch, reported Weatherman J. I. Ford.

MERKEL HAS WARM SPOT

J. M. Norris, P. O. Box 103, Bayard, New Mex., sent in his renewal to The Mail and added: "Although it has been 43 years since I left Merkel, during

which time many of the old timers have passed on to their reward, there remains a warm spot in my memory for the old town and old Mulberry Canyon that I have known since 1878."

NEWS ABOUT TOWN

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Parham is her sister Mrs. Roy Shepard, of Paris. See A Show . . . Lloyd Robertson call at Queen box office Monday night for Free pass to see "The Boy From Oklahoma." — Adv.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Harris entertained the following guests at their home Sunday, January 24: Miss Mary Hendricks, Lick Hargus and son, Charley Hargus, all of Floydada, and Mr. and Mrs. Burr Hendricks and niece, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hendricks and children.

Pfe. Jimmie E. Brown has returned to Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Maryland, after a two weeks' visit with his mother, Mrs. J. R. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Rutledge and two little daughters visited in Anson Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Cecil Bennett, and her husband.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Buford visited Sunday in Colorado City.

See A Show . . . Otis Griffin call at Queen box office Monday night for a Free pass to see "The Boy From Oklahoma," showing Sunday, Monday, Feb. 7, 8. — Adv.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. McKeever and mother, Mrs. Sallie McKeever, visited in Bangs with relatives.

Max Mellinger and son Sylvan were in San Antonio, Lockhart and Austin this week.

Mrs. H. H. Jones, Jr., and two children of Oil Center, New Mex., visited over the weekend with Mrs. Claude Perry, two sisters, Mrs. Chock Hutcheson, Mrs. Wayne Boyd, both of Trent, and brother, Truett Perry.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Moore had Sunday dinner with their daughter

Mrs. W. D. Vanzant, and husband in Abilene Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Diltz, Jr., and baby of San Angelo were week end visitors of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Diltz, Sr.

Mrs. Norman King visited her sister, Mrs. Claud Rittenberry in the Hendrick Hospital Sunday, where she had an operation Thursday of last week.

Billy Joe Toombs and H. H. McLeod were in Matador Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Cypert attended the singing in Fort Worth Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Palmer and family spent the weekend in Ft. Worth at the Fat Stock Show and Rodeo, and also in Dallas on business Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Fox and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Fox and family of Abilene spent Sunday in Lubbock with Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Walker and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sledge went to Comanche Sunday and visited her mother, Mrs. J. H. Lloyd.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Moore and Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Meeks visited Mrs. Moore's sister-in-law, Mrs. George Crow, Jr., in Lubbock Sunday.

They went with Mr. and Mrs. John Meeks who visited her brother, Lee Campbell, and wife in Snyder. Mr. Meeks visited his brother Alfred in Snyder.

Mrs. J. D. Gentry and Gail spent the first part of last week in Baird with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Carey of Harris, Ark., visited his mother, Mrs. Mary Carey, Wednesday of last week. Another son, Carl Carey of Lubbock was a visitor Thursday and Friday of last week.

TEXAS RETAIL TRADE REACHES TOP RECORD ACCORDING TO REPORT

Texas retail trade reached an all-time high level in 1953, the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research reported.

Compared to 1952 activity, non-durable goods gained 7 per cent, automotive sales increased 15 per cent and food store sales, 2 per cent. Apparel goods stores equalled their 1952 sales. Income from eating and drinking places declined 3 per cent, and durable goods, 3 per cent.

Laughs, Thrills Great Romance At Queen Theatre

"Three Sailors and a Girl" will play at the Queen Theatre Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. It stars Jane Powell and Gordon MacRae. It is filmed in Technicolor. It is packed with laughs, thrills and, of course, romance. The light entertainment fare promises a gay story of three gobs and a gal who become involved in a big-time Broadway show.

CEMETERY FUND

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

- Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Horton, Plainview . . . \$10.00
- Byrom Heirs . . . 10.00
- Mrs. Ruby Jinkens . . . 5.00
- Mrs. Fred Hale, Trent . . . 5.00
- J. Pierce Horton . . . 5.00

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

MONEY FOR BRIDGE

A special appropriation of \$667,140 for highway and bridge improvements in six counties was approved last week by the State Highway Department. In this immediate community the following project was covered: Bridge five miles north of Merkel in F-M Road 126 to replace old wooden bridge, 24 feet wide, to cost \$13,300.

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Today — no less than long ago — we must seek the strength such Faith in our Fellow Men will yield.

We must pledge to each other "our Lives, our Fortunes and our Sacred Honor" . . . in working to revive the spirit of brotherhood upon which the foundation of our great nation rests.

We must renew our faith in each other for upon this faith rest our best hope of peace and security.

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SPECIALS for FRIDAY and SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5-6

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CARTON TOMATOES ctn. 15c	CHOICE BEEF ROAST lb. 49c
CALIFORNIA ORANGES lb. 15c	LONG HORN CHEESE lb. 49c
SUGAR CANE PURE 10 LB. BAG 89¢	
CHOCOLATE COVERED CHERRIES 1 lb. box 59c	BABO CLEANSER 2 boxes 25c
ALL FLAVORS JELLO 2 pkgs. 15c	3 MINUTE OATS 20 oz. pkg. 17c
LIBBY'S Tomato Juice 46 oz. 25c	WESSON OIL pint 33c
MIRACLE TIDE Reg. pkg. 29c	DEL VALLE — VIENNA Sausage 3 cans 25c
OXYDOL NEW FORMULA REG. PKG. 29¢	
EL FOOD Apple Jelly 24 oz. 25c	SUN SPUN CATSUP 12 oz. bottle 17c
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 Training Union 6:30 p. m.
 Evening Worship 7:30 p. m.
 Wednesday Prayer Service 7:30 p. m.
 W. M. U. Mon. 9:30 a. m.

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

Merkel First Methodist Church
 Sunday:
 Sunday School 9:50 a. m.
 Morning Worship 10:50 a. m.
 M. Y. F. 6:30 p. m.

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

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

Church of the Nazarene
 Services at the Merkel Church of the Nazarene are as follows:
 Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
 Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.
 Training Union 7:00 p. m.
 Evening Services 7:30 p. m.
 Wednesday:
 Prayer Service 7:30 p. m.

Primitive Baptist Church
 Services held first Sunday of month and Saturday preceding.
Merkel Assembly of God
 Sunday school 10 a. m.
 Morning Service 11 a. m.
 C. A.'s (Young People) 7 p. m.
 Evening Worship 7:30 p. m.
 Tuesday W. M. C. 2 p. m.
 Wed. Prayer Service 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.

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

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

will have sufficient funds on hand and in sight to grant the teachers their salary hike.

