

BOND ELECTION IS TOMORROW

Dollar Day Values And Sale Bargains Offered Tuesday

July clearance sales and Dollar Day bargains next Tuesday, July 20, will give the public the biggest values that have been offered in a long time.

No consideration has been made of costs. Prices have been slashed to move merchandise and give buyers a big buying holiday. This means tremendous savings to the public.

Next Tuesday will be Merkel's 26th Dollar Day.

Department stores have gone "all out" to give values that have been unsurpassed. Grocery bargains are unusually attractive. Ladies' ready-to-wear bargains represent big savings.

There are savings on tires, on Beauty Aids. Look over the ads and make a list and come in Tuesday. The friendly town of Merkel invites you.

MRS. DOYLE R. SEIFRIED WILL JOIN HUSBAND

SHORTLY IN OKINAWA

Mrs. Doyle R. Seifried, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lige Gamble, and her daughter Sharon and son Richard will leave on July 26 for Seattle, Wash. From there they will go to Okinawa to join her husband, Capt. Seifried, who is in the Army Medical Service Corps. They will be there a year.

Capt. Seifried has been in Korea and was recently transferred to Okinawa.

Mulberry Canyon Homecoming Friday Is Big and Joyous Success

The Mulberry Canyon Homecoming was a big success in every way.

It celebrated the 100th anniversary of its recorded history. About 2,000 persons attended the gala occasion last Friday.

Around 1,000 grown-ups registered and there were many adults who did not register to who were present in addition to all the children.

Under the capable chairmanship of Sam Butman, Jr., and his splendid committee everything ran smoothly, like clockwork, on time and with everyone having a grand and glorious time.

The spirit of the homecoming centered around the venerable patriarch, Sam Butman, Sr., who arrived on the scene early to greet the folks with the pioneer spirit that prevails in the canyon.

For a short time in the afternoon he rested at the ranch home but his hardy spirit spurred him to come back again at night until around 9 p. m. when the weight of his 91 years wearied him and he asked his daughter Lottie to take him home to rest happily after a joyous day.

Mrs. Ruth Martin Beall of Tyler, did as she said she would in her letter, came early to her home of many memories, arriving in Merkel Wednesday afternoon, and was on hand at the homecoming to give everyone a warm welcome.

Among the notables was the former pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Elra Phillips, of Spartenberg.

E. B. Seymore and Marie Seymore of Blythe, Calif., came from

YOUR VOTE IS URGENTLY NEEDED! VOTE!

An Editorial

No doubt the people are overwhelmingly for the water bonds. But you must vote if it carries. If you stay home you may lose the election. Vote yourself, and get your neighbors to vote. Your vote is important!

Ralph Russel Wins 3rd Saddle During This Year

Ralph Russel has won three hand-made saddles since the first of the year in rodeo and roping contests.

At the rodeo at Rock Springs on July 2 and 3 he gathered in his third saddle. He won both go-arounds and finals in the head and heeling contest. Ralph got a \$250 hand-made saddle as his prize.

Jack Stricklin of Abilene did the heeling.

Ralph also won third in the go-around in calf roping and fourth in the average.

FIREMEN'S NOTICE!

The Fire Department is appealing to all ex-firemen and non-firemen to please turn the fire fighting over to the firemen upon their arrival at the fire. If you wish to participate you can join the fire department and help us maintain the department. We need you as a member only.

THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

GOING FORWARD!

An editorial on the water bonds appears on the editorial page of this issue. It discusses whether the city of Merkel wants to go forward or backward. Please read it and see for yourself what these bonds mean.

TOO HOT FOR FISH!

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley King and Mr. and Mrs. Lige Gamble returned last week from a 10-day visit to Marks, Miss. The water was so hot the fish would not bite! (Editor's Note: Trobe, please note!)

TO TRAINING SCHOOL

Sunday afternoon Fire Chief Waymon Adecock, Assistant Fire Chief W. D. Webber and Fireman Chester McWilliams left for College Station to attend the Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Training School in A. & M. College.

Merkel Ice Saves Pennies When Burglarized Mon.

The Merkel Ice was burglarized sometime Sunday night or early Monday morning.

E. H. Jowers, owner, discovered the theft when he opened the store at 5:45 a. m. Monday.

The lock was broken off the front door leading into the grocery department. Taken in the theft were wieners, potted meat, salad dressing, cigarettes and two boxes of candy bars.

City Marshal A. D. Fulton investigated.

"There were 50 pennies in the cash register and the key was in the register," said Mr. Jowers, "but they did not touch it."

Henry A. Deavers Dies on Sunday At Age of 81

Funeral for Henry Andrew Deavers, 81, Merkel resident since 1941, was held Tuesday at the First Baptist Church, with the pastor, Rev. Sam Tullock, officiating.

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

Mr. Deavers died at 6 p. m. Sunday.

He was born July 31, 1872, in Alabama and came to Texas as an infant with his parents. They settled in Bell County. He later moved to Ennis in Ellis County, where he married Docia Cress.

They moved to Jones County in 1920 where Mr. Deavers farmed. He was a member of the Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife; three daughters, Mrs. Thomas Wornack of Seminole, Mrs. Tom Vestal of Plainview, and Miss Avis Deavers of Merkel; eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild; one brother, Claude Deavers of Crystal City; one sister, Mrs. Flora Woods of California.

He was taken home Saturday by his father and brother Charles.

Free Chest X-Ray Is Being Offered In Taylor County

The free chest X-ray is now being offered in Abilene by the Texas State Department of Health. It is the annual Taylor County Chest X-ray survey. These are from 9 a. m. to 6 p. m. daily except Sundays and Mondays.

The mobile X-ray unit is at Thornton's Department Store, South Fifth and Oak Streets.

The Fortnightly Study Club is sponsoring the survey and urges everyone to go to Abilene for this free examination for it will not come here this year.

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Hurls Challenge In Sermon at Gospel Meeting

A sweeping challenge was hurled by Minister J. T. Marlin of the Church of Christ, Sweetwater, in his opening sermon Monday night at the local Church of Christ. His theme was "Revive Us Again."

Don Wood, music supervisor of the Edna schools, led the singing and will continue to lead the music throughout the gospel meeting, which ends July 21.

The church was filled. Minister Marlin opened his sermon by showing that even in ancient days, in New Testament Days there was a need for revival.

"We need a spiritual revival here," he continued. Then he went on to show the personal need for revival, showing that when one person is on fire with revival it spreads to others.

"God revived Moses and Aaron and they in turn revived the Israelites and led them out of Egypt," he stated.

Minister Marlin has a strong, earnest voice, at times dropping to a conversational tone, and at other times being lifted to an expressive volume. He is a master in telling anecdotes.

The evangelist went on to tell the kind of revival that is needed. "We need a revival of faith," he declared. "We need a revival of love. We need a revival of zeal. We need a revival of Bible study not only in the classes but in the home. We need a revival of church attendance. We need a revival of giving. We need a revival in righteousness."

Minister Marlin showed pictures of the Holy Land and Greece after the meeting. Next Monday and Tuesday nights he will show moving pictures of the Holy Land and also European scenes.

The services are 7 a. m. and 8 p. m. daily except Sunday which will be at the regular time. "Everyone is invited," said Minister Roy E. Gully.

