Your Home Town Newspaper

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### IN THE FRIENDLY TOWN MERKEL, TEXAS, FRIDAY, JULY 2, 1954.

Youthful Spirit

**Inspires Folks** 

At Revival Sun.

"God looks into the hearts of people not just the outside."

sembly of God Church. The youth

Kans When the floods swept Kan-

sas a few years ago his church was

destroyed and a new one was built

in its place, costing \$250,000. The

tense moments of expectancy.

His theme was "The Fire

the pulpit

THE MERKEL MAIL

5c A COPY

On the Broadway

of America

# \$275,000 Water Bond Issue Vote Set for July 17th

The water bond issue will be voted on July 17.

This action was taken by the proximately 90 days. City Council on Thursday of last week.

another page of The Mail.

The proposed bond issue-\$175,-000 in revenue and \$100,000 in general obligation bonds - will be used to finance construction of serted Mayor West. a pipeline to tie onto the Abilene water system.

Mayor Henry C. West said prebond approval estimates are that the bonds will be sold at an interest rate averaging slightly more than 31/2 per cent.

"It was hoped that all the bonds could be revenue bonds," remarked Mayor West," but the water revenue for the last five years has not been enough to take care of the total amount of revenue bonds, so we had to divide the issue into part revenue and part obligation.

"We expect that the present revenue will take care of these bonds as the present bonds are sufficiently reduced in amount together with surplus in the bond account to take care of this additional issue without adding any increase in bond tax."

Work on the pipeline to Abilene will begin, Mayor West said, in "about 30 to 40 days" following approval of the bonds. He said project engineers have indicated

the line would be completed in ap-The mayor said the council had

been told by the engineers that at least a 12-inch line will be need-Legal notice of this appears on ed from Abilene to just west of Tye. From there to Merkel the line would be 10 inches he said. "We will lay the biggest line we can for the money we have," as-

### STORES CLOSE JULY 5

be closed.

As July 4 falls on Sunday, the stores of Merkel will be closed June 27-July 5 Monday, July 5. The Farmers and Merchants National Bank the Taylor County teachers will ald Brassfield, also 16 years old and The Merkel Mail will also attend a Classroom Teacher's and from Kansas City.

## NEW PHONE RATES.

The new higher telephone rates were put into effect with the bills now being received. A note attached to the bill stated: "This is your first bill under the new rate granted by our city council. The new and enlarged teleph ne system is now in oper-ation. We will be able to give IS Won by Lobos you more and better service with this expanded system."

### RAIN IS .5 INCH

vice of the Church of Christ, El-

vice, two brothers, J. E. and O. J.,

served at the table, while four

other brothers served the audi-

...

If the plans of the rodeo com-

mittee of the Merkel Merchants

Trade Extention association for a

girls' rodeo Saturday morning,

July 14, immediately following the

parade, materialize as planned, an-

other novel feature will be added

to the accomplishments of the

Senator Clint Small of Amarillo

will speak on the street here at

2:15 p. m. Saturday of this week.

Senator Small is a candidate for

governor. From here he will speak

Born to: Mr. and Mrs. Fred I

Miss Aline Parks, daughter of

**GIRLS IN ROEDO** 

summer program.

TO SPEAK HERE

at Trent.

dust.

The rain that fell Saturday at 1 p .m. measured .50 inch, reported Harry Woodrum. There were hard winds and lots of 5-4.

Mrs. Ellen McReynolds headed a five delegate group of Abilene and Taylor County teachers to the church now has a membership of National Education Association 450 and the average attendance in Convention in New York City, Sunday School is 700.

Following the NEA convention

Newark, Del. Abilene about July 18.

It took 15 innings to decide the game between the Merkel Lobos and the Colorado City team at Colbecoming. orado City Sunday. The Lobos won

took over for the other six inn

Walter Whisenhunt is captain

and Juan Biera is manager of the

The Merkel Lobos, with Captain

Walter Whisenhunt pitching per-

fect ball, defeated the Abilene All-

Stars here Monday night 5-4. Se-

It was a close game. Abilene

held the lead to the eighth inn-

ing 4-3. In the ninth the Lobos

turned on the heat. Walter smack-

ed a nice single and pushed in

LOBOS PLAY TONIGHT

against the Novice nine.

Andy M. Beasley

**Dies Last Friday** 

Andy Merle Beasley, 25, died at

School and had ben employed by

Bell Telephone Company of Abi-

Funeral was at 4 p. m. Saturday

in the Trent Methodist Church

with Rev. E. H. Martin, pastor,

officiating, assisted by Rev. J. W.

Burial was in Trent Cemetery

He was a member of the Trent

Beasley is survived by his wife

two sons, Tim, 4, and Lon 15

months; one daughter Myra Jan.

Beasley of Trent; one brother.

Weldon of Trent; two sisters, Mrs.

Lewis Tiner of Eastland, Mrs. O. I

Boyd of Waco; three uncles, Les-

ley Beasley of Trent, Leon Ash-

ford of Westbrook, and Otis Ash-

ford of Cisco: maternal grandpar-

ents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Ashford

the Sadler Hospital June 25.

weeks: his mother, Mrs. Ola

with Starbuck Funeral Home in

lene for the past two years.

At Age of 25

3 a. m. Friday here.

their home in Trent.

Fields of Richardson.

Methodist Church.

charge.

of Merkel.

ings. Lupe Ribiera caught.

ferino Luna caught.

needed runs.

Lobos

Pentecost." The score was tied up 44 in the ninth. No one was able to do any- | feel," asserted the young evangel-

teenth Angel Olvera for Merkel can do."

was almost too small to see over be held next Friday, July 9, and Tommy Joe's father, Rev. H. H. will be an all-day affair at the W. Barnett, is pastor of the Victor Butman Rodeo Grounds. ia Tabernacle in Kansas City

In the morning there will be registration, visiting the Madge Butman Methodist Camp Grounds, teachers' contest and a variety of musical programs.

At 1:30 p. m., ranch hand calf roping and junior calf riding. At 2 p. m., ball games and other outdoor activities.

At 7 p. m., talent contest. Also various musical numbers.

Rev. H. S. Earp introduced the What is the history behind this grand and gala homecoming that has been planned? Mabel Butman Scott, daughter of Sam Butman, Joe played the trombone and then Jr., and granddaughter of the patriarch, Sam Butman, has gathered the facts from different ones. Her Tommy Joe has an easy presstory follows:

It must have been a beautiful sight back in the early 70s when the first white settlers rode upon and a contagious spirit in his a horse-shoe shaped West Texas speech, lifting the congregation to tile land. There was a creek mean-But Tommy Joe also has a manner of humility, not taking himself | dering its way through the center.

too seriously and possessing a trees anywhere except on the sense of humor. He has a smile, almost a blush of youth, that is very mountain and along the creek place of worship in the canyon. bank. These were mulberry trees and thus the creek was called Mulberry Creek. Later the canyon "We have a salvation we can was called Mulberry Canyon.

Back in the early 50s there had thing for five innings. In the fif- ist, "There is no limit to what God been established a line of forts Buchanon and G. H. Wadford. In through the country to insure a 1888 a new church house was singled and got on base. Another The revival will continue sense of security for those who built. The cemetery, located near hit put him on sebond. A little lat- through July 11. Everyone is in- would want to go west. Fort Grif- the church, is still used.

The Mulberry Homecoming will | "THE KIVERED WAGON"

coming but his spirit will be month for teaching. here in his splendid poem, "The

I could be with all you good people on this wonderful day of homecoming and memories. I will be thinking of you all."

Big Homecoming

That was the heart of the mes-sage delivered by the 16-year-old evangelist, Rev. Tonmy Joe Bar-nett, Sunday morning at the As-

Celebration Ready

part of the canyon. J. T. Tucker ran the first post office in the tor. White Church Community. His In 1901 the Riney School was daughter married Ed Vickers on organized in the eastern part of June 28, 1883.

In 1878 the Rev. Jim Norris organized Sunday School in his dugout home. In 1881 a church house was built of lumber hauled from Abilene. This building was paintarea of some 60,000 acres of fer- ed white, and since it was the only painted building in the canyon it was called White Church. This In that day there were very few church house, chiefly used by the

Methodists, was the principal

White Church, located on the northern side of the canyon, was also used for a school. The first school teacher was the Hon. Henry Beal. He was followed by Mr.

once traded for a saddle pony.

be secured. This work was done. Trobe Vaughan will be unable not for two dollars an hour, but to be at the Mulberry Home- for his board! He was paid \$65 a

In the year 1900 the village of Kivered Wagon", which appears Nubia came into existence. This on another page of this issue. | village soon possessed a gin, a "This is my greeting to my old drug store, a post office, a bank, time friends at the reunion." a blacksmith shop and various wrote Trobe, "I wrote it for and other businesses. A higher dededicated it to my sister, the gree of learning could be obtained late Mrs. Madge Butman. I wish at the school here and there was a church and a lodge hall.

The first teacher was Miss Hale followed by these teachers: Mrs. Victor Harris, Miss Lena Lilly and Miss Floy Hilton.

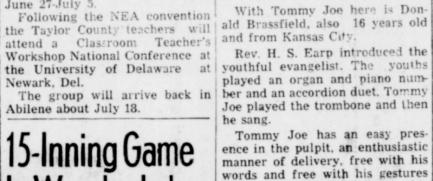
There was also a country doc

the canyon. Nubia and Riney Schools were consolidated to make the I. X. L. district.

In 1908 the Butman School was moved to the present site of Pioneer Memorial Chapel. This school building was used for church services also until 1914, when the New Live Oak Baptist Church was organized

With the evolution of machinery, times began to change in Mulberry Canyon. Cars became a necessity. The wagon and the buggy were too slow. People began to pass by the little place Nubia to go on to Merkel to trade.

