

Merkel VIC Grabs All Top Places At Odessa Meet

The Merkel V. I. C. went to Odessa last weekend and came away with top honors in the building trades contests.

In the first contest Bobby Fowler won first place and Benny Stallo third. This was the technical information contest.

In the next contest, which was the tool identification contest, Sessions Hammond won first; Donald King second and J. C. Horton third.

Next was the speed skill contest and again Bobby Fowler came in first and Benny Stallo third. This was a contest of skill and the boys used the tools in the Odessa shop.

The next contest was parliamentary procedure and Jacky McAninch won first. Sessions Hammond, Colonel Wallace, Dink Whisenhunt and Jacky McAninch entered the job application contest.

All the boys enjoyed the contest and were very happy to win all but one place in the entire contests.

Those who went were: Sessions Hammond, Dink Whisenhunt, Colonel Wallace, Jacky McAninch, Bobby Fowler, Billy Fowler, J. C. Horton, Benny Stallo, Donald King, Dillard Harris, Kenneth Collier, Billy Wayne Dye and Mr. Thomas.

The famous Merkel V. I. C.

Revival Starts Next Sunday At Baptist Church



REV. LEVI PRICE evangelist



REV. C. MELVIN RATHEAL song leader

The revival at the First Baptist Church here will begin Sunday morning. The revival will end April 4.

Rev. Sam E. Tullock, the local minister, will begin the series of sermons Sunday morning with "We Shall Not Be Denied" and in the evening his evangelistic message will be "Lord, Do It Again."

On Monday at 10 a. m. Rev. Levi Price will preach his first sermon of the revival and continue to the end of the meetings. Rev. Price is pastor of the First Baptist Church at Monahans.

"He is probably one of the finest young orators among our Baptist preachers," said Rev. Tullock.

Rev. C. Melvin Ratheal of the First Baptist Church of Eastland will be the song leader.

"Rev. Ratheal is an outstanding song leader and preacher," stated Rev. Tullock.

The morning services from Monday through Friday will begin at 10 a. m. The evening services will start at 7:30 p. m. Everyone is welcome.

Last Rites Held For A. J. Wright At 3 p. m. Saturday

Funeral for A. J. Wright, 63, was at 3 p. m. Saturday in the Church of Christ. He died at 7 p. m. Wednesday of last week.

Officiating was James J. Brush, minister of the Church of Christ of Odessa, assisted by Roy Gulley, minister of the Church of Christ of Merkel.

Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery under the direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

Mr. Wright was born Oct. 17, 1890, in Lampasas, where he was married. Before coming to Merkel, he lived in Coleman. He was a Church of Christ minister for many years. He had lived in Taylor County since 1934.

Survivors are his wife; seven sons, Homer of May, Huston of Route 1, Anson, Jimmie of Merkel, Vernon of Sweetwater, A. J. Jr., of Sugarland, Cecil of Abilene and Sidney of Odessa; four daughters, Mrs. Retha Flores of Monahans, Mrs. Mae Yandell of Fort Worth, Rena Wright of Beaumont and Dollie Wright of Corpus Christi; one sister, Mrs. Addie Duncan of Coleman; and 20 grandchildren.

FROM DUST TO DUST Prof. and Mrs. J. E. Wrench of Columbia, Mo., who visited Editor and Mrs. Hy White left here Monday of last week.

On Wednesday of last week they wrote: "Arrived here at Benson, Ariz. 15 minutes ago in a dust storm. Visibility was often zero, traffic to east stopped."

Can You Eat Many Pancakes At One Sitting?

Everything has been set for the pancake supper to be held at the school cafeteria on Tuesday, April 6, according to Clesby Patterson, chairman of the troop committee. The Boy Scouts are sponsoring the supper.

The supper will be from 6:30 to 9 p. m. Each one may have all the pancakes he can eat for 50 cents. Bacon, butter and syrup will also be furnished.

There will be entertainment and prizes offered throughout the evening. Tickets may be had now from any Boy Scout or at the door on April 6.

"How many pancakes can you eat? Come out and see," advised Clesby.

Signal Light And Sign Given To Each Fireman

Each fireman now has a red signal light on the front of his car to use in going to a fire. He also has a "FIRE DEPARTMENT" sign for his car.

Girl Volley Ball Teams Are Now on Winning Streak

The Badger Girl Volley Ball team have been winning right long. Mrs. James Liner is their coach.

On Tuesday at Hamlin the "A" team won three out of three games. Each game was 15 points. Scores: 5-12, 15-13, 15-8. The "B" team also won, four out of five games for 15 points each.

On March 11 there the "A" team beat Rotan 35-28. The "B" team also won. On March 16 here the "A" team beat Rotan 47-17 and the "B" team also won.

The starting lineup: Gwenn Hager, Clydene Eager, Lois Black mogene Dye, Lorene Horton, Dorothy Foster. The "A" subs are: Billie Moore and Marie Kernes. There are 21 girls out for volleyball.

Next Tuesday the Badgers go to Joby to play.

Dr. W. T. Sadler Attends Meeting Of Hospital Group

Dr. W. T. Sadler attended the executive committee meeting of the Private Clinic and Hospital Association in Austin Sunday. Dr. Sadler is councillor of the association.

DEADLINE IS NEAR

Some three-quarters of a million Texas motorists have failed to submit their autos for the annual safety inspection. Homer Harrison, Jr., director of the Texas Department of Public Safety, said, "There is no apparent possibility of an extension beyond the April 15 deadline."

He warned that operators of cars which do not bear an approved inspection sticker on April 16 and thereafter will be cited into court.

CRITICAL CONDITION Mrs. Ray Wilson returned Monday night from Washington, D. C., where she saw Ann, 7, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Riggs Shepperd who is in the Children's Hospital, having had a brain operation. Ann is in a critical condition, stated Mrs. Wilson.

LOYD SMITHS HAVE SON Pfc. and Mrs. Lloyd Smith are the parents of a boy born March 3 in the Aberdeen Proving Grounds Hospital, Aberdeen, Md. The boy was named Michael Ray. Mrs. Smith is the former Dorothy Nell Irvin.

Merkel FFA Teams Take Top Honors At College Meet

Merkel FFA judging teams captured the highest honors at the seventh annual Field Day and Judging Contests at Abilene Christian College Monday. They walked off with the sweepstakes trophy and first place trophy in

livestock and dairy cattle judging. Jacky McAninch took top individual honors in livestock judging.

Chester Collinsworth is the Merkel vocational ag teacher. The contests attracted one of the largest delegations of farm youth and farm youth leaders ever to assemble on the college campus. were present for the all-day programs.

Approximately 1,200 4-H Club and FFA boys, county agents and FFA advisors from more than 200 West Texas counties and towns were present for the all-day program.

In livestock judging, the youngsters had to score a class each of Hereford breeding cattle, fine wool sheep and breeding sows and two classes each of fat steers, lambs, and barrows.

In the dairy contest they scored six classes of four animal each. The Merkel top winners follow: Livestock — Bobby Mayfield.

