

EXPECT LARGE CROWD TUESDAY

Free Telephone Service to Trent Starts Saturday

At 12:01 a. m. last Saturday free telephone service was begun between Merkel and Trent.

The service now being used is from the Bell Telephone System and is very limited.

"We are going right ahead to build our own pole line between Merkel and Trent," stated Mr. Odum.

"On account of the urgent desire of the public for free service to Trent we decided to go right ahead

IS CRITICALLY ILL

A. T. Sheppard left Saturday for Dallas to be with his son Sterling who is critically ill.

and give it to them at once. Through this entails additional expense and loss of revenue we feel that the service that we are giving is worth it."

C. F. McCoy Buried Last Friday At Age of 70

C. F. McCoy, 70, died Thursday, Feb. 4, and was buried Friday at Elmwood Cemetery, Abilene.

LOFLINS HAVE BOY

A baby boy was born at the Sadler Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Loflin February 3.

Merkel 20 Years Ago

TAKEN FROM THE 1933 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL

TO NEW HIGH MARK

With an enrollment of 787 as of the close of the week, Friday, Feb. 9, the Merkel public schools reached the highest mark in its history.

MAKES MARCH 1 DEADLINE

Around 60 per cent of the 1933 school taxes due before Feb. 1 have been paid.

FRED REIDENBACH DIES

Fred W. Reidenbach, prominent retired farmer of this section, died at 7 p. m. Wednesday at his home in the Mt. Pleasant community.

REBATE CHECKS READY

More than 250 Taylor County motor vehicle owners who registered their machines after Feb. 1, are in line for the penalty refund.

This Happened in Merkel Forty Years Ago

TAKEN FROM THE 1913 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL

40 YEARS AGO Mrs. C. L. McNeas gave a six o'clock dinner in honor of her husband's 56th birthday.

Miss Velerie Dye entertained with a dinner Sunday in honor of her Sunday School class of the Baptist Church.

Misses Mae Hogg and Maggie Foster of the Stith and Compere community are in Merkel this

deadline for license fees, without penalty.

FIX TAXABLE VALUE

Taxable values for cattle, sheep and goats for the year 1934 have been set by the commissioners court, according to the announcement from C. W. Boyce, assessor.

MASONS TO HOLD MEMORIAL

A George Washington memorial service, with the local Masons in charge, will be held at the Methodist Church on Thursday, Feb. 22, at 7:30 p. m.

ATTENDS FUNERAL

E. B. Wallace, manager of the Jones Dry Goods Company, went to Ranger Tuesday to attend the funeral of his grandfather J. T. Freeman, who died at his home there Monday at the age of 85 years.

RECORD BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Shugart, residing in the Canyon, a boy Feb. 9; Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Russell a boy Feb. 11; Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Freeman, Trent a boy February 13.

QUARTER INCH RAINFALL

The gauge of Volunter Weather Observer Grover Hale registered a quarter of an inch for the week-end rainfall, which was accompanied by some sleet and snow.

week, visiting the families of H. Turner and J. A. Buford.

Miss Florena Dye visited in Abilene the latter part of last week.

Wesley Edwards and Jno. D. Gaither were in Abilene the first of the week looking after business matters.

Car new Studebaker buggies. — Anchor Merc. Co.

H. M. Warren, local agent for the Ford Motor Co., has this week sold to Banker John Sears one of the 1914 model Ford cars.

Religious Count Will Be Taken By Baptists Here

The week of Feb. 14-20 has been set aside by the New Live Oak Baptist Church and the First Baptist Church for a community-wide religious census.

The New Live Oak Church, under the leadership of its pastor, Rev. M. E. Randolph, will conduct the census north of the highway and the First Baptist Church will canvass the homes south of the highway.

Teams of workers will be assigned to each block and they can carry out their tasks anytime during the week.

The pastors of the churches are requesting the full cooperation of every family in Merkel so that a complete and accurate census can be tabulated.

"This census will be of benefit to all churches in the community as we try to get an accurate picture of the religious needs and opportunities in Merkel," said Rev. Tullock.

Stolen Pickup Found Last Week Near Post Highway

The pickup stolen from the Patterson Grain was found near Post on the side of the highway last week on Wednesday.

W. O. Rainwater Announces For His Re-election

W. O. Rainwater has announced his candidacy to succeed himself for the office of county commissioner.

"TO THE CITIZENS OF JONES COUNTY AND PRECINCT NO. 4 "In announcing my candidacy for commissioner of Precinct No. 4 of Jones County, I do so with the understanding and a deep appreciation of the responsibility of the office.

"First, I would like to thank the people for the splendid vote I received in the past election. Every favor that I have received while serving you as commissioner is deeply appreciated.

"With the help and advice of the people of Precinct No. 4 we have improved the roads and bridges as the funds of the precinct would allow.

"In asking for re-election to this office, I would appreciate the vote and influence of every one in the precinct. I will attempt to see each voter personally before the coming election.

"If you see fit to re-elect me as your commissioner I will attempt to give the same prompt and efficient service in the future as I have in the past.

"Respectfully submitted, "W. O. Rainwater"

CORRECTION

It was Jack McAninch's brother Jimmy who won the honors at the Fat Stock Show in Fort Worth. Jimmy McAninch won the first place in the Hampshire lamb class of the entire show.

5c OR 10c A CUP "COFFEE IS 5c OR 10c PER CUP. Pay whichever you feel is right on the present cost of coffee per pound. Thanks, Myrtle." This is the sign in Woozy's Cafe. About one-third of the customers offer to pay a dime, said Mrs. Myrtle Wozencraft, owner.

SINGING AT PIONEER

There will be regular second Sunday singing at Pioneer next Sunday. Everybody is welcome.

INJURES HIS OWN HAND

Houston Robertson injured his left hand with a knife while carving an airplane for his grandson Rodney. Fourteen stitches had to be taken on the back of his hand.

P.T.A. MEETING

The Merkel P.T.A. meeting will be held in the Merkel School Cafeteria on Feb. 17 at 3:45 p. m. The Merkel High School Chorus will sing. Mrs. Comer Haynes will talk on "P.T.A. Keeps Faith With America."

Leon Walker Heads Little League For This Season

Plans for the Little League were made Monday night in the high school cafeteria. The following officers were elected:

President, Leon Walker, vice president, Supt. Mack Fisher, secretary, Rev. Aubrey F. White, treasurer, Meyer Mellinger.

The following committees were named: Field procurement — Lester Dorton, chairman, Ellis Harris, Joe Seymour.

Finance — Tommy Odum, chairman. Team — manager-selection committee — Holt Vaughan, chairman, Isadore Mellinger, Rev. Sam E. Tullock.

Purchasing equipment — Horace Boney, chairman. Committee on umpires — Gordon Pursley, chairman, Jack Hogan, Ellis Harris, Joe Seymour.

Committee on public address system to be named. A movie film on the technique of baseball players was shown to the group of parents and boys.

Another meeting will be called soon of all parents interested in Little League Baseball for Merkel.

The league will be affiliated with the National Little League and will comply with the rules and regulations of the league. A financial report of last year's receipts and expenditures was given to the group.

Annual Bible Lectureship at A.C.C. Feb. 21-25

The annual Bible lectureship will be held at Abilene Christian College from Feb. 21 to 25. This is the 35th meeting.

Roy E. Guley, local minister of the Church of Christ, will attend as many of the lectures as possible. A great number of local folks are expected to attend the different sessions.

About 6,000 persons are expected and will be housed in three different buildings on the campus: Sewell Auditorium, Church Building and Bennett Gymnasium. The meetings will take place from 8 a. m. to 10 p. m. each day.

