of America

On the Broadway

The Merkel Jazz Band directed

A splendid program of secular

and gospel songs was enjoyed by

the Lions Club Tuesday. Rev. Dar-

accompanied him at the piano.

Supt. Mack Fisher presided at

mittee. He listed five campaigns

stated that more than \$3,000

Prof. Fisher reported that the

per will be served by the Shop

Program Chairman Isadore Mel-

Rev. Taylor sings from Monday

linger introduced Cyrus Pee who

to Friday at 10 a. m. over station

from the heart, he sings easily and

in an unassuming manner. He has

The club enjoyed the splendid

Mr. Pee's brother, Mason, and

ahead with its work.

Boys at \$1.25 a plate.

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MERKEL, TEXAS, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1954.

IN THE FRIENDLY TOWN

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# BAUGERS WIN 8-A

## Guar Promises To Be Major Crop

guar crop in the Merkel-Trent late planting was primarily for soil Houston Stock Show last week. area of the Middle Clear Fork Soil improving purposes. The plants Conservation District will be about put nitrogen into the soil open week at the San Antonio Stock \$3.40 clean bean basis, announced the hard pan with a deep tap root Show and will show next week at Coleman O'Brien, conservationist and add vegetative matter to the the Amarillo Stock Show. of the Merkel SCS office.

1954 crop was received here last pounds to innoculate. week by Mr. O'Brien.

Esser, manager of General Mills, viously planted in guar. The cot-Inc., Kenedy, in a letter, dated ton on guar land showed less dam-Feb. 9, in which Mr. O'Brien was age from root rot and experiments won over Dallas in sabre and epee further assured that the mill would have shown that root rot is inhiand defeated Texas Tech in foil. have a buyer representative in bited in cotton for at least three Bill fought with all three weapons. Merkel again this year.

Grain Co.

A total of 10,000 acres of guar in adequate seed supply.

Approximately 1,100 acres was planted in guar in the Merkel-Trent area last year, the SCS official said, with the yield ranging 350 to 750 pounds to the acre, all of it except in spotted areas, being produced under severe drought

Heaviest production last year was 750 pounds to the acre pro- URGE MERKEL GYM duced on a 15-acre plot by Ernest harvesting jobs in connection with a letter to W. O. Boney, secretary against a fly wheel. guar. The beans are harvested by of the Merkel school board, saying regular combine.

row, the reel baffles shattered and gymnasium." fewer beans.

A. B. Scott of the Butman Com- MAY PAY TILL MARCH 1 munity harvested 500 pounds to the acre on 30 acres for which he H. (Spud) McLeod, Trent 350 on the installment payment plan. G. Wilks, Trent, 350 pounds to the MRS. W. S. TELFORD DIES acre on six acres; Bob Hudson, scre on six acres; Bob Hudson, Mrs. J.P. Sharp of this city, died the death of Mrs. Case's sister,

guar with cotton this year. He Street, Abilene, where Mr. Tel- Mrs. Eli Case accompanied by Mr. plans to plant adjacent land, that ford, a Confederate veteran, suc- and Mrs. Milton Case, left Thurswas in cotton last year, in cotton cumbed on Feb. 2, at the age of 96. day morning to attend the funeral so that a comparison of the soil improving value of guar may be stud-

that guar was more profitable to told her children and grandchild- STOLEN SEDAN LOCATED them last year than grain sorghum ren. crops in every instance.

They said they found it a simple AT BANKER'S MEETING crop to plant, cultivate and har- Booth Warren, cashier of the assisted by Constable N. A. Dowell with their regular combines.

Most of the better producing plots of guar were planted at or INJURED IN ACCIDENT immediately after the planting of Reports Wednesday afternoon Stith a boy Feb. 19, Mr. and Mrs.

BANQUET IS TONIGHT

The Masonic Lodge will hold its George Washington Birthday Banquet tonight, Friday, at the school cafeteria. It will start at 7 p. m. A good program has been arranged.

FIREMEN'S BANQUET

banquet at the Community Cen- Jobe, Will Bond, Charley quet will start at 7:30 p. m.

ON FINANCE GROUP The men who are on the Lit-

and Horace Boney.

'Wings of the Hawk," showing Collins, Allday and the hostess. Sunday, Monday, February 21 ,22.

The local price for the 1954 and harvested some beans. The land.

An assured price of \$4 a hun- It takes about 5-6 pounds of seed An assured price of \$4 a hundred, FOB Kenedy, Texas, for the to the acre and 50 cents a hundred Bill Brazzi

The assurance was from John A. cotton grew on land that was preyears. Guar land has been found greatly improved.

the Merkel-Trent area is the goal. ed the production will average Amateur Fencers League of Am-Farmers have been assured of an close to 1,000 pounds to the acre, erica. There were top entries from Mr. O'Brien said.

W. Largent, Son **Have Champion** 

Largent and Son was judged the champion Hereford bull at the The local men are showing this

Last year several test plots of On Winning Team

Bill Brazzil was a member of the Abilene Fencing Team that

The tournament took place last The Mill agent is Patterson to be more productive and the tilth Saturday at Rose Field House. The tourney is a North Texas Division In seasonable years it is believ- affair, under the auspices of the seven Texas cities

# TAKEN FROM THE 1933 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL

Cright turned in one of the best kel schools. Miss Mann later wrote belt broke and knocked him the entire family. part: "I am recommending that TO HOUSTON STOCK SHOW Mr. McCright discovered that by you complete your school plant by operating the combine across the erecting a combination auditorium

During the remaining days of the acre on 30 acres for which he received \$3.80 a hundred FOB February opportunity will be given which included 12 head. Willie Joe bigger percentage of the profits. Patterson Grain; Vessie Justice, en by the Merkel school board to those who are delinquent with This is the first time the Largents buying before 6 p. m. Tuesday. 450 pounds to the acre on six their school taxes to make arrange have exhibited at Houston since pounds to the acre on 30 acres; H. ments to settle their arrearages 1919.

Mr. Justice is planning to follow week at her home, 210 Amarillo at 11 p. m. Wendesday, Mr. and pressed desire to follow him, "Let her hip in a fall. Each of the above farmers agree me go; he is waiting for me," she

vest. All used regular farm equip- Farmers and Merchants National was successful in locating the car ment, planting the guar with their Bank, left early Wednesday afterregular planters equipped with a noon for Fort Worth to attend the RECORD BIRTHS milo plate, cultivated with their annual conventionl of the seventh regular cultivators, and harvested district, Texas Bankers Associa- er a girl Feb. 9, Mr. and Mrs. E. tion.

cotton. Some planted in late July from Obie (Slim) Burgin, em- D. W. McLeod a boy Feb. 17, Mr. or early August, following one of ployee at the Phillips Company and Mrs. Jack Sharp twin girls for Frigidaire Sales Corporation. the heavier rains of the season, camp, who was injured seriously Feb. 20, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mrs. Andrews will be assisted by Monday in a machinery mishap, Reid of Trent a girl February 21.

On Tuesday, Feb. 13, Miss Sue the West Texas Baptist sanitar- TV at Wichita Falls.

carload of their Hereford show chairman of the troop committee.