Christianity's Birth Is Revealed In 'Quo Vadis'

Never in the history of motion pictures has a picture been brought to the screen with the breathtaking spectacle, scope, gigantic cast, color and pageantry as that presented in M-G-M's much heralded Technicolor production of "Quo Vadis" showing at the Queen Theatre on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, with Robert Taylor, Deborah Kerr, Leo Genn and Peter Ustinov heading a cast of thousands.

Based on the celebrated novel of Henryk Sienkiewicz, filmed against the grandeur of historic Rome in a prodigious undertaking which required more than 12 years of preparation and actual filming, this thrilling drama of the birth of Christianity in a pagan world and the love of a Roman warrior for a beautiful Christian hostage is unfolded with glittering splendor and tremendous dramatic impact.

Due to length of picture there will be only one showing each night, starting at 7:30 p. m. "This is a picture everyone will want to see. It is a "must" picture and it will be shown at regular admission," said N. T. Hodge.

L. E. Adcock Dies Sunday Morning At Age of 84

L. E. Adcock, 84, long-time West Texas resident, died at 11:45 a. m. Sunday at his home at Tye.

Funeral services were held at 3 p. m. Monday in the Tye Baptist church and burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery. Rev. Temple Lewis officiated, assisted by Rev. Roy R. Havens.

Mr. Adcock was born June 27, 1869 in Barton County, Ark. He moved to Texas in 1889, settling at Comanche, and in 1908 moved to Nolan County, where he farmed until 1943, when he moved to Tye.

He made his home there with a sister, Miss Emma Adcock. He is also survived by three other sisters, Mrs. Alice Akers, Buffalo Gap; Mrs. Myrtle Jones, May, and Mrs. L. W. Dudley, Trent.

The Fish Are Biting and Proves — Well, Fisherman's Row Is Fishing

The fish are biting! This is for the special information of Trobe Vaughn, who wanted to know what had happened to Fisherman's Row, and for the other folks farther away.

Yes, the fish are biting and the fisherman from Fisherman's Row were out in force Sunday to find out if this were true.

The men went to Fort Phantom Lake and to the Sweetwater Lake. At Fort Phantom there was a great crowd and the fishermen were scattered all around the lake. And the luck was good. That is they caught fish . . . but how big is not reported.

What did they use for bait? That too was not reported. But fish were caught, that is what all the men on Fisherman's Row stated . . . and that proves . . . well, that proves . . . well it just proves that's all.

But the fishermen did not have all the show. There were women present . . . and though Fisherman's Row will not admit it, the women stole the show! At least

Jimmy Russell, Glenn Sandusky and Jack McAninch, Merkel FFA first.

Dairy — Robert McLeod, Jerry Miller, Jimmy Neill and Chester Collinsworth, Jr., Merkel FFA, first.

The special election that has been called by the Jones County Commissioners Court will be held Saturday, March 27. The election is being held to fill the unexpired term of Commissioner W. O. Rainwater, who passed away Friday, Feb. 26. This action was taken in order to determine the wishes of the voters.

Those who have announced their candidacy for the office under the head of Special Election notice are: J. E. Touchstone, J. C. (Nig) Rainwater, Herman Steek, E. A. (Red) Grice and F. J. (Fat) McDonald, Jr.

Merkel Band Takes Part in Thrilling Mass Band Concert

The Merkel Band took part in the first annual Sweetwater Band Festival last Saturday. W. G. Reed directed the Badger Band.

There were 28 bands from West Texas participating from as far away as Abernathy, Ozona and Mason. Each band took part in concert playing and sight reading. Each band received a participation trophy.

The parade downtown on the square and the mass band concert took place in the afternoon," said Director Reed. "It was thrilling to hear over 1,500 students playing together!"

The Badgers went over to get in hape for the interscholastic league contest to be held in San Angelo on May 1, continued Mr. Reed. "I was very well pleased with our band," commented the director. "It has improved so much."

The annual spring concert will be given here April 13.

SINGING AT AMITY

There will be singing at Amity Baptist Church Thursday, April 1, at 7:30 p. m. Everyone is invited.

SINGING SUNDAY

There will be singing at the Church of Christ from 2:30 p. m. to 3:30 p. m. Sunday. Visitors are welcome.

WILLIAMSES HAVE GIRL

A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Williams at the Sadler Hospital March 18.

T. Odum Heads Telephone Group Of All Texas

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Odum returned Wednesday night of last week from Ft. Worth where they attended the Texas Independent Telephone Convention.

While there Mr. Odum was elected president of the Federation of Independent Telephone Exchange, operating small exchanges all over the state.

Windmill Little League of Merkel Will Begin Tryouts March 29

President Leon Walker of the Windmill Little League of Merkel stressed that tryouts will begin on March 29.

"If you were a member of the League last year you do not tryout again," stated President Walker. "If you were not a member of any of the Merkel Little League teams last season and of the right age you may try out."

The dates for tryouts are as follows: March 29, April 1, 5, and 8 — 8 and 10-year-old boys. March 30, April 2, 6 and 9 — 11-year-old boys. March 31, April 3, 7 and 10 — 12-

year-old boys. These tryouts will be held at the Merkel High School football field parking area from 5 p. m. to 7 p. m.

What boys can tryout? Those who are 8-year-old and will not be 13 before August 1 and who are not now members of any of the Little League teams. This includes Trent and Noodle.

"Note your age and the time you are to try out," advised President Walker. "A player must attend at least 50 per cent of these tryouts to be eligible for the Little League auction to be held after the tryouts are completed."

Merkel 20 Years Ago

TAKEN FROM THE 1934 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL

TO REPEAT PLAY Those who were not so fortunate as to see "The Man From Nowhere," presented by a cast of talented local players Thursday night of last week, will yet have the opportunity of enjoying this clever three-act comedy. It will again be presented Friday night for the benefit of the cemetery fund. The first time was for the Boy Scouts.

BAND TO PLAY HERE Merkel people and out-of-town shoppers as well will enjoy a real treat on April 7 in the concert to be given by the McMurry College Band under the direction of J. K. Gwynn Clive, band master. The band will play in the streets of the business district.

ENTER BOARD FIELD With the entry of four new names on the ticket for the city election next Tuesday, April 3, a spirited contest for places on the board of aldermen is in prospect. Fred Hughes, W. W. Haynes, D. H. Vaughn and S. D. Gamble are the four men sponsored on a business men's slate in opposition to the administration ticket.

FIRST IN ARITHMETIC Merkel Grammar School won many honors at the Interscholastic League meet in Abilene last week. In a field of 10, Merkel won first place in arithmetic this year for the seventh consecutive time. The Grammar School has never lost this contest, as it has been a member of the league event for only seven years.

NOTE VOTING STRENGTH The county has a recorded voting strength of 9,066 which exceeds by 878 the 1932 total of 8,188. Tax receipts issued total 7,809 and exemptions certificates 1,257.

RAIN FALLS Another slow, ground-soaking rain of considerable proportions visited this section last weekend — one and one-half inches. Previous rainfall this year was only 1 7/8 inches, bringing the total so far or 1934 to 3 5/8 inches.

ELECT 4-H OFFICERS A Girl's 4-H Demonstration Club was organized at Dot Swafford's home last Friday. Officers elected were: President, Alice Church; vice president, Nola Province; secretary-treasurer, Maurine White; reporter, Jessie Margaret Berry.

