

Twenty-Five Votes Are Cast Here In School Election

Twenty-five votes were cast in the school election here last Saturday.

Howard Reddin and Ray Wilson were re-elected without competition and received 25 votes each. James E. Freeman, county trustee at large, was re-elected and received 24 votes, the odd vote being from Jones county.

By 1 p. m. last Saturday only 11 votes had been cast.

TYE
Voters re-elected Elmer Mattingly, incumbent, and one new member, Walter Webb, as trustees of the Tye Independent School District Saturday.

Mr. Webb received 12 votes, and Mattingly, nine. Another incumbent, D. N. Warner lost out when he received eight votes. A fourth candidate, Marion Hufstедler, received three votes.

TRENT
J. M. Stowe and Orvin Robinson were named trustees of Trent Independent School District in balloting Friday. They won the posts over three others.

Wray V. William was elected mayor and Carl Edwards and H. H. McLeod were elected city commissioners. They were unopposed. Mr. Stowe received 70 and Mr. Robinson 51 votes in the trustee race while Odell Freeman received

33, Onis Graham 12, and W. T. Willis 14.

A total of 92 votes were cast in the school election and 35 in the commission and mayor's race.

J. E. Touchstone Wins Election For Commissioner

J. E. Touchstone of the Noodle Community last Friday was given approval of Jones County Precinct 4 voters for the post of county commissioner.

Mr. Touchstone received 404 votes in the run-off Saturday while his opponent, Herman Steele, got 269.

Jones County Judge Roger Garrett, Jr., will probably appoint Mr. Touchstone now to fill the unexpired vacancy in the Precinct 4 post caused by the death of Odell Rainwater in February.

HELP IN VISITATION

Herbert and Tommy Swinney have helped in a visitation Youth Meeting at Nolan the past week.



ISADORE MELLINGER
... Lion president

I. Mellinger Elected Head Of Lions Club

Isadore Mellinger was elected president of the Merkel Lions Club at its meeting this week.

Clesby Patterson was elected 1st vice president; Booth Warren, second vice president; C. A. Farley, 3rd vice president.

Other officers elected were: Leon R. Walker, secretary; Horace Hargrove, treasurer; Rev. Sam E. Tullock, lion tamer.

Directors named were: For one year, Horace Boney and Tommy Ellis; for two years, Prof. Mack Fisher and Herman Carson.

These are the names submitted by the nominating committee: Lester Dorton, chairman, Horace Boney and Fred Starbuck. They were unanimously elected.

Prof. Mack Fisher, president, presided at the meeting. Fred Starbuck reported that the city council would pay \$9.50 with the club for street signs, that would cost around \$1,723.70. This does not include labor to place the signs and posts. No action was taken on the report.

Prof. Fisher appointed Earl Hughes as chairman of the cancer drive. The members of the committee with him are Paul Honeycutt, Wayne Adcock, David Gamble, Lean Walker, C. A. Farley and Allen Glenn.

President Fisher presented David L. Adams of Abilene, chairman of the Taylor County Crippled Children's Drive, who introduced Shelby Smith, director of the Taylor County Crippled Children's Treatment Center.

Wayne Adcock called the members attention to the pancake supper to be held for the benefit of the Boy Scouts.

The club voted to support the Boy Scouts in placing gum machines for the profit of the boys. It also agreed to have members pay for their own dinner guests.

Badger Baseball Season Starts Here This Week

The first Badger game was scheduled to be played Wednesday, April 7, announced Coach Tommy Ellis. This game was to be played against Abilene at Abilene.

Tonight, Friday, the Badgers will compete against the Abilene "B" team here. The game will start at 4 p. m. at the stadium.

The first conference game will be played against Colorado City here, starting at 3:30 p. m. Tuesday.

TO THE CITIZENS OF PRECINCT 4:
I want to thank each and every one for the wonderful support you gave me through this special election.

I do appreciate being your commissioner, and I am ready to start repaying you with a clean and sound administration, as I have promised before.

I will at all times be ready to serve you to the best of my ability. When I can be of service to you feel free to call on me at any time.

Sincerely,
J. E. Touchstone
—Adv.

DOLLAR DAY NOTE

In next week's paper the Dollar Day ads will be carried. Merchants are asked to kindly have their ads ready early.

BULLETIN!

Merkel is to have a dentist. Dr. Brady Cox of Moahans is now advertising in the want ads for a house here. He expects to be here the first of May.

BULLETIN!

The Red Cross drive will start here Monday. At that time a canvass of the town will be made.

BULLETIN!

Jerry Ann Shepperd, 7, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Riggs Shepperd, died at 7 a. m. Tuesday in Washington, D. C. She had had a brain operation.

The funeral is to be held at 10 a. m. today, Friday, at the Methodist Church here. Rev. Aubrey F. White will officiate, assisted by Rev. Hugh H. Hunt of Stanton.

She is also survived by a brother, John Riggs.

Pallbearers will be Ray Wilson, Lester Dorton, W. H. Lemons, Earle Watts, Holt Vaughn, Grif Barnett, all of Merkel, and O. B. Bryan of Stanton.

Mr. Shepperd is the former general manager of the Taylor Electric Coop. and is now assistant administrator of the REA in Washington, D. C.

Pancake Supper Is Big Success

The pancake supper put on by the Boy Scouts was a big success. There were 250 persons present. Many bought tickets ahead of time but were unable to be present.

The biggest rush came between 6:30 p. m. when the supper started and 7:30 p. m. After that others came but not in as big a crowd as in the first hour.

The Boy Scouts netted \$130. Clesby Patterson, general chairman of the affair stated:

"I want to thank everyone who helped on this grand occasion, especially Wayne Adcock, entertainment chairman, and all who helped in anyway in entertaining; Nolan Palmer and Lester Dorton in charge of prizes and those who contributed in anyway; Myrtle Woodcraft, chief cook supervisor; Lester Dorton and Willie B. Toombs and all their cooks and helpers; Principal C. A. Farley and Frank Breaux, in charge of advertising and ticket printing and selling; and Hy White for publicity."

The Boy Scouts are sending personal letters of thanks to each company that contributed supplies.

Those who entertained were: Quartet, Dr. James H. Chaney, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Cypert and Mrs. H. S. Earp with Mrs. Chaney as piano accompanist; male quartet, Fred Starbuck, Clesby Patterson, Paul Honeycutt and Cyrus Pate with Mrs. Robert Malone at the piano; Charlie Sherrill, accordion and piano; Mrs. Sam McLeod, piano; VIC String Band, Tommy Cutler, Dillard Harris, Kenneth Collier, Charlie Beard and Benny Stallo; Director W. G. Reed and His Hobo Band, James Simpson, Jack Miller, Britta Denton and Larry Joyce.

DR. WARREN TO TALK
The Noodle P.-T.A. will have its regular meeting on Tuesday, April 13 at 7:30 p. m. Dr. Warren will be the guest speaker. He will talk on the polio vaccine. All members are urged to be present.

Local Firemen And Auxiliary At Convention
The Midwest Texas Firemen's Association semi-annual convention was to be held in Albany on April 8.

A big representation planned to go from here. Merkel was to be represented by one men's racing team and one ladies' racing team. They have been practicing for the past weeks.

J. Parker Sharp, secretary of the association, planned to be present.

CHILDREN MOVE FAST!
"Drive slow! Children move fast!" warned Col. E. B. Tilley, president of the Texas Safety Association. "A good rule for drivers to follow is to always expect the unexpected from children."

Starbuck, Barnett And Hodge Elected As City Aldermen

Fred Starbuck and Grif Barnett were re-elected as aldermen at the city election held here Tuesday.

Merkel Lobos Leap to Front In First Game

The Merkel Lobos easily won the baseball game here Sunday against the Abilene Merchants All-Stars. The score was 19 to 1.

A large crowd attended the game.

Jimmy Floyd and Dink Whisenhunt pitched while Don Dudley received.

The Lobos took the lead in the first inning and kept it.

Seferino Luna knocked a home run with two men on bases. Durwood Doan cracked a three-bagger with the bases loaded.

Walter Whisenhunt is captain and Juan Biera is manager of the Lobos.