Bobby Shouse Suffers Injuries In Auto Accident

Bobby Carroll Shouse son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Shouse, was injured in an auto accident last Friday at 5:45 p. m. Four miles south of Slaton while on his way home from Lubbock when he tried to avoid hitting a car that had slowed down ahead of him. He ran into an electric hole and was taken to the Mercy Hospital at Slaton where several stitches was taken. He suffered several cuts on his head besides a fractured knee cap.

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Citizens To Vote On New Water Supply Saturday

The water bonds election will be held tomorrow, Saturday July 17.

It will be held from 8 a. m. to 6 p. m. at the Welfare Office on Kent Street.

Any qualified voter who has rendered property for taxation and who has lived six months within the city limits and who has lived a year within the state is allowed to vote.

There will be two propositions. Proposition number 1 is for the issuance of \$175,000 waterworks revenue bonds. Proposition number 2 is for the issuance of \$100,000 general obligation tax waterworks bonds. The revenue bonds will be paid for out of the earnings of the sale of water. The tax bonds will be paid for out of taxes.

Oil Business Around Merkel Is Very Active

Superior Oil Company, No. 1, Emerson Derrington, three and a half miles southwest of Merkel, is drilling around 1500 feet on a 6,000-foot permit.

Goble Drilling Company, No. 1, Price Estate, three and a half miles southwest of Merkel is waiting on cement to set for completion in the Tannehill Sand.

Goble Drilling Company has just moved in and drilling their No. 1, Leon Scott offset to the south, to their Price Estate well.

Elm Oil Co., Et Al. No. 1, C. P. Hodges, seven and a half miles northwest of Merkel, has something extra in the making, as they have already encountered three or four good pay sections and are drilling on to the Caddo sand.

Edger Davis Drilling Co., is drilling a Strawn well offsetting their J. R. Walling well to the north on the Jenning Winter Et Al farm eight miles northwest of Merkel.

Murphey Oil Co., No. 1, Clyde Newton, three and a half miles northwest of Merkel, is drilling below 4500 feet, probably on a 5,700 foot permit.

Welsh & Watts Drilling Co., Et Al., No. 1, A. J. Canon, probably one-half mile northeast of the Stith store, is drilling around 4,000 feet on a 5,900-foot permit. (That should test a number of the deeper pays for that section.)

Hack Drilling Co., Et Al., have re-entered a well drilled some time ago on the Brown-Snyder farm, about seven miles north of Merkel, and have run an oil string for completion.

Mrs. T. Odum's Mother is Buried Here on Thursday

Funeral for Mrs. Jane Stanton, 58, mother of Mrs. Tommy Odum of Merkel, was held at 4 p. m. Thursday at Starbuck Funeral Home Chapel. Rev. Sam Tullock officiated. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Mrs. Stanton died at 6:50 a. m. Sunday in St. Mary's Hospital at Lubbock.

Mrs. Stanton was born in Georgetown. She moved to Haskell at an early age and lived here and at Fort Worth until 10 years ago, when she moved to Lubbock to live with a sister.

She married H. R. Stanton on February 14, 1916, at Haskell.

Other survivors include two sons, Henry Stanton of Tucson, Ariz., and Jack Cain of Lubbock; daughter Mrs. Doy Baxter, living in England with her soldier husband; two brothers, Ted Stuart of Fort Worth and Raymond Stuart of Haskell, three sisters, Lois Stuart of Lubbock, Mrs. W. A. Steadman of Decatur and Mrs. Claude Warnock of Wichita Falls, and six grandchildren.

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WATER BOND SAVINGS

Will the water rate actually save money for the consumers when the water bonds pass?

We believe it will. Here are the facts:

A good water supply, such as we can get from Abilene, will save on the cost and maintenance of a water softener.

A good water supply will save on the soap bill, on the cost of detergents and the cost of cleaning agents of all kinds.

A good water supply will increase the life of water heaters and plumbing fixtures.

A good water supply will save in the buying of air conditioner pads.

A good water supply will make clothing and car washing easier and less expensive.

A good water supply will do away with the need to buy spring water.

From these facts we believe that the carrying of the water bond issue will lessen rather than increase the cost of water.

Questions and Answers Concerning OUR WATER SUPPLY

Question: Are we really low on water or is this just a lot of talk?

Answer: Yes, our water supply is lower than it has ever been before and no one knows for sure how much there is left.

Question: Who could I talk to that would know this to be true?

Answer: Ask the men who are in the water-well drilling business.

Question: How will it benefit me if the water bonds are voted?

Answer: It will give you an Abundance of Good Water every time you open your hydrant.

Question: How much will it raise my tax rate?

Answer: Your tax rate will remain the same. Your rate is already as high as the law allows.

Question: How will the tax bond be paid for if the rate cannot be raised?

Answer: Under the present tax structure there has been created a good sized surplus which is now invested in Government bonds. This surplus will be re-invested in our own bonds.

Question: I never use more than the minimum. How much will this cost me?

Answer: The Engineer has figured that the new minimum will be \$2.50. This figure is based on the present revenue from a limited supply of water and will probably be less after a good supply of water is available.

Question: This new minimum is a little more than it has been. Can I afford the difference?

Answer: You will more than save the difference on the soap, plumbing bills, detergents and water softeners which you are now paying for. Good water will increase the life of your plumbing

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Total of Wheat Shipped in Area Reaches 70 Cars

Seventy cars of wheat have been shipped from Merkel, Tye, Hawley and Sylvester elevators. Companies reporting were Patterson Grain, Kimbell Milling Company and Toombs and Moore.

Last year 89 carloads were shipped.

Mrs. Louis Butman Wins Third Prize In Nation Contest

Mrs. Louis Butman won the third prize in the nationwide Roy Rogers family Contest. She won a two-tone Columbia Bicycle.

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Question: I have my own well. Why should I vote for the bonds?

Answer: Present indications are that the underground water supply is decreasing. It is entirely possible that all or most of the wells in this area could go dry. A majority of your friends and neighbors do not have wells. For them, buying water from Abilene is both the cheapest way to get water and is the most reliable source. It will assure that everyone can have all the good soft water he needs or wants. It will raise the value of your property and will always be readily available to you if your well should fail or if you should decide you want soft water for your home.

Question: How many will have to vote for the bonds in order for the issue to carry?

Answer: The vote will have to carry by a two-thirds majority. This means that for every vote against, it will require two for.


Question: I understand that there are two propositions on which we must vote either for or against. What will happen if one proposition carries and the other does not?

Answer: The two propositions you mention are the Revenue Bonds and the Tax Bonds. It will take the passing of both these Bonds to lay the pipeline from Abilene. Neither bond by itself would be enough to pay for this. BE SURE TO VOTE FOR BOTH PROPOSITIONS.

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The Defoe Shipbuilding Co., Bay City, Mich., has been awarded a \$13,972,418 contract for the construction of two destroyer escorts for the Navy.

MR. AND MRS. HENRY KING HOLD FAMILY REUNION
Mr. and Mrs. Henry King of Tye had their children for a reunion over the holiday week end.



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TO CROSS THE ATLANTIC — Mrs. Wallace P. Ricamore, Rita Ann, 3, left, Jorjia Jan, 18 months, left here for New York and Ansbach, Germany. They will join her husband and father, Capt. Ricamore, in Germany, where they will live for two and a half years. Mrs. Ricamore is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. C. B. Gardner.