RECORD BIRTHS Born to Mr. and Mrs. Howard Garner a girl March 23. Mr. and Mrs. L. C. McLaughy a boy March 23. Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Armstrong a boy March 26.

INJURED IN WRECK Mrs. Ola Bolls, former pastor of the Nazarene Church here, was in a car wreck March 6, as she, with her son I. W. and family and daughter, Mrs. Ineta Hart, were returning home to Borger. A truck ran into their car, completely demolishing the Bolls' car. The injured are all recovering nicely.

BOY HURT BY BULLET Aubrey Shouse, 9-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Shouse, was accidentally shot with a .22 rifle bullet while playing last Friday. He was brought home from the hospital on Wednesday.

TAKEN FROM THE 1914 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL This Happened in Merkel Forty Years Ago

Phone Claude Dye, if you have wrappers from Brown's crackers purchased at the Sanitary Grocery. He wants them.

Clark Welch of El Paso is here visiting relatives for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Moore, who have been visiting their daughter, Mrs. Pat Jones, of Sierra Blanca during the past three months, returned to their home here this week.

Miss Lizzie Mae Freeman was in Stanton the latter part of last week attending to business. You'll miss it if you miss the

NEWS ABOUT TOWN

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WILSON'S JEWELERS

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wright and daughters, Hope and Faith, of Lubbock were weekend guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Diltz and sister, Mrs. Mina Winter and family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Elliott of Shep were weekend visitors of their daughter, Mrs. George T. Moore, and Mr. Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. Weldon H. Barnett of Bandera, Mrs. R. L. Adcock of Brownwood and granddaughter, Frances Ann King visited Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Adcock Saturday. Mrs. Barnett is the former Berdelle Adcock.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Bingham visited her sister, Mrs. J. L. Wilson, who is in the Stamford Hospital. Isadore Mellinger spent the weekend in Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Farmer and daughter of Dallas visited relatives and also attended the Walter Hunter funeral.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Miller, Mrs. Bart Robinson and daughter Joni Nell visited in Edgewood over the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Hooks and Mrs. Birdie Johnson.

Miss Martha Ann Putman of Colorado City visited her sister, Mrs. J. D. Gentry, and family over the weekend, coming here on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Carson and family were in Camp Hood Sunday, visiting Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Farr. They were accompanied by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Farr.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Crawford and family of Abilene were Sunday visitors of her parents, Mrs. A. A. Reagan.

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Nichols of Austin spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Cox.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Cross and Kaylene of Abilene spent Saturday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Cross.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sledge of Big Spring were Friday and Saturday guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sledge.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wood and daughter Denna of Abilene were Sunday visitors of his sister, Mrs. B. W. Merritt, and family.

B. I. Shelton and daughter, Mrs. John Dunn, of Cisco visited Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Elliott last Wednesday.

Miss Minnie Lois Campbell visited Sunday with Miss Leta Fay Hester in Knox City.

Mrs. Ava Smith of Carlton spent the weekend with her brother, J. C. Walton, and Mrs. Walton.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Dismuke and Derba of Ira spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Box McDaniel.



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If Texas motorists continue getting their autos inspected at the same rate that they are currently, there will be no chance of a "log jam" at the inspection station prior to the April 15 deadline. That was the opinion of Homer Garrison, Jr., director of the Texas Department of Public Safety.



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 Evening Worship 7:30 p. m.
 Wednesday Prayer Service 7:30 p. m.
 W. M. U. Mon. 9:30 a. m.

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

Trent First Baptist Church
 Sunday:
 Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
 Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.
 Training Union 6:30 p. m.
 Evening Services 7:30 p. m.

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

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

Amity Baptist Church
 Morning Service — 11:15 a. m.
 Sunday School—10:30 a. m.
 Evening Bible Class 6:30 p. m.
 Evening Services 7:30 p. m.

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

Merkel Calvary Baptist Church
 Sunday School 9:45 a. m.
 Morning Service 11:00 a. m.
 Evening Bible Class 6:30 p. m.
 Evening Worship 7:00 p. m.

Trent Church of Christ
 Sunday:
 Sunday School 11:00 o'clock
 Bible Class 10:00 a. m.
 Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.
 Evening Services 7:30 p. m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
 Morning Service 11:00 a. m.
 Evening Services 7:30 p. m.

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

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 Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.
 Training Union 6:45 p. m.
 Evening Services 7:30 p. m.



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All is far from sweetness and light in the Legislature. On the session's first day, Senator Joe Russell of Royce City took Gov. Allan Shivers and Senator Otis Lock to task, saying that they were Republicans running as Democrats. Senator Russell pledged that he would run for governor, if necessary, to make sure Gov. Shivers had an opponent. Also, difference of opinion persisted as to the method of solving the teacher-pay problem. It appears that stormy meetings are developing over this issue with Speaker Reuben Senterfitt pitted against supporters of the plan presented by Gov. Shivers. Another indication of the tempo was a 10-hour filibuster by Senator Jimmy Phillips of Angleton. Peculiarly enough it came about during a committee meeting. Senator Harley Sadler of Abilene commented: "This is my first experience at seeing a filibuster in a committee. It seems so foolish and childish to take the time of a 21-member committee because of the real or imagined objection of one member and to punish other committee members by a lot of asinine questions." Oil news brought two cheering notes to the state's financial picture and to legislators seeking revenue to meet current salary and building problems. Comptroller Robert S. Calvert reported that \$11 million more than he had anticipated nine months ago now is in sight from crude oil sources for the next two years. Last summer's increased taxes from oil is the result of a 25-cent hike in oil prices, Mr. Calvert said. For the past year, oil has paid the state more than \$10 million a month. Another factor that brightened the picture was boosted oil production. It has been on a long downward trend. Allowable for March was above that for February by 159,000 barrels per day, and further climbs are in sight. Legislative committees have been studying tax plans to raise the money for teacher and state employee salary increases and for construction work at state institutions. One of the bills would outlaw Communists in Texas and the other would establish a Communist Review Board. A 20-year prison sentence is provided as penalty for Communist Party membership.

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS
 To: Horis Payton Arthur, 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 19th day of April A. D. 1954, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 27th day of February A. D. 1954, in this cause, numbered 7462-B on the docket of said court and styled Laverne L. Arthur, Plaintiff, vs. Horis Payton Arthur, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and defendant were married on or about October 12, 1943 and lived together until on or about December 15, 1949. Plaintiff shows that there is no community property to be adjudicated. Plaintiff and defendant had born to them one child, Mary Leona Arthur female aged 9 years. Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of abandonment, for care, custody and education of said child as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved. The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this 6th day of March A. D. 1954.
 Attest: J. Neil Daniel, Clerk, 104th District Court Taylor County, Texas By C. Bower, Deputy.
 Adv. — March 12, 19 26, April 2.