In announcing that he would call the legislators to Austin for a 30-day meeting around mid-March, Gov. Shivers said that if the gas gathering tax is ruled out by the court, "it probably will result in increasing some existing taxes."

Garland Smith, chairman of the Texas Board of Insurance Commissioners, expressed alarm about insurance stock sales and recommended that such transactions should be supervised by the state. "Nobody is supervising them now," Mr. Smith said. He added that a law will be asked to give the state securities commissioner regulatory power over issuance and sale of insurance stock.

More subject matter to come before the Legislature, sooner or later, is the motor vehicle inspection. Flaws in it have been found, law.

says an announcement by the Texas Legislative Council, and revision is needed in several respects.

For example, the council pointed out, it is now possible for a driver to lose his license even though he was without blame in an accident, if the other party involved failed to sign a waiver.

Diamond jubilee celebration of the Texas Press Association will be held this year. The anniversary convention of the organization will be at Fort Worth June 18-19.

Organized in Houston in 1880, the TPA, now one of the largest daily and weekly press associations in the country, started out with 43 charter members.

Drouth relief hay shipment certificates will be authorized where ranchers are willing to pay half of

the freight cost, Agriculture Commissioner John C. White announced.

This plan, said Mr. White, does not involve the use of state-federal funds, but "is merely a method to allow stockmen to receive the railroad grant of one-half normal freight rate."

State Selective service will draft 985 Texans during March, announced Brigadier General Paul L. Wakefield, state selective service director.

For February the call was scheduled to be 1,010 and for January 1,314.

Under the present draft law, nearly 80,000 Texans have been inducted into the armed services. The law has been in effect since June, 1948.

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 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

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

Trent First Baptist Church
 Sunday:
 Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
 Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.
 Training Union 6:30 p. m.
 Evening Services 7:30 p. m.
 Monday:
 Intermediate G. A.'s 3:45 p. m.
 Wednesday:
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 Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.
 Evening Services 7:30 p. m.
 Thursday:
 Ladies Bible Class 4:00 p. m.

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 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.

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.

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By VERN SANFORD

Texas Press Association

What will happen at a special session of the Texas Legislature, to convene about March 15, depends upon action — or inaction — by the U. S. Supreme Court on this state's gas gathering tax.

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1. That the high court will not hand down its decision before or during the session. In that event, a new tax bill must be passed if the teachers are going to receive their pay increase.
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WANDA THOMPSON WEDS CURTIS CLYBURN SATURDAY

Rev. Jessie Swendell of Hawley officiated at the candle-light double ring ceremony, uniting in marriage Miss Wanda Thompson of Abilene and Curtis Clyburn of Hawley on Saturday evening, Jan. 30 at 8 p. m. in the home of the bride's parents. Miss Thompson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Thompson of Merkel and Mr. Clyburn is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Clyburn of Hawley.

The bride was given in marriage by her father and Miss Maurine Cooke was her only attendant. Serving as best man was Fred Clyburn of Midland, brother of the groom.

The bride wore a navy silk dress with white accessories. Her corsage was white gardenias and rose buds. For something new and blue the bride had her dress and for something borrowed and old she wore a bracelet belonging to a room mate, Miss Ida Lilly, of Abilene.

At the reception following the ceremony, Mrs. Truett Thompson served the wedding cake and Mrs. Charlie Barnes, sister of the groom presided at the punch bowl. Decorations throughout were white gladiolus and daisies. Colors were white, pink and green.

Attending were relatives and friends from Merkel, Abilene, Anson, Hawley, Hodges, Sweetwater and Midland.

After a short trip they will be at home at 2125 Swenson Street, Abilene.

DISTRICT P-T.A. PRESIDENT WILL SPEAK AT NOODLE

Mrs. Robert Cross of Anson will be guest speaker at the Noodle P-T.A. when it holds its regular meeting on Feb. 11 at 7:30 p. m. Mrs. Cross is president of the 14th District. Mrs. Hubert Sullivan, president of the Noodle P-T.A., urges all members to be present for this meeting.

MRS. JACK MILLER TO TELL OF PORTO RICAN TOUR

Mrs. Jack Miller will give a talk on her trip to Porto Rico and also show some interesting pictures that Mr. Miller took while on the

tour at the Union Ridge Home Demonstration Club meeting. The group will meet at 2 p. m. today, February 5, in the home of Miss Mable McRee.

BETA SIGMA PHI MEETS IN MRS. E. L. HORTON'S HOME

Mrs. E. L. Horton and Mrs. Don Warren were hosts Tuesday for the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority in the home of Mrs. Horton. After the regular meeting a refreshment plate was served to the 10 members present.

The next meeting will be Feb. 16 in the home of Mrs. Vincent Barnett.

MRS. WINNIE CYPERT AT 58TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mrs. Winnie Cypert visited over the weekend at Elmo when her sister, Mrs. H. D. Harris, and Mr. Harris were celebrating their 58th wedding anniversary. Mrs. Harris' other sister, Mrs. D. B. Smith, and husband of Austin met Mrs. Cypert there.

The Harrises are former Merkelites. Mrs. Cypert met a lot of her childhood friends. Pat Cypert and wife accompanied his mother to Ft. Worth and on to Cleburne and visited his sister, Mrs. W. C. Monzingo, husband and daughter.

MRS. T. C. ALLEN IS HOSTESS TO LYDIA CLASS TUESDAY

The Lydia Class of the First Baptist Church met in the home of Mrs. T. C. Allen Feb. 2. Mrs. Pick Allen had charge of the devotional. The prayer was by Mrs. J. O. Armstrong.

A class song was selected, "Have Thine Own Way." Mrs. Collins read a poem entitled "Visit." This was greatly enjoyed and all promised to visit as much as they could. Mrs. Castels gave a reading which was greatly enjoyed.

The hostess served refreshments to two visitors, Mrs. Vestal Hicks and Mrs. Etta Tucker, and seven members present.

The next meeting will be March 2 with Mrs. J. A. Armstrong.

STITH HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB DISCUSSES GARDENS

The Stith Home Demonstration Club met in the home of Mrs. C. R.

Rogers Jan. 27. New, exciting plans were made for the new year and yearbooks were distributed and discussed.

A program, "Planning Your Garden," was presented by the garden leaders, Mrs. Ted Hudson and Miss Louise Hudson.

The hostess gift was won by Mrs. J. B. Harris. The club voted to send \$5 to the March of Dimes. Home-made cookies and cold drinks were served to 14 members.

The next meeting will be Feb. 10 and all members are urged to attend and bring some ivy and a planter as the program will be a demonstration on fixing your own ivy so that it will grow.

MRS. W. W. TOOMBS HOSTESS TO GARDEN CLUB JAN. 21

The Merkel Garden Club met Thursday afternoon, Jan. 21, in the beautiful home of Mrs. W. W. Toombs on 1109 South 9th St.