SISTER DIES AT WINTERS

Mrs. W. S. Telford, 91, mother of Upon receipt of the sad news of at 2:45 Thursday afternoon of last Mrs. R. C. Penney, which occurred Ill since the death of her husband day morning to attend the funeral Mrs. Telford had frequently ex- monia following the breaking of

Following up the theft of a '28 Ford sedan from J. W. Bland Sunday, City Marshal P. P. Dickinson,

Born to: Mr. and Mrs. Ed Walk-L. Region a boy Feb. 15, Mr. and ed as one of the best ever conduct-Mrs. Tracy Campbell a girl Feb. 15, Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Winters of

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

Friday evening at her home on home of Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Scott, graduate home economist with The Merkel Volunteer Fire The guests were: Messrs. Ralph Trent. Department will hold its annual Bigham, Emze Burroughs, Cecil ter Thursday, Feb. 18. The ban- liams, Q. Rust, Robert Dennis, have been a serious injury Sunday Ohio. Misses Mary Mayfield, Gladys Wal- night when he started to his room Adkisson and Gladys Coggin.

with Tommy Odum, who is her birthday Sunday at her home tank for filling automobiles and, will be presented to women at-Lupe Garcia, furnished most of chairman, are: Herman Carson on South Oak Street. Covers were not being finished, was left open tending the school. laid for Misses Effie Hudson, Ona with no light to mark that there Johnson, Emma Mae Mashburn, might be danger, See A Show . . Charlie Slyvester Lizzie Mae and Bernadine Freecall at Queen box office Monday man, Lizzie and Eva Calvert and night for a Free pass to see Jewel Pate, Mesdames Twyman came in Tuesday to visit her

Walter Massey and Miss Mayme Inew daughter.

Miss Mamie Moore entertained Sikes were quietly married at the tion and time saving methods, is a ed by "Chef" Willie B. Toombs. Reynolds Street. The guests were a few intimate friends being with invited to come in tacky costumes them. They will be at their home, has had special training in food meal was served buffet style. Af Do to Help in the Scouting Profor an evening of fun and frolic. after March 1, three miles south of preparation, preservation, and ter the meal, the members of

Mrs. W. S. Mace of Lampasas brother, Ed Young, and to pay her respects to Mrs. Young and their

BADGER SCHEDULE

Friday, Feb. 19, Haskell there. Phillip Pursley

TO PREACH WEDNESDAY

Dale Larsen prominent minis-

"Everyone is invited to come

SINGING AT STITH

There will be singing at the Stith Baptist Church at 2 p. m. Sunday. Everybody is welcome.

SINGING AT SHILOH

There will be singing at the Shiloh Baptist Church Thursday night, Feb. 25, at 7:30 p. m.

Scouts Sponsor

The Boy Scout of Troop 20 are sponsoring the appearance of the time limit the score stood 44 to ita Falls in the school cafeteria seconds remaining Throckmorton trict championship. here next Tuesday night, Feb. 23, snagged the ball away from Mer-

The show features Bill Mack. Imperial Recording Star, and his of the cast include the Blue Sage Boys and the Callahan Brothers. The entire show is featured on were that he was resting well at Radio Station KWFT and KWFT-

McCright, farmer living seven B. Mann, deputy state superinten. lum, Abilene. While he was oiling miles northeast of Trent. Mr. Mc- dent of schools, visited the Mer. a belt on a gasoline engine, the good music, comedy and fun for Expected to Be at The Boy Scouts are selling tickets

in advance. The price of admission is 60 cents for adults and 30 cents for children.

For exhibit at the Houston Fat "The boys will appreciate your Stock Show, Feb. 24 to March 4, C. buying a ticket before 6 p. m. cattle to Houston Tuesday. C. M. "On all tickets sold before that College Bible Lectureship. Largent, Jr., accompanied the car, time the local Boy Scouts make a

#### Cooking School To Be Held Here

How would you like to cook your family's meals simply by turning a switch? Today the homemaker can accomplish just that . . . cook a complete meal by just turning a switch. Mrs. Abbie Andrews, widely known home economist, will demonstrate the most recent and proven developments in modern cooking at the demonstration which will be held Thursday, Feb. 25, at the Community Center in

Merkel Earl Hughes, West Texas Utilities Company local manager, has issued an invitation to all the housewives in Merkel and the surrounding area to be his guests at the demonstration which is plann-

The demonstration, sponsored by the West Texas Utilities Company, will be conducted by Mrs. Andrews, a senior home economist Mrs. Bessie Mae Sellers, home economist for WTU Company's

Abilene district.

Mrs. Andrews, who will present the very latest in food preparayears of practical experience. She thanks and then the sumptuous with a talk on "What Parents Can Trent.

Quick-freezing techniques at the Troop 20 presented an original nationally famous Frigidaire Hom play, with Scoutmaster C. A. Far-

Recipes and favors will be giv-Scout," portrayed the various acters, Kate Henderson, Madalyn in the Crenshaw block by falling en to homemakers who attend tivities of the scouts, including into an open pit at the edge of the the demonstration. All the food us- camping, cooking, first aid, good sidewalk. The pit has been dug for ed in demonstrating the modern turns, games and ceremonies. tle League finance committee Miss Ezma Allday celebrated the purpose of installing a gas electric way of food preparation Timmy Tenderfoot, represented by

FREE TICKETS AGAIN

playing host by offering free sell, senior patrol, in charge. The ner to be held in Sweetwater Fritickets. The names of those in-Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag day, February 26th. the want ads and the front page. bership card

ter of Omaha, Neb., will be the speaker at the Church of Christ, at 7:30 p. m. Wednesday, Feb. 24, Mr. Larsen has preached in and hear this fine man," said Roy E. Gulley, local minister.

INGING AT STITH

TO Land Victory

basketball championship a t again tying the score. Throckmorton Friday night in a About one minute in the last by Winford Reed played hot music overtime photo finish. The score chance for two free throws. Here- faithful Badger fans were present.

period to win the game.

kel and got a field goal, tying the

band. Other outstanding members minutes Throckmorton grabbed quarter 31-26. the lead with one point. Then, with

Possibly the largest gathering ever of church of Christ members in Texas will begin assembling and Jacky McAninch 1. M. Largent and Sons shipped a Tuesday," stated Clesby Patterson, Sunday, Feb. 21, the opening of

between 6,000 and 7,000 persons ship. will be on the campus during lec-

through Thursday, Feb. 25. "Overcoming Dangerous Tendencies" will be the theme of the Bible lecture series.

Minister Roy E. Gulley will attend the gathering.

COTTON REPORT

Census report of cotton ginning shows that 13,544 bales of cotton were ginned in Taylor County from the crop of 1953 prior to Jan.

Approximately 75 persons, in-

guests, attended this eighth an-

There was plenty of tasty barbe-

addition to onions, pickles, red

beans, potato salad, coffee and

soda pop. The barecue was prepar-

Rev. George Epperson offered

The play,, "Because I Am A

unrehearsed" production.

nual affair.

cluding Boy Scouts, parents and mer.