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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 19th day of April A. D. 1954, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 1st day of March A. D. 1954, in this cause, numbered 19,621-A on the docket of said court and styled in Re. Donald Lee Nation, a minor.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Petitioner, Charles A. Matlock, and wife Betty Lou Matlock are duly married and white persons. Petitioner is a permanent resident of Taylor County, Texas. Donald Lee Nation is a minor white child of the age of seven years and has lived with petitioner and his wife more than six months. Petitioner's wife is the mother of said minor child and the father of said child is Melvin T. Nation, residence unknown. Said Melvin T. Nation has not contributed to the support of said minor child; that said minor child has been under the exclusive custody and control of the said Betty Lou Matlock. Petitioner states that he will assume responsibility and support of said minor child as though he were his own. Petitioner prays for the adoption of said minor child and further that the name of said minor child be changed from Donald Lee Nation to Donald Lee Matlock as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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Willie J. Largent Will Address Lubbock Club

Willie Joe Largent will address the Block and Bridle Club at Lubbock on May 8. The club is composed of seniors and juniors majoring in animal husbandry at Texas Tech.

23 Badgers Out To Start Practice For Baseball

The Badgers have begun baseball practice here in earnest. Twenty-three boys have come out, stated Coach Tommy Ellis. Those trying out are: Dink Whisenhunt, Phillip Purs-

ley, Robert McLeod, Terry O'Brien, Jerry Cunningham, Kermit Rutledge, Freddie Boone, George English, Billy Fisher, Gail O'Brien, Jimmy Russell, Jacky McAninch, Bobby Mayfield, Bobby Owen, Bill Horton, Payton Scott, Jerry Miller, Lloyd Shugart, James Simpson, Carroll Hays, Chester Collinsworth, Jr., Jimmy Neill and David Gulley.

The boys are now practicing every afternoon.

Lawson Rest Home Gets Big Feature In Sunday Paper

A long story with a big three-column head appeared in the Sunday Abilene Reporter - News about the Lawson Rest Home here and the new one, just opened in

Rotan, by Julia Lawson and her sister, Mrs. Call McLean. The article shows how wonderfully the patients are treated. "When they asked for any little thing, they get it," stated Mrs. Lawson. The article also revealed the love the owners of the rest home have for their patients.

Earnest Reynolds Returns Home From Duty in Guam

A/1c Earnest R. Reynolds just returned from a 24-month tour of duty on Guam. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Reynolds.

After a 30-day furlough he will report for duty at Sacramento, Calif. He will receive his discharge from the Army in a few months.



BETTY JANE TITTLE

BETTY JANE TITTLE IS HONORED WITH PARTY

The Methodist Youth Fellowship held a party March 16 at 805 Oak in honor of Miss Betty Jane Tittle who recently resigned as youth counselor. Corky Cox, M. Y. F. president, presented her with a gift on behalf of the M. Y. F. in appreciation of the wonderful work she has done with the youth for the past eight years.

Games were played and refreshments were enjoyed by 26 M. Y. F. members and visitors.

Those who attended were: Jacky McAninch, Geo. Starbuck, Sandra Patterson, Twila Moore, Jocille Thompson, Mary Harris, Gene Hargrove, Kay James, Session Hammond, Corkey Cox, Marilyn Liles, Johnnie Tipton, Jane Tipton, Barbara Morgan, Barbara Wilson, Jackie Hogan, Bobby Mayfield, Clydene Eager, Irginia Bird, Betty Chancey, Goldie Leverich, Jerry Cunningham and counselors, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Cypert and Mrs. Aubrey White.



ANOYANT MAHMOODIAN

ANOYANT MAHMOODIAN LEAVES HERE FRIDAY FOR PAMPA, TEXAS

Anoyant Mahmoodian, who has been here a year, moved to Pampa last Friday. Anoyant is from Iran and has been here studying oil production with the Drilling and Exploration Co.

Anoyant expects to be in Pampa two months and then return to Iran. He has enjoyed being here very much, he stated.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Admission to the Sadler Hospital the past week were:

As medical patients — Nolan Palmer, Herbert Patterson, Rena Crowder, W. R. Burgess, Bill Patterson, Mrs. H. A. King, E. V. Satterwhite, Oddie Jones, Larry Logan, Roland Sowell, burns, Mrs. L. E. DeArman, Mrs. W. W. Cooper, Mrs. W. C. Davidson, John W. Brown, R. H. Whitehead, L. M. Coward.

For surgery — Mrs. L. B. English, Ralph Bartlett, Forest Black.

DEPRESSION IS HERE SAYS J. W. HAMMOND IN ABILENE TALK

"We already have a depression and it is up to us as how far or what degree we will let it go," J. Walter Hammond of Tye and president of the Texas Farm Bureau told Abilene Rotary Club members last Friday.

"Depressions are always led by farmers," Mr. Hammond said.

He cited the spread to the auto factories where manufacturers "have limited the work week."

"It's up to us if we are going to avoid what we had in the 1930's," he said.

LT. W. I. WOZENCRAFT BRINGS FAMILY HERE AND LEAVES FOR ALA.

Lt. and Mrs. W. I. Wozencraft, three daughters and her cousin, Pat Hite of Atwater, Calif., are visiting here with his father, W. A. Wozencraft. The girls will attend school here while Lt. Wozencraft is away at the Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.



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If you see fit to elect me, I assure you that I will, to the best of my ability, carry on the office in a business-like manner, with honesty and fairness to all.

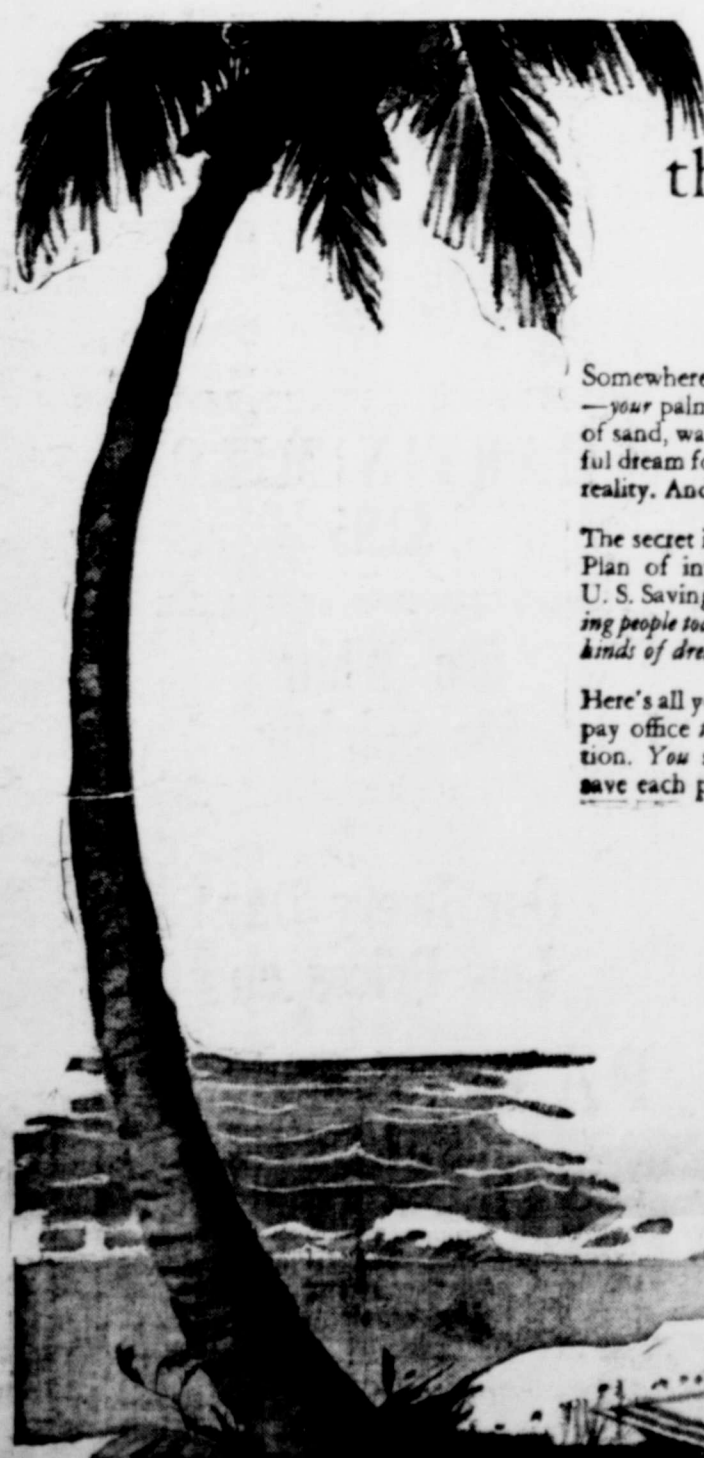
As I have stated before, it is my policy to return as much of your tax dollar as possible back in roads, giving each community its equal share, and working for more farm-to-market roads as this lessens the burden on our county funds.

