

## Badger Nine Wins 6A Championship To Go to Regional

Coach Tommy Ellis' Badgers won the baseball championship in District 6-A.

They beat Rotan on Thursday night here 4-0 and that gave the Merkel boys the pennant. They had won 9 and lost only 2 games.

Dink Whisenhunt pitched the pennant winning game and struck out 12 and only allowed two hits. Philip Pursley and George English each accounted for two hits to lead the Badgers.

Last Friday afternoon here, for full measure, the Badgers spanked Roby 12-3 to end the season with 10 victories and to get even with Roby for beating them the only two games the Badgers lost.

Robert McLeod and Philip Pursley hurled for Merkel, Pursley taking over in the fourth inning and shutting out the Lions the rest of the way.

Philip was the first man at bat in the game and started the fireworks for Merkel by blasting the first pitch for a home run. Terry O'Brien smacked a base-loaded triple for Merkel in the fourth.

Merkel, Alpine and Pecos will compete for the regional honors.

There will be no regional tournament. The Badgers drew a bye Saturday and Pecos and Alpine will compete. The winner will play Merkel.

### SINGING AT SHILOH

There will be singing at Shiloh at 7:45 p. m. Thursday, May 27. Everybody is invited.

## BULLETIN!

The rain here measured 1.25 inches. Weatherman J. I. Ford reported 1.20 inches from 10 p. m. Monday to 8 a. m. Tuesday. A little more rain fell after that. Sam Butman, Jr. reported that the upper end of Mulberry Canyon had a 2-inch rain.

### LINE THIS YEAR

"We hope to complete the line this year," stated Mayor Henry West. The mayor was referring to the water supply line joining Abilene's system. Meantime the engineer is going ahead completing his report.

## Ralph Russell Is Champion Roper At First Round-Up

Ralph Russell won the champion roper at the first annual Rice Springs round-up held at Haskell May 13, 14 and 15. Ralph received a \$225 hand-tooled roping saddle. He tied two calves in 28.5 seconds and two double mugging steers in 55 seconds.

There were 74 ropers to compete against. They came from as far as Ft. Worth, Dallas, Amarillo, Jayton and Eldorado. Ralph rode his 4-year-old black roping mare.

## THE GRADUATES

An Editorial

Tonight, Friday, the Merkel High School will graduate its seniors.

These graduates will enter a world that will offer a challenge to each one of them.

This challenge is to bring order and peace and love to a world in confusion.

This is a challenge to leadership. The problems facing the world today are momentous. The A-bomb and the H-bomb have left our leaders wondering what to do next. A mis-step can wreak havoc from which we can never recover, if we survive.

The leaders of tomorrow who will be confronted with these problems are the graduates of today. They must prepare themselves to meet this challenge.

The schools have done their part to give the students the tools with which to think in grappling with these problems. Will they be able to solve them?

That is the challenge to the graduates.

With our American Way of Life we have faith that they, the graduates, will not fail us. The torch of our heritage has been handed to them. We know that they will carry it high.

We congratulate them all.

## DEDICATED TO GRADUATES

This issue of The Merkel Mail is dedicated to the graduates. They have all worked hard to complete their studies, they have given well of their energy to improve the school spirit and they have won well earned honors in scholastics and on the field of sport. We are happy to dedicate this issue to them, The Class of 1954.

## Main Highway Will Be Placed At Edge of Town

The Inter-State Highway System of the nation will pass the north edge of Merkel.

That statement was made by J. C. Roberts, state district highway engineer, at the Lions Club Tuesday.

President Isadore Melinger presided at the meeting, which included almost all the businessmen of the town, the city aldermen and the commissioners court.

A committee was appointed by the president to make collections to send firemen to the firemen's school at A. & M. College: Earl Hughes, chairman, Clyde Bartlett and Bob Fowler.

Mayor Henry West introduced Mr. Roberts. Mr. Roberts gave a history of Highway 80 and its importance. He pointed out that it had lost some of its importance as a travel way but still is important as a military highway.

He stated that the Inter-State Highway 80 will go by north of Trent, that it will reach Merkel north of the Pioneer Drive-In Theatre and skirt the north edge of Merkel.

He pointed out that the department had \$3,200,000 now to spend in the county on main artery highways. It has \$32,000 to widen Highway 80 unless the right of way is secured for the Inter-State Highway that will skirt Merkel at the north end.

He further stated that in his opinion no work would be done on the Inter-State route at the north edge of town for from four to six years.

## 4 Local Students To Get Degrees At H. S. U.

Hardin-Simmons University will give degrees to 189 candidates at the commencement exercises to be held at the Abilene First Baptist Church Monday, May 31, at 10 a. m. Baccalaureate services are scheduled for 11 a. m. Sunday, May 30, at the same site.

Those from Merkel who will graduate and their degrees are: Lena Stephenson Dunagin, M. S.; Carol Sue Dunagin, B. S.; Mena Robertson Jones, B. S.; Elizabeth Ann Booth, B. S.

### AN INVITATION

Mulberry Canyon will hold its homecoming July 9. The invitation about the great occasion is on page 4.

# Dr. Evan A. Reiff To Deliver Address To Grads Tonight

The Merkel High School will hold its commencement exercises at 8 p. m. tonight, Friday, in the cafeteria-auditorium. There will be 55 graduates.

Dr. Evan Allard Reiff, president of Hardin-Simmons University, will deliver the commencement address. Dr. Reiff has always been interested in Christian education.

Rev. Sam E. Tullock will deliver the invocation and the benediction.

The commencement program is on the front page of the graduation section and includes the names of all the graduates.

## Barbara Wilson Is Valedictorian At Merkel High

Barbara Wilson is the valedictorian and Billie Sandra Patterson is the salutatorian of the Merkel High School. They will deliver their addresses at the graduation exercises to be held at 8 p. m. tonight, Friday, in the cafeteria-auditorium.

George Starbuck will deliver the highest ranking boy's address.

The complete program appears on page one of the graduation section. Included are the names of the graduates.

## Elementary School Has Class Roll Of 54 Graduates

There were 54 students on the list of graduates from the Merkel Elementary School.

The commencement exercises were held Thursday, May 20, at 8 p. m. in the cafeteria-auditorium. The program follows: Invocation, John Martin; favorite school songs naming honor students, Supt. Mack Fisher; song, Bette Smith, girls' songs; gift of class, Marilyn Kelo; song; diplomas, Principal C. A. Farley; hymn.

Ushers were Sue Carr, Dana Durham, Sarah Sue Salter, Katy Hunter, Linda Leach, Annette Boyner. Class sponsors were Mrs. Vincent Barnett and Don Estes.

Accompanist was Mrs. Norman Winter.

The graduates were: Allen Lou David; Alexander, Barbara; Bagby, Arthur; Bagby, Shirley; Beathard, David; Becker, Doris; Bird, Suzy; Black, Mary Lou;

Butman, Patricia Madge; Byrd, Teddy Urban; Carey, Maxwell; Chancey, Kay; Clark, Armon Dee; Corder, Chera; Cunningham, Joe; Curb, Charles;

Earp, Carlton D.; Ford, Donald; Harris, Barbara; Henslee, Johnny Ford; Higgins, Edwin; Higgins, Paul C.; Hobby, Eddie; Johnson, Johnny Wayne; Kelo, Marilyn;

Liner, Gerald; McAninch, Minta; Martin, John William; Melton, Ann; Mewborn, Sue; Miller, Margaret Michael; Pair, Iris Nell; Perry, Kay Lynn;

Pippin, Dora C.; Poe, Millie Erne; Pursley, Sandra Ann; Ray, Rebecca Annette; Reece, Barbara; Reese, De Lois; Rister, Carolyn; Russell, Stella Mae;

Rutledge, Errol; Scott, Barry; Seymour, Riley J.; Smith, Bette; Smith, Ora Vee; Smith, Patsy Ann; Stallo, Mena Lou;

Swartz, Kay; Swinney, Joseph; Toombs, Ronald Deverl; Watson, Patsy Sue; Winter, Linda Ann; Young, Johnnie.

## Moriah E. McCoy To Get Degree From U. of Texas

Moriah Estelle McCoy will receive a degree in Bachelor of Science in Home Economics from the University of Texas at its commencement May 29.



DR. EVAN ALLARD REIFF  
... H. S. U. president, commencement speaker

## "Can You Run Your Life?" Is Challenge Hurlled at Graduates

"Can you run your life?" That was the challenge hurled by Rev. Aubrey F. White in his baccalaureate sermon to the Merkel High School graduates Sunday night at the cafeteria-auditorium.

The hall was packed. A spring-time atmosphere was created by the roses and green shrubbery and white gladiolus that were on the platform.

The processional, "March of the Noble," by Keats was played by Mrs. Edwin Read, violinist, and Mrs. Comer Haynes, pianist. They also played the recessional, "Marche Aux Flambeaux," by Kern.

"We thank God for making such gatherings as these possible," said Minister Roy E. Gulley in his invocation. He also gave the benediction.

The congregation sang "Take the Name of Jesus With You" by Baxter-Doan. The Girls' Chorus sang several selections.

"Which Direction Are You Going?" was the subject of Rev. White's sermon, based on Matthew 10:39.

"Life is precious and on deposit in God's bank. How we use it depends on us," began Rev. White. "We have a choice. What are you going to do with your life?"

"You can run away from life, try to avoid responsibility. Jonah is a good example of this."

The preacher pointed out that people who run away from life are afraid of something. They escape from life by rationalizing, by drinking alcohol, by romancing, by swearing and by suicide.

"You can run with life," continued Rev. White. "If you do, you follow the herd instinct. You can take the line of least resistance. You can follow General Average. You can drift along with those who drink and lie and compromise with life and let other people make up your mind as to right and wrong."

"Or you can run life Jesus taught us how in the Sermon on the Mount.

"More people fail because they don't know how to get along with people. Jesus is the Master in

teaching human relationship. He knew how to get along with people.

"You can run life," asserted the preacher. "You can stand up and hold it on the working end. You can stand up and wrestle with it in an offensive manner. You can stand up and be counted for righteousness. You can run life."

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**NEWS ABOUT TOWN**

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Seago spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Childers in Rising Star.

Miss Denta Gibson spent the weekend in Lubbock with Mr. and Mrs. Joplin and attended the Junior-Senior Prom of Texas Tech.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Boney, Marie Leverich and Mrs. Earl Stanford visited with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Stanford in San Angelo over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Toombs of San Angelo spent the weekend

with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Toombs.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Gregory and family visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Parker McDaniel of Gorman over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Betterton and family of Midland and Big Spring visited Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Adcock and Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Adcock over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. McKeever Ronny and Marlene returned Saturday from a trip to Arkansas where they visited relatives.

H. C. Fronabarger of Ft. Worth is visiting with his sisters, Mrs. O. B. Boden and Mrs. Burnie Dowdy who is in the Sadler Hospital.

Mrs. Oscar Morris of Wichita Falls visited over the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Boden.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Tinker of Tulsa, Okla., visited Sunday with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Kuykendall.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Roberson of Ranger were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Mewborn.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Stalls and son Mark of Dallas visited over the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stalls.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Walton returned Thursday of last week from a week's visit with the Quillins in Denton.

Mr. and Mrs. Troyce Perry with baby of Pasadena came Tuesday of last week and visited until Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Perry.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Rust and sons visited in Odessa Sunday with her mother, Mrs. M. W. Kail.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Jones of Monahans were here Sunday visiting Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Renfro, his sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Fox visited over the weekend in Lubbock with Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Walker and other relatives. They went to the park and had a fish fry. Frank Wallace, his brother-in-law, caught 125 pounds of catfish and all of it was eaten up.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Gentry with Patricia visited Sunday with Mrs. Gentry's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith, in Baird.



IN MAJOR MEET — Two of these three Jones County 4-H Club girls who competed Saturday in Wichita Falls in District 3 contests held recently at Haskell. Right to left, Frankie Sullivan, who will compete in dairy foods demonstration; Beth Adkins, in speaking contest Saturday; and Judy Spurgin, second place winner in vegetable demonstration. All are members of the Noodle 4-H Club.

*We extend Congratulations and Best Wishes!*

Graduation time is a happy time, for it combines happy memories of the past few years and the bright promise the future holds, plus personal satisfaction in individual achievement. So to every graduate, congratulations on a job well done, best wishes for a future that makes your hopes and ambitions come true, and a cordial invitation to make the Farmers and Merchants National your financial headquarters today and for the tomorrows to come.

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**CEMETERY FUND**

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

- Mrs. Virgie Stapleton, Selma, Calif. \$10.00
- W. Fred Yondell, Brownfield \$10.00
- Mrs. H. Livingston \$10.00
- Monroe C. Wozencraft \$5.00
- J. S. Pinckley \$5.00
- Pauline and Ona Johnson \$5.00
- Mary Anna Mayfield, Midland \$5.00
- H. F. Henington \$5.00
- Mrs. J. A. Milliken \$3.00
- J. S. Thomas, Est. \$3.00

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

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By LORETA ALLEN

The rains have been wonderful and have encouraged homemakers to want to plant some garden and work in the yard. Home grown beans and peas make mighty good eating and certainly cut down on that too high grocery bill. Why not plant some real soon?

You will find that beans and peas produce more if you inoculate the seeds before you plant. This places nitrogen gathering bacteria in the soil. These bacteria take nitrogen out of the air and place it in the soil for plant use. Now, this is for legumes, like peas and beans.

You can get a small, inexpensive package of the material at your seed or drug store. For the average gardener, one package is sufficient for all legume plantings during the season. Do not allow the inoculating material to be exposed to sunlight longer than is absolutely necessary.

Light destroys the bacteria and the value of the inoculant. Directions on the container should be followed for maximum response.

Remember that both inoculating dust and mercury compounds cannot be used on the same seed. The two treatments are distinct and should not be confused. Spergon is an exception and may be used to disinfect seed that have been inoculated.

For snap bush beans, a good variety to plant is Top Crop and Logan. For snap pole beans, try Bluelake or Stringless Bluelake.

You will probably be bothered with yellowing or chlorosis of vegetables. When this occurs, mix one pound of iron sulphate in five gallons of water or in 10 pounds of barnyard fertilizer. Use this mixture on twenty to thirty feet of row space, several inches from the plant. Mix well into the soil.

**'Hell's Half Acre'**  
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By VERN SANFORD  
Texas Press Association

All the questions having been resolved concerning who is going to run for what, the big political season is now under way.

Ralph Yarborough of Austin, who announced that he would be a candidate against Allan Shivers for governor, declared himself against breaking the two-term tradition in the chief executive's office.

### No. 1 Problems

Governors of five Southwestern states attended a White House conference to talk about the drought.

"Agriculture and livestock are our No. 1 problems," Gov. Shivers said at the conference, and "a permanent solution for them must be found. Past efforts over many years have not been more than temporary expedients."

Asked by the governors was a \$15 million appropriation to deal with emergency dust and wind problems.

Placed before the President was a long-range program designed to eliminate conditions causing droughts in the Southwest.

Among the recommendations, drawn up by the governors, were: reseeding grasses and other cover crops, coordination of all federal and state agriculture agencies, more incentive for soil conservation practices, parity procedures to guarantee farmers in drought areas adequate prices for their crops, and tax policies designed to promote proper land management.

Gov. Shivers said that suitable farm land should be kept in farms, but land better suited to pasture should remain in pasture or be converted to pasture.

### Close to Home

Prior to the Washington conference, Gov. Shivers had said that water conservation should begin at home, with towns and districts taking the lead in financing and supplementary money to come from the state.

In a session here, directors of the Texas Water Conservation Association echoed that opinion.

J. E. Sturrock, general manager of the association, was doubtful that the state would ever solve the water problem.

He said the people who are suffering from drought don't care whether the water comes from a state tap or a federal tap.

Senator Lyndon Johnson spoke for action to combat drought and asked for a \$15 million increase in soil conservation funds.

"This money," said Senator Johnson, "would be used to fight the wind erosion that could so quickly turn one of the most fertile sections of our nation into a barren wasteland."

Texas is about to become known as the biggest and best place for criminals to work.

That being so, says John Ben Shepperd, we had better hire more police officers at higher pay, give them better equipment, and re-write the criminal code.

### Young Demos

Young Democrats of Texas squared away into two factions, ready for the coming summer's political battles.

One side, friendly to Gov. Allan Shivers, promised a precinct-by-precinct fight for control of the party machinery. The other faction held a meeting at San Antonio, were Ralph Yarborough was a principal speaker.

### Two Million Voters

It is possible that more than two million votes may be cast in this year's elections.

Anyway, there are that many

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

**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. 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.

**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.

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

persons eligible to vote in Texas.  
**More to Come**  
Texas' population will stand above the 12 million mark by 1975, according to a survey made by the Texas Research League.

If Texas' water problem is solved, the population growth will be much faster than the survey shows said Alvin A. Burger, the league's director.

**Road Situation**  
For a long time, Texas has had—and still has—a road problem. To build a first-class highway system in this state will take an expenditure of \$1,665,310,000, according to the state highway department.

Next year, the Texas Good Roads Association will ask the legislature for an additional tax on gasoline of a penny a gallon to boost revenues for highways.

**New Official**  
Dr. Henry Holle, Texan who has been a United States public health administrator in New York City, was sworn in as this state's health officer. He succeeds Dr. George W. Cox.

**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 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.

**M. Y. F. Services**  
7:00 p. m.  
Prayer Services ..... 7:50 p. m.  
"You are a stranger here but once."

**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.

**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.

**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.  
Ladies Bible Class. 4:00 p. m.  
Thursday:

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO LEASE**  
GUARDIANSHIP OF PAUL GRAHAM, BOBBY GRAHAM, ELSIE KATHERINE GRAHAM, AND BILL GRAHAM, MINORS, IN THE COUNTY COURT OF TAYLOR COUNTY, TEXAS

No. 4904  
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ABOVE MINORS OF THEIR ESTATE:  
You are notified that I have on the 5th day of May, 1954, filed with the County Clerk of Taylor County, Texas, an application under oath for authority to make to Mrs. Olga Barret, as Lessee, an oil, gas or mineral lease on that certain real estate belonging to such minors described as follows:

The NW/4 of Section 10, Block 1, S. P. RR Co. Survey in Taylor County, Texas, and being 160 acres, more or less.

That Honorable Reed Ingalsbe, Judge of the County Court of Taylor County, Texas, on the 11th day of May, 1954, duly entered his order designating the 27th day of May, 1954, at 10:00 o'clock a. m. in the county Courtroom in the courthouse of such County, as the time and place when and where such application would be heard and that such application will be heard at such time and place.

ELSIE GRAHAM  
ELSIE GRAHAM, Guardian of the Estate of Paul Graham, et al, minors.  
Adv. — May 14, 21.



**HIGH IN ACHIEVEMENT** — Five top awards in Jones County's annual achievement day for 4-H Club girls went to this quintet. Left to right, Ann Patterson and Karen Irvin, both of Noodle; Martha Holloway, Anson; Clara Hill and Martha Roberson, Anson, who were best in making dresses and skirts.

### 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: Clyde D. Herrin, 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 28th day of June A. D. 1954, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 11th day of May A. D. 1954, in this cause, numbered 19776-A on the docket of said court and styled Maudie Herrin, Plaintiff, vs. Clyde D. Herrin, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and defendant were married on or about October 31, 1942 and continued to live together until January 1954. No children were born to marriage and no community property requires adjudication. Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of cruel treatment. Plaintiff desires her maiden name, Maudie Rice restored to her, 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 11th day of May A. D. 1954.  
Attest: J. Neil Daniel Clerk,  
42nd District Court  
Taylor County, Texas  
By C. Bower, Deputy  
Adv. May 14, 21, 28, June 4.

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### Merkel Lobos Win Hard Fought Game Against Loraine

For eight innings the Merkel Lobos fought a close game with the Loraine nine at Loraine Sunday and then pulled away and won 7 to 4.

In the first inning the game was tied up 2-2 and at the eighth it stood 4-4.

Manual Ybarra pitched six innings, allowing only two hits. Then Jimmy Floyd relieved him and allowed only one hit. Manual Ybarra caught.

Lobos play at Stamford Sunday. Walter Whisenhunt is captain and Juan Biera is the Lobo manager.

### Trent Driving Class Takes Test To Get License

The students of the rent drivers training class were tested for brake reaction time recently. Safety Patrolman Ross Kemp directed the test. The class went to Abilene to complete tests for driver's license. Those in the class were:

Felipe Acuna, Jerrell Butman, Buddy Carter, James Cassady, Bobbie Ann Dudley, Gerald Duncan, Jimmy Hobbs, Nancy Jones, Ruby Lee Jones, Berniece Love, Betty Payne, Venita Quattlebaum, Glenda Faye Reynolds, Sid Ross, Coleen Stowe.

The class greatly enjoyed the use of the 1954 Chevrolet, loaned by the Badger Chevrolet Company of Merkel.

### TYE TO HOLD ELECTION

Taylor County Judge Reed Ingalbe ordered an election held June 1 to determine whether Tye will become an incorporated city. This action was taken Thursday morning of last week.

E. Brady Cox, D. D. S.

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### FLIES FROM GERMANY

Leonard Moore arrived last week from Germany to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Z. V. Moore. Leonard and his wife and two children flew over from Germany to Washington, D. C. She got the measles and remained there. The children were left at Ft. Worth with her relatives. This is the first time he has been home since 1951.

### "Be Prepared" Is Advice Given At Firemen's Meet

"Be prepared." That is the message that Acting Chief Waymon Adcock brought home to the Merkel Volunteer Fire Department when he reported on the convention that he attended at Lubbock.

The convention was conducted by the Texas Firemen's Training School Engineering Extension Service, A. & M. College.

The speaker stressed the need for preparedness, stated Chief Adcock. They advised not to wait until a catastrophe strikes but to prepare ahead of time.

There was no attitude of despair among the firemen. In talking about the A-bomb and the H-bomb the speakers pointed out if we think nothing can be done there was no use doing anything. But something can be done, they asserted. They said that plans are being made to meet any emergency.

### Willie J. Largent Is Guest Speaker At Tex. Tech Club

Willie Joe Largent, former president of the American Herford Association, was the guest speaker at the Block and Bridle

Club's annual banquet at Lubbock last week. Mr. Largent was made an honorary member of the Club at Texas Tech.

### Queen, Pioneer Being Improved Says N. T. Hodge

The Queen and Pioneer Theatres are being improved, announced N. T. Hodge.

The Queen, upon completion of its showing Saturday, May 22, will be closed until Friday, May 28, at which time the Pioneer Drive-In will be open full time.

On May 17 and 18 installations were made in the Queen of the latest RCA High Fidelity Sound System, which includes not one but two high and two low frequency speakers. Also the most modern Simplex Projection Equipment, which will bring the audience a much brighter and clearer cut picture stated Mr. Hodge.

"During the time the Queen is closed a new wide screen will be installed. This will enable us to offer you the best in wide screen releases and also bring you Cinema-Scope," said Mr. Hodge.

Complete remodeling of the interior will also take place and upon completion Merkel can boast one of the finest and most modern small town theatres in the state, he continued.

Improvements in the speakers and sound system at the Pioneer have also been made.

"You will notice the difference," asserted Mr. Hodge.

On account of the installation not being complete Monday night the Queen did not show. However the picture was shown at the Pioneer.

### OUTSTANDING FARMER

K. A. Goza, farmer on Route 2 Anson, has been named the outstanding conservation farmer in the Middle Clear Fork Soil Conservation District of Region II.

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### ACC Professors To Teach Here At Bible School

The Annual Church of Christ Vacation Bible School will be held nightly for one week, starting Monday, May 24, according to Minister Roy E. Gulley.

There will be two 45-minute sessions each night, starting with a brief devotion period at 7:30 p. m. The Vacation Bible School is for all age groups from pre-school children to adults.

An outstanding faculty, including several college instructors from Abilene Christian College, has been secured for the school.

John Steven, dean of men at ACC, will teach two courses, "The Rise of Catholicism" and "The Rise of Protestantism."

Dr. Orval Filbeck of ACC will be the instructor for two very popular courses for young people, "Courtship and Marriage" and "Problems of Young People."

"Women's Work in the Church" and "How to do Personal Work" will be taught by O. B. Proctor, minister of the North Park Church of Christ, Abilene.

Bill Haynes, minister of the Trent Church of Christ, will teach "The Book of Galatians" and "The Book of Ephesians."

Courses in "How to Lead Singing" and "Group Singing for Young People" will be directed by Holland Boring, student of Abilene Christian College.

"Principles of Bible School Teaching" will be in charge of Principal C. A. Farley.

Mrs. Roy E. Gulley and Mrs. Freeman Denton will teach the pre-school children. Mrs. T. J. Neill and Mrs. W. B. Toombs will have charge of the primary students, grades 1-3. The junior students, grades 4-6, will be instructed by Clyde Eager and A. H. Hagar.

"Children of all ages and also adults of Merkel, Trent, Noodle and Hope are cordially invited to attend this school," stated minister Gulley.

### E. H. Jowers Buys Merkel Ice Store And Now in Charge

E. H. Jowers has bought the Merkel Ice from Roscoe Owens. Mr. Jowers has added groceries to his store, that is now known as the Merkel Ice and Grocery.

### REV. MRS. A. WHITE, CLESBY PATTERSONS TO METHODIST MEET

Rev. and Mrs. Aubrey F. White and Clesby Patterson, delegate, and Mrs. Patterson will leave Tuesday for Amarillo to attend the annual session of the Northwest Texas Conference of the Methodist Church. It will last four days.

### SGT. M. L. TOOMBS TO LEAVE SUNDAY FOR DUTY IN EUROPE

Sgt. Malcolm L. Toombs, Jr., who has been stationed at Fort Bliss for the last 13 months, leaves Sunday for Camp Kilmer, N. J. He reports there for overseas duty in Europe for the next nine months. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Toombs, Sr.

### JOHNNY COX MADE FOREMAN OF GRAND JURY THIS WEEK

L. P. Halbrook, Deverl Teaff, Johnny Cox and Raymon Ferguson were on the grand jury this week. Mr. Cox was foreman.

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1953 CHEVROLET 4-DOOR	\$1,295
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1950 FORD CLUB COUPE	\$595
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1954 CHEVROLET 4-DOOR	
THIS IS THE CAR TRENT SCHOOL USED AND IT ONLY HAS 1,600 MILES ON IT. BIG SAVING!	
1953 FORD VICTORY	\$1,795
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1953 CHEVROLET 4-DOOR	\$1,695
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1951 PLYMOUTH 4-DOOR	\$545
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### Noodle School Commencement

COMMENCEMENT

HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM  
Monday, May 17, 1954  
Eight-Thirty P. M.

Processional ..... Myrna Patterson, Judy Spurgin  
Invocation ..... Bob Jeanis  
Salutatory ..... Carol Corder  
Song ..... Jean Smith,  
Jeanette Lucas, Buri McCoy  
Address ..... Bro. Rex Kyker  
Song ..... Jean Smith,  
Jeanette Lucas, Buri McCoy  
Class History ..... Dickey Pack  
Class Will ..... Cleo Wheeler  
Class Prophecy ..... Marie Olney  
Valedictory ..... Maxine Justice  
Presentation of Diplomas ..... C. M. Brown  
Presentation of Awards ..... A. J. Hill  
Benediction ..... Jack Benningfield  
Recessional ..... Myrna Patterson and Judy Spurgin

#### SENIOR GRADUATES

Carol Corder ..... Karie Olney  
Maxine Justice ..... Dick Pack  
Cleo Wheeler

#### GRAMMAR SCHOOL GRADUATES

Don Brown ..... Karen Irvin  
Edith Collier ..... Roy Justice  
Wayne Deen ..... Buddy Lawlis  
Edwin Dixon ..... James Light  
Glenda Horton ..... Danny Pack  
Nancy Hunter ..... Carleta Parsons  
Kenneth Vancil

#### BACCALAUREATE

HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM  
Sunday, May 16, 1954  
Eleven A. M.

Processional ..... Sandra Spraberry  
Invocation ..... Bill Frazier  
Song ..... A. C. C. Quartet  
Sermon ..... Bro. W. O. Beazley  
Benediction ..... A. C. C. Quartet  
Song ..... B. L. Perkins  
Recessional ..... Sandra Spraberry

# Commencement Program

## Merkel High School Commencement

Processional ..... Keats  
Mrs. Edwin Read, Violinist, Mrs. Comer Haynes, Pianist  
Invocation ..... Rev. Sam Tullock  
Solutatory Address, "Challenge of Our Day" ..... Billye Sandra Patterson  
Music ..... Senior Class  
Highest Ranking Boy's Address, "Inspiration and Challenge" ..... George Starbuck  
Music ..... Senior Class  
Valedictory, "Our Answer to Challenge" ..... Barbara Wilson  
Introduction of Speaker ..... Superintendent Mack Fisher  
Commencement Address ..... Dr. E. A. Reiff  
Presentation Special Awards and Scholarships ..... Principal Edwin Read  
Presentation of Diplomas ..... Mr. Mack Fisher  
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Robert Charles Beaird	Johnny Hammond	C. T. Smith
Virginia Lee Bird	Sessions Hammond	Benny Stallo
DeLois Black	Don Hewitt	George Starbuck
Peggy Burlene Bond	Patricia Ann Hite	Jane Lou Tipton
Wanda June Bradley	J. C. Horton	Iris Jean Verner
Juaneva C. Cason	Peggy Marie Kerns	Shirley Joy Walker
Richard Doyle Chaney	Donald James King	Colonel J. Wallace
Nowlin Denzil Cox	Goldie Leverich	Tessie Mae Warren
Jerry Cunningham	Marilyn Fae Liles	Gloria West
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Troy Gordon Dean	Garth McLeod	Alvis Whisenhunt
Billy Wayne Dye	Bobby Mayfield	Beverly A. Wurst
Eugene Dye	Jack D. Miller	Dale F. Wurst
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#### WHY TOMORROW?

"Check your car — check accidents, today. Tomorrow may be too late!" In those words Col. E. B. Tilley of Houston, president of the Texas Safety Association, urged all motorists to support the vehicle maintenance program being conducted throughout Texas this month. "Accidents don't wait to happen," he said. "Bad brakes, worn out windshield wiper blades and other neglected parts will let you down in an emergency. And an emergency can occur at any moment."

#### MASONS AND TEXAS

An exhaustive study of the influence of Freemasonry in America, with emphasis on Texas history, has been completed by a University of Texas graduate student. James D. Carter, formerly of Coryell County, showed in his doctoral dissertation that Masons played a major role in Texas during the Colonial period, the Revolution and the Republic.



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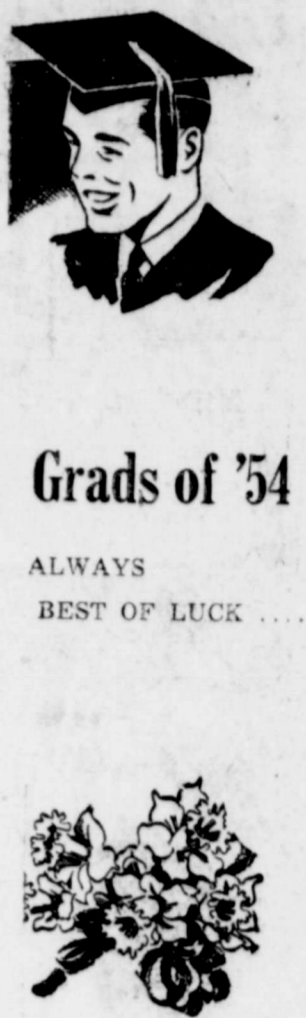
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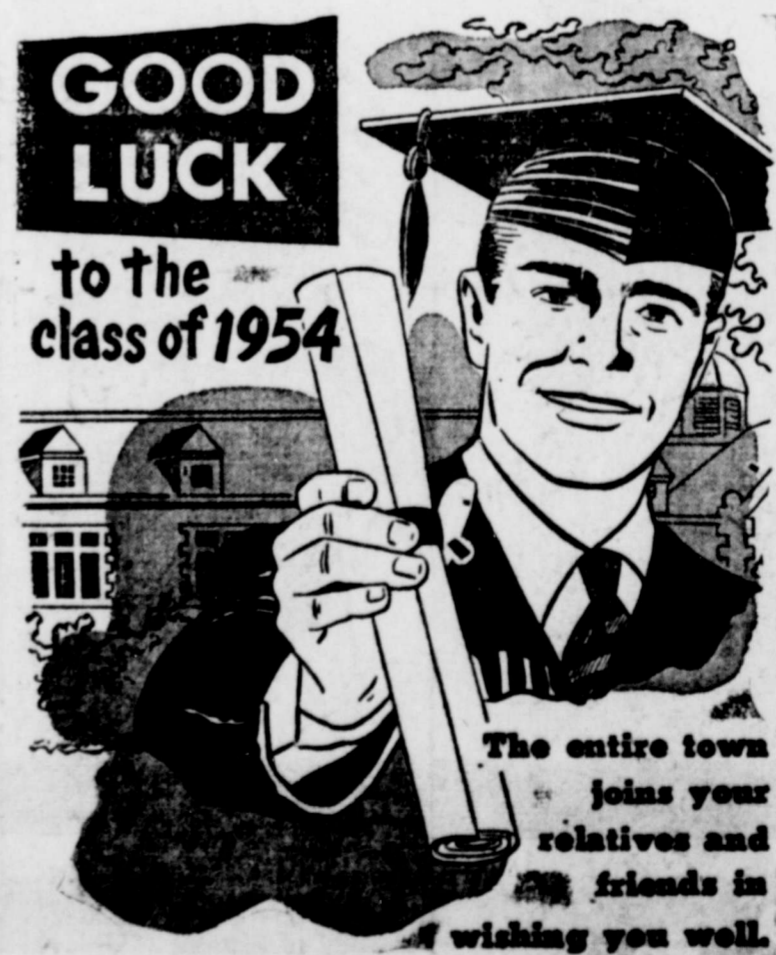
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A. F. Parks of Waneta, Okla., visited his daughter, Mrs. Porter...

Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Carson and her sisters, Mrs. Anna McCormick...

Mrs. Hugh Campbell visited her niece, Mrs. Martlyn McElmery...

Mrs. W. C. Hunter is visiting with her sons and their wives...

Mr. and Mrs. David Hobdy and son Eddie spent Sunday with their daughter...

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Doan and Mr. and Mrs. Claud Doan visited the former's daughter...

Mrs. Bob McLean of Butman visited Mrs. W. A. Harrison the past week.

ROBERT H. WADE LEAVES LAST WEEK FOR SERVICE IN ARMY

Robert H. Wade left Merkel Wednesday morning...

WILLING WORKERS MEET WITH MRS. ETTA TUCKER

An interesting program was rendered with the devotion by Mrs. Walling...

MERKEL H. D. CLUB MEETS AT COMMUNITY CENTER

The Merkel Home Demonstration Club met May 14 at 10 a. m. at the Community Center...

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Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Windham were hosts for the family night of the Goodman Home Demonstration Club last Saturday.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ben Bingham visited Saturday night with her sister, Mrs. J. L. Wilson...

MAX MELLINGER AND SON SYLVAN AT FALL MARKET

Max Mellinger and son Sylvan attended the Fall Ladies' Ready-to-Wear market in Dallas this week.

O. J. ADCOCK ADDS BRICK FLOWER BOXES TO FRONT OF BUILDING

O. J. Adcock has erected brick flower boxes in front of his store, similar to those in front of the Adcock Cleaners.

PAYS FINE

Orlin Harris of Merkel paid a fine of \$50 and court costs of \$21.20 after he pleaded guilty Friday morning in Taylor County Court to stealing four hubcaps valued at \$21.90 from Bill Tarpley on May 1. — Abilene Reporter - News.

UNION RIDGE CLUB MEETS WITH MRS. M. L. DOUGLAS

The Union Ridge Home Demonstration Club met Friday, May 7, in the home of Mrs. M. L. Douglas...

TRENT FHA AND FFA HOLD JOINT MEETING MONDAY

The Trent FHA and the FFA held a joint meeting at Trent School Monday. The girls gave a report on the state meeting held in Fort Worth...

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Hospital Notes

Admissions to the Sadler Hospital the past week were: As medical patients — Mrs. Buster Thompson...

WIN AT RODEO

Allen D. King Jr. was home for Mother's Day accompanied by his Texas Tech roommate, Richard Ridgway...

90 AT PIONEER

The Pioneer Memorial Chapel had 90 in Sunday school on Mother's Day. In Mrs. Ray Osborn's class 14 children spelled out the word "Mother" and sang...

PIONEER M. Y. F. ELECTS

The Pioneer Memorial M. Y. F. elected new officers and they are: President, J. B. Swinney...

HOLD NOODLE PICNIC

The Freshman class of Noodle High School celebrated the ending of school by going on their school picnic Thursday, May 6.

ON BUYING TRIP

Mrs. Edna McGee was in Dallas and Ft. Worth Sunday on a buying trip for pot plants and pottery.

UNION RIDGE TO MEET

The Union Ridge Home Demonstration Club will meet at 10 a. m. Friday, May 28, at the Community Center for an all-day affair.

TRENT GROUP TO MEET

The Trent Homemaking Group will meet at 2 p. m. Monday at the Trent School for summer plans.

SUFFER INJURIES

Mrs. Elizabeth Coats Russell and Mrs. Hilton Suber were injured when their car collided with a gravel truck near Abilene...

FINED \$100

Eddie Whisenhunt, 51 of Route 4, Merkel, was fined \$100 an assessed \$21.20 court costs after pleading guilty Thursday to driving while intoxicated.

Jackie Hogan Explains in Essay "What Is Honor?"

Below is one of the eight essays from Merkel High School to be published in "Young America Speaks." It is entitled, "What Is Honor?" and was written by Jackie Hogan.

"A FINE PAPER"

Melvin Jenkins of Abilene was here Saturday visiting his uncle, Fred Jenkins, who was in the Sadler Hospital.

AT COWBOY REUNION

An outstanding Quarter Horse Show will again be a feature of the Texas Cowboy Reunion July 1, 2, 3 and 5 A number of the finest horses in the Southwest will be exhibited.

CLASSIFIED AD SECTION

LODGE CALLS NOTICE MASONS

NOTICE Stated meeting of Merkel Chapter No. 212 O. E. S. Tuesday, May 25, at 8 p. m.

WANTED

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

WOMEN WANTED

TV SICK? CALL DUDLEY ELECTRIC PHONE 193 or 303J

BUS SCHEDULE

Table with columns for Eastbound and Westbound bus routes and times.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Merkel Mail is authorized to announce the following candidates for office...

For State Senator 24th District HARLEY SADLER (re-election)

For County School Superintendent CLIVE PIERCE

For County Treasurer MRS. BOB HAILE

For Commissioner Precinct No. 2 RUFUS HITTLE (re-election)

For Justice of Peace Pct. 5 O. W. DONALD PAINE

For Constable Pct. 5 LUTHER LAND

For Constable Pct. 5 SAM T. McLEOD

Jones County, Com. Pct. No. 4 J. E. TOUCHSTONE

Jones County, District Clerk W. L. POOCHEY McDONALD

BLAIR STORE TAPPED

A Blair store owned by Mrs. Pat Addison was burglarized of one case of lubricating oil and one bottle of soda pop Tuesday night.

One advantage of being fat is that people don't step on your toes.

ROOFING Let the Lydick - Hooks Roofing Co. make your estimate to reroof your residence or building.

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FOR RENT — 3-room furnished south apartment. Call 125W. J. C. Comey's, 408 Manchester. t64c.

FOR RENT — Modern trailer park at 709 Ash St., \$15 a month rental. See Herman Carson at Carson's Grocery. t51c.

FOR SALE

FOR SALE — Choice Berries, 50c gallon and you pick em. W. H. Bigler, Abilene, Rt. 3. t110p.

FOR SALE — White Leghorns, White Rocks, 1 to 5 weeks. New Hampshire 3 to 4 weeks. Dressed Fryers 41c pound. Hearn Hatchery. t110p.

FOR SALE — 4-room house and bath at 512 Edwards St. See Bessie McClung. t110p.

FOR SALE — Coffee Table, ranch style. Used only 2 months. Sell at Bargain. See Mrs. David Tarpoley, Route 1, Merkel, Tex. t39p.

FOR SALE — 50 Bu. Paymaster Cotton Seed. Leach and Baker, Route 1, Merkel. t19c.

FOR SALE — International Super C Tractor and equipment. New Two oil changes. Bargain. See H. W. Huffstutler, 2834 Cedar, Abilene, after 5 p. m. or at Gooch Packing Co during the day. t29p.

FOR SALE — 2351 acres of good grass land located 3/4 miles S. W. of Tye in Taylor County, Texas, heavy Mesquite timber and practically all tillable, watered by two wells and windmills and five surface tanks. Has six producing oil wells with 1/2 minerals intact, will convey land as is, but hold 1/4 oil royalty, with possession June 1st, 1954. No information by letter, contact Roy Hunter, in person at 301 Oak Street, Merkel, Texas, or phone 63-W for price and appointment. t39p.

FOR SALE — He have several used evaporative coolers, both large and medium size. Badger Chevrolet Co. t88c.

FOR SALE — Registered cotton seed: Northern Star delinted, Harper Mabane and D. P. L. fuzzy seed. Farmers Coop Gin, Merkel. See Morris B. Smith. t38c.

FOR SALE — All sizes of belts and cooler pads for air conditioners. West Co. t17c.

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. t1fc.

FOR SALE — Slightly used '41 4-door Chevrolet. Priced to sell, Higgins and Bunch Garage. t1lc.

STORE FOR SALE or Lease. See Mrs. John C. Thompson in Noodle. t17c.

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.

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.

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FOR your Stationary and other supplies see The Merkel Mail.

MISCELLANEOUS FOR CEMETERY Curbing—see M. A. Noster, 1404 Herring Dr. Estimates gladly given. t17c.

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

WATER Well drilling and Surface pipe set. L. A. Coats. Phone 287. t21c.

WATER WELL drilling and surface pipe set. Higgins & Malone. Box 267, Merkel. Phone 26.

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

BUSTER HESTEN, agent for Abilene Reporter-News and Dallas Morning News. Phone 369W.

**DISABLED VETERANS ARE BEING TAUGHT TO HELP THEMSELVES**

Wednesday, March 24, marked the 11th anniversary of Public Law 16, a Federal law that has enabled nearly two-thirds of a million disabled veterans to train for useful, productive lives. Veterans Administration announced.

VA said its experience in administering this law has demonstrated that veterans with virtually every type of disability can be rehabilitated successfully.

The Public Law 16 training program for World War Two veterans comes to an end on July 25, 1956. For veterans disabled since fighting started in Korea, the program will not end until nine years after the conclusion of the present emergency period — a date that is yet to be established.

**TIMELY TIPS**

One dish meals are time and labor savers.

When purchasing ground meat, buy that which is freshly ground or frozen.

Teen agers need from 80 to 100 grams of protein per day. One three-ounce hamburger patty contains 19 grams of protein of approximately 1-4 to 1-5 of their daily requirement.

**TIME FOR GARDEN**

"Garden-fresh" means vitamin-rich. The fresher the food, the better the taste, the less the waste. There is still time to plant a garden. — A. & M.



by Lyndon B. Johnson  
U. S. SENATOR

**ONE BASIC ISSUE:** More and more it becomes glaringly apparent that the age in which we live poses one basic question, and one only.

That question is whether free, representative government — the kind of government we have in the United States — can survive.

**NO MEETING PLACE:** There is no common ground for a meeting of minds between the adherents of communism and those who believe in the American system of freedom in government (freedom of enterprise and individual freedom).

Communism stands for slavery. Americanism stands for liberty.

Communists believe in an all-powerful state. Americans believe in the importance of the individual.

On all counts, the conflict between communism and Americanism is fundamental in nature. Re-

cognition of that fact is, it seems to me, the beginning of wisdom in dealing with the menace of communism.

**A STONG AMERICA:** The American policy toward communism should be — must be — based firmly upon our strengths, not waveringly upon our weaknesses.

**AN IDEA, AN IDEAL:** These are indeed great points of strength. There is one other still greater. That is the idea of liberty.

The idea of liberty — the ideal of freedom — has a powerful appeal to the hearts of mankind. Surely, as a people we can make that appeal more compelling to all the world than the false promises of communism.

I have faith that we can.

**WIND EROSION:** The Senate passed an amendment to H. R. 8541, supplemental appropriation bill, providing 15,000,000 to make payments to farmers who carry out emergency wind control measures under the 1954 agricultural conservation program.

I spoke in the Senate in favor of the amendment and voted for it.

**BETTER HIGHWAYS:** Texas will receive a larger amount of Federal road aid during the next two years than any other state, except New York. Total for Texas, under terms of the bill recently enacted by Congress, will be \$52,200,000 per year for the two-year period.

**ENJOYS THE PAPER**

Mrs. Effa Patton wrote that she had moved from R. 1 to 2, Comanche, and to send The Mail to the new address. She added, "We enjoy getting the paper."

Sausage and cheese are rich sources of protein which is necessary for the growth and maintenance of muscle tissue.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**THE STATE OF TEXAS**

To any Sheriff or any Constable within the State of Texas — GREETING:

You are hereby commanded 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: Nina Ruth Walker, Defendant. Greeting:

**YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED** to appear before the Honorable 104th District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 14th day of June A. D. 1954, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 30th day of April A. D. 1954, in this cause, numbered 7485-B on the docket of said court and styled Jack Walker, Plaintiff vs. Nina Ruth Walker, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were married on or about February 9, 1954 and lived together until on or about February 27, 1954.

Plaintiff shows there is no community property to be adjudicated and no children born of said marriage.

Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of 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 the 30th day of April A. D. 1954.

Attest: J. Neil Daniel Clerk,  
104th District Court  
Taylor County, Texas  
By Jean Teaff, Deputy.  
Adv. May 7, 14, 21, 28.



**TYE PETITION** — Taylor County Attorney Tom Todd, seated, examines a petition to the Commissioners' Court to call an election to incorporate Tye. Presenting the petition are two Tye residents, Bill Mauldin, left, and Wesley Rister. The petition bears 24 signatures.

**Shotgun House, Rattlesnakes, Panthers in Early Merkel Story**

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 Lonnie Harris. The article follows:

Before Merkel was surveyed and made a town, not a person lived between the Clear Fork River and Mulberry Canyon.

Sam Butman, Sr., bought the first lot. This lot was where the Oasis Hotel is now. The depot was the only building moved from its original place. J. L. Vaughan was the first real estate agent, first postmaster and first Sunday School superintendent.

The first school was in Phylan's Cox's residence. Later a school was built. Mr. Butman loaned \$400 for the building of a school. Mr. Thomas was the teacher.

At this time Abilene was about the size of Tye.

There were no really wild horses, only those that the people had turned loose. There were panthers, rattlesnakes and prairie dogs.

All of the Indians were gone by 1882.

The Merkel Mail was started March 20, 1890. The first newspaper editor was M. J. Cox, commonly known as Mary Jane Cox.

Mr. Thornton and another man owned the dry goods store.

The first grocery store was owned by Mrs. Rawlings. Lion Thornton owned the first hardware store and the first butcher was Mr. Cravin.

Mr. Alsobrook owned the first hotel. The first doctor was Doc Shangles. Mr. Boyd owned the first barber shop. Doc Ground's Blue Front was the first saloon. Mr. Boyce owned the first livery stable. It was located near the Gulf Station on Oak Street.

The first birth was a little girl to Mr. and Mrs. Pat Henery. She was also the first death. Among the first graves were those of two little boys. They were herding sheep. They had started home when a blizzard came and they froze to death.

Merkel got its name from a man named Merkel. He lived southeast of town. E. W. King lives there now. Fait Bland owns the ranch. Latrobe Vaughan was the first young boy to get off the train. He was 14 years of age. He came in 1882.

The first grocery store was owned by Mrs. Rawlings. Mrs. Rawlings built a shotgun house, which is a long three-room house. Later she had two business houses built on each side of her house. Later one of these houses was used as a drug store.

The first marriage was that of Sam Butman and Madge Vaughan. Doc Miller owned the first car. The first fire truck was pulled by horses.

In 1913 the bricks were brought in for the streets, which was 40 years ago.

This drought is the first real drought in the history of Merkel.

**DIES AT LAWSON HOME**

Albert Field of Hawley died at 2:30 p. m. Tuesday of last week at the Julia Lawson Rest Home. He had been at the home about a month.

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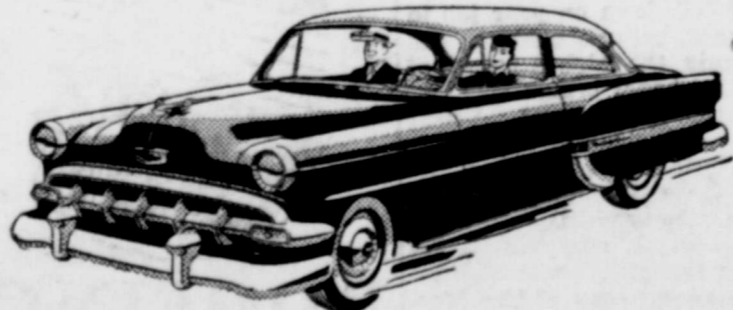
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- Nook Grocery
- D. A. Lee Station (Camp Fair)

Other Firms Will Be Listed Later





AT 'MELON CUTTING' — This quintet had prominent part in the distribution of Merkel Co-op Gin dividend checks totaling \$17,890 at Merkel. Left to right they are Johnnie Taylor and Homer Patterson, who split a check for more than \$1,000; Morris B. Smith, renamed gin manager; Dee Teaff, re-elected president; and L. S. Tipton, Jr., renamed secretary-treasurer.

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**EDITORIAL**

**THE GOOD RAIN**

The good rain has come again. And it has been extremely welcome. And coupled with the rain

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that has fallen before it should make for happy prospects.

There is lot to be said about rain. We know so much about rain... and we know so little. Yet it is the foundation of life. Without water we would be unable to exist. We would die of thirst. The farmer would plant and produce nothing. We would have nothing to eat and we would all perish.

Our friend, Editor Frank Grimes, of the Abilene Reporter-News, is a master in the art of writing about weather. He has dragged many a sheet of paper through his typewriter, telling about the hopes and hazards of rain. In fact, he has grown musical about it and wrote an opera, "Mesquite Under Thunder," with the theme of rain. (He wrote the words, not the music. And may we add that he makes music with his words, his phrases sing).

Well, what we started out to say was that he reminds us that we can say all we want to about the weather but we cannot predict the day of the rain. Not in West Texas. He just wrote an editorial to that effect the other day. And a day or two later the daily press carried a story saying that it has rained on May 11 quite frequently. It rained on that date this year. It rained when Editor Grimes' opera was put on!

All of which proves what? That we know so little about rain.

Here's something more to prove the point. Last year in the issue of May 22 of The Merkel Mail we had a story stating that 4.25-inch rain had fallen in that week. This year, just one week before that date, it rained 3.46 inches.

Now, we would not want to be a rain prognosticator because this has happened, not in West Texas. We would still go along with Editor Grimes that you cannot set the date, name the day, of a rain... not in West Texas.

So, those who have waited for rain have not waited in vain. Those who have hoped have had their hopes blossom into fruition. And those who have prayed have had their faith realized.

**SESSIONS HAMMOND**

In the rush of closing exercises of school it should not be overlooked that the main thing, or one of the main things, of school is the scholastic training. This has been stressed at the Merkel High School and the students have done splendidly in the different literary contests held this year.

A number have gone to the final state contest and one boy, Sessions Hammond, has made his mark among the highest. He won second place in the state finals in senior boy declamation in Austin. That is a wonderful achievement!

When you stop to think about this you can really see what this means. He had first to win the local high school contest. Then he went to the district and won there. After that he competed in the regional and won first place at that point. Finally he journeyed to Austin and won second honor.

The Merkel High School can well be proud of Sessions. He has won distinction not only for himself, but for our school and our town. Our heartiest congratulations to him.

**"WHITE-ICISM"**

That's ALL — and the Sage of Figfield adds that man does not live by bread alone; he must have hopes and dreams and ideals... and he must have rain.

**"Jubilee Trail" Is Great Drama At Pioneer Show**

One of the greatest American dramas in modern literary annals, Gwen Bristow's best-selling novel "Jubilee Trail," is brought brilliantly to the screen in magnificent Tru-color by Republic Studios which unveiled its new smash offering at the Pioneer Theatre Sunday and Monday.

The unforgettable characters in the Bristow novel who found their way to the historic Jubilee Trail from old New York and the blazing cabarets of New Orleans of the 1890's are colorfully brought to life by a strong star cast headed by Vera Ralston as the vicious and alluring Florida, Jean Leslie Garnet, Forrest Tucker as John Ives and John Russell as Cliver.

**Murderous Raiders Fought by Autrey**

Gene Autrey smashes a band of murderous forest raiders to make Michigan's Saginaw Valley wilderness safe for homesteaders in his latest vehicle, Columbia Pictures' "Saginaw Trail," which plays Friday and Saturday at the Queen Theatre.

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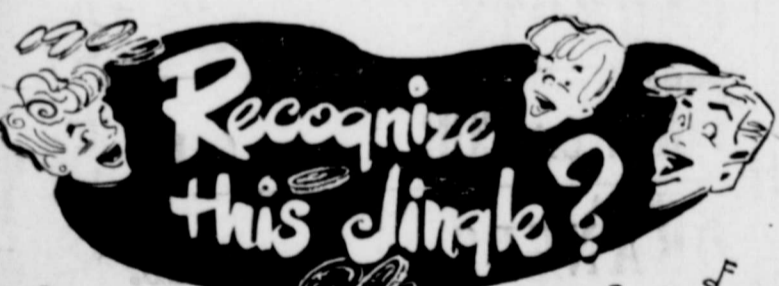
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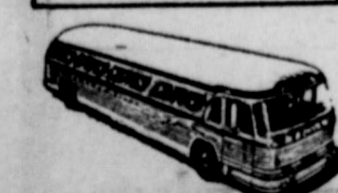


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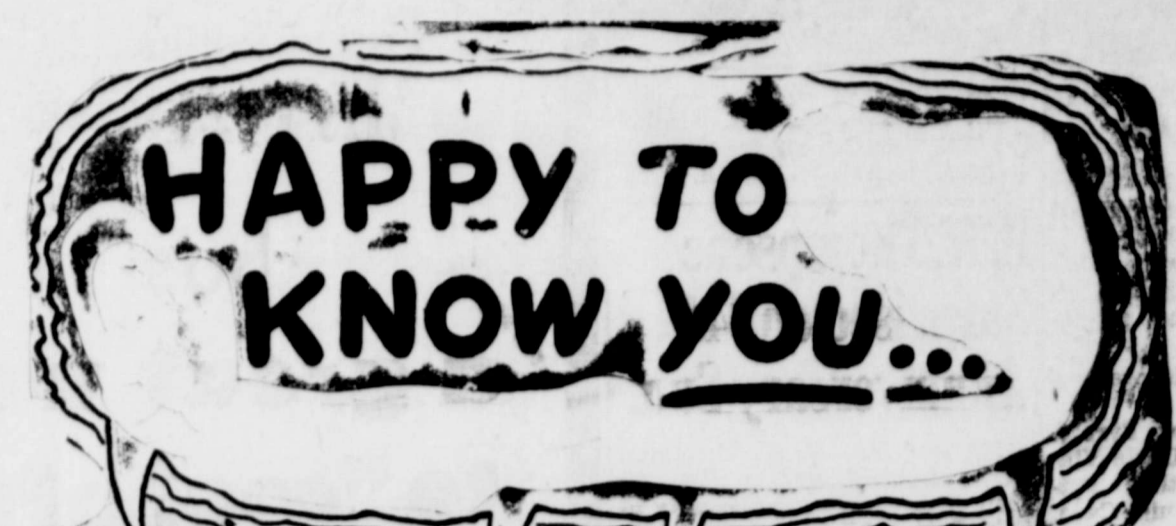
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### Trent 8th Grade Graduates Tuesday With Class of 13

The Trent Eighth Grade held its graduation in the Trent School auditorium Tuesday night. The honor students were Joe Christ, valedictorian; Linda Dudley and Hilda Hutcheson, salutatorians.

Principal John R. Hale presented the diplomas to:

Charles Bright, Bobby Byrom, Joe Christ, Joel Crain, Doyle Vinson, Tommy Young, Arthur Potter, Quinton Potter, Connie Cade, Lynda Dudley, Melda Heatley, Hilda Hutcheson and Frances Cisneros.

#### HAS MAJOR SURGERY

R. T. Smith underwent major surgery at the Sadler Hospital on May 14.

#### BOY TO WILLIAMSON

A boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Williams at the Sadler Hospital on May 17.

#### JONESES HAVE BOY

Mr. and Mrs. Othell Jones are the parents of a boy born at the Sadler Hospital on May 18.

### E. H. Thompsons Surprised on 34th Anniversary Sun.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Thompson were surprised with a party on their 34th wedding anniversary at Cobb Park, Abilene, Sunday.

Those honoring the couple were: Messrs. and Mesdames Truett Thompson and son Wayne, Omar Bishop and daughter, all of Merkel, M. L. Barker, Curtis Clyburn, all of Abilene, M. H. Barker and son of Hodges, W. M. Barker of Anson.



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