Soon Nubia stores were closed and moved away. The last store owned and operated by Kay Blackburn and Bud Perry was closed in



Merkel 20 Years Ago

ence

### WINS SECOND PLACE

mer Adcock preached the sermon Miss Leta Faye Barbee of Nooand his father, Postmaster Addle took second place and a prize cock, and five of the latter's of riding boots at the 1934 Stambrothers assisted in the church ford Cowboy Reunion. services. For the communion ser-

### DELAY GYM PROJECT

The gym project has been delayed. Supt. Roger A. Burgess explained, "On June 1 the national government reduced the allotment for CWA labor to where it was impossible for any construction of projects to be begun. In ...her words, the government will not likely provide for any more labor until after the demand for labor on farms is over." ...

### ENROLLMENT PASSES 800

Supt. Burgess has just made his report to the state department of education. The enrollment again shows a gain of about 11 per cent or 83 over last year. Last year the enrollment was 733 pupils, while this year shows 816 enrolled.

### AT BUTMAN RANCH

The annual rodeo and picnic at **RECORD BIRTHS** Butman, two big days July 11 and 12, will afford plenty of entertain-Parsley a boy June 23, Mr. and ment for everybody, young and Mrs. Doyle Blair a boy June 30. old, first settlers and newcomers. Spectacular rodeo events such as ALINE PARKS INJURED calf roping, wild cow milking, bronc busting and steer riding and Mrs. Hattie Parks, is still in the an old fiddlers' contest are featur- West Texas Baptist Sanitarium as ed. Sam Butman, Jr., and J. L. the result of injuries received in Cargill are in charge of publicity. a head-on car collision about four miles east of Sweetwater on Thurs-

### BROTHERAN CHARGE

er.

day night of last week. Her left During the Adcock reunion in leg was broken and she received Brady at last Sunday morning ser- painful scalp wounds.

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

In the installation of officers Mr. and Mrs. Victor Harris and for the local Masonic Lodge on little daughter, Ruby, have return-Tuesday night the following were ed home from Ringgold where seated for the ensuing year: Wesley Edwards, W. M.; Thomas John- they visited the latter's sister, Mrs. C. Gass. son, S. W.; N. D. Cobb, J. W.; J. J. Stallings, treasurer; H. R. Hicks, secretary, and J. M. Garrett, til-Mrs. Jeffie Hibbitts and A. M.

ing in Ft. Worth. The bride is the Mrs. J. E. Noble and two daughdaughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. ters, Tina and Ida, are here from Adcock. Ft. Worth visiting their daughter and sister, Mrs. W. D. Hutcheson.

Friday morning of last week Butman, Jr., left Monday three of our prominent young for El Paso to see the men, H. C. Burroughs, Jr., Emmett borderland for a Grimes and Jess Ferguson, were caught boarding the late east

Don Duncan, Lyndell Quattlebaum bound T. & P. No. 6. They said and Troy Kegans. who has that they were going to Galveston ith her to take a swim in the briney deep, BOWENS HAVE GIRL tt, left take in the sights and forget Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Bowen ughter out these hot days in the far, far are the parents of a girl born at

Rice were married Sunday even-

er Charlie Gomez singled and An-1 vited

gel scored, winning the game. James Schuder of Sweetwater' will be a youth rally, mainly muspitched for the Lobos for nine inn-1 ical, said Rev. Earp. ings and then Dink Whisenhunt

# Nolan Palmer Wins Fort Mounts berry Canyon. **All Expense Paid** Trip to Bermuda

and Bermuda by air offered by the 1861 Pontiac Motor Company.

and includes not only himself but trip starts July 27.

The Merkel Lobos will play at 8 p. m. tonight, Friday, here were four winners. The past year's ern rim of the canyon

business was considered, including new and used cars, and then equal would ride up to the top of the quotas were set for all dealers. mountain to spot the approaching The contest took in three months' stage coach. After they had accubusiness, ending June 10. "In my group there were

"I headed this group. The winner, the coach. Two robbers were killwas selected as the one who over- ed and one was captured. sold his quota the most in his group.

Born Feb. 10, 1929, in Jones friends who made this trip pos- off the Indians who for years had County, he was married to the sible for my wife and myself," former Lonelle McElmurray of said Mr. Palmer. Trent Jan. 15, 1949. They made

### MAULDIN IS MAYOR He was a graduate of Trent High

Mauldin as the first mayor of Tye.

Thirty-six votes were cast. Aldermen elected were: Theo Kincaid, Wesley H. Ris ter, T. J. Hinds, L. L. Knight, Homer Laney. Kincaid and Rister will serve

two years, the other three, one year. SHEEP RAISERS TO MEET

Taylor County sheep and goat raisers have set Aug. 6 for their annual meeting. This is the 14th annual meeting. Tom Russom is president of the association

The directors are: Tom Russom, Sam Butman, Jr., H. R. Roberts of Guion, Elmo Jones. Bobie Sales. Sam Fluger of Tus-Abilene.

### BOY TO GRAYSONS Pallbearers were Bobby Chaul-

A baby boy was born to Mr. and families. After a year of rugged ker, Kent Stoker, Foy Steadman, Mrs. Beryl D. Grayson at the Sad- ; life the last three names mentionler Hospital June 25.

HAS MAJOR SURGERY

Mrs. L. A. Weber underwent major surgery at the Sadler Hospital June 28.

fin, Fort Phantom Hill, Fort On Saturday night the service Mountain Pass, Fort Chadbourne and Fort Concho were points of interest to those who wanted to

explore the country. Fort Mountain Pass was in Mul-

In 1858 there was a mail route established which served these forts. On the morning of Sept. 23 gone far toward blazing the trail W. L. Ornsby of the New York Herald ate breakfast in the Mt. In that day the land was open Pass station while he was travelto anyone who would live out a Nolan Palmer is winner of an ing over this line on its first route. claim. A story is told that a quarall-expense paid trip to New York This service was discontinued in ter section of good grass land was

Several graves at Mountain Pass Mr. Palmer was notified of this in the southeast part of the can-Monday. It will be a 10-day tour yon mark the resting place of some of the earliest settlers. None of two men on base, bringing in the Mrs. Palmer as well. They will these has been restored in any spend five days in Bermuda. The way. Among these graves are those of two stage coach robbers The Dallas Pontiac zone was di- who camped at Bear Springs in vided into four groups and there Louis Canyon, just over the east-

> The story is told that outlaws new school districts. In 1889 Cross mulated a loot of \$60,000 that they Roads School was built. A Mr. 73 had buried in a cave they were and Mrs. Buchanon taught here. dealers," explained Mr. Palmer. surprised by Texas Rangers aboard This building, also used by all denominations as a church, was located about 10 miles southeast

During an Indian raid on the of White Church. patrol at Mt. Pass in 1861 a few "Thanks a million to all my good firmly entrenched soldiers drove 1893 but it was still used as church. made use of the canyon.

Soon after the Civil War immimemories of a wedding goes back grants started to flow into the to April 13, 1891, when Miss Doncanyon. In 1874 a Mr. Grounds Voters Monday elected Bill drove 3,700 head of cattle into married on top of Castle Peak at Taylor County and settled in Mulan Easter picnic. berry Canyon.

It is very interesting to note that the first settlers stopped very close to the mountains. Undoubtedly they settled here in order to car Templin of Kansas as its first make use of the logs and the numteacher. erous springs of the early day. Some dug dugouts, some built half

dugouts and rocks, and one Ed Vickers hauled lumber from Fort Worth with an ox team and pair of mules to build a home.

The Vickers place, bought in 1882 by young Sam Butman of Searsport, Maine, served as headquarters to the Butman Ranch for several years. This building is now

used on the ranch for a barn. n Korea? In December, 1878, several families came over the rim of the cola, Jim Richardson of View mountain to settle in the north- few things recently. He is 60 miles and County Agent Stanley of western part of the canyon. Among | from Seoul, Korea. In part he the early settlers were M. N. said:

Norris, a Mr. Rippie, a Mr. Cotner The time passes twice as slow for me as it does for you. and a Mr. Farris, all with their Last night we got our beer ised became only memories.

During the following year, how- and you can get most any thing plants down by it. The fields are ever, others came: W. H. and C. you want for a little of nothing. so pretty they look like patchwork L. Browne, and J. T. and J. C. Cigarettes are rationed here. You quilts.

Tucker. Ed and Daniel Vickers could only get four packs and five I did my laundry yesterday and had settled earlier in the south bars of candy. Cigarettes cost 8 it hasn't got dry yet.

and J. C. Tucker By 1884 J. T. Today the tractors have taken John and Dick Brandon, the Nanthe place of team drawn tools. One ises. Sam Butman, the Clintons, farmer raises several hundred the Hunters, J. L. Casey, George acres of cotton and feed. There ae Richey, B. J. Riney, the Hills, R. are fewer people in the community. E. Tracy, Perry, Jonathan Bradley. All the children are going by bus J. C. Lees, Daniel and Ed Vickers, into a modern school in Merkel. the Browns, the Tuckers, P. R. Demere, Sr., and many others had

The old church houses have been consolidated and there is a new \$50,000 structure in the center of of civilization in Mulberry Canyon. the Mulberry Creek community. Its doors are open to all who wish to come to worship. This building has been christened Pioneer Memorial Chapel in memory of all the pioneers of Mulbery Canyon.

Most of the Mulberry Canyon Editor's Note: Mrs. Scott would was used for grazing and feed be glad to have any further inforstuff until 1886 when a carload of mation in regard to Mulberry Cancotton seed was brought into Abiyon that anyone has. lene. J. C. Lee planted and har-

### vested the only cotton in the coun-**Two Home Runs** ty. After he had hauled his cotton all the way to Abilene he was told there was not enough to gin. The following year Jake Cypert car-ried in the first bale. As the settlers grew in number As the settlers grew in number eam to Victory they found it necessary to form

On Thursday night of last weel the Starpats defeated the Willies 14-6. Firmin Hernandez pitched four innings and Larry Seymore two innings for the winners with

Delbert Davis hurled and Dickie Morris received for the Willies.

