

Need of Church Is Stressed By Rev. Tullock

"What the church needs today is a Christian philosophy, a Christian program and a Christian passion."

That was theme of the crusade preached by Rev. Sam Tullock, pastor, on Wednesday night in the first sermon of the open air revival being held in the parking lot of the First Baptist Church.

Rev. Tullock will be the evangelist throughout the revival which ends August 15. Prayer service starts at 7:30 p. m. daily and the evening service at 8 p. m.

Ben Green is the song leader. "Let us make an honest assessment of where we are today," began the minister.

"The world is divided into two camps today: Communist and the free nations. There are two values: Spiritual and material."

"There are 25,000,000 Communists taking the world and 600,000,000 Christians are letting it go. Why?"

"Dr. Farmer in his book, 'Servants of the World,' gives five characteristics of our present age. They are: Futility, personal insignificance, awareness of the power of evil, yearning for security and need for an absolute conduct."

Evangelist Tullock pointed out that the Communists have a philosophy, a program and a passion. These are what the Christians need and they have them if they will only use them, he asserted strongly.

In commenting on why the revival is being held in the open air, the minister stated:

This type of revivalism is rapidly passing out of the Baptist picture and the pastor feels that these open air, tabernacle type, brush arbor revivals are greatly needed



SAM TULLOCK, Evangelist

to break down the barriers that exist in our community and country. Many people have false impressions about a church just because it has a beautiful house in which to worship and comfort is provided.

Few people realize that the church today is reaching more people than it ever has because it is providing for the needs of the people. In addition atmosphere of such a meeting is informal and everybody seems to participate in a free way.

Everyone is welcome to the revival. The sermon tonight, Friday, is on "When Man Awakens."

Merkel Lobos Bow to Novice In Sunday's Game

The Merkel Lobos were defeated by the strong Novice team at Novice Sunday 11-5. James Shuler hauled and Lupe Reberia received for the Lobos.

Walter Whisenhunt is captain and Juan Biera is manager of the Lobos.

BULLETIN!

Merkel's Willie Wired Hands were to play Rotan Wednesday night at Sweetwater in the finals in the Little League Tournament.

Merkel beat Sweetwater 2-1 Monday night. Delbert Davis hit a homer. Jerry Phillips was the winning pitcher and Lester Dorton, Jr., the catcher.

Rotan beat Colorado City Tuesday night 2-1.

School will begin Tuesday Aug. 31, at 8:30 a. m., announced Supt. Mack Fisher. There will be a general faculty meeting Monday, Aug. 30, at 8:30 a. m., followed by principal-teacher meetings; registration Monday, August 30, at 2:30 p. m.; buses will run on Monday, Aug. 30, at 2:30 p. m. for registration; regular bus schedules on Tuesday morning.

Rev. Aubrey F. White wrote: "We are having a good beginning in our revival meet here (McLean). We'll be here this week. Will return home for service Sunday night."

Janie Robinson of Trent was a first place winner and Ida May King of Trent was a second place winner in the junior group at the Taylor County 4-H girls dress review Tuesday in Abilene. Mrs. Allen D. King is mother leader of the Trent 4-H Club girls.

PASSES INSPECTION

"The new fire truck has passed the state inspection test 100 per cent," declared Fire Chief Waymon Adcock. The test was made Thursday of last week in Abilene.

GOSPEL MEETING AT HOPE

The Hope Church of Christ will hold a gospel meeting Aug. 8-15 each evening at 8 p. m. Wesley Fillmon is the speaker and Burl McCoy the song leader. Everyone is welcome.

IT'S CRICKET!

The Merkel Mail received the following card from Bermuda: "We are having a lot of fun. Very pleasant here. An air conditioner - G. E. that is - would be welcomed here at times. The cricket games have been the yearly affair Thursday and Friday. All stores close for this game. Nolan Palmers."

Night Vacation Bible School at Assembly of God

A night vacation Bible school will start Aug. 9 and end Aug. 15 at the Assembly of God Church, announced Rev. H. S. Earp, pastor. The classes will be from 7 p. m. to 8:45 p. m.

The public is invited. "All the boys and girls who want to come and do not have a way will be picked up and taken home. Get in touch with me by phoning 345," said Rev. Earp.

The theme of the school will be "What God Is Like" and the superintendent will be Mrs. Tom Christ and superintendent of music Mrs. Pat Cypert.

The class teachers are: Adult - Mrs. Weaver Balcum, Rev. Earp. Intermediate boys - Dr. James H. Chaney, Pat Cypert. Intermediate girls - Mrs. Chaney, Mrs. Earp.

Primary - Mrs. W. T. Howard, Mrs. John Wheeler. Primary - Mrs. Ransom Price, Jim Price.

First and second beginners - Mrs. A. B. Gregory, Mrs. Cecil Wade, Mrs. Don Smith and Mrs. Alvin Smith.

MIKE DUDLEY BREAKS LEG WHILE PLAYING LAST FRIDAY NIGHT

Mike Dudley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Dudley, was taken to the Sadler Hospital last Friday night. He suffered a broken leg while playing.

SHARON DOING FINE

Mr. and Mrs. Pinky Cypert took their daughter Sharon to Dallas Wednesday of last week for a check-up. The report is that she is doing fine. They also spent two days with Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Mashburn in Fort Worth.

TO HOLD REVIVAL

The Baptist Church of Noodle will hold its revival beginning Friday night, August 6, with Rev. A. A. Watson preaching.

Different Teams Have Been Named For Lions Sale

The different teams that will carry on the broom sale sponsored by the Lions Club have been named by Waymon Adcock, chairman of the sale committee. The teams are:

Team 1 - Captain Waymon Adcock, Grif Barnett, Meyer Melling, Postmaster Wren Durham, Driver Charles Curb.

Team 2 - Captain Frank Breaux, Clyde Bartlett, Tommy Odum, J. W. Hammond, Driver E. O. Carson.

Team 3 - Captain Herman Carson, Carroll Benson, E. E. Reed, R. D. Hay, Driver S. D. Gamble.

Team 4 - Captain C. A. Farley, C. H. Collinsworth, Leon Walker, N. T. Hodge, Driver J. F. Miller.

Team 5 - Captain Lester Dorton, Tommy Ellis, Ray Wilson, Earl Hughes, Driver Dr. W. T. Sadler.

Team 6 - Captain Coleman O'Brien, Prof. Mack Fisher, Holt Vaughn, Chesby Patterson, Driver Ace Sheppard.

