

BADGERS BEAT RANGER

Plans Completed For Observance Of Schools Week

Plans are complete for the annual observance of Public Schools Week from March 1 through 6. Everyone is invited to come and visit the schools during this week, said Prof. Mack Fisher superintendent of schools.

PRAYER For Rain

"The Lord is my Shepherd: I shall not want... Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me." In these days of dryness and drouth and mad winds of dust we turn to Thee, O Lord, filled with humility and humbleness and contrite spirit.

J. Tempe Lewis Is New Pastor Of Tye Baptists

Rev. J. Tempe Lewis, formerly of Weinert, is new pastor of the Baptist Church at Tye. He preached his first sermon at the Tye church Sunday before last.

Fire Equipment Is Being Added Mayor Proclaims

The local fire department will have new equipment soon. That was the announcement made by Mayor Henry West at the annual banquet of the Volunteer Fire Department.

Mystery Comedy Will Be Presented At Trent Tonight

The junior class of the Trent High School will present on Friday night, Feb. 26, starting at 7:30 p. m., "Aunt Cathie's Cat", a 3-act mystery comedy in the Trent High School Auditorium.

Sessions Hammond Chosen Mr. F. T. A. At State Meet

Sessions Hammond and Margaret Godden of Dallas were chosen Mr. and Miss F. T. A. at the state high school convention of the Future Teachers of America at North Texas State College in Denton Saturday.

Three Aldermen Will Be Elected Tuesday, April 6

Three aldermen will be elected at the city election to be held Tuesday, April 6. The deadline for filing for the office is April 6.



BADGER CHAMPIONS—FRONT ROW—(left to right): Jim McAninch, manager; Jacky McAninch, assistant manager. BACK ROW: George English, Phillip Pursley, Coach Tommy Ellis, Bobby Owen, Corky Cox, Jerry Cunningham, Robert McLeod, Delbert Allred, and Dink Whisenhunt.

Corky Cox Tosses Needed Free Throw To Grab Victory

Corky Cox, stepped to the free throw line seconds after the final horn had sounded and iced away a semifinals berth in the Region I-A tournament for the Merkel Badgers by dropping the shot through the net to give the Badgers a spine-tingling, 47-46, victory over the Ranger Bulldogs.

The game was played in Abilene. The bitter struggle was tied nine different times and the lead changed hands on 12 occasions. Merkel jumped off to an early lead in the initial frame on a crisp shot by Robert McLeod.

After the count was tied four times in the opening frame, the stanza ended, 12-12. It wasn't until the fading minutes of the initial half that Merkel managed to pull within one point of the Ranger lads, after being behind seven points, as the half ended, 22-21.

Jerry Cunningham put the Badgers out from, 23-22, early in the third stanza on a layup shot. After this, it was tied twice at 25-25 and 29-29 in the frame before the Bulldogs took a slim, 33-31, advantage moving into the final quarter.

Merkel tied the count up at 35-35 with 6:05 remaining when McLeod dropped a layup. The Badgers then moved the count to 38-35 before Ranger narrowed it to 36-38. Dink Whisenhunt hit a field goal giving the Badgers a 40-36 advantage with only 3:30 left.

Ranger hit and McLeod meshed a two-pointer for Merkel running the count to 42-38 before the Bulldogs tied it up at 42-42 on field goals. McLeod dunked two charity tosses with 1:47 remaining to give the Badgers a 44-42 lead, then guard Jacky McAninch upped the margin to 46-42 to end Merkel's scoring in the regulation game.

Ranger dropped a filed goal with 1:02 left and meshed another two-pointer with only 0:20 left to tie the count at 46-46. McLeod and Cunningham shared top honors for Merkel with 11 each.

Whisenhunt made 9 points, Corky and Jacky 6 each, Phillip Pursley and Billy Wayne Dye 2 each. Delbert Allred also played in this game.

Rev. White in the main address of the evening talked on "Life." "Life," he began, "is valuable, is worthwhile and certainly it is good to be alive. Our parents gave us life but it is up to us to live it... to squander it or to treasure it."

The Methodist minister told of the "Length of Life." "It is our sacred duty to live as long as we can," he said. "It is our sacred obligation to preserve it. We should take more time to live."

Then he told of Methuselah living to be 969 years old and that all we know about him. Jesus lived 33 years and no library can hold all the books about Him.

In the "Breadth of Life" Rev. White showed the place of love in living. "How far," he asked, "does our brotherhood extend? Does it include not only white folks but black and brown and yellow as well? Does it include those of different social strata, of different religious faiths?"

"We must believe in things," asserted the speaker, in developing the "Depth of Life." "We must believe in our Flag, we must believe in our fellowman, we must believe in our religion."

In the "Height of Life" Rev. White said that folks needed somewhere to look up to, to climb up to and to look down on what we are. "We are so busy we don't want to see what we are, how far we have strayed from our youthful ideals," he asserted. "Let us live so that we will die climbing to the heights."

Cyrus Pee led the assembly in singing "God Bless America." Mrs. Paul Honeycutt was the pianist. Spirituals were sung by the quartet: Fred Starbuck, Clesby Patterson, Paul Honeycutt and Mr. Pee with Mrs. Honeycutt at the piano. The songs pleased the audience.

Miss Patsy Anderson produced lots of laughs with her comedy of delivery and eccentric manners. The crowd applauded the string quartet, composed of Buster Horton, pianist, Jess Anderson, violinist, J. A. Horton, banjo, and Mrs. Jess Anderson, guitar, and their hillbilly music.