Two home runs in the first inning did not make the Bankers the winners. Hodge-Palmer defeated nie Kindred and Dr. Martin were them 8-6. Johnny Swinney pitched and Jerry Don Reynolds caught for the H-P.

In 1895 the Butman School, a For the Bankers Dwain Wh one-room building 20 by 30 feet, pitched four innings and was built near the center of the Seymore two innings. Nathan south side of the canyon, with Os-Moore caught.

David Pursley hit a home run for the Bankers with one runner Mr. Templin had to work all on in the first inning. Phil Seysummer helping to build the more was the next batter up an school house before the job could he also hit a home run.

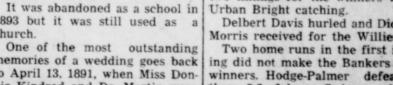
# **Fields of Korea Are Pretty But People Live Like Animals**

How are our soldier boys doing, cents a pack here. They have all kinds of canned goods. I got some Pfc. Billy W. Lewis wrote his tomato juice and some canned mother, Mrs. Mardie V. Lewis, a sausage.

> Mom, you ought to see place.

> > The people live like animals!

The land is pretty though they plow their rice fields with things that look like rakes and the rows sue. It cost us 45 cents for four are as straight as an arrow. They cans. I went to the PX yesterday lay a string down and set the rice



Friday, July 2, 1954.

# NEWVS ABOULT TOWN

YOUTH

REVIVAL

June 27 Through July 11

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Principal and Mrs. Edwin Read day from an extended visit with and children, John and Jean, left her son Ray and family of Corpus Monday for Dallas to visit her Christi. mother, Mrs. Cordelia Scherer. and also for Paradise to visit his children of Lake Charles, La., and mother, Mrs. Jannie Read. They will be gone about a week.

Mrs. Leroy Weaver of Rivera. ents, Mr. and Mrs. Dent Gibson, Calif., visited her brother and over the weekend. wife, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Elliott, from Thursday to Saturday.

G. C. Farrow left Friday, today, extended visit.

Mrs. D. G. Ash returned Mon-' Mrs. Tommy Odum.

family were in San Angelo Sunday visiting Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hager and family. Capt. and Mrs. David Gibson. Raymond Ferguson visited Mrs. and Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Gibson of Russell's daughter, Mrs. C. F. Morton were visitors of their par-Knox, and her sister, Mrs. John

T. Morgon, in Dallas over the weekend. Mr. and Mrs. George Moore spent the weekend with Mr. and in Weatherford Saturday evening

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mayfield and Mrs. J. T. Dorsey, Jr., in Midland. on business Mr. and Mrs. Horace Boney for Alabama and Georgia for an were in Kansas City, Mo., this week. They accompanied Mr. and

Mr. and Mrs. Weldon McAninch Coach and Mrs. Carroll Benson and Ann visited with Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Scroggin in Odessa over the

weekend. Eugene Black of San Francisco, Calif., is visiting his sister, Mrs. Coleman O'Brien, and family. He is in the Navy. . Mrs. Ollie Fox spent the week-

Mr. and Mrs. Will Smith and

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Farmer and

Mrs. C. K. Russell and Mrs.

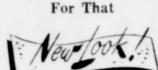
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Miller were

family of Rochester spent Sunday

with his sister, Mrs. J. O. Arm-

trong

end in Lubbock with relatives.



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> PHONE 27 MACK'S



THE MERKEL MAIL

cessing your food much longer than is necessary. If you would ike either or both of the bulletins, 'Home Canning" B-194 or "Frozen Foods" B-175, come by the office or write me and I'll send you one. Miss Mabel McRee of Union Ridge Club was elected as one of the three delegates to represent Taylor County at the State Texas Home Demonstration Association Meeting to be in Dallas August 11. 12 and 13 other delegates are Mrs. Orville Black, Potosi Club and Mrs. Monroe Graham, Tuscola Club. Council also voted to pay my expenses to the meeting to represent the home demonstration agents of district 7. Made me feel real good.

# **Finest Football Picture is Coming To Queen Theatre**

"Crazylegs," which opens at the Queen Theatre Friday and Saturday, has been acclaimed by newspaper sports editors as the finest and most authentic football pic ture ever to come out of Hollywood. This exciting story of one of the gridiron's greatest stars, Elroy "Crazylegs" Hirsch, is much more than just a football picture; it is the highly-dramatic biography of a boy of humble birth; his ambitions, his handicaps, his romance, his tragedy, his triumph. Enacting the title role himself, Hirsch is cohere last Friday to look at her starred with the able veteran. Lloyd Nolan, and pretty Joan Vohs.

> In 1953, 2,140,000 Americans were injured in traffic accidents.

and daughter, Mrs. Barney Bickley, and children of El Paso visit ed his mother, Mrs. J. P. Sharp. last week

Mrs. Barbara Free is Merkel's

cowgirl sponsor at the Texas Cow

boy Reunion in Stamford, which

continues through Monday, July

5. skipping Sunday, July 4. Mrs.

Free will take part in the clover-

leaf barrel race which will be a

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Turner and

children of Ft. Worth spent Sat-

urday and Sunday with Mr. and

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Walton and

grandchildren, Eddie and Jimmy

Turner, of Ft. Worth visited Carls

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Griffin of

Kemah, Okla., passed through

father's grave in Rose Hill Ceme-

tery. Mrs. Griffin is the former

Mattie Sue Beard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Beard. She and

her parents lived here in 1907-8.

feature of the rodeo.

Mrs. J. C. Walton.

bad Cavern last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen D. King, Idc

went to Ft. Worth on business Monday

ter Donna of Inglewood, Calif. and Mrs. Clovis Harrison of Pyote arrived last week to visit their sisters. Mrs. Will Butman and Mrs



upon the solid rock of independence. May the example they set for us of courage, foresight and sound statesmanship always continue to serve us as a guide and an inspiration.

> No business will be transacted by this bank on Monday, July 5th, in honor of Independence Day.

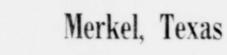
### THE OLD RELIABLE

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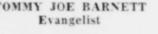
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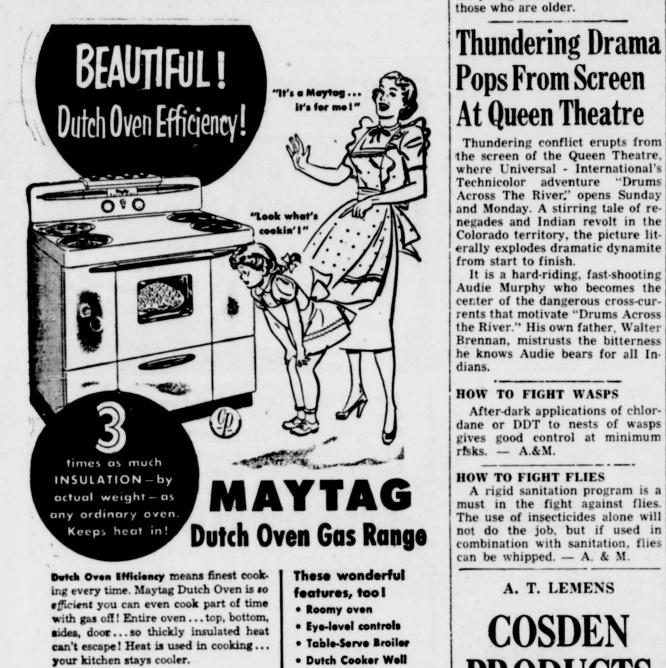
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### THE MERKEL MAIL

### LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF BOARD OF EQUAL-IZATION MEETING AND ADOP-SCHOOL TERM OF 1954-55

"Pinocchio" to Be

Sunday, Monday

all his wonderful adventures.

It is filled with lots of excite-

the young folks and will entertain

It is a hard-riding, fast-shooting

A. T. LEMENS

COSDEN

PRODUCTS

Wholsale and Retail

GREASE

color

ment and music.

ment and music.

**At Pioneer Theatre** 

In obedience to an order of the Board of Equalization, regularly (3 1-2%) per annum, payable an-"Pinocchio," another Walt Disney full length feature, will be pre- convened and sitting, notice is nually or semi-annually, and to hereby given that said Board of provide for the payment of princisented at the Pioneer Theatre on Sunday and Monday. This all in Equalization will be in session at pal of and interest on said bonds its regular meeting place in the by levying a tax sufficient to pay Merkel High School building in the annual interest and to create It is filled with lots of excitethe town of Merkel, Taylor Coun- a sinking fund sufficient to re-This is the splendid story of the ty, Texas, at 9:00 o'clock A. M., deem said bonds as they become on Thursday, the 15th day of July, wooden boy who came to life and 1954, for the purpose of determin-

ing, fixing and equalizing the value of any and all taxable property It is a picture that will delight situated in the Merkel Independent School district, Taylor and Jones Counties, Texas, for taxable purpose for the year 1954, and any and all persons interested or having business with said Board are hereby notified to be present at of the election, to-wit: said meeting called for equalization purposes and for the adop-

tion of school budget. By Order of the Board of Equalization

W. W. TOOMBS Chairman of the Board and

RAY WILSON Secretary Merkel School Board trict Taylor and Jones Counties, Texas

18th day of June, A. D., 1954. Adv. -July 2.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF ELECTION FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS THE STATE OF TEXAS CITY OF MERKEL COUNTY OF TAYLOR

TO ALL QUALIFIED VOTERS appear the following: OF THE CITY OF MERKEL, TEXAS, WHO OWN TAXABLE PROPERTY IN SAID CITY AND WHO HAVE DULY RENDERED THE SAME FOR TAXATION:

TAKE NOTICE that an election will be held in the City of Merkel, Texas, on the 17th day of July, 1954, in obedience to a resolution and order duly entered by the City Council on the 24th day of June. 1954, which is as follows:

COUNTY OF TAYLOR ON THIS, the 24th day of June, 1954, the City Council of the City of Merkel, Texas, convened in regular session, at the regular Hall, there being present and in BONDS AND THE LEVY OF A attendance the following members, to-wit:

structing improvements and ex-, DUAL FANS HELP tensions to the City's Waterworks | Dual fans, operated in series System: said bonds to mature seri- for the continuous processing of ally over a period of years not to burrs and trash at the gin, have TION OF SCHOOL BUDGET FOR exceed Twenty Five (25) years been approved by the USDA as a from their date, and to bear inter- practical method for handling gin est at a rate not to exceed THREE waste and for controlling pink bollworms. - A.&M. AND ONE HALF PER CENTUM

> THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF TAYLOR thority of The State of Texas To due?'