Team 7 - Captain Nolan Palmer, Floyd Green, Dr. Brady Cox, Joe Patterson, Driver C. R. Tittle.

Team 8 - Captain Fred Starbuck, Paul Honeycutt, Cyrus Pee, Dr. Don Warren, Driver Hy White.

Team 9 - Captain Horace Boney, W. D. Gamble, Horace Hargrove, President Isadore Melling, Booth Warren, Rev. Sam Tullock.

The sale will be held August 18 and 19. Besides brooms, doormats, mops, etc., will be sold to the public, house to house.

Little League Championship Goes to Willies

The Willies won the championship in the Merkel Little League, announced Leon Walker, president. The Willies won 14 games and lost six.

Runners-up was Hodge-Palmer with 12 wins and eight losses. The Starpats topped 11 and dropped nine while the Bankers took five and lost 15.

In the last game last week on Thursday the Starpats walloped the Bankers 17-3 while the Hodge-Palmers beat the Willies 3-0.



CLIFFORD NELSON evangelist

First Baptist Church at Trent To Hold Revival

The First Baptist Church at Trent will hold a revival August 13-22. Clifford Nelson will be the evangelist. Orvin Robinson will be the music director.

"Your prayer and your presence are welcome," said Rev. Darwin Welsh, pastor.

SON TO EARL HUGHES, JR.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hughes, Jr., of Munday announce the arrival of a son born Monday, Aug. 2, at the Hendrick Memorial Hospital in Abilene. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hughes, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. Grover Gilbert.

DOLLAR DAY NOTE

As Dollar Day bargains will be advertised in next week's issue it will be appreciated if the ads are prepared early.

Contract Signed To Pay 25 Cents For 1,000 Gallons

The City Council signed a 31-year contract with the City of Abilene to buy water from Abilene, filtered and treated, at 25 cents a thousand gallons at a point about two miles west of the Abilene City

limits. This action was taken Monday night.

Abilene approved and signed a contract to this effect last Friday.

The company that is handling the water bonds was here Monday night and met with the City Council. The City Council passed a resolution authorizing the company to go ahead with the issuance of the bonds.

As soon as they get approval of the state attorney general they will go ahead with printing the bonds. As soon as they are printed

the bonds will be delivered to the city.

The engineers are at work on the project, stated Mayor Henry West.



REX KIKER, Evangelist

Rex Kiker Will Be Evangelist at Noodle Meeting

Rex Kiker will be the evangelist at the gospel meeting which starts tonight, Friday, at the Noodle Church of Christ. Services start daily at 8:15 p. m.

Minister Kiker is professor of speech at the Abilene Christian College. He is former minister of the Noodle Church of Christ. He is said to be a forceful, clear speaker.

Last year when he was to begin his meeting at the same place he became ill and had to go to the hospital.

His theme for the meeting will be "Family of God." Among the subjects to be discussed are "Am I My Brother's Keeper?" "Honor Thy Father and Mother" and "Brotherly Love."

Ira Hill, junior at the Abilene Christian College, will be the song leader. Ira is from Wichita, Kans. The public is welcome.

Dink Whisenhunt Is Praised by Blue Sox Manager

Over the 2-column headline "Honey Pleased With Young Merkel Pitcher" the Reporter-News carried the following story:

Merkel baseball fans will be interested in knowing that Blue Sox Manager Jay Haney is highly pleased with the showing of a home-town product, young Alvin (Dink) Whisenhunt.

The 17-year-old six-footer made his first appearance on the mound as a professional against Painview several days ago, going one and one-third innings in a relief role.

"Dink looked real cool on that mound for his first time out," Haney said Thursday after the Sox arrived home from a sad road trip.

Haney said he planned to "hang onto Dink for use as a rookie next year . . . he needs to gain some weight, but that will come around later, meanwhile, I'll use him this year in spots."

HAVE GREAT GRANDSON

Mayor and Mrs. Henry West were in Midland Saturday to see their new great grandson, the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Taylor, born July 24.

LOBOS VS. ABILENE

The Merkel Lobos will play the Abilene A team Sunday afternoon at the Fair Park Arena in Abilene.

Everyone Tried To Get Water Last Saturday

It seemed that everyone tried to get city water at the same time Saturday afternoon and got the same experience. Those who started drawing water for irrigation at noon got some; those who were optimistic and waited got none.

By 4 p. m. the city water stopped coming through the pipes. However, after 6 p. m. there was water.

The reason for this was explained by Mayor Henry West. Last Saturday was the first Saturday that the ruling went into effect in regard to water for irrigation purposes. The supply was naturally limited as no reserve had been made.

Next Saturday it is hoped to have more water as a reserve supply will have developed during this week.

2-Inch Rain Falls Last Saturday at Mulberry Canyon

Two inches of rain fell in spots at Mulberry Canyon Saturday afternoon.

One and a half inches of rain fell at Blair at the Arthur Moore and Price Melton places.

The rain was spotty and did not reach as far as Nubia.

Paul West reported that Sun-Three miles southwest of here ing behind terraces.

Three miles southwest of here Phil Diltz reported .7 inch of rain at his house.

Trent got a shower. A few drops of rain fell here and continued lazily until 6 p. m. but only a trace appeared.

Nolan Reunion Draws Big Crowd Last Sunday

A number of folks from the Merkel area attended the old settlers reunion at Nolan Sunday. Barbecue was served along with a covered dish dinner. There was a program. A crowd of about 400 persons were present.

Among those who attended from here were Oscar Buford, who settled there 54 years ago when it was open country, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Shouse and son Robert.

Principal C. A. Farley Is to Head Special March of Dimes Campaign

A tentative quota of \$500 has been set for Merkel in the special solicitation for the March of Dimes to be conducted Aug. 16 to Sept. 1, according to Prin. C. A. Farley, local campaign director.

Due to the increased cost of patient treatment, research, gamma globulin and national field trials of the Salk vaccine, the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis has found it necessary to have this special solicitation, the second one in the history of the March of Dimes.

A tentative quota of \$15,000 has

Radio Preacher Is Evangelist Now at Calvary

Rev. Raymond W. Dunn preached Monday night at the revival at the Calvary Baptist Church. Prayer service starts at 7:45 p. m. and regular service at 8:15 p. m. daily. The public is invited.

Frank Carr is in charge of the music.