"Because I Am a Scout" Proves

**Entertaining and Instructive** 

Coach Tommy Ellis' Battling got his chance, tossed the ball for dene Eager, Jane Harris and Doris Badgers captured the District 8-A the free throw and it was good, Watson.

hair-raising, spine-tingling, double overtime Phillip got another to help the Badgers win. Many tofore, Phillip had missed one or Phillip Pursley, reserve sopho- two and took his time while the more forward, came through on the first overtime to push in the steadying himself, Phillip took Lions Thrilled free throw that kept the game tied aim and shot his first ball. It was up and then repeated double on free throws in the last overtime ing its head off and the Merkel By Singing of Rev. deriod to win the game.

As the battle neared the routine took aim, lifted up his arms and Darrell Taylor tossed the ball. It was good again Bill Mack Show of KWFT of Wich- 42 in favor of Merkel. With five and won the game and also the dis-

Throckmorton led at the end of the first quarter 10-8. Merkel took rell Taylor, associate pastor of the the lead at the half 20-15 and kept First Methodist Church of Sweet-In the first overtime of three the lead at the end of the third water, was the singer and his wife

In the last quarter with 10 secabout 15 seconds left to go, Phillip onds left to play Throckmorton the meeting. David Gamble reportsneaked in a field goal to tie the ed on the Community Chest com-

> This victory was Merkel's 10th that had been considered and The Badgers still have Haskell to would cover the quota. The club play in loop competition but have voted for the committee to go the title neatly tucked away. Jerry Cunningham was high

> with 14 points, Robert McLeod had Lions District Meet would be held 11 points, Corky Cox 8. Dink here at 7:30 p. m. March 19 at the Whisenhunt 7, Phillip Pursley 6 school cafeteria. A barbecue sup-

Besides the point winners were the 35th annual Abilene Christian the guards who played splendidly for all they were worth and help-College officials estimate that ed nobly in winning the champion- presented the program.

Starting line-up: Jerry center, ture week which will extend Dink and Robert forwards, Jacky KXOX at Sweetwater. He sings and Corky guards. Phillip was sub-

> stitute forward. The flashy Badger girls played a powerful, resonant voice with good game that delighted the perfect control. Mrs. Taylor is a fine accompanist. large crowd but were eased out at end by three points. 52-55.

> Throckmorton led at the first treat very much. quarter 16-8. Mrs. James Liner's girls led at the half 28-25. Throck- wife of Sweetwater and the two morton took the lead again in the sons of Rev. and Mrs. Taylor were also guests of the club. third 44-42.

Starting line-up: Forwards and 16, 1954, as compared with 1,526 points, Imogene Dye 16, Gwenn bales for the crop of 1952, accord- Hagar 14, Delois Black 22; guards, Deadline Set ing to Francis H. Wilmers, District Marie Kerns, Dorothy Foster, Bobbye Windham, Substitutes: Cly- For Beginners

Next Monday, Feb. 22, is the deadline for turning in the names of boys and girls who will be beginners in the local first grade this coming September, according to The highlight of the local obserthe troop. Troop Committeeman Principal C. A. Farley, census enuvance of Boy Scouts Week was a Nolan Palmer presented second merator for the Merkel school dispot luck supper held at the school class badges to Mike Farley, Lupe trict

cafeteria Thursday night of last Garcia, Jessie Moreno, B. F. Clark. Parents who have children who Pat Patterson, Standley Morris, will be first graders here this Fernando Moreno and Butch Pal- coming fall and are not positive, they have been enumerated should Mr. Dorton also presented adult get in touch with Principal Farley registration cards to W. B. Toombs not later than Monday.

Rev. Epperson, Tommy Odum, Children must be at least six cued beef furnished by the Lions Club, which sponsors Troop 20, in characteristics of the control of the contro Clesby Patterson, Frank Breaux years of age by Sept. 1 and must rollment in September, he stated.

> Clesby Patterson officially clos- MOTHER'S CLUB TO MEET ed the Court of Honor with a short

The High School Mothers' Study Club will meet in the high school library Thursday, Feb. 25, at 7:30 p. m. The topic to be discussed will be "Youth

**Oldest Democrat in Taylor County** Is Being Sought Up to Feb. 22

Who is Taylor County's oldest Feb. 22. The eldest Democrat of Democrat and is he the oldest in each of the 13 counties in the disthe 24th Senatorial District?

charter was presented to Mr.

The general meeting was ended

gram" by Scoutmaster Farley.

Breaux.

Again the Queen Theatre is or was conducted, with Bill Rus- at a Jefferson-Jackson Day Din- ner.

to 25 members of The Merkel Mail office through possibility in 1952.

trict will be awarded an honorary scroll signed by Senator Robert S. the humor of the "unrefined and The Merkel Mail was asked this Kerr, and the oldest of all will be week to help locate this man in guest of honor for the entire dis-After the play, a Court of Hon- order that he may be honor guest trict at the Jefferson-Jackson Din-

homa, is a well known one party vited for the Monday show will was given by the audience. Lester Names of this county's oldest Democrat, is reported a powerful be found in the personal column Dorton, Sr. presented 1954 mem-

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#### NEWS ABOUT TATONY

El Paso visited her father, D. A. ing there all week. Lee, and sisters recently. Mrs. Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Buford of las, returning here Friday for Mrs. Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Buford. Shook and leaving for their home

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Robertson of family.

Abilene spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Rust parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Rust Mineral Wells Friday and returning persuade her dare-devil husband to give up his dangerous rodeo ca-

Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Pipes of Co-

See A show . . J. R. Johnson nite for Free pass to see "Wings | weekend of the Hawk." - Adv.

spent Sunday in Junction with Moore, and family in Abilene. her mother, Mrs. W. M. Hearn. trip to Dallas Thursday and Fri- her sister, Mrs. Earl Lassiter, and Technicolor, with spectacular cli-

Mrs. Sallie McKeever. Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Betterton Mrs. Campbell.

and children of Midland spent Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Orr of Mon-Sunday afternoon with her par- ahans are here visiting his sister, ents, Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Adcock. Miss Sallie Orr, who has been ill Take One Night Off . .. Be our for several weeks

guests Saturday of her sister, Mrs. crippled up for several weeks.

Bill Sledge, and family. Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Walton visit- MERKEL EDITOR'S ed in Anson with her brother. Al- TALK REPORED BY len Adams, who was just brought STANTON NEWSPAPER home from the hospital after a

Will W. Toombs went to San Angelo and spent Saturday night Mail, wa sthe speaker at the First and Sunday with his son Stanley



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MODELS!