EVERY DAY PRICES ON
GASOLINE
GALLON

Regular 22.9c
Ethel 24.9c

MERKEL CO-OP STATION

EGGS, \$1 DOZEN

Charles F. Curb has heard from his son, George, who is with the government in the Canal Zone. George wrote about a big job that is being done down there, moving 3,000,000 cubic yards of rock, a mountain that may slide into the Canal and block traffic.
He added, "I've been won-

dering about the cost of beef—I mean a good steak up there. It's \$1.20 a pound here, eggs \$1 dozen and coffee \$1.25 a pound. Our only consolation is cigarettes at 80 cents a carton."

In 1953, 8,600 pedestrians were killed in U. S. traffic accidents.

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NEWS from
*County Home
Demonstration Agent
Texas A. & M. College
Extension Service*

By LORETA ALLEN

This week Miss Cawyer and I attended a district meeting in Kerrville. The various specialists from College Station helped the agents plan work in their particular field. We came back with a lot of new ideas and interests to pass on the home demonstration club women and 4-H girls.

Another thing I think a lot of you would be interested in is that Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Lowery are the proud parents of a beautiful blonde, blue-eyed, two year old baby girl. Mrs. Lowery you will remember was the assistant home demonstration agent.

Miss Theima Casey, district home demonstration agent from San Angelo, visited in Taylor County recently.

Mrs. John Hughes, president of the Merkel Club, came by the office and called off their club meeting for last Friday because so many of their members wanted to go to Mulberry Canyon Homecoming. The club will meet July 16, call Mrs. Hughes or watch the paper for the time and place.

These hot days make it hard for the homemaker to get her family to eat. Ice cream is one thing most everyone likes and it is easy for the homemaker to prepare especially if she freezes it in the refrigerator. You might like to try this easy one.

Crunchy Lemon Ice Cream
¾ cup evaporated milk
1 tablespoon butter or margarine

Charter No. 7481 Reserve District No. 11
REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE

Farmers & Merchants National Bank

of Merkel in the State of Texas, at the close of business on June 30, 1954 published in response to call made by Comptroller of the Currency, under section 5211, U. S. Revised Statutes.

ASSETS	
1. Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balance and cash items in process of collection	\$1,108,119.61
2. United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed	1,169,462.00
3. Obligations of State and political subdivisions	150,782.99
4. Other bonds, notes, and debentures	NONE
5. Corporate stocks (including \$4,500.00 stock of Federal Reserve bank)	4,500.00
6. Loans and discount (including \$263.50 overdrafts)	983,441.83
7. Furniture and fixtures	2,500.00
12. TOTAL ASSETS	\$3,418,806.43

LIABILITIES	
13. Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships and corporations	\$3,100,000.49
15. Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings)	21,785.11
16. Deposits of State and political subdivisions	71,586.25
18. Other deposits (certified and cashier's checks, etc.)	4,554.39
19. TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$3,197,926.24
24. TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$3,197,926.24

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	
25. Capital Stock:	
(c) Common stock total par	75,000.00
26. Surplus	75,000.00
27. Undivided profits	70,880.19
29. TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	220,880.19
30. TOTAL LIABILITIES and CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	\$3,418,806.43

MEMORANDA

31. Assets pledged or assigned to secure liabilities and for other purposes 104,000.00

33. (A) (I) Loans to farmers directly guaranteed and redeemable on demand by the Commodity Credit Corporation, and certificates of interest representing ownership thereof 375,468.38

I, GEO. T. MOORE, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

GEO. T. MOORE, Cashier

CORRECT-ATTEST:
H. C. WEST
W. S. J. Brown
PAUL W. WEST
Directors

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF TAYLOR, ss:
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 9th day of July, 1954, and I hereby certify that I am not an officer or director of this bank.
(SEAL) HORACE O. BONEY, Notary Public.

My commission expires June 1, 1955.

ine (melted)
¾ cup dry cereal crumbs
¾ cup chopped unsalted nuts
2 tablespoons brown sugar
6 tablespoons frozen lemonade or limeade concentrate (thawed)
¼ cup sugar
1-8 teaspoon salt
Mix butter or margarine, corn flakes, nuts and brown sugar. Mix frozen juice concentrate, sugar and salt. Let stand until ready to use. Whip the evaporated milk (follow directions for whipping evaporated milk). Add frozen juice mixture to whipped milk. Beat until stiff. Place in ice cube tray. Sprinkle crumb and nut mixture over top. Freeze quickly without stirring. Serves 4 to 6.

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MORE MONEY-SAVING MEALS FOR YOU!

SPECIALS for FRIDAY and SATURDAY, July 16—17

LARGE LETTUCE head	15c	SLICED BACON	lb. 59c
FRESH TOMATOES lb.	19c	LOIN OR T-BONE STEAK choice	lb. 59c
CALIFORNIA CANTALOUPEs each	17c	BEEF ROAST choice	lb. 49c
PURPLE PLUMS lb.	25c	CELLO FRANKS	lb. 45c

LIPTON'S **TEA** ¼ LB. **33¢**

CREAMY **CRISCO** 3 LB. CAN **89¢**

BABO Cleanser 2 cans	25c	OUR VALUE SALMON tall can	43c
OUR VALUE — No. 2½ Can PEACHES 3 cans	\$1	ALL FLAVORS JELLO 2 pkgs.	15c
MARSHALL HOMINY 3 cans	25c	SHILLING COFFEE 1 lb. can	\$1.09
OUR VALUE Green Beans 2 cans	29c	NEW BLUE CHEER reg. pkg.	29c
GERBER'S Baby Food 6 cans	49c	ALL FLAVORS Kool Aid 6 pkgs.	25c
ALUMINUM FOIL roll	29c	BORDEN'S STARLAC 1 lb. pkg.	39c

PURE CANE **SUGAR** 5 LB. BAG **49¢**

VAN'S **FRO-ZAN** NON FAT FROZEN DESSERT
VANILLA CHOCOLATE ½ Gal. **49¢**
STRAWBERRY Gal. **49¢**

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Back BEN RAMSEY For LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

DEN RAMSEY, as a man who has fought the battle of water and soil conservation, knows it is the state's foremost challenge. A statewide coordinated program, integrating flood control, soil conservation, power and recreation, Ramsey says, is necessary to the state's welfare and economy.

Pd. Political Adv.

EXPERIENCED APPRECIATIVE

VOTE FOR



CLIVE PIERCE

of Abilene
For Taylor County
School Superintendent

Subject to Action of Democratic Primary July 24th

B. A., Daniel Baker College — 1928
M. A., Hardin-Simmons University — 1941.

Pd. Political Adv.

DOLLAR DAY

SPECIALS



1 Group COOL Summer Fabrics A Bargain you can't miss

VOILE

Tabilized for Tested Crease, Resistance; Mercerized, Fast Colors, Shrink Resistant.

Reg. \$1.19 yd.

\$ Day 98c yd.

All Over Cotton Lace

Reg. \$2.95 yd.
\$ Day \$1.95 yd

Dotted Swiss

Reg. \$1.00 yd.
\$ Day 69c yd.