Merkel 20 Years Ago

TAKEN FROM THE 1934 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL

LARGENTS WIN C. M. Largent and Sons of Merkel and the Singleton Farms of Midlothian shared first honors in the breeding cattle awards at the annual Houston Fat Stock Show, Publican Dominó 4th, owned by Largent and Sons, was adjudged the grand champion Hereford breeding bull. The Largents also won the grand champion Hereford cow award with their Bloom Dominó.

RECORD BIRTHS Born to: Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McMan of Abilene a girl Feb. 23, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Johnson a girl Feb. 24, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hutchins a girl February 27.

BLESSED BY RAIN Most substantial of the winter rains, and the only one of any consequence since late fall, visited Merkel and this section of West Texas Wednesday night and Thursday morning. Up to noon Thursday the precipitation here was an inch and a half, according to Volunteer Weather Observer Grover Hale.

TO DISPLAY FINE PICTURES Mrs. Len Sublett, principal of the grammar school, has announced that an exhibition of 150 of the finest reproductions of recognized masterpieces of art has been engaged to be placed on display to local students and the general public within the near future.

TO STAGE RABBIT DRIVE Weather permitting, a rabbit drive is being planned for Friday by the people of Tye, with Walter McCartney in charge of arrangements. Dinner will be served on the grounds at noon.

PAULINE DEMERE DIES Miss Pauline Demere passed away at the age of 79 years at 3:23 Friday morning, Feb. 23, at the home of her sister-in-law, Mrs. P. R. Demere, in Mulberry Canyon. Born Dec. 28, 1854, at Saint Simon Island, Ga., she later lived in Florida. In 1928 she came here to live.

MAYFIELD SHOWS CHAMPION Out of 400 birds entered in the poultry division of the second livestock and poultry show of Ector County, which closed at Odessa Saturday afternoon, Bob Mayfield of Merkel displayed the outstanding bird, a Rhode Island Red male which was awarded the grand championship.

SHOW IS WELL RECEIVED Despite bad weather, which interfered with the attendance, members of the cast of "Crashing Thru," benefit play for the Merkel fireboys, came through with a most creditable presentation on both Tuesday and Wednesday nights.

EGG WITH THREE YELLOWS A Rhode Island Red hen, belonging to J. H. Stone, gets into the headlines with an egg having three yellows.

This Happened in Merkel Forty Years Ago

TAKEN FROM THE 1914 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL

At only one voting place in Taylor County did the pool halls get a majority of the votes in Saturday's election, that being Abilene.

Sunday visiting relatives and friends. Houston Robertson and Miss Ina Mae Hogg were married at the residence of Rev. Y. F. Walker of Stith at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon, only a few close friends being present to witness the ceremony.

Bugger Red, Jr., was awarded first money at the Broncho Busting contest in Dallas last Saturday.

M. C. Busby and Miss Eunice Higgins were married at the home of the groom's parents, Rev. and Mrs. S. W. H. Busby, at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

Clarence Hamm was a social visitor in Abilene Sunday afternoon.

Master Wilber Parten visited relatives in Sweetwater last week.

Miss Maude Martin charmingly entertained the "T. K. C." Club Saturday evening at her home in West Merkel. Fortune telling, "42" and other games were enjoyed.

Miss Ora Hester left Monday for General Wells where she will be some time.

Miss Hattie Bell was in Abilene

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Mr. and Mrs. Morris B. Smith and son Sammy visited Saturday and Sunday with her three aunts in O'Donnell.

Mrs. Arnold Dreuden of Waco visited her brother, Jim Skillene, and sister, Mrs. Funston Boyd, and Mr. Boyd Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clovis Harrison of Monahans spent the weekend with their mother, Mrs. W. A. Harrison, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Mitchell and Mrs. Gertrude Mitchell visited over the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Brown in Midland.

Mr. and Mrs. John Perry and Mrs. Claud Perry spent the weekend in Odessa with relatives.

Max Mellinger call at Queen Theatre box office on or before play date for free pass to see "Long, Long Trailer" March 9-11.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman D. English of Big Spring spent the weekend with her mother, Mrs. Norman Bond.

Paul Rogers of Texas City, former Church of Christ minister here, was guest Friday and Saturday night of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stalls.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bertram of Abilene spent Sunday with her daughter, Mrs. Norman King, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Gentry and daughter, Patricia Gail spent Sunday with their parents in Colorado City.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. McKeever and family were in Big Spring Sunday visiting his niece, Miss Jean Green.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Daniel and family of Lubbock were here over the weekend visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Coop.

Tommy Odum call at Queen Theatre box office on or before play date for free pass to see "Long, Long Trailer" March 9-11.

Mrs. Fay Johnson of Big Spring was a Sunday and Monday guest of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Ada Mae Johnson. Mrs. Fay Johnson is postmistress at the air post in Big Spring.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Hagar, Jr., and family of San Angelo were Sunday visitors of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Hagar, Sr.

Earle Miller was in Fort Worth Wednesday and Thursday on business and also visited his sister, Mrs. F. Matthews, in Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Bond spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Bond at Rising Star.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Wozencraft and daughter Terry Sue visited over the weekend in San Antonio with her sister, Mrs. R. T. Blair, Major Blair and daughters. They returned Monday with Mrs. Lucy Ford who had been visiting there.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Clayburn of Abilene visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Thompson, over the weekend.