The College Cafeteria will serve meals at reasonable rates during the lectureship. The hours of serving the meals will be from 7 to 9 a. m., 11 a. m. to 1 p. m., and 5 to 6:15 p. m.

There will be lecturers from Italy, Japan, France, Africa, Germany, and Mexico, stated Minister Guley.

Besides the lectures there will also be fine arts programs: Southwestern Christian College Chorus, A Cappella, Chorus, Abilene Christian College, Abilene Christian College Men's Glee Club, Tipton Home Chorus, Abilene Christian College Symphony Orchestra.

Bigger Values Are Being Offered For Dollar Day

Bargains that will bring crowds to Merkel on Dollar Day next Tuesday, Feb. 16, are being offered by the merchants of Merkel.

Pioneer Church Joins Program of Town & Country

The Pioneer Memorial Methodist Church has enrolled in the 1953-54 Town and Country Church Development Program. The following officers and committee members have been selected:

Mrs. Allen D. King is general chairman with Mrs. Leroy Riney, secretary.

Better Church Committee — Mrs. Tom Russom, chairman, Mrs. Ray Orsborn, Rev. John Ferguson, Sam Butman, Jr., and Joe Swinney.

Better World Committee: Mrs. Dewel McLean, chairman, Mrs. R. G. Toombs, Mrs. John Ferguson, Mrs. Arthur Moore, Dewel McLean and R. G. Toombs.

Better Community Committee: Mrs. Frank Brnovak, chairman, Mrs. A. D. Scott, Mrs. Ford Butman, Joe Seymour and Tom Russom.

The purpose of this interdenominational and inter-racial program is to spread stimulating ideas for church development across the South, to furnish guidance in surveying and planning progressive programs, to encourage participation in community improvement activities, to promote the world mission of the church and to recognize outstanding achievement.

Checks totalling \$12,650 will be issued to those showing the most outstanding progress during the year.

Merkel Drug Store Is Burglarized Early Tuesday

Burglary of "not over" \$25 worth of cocaine from Merkel Drug Store was discovered Tuesday morning by the owner, David Gamble, when he came to work at 7:30 a. m.

It was the second drug theft from the store in less than a year, Sheriff Ed Powell said. He set the time of burglary between midnight and daylight.

The front door of the store had been forced open. Only the drug, which was kept in a box at the prescription counter, was taken.

Last time burglars made off with jewelry and other merchandise as well as the drug. Both were caught later and are now in the penitentiary, Sheriff Powell said. Most of the merchandise was recovered. Those burglars forced the back door, he said.

Sheriff Powell said that apparently dope was the only object of the burglar. Nothing else appeared to have been touched.

Assisting in the investigation were City Marshal A. D. Fulton and Deputy Sheriff Pete Petty.

CHURCH OF CHRIST HAS SET ITS DAYS FOR SPRING MEETING

The Church of Christ has set the dates March 15-24 inclusive for its spring meeting. This will be an exchange meeting between Merkel and Haskell. Minister Fred Custis of Haskell will preach here.

IRA CROSSES MOVE

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Cross have moved to 411 Cherry Street.

Next Tuesday is the 21st Dollar Day in Merkel.

Department and ladies' apparel stores are offering special values at a big saving. Bargains up to one-half off are being offered.

Grocery offerings are better than ever before. This is a good time to stock up on these money-saving values.

Furniture bargains offer tremendous savings. Oil is being offered at a big savings.

More bargains will be offered than are shown in the ads.

Next Tuesday is the time to save by shopping in Merkel. Look over the ads, make a list of what you want and come to Merkel next

Jimmy Russell Gets 36c a Pound

Jimmy Russell got 36 cents a pound for his Hereford steer at the Fort Worth Fat Stock Show auction last Friday. Ronnie Barnett received 34 cents a pound for his steer. Eddie Glen Sandusky sold his two Hampshire lambs at 27 cents a pound. The rest of the animals were brought home.

"Considering the year, the prices were fair," remarked Chester Collinsworth, vocational agriculture teacher, who was with the boys.

DOYLE BLAIR DIES IN SANTA ROSA, CALIF. AND BURIED TUESDAY

Doyle Blair, Santa Rosa, Calif., died of a heart attack at 4:30 a. m. Saturday. The funeral was held there Tuesday. He was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Blair.

Mr. Blair, who was about 51 years old, was born and reared in Merkel and went to school here.

Major and Mrs. Art Russell Blair of San Antonio came here Saturday. They, Mr. and Mrs. Cramer Reynolds and Walter Whisenhunt went to Santa Rosa and attended the funeral.

Survivors here are his sister, Mrs. Cramer Reynolds, aunts, Mrs. Dewey Hutchins and Mrs. Harry Riney, and uncle, G. C. Blair.

Trobe Saves Man's Life by Breaking Into Local Telegraph Office

A great number of memories are being revived by H. L. Trobe, Vaughan of South Gate, Calif., in reading the "Forty Years Ago" column. He wrote The Mail about them and added, "Thanks for printing my last letter. It let a bunch of my kinfolks know why I hadn't written lately. Am fully recovered and will make up for lost time."

About past memories, Trobe wrote: "You've done it again. In your 'Forty Years Ago' column of Jan. 23, I saw the name 'Otho Smith' and it brought back a flood of memories. Otho and I had been chums in the 'long ago days' of Merkel.

About the turn of the century—if my memory serves me right—Otho was thrown from a wagon, fracturing a leg and injuring his skull. A surgeon from Abilene with a trepanning instrument was needed without delay if Otho's life was to be saved.

The quickest method of communication in those days was the telegraph. The telegraph office was locked and the agent had gone to Abilene to visit his family who lived there at that time. I was a telegrapher but at that time was operating a small photograph studio just south of the depot.

Realizing the necessity of haste I, with the help of others, broke into the office and I sent the telegram to Abilene. The surgeon re-

ceived it in time to catch a freight train that was pulling out of Abilene and was in Merkel in less than an hour and was able to save Otho's life.

My next knowledge of Otho was when I read your "Forty Years Ago" column last Monday.

By the way, the date of Ralph Vaughan's birth was 1898 instead of 1989. Some boner I made.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Well, Trobe, anyone would have guessed that!

Merkel Cinches At Least a Tie In District 8-A

Merkel clinched at least a tie for the District 8-A basketball championship here Tuesday night, leading all the way to bump off Monday, 58-43.

Merkel's fat 20 points in the second quarter iced things up for the Badgers and they held a 38-16 half-time lead. It was still 50-30 at the end of the third, and Monday was able to pull up a little in the fourth when Merkel's reserves went in.

A big first quarter which saw Coach Tommy Ellis' Badgers put 18 points on the board to Monday's seven got Merkel off to a fast start, and they were never threatened seriously.

Jerry Cunningham led his teammates in the scoring with 24 points. Second came Dink Whisenhunt with 15 and Corky Cox was third with seven.

Merkel tackles Throckmorton tonight, Friday, and Haskell the following Friday. Both games are played away from Merkel. A victory this week would insure an outright title for the Badgers.

Mrs. James Liner's Merkel girls also won, trimming Monday, 53-42. Merkel's DeLois Black poked in 25 points and Ima Jean Dye gave her a big hand with 15.

Merkel's girls led 19-12 at the end of the first period, 35-19 at the half and 44-27 going into the final quarter.

BADGER SCHEDULE

Friday, Feb. 12, Throckmorton here. Friday, Feb. 19, Haskell there.

Omaha Minister Will Speak Here Wednesday, Feb. 24

Dale Larsen, the minister of the Church of Christ at 52nd and Dodge Street, in Omaha, Neb., will speak here Wednesday, Feb. 24, at 7:30 p. m.

