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—Real Estate—

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NEWS ABOUT TOWN

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Burgess of Austin were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Patterson over the weekend. Mr. Burgess is a former Merkel school superintendent. Dave Carson of Corpus Christi and his guests visited over the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Carson.

Mertzon visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Adcock, Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Tittle and daughter Becky from Mason, spent the Easter holidays with his parents, Commissioner and Mrs. C. R. Tittle.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Hill and sons, Gary and David Bruce, of Grand Prairie spent the week-end in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hamm.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Barnes of Dallas visited his sister and their husband, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Bragg and Mr. and Mrs. E. M. McDonald the past week.

Mrs. Amy Sears and daughter Bogg of Abilene visited Mrs. J. T. Warren and other friends in Merkel Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Russom of Odessa visited with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Russom and Mrs. Oscar McLean, Easter Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lawson and family of Lovington, New Mex., spent the Easter weekend visiting their mothers, Mrs. Lela Lawson and Mrs. Will Derrington of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Gardner of Eula visited her sister, Mrs. Howard Beard, and family and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Bockman, Easter Sunday. Mrs. Bockman returned home with her daughter to spend a week.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris B. Smith made a trip last week to Houston, Beaumont, St. Charles, La., and New Orleans, La., returning home by way of Baton Rouge and Shreveport, La. He reported that that part of the country was green and looked good.

Mrs. Raymond Neal came in by plane from McKinney to spend the Easter holidays with her aunts, Miss Sadie Woodrum and Mrs. Ada Heeter.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Miller spent Easter with his brother, Lester and wife in Boerne. They were accompanied by Mrs. Josephine Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Turner and three children of Ft. Worth spent Easter with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Tinner and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Walton. Joe Nalley, Nathan Wood, Bob McDonald and several young people from here attended the singing in Hope last Sunday.

Wayne McLean of Ft. Worth was home for the Easter holidays with his grandmother, Mrs. J. A. Milliken.

All the children of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Seago, were home for Easter. Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Seago and children of Midland, Mr. and Mrs. Zed Bright and children of Trent, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Seago and children, Mrs. Lottie Green and Mrs. Z. F. Bright of Trent.

Visitors from out of town in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Price Easter were their children, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Herron, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Watson, Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Price and children of Sweetwater, Mrs. R. G. Curb of Monahan, and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Isenburg and son of Abilene.

Pvt. Buddy McKeever of Fort Bliss spent the Easter holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. McKeever.

Linda and Christ King spent Easter in Colorado City with their cousin, Paul Wayne Yeager.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Reynolds visited over the weekend with her brother, W. B. Cook, and family. Mrs. Ross Ferrier returned home Thursday of last week from Fort Worth and was accompanied by her grandson, George Ronald Ferrier.

Charles Higgins was in San Antonio over the Easter holiday. Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Fox spent Sunday with their son J. D. and family in Abilene. They all enjoyed an Easter hunt.

Mr. and Mrs. Laverne Moore and family went to Ft. Worth to visit her sister, Mrs. Artie Joe Moore, and Mr. Moore over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Gentry and daughter visited in Colorado City the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Putman.

Mrs. Lottie Green visited in Lubbock recently. Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Green and daughter spent Easter in Dallas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Green.

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1949 --- 875.00	1949 --- 825.00	1949 --- 800.00
1948 --- 775.00	1948 --- 725.00	1948 --- 675.00
1947 --- 700.00	1947 --- 675.00	1947 --- 625.00
PONTIAC	OLDSMOBILE	BUICK
1952 --- \$1,575.00	1952 --- \$1,625.00	1952 --- \$1,625.00
1951 --- 1,275.00	1951 --- 1,275.00	1951 --- 1,275.00
1950 --- 1,075.00	1950 --- 1,075.00	1950 --- 1,075.00
1949 --- 925.00	1949 --- 900.00	1949 --- 900.00
1948 --- 725.00	1948 --- 725.00	1948 --- 725.00
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RESOURCES

Loans	\$ 495,288.86
Overdrafts	998.41
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	4,500.00
Furniture and Fixtures	2,500.00

AVAILABLE CASH AND QUICK ASSETS:

CCC Cotton Loans and Certificates of Interest	\$ 375,468.38
United States Bonds and Securities	970,000.00
Other Bonds and Warrants	14,308.18
Cash and Due From Banks	1,573,980.74

2,933,757.30

Total \$3,437,044.57

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 75,000.00
Surplus	75,000.00
Undivided Profits	\$ 73,660.94
DEPOSITS	\$ 3,213,383.63

Total \$ 3,437,044.57

The above statement is correct.