## NEWS

County Home  
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By LORETA ALLEN

There is always something happening to make demonstrator visits interesting. Recently, Mrs. Lowry and I planned to visit Mrs. V. B. Reeves and Mrs. H. O. West to discuss their living room demonstrations. We were delighted to have Miss Ingeberg Langkass from Bremen, Germany, to go with us.

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we had visited these homes and discussed things we were going to do, she said she thought the colors used in the homes here were beautiful. The bright colors we use in our homes were one thing she had thought she didn't like, but it was one American thing she found that she had learned to like very much.

She wanted a bulletin on color to take home with her because she wanted to improve her own living room. She was very interested in learning to tool copper, too.

We were amused at her wanting to stop and take a picture of tumble weeds, as they are such common sights here, but they were unusual to her.

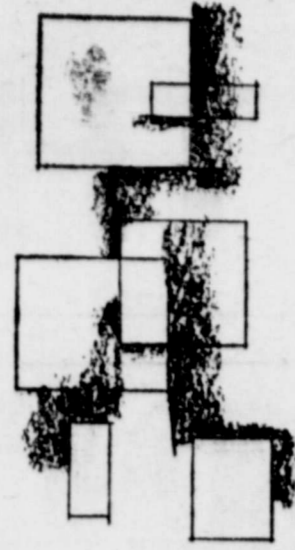
She told us that it rained days and days for weeks at a time. She had hardly finished telling us this when the wind began to blow and we had a real West Texas "rain" with plenty of sand.

Mrs. L. B. Lowry recently met the Merkel 4-H Clubs and showed the girls how to make and serve Orange French Toast. This is the recipe she used:

### ORANGE FRENCH TOAST

1 Egg, well beaten  
1/4 cup milk  
2 tablespoons orange juice  
1 teaspoon grated orange rind  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
2 tablespoons sugar  
Beat egg well in mixing bowl. Add other ingredients and mix well. Dip bread slices in batter and fry in small amount of hot fat (about 1 tablespoon). Serve with jelly, honey or molasses. Toast may be sprinkled with powdered sugar if desired.

This only makes three slices, so you might like to double it for your family.



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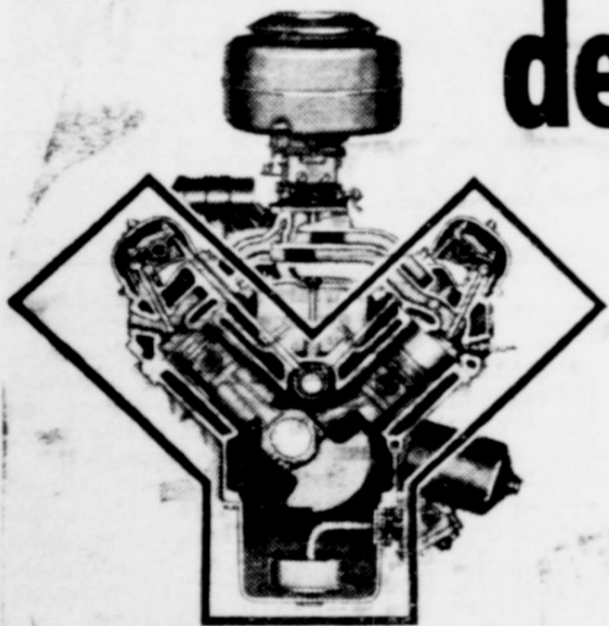
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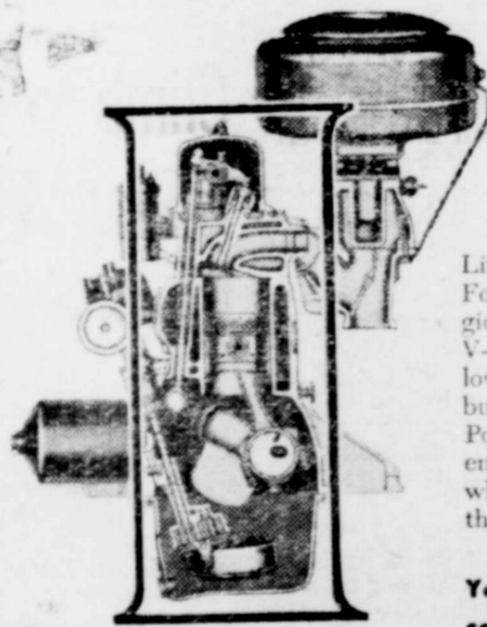
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turn day thereof, in a newspaper printed in Taylor County, Texas, the accompanying citation, of which the herein below following is a true copy.

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 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.

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

To: Thomas O. Young and wife, Ruth Young, Defendants, 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 5th day of April A. D. 1954, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court on the 19 day of January A. D. 1954, in this cause, numbered 7429-B on the docket of said court and styled ALLEN - PARKER COMPANY, Plaintiff, vs. Thomas O. Young et al, Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Sequestration suit on note and to foreclose chattel mortgage on 1952 model Chevrolet 4-door Sedan, Motor No. KAAJ599542. Plaintiff sues for \$1,556.33 plus interest, attorney's fee and costs of suit 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.

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

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

**Legal Notices**

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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.

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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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## Mrs. H. C. Barnett Is Buried Here At Age of 78

Mrs. H. C. Barnett, 78, who came to Merkel in 1913, died at 6:30 a. m., Saturday at 1334 Palm St., Abilene.

Funeral was at 2 p. m. in Abilene and burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Since the death of her husband in 1925 Mrs. Barnett had been living with her children.