"Everyone is invited to hear this prominent speaker," said Roy E. Guley, local minister. "Mr. Larsen has preached in New York City."

Take One Night Off... Be our guest Troy Sloan to see "The Big Heat" Monday night. Your Free pass will be at the Queen box office. — Adv.

◆ SOCIETY ◆

JUDY BETH McCARTNEY HONORED ON 11TH BIRTHDAY

Judy Beth McCartney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter McCartney, was honored on her 11th birthday with a party.

The lace laid table was decorated in blue and yellow and held white tapers. Candy filled baskets were plate favors. Colored movies were shown.

Guests were Judy Kay Hill, Jill Hill, Ann Askins, Mary Alice Roach, Sue Cromer, Jana Mauldin, Alline Kimmey, Sandra Cromer, Kay Jones and Patty McCartney.

DORA PIPPIN IS HONORED WITH BIRTHDAY PARTY

Mrs. W. S. Townzen, of 408 Edward St., honored Dora Pippin with a party Thursday, Feb. 4, on her 15th birthday. Dora received

some very nice gifts. Those present were:

Her mother, Mrs. Bertie Pippin and twins, Earl and Earlene, Elma M. Townzen, Carolyn Denman, Geraldine Pippin, Betty Odum, Betty Bailey, Sandra Earp, Mrs. Harvey W. Townzen.

Refreshments of cold lemonade, cool aid, orange juice, two kinds of cookies and jello were served. There was a birthday cake with 15 candles on it.

MRS. CLYDE BUNCH HONORS DAUGHTER WITH PARTY

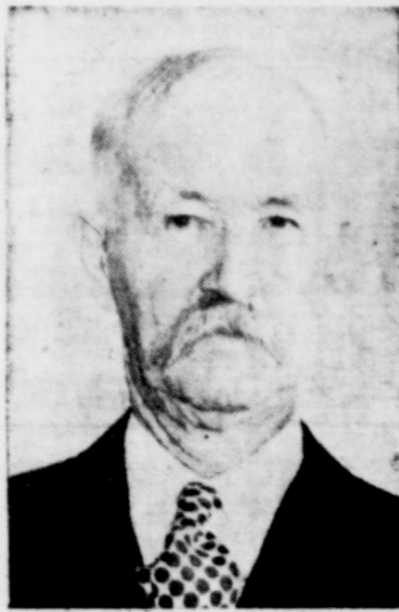
Mrs. Clyde Bunch honored her daughter Patricia on her third birthday Wednesday of last week with a party.

Decoration colors were pink and white. After games were played refreshments were served to Linda



MR. AND MRS. J. B. JONES

... married in Franklin, Ga.; celebrated 61st wedding anniversary February 1.



MERKEL REPRESENTED AT COUNTY MEETING OF TEACHERS JAN. 28

Merkel was well represented at the meeting of the Taylor County Teachers of T. S. T. A. on Jan. 28 in the Abilene High School auditorium. Among those who attended from here were Supt. and Mrs. Mack Fisher, Principal C. A. Farley, teachers of the elementary school and several from the primary and high schools.

The Merkel Future Teachers helped the Abilene F. T. A. as ushers.

The speaker was Dr. J. Cloyd Miller, president of the New Mexico Western College and past president of the National Education Association.

Mrs. Ellen McReynolds is vice president of the Taylor County Teachers Group and Principal Farley is an ex-president and advisor of the executive committee. The county group will hold its spring meeting in April.

DAVID BEATHARD ELECTED PRESIDENT OF EIGHTH GRADE

On Jan. 27 Mrs. Vincent Barnett's eighth grade elected officers. They were:

David Beathard, president; A. D. Clark, vice president; Riley Seymore, secretary; Eddie Hobdy, treasurer; Mena Stallo, reporter; and Barry Scott, policeman.

The program chairman, Mena Stallo, has chosen Roslyn Becker, Barry Scott and Riley Seymore to be on the committee.

Texas' first manufacturing business was the dressing of buckskins for clothes for the frontiersmen.

"Four score and seven years ago," Lincoln began his great Gettysburg Address, "our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation." Lincoln dedicated himself to preserve that nation and keep it on the path of greatness for succeeding generations. It cost him his life — it won the undying gratitude of freedom loving people. Let us resolve on his birthday always to do all we can to preserve the ideals and pass on the legacy of freedom left to us through the wisdom and sacrifice of Abraham Lincoln.

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and Ronnie Luke, Gaye Hopper, Janie Jones, Ricky Thomas, Donna Dickerson, Charlotte, Ronnie and Glenn Alexander, Clarence Harris, Gary and Judy Hendricks, Jan. Terry, Wayne and Sammy Ross.

Also present were Mrs. Leroy Thomas, Mrs. Jack Hendricks, Mrs. Troy Dickerson, Mrs. Scott Alexander, Mrs. Carrie Washburn, Mrs. Homer Alexander and Mrs. C. E. Jones.

COLORFUL VALENTINE PARTY AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

A Sunday School Valentine social will be held at 7:30 p. m. Monday, Feb. 15, in the Junior Department of the First Baptist Church. This social is for all members of the Adult Two Department and the Young Married Couples' Department and their families.

Refreshments will be served. For the evening's entertainment there will be a coronation service by the Young People's Training Union. This department has voted on a king and queen plus eight attendants to represent its group. These names will remain secret until they are presented at the coronation service.

The second part of the program is entitled "Living Valentines." The theme to be carried out is "Sweethearts From the Land of Mother Goose." It will be in the form of living pictures placed in a giant size heart picture frame.

The sweethearts to be presented in the picture frame are: "Jack and Jill" — Jackie Reynolds and Suzanne Howard; "Peter, the Pumpkin Eater" — Danny Malone and Herbie Kay Skinner; "Mary Quite Contrary" — Jack Be-Nimble — Janie Largent and Rodney Robertson;

"Wynken, Blynken and Nod" — Lonnie Thompson, Byrde Thomas and Larry Logan; "Bobby Shaftoe" — Lynn Gamble and Mac Mansfield; "Jack Sprat" — Nancy Watts and Craig Litton; "Mary Had a Little Lamb" — Boy Blue — Joan Reynolds and Wayne Hester;

"Baa, Baa Black Sheep" — Carolyn Bond and Mike Carey; "Old Woman in the Shoe" — Wanda Lou Sylvester and Tommy Riney; "Queen of Hearts" — Betty Ann Odum and Butch Palmer; "Cock-a-Doodee-doo" — Key Dishman and Jack Petty; "Spanish Lad" — Sharon Seifried and B. F. Clark.

Indians Attack In Thrilling Film At Queen Theatre

The escape of four Confederate prisoners and a girl from a fort in the Arizona Territory of the 1860s, their pursuit by a tough-as-nails Union captain, and their subsequent adventures in the escape attempt and in an attack by Mesquero Indians furnish a screenful of thrills in "Escape From Fort Bravo," at the Queen Theatre Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

William Holden, Eleanor Parker and John Forsythe are the principals involved in the romantic triangle of this punch-filled adventure yarn filmed in Anso Col or on eye-filling locations of the desert and mountain country of New Mexico and Death Valley, California.