I believe that my living near the center of your precinct, being familiar with road work, experienced with working men and with field maintenance in the army, and having had a course in Business college qualifies me to serve as your road commissioner, and to represent you in our Honorable Commissioners Court.

I will appreciate your vote and influence Saturday.

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Delivering the mail has changed in the last 50 years, according to F. A. Sanders, 76, retired rural mail carrier.

"Mr. Sanders carried the mail for 30 years on the Merkel Rural Route 3 and then for five years on Route 2.

During those 30 years he wrote up the news for The Merkel Mail and it was called "Route 3 News."

Mr. Sanders was born in Huntington, Tenn., June 2, 1877. He lived there until 1901 and then came to Merkel. How did he happen to select this spot? Well, his brother-in-law, Dr. J. A. Adkinson, was a practicing physician here and he came on that account.

"This was a small place then," said Mr. Sanders. "Merkel was not very large. Most of it was wagon yards, two or three then. People came from 20 to 25 miles away, came one day and went back the next day. We went to Abilene and had to put up in a wagon yard.

"There were few buggies in those days," he continued. "People came to town on horseback or in wagons.

"The depot used to be on the west side of Oak Street and where the Gulf Station is now there was a livery stable and the railroad stock pens where the depot is now."

"The Presbyterian Church is now, he explained. There were lots of wild animals here then—wild cats, coyotes, panthers and such as that—and plenty of rattlesnakes."

When Mr. Sanders first came to Merkel he farmed, south of town. After that he worked as a day laborer until he went to work for the post office.

"I commenced delivery of the mail in a buggy and a two-wheel cart," he stated. "We didn't have much roads in those days. Then I bought a mail wagon for that purpose.

"In 1907 and 8 I road a motorcycle. I followed the trails and they were bumpy. Parcels and post came in then and I had to get something larger. I got my first car in 1909."

From then on he drove cars and they began to improve the roads. "Lots of times I had to play on the south side of Mulberry Creek all night on account of high water," he recalled. "I came in the next morning, got my mail and started out again."

Did he have any exciting moments in the early days? "Well," he replied, "not much. I arrived just before a Mexican demoned a car and then killed the sheriff of Big Spring and the deputy sheriff of Merkel. That was my closest scrape. Nobody ever tried to hold me up."

JOE SHUGART ELECTED 6TH GRADE PRESIDENT FOR SEVENTH MONTH

On March 15, Mrs. Cox's sixth grade class elected officers for the seventh month of school. They were: Joe Shugart, president; Tommy Hogan, vice president; Carlton Pair, secretary; Dewell Burden, treasurer, and Mike Farley, reporter.

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PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Price had as visitors their daughter, Mrs. J. N. Herron, and family of Golen and also their son Adrian and family of Sweetwater. On Saturday their daughter, Mrs. "Bug" Eisenberg, and family were visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Houston of San Angelo visited in the home of their daughter, Mrs. James Hook, Mr. Hook and son Eddie over the weekend.

Mrs. James L. Winters, Jr., of Crane spent the weekend of Mrs. W. A. McCandless.

Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Reynolds and family of Comanche visited over the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Reynolds.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Doan of Abilene visited their daughter, Mrs. Price Melton and family, and sisters, Mrs. A. L. Farmer and Mr. Farmer of Blair, Mrs. Hugh Campbell and the Doan brothers last weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. John D. Oliver, twins and Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Oliver, and son Donny of Midland were weekend visitors in the John Oliver home.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Harris and sons, Steve and David, of Kokomo, Ind., have been visiting her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Clemmer, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Clark returned home Thursday of last week from Abilene, after spending 10 days in the home of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Edd McDuff, and new granddaughter, Patricia Ann.

HAVE MANY VISITORS

Major and Mrs. Lloyd A. Wake-man and their son, Douglas, have returned to their home at Arlington, Va., after spending 10 days in the home of Mrs. Wakeman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carlton L. McLeod of Trent.

They also visited other relatives and friends in this vicinity.

Other recent visitors in the McLeod home included Capt. and Mrs. Chet Hoyle and their children, Dean, Kent and Lynn of Austin; and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Elrod and children, Gloria Ann and Charles, of Big Spring.

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4-H CLUB ROYALTY — Gene Murff, Hamlin, left, and Mildred Stevens, Noodle, were crowned Jones County's 1954 4-H Club king and queen at the annual fun festival in Anson Friday night.

BLUEBONNET H. D. CLUB WILL MEET MARCH 30

The Bluebonnet Home Demonstration Club will meet March 30 in the Fellowship Hall, Pioneer Memorial Church, at 1:30 p. m. Mrs. Frank Brnovak and Mrs. Allen D. King will give a copper-plate box demonstration.

All members are urged to attend and visitors are always welcome.

DEBRA DISMUKE HONORED ON HER THIRD BIRTHDAY

Mrs. Kenneth Dismuke of Ira honored her daughter Debra with a party on her third birthday at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. Bob McDonald at 1 p. m. Saturday. Her birthday was March 21.

The children enjoyed the egg hunt, picture taking and a big birthday cake. The little guests were Brenda and Finley Barnett, Perry and Tommy Springer.

SERVICE GUILD CELEBRATES ITS SECOND ANNIVERSARY

The Wesleyan Service Guild met Monday night of last week in the home of Mrs. Don Dudley. The house was most attractive, being decorated in Spanish pieces from Old Mexico.

The Service Guild was celebrating its second anniversary, so guests came dressed in Spanish costume. Spanish food served buffet style consisted of tamales, pinto beans, Spanish rice, combination salad, garlic bread, coffee and sweets.