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SPECIALS for FRIDAY and SATURDAY, April 23 and 24

LARGE FIRM HEAD LETTUCE head 10c	FRYERS DRESSED lb. 49c
DELICIOUS APPLES lb. 15c	PRESSED HAM Luncheon MEAT lb. 45c
SPUDS lb. 5c	KRAFT AMERICAN CHEESE lb 45c
FRESH TOMATOES carton 15c	CURED HAM BUTTS lb. 45c
FIRM CABBAGE lb. 5c	PLATE RIB ROAST lb. 25c
FLOUR GOLD ----- 10 lb. 99c	MEDAL ----- 25 lb. \$2.25
BARQ'S 6 BOTTLE CARTON ORANGE 7-UP 15c 15c Plus Deposit	OUR VALUE No. 3 CAN PEACHES 2 for 55c
Donald Duck Frozen Food Orange Juice can 17c	HUNT DARK SWEET Cherries No. 300 can 30c
OKRA pkg. 21c	GRAPEFRUIT JUICE 40 oz. can 25c
Blackeye Peas pkg. 23c	BAMA STRAWBERRY 12 oz. Jar PRESERVES 31c

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LOG CABIN SYRUP 12 oz. bottle 29c	PUFFIN BISCUITS can 10c
LIPTON TEA ¼ lb. pkg 29c	ROSE BRAND 1 LB. CAN Jack Mackerel 23c
SALAD WAFER Crackers 1 lb. box 23c	COVE OYSTERS ½ cup can 36c
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OMAR BURLESON
Congressman
17th District

The Congress has passed and the President has signed a bill to create an Air Force Academy similar to the Military Academy at West Point and the Naval Academy at Annapolis.

A five-man Commission has been appointed to recommend a location for the new school.

The Air Force plans to activate the academy on a temporary basis at an existing Air Force base just as soon as practicable. The first class of three-hundred candidates will be enrolled in July, 1955.

Since the first class will only be 300 students, the competition of course, will be keen all over the United States. I shall be

glad to submit the names of young men who would like to try for these appointments and will furnish further information on request.

Candidates at the newly authorized academy will receive a broader and more "cultural education" than that given at West Point and Annapolis, according to the plans of the Air Force. Greater emphasis will be placed on "liberal arts" studies and less on technical training than at the Military and Naval Academies. The new Academy does, however, expect to confer Bachelor of Science degrees on all graduates and much time will be devoted to studying scientific subjects.

"Ma and Pa Kettle" Are Back Again

"Ma & Pa Kettle At Home" brings the whole hilarious Kettle clan back to the old homestead. The newest in the ever-popular series of Universal-International comedies, which plays Sunday and

Monday at the Queen Theatre and Sunday night at the Pioneer Drive In, puts Marjorie Main and Percy Kilbride in charge of an even more generous allotment of heart and hilarity than ever before.

Son Elwin wins an essay contest which puts the Kettle acres in a model farm contest. If this isn't funny enough to start with, the announcement that the contest judge is due to inspect the place sends Ma and Pa, the assorted Kettle brood, and the ever-faithful Indians, Crowbar and Geoduck, hurrying and scurrying to patch up the place.

LEGAL NOTICE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF TAYLOR

Notice is hereby given that the limited partnership of James Wilson Osborne, the general partner and John M. Cook, the special partner, which partnership conducted business under the firm name of Osborne's Washette, was dissolved by mutual agreement on the 6th day of April, 1954. All debts due to the said partnership are to be paid, and those due from the partnership, discharged, at 150

Grape Street, in the City of Abilene, Texas, where the business will be continued by the said James Wilson Osborne, individually.

John M. Cook
James Wilson Osborne
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.

LEGAL NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS

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

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

To: 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. LUZILLE 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 there 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 the 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.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF SOJOURNER DRILLING CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership lately subsisting between W. C. Sojourner, W. W. Harvey and A. E. Frazier of Taylor County, Texas, under the firm name of "Sojourner Drilling Co.,

Ltd." was dissolved by mutual consent on the 31st day of March, 1954. All debts owing to the said partnership are to be received by the said W. C. Sojourner at his office in the Windsor Annex, Abilene, Texas, and all demands on the said partnership are to be presented to him for payment.

A. E. Frazier
W. W. Harvey
W. C. Sojourner
Dated this the 1st day of April, 1954.

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

Legal Notices

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF JOSEPH H. RINEY, DECEASED.

Notice is hereby given that original letters of administration upon the estate of Joseph H. Riney, deceased, were granted to me, the undersigned, on the 8th day of April, 1954, by the county court of Taylor county. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present same to me within the time prescribed by law. My residence and post office address are R. F. D. No. 4, Merkel, county of Taylor, Texas.