THAT said election shall be held at Taylor County Welfare Office in the City of Merkel, Texas, and the entire City shall constitute one election precinct.

II.

III. That the following named persons are hereby appointed officer

Andy Shouse, Presiding Judge,

W. Earl Baze, Judge, Mrs. W. D. Hutcheson, Clerk; and Mrs. W. R. Cypert, Clerk.

IV. That said election shall be held devisees and legal representatives under the provisions of and in acof each of the defendants' spouses cordance with the laws governing who is deceased.

the issuance of municipal bonds in cities, as provided in the General Merkel Independent School Dis- Laws of the State of Texas, and terest or-lien in the property deonly qualified electors, who own scribed herein, and the unknown taxable property in the City, and who have duly rendered the same of all defendants. for taxation, shall be qualified to vote.

That the ballots for said election shall be prepared in sufficient number and in conformity with Chapter 6, V. A. T. S. Election Code, adopted by the Fiftysecond Legislature in 1951, and that printed on such ballots shall

**PROPOSITION NUMBER 1** 

"FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$175,000 WATERWORKS REV-ENUE BONDS AND PLEDGING THE REVENUES OF THE CITY'S WATERWORKS SYSTEM ruary, 1951 and the filing number TO THE PAYMENT THEREOF" of said suit being No. 17,322-A

"AGAINST THE ISSUANCE and the nature of which is a suit OF \$175,000 WATERWORKS **REVENUE BONDS AND PLEDG-**ING THE REVENUES OF THE property, to-wit: CITY'S WATERWORKS SYSTEM TO THE PAYMENT THEREOF"

**PROPOSITION NUMBER 2** "FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$100,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION interest, penalties, costs, charges, TAX WATERWORKS BONDS and expenses of suit which have AND THE LEVY OF A TAX IN accrued and which may legally ac-PAYMENT THEREOF" crue thereon.

"AGAI' JT THE ISSUANCE OF \$100,000 GENERAL OBLIGAmeeting place thereof in the City TION TAX WATERWORKS TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF"

AS TO EACH of the foregoing two propositions, each voter shall

within 90 days after its issuance, it shall be returned unserved. Adv. June 11, 18, 25, July 2.

Legal Notices

In the Name and by the Au

Anna Brenton and husband,

Dena Brannon, whose address

The unknown heirs, legatees,

devisees and legal representatives

of Al Sullivan, deceased, whose

The unknown heirs, legatees,

The unknown spouse of the

The unknown heirs, legatees,

And all unknown persons own-

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTI-

a petition on the 26th day of Feo-

taxes on the following described

East one-half of Block E of Mc-

The amount of taxes due each

plaintiff, exclusive of interest,

penalties and costs is as follows:

The City of Abilene \$666.56

TOTAL \$666.56.

vided by law.

devisees and legal representatives

of each of the defendants includ-

addresses are unknown.

ed above who is deceased.

above named defendants.

Baird Brenton, whose address is

unknown.

is unknown.

LEGAL NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF TAYLOR

In the Name and by the Authority of The State of Texas To

Anna Brenton and husband, Baird Brenton, whose address is unknown.

Dena Brannon, whose address is unknown,

The unknown heirs, legatees, devisees and legal representatives of Al Sullivan, deceased, whose addresses are unknown.

The unknown heirs, legatees, devisees and legal representatives of each of the defendants included above who is deceased.

The unknown spouse of the above named defendants.

The unknown heirs, legatees, devisees and legal representatives of each of the defendants' spouses who is deceased.

And all unknown persons owning, having, or claiming any interest or lien in the property described herein, and the unknown heirs and legal representatives ing, having, or claiming any in- of all defendants.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTI-FIED that suit has been brought heirs and legal representatives and is now pending in the Honorable District Court, 42nd Judicial District, Taylor County, Tex-FIED that suit has been brought as, wherein The City of Abilene and is now pending in the Honor- is plaintiff; The State of Texas, able District Court, 42nd Judicial The County of Taylor in the State District, Taylor County, Texas, of Texas, Special Road District wherein The City of Abilene is No. 1 of Taylor County, Texas, plaintiff; The State of Texas, The and, Special Road District No. 2 County of Taylor in the State of of Taylor County, Texas, are im-Texas, Special Road District No. pleaded party defendants; and E. 1 of Taylor County, Texas, and, A. Mayfield, et al are defendants, Special Road District No. 2 of by the filing by said plaintiffs of Taylor County, Texas, are im- a petition on the 26 day of Febpleaded party defendants; and E. | ruary, 1951 and the file number A. Mayfield, et al are defendants, of said suit being No. 17,321-A by the filing by said plaintiff of and the nature of which is a suit to collect delinquent ad valorem taxes on the following described property, to-wit:

North 50 feet of East 1/2 of to collect delinquent ad valorem Block D, of McNairy's Subdivision of Lot 2, Block 201, City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, together with interest, penalties, Nairy's Subdivision of Lot 2, costs, charges, and expenses of Block 201, City of Abilene, Tay- suit which have accrued and lor County, Texas together with which may legally accrue thereon. The amount of taxes due each plaintiff, exclusive of interest, penalties and costs is as follows:

City of Abilene, \$146.86. TOTAL \$146.86.

The names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on said property not made party to this suit are none.

The names of all taxing units Plaintiff and all other taxing which assess and collect taxes on units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of de

After-dark applications of chlordane or DDT to nests of wasps gives good control at minimum **HOW TO FIGHT FLIES** A rigid sanitation program is a must in the fight against flies. The use of insecticides alone will not do the job, but if used in

**RESOLUTION AND ORDER FOR** CITY BOND ELECTION

THE STATE OF TEXAS CITY OF MERKEL

H. C. WEST.

Friday, July 2, 1954.

# **GASOLINE - OIL** Mina Winter Butane Gas Co.

# "...we mutually pledge to each other" our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor."

• So easy to clean

See it today!

THE IDEAS in the Declaration of Independence have been challenged many times since that day it was signed by 56 dedicated men. The newspaper in your hands probably tells of fresh challenges. "And today, as 178 years ago, freedom calls for a "pledge to each other"—a pledge to make each of our homes se-cure. For the strength of America is simply the strength of an secure home simply the strength of one secure home linked with that of others.

Most Americans have found that one of the most effective ways to provide that security is by investing in United States Savings Bonds.

Security is simple on the Payroll Savings Plan

Eight million working people are profit-ing by steady investment in U. S. Savings Bonds through the convenient Payroll Savings Plan. Why don't you join them? Just go to your company's pay office and sign up to save whatever amount you want put away for you each payday. Then, as the dollars add up, they'll be invested for you in a Series E U.S. Savings Bond, earning an average of 3% interest per year.

Sign up today for steady, systematic save ings with the Payroll Savings Plan.

Your saving is done for you... with U.S. Savings Bonds on the Payroll Savings Plan

PAUL HONEYCUTT. FRED STARBUCK, Aldermen GRIF BARNETT, and with the following absent:

R .O. Anderson and Norman T. Hodge, constituting a quorum; and, among other proceedings had,

were the following: Alderman Starbuck introduced onded by Alderman Honeycutt. The motion, carrying with it the adoption of the resolution and orvote:

AYES: Aldermen, Honeycutt, Starbuck, and Barnett. NOES: None.

The RESOLUTION AND OR-DER is as follows:

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Merkel ,Texas, deems it advisable to issue the bonds of said City for the purposes hereinafter mentioned; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED AND OR-DERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERKEL. TEXAS:

That an election be held on the 17th day of July, 1954, which date is not less than fifteen (15) nor more than thirty (30) days from the date of the adoption of this resolution and order, at which election the following propositions shall be submitted to the qualified electors of said City who own taxable property therein and who have duly rendered the same for taxation:

**PROPOSITION NUMBER 1** "SHALL the City Council of the

City of Merkel, Texas, be authorized to issue ONE HUNDRED SEV. ENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOL-LARS (\$175,000) of revenue bonds of said City for the purpose of constructing improvements and extensions to the City's Waterworks System; said bonds to mature serially over a period of years not to exceed Thirty (30)

Texas. years from their date, and to bear interest at a rate not to exceed (City Seal) THREE AND THREE FOURTHS PER CENTUM ( 3 3-4%) per annum, payable annually or semi-annually; said revenue bonds to be special obligations of the City, payable as to both principal and the City Council of the City of costs allowed by law up to and interest solely from and secured Merkel, Texas, and under author- including the day of judgment interest solely from and secured by a first lien on and pledge of the revenues of the City's Waterity of law.

works System, after deduction of reasonable operation and maintenance expenses as said expenses are defined by statute?" PROPOSITION NUMBER 2

"SHALL the City Council of the City of Merkel, Texas, be authoriz-ed to issue ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$100,000) general obligation tax bonds of said City for the purpose of con- Adv. July 2, 9.

mark out with black ink or black pencil one of the above expressions, thus leaving the other as indicating his or her vote on the two

propositions respectively. VI.

In the event the said revenue bonds are authorized to be issued by a majority of the qualified elec- all interest, penalties, and costs foreclosure of liens, if any, sea resolution and order and moved tors of said City, voting at said elecits adoption. The motion was sec- tion, and the same are issued and sold, the holder or holders of such bonds shall never have the right to demand payment thereof out of der, prevailed by the following any funds raised or to be raised by taxation; and each bond issued or

executed in pursuance of such election, shall contain this clause: "The holder hereof shall never have the right to demand payment

of this obligation out of any funds raised or to be raised by taxation." VII.