"Fear of God" was the subject that Rev. Dunn preached on Monday. He is a forceful, powerful, fervent evangelist. He speaks over the radio at Coleman, where he is pastor, at 2:30 p. m. Sunday and at 9:15 p. m. daily.

Sunday morning Rev. George Epperson began the revival. He spoke on "Doubt." He stressed that it is doubt that has put the world in the bad shape it is now in.

18-Year Award Recognizes Merit Of C. Collinsworth

Chester Collinsworth, teacher of vocational agriculture in the Merkel High school, was distinctly honored at the annual meeting of the Teachers of Vocational Agriculture in Waco Tuesday. He received an 18-year service award.

In last week's paper it stated that he would receive a 10-year award, which was the information sent to The Mail.

Of the vocational agriculture teachers of Texas there are only 11 who have spent as many as 15 years in the same school system, and Chester is one of these. He has taught only in Merkel and for 18 years. Special recognition was also made for this record.

Trent 4-H Clubs Enjoy Camp Life At Buffalo Gap

Attending the Taylor County 4-H Camp at Buffalo Gap from Trent were Latrelle Bright, Ruth Ann Christ, Alice Sue King, Carolyn Freeman, Lynda Dudley and Connie Cade from the Girls 4-H Club. Their mother leader was Mrs. Al- len D. King, who is also 4-H leader and president of the Blue Bonnet Home Demonstration Club.

From the Trent Boys 4-B Club attending the county camp was Joel Crain, Buddy King and Tommy Young. They all enjoyed the swimming, games and crafts taught.

There was a much larger number of boys and girls present than last year. Over 140 registered this year. Around 100 registered last year.

Merkel 20 Years Ago

TAKEN FROM THE 1934 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL

\$76.24 FOR FIRST BALE

For the first, second and third bales of 1934 cotton weighing as much as 450 pounds and grown and ginned in the Merkel trade territory, Merkel merchants subscribed a total of \$76.24 in cash and merchandise, to be distributed on a basis approximately as follows: 50 per cent for the first bale; 30 per cent for the second and 20 per cent for the third.

FIRST COTTON BENEFITS

It looked like another Saturday in Merkel on Wednesday of this week when farmers came in town to meet the county agent, C. Metz Heald, and his committee, who were distributing cotton acreage rental checks, first of the 1934 governmental benefit to Taylor County growers.

CALL BUDGET MEETING

O. J. Adcock, president of the school board of the Merkel Independent School District, is calling a meeting of the school board for Friday evening, August 10, at 8:15 p. m. at the office of W. O. Boney. At this time the budget for the school year 1934-35, which begins on Sept. 1, 1934, will be submitted.

DELEGATION IS 50-50

Taylor County's delegation to the state Democratic convention is half Hunter and half Allred, with instructions for that delegation to control the vote which ever candidate is successful in carrying the county in the August primary.

ONLY TWO MORE RODEOS

Only two more rodeo performances remain to determine the winners of prizes offered by the Merchants Trade Extension Association of Merkel One will be Saturday, to begin at 2 p. m. The other and last performance of the original program will be on Saturday, August 25.

NEW MINISTER COMING

F. R. Yeakley, who will on Sept. 1 assume his duties as minister of the Church of Christ here, preached twice Sunday to interested audiences. His morning topic was "Jesus-Mindedness," at night "The Way Home."

This Happened in Merkel Forty Years Ago

TAKEN FROM THE 1914 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL

H. C. Burroughs, Jr., was host Friday evening to the members of the house party entertained by his sister, Miss Frances Burroughs, at her home on Rose St. A box party at the Cozy featured the entertainment.

Those present were Misses Trice of Jackson, Tenn., Mamie, Clara Will and Emma Dell McNatt of Abilene, Winnie Warren, Pet Sears and Frances Burroughs, Messrs. Homer L. Eastelwood, Luther Grimes, Parker Sharp, Taylor Jennings, John West, Ray Bradley, Abilene, H. C. Burroughs, Jr., and Mrs. H. C. Burroughs.

Later they were entertained at the Royal Air dome and after that at a watermelon feast.

Mrs. J. G. Jackson entertained a group of chums and schoolmates with a house party at her home on Oak Street this weekend.

J. S. Blasingame of the Shilo country was in town Wednesday after lumber to prepare more storage room for a bumper feed crop he has raised this year.

Miss Maggie Lee Clark has returned home from Hereford where she has been visiting friends.

Mrs. Eugene Hargrove and baby have returned to their home at Dallas after a visit with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt.

NEWS ABOUT TOWN

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy McKeever of Abilene were visitors of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. McKeever, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cosel of Houston spent Sunday afternoon with her sister, Mrs. Max Mellinger, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Hill and sons, Gary and David Bruce, of Grand Prairie visited a few days this week in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Hamm.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cypert and son Danny are vacationing for two weeks on the west coast. They will return Monday.



TO LIVE ON OKINAWA — Mrs. Doyle R. Seifried and children, Richard and Sharon, are on their way to Okinawa to join Capt. Seifried. He is in the Army Medical Service Corps and has been in Korea. They will live in Okinawa a year. Mrs. Seifried and children have been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Gamble in Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Barnett Douglas and family of Roswell, New Mex., visited over the weekend with her father, W. W. Webb, and others.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Patterson and family of Tulsa, Okla. visited for a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Patterson.

Mr. and Mrs. Coleman O'Brien and family left Friday night on a two weeks' vacation to the Northwest.

Ross Ferrier, Jr., and son Ronnie returned Saturday to Ft. Worth after visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Ferrier, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Walker of Lubbock were weekend guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Fox. Their son Mitchell Dale re-

mained for the week. They all went boat riding at Lake Phantom Sunday evening accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Fox of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Roberts visited her brother, Owen Taylor, and family of Lamesa and Mrs. M. T. Caine of Seagraves.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sheppard and son Rodney and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sheppard, Jr., of Big Spring were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Jud Sheppard.

Mrs. D. S. Richardson of Killen was here for a week with her mother, Mrs. Jim Boaz, who had surgery last week on Wednesday. She is improving nicely. Two other daughters, Mrs. Lu Smith of Houston and Mrs. F. O. Scroggins of Odessa, and her sons, H. H.

Boaz of Seagraves and J. E. Boaz of Anson, also visited their mother.