Shook remained for the week Dallas and son Richmond and famwhile Rev. Shook attended the ily of Hobbs, New Mexico, spent Methodist pastors' meeting at Dal- the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Bingham were

in Brownwood Sunday, visiting her sister, Mrs. T. C. Parr, and

and Mr. and Mrs. Austin Robert ed with her mother, Mrs. Rufe to give up his dangerous rodeo ca-Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hicks and

manche visited Sunday with their Gary were in Lubbock Sunday, daughter, Mrs. C. E. Mewborn, visiting her mother, Mrs. J. R. Stratton, who returned home with

Mrs. J. O. Armstrong visited Shoots From Film call at Queen box office Monday relatives in Weatherford over the

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Moore spent At Queen Theatre Mr. and Mrs. Homer Alexander Sunday with their son, D. D. Mrs. Mary Beardon of Buckner Allen D. Glenn made a business Orphanage Home of Dallas visited the Hawk" an adventure thriller in

Mr. Lassiter over the weekend. Mrs. Pat Green and daughter B. B. Horton of Abilene visited Valira of near New Orleans, La., his mother, Mrs. Hugh Campbell, Sunday and Monday. spent Monday with her mother, Saturday. On Sunday Mrs .Iva Griggs of Snyder was a visitor of

guest George Byrom to see "Wings | Mrs. Henry Jones of Tulia visitof the Hawk" Monday night. Your ed her mother, Mrs. J. F. Swann, Free pass will be at the Queen Sr., the past week. Another daughter, Mrs. Carson Miles, of San Rev. and Mrs. O. D. Henley of Angelo came in Sunday to be Brownwood were over night with her mother who has been

the following item: Hy White, editor of The Merkel

Methodist Church of Stanton at the l o'clock services Sunday He and the family of William unt's daughter and grandchildren were guests of the Hunts. Mr. White's subject was "Do You Practice Your Religion?" He ised the Sermon on the Mount as basis for his message, which was well received by those who heard

Rev. Hunt, pastor of the Methodist church, formerly was pastor at Merkel, where he and Mr. White were closely associated.

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wait anxiously on the sidelines,

and particularly the drama of one

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turer and the border bandit queen

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joins forces with Julia Adams and

her Insurrectos after corrupt Fed-

eral leaders steal his Mexican

involved in full-scale rebellion

gold-mine. He thus finds himself

Heflin and Julia Adams is set in

story thundering with action.

# Washington's Birthday

Washington chopping down the cherry tree . . . Washington crossing the Delaware . . . and other legendary stories help us see the human side of a great man whose vision, courage, and selflessness laid the groundwork for the greatest nation on earth. May his birthday anniversary remind us that it is now our job to uphold the basic rights and freedoms he helped establish for us. In America, Freedom is everybody's job . . and everybody's birthright!

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# And, of course,

You know Lone Star was one of the last businesses to raise its rate or price for service. Rate was reduced in 1942 so the one raise made last year added very little more to the price charged during depression years. The average year around cost in the average home here is still about 16 cents per day.

Thank you!

Lone Star Gas Company

#### LEGAL NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To any Sheriff or any Constable within the State of Texas -

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 cita- make due return as the law di tion, of which the herein below rects. following is a true copy.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

To: Austin Anderson, Defendant

YOU ARE HEREBY COM MANDED 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., Trent Independent School District 1954, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 2nd day of Feb- Building, which is located in the numbered 19,583-A on the docket of said court and styled Ora An- Saturday, Feb. 20, 1954 derson, Plaintiff, vs. Austin Anderson, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature Board on or before this hour. of this suit is as follows, to-wit:\* Plaintiff and defendant were married on May 19, 1949, and that they Schools, Trent, Texas. 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 THE STATE OF TEXAS Plaintiff's Petition on file in this

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

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

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 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.

#### LEGAL NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To any Sheriff or any Constable within the State of Texas - Greet-

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each tiff's Petition filed in said court, week for four consecutive weeks, on the 3rd day of February A. D. 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: Josephine Thornton, Defen-

dant, Greeting: YOU ARE HEREBY COMMAND-ED 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 affrom the date of the issuance of suit this citation, same being the 8th day of March A. D., 1954, to Plainthe 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,

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 separat-

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 You are hereby commanded to within ninety days after the date cause to be published once each of its issuance, it shall be returned

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

> Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 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

By order of the Trustees of the the old White Church School ruary A. D., 1954, in this cause, Trent School District, will be sold to the highest bidder at 1:30 p. m.

Bids must be sealed and in the hands of the said Trent School Bids must be mailed to Wray B.

Williams, superintendent of Trent L. P. Halbrooks,

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

#### Legal Notices

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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 reand the mandates hereof, and turn day thereof, in a newspaper make due returns as the law di- printed in Taylor County, Texas, the accompanying citation, of which the herein below following

> CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

To: Cromwell B. Bertrand, Defendant, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMAND ED 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 Plain-1954, in this cause, numbered 7435-B on the docket of said court and styled Nellie Gertrude Bertrand, Plaintiff, vs. Cromwell B. Bert-

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.

rand, Defendant.

Plaintiff alleges that no community property was accumulated and no children were born as issue

Plaintiff prayed for divorce on grounds of harsh and cruel treatment, as is more fully shown by ter the expiration of forty-two days Plaintiff's Petition on file in this

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date tiff's Petition filed in said court, on 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

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 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.

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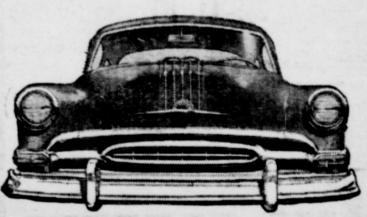
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night affair are Elmdale, South Buffalo Gap, Eula and Merkel. Each team will play on each of he three nights regardless of whether they win or lose on the previous night.

Trophies will be awarded to the first place, second place and consolation winners. Individual rib bons will be awarded to members of each of the trophy-winning team, in addition to the third place winners. In all-tournament team

will be selected. Last year the Merkel grade boys copped their own tourney without much trouble This year, however, all eight teams seem to be very closely matched and fans are assured of seeing lots of good close contests.

The local eighth graders will operate a concession stand each night

#### 'Uncle Mose' Brown Dies Here Sunday

pioneer Taylor Countian, died at 1:05 p. m. Sunday at his home. Mr. Brown, a retired carpenter-

or several years. Born Jan. 21, 1875, in Tarrant County, Mr. Brown was a member of a family that came with four looked the main item. They should other families in covered wagons have at least had a pragraph on o the White Church Community 75 years ago. His family's first nome was a one-room log cabin on old Brown ranch.

Mr. Brown attended the first chool at Weaver Springs where only four families lived for about six years after the settlement was made

March 31, 1895, he married Rho la Elizabeth Clark, daughter of another pioneer Taylor County family, the H. D. Clarks. Mr. Brown lived in the Mulberry

canyon area for 60 years, mov ng to Merkel 15 years ago. He retired as a carpenter contractor Survivors are his wife: two sons

W. L. (Bill) and Beryl Brown; two grandchildren, W. L. Brown, Jr., of Roswell, N. M., and Miss Joan Brown of Abilene; and two great-grandchildren, Randy and Mike Brown of Roswell, N. M.

Final rites for Mr. Brown were conducted at 3 p. m. Monday at the First Methodist Church. Rev. John Hawkins of the Methodist Church at Fluvanna officiated, assisted by Rev. Aubrey F. White and Rev. M .E. Randolph.

### Mrs. S. A. Coates Is Laid to Rest

Mrs. S. A. Coates, 84, died Tues-

Wednesday at the First Baptist Church in Merkel with the Rev. S. Tullock, pastor, officiating.

charge of arrangements. health and seriously ill for three team, 39-16.

She was born in Tennessee, Jon. victors. 12, 1870. She came to Texas when young girl and married the late Thomas paced the victors with 21 A. Coates of Mesquite. They points. moved to Merkel in 1900. children were born in Merkel.

Survivors include three sons, Sidney and Ansel, both of Fort Worth; and Vernon of Houston; Worth; and Vernon of Houston; three daughters, Mrs. Lee Stanley Claimed by Death and Mrs. Ted Pargament and Minnie Lee Coates, all of Merkel; and one brother, J. N. Hass of Clyde.