Mrs. Barnett was born Oct. 15, 1875, in Cornersville, Tenn. She was married to Mr. Barnett in 1893, and they moved to Merkel in 1913, where they farmed until 1925, when Mr. Barnett died. Mrs. Barnett has since lived in Abilene, Merkel and Grand Prairie. She had been a Methodist from childhood.

She is survived by four sons, three daughters, a brother, 21 grand- and 18 great-grandchildren. Sons are Harry of Merkel, Walter F., Abilene, and Russell, whose home is unknown. The daughters are Mrs. Flo Ell Covert, Roswell, N. M.; Mrs. R. C. Rhynes, Trent; Miss Lillie Claude Barnett, Grand Prairie. The brother is George F. Smith of Texarkana, Ark.

## Merkel, Jr. Badgers Win Two Games From Elmdale

The Merkel, Jr. Badgers won two games from the Elmdale team recently. Coach Don Estes' boys beat the A team 33-31 with Manley Denton high point man.

In the B game the Badgers won 18-17. Joe Cunningham was high point man with 10 tallies.

## Famed Operatic Soprano to Sing At 8:15 Tonight

Bidu Sayao, famed operatic soprano, will appear Friday, Feb. 26 at 8:15 p. m. in Radford Memorial Auditorium in the fifth concert of the Civic Music Series for this year.

Miss Sayao, daughter of a well-to-do Brazilian family, has become famous to U. S. audiences since her debut here in 1936 with the New York Philharmonic Orchestra under Arturo Toscanini.

She joined the Metropolitan Opera in 1937, making her debut as Manon. She has been heard by millions over the radio and on television.

After her debut as Manon, wearing her own jewels, Mme. Sayao gained fame in the roles of Violetta in "La Traviata," Mimì in "La Bohème," Susanna in "The Marriage of Figaro," Rosina in "The Barber of Seville," Juliet and Mieland.

Mme. Sayao has earned the plaudits of critics all over the country.

## METHODIST QUARTET HAS BUSY SCHEDULE AT LAWN AND HERE

The Methodist Quartet sang at the Lawn Methodist Church Wednesday night at the church school. Rev. Aubrey F. White delivered the address.

The quartet is composed of Clesby Patterson, Cyrus Pee, Fred Starbuck and Paul Honeycutt. Mrs. Robert Malone played the piano accompaniment.

They will sing at the Men's Downtown Bible Class at 9 a. m. Sunday and again at 10 a. m. at the Methodist Sunday School.

## TO CONDUCT SYMPHONY

Sir Ernest MacMillan, noted Canadian conductor, will take over Musical Director Victor Alessandro's baton as guest conductor of the San Antonio Symphony Saturday night.

Sir Ernest, who is regular music director of the Toronto Symphony Orchestra, will conduct a program including the Overture to "Russlan and Ludmilla" (Glinka); Suite from the Fitzwilliam Virginal Book (Byrd-Jacob), the Fifth Symphony of Schubert and San Antonio's first performance of Ralph Vaughan Williams' "A London Symphony."

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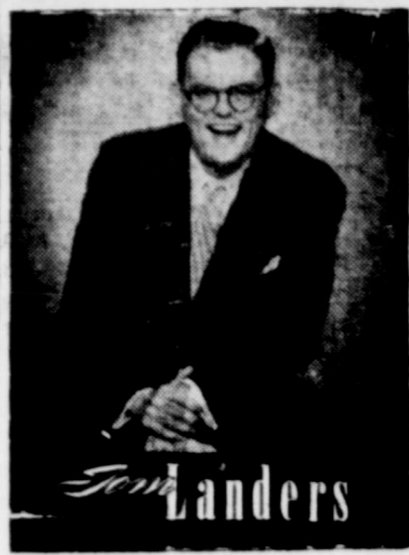
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## Arkansas Minister To Conduct Revival For Trent Baptists

Rev. Tom Landers, 24, an evangelist from North Little Rock, Ark., will direct a revival at the Trent First Baptist Church Feb. 28-March 7.

Rev. Landers, a graduate of the Little Rock High School, received a B. A. degree from Ouachita Baptist College and now is a student in Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth.

He has served as organist and choir director at First Baptist in North Little Rock and as associate pastor at Central Church in Hot Springs, Ark., and at First Baptist in Camden, Ark.

In Camden he produced "The Gospel Hour" over a radio station. He still broadcasts round the globe over the facilities of radio station HCJB (shortwave), Quit, Ecuador.

He has been pastor at Calvary Baptist Church in Little Rock and at Bolivar Baptist in Bolivar.

Carroll Evans, baritone singer from Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth, is to lead the music. Karen Carpenter, of the West Side Baptist Church in Sweetwater, is to be pianist.

Church pastor is the Rev. Darwin Welsh.

## Livestock Report

By TED GOULDY  
The nation is in for another beef eating spree in 1954 on the basis of the report that the cattle population was one per cent higher on Jan. 1 than a year earlier.

The estimate is that there are 94.7 million cattle on farms in the United States. Last year (1953) beef consumption per capita in the nation was at a record level, and about 12 lbs. above the preceding year. Estimates are that this year the nation will eat only a little less beef per capita.

The American Meat Institute says that beef is at an all-time low. The same goes for the price of all meats on the average.

## "Savage Frontier" Packs Action At Queen Theatre

Handsome and rugged Rocky Lane, one of the most popular U. S. Marshals on the screen today, gives his many followers another slam-bang action thriller in Republic's fast-moving production, "Savage Frontier," which opens Friday and Saturday at the Queen Theatre.