Attractive flower arrangements adorned the mantel, buffet and tables. The judges, Mrs. Dee Grimes and Miss Lottie Butman, were unanimous in awarding perfect scores to Mrs. Jack Miller and Mrs. Dale Litton for the clever arrangements.

Roll call was answered with timely hints on the care of soil, seed and types of shrubs to be planted this month. Mrs. Alma Collins discussed the romance of the rose, famous rose gardens of the world, new patented roses and standard varieties suitable for this region and the proper way to prepare rose beds.

Delicious refreshments of sandwiches, cookies, potato chips and coffee were served to 15 members and one guest.

COMPERE H. D. CLUB HEARS "PLANNING GARDEN"

The Compere Home Demonstration Club met Jan. 28 in Mrs. Don Wright's home for its regular meeting. The president, Mrs. W. H. Kelso, had charge of the business session. Mrs. T. B. Ray led the group in singing and Mrs. C. S. Childers led the prayer.

Roll call was answered with "How I Store My Kitchen Knives". Minutes were read and treasurer's report given by the secretary, Mrs. Vernon Stanley. The club voted unanimously for the adoption of the council committee recommendations read by

Mrs. T. B. Ray. The club is 100 per cent behind the Home Demonstration Council for the 1954 budget.

The club will have its first community social for the year on the night of Feb. 12 in the home of Mrs. W. H. Kelso. The social will be a valentine party. All club members are urged to be present with their families.

The members were urged to pay their poll tax for "Better Citizenship."

A suggestion was made for the secretary to send cards to those of the community who were sick at the time of the meeting.

Mrs. Ray brought the program on "Planning Your Garden." She stressed the preparation of the soil, sufficient fertilizer, proper location and seeds best adapted to the vicinity. Mrs. Kelso showed tomato seed and "tender green" bean seed which she recommended. The beans may be purchased in pound packages. She also recommended plain porter tomato, porter triumph, porter pride and red cloud tomato.

The club's contribution to the March of Dimes at this meeting was \$9. Mrs. Vernon Stanley had charge of recreation. Mrs. Wright served refreshments to 10 members.

personals

Pft. Billy W. Lewis is visiting his mother, Mrs. Mardie Lewis, after finishing boot training in the Marine Corps at San Diego, Calif. He will report to Camp Pendleton, Calif., February 19.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen D. King had their son Allen D., Jr., home with them from Wednesday of last week until Monday evening when he returned to Lubbock to enroll for the next semester at Texas Tech where he now has sophomore rating, having completed his freshman work last week.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Dean of Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, visited Mr. and Mrs. Dee Grimes for two days this week. They left here Wednesday morning for Corpus Christi where they will visit their son, Stewart Dean, and Mrs. Dean, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Grimes.

Mr. and Mrs. Vert Duke of Tehuacana visited Mrs. Edna Horton and daughter Sonja Sue Thursday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Isenburg and daughter May of Abilene visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Price.

Mrs. Helen Curtell of Big Lake visited in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Cooker, recently and was accompanied by Raymond Bishop, also of Big Lake.

ALAN HAMM WINS AWARD

A \$100 achievement scholarship at University of Texas has been received by Alan Hamm.

Alan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sie Hamm of 921 Elm, Colorado City, is a senior at the university majoring in pharmacy.

He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hamm of Merkel.

LOCAL FOLKS ATTEND DRAMATIC WORKSHOP AT GIRL SCOUT CAMP

Among those attending the dramatic workshop Feb. 1 were Mrs. Holt Vaughn and Mrs. W. R. Cypert.

Miss Aleda Schrottky of New York conducted the workshop which was held at the new Girl Scout Camp, seven miles southwest

of Sweetwater.

Quite an artist in her own right Miss Schrottky kept her group on edge as she gave bit of poetry or pantomimed "The Ugly Duckling," all of which brownies and Girl Scouts love. "All great moments in life are connected with a promise," she pointed out and when repeated the Scout Promise.

The meeting began at 10 a. m. with a sack lunch at noon. Drinks were furnished by the area council.

ATTEND COUSIN'S FUNERAL

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Pogue and daughter Patsy of Snyder and Connie, Alzada and Willard Pogue attended the funeral of their cousin, Mrs. Willie Mae Thompson in Abilene Saturday.

ABOUT PRUNING

There is a reason for pruning a tree or shrub and should be determined before the actual work is performed. — A. & M.

FARM PRICES DROP

The value of farm land in Texas last year declined four percent but is still 145 percent above the 1935-39 average. Greater price drops are forecast for the less desirable farms than for the better ones. — A. & M.

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JUMBO LETTUCE	head 13c	LOIN or T-BONE STEAK	lb. 49c
CARTON TOMATOES	ctn. 15c	FRESH GROUND Hamburger	lb. 35c
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Crusade Swings Into Action Here By Methodists

The Nation-wide Crusade that the Methodist Church is carrying on now came into full action here Sunday afternoon. Every Methodist home in Merkel was visited by a committee of 50 acting in groups of two each.

The visiting committee met at the church at 2:15 p. m. Sunday and then visited the homes. There were a number of folks who were not at home but they will be visited again.

Saturday night was the "kick-off." Fifty-seven persons met at the Methodist Church, ate a wonderful turkey banquet and enjoyed a fine program. The folks were told that the purpose of the crusade was to invite the 160 Methodist homes and visit the folks to come regularly to church.

Miss Betty Jane Tittle and Fred Starbuck gave a visitation demonstration, acting as a family group, while Raymond Ferguson and Mrs. Aubrey White acted as visitors, extending the invitation.

The devotional was given by Dr. H. C. Smith, superintendent of the Abilene Methodist district. A quartet composed of Mr. Starbuck, Paul Honeycutt, Cyrus Pee and Chesly Patterson sang.

Since the crusade started the Sunday School attendance increased Sunday, a week ago, 27 while last Sunday it increased 31. The church attendance has increased so much that it will soon be necessary to use the balcony at the Sunday morning service while the attendance in the evening service has increased 15 to 20 per cent.

Glynn Clark Wins 1st Place in Show At Truby Jan. 28

Glynn Clark, former Merkel boy now living in Abilene, won first place in the amateur show at Truby Community Center on Jan. 28. His number was "YeARNING," his own composition played on the accordion.

The show was sponsored by the Truby Friendly Helpers Club for the March of Dimes.

The Western Parson and His Circuit Riders were the professional entertainers. The audience served as judges. Glynn will appear on the Western Parson TV show at a later date.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Admissions to the Sadler Hospital the past week were:
As medical patients — Mrs. L. D. Ware, Mrs. Price Melton, Mrs. Dewey Phillips, Mrs. S. A. Coats, Mrs. S. A. Benningfield, Charlie C. Gouge, Paula Dudley and Larry Sloan, who was hung on a belt in a baling machine.