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Boys Basketball Tournament for Elizabeth Little, Silver City, New elementary schools will be held Mex., Claudine Hamner, Midland; here on the nights of Feb. 25-26-27 Betty Campbell, Lamesa; Servando eccording to Don Estes, local grade Trevino, Mexico, and their daugh. ton, Curtis Lee Byfore, Jr., Grover be played each dents at McMurry College.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Tarpley and sion will be 50 cents per session Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bixon and for adults and 25 cents for stu- boys spent Sunday in Winters sillectomy. dents. Season tickets may be pur- with the Tarpley's son Ralph and

wife of Carswell A. F. B. spent

Friday night with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Bockman of Stith. Mr. and Mrs. John D. Oliver and twins of Midland and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Whisenhunt and children were weekend guests in the John Oliver home in Mulberry Canyon. Mr. and Mrs. A. T. McCutchin of

#### Washington

Abilene were also Sunday guests.

Looks OMAR BURLESON



iculture, Bureau of Human Nutrition and Home Economics, has recently issued Home and Garden Bulletin No. 35. Its title, "Ways to Cook Rabbit." This is a 16-page booklet for sale by the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C., for the price of ten

It not only gives pointers on contractor, had been in ill health cooking, but also on buying and thawing rabbits. I was somewhat because the researchers who prepared the booklet over-"How to Catch a Rabbit. Senator Lyndon Johnson has

invited me to participate in his weekly radio program, to broadcast on some stations in Texas on Sunday, Feb. 21, at 6:30 p. m. Other stations carry the transcribed program later in the week.

A few days ago President Eisenhower made the first official announcement that this country exploded the hydrogen bomb on the island of Eniwetok in the fall of 1952. Since the Presi dent's announcement, members of Congress have been given further information on the sub-

It has been my privilege to view films showing the great preparation and actual explosion of the bomb. The information conveyed by the films is as yet strictly classified. There is, however, a recommendation by the chairman of the Joint Committee of the Congress on Atomic Energy to release the picture to the public. Personally I hope it will be done.

I hardly see how it could convey any secrets to our enemies, and it certainly does impress me with the awfulness of the weapon, which is almost beyond our imagintion.

## **Noodle Girls** Capture Twin Bill

in cage victory over Lueders at Leuders Tuesday night with the varsity Mrs. Coates had been in failing team winning, 37-36, and the B

Wanda Olney dunked 16 for the In the B encounter Bobbie

# Joseph H. Riney

Joseph H. Riney, 83, died at 12:25 a. m. Saturday at the Hendrick Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Riney was injured Jan. 9, when he was struck by a motorcycle at the corner of South Seventh and Sycamore Sts. in Abi-

City, Mo., in 1870 and moved to ed States Feb. 8 for Tokyo, Japan, Merkel as a child with his parents. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob

He was a member of the Port. He was a member of the Port-McDonald. Cards have been re- land Avenue Baptist Church, the Oddfellows and Woodmen of the World.

Funeral was held Monday in Abilene with the Rev. C. S. Parker, pastor of the Portland Avenue Discuss your shoe problems with Baptist Church, officiating. Assisting was the Rev. J. H. Hamgelical Methodist Church.

Burial was in Oddfellow Cemetery in Abilene. Survivors include four brothers, J. Riney of Slaton, L. E. and

B. H. Riney both of Merkel, and Claude Riney of Houston; three sisters, Mrs. J. M. Toombs, Mrs. N. C. Bush and Mrs. F. T. Hogan,

#### HOSPITAL NOTES

Admisisons to the Sadler Hos-

As medical patients - Mrs. Ed-Virgil Pattersons last Sunday were win Read, J. W. Mansfield, Mrs. Mary Skaggs, Clovis, New Mex., Marvin Freeman, Mrs. N. C. Bush, Mrs. J. S. Grant, W. C. Hunt Patricia Moore, Mrs. Mable Dorter Bertha Patterson, all stu-Gilbert, Mrs. Lizzie Goldsmith, Sandra George, Mrs. Annie Boone

For surgery - Gene Rister, ton-

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#### **Trent Gorillas Defeat Hermleigh**

The Trent Gorillas evened up their 21-B playoff series with the their 21-B playoff series with the Hermleigh Cardinals at Trent day night, downing the Trent Go-Thursday night of last week, 55-42. Hermleigh Satur-Weethreek's girls defeated Trent rillas, 57-35 in the final contest of Westbrook's girls defeated Trent, a three-game series. girls division.

Jerry McWilliams and Jerry Estep scored 17 and 15 points re-

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spectively to lead Trent to the

Venita Quattlebaum was top winner for Trent with 15 points. The Hermleigh Cardinals won the right to play Highland in the 21-B

Joe Scott hit 12 points for Trent Hermleigh led, 10-7 at the end of he first period and 24-13 at the half. By the three-quatrer mark the Cardinals led, 42-25.

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#### ORDER APPROVING COUNTY TREASURERS REPORT.

On Jan. 25th, A. D., 1954, The Commissioners Court met in regular Session, compared and examined the quarterly report of J. R. Clark, County Treasurer for the quarter ending Dec. 31st., 1953, and found the same to be correct and the respective amounts received and paid during the month because supplies

| HOMEMAKERS CLASS HERE | Date competition. Saturday, Feb. |
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Fund	Balance			
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Jury Fund,	\$ 5,130.85		\$ 8,603.87	\$13,929.84
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Prect. No. 2,	25,768.32	9,970.69		17,462.96
Prect. No. 3,	23,920.57	9,201.11		19,829.38
Prect. No. 4,	7,659.82	13,407.40	15,717.34	5,349.88
Gen. Fund	3,180.18	90,630.33	80,387.98	13,422.53
Pauper Fund,	21,958.54od	34,284.00	13,815.82	1,490.36 od
Rd. Dist. No. 1,	1,260.59	.00	192.02	1,067.97
Rd. Dist. No. 3,	713.81	.00	.00	713.81
Rd. Dist. No. 4,	829.26	16.50	.00	845.76
Rd. Dist. No. 7,	.47	.00	.00	.47
Hwy. One & 30	8,011.30	.00	.00	8,011.30
Hwy. 275 M.	1,399.85	.00	.00	1,399.85
Court House,	1,106.11	5.00	.00	1,111.11
Hwy. 600 M,	32,544.85	.00	.00	32,544.85
Perm. Imp. Fnd.	.30,413.92	7,481.00	73.61	37,821.31
Spec. Co., R. &		.00	.00	1,286.00
Vict. Tax,	2,200.14	8,189.42	6,701.22	3,688.34
Officers Salary,	4,104.58	66,930.03	46,708.70	24,325.91
Co-Wide Mach.,	2.70	721.10	721.10	2.70
Taylor Co., Jail	331.14	.00	.00	331.14
Perm. School,	1,389.75	5,104.80	264.80	6,229.75
Taylor Co., Lat R	d., 6,735.59	.00	3,553.59	3,182.00
Social Security	6,374.20	1,151.89	2,250.21	5,275.88
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Skgfnd,	69,093.16	20,005.76	1,880.00	87,218.92
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Series, 1953,	350,397.29	.00	.00	350,397.29
Library Fund,	191.00	.00	.00	191.00
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CASH IN	
F. &M. National Bank	\$269,581.78
Citizens National Bank	216,305.96
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	\$618,432.59
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Precinct No. 3	\$ 5,000.00
Jury Fund,	10,000.00
Court House	500.00
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Bonds,	Series 27 .	600,000.00	459,000.00	141,000.00
	Series 29.	275,000.00	196,000.00	79,000.00