This time Rocky is on the trail of three desperate outlaws who are notorious killers. The trail leads him to Bitter Springs where one of the outlaws is captured and jailed, the others escaping. The excitement engendered by the furious gun battle brings out a long-standing feud.

## PEOPLE FLOCK TO GET FREE CHICKS OFFERED BY EAGER

People flocked to get the free chicks offered by the Eager Feed Store on Feb. 18. About 150 persons were at the door when the store opened in the morning and many kept coming all day.

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## New Floral Shop Will Hold Open House Saturday

Open house will be held from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m. Saturday at the Bill's Garden and Floral Shop, next to Wood's Grocery. The new floral shop is owned by William (Bill) N. Wood, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Wood.

All kinds of cut flowers, for weddings, funerals, bouquets for hospitals and house parties, blooming pot plants and foliage plants will be offered. All types of bedding plants and bulbs ready to go will also be sold. Mr. Wood will pay special attention to annuals and perennials for spring planting.

Mr. Wood was born and reared here. For the past several months he has been working for Wakefield's Flowers at Lubbock as designer. He extended an invitation to everyone to attend his open house.

## Jerry Estep Leads In Stock Show At Trent Friday

The Trent FFA fourth annual livestock show was held last Friday in the Cal Hamner cattle pens on east Highway 80 Trent.

The show was sponsored by the Trent Community Club and Trent citizens who raised \$150 in prize money. A first place prize of \$300, second, \$200, and third, \$100. Grand prize winners received \$300.

Jerry Estep was top winner, taking both first place and grand prizes in the capon division and sheep. J. B. Swinney took first and grand prize for his gilt, and Frank Gramethaur was first and grand prize winner in the barrow division.

Other winners were for capons: Glendon Martin, second; Jerry McWilliams, third. For gilts Tommy Toliver won second and James Casady, third. Joel Crain took second place with his barrow, Frank Gramethaur third. In the sheep division Sherman Driggers took second place and John Stowe, third.

First place award, for showmanship went to Joel Crain, second to Jerry Estep, and third to Tommy Toliver.

Director of the show and FFA sponsor is Albert Maberry. Other entries were: Capons — Jerry Horton, Sid Ross, Ronny Cade, Jerrold Duncan; Sheep — Jerry Horton, James Wilks; Gilt — Al Maberry.

## WORLD WAR II VETS ON FARM TRAINING TOLD TO MAKE REPORT

The nation's 50,000 World War Two veterans taking GI Bill farm training were reminded by the Veterans Administration that reports of their 1953 earnings are due at their VA Regional Offices no later than March 1, 1954. Robert W. Sisson, manager of VA's Lubbock Regional Office, stated:

Failure to submit the reports by the deadline, Mr. Sisson warned, may result in discontinuance of GI subsistence payments until such time as the reports do reach VA.

Trainees who haven't yet received the report forms may obtain them from their instructors.

## RAISE A GARDEN

Approximately 60 cents out of each dollar spent for vegetables goes for handling and transportation. Raise a garden at home and get full value for the dollar spent. — A. & M.

## 4-H CLUB WEEK

The period from March 6-14 has been designated as National 4-H

## WEATHER REPORT

Last Friday there was a terrific dust storm. At mid-day the wall of dust was so great that it was dark and autos on the highway were driving with lights on and folks here had lights burning.

## SINGING AT AMITY

There will be singing at Amity Baptist Church Thursday, March 4, at 7:30 p. m. Everyone invited.

## PREACHES HERE SUNDAY

Paul Rogers of Texas City, former Church of Christ minister here, preached at the local church Sunday morning. He spoke on "What Saul Saw When He Was Blind." Minister Rogers attended the Abilene Christian College Lectureship.

## ROBERT S. KERR TO BE MAIN SPEAKER AT \$10 DINNER

Robert S. Kerr, senior senator from Oklahoma, will be the principal speaker at the Jefferson-Jackson Day Dinner to be held in Sweetwater Friday night, Feb. 26. Senator Kerr is a world war veteran, an ex-school teacher, magazine salesman, attorney and oil man who was elected governor of Oklahoma as the first native of the state to hold that office in 1942. He was elected to the U. S. Senate in 1948.

Senator Kerr is reported to be a powerful speaker and was a presidential possibility in 1952. Tickets for the public dinner will be \$10.

## Dr. James Chaney Is City Chairman For Posture Week

Dr. James H. Chaney has been appointed chairman of the Correct Posture Week Committee for Merkel.

His appointment was announced by Dr. J. C. Shipman of Abilene, chairman of the Chiropractic Public Health Committee of Texas, which annually sponsors Correct Posture Week in Texas.

The week will be observed May 1-7. During this period chiropractors in Texas will stress the importance of good posture and its relationship to good health in the hopes of correcting postural faults.

## Riotous Comedy In "Private Eyes" At Queen Theatre

Leo Gorcey and Huntz Hall outdo all of their detective brothers in "Private Eyes" their latest, and one of their most riotous, comedies for Allied Artists.

The picture, which opens at the Queen Theatre, is definitely one of the best in the Bowery Boys' series, ending in a mad farce situation of banging doors, chases through the hills and plunges into the steaming mineral baths of a health farm being used as a hide-away by a gang of supercrooks. Laughs pile on laughs throughout the film.

How the Bowery Boys, with Louie's money, get into the private detective agency business in the first place is an amusing piece of business.

Club Week, Join with the 4-H members when they observe the special week in your county. 4-H club work is the junior phase of Agricultural Extension Service work. It is a part of the nation's land grant college system and the United States Department of Agriculture. Texas A. & M. College is the land-grant college in Texas. — A. & M.