The Lobos will play here at 2:30 p. m. Sunday against Stamford.

VISITS NEW GRANDDAUGHTER

Mrs. Norma Bond visited this week in Big Spring with her daughter, Mrs. Norman English. Mr. English and new granddaughter, Patsy Ann, born March 27.

SINGING AT PIONEER

There will be singing at the Pioneer Church Sunday at 2 p. m. Everyone is invited.

Talk About Telling Taller Tales Than Texans - Well, Here's Trobe

Editor's Note: Trobe Vaughn, that fisherman extraordinary, world traveler and master raconteur (story teller), has done it again. In his latest letter he tells tall tales and adds, "Let's stick to facts!" It follows:

Well! You asked for it and I'll try to give it to you.

I don't know much about this fish business in the cold, cold north but I don't see why nature can't take care of its fish where streams freeze solid just as well as it has in those portions of South America where streams run dry during portions of the year when there is no rain.

It is common knowledge among the natives of the planet portion of Brazil that pools completely shut off from other water connections may have fish up to 20 inches. (In length, not between the eyes!)

As the water dries up for lack of rain, these fish bury themselves deeply in the mud and, in a state of suspended animation, await the next rainy season, when a few minutes after there is enough water, they become active again.

Other fish, in drying streams, being more restless and adventurous, take off down the dry stream bed, using their pectoral fins as legs and sometimes travel for miles before encountering the next water. Personally, I have never seen one of these in migration but have had a merry chase after the anaheps, or four-eyed fish, which are the best bait in the tropics, and travel on dry land at an amazing speed.

Now, I am going to answer that dig you gave me in your editorial of January 29. Seems as though you're anglin' to get me hooked in a battle of tall fish stories with some of the members of Fisherman's Row.

Why! You know I wouldn't stand a ghost of a chance with those Texas guys, especially with that 14 inches between the eyes' feller. I couldn't beat that one even though that is the size we use for bait down in the Gulf of California! So, let's stick to facts.

By the way — the season for those big fellows, I mean the totu-ava — the white sea bass — is op-

en in April. I wish you could come out and get some of them for yourself. But I might put a couple of eyes on the opposite ends of a stick and send them to you, so you can actually see how big they really are.

That little thing in your "twenty years ago" last week did it again. While I wasn't at the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Butman I was at the original wedding 50 years before that. I was a lad of 12 that day but my sister's wedding completely outshone my birthday and I had to take a back seat.

About that Merkel Mail anniversary 64 years ago. I can still see Mary Jane coming across from street waving the first copy off the press as he brought it to show my father, who was station agent there at the time and in a big way instrumental in persuading Mary Jane to start his paper in Merkel.

I wish you would run a 64 years ago column for a little while. I have no doubt many other Merkelites would enjoy it. Good luck to you and your paper.

WARNS DRIVERS

The City Council has received numerous complaints about some persons driving their cars so recklessly and carelessly that they are endangering the lives and property of others in violation of a City ordinance and a state law governing the operation of motor vehicles.

The Council has issued orders to its enforcement officers to use all possible means to issue tickets to all offenders and no excuses will be accepted.

Every Governmental agency from President Eisenhower on down is urging every one to help in preventing this unnecessary loss of life and property. We are asking your help in trying to control a bad situation and promise to use whatever means are necessary to bring it under control.

By order of The City Council.
Mayor,
H. C. West

—Adv.

SINGING AT TRENT

There will be singing Sunday at the Trent Church of Christ. The singing will begin at 2:30 p. m. and end at 3:30 p. m.

SINGING AT PIONEER

There will be singing at the Pioneer Church Sunday at 2 p. m. Everyone is invited.

Appreciation Day To Be Held Sunday At First Baptist

Appreciation Day for their pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. Sam E. Tullock, will be held at the First Baptist Church Sunday morning by the 15 departments and 46 classes of the church's Sunday School.

It was one year ago next Sunday that Rev. Tullock preached his first sermon here as pastor. At that time the Sunday School welcomed him with 454 present.

"This coming Sunday we hope to have 500 present," stated Leon McAden, Sunday School superintendent. "This has been an inspiring and fruitful year under his leadership. We cordially invite all those who can attend Sunday School with us."

AT COMPERE CEMETERY

Those interested in the Compere Cemetery are requested to bring a basket lunch and be prepared to work the cemetery Wednesday, April 14.

GIRL TO JIMMY SMITHS

A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy L. Smith at the Sadler Hospital April 6.

Urges Little Better Understanding Toward All Crippled Children

"Be a little better in understanding these crippled children." That was the kindly advice given by Shelby Smith, director of the Taylor County Crippled Children's Treatment Center, in his heart-warming talk before the Lions Club this week. The center is located at the Bonham School in Abilene. Mr. Smith was introduced by David L. Adams, Abilene, chairman of the Taylor County Crippled Children's Drive.

Mr. Smith told how the children are handled at the center.

"Any physical handicapped child in West Texas will be treated at the center," stated the speaker. "The muscles are re-educated. The child is taught to walk better. My work is that of a glorified coach."

Then he told about Edna Marie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Russell, of Merkel. He demonstrated how she can now walk with assurance after her operation and

re-education by the center. He remarked that it would take about five years to help her.

The center takes care of children who have had polio, cerebral palsy, meningitis and other physical disabilities. He stressed the work being done with cerebral palsy cases, damage of that part of the brain that makes muscles move.

"We must have the help of the parents in this careful work," stated the speaker. "We have 60 volunteer workers who are trained aids."

"Last August we had some children who could not walk even with crutches. Now they can walk with braces. Now they can walk with crutches."

"There are some cases in which we can do nothing. There are a great many in which we can. This calls for understanding. So I request, be a little better in understanding these crippled children."

Merkel 20 Years Ago

TAKEN FROM THE 1934 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL

RE-ELECT TRUSTEES

Two members of the board of trustees, W. O. Boney and S. D. Gamble, were returned and Fred Hughes was elected as the new board member for the unexpired term of A. J. Canon, resigned, in the annual election held Saturday. There were 255 ballots cast.

I. S. ALLEN DIES

I. S. Allen, 84, who formerly owned the local telephone exchange and who left Merkel about 16 years ago, died early Sunday morning at his home in Oak Cliff. At the time of their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Allen were both engaged in teaching school, she in Mulberry Canyon and he at Trent.

WARNS AGAINST STOCK

With reference to complaints of stock running loose and chickens at large, Mayor W. M. Elliott called attention to the ordinance against this practice and added, "I feel sure you don't want to see your stock or chickens damage your neighbor's garden or flowers. So please keep them up."

MORE RAIN FALLS

This section was again visited Friday night and Saturday with an almost continuous downpour of several hours, totaling one inch. Total rainfall for the year so far now stands at 5 1/8 inches.

MRS. L. B. MCCLAIN DIES

Funeral services for Mrs. L. B. McClain, who died at 1:50 a. m. Saturday at her home north of town, were held from the First

Baptist Church Saturday afternoon. Mrs. McClain, whose maiden name was Gertrude Higgins, was born April 6, 1901, and had lived near Merkel all her life.

DIES EN ROUTE HOME

Mrs. C. P. Smith, 47, died Saturday morning at 5 o'clock at the home of her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Wilson, who live near Trent. Mrs. Smith was returning to her home at Noodle Dome from San Angelo and had stopped over to spend the night with her sister.

RECORD BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Pat Patterson of Blair a girl April 7, Mr. and Mrs. Dewitt Landreth of near Trent a girl April 8, Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Leverett of near View a boy April 9.

TO HOLD PARADE

Due to the plentiful rain that began to fall Friday night and continued through Saturday morning, the street parade and band concert, which was to have been given by the McMurry College Band and Girls Drum Corps Saturday afternoon here, was called off. The concert has been re-set for May 5.

W. H. HALE SUCCUMBS

The remains of W. H. Hale, 65, who died Tuesday of last week at the home of one of his sons in Roxton, were brought to Trent for burial and services were held at the graveside there on Wednesday afternoon.