Striped DENIM

Reg. 89c yd.
\$ Day 59c yd.

DuPont Nylon

Reg. \$1.00 yd.
\$ Day 79c yd.

Many other bargains too numerous to mention.

Joyce's

CEMETERY FUND

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

John R. West \$10.00
 Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Phillips,
 Corpus Christi \$5.00
 G. W. Smith, Houston \$5.00
 Anyone wishing to contribute to
 this fund may leave checks or do-

nations at the teller's windows of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank, at Bragg's or at The Merkel Mail.

CARE WITH TRACTORS

Last year 700 fatal farm accidents involved tractors. The Texas Farm and Ranch Safety Committee urges farmers to operate their tractors carefully; to keep all machines in top shape and all guards and safety devices in place. — A. & M.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
 In compliance with Article 1307 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, L. A. Rheay, A. N. Reynolds and Max V. Mossholder, partners in the firm of Rheay and Reynolds Drilling Company, give notice of the incorporation of such firm without a change of firm name.
 Notice given this 7th day of July, 1954.
 L. A. Rheay
 A. N. Reynolds
 Max V. Mossholder
 Adv. — July 16, 23, 30, August 6.

THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF TAYLOR

In the Name and by the Authority of The State of Texas To: Bessie Libbie Boyd, whose address is unknown, James Robert Burks, whose address is 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 of all defendants.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that suit has been brought and is now pending in the Honorable District Court, 42nd Judicial District, Taylor County, Texas, wherein The City of Abilene is plaintiff. The State of Texas, County of Taylor, State of Texas, Special Road District No. 1, County of

Taylor, Texas, and Special Road District No. 2, County of Taylor, Texas are impleaded party defendants; and James Robert Burks, et al are defendants, by the filing by said plaintiff of a petition on the 20th day of February, 1951 and the file number of said suit being No. 17,311-A and the nature of which is a suit to collect delinquent ad valorem taxes on the following described property, to-wit: Middle 1/3 of Lots No. 7 and 8, Block 105, City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, together with interest, penalties, costs, charges, and expenses of suit which have accrued and which may legally accrue thereon.

The amount of taxes due each plaintiff, exclusive of interest, penalties and costs is as follows:
 The City of Abilene \$325.55
 TOTAL \$325.55

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

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

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

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer and defend such suit on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 16th day of August, A. D., 1954 (which is the return day of such citation), before the honorable District Court of Taylor County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the plaintiff and the taxing units parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City

of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, this 2 day of July, A. D. 1954.
 J. Neil Daniel
 Clerk of the District Court.
 (SEAL)
 Taylor County, Texas.

42nd Judicial District.
 By C. Bower, Deputy
 If this citation is not served within 90 days after its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.
 Adv. July 9, 16.



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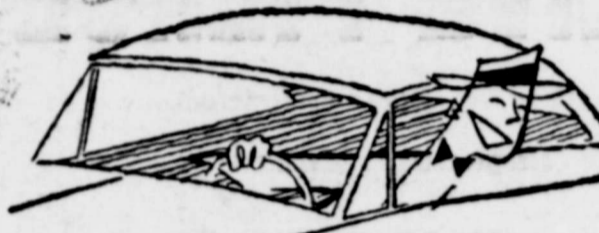
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On Thursday of last week the Starpats defeated the Bankers while the Willies won from the Hodge-Palmers.

On Tuesday night the Willies again won, defeating the Bankers 18-10. The winning pitchers were Lupe Duran and Delbert Davis while Jerry Phillips and Jackie Riney caught.

For the Bankers David Pursley, Phil Seymour and Mike Farley pitched and Nathan Moore received.

The Hodge-Palmers beat the Starpats 6-4. The winning pitcher was Johnny Swinney and the catcher Jerry Don Reynolds.

For the Starpats Firmin Hernandez and Don Wilks herled and Gene Epperson and Firmin Hernandez caught.

Bob Spences Are Now Managing Cafe in Trent

Ye Ole Village Cafe at Trent is now under new management. It is being managed by Mr. and Mrs. Bob Spence.

Special Sunday dinners are being offered for 85 cents with choice of meats, vegetables, salad, home baked rolls, drink and dessert.

Mr. and Mrs. Spence extend a cordial invitation for everyone to come, especially after church on Sunday.

Speaks Christianity

Rev. E. L. Yates spoke on "Maintaining a High Standard of Christianity" at the First Methodist Church here Sunday. Rev. and Mrs. Yates visited in the Lee Cox and Herbert Patterson homes.

Grass Fire Thursday

A grass fire that started behind the Lemens Welding Shop Thursday afternoon burnt some old poles. It was put out by the fire department.

Ready for Old Settlers

All is in readiness for the Taylor County Old Settlers Reunion at Buffalo Gap, Friday July 16. Registration begins at 8:30 a. m.

Taylor Telephone Coop. Officials At State Meeting

C. O. Patterson, president of the board of directors of the Taylor Telephone Coop., Murry Toombs, general manager, and Truett Thompson, office manager, attended the state-wide REA telephone meeting at Mineral Wells, July 7, 8 and 9.

Lady Evangelist To Hold Revival

Rev. Geraldine Conway, evangelist of Portsmouth, Ohio, will preach at the revival to be held at the Pioneer Memorial Chapel Aug. 20-29, announced Rev. John V. Ferguson, pastor.

Mrs. W. W. Toombs Improving Nicely

Mrs. W. W. Toombs is improving right along after her operation and is expected home from Temple today.

Pvt. Buddy McKeever Sailed From Seattle

Pvt. Buddy McKeever of the Army sailed July 9 from Seattle, Wash., for Japan. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. McKeever.

Mrs. Johnny Cox Returns Home

Mrs. Johnny Cox returned home from a two-week trip last week on Wednesday after attending the Junior Red Cross work shop at Lake Forest Academy, Lake Forest, Ill. She stopped off in Chicago for a three-day sight-seeing tour and in Kansas City, Kans., to visit her college roommate, Mrs. Martha Cantrell Eisele. The Junior Red Cross is planning a state work shop in Austin October 22 through 24.

Is Improving

Mrs. O. V. Lauder milk of Co-manche is much improved and can walk by holding to a chair and is able to get into and out of the car by herself. She suffered two strokes three weeks ago. She will be remembered here as Mrs. J. D. Jaynes.

Revival at Stith

The Stith Baptist Church will begin a revival Friday night, July 16, with Brother Swindell of Hawley as evangelist. Don Johnson of Abilene will lead the singing. Prayer group begins at 7:45 p. m.

League Standing Friday

	Won	Lost
Willies	11	4
Hodge-Palmer	8	7
Starpats	7	8
Bankers	4	11

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personals

Mrs. Earl Miller returned last Friday from a visit with her parents in Jefferson.

Mr. and Mrs. Forest Gaither and Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Walton of Midland visited Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Walton Sunday.

Miss Marilyn Smith of Kilgore left today for her home after visiting her cousin, Myrtle Wozencraft, for a month.

Mr. and Mrs. Forest Reynolds and daughter, Joderis of Midland spent the weekend with his brother Cramer and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Bartlett with Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Bartlett and three daughters of Pensacola, Fla., visited Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bartlett, of Santa Anna. Jimmy and his family will visit here three weeks. He is with the Naval Air Corps at Whiting Field, Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. Truett Perry and children vacationed this week in Arizona with his sister, Mrs. Wayne Boyd, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Lawson were in San Diego, Calif., recently and returned home with Linda Sue McLean.