Mrs. M. G. King had as her guest Tuesday night Mrs. W. D. Watson of San Antonio, who is spending the week in Abilene. Also Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cox and family of Alameda, Calif., were Saturday guests. Mrs. Cox and Mrs. King are sisters-in-law.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hann of Corpus Christi visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Walton. Ledo and O. L. Dowdy of Houston visited Saturday with their brother Royce and wife.

LEGAL NOTICE

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
In compliance with Article 1307 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, H. S. Peake and Steve R. Peake, partners in the firm of Peake Radio Communications give notice of the incorporation of such firm without a change of firm name.

Notice given this 22nd day of July, 1954.

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Adv. July 30, Aug. 6, 13, 20

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LEGAL NOTICE

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION No. 4

proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas to provide a four year term of office for elective district, county and precinct offices; staggering the terms of such offices by having certain holders of such offices be elected for terms of varying length in the November, 1954, general election; and providing for the necessary proclamation and election.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1. That Section 9 of Article V of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended so as to read as follows:

"Section 9. There shall be a Clerk for the District Court of each county, who shall be elected by the qualified voters for State and county offices, and who shall hold his office for four years, subject to removal by information or by indictment of a grand jury, and conviction of a petit jury. In case of vacancy, the Judge of the District Court shall have the power to appoint a Clerk, who shall hold until the office can be filled by election."

Sec. 2. That Section 15 of Article V of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended so as to read as follows:

"Section 15. There shall be established in each county in this State a County Court, which shall be a court of record; and there shall be elected in each county by the qualified voters, a County Judge, who shall be well informed in the law of the State; shall be a conservator of the peace, and shall hold his office for four years, and until his successor shall be elected and qualified. He shall receive as compensation for his services such fees and perquisites as may be prescribed by law."

Sec. 3. That Section 18 of Article V of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended so as to read as follows:

"Section 18. Each organized county in the State now or hereafter existing, shall be divided from time to time, for the convenience of the people, into precincts, not less than four and not more than eight. Divisions shall be made by the Commissioners Court provided for in this Constitution. In each such precinct there shall be elected one Justice of the Peace and one Constable, each of whom shall hold his office for four years and until his successor shall be elected and qualified; provided that in any precinct in which there may be a city of 8,000 or more inhabitants, there shall be elected two Justices of the Peace. Each county shall in like manner be divided into four commissioners precincts in each of which there shall be elected by the qualified voters thereof one County Commissioner, who shall hold his office for four years and until his successor shall be elected and qualified. The County Commissioners so chosen, with the County Judge as presiding officer, shall compose the County Commissioners Court, which shall exercise such powers and jurisdiction over all county business, as is conferred by this Constitution and the laws of the State, or as may be hereafter prescribed."

Sec. 4. That Section 20 of Article V of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended so as to read as follows:

"Section 20. There shall be elected for each county, by the qualified voters, a County Clerk, who shall hold his office for four years, who shall be clerk of the County and Commissioners Courts and recorder of the county, whose duties, perquisites and fees of office shall be prescribed by the Legislature, and a vacancy in whose office shall be filled by the Commissioners Court, until the next general election; provided, that in counties having a population of less than 8,000 persons there may be an election of a single Clerk, who shall perform the duties of District and County Clerks."

Section 5. That Section 21 of Article V of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended so as to read as follows:

"Section 21. A County Attorney, for counties in which there is not a resident Criminal District Attorney, shall be elected by the qualified voters of each county, who shall be commissioned by the Governor, and hold his office for the term of four years. In case of vacancy the Commissioners Court of the county shall have the power to appoint a County Attorney until the next general election. The County Attorneys shall represent the State in all cases in the District and inferior courts in their respective counties; but if any county shall be included in a district in which there shall be a District Attorney, the respective duties of District Attorneys and County Attorneys shall in such counties be regulated by the Legislature. The Legislature may provide for the election of District Attorneys in such districts, as may be deemed necessary, and make provision for the compensation of District Attorneys and County Attorneys. District Attorneys shall hold office for a term of four

years, and until their successors have qualified."

Section 6. That section 23 of Article V of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended so as to read as follows:

"Section 23. There shall be elected by the qualified voters of each county a Sheriff, who shall hold his office for the term of four years, whose duties and perquisites, and fees of office, shall be prescribed by the Legislature, and vacancies in whose office shall be filled by the Commissioners Court until the next general election."

Section 7. That Section 14 of Article VIII of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended so as to read as follows:

"Section 14. Except as provided in Section 16 of this Article, there shall be elected by the qualified voters of each county, an Assessor and Collector of Taxes, who shall hold his office for four years and until his successor is elected and qualified; and such Assessor and Collector of Taxes shall perform all the duties with respect to assessing property for the purpose of taxation and of collecting taxes, as may be prescribed by the Legislature."

Section 8. That Section 16 of Article VIII of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended so as to read as follows:

"Section 16. The Sheriff of each county, in addition to his other duties, shall be the Assessor and Collector of Taxes therefor; but, in counties having 10,000 or more inhabitants, to be determined by the last preceding census of the United States, an Assessor and Collector of Taxes shall be elected as provided in Section 14 of this Article, and shall hold office for four years and until his successor shall be elected and qualified."

Section 9. That Section 44 of Article XVI of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended so as to read as follows:

"Section 44. The Legislature shall prescribe the duties and provide for the election by qualified voters of each county in this State, of a County Treasurer and a County Surveyor, who shall have an office at the county seat, and hold their office for four years, and until their successors are qualified; and shall have such compensation as may be provided by law."

Section 10. That Article V of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended by adding thereto Section 30, which shall read as follows:

"Section 30. The Judges of all Courts of county-wide jurisdiction heretofore or hereafter created by the Legislature of this State, and all Criminal District Attorneys now or hereafter authorized by the laws of this State, shall be elected for a term of four years, and shall serve until their successors have qualified."

Section 11. That Article XVI of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended by adding thereto Section 64, which shall read as follows:

"Section 64. The office of Inspector of Hides and Animals, the elective district, county and precinct offices which have heretofore had terms of two years, shall hereafter have terms of four years; and the holders of such offices shall serve until their successors are qualified."

Section 12. That Article XVI of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended by adding thereto a Section 65, which shall read as follows:

"Section 65. The following officers elected at the general election in November, 1954, and thereafter, shall serve for the full terms provided in this Constitution: (a) District Clerks; (b) County Clerks; (c) County Judges; (d) Judges of County Courts-at-law, County Criminal Courts, County Probate Courts and County Domestic Relations Courts; (e) County Treasurers; (f) Criminal District Attorneys; (g) County Surveyors; (h) Inspectors of Hides and Animals; (i) County Commissioners for Precincts Two and Four; (j) Justices of the Peace."