Those present were: Mesdames Junior Clark, Pete West, Ben Hicks, Cyrus Pee, Joe Dell Gregory, Andy Shouse, Johnny Cox, W. W. Wilson, Holt Vaughn, W. C. Swartz, R. M. Ferguson, Aubrey F. White, Misses Gladys Newton and Betty Jane Tittle.

IS ON DESTROYER

T. J. Bird, Jr., radarman second class, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Bird is serving aboard the destroyer escort control ship USS Frybarger.

MYF OFFICERS, COUNSELORS HOLD MEETING SUNDAY

The newly elected officers and the counselors of the Methodist Youth Fellowship held their first meeting Sunday, March 21. After eating together at the church a council meeting was held when programs for the next two months were discussed.

It was decided that the M. Y. F. would have a charge of one Sunday night service a month after which they would have fellowship at someone's home. The service for May 2. After other discussion the meeting was dismissed with the M. Y. F. benediction.

The members of the M. Y. F. council include:

President, Corky Cox; vice president, Sandra Patterson; secretary, Jane Tipton; treasurer, Jackie Hogan; publicity chairman, Barbara Wilson;

Christian faith and witness chairman, Marilyn Liles — adult advisor, Mrs. Deniz Cox; Christian outreach and citizenship, Jacky McAninch — adult advisor, Mrs. J. W. Hammond; Christian fellowship, George Starbuck — adult advisors, Mrs. Fred Starbuck and Mrs. B. M. Tipton.

Leaders for the morning session, Mrs. Virgie Patterson; counselors, Mrs. Wm. R. Cypert, Mrs. Aubrey F. White; pastor, Rev. Aubrey F. White, Sunday school superintendent, Ellis Harris

LT. W. A. McDONALD NOW WITH ARMY NEAR SEOUL, KOREA

Lt. William A. McDonald is now with the Army in Korea. He is 50 miles north of Seoul.

AT RELATIVE'S FUNERAL

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Rutledge and two daughters went to Abilene Sunday got her father, C. H. Baker, went on to Lueders and attended the funeral of her-in-law, 57, her brother's father-in-law.

LEGAL NOTICE

We, the subscribers, have this day entered into a limited partnership agreeably to the provision of the Revised Statutes relating to limited partnerships; and do hereby certify that the terms of our said partnership are as follows:

STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF TAYLOR

These are to certify that the undersigned are forming a limited partnership, and the undersigned represent the following:

(a) The name or firm under which the partnership is to be conducted is Ace Service Company, Limited.

(b) The general nature of the business to be transacted is the repair and adjustment of various types of electric and electronic devices and instruments.

(c) The names of all of the general and special partners interested therein, distinguishing which are general and which are special partners, in their respective places of residence, are:

R. L. Howard, general partner, of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas; Ray Jarnagin, general partner, of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas; Stewart Peake, Sr., special partner, of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas.

(d) The amount of capital which the special partner has contributed to the common stock is \$375.00 in cash.

(e) The period at which the partnership is to commence is the 22 day of March, 1954, and the period at which it is to terminate is the 22 day of March, 1959.

/S/ R. L. Howard
/S/ Ray Jarnagin
/S/ Stewart Peake, Sr.
Special Partner

Adv. — March 26, April 2, 9, 16.

Livestock Report

By TED GOULDY

The largest run of sheep to arrive at Fort Worth this season was on hand Monday, and the run was the biggest since June, 1953. Orders for sheep and lambs from all parts of the country were reported during the day and trade was active after a rather slow start.

Prices were favorable despite offering of nearly twice as many sheep around the major markets as last Monday. Milk, fat lambs were strong to 50 cents or more higher, and the top of \$26 was \$1 above the best so far this season. Shorn old crop slaughter lambs were about steady with the close of last week in a very uneven trade. Yearlings were strong to \$1 higher and topped at \$19, a new high for the class for the season. Older sheep were fully steady.

Cattle trade was again highly uneven, with trade slow and prices steady to weaker on most kinds. It was another session in which the buyers were apparently under no pressure for supplies and there were some soft spots in the prices of virtually all kinds.

Good, choice milk fat lambs cashed at \$23 to \$26 and cull to medium offerings cashed at \$16 to \$22. Shorn old crop fat lambs bulked at \$19 to \$21.50, when good and choice, while one lot of \$22. Cull to medium kinds sold from \$12 to \$18.50. Yearlings and two-year-old wethers sold from \$14 to \$19, and old wethers sold from \$11 to \$14. Slaughter ewes sold from \$6.50 to \$9.50, a few higher. Old bucks sold from \$4 to \$6.

Good and choice slaughter steers and yearlings cashed at \$18 to \$22, and individual club calves topped at \$24 to \$25. Common and medium slaughter steers and yearlings sold from \$13 to \$17, with some cutter grade down to \$10.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to express my thanks to my many friends for the cards and remembrances, the occasion being my eightieth birthday.

Mrs. Bessie Derstine.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our deepest gratitude to everyone who sent food, flowers or extended words of sympathy to us at the passing of our beloved husband, father and brother, We thank Dr. Sadler, Dr. Warren and the nurses for their untiring efforts. May God's richest blessings follow each of you.

Mrs. W. C. Hunter and Children The Brothers and Sisters.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to take this method of thanking our many dear friends for their kind and loving sympathy in the passing of our beloved husband and papa, A. J. Wright Route 2, Merkel, Texas. Every act and word of kindness and the nice food and beautiful flowers are deeply appreciated. May God's richest blessings rest on each of you.

Mrs. A. J. Wright and Children.

WATER FOR MERKEL

Part of an article in the Abilene Reporter-News stated: "Deadman Creek may be channeled into Lake Fort Phantom Hill as additional city water supply in the next five years."

The City Commission was advised Thursday by S. W. Freese, engineer, to take that action. More filtered-water storage and pumping facilities and Southwest Abilene distribution lines were among the other projects Mr. Freese urged for first priority.

Abilene should plan to furnish the water supply for Tye and Merkel, the engineer said.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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TREAT SEEDS

Seed should be treated before planting with a recommended chemical to control seed borne diseases. Treatment is also an aid for improving germination. — A. & M.

CLASSIFIED AD SECTION

LODGE CALLS NOTICE MASONS

Stated meeting of Merkel Lodge No. 710, A. F. & A. M., Saturday, April 17, 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.

NOTICE

Stated Meeting of the Merkel Chapter No. 212 O. E. S. Tuesday, March 23, at 7:30 p. m.
Inez Pratt, W. M.
Fern Windham, Secretary.

WANTED

WANTED — Lady to stay with me in my home. Have conveniences, car, TV, Contact Mrs. W. C. Hill or Darvin Hill, R. 2 Sylvester, Texas. 2t1c.

WANTED — Ironing, Khaki Pants or Shirts, 10c each. Mrs. A. B. Gregory, last house northeast of town in City Limits. 3t50p.

WANTED — We need several good electric refrigerators. Will trade television sets, refrigerators or electric stoves. Badger Chevrolet Co. t336c.

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FOR RENT — 4-room house, 1 1/2 miles Northeast of Merkel, 1/2 Branch Road. T. T. Earthman, 211 Ash Street. 3t52c.

FOR RENT — Modern trailer park at 709 Ash St., \$15 a month rental. See Herman Carson at Carson's Grocery. t451c.