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County Clerk, Taylor County, Texas

The requirements of Art. 401 P. C. have been complied with and statement has been filed as required. RUFE TITTLE Commissioner Precinct No. 2 UDE NEWBERRY oner Precinct No. 1 FLOYD TATE Commissioner Precinct No. 3 J. T. McMILLON

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REED INGALSBE Subscribed and sworn to this the 8th day of Jan. A. D., 1954. (SEAL) MRS. CHESTER HUTCHESON,

County Home Demonstration Agent

Texas A. & M. College Extension Service By LORETA ALLEN

and I had the privilege of attending. Peggy Jo Mayberry is president and she really presided nicegirls present were doing their best son's is on February 14. o "Make the Best Better." Mrs. L. B. Lowry, assistant home demon-

tion on "Making Orange French The 4-H Girls are having a style show Feb. 22 at 3:00 p. m. in the Bowie School at 1733 S. 20th St., in Abilene, Miss Charlotte Heinzelman, 4-H Club stylist for Simplici-

costumes, made up from Simpliity Patterns, for the girls to model. Miss Heinzelman is from New York. You will enjoy the show if

The home demonstration club TO WESLEYAN GUILD vomen are having a leader trainbe Feb. 23 from 1 a. m. to 3:30 lesson on the book of Jeremiah p. m. at Pleasant Hill Community was taught by Mrs. Paul Honey-Center. Each club should see that cutt. Mrs. Holt Vaughn showed an their two leaders attend so that interesting film on the story of they can have it in their club. Any Jeremiah. of you, who are interested in do ing the copper work, contact the club nearest you and find out the

Mrs. Bernice Claytor, home nanagement specialist from College Station, visited the home Collins. demonstration agents in Taylor county Monday. Miss Thelma Casey, district home demonstration HELD LAST MONDAY NIGHT agent from San Angelo also visited in the county.

A wide variety of food - more than 20 in all -are noted for pen- the School Cafeteria Auditorium ny-wise shoppers, on the U. S. D. Monday night. There were 11 cubs A.'s February plentiful foods list. For the first time in many months, supplies of pinto beans, oranges and cranberry sauce are

Winter pears, irish potatoes broilers and fryers have been are unusually large.

Excepting pecans and frozen January on to the February list are eggs, beef, large dry lima beans, fresh and processed grape fruit, cabbage, onions, raisins, out with cupid and beautiful white

TRENT GIRLS STUDY FABRICS The Home Economic students of the Trent High School made a trip to Merkel Monday to study textiles at Joyce's Fabric Shop, Max Mellinger's and Bragg's. They were shown the latest in fabrics, dresses and accessories. The girls found it a very worthwhile trip. They were accompanied by their sponsor, Mrs. Mabel Hunt.

McMURRY STUDENT SPEAKS HERE SUNDAY

Servando Trevino, a McMurry student from St. Barbara, Chihuahua, Mexico, spoke to the youth class of the Methodist Church last Sunday. He told about the people, the religions and customs of his country.



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Fayrene Brice of Bronte became parents of the be egroom.

Rev. R. E. Randolph.

Trent 4-H Club met recently NORMAN KING AND SON

CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS Norman King and son Chris celebrated their birthdays Sunday ly. The fact of it is that there are with a dinner at the home of Mr. a lot of very good 4-H members in and Mrs. Stanley King. Norman's ENJOYED BY UNION RIDGE that club. It seems that all 22 birthday is on Feb. 19 and his

WILLING WORKERS CLASS stration agent, gave a demonstra-MEETS WITH MRS. MURRAY

the Grace Presbyterian Church met in the home of Mrs. L. L. Murray Tuesday, Feb. 9. The meeting opened with song. Scripture lesson was brought by Mrs. W. M. ty Pattern Company, will have the Elliott. Prayer was by Mrs. J. R. Walling. Closing prayer was given and followed by a song. Nine members were present.

BETTY JANE TITTLE HOST

At the social hour Miss Tittle served delicious cake and drinks to: Mesdames Aubrey White, Paul date the club plans to have it in Honeycutt Ben Hicks, A. Lemens, Cyrus Pee, Bill Baker, Don Dudley, J. Cox, H. Vaughn, W. M. Ferguson, Jr., Clark and Miss Mary

> CUB SCOUTS ENJOY BANQUET Celebrating the birthday Scouting, Cub Scouts Troop, he their Blue and Gold Banquet at and 13 parents present.

fresh and processed Morgan and Dick Leach. large enough to rate a place on the Mrs. Pete Morgan and Mrs. Jake

Martin are den mothers. HOMEMAKERS CLASS HERE

First Baptist Church held a book lene Christian College. Excepting pecans and frozen review in the home of Mrs. Bill Don is editor of the McMurry fish, plentiful foods carried from Largent with Mrs. Don Riney and War Whoop weekly college

A valentine theme was carried WENDALL BOCKMANS out with cupid and beautiful white MOVE TO CARSWELL dairy products, peanuts and pear mums and red carnations. Mrs. Joe nut butter and food fats and oils. Allen of Kermit was guest speaker and reviewed the book, "Angels 3/c Wendall Bockman and wife Beware," by Dale Evans Rogers, Shirley, where Wendall is flight which the class and guests thoroughly enjoyed.

About 50 members and guests attended. At the social hour refreshments of angel food cake topped with whipped cream and coffee were served.

MRS. ROSS FERRIER GUEST SPEAKER OF GARDEN CLUB delighted and inspired members Club at the Community Center Thursday afternoon Feb. 4, with her enthusiastic talk on "Dried Ar-

rangements." In discussing her topic, Mrs. Ferrier stated that dried arrange from bronchitis and other compliments save time, money for fresh cations. She is slightly improved. flowers and containers.

Among her suggestions for FISHERMAN'S ROW NOTE dried materials were driftwood, rocks, thistles, lotus seed pods, yucca, artichoke, strawflowers, gourds, sycamore balls, trumpet vine, poppy seed, cattails, cookscomb and dock.

Refreshments of pop and popcorn were served by Mrs. W. S. J. Brown, hostess, to 23 members KNOW YOUR COTTON SEED and five guests.

BETTY JANE TITTLE HEADS KEY SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS The Key Sunday School Class lowship supper at the Community Agriculture. Center Thursday night of last week. Turkey and ham with all

Mrs. Pinky Cypert. At a business meeting following the supper officers were elected: from some out-of-state sources. President, Betty Jane Tittle; vice president, Mrs. J. R. Baker; secretary-treasurer, Ralph Russell: publicity chairman, Mrs. J. D.

Sandusky. Don Dudley song leader.

All young couples not attending services are invited to join the COTTON BURRS Key Class.