"Notwithstanding other provisions of this Constitution, the following officers elected at the general election in November, 1954, shall serve only for terms of two years: (a) Sheriffs; (b) Assessors and Collectors of Taxes; (c) District Attorneys, (d) County Attorneys; (e) Public Weighers; (f) County Commissioners for Precincts One and Three; (g) Constables. At subsequent elections, such officers shall be elected for the full terms provided in this Constitution."

"In any district, county or precinct where any of the aforementioned offices is of such nature that two or more persons hold such office, with the result that candidates file for 'Place No. 1', 'Place No. 2', etc., the officers elected at the general election in November, 1954, shall serve for a term of two years if the designation of their office is an uneven number, and for a term of four years if the designation of their office is an even number. Thereafter, all such officers shall be elected for the terms provided in this Constitution."

submitted to a vote of the qualified voters of this State at a special election to be held throughout the State on the general election day of November, A. D., 1954, at which election all ballots shall have printed thereon.

"FOR the Constitutional Amendment providing a four year term of office for elective district, county and precinct offices."

"AGAINST the Constitutional Amendment providing a four year term of office for elective district, county and precinct offices."

Section 14. The Governor shall issue the necessary proclamation for said election and shall have the same published as required by the Constitution and laws of this State.

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LEGAL NOTICE

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION No. 6

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Texas by adding to Article XVI thereof a new section, to be numbered 63; providing for crediting to members of either the Teacher Retirement System or the Employees Retirement System of Texas all services rendered, as either a teacher, or person employed in the public schools, colleges, and universities of the State, or as an appointive officer or employee of the State, for retirement benefits under either of said Systems.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1. That Article XVI of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended by adding thereto a new section, to be numbered 63, which shall read as follows:

"Section 63. Qualified members of the Teacher Retirement System, in addition to the benefits allowed them under the Teacher Retirement System shall be entitled to credit in the Teacher Retirement System for all services, including prior service and membership service, earned or rendered by them as an appointive officer or employee of the State. Likewise, qualified members of the Employees Retirement System of

Texas, in addition to the benefits allowed them under the Employees Retirement System of Texas shall be entitled to credit in the Employees Retirement System of Texas for all services, including prior service and membership service, earned or rendered by them as a teacher or person employed in the public schools, colleges, and universities supported wholly or partly by the State."

Sec. 2. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this State at an election to be held throughout the State on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1954, at which election all ballots shall have printed thereon:

"FOR the Constitutional Amendment providing for crediting to members of either the Teacher Retirement System or the Employees Retirement System of Texas all services rendered, as either a teacher, or person employed in the public schools, colleges, and universities of the State, or as an appointive officer or employee of the State, for retirement benefits under either of said Systems."

"AGAINST the Constitutional Amendment providing for crediting to members of either the Teacher Retirement System or the Employees Retirement System of Texas all services rendered, as either a teacher, or person employed in the public schools, colleges, and universities of the State, or as an appointive officer or employee of the State, for retirement benefits under either of said Systems."

Sec. 3. The Governor shall issue the necessary proclamation for said election and have the same published as required by the Constitution and laws of this State. The expenses of publication and election for such amendment shall be paid out of the proper appropriation made by law.

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LEGAL NOTICE

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION No. 8

proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas by adding Section 16a to Article VIII to provide that in counties of less than ten thousand (10,000) inhabitants, as determined by the last preceding census of the United States, elections may be held to provide for an Assessor-Collector of Taxes; providing for submission

of this Amendment to the voters of Texas; and providing the time, means and manner thereof.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1. That Section 16a shall be added to Article VIII of the Constitution of Texas so as to read as follows:

"Section 16a. In any county having a population of less than ten thousand (10,000) inhabitants, as determined by the last preceding census of the United States, the Commissioners Court may submit to the qualified property taxpaying voters of such county at an election the question of adding an Assessor-Collector of Taxes to the list of authorized county officials. If a majority of such voters voting in such election shall approve of adding an Assessor-Collector of Taxes to such list, then such official shall be elected at the next General Election for such Constitutional term of office as is provided for other Tax Assessor-Collectors in this State."

Sec. 2. The Foregoing Constitutional Amendment shall be sub-

mitted to a vote of the qualified electors of the State at the General Election to be held throughout the State on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1954, at which election all ballots shall have written or printed thereon the following:

"FOR the Constitutional Amendment permitting elections in counties of less than ten thousand (10,000) inhabitants to provide for an Assessor-Collector of Taxes," and

"AGAINST the Constitutional Amendment permitting elections in counties of less than ten thousand (10,000) inhabitants to provide for an Assessor-Collector of Taxes."

If it appears from the returns of said election that a majority of the votes cast are in favor of said Amendment, the same shall become a part of the State Constitution.

Sec. 3. The Governor shall issue the necessary proclamation for said election and have the same published as required by the Constitution and laws of this State.

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Cold-Blooded Heartless City Is Not Like Friendly Canyon

Mrs. Ruth Martin Beall of Chandler received a letter from her brother, Bee Martin, of Memphis before the Mulberry Canyon Homecoming was held and said he would be unable to attend. Then he added:

How I would like to spend several days in the old canyon and watch the sun come up near those peaks and watch it set above White Church, smell the fragrance after a shower, see old Nubia Creek on a rampage, see the thunderheads drift overhead, enjoy one of those real sandies, see one of those real blizzards hit and freeze up everything.

Then see how beautiful it can blossom out in the spring and to see the fall come on and hear the humming of the old gins, attend the camp meetings at old Butman Center Point and elsewhere.

Best of all my sweetest memory is those fine people!

I suppose it is all very different

YARBOROUGH:

Thanks, Friends; Predicts Victory

AUSTIN, Aug. 6 —Democratic gubernatorial candidate Ralph Yarborough said this week he will win the Aug. 28 second primary by a sweeping margin.

Said Yarborough, confidently: "678,000 Texans — a majority of Texans — can't be wrong."

"678,000 Texans have hammered home their belief that integrity in their government can be achieved only by a change."

"678,000 Texans have noted their distrust and disapproval of a third term for their governors."

"678,000 Texas Democrats have made it crystal-clear they want a leader whose loyalty is unquestioned, who will never betray them."