For surgery — Mrs. J. H. Clark, Jr., Mrs. C. O. Burks, Alvin Wozencraft.

Badger Jr. Team Defeats Lueders Monday 58 to 31

The Merkel Junior Badgers played three games here with Lueders Monday night.

The Badger "A" team won 58-31. The Badgers were ahead to start out with and stayed ahead all through the game.

The Badger "B" team took second place with 22-27.

The Badger Girls won 33-21. David Pursley was high man for the "A" team with 17 points while Kay Chancey was high for the girls.

Trent Gorillas Nose Out Divide Tuesday 56 to 54

The Trent Gorillas nipped the Divide Trojans, 56-54, in an overtime period at Trent Tuesday night to protect their runnerup position in District 21-B East behind front runner, the Highland.

The score was tied, 52-52, at the end of the regular game.

Jerry Estep and Jerry McWilliams each sank 16 points for the winners.

Venita Quattlebaum tallied 20 points to lead the Trent girls to a 54-32 triumph over Divide. Helen Ashton was high for the losers with 19.

George Starbuck Tells in Essay About His Studies

Below is one of the eight essays from Merkel High School to be published in "Young America Speaks". It is entitled "How I Expect To Use My High School Education." It was written by George

Starbuck. It follows:
When I graduate from high school, I expect to have a well-rounded, general knowledge that will enable me to do well in my college work.

I don't expect to be an expert on any one thing, but I should have a fair knowledge of everything in general. I should be able to enter well into discussions and conversation with other people not only because I speak well and use correct English, but also because I know what I am thinking about.

I want to be able to get along with other people, for a person can be a success in life only if he has the ability to get along well with the world around him.

My life's work will be made easier because of something I have learned in my studies.

Perhaps my education will enable me to be a service to the world.

Does Uncle Sam Owe You Money On Tax Refund?

If you think you are due a refund from Uncle Sam on your 1953 income tax payments, get your claim in early — and, if you're right, you'll get a check from Uncle Sam that much quicker, quicker yet than if you were to wait until the filing deadline of March 15.

Was there a new addition to the family last year? Or did a close relative come to live with you, supported by you? Did you have a lot of medical bills? Did you have heavy interest payments on your home? Did your various recognized deductions amount to something over 10 per cent of your income in total?


So, if you think you're entitled to a refund, fill out your return carefully, mark your envelope "refund claim" for channeling to the right department, put a 3c stamp on it (two stamps if it's heavy) and rush it in. In the Dallas District area, send your return to the District Director of Internal Revenue, 2101 Pacific Avenue, Dallas, Texas.

HOME FROM HOSPITAL
S. D. Campbell came home from the hospital in Galveston Saturday. He was there a month.

TO GRADUATE SCHOOL
Will White, son of Rev. and Mrs. Aubrey F. White, has enrolled in the graduate school of the Journalism College at the University of Texas this week.

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In November of last year the Supreme Court hit the oil and gas industry, and the prosperity of all Texas, a mortal blow. It upheld the ruling of the Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia in the so-called Phillips Oil Company Case. The effect was to hold that, under the Natural Gas Act, the Federal Power Commission had the power and the correlative duty to fix the price of natural gas in the field — that is to say, to make the gas business a public utility.

The business of producing oil and gas is extremely hazardous. The chance-taking requires labor, brains and capital. It is no more like a public utility than is mining for coal or other minerals, or the gambling on crop futures of cotton and wheat. The cold hand of bureaucracy, indicated by the decision in the Phillips Case, could soon wither the oil and gas business.

On Monday, Jan. 18, the Supreme Court granted a motion for rehearing in the Phillips Case.

We can only hope the court can see its way clear to reverse the opinion in the Phillips Case.

The threat to the entire oil industry in Texas is no less than that to the natural gas producing business. By their very nature, the oil and gas business are not dealt with independently. They are inseparable, and are both involved in our State Conservation Program and in every other respect.

Those who understand the nature of the risks involved in the oil and gas business oppose making it a public utility, but the woods are full of public officials here in Washington who would like to see it accomplished, and see in the Phillips decision a green light.

If we take out of the tax picture of recent years the prosperity engendered by the brains, work, and chance-taking of the oil and gas people, it would be indeed calamitous. Taxes from oil and gas for our State and local government, rentals and royalty payments to our farmers and ranchers, the help to our schools and payrolls for our people, the growing chemical industry are all highly important to Texas and the Texans. All these are dependent upon, a continuation of the principle of free enterprise for the oil and gas industry.

My own efforts shall be dedicated to contacts with my colleagues in Congress to the end that, if legislation must be enacted, and I fear it must, they will see the problem in its true light. The oil and gas industry must be left free of such government regulation, as is involved in the Phillips Case. It is in the best interest of our Country's economy, which means the best interest of all people everywhere.

EDUCATION WORKSHOP WILL BE CONDUCTED AT McMURRY COLLEGE

McMurry College's sixth annual Education Workshop will be conducted again this year, according to Dr. Andrew W. Hunt, head of the education and psychology department at the Methodist college. Dr. Hunt, director of the workshop, said it will be held for all teachers, superintendents, prospective teachers and prospective superintendents at the graduate and advanced undergraduate levels.

The workshop begins May 24 and ends June 11, the professor said.

Three hours of credit, either at the graduate level or advanced undergraduate level will be given, it was pointed out. The prerequisites are advanced standing and six semester hours in education and psychology.

TO PRESENT "ICEBOUND"

"Icebound," an Owen Davis drama, will be presented Feb. 11-12 at Abilene Christian College as the speech department's second major production of the year. Staging will be at 8 o'clock nightly in ACC's Sewell Auditorium.

"DEATH OF SALESMAN" WILL BE PRESENTED BY McMURRY COLLEGE

Presentation of Arthur Miller's "Death of a Salesman" and debate tournaments for every week in February have been scheduled for the second semester at McMurry College, according to William K. Clark, acting head of the speech department and director of forensics.

"Death of a Salesman" will be directed by Maurice Pullig, associate professor of speech and drama at McMurry, and is scheduled for presentation sometime in the spring, Mr. Clark said.

TO HOLD TRACK CLINIC

Abilene Christian College will sponsor a track and field clinic for West Texas high school track coaches Feb. 27. The clinic will be free to all high school coaches desiring to attend. Instruction in methods and techniques of all running and field events will be offered by veteran track coaches.