That a copy of this resolution and order, signed by the Mayor of the City and attested by the City Secretary shall serve as proper notice of said election.

VIII That notice of said election shall

be given by posting and publication of a copy of this resolution and order, at the top of which shall appear the words "NOTICE hereafter be filed in said cause up their respective tax claims OF CITY BOND ELECTION". by all other parties herein, and against said property. Said notice shall be posted at the all of those taxing units above City Hall and two public places in said City not less than fourteen (14) full days prior to the date on claims against said property. which said election is to be held, and be published on the same day

in each of two successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulakel, Texas, the first of said publications to be made not less than than fourteen (14) full days prior to the date set for said election. PASSED AND APPROVED, this

the 24th day of June, 1954. H. C. WEST Mayor, City of Merkel, Texas ATTEST: W. M. ELLIOTT

City Secretary, City of Merkel,

THIS NOTICE of election is issued and given by the undersigned, pursuant to authority conferred by virtue of the above and foregoing resolution and order of with all interest, penalties, and suit.

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF MER-KEL, TEXAS, this the 24th day of June, 1954.

H. C. WEST Mayor, City of Merkel, Texas ATTEST: W. M. ELLIOTT City Secretary, City of Merkel,

Texas. (City Seal)

said property not made party to this suit are None.

herein, and the establishment and

foreclosure of liens, if any, secur-

ing the payment of same, as pro-

All parties to this suit, includ-

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

including the day of judgment | provided by law. All parties to this suit, including plaintiff, defendants, and intervenors, shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said ing plaintiff, defendants, and in- property at the time of this suit tervenors, shall take notice that was filed but all taxes becoming claims not only for any taxes delinquent thereon at any which were delinquent on said thereafter up to the day offsproperty at the time of this suit | ment, including all interest, liwas filed but all taxes becoming ties, and costs allowed by. delinquent thereon at any time thereon, may, upon request therethereafter up to the date of judg- for, be recovered herein without ment, including all interest, pen- further citation or notice to any alties, and costs allowed by law parties herein, and all said parties thereon, may, upon request there- shall take notice of and plead and for, be recovered herein without answer to all claims and pleadings further citation or notice to any now on file and which may hereparties herein, and all said parties after be filed in said cause by all shall take notice of and plead and other parties herein, and all of answer to all claims and plead- those taxing units above named ings now on file and which may who may intervene herein and set by all other parties herein, and against said property.

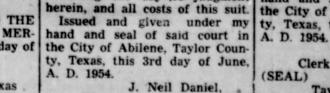
You are hereby commanded to named who may intervene herein appear by filing a written answer and set up their respective tax and defend such suft on the first Monday after the expiration of You are hereby commanded to forty-two (42) days from and afappear by filing a written answer | ter the date of issuance hereof, and defend such suit on the first the same being the 19th day of Monday after the expiration of July, A. D. 1954 (which is the retion, published in the City of Mer- forty-two (42) days from and af- turn day of such citation), before ter the date of issuance hereof, the honorable District Court of the same being the 19th day of Taylor County, Texas, to be held July, A. D. 1954 (which is the at the courthouse thereof, then return day of such citation), be- and there to show cause why fore the honorable District Court judgment shall not be rendered of Taylor County, Texas, to be for such taxes, penalties, interheld at the courthouse thereof, est and costs, and condemning then and there to show cause why said property and ordering forejudgment shall not be rendered closure of the constitutional and for such taxes, penalties, interest statutory tax liens thereon for and costs, and condemning said taxes due the plaintiff and the property and ordering foreclosure taxing units parties hereto, and of the constitutional and statutory those who may intervene herein, tax liens thereon for taxes due together with all interest, penalthe plaintiff and the taxing units ties, and costs allowed by law up parties hereto, and those who to and including the day of judgmay intervene herein, together ment herein, and all costs of this

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in herein, and all costs of this suit. the City of Abilene, Taylor Coun-Issued and given under my ty, Texas, this 3rd day of June,

Clerk of the District Court.

Taylor County, Texas 42nd Judicial District By Jean Teaff, Deputy If this citation is not served within 90 days after its issuant it shall be returned unserved this citation is not served Adv. June 11, 18, 25, July 2.

J. Neil Daniel (SEAL) Clerk of the District Court.



Taylor County, Texas,

42nd Judicial District.

Jean Teaff, Deputy.

(SEAL)

# Strange Noises **Hid Mystery** For Jack Millers

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Miller were riding at 4 p. m. Saturday between Weatherford and Ranger. It was raining hard and they had the window closed. Mrs. Miller opened the window slightly and heard a faint noise. But they went on. Getting curious about that sound they returned and again heard a noise.

"That's a jet," said Mr. Miller. "Look, there's an overturned pickup," exclaimed Mrs. Miller.

"Yes," returned Mr. Miller, "but there's a barbed wire fence all

around it.' So they drove back to where

they were going. On the return Arip, they went by the place again and they heard a "toot! toot!" They stopped, went to the pickup and found a man pinned under

He was taken to the hospital at Mineral Wells. He had been under the pickup for about an hour.

# **Postal Receipts** Are Ahead of 1953 Says W. Durham

May postal receipts in 123 Texas post offices were 6 per cent below April, the University of Texas Bureau of Business Re-Postmaster search reported. Wrenn Durham reported a drop here also in the same period, April totaling \$2,069.79 and May \$1,475

However. May of this year is \$270.17 ahead of May of last year, said Postmaster Durham. The first five months of this year are \$55.58 ahead of last year.

All of June of 1953 totaled S1. 934.04. This year in June, through the 26th, the amount of business was \$2,761.49, announced the postmaster



### THE BUG KNOWS!

Yes, it's an educated bug. Whether Stacy Bird educated him or whether the bug is selfeducated, is not known. Anyway, the other day Stacy kept kicking a bug toward the north. The bug would right itself, turn around and head toward the south. Again Stacy kicked him, again the bug turned around and headed toward the south. "How long has this been go-

ing on?" he was asked. "Oh, for a long time.

Does the bug always go south' 'Always," affirmed Stacy,

Which just goes to show what education will do . . . even to a bug. Evidently this comes under the head of bugology!

### PRETTIEST CORN, GRASS

Mr. and Mrs. John West returned Saturday night from Johnstown, Penn., where they visited their daughter, Mrs. W R. Nichols, and family. They were gone three weeks. Every thing looked good from here to Pennsylvania. Grass was green, crops were growing good. Through Oklahoma they found the prettiest corn and grass they had seen in a long time.

### BEAUTIFUL WHEAT CROPS

Mr. and Mrs. David Gamble and children returned Thursday of last week after a two-week vacation to Yellowstone National Park, Glacier National Park, and Banff National Park. Crops looked good though the newspapers were crying about the drought. They were probably having more rain than we were, said Mr. Gamble. The wheat crops in Nebraska and Kansas looked beautiful.

### HOME FROM KOREA

Sgt. and Mrs. John D. Gunn and daughter were guests of her Gunn has finished an 18-month tour of duty in Korea. The Gunns Justin D. Sandusky and family of Sweetwater.

### LT., MRS. R. P. SIMPSON ARRIVE IN N.Y. FROM PARIS. FRANCE

1st. Lt., and Mrs. Robert France. Lt. Simpson has been for a week's visit. stationed in Metz, France, for the past two years with the 877 Q. M. Petrol Depot Co.

### THE MERKEL MAIL

lock box.

Mrs. Beryl Brown.

Q.

table

Food."

white carnation corsage.

Brown is the daughter of Mr. and

# IN 1EAN AS THAT BOUL AT THOMAS AND

Mrs. George Burris, daughter of Mrs. Etta Tucker and Mr. Burris REV. EARP GETS GIFT stopped here for a short visit with Mrs. Tucker. Their two children, Jerron and Guin, stayed for a longer visit while the Burrises attended the conference of Presbyterian encampment at Buffalo Gap.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Clark spent last Sunday in the home of their daughter and husband, Mr. and JOAN BROWN IS HONORED Mrs. M. B. Jones, in Lubbock. WITH MORNING COFFEE They met their new great granddaughter. Thana Deniece daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Jones. of Yuma, Ariz., Mr. and Mrs. W

J. Clark and Larry of Abilene accompanied their parents. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Simpson and James returned Friday from a two week's vacation to the west oast. En route to the coast they visited Petrified Forest and Grand Canvon, Ariz., Hoover Dam and las Vegas, Nevada. While in Calfornia they visited with Mr. Simpson's brother, Sam Simpson, and family. On their return trip they stopped in El Paso for a short visit with another son, Cpl. Charles D. Simpson, who is stationed at Fort Bliss. While in El

Paso they all went on a tour of Juarez, Mexico. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Fudge of Abilene visited her uncle, W. M. vited guests. Elliott, and Mrs. Elliott Thursday

of last week. Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Miller visited in Hamlin last Sunday where they attended a reunion of the Miller children. There they met his sister, Mrs. John Spratling, of Bell Plaines. Calif. Mrs. Lavern McMeans of San

Antonio has been here the past ment." Minutes were approved. few days visiting in the home of Mrs. James E. Farmer. They drove the council two suggestions on to Big Springs Thursday of last health and on new dishes for the parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Neill, week and spent the day with three daily meals. of 707 Oak over the weekend. Sgt. | friends. Mrs. McMeans returned to her home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Davis and campment will be at Lueders July were guests at a supper given by daughter Judy of Orlanda, Fla., were visiting their parents, Mr. Sunday. Also attending were Mr. and Mrs. David Hendrix, and sisand Mrs. Neill, Mr. and Mrs. ters, Miss Vivian Davis and Mrs. tion on "Dinner in a Skillet." Shorty Swafford and Bobby Joe | Ruth Pangle, and family for the past two weeks. the program on "How to Freeze

Mrs. G. D. McConnell returned home from Ft. Worth last Friday after a visit with her sister, Mrs. W. C. Johnson, and family and her son, Dof McConnell, and family Simpson arrived in New York Her grandson, David McConnell, City Monday by air from Paris, accompanied her home to Merkel. Mrs. Cecil Harringston of Staf-

ford, Ariz., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Julia Lawson, and family. Rev. and Mrs. Lynwood Harrison

Wrenn Durham **Attends Meeting** At Federal Room The Taylor Refrigeration Co operative has notified Rev. H S. Earp that an unknown don-Postmaster Wrenn Durham at

or has made a gift to him of a tended the meeting of the postmasfrozen lock box for one year, ers of this area Monday afternoon box 432. The key, it is stipulatin the Federal Court Room.