Yarborough thanked "each and every one of the brave Texans who voted for and with me" in the first primary. He said he was "especially and particularly grateful to the citizens of Taylor County who have joined our common fight to restore decency and honor to Texas government."

Yarborough said the campaign issues now are sharply drawn. He said: "Texans can now choose for or against a tradition - breaking third term, for or against straight-forward Democratic leadership and for or against integrity in their State Capital."

The Democratic candidate repeated his thanks to "his friends of Taylor County and urged their voting support — along with the votes of all other Texans — Aug. 28."

(Pol. Adv. — Paid for by H. F. Ingersoll.)

now, since 38 years have passed. Of course, the longhorns have long since passed out but I am inclined to believe that the offspring from such grand people are not far different and I like to feel all of them are chips off the old block.

I shall always count myself most fortunate, having come up with such grand people. Having lived in a cold-blooded heartless city has made me think what a really good place I grew up in, where there were he-men and real women. There were never a people that were tougher and harder yet always courteous to women and kind to everyone.

Top Soils Run Temperature of 140 Degrees Up

According to the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Soil Conservation Service:

On the days we have been sweltering in 100 to 107 degree heat, our bare top soil runs a temperature of 140 degrees and above. This much heat kills billions of useful bacteria in the top 4 inches of soil.

Tests made by Soil Conservation service technicians the past spring showed that after 12 inches of rain, that bare pasture land was wet only 4 inches deep. Land with a good cover of grass was wet 15 to 18 inches deep.

Wheat or oat stubble left on top of the land does the same thing on moisture intake. Notice how cover cuts down temperatures at same time takes in more moisture.

For land's sake keep it covered.

Lt. Billye G. Gant To Be Resident At Army Hospital

First Lieutenant Billye G. Gant, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gant, 602 Yucca, Merkel, Texas, has completed a one-year medical internship at Brooke Army Medical Center and has been assigned as a resident at Brooke Army Hospital, the same hospital he interned in.

The Air Force lieutenant has been a navigator and radar instructor. He served in the European Theater of Operations from 1944 and 1945, participating in seven campaigns and earning the Distinguished Flying Cross, and Aid Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters.

Brooke Army Hospital is one of the Army's largest training hospitals.

personals

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Daugherty and daughter Linda Ann of Abilene left Monday with Mr. and Mrs. N. T. Hodge on a trip to the Big Bend country and a visit into Mexico. They will return next Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Bartlett left Monday for Arkansas on a vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. James Bartlett and children returned to Pensacola, Fla., where he is with the Navy. They visited here for three weeks with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Bartlett.

W. W. Webb left Monday for Mineral Wells where he will visit for a couple of weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. John Allen Martin of Anderson, S. Carolina, visited over the weekend with his cousin, Mrs. George Moore, and Mr. Moore. Mr. Martin is with the U. S. Department of Agriculture at Clemson University.

Rev. and Mrs. Dave Johnson and children, Bruce, Wayne and Roy, returned home Monday after a visit with Mrs. Johnson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Daniel and their two daughters visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Coop, over the weekend. Toni and Sharon Johnson of Winters spent all last week visiting their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Coop.

Mrs. Daryl Wood of El Paso is visiting in Noodle with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Caldwell. Daryl Wood is stationed at Ft. Bliss. The Caldwells' oldest daughter, Mrs. W. D. Clement, husband, and sons of Snyder were also visitors over the weekend.

Miss Joan Maxwell has returned from Dallas where she spent a week visiting with a girl friend of hers.

Mr. and Mrs. Abb Herron of Aquilla visited Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Denison.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Swann left on a pleasure trip for Ruidosa, New Mex., Thursday and were accompanied by their daughter, Patsy of Roswell, New Mexico.

Bobby Campbell, accompanied by Bobby Shouse, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Floyd and Elmer Gav of Abilene, all employed in Harlingen, spent the weekend here with their parents, returning to Harlingen Sunday.

Miss Irene Swann and Mrs. Hugh Campbell made a business trip to Abilene Monday.

Mrs. Dan G. Malloy and two children, Keith and Kyle, of Houston are visiting her mother, Mrs. Emma Wheatley.

Capt. and Mrs. W. E. Fitzgerald and daughter Sandra of Delaware Sub. Depot, N. J., and Glynda Ann Abbott of Wichita Falls are visiting their mother, Mrs. Pat Addison, for 10 days. They also visited in the home of their aunt, Mrs. Hugh Campbell, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bennett and family spent their vacation in Waco visiting both of their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Johnston and daughters, Sylvia, Winnie and Wilma, of Ft. Worth were weekend visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dunning McConnell. Mrs. Johnston is Mrs. McConnell's sister.

Lt. Bobby Gilbert is spending a 10-day leave here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grover Gilbert, and will leave Sunday to return to his base at Hamilton Field, San Francisco, Calif.

Mrs. Spencer Bird and son James of Ft. Worth are visiting her mother, Mrs. John Hughes, and other relatives this week.

Jackie W. Brown, stationed at Moses Lake, Wash., who has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willard R. Brown, and family the past month will return to his base Monday.

Susan Nell and Jack Haynes, children of Dr. and Mrs. Jack Haynes, of Abilene are spending part of their summer vacation with their Merkel relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Scott and two daughters, Judy and Paulie, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, visited their grandmother, Mrs. J. S. Swann, Thursday.

Miss Irene Swann has returned to her home in Roswell, New Mex. Tuesday after a two months' visit with her mother, Mrs. J. S. Swann.

Rev. Lynwood Harrison of Wilson visited with his mother, Mrs. W. A. Harrison, Monday night.

MEEKS REUNION IS HELD AT COMMUNITY CENTER

The Meeks reunion was held at the Community center Sunday August 1. A dinner was served at noon. Those enjoying the occasion were:

The Jack Meeks, Neal Glory, Charlie Brown, Edd Dye and their families of Post, Ernest Meeks, John Meeks, and families. Mrs. Celice Barnes of Merkel, Mrs. Josie Hester of Knox City, Mrs. Pearl Moss, Norman, Okla., Sam Rassons, Monahans, C. O. Lockey, Lorenzo, J. H. Head, Relno, Okla., Morlin Hester, Plainview, Claud Meeks, Tahako, G. K. Beall, Abilene, their families and W. P. Meeks, Lubbock.



Bryan Bradbury, former city attorney of Merkel, was among the Yarborough delegation that met in Austin with Judge Yarborough to map campaign plans.