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To any Sheriff or any Constable within the State of Texas — GREETING:

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for four consecutive weeks, the first publication to be at least twenty-eight days before the return day thereof, in a newspaper printed in Taylor County, Texas, the accompanying citation, of which the herein below following is a true copy.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS
To: Austin Anderson, Defendant,
Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 22nd day of March A. D., 1954, to Plaintiff's petition filed in said court, on the 2nd day of February A. D., 1954, in this cause, numbered 19,583-A on the docket of said court and styled Ora Anderson, Plaintiff, vs. Austen Anderson, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and defendant were married on May 19, 1949, and that they thereafter lived together as husband and wife until July 5, 1949, at which time they permanently separated.

Plaintiff and Defendant have accumulated no community property and no children have been born of this union. Plaintiff prays for divorce on grounds of deserts as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due returns as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this 2nd day of February A. D., 1954.

Attest: J. Neil Daniel, Clerk,
42nd District Court
Taylor County, Texas
By Irene Crawford, Deputy.
Adv. — Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26.

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A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and defendant were married November 14, 1946, and lived together until about the 31st day of October, 1953, at which time they became permanently separated.

Plaintiff further shows that no child has been born as a result of this marriage and no community property acquired.

Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of cruelty which renders their further living together insupportable, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and

CLASSIFIED AD SECTION

LODGE CALLS

NOTICE MASONS
Stated meeting of Merkel lodge No. 710, A. F. & A. M., Saturday, Feb. 13 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 — Brown billfold. Driver's license, pictures. Please return to Mrs. Marvin G. Holloway. 1147p.

LOST — Tire and wheel for jeep. Finder return to Joe Nalley for reward. 1147p.

WANTED

Wanted . . . 2,000 people to see "The Boy From Oklahoma," showing Queen, Sunday, Monday, Feb. 7, 8 — Adv.

WANTED — I want to do plowing. Have equipment. Phone 9014R2, W. A. Henager. 3147p.

MAN OR WOMAN — To service customers in rural locality adjacent to Abilene, Merkel, Sweetwater. This is Full time route. Unless you can work full time do not apply. Good car or truck needed. No cash needed if you can qualify. Write P. O. Box 972, Abilene. 4145c.

WANTED — Will pay 10c per pound for clean cotton rags, no buttons or zippers. Badger Chevrolet Co. 1136c.

WANTED — We need several good electric refrigerators. Will trade television sets, refrigerators or electric stoves. Badger Chevrolet Co. 1136c.

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CALL
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POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Merkel Mail is authorized to announce the following candidates for office, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries July 24, 1954.

For County School Superintendent

CLIVE PIERCE

For Commissioner Precinct No. 2

RUFÉ TITTLE (re-election)

For Justice of Peace Pct. 5

O. W. (DONALD) PAINE

make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this 19th day of January A. D., 1954.

Attest: J. Neil Daniel, Clerk,
42nd District Court,
Taylor County, Texas.
By Irene Crawford, Deputy.
Adv. Jan. 29, Feb. 5, 12, 19.

LEGAL NOTICE

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP

Notice is hereby given that the 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 to be received by the said Sam Burns, and all demands on the said partnership are to be presented to him for payment; that from this day hence the business of All-Tex Modernizers will be conducted under the firm name of All-Tex Modernizers, but that A. L. Hopkins will no longer be a partner thereof.

MAURICE V. BROOKS
Attorney for All-Tex Modernizers.
Adv. — Jan. 15, 22, 29, Feb. 5.

NOTICE OF SALE

By order of the Trustees of the Trent Independent School District the old White Church School Building, which is located in the Trent School District, will be sold to the highest bidder at 1:30 p. m. Saturday, Feb. 20, 1954.

Bids must be sealed and in the hands of the said Trent School Board on or before this hour.

Bids must be mailed to Wray B. Williams, superintendent of Trent Schools, Trent, Texas.

(Signed)
L. P. Halbrooks,
President of Board
Sherman Briggs,
Secretary of Board
Adv. Feb. 5, 12, 19.

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Take One Night Off . . . Be our guest Alanzo McElmurry to see "The Boy From Oklahoma" Monday night. Your Free pass will be at the Queen box office. — Adv.

FOR RENT — Furnished apartment. Also bedroom. Fred Groene. 1147c.

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FOR RENT — 2-room furnished apartment with private bath. El Paso North 5th St. Phone 175, Johnnie Warren. 3146p.

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SAVE MONEY by ordering your magazines from The Merkel Mail.

FOR ARTISTIC wedding announcement and other fine printing see The Merkel Mail. All printing done in our own shop.

FOR your Stationary and other supplies see The Merkel Mail.

MISCELLANEOUS

FOR CEMETERY Curbing — see M. A. Noster, 1404 Herring Dr. Estimates gladly given. 1117c.

AS I am to be out of town for a while, if you need water well drilling phone 326, call for Raymond Lawson. B. T. (Tye) Sublett. 1143.

WATER Well drilling and Surface pipe set. L. A. Coats. Phone 237. 1121c.

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FOR MONUMENTS, see J. T. (Tom) Coats, Phone 131. P. O. Box 314.

LET our readers know what you have to SELL by advertising in this paper.

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IN THE HANDS OF THE PEOPLE

Cooperatives are already a great and growing form of enterprise in this country. They guarantee the stability of private ownership and provide an insurmountable barrier to dictation by Government bureaucratic powers, barring outright confiscation.

A revival of free enterprise and capitalism along creative, modern 20th century lines could be experienced by widening the base of the pyramid of private ownership through systems of profit-sharing, including increasing participation in ownership on the part of the worker-producer and cooperative forms of business enterprise.

These movements, especially the cooperatives, are long overdue for a vigorous period of expansion in our country, which would do more to restore the sense of individual initiative and personal security than anything that has happened in our economic life for a hundred years.

An industry that is manned by workers who feel they are working for themselves, with the ownership and management as partners, will not readily give up its initiative.

You don't drop a government harness so easily over thousands of cooperative enterprises which are owned and directed through democratic means by hundreds of thousands of little people.

Evidence of the blindness that exists in many business circles regarding the economic facts of the 20th century has been the efforts to smear the cooperatives as "socialistic" or communistic when as so dramatically evidenced throughout Scandinavia, the cooperatives, operating harmoniously on a large scale alongside free enterprise capitalism, have lifted an impenetrable barrier against Communist infiltration.

TAYLOR ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

TO HOLD "BATTLE OF SONG"

"The Battle of Song," featuring nationally famous quartets, will be the Will Rogers Memorial Auditorium attraction during the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show in Fort Worth. First performance of "The Battle of Songs" will be Saturday afternoon, Jan. 30, with performances every night (except Sundays) and matinees on Saturdays and Sundays, through February 7.

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

By LORETA ALLEN
Mrs. John Hughes and Mrs. A. H.