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

The city election of three aldermen Tuesday brought about the largest single vote ever cast in Merkel during an election of aldermen, the total vote being 226. The three successful candidates, J. P. Sharp, J. L. Harris and O. W. Williams, were elected by a vote of 163, 121 and 118, respectively.

The freeze on Tuesday night morning in a snow Wednesday morning lasting from 9 o'clock until about 10:30. The fall was continuous during the time and was heavy enough to cover the ground.

Ben T. Merritt, assistant cashier of the F. & M. Bank, was a social caller in Abilene Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Elliott and little son Roy and Mrs. Tom Douglas were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Butler last Sunday.

Mrs. Harry Harris of Abilene

came in last week to visit the families of Jno. D. Gaither and W. R. Walker and others.

Miss Alice Mae Boyce of Abilene was the guest of Miss Elma Sheppard from Saturday until Thursday.

O. F. McMaster announced that his office would be closed while he was in Chicago studying the very latest and most up-to-date methods as applied in the dental profession.

Monday night a crowd of 16 men and boys from here opened the spring fishing season at the Warren Lake north of town. Those going were James Black, Jim Brown, Floyd Dean, Sam Swann, Emmett Grimes, Charlie Jones, Robert Hicks, Luther Grimes, John Collins, Raymond Touchstone, Ralph Bigham, Conner Warwick, Emzi Burroughs and Alford Costephens.

NEWS ABOUT TOWN

Mrs. Barnie Douglas and family and Tommy Webb of Roswell, New Mexico spent the weekend with W. W. Webb.

Mr. and Mrs. Melton Cross and Mike of Abilene visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Cross, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hollis McCoy attended the track meet Saturday in Austin.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Agnew and daughter Judy spent Sunday and Monday of last week in Ft. Worth visiting her sister, Mrs. Earl Bright, who is in the hospital, and

Mr. Bright. Mrs. Ben Hicks and Gary spent the week in Lubbock with her mother, Mrs. J. R. Stratton. They went up there Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Church and children of Plainview spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Dudley.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Johnson Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Moore and family of Grepton.

Mr. and Mrs. Ennis Grimes of Quanah and Rev. and Mrs. E. L. Yates of Roby visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Dee Grimes.

Mr. and Mrs. Ancil Martin of Trent and Miss Betty Jane Tittle visited Saturday at Eagle Pass

with Mr. and Mrs. Orion Tittle and family, Mr. and Mrs. Cullen Tittle and family.

Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Hogan visited in Lubbock Saturday with their daughter, Mrs. Lee Darden, Mr. Darden and family, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Riney accompanied them and visited their son Walter and family.

A/3c Ray W. Thomas had a five-day leave from the Air Force Base at Chanute, Ill. He visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Thomas. He arrived Sunday and remained here three days.

Dr. and Mrs. B. N. Squires and two children, Newel and Leah, of Bowie visited their sisters, Mrs. C. S. Carey, and Mr. Carey over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Bunch, Patricia and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Winters of Abilene were in Hamilton over the weekend. They visited Mrs. Bunch's great grandmother, Mrs. Emma Arnett. She is Mrs. Winter's mother. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. Grover Massey and other friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Green and daughter spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Green, in Dallas.

Mrs. Dent Gibson visited this week with her son, Captain David Gibson, and Mrs. Gibson in Lake Charles, La.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward Berryman of Midland spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Pete Rutledge, and family.

Mrs. R. G. Curb and son Larry of near Odessa were visitors here Wednesday and Thursday of last week of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Price.

Mr. and Mrs. Woody Wilson and family spent Sunday in Haskell with her father, A. D. English, who has been ill.

FIVE GENERATIONS ATTEND 84TH BIRTHDAY DINNER

Five generations attended the 84th birthday celebration dinner honoring Mrs. Etta Causseaux in Trent recently.

Her daughter, Mrs. Knox Statser, who lives with her, was host for the day.

The five generations, in order of age, are Mrs. Casseaux, Mrs. Statser, Mrs. Fred Horton, Mrs. Bobby Hughes of Camp Rucker, Ala., and Cynthia Hughes, 2½ months old.

Mrs. Causseaux came to Texas from North Carolina when she was seven years old. Her family settled in Bell County and she was married there to Mr. Causseaux. They lived in Borden County and from there moved in 1899 to their farm at Trent where she still lives. The late Mr. Causseaux was a rancher and farmer.

Children of Mrs. Causseaux who attended with their families include Clay of Fort Worth, Jay of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Causseaux, Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Devell Johnson of Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lowery and children of Crane, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Young and children of Roscoe, and Mrs. Knox Statser of Trent.

Hordes of Indians Massed for Battle at Queen Theatre

Bigness is the keynote of "Sas-katchewan", the spectacular Universal-International Technicolor adventure which opens Sunday and Monday at the Queen Theatre with Alan Ladd and Shelley Winters in co-starring roles.

There is bigness in scope — the historic campaign by the Royal Canadian Northwest Mounted Police to prevent the American Sioux and the Canadian Cree Indian nations from over-running the Dominion; bigness in action — it has been many a season since such vast hordes of Indians were massed for battle sequences; and, above all, bigness in the colorful grandeur of the Canadian Rockies against which the adventure is set and where the filming of "Sas-katchewan" was done in its entirety.

Al Smith called the old New York Fulton Fish Market his "alma mater".

Thrills, Adventure Pack Vivid Film

It's thrill after thrill, for mile after mile, in a treacherous journey down alligator-infested Shark River in a vivid color movie of the same name which makes its local debut Tuesday and Wednesday at the Queen Theatre.

The exciting picture which stars Steve Cochran and Carole Matthews, is a film crammed with spine-tingling sequences. It tells the story of an adventure-laden trek taken by three men through an unexplored and treacherous swampland. They encounter all sorts of dangers, including moccasin snakes, alligators, the swampland itself, and hostile Seminole Indians, ever eager to slay any white man that they think encroaches on their territory.

MERKELITES ATTEND FUNERAL IN DALLAS OF STERLING SHEPPARD

Those who attended the Sterling Sheppard funeral in Dallas Saturday were:

Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Anderson, Mrs. Twyman Collins, Miss Christine Collins, Mrs. Roy Largent, Mrs. Elma McFarland, Mrs. W. T. Sadler, Mrs. Lige Gamble, Mrs. Pete West and Miss Norma Riney of Abilene.

GEORGE SMITHS MOVE TO MERKEL FROM ARKANSAS

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During the current inspection a substantial number of brake defects will be discovered and corrected. Several tragic accidents will be prevented. Lives will be saved. The same story applies to the inspection of other parts of your car. Lives may be saved because of the discovery and correction of some mechanical defect. And the life saved may be your own.

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- **MOTOR NUMBER** — The motor number of your car will be checked and recorded.
- **FOOT BRAKES** — Brakes will be tested either by brake-tester or road test. Cars with four-wheel brakes must stop in 30 feet at 20 miles per hour.
- **HEADLAMPS** — Both headlights must be in proper condition and set at the correct height from road.
- **TAILLAMPS** — Your car must have at least one tail light, mounted on the rear. It must also have a light illuminating the rear license plate.
- **STOP LIGHTS** — Required on every car sold new after January 1, 1948.
- **HORN** — Will be inspected for audible signal.
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TWO HIGH SCORERS—Two of the 4 highest scoring individual contestants in ACC judging contests were David Perdue, left, freshman member of the Knox City FFA team, scoring highest in poultry judging; and Jacky McAninch, Merkel FFA high in livestock judging.

NEWS
County Home
Demonstration Agent
Texas A.M. College
Extension Service
By LORETTA ALLEN

Mrs. John Hughes, Merkel Club, Mrs. Sam Butman, Jr., and Mrs. Frank Brnovak, Blue Bonnett Club, and Mrs. O. E. Harwell and Miss Mable McRee, Union Ridge Club, attended a leader training meeting in Abilene recently. They will be giving the demonstration on making "Meat Ball En Caserole" to their clubs soon. If you want to know a good way to serve ground meat that the whole family will like, you had better go to one of these clubs when the above women will give the demonstration and prepare a whole meal.

I've heard that Ruby Stephan and Lawanda Vinson are working on a team demonstration. You other 4-H girls better get busy.