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FIRM GREEN CABBAGE lb. 4c	SLICED BACON lb. 65c
CRISCO 3 Lb. CAN 85¢	
GLADIOLA MEAL 5 lb. bag 45c	SUN SPUN Salad Dressing pint 29c
ADAM'S — 46 OZ. CAN ORANGE JUICE 3 for \$1	SUN SPUN — SOUR or DILL PICKLES qt. 29c
AMPRELL'S Tomto Soup 2 cans 25c	DURAND YAMS reg. 39c size 29c
GERBER BABY FOOD 6 cans 49c	REINOLD'S ALUMINUM Foil roll 29c
CHILI NO. 2 CAN 49¢	
BIG TOP Peanut Butter 20 oz. 55c	PURE CANE SUGAR 10 lb. bag 89c
LIBBY'S CATSUP 14 oz. bottle 23c	SUN SPUN CORN 2 cans 35c
SALAD WAFER CRACKERS 1 lb. box 23c	SUN SPUN Pork & Beans 10 cans \$1
CHURCH'S Grape Juice 24 oz. 33c	OUR VALUE Green Beans 2 cans 29c
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Clearfork River and Mulberry Canyon before Merkel was surveyed and made a town in 1882. At that time Whelan was about the size of Tye. When Merkel was settled there were lots of rattlesnakes, prairie dogs, panthers and wild horses. The panthers were really mountain lions and the wild horses were those turned loose by settlers or wanderers.

The first squatter in Merkel was a man named Mr. Wortham. Merkel got its name from a Mr. Merkel. He settled on a claim which is now the Fair Bland place. Mr. E. W. King lives there now.

The first building in town was the depot. It was located a little ways to the east of Kimbell's Grain Elevator. It was the only building that was moved from its original spot. It was moved to where it now stands.

J. L. Vaughan was the first permanent depot agent. Mr. Vaughan was the first real estate agent, first postmaster, and the first Sunday school superintendent.

The first lot that was sold to Sam Butman who later sold it to the city. That lot was across from the original spot of the depot.

In 1884 there were 18 buildings in Merkel besides four saloons, one school and one church. That church was the Presbyterian Church. Later a Baptist Church, Methodist Church and a Church of Christ were built. The first preacher was Reverend Norris. The first wedding was the marriage of Madge Vaughan to Sam Butman.

The first saloon was owned by Dock Grounds. The name of the saloon was "Dock Grounds Blue Front". It was located near the first hotel which was owned by Also Brook. All four saloons ran profitably until one time the church people held a meeting in the depot. They took action upon the saloons. All the liquor and beer were taken out and dumped in the street.

Doctor Shangles owned the first drug store. He married Madge Vaughan's sister Edna. The drug store was located near the old bus station. The drug store was in one of Mrs. Rawling's business houses. She owned the first grocery store in town. She lived in a house that had three rooms in it. Each room was right behind the other. Near this house were her business houses.

The first livery stable was owned by John Boyce. The stable was located about where the Community Center or the Oak Street Service Station is.

Mr. Craven was the first butcher in Merkel. He had his shop on Kent street. Most of the shops and stores were located on Kent St. Lon Thornton and his brother J. H. owned the first hardware and general merchandise stores in Merkel.

The first cotton gin was owned by Mr. Ginn. The gin was located somewhere southeast of town.

Mr. Boyd owned the first barber shop in Merkel.

The first theatre that was built in Merkel was owned by Fred Groene. The ruins of the theatre still stand. They are located to the north of the B. and D. garage. Mr. Groene built the theatre in 1909. Sam Butman loaned about \$400 for the building of a school. The

children went to school in one room of Philam Cox's home before the school building was built. The first teacher here was Mr. Thomas. He was county surveyor for a long time.

The first peace officer in Merkel was Sheriff Joe Jernigan.

The editor of our first newspaper was called Mary Jane Cox. The newspaper was the Merkel Mail. The first production of newspapers was on March 20, 1890.

The first boy in Merkel was Latrobe Vaughan. He got off the train here.

The first birth in Merkel was a little girl born to Mr. and Mrs. Pat Henery. She later died. Her death marked the first death here. Later two little boys froze to death. They were on their way back to town from a sheep camp at the mountains. It was cold and they lost their way.

About 40 years ago the people of Merkel paved the streets with bricks. The bricks were hauled here by train.

Bowman O. Barlow Has Nice Write-up In Utah Newspaper

Capt. and Mrs. Bowman O. Barlow and family are now located at Provo, Utah. Mrs. Barlow is the daughter of Mrs. Adah Heeter. The following article appeared in the Provo newspaper:

Captain Bowman O. Barlow reported today for duty as the incoming unit advisor to the Army reserves in Southern Utah to replace Captain Robert B. Gunn, who expects to depart soon for a new assignment, according to information released today by the Utah Military District.

Captain Barlow recently returned from Austria, after completing a total of 59 months of foreign service. During the period of his assignment in Austria he was a battalion operations officer. En route from his overseas station to his current assignment, the captured officers associate advance course at the Armored School, Fort Knox, Ky.

The captain enlisted in the military service July 23, 1939, and was commissioned in the armored branch in September 1943. He served in the European Theater during World War II, where he earned three bronze stars on his European Theater ribbon. He is the holder of the Silver Star medal, the Purple Heart with the Oak Leaf Cluster, the French Croix de Guerre, European Theater Ribbon, American Distinguished and American Theater Ribbons, the Victory Ribbon, the Occupation Medal for Germany.

Captain, Mrs. Barlow and two daughters, ages 7 and 2 respectively, are making their Provo home at 550 E. 1st N.

Due to a paper shortage, only six or eight newspapers were published in Texas during the War Between the States.

LEGAL NOTICE

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 Briggers,
Secretary of Board
Adv. Feb. 5, 12, 19.

LEGAL NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS
To any Sheriff or any Constable within the State of Texas — GREETING:

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

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS
To: 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. Austin 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 desertion 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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CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS
To: Josephine Thornton, 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 8th day of March A. D., 1954, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 19th day of January A. D., 1954, in this cause, numbered 19,562-A on the docket of said court and styled C. L. Thornton, Jr., Plaintiff, vs. Josephine Thornton, Defendant.

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

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.