R. E. DOWDY TO OFFICE
R. E. Dowdy was back in his office Monday after being discharged from the Sadler Hospital last week. He feels fine.

RETURNS TO HOSPITAL
Mrs. W. W. Toombs returned to the hospital in Temple last week on Wednesday. Mr. Toombs went there over the weekend to visit her.

FISHING IS FINE!
Mr. and Mrs. Price Floyd and their niece, Miss Peggy Joy Greenfield recently toured a few of the western states, including New Mexico, Colorado, Utah, Idaho and Wyoming where they visited the Grand Teton National and Yellowstone National Parks. Mr. Price found fishing fine in the Yellowstone.

FLOYD GREENS SEE ANNUAL TOY SHOW AT WICHITA FALLS

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd green attended the annual toy show given by the White Auto Stores in Wichita Falls Sunday.

BUDDY MCKEEVER ARRIVES IN JAPAN FOR ARMY DUTY

Buddy McKeever has arrived in Japan, according to a letter received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. McKeever. He is with the army.

Wonderful Music In "Rose Marie"

The big screen attraction at the Queen Theatre is "Rose Marie." M-G-M's first CinemaScope musical starring Ann Blyth, Howard Keel, Fernando Lamas, Bert Lahr and Marjorie Main on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

BETTY JANE GRIFFINS ENGAGEMENT IS ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Griffin, Sr. of Noodle are announcing the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Betty Jane, to Robert E. Hale, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. F. Hale of Grandview.

The wedding will take place in the chapel of the College Church of Christ in Abilene on Sept. 3. O. B. Proctor, minister of the North Park Church of Christ in Abilene, will perform the double ring ceremony.

The bride-to-be attended Abilene Christian College and is now employed as claims secretary of the State Farm Insurance Company in Abilene. The prospective groom will be a senior in Abilene Christian College this fall.

MRS. B. HOBBS HONORED WITH KITCHEN GIFT PARTY

A kitchen gift party honoring Mrs. Bennie Hobbs, the former Jo Ann Lollar of Tye, was given in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Rister.

Receiving guests were the honoree, her mother, Mrs. W. B. Lollar, and Jane Rister. Dona Mae Moore registered guests. Jean Alvord ladled punch and Peggy Chase served cake. Mrs. Herman Askins was pianist.

About 20 guests attended from Tye, Abilene, and Merkel.

STITH H. D. CLUB MEETS WITH MRS. BEULAH BRADLEY

The Stith Home Demonstration Club met July 28 with Mrs. Beulah Bradley. Mrs. M. E. West, vice president, presided. The minutes were approved. Roll call was answered with "My first day of school."

Miss Louise Hudson gave the demonstration on pickles. She had pickled onions, carrots, califlower and dill pickles. Miss Hudson won the hostess gift. Next meeting will be August 11 at Mrs. Carl Mashburn's home.

MANY FROM HERE ATTEND MOORE REUNION IN SEYMOUR

Those from here who attended the Moore reunion in Seymour were: Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Toombs and family, Miss Sonja Sue Horton, Bobby Toliver, Trent, and Mayor and Mrs. A. L. Moore of Blair. Others who attended were from Seymour, Sweetwater, Vena, Abilene and Wichita.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Admissions to the Sadler Hospital the past week were:

As medical patients — A. H. Murphree, Mrs. D. V. Cook, Mrs. B. M. Ueckert, Jack Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Miller.

For surgery — G. I. Burks, fractured leg.

Texas Beauties Bring Happiness To John Wheeler

A/3c John W. Wheeler of Noodle is now in the Air Force, stationed at Pepperrell AFB in Newfoundland. He wrote a note telling about the girls from Beaumont who came to the North East Air Command to entertain the troops. He stated:

They go under the name of "The Meldoy Maids". They have been traveling around all over the country for the last few years entertaining the Service Men and patients in hospitals. In my estimation it takes a lot of grit to go up to such isolated and cold bases like ours for the purpose of entertaining the service men. Personally I think that they deserve a lot of thanks and credit for their wonderful work.

Then he added, "When I saw all of those lovely Texas beauties, it made me feel not only quite proud and happy but also sort of homesick, for I realized then all the more what I was missing by being up here so far away from home."

Dangerous Swamp Lures Young Girl At Pioneer Theatre

"Lure of the Wilderness." Twentieth Century-Fox's new Technicolor outdoor adventure film photographed in Georgia's Okefenokee Swamp and starring Jean Peters, Jeffrey Hunter, Constance Smith and Walter Brennan Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at the Pioneer Theatre.

Based on a story by the late Vereen Bell, a native Georgian who gave his life as a Naval officer off the Philippines in 1944, "Lure of the Wilderness" narrates the tale of a young girl forced to live with her fugitive father in the treacherous swamp for eight years and is suddenly faced with bewilderment of returning to civilization.

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Middle Clear Fork Soil Conservation News

Stockmen in the Merkel-Trent Area of the Middle Clear Fork Soil Conservation District agree that good range management is a much needed conservation practice. This is especially true since a lot of the range land has been depleted due to the effects of drought and over use.

Soil Conservation Service personnel assisting the Middle Clear Fork Soil Conservation District report that a lot of the range land has made a good recovery due to the spring rains. The prospects for continued recovery is good; provided the grass is grazed properly and summer rains come as expected.

Many cooperators of the Middle Clear Fork Soil Conservation District are practicing range deferment. They realize that grasses occasionally need to make a seed crop, and to increase root and top growth in addition to increasing ground cover.

By having more cover on the ground they have found that it helps to hold rainfall on the ground longer, increasing water intake of the soil and helps develop soil structure by adding organic matter. It helps to keep the ground cooler in summer and warmer in winter.

Most stockmen have found that the best time to defer is in the spring during the growing season. This gives the grass a chance to increase in vigor, spread and produce a good litter. They also like to defer during the time most grasses are producing seed. In most cases this would mean deferring in the fall. Fall deferment also enables the grass to increase litter and vigor.

Good range conditions are found by cooperators who graze year long, where they use the range moderately. They select the proper amount of stock and are very cautious not to harm the grass by over grazing. They try to graze so that one-half of the growth of the better grasses will be left at the end of the growing season.