Hagard of the Merkel Home Demonstration Club, Mrs. Burford Buntin and Miss Mabel McCree of Union Ridge Club and Mrs. Allan King of Blue Bonnet Club, recently attended a home demonstration council meeting in Abilene. The clubs from all over the county decided by the majority to sponsor a ward at the Abilene State Hospital and to make bandages for the Cancer Society as part of their activities for another year.

As one of the main demonstra-

FREE PROGRAM FOR FARM FAMILIES ON JOHN DEERE DAY

Five Color Films to Be Shown



Choosing the guest of honor for the Mapleton centennial celebration provides occasion for all kinds of conflict in the picture "Mr. Christmas," feature presentation of the forthcoming John Deere Day.

"Mr. Christmas," a full-length, full-color entertainment feature, will highlight the John Deere program planned for farmers and their families by the Miller Implement Company, local John Deere dealer. The program is to be held Saturday with features at 10 a. m. and 2 p. m.

tions this year is the meat demonstration, this recipe is passed along:

CREAMED BEEF AND LIVER
YIELD: 8 TO 10 SERVINGS

- 1/2 pound hamburger
- 1/2 pound pork liver
- 1 small onion
- 1 tablespoon fat
- 1 teaspoon salt

- 3 tablespoons flour
 - 2 cups tomato juice
 - 3 cups cooked noodles
- Pour boiling water over liver. Let stand five minutes. Grind liver with onion. Brown hamburger in hot fat in heavy skillet. Add liver and onion and season with salt. Cover and cook slowly for 10 to 15 minutes. Stir in flour. Add tomato juice, stirring until thickened.

LET'S EAT THIS FOR ONE DAY

- Breakfast:
Tomato Juice
Poached Egg On Whole Wheat Toast
- Stewed Apricots
Milk Coffee
- Dinner:
Creamed Beef And Liver
English Peas Steamed Fluffy Rice
- Cabbage Slaw
Bread Butter
Pineapple Up-side Down Cake
Milk
- Supper:
Chili Con Carne
Assorted Crackers
Potato Chips
Baked Custard
Coffee

TIMELY TIPS:

1. Liver is a good source of iron. Pork liver is about three times as rich in iron as beef liver, and twice as rich as calf liver.
2. Liver is also a good source of many other nutrients. Plan to serve it at least once a week.
3. Serve creamed beef and liver over hot rice or noodles.
4. And equal portion of cooked kidney beans to any leftover portion of creamed beef and liver. Season with chili powder, heat and serve as chili con carne.

FAMOUS WESTMINSTER CHOIR WILL SING AT H-S.U. FEBRUARY 11

Three members of the Hardin-Simmons University voice department have studied in Westminster Choir College, Princeton, N. J. The Westminster Choir will appear in concert at H-SU in Rose Field House Feb. 11 at 8 p. m. Composed of 40 members, successors to the original chorists it has sung in more than 500 American cities, twice toured Europe, been featured on network radio programs. Its voices have been heard by movie audiences in "Hymn of the Nations" and in Walt Disney's "Fantasia" and by stay-at-homes on recordings.



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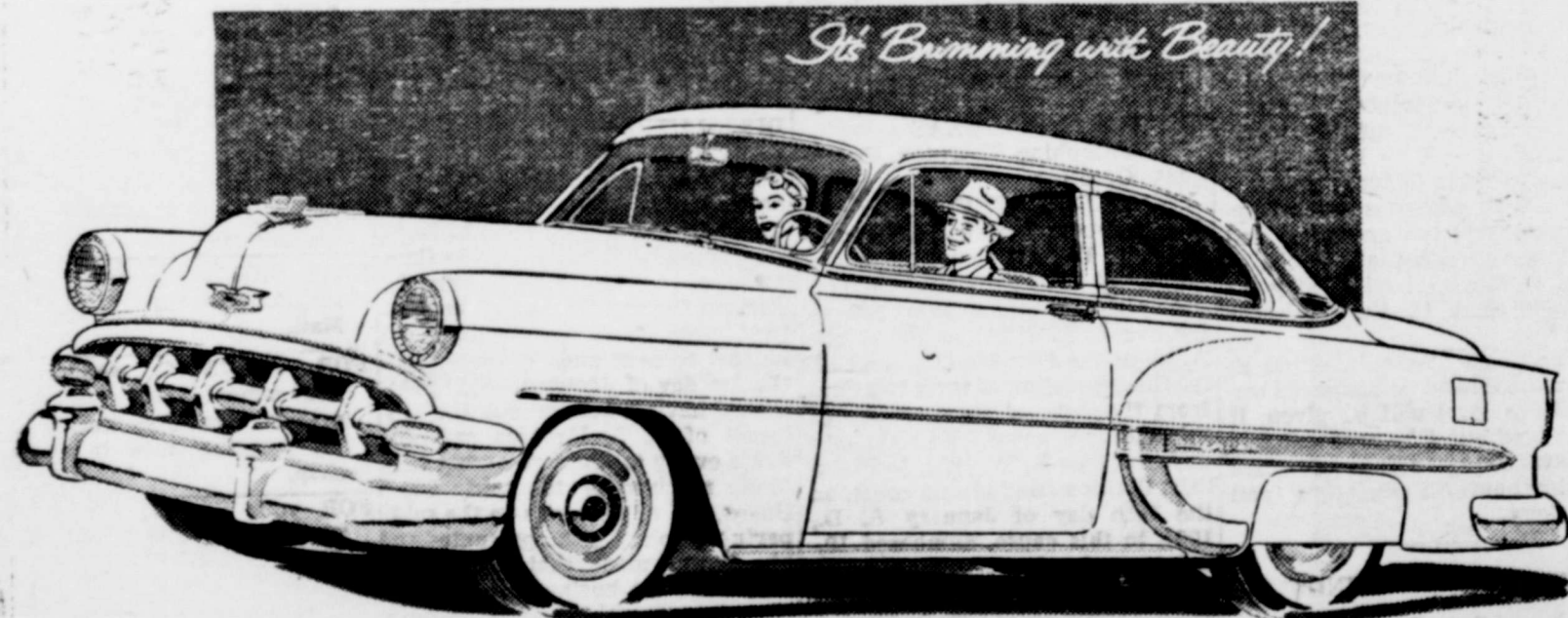
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1949 CHEVROLET \$544

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1947 PLYMOUTH \$288

HAS HEATER AND THE MOTOR HAD EVERYTHING PUT IN IT NEW ABOUT SIX MONTHS AGO. A REAL BARGAIN!

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EDITORIAL

THE WEATHER

Mark Twain once said that every-
 one talks about the weather but
 that no one does anything about it.
 So, we talk about the weather.

Well, what can we say about the
 weather?