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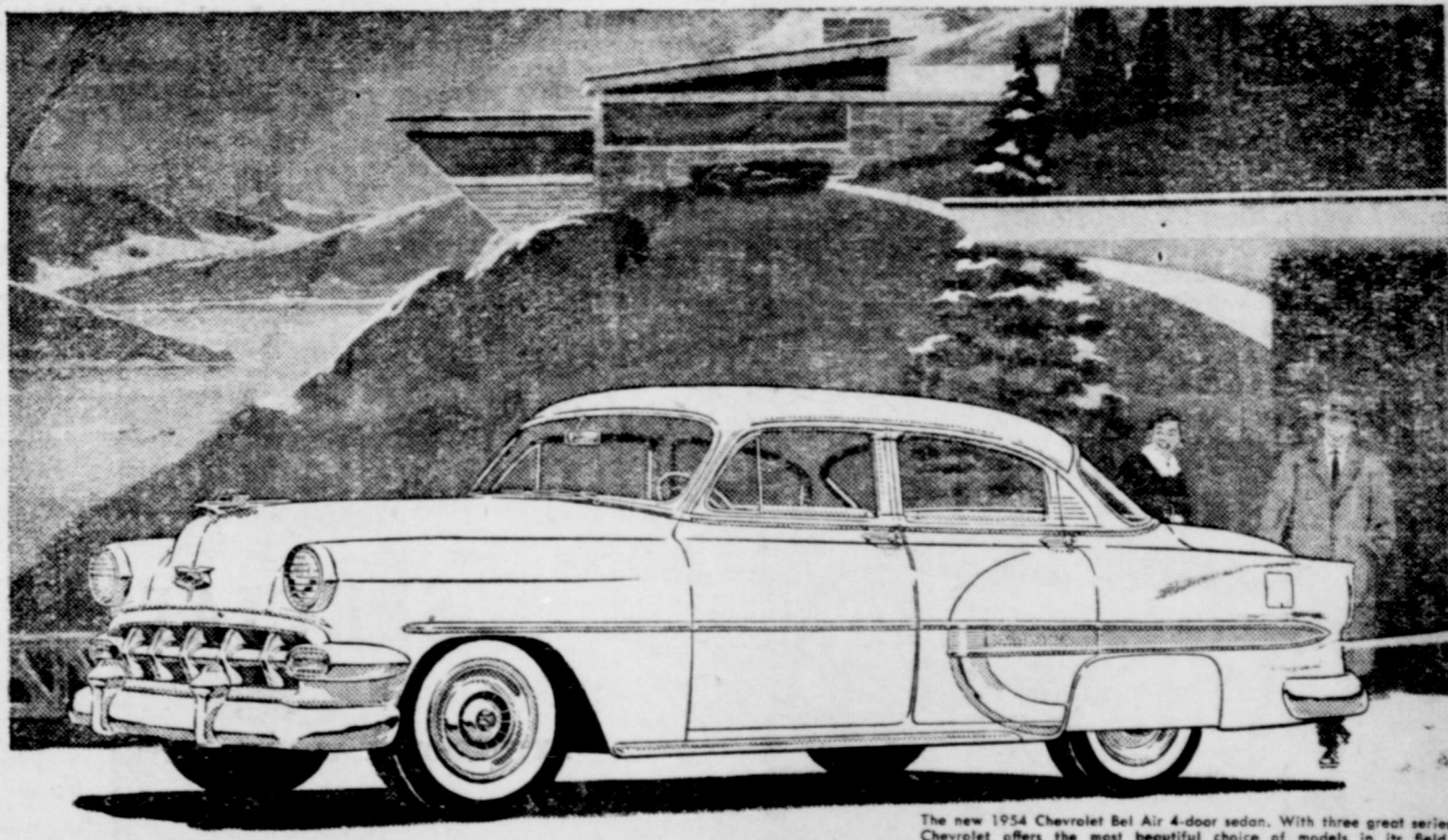
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Joy Walker Wins National Honor by Solving Problem

A Merkel High School student, Joy Walker, a senior, has won special recognition in one of the monthly business magazines, "Business Education World."

Each month a bookkeeping problem appears in this magazine, and all schools that wish may participate in solving this problem. Of the papers submitted in the class the one best paper is sent in with a list of the names of the others who prepared papers. These are given certificates of achievement and the one who prepared the best paper is given a free OBE pin.

Joy's paper was chosen as the best in her class for the October contest problem, in the February issue of the magazine her name was listed with 30 other students from all over the United States as submitting one of the best papers.

Merkel was the only town in Texas represented.

Billye Patterson Explains in Essay "What Is Honor?"

Below is one of the eight essays from Merkel High School to be published in "Young America Speaks." It is entitled "What Is Honor" and was written by Billye Sandra Patterson. It follows:

Honor may be described as one's reputation or good name.

In ancient times, honor had a different meaning from its modern meaning. When duels were in style, one's honor was completely ruined if he did not accept a challenge. This method of establishing one's honor was called the "code of honor." But just the opposite is true today.

Honor plays an important part in our every day life. Even the average worker has a chance to prove his honor by doing more when the boss is gone, instead of doing less. Students in our schools and colleges are constantly living

up to a certain trust placed in them by their teachers.

For us students, honor might be described as acting as one thinks he should, in all circumstances and at all times.

Trent Club Hears T. Odum Speak On Phone Changes

At the meeting of the Trent Community Club Thursday of last week, held in the Trent School cafeteria Tommy Odum, manager of the Merkel Telephone Company, spoke on "What Trent Can Expect in New Telephone Service."

A valentine theme was carried out at the meeting. Hubert (Spud) McLeod, president, presided. The club discussed the repair of the water tank. Three high school girls, Judy Steadman, Sharon Terry and Jane Williams played the accordions. Then Don Wilks played the violin with Jane accompanying him on the accordion.

Mr. Odum stated that the old telephone equipment will be dismantled, removed and the newest type dial equipment installed. He explained the free service to be given between Merkel and Trent. He outlined the rate increase to take place only after the installation of their new dial system.

The club followed his talk with hearty applause and approval.

Trent Gorillas Bow to Hermleigh Last Monday Night

The Hermleigh Cardinals defeated the Trent Gorillas 87-48 at Hermleigh Monday night, to go 1-up in the opening round of the District 21-B basketball playoffs.

Jerry McWilliams tallied 18 for Trent with Jerry Estep adding 14. John Ross Hale is coach at Trent.

ABOUT HOGS

Cooking Garbage for Hogs. C-349, is the title of new publication just released by the Agricultural Extension Service. It's available at your county agent's office. — A. & M.



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HOSPITAL NOTES

Admissions to the Sadler Hospital the past week were:

As medical patients — Patricia Ann Brown, Pauley Dudley, Mrs. Myrtle Brown, Mrs. O. W. Reed, Robert Lynn Hamm, George Kegans, Bill Haynes, Mrs. Rufus Parks, Mrs. I. N. Irvin, Patricia Dee Moore, Hubert Sullivan, Mrs. A. J. Barbee, E. J. Patterson, Mrs. Lake Renfro, Mrs. Clesby Patterson, Jo Ann Watson.

For surgery — Mrs. Kirby Beckett and Mrs. L. V. Ely.

1954 Heart Fund Drives Is Now On During February

Research into the causes of heart diseases — which affect one out of every 16 Americans — will be given top priority in the program supported by the 1954 Heart Fund, which now is in progress throughout Texas and the nation, according to Dr. W. R. White, Baylor University president and chairman of the 1954 Texas Heart Campaign.

Dr. White pointed out that heart diseases annually cause more than 750,000 deaths — more than all other diseases combined — and said that contribution to the 1954 Heart Fund will be used in research programs that seek to find the cause of hardening of the arteries, high blood pressure and rheumatic fever. These three conditions account for more than 90 per cent of all diseases of the heart and blood vessels, Dr. White emphasized.

Early Reports On Income Tax Urged By Official

Business firms with large payrolls were asked by District Di-

rector Ellis Campbell, Jr., of the Internal Revenue Service to release the 1953 W-2 tax withholding statements to their employees as soon as possible, to expedite the filing, payment and adjustment of as many individual taxpayer returns as possible.

With their W-2 in hand, the director pointed out, thousands of taxpayers will be able to prepare their income tax forms at once and send them in to his office. The address to which payments should be sent is 2101 Pacific Avenue, Dallas, Texas.

"Our office will be glad to help taxpayers with problems," said Mr. Campbell. "If you have a group of complicated tax problems, a visit to a tax consultant may be your answer, and will be well worth the time and the fee."

"Mainly, we are asking that taxpayers file and pay early and avoid the rush of the second week in March. Figure it out, pay it up, and take the worry off your mind."

PLANE CRASHES NEAR HERE

A training plane from Webb Air Force Base at Big Spring crashed about 17 miles southwest of Merkel Tuesday evening but the pilot parachuted to safety.

Aviation Cadet Alfred M. Yahanda abandoned the T-28 trainer plane he was flying when it developed engine trouble about 7 p. m. Tuesday, Webb AFB officials said.

The plane crashed in a pasture. Yahanda caught a ride into Merkel after he landed and notified base officials.

DOYLE C. HOWELL HAS REGISTERED AT SUL ROSS COLLEGE

Doyle C. Howell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Howell, Rt. 2, Trent has completed registration for the spring semester at Sul Ross State College Howell, senior, is majoring in business administration. He is a graduate of Trent high school and attended Texas Western and Odessa Junior College before coming to Sul Ross.