VANTREES LEASES LAND

OF APPRECIATION

We wish to express our love and the bride of Marvin Henager Feb. appreciation to all our friends, 7. The wedding was at the home relatives, and neighbors for every of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Henager, act, deed, and kindness shown to us in the illness and death of our The ceremony was read by the dear husband, father, and grandfather, J. M. Brown. Especially do The bride is the daughter of we thank Drs. Warren and Sadler, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Brice of Bron- and the nurse, Mrs. Sallie Camp-

> The flowers were beautiful, and dially invited. your acts of courtesy were too many to name.

The J. M. Brown Family.

MRS. JACK MILLER'S TALK

The Union Ridge Home Demonstration Club met Friday in the the Deputy Grand Matron. home of Miss Mabel McRee. Mrs. Buford Buntin, president, presided. The club collect was read and prayer was given by Mrs. Jack The Willing Workers Class of Miller. Roll call was answered by 'A foreign country I would like to visit."

The minutes were approved, the treasurer's report was made and the council report given. Miss Mc-Ree was elected delegate to the council, Mrs. Denzel Cox led in

The program was given by Mrs. Jack Miller. She had recently toured the islands of Puerto Rico, Haiti and Jamaica. She vividly told OPPORUNITY The Wesleyan Service Guild about the people, their acts and WANTED - FIRESTONE FRAN ng meeting on "Making Copper met Monday night in the home of crafts and clearly described the Planter Boxes." This meeting will Miss Betty Jane Tittle. The last flowers and beauty of the islands. She showed pictures of the scenes on the three islands. It was an intensely interesting program and requirements can be met. For deeply enjoyed by all.

Refreshments were served to the visitors, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Teaff, Mrs. Grover Blair, Mrs. Deverle Teaff and 12 members. The next meeting will be in the nome of Mrs. Kenneth Pee Friday, Feb. 19 at 12 p. m.

#### **Don Hunt Will** Represent College In McMurry Debate

Donald Hunt, son of Rev. and Mrs. Hugh H. Hunt, formerly of A contest was held by the cubs Merkel, will represent McMurry and prizes were won by Allen College at the Savage Forensics FOR RENT - Unfurnished Festivals Feb. 18, 19 and 20 to be Buck Leach is cub master and held at Southeastern State Col-

lege, Durant, Okla. This is the second time in two weeks Don has been entered in debate competition. Saturday, Feb. The Homemakers Class of the oraneous speaking contest at Abi-

Jake Bockman of Stith went to

Fort Worth Saturday to move A line mechanic at Carswell Air Force Base. Mrs. Cara Lou Flint. sister of Wendall, went to visit them for about two months.

Wendall was a student in A. and Mechanic School at Sheppard Air Force Base before going to Carswell A. E. B.

MRS. NORMA BOND Mrs. Ross Ferrier of Fort Worth ATTENDS BEAUTY SHOW Mrs. Norma Bond attended the and guests of the Merkel Garden All-Texas Beauty Show Sunday

in Pallas. SALLY ORR IS ILL Miss Sally Orr has been ill in

Mack Fowler, Box 73, Port Aransas, Tex., sent in his re-

bed for several weeks, suffering

newal to The Merkel Mail and adds a note that should thrill the heart of every man on Fisherman's Row. He said. "Come down and lets go fishing."

"Beware of Greeks who come at it, beware of slick-talking cotton seed salesmen who make extravagant claims for their products, stated John C. White, com- For County School Superintendent of the Methodist Church had a fel- missioner, Texas Department of

This word of advice is offered to Texas cotton farmers who are apt the trimmings were served to to be swayed into buying inferior about 50 persons. Guests were Mr. cotton seed this season. Comand Mrs. Bill Pointer and Mr. and plaints already have reached the Texas Department of Agriculture about poor quality seed offered Some of the seed is listed as

"certified" by the seller. Several For Justice of Peace Pct. 5 of these cases investigated by the department failed to reveal deliberate fraud but the seed was three Mrs. Ralph Russell, Mrs. Don generations removed from the ini Dudley and Mrs. Carol Free were tial certification. Seed more than put on the visitation committee. one generation removed from cer-Mrs. Junior Clark and J. D. San- tified stock probably will not have dusky were put on the social com- all the desirable qualities needed mittee. Carol Free is pianist and for top production, said Commissioner White.

Recent tests conducted at the

Temple Experiment Station showed that nitrogen, supplied in ammonium hydroxide, substantially E. F. Vantrees of Hawley has speeded cotton burr decomposileased his 134 acres to R. M. Wag- tion. To commerce and sustain staff of Abilene. Mr. Vantrees was proper decomposition levels, coma caller at The Merkel Mail Mon- posts must have a high moisture day and renewed his subscription. content. — A. & M.

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LODGE CALLS NOTICE MASONS Stated meeting of Merkel lodge No. 710, A. F. & A. M., Thursday, Feb. 25 @ lodge No. 710, A. F. & A. at 7:30 p. m. All members are urged to attend. Visiting brethren cor-

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

NOTICE

Stated meeting of Merkel Chap ter No. 212 O. E. S. Tuesday, Feb 23, at 7:30 p. m. Official visit of Inez Pratt, Worthy Matron Fern Windham, Secretary.

#### LOST AND FOUND

LOST -Short Stocky Polled Here ford Bull. Weight 800 or 900 lbs Strayed away 2 weeks ago last Thursday. Please notifyy D. H. Jones, Trent, Texas Rt. 1. 2t48p.

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W. O. RAINWATER (re-election)

O. W. (DONALD) PAINE

BUS SCHEDULE Eastbond 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. 7:52 a. m 11:40 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.

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FOR SALE - Book your orders early. Will have day old Austra White and Black Austra lorp Feb. 25. Hearn Hatchery. 1t49p. Take One Night Off . . Be our guest Willie Chancey Monday and see "Wings of the Hawk" Queen Sunday, Monday, Feb. 21, 22. Adv. STORE FOR SALE or Lease. Also furnished house for two. See Mrs. John C. Thompson in Noo-

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lief is in sight. More on-the-farm

BUDDY HAROLD HUNTER The Methodist parsonage was

Jean Floyd to Buddy Harold Hunter on Feb. 1. Rev. Aubrey F. White performed the single ring 27 guests.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Price Floyd and the FEATURES SONGS, READINGS groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hunter.

of honor. Junior Hopper was best feature of the afternoon was a deman. Wayman Hicks was also pres- lightful program of songs and

The bride wore a beige linen suit with brown lizard shoe and Haynes was at the piano. purse, white gloves and hat. Her | Mrs. Doc Vaughn gave the devored rose buds. For something old giving a prayer Mrs. Jack Miller pearls, belonging to her grand- presided over the business meetmother, Mrs. E. A. Click, Sr., were

with black accessories. Her cor-terpiece. Dainty refreshments sage was red rose buds.