Leroy E. Riney
Administrator, Estate of Joseph H. Riney, Deceased.
Adv. April 16, 23, 30, May 7.

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 agreeably 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 maintain 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.

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

III. 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.

IV. 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.

V. 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
A. J. Frazier
This the 1st day of April, A. D., 1954.

W. C. Sojourner
W. C. Sojourner, General Partner

W. W. Harvey,
W. W. Harvey, Special Partner

A. J. Frazier
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.

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personals

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Rutledge and Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Winter were visiting in Big Spring and Snyder Easter Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Miller, Jr., and little daughter Stephanie Ann of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Teaff and son Mike of Tye were visitors in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Miller, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Harris Easter Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Reynolds of Nubia also were guests.

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UNION RIDGE CLUB HEARS TALK BY LORETA ALLEN

Union Ridge Home Demonstration Club met April 16 with Mrs. Clyde Newton as hostess. After the business session, Miss Loreta Allen, home demonstration agent, gave a program, "A Comfortable Living Room," stressing the fact that it is a room to really live in for the entire family. She showed slides to illustrate her talk.

Mrs. Newton, living room demonstrator, had made a number of improvements and added furniture. After recreation games Mrs. W. C. Lee was given a friendship shower.

Refreshments were served to 11 members and four visitors. A number of children were present and enjoyed an Easter hunt. The next meeting will be with Mrs. M. L. Douglas Friday, May 7 at 2:30 p. m.

MERKEL H. D. CLUB HEARS ABOUT COMFORTABLE LIVING

The Merkel Home Demonstration Club met April 9 in the home of Mrs. John Hughes, who presided. Miss Loreta Allen presented slides and pointers on a comfortable and well lighted living room.

Miss Allen said a comfortable living room is one in which a person may relax and entertain, with reading material, and also have a pretty view from the windows. Storage space is a great help in comfortable living, she said.

Delicious refreshments were served to five members and Miss Allen.

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A. E. MOORE, Prop.

Merkel High School Seniors went on their annual trip to Carlsbad, New Mexico. The high point was the tour of Carlsbad Cavern, which took place Friday. The seniors returned early Saturday afternoon.

They went in two school buses. The seniors enjoyed stopping at all the towns on the road. The expenses of the buses was provided by the school board.

Forty-one seniors made the trip with the following adults: James Thomas, Director W. G. Reed, Mrs. Comer Haynes, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Oakley, Mrs. S. G. Russell, Mrs. Ruth Cox and Bob Fowler.



CRUCIAL WEEKS: The next two or three weeks are vital to Texas.

At the beginning of April, 1,537,000 acres of Texas soil were suffering from moderate to severe wind erosion. Even more significant, 5,416,000 acres were about ready to blow because of insufficient or inadequate cover.

WHAT HAPPENS IF THE RAINS DO NOT CONTINUE? The facts are ominous and foreboding. The government keeps figures on dust storms in which visibility is reduced to a mile or less. In the "dust bowl" year of '36, there were 68 such storms in Texas and Oklahoma; in 1937 there were 72 (the all-time high mark); in 1938, there were 61.

In 1953 there were 41 dust storms in Oklahoma and the Texas Panhandle. Up to March 20, of this year, there were 21 dust storms. If this rate should continue, it will be the worst year on record.

WHAT CAN WE DO? There are few emergency measures available. I am urging approval of a bill by Senator Eugene Millikin, chairman of the Republican Conference Committee, and other colleagues to appropriate \$15,000,000 for wind erosion measures. This money would be used to make payments to farmers who carry out control measures. By and large, this would consist of "chesseling" — turning up clods of sub-surface soil that still retain some moisture. The payments could not exceed one dollar per acre.

LONG RANGE MEASURES ARE NEEDED! We need small dams to trap water when it rains and reservoirs to store it against drought. We especially need those dams upstream! I have introduced one bill for upstream development.

We all want to leave something to our children. The most precious gift within our power is the soil. The hydrogen bomb can destroy life. It is both gruesome and dramatic. But soil erosion — though not dramatic — can make life impossible to maintain!

We can go to work now and save the future for posterity. Or we can let things slide and pile up more trouble for the future. Somehow, I think Texans will take the first course!

FARM PRICES: Overall prices received by Texas farmers for all their products showed a drop of five per cent in February, compared with February of last year.

There was a further decline in March, according to the Crop Reporting Board of the Department of Agriculture.