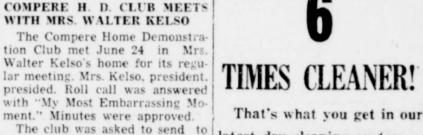
ed, is to stay in the lock so that Homer J. Dennis, Fort Worth donations may be placed in he district postal manager, explained the workings of the de-centralization of the postal system.

Instead of all U.S. post offices being directly under the Postal Mrs. Jerome Mark entertained Department in Washington, the with a morning coffee Saturday, new system will break down the June 25, in her home, 1701 Sanwork into regional offices, subdidefer, Abilene, for Joan Brown, vided with district offices. Mr bride-elect of Royce White. Miss Dennis explained.

### **IS VERY ILL**

Mrs. Mark greeted guests and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Jaynes and introduced them to Mrs. Brown. boys of Tucumcari, New Mex., re-Miss Brown, who was next in line. turned home Friday after a visit wore a dusty pink summer cotton with relatives here. They had dress with navy accessories and a come the previous Saturday to visit his mother, Mrs. V. O. Loud-Guests were then invited to the ermilk, of Comanche who is very dining room table which was laid ill in the hospital there. She with crystal and silver. Mrs. L. shows very little improvement. Campbell presided at the She is the former Mrs. Joe D. Jaynes, who lived here. Mrs. J. D. Arrant registered

guests and Laurel Sherrell dis-Last year's traffic toll of deaths played gifts. About 25 of Miss and injuries was the heaviest in Brown's Abilene friends were in- history.



latest dry cleaning system.

No trace of odor from fatty

The state meeting will be Aug. 11-13 at Dallas. The annual en- acids.

15-16. Mrs. Bockman and Beth Colors and patterns as Adkins were appointed to go to bright as new, as clear as new. Anson June 28 for a demonstra

All this and Pacific Saving

She prepared packaged Stamps too. okra and peas for the freezer and

Try it. You'll like it!

# Adcock Cleaners

### HOSPITAL NOTES

Admisisons to the Sadler Hos pital the past week were: W. P. Scott, Mrs. C. W. Seago Elmer Patterson, Mrs. Lee Stanley, Mrs. A. A. Holt, Alec Carter, Cecil A. Robbins, Mrs. C. D. Rich

ardson.

For surgery - D. J. Anderson There Will Be Plenty of: Ice - Bread - Cakes Drinks - Pickles - Paper

Plates — Cups And a Good Variety of Other Accessories

For Sale at the Mulberry **Canyon Homecoming** 

Get Behind Your Teacher In

The Mulberry Canyon Home-



coming Teachers' Contest. SAVE Your Soles. Your Heels ---- your shoes Bring them to us for Expert Repairing. **Buck's Shoe Shop** A. E. MOORE, Prop. JULY 9TH.

### yndon B. Johnson J. S. SENATOR

DEFENSE BILL: Defense apthe fiscal year ending June 30, 1955, have been recommended by the Senate Appropriations Committee.

That sum is \$5,451,736,514 less than total appropriations for the current fiscal year. It is \$1,025,-470.514 below the budget estimate. . . .

AIRCRAFT: Committee hearings on the defense appropriations bill brought out the fact that aircraft procurement expenditures by the Air Force, Army and Navy will account for some 22 per cent of all defense spending in 1955.

SONNEL: At the present e have approximately 3,men in our Armed Forces. a reduction of about 72,-

000 since the first of this year.

TRAINING COST: Average cost of training an Air Force pilot is \$60,000. A B-47 pilot - crosstrained as a bombardier, navigator and radar operators - represents an investment of \$210,000 for training alone.

MUNITIONS COST: During the fiscal years from 1951 through the requested Defense Department appropriation for 1955, approximately \$9,400,000,000 will have been spent for ammunition and explosives.

FOR OUR SECURITY: We have to face the fact that the cost of national security will remain high for many years to come. It is a price we must pay.

Over the long pull, economic strength is an indispensable prerequisite for military strength. ...

**RECIPROCAL TRADE:** The Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act expired on June 12. The House has passed a bill extending the law for one year from that date. and action is expected in the Senate shortly.

I favor extending the law. Texas is a State which has always been prosperous in periods when world trade is operating at high levels and has always been hard hit when international trade barriers have become too high to surmount

Primarily, Texas is a producing State. We must sell our production not merely to the rest of the United States but to the rest of the world. We must buy if we purpose of revealing to non-Texope to sell -and Texas has much

Speeding on U. S. streets and ighways last year killen 13,870 ily at their own peculiarities as at en, women and children.

will receive his dis-M. Simpson.

PVT. BUDDY McKEEVER VISITS HERE BEFORE GOING TO FAR EAST

Pvt. Buddy McKeever left Saturday morning for Ft. Lewis, Wash., from where he will be sent to the Far East on duty.

WILLIE JOE WINTER VISITED HERE BEFORE GOING OVERSEAS

Pvt. Willie Joe Winter of El Paso, his parents, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Winter, Jr., of Grand Prairie were here Saturday, visiting Mr. and Mrs. Joe Winter, Sr. Willie Joe will leave Saturday for

foreign duty. LOCAL BOYS RETURN

### FROM MANEUVERS WITH NAVAL RESERVE

Mrs. James H. Chaney and Mrs John Wheeler returned home this week from Los Angeles, Calif. with Richard Doyle Chaney and Ralph Bartlett where the boys were with the Naval Reserve Unt at San Diego. Mrs. Chaney vis ted Dr. Chaney's brothers in Los Angeles, W. L. and M. V., who

used to live here while Mrs Wheeler visited her mother, Mrs John Thomas in Arlington, Calif.

"Jokes of Texas" **Tells of Varmints** And Other Stories

You are entering Texas, be ware the bull!" opens John Randolph's new book, "The Jokes on Texas." released to newstands and

book stores throughout the state Mr. Randolph, author of "Texas Brags", has produced a contrasting companion piece to his earlier work. Where "Texas Brags" contains facts and littleknown truths about Texas with an occasional joke, "The Jokes on Texas" is just the converse.

Believing that Texans enjoy a good story regardless of which way it goes, the new book pokes fun in a goodnatured way at Texas' heat and cold extremes, its "varmints" and its oddities.

Humorous cartoons, stories and comments from the front cover to the back, "The Jokes on Texas" was compiled for the express ans and to some too-stolid natives that "Texans don't always take themselves as seriously as has been contended and can laugh as heartschools

the other fellow's

harge shortly after reaching the and son, Lynn Western, of Wilson States and with his wife will come and their two grandsons of Brown- and corn were served also to nine directly to Merkel for a visit with wood, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Harripropriations of \$28,861,584,486 for his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank son of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Newton and two children of Tye and Mr. and Mrs. Clovis Har-

rison of Pyote were weekend guests of their mother, Mrs. W. A. Harrison. Mr. and Mrs. Forest Sears of

Snyder visited their mother, Mrs. J. S. Swann, Tuesday. Miss Irene Swann accompanied them back to Snyder for a short visit. Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Clayton and

son John of Tulia visited her sister, Mrs. Sam Swann, and Mr. Swann over the weekend.

### ATTEND CURB FAMILY REUNION AT LAMPASS

Charlie Curb and sisters, Mrs. Betty Berryman and Mrs. Sally Moore, attended the Curb family reunion at Lampass over the weekend. There were 75 decendents who attended this gala affair.

UNION RIDGE MEETS TODAY The Union Ridge Home Demonstration Club will meet at 3 p. m. today, Friday, at the home of Mrs. Don Riney. The Merkel 4-H Club will have charge of the program.

TEMPLE LEWISES ANNOUNCE DAUGHTER'S ENGAGEMENT Rev. and Mrs. Temple Lewis of Tye announce the engagement of their daughter, La Dell, to Gerald

Franklin Bushner, Yuma, Colo. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Bushner, Yuma. Mr. Bushner is a former student at Hardin-Simmons University.

They will wed August 7 in the First Baptist Church in Abilene. Rev. Lewis will perform the double ring ceremony.

MRS. BOBBY DEEN HONORED WITH BRIDAL SHOWER FRI.

Mrs. Bobby Deen was honored Special music was rendered with Miss Wanda Bradley at the piano. duet by Mrs. Don Riney and OIL NEWS daughter Dona Lou. A beautiful array of gifts was

were Mesdames James Andrews, miles southwest of Merkel. Pete Burfiend, D. J. Richey, Clyde Foster, A. R. Douglas, Beauford Buntin, Melvin Parker, Hosea Windham, James Hass, J. H. Clark Refreshments of punch and cake were served to about 40 persons.

**ON EUROPEAN TOUR** 

Helen McLeod, daughter of Mrs. C. C. Stribling of Trent left last week from Montreal, Canada, for a summer tour of Europe. She is with a party of 20 teachers. They will visit 12 foreign countries. Miss McLeod teaches in the Boerne

frozen strawberries and the whipped topping. The lima beans members and two visitors. The club will have an ice cream

Miss Wainscott, agent, brought

wrapped a cake ready for freez-

ing. She cooked frozen lima beans

and frozen corn and made

whipped topping from non-fat dry milk, ice water, sugar and lemon

She served white cake squares.

which the hostess had prepared

supper on Friday night, July 9, on the Compere Baptist Church yard. Everybody is urged to come and bring ice cream and cake. The Noodle 4-H Club girls will be special guests.