400 Persons Enjoy John Deere Day At Miller Impl.

A crowd as large as last year's, about 400, attended the John Deere Day sponsored by the Miller Implement Company last Saturday.

The people enjoyed the pictures at the Community Center and the demonstrations of the latest John Deere Implements.

A delicious free dinner was served at the noon hour, including Borden's milk and Ireland chili. "I was a very successful affair," stated Jack Miller.

"ICEBOUND" TONIGHT

"Icebound," the Pulitzer Prize winning play by Owen Davis will be presented Thursday and Friday nights, Feb. 11 and 12, on the Abilene Christian College stage. The story is of a strict, narrow-minded New England family whose lives and thoughts are as icebound as the New England winter.

Miss Gaylan Collier, assistant professor of speech, directed the play.

ON COTTON RESEARCH

The University of Texas Cotton Merchandising Research division announced publication of proceedings at its sixth annual clinic on instrument classing of cotton. The booklet includes reports on advantages of warehousing cotton according to fiber properties and on the evolution of cotton classing.

SAVING APPLIANCE CORDS

To add to the serviceable life of electrical appliance cords, keep them free from kinks, knots or sharp bends which may break the fine wires. Store in a cool, dry and clean place. Remove the cord from the outlet by pulling on the plug instead of the wire. — A. & M.



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Up to three years ago, Harold Mullinix, Sr. (right) didn't own a tractor on his 145 acre farm in Damascus, Maryland. He used horses. Then his son, Harold, Jr., went into partnership with him and using some of the U. S. Savings Bonds he bought during elementary school, he bought this tractor. Harold, Jr. bought Savings Bonds with money he earned from 4-H Club work during both elementary and high school. Here he and his father are looking at those which are still being held against the day they need to replace the tractor or buy another to help in their increasing farm operation. They plan to buy Bonds regularly to build up a machinery replacement fund to cover depreciation on all of their equipment.



The 190 acre farm of Douglas Wilhite near Columbia, Missouri, was originally purchased with some of his U. S. Savings Bonds accumulated during the war years. Today, Savings Bonds continue to play an important part in maintaining and improving the farm which is operated by Mr. Wilhite and his son, Frank. Here they show some of the Bonds which they are keeping against future farm replacement needs to Earl J. Huggin, one of the U. S. Savings Bonds staff. Through his 4-H Club projects and Future Farmer of America work, son Frank was able to set aside enough money in Savings Bonds to purchase three registered Hereford cows from which he will be able to build up a registered herd. He bought his original flock of sheep with Savings Bonds and is using his flock as a project in his studies at the Agricultural School of Missouri University. He plans to use the money received from the sale of his lambs to purchase more U. S. Savings Bonds and for his flock replacement.

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Merkel First Baptist Church
Sunday School 9:45 a. m.
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Training Union 6:30 p. m.
Evening Worship ... 7:30 p. m.
Wednesday Prayer Service 7:30 a. 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
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.

Merkel Catholic Church
Sunday Mass 10:30 a. m.

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

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

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

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:
W. M. U., Brotherhood, Jr. G. A.'s, R. A.'s and Sunbeams 7:00 p. m.
Prayer Services 7:50 p. m.
"You are a stranger here but once."

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

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.

Trent Church of Christ
Sunday:
Sunday 11:00 o'clock
Bible Class 10:00 a. m.
Morning Worship ... 11:00 a. m.
Evening Services 7:30 p. m.
Thursday:
Ladies Bible Class. 4:00 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: o'clock
Training Union 7:00 p. m.
Evening Worship ... 7:30 p. m.
Wednesday:
Evening Prayer Services 7:30 p. m.

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

HENS AND TURKEYS
Present indications are that more laying hens and turkeys will be found on Texas farms during 1954. Pullets going into brooder houses now will not influence the egg market until next fall. — A. & M.

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HIGHWAY DEATHS UP

Highway deaths are continuing at a rate of almost 40,000 a year and the second millionth fatality is expected to be reached by 1976 . . . just half the time it took to reach the first million. It's the responsibility of every citizen to slow down this slaughter and slowing down speed will help. —A. & M.

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NEWS ABOUT TOWN

Stanley King, Nolan Palmer, Norman King and B. D. DeBouise attended the Fat Stock Show in Fort Worth Sunday.
Mrs. Phil Diltz, Mrs. Mina Winter and children spent Sunday at Big Spring with Mrs. Diltz's daughter, Mrs. Clayton Coats, and

family. The occasion was the 11th birthday of Shirley, daughter of Mrs. Coats. They had a party.
Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Bartlett over the weekend were her aunt, Mrs. Marvin Cowan and Lillian of Pecos.

Mrs. George Coker of Fort Worth visited her mother, Mrs. N. D. Cobb, over the weekend.
See A Show . . . Earl Strawn call at Queen box office Monday night for a Free pass to see "The Big Heat," showing Sunday, Monday, February 14, 15. —Adv.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl George spent Sunday in Girard with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Millican and Mrs. Bertie James.
Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hudson and Mrs. J. F. Lenoir visited in Woodson Sunday with Mrs. Lenoir's son Waldon.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Yant of Lubbock spent Saturday with their niece, Mrs. Norman King, and family.
Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Goldgar of Dallas were visitors of Editor and Mrs. Hy White Monday.

Mrs. Ross Ferrier, Jr., and son Ronnie of Fort Worth spent from Monday to Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Ross Ferrier, Sr. Mrs. Ferrier, Sr., returned home with them for a visit.
See A Show . . . Truett Thompson call at Queen box office Monday night for Free pass to see "The Big Heat." — Adv.

Mr. and Mrs. Pinky Cypert daughter Sharon, Mrs. Don Dudley, sons Mike and Mark and Editor Hy White were dinner guests of Rev. and Mrs. Hugh Hunt in Stanton Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Fox spent Sunday in Abilene with their son J. D. and family. Also Mr. and Mrs. Earl Norwood of Clyde and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sledge and Jimmy were evening visitors.

Malcolm Leon Toombs of Fort Bliss, El Paso, was home over the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Toombs.
Mrs. Mary Kizer of Mission, Kans., is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Fred Odell, and Mr. Odell. Mrs. Kizer was born and went to school here.
Mrs. Hy White returned Thursday of last week from a trip to Kansas City and Sweet Springs, Mo., on business.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Watson and son of Sweetwater were here Saturday visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Price. Their son Adrian and family of Sweetwater were Sunday visitors. A daughter, Mrs. J. N. Herron, and family of Golen were Saturday night guests. A daughter, Mrs. J. W. Isenburg, and family of Abilene were weekend visitors.
Mrs. Guy P. Darsey of Austin visited a few days last week in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hamm.

**FLOYD GREEN ATTENDS
SPRING AND SUMMER
MERCHANDISE SHOW**

Floyd Green, owner and operator of the Authorized Dealer White Auto Store, has just returned from Wichita Falls where he attended White's Auto Stores great spring and summer merchandise show. This year, more than 100 leading manufacturers displayed their wares.

As "Purchasing Agent for the Homemakers of Merkel," Mr. Green combed for trends in spring and summer merchandise and appliances, which will be available locally in the very near future.

"Appliances from White's Auto Stores continue to offer to the homemaker more for her dollar than any other item on the family budget," he declared. "Manufacturers have taken advantage of modern production methods to provide appliances that have style and adaptability and yet are within the reach of budgets of all sizes."