## HOSPITAL NOTES

Admissions to the Sadler Hospital the past week were:

As medical patients — N. D. Lucas, L. D. Jones, Mrs. E. E. Seymore, M. J. Shaw, J. H. Roberts, Bobby Martin, Mrs. Harvey Allred, Beverly Ann Hurd, Mrs. John Ferguson, J. G. Herron, Richard S. Cannon, back injured lifting rock. For surgery — Shirley Cole, tonsillectomy, Mrs. R. J. Dye.

## HAS MAJOR SURGERY

Stanley King underwent major surgery at the Sadler Hospital Feb. 18. He is getting along nicely.

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## HAS OPERATION

Kay McWilliams had an emergency appendectomy at the Sadler Hospital Feb. 19 and is now at home.

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Visitors in the E. M. Tarpley home Sunday were their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Lois Melton...

EDITOR HY WHITE TALKS AT BETA SIGMA PHI MEET
The Beta Sigma Phi sorority met Tuesday evening of last week in the home of Mrs. Vincent Barnett...

MERKEL GIRL SCOUTS JOIN ABILENE IN PROGRAM
The Merkel Girl Scout Troops I and II joined the Abilene Girl Scouts in their program on "International Thinking" Feb. 22 at the Y. M. C. A.

from Seoul, Korea. One girl from each troop brought a "Kits for Korea" that the girls had made and filled with many articles. Those attending from Merkel were: Sharon Cypert, Haroldine Reynolds...

GOODMAN CLUB SHOWN NEW IDEAS ABOUT OLD HATS
The Goodman Home Demonstration Club met Friday, Feb. 12, in the home of Mrs. Karl Bonneaux. The president, Mrs. Jenning Winter, presided. Mrs. G. C. Blair led the group in prayer...

between wax paper. Everyone renovated her hat and started re-trimming it. Mrs. J. W. Tiner, Mrs. W. L. Phillips and Mrs. Bonneaux finished their hats and had pictures made of their new "spring bonnet."

GOVERNOR'S PROCLAMATION

GREETINGS: The Public School System in Texas goes back literally to the very beginning of our State. Texas' first constitution made provisions for a system of public education. President Mirabeau Buonaparte Lamar, in his message to the Texas Congress in 1838 stated, "It is admitted by all that cultivated mind is the guardian genius of Democracy, and while guided and controlled by virtue, the noblest attribute of man. It is the only dictator that freemen acknowledge and the only security which freemen desire."

MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION

Whereas, our forefathers recognized the importance of education in a democracy, and established the Public School system to make education available to all, and Whereas, through the years efforts have been put forth to make sure that all children of school age share in this opportunity for public education, and Whereas, it is our job to see that the children of this generation get the best possible education we can provide for them...

CONTRACT IS LET FOR OVERPASS ON NO. 80 NEAR TYE

The Texas Highway Department awarded contracts totaling \$718,526.04 for highway and bridge improvements in Taylor, Jones, Haskell and Shackelford Counties. Largest single project covered by the contracts is the overpass to be built on U. S. Highway 80 five miles west of Abilene, costing \$316,737.



MR AND MISS FTA - Sessions Hammond of Merkel and Margaret Godden of Dallas were chosen Mr. and Miss FTA at the state high school convention of the Future Teachers of America at North Texas State College in Denton Saturday.

TEXAS TECH OFFERS CREDIT TO STUDENTS WHO WISH TO TRAVEL

The History Department at Texas Technological College has added two new field courses which permit the students enrolled to travel in 10 European countries and at the same time earn six semester hours of credit. The group will sail June 11, 1954, from Quebec and will return Aug. 16 to Quebec. Dr. C. D. Eaves of the History staff will teach the course which will consist of a study of the historic shrines in Europe.

CARD OF APPRECIATION AND THANKS

We wish to express our love and appreciation to all our friends, relatives, and neighbors for every deed of kindness shown to us in the illness and death of our mother and grandmother, Mrs. S. A. Coates; also for the beautiful flowers, the food and other acts of courtesy too numerous to mention. The Coates Family.

ELECTION NOTICE

By virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of the City of Merkel, Texas, notice is hereby given that an election will be held at the Welfare Office in said city on the first Tuesday in April, 1954, the same being the 6th day of the month, for the purpose of electing three Aldermen to serve for a term of two years.

NO! NO!

Note on the morning Merkel scene at the B. & D. Garage. Editor Hy White enters, sees white sign on floor near wall and reads, "No! No!" "What are those for?" asks the inquiring editor. "These," replies Stacy Bird, "well, these... if you had a wad of tobacco in your mouth and couldn't hold it... well you'd know near the wall is where you'd want to spit."



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LODGE CALLS NOTICE MASONS

Stated meeting of Merkel lodge No. 710, A. F. & A. M., Saturday, March 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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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

Table with two columns: Eastbound and Westbound. Lists bus departure times for various routes.

ROGER A. BURGESS URGES MERKEL FRIENDS TO VISIT IN AUSTIN

Roger A. Burgess wrote about his new address: 725 East 32nd, Austin, Tex. He added, "We plan to leave Waco for Austin on Feb. 25 and return to our recently remodelled home there. We would like to extend an urgent invitation for our Merkel friends to visit us in Austin. "After having served 15 years as superintendent of Merkel Schools I am very much attached to Merkel and her friendly people. We always enjoy stopping and visiting there on our way to visit kinsmen at Lubbock. "We enjoy The Merkel Mail and don't want to miss an issue. Please note the change in address."