There is one thing certain: We
 can tell what HAS happened to
 the weather. That is perfectly safe
 ground. We have had rain, we have
 had snow, we have had sleet, we
 have had freezing weather, and
 we have had warm weather, all
 within a period of one week. These
 are facts that everyone will agree
 upon.

We have been warm one day
 and cold another. We go to bed
 one time feeling too comfortable
 and get up in the morning not
 knowing whether to wear heavy
 garments, perhaps an overcoat, or
 not. One has to go outside to find
 out how to dress.

So, we go outside and find out.
 Well, we decide to wear an over-
 coat. Then what happens. The
 sun comes out, warms up the earth
 and before the morning is over the
 overcoat is too heavy and it has to
 come off.

Now, we might think that com-
 ing from a state where the weather
 really gets cold, down to 15 be-
 low zero, that we could take the
 weather or leave it, whether hot
 or cold. Though the theory may be
 true, in actual practice it doesn't
 work out that way. It seems that
 one has to live here a long time
 to get used to the changes in
 weather: the cold weather, the hot
 weather, the cool weather, the
 blowing wind weather, the dust
 storm weather.

Well, what can one do about it?
 Nothing much. Mark Twain was
 right: We can talk about the
 weather but not do anything about
 it.

THE CHURCH

The long article in last week's
 paper told about the Nationwide
 Crusade that the Methodist Church
 is now conducting. It told of its
 aims and purposes.

What particularly should inter-
 est all of us is that each church
 has the right in our beloved Coun-
 try to do as it wishes, that it has
 complete freedom.

How did this happen here in the
 United States? At the time of our
 birth as a free nation, other coun-
 tries did not have freedom of wor-
 ship. Each country had a church
 of its own. In short, one church or
 another dominated the country.

Yet, here, when we became a
 nation, church and state were sep-



Check-to-check are Will Rogers, Jr., and Nancy Olson,
 co-stars of "The Boy from Oklahoma." The forthcoming
 Warner Bros. action drama was filmed in WarnerColor.

arate, there was a "Wall of Separation
 Between Church and State."
 And a man named Conrad Moehl-
 man, professor emeritus of the
 history of Christianity at Colgate-
 Rochester Divinity School, has
 written a book with that title, ex-
 plaining how it came about.

The book was sent to us by Prof.
 J. E. Wrench of Columbia, Mo.
 Though the book is not long the
 author has gathered a great num-
 ber of facts to show how it was
 done and he over emphasizes his
 arguments by giving every fact he
 has found.

The new nation had many sects.
 The idea of an established state
 church therefore had many oppo-
 nents. Which one could the Found-
 ing Fathers choose? They chose
 none. They established a new idea,
 a nation without an established
 state church.

James Madison is given credit
 for the greatest weight in bringing
 this about. And as to Thomas Jef-
 ferson, the author writes, "He
 played a leading role in the con-
 test to have the religious clause of
 the First Amendment mean the
 building of a wall of separation
 between the church and state." By
 the coinage of this significant
 figure of speech, he did more to in-
 sure the broad meaning of 'no
 establishment of religion' than
 hundreds of state statutes have ac-
 complished."

"WHITE-ICISM"

That's ALL — and the Sage of
 Figfield adds that true freedom
 respects the freedom of the other
 person.

DEMOCRACY IS NO FICTION

Conrad Henry Moehlman in his
 "The Wall of Separation Between
 Church and State" says:

Democracy is not a fiction. It is
 an inheritance from the ancient
 Greco-Roman civilization and the
 Judaeo-Christian religion. It is
 government of, by and for the peo-
 ple. It assumes the sacredness of
 the human personality, individual
 initiative and responsibility, a moral
 order, the acceptance of the
 decisions of the majority, free
 speech, the freedom of religion,
 the secret ballot, progress by com-
 promise, dissent and criticism, con-
 stitutional guarantees.

It believes that "tyranny begins
 where law ends." It emphasizes
 duties and obligations as well as
 rights and privileges."

**Queen Theatre
 Is Among First
 To Show New Film**

The Queen Theatre has been
 selected to be among the first in
 the U. S. A. to show "The Boy
 From Oklahoma," a film based
 on the famous Saturday Evening
 Post story, announced Norman
 Hodge, manager.

A lighthearted Western tale
 about a gun-shy, gal-shy sheriff
 who manages to keep law and order
 and win the prettiest gal in town,
 is coming to the Queen Theatre
 when "The Boy From Oklahoma,"
 starring Will Rogers Jr., and
 Nancy Olson, opens on Sunday
 and Monday.

Filed in Warner Color, "The
 Boy From Oklahoma" combines
 whimsy, action and romance and
 returns to the screen, for his sec-
 ond starring role, Will Rogers, Jr.,
 in a role which the former Con-
 gressman, ex-newspaper publisher
 and ex-Army Officer, referred to
 as "a tailor-made part."

Cast as the unarmed sheriff of
 Bluerock County, Rogers performs
 his lawful duties in an efficient
 though somewhat unusual manner.
 Armed only with his trusty wit
 and unerring lariat, Rogers man-
 ages to best Billy the Kid in a
 duel.

Gail Davis is Gene's leading lady.

Autry is at his vigorous best
 playing a circuit judge who rides
 around to mete out swift six-gun
 justice. Acting as his own police
 force, Gene captures Ed Wheeler,
 who, released from jail after serv-
 ing 10 years for the murder of a
 man named Mears, immediately
 kills Goldtown's crooked boss, Jim
 Granby.

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Mrs. C. L. Eoff, 836 Apricot
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 time for the paper to arrive,
 mostly every Monday. However,
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 we received it on Saturdays."