This month, I'm meeting all the demonstration clubs and discussing what makes "A Comfortable Living Room." Hope you can attend the meetings.

Not long ago, I mentioned good lighting and we've had some dust storms since, and I can't let this opportunity go by to re-remind you to dust those light bulbs because dust can rob you of a lot of light. Turn off switch, and remove bulbs. Electric bulbs should not be submerged in water but should be cleaned, when cool, with a damp soap cloth and then wiped dry. Make certain that the fixture and your hands are dry before placing the clean bulb or bowl back into the outlet. Hope it rains and the dust doesn't settle on the clean ones again, this year, at least.

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YOUR SENATOR REPORTS

By LYNDON B. JOHNSON

A West Texan asks what I consider the number one problem before Texas. I think the answer to that question is water—water for people, water for crops; water for stock; water for industry.

WHAT IS TO BE DONE? Sea water into fresh water is possible but will not be feasible on a large scale until some time in the future. Rain making is still in the experimental stage . . . and cannot be done anyway without clouds. The only possible answer is store-up water or starve! In the "fat" years, we must save the precious water that will take us through the lean years.

This means heavier concentration on small dams and upstream water projects. Texas is a "big" state and many of its problems can be solved only through "big" projects. But the "big" water projects do not meet the needs of all our people. We need thousands of small dams in the upland areas—dams that will not only store water but give Texans protection against the flash floods that do so much damage and wash away the soil.

We have had many surveys . . . many projects. But we haven't licked the problem yet! It is going to take all of us—working together—to get something done. I am working in close cooperation with the Government agencies that are involved in Soil Conservation; Flood Control and Reclamation. There are some fine men in those agencies—men who have dedicated their lives to saving the soil as a heritage for our children. I have appeared before Congressional Committees and urged project after project.

I want your ideas; I want all the advice I can get. Won't you drop me a line on conditions in your area and what should be done? No amount of expert advice can replace the people who are on the spot—who are watching precious topsoil blow away while crops wither in the field for lack of water.

A BASIC PROBLEM: However exaggerated the stories of the hydrogen bomb, the reality is bad enough. The hydrogen bomb means either the end of war or the end of civilization. There may still be small localized wars in the far corners of the earth. But mighty nations cannot fight a hydrogen war without destroying civilization itself.

It seems to me that all Americans should be able to unite in the aftermath of the hydrogen bomb. We all want peace.

Our scientists have put into our hands a tremendous force. God grant us the wisdom to use it wisely and to arrange our affairs in such a manner that we will pass on to future generations the liberties which were bestowed upon us!

Amelia Earhart made the first solo flight from Honolulu to California.

LEGAL NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF TAYLOR
In the Name and by the Authority of The State of Texas
To: W. R. Jeter, whose residence is unknown, Ida E. Jeter, whose residence is unknown.
The unknown heirs, assigns, devisees, and legal representatives of each of the defendants above who is deceased:
The unknown spouses of each of the above named defendants:
The unknown heirs, assigns, devisees, and legal representatives of each of the defendants spouses who is deceased; and all unknown persons, owning, having, or claim any interest or lien in the property described herein, and the unknown heirs and legal representatives, of all defendants whose name and residence are unknown, and the respective unknown heirs and legal representatives of all the above named parties, the unknown owner or owners of the hereinafter described property and their heirs and legal representatives, whose names and places of residence are unknown, and any and all other persons, including adverse claimants, owning, or having, or claiming any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the hereinafter described property delinquent to plaintiffs herein for taxes.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS
To: Luzille Jenkins Northam, 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 17th day of May A. D. 1954, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 15th day of February A. D. 1954, in this cause, numbered 19,606-A on the docket of said court and styled GIRVIS PAUL NORTHAM, Plaintiff, vs. LUZELLE JENKINS NORTHAM, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and defendant were married on Feb. 15, 1951 and separated on or about 15th day of September, 1951 and have not lived together since.

Plaintiff alleges that their has been no community property accumulated and no children have been born of this union.

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

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

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

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this 29th day of March, A. D. 1954.

Attest: J. Neil Daniel Clerk, 42nd District Court Taylor County, Texas By Irene Crawford, Deputy. Adv. — April 2, 9, 16, 23.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that suit has been brought and is now pending in the Honorable District Court, 42nd Judicial District, Taylor County, Texas, wherein Special Road Districts Nos. 1 and 2 of Taylor County, Texas, the State, said County, and political subdivisions above named are plaintiffs; and W. R. Jeter, et al are defendants, by the filing by said plaintiffs of a petition on the 17th day of March, 1954 and the file number of said suit being NO. 19,651-A and the nature of which is a suit to collect delinquent ad valorem taxes on the following described property, to-wit:

E. 116' Lot 3, Block 13, Country Club Addition to the City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, together with interest, penalties, costs, charges, and expenses of suit which have accrued and which may legally accrue thereon.

The amount of taxes due each plaintiff, exclusive of interest, penalties and costs is as follows:
County of Taylor, . . . \$108.66
(Name of Taxing Unit)

TOTAL \$108.66
The names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on said property not made party to this suit are None.

Plaintiff and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, and in addition to the taxes all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

All parties to this suit, including plaintiff, defendants, and intervenors, shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefor, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, and all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file and which may hereafter be filed in said cause by all other parties herein, and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer and defend such suit on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 17th day of May, A. D. 1954 (which is the return day of such citation), before the honorable District Court of Taylor County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the plaintiff and the taxing units parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, this 1st day of April, A. D., 1954.

J. Neil Daniel
Clerk of the District Court.
Taylor County, Texas,
42nd Judicial District.
By Jean Teaff, Deputy
Adv. — April 9, 16.

LEGAL NOTICE

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

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

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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
This is 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
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In commenting upon the most recent hydrogen bomb explosion in the Pacific, President Eisenhower indicated that scientists produced much more than they had expected. There was some indication that the experiment came very near getting out of hand.

In reading of this terrible weapon, and after seeing motion pictures of the bomb exploded several months ago in the same area, I thought of the momentous word, "If." There seems to be some doubt among the scientists about the limitations of the hydrogen bomb. One bomb can now destroy large cities. We know this from the results just experienced, but will it be developed to destroy with one explosion an entire continent? There are "ifs" in the minds of the scientists.

There are many "ifs" in the conditions we face in every-day life but perhaps there has never been one so great as that "if" connected with the fantastic developments of the H-bomb which we have at the moment. The big question is how it will be used. We are always at the turning point and hanging in the balance in the kind of world we live in today.

If thermo-nuclear energy is dedicated to the benefits of mankind, it will revolutionize future life. If it is dedicated to war, all advanced civilizations could be destroyed in a short time.

Watching a great part of the Pacific Ocean rise up in a fascinating posture of fire, water and vaporized earth, as vari-colored as the imagination can conceive, I wondered at the fate of nations which might be the victim of this monstrous devastation.

There was also a reminder of the smallness of man as compared to the things he has created but, even so, he is smaller compared to things eternal. Even a short time after the tremendous explosion, which ripped a hole in the bottom of the ocean big enough to hold fifteen buildings the size of our nation's capitol, the ocean rolled on, as it has always done, unperturbed by this thing of men tampering with its majesty for a while and then going away unawed and scared as they should be.

The great hope is that the "ifs" may be resolved for peace and that we, as a nation of people, and peoples everywhere may continue to make a rational choice among the "ifs."

MRS. ROBERT WAYNE SLEDGE HONORED WITH GIFT TEA

Mrs. Robert Wayne Sledge, a recent bride, was honored with a gift tea from 4 to 6 p. m. Saturday at the home of Mrs. Fred Baker, Sr. Mrs. Sledge received many presents.

Mrs. Buck Leach received at the door. Mrs. Wada McAninch had charge of the register. Mrs. Lois Shugart and Mrs. Jacky Doan poured punch. Mrs. Christine Diltz showed the gifts.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BACKYARD PARTY ENJOYED AT EAGERS

A Sunday school backyard party was given for the high school young people and their guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Eager on Wednesday night, March 31. Table tennis, volleyball and television were enjoyed. The group attended the backyard recreation after prayer meeting.