MORE POSTAL SALARIES

Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield on Feb. 16 presented to the Congress a plan for correcting pay inequities which would result in salary increases for more than 400,000 of the 500,000 employees in the postal Field Services. According to Mr. Summerfield, the proposal would provide "the first modern salary plan for field personnel in the history of the Post Office Department, would offer much needed incentive for better work and would bring postal salaries more nearly in line with those prevailing in industry."

ABOUT GARDENS

More than half a million Texans planted gardens last year and indications point to more in '54. Don't make the garden too large. Stagger the plantings. - A. & M.

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Enlarging of terraces can be done with many kinds of equipment; any small breaking plow will work fine for raising the height and widening the base width of terraces. If you have breaks that need repairing and do not have the equipment to do this with the Middle Clear Fork Soil Conservation District has a very good hydraulic scraper or Fresno that can be rented for a small fee.

This equipment can be pulled with any farm tractor. The farmers that have used this equipment say it is the best to move dirt with they have used.

The following cooperators with the Middle Clear Fork Soil Conservation District are among those who have recently done maintenance work on old terrace systems: Johnny Jacobs, Bob Riney, T. J. Bird, Buch Leach, Dewell McLean, W. B. Toombs and Weldon McAninch.

Mr. McAninch enlarged old terraces and made fills in them in order that he might finish terracing the lower part of their field. This system was designed and laid out by S. C. S. to spread outside water over the entire field.

Mr. Toombs is enlarging his present terrace system so he may pick up water out of a natural drain through his field and spread it onto cropland. This will increase

available moisture to growing crops.

Farmers who plan maintenance work at the present time are Hub West, James Russell and Loyd Gilmore.

If you have work that needs doing on your terrace do it now before it becomes more expensive and damages your land.

### Washington



Because of the many investigations being conducted by committees of Congress, a story is going around Washington about two rabbits running at break-neck speed across a field. Suddenly one stopped and asked the other why they were running so fast. The other said, "Haven't you heard that one of the investigating committees of Congress is looking for a goat?" So they started running again.

Finally the rabbit who had first stopped came to a screeching halt and said, "But we're not goats." The other one replied, "That's true, but can you prove it?"

It is true that never before have we had as many committees of Congress investigating this, that, and the other, but much of it seems very necessary. Our entire society has become so complicated that many of the problems of the nation seemingly can be met in no other way.

The Un-American Activities Committee is attempting to find ways and means whereby the burden of proof can be placed on the individual to show he is not subversive when it is conclusively proved that he belongs to an organization which has been declared subversive by the attorney general.

As distasteful as the truth is, there is no one in Washington who knows the quick and easy answers to our problems. I have the feeling that in the old days before the press and radio became such dominant factors in our lives we had a tendency to feel that our leaders knew all the answers, and we relaxed in complacency. The modern generation has learned that there is no such thing as infallibility of leadership. We are finding it difficult to adjust ourselves to this new situation.

Yet there there is no reason to despair. Scepticism and distrust do not provide the answer to the problem. They aggravate it. The

better approach consists in a little patience, faith in each other, and faith in God.

This approach will not provide the quick and easy answers, but it will provide us with the strength and character which the times demand, enabling us, I believe, to avoid major mistakes.

### FOR WEEDS AND BRUSH

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EDITORIAL

**8-A TITLE**  
 The 8-A conference basketball games are over and the Merkel Badgers have won. It was an outstanding victory.  
 The competition was extremely keen. There were other teams in this conference who sorely wanted to win and were out to win and played as if it were a life and death struggle. But the boys that Coach Tommy Ellis was guiding were just as determined.  
 That last game with Throckmorton is a good illustration of how keen the rivalry was. After playing a regular game and ending in a tie, an extra period was played and it also ended in a tie. Then the second extra period began and it ended in a victory for the Badgers.  
 The final five minutes of that

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game was as exciting as any kind of game we have been privileged to witness, as exciting as any football game. Every fan was literally sitting on the edge of his seat. Every fan was yelling. Every fan was straining every nerve to bring his team to victory.  
 And when Phillip Pursley expertly dropped those two last free throws in the basket it was as tense a moment as we have ever witnessed in any kind of game.  
 It is good to remember that the Badgers played as a team. There was no attempt to make a hero out of any one player. They all were outstanding, and this goes for the guards as well as those who played the forward positions. It was the good work of the guards that kept the opponents under control and the throwing of the goals that put the Badgers out in front.  
 We congratulate all the players. It was a victory well earned. And we congratulate Coach Tommy who is modest enough to say, "Give the boys credit for winning the games." Yes, we will and also add that without the good guidance of Coach Tommy the victory would not have been possible. We congratulate the players; we congratulate their coach, Tommy Ellis.

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**PROF. JESSE E. WRENCH**  
 As you all know by this time, Prof. Jesse E. Wrench of the University of Missouri, Columbia, Mo., is a very close friend of ours. So, it was a great pleasant surprise to us to open up The Christian Science Monitor for February 9 and find his name mentioned in the leading editorial. It began: "The historian Jesse Wrench was addressing an assemblage of businessmen in a midwestern city back in 1940, urging American opposition to Hitler and Mussolini by every means at hand. Came a question from the floor: 'Don't you think, Professor Wrench, that nazism and fascism are bound to die of their own internal poisons?'"  
 "Of course," snapped the historian, "in 20, 30, or 40 years. But I don't want to live through such years or doom my children to."  
 And the Monitor editorial writer commented, "A familiar camp follower to the march of time is the comfortable assumption that a threat will pass (or would have passed) if left to itself." And the writer closes with: "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty; holds good with respect to threats both from the left and from the right. And people have been waking up."  
 May we add that the remark of Prof. Wrench is characteristic of the man. He believes in doing things. He is that happy combination that is very rare: A thinker who is also a doer.