The next meeting will be July 8 in Mrs. Jake Bockman's home. The program will be "Pickling and Brining."

### STITH H. D. CLUB MEETS WITH MRS. LOREECE ELY

The Stith Home Demonstration Club met with Mrs. Loreece Ely June 23. The president, Mrs. Albert Evans, presided and led the opening prayer. Roll call was answered by "My Most Embarrassing Moment.

The agent gave a demonstration on "Cooking and Storing Frozen Foods." She also made a whipped topping which was served later. She showed several different things for storing foods. She cooked frozen lima beans and corn. She showed how to wrap a cake

for storage Mrs. W. M. Loflin won the hostess gift. After the program Mrs. Ely was honored with a pink and blue shower. Pals were reveled and new names were drawn.

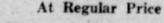
Strawberry short cake with whipped topping was served to 12 members, nine children and one visitor. The club welcomed a new member, Mrs. Chester Fikes. The next meeting will be with Mrs. J. E. Hudson. The program will be dinner in a skillet.

CAL HAMNER'S SISTERS ARE AT HIS BEDSIDE AS HE IS VERY ILL

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Oualline and son Ellis and Mrs. Edgar Rollo of Conroe are here at the bedside of with a bridal shower last Friday Cal Hamner of Trent, the brother in the home of Mrs. J. H. Clark. of Mrs. Rollo and Mrs. Oualline. Mr. Hamner is seriously ill.

One of the county's successful confirmations is E. F. White, Jr. presented to the bride. Hostesses of Abilene No. 3 R. L. Bland, three

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# Rev. S. E. Tullock **Changes Courses** Leading to B. D.

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Rev. S. E. Tullock enrolled for a different degree than that he had first planned for when he ar-rived at the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary at Fort Worth last week. Instead of working on a master's degree in religious education he is taking courses that will lead to a B. D. degree, a bachelor of divinity.

His course are "Philosophy of Religion" and "Pastoral Ministry.

### TOTAL WHEAT SHIPMENTS

Up to Monday morning 42 carloads and 18 truckloads of wheat had been shipped from Merkel and Tye. This included shipments from Patterson Grain, Kimbell Elevator and Toombs and Moore Elevator. It was estimated that from 67 to 90 per cent of the wheat harvest was already in,

There were 50,000 more persons injured in U. S. motor vehicle accidents last year than in 1952.

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PHONE 18

Very Liberal Prizes Will Be in Two Contests At The MULBERRY CANYON Homecoming Send Your Entry For **These Contests To** TOM RUSSOM Rt. 4. Merkel, Texas **Old** Fiddlers Contest 10:00 A. M. **Talent** Contest 8:00 P. M.





HOST TO HEREFORD TOURISTS - These Taylor, Callahan and Eastland County Polled Hereford breeders were hosts to more than 120 visitors on the first leg of a twoday tour sponsored by the Central Texas H ereford Association. Left to right they are Henry, Douglas and M. E. Fry, Putnam and Cisco; Sam Swann, Merkel and Trent, and John Petty, Putnam. Henry and Douglas are sons of M. E. and Petty is a son-in-law.



Friday, July 2, 1954. CARD OF THANKS We wish to express to our kind IGILVANSISIIIEIIEIDWADWSIEIGITUIIII neighbors and thoughtful friends our heartfelt thanks for their many expressions of sympathy in LODGE CALLS ADVERTISING RATES our recent bereavement. For the beautiful floral offerings, cards Classified per word ..... and food and for the many other NOTICE MASONS kindnesses, we are deeply grate-Stated meeting of Merkel (Minimum 40c) ful. lodge No. 710, A. F. & A Cards of Thanks, Resolutions M., Saturday, July 10, The Relatives of and Obituaries per word ... 3c George Patterson at 8 p. m. All members are urg ed to attend. Visiting brethren cor CARD OF THANKS Words cannot adequately ex dially invited. POLITICAL press our deep appreciation for A. B. Parham, W. M. the many kind and sympathetic C. B. Rust, Sec'y. acts that came to us at the time of ANNOUNCEMENTS our recent bereavement. We WANTED especially thank all those who sent flowers, cards and food. May The Merkel Mail is authorized WANTED-We need several good God bless all of you. electric refrigerators. Will trade to announce the following candi-The Beasley Families. television sets, refrigerators or dates for office, subject to the acelectric stoves. Badger Chevrolet tion of the Democratic primaries **Dwain White Hurls** tf36c. July 24, 1954. Co. WANTED-We need several nice For State Senator 24th District No-Hit Game HARLEY SADLER (re-election) radio phonograph combinations. Will trade television sets and For State Representative: **Against Starpats** carry the balance monthly. Bad-TRUETT LATIMER ger Chevrolet Co. tf360 or County School Superintendent CLIVE PIERCE On Tuesday night Dwain FOR FENT White pitched a no-hit game for H. L. GAY the Bankers who beat the Starpats FOR RENT - Furnished Apart-6-1. Nathan Moore caught for the For County Treasurer ment. 3 rooms and bath. No MRS. BOB HAILE Bankers. Pets. Mrs. F. Y. Gaither, 602 MRS. L. Q. CAMPBELL Firmin Hernandez and Larry Locus. Phone 274J. 1t16p Seymore were on the mound for FOR RENT - Former Stuts Cafe For Commissioner Precinct No. 2 Starpats while Urban Bright re-RUFE TITTLE room, also building 16x38. Ross (re-election) ceived. 3t14c For Justice of Peace Pct. 5 The Willies defeated the Hodge-Ferrier. Palmers 16-10. The winning pitch-FOR RENT - 2-room furnished O. W. (DONALD) PAINE er was Delbert Davis and Jerry apartment, newly decorated: Phillips also helped. Jackie Riney For Constable Pct. 5 also sleeping porch. 208 Ash St. caught. LUTHER LAND 3t14p Hijinio Moreno was the losing SAM T. McLEOD FOR RENT - Office in Post Of pitcher and Johnny Swinney also fice Building. Joe Cypert. Jones County, Com. Pct. No. 4 J. E. TOUCHSTONE was on the mound. Lester Dorton. tf13c Jr., caught. FOR RENT - 4-room house, 11/2 Jones County, District Clerk LEAGUE STANDING WED. miles northeast of Merkel. T. T. W. L. (Poochey McDONALD Earthman, 211 Ash St. tf11c Willies FOR RENT — Modern trailer park H-P at 709 Ash St., \$15 a month rent-FOR SALE Starpats al. See Herman Carson at Car-Bankers son's Grocerv tf51c FOR SALE - Gulf Insect Spray, all kinds, 1/2 Price. Walker Sta-**Candidate Rally** FOR SALE tion & Grocery. 3t14c FOR SALE - Will sell cheap, And Pie Supper FOR SALE - One new 4,000 cu. new bath tub, commode, also ft. Winter Air Conditioner at a kitchen sink, faucets and pipe. bargain. See N. & N. Appliance Thursday, July 8 Service, 109 Kent St., Phone E. P. Farmer, Merkel Hotel. 148. 1t16c 3t14p A big candidate rally and pie FOR SALE - Parrakeets, talking FOR SALE - At a Bargain age. Mrs. Zedic Johnson, 910 supper will be held Thursday July Studio Couch, platform Rocker, Rose St. Phone 120 J. 3t14c 8, at the Trent High School Audilinoleum rug, breakfast table, 4 torium. It is being sponsored by chairs, steel cabinet, gas heater WATCH TV for Parks Batteries the Trent F. F. A. 6 pairs plastic curtains, rods, and prices. Get them at Fox There will be entertainment. floor lamp. Bessie McClung, 402 Repair Shop. Call 66 tf13c musical numbers and talks by any Edwards. 2t16p candidate who wishes to speak. FOR SALE - New Pontiacs. Save FOR SALE - 3-bedroom house Everyone is invited.

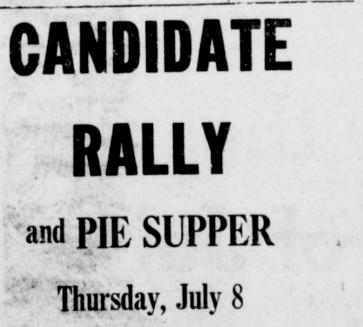
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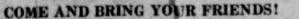
# **High School Auditorium**

Women bring pies and cakes, please.

There will be entertainment, musical numbers

and of course the candidates will give you their

views.



ND POLLED HEREFO RDS-Ozro Eubank, left, Santa Anna Polled TALKING Hereford breeder, made a neighborly call on Sam Swann, Merkel and Trent Polled Hereford breeder, to talk cattle and plans for a tour of polled herds beginning at Swann's Trent ranch. This prize heifer Swann is showing Eubank is Mischief, an own son of old Mellow Mischief.

kel, was dismissed from Hend- in France, Italy and England than rick Memorial Hospital Sunday, we have today, and that more Donald Denman, 8, son of Mr. He had been a patient since June money would not have piled on the sums already available.

Deborah L. Rhynes, 5. daughter However, to wait two weeks for of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Rhynes of an answer to some of these big Trent, left the hospital Saturday. questions would do little good. As She also had been hospitalized a matter of fact, our leaders do here since June 6. not have the answers, and do not

unless they ratified the European

Defense Agreement, it would be

necessary for us to make an "agon-

The local men of the National

by a car while riding his bicycle.

He suffered a fractured pelvis.

He is in the Sadler Hospital.

ponsibility.

know what to expect. Several weeks ago, Secretary of



Underlying all actions of our government is the search for a fiddler. 'way out" of the several dilemmas now being faced. In considering the furnishing of military equip-

the furnishing of military equipment to governments overseas Local Men Return who we think will use it against Communist aggression, a member **From Training** of my Foreign Affairs Commit tee made the motion to suspend any action by the United States **Of National Guard** 

for a period of two weeks until a definite policy was formed for dealing with the situation in Indochina and southeastern Asia.