Refreshments of cookies, cake, punch and chocolate were served to the following guests: Sonja Horton, Kay Toombs, Carolyn McRae, Gwen Hagar, Britta Denton, Sue McLeod, Patsy Melton, Margaret Chahney, Johnnie Tipton, Leon Kelso, Larry Joyce, Roy Gulliver, Robert Williams, Bobby Tolver, David Gully, Garth McLeod, George Starbuck, Jacky McAninch, Ronald White, Thomas Watson, Billy Gilbert, Clydene Eager and sponsor, Mrs. Judd McReynolds.

ATTEND BLACKWELL SINGING

Three cars from the Pioneer Church went to Sam Butman, Jr.'s home for dinner Sunday and from there they went to Blackwell for a singing. Those going were Mr. and Mrs. Sam Butman, Jr., Nell and Gaylon Joe Brovack, Holt Horton, Mr. and Mrs. Rom Ransom and Donnie, Mary Seymour, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Swinney and Herbert, Tommy, Joseph and Nancy Evelyn and Pete Tyrane of Nolan.

ANNETTE BONEY ELECTED PRESIDENT OF LONE STAR

The Lone Star Club 7th grade pupils of Miss Phillips met Tuesday, April 6, and elected the following officers: President, Annette Boney; vice president, Eddy Malone; secretary, Martha Mattingly; treasurer, Carla Hays; recorder, Cherry Lynne Eiland; fire chief, Bobby Malone; assistant fire chief, Joe Neill.

When Their World Crashed... RED CROSS HEARD THEIR CALLS



Port Huron, Mich. Times-Herald photograph by Ralph Polevich

Above: This photo, an AP prize-winner, taken one hour after tornadoic winds struck Port Huron, Mich., last May, shows a 13-year-old boy and his dog beside their demolished home. The Red Cross, immediately on the disaster scene, came to the aid of the family with clothing, household furniture, and medical care.



Upper Right: After the devastating Greek earthquakes last August, 3-year-old Stamatia Frangatos sat on a hospital bed with her name pinned to her dress, as doctors dressed her fractured leg and injured head. Greek Red Cross workers finally located her mother alive, after a month's search, and re-united the pair. The American Red Cross conducted a nationwide appeal for funds to aid victims.



Lower Right: Fire, which completely ravaged a Chicago, Ill., apartment building, killed seven, injured six, and affected 100 persons, left Michael Cruz, 2 1/2, bewildered and frightened. Here the terrified youngster is being comforted by Mrs. Rodna Nye, Red Cross disaster representative, who established disaster headquarters at the scene of the fire.

Last year the Red Cross aided an average of one person every five minutes among those suffering disaster injury or loss, as sudden death and destruction struck communities across the United States on an average of six times every week. The 1954 Red Cross Campaign for \$85,000,000 and 30,000,000 members, now underway, enables everyone to serve his neighbors in distress or need.

Wild Horses Are Plentiful When Merkel Is First Settled

Below is the article that tied for second place in the story of the "Early History of Merkel" from Mrs. Andy Shouse's seventh grade. It was written by Pat Patterson. The article follows:

In 1882 there was nothing here but prairie dogs and rattlesnakes. The railroad just ran to Baird in 1882 and if one wanted to get to Merkel he would have to walk. The only building here was a depot. There were hardly any trees at all here then. Merkel was just being surveyed in 1882.

J. L. Vaughan was the first express agent, the first postmaster and second family. The first butcher was Mr. Craven. Mr. and Mrs. Pat Henry had the first baby in Merkel, it was a little girl. The girl was the first to die also.

Mr. Alsobrook was the first hotel manager in Merkel. Dr. Sanders was the first doctor in Merkel. He also owned the first drug store.

Dock Grounds owned and operated the first saloon; it was called the "Blue Front." The first girl was owned by Mr. Ginn. Mr. Wortham was the first squatter.

There was no one living between the Clear Fork River and Mulberry Canyon. There was no certain nationality in Merkel. There were 18 buildings and four saloons in 1882. The people of Merkel got together at church and decided to dump all the liquor out in the streets.

Most people lived in dugouts when Merkel was just being settled. The Merkel Mail was started in 1884. The first dry goods store was owned by Mr. Thornton. He and another man ran a lumber yard. Mr. John Boyce owned the livery stable.

The first sheriff was Joe Jennings. Rev. Norris was the first preacher. The first teacher was Mr. Thomas. He was also a county surveyor.

The first wedding held in Merkel was Madge Vaughan to Sam Butman in 1884.

Merkel got its name this way. A man whose name was Merkel lived on the Fair Bland place, southwest of Merkel, on which E. W. King now lives. This man, who was a farmer, also worked on the railroad when it was being built through here. The town was named for him. There are several other stories as to how the town was named but this one is believed to be most authentic.

Sam Butman bought the first lot that was sold; it was located where the Oasis Hotel is now. Mr. Butman had \$400. He lent it all to J. H. Vaughan to build a school.

Abilene was about the same size of Tye when Merkel was being surveyed. The antelope were plentiful around Merkel in the 1880s. Panthers were marauding around at night. Wild horses were plentiful around here. They weren't owned by anyone. They were horses that were turned loose after going lame. Some might have broken away from their owners.

The Indians were all gone by 1882 although there is an Indian grave on the Butman Ranch. The very first volume of the Merkel Mail was put out on March

20, 1890. The editor was M. J. Cox. He was commonly known as "Mary Jane" Cox.

The first grocery store was owned by Mrs. Rawlings. She built a shot gun house. A shot gun house is a house which has three rooms one after another.

The first bank was the First National Bank run by George S. Berry. It was located where Woody's Cafe is now. The Farmers and Merchants National Bank was organized Nov. 14, 1904. It was chartered Nov. 18, 1904. This bank was opened Dec. 1 of the same year.

The first directors were J. T. Warren, G. F. West, Ed S. Hughes, T. A. Johnson and Henry James. The bank is still in its original location.

The bricks on main street were laid 41 years ago in 1913. The bricks came to Merkel by train.

In the 1800 two boys were coming back from a sheep herder's camp when they got lost. This was during the winter. A blizzard came and they froze to death. Their graves were among the first graves in the cemetery.

Mrs. Rawlings had built two business houses, one on each side of her house. One of these houses was the first drug store.

The only way they could put out a fire was to harness the horses up to the fire wagon and drive the horses to the fire. By then the house or whatever was on fire might already have burned up before the fire wagon could get there.

Dr. Miller owned the first automobile in Merkel. The first picture show was named the Cozy Theater. The Cozy was finished in 1903.

Livestock Report

By TED GOULDY
Beef finally outranked pork during the past year as the per capita consumption of beef soared to record heights and the crop of hogs was off. It is expected that the Nation's eaters will continue their "beef binge" at least for the rest of this year as cattle marketings continue heavy.

Cattle trade at Fort Worth Monday indicated no slackening in the beef demand as packers seemed fairly eager for supplies and paid fully steady to stronger prices. The stocker trade was fully steady to strong on the better qualified kinds, despite the fact the dry conditions in most places remained unrelieved.

Fat cows brought \$10.50 to \$13.00 and canners and cutters \$7 to \$11. Bulls \$10 to \$15. Best fat calves sold for \$17 to \$20.50.

The better stocker steer calves and steer yearlings drew \$17 to \$19, and heifer calves and heifer yearlings average \$2 to \$3 under comparable steers. Stocker cows \$10 to \$13.50.

Texas and other Southwestern sheep men at Fort Worth Monday could take some solace in a reliable set of prices for their sheep and lambs, despite the dry conditions.

MARY McKEEVER ELECTED PRESIDENT OF J. G. A.'S

The Junior G. A.'s had their regular weekly meeting last Monday. The president presided. A very nice program was given. The name of the program was "When I Survey the Crosses."

The new officers elected were: President, Mary McKeever; vice president, Rosemary Cromwell; secretary, Sue Modrall; program chairman, Sue Sylvester; social committee chairman, Kay Dishman, assistant, Joan Reynolds; song leader, Donna Sue Scott; reporter, Sara Hunter. Refreshments of soft drinks, cup cakes and cookies were served.