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WEST TEXAS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WILL MEET IN SAN ANGELO

An expert in federal-state relations, a nationally-known econo-

mist, the president of a major railroad, and the Governor of Texas will address members of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce on March 29 and 30 in San Angelo.

The occasion is the regional chamber's 36th annual convention. Gov. Allan Shivers will deliver the keynote address at the opening session.

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LOUIS S. BUTMAN IN SOME OF HIS BETTER K R BLUESTEM GRASS.

Louis S. Butman has demonstrated that cropland can be returned to grass, even in some of the driest years that the Merkel-Trent area has ever experienced.

In 1951, Mr. Butman planted two fields of about 100 acres each to K. R. Bluestem grass. Seeding was in March on land that was in feed the previous year and was still covered with old crop stubble. He planted in 40-inch rows, two pounds of seed per acre.

One of the fields planted, a 98-acre former cotton farm adjoining the Pioneer Church, has done exceptionally well.

In 1951, very little growth was made. Coleman O'Brien of the Merkel SCS office said he saw this field for the first time in September of 1952.

"It didn't look too good to me at the time," Mr. O'Brien said, "but considering the drought it grew taller, bunches spread and a large amount of seed was made. It proved again that it takes some grass to grow grass." "On Feb. 26 when the accompanying photo was made, Tom Russom, Middle Clear Fork Soil Conservation District supervisor, Mr. Butman and myself dug out several clumps of grass and found soil wet enough to ball good in your hand. This land is not sub-irrigated, but it was almost as wet as if it were."

Mr. Butman recently said he was buying a special seed harvester and would harvest seed this year.

He said that this particular field was "bad to blow" and that

this was the main reason he turned to grass.

"It was one of the best moves I ever made," he said. "I can get more grazing off this 98-acre field than any section of range land I have."

Mr. Butman has seeded K. R. Bluestem in areas of bull-dozed cedar with good results. He recommends that seed be hand-sown immediately after cedar is pushed.

"The loose soil and pits are excellent places in which to seed," he continued. "The first rain melts the clods down to cover seed and the cedar brush helps hold moisture and furnishes shade for the young grass plants."

Mr. Butman said that he expects to seed a great deal more land to K. R. Bluestem grass in the future.

precepts and examples that have come down to us in the Scriptures, are the only safeguards against the Salems of this world. Not only witches were executed at Salem. The Christian religion was crucified there."

SOURCE OF PROTEIN FEED

Processed poultry offal with fat and water removed, may soon be utilized by Texas broiler producers as a source of high content protein feed. It is now being tested by the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station. The processed offal contains approximately 63 percent protein, and amino acid about equal to that of fish meal.—A. & M.

Washington

"As It Looks From Here"

OMAR BURLESON
Congressman
17th District

Consideration is being given in the Congress to provide construction of Federal buildings on a 15- to 30-year lease-purchase arrangement. The House of Representatives approved such a bill last year. It would provide local money on competitive bids to build post offices, courthouses, warehouses, etc. The property would be leased back, and during this period, state and local taxes would be paid by the owner. At the end of the 15- or 30-year period when the lease terminated, title would pass to the United States.

The tax bill passed by the House of Representatives last week is the first revision of the tax laws in 70 years. With the changes which have come about during this period, certainly it was needed. The bill was 875 pages in length, including the appendix.

There is a considerable part of it which I do not like, but it was a matter of "take it or leave it," since it was brought on the floor of the House of Representatives under what is known as a "closed rule," which means that no amendments can be offered.

I also deplored the action of the Ways and Means Committee in not making available to members of Congress this huge document for study. It was released approximately four hours before debate started. It was impossible to read it, much less study it.

At President Eisenhower's news conference the other day, he had this to say:

"You know the world is suffering from a multiplicity of fears. We fear the men in the Kremlin, we fear what they will do to our friends around them; we are fearing what unwise investigators will do to us here at home as they try to combat subversion or bribery or deceit within."

"We have got to work at each of those in its proper perspective... to understand what the whole sum total means. And remember this: The reason they are feared and bad is because there is a little element of truth in each, a little element of danger in each, and that means that finally there is left a little residue that you can meet only by faith, a faith in the destiny of America, and that is what I believe is the answer."

This statement of the President reminds me of an editorial appearing recently in The Abilene Reporter-News, referring to the criminal trials of witchcraft in the State of Massachusetts 262 years ago.

The last paragraph of the editorial contains a very deep truth: "Fanaticism in all its forms is a threat to civilized institutions. Cool heads and hearts devoted to human welfare, based on the great

CEMETERY FUND

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

- I. N. Irvin \$10.00
- Mr. and Mrs. Ted Pargoment \$5.00
- A. J. Canon \$5.00
- B. D. B. Block \$5.00
- M. L. Douglas \$2.00

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

TIMELY TIPS

Brown rice is richer in minerals and vitamins, serve it often for your serving of whole grain.

Do not wash rice before or after cooking.

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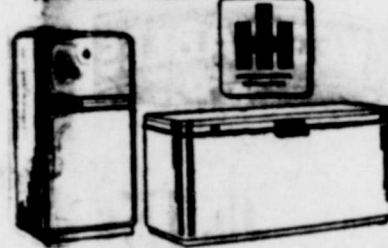
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EDITORIAL

DEVEREL MELTON

Deverel Melton, a Merkel boy, has paid the supreme price in his devotion to his Country. He died while on active duty in the Army of this Country. He passed away in a Korean prison camp.

To his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Melton, now living in Odessa, we offer our deepest sympathy. To them is the proud memory that their son gave his life for his Country.

The struggle that goes on today in hot wars and cold wars is quite distant from us. They do not seem to touch us. But when a local boy is engulfed by the battle and dies in the struggle it brings home to us the true picture of the threat of communism. It is as close to us as the boy next door, as near as our own son.

If we remember to combat communism wherever we find it, the death of Deverel will not have been in vain. It will have been a challenge to us to keep always on the alert for the dreaded head of communism.

THE CHURCHES

Last week on the front page we had four different items about the churches here. These were besides the page of the church directory and other articles and pictures about the churches. There was the story about the revival to be held at the Baptist Church. There was the article about Rev. Tullock making the convention address in Abilene. There was the report about the band service at the Methodist Church. And there was the item about the gospel preaching at the Church of Christ.

Naturally, one might ask, "Why so much emphasis upon church matters? Is that news?"

It is the aim of the newspaper to represent a picture of present history as it happens. Of course, some newspapers over stress crime and tragic happenings. Some, like the Christian Science Monitor, leave out the personal violent happenings of life and feature the happier side of things.

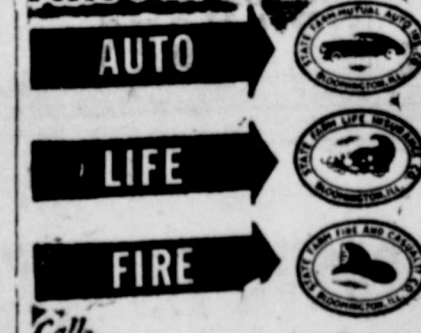
But a weekly newspaper attempts to give a complete picture as far as possible.