Guard returned Sunday afternoon The motion would have requirfrom Ft. Hood where they were in ed the President to advise those training for two weeks. They are of us serving on these committees all members of "C" Battery that dealing directly with the question has won the trophy for the best as to what that policy was. firing battery for four consecutive

years, including this year. The The motion had my greatest sympathy. A year ago I introduced an amendment on the floor of the House of Representatives to postpone any further spending and reconsider the question in January of this year. My action took into consideration the fact

pended approximately ten billion

it is my humble opinion that we would have seen a better situation **Lessons Offered** From July 12-Aug.

The Red Cross is offering again this summer free swimming lessons, a week's training, at the VFW and the American Legion pools in Abilene.

Applications blanks to attend the school are now at the Red Cross Headquarters here on Kent Street. Quite a few went from here last year

This "Learn to Swim Program' is offered to school age children. It is for one week only. The child may select the week of July 12, 19. 26 or August 1. The classes range all the way from beginner courses

to that of life saving. The school is sponsored by the Reporter-News, the VFW, the American Legion and Red Cross.

### CHICKENS NEED WATER

Chickens like their drinking water cool and fresh and want it convenient. A bird may go thirsty State Dulles told the French that rather than travel more than 10 feet to a drinking fountain on a hot day. The result - fewer eggs izing reappraisal." This is what I or less meat produced.

wanted to do more than a year ago, except it would not have been **TO CONTROL CHIGGERS** 

so "agonizing" except to those who This is chigger season and want our dollars, but were not means a lot of trouble for many people. A five percent toxaphene willing to assume their full reor chlordane dust applied at the We were also going to take the rate of one pound per 1000 square initiative" but Russia is still callfeet of area will control the pests ing the tune, while we pay the in the lawn or on other areas where they are a problem. A. & M



Mrs. Waurine Long, case worke for the state department of public welfare, will be here each Monday in the local welfare office from 9:30 a. m. to 10:30 a. m. Previously she had been coming only once a month.

### MR., MRS. BOYD MOORE MOVE TO LUBBOCK LAST SUNDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Moore moved to Lubbock Sunday. He is working for the Western Electric Company.

### CARE ON 4TH!

"The Fourth of July is a day of celebration. Don't turn it into a day of mourning!" Col. E. B. Tilley of Houston, president of the Texas Safety Association "Independence Day calls for extra care in traffic.'

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### PLANS FOR OLD AGE

A study made in Wharton coun ty indicates that farmers have given little thought to plans for old age. The findings are given in Bulletin 774, "The Farmer Looks at His Economy Security." It is available from the Agricultural Information Office, College Station, Texas. - A.&M.

TO USE MORE ELECTRICITY

By 1975 REA officials predict that is Texas customers will be using almost 4 billion kilwatt hours of electricity, or three times the present usage. - A.&M.

CAUSE TRACTOR ACCIDENTS

More than half of all tractor accident fatalities are due to over durning. Side tips are usually caused from excessive speeds. Backward tipping results chiefly from forcing tractors out of ditches or improper hitching of equipment. - A.&M.

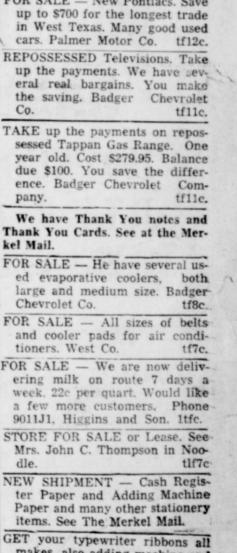


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ald Douglas, Billy Dye, Eugene Dye, Thomas Watson, Joe Doans Jack Boone and Kenneth Bowen. INJURED MONDAY Dickie Morris was injured Monday noon when he was hit

dollars. If my amendment had prevailed.

local men were: Don Dudley, Kent Satterwhite Dwain Shugert, Dean Smith, Don-

# that at the time there was unex-

Friday, July 2, 1954.



### **Texas Press Association** It will not take long to cast our ballot in the Democratic prinaries on July 24.

By VERN SANFORD

There are only six contested aces, as certified by the State Democratic Executive Committee, making up one of the party's shortest ballots. There are but 26 ames on the ballots for 14 state-

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### THE MERKEL MAIL SHE LOST \$19,000 THE said Anna Sauer, of San Jose, wide elective offices. Wouldn't you worry if you **Demo** Convention Calif., a practical nurse, who lost a purse with more than \$19,-A decision that will give big **KIVERED WAGON** had that experience. 000 in it? I never worry, I becity counties who voted Republi-She had dropped it somewhere can in 1952 a strong voice in the lieve in the goodness of people," Texas Democratis Convention was H. Latrobe Vaughan made by State Democrats in agree ing to count both parties' 1952 I've wandered many miles from **AT BUTMAN'S** votes in deciding their convention where I spent my childhood days, strength The Democratic Convention I've rid in strange conveyances convenes in September at Mineral an' traveled many ways, Wells. The committee, meeting in Uv all the ways of travelin' there's Austin, agreed unanimously on one I like best the proposal after being told by its An' thet's the good ol' fashioned legal committee that the total vote was the correct basis on which to kivered wagon uv the west. determine delegate strength. **KOOL AID Insurance Investigation** How fondly I remember when we One Texas insurance firm went | driv on day by day, nto receivership and another ap-A huntin' better pastures an' peared ready in another week of place where we could stay 6 for 25c nsurance shake-ups. An' build a little cabin by some Ralph W. Hammonds of Houswindin' wooded stream; ton, head of the Lloyds of North Er turn the arid desert to American Insurance Company, ad- flower scented dream. mitted insolvency and his firm **DIXIE CUPS** High on the seat in front Pa sat went into permanent receivership. an' driv with slackened rein. Also caught in the whirling While Ma sit up beside him door of insurance investigations HOT OR COLD was the suspended General Amerthere, a hummin' some refrain: ican Casualty Company with head-An' all us kids sprawled in the quarters in San Antonio. Suspenback, a gazin' out behind, 12 for 19c sion followed a voluntary request An' talkin' 'bout the homestead of the firm's president Ralph D. thet our Pa was sure to find. Stokes. Incomplete checks of the company's books showed it was An' when the night come on us an' DIAMOND we'd camp beside some stream. approximately one million dollars in debt," Insurance Board Chair We'd scamper out an' hustle PICKLES man Garland Smith said. wood an' hobble out the team; Water is Big Problem An' when we'd et our supper an' Water is one of the state's big Pa'd shaken down the beds, problems, the president of the Ef some pore cayote hollered, Jar 19c Texas Water Conservation Associa- how we kivered up our heads. tion told Texas University attorneys and water engineers. An' sometimes while the others Guy C. Jackson, Jr., asking for slept, awake I'd often lay, A watchin' uv the stars an' hearwater improvements, called for a THE BEST state-wide water plan" and for in' night sounds far away; CAN OPENERS Er dreamin' — jest a dreamin', an' the state to assume financial responsibility for dams and other next thing it would be dawn With Ma a cookin' breakfast water improvements. while we pulled our trousers on. PRODUCING BROILERS Each 15c Some bacon sizzlin' in the pan, hot In 1947 an average of 89 days were needed to produce broilers coffee in a tin, of market size. By 1952, advances Some sorghum 'lasses frum in breeding, nutrition and disease jug, tu dip the biscuits in, Then hitchin' up and rollin' on, control had reduced market age of broilers to an average of 72 days Ma singin' praise to God, reports the USDA's Agricultural En thet sweet, plaintive voice uv hers, while Pa jest driv an' Marketing Service. - A. & M. chawed. LOSS OF LIVESTOCK Losses to the nation's livestock So you kin hev yer airyplanes, yer autos, an' yer trucks, industry due to brucellosis amounts to considerably more Or travel in jin-rickyshaws, or than \$50 million annually. - A&M sleepin' cars, but shucks! Give me a kivered wagon with a good ol' team, again, An' let me go a wanderin' across

the Texas plain. An' when it's time tu take me on thet last, sad, lonesome ride, Jest put me in a wagon, with my rifle by my side,

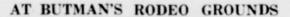


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station operator, had found her

purse - with all the \$19,027.80

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an' drive with saggin' rein, An' please, jest sing thet song for me, "I'm goin' home" again. An' in thet Jasper City, where the streets are paved with gold, I want a kivered wagon like the kind we hed uv old, An' ef they'll let me drive it there. with Mother on the seat, A singin' uv them same old songs, my Heaven will comlpete.

Then spread my blanket over m

### TEXAN IN NO HURRY

The story of the Texas cattleman who, after a 20-year courtship of one woman, decided he had been delaying long enough about getting an engagement ring is related by (Ernie) Earnest W. Locke, a partner in the jewelry store in the Union station at Kansas City, Mo.

"I want just the engagement ring - not the wedding set," the Texan told Mr. Locke. 'Better get them both, sir," the

jeweler advised. The cattleman insisted that nothing could make him and his

prospective bride act in haste. 'That was at about 10 o'clock in the morning," Mr. Locke said with a laugh. "At 3 o'clock the cattleman was back for the wedding ring - quite shaken and not given to much talk."



# Please drive safely over the 4th of July week-end

1		THE MERKEL MAIL			Friday, July 2, 1954.	
EDITORIAL Y 4TH When, in the course of human its." begins the Declaration of In-	dependence by which we proclaim- ed ourselves free of the rule of the English crown. The American colonies declared themselves free. The American colonies declared themselves independent states. This declaration was drawn up by a committee of the American Congress. It consisted of Thomas Jefferson of Virginia, John Adams	THE MERKEL MAIL Published Every Friday Morning HY WHITE, Editor and Publisher Entered at the postoffice at Merkel Pexas, as second class mail. TELEPHONE No. 61 SUBSCRIPTION RATES Faylor and Jones Counties 2.06	100		HAPPY SNAPPY LAUNDRY — HELP YOURSELF We have drier. We pick up and deliver. We do wet wash and rough dry. 309 RUNNELS, PHONE 116	ANDY SHOUSE —Real Estate— 115 KENT ST.
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