Miss Janey Owen returned recently from Austin from a three weeks' visit with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Quannah Dudley and children were in Colorado City for the weeknd, visiting Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Dean, Jr., and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Palmer and daughter Pat were in Dallas Monday. He attended to business.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Honeycutt and son spent Sunday in Dallas. On Monday he attended a Ford meeting.

Mrs. Johnny Lee Wilson of Seymour is visiting here with her cousin, Sonja Sue Horton.

Minnie Lois Campbell returned to her home Saturday after a five weeks' visit with her sister, Mrs. W. C. Lay, in Ft. Worth.

Mrs. E. R. Clack returned home Wednesday from Durant, Okla., where she visited her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Harrison, and other relatives.

Mrs. Henry Zavala arrived Sunday from Yuma, Ariz., to visit with her mother, Mrs. Lela Lawson, and other relatives and friends. She will remain here while her husband is in Los Banos, Calif., where he is employed by the Los Banos Produce Co.

Mrs. C. S. Higgins and daughter, Mrs. Clarice Habenicht and Mrs. Mary Gershon, and son Sidney of San Antonio were weekend visitors of Miss Sally Orr and greeted old friends, also visiting C. S. Higgins and son James Allen who is spending the summer with his father, Dr. and Mrs. Robert Bennett and daughter Vicki of Columbus, Ohio, will spend August in San Antonio and Merkel.

Mrs. Bennett is the former Frances Higgins.

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Harwell, Mrs. Frances Cary and children, Yolinda and Wayne, spent the weekend visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Ike Turner and baby Debra in Ft. Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rister, Carolyn and Raymond visited her sister, Mrs. Eldon Brown, Mr. Brown and daughter Gail in Big Lake over the weekend.

Ed Martin Celebrates 76th Birthday Sunday

Ed Martin celebrated his 76th birthday Sunday, July 11. Children present were Mr. and Mrs. Z. M. Sumpter and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Martin and daughter of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Martin and family, Mrs. Jake Martin and children, Mrs. John Morgan and family of Petersburg, Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Payne and family of Trent, Bobby and several called in the afternoon.

Goodman H. D. Club Meets With Mrs. Karl Bonneaux

The Goodman Home Demonstration Club met Friday, July 9, in the home of Mrs. Karl Bonneaux. The president, Mrs. Jennings Winter, presided.

Roll call was answered with "How I'd Like to Spend My Vacation." The minutes were approved.

The encampment at Lueders, July 15-16, was discussed. Jones County women will make ear bobs out of shells.

The garden leaders gave the demonstration that they had seen at a training meeting. Mrs. W. L. Phillips passed out the recipes and Mrs. Jennings Winter started the demonstration on pickling and brining. She made cucumber pickles, beet pickle and pickled mixed vegetables consisting of cauliflower, carrots, onions and sweet peppers.

Mrs. Phillips made an onion and pepper relish, which was pretty as well as delicious.

The hostess served refreshments of ice cream, cake and ice tea to one visitor, Karl Bonneaux's mother who is visiting in their home from San Antonio, and the members.

The next meeting will be at Mrs. D. R. Butler's and the program will be "A dinner in a skillet."

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Mrs. Paul Honeycutt's Sister Married Here

Miss Romona Wright, daughter of Rev. Hamilton Wright, the Road Runner, was married to Cash Caraway Wilemon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cash Wilemon, of Lubbock at the home of her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Honeycutt, Saturday night.

The marriage was performed by Rev. Dallas Dennison, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Abilene, and former pastor of the First Methodist Church here. A reception was held after the ceremony for the guests.

Attend Golden Wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Outlaw

Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Outlaw and Mrs. Joyce Doan and daughter Brenda attended the golden wedding anniversary of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Outlaw, in Stephenville, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Outlaw used to live here.

Lambda Beta Chapter Enjoys Backyard Party

Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi sorority entertained their families with a backyard party last Friday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Litton. Games of bridge and canasta were enjoyed. Delicious ice cream and cake were served to eight members and their families.

Jaxie Short Circle Meets With Mrs. John Bennett

The Jaxie Short Circle of the Woman's Missionary Union of the First Baptist Church met at the home of Mrs. John Bennett, Mrs. Don Riney presided at the meeting and Mrs. Estes had charge of the study on Monday.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Bill Largent.

Goodman H. D. Club Enjoys Family Night Meeting

The Goodman Home Demonstration Club had its family night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Howell Saturday night.

There was lots of ice cream and cake and for this hot weather it seemed to be the verything.

Several couples played 84 while some just visited.

Those enjoying the occasion were Messrs. and Mesdames D. R. Butler, Frank Carter and Sallie, Jennings Winter, Ted Windham, the hosts and their grandson Bain.

Family of Late R. Herrons Hold Reunion July 10, 11

Descendants of the late Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Herron and friends held their annual reunion at the Abilene State Park on Saturday and Sunday, July 10, 11. There were 135 present. Everyone had a nice time with plenty of barbecue to eat.

Folks were there from El Paso, Lovington, New Mex., Shallowater, Lamesa, Odessa, Midland, Rotan, Sylvestor, Dallas, Ft. Worth, Aquilla, Amarillo, Brownfield, Lawn, Abilene, Wengate, Trent and Merkel.

Campbell Reunion Is Held at Community Center

The Campbell Reunion was held here Sunday July 11, at the Community Center and those who attended were the following and their families:

C. V. Thornton, Midland, W. I. Thornton, Seymour, Lee Campbell, Snyder, Anson Rigby, Dayton, H. J. Campbell, Jr., Homer Campbell, Sr., Wilson, Billy Campbell, Odessa, W. C. Lay, Ft. Worth, W. H. Hodo, Floyd Hodo of Quanah, Homer Chicker, G. K. Beall of Abilene, and Mrs. Myrtle Scott of Glendale, Calif., S. D. Campbell, John Campbell, Ernest Meeks, J. E. Meeks, John Meeks, Mrs. Tommie Patterson. The day was enjoyed with music, singing and visiting.

Reunion of Friends Held at Possum Kingdom Dam

July 4 was the date of a reunion of old friends at Possum Kingdom Dam. Mr. and Mrs. Don Dudley and Mike, Miss Betty Jane Tittle, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Clark, Jr., from Merkel met Mr. and Mrs. John Minter from Fort Worth and Mr. and Mrs. Troy Roberts and Kathy of Dallas at the dam on Saturday.

Sunday afternoon, the Rev. Robert L. Butler, Sweetwater and his son, Dr. Bob Butler of Nebraska motored down and spent Sunday night and Monday.

Everyone enjoyed lots of fun, swimming, food and good fellowship. Even had a little luck fishing on Monday and Tuesday morning.

Compere H. D. Club Hears About Pickling, Brining

The Compere Home Demonstration Club met July 8 in Mrs. Jake Bockman's home for its regular meeting. Mrs. Kelso presided. Ida Beth Adkins led the singing and Mrs. W. H. Cook of Hodges led the prayer.

Roll call was answered with "How I Would Like to Spend My Vacation."