"AIDA" TONIGHT

The curtain went up at 8 o'clock Thursday night on "Aida," spring major production of the Abilene Christian College speech and music departments. The Italian grand opera by Giuseppe Verdi will be presented again tonight, Friday, and Saturday nights in ACC's Sewell Auditorium.

IT'S MUSICAL FESTIVAL

The week of April 26-30 has been designated Music Festival Week by the Hardin-Simmons University School of Music. The annual H-SU music program will be highlighted by daily concerts at 3:30 and 7:30 p. m., with the exception of Wednesday evening. The programs, to be held in Behrens Chapel and Caldwell Auditorium, will be open to the public and no admission will be charged.

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1—1948 Buick Road Master, Radio, Heater, Tutone Paint.

1—1948 Plymouth, 4-Door, Radio, Heater, Dark Blue, Good Paint, Good Rubber and Seat Covers.

1—1948 Plymouth, Club Coupe, Radio, Heater. Dark Blue Color.

1—1947 Chevrolet, 4-Door, Radio, Heater, Tutone Paint, Good Tires.

1—1946 Pontiac "8" 4-Door Radio, Heater, Runs Good, Good Tires, Dark Grey.

1—1947 Pontiac "8" 4-Door, Tutone, Radio, Heater.

1—1946 Pontiac 6 Sedanette, Radio, Heater, Runs Good, Good Tires.

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CATCH 14 FISH

J. D. Gentry and Ed Putman of Colorado City fished in the Colorado City Lake Saturday and caught 14 channel catfish, averaging one pound each.

TO DEDICATE AIRPORT

Plans are underway for a memorable April 25. Dedication Program for the new 1.3 million dollar Abilene Municipal Airport, which is expected to attract

thousands of area citizens as well as pilots and representatives of the Air Craft Industry from all over Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma. Perhaps the outstanding attraction of the days festivities will be an Air Show by Beverly E. (Bevo) Howard, president of the Hawthorne School of Aeronautics.

suspended prison sentence in 104th District Court Thursday of last week for theft of an automobile on Nov. 15. — Abilene Reporter-News.

BIGGEST WEIGHED . . .

Homer and A. B. Patterson fished at Port Aransas last week. They caught between 150 and 200 pounds . . . every kind of fish! The biggest weighed 5 or 6 pounds.

GETS SUSPENDED SENTENCE

Judge Owen Thomas gave Harold Seago, Merkel, a three-year

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank everyone who in any way has contributed to our well being and encouragement and for your sympathy through the long illness and passing of our husband and father.

Mrs. W. Homer Shanks and Children

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere appreciation to our friends for your many kind and loving deeds during the illness and death of our beloved husband, father and brother. We are so thankful that God has blessed us with faithful friends such as you. And pray His richest blessing be with each of you.

The Satterwhite Family

6TH GRADE PUPILS HAVE PICNIC TUESDAY AND GO SKATING

Mrs. Cox's and Mrs. Osborn's 6th grade rooms held their school picnic Tuesday and also attended the skating rink at Trent. About 50 pupils in all attended.

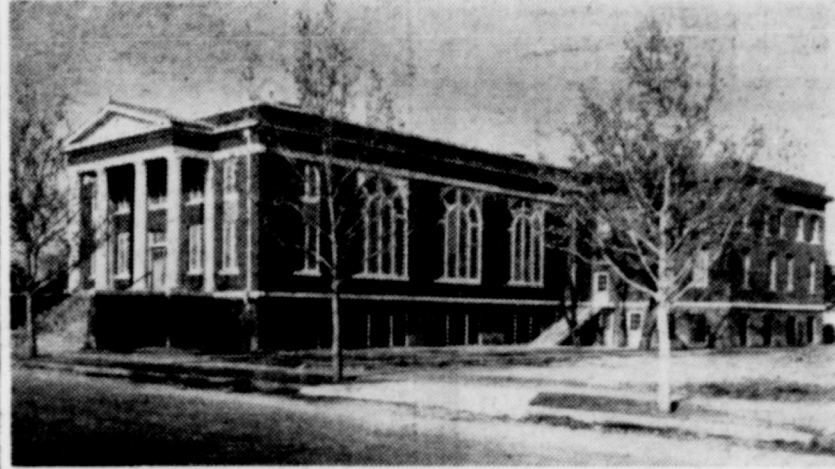
TO NAVAL HOSPITAL

Pfc. Walton Lively arrived Thursday of last week at Oakland Naval Hospital from Japan.