Some of the merchandise shown included Leonard Refrigerators, Home Freezers, Electric Ranges, and Room Coolers; ABC and Laundry Queen Automatic Washers; Sew-Gem Sewing Machines; Eureka Cleaners; Revco Home Freezers; Arvin Radios and Television and Detroit Jewel Gas Ranges.

In addition to a complete showing of automotive parts and accessories, tires and seat covers, and many spring items were also displayed. These included lawn and garden supplies, Majestic Paints, General Electric Appliances, hand and power lawn mowers, South Bend, Shakespeare, and Heddon Fishing Tackle, Wilson Sporting Goods, ice cream freezers and others.

**"Texas Bad Man"
Will Be Shown
At Queen Theatre**

The "Texas Bad Man" is coming to the Queen Theatre Friday and Saturday. It is a strong story of lawless adventure. It is a film of gun play. It stars Wayne Morris and Frank Ferguson.

NEWS

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

By LORETA ALLEN

I visited Linda Wilks the other afternoon with Mrs. L. B. Lowry. She helped Linda set up some goals that she wanted to reach as dairy foods demonstrator for the Trent 4-H Club. Linda told about giving two demonstrations to her club recently.

One day she was getting ready to give a demonstration on prune whip. Her mother was not home and she discovered she didn't have any prunes but that didn't stop Linda from giving the demonstration. She decided peach whip would be very good, so she used peaches instead of prunes.

She said she believed it helped increase attendance too because she thought the members of her club liked peaches better than prunes. She also gave a demonstration on "Beauty at Your Fingertips."

Trent Club is losing a lot of good 4-H Girls, because they are moving away.

Ann Askins, Judy Beth and Patty McCartney, Tye 4-H Club members, were on a television program recently. Seems that 4-H Girls are always trying out new things.

Mrs. Leroy Riney, living room demonstrator for Blue Bonnet Club, plans to re-do the walls and ceiling of her room and she thinks she may make new drapes and is going to slip cover her couch. She

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He is offering the following prices as an introductory offer to friends he hasn't met as yet.
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He also features Dyeing of shoes. Bring in those old shoes and have them repaired like new.

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L. C. BYRD

L. C. Byrd has been appointed as foreman of the Lone Star Gas Company's Sweetwater district of distribution. He succeeds Richard B. Lollar who has been transferred to Abilene as superintendent of the gas system.

Mr. Byrd will supervise gas service and maintenance operations for more than 5,300 customers in Sweetwater, his headquarters; Blackwell, Roscoe, Merkel and Trent.

is going to be very busy because she has a lot of sewing to do.

I am meeting all the home demonstration clubs this month. We are discussing the place of meat in good nutrition and identification of cuts of meat. The principles of broiling is demonstrated by actually broiling a steak. All visitors are welcome to these meetings.

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OUT OF HOSPITAL

Mrs. Alla Ransone of Corbin, mother of Mrs. L. S. Kingsbury, who has been in a hospital in Abilene with a broken hip left Saturday and is now at the Groene Apartments. Her condition is somewhat improved.

LETTER FROM HOME

Earl Cattrer, general delivery, Ballinger, Texas, sent in his renewal to The Mail and added: "Please renew my paper as we think we can't get by without it as it is a letter from home to us."

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NEWS ABOUT TOWN

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Miller were in Boerne Sunday and Monday and visited with his brother Lester and wife and their granddaughter, Ann McKinnon, of San Juan, Porto Rico.

Mr. and Mrs. John Patterson, Abilene, visited their aunt, Mrs. Hugh Campbell, Thursday night of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hook and son Eddie, new residents from San Angelo, spent the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C.

Houston and Mrs. F. L. Hook, of San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hook and daughter Jane, new residents from San Angelo, visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Gannaway, of Winters over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Chriswell Doan and family of Paris, Mr. and Mrs. Billie D. Doan and family of Mc-Camey, Mr. and Mrs. Don D. Doan Mr. and Mrs. Jack Chenault of Stamford, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Doan and family of Blair spent the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Doan.

O. W. Dickerson and Troy Dickerson families spent the weekend in Seminole and Lamesa visiting relatives.

MRS. B. R. ARTHUR HONORED WITH BIRTHDAY PARTY

A birthday party in honor of Mrs. B. R. Arthur was given by her niece, Mrs. R. G. Bond, Tuesday of last week. She was 62 years old. Canasta and 42 were played and coffee and birthday cake were served to 17 guests.

LOCAL M. Y. F. ATTENDS SUB-DISTRICT MEETING

The local M. Y. F. attended the sub-district meeting which was held at Anson Monday night. Those who attended were:

George Starbuck, Jane Tipton, Johnie Tipton, Johnny Wayne Hammond, Marilyn Liles, Nadine Middlebrook, Ronald White, Jackie Hogan and the sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. Pinky Cypert.

There was a period of recreation after which refreshments were served and then a short devotional.

WOMEN FROM ABILENE ON METHODIST PROGRAM

Folks from Abilene were on the program of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild at the Methodist Church Sunday night. There were 113 persons present.

Mrs. E. E. Traweck, organist, of Abilene played the prelude. Mrs. S. C. Gage of Abilene brought the message. Mrs. Bessie Johnson said the prayer, Mrs. Tom Largent gave the devotional. Mrs. J. R. Baker gave a solo. Mrs. Aubrey White presented the speaker.

The invitation for new members was given by Mrs. W. D. Hutcherson.

CERAMIC DEMONSTRATION MADE BY MRS. AUBREY WHITE

The members of the social committee were hosts for a very pretty valentine tea when the Fortnightly Study Club met Tuesday at the Community Center.

Mrs. Andy Shouse presided and welcomed the guests. Mrs. Ray Wilson introduced the program which included Mrs. Paul Honeycutt, vocalist, accompanied by Mrs. E. L. Horton. Mrs. Aubrey F.

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White showed a collection of ceramics in many stages. She began by molding two pieces and showing the steps in firing, painting and glazing.

Refreshments of frozen angel food cake with cream and strawberries were served with hot coffee by Mrs. Carroll Benson. Mrs. George T. Moore, Mrs. Paul West and Mrs. Murry Toombs.

MISS LORETTA ALLEN TALKS TO BLUE BONNET OF MEAT

The Blue Bonnet Home Demonstration Club met Feb. 2 in the home of Mrs. Sam Butman, Jr., with the president, Mrs. Allen King, presiding. Mrs. Leroy Riney led the group singing. Mrs. Dewell McLeon led in prayer.

Roll call was answered by quoting a verse from the Bible mentioning meat. Mrs. King gave an interesting council report.

A planter box demonstration by a lady from New York City will be given in Abilene Feb. 23. Mrs. Leroy Riney will attend and bring information back to the club March 16.

Miss Loretta Allen, agent, is sponsoring a dress making clinic March 16, 18, 23, 25 from 1 to 5 p. m. in Abilene, teaching newest sewing ideas.

A candidate will be selected to attend district gathering in San Angelo at the next meeting. Mrs. King urged all members to pay their T.H.D.A. contributions by next meeting.

Miss Allen gave a "Meat Study Guide," telling how to buy, cook and serve daily meat. "Higher grades contain more fat and are usually more tender," said Miss Allen. "All grades, however, contain the same valuable proteins, minerals and vitamins."

The next meeting will be Feb. 16 with Mrs. A. L. Farmer for a "Study of Hawaii." Mrs. Frank Brnovak will give a chair upholstery demonstration.

Refreshments were served to 10 members, number of children and visitors: Mesdames A. D. Scott, John Ferguson, A. R. Toombs, Banning Butman, Leon Toombs and Miss Allen.