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Sue Cromer, daughter of Mr. he scene of the wedding of Patsy and Mrs. Raymond T. Cromer of Tye, was honored on her 10th birthday with a party. There were

#### GLEANER SUNDAY CLASS

the First Methdist Church met on ballet. Miss Neva Cason was the maid Feb. 3 at the church. A special readings by a group of young lad- SERVES COFFEE, DOUGHNUTS ies from the high school. Mrs.

corsage was white gardenias and tional. After singing a hymn and

Miss Cason wore a light blue suit out in the program and table cenwere served to 17 members and The bride is a senior in Merkel one visitor. Hostesses were Mrs. High School. The groom is a grad- Doc. Vaughn, Mrs. Wade Einsiminuate of Merkel High School and is ger, Mrs. Reese Hail and Mrs. Mar-

#### MERKEL H. D. CLUB MEETS IN HOME OF MRS. L. P. LYLES

The Merkel Home Demonstration Club met Friday, Feb. 12 in the home of Mrs. L. P. Lyles with the president, Mrs. John Hughes presiding. Roll call was answered by a Bible quotation, mentioning

Miss Loreta Allen, county home demonstration agent, gave a talk and showed diagrams on cutting and selecting beef and the proper heat in cooking of beef.

Miss Allen stated that the word meat is mentioned 33 times in the

A delicious plate, consisting of a tarted heart shaped red-apple on lettuce, cake and spiced tea, was served to Mesdames J. Ben Campbell, M. T. Head, A. H. Hagar, J. W. Bryan, Pearl Harris, Boyd Scott, John Hughes, Miss Allen, Miss Lottie Butman and the

The next meeting will be Feb. 26 n the home of Miss Lottie But-

#### TITH H. D. CLUB MEETS WITH MRS. FOREST WALKER

The Stith Home Demonstration Club met Wednesday, Feb. 10, in the home of Mrs. Forest Walker, The business meeting was conducted by Mrs. C. R. Rogers, president. Report of the program chairman, Mrs. J. E. Brown, was received with enthusiasm as she outlined plans for this year.

Programs will include leather raft, ceramics, purse making, the demonstration on making tires and matching ear screws, in addition to regular kitchen and garden demonstrations. A book review is also included in this year's pro-

The program chairman, Mrs. J. C. Brown, gave a demonstration on planting ivy. After that individual pot plants were prepared with each member doing the actual planting for their own homes.

A lovely valentine refreshment plate with coffee and cold drinks was served to 11 members.

A "Game Night" social will be held Friday, Feb. 19, in the Com-

munity Center at Merkel.

The next meeting will be Feb. 24 in the home of Mrs. M. E. West. The program will be given by the agent. The hostess gift was won by Mrs. C. R. Rogers.

#### Romance, Thrills In "Easy to Love At Queen Theatre

To the legion of Esther Williams fans, "Easy to Love," to be shown Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at the Queen Theatre, will prove an entertainment field day. In her latest M-G-M Technicolor musical Hollywood's' most popular water belle swims with an alligator, "explodes" from a barrel, jumps through paper hoops and water geysers and, in a breathtaking climax, is towed on water

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The Gleaners Sunday Class of Esther is the star of the water-ski car crash near Trent.

The West Texas Utilities Company was host to the public last Friday. The company served coffee, doughnuts and cookies all day at its office here. Mrs. Bessie Mae Sellers, home economist of the company, did the cooking, assisted by Mrs. LaNell Higdon, of the main fofice.

## HAS KNEE OPERATION

Mrs. Morton Kliman of Los An-But these thrill highlights are geles, Calif., wrote Mrs. E. B. Walonly part of the story. In addition lace that she underwent an operathere's a new twist to the "eter. tion on her knee and is now in the nal triangle," involving Esther's hospital in traction. If the operaco-stars, Van Johnson and Tony will be her last. Mrs. Kliman was Martin. Johnson plays the boss of here in the hospital for many Florida's Cypress Gardens, where months when she was injured in a

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#### SURE MISSES MAIL

Tommy Spratlen, 809 West 27, Odessa, Texas, renewed his subscription to The Merkel Mail and noted, "I haven't received The Merkel Mail in three weeks. My subscription isn't out until March. Can't figure it out. Sure miss it as I was reared at Merkel or near there.' Editor's Note: Sorry about the mix up.

## SPECIALS FOR FRIDAY-SATURDAY FEBRUARY 19, 20

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SIRLOIN, LB.	
T-BONE, LB.	59c
FRESH GROUND CHILI MEAT, LB.	39c
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ALL-MEAT BOLOGNA, LB	39c
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CHARMIN TISSUE, 4 ROLLS	39c
DIAMOND No. 2 CAN PINTO BEANS	10c
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EGGS, DOZEN	
IMPERIAL POWDERED OR BROWN SUGAR, 2 1-LB, BOXES	25c
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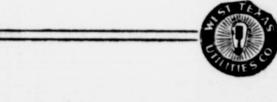
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Monday is George Washington's irthday. He was born Feb. 22,

By looking back at the tribulaons that the Father of our couny had to go through we can wonr that his spirit did not grow eary. It is a lesson to us that

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democracy is ever pummelled by hard stones of unsteadiness and that our leaders must be ever on day and throughout the year. Giv-

As we look around us today we wonder where the sturdy ship can be found to carry our country to a peaceful shore. In Washington's day and time the same problem

In his day he saw the supineness of the masses. He heard the bickerings of the people. The Badger Chevrolet mighty struggle was on for liberty and freedom and many stood erty and freedom and many stood by lamenting the dissolution of

> Washington did not weaken, he did not grow weary, he did not melt at the sight of the sufferings at Valley Forge. He stood fast. He made the good fight and he won. Today our country is beset by traitors within and without. Our leaders today could grow weary and give up the fight. But they do not. They fight on.

It was the inspiration that our first President gave to us that gives us the stamina to fight on and preserve the democracy that our Revolutionary forefathers bled and died to bring into existence. George Washington may not thrill us as does Alexander by his

makes us realize the greatness of own country, in our own town. our country, its history, its Constitution and its superior way of

#### BROTHERHOOD WEEK

Next week, Feb. 21 to 28, is Brotherhood Week. Its purpose is to give peopl ean opportunity to re-dedicate themselves as individuals to the basic ideas of respect for people and human rights which are essential to our way of life, to dramatize the practical things that people can do to promote an understanding and realization of these ideals, to enlist the support of a larger number of people in year-round activities to build bro-

In a way Brotherhood Week em phasizes the work that different institutions do throughout the year in bringing brotherhood to the world. Almost all religions teach the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man. The Boy Scouts and the Girl Scouts help promote brotherhood from day to ing blood to the Red Cross is brotherhood work.

For that matter, a simple 'hello' to a neighbor is brotherhood. No one will deny that there is great room for improvement in the spreading of brotherhood

does give to us that heritage that nation, in our own tsate, in our what can they accomplish, what brother.

home to each country the urgent spirit of brotherhood. need for peace. Our President has Let us during Brotherhood Week stressed this point in a recent talk give a thought for spreading bro- following have donated to the to the country. We must become therhood in our own sphere, in Cemetery Maintenance Fund: brothers in the world, he points the place in which we live. out, or we will all perish.

But taming a nation is a difficult "WHITE-ICISM" matter as witness the lack of progress now being made at the con- That's ALL - and the Sage of

step forward can they make? It The atomic age has brought all depends on brotherhood, the

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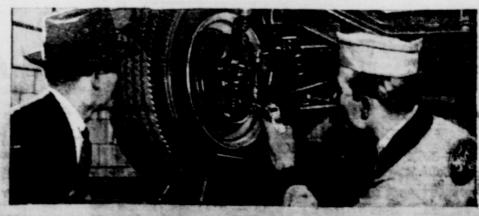
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