LYDIA CLASS MEETS APRIL 6 WITH MRS. J. O. CASTLE

The Lydia Class of the First Baptist Church met in the home of Mrs. J. O. Castle April 6 with the past president, Mrs. Pick Allen, in charge. After the class song Mrs. T. F. Harris led the first prayer.

Mrs. T. E. Collins brought the devotionals "Pearl of Life." After roll call the minutes were approved. A short business session followed. Refreshments were served to six members. The next meeting will be with Mrs. T. E. Collins.

PLANTER BOXES DISPLAYED AT UNION RIDGE H. D. CLUB

The Union Ridge Home Demonstration Club met Friday, April 2, with Mrs. L. S. Tipton, Jr. Mrs. J. H. Clark presided. Prayer was by Mrs. Harwell. Roll call was answered with "Give a hint on helping make house cleaning easier."

Minutes were approved. The treasurer's report was given. The program demonstration was given by Mable McRee and Mrs. M. L. Douglas. They had attended the Pleasant Hill meeting and made planter boxes and displayed them.

Refreshments were served to 10 members and two guests. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Clyde Mentor Friday, April 16, at 2 p. m. Miss Loretta Allen, home demonstration agent, will be present.

DANCERS TO DANCE IN WHEELCHAIRS AT SQUARE DANCE

A group of people whose feet will never touch the floor will be among the fanciest "steppers" attending the National Square Dance Festival in Dallas, April 8-10.

Composed of wheelchair-ridden cripples from Amarillo and the surrounding area, the group is called the Amarillo Indoor Sports Club.

Its members range from a 13-year-old girl paralyzed by polio to a 73-year-old farmer with both legs amputated.

Lee Bedford, general chairman of the festival, said that he expects total attendance and participants to be between 30,000-50,000 for the three-day festival at the Automobile Building, Fair Park. Admission is \$1 per day's entertainment if purchased before April 8 and \$1.25 if purchased after that date. Proceeds will go to crippled and underprivileged children. Money, orders or checks may be made out to the National Square Dance Festival, P. O. Box 9536, Dallas.

personals

Mr. and Mrs. Deverell Teaff and daughter Vickie visited recently with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Robbins of Eldorado.

Elmer Lee Sandusky has returned to Ft. Bliss after a 10-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Sandusky.

Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Adeock are visiting in Merton this week with their son R. E. and family. R. E. is minister of the Church of Christ there.

R. B. Horton of Abilene visited his mother, Mrs. Hugh Campbell, Tuesday and also his daughter Sonia Sue.

Mrs. N. L. McLeod and Mrs. Joe Winter are visiting in Paris with their children, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Winter.

Those visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Clark Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Clark, Carolyn and Bobby, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Clark and Larry, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Edd McDuff and Ann of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Jones and Melva of Lubbock, Mrs. Freddie Jones and Eddie of Yuma, Ariz., Mrs. Charles West, Mr. and

Mrs. Junior Clark, also Mrs. Leo Harris, Robert and Sarah and Mrs. D. B. Bowen.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harwell and baby daughter Peggy Sue of Kermit recently visited in Merkel with his father, O. E. Harwell.

TIMELY TIPS

Fresh fish requires special care. When brought from the market, it should be used at once or stored in the refrigerator. It should be stored with ice, either in a moisture-proof bag or wrapper, or a tightly covered dish. Storing in a covered container will prevent fish odor from penetrating other foods.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Admissions to the Sadler Hospital the past week were: As medical patients — H. E. Cole, Betty Cole, Mrs. L. W. Dudley, Mrs. Earl Stevens, Benny Rogers, A. J. Bird, H. H. Middlebrook, O. R. Boothe, Mrs. F. T. Hogan. For surgery — Benny Butman.

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SPECIALS for FRIDAY and SATURDAY April 9-10.
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Friday through Easter

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Lets look our best on Easter morn. Open at 8 a. m. close at 5:30 p. m.

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Mrs. Mary D. Cook Claimed by Death Last Friday

Mrs. Mary D. Cook, 84, a resident southwest of Merkel for 60 years, died at 3 p. m. last Friday.

Funeral services were conducted at 3 p. m. Saturday at the Nolan Methodist Church, Rev. E. C. Armstrong of Abilene officiated.

Burial was in Slaton Chapel Cemetery near Nolan under the direction of Starbuck Funeral home.

Mrs. Cook was born in Kansas on Sept. 5, 1869. She moved to Ohio where she married A. W. Cook on Jan. 19, 1888. They moved to Taylor County on Sept. 18, 1893, and had lived about 20 miles southwest of Merkel since.

Mrs. Cook had been a member of the Presbyterian Church since she was 16.

Survivors are two sons, J. A. and L. A.; one daughter, Mrs. W. P. Powers of Rt. 1, Abilene; one sister, Mrs. S. L. McNay of Fort Worth; and seven grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

TIMELY TIPS

Use canned strained baby food instead of the strained vegetables in the salad and salad dressing.

Serve salad on a cold plate to keep the lettuce crisp and salad cold.

Metropolitan Opera To Visit Texas



Above, Lily Pons and Cesare Siepi
Below, Robert Merrill and Eleanor Steber

Dallas civic leaders will bring the Metropolitan Opera Company to State Fair Auditorium for four performances May 8, 9 and 10. Above are four of the celebrated singers to be presented. The three-day schedule will be: Saturday, May 8, evening, "Lucia Di Lammermoor" with Lily Pons, Jan Peerce and Frank Valentino; Sunday, May 9, matinee, "La Traviata," with Eleanor Steber, Richard Tucker and Leonard Warren; May 9, evening, "Le Nozze Di Figaro," with Roberta Peters, Victoria de los Angeles, Cesare Siepi, Frank Guarrera and Mildred Miller; Monday, May 10, evening, the Met's new production "Faust," with Thomas Hayward, Nadine Conner, Robert Merrill and Jerome Hines. The Dallas Grand Opera Association has opened offices at 1315 Elm Street, for receipt of seat reservation orders, Arthur L. Kramer, Jr., president, announced.

CARD OF THANKS

Our heartfelt thanks to all who extended sympathy and help in the passing of our beloved one, for the food and flowers. Also to Dr. Sadler, Dr. Warren and the nurses for their untiring efforts and all other kindnesses we are deeply grateful.

The A. W. Cook Family
and Mrs. S. L. McNay

CARD OF THANKS

Our hearts are filled with gratitude toward everyone who sent food or flowers or extended words of sympathy to us and for the many kind and helpful deeds tendered us at the passing of our husband and father. Also the doctors and nurses for their skillful and untiring services. May He, who is only wise and righteous reward everyone according to His own good will.

Mrs. Joe Garland
Capt. G. P. Garland, U. S. N.
Mary Jo Garland

Ross Roller Rink Located at Trent To Open Saturday

James V. Ross, owner of the Ross Roller Rink, Trent, has announced that the rink will open for the season at 8 p. m. Saturday. It will be open after that every Friday and Saturday night.

Lincoln Ellsworth was the first man to fly across the Antarctic continent.

LEGAL NOTICE

ADVERTISEMENT OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

We, W. C. Sojourner, W. W. Harvey and A. J. Frazier, the subscribers, have this day entered into a limited partnership agreeable to the provisions of the revised statutes relating to limited partnerships, and do hereby certify that the terms of our said partnership are as follows:

I. The name of the firm under which the partnership is to be conducted is Sojourner Operating Co., Ltd.

II. The general nature of business intended to be transacted is maintaining an oil business with authority to purchase and sell oil, gas and mineral leases and to purchase and sell mineral and royalty interests in lands and to prospect, explore and develop and operate oil, gas and mineral leases.

III. The principal place of business of the partnership shall be situated in Abilene, Taylor County, Texas.

IV. The names of all of the general and special partners interested therein, distinguishing which are general and which are special partners and their respective places of residence, are as follows:
Partner Place of Residence
W. C. Sojourner, General Partner
Abilene, Taylor County, Texas.
W. W. Harvey, Special Partner
Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Tex.
A. J. Frazier, Special Partner
Abilene, Taylor County, Texas.