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CARD OF THANKS

We want to thank all our friends and neighbors for their calls and visits to us during our great loss of our darling son-in-law, Doyle Blair. We deeply appreciate every kindness shown us. May God's richest blessing be on each one of our prayer.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Mathews and Children.

LEGAL NOTICE THE STATE OF TEXAS

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

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

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

To: Cromwell B. Bertrand, Defendant, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 104th 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 3rd day of February A. D., 1954, in this cause, numbered 7435-B on the docket of said court and styled Nellie Gertrude Bertrand, Plaintiff, vs. Cromwell B. Bertrand, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were duly married on Dec. 13, 1952, and lived together until on or about May 22, 1953, at which time they became permanently separated.

Plaintiff alleges that no community property was accumulated and no children were born as issue of this marriage.

Plaintiff prayed for divorce on grounds of harsh and cruel treatment, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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

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

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this 5th day of February A. D., 1954.

Attest: J. Neil Daniel, Clerk, 104th District Court Taylor County, Texas By Irene Crawford, Deputy. Adv. Feb. 12, 19, 26, March 5.

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

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LOST — 2 Keys on ring. Valuable to me only. Reward. Bill Merritt, 301 Kent Street. 1148c.

LOST — Short Stocky Polled Hereford Bull. Weight 800 or 900 lbs. Strayed away 2 weeks ago last Thursday. Please notify D. H. Jones, Trent, Texas Rt. 1. 2148p.

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

WANTED

SALESMAN WANTED— Capable ambitious person and has a real desire to work. Also must be familiar with Merkel and surrounding territory, must be able to meet and deal with the public. Salary and commission. White Auto Store, Merkel, Texas. 1148c.

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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.

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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 Commissioner, Jones County, Precinct No. 4 W. O. RAINWATER (re-election)

For Justice of Peace Pct. 5 O. W. (DONALD) PAINE

BUS SCHEDULE

Eastbound	Westbound
2:20 a. m.	12:10 a. m.
3:36 a. m.	12:15 a. m.
5:22 a. m.	1:21 a. m.
6:32 a. m.	2:39 a. m.
6:47 a. m.	5:54 a. m.
11:40 a. m.	7:52 a. m.
11:45 a. m.	9:09 a. m.
2:37 p. m.	11:40 a. m.
3:01 p. m.	1:01 p. m.
5:00 p. m.	1:25 p. m.
7:57 p. m.	4:19 p. m.
11:52 p. m.	8:17 p. m.
9:01 p. m.	4:57 p. m.
	9:07 p. m.

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Take One Night Off . . . Be our guest Chester Lucas Monday and see "The Big Heat" Queen Sunday, Monday, Feb. 14, 15. — Adv.

FOR SALE — Divan, makes into a bed, like new. Will sell reasonable. See the Merkel Mail.

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EDITORIAL

ABRAHAM LINCOLN

One hundred and forty-five years ago there was born in a log cabin a man who was destined to lead his country through one of its darkest periods. On Feb. 12, 1809, Abraham Lincoln was born and later became the 16th President of the United States.

His boyhood was one of poverty. His schooling was not great. All these did not keep him from attaining the highest honor this country has to offer.

He worked hard. He studied hard. He was mostly self-taught. In his attempts to secure public office he was not very successful and lost time after time. Yet he kept on. And at last he was elected President of the United States.

The story of Lincoln is not an isolated case. The opportunities our country has to offer are still all about us. Many men, reared in poverty, have grown up to become leaders in many walks of life.

The opportunities are still here. That is what makes our country so great today. To each individual it makes a challenge, a challenge to make of himself what he wants to be, to use the powers that God has given to each one of us to the best of his ability.

The tragedy of today is not that there are no opportunities. It is just the opposite. The tragedy is that so many of us do not use the ability and power and cultural at-

tainments we have to the best advantage.

Lincoln used those he had. He developed them. And he gave of his genius to his country.

If we would make our country greater than it is, it is the duty then of each of us to give to our country the best we have in us, to develop it to the best of our ability.

MARCH OF DIMES

The March of Dimes campaign was a great success.

Last year the quota set was \$1,000. This year Merkel and its surrounding area took on a greater load. It agreed to raise the 50 per cent more, \$500 more. So the quota was set at \$1,500.

This spurred Merkel on its mission. As the campaign progressed each step was successful. As Campaign Manager C. A. Farley remarked, "We are going according to schedule." As the drive neared its end and the Mothers' March on Polio came to the front, Mr. Farley remarked that \$500 more were needed.

The amount set was reached and passed. Merkel and its area not only raised the quota of \$1,500, it passed it! It raised \$1,850! As a matter of fact the last tally will show more than that, as the figure was given out before all events to raise the money were over.

W. T. Walton, campaign chairman of the county, remarked, "We are thrilled with the response from all over the county, especially from Merkel."

Chairman Farley did a wonderful job. He and those who helped in any way are to be heartily congratulated for a job well done. And Merkel and the surrounding area are to be complimented in coming forward so wonderfully in a good cause, a cause to relieve suffering.

BOY SCOUT WEEK

This is Boy Scout Week. It observes the 44th anniversary of the movement.

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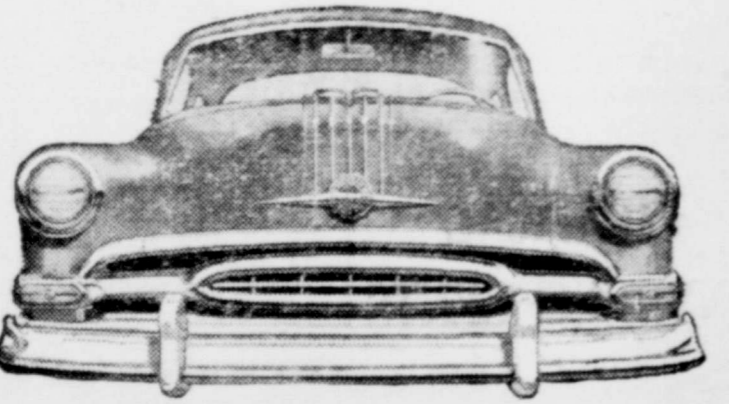
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Merkel Lambasts Roby Lions Here Last Week 78-32

Coach Tommy Ellis' Merkel Badgers moved one game closer to bagging the District 8-A basket-

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Corky Cox dropped 20 points through the loops to pace the Merkel attack and gain top honors in the game while teammate Robert McLeod dunked 19 for runnerup honors.

Merkel jumped off to an early lead via two free throws in the

opening seconds of the initial quarter and kept the advantage throughout the entire contest.

The Badgers moved into the second quarter with a big 23-7 lead and rolled to a 46-17 advantage at half-time. The victors upped the count to 61-21 going into the final stanza and waltzed to the victory in the last eight minutes with reserves seeing a majority of the

action. The starting line-up for the Badgers was: Jerry Cunningham c. Robert McLeod and Dink Whisenhunt f. Corky Cox and Jacky McAninch g. Substitutes were George English, Philip Pursley, Billy Wayne Dye, Bobby Owen, Terry O'Brien, Kermit Rutledge and Delbert Allred.

In the preliminary game the

Roby girls had the edge on Mrs. James Liner's Badger girls 57-51. For Merkel Imogene Dye was high with 23 points while Delois Black gathered 18 points.

The starting line-up was: Delois, Imogene and Gween Hagar f. Dorothy Foster, Marie Kerns and Joan Watson g. Substitutes: Bobby

Badger Juniors Defeat Wiley By Score of 39-29

The Merkel Junior Badgers de-

feated the Wiley Juniors Tuesday night of last week by the score of 39-29. High scorer for Coach Don Estes was Eddie Bobby with 15 points.

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