BUS SCHEDULE

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

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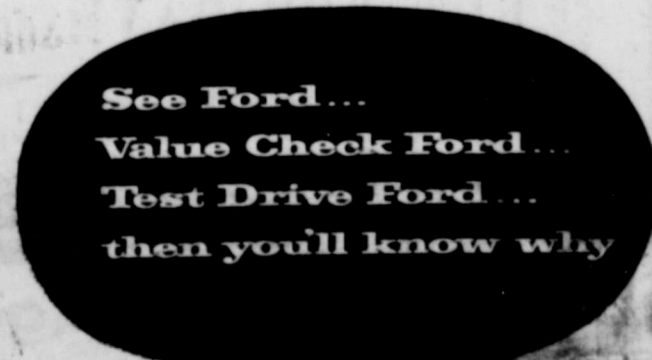


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LODGE CALLS NOTICE MASONS
Stated meeting of Merkel Lodge No. 710, A. F. & A. M., Thursday, April 29, at 7:30 p. m. All members are urged to attend. Visiting brethren cordially invited.
A. B. Parham, W. M.
C. B. Rust, Sec'y

NOTICE!
Stated Meeting of Merkel Chapter No. 212 O. E. S. Tuesday, April 27, at 7:30 p. m. A memorial program.
Inez Pratt, W. M.
Fern Windham, Sec.

WANTED
WANTED — Tractor hand at once. Mrs. Ira Stanley. t16c.
WANTED — Old Maytag Washing Machines, Model 30 and 32. Deluxe Laundry. t36p.

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. t34c

WANTED—We need several good electric refrigerators. Will trade television sets, refrigerators or electric stoves. Badger Chevrolet Co. t736c.

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FOR RENT — Furnished apartment, private bath. See Mary Collins at the F. & M. Bank. t16c

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OR RENT — 2-bedroom apartment. Call 148 or 368W. t14c.

OR RENT — 4-room, unfurnished duplex apartment. See Ray Wilson. t14c.

FOR RENT — 3-room furnished south apartment. Call 125W. J. C. Comey's, 408 Manchester. t14c.

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The Merkel Mail is authorized to announce the following candidates for office, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries July 24, 1954.
For State Senator 24th District HARLEY SADLER (re-election)
For County School Superintendent CLIVE PIERCE
For Commissioner Precinct No. 2 RUFÉ TITTLE (re-election)
For Justice of Peace Pet. 5 O. W. (DONALD) PAINE
For Constable Pet. 5 LUTHER LAND

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FOR SALE — F-20 Farmall Tractor in good condition and good rubber. Tool bar, cultivator and new late model planter. See at H. C. Hamner, Trent. t36p.

FOR SALE — Pheasant eggs or chicks. Vernon Mansfield. t16p.

FOR SALE — Snow Cone machine. Like new. Good for ball game, etc. Cheap. See Lee Ybarra at Taylor Electric Co-op. t36p.

FOR SALE — White Leghorn, White Rock, straight run. Fryers. Hearn Hatchery. t16p.

FOR SALE — Garage building to be moved. See Nora Foster, 206 Orange St. Phone 309 W. t36c.

FOR SALE — Registered Neuben milk goat, three year old mare. Practically new saddle. Sell cheap. See John Eakin, 2 miles south of Stith. t35p.

FOR SALE — F-20 Farmall Tractor, Planter, Cultivator and One-Way. All in good condition. O. E. Harwell, Rt. 2. t35p.

FOR SALE — 3-room frame house to be moved. See G. N. Reynolds, Trent, Texas. t35c.

FOR SALE — Second hand sheet iron and some second hand lumber. Also kitchen sink. Just east of the county barn. Mrs. Mary Carey, Rt. 3. t25c.

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

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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. t16c.

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FOR SALE — Slightly used '41 4-door Chevrolet. Priced to sell, Higgins and Bunch Garage. t16c.

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MERKEL, TEXAS

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Please attend your annual meeting and ask your farmer friends to come.

Three directors are to be elected. The annual report will be read. Dividend checks will be handed out.

DATE SATURDAY, APRIL 24th, 1954.

DEE TEAFF, President
L. S. TIPTON, Secretary-treasurer.

personals

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Tipton visited Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Stevens, in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ash and son of Corpus Christi visited with relatives the past week. His mother, Mrs. M. L. Ash, returned home with them.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Gibson and son Morton visited from Thursday to Monday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dent Gibson and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brown.

Miss Mary Collins went to Lamesa last week and then went with her brother, Q. A. Collins, and wife to Willcox, Ariz., and spent several days with Paul Collins and family.

Mrs. Dent Gibson visited her son, Captain David Gibson, at Lake Charles, La., last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest G. Barnett

and family of McCamey spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Barnett.

Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Taylor and son Randall and Mrs. J. D. West and son Jackie of Midland were Easter guests of Mayor and Mrs. Henry C. West.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Dudley, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Dudley and baby spent Easter in Stanton with Rev. and Mrs. Hugh Hunt. They were accompanied home by Mr. and Mrs. Don Dudley and sons, Mike and Mark, who went up there Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Mewborn and family visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Pipes and Mrs. K. M. Mewborn at Comanche.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Hutchins of Sweetwater were Sunday afternoon visitors of her brother, Bob Hicks, and Mrs. Hicks. Mrs. Minnie D. Hicks returned home here with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman English and baby, Patsy Ann, of Big

Spring spent the weekend with her mother, Mrs. Norma Bond.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Farmer and family and Mrs. Marie Leverich spent the weekend in Ft. Worth and attended the Ice Capades.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Diltz went to Lubbock over the weekend to spend Easter with their daughter, Mrs. J. C. Wright, and Mr. Wright.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Overby of Hobbs, New Mex., visited her brother, Charles Sylvester, and family over the Easter holiday.

Mrs. Mary Risinger is visiting her son Joe and her two granddaughters at Odessa. She left here Tuesday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Felix Stalls and two sons, Felix, Jr., and Joe Brandt, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stalls Sunday. Joe Brandt remained overnight.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Cross of Hobbs, New Mex., spent Easter with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Cross.

Mrs. Norman King visited over the weekend in Lubbock with relatives. She was accompanied by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bertram, of Abilene.

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Anthony Dexter and Jody Lawrence are the title-roles, portraying the bold British adventurer, Captain John Smith, and the pretty Indian princess who loved him.

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These facts about the New Chevrolet can help you make an important decision

Don't you agree that buying a new car calls for careful consideration? Regardless of make, it involves a substantial amount of money and a lot of future satisfaction. This information can give you a better idea of comparative value and help you decide which make to buy.

A good customer of ours was telling us the other day how he sizes up a new car. Because he's bought a number of them over the years, we were interested in what he had to say. We think you will be, too.

Actually, what he does is to ask about seven basic questions. The answers give a pretty complete picture of the car and its comparative value. Here's what he wants to know.

How well do I like its looks?
That's one question, of course, that only you can answer. You're the one who buys the car and you, above anybody else, should be proud of its appearance.

All we can tell you is that we hear a lot of nice things about Chevrolet's new styling. People seem to like the new front-end and rear-end designs, and the way the bumpers curve even farther around the fenders. They like the new styling touches all around the car and the wide choice of bright new colors and two-tone combinations. A good many tell us that Chevrolet has a decided edge over the other cars in its field for smooth and graceful lines.

Who makes the body?
This question takes in much more territory than the appearance of the car. It involves the quality of the

interior as well as the strength and safety of the body construction. That's why we think it worth your consideration that Chevrolet has the only Body by Fisher in the low-price field.

You can see the difference outside and inside. We'd especially like you to look over the new interiors. Just sit in the car, if you will. Feel the quality of the fabrics and notice the more generous use of vinyl trim.

In all these ways, you'll find evidence of superior quality and workmanship. And after all, isn't that what you would expect in Body by Fisher? As you know, Fisher is the largest and most famous manufacturer of automobile bodies in the world. Doesn't it stand to reason that Fisher can build extra quality into the Chevrolet body? It's there and you can see it.

What's under the hood?
You hear a great deal of talk these days about engine power. The truth is that the number of horsepower isn't nearly as important as what the horsepower does for you.

In this year's Chevrolet, you get increased power in two finer engines. There's the "Blue-Flame 125" engine teamed with Powerglide automatic

transmission and optional on all models at extra cost. In gearshift models, you get the more powerful "Blue-Flame 115" engine.

But, actually, the increase in horsepower is only a sort of by-product of design changes made for other reasons. Chevrolet engineers were after greater engine efficiency, not just greater power. So, you get improved acceleration, with greater and safer passing ability. You get quieter, smoother operation. You climb the steep hills with new ease.

How hungry is it for gasoline?
A car's reputation for, and record of, economy of operation is certainly an important consideration to most people. We'd be glad to have you compare Chevrolet in this respect with any car at any price.

And, in the case of this new Chevrolet, you do not have to sacrifice economy for finer performance and more horsepower. That's because the Chevrolet engines are high-compression engines. Their compression ratio of 7.5 to 1 is the highest in any of the leading low-priced cars.

This means simply that the engine compresses, or squeezes, the fuel mixture to a greater degree in order to wring more work out of it. That's how Chevrolet is able to give you an important gain in performance along with money-saving gasoline mileage—and on regular gas, of course.