V. The amount of capital stock which each special partner has contributed to the common stock is Fifteen Thousand and No/100 (\$15,000.00) Dollars each in cash.

VI. The period for which the partnership is to commence is the first day of April, 1954 and the period at which it is to terminate is the first day of April, 1974.

WITNESS OUR HANDS, This the 1st day of April, A. D., 1954.
/s/ W. C. Sojourner
W. C. Sojourner
/s/ W. W. Harvey
W. W. Harvey
/s/ A. J. Frazier
This the 1st day of April, A. D., 1954.
W. C. Sojourner
W. C. Sojourner, General Partner
W. W. Harvey, Special Partner
A. J. Frazier, Special Partner

Filed for record, April 6, 1954.
Mrs. Chester Hutcheson, County Clerk, Taylor, Co., Texas
Adv. — April 9, 16, 23, 30.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF W. L. BLAIR, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Administration with Will Annexed upon the Estate of W. L. Blair, deceased, were granted to me, the undersigned, on the 31st day of March, 1954, by the County Court of Taylor County, Texas. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same to me within the time prescribed by law. My residence address is Route 1, Levelland, Texas. My post office address, for the purpose of the presentation of such claims, is care of Wagstaff, Harwell, Alvis & Pope, P. O. Box 360, Abilene, Texas.

John L. Blair, Administrator with will annexed of the Estate of W. L. Blair, deceased.
Adv. — April 9, 16, 23, 30.

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, Secy

WANTED

WANTED — Dentist moving to Merkel desires to rent unfurnished, 2-bedroom house by May 1. Please write Dr. Brady Cox, 817 Rivercrest, Abilene, Texas, or call 4-5525, Abilene. 3t4c

WANTED — We need several good electric refrigerators. Will trade television sets, refrigerators or electric stoves. Badger Chevrolet Co. t136c.

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FOR RENT — 2-bedroom apartment. Call 148 or 368W. t4c.

FOR RENT — Garage apartment, furnished. E. O. Carson. t14c.

FOR RENT — 4-room, unfurnished duplex apartment. See Ray Wilson. t4c.

FOR RENT — 2 bedrooms. See Mrs. Lee Cox, 404 Locust St. t14p.

FOR RENT — 3-room furnished south apartment. Call 125W. J. C. Comegy's, 408 Manchester. t4c.

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FOR RENT — 4-room house, 1 1/2 miles Northeast of Merkel, Salt Branch Road, T. T. Earthman, 211 Ash Street. 3t4c.

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FOR RENT — 2-room apartment and private bath. 513 N. 5th St. and El Paso St. Miss Johnnie Warren. t14c.

FOR RENT — Modern trailer park at 709 Ash St., \$15 a month rental. See Herman Carson at Carson's Grocery. t151c.

FOR RENT — 2 room furnished apartment. Private bath. Mrs. M. R. Hale, 808 Trundy, Phone 399W. t12c.

FOR SALE

FOR SALE — House, 5 rooms and bath, rock veneer. Well located on paved street. L. T. Toombs Real Estate. t14c.

FOR YOUR Linoleum Rug see White Auto Store. t14c.

FOR SALE — 7-room house, bath, 6 lots, good well of water with electric pump. Priced right. S. D. Campbell, 810 Walnut. 3t4p.

FOR SALE — Clean, excellent condition, 1940 Plymouth, two-door sedan. Heater. Must sell priced right. A Joe Garland's, 402 Edwards. t14p.

SEE — J. Parker Sharp for "Flexiclogs." 3t2c.

FOR SALE — Ironrite Ironer. Practically new. Reasonable. 611 Oak. 3t2c.

DID YOU know Parks are good batteries? Did you know the price had gone down? Fox Repair Shop, Phone 66. t12c.

FOR MADE-TO-MEASURE Suits, Slacks and Shirts. See J. Parker Sharp. 3t2c.

FOR SALE — We are now delivering milk on route 7 days a week, 22c per quart. Would like a few more customers. Phone 9011J1. Higgins and Son. t14c.

FOR SALE — Jet water pump, 1 horse power, with necessary pipe. Patterson Grain. We DO appreciate your business. Phone 222. t11c.

FOR SALE — Slightly used '41 4-door Chevrolet. Priced to sell, Higgins and Bunch Garage. t11c.

FOR SALE — SAVE \$4.50, for a limited time only, on one year subscription each of Saturday Evening Post, Ladies' Home Journal and Holiday. Regular \$14.50 for \$10. See The Merkel Mail. 8t52.

STORE FOR SALE or Lease. Also furnished house for two. See Mrs. John C. Thompson in Noodle. t143c.

ORDER NOW BARGAIN PRICES. The Merkel Mail and the Abilene Reporter or Fort Worth Star-Telegram at The Merkel Mail Office.

NEW SHIPMENT — Cash Register Paper and Adding Machine Paper and many other stationery items. See The Merkel Mail.

FOR SALE — Business lot, well located. Cyrus Pee, agent t28c.

GET your typewriter ribbons all makes, also adding machine and cash register paper at the Merkel Mail Office.

SAVE MONEY by ordering your magazines from The Merkel Mail.

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

FOR your Stationary and other supplies see The Merkel Mail.

MISCELLANEOUS

FOR CEMETERY Curbing—see M. A. Noster, 1404 Herring Dr. Estimates gladly given. t117c.

AS I am to be out of town for a while, if you need water well drilling phone 326, call for Raymond Lawson. B. T. (Tye) Sublett. t143.

WATER Well drilling and Surface pipe set. L. A. Coats. Phone 287. t281c.

WATER Well drilling and surface pipe set. Higgins & Malone, Box 267, Merkel. Phone 24.

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

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Sterling Sheppard Dies in Dallas At Age of 41

Sterling P. Sheppard, 41, of Dallas and formerly of Merkel, died at 11 a. m. last Friday.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Sheppard, have lived in Merkel for 63 years. The parents were for several weeks with their son, who had been ill for about six months.

Mr. Sheppard was born at Merkel in 1912. He attended Southern Methodist University three years and graduated from the Journalism School of Missouri University.

He was salutatorian of his high school class at Merkel in 1928 and won a journalism scholarship in his sophomore year at SMU for having grades among the highest 10 in his class.

Mr. Sheppard worked from 1933 to 1939 as a court reporter in Dallas on the old Evening Journal and Dispatch. He had been in the construction business since, except for time served in the Army as a lieutenant from 1942 to 1946.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday. Burial was in Hillcrest Memorial Cemetery, Dallas.

He is also survived by his wife and daughter, Vicki.

Joseph Garland, 81 Is Laid to Rest Last Saturday

Funeral for Joseph Garland, 81, was held at 2:30 p. m. Saturday in the First Baptist Church.

Mr. Garland died at 7 p. m. Thursday of last week.

Officiating were Rev. S. E. Tullock, pastor and Roy Gully, minister of the Merkel Church of Christ.

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

Born Nov. 27, 1872, Mr. Garland lived in Merkel for 30 years.

Survivors are his wife, one son, Capt. G. P. Garland of the Navy at Long Beach, Calif., one daughter, Mary Jo Garland of Kerrville; three sisters, Mrs. Ola Bertram of Lubbock, Mrs. Ada Whitley of Meadow and Mrs. Esther Copeland of Port Arthur; two brothers,

Matt of Blanchard, Okla., and Tom of Lubbock; and four grandchildren.

C. Ancel Armstrong Wins 2nd Place At Little Royal

C. Ancel Armstrong, son of A. J. Armstrong, Trent, took second place in the Jersey heifer class at the Little American Royal at Kansas State College, Manhattan, Kans., Saturday night. Ancel is a member of the Dairy Club and of the Collegiate 4-H.

A crowd of about 4,000 persons enjoyed the 1954 Little American Royal, held in the Kansas State College field house.

Little League Tryouts to End; Auction Tuesday

Tryouts for the Windmill Little League were to be completed this week. Every boy of Little League age desiring to play baseball has had an opportunity to tryout for any position he chose.

The purpose of letting team managers appraise new material for their teams has been successful. The Little League auction, held for team managers, will be held at the Merkel School Cafeteria on the evening of April 13 at 6:30 p. m. It is highly important that the team managers attend or be represented by some person qualified to bid on players for their particular team.