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Vacation. Beth Adkins read the minutes in the absence of the secretary. Plans for the encampment at Lueders, July 15-16, were discussed.

Mrs. Ray gave the demonstration on "Pickling and Brining." She demonstrated pickled beets, pickled onions and mixed pickles. She stressed the importance of equipment and supplies being conveniently arranged before the work is begun.

Beth Adkins will demonstrate "Dinner in a Skillet" at the next meeting, July 22, when the club meets with Mrs. Ben Adkins.

Melva Jane Wainscott of Olney, sister of Miss Jimmie Lov Wainscott, Joy Lucas of Ft. Worth, Mrs. W. H. Cook and Mrs. Gene McCoy of the Hodges Club, Clona McClure, Ida Beth Adkins, Carrie Lov Bockman and the Hunter sisters were visitors.

Refreshments were served and Beth Adkins had charge of the recreation.

On July 9 at 8 p. m. the club entertained their families and the Noodle 4-H Club girls, their sponsors and the home demonstration agent with an ice cream supper on the Compere Baptist Church yard. Beth Adkins and Miss Wainscott directed games.

Merkel 20 Years Ago

Taken from the 1934 files of the Merkel Mail

Sets Roping Record

One of the largest, if not the largest crowd in fact, of the rodeo season saw Tommy Hodges of Tuscola rope his calf in 15 3-5 seconds Saturday, breaking the record of 18 1/2 seconds set by him in the opening rodeo on May 12. Giles White, also of Tuscola, was second with 18 3-5 seconds.

Speakers Getting Warm

Locally two candidates for state representative have announced speaking dates for Saturday: Judge Wm. E. Hawkins, at 4 p. m., in front of the F. & M. National Bank, and J. Bryan Bradbury on the street at 1:30 p. m.

Pastor's Father Ill

Rev. R. A. Walker, pastor of the Grace Presbyterian Church, received a message by long distance Monday night that his father, A. A. Walker, was seriously ill at his home at Beardstown in East Texas and he left for that place with the Ben Campbells, who are going to the state convention of rural mail carriers in Texarkana.

At State Convention

Mr. and Mrs. J. Ben Campbell and R. L. Adcock from the local post office are in attendance this week at the annual state convention of rural letter carriers at Texarkana.

Win at Rodeo

Winners in the second day events of the Butman Rodeo are reported by Howard Garner, rodeo manager. Cub Young of Tuscola was first in calf roping with 17 seconds, Roy Howell of Trent was

This Happened in Merkel Forty Years Ago

Taken from the 1914 files of the Merkel Mail

Within the last few days 23 farmers have been brought nearer the market and the doctor by having telephones installed for their benefit, stated J. F. Holdridge, local manager.

Dr. Armstrong tendered his resignation from the school board in order that his sister, Mrs. Tolbert Robinson, might be elected to the board of teachers. Following this O. J. Adcock was elected to fill Dr. Armstrong's vacancy.

Miss Floy Gunn was in Abilene Monday visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Sharp motored to Rule via the motorcycle route Sunday morning, spending the day with friends.

Frank Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Smith, returned home last week from Georgetown where

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Girl to A. Gamburgers

A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Alex Gamburger at the Sadler Hospital on July 8.

Boy to T. L. Hewitts

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Hewitt are the parents of a baby boy born at the Sadler Hospital on July 9.

Enters Hospital

Mrs. E. B. Wallace entered Memorial Hospital Thursday. She was to have major surgery Friday, today.

Busy Building

J. L. White is building the Howard Carson home on South 9th Sunset Park addition. He is also putting up the Leon Toombs home on 6th and Locust.

Plenty of Fish!

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Reynolds and family returned Sunday from the West Coast, visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Reynolds, and family. Caught plenty of fish!

Catches Last Fish!

L. W. Hill of the Foremost Dairies stated here Monday, "Don't go fishing for a few days in the Ft. Phantom Lake as I caught the last one, 1 1/2 pounds, Sunday afternoon."

Singing at Noodle

There will be singing at the Church of Christ in Noodle at 2:30 p. m. Sunday.

Is Very Ill

W. E. Petty is in a very serious condition at the Sadler Hospital. He suffered a heart attack. Deputy Sheriff Austin Petty is his son.

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Hospital Notes

Admissions to the Sadler Hospital the past week were:

As medical patients — Johnnie Henslee, Mrs. T. J. Amason, Mrs. E. M. McCright, Mrs. Ida Hamner, J. R. Popland of Abilene, E. L. Huddleston.

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NOTICE!

Having been reared in Merkel I feel that I have many friends still residing in the community. I would like to ask your consideration of a man who in my estimation is of the very highest type mentally, morally and spiritually.

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| Dudley Electric | Eager Feed Store | Clyde's Garage |
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- Merkel Co-op Station
- Adcock Cleaners
- Merkel Cafe
- N & N Appliance Service
- Woody's Cafe
- Truett Perry Station
- Happy Snappy Laundry

SADLER CLINIC HOSPITAL

NEWS ABOUT TOWN

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Oliver of Midland, Mr. and Mrs. John D. Oliver and twins of Robert Lee and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Whisenhunt were visitors over the holidays.

Buck Nelson of Snyder visited his sister, Mrs. John Oliver, and family recently.

Mrs. Glenn Robertson and Vickie have recently visited in San Angelo with Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Stevens and boys.

Saturday guests in the Glenn Robertson home were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hicks, Linda and Norman and another brother, Gaylor Hicks, of Kermit. Then they all visited their mother, Mrs. I. L. Hicks of Hamby Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hob Robertson have just returned from a trip to Floydada to visit his sisters.

Mrs. Hob Robertson spent a few days last week with her daughter, Mrs. Calvin Stevens and family of San Angelo.

Visitors in the E. H. Martin home and also in attendance at the Mulberry Canyon Homecoming were Mrs. Joe Bayes and son Andrew of Oil Center, New Mex., Mr. and Mrs. Tom Castle of Big Spring and Lula Burchell of Lamesa.

Little Miss Brenda Kay Bayless returned to her home in Garland after a two weeks' visit with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Taylor.

Walter Mays of Ft. Worth was a visitor Sunday afternoon of his aunt, Mrs. W. A. McCandless.

Mrs. Gilbert Booknell and son Billy Mac of Abilene visited her mother, Mrs. W. A. McCandless, Sunday.

Mrs. Ora Minson of Weatherford and Mrs. Earl Kelly, relatives of Mr. and Mrs. John Mansfield, were visitors of the Mansfields Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Parker of Maud, Okla., visited in the home of their son, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Parker, over the weekend. Mr. Parker is a chemist for the Texas Natural Gasoline plant at Stiff.

Mrs. Sam Swann and Miss Irene Swann made a trip to Roswell, N. Mex., last week and while there visited Mrs. Swann daughter, Patsy.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Swann left Sunday for Oklahoma, Kansas and Nebraska on a business trip and Hereford tour. They will return home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Benshoff and children arrived here from Washington, D. C., Sunday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Murray.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Denson and boys from Odessa visited relatives over the weekend and also attended the Herron reunion.

Mrs. J. H. Dawkins of DeLeon is visiting her daughter, Mrs. A. W. Thomas, and family.