Is it up to date in features?
We can't think of a new feature or development you might want that you can't have on the new Chevrolet.

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How popular a car is it?
When you come right down to it, there's no better way to judge the satisfaction a car gives its owners than by its popularity. How many people buy it and keep on buying it?

Well, as you may know, Chevrolet is by far the most popular car in this country. That's true today and it's been true for a good many years now. But it couldn't be true—or wouldn't be true—unless Chevrolet gave its owners an extra measure of satisfaction and value.

How much does it cost?
There's a short, sweet answer to that one: Chevrolet is priced below all other lines of cars. This lower cost is made possible by the greater production facilities and purchasing power of the world's largest manufacturer of automobiles. That is why Chevrolet can offer you all the advantages we've told you about here—and many more, too.

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EDITORIAL

RAINS AND THANKS

The rains came and we are most thankful.
 It was a long time in coming but we are extremely glad that it did not miss us. So, we are most thankful.
 The rains measured in all 2.35 inches. It came over a period of three days, it came slowly and there was no run off. That means it soaked nicely into the ground and gave us the fullest benefit possible from the rains.
 Now the prospects for row crops are good.
 The outlook is brighter, the air is brighter and everyone is happier.
 So, we are most thankful.

WATER SUPPLY

Mayor Henry C. West reported that steps are being taken to give Merkel a good water supply, if it is possible. At the same time Tye and Trent also are looking into the same supply.
 Abilene is eager to have Merkel and Tye and Trent join it in also getting a good water supply for itself. It expects to get water from the Clear Fork of the Brazos River and more water by building a dam on Hubbard Creek.
 The mayor and the aldermen are exploring these ideas and are going right ahead to see what can be done.
 Merkel, like a great deal of the rest of Texas, needs a good supply of water. And any measure that can be taken to give us a good supply should be looked into thoroughly. And that is exactly what the City Council is doing.

LEAGUE WINNERS

Along with the great number of victories won this school year in athletic games the Merkel High School has brought home more triumphs by adding those in the Interscholastic League meet at Colorado City.
 The local school won four firsts: In extemporaneous speech, in declamation for senior boys, in declamation for senior girls and in ready writing.
 Mrs. Comer Haynes directed the young folks assisted by Mrs. Catherine Davis.
 These winners and their directors are to be heartily congratulated. And the school as a whole is to be congratulated for stressing the scholastic side of school as well as the athletic activities.

ONE OUT OF 12

That was a startling statement made by Mrs. Henry C. West in her talk before the Fortnightly Study Club on mental health. She brought out, besides other facts, that one out of every 12 children will be in the hospital for mental treatment before they reach maturity.
 She also brought out the startling facts that 50 per cent of all hospital beds in the United States are now occupied by mental patients and that six per cent of the entire population of the United States is suffering from some form of mental illness.
 We live in an age of great technical advancements but our psychological advancements are not great enough to keep up with them. The doctors order peace and slowness, the ministers preach peace and faith, common sense dictates peace and a moderate pace, but the mad race continues until children and men and women crack.
 Technology is mature, but the minds of men are not. When we

grow up mentally and spiritually there will be less mental cases.

PLAGUE OF PLENTY

In her splendid column Miss Loreta Allen county home demonstration agent, told of the hungry children of Bolivia who live almost on bread alone.
 In a syndicate column from Kansas City carried by the daily papers it told of the "Plague of Plenty," that we had too much food!
 There is something decidedly wrong with our civilization if children at one place of our hemisphere have to go hungry when there is plenty of food in another place.

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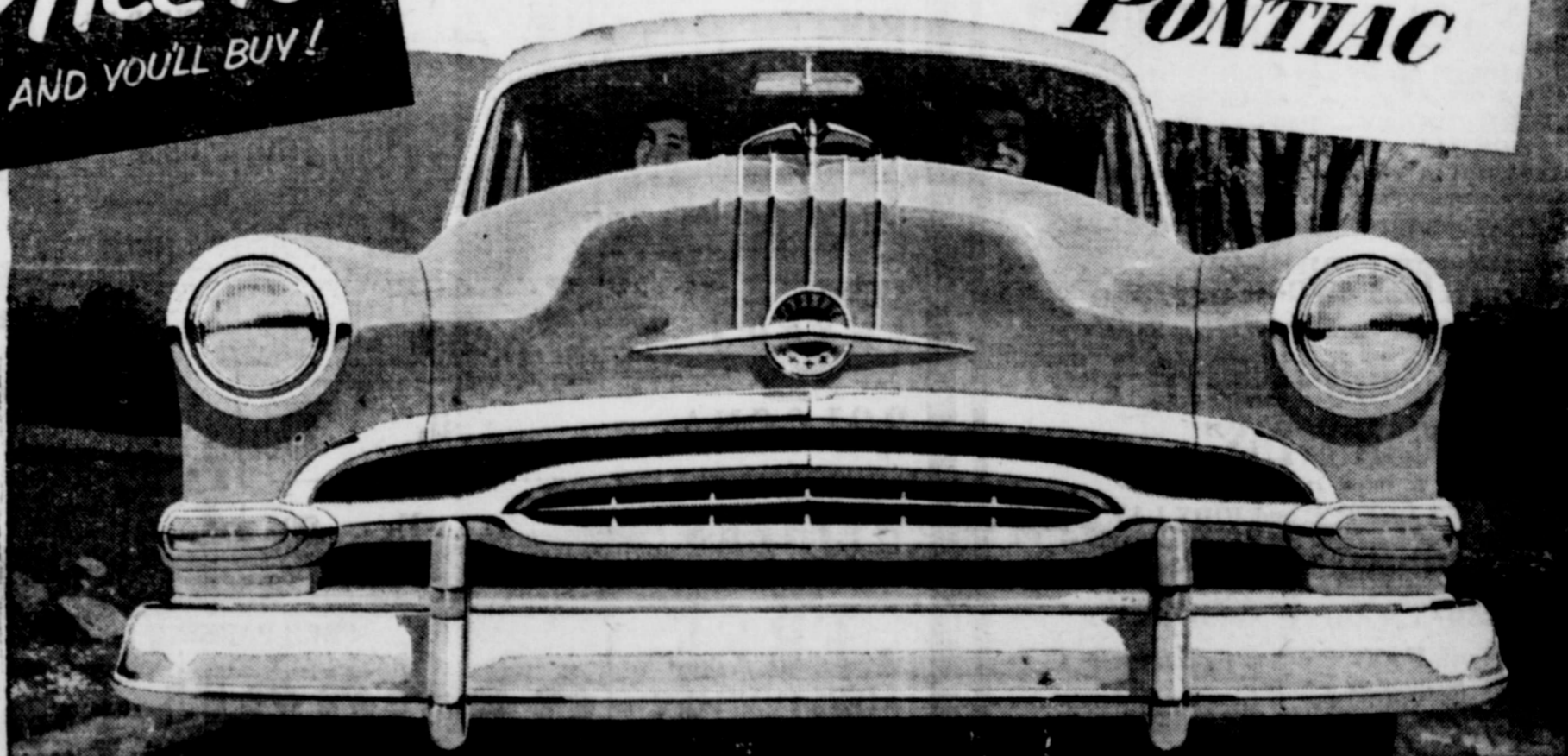
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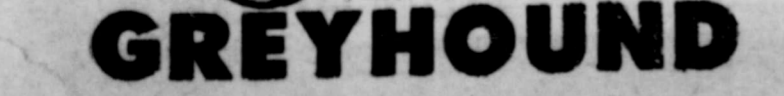
Nearly everyone knows the tune to this catchy little jingle... the Greyhound song. And they know it is true... you do relax... and you do save when you go Greyhound.
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UNION RIDGE H. D. CLUB

The first family night of the Union Ridge Home Demonstration Club was held Friday night, April 16, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Newton. Some watched TV while others played 42. Supper was served to 35 from Abilene and Merkel. All had a grand time.



COMMISSIONER TITTLE

guards the money

Due to weather conditions, it is more difficult to fly from Europe to America than from America to Europe.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Admissions to the Sadler Hospital the past week were:

As medical patients — Paul West, who went home Wednesday, Mrs. Marvin Freeman and Mrs. Don Riney.

For surgery — David Hammond and Carolyn Graham, tonsillectomy.

THE HOWELL FAMILIES HOLD REUNION AT TRENT

The George and Dave Howell families held their annual reunion Sunday at the Trent School Cafeteria, the meeting starting at 6:30 a. m. with a pancake breakfast.

At the noon hour a delicious lunch was served. A program followed in the afternoon, opening

with the theme song, "Precious Memories." The afternoon then was spent visiting, also colored movies were made by H. C. Ivey of Sweetwater.

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There were 71 present with several visitors throughout the afternoon. Members were from Trent Merkel, Abilene, Ft. Worth, Sweetwater, Wills Point, Tolar,

Laredo, Lubbock, Hamlin and Big Spring.

A gift was presented to the oldest one, Lewis Howell of Abilene, and the youngest, Kathy Mahoney of Abilene.

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