Bob Rankin, who operates the Elm Creek Cattle Company, south of Merkel, is one of the many cooperators who has reduced his stock in order to get better use of his range. Among many others who are stocking their pastures properly are: Dee Teaff, Sam Swann, Dee Poland, Andy Barbee, Booth Warren, Joe Hartley, Hubert McCartney and Amy Sears.

Ranchers who operate a large number of acres are cross fencing large pastures to permit rotation of grazing between pastures. Edgar Davis has just completed such a practice on his ranch, south of Merkel. R. M. Wagstaff has also cross fenced his place, north of Merkel. They both agree that this is an excellent range management practice.

Resting of pastures for the entire year is a common practice in the Merkel-Trent area. The following cooperators are among the many who are using this practice: K. A. Goza at Union, Hopke Propst, north of Merkel, Edgar Boaz, north of Noodle, Tracy Miller, south of Merkel, Bill Brown, north of Merkel, H. H. McLeod, north of Trent, H. R. Chaney, B. J. White, Comer Haynes, and O. L. Eason.

These men and others have found that their pastures makes faster recovery from a depleted condition when given a year's rest. Several operators have observed that just a few head of cattle or sheep in a large pasture practice selective grazing of the better grasses. This prevents these grasses from making seed and producing a good top growth.

BANKERS TEAM IS ENTERTAINED SATURDAY NIGHT

The Bankers team was entertained Saturday night at Abilene State Park with a wiener roast and swimming party. They were chaperoned by Messrs. and Mesdames Robert Higgins, Bill Pointer, Quannah Dudley and Otis Moore.

C. B. RUST FAMILY ON TRIP COMBINING PLEASURE, BUSINESS

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Rust and children left last Friday for a week's trip to South Dakota on pleasure and business. They will return Monday.

NEWS

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

By LORETA ALLEN

Twenty-three 4-H girls modeled dresses in the County 4-H Dress Revue last Tuesday night. You should have come to see these girls because they had some very pretty dresses. They made me get back in the sewing mood and make a brown chambray dress for this fall. It really seems hot to think of sewing for fall but some morning it will be a cool fall morning and you'll need a fall dress.

Back to the 4-H girls who entered the dress revue. They are as follows: Wander Wilder, Ovalo; Linda Stockton, Ovalo; Janice Evans, Butterfield; Lawanda Vincent, Key City; Mary Baack, Wylie; Janie Robinson, Trent; Lynn Presswood Key City; Carolyn Ford, Lawn; Kay Sharon McAdams, Lawn; Jeannie Standard, Ovalo; Martha Perry, Merkel Jr.; June Bryant, Elmdale; Patsy Pappas, Lawn; Sharla Buchanan, Wylie; Carolyn Miller, Lawn; Patricia Yost, Lawn; Ruby Stephan, Key City; Barbara Hudson, Lawn; Black, Wylie; Ida May King, Trent; Zeld Anderson, Tye; Nita Harvey, Hamby; and Helen Deatherage, Hamby.

Next week I'll tell you the winners.

These hot days make me like punch better than ever. Many people must be like me because someone is always wanting a fruit punch recipe. Here is one I like.

Fruit Punch (about 50 servings)
2 small cans canned lemon juice

1 No. 2 can grape fruit juice
1 No. 2 can orange juice
1 - 46 oz. can pineapple juice
2 1/2 lbs. sugar made into syrup (use 2 1/2 cups water)

1 - 15c bottle Almond extract
Food coloring

Add 1 1/2 gallons water.
Boil 2 1/2 cups water and 2 1/2 pounds sugar together to make a syrup. Chill. Combine fruit juices, extract, syrup, and iced water. Add coloring to give desired shade.

Always make a sugar syrup for sweetening either small or large recipes of fruit punch. This eliminates the problem of undissolved sugar.

Serve fruit punch to children for mid-afternoon snacks. They are nutritious and delicious.

MRS. NORMA BOND ATTENDING SCHOOL FOR LATEST HAIRCUTS

Mrs. Norma Bond is attending a post-graduate clinic in latest style haircuts in Ft. Worth this week.

ALLEN D. KING, JR., IS IN SUMMER SCHOOL AT HARDIN-SIMMONS

Allen D. King, Jr., is attending Hardin-Simmons University this session of summer school. Allen is a sophomore at Texas Tech and will be enrolled again in the fall.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere appreciation to Mary Miller's many friends for the beautiful floral offerings, words of sympathy shown us at the time of our recent sorrow.
Mary Miller's Family

Love and Violence Blaze in Old West At Queen Theatre

Love and violence in the old West baze in Republic's "The Outcast," coming to the Queen Theatre next Sunday and Monday with talented John Derek and Joan Evans co-starred.

Filed in gorgeous Trucolor amidst the scenic splendor of the Colorado cattle country, this exciting drama also features a large cast of outstanding actors.

Based on an Esquire Magazine novel by Todhunter Ballard, "The Outcast" tells the suspenseful story of the battle a rugged young westerner puts up to regain his inheritance from an uncle who has conspired to steal it from him.

STARPATS ENJOY SWIMMING PARTY AND CHICKEN SUPPER

The Starpats were entertained last Friday night. They had a swimming party at the VFW pool in Abilene and then enjoyed a fried chicken supper at Cobb Park. Twelve players were present and also the following:

Messrs. and Mesdames Ray Horn, Tim and Tanna, Truett Perry, Mike and Patti, Jack Hogan, Murry Toombs and Tommy, Tom Seymore, Janell and Debbie, Zed Bright and Mike, J. G. Wilks, A. D. Scott, Barry and Aletha, Mrs. George Epperson, Mrs. Carroll Benson, Mrs. Cornaban and Betty of Tye, Miss Clydene Eager, Allen Bowles, Robert Martin of Trent and Eddie Seago of Midland.

Legal Notices

THE STATE OF TEXAS
To any Sheriff or any Constable within the State of Texas — GREETING:

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

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: ROBERT E. BEESLEY, Defendant—, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable Owen Thomas Court 104th District of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 7th day of September A. D. 1954, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 10th day of March A. D. 1954, in this cause, numbered 7471-B on the docket of said court and styled Jean Beesley, Plaintiff, vs. Robert E. Beesley, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and defendant were duly and legally married on 11 July 1945, and lived together until November 1952, and became permanently separated. Plaintiff sues on grounds of cruel treatment. Plaintiff and defendant have accumulated as community property furniture and a car which is in the defendant's possession. No children were born out of this marriage and none will be born as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this 21st day of July A.D. 1954.

Attest: J. Neil Daniel Clerk, