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Our Democracy Is a Way of Life Graduates Told

American democracy is more American way of life. American than the rule of the people. It is democracy came from a long way the whole pattern of our Ameri- back. can way of life.

University, to the graduating informed public." class of Merkel High School, last Friday night.

The commencement exercise made our democracy. He pointed took place in the cafeteria-audi- out the contribution that the frontorium. The hall was filled, every tiers had made. seat was taken, about 100 persons were standing at the walls

and many were outside. Springtime roses and gladiolas They gave us individual reliance. with lattice work were the back- They gave us dignity of common ground on the platform for the honest labor. They gave us hon-

exercise. Mrs. Edwin Read, violinist, and ed the processional and the re- voice, gave us freedom, natural cessional. The graduates marched rights and brotherhood. The Engin while the audience stood up.

cation asked the graduates to the people, the rule of the major-"realize the sacrifices that had ity and the right of the minority, been made" to give them their ed- the common law. They gave us ucation. Rev. Tullock also gave "fair play." the benediction.

torian, spoke on the "Challenge the beautiful, of Our Day." After songs by the class George Starbuck, highest American democracy was made ranking boy, talked on "Inspira- by the ancient Jews and the early, tion and Challenge." The seniors Christians, asserted Pres. Reiff. sang more songs and Babara Wil- They gave us the "worth of man." son, valedictorian, spoke on "Our Answer to Challenge."

Supt. Mack Fisher introduced ican life," said the speaker. the speaker, telling of his inspira- In concluding Pres. Reiff pointtion in the education of youth.

ed special awards and scholarships so good that many outside our and Supt. Fisher gave out the country would like to have it and The audience remained seek it

"The public school system was That was the theme of the ad- not here when our nation was dress given by Dr. Evan A. Reiff, formed. There is no rule of the president of Hardin - Simmons people unless there is an educated Then Pres. Reiff went on to

show the different things that had

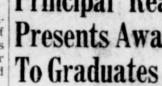
"They gave us courage," he asserted. "Those who had no courage did not stay on the frontiers. est toil as a badge of pride."

The French, he continued in Mrs. Comer Haynes, pianist, play- his powerful, deep, reverberating lish gave us a way of life and law, Rev. Sam E. Tullock in his invo- popular legislation, legislation by

Ancient Greece gave us three Billye Sandra Patterson, saluta- ideas: The good and the true and

The greatest contribution to our

"We respect a man for what he is, that is the color of our Amer-





... valedictorian

GEORGE STARBUCK . highest boy

Principal Read on in the education of youth. Principal Edwin Read present-d special awards and scholarships



THE MERKEL MAIL

IN THE FRIENDLY TOWN

MERKEL, TEXAS, FRIDAY, MAY 28, 1954.



Fortnightly Club **Officers** Are Installed Tues.

The Fortnightly Study Club met in the final meeting of the year for a covered dish luncheon at the beautiful new West Texas Utilities Club house on Lytle Lake | lege. He plays the cornet. in Abilene on Tuesday, May 25.

Feature of the day was the installation of the new officers. Mrs. Andy Shouse, retiring president, was installing officer using a most unique installing ceremony. Mrs. Shouse carried out, an Indian theme in kepeing with the Texas Federation Indian affairs project. As each officer was installed. Mrs. Carroll Benson pinned junior. intermediate, young peoa ribbon and a feather around ple and senior choirs. each officer's head while Mrs. Shouse told the meaning of the colors and challenged each officer to maintain these qualities in her

Methodist Church paid its re- sons were standing outside. spects to Charles Dee Grimes at his He died at 11:15 a. m. Satur- retired city water superintendent funeral Sunday afternoon. All the day at his home. He was 62 years M. Leslie Grimes and pews were occupied, the adjoining old.

Ben Green, 20,

Is Music Director

He had been seriously ill since October and had become critically ill Wednesday of last week. Although in ill health, Mr. Grimes had remained active in his business, the Bragg's Department

ill. The funeral was conducted at

Store, until becoming critically

A beautiful tribute was paid to Mr. Grimes by the wealth of flowers that filled the church. A solid mass of flowers surrounded the casket and the front of the church while a garden of flowers hung on the walls . . . a fine de-Mr. Green sings in the a capella monstration of the love in which

Rev. Hugh Hunt, pastor of the Stanton Methodist Church, praised Mr. Grimes highly as an outstanding church worker. Rev. Aubrey F. White officiated, assisted by Rev. Sam E. Tullock and

Rev. Hunt. The pallbearers were John singing at the First Baptist West, Owen Ellis, Abilene, Booth Church of Eastland when it held Warren, W. S. J. Brown, Homer Easterwood, Taft, Paul Williams, Breckenridge. Herbert Patterson

was honorary pallbearer. Funeral was in charge of Starbuck Funeral Home. Burial was in

Rose Hill Cemetery. Mr. Grimes moved to Merkel n 1905. He had served the First

A crowd that filled the First | rooms were filled and many per- | They are Frank Grimes, editor of the Reporter-News; L. A. Grimes, Earl Grimes.

On the Broadway

of America

5c A COPY

The rainfall here Sunday night measured 1.75 inches, reported Weatherman J. I. Ford. Some hail fell at Blair. At Charles Derrington's farm, 21/2 miles southwest of here, it rained 2.3 inches. At Williamson Place, 9 miles northwest of Merkel, it measured 4 inches while six miles northwest of Trent it was .6. Dangerous winds blew here Sunday night.

The Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc., is going to build a north annex to its present building, costing over \$10,000, announced Lester Dorton, manager. The purpose of the new structure will be to handle the annual meeting.

This action was taken at the meeting of the board.

Tucker and Lindbert of Abilene are the architects. Comstruction is expected to start soon, said Mr. Dorton.

Commissioner Rufe Tittle said Tuesday he hoped to know within 10 days what amount of bond issue Precinct 2 will be required to vote for purchasing rightof way for Highway 80. He ex-\$100,000 or \$125,000, depending upon the re-routing.

At First Baptist 3 p. m. Ben Green, 20, a junior at Hardin-Simmons University, has been named music director at the First Baptist Church here, announced Rev. Sam E. Tullock, pas-

choir of the university. For two he was held. years he was at Cisco Junior Col-

Since 1951 he has been boys' counselor at he Central Baptist Camp at Crooked Lake, Wis. Last year there were 50 boys at the

camp under his supervision. This spring he conducted the its revival.

Mr. Green will work with the

BEN GREEN

.. new music director

MRS. ANDY SHOUSE

. . .outgoing president



seated for the recessional.

"We are proud of our public ARRIVE FROM HAWAII school system," began Pres. Reiff. "Every boy and girl can get an education."

Then he went on to say that his subject for the evening was "American Democracy."

"Democracy means the rule of the people," said the speaker. "But here it means more than that, it is the whole pattern of our

BILLY GARDNER LEADS

Walderine Huskey, daughter of

ian, her average being 93,354.

Jannell Black was valedictorian

of the 42 grammar school gradu-

ates. Pauline Joyner was salutator-

ian. Two other students had aver-

Dorothea Sue Bird and T. L. Reid.

Forty-three business firms were

represented by advertising trucks

and decorated automobiles in the

street parade staged Saturday as

the opening feature of Merkel's

second big free rodeo. There were

Walter Frazier of Stith and El-

second big free rodeo Saturday,

with fully 3,000 enthusiastic spec-

record was 21 seconds. Earl Stev-

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TO KEEP GROUNDS CLEAR

tators viewing the events. Their

ages nearly as high as these

TAKE PART IN PARADE

54 horseback riders.

RECORD BIRTHS

May 30.

THRILLS AND SPILLS

average of 89.964.

JANNELL BLACK TOPS

where they had lived for two and a half years. Mr. Swanke is chief warrant officer in the Air Corps.

Merkel 20 Years Ago

TAKEN FROM THE 1934 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL

Lee.

city.

honors, with an average of 93,617, every two weeks.

Mrs. S. A. Huskey, was salutator- CABIN BURNS HERE

Mrs. George F. Swanke talked with her mother, Mrs. Winnie Cypert, Saturday from San Francisco, Calif. She, her husband and children had just flown in from Honolulu, Hawaii

the football grounds during the

dra Patterson, salutatorian; George ors in her leadership. Starbuck, highest ranking boy. These students also received medals from the school. Other medal awards to seniors were: Best all-around boy, Corky

Cox: best all-around girl, Billie Moore: president senior class, Ralph Bartlett; yearbook editor, university scholarship and valedictorian trophy, Barbara Wilson. Sandra received the salutator-

ian trophy. Perfect attendance certificates went to Jane Tipton, Charles Beaird, Sandra Patterson, Peggy Bond and Barbara Wilson.

Billy Gardner, valedictorian of summer to keep them clear of Medals were also presented to the 41 high school graduates, weeds. First workout will be next the top ranking students: Seniors, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. C. B. Tuesday afternoon, June 5, at 4 Barbara Wilson, 97.25; juniors, Paka Newby, 93.10; sophomores, Gardner, was awarded highest o'clock, to be followed regularly Jackie Hogan, 94.30; freshmen, Margaret Chancey, 95.20. Others making next in rank were: Seniors, Sandra Patterson, 96.25; Fire, which it is thought origi-George Starbuck, 96; juniors, Bill

Highest ranking boy in the class nated from an oil cook stove, al-Horton, 90.87; sophomores, Wilwas Howard Carson, son of Mr. most totally destroyed one of the and Mrs. E. O. Carson, with an cabins at Camp Fair shortly after ter Collinsworth, 89.40. noon Tuesday. Good work on the Principal Edwin E. Read prepart of the fire department presented the awards at the comvented the loss of any other propmencement exercises last Friday erty. Camp Fair is owned by D. A. night.

BULLETIN!

dent at McMurry College, who was injured in a fall at the school gymnasium Tuesday night, died playoffs. Merkel drew a bye. gerators destroyed. at 4:30 Thursday morning. The Alpine bear Pecos. Alpine won body was to be brought here for interment in Rose Hill Cemetery. He was the grandson of the late B. M. Black, and Mrs. Black of this

blew up.

LEAD IN LEAGUE Trent, Nubia, Stith and Tye

FATALLY INJURED IN FALL

Owen Martin, sophomore stu-

lead in the baseball league with 1.000 per cent each. Others in the mer Huff of Dora tied for the best league are Dora, Noodle, Merkel time in calf roping in Merkel's and W. O. W.

> This Happened in Merkel Forty Years Ago TAKEN FROM THE 1914 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL The closing exercises of the | evening.

On Wednesday night the read-27 Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Dennis of ing and declamation contests the Canyon a girl May 30. Mr. and were held and resulted in close Mrs. R. B. Jones of Stith a boy contests, both between the girls and the boys of the schools.

Miss Effie Duke for the girls Members of the high school and Master Cecil McRee for the football squad in a meeting Tues- boys were declared winners for day morning volunteered to work the prizes in the contests of the by R. H. Reaves.

In the girls' contest were: Maggie Payne, Gertrude Dowdy, Floy Leamon, Effie Duke, Maude Skillen, Maggie Peterson.

Billy Fisher was sent to the

Sadler Hospital Saturday night

when he was struck twice in the

In the boys' contest were: Buford Mangum, Odell Watkins, Louie Miller, Cecil McRee, Ernest Massey, Winslow Beckham, Lee Massey, Joe Patterson, Ernest Reid, Jay Reid, Paul McMurry.

Awarding of prizes was made

office. The climax was the pinn ing of the multi-colored head band The following students of the 1954 Merkel graduating class re- on the 'Princess' as incoming ceived college scholarships: Bar- president whose challenge was bara Wilson, valedictorian; San-| to uphold the qualities of all col-

> After a mock Indian Dance, all club members passed the peace pipe as a pledge of co-operation in the work of the coming year.

New officers installed were: Mrs. Ben Hicks, president; Mrs. Comer Haynes, vice-president: Mrs. George T. Moore; corresponding secretary; Mrs. Wm. R. Cypert, recording secretary; Mrs. Mack Fisher, treasurer; Mrs. H. West, critic-parliamentarian; Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, historian;

Mrs. P. W. Miller, press reporter; and Miss Christine Collins, federation counselor.

The club has just completed a very successful year under the excellent leadership of Mrs. Andy are Mrs. Earl Hughes, chairman, Shouse. Some of the activities in- Miss Christine Collins, Mrs. David cluded assistance in the T.-B. X-Gamble and Mrs. P. W. Miller. ray program, an Americanism project which included a cash collection for the restoration of Inde- club as a compliment of the pendence Hall, a turkey dinner twentieth anniversary, 1934-1954. served to the public, a golden age liam Stallo, 89.80; freshmen, Ches- party for the elderly people of the a beautiful basket. In her conclud-Merkel area, a Valentine guest ing remarks she said, "I want to tea, a "Pay Your Poll Tax" cam- express my appreciation for your

paign, a collection of Christmas wonderful co-operation. You have gifts for the patients of the Abi- made this a very pleasant and suclene State Hospital. cessful year. The club was also instrumental

in getting a drivers training served the club so ably this year course in the local high school, was headed by Mrs. Carroll Benhaving street crossings patrolled, son with Mrs. George T. Moore, Alpine won the champion- and encouraging the public to Mrs. Murry Toombs, and Mrs. in the Region II-A baseball help in getting discarded refri- Paul West as her assistants. Other

club members enjoying this occa-The biggest cash outlay went to sion were Miss Christine Collins. MASHBURN HAVE BOY from Merkel here last Saturday the purchase of \$135 worth of Mesdames Clyde Bartlett, Johnny night 8-7 and also won from lunch tickets for underprivileged Cox, David Gamble, Comer Hay-Merkel at Alpine Tuesday after- children in the local schools. Dur- nes, Ben Hicks, Paul Honeycutt, pital May 26. noon 24-8. In both games the ing the summer the club plans to Earl Hughes, P. W. Miller, Elma

Badgers were pretty close or redecorate the club room in the McFarland, Judd McReynolds, ahead of Alphine and then Community Center. Persons serv- Andy Shouse, H. C. West and ing on the planning committee Woodrow Wilson.

Methodist Church since 1932 as a steward and as chairman of the board for five years, and as an usher for 12 years.

years ago he served on the building committee. He was also a large contributor to the building IS Honored fund.

Mr. Grimes helped organize the Merkel Lions Club and served se-veral terms as city alderman. He By Congregation A licensed pharmacist, Mr.

Grimes had at one time been in the drug business here with his father, T. L. Grimes. He was married June 24, 1920 to

Miss Mary Reed of Merkel. They moved to Oklahoma in 1920, returning that same year to Merkel where Mr. Grimes entered the dry goods business with his father-in-

law, T .G. Bragg. Mr. Grimes had moved to Mer-Mrs. Catherine Davis, member kel from Bell County where he resigned, presented a gavel to the was born March 14, 1892.

He finished high school at Merkel

Members presented Mrs. Shouse Survivors besides his wife and father are two daughters, Mrs. Jerry Warren of Abilene, and Mrs. Stewart Dean of Corpus Christi; a sister, Mrs. Dick Musser of Arlington; three brothers, Luther Grimes and Emmett The social committee which has Grimes, both of Georgetown, and Ennis L. Grimes, president of a bank at Quanah; his step-mother, Mrs. T. L. Grimes and two grand-

> children. Four Abilene men are cousins

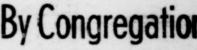
A boy was born to Mr. and Mrs.

B. E. Mashburn at the Sadler Hos

BOY TO A. VASQUEZES

Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Vasquez are the parents of a boy born at the Sadler Hospital May 24.

He was a trustee of the church for 14 years and when the church had been rebuilt about three Rev. A. F. White



A splendid expression of appre ciation was offered to Rev. Aubrey F. White on Wednesday night of last week at a fellowship supper held at the Methodist Church. About 100 were present.

Rev. White has been here one

At the supper many voiced their appreciation for the good work that he has done during his year of ministry here. A check for a vacation was given to the pastor. Each family brought well filled baskets of food and all of it was placed on the table for everyone. Fred Starbuck and Cyrus Pee were program leaders and many games were played.

June 1 is the end of the conference year when re-assignments. and new assignments are made. Rev. White is now attending the annual Northwest Texas Conference of the Methodist Church.

SINGING AT CHURCH **OF CHRIST SUNDAY**

There will be singing at 3 p. Sunday at the Church of Christ. Everyone is welcome

SINGING AT PIONEER

Taylor-Jones County 5th Sunday singing convention will be held May 30 at the Pioneer Chapel at 2 p. m. Everyone invited.

Complete New Front Being Added To Assembly of God Church Here

The Assembly of God Church

is building a complete new front QUEEN BEING IMPROVED to its building. It will consist of a vestibule, nursery, Sunday School room downstairs and three Sunday School rooms upstairs.

This work is going on now, being done by the members of the church and the pastor, Rev. H. S. Earp.

This addition to the church is the first of a series that have been planned. The Sunday School membership has more than doubled in the last seven years and more room was needed to take care of the enlarged classes.

Queen Theatre is closed this week for major improvements, announced Norman Hodge. The stage is being widened to 15 feet by 30 feet. "The work is going forward satisfactorily," said Mr. Hodge.

MORE ABOUT REUNION

Albert English, who was me tioned in the article of the fa ed Cowboy Reunion held in Haskell in 1898, is the father of Mrs. Woody Wilson.

. . . incoming president





ens and Hunter Swann, both of Trent, tied their calves in 24 Trent Public Schools were held Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights of last week at the Metho-

seconds for second place honors. dist church. Born to: Mr. and Mrs. Freeland Nugent of Trent a girl May

head by pitcher's ball. He was discharged Monday.

Friday, May 28, 1954.

NEWVISHIABOULLIMTONVAN

Santa Anna were here from Thurs- Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Renfro of day to Saturday of last week and Odessa were weekend guests of attended the high school gradua- Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Renfro. tion. They were guests of their son Clyde and family.

Monahans, her nephew, Terry and Mrs. Hy White.



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NORMA'S BEAUTY SHOP PHONE 19 Operator -Mrs. Allen Agnew Mrs. Norma Bond

Mr. and Mrs. J. Ed. Bartlett of Mathews, of Inglewood, Calif., and

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Shadegg of San Bernardino, Calif., were re-Mr. and Mrs. Clovis Harrison of cent visitors in the home of Mr.

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having your clothes clean-

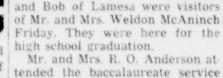
keep that "day you bought

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MACK'S

CLEANERS

them" look.



at Sweetwater Sunday night. Their granddaughter, Miss Kay Alston is a member of the high school

Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Middleton

graduating class of 115 members. Mrs. Henry Cort and Mrs. Kirby Beckett of Dallas spent the weekend with their mother, Mrs. J. T. Warren, who accompanied her daughters back to their home for

an indefinite time Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Read of Ft Worth visited in the home of his cousin, Principal Edwin Read, and family Saturday and Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Sid Hamm of Colorado City were Sunday afternoon visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hamm and Postmaster and Mrs. Wrenn Durham. ed and pressed regularly. Our methods of cleaning

Mrs. Ada Mae Johnson, Miss Delia Kuykendall and Mrs. Goldia Malone visited Tuesday and Wednesday in Big Spring with Mrs. Fay Johnson, Mrs. Lizzie Milla way, Mrs. Hardy Pugh and Mr. Mrs. W. M. Johnson of near Ackerly. They were joined here by Mrs. Nora Dykes and Mrs. Mattie Bellingsly of Wichita Falls, who accompanied them

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Joe Toombs and daughter Jo Ann spent the weekend in Linden with his grandmother, Mrs. Kate Shurratt, over the weekend.



S. SENATOR

RAIN IN TEXAS: The relief brought by the rain must not blind us to the fact that Texas still has a water problem of major magnitude

ACTION ON WATER: Some of the friends with whom I have discussed this matter say, "Everybody is talking about water. Is anybody actually doing anything? If so, what

It is a fair question. I am happy to report that from the Federal angle - with which I, as your senator, am concerned - a great deal is being done and a great deal is being planned. I want to

LIVING IN NOODLE - Dorothy Yvonne Brown of Trent was married to Borden E. Perkins of Merkel April 24 in Hawley at

the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Beasley. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claud Brown of Trent and he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Perkins, Merkel. The bridegroom is employed by Beasley Oil Well Service. They are living in Noodle.

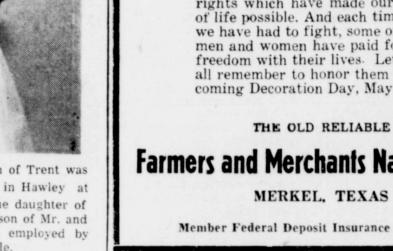
and carry away so much of our ge area is 77,172 square miles. valuable topsoil. Hardly a week goes by that 1 to not take some action which I

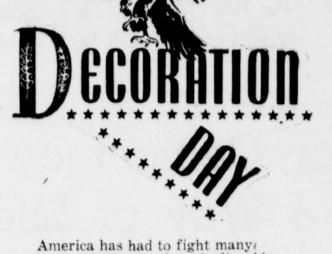
hope will help get these authorized projects past the planning stage and construction started. 1 know how important they are not only to the areas immediately affected but to the State as a whole.

UPSTREAM WATER CON-TROL: Little dams as well as big dams are necessary. I am continuing to seek action on legislation which would encourage the build

ing of small upstream dams. These dams would trap water near where it falls. They would give protection against the flash floods which do so much damage

LAUNDRY



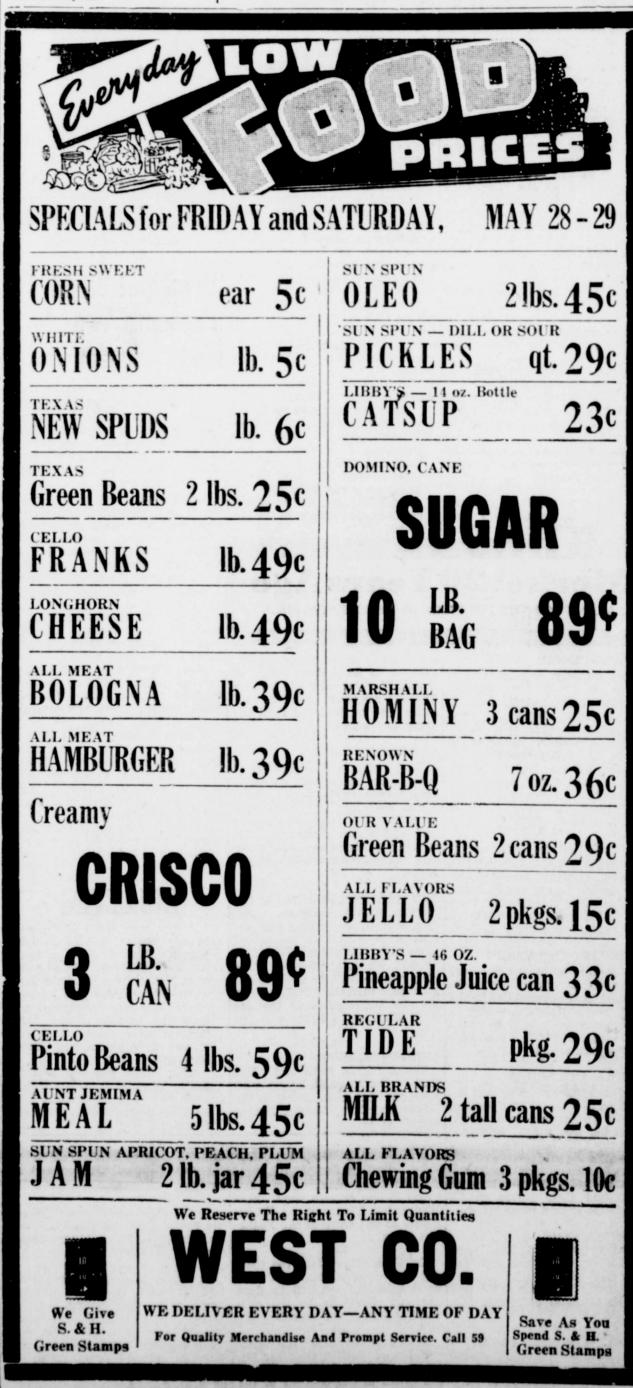


times to preserve those inalienable rights which have made our way of life possible. And each time we have had to fight, some of our men and women have paid for our freedom with their lives. Let us all remember to honor them this coming Decoration Day, May 30th.

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THE MERKEL MAIL



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Friday, May 28, 1954.

Trent Church ot Christ Noodle Baptist Church **Trent First Baptist Church Attend The Church of Your Choice** -unday: Sunday: Sunday: 11:00 o'clock Sunday School 10:00 a. m. Sunday Sunday School 10:00 a. m. Morning Worship....11:00 a. m. Bible Class...... 10:00 a. m. Morning Worship .. 11:00 a.m. Young People's Class. 6:30 p. m. Merkel First Baptist Church Merkel Grace Presbyterian Church, Merkel Assembly of God Morning Worship. 11:00 a. m. Training Union 6:30 p. m. Sunday School 10:00 a. m. Svening Services 7:30 p. m. Svening Services 7:30 p. m. Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Sunday school 10 a. m. Evening Services 7:30 p. m. Worship Service 11 a. m. Ladies Bible Class. 4:00 p. m Morning Worship. . 11:00 a. m. Morning Service 11 a. m. Monday: Merkel First Methodist Church Tye Baptist Church 'hursday: Training Union.....6:30 p. m. C. A.'s (Young People) ... 7 p. m. Intermediate G. A.'s 3:45 p. m. unday Sunday: Evening Worship ... 7:30 p.m. Evening Worship ... 7:30 p. m. Wednesday: **Merkel Catholic Church** Sunday School.....9:50 a. m. Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Wednesday Prayer Service 7:30 Tuesday W. M. C. 2 p. m. W. M. U., Brotherhood, Jr. G. Sunday Mass 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship.... 10:50 a. m. Morning Worship....11:00 a.m. A.'s, R. A.'s and Sunbeams Wed. Prayer Service ... 7:30 p. m. Training Union.....6:45 p. m. W. M. U. Mon. 9:30 a.m. Evening Service 7:30 p. m. Evening Services 7:30 p. m. LEGAL NOTICE MORE New Live Oak Baptist Church Prayer Services 7:50 p. m. "You are a stranger here but THE STATE OF TEXAS Merkel Church of Christ Church of the Nazarcne Pioneer Memorial Chapel Sunday once." To any Sheriff or any Constable Sunday School ... 10:00 a. m. Sunday School..... 10:00 a. m. Services at the Merkei Church within the State of Texas Morning Worship 11 a. m. of the Nazarene are as follows: Morning Service....11:00 a. m. **Hebron Baptist Church** GREETING: Morning Service....11:00 a. m. Training Union 6:45 p. m. Sunday School 10:00 a. m. Evening Services 7:30 p. m. You are hereby commanded to Evening Worship 7.30 p. m. Young People's Bible Class Morning Worship 11:00 Sunday School..... 10:00 a. m Wednesday: cause to be published once each Evening Prayer Service ... 7:30 Morning Worship .. 11: o'clock Men's Downtown Bible Class week for four consecutive weeks, Evening Services 7:30 p. m. Training Union.....7:00 p. m Sunday 8:44 a. m. Noodle Church of Christ the first publication to be at least Wednesday: Evening Worship ... 7:30 p. m. Merkel Calvary Baptist Church twenty-eight days before the return Prayer Service 7:30 p. m. **Compere Baptist Church** Sunday Wednesday: day thereof, in a newspaper print-Sunday School 9:45 a. m **Evening Prayer Services** ed in Taylor County; Texas, the **Primitive Baptist Church** Sunday School. 10.00 a. m. Morning Worship Service 11:00 Morning Service....11:00 a. m. 7:30 p. m accompanying citation, of which Morning Worship, 2nd and 4th Evening Bible Class. . 6:30 p. m Services held first Sunday of Young People's Service 6:30 the herein below following is a Evening Worship ... 7:00 p. m. month and Saturday preceding. Sunday 11 a. m. Evening Worship ... 7:30 p. m. true copy CITATION BY PUBLICATION Trent Methodist Church THE STATE OF TEXAS Be Modern - Cook Sunday School 10:00 a. m. TO: Nina Ruth Walker, Defen-BUILDING COSTS Evening Worship 7:30 p. m. dant, Greeting: Morning Services....11:00 a. m. YOU ARE HEREBY COMMAND Electrically 250 M. Y. F. Services 6:30 p. m ED to appear before the Honor-Vednesday: able 104th District Court of Taylor Prayer Services 7:30 p. m County at the Courthouse thereof. 200_ in Abilene, Texas, by filing a writ-150___ ten answer at or before 10 o'clock Tye Methodist Church 100___ A. M. of the first Monday next af-Special Value! Fully Automatic! ter the expiration of forty-two 50_ Sunday: days from the date of the issuance Sunday School 10 a. m. of this citation, same being the 1941 1951 M. Y. F. 7:00 p. m. 14th day of June A. D., 1954, to Prayer Meeting 7:30 p. m. Plaintiff's Petition filed in said 2 Sector Base: 1926-1929 = 100 Morning Service....11:00 a. m. ourt, on the 30th day of April A. D., 1954, in this cause, numbered 7485-B on the docket of said Amity Baptist Church DOES YOUR court and styled Jack Walker, Morning Service - 11:15 a. m Plaintiff vs. Nina Ruth Walker, Sunday School-10:30 a.m. Defendant. FIRE INSURANCE Evening Bible Class 6:30 p.m. A brief statement of the nature Evening Services 7:30 p. m. of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were mar-COVER THIS INCREASE? ried on or about February 9, 1954 **TYPEWRITERS** and lived together until on or **Electric Range** about February 27, 1954. Plaintiff shows there is no com-ADDING MACHINES Building costs are still going up. So is the munity property to be adjudicated and no children born of said cost of household furnishings ... But FIRE marriage. CASH REGISTERS doesn't care about today's high prices. Get Plaintiff sues for divorce on your FREE copy of the State Farm Housegrounds of cruel treatment, as is -ree more fully shown by Plaintiff's Pe-Sales, Rentals and Service hold Inventory to put today's values on tition on file in this suit. your home and its furnishings - then com-If this citation is not served Cook-Master Oven Control HOUSEHOLD within ninety days after the date pare with your present Fire Insurance Proof its issuance, it shall be returned Cooking-Top Lamp Cool! INVENTORY tection. Call today and ask for your FREE unserved. High-Speed Broiler The officer executing this writ **Cox Typewriter** Inventory Folder. 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Sunday:

6:30 p. m.

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and the seal of said court at Abi lene, 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.

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 COMMAND ED 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 ac-cording 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 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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Friday, May 28, 1954.



By VERN SANFORD

Texas Press Association Texas' fast-flying governor returned from a vacation in Alabama, spent a few days in the state. and planed off to Korea, where he and other state executives will make an inspection tour at the invitation of President Eisenhow-

Saying that Texas and other states would need years to work out compliance with the non-segregation rule.

Promising that as long as he is governor, there will be no state sales tax or income tax.

Insurance Muddle

There was comment from several sources on the insurance situa tion

Garland A. Smith, chairman of the state insurance commission, pledged the greatest possible protection to holders of policies issued by companies doing business in Texas.

Mr. Smith emphasized that state insurance laws are sound, funda mentally, but that some changes are necessary. He said some new laws will have to be passed, and that they probably will be, at the next session of the legislature.

Financial Reports

Attorney General Shepperd advocates a law requiring publication of all financial reports on all government levels.

Mr. Shepperd also opposed secret sessions of governmental bodies, saying, "There is no place on an open door for a sign saying closed meeting or executive session.

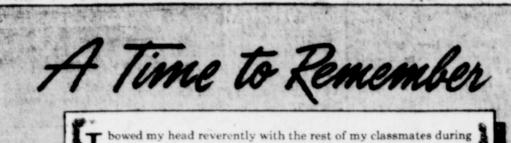
Texas oil allowables for June will be 3,010,515 barrels, the Railroad Commission decided. That is an increase from the May figure.

Refunds Coming

Employers of Texas are going to get refunds amounting to several million dollars from the Texas Employment Commission.

A decision of the Supreme Court in a case concerning Todd Ship yard Coporation is responsible for the refunds. Mr. Todd maintained that its unemployment tax rate was too high and would have been lower if the corporation had been notified by TEC of all claims made by former Todd workers.

Panther Warnings Issued



the "moment of silence" in tribute to our soldier-dead, then seeing Old Glory waving from the flag pole on the lawn of our Alma Mater, I stood tiptoe upon a dream and thought, "What a lucky girl you are to be born under that flag, for you can be what you will to be! You are an American."

Then a strange thing happened. The flag seemed to be a living thing with a soul. I heard the silent singing of its stars on its blue of truth, and listening, my soul caught this refrain:

"I am the symbol of America, and America is more than its hills and prairies with their herds and fields of grain; more than its pulsing cities, its mines and its mills . . . America is you and you and you , and God.

"I am the symbol of the homes, the churches, schools, enterprises, and the kingly commoners of America.

"I represent your heritage from the past. Look at me and hear the tramping of soldier-feet in the immortal march for freedom; feel within your hearts the 'Spirit of 76'; see the footprints in the snow at Valley Forge; the great, gaunt commoner on his knees in prayer, and the crimson stain, spreading, that meant life was ebbing from his great heart; see the crosses above our youth, martyrs to freedom in recent wars. Look again and behold lilies blooming where men gave life for man; listen and hear the joyous dancing footsteps of those yet unborn.

"Behold the Open Gate, before which stand weary pilgrims: children with eyes empty of laughter; youth burdened with the weight of dead dreams; the elder ones their eyes but burned out embers, their bone-lean hands caressing gaunt throats that too long have felt the choking leash of fear. See their eyes relight with hope as they view the green acres of democracy and reverently enter the gate of Suddenly I knew: The flag is an emblem of freedom, protection justice, honor, sacrifice, opportunity to all and love for country, fellowman and God. It is the symbol, not only of our heritage from the past but of the future. I knew that it is up to me to help America continue to mean to coming generations what it means to me today; that every right has its concomitant duty, that I must train myself to be able to choose leaders wisely and judge their performance with honesty and understanding. I must fight oppression, intolerance, injustice and keep the land free of the footprints of communism. I must guard the rights of others as jealously as I do my own, and recognize in every man a brother. " the state sound and an and the state of the Again I looked at the flag waving serenely beneath our peaceful country sky and reverently I breathed, "How much you stand for!" a Was I dreaming or did I hear, "The earth a great DEMOCRACY OF LOVE!" ----

"WHAT THE AMERICAN FLAG MEANS TO ME" by Frances Atkinson, 18, Dayton, Idaho. Prize winning essay in a nation-wide competitio conducted by the Disabled American Veterans in conjunction the radio series "I was a Communist for the FBI."



a worn stering mechanism or

Sam Butman, Sr., had three

some other negelected part.

TYE JAXIE SHORT CIRCLE

Location for a new 5,000-foot our life" Col. E. B. Tilley of wildcat has been staked in Jones Houston, president of the Texas County by the Skelly Oil Co. It Safety Association, reminded will be the No. 1 K. L. Barkley, 8 motorists of this fact as he

PLENTY OF FISH

THE MERKEL MAIL

Saturday night at Phantom Lake were Truett Perry, Truett Thompson, Henry Howard, Horace Childres and Ray Horn.

Some weighed about a pound. RAILROAD REVENUE AT ALL-TIME HIGH IN STATE OF TEXAS

The Railroad Commission's 62nd annual report of railroad statistics recently issued, shows that in 1952 gross operating revenues within son. the State of Texas reached the all

time high of \$480,598,102. Th high level of revenues in 1952 is attributable to better rates and not to larger volume. The length of railroads within Texas was reduced 17.29 miles during 1952, leaving 15,511.61 miles in Sara Ripley in Comanche Tuesoperation day.

TO ADJUST COTTON ACREAGE T. C. CAMPBELL DIES

State and county cotton acreage records for 1953 will be adjusted upward to compensate for acreage not planted to cotton because of abornmal weather conditions, including the drouth, according to a letter to the West Texas Chamber of Commerce from Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson.

TO HOLD COTTON CONGRESS

The 15th annual meeting of the American Cotton Congress will be held this year at Corpus Christ from June 3-5. - A. & M.

PROTECTS ROSES

A new and effective control for black spot on roses in captan. The new substance is added to spray. - A. & M.

HOSPITAL NOTES Admissions to the Sadler Hospital the past week were As medical patients - Robert Paul Lollar, Mrs. Howard Cook, They caught channel catfish, E. A. Conley, Mrs. Bruce Hughes, weighing 25 pounds dressed. Mrs. Rufus Parks, Mrs. A. V Dick, John Mansfield, Mrs. E. E.

Seymore, Mrs. Faye Purser, Mrs. Doc Calloway; Cecil Ross, eye injured in oil field when gasoline tank exploded; Eugene Cochran, injured to back For surgery

T. C. Campbell, 79. one of the

leading merchants of Abilene,

died Monday, Mr. Campbell at

one time owned and operated a

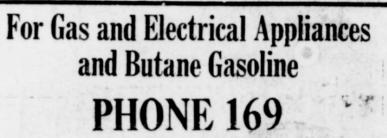
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Porter, Bobbie Campbell, both tonsillectomy, Mrs. Glenn Robert-

ATTEND FUNERAL Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Douglas, Mrs. and clear as new. Deverl Teaff of Merkel and Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Weed, Mrs. Odessa Barber, Mrs. Sam Cheek of Abi-Stamps too. lene attended the funeral of Mrs.

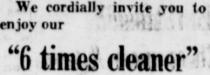
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PHONE 68

Sheriff T. O. Lang of Austin has issued frequent warnings to Capitol City residents that a panther large enough to leave a print like a man is roaming the rugged Bee Lubbock were guests in the home Cave area west of the city.

One housewife in the hill section reported hearing two panthers screaming, one on each side and family in Plainview for two of her home, about a mile west weeks. of the Bee Cave road. Several citizens in the area report seeing the animal

Burglars Trap

Austin police will be able to get H. Clark and other relatives. the jump on burglars here, very soon now, thanks to a new piece as guests from Monday to Wedof equipment devised by a local nesday their son Roy and wife of detective agency.

The secret is a quiet alarm that tips off the police via a panel in spent the last two weeks in Lubthe Police and Courts Building. It bock where they celebrated his replaces the jangling alarm bell mother's 87th birthday so often found inside of buildings. The new silent alarm has no bells.

director of the Texas Department family fo Public Safety, invented the new device. He has operated his MRS. CLYDE BARTLETT own detective agency here since

Sudden Death **Reveals Emotions At Pioneer Theatre**

What is probably the greatest all-star cast ever to have been assembled for a single motion picture appears on Pioneer screen in M-G-M's absorbing "Executive Suite," Tuesday and Wednesday and Thursday

These are the artitists who breathe life into the fascinating. contrasting characters presented in Cameron Hawley's best-seller novel of a big business dynasty come enmeshed in a dramatic web of intrigue and emotional conflict | Ferrier. when the president of a giant corporation dies without having named his successor. In the lives of Toombs presided for a short busithe 10 people closest to him, his sudden death brings out a parade gave an inspiring devotional on of human emotions, including love and hate, loyalty, fear, sorrow, envy, honesty and greed.

HSU SUMMER SCHOOL

first six week term will extend through July 10. The second term will start July 13. Three weeks courses are also being offered, it CONTROL POCKET GOPHERS was announced by Lee, permitting students to enroll for three, six, nine or twelve week periods. Sum-

and MITS. V. B. Sublet Corpus Christi are visiting in the home of the B. T. Subletts.

Mr. and Mrs. Bishop Hunter of of Mrs. J. S. Swann. in a car that has worn brakes

Miss Sonja Sue Horton is visiting with her sister, Mrs. Bill Nutt,

HONORS MRS. VERNER ROACH Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Clark returned Sunday to their home in Tulsa, Okla., after a 10-day visit

with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. sionary Union honored Mrs. Verner Roach with a gift tea Thurs-Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Elliott had day afternoon of last week in the home of Mrs. Walter Webb. Refreshments were served to 42

Dallas. ladies. Dr. and Mrs. J. P. Howard GRANDCHILDREN OF PATRIARCH'S GRADUATE

Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Sublett have just returned from a trip to Cengrandchildren in the eighth grade switches or wires that are visable. tralia, Ill., after a three weeks' L. G. Phares, organizer and first visit with their son Jim and

REVIEWS BOOK AT BSP

Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met Tuesday of last week at the home of Mrs. Grif Barnett. Eleven members and one guest, Mrs. Clyde Bartlett, were present

Each one of these children be Mrs. Bartlett reviewed the long to the Pioneer Memorial book "Angels and Pinafores" by Chapel. Alice Lee Humphreys. The re-

life

view was very interesting. LOCAL PIANO PUPILS This was the last meeting of the WIN 13 HONORS 1953-54 year. The chapter will AT. H.-S.U. Tournament meet again in September.

MRS. JACK MILLER HOSTESS TO GLEANER CLASS

The social meeting of the Gleaner Sunday School Class of the Methodist Church was held Wednesday, May 19, in the lovely home and the men and women who be- of Mrs. Jack Miller. Co-hostesses were Mrs. Lu Petty and Mrs. Ross

> The rooms were decorated with spring cut flowers. Mrs. W. W. ness meeting. Mrs. Reece Hail "Faith in God and Your Fellowman.

Fruit, punch, dainty sandwiches, mints, olives and nuts were served to 22 members from a pink lin-Registration for summer school en covered table. A beautiful arat Hardin-Simmons University rangement of pink gladiolas and will be Wednesday. June 2. The carnation was the center of interest

KILLED IN ACCIDENT

trict honors.

west of Abilene

total ran to \$60

GIVES BAD CHECKS

Mrs. M. E. Nelson, was killed in a Pocket gophers can be controllcar accident Saturday in Reno. ed with poison grain. The grain Nev. Mr. and Mrs. Oliver, Patsy must be placed in the burrow. A and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Whisenmer commencement will be Aug. tablespoon of grain will do the hunt were to attend the funeral - A. & M in Snyder Thursday.

niles north of Merkel stressed the importance of driv ing a car that will respond im-

OIL NEWS

The No. 1 R. L. Bland, located mediately in an emergency. He three miles southwest of Merkel said, "A driver can't cope with on a 24-hour gauge, No. 1 Bland a sudden emergency situation flowed 102 barrels oil.

"STORY OF BATTLE" TO HELP CHILDREN OF HEROIC DEAD

A Special Tenth Anniversary Edition of Robert Sherrod's mem-The Jaxie Short Circle of the orable "Tarawa - The Story of Tye Baptist Church Woman's Misa Battle" will be published during the month of April as a practical tribute to those gallant Marines who lost their lives on its beaches.

The anniversary edition will lay the foundation for a fund with which the Second Marine Division Association will finance college education for deserving sons and daughters of the division's heroic dead

A portion of the price of every graduation class this year: Patribook sold will be ear-marked for cia Madge Butman, Rebecca Annett Ray, who are double cousins that purpose. Additional direct contributions to the fund will be and Joseph Nelson Swinney, and a great grandson, Barry Scott. accepted and placed one hundred percent to the credit of the fund. He gave each one a zipper King James version Bible and said, "

Copies of the Tenth Anniversary want you to read this book every Edition may be ordered from The day and go to church in the Tarawa Book Fund Association, church that I built for you every c/o Brigadier General D. M. Sunday. It will mean a lot in your Shoup, P. O. Box 2042 Potomac Station, Alexandria, Va., at \$2.50 per single copy: \$2.00 per copy in lots of five or more, postpaid anywhere.





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har a well and the second s	COMPANE	RITE HOSPITAL, DALLAS Jo Anne Kiefer, four-year-old	By wet Grounds	TV SICK?	contact Roy Hunter, in person
- 3		daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray- mond T. Smith of Merkel, was ad-	The first games of the Little	IV SICK.	at 301 Oak Street, Merkel, Tex- as, or phone 63-W for price and
	and the second	mitted May 12 to the Scottish Rite	League were postponed Tuesday on account of wet grounds. They	CALL	appointment, 3t9p.
		Hospital for Crippled Children in Dallas. The hospital was founded	will be played at a later date, said	DUDLEY ELECTRIC PHONE 193 or 303J	FOR SALE - He have several us-
	LOOK AT THESE	30 years ago by Texas Masons to		THOME 135 OF 5055	ed evaporative coolers, both large and medium size. Badger
		provide the best treatment for Texas' crippled children at no	teams and their sponsors are:	POLITICAL	Chevrolet Co. tf8c.
		extra cost to the patient.	Bankers, F. & M. National Bank; Hodge and Palmer, N. T. Hodge		FOR SALE — All sizes of belts and cooler pads for air condi-
			and Nolan Palmer; Starpats, Fred	ANNOUNCEMENTS	tioners. West Co. tf7c.
	SED CAR BARGAINS	JAMES H. CHANEY	Starbuck and Clesby Patterson; Willies, Taylor Electric Coop.	The Merkel Mail is authorized	FOR SALE - We are now deliv-
		JAMES H. CHANET	The first game starts at 6:30	to announce the following candi-	ering milk on route 7 days a week, 22c per quart. Would like
		Chinamusatan	p. m. and the second at 8:30 p. m. of each scheduled day. The	dates for office, subject to the ac- tion of the Democratic primaries	a few more customers. Phone-
		Chiropractor	schedule follows:	July 24, 1954.	9011J1, Higgins and Son. 1tfc.
			May 27 Bankers vs. Starpats.	For State Senator 24th District	FOR SALE— Slightly used '41 4- door Chevrolet. Priced to sell,
1059 Foud Custom \$1 505	1050 Chauralat & Door CG05	211 Oak St Merkel	Hodge & Palmer vs. Willies.	HARLEY SADLER (re-election)	Higgins and Bunch Garage. 1tlc.
1953 Ford Custom \$1,595	1950 Chevrolet 4-Door \$695		Bankers vs. Willies.	For County School Superintendent	STORE FOR SALE or Lease. See
Has radio, heater, white tires. You can't	Has radio, heater. Runs and drives like	PHONE 18	Hodge & Palmer vs. Starpats.	CLIVE PIERCE H. L. GAY	Mrs. John C. Thompson in Noo- dle. tlf7c
tell it from a new one. Local owner.	new. BARGAIN!	FROME 18	June 3 Starpats vs. Willies.	For County Treasurer	ORDER NOW BARGAIN PRICES
			Bankers vs. Hodge & Palmer. June 8	MRS. BOB HAILE	The Merkel Mail and the Abilene Reporter or Fort Worth Star-
1953 Chevrolet 4-Door \$1,295	1040 DI 11 1 D 0405	网	Hodge & Palmer vs. Willies.	For Commissioner Precinct No. 2	Telegram at The Merkel Mail
1555 Chevrolet 4-Door \$1,255	1949 Plymouth 4-Door \$495	I NUT	Bankers vs. Starpats. June 10	RUFE TITTLE (re-election)	Office.
Has heater, two-tone paint, directional			Hodge & Palmer vs. Starpats.	For Justice of Peace Pct. 5 O. W. (DONALD) PAINE	NEW SHIPMENT - Cash Regis- ter Paper and Adding Machine
lights. We sold it new. BETTER HURRY!	Has heater and seat covers in a lovely light blue color.		Bankers vs. Willies. June 15		Paper and many other stationery
Service and the service of the servi			Bankers vs. Hodge & Palmer.	For Constable Pct. 5 LUTHER LAND	items. See The Merkel Mail.
1947 Chev. Fleetline \$475			Starpats vs. Willies. June 17	SAM T. McLEOD	GET your typewriter ribbons all makes, also adding machine and
IT IT SALE	1949 Chev. Fleetline \$545	MARIN	Bankers vs. Starpats.	Jones County, Com. Pct. No. 4	cash register paper at the Mer- kel Mail Office.
When you see this one, you can't refuse		SEE ME FOR UPHOLSTERING	Hodge & Palmer vs. Willies. June 22	J. E. TOUCHSTONE	SAVE MONEY by ordering your
to buy. Has radio, heater. Looks new from front to back. A SUPER VALUE!	2-DOOR. Has radio, heater. Looks good inside and out. Better come early!	IRA CROSS	Bankers vs. Willies. Hodge & Palmer vs. Starpats.	Jones County, District Clerk	magazines from The Merkel
	misue and out. Detter come early:	With State Health Permit	June 24	W. L. (Poochey McDONALD	Mail.
1950 Ford Club Coupe \$645			Starpats vs. Willies. Bankers vs. Hodge & Palmer.		FOR ARTISTIC wedding an- nouncement and other fine
1950 Ford Club Coupe \$645	1947 James Motorcycle \$125	For TV & Radio	June 29		printing see The Merkel Mail. All printing done in our own
Has radio, heater, new seat covers. Runs		FUI IV & Itaulo	Hodge & Palmer vs. Willies. Bankers vs. Starpats.	Tat A	shop.
and drives like new. BARGAIN!	Has speedometer. Runs like new.	PHILCO	July 1 Hodge & Palmer vs. Starpats.		FOR your Stationary and other
X.		Factory-Supervised	Bankers vs. Willies.	- 10-1	supplies see The Merkel Mail.
USED TRUCKS AT SENSATIONAL SAVINGS		ANY MAKE Service MODEL	July 6 Bankers vs. Hodge & Palmer.		MISCELLANEOUS
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1951 Ford ½-Ton \$695	1951 Ford Truck \$695	N & N APPLIANCE	Hodge & Palmer vs. Willies. July 13	ROOFING	mates gladly given.tf17cAS I am to be out of town for a
Has trailer hitch, heater and only 18,000	1991 FULU ITUCK \$099	109 KENT	Bankers vs. Willies.	RUUTINU	while, if you need water well
miles. Local owner.			Hodge & Palmer vs. Starpats. July 15	Let the Lydick - Hooks Roofing Co., make your	drilling phone 326, call for Ray- mond Lawson. B. T. (Tye) Sub-
MALE AND	Has grain bed cattle side boards, radio,	Higgins Blacksmith	Starpats vs. Willies.	estimate to reroof your	lett. tf43.
1946 Chevrolet Truck \$265			Bankers vs. Hodge & Palmer. July 20	residence or building.	WATER Well drilling and Surface
1940 CHEVIOLEL ITUCK \$200	heater, motor overhaul. Ready for wheat	and Welding Shop	Hodge & Palmer vs. Willies.	ALL WORK GUARANTEED We Use Genuine	pipe set. L. A. Coats. Phone 287.
If you need a good truck for grain har-	harvest. Won't last long.	Acetylene and Electric Welding	Bankers vs. Starpats. July 22	Rubberoid Materials	WATER WELL drilling and min
vest, don't overlook this one. BARGAIN!	All the second s	Completely Equipped	Hodge & Palmer vs. Starpats. Bankers vs. Willies.	LYDICK - HOOKS	face pipe set. Higgins & Malone. Box 267, Merkel. Phone 26.
the Port and the second		Come to Us With Your Machinery Troubles	July 27		For MONUMENTS, see J. T
the second s		Fry Us - We'll Make or Repair It	Bankers vs. Hodge & Palmer. Starpats vs. Willies.	ROOFING CO.	(Tom) Coats, Phone 131. P. O Box 314.
BADGER CHE	VROLET CO	Phone 91 MERKEL	July 29		BUSTER HESTER, agent for Am
DADGER CHE	TRULET CO.	Night Phone 9043F21	Starpats vs. Bankers. Willies vs. Hodge & Palmer.	ABILENE, TEXAS	lene Reporter-News and Dallas Morning News. Phone 200W.
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Middle Clear Fork Soil **Conservation News**

Farmers and ranchers of the | Depleted crop land should never Middle Clear Fork Soil Conserva- be turned idle without some effort tion District have been busy the to restore its native or adapted past two months seeding adapted permanent vegetation. Cropland grasses

They are seeding depleted crop land that should be put back into native pasture, land that is normally planted to sudan or summer grazing crops and crop land that needs soil structure improvement.

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that is left to nature to restore its native cover may be some 20 years in doing so. You may reduce this long perod of unproductivity by some 15 years or less only by helping nature supply some adapted grass

seed and not grazing. Many farmers and ranchers are seeding blue panic grass in the place of sudan grass. Blue panic is a perennial grass that grows upright like sudan.

It will furnisn grazing before sudan in the spring its second year, and may be cut for hay at the proper time. It is well adapted to both light and heavy soils with good fertility. Blue panic was inroduced from Australia.

The Soil Conservation Service echnicians assisting the Middle Clear Fork S. C. D. out of the Merkel Work Unit recommend a planting rate of from one to two pounds of seed per acre.

Plant in regular width rows so it can be cultivated. Cover the seed only deep enough to keep them from blowing away. For more information and assistance on seeding contact your local Soil Conservation Service Office.

The Middle Clear Fork Soil Conservation District has special equipment for seeding any kind of grass. This equipment is available for a small rental fee. The following cooperators, farm-

Wilks have seeded some of the ers and ranchers of this district have recently seeded some 1900 acres to adapted grasses:

W. S. J. Brown, Bill Foy, Hol-land Teaff, Joe Hartley, H. H. This chic costume was literally "for the birds" at one time. The smart outfit is made from cotton feed bags which originally con-tained feed for chickens! The skirt McLeod, A. E. Hohertz, Comer Haynes, Wade Ensminger, Sam Swann, T. J. Bird, Chester Collinsworth, E. E. Read, Odell Freeand weskit are made from three man, Roy Largent, Roy Kelso, A. plain cotton osnaburg bags, while V. Teaff, Bill Teaff, F. J. McDonone print bag in a light brown and ald, Alton Propst, and K. A. Goza white design was used to make the have all seeded blue panic grass.

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bags for this little girl. Her pajamas are made from cotton flan-nel which came from 25-pound flour sacks. The National Cotton

Council reports these cotton flannel flour sacks provide a 27 - inch square suitable for home sewing.

A. D. Hill, Holland and Nim

Teaff, H. H. McLeod, Z. E. Boaz,

R. M. Wagstarf, Sam Swann, W.

following grasses: Blue stem mix-

tures, weeping lovegrass, KR blue-

stem, sideoats grama, blue grama

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OMAR BURLESON Congressman 17th District

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velop the resources of our produce them. Of course, ways land . . . ", suggests a text on and means must be found to meet which a long speech could be de- an immediate situation, but the livered.

fore the Public Works Committee

The very phrase, "Let us de- should be thankful we are able to day may come, and comparatively

some huge surpluses, but we

This past week I appeared be- soon, when a shortage may exist. Our population is amazingly inof the House of Representatives in creasing. During the past year it behalf of the development of some has arisen approximately three of our natural resources. Particu- million people. There are now larly must we make an investment | 162,-023,858 individuals in United States. in water reservoirs and more es-At this rate, there should not

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tural resources has many angles up the constant need for foresight and reaches into many fields of in conserving our natural reefforts. We hear some people de- sources, and more particularly waplore our over-production of farm | ter, which is the very life of every commodities. It is true we have West Texas community.



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interests, and see whether we also. in our day and generation, may not perform something worth to be remembered."

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front of where I usually sit, are

inscribed these words: "Let us

develop the resources of our land, call forth its powers, build up its

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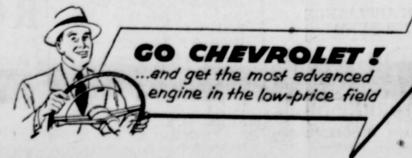
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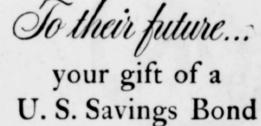
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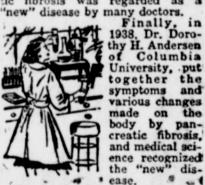
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TREATING A "NEW" DISEASE **By Science Features** A mysterious disease called pancreatic fibrosis affects one out of

600 infants. Treated for many years, as a combination of pneu-monia and an intestinal disease causing malnutrition, it almost always proved fatal to the young sufferers. Even though thousands of children were affected, pancrea-tic fibrosis was regarded as a



Pancreatic fibrosis produces a double attack on youngsters. A heavy mucus liquid forms in the lungs causing a severe cough and hampering breathing. This condi-tion also results in frequent infections, such as pneumonia and bronchitis. The second set of symptoms affects the pancreas and it fails to deliver its quota of enzymes to the digestive system. The children, though they eat large amounts of food, are underweight and suffer from malnutrition. As a result of medical research, better methods for treating these patients have been evolved. A ser-ies of tests on 49 patients was re-cently conducted for 15 months by four Boston doctors. They found that the broad range antibiation that the broad-range antibiotics, such as terramycin, were the most effective in this disease, protecting the child against lung infections and at the same time stimulating his growth. With proper diet and careful treatment, the children now

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Trent Hi School **Gives** Diplomas To 19 Graduates

Nineteen Trent High School graduates received diplomas at the commencement exercises held Field. in the Trent auditorium.

Rex Kyker, Abilene Christian College speech professor, gave the commencement address, stress ing the need for adults to take on responsibilities and to face reali-

Shirley Carter gave the valedictory address and Glenda Reynolds gave the salutatory address. Miss Carter had a grade average of 92.89 and Miss Reynolds 91.69.

Other honor students were Sue McRee with an average of 91.56; Sylvia Taylor, 91.09; Barbara Edwards, 91; and James Lewis Wilks,

Besides these students, diplomas were presented by Supt. W. B. Williams to Bobby Fred Barnes, Mervin Roberts, Tommy Jones, Felpia Acuna, Bobbye Ann Dudley, Van Graham, Joe Scott, James Freeman, Dallas Gore, Rowena Richburg, Phil Goodwin, Venita Quattlebaum and Jess Yandell.

Merkel Lobos Win At Stamford 14-13

Merkel Lobos beat Stam- cerebral palsy, said Mr. Honeycutt ford 14-13 there last Sunday. The Its humanitarian work is supportford to the fourth inning. Then | tions.

ed two runs and the other team got only one. Manuel Ybarra had a heavy stick and knocked out two triples while Frank Duran hit one triple Manual Biera pitched two innings and then Jimmy Floyd took

over. Manuel Ybarra caughter. Walter Whisenhuat is captain and Juan Biera is manager of the Lobos play Colorado City here

at 2:30 p. m. Sunday at Badgers

Fire Department To Be Represented At State Meeting

The Merkel Fire Department will be represented at the firemen's state convention in San An-

tonio on June 8, 9 and 10. They are Claud Mewborn and William Webber, delegates, Pat Cypert and Clyde Wurst, alternates, acting Chief Waymon Adcock, Jim McAninch and Homer Newby.

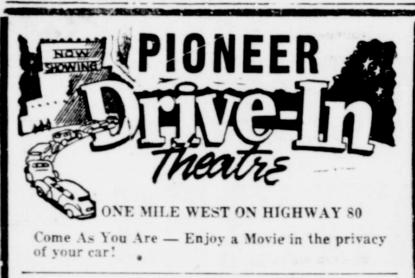
Cerebral Palsy Drive Continues

The cerebral palsy drive is now in progress here, stated Chairman Paul Honeycutt

The United Cerebral Palsy Association of Texas is a non-profitmembership corporation devoted exclusively to a united attack or

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