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Fencer's Frolic — Abilene's in the fencing tournament held at Rose Field House last Saturday. Gene Allen, left, and Edwin Sims, right, of Texas Tech, cross swords with Bill Brazil of Merkel.



Seated at his desk is Gov. Allan Shivers as he signed the proclamation designating Feb. 20-27 as National Future Farmer Week. Standing at left, Vannoy Stewart, State FFA Advisor, Austin, and at right is Jon Hagler, State FFA president, from La Grange.



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By VERN SANFORD  
 Texas Press Association

Politically troubled waters in Duval County came to a boil as federal and state officers probed errors in impounded records.

Texas legislators were poring over the tax revenue problem in order to raise teacher pay at a special session of the Legislature in March.

Intensifying the problem was the U. S. Supreme Court's decision striking down the natural gas pipeline tax.

There was talk of a sales tax threat. At the same time, a large gas company served notice that any move to increase natural gas taxes will be opposed.

Attorney General Shepperd announced his department had drafted new gas tax bills which were considered legal and would be available to the legislators.

Gov. Allan Shivers indicated he will submit other issues to the special session.

He declared that he plans to ask the legislature to make membership in the Communist Party a death penalty offense.

A foe of U. S. Senator Joseph McCarthy said in a speech in Austin that he would go to jail if necessary to test in court the senator's right to question citizens about their spoken or written beliefs or their political affiliations.

Harvey O'Connor, author of several books, is under indictment for contempt of Congress. He spoke at a meeting of Americans for Democratic Action.

He refused to answer Senator McCarthy's questions on the grounds of the first amendment which provides that Congress shall make no law abridging freedom of speech or of the press.

"When any public servant may inquire about your thoughts rather than your actions then the servant becomes the master," he said.

Dudley T. Dougherty of Beeville, a member of the Texas Legislature, has announced he will oppose Senator Lyndon Johnson who will seek re-election this year.

Texans will soon be offered a state-wide program of individual and group fire control methods, according to state civil defense and disaster relief officials.

Fire accounted for 80 percent of the damage in the Japanese cities that were struck by atomic bombs.

It is considered one of the chief dangers in all types of disasters, the officials stated.

**LACK STORAGE SPACE**  
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### Local F.T.A. Group Gets Many Honors At State Meet

Sessions Hammond gained first place as a speaker in the state Future Teacher's Association at Denton last Saturday. The Pat Neff Club of Merkel had two representatives: Joy Walker as Miss Future Teacher, Sessions as Mr. Future Teacher. Their subject was "Operation T. N. T. (Top Notch Teacher)".

Sessions received first place and was presented a trophy. He and Joy were honored at the guest table at a banquet Saturday.

Merkel's F. T. A. was well represented in six workshop groups. Paka Newby, district vice president, was chairman and presided for discussion on "Local Problems."

The Pat Neff scrapbook ranked among the five best in the state. Jane Tipton and Joy Walker with Mrs. McReynolds, sponsor, arranged the book.

Jimmy Russell and Barbara Wilson were delegates in the State House of Delegates.

Parents attending, taking cars and working with the teacher-sponsor, Mrs. McReynolds, were Johnny Hammond, Mrs. Nolan Pal-

mer and Mrs. Fred Starbuck. Merkel group ranked among the large and progressive high schools in Texas such as Dallas, Fort Worth, Waco, Odessa, El Paso and Fort Arthur.

Two of the local seniors will go to Wichita Falls April 10 to participate in a "Constitutional - By Laws Revision" discussion.

The local F. T. A. was only one year old in 1951. Jimmy Russell is president.

### F.F.A. to Exhibit At Fat Stock Show In Abilene Sat.

At the Taylor County and West Texas District Fat Stock Show in Abilene Saturday the local F.F.A. boys will exhibit.

The following will show lambs: Jimmy and Jacky McAninch, Payton Scott, Jimmy Neill, Eddie Sandusky and Chester Collinsworth, Jr.

The following will show steers: Jimmy Russell, Bobby Mayfield and Jacky McAninch.

The following will show capons: George English, Garth McLeod, Leon and Donald Kelso, Gary Smith and Clarence Gregory.

Chester Collinsworth is the local agriculture teacher.

On the panel for "Citizenship" were George and Barbara, two senior students and two F. T. A. members. They work for merit points in the Pat Neff Club as a reward for Civic Activity Projects.

Mrs. Homer Newby, president of Merkel's P.T.A., and several local members were invited to take part in the meeting.

### Badgers Battle Haskell Cagers To Win 61 to 44

The Merkel Badgers rolled past Haskell, 61-44 at Haskell last

Friday night to wind up league competition.

Coach Tommy Ellis' boys led all the way, 13-5 at the end of the first period, 32-23 at the half and 45-30 at the end of the third period.

High pointers were Bob McLeod with 17 and Corky Cox with 16. Merkel won the B game, 66-56 with Billy Wayne Dye hitting 18 points.

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### 3 Local Persons Are on Program At P.T.A. Meeting

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Barbara Wilson had the topic "Good Citizenship for Youth." George Starbuck "What Youth Wants Today" and Mrs. Ellen McReynolds "Youth's Civic Responsibility."

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