W. W. Webb returned last week from Ruidoso and Hot Springs, New Mexico.

Mrs. C. S. Higgins, daughters

and grandson of San Antonio visited Merkel over the weekend. Mr. and Mrs. Norman Winter and family returned recently from a trip to the West Coast. They went through Denver, Salt Lake City, Lake Tahoe, Sacramento, San Francisco, Las Vegas, Hoover Dam and Grand Canyon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Joyce and Larry left Saturday for Houston to visit her parents. They will be gone a week.

Fred Groene made a business trip recently to Chicago, Milwaukee and Detroit.

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WHEAT PRODUCERS NOTE

July 23 is an important day for wheat producers. On that date they will vote in a referendum on marketing quotas for the 1955 wheat crop. — A. & M.

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ALLOT WHEAT ACREAGE

The national wheat acreage allotment for 1955 has been set by Secretary of Agriculture Benson at 55 million acres. The allotment for Texas is 4,203,735 acres.

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Report of Condition of "HOME STATE BANK"

of Trent, Taylor County, Texas, at the close of business, June 30, 1954. a State banking institution organized and operating under the banking laws of this State and a member of the Federal Reserve System. Published in accordance with a call made by the State Banking Authorities and by the Federal Reserve Bank of this District.

ASSETS	
1. Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balance, and cash items in process of collection	\$213,487.88
2. United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed	462,736.22
5. Corporate stocks (including \$2,700.00 stock of Federal Reserve bank)	2,700.00
6. Loans and discounts (including \$21 overdrafts)	248,366.26
7. Bank premises owned \$2,500.00 furniture and fixtures \$2,800.00	5,300.00
12. TOTAL ASSETS	\$932,590.36
LIABILITIES	
13. Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	809,385.45
16. Deposits of State and political subdivisions	14,854.42
19. TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$824,239.87
24. TOTAL LIABILITIES (not including subordinated obligations shown below)	\$824,239.87
CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	
25. Capital*	25,000.00
26. Surplus	65,000.00
27. Undivided Profits	18,350.49
29. TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	108,350.49
30. TOTAL LIABILITIES and CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	\$932,590.36
* This bank's capital consists of Common stock with total par value of \$25,000.00.	

MEMORANDUM
34. (a) (1) Loans to farmers directly guaranteed and redeemable on demand by the Commodity Credit Corporation, and certificates of interest representing ownership thereof \$79,446.26

I, James V. Ross, Cashier, of the above-named bank, hereby certify that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

CORRECT—ATTEST:
J. C. CRAIN
T. H. WILLIAMSON
DOW WILLIAMSON
DIRECTORS

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I want to say thanks to my officers and members of the O. E. S. for helping in every way to make our Golden Celebration a success.
Una Mae Hays, W. M.

Directors Named For New Coop. Gin At Noodle Friday

The stockholders in the new Coop. Gin at Noodle met last Friday night and elected the following directors: A. D. McCain, V. R. Justice, Troy Solan, J. E. Touchstone, Cal McAninch, Mead Pyrom, I. D. Vancil.
There were 29 members and three visitors present.
The Coop. Gin of Noodle bought the Noodle Gin.

Former Merkelite Made Queen Over Five Contestants

Carol Deen of Rising Star is the new Miss Eastland County. Carol Ann is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dan M. Deen, former Merkelites. Carol Ann went to school here.
She won over five other contestants in the county competition, held in the Lake Cisco swimming pool. Carol also won the Brownwood Regatta recently.
She has been invited to be a princess at the crowning of the queen in the Indian pageant at Gorman.

Merkel Lobos Win One Game, Drop Another

Last Friday night the Merkel Lobos here defeated the Abilene Foremost Dairies 13-3. Manuel Biera hurled and Seferina Luna received for the home boys. It was Merkel's game all the way.
Sunday afternoon here Hamby won over the Lobos 22-8. Merkel threw in three pitchers, Jimmy Floyd, Dunk Whisenhunt and Seferino Lunk. Lupe Reberia caught for the Lobos.

LOBOS PLAY SUNDAY
The Merkel Lobos will play against the Abilene Eagles in Abilene Sunday afternoon.

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YOUR FEET MAY BE THE CAUSE

There seem to be so many mysterious troubles that people are having, that according to their statement, when they come to me have not been alleviated by medical doctors. After treating hundreds and hundreds of patients in the same way for dozens of different ailments and after having almost uniform success, I have come to the conclusion that the first law of health is good circulation of blood; and when I have established this circulation, it seems no matter what has been the matter with the person, he improves.
This is so even with heart trouble. It must seem strange to hear of a doctor who will treat one hundred patients all alike for different troubles and have so much success but I see to it from the very beginning that there is an improvement in the circulation and I always begin at the feet and at the extreme end of the pedal members, i. e. the toes.
May I say that, as you know, if you stop to think about it, all the nerves from your heart, lungs, kidneys, brain and all of the other vital organs have their termination naturally in the feet; and when foot circulation stops, you may count on it as years go by there will be unexplainable symptoms which will appear and you may go and secure advice and still not be told anything about your toes. — This was written by Jesse M. Gehman in the June issue of "Nature's Path."
The condition of your feet may well affect your entire body. Pains and aches in your feet will affect your walk, your posture, your disposition, your mental alertness, your digestion, your relationships with other people, in short, your physical and mental health.
According to statistics, about 80% of the population in the United States suffer from foot trouble of some sort or another. Many think they are suffering from rheumatism or arthritis, whereas the real trouble is that the body is not properly poised on the feet, producing a strained condition.
The nerve irritation may not be confined to the feet; it may be reflected in other parts far removed from and confuse us into searching for other causes. — This was written by Evelyn Cornell in the June issue of "Nature's Path."

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NOTICE MASONS
Stated meeting of Merkel lodge No. 710, A. F. & A. M., Thursday, July 22, at 8 p. m. All members are urged to attend. Visiting brethren cordially invited.
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The Merkel Mail is authorized to announce the following candidates for office, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries July 24, 1954.

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

For State Representative:
TRUETT LATIMER

For County School Superintendent
CLIVE PIERCE
H. L. GAY

For County Treasurer
MRS. BOB HAILE
MRS. L. Q. CAMPBELL

For Commissioner Precinct No. 2
RUFÉ TITTLE (re-election)

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

For Constable Pct. 5
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ENTERS HOSPITAL

Jo Anne Kiefer, four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Smith, was admitted on June 30 to the Scottish Rite Hospital for Crippled Children

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in Dallas.

The hospital was founded 30 years ago by Texas Masons to provide the best treatment for Texas' crippled children at no extra cost to the patient.

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Washington

"As It Looks From Here"



OMAR BURLESON
Congressman
17th District

Subsequent to Mr. Anthony Eden's "Locarno" speech to the British Parliament, and just before he and Mr. Churchill came to the United States, I joined with twelve other members of Congress in contacting President Eisenhower expressing grave concern with such a policy.

The "Locarno" idea gets its name from the agreement made in Locarno, Switzerland, in which Hitler's Germany

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MRS. JIMMY LEWIS FLOYD

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MARRIES ABILENE GIRL

A double ring, candlelight ceremony united Ruby Jean Gray and Jimmy Lewis Floyd in marriage at 7:30 p. m. Tuesday of last week. Vows were exchanged in the Fairmont Methodist Church, Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Lucian Gray, 1448 Ross Ave. Abilene, and Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Floyd are parents of the couple.