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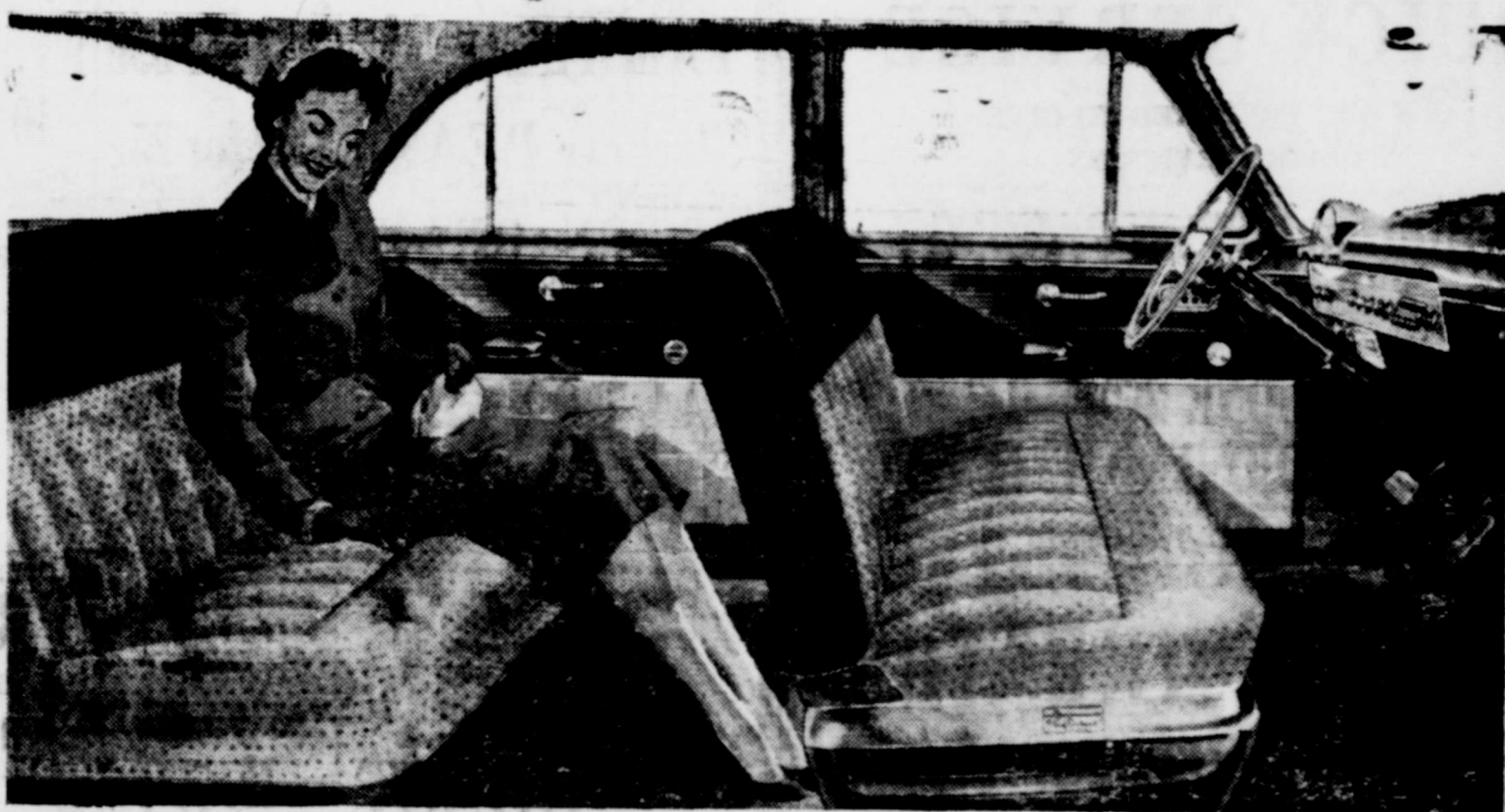
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Before a crowd of about 400 persons last Friday night Coach Tommy Ellis' Badgers won another game against Albany to keep their lead in District 8-A. The final tally was 61-39.

After Dink Whisenhunt dunked the first goal of the game in the first half minute of play the Badgers were undisputed leaders all the rest of the time. The scores at the quarters were: 17-8, 31-15, 47-29, 61-39.

Jerry Cunningham led the scoring with 19 points, Dink was next with 17. Other scorers: Robert McLeod 16, Corky Cox 3, Jacky McAninch 3, George English 2, Billy Wayne Dye 1.

The starting line-up: Dink and Robert forwards, Jerry center, Corky and Jack guards. Substitutes in the last four minutes of play: Philip Pursley, Bobby Owen, Billy Wayne, Delbert Alfred and George.

Mrs. James Liner's Girl Badgers nosed out Albany Girls in the lead-off game 51-50. The local players took the lead and kept it to within one minute of the end of the third quarter, when Albany tied them 36-36. At the half Merkel led 32-25.

Albany jumped into the lead in the last quarter and held on until one minute was left to play. Coach

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Liner's girls tied the score 50-50 and then stepped ahead with a good free throw.

Delois Black was high with 22 points, Gwenn Hagar next 11.

The starting line-up: Imogene Dye, Dalois Black and Gwenn Hagar forwards Marie Kerns, Dorothy Foster and Joan Watson guards. Substitutes: Bobbie Windham, Jane Harris, Joyce Watson, Doris Watson.

Badgers Defeat Colorado City In Non-Loop Game

In a non-conference game Thursday night of last week Coach Tommy Ellis' Merkel Badgers easily defeated the Colorado City Wolves of District 4-AA 64-54.

The Badgers took the lead here right at the start of the game and kept it. The scores at the end of the quarters were 20-9, 41-21, 56-35, 64-54.

Robert McLeod was high man with 23 points and Dink Whisenhunt was next for Merkel with 13. Other points made: Corky Cox 12, Jack McAninch 9, Jerry Cunningham 5, Philip Pursley 1, George English 1.

The starting line-up: Dink and Robert forwards, Jerry center, Corky and Jack guards.

Substitutes were: Kenneth Rutledge, Billy Wayne Dye, Phillip George, Bobby Owen.

Coach Carroll Benson's B Badgers nosed out Colorado City B team 39-37.

The first half was all Merkel's with 7-1 and 13-6 being the scores at the quarters.

The Wolves awakened in the third quarter and tied Merkel 22-22.

Bill Horton led the Badgers with 17 points with Terry O'Brien gaining 11 points.

Trent Gorillas Defeat Blackwell Last Friday, 72-66

The Trent Gorillas defeated the Blackwell Black Hornets in a boys' basketball game at Blackwell last

Friday night, 72-66, in a game that took an overtime period.

Trent girl cagers also took Blackwell, 50-44.

The boys' hardwon game was tied up at 62-62, when the play went into the overtime period. Trent sank 10 points while Blackwell scored four in the extra period.

Noodle Cagers Bow to Hawley In Friday's Game

The Noodle Basketball Girls winning streak fell Jan. 19 when the Tuscola Girls defeated them at Noodle gym. The girls haven't won a game since.

Lawn slipped past the Noodle Girls 51-49 on Jan. 26 at Lawn. Karie Olney, Noodle, was high pointer of the game with 28 points. Last Friday night the Mighty

Hawley Girls nosed by the Noodle Girls 43-42. Sellers, Hawley, was high pointer with 23 points.

Badger Girls Defeat Hamlin

The Badger Girls went to the winners bracket at the Roby tournament last week.

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In the first round Mrs. James Liner's Girls beat an badly 77-29. Delois Black high point collector, making 29. Gwenn Hagar gathered 27.

Then the Badgers tackled Hawley. The Merkelites came out on the shorter end: 61-30. Delois was high again and Imogene Dye was next.

Those who played in the tournament were:



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