We feel that the church has a big place in the affairs of Merkel, and so we feature the matters that pertain to the church. We often go out of our way to give a complete picture.

For example, in last week's reports we were on the spot in most of it. We heard Fred Custis preach so eloquently at the Church of Christ. We were present when the McMurry Band played that inspiring service at the Methodist Church. We interviewed Rev. Tullock to get the meat of his sermon in Abilene.

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by giving a good report on church matters.

MODERN SORCERY

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"WHITE-ICISM"

That's ALL - and the Sage of Figfield adds that those who reach for the skies are few in number.

NEWS

County Home Demonstration Agent Texas A. & M. College Extension Service
By LORETA ALLEN

Mrs. John Hughes and Mrs. J. Ben Campbell, Merkel Club, Mrs. Allen King, Blue Bonnet Club, and Mrs. Beauford Buntin and Miss Mable McRee, Union Ridge Club, attended council in Abilene recently. One thing considered in council was what the clubs would do in observance of National Home Demonstration Week, May 2-8. They decided to work on letting the public know about their work through news articles and radio.

They also decided to extend an invitation April 8 in San Angelo to District 7 to have the 1953 meeting in Abilene. Several of the clubs were working on skits to be given at the R. E. A. meeting in Merkel.

Mrs. Tom Russom of Blue Bonnet Club is attending an advanced dress making school in Abilene. There are 23 women attending the school. Ten clubs have representatives attending.

Things they are learning include putting in an interfacing, a new way to make a tailored buttonhole, how to measure patterns to fit before cutting, and many other techniques that make sewing easier and give garments that professional look.

Lawn 4-H girls are putting up a bulletin board in their home room



LORETA ALLEN
... homemaking speaker

to put up their 4-H news. This is a good suggestion for other 4-H clubs.

Are you bothered with ants? If you have ever been bothered with them in your lawn or your home, this should be of vital concern to you.

Where the ants invade our home, spray the interior of the house where ants are commonly seen with a two percent chlordane household spray. This will give temporary relief. It is also advisable to spray around window and door facings where the ants enter

and around water pipe fittings of sinks and wash basins as ants will sometimes seek damp places for water.
A more permanent control can be obtained by treating around the outside premises of the house and foundations to destroy the colonies thus preventing reinfestations.
In controlling these pests on our lawns dust the entire area with five percent chlordane dust or spray with a material diluted according to the manufacturer's directions. This treatment is improved by additional watering of the lawn following application of chlordane.

YOUR SENATOR REPORTS

By LYNDON B. JOHNSON

SAVE SOIL, WATER: Principal points of an upstream water control bill Cong. Bob Poage introduced in the House and I introduced in the Senate are included in legislation passed recently by the House.

It provides for Department of Agriculture cooperation with a state, or any political subdivision authorized by the state, in carrying out such flood prevention projects as correct land treatment.

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gully plugs, detention dams, and the like. Object is to stop water close to the point where it falls - for use as needed.
This is an important water and soil conservation measure.
LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM: Administration's proposed legislative program is moving slowly.
The farm bill is still before House and Senate committees, as this is written, and so are proposed amendments to the Taft-Hartley Act. Nothing at all has been done as yet about a foreign trade bill, a major administration project. The bill to expand the social

security program is scheduled for committee hearings.
A factor throwing the timetable off balance has been the urgent demand for tax reduction. My mail from Texas reflects that demand.
AIR ACADEMY: Chances that the Air Academy will be located in Texas were improved when the Senate adopted our amendment providing that if board members named to survey possible sites agree unanimously, their choice must be accepted. If members are divided, AF Secretary must select one of their three top choices.

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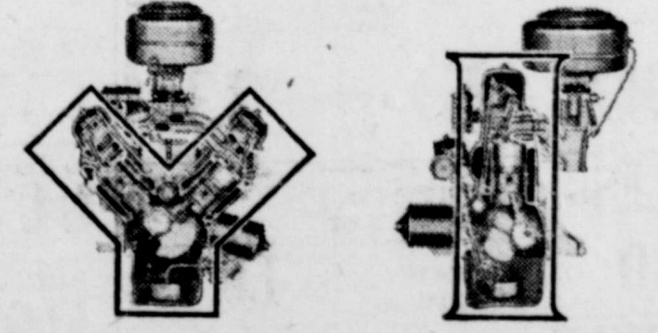
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Five-year-old Karen Albrecht of San Antonio, the National Easter Seal Child, called on the governor to ask him to buy the first sheet of Seals in the 21st annual Easter Seal Campaign.

Karen, victim of cerebral palsy due to a birth injury, was selected to represent the thousands of crippled children who have been aided by the Easter Seal Societies. Her face is appearing on billboards, car cards, in newspaper and on television during the 30-day appeal.

One of four children, Karen is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Albrecht and regularly attends the San Antonio Cerebral Palsy and Crippled Children's Center where a staff of specialists are training her to walk with the aid of braces and crutches. The

Special Program Is Being Planned For Next Sunday

The Men's Downtown Bible Class will have a special program Sunday, starting at 8:44 a. m. Mrs. Opal Malone will be the speaker with an inspiring message. The Men's Quartet, composed of Fred Starbuck, Chesley Patterson, Cyrus Pee and Paul Honeycutt, will sing.

The class meets at the Texas Theatre. Everybody is welcome.

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Local 4-H Boys Are Getting Ready For Spring Shows

Among the 14 Taylor County 4-H Club boys and girls who have obtained and put on feed for next spring shows 27 calves costing from \$100 to \$150 a head for their calves, according to County Agent H. C. Stanley, are: Ronnie Barnett of Merkey 4-H who has three calves on feed, one from the Roy Largent & Sons and Dr. W. T. Sadler herd, two from Dorothea Griffin's herd. Ronnie Freeman, Trent 4-H who has two calves which he obtained from W. J. Largent & Sons, Waytie Irvin, Merkel, who has a

Dorothea Griffin calf on feed. Three youngsters, Glen Sandusky, Phillip and Elley Jack Seymore, all of Merkel 4-H who have one calf each which they obtained from Mrs. John Smallwood of Lawn.

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211 Oak St. — Merkel

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The Merkel Band, directed by W. G. Reed, furnished the music. Supt. Mack Fisher gave an interesting report on school finances. In his talk he gave the club much worthwhile information.

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Wrenn Durham Reports Receipts Less for January

Merkel postal receipts for February were 20 per cent less than for January, announced Postmaster Wrenn Durham. They were 30 per cent less than for February 1953.

Receipts for January and February were 12 per cent less than for the same months of 1953 because the receipts for January 1954 were more than for January 1953, explained Postmaster Durham.

February postal receipts at 122 Texas post offices were five per cent more than in the same period last year, the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research reported.

February receipts were only five per cent less than January, the smallest month-to-month decline since last July-August.

GAS TAX REFUND

Lone Star Gas Company's industrial customers in Texas are to receive state gas gathering tax refund checks totaling approximately one million dollars. These refunds are made possible by the United States Supreme Court's decision rendered Feb. 8, holding the tax to be unconstitutional and void.



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- KOOL AID** 6 PKGS. 23c
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SPECIALS FRIDAY and SATURDAY MARCH 26th & 27th

SWIFT PREM can 43c

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