Rev. David W. Einkley read the vows. The couple will live in Abilene.

and Mussolini's Italy participated. In the modern instance it means we would be doing business with the Communists instead of the Nazis or Fascists.

It embraces the idea that an agreement of non-aggression would be dependable. It also would confirm and recognize as legitimate the advances the Communists have made.

An editorial in The Daily Star of Tucson, Arizona says that the action of those of us contacting the President would not contribute to peace, but contrarily to war.

As a matter of fact, the President fully agreed and requested that we write a letter expressing our views, and we did so. A few days afterwards, the House of Representatives, without a dissenting vote, adopted a provision to the Foreign Aid Bill in almost exactly the same language as contained in our letter to the President.

We should know by this time that any agreement with the Communists is not worth the paper on which it is written, and that if we recognize the aggressive conquests of the Communists, we thereby endorse and condone their actions. A "Locarno" type of agreement, following Indochina, would be another "Munich."

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MRS. ETTA TUCKER ATTENDS GRANDDAUGHTER'S WEDDING
Mrs. Etta Tucker attended the wedding of her granddaughter, Dorothy Tucker, daughter of Rev.

and Mrs. C. A. Tucker of Bowie to Charles Winfield of near Houston Sunday. She returned home Monday.

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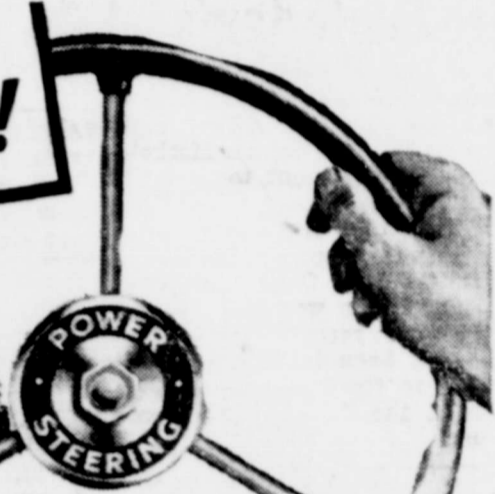
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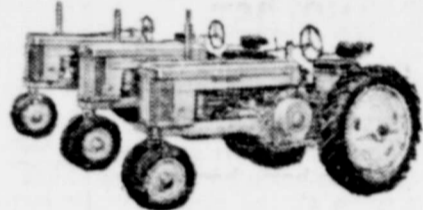
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**EDITORIAL
 GOING FORWARD!**

Tomorrow, Saturday, Merkel will vote on whether it wishes to go forward or backward. It will vote on the water bonds.

The question may arise: What are we voting on? Mayor Henry

JAMES H. CHANEY

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Political Adv.

C. West has made every effort to tell the public plainly what it will get and what it will cost. The Merkel Mail has tried to give the facts as plainly as it could.

Mayor West has explained why the bonds are not all revenue bonds. The answer is simple: There is not enough revenue from water to pay for revenue bonds. Part of the bonds will be general tax bonds. But it is hoped that the tax rate will not have to be raised.

The interest rate is favorable, about 3 1/2 per cent. The water rate is in line with a good supply of good water, about 75 cents per thousand gallons for the next two or three thousand after the minimum of \$2.50 for the first 3,000. From there on the rate will be graduated down to 60 cents a thousand.

We will sell Tye water and that will help us pay off the bonds. But the main point is that we have always wanted water and this is a good chance to get a good supply of good water at a reasonable cost.

To depend on wells is merely a hope. The wells just are not to be had for great supplies of water. Nature is just not producing any more. Folks who have dug wells around here have found that out.

We must look elsewhere for water and this chance to get it from Abilene is one to take advantage of.

Let us remember this: A town either goes forward or backward. It does not stand still.

It is impossible for Merkel to grow if it does not have a good water supply. No industry will come here if it does not have a good water supply. No one will build a home here costing \$15,000 to \$20,000 unless there is a good water supply.

The air base is being built at Tye. Many of the people there may come to Merkel to live... if it has a good water supply. Folks already have gone away from Merkel when they learned that the water supply was not good here!

By having a good water supply more houses will be built here, and when more houses are built and people live in them more water will be used and that means that taxes for the purpose of paying off the bonds will be less.

The water bond proposition is everyone's business. It is not just the business of the men, it is not just the business of the women. It is not just the business of one or two groups. Every man and woman in Merkel has an interest in this bond proposition.

Do you want a good water supply? Do you want good water? Do you want our town to grow? Have you the interest of the town and of yourself at heart?

Then go to the polls tomorrow and vote for the water bonds.

The bonds have been endorsed by businessmen. They have been endorsed by the Lions Club. These are your neighbors. They want the town to go forward, not backward. They want to take advantage of what the future has to offer. They want to grow with a bigger air base.

Let's help Merkel grow. Let's vote for the bonds tomorrow.

"WHITE-ICISM"

That's ALL — and the Sage of Figfield adds that a vote for a bigger and better water supply is a vote for a bigger and better Merkel.

**Hostile Indians
 Fight White Men
 At Queen Theatre**

The history of the Western frontier is replete with stirring sagas of man's heroism in the face of danger and of his amazing fortitude against back-breaking hardships. "Columbia Pictures" "Massacre Canyon" which opens Friday and Saturday at the Queen Theatre, brings to the screen one of the most amazing chapters in all frontier history.

It shows the turbulent days when the Apache Nation was fighting the white man, two intre-

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**Greatest Movie,
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**"Marry Me Again"
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 At Pioneer Theatre**

Combining the comedy talents of two top stars in the laugh line and pulling out all stops to assure a continuous round of fun, "Marry Me Again" brings Marie Wilson and Robert Cummings to the Pioneer Theater on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

The story, which was designed

primarily for laughter, concerns the efforts of a beautiful but determined stenographer to marry her Air Ace boy-friend after she inherits a million dollars and he refuses for fear that he will be accused of marrying her for her money.



TAX REVISION BILL: The vote in the Senate on the 1954 tax revision bill was 63 for to 9 against. I voted for the bill.

WHAT THE MILL DOES: Here are some of the most significant items:

The first \$1200 of retirement income received by retired employees is not subject to income tax.

Working mothers, widows and widowers who pay for the care of their children under 12 years of age will get some tax relief. Up to \$600 paid for this purpose in any year will be free of tax.

Exemptions for dependents under 19 years of age, or who are students, are permitted even though they earn over \$600 a year — provided the taxpayers furnishes over half their support. The bill provides that foster parents and foster children may be claimed as tax dependents.

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TAX BILL SIDELIGHTS: Efforts were made in the Senate to reduce the 27 1/2 per cent oil depletion allowance, so important to Texas. Both Senator Daniel and I opposed these proposals and spoke against them. They were defeated. U. S. FOREIGN POLICY: American foreign policy is today at

the crossroads. In a recent speech in the Senate, I stressed these two points, which I believe are sound:

(1) We must have a reappraisal of our foreign policy. We must decide where we are going — how we are going to get there — and who is going with us.

(2) We must consider and solve our foreign policy problems as Americans as partisans. That is fundamental.

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Rear shock absorbers diagonally mounted to frame	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO
Rear spring length—53 inches or more	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO
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ENGINE FEATURES					
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