All boys who attend the tryouts will be chosen for one of the teams.

As it is strictly against Little League rules, no Little League Player should attend the auction.

As soon as team rosters are completed they will be published and also posted on the school bulletin boards.

The Windmill Little League would like to express the fine spirit displayed by the Little League players and managers during the past two weeks of workouts, said Leon Walker, president.

James Monroe was President of the U. S. when Florida was purchased from Spain.

Naturally you're interested in cutting costs and increasing profits—and here's how you can do it:

When you're ready to place your next order for sales books, manifold books, cafe checks, cash pads or blank books of any kind, give us a call and let's talk it over.

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Potatoes are now one of the best food buys. The supply is plentiful and prices are far below those of a year ago. — A. & M.

COTTON SCHOOLS

Four training schools for cotton gin operators will be held on April 19-20. Three are scheduled for gin machinery plants in Dallas and the other for Sherman. The operation maintenance and repair of gin machinery will be stressed. There are no registration fees. — A. & M.

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Attend The Church of Your Choice

Merkel First Baptist Church
 Sunday School 9:45 a. m.
 Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.
 Training Union 6:30 p. m.
 Evening Worship 7:30 p. m.
 Wednesday Prayer Service 7:30 p. m.
 W. M. U. Mon. 9:30 a. m.

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

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

Merkel Grace Presbyterian Church
 Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
 Worship Service 11 a. m.

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

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.

Men's Downtown Bible Class
 Sunday 8:44 a. m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

Intermediate G. A.'s 3:45 p. m.
 Wednesday:
 W. M. U., Brotherhood, Jr. G. A.'s, R. A.'s and Sunbeams
 Prayer Services 7:50 p. m.
 "You are a stranger here but once."

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

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

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

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

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.

STOP AND THINK
 Look at your watch — every time it ticks off 15 seconds someone, somewhere is injured in a traffic accident. Every 15 minutes one or more life is lost from the same cause. The Texas Farm and Ranch Safety Committee says you can do something about the situation — be more careful and observe the rules of safety. — A. & M.

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EDITORIAL

ANNUAL MEETING

It is interesting to note that
two records were again broken at
the annual meeting of the Taylor
Electric and Taylor Refrigeration
Cooperatives.

The crowd was the largest that
had ever attended, around 2,500
persons. The total amount of business
was reported for 1953 as
\$316,897.39.

This shows a healthy growth of
the cooperatives. It reveals great
interest by those in the organiza-
tions.

But what was most interesting
and worthy of greater note was
the number of persons involved.
The two cooperatives have a mem-
bership of 3,900.

Just think what this means:
3,900 members are now enjoying
the uses and pleasures of electric
power that did not have it before
the cooperatives came into exist-
ence. It has enabled these farm
folks to live in the modern man-
ner with the advantages that mod-
ern sciences have made possible.

THE VISION OF FEAR

Fear is seen on all sides these
days. One sees it in newspapers,
one sees it in magazines, one sees
it in the faces of men. The vision
of fear seems to be a stark, giant
reality.

This was the fear that Bryan
Bradbury spoke about in his stir-
ring address.

And this vision of fear seems to
be growing even greater as days
go by. The bomb blasts have help-
ed, the hydrogen bombs have in-
creased this spectre of fear.

There are real causes for fear.
But as Mr. Bradbury so well
brought out in his splendid talk
this vision of fear is not new,
something of our own age. It is a
reality that has persisted since
the origin of fire.

What's to be done about it?
How live under the vision of
fear?

The answer is simple. The answer
is as old as man's belief in
one God. That is to have faith
in God, mold a new outlook, a
happy outlook and count our
blessings.

This does not mean, however,
that one should hide his head in
the sand like an ostrich. As Mr.
Bradbury stated, "Now under-
stand, I wouldn't trust Russia."

But with faith in our own power
and faith in the power of God
we can go forward with the assur-



"What is more fun than an Easter Egg Tree at Eastertime?" asks
5-year-old Janice Curtis of New York. This tree is gaily decorated
with Easter Eggs dyed in bright colors and fastened with adhesive
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want to walk and ask for only the
opportunity to lead a useful life,"
he further stated. "You can do
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thousands of other Texas young-
sters by using Easter Seals."

Send contributions to Crippled
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postmaster.

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Jane Russell and Marilyn Mon-
roe grace the screen at the Queen
Theatre where "Gentlemen Prefer
Blondes", an explosive musical

comedy, produced lavishly in color
by Technicolor, opens Thursday,
and Friday, April 15 and 16. The
presence of these two pulchritu-
dinous young ladies would be
enough to put the screen version
of Anita Loos' fabulous story into
a class by itself, but Twentieth
Century-Fox was not content with
just beauty of face, figure and
gorgeous costumes. They packed
the glittering show with lilting
songs, fast-tempo dances, uproari-
ous comedy and romantic esca-
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and have enjoyed it so much,
seeing about all the people we
knew."

Walt Whitman, famous American
poet was a nurse during the Civil
War.

ance that fear is but a vision and
faith is a reality.

"DOING GOOD"

In his forceful sermon on "Con-
sider Jesus Christ" Rev. Levi
Price stressed the good that Jesus
did in His short life. "He went
about doing good," said the min-
ister. "He never tired to turn aside
to lighten the burden that others
were bearing."

In our modern age of machines
and dreadful powers we need a
leaven to which to turn to to in-
spire us to a more meaningful way
of life. This era seems to demand
speed and urgency and lack of
care. It leaves one spent and aim-
less.

But Jesus, the minister pointed
out, never tired to turn aside to
lighten the burden that others
were bearing. It is a message we
sorely need today to give life
meaning, a flavor, a leaven. We
need to turn aside in a world that
is always on the "go."

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That's ALL—and the Sage of
Figfield adds that by doing good
for others we do good to our-
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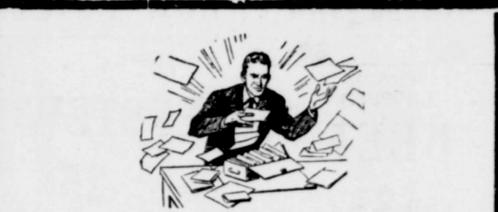
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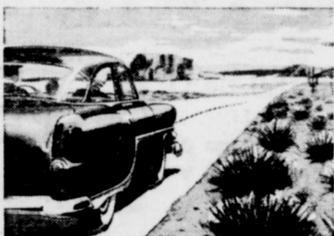
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Mrs. Ada Higgins Went to School With Fergusons

Over a three-column headline in Sunday's Abilene Reporter-News appeared a story about a local citizen. It was written by Rev. Hamilton Wright. Part of the feature follows:

Mrs. Ada Higgins, 77, pioneer Coleman and Taylor Countian, was a school mate of the late "Ma" and "Pa" Ferguson who later became governors of Texas.

"We all attended school at the old Three Forks school east of Belton, Bell County, near where I was born," Mrs. Higgins related. "I hummed with Mrs. Ferguson. Little did I realize then that these two would someday become head of our state government. I do not recollect anything special of their talents — just ordinary kids of Bell County."

She recalls when her family went to church in an ox-wagon in Bell County.

She recalls seeing wild antelope in the area when she first came. Also she recalls the terrible drought of 1917 and 1918 when it



H. R. ROBERTS

Co-op head

became necessary for many of the farmers to go away from home and work sending money back to provide their families with bread and meat. As for the Higgins family, they went to Ellis County to pick cotton.

She is the mother of five sons and two daughters, 38 grand children and 30 great grandchildren.

Two years ago the Higgins clan held a memorable family reunion at Buffalo Gap.

Two of her sons live here: Dean Higgins and Joe C. Higgins.

ACC Will Present Verdi's "Aida" From April 22-24

"Aida," grand Italian opera by Giuseppe Verdi, will be presented April 22-24 in Sewell Auditorium as the spring major production of the Abilene Christian College drama and music departments.

Richard C. Palm, director of the opera and instructor of music,

terms "Aida" as the largest production in ACC's history. Considered Verdi's very best opera, "Aida" will require six stage sets for the seven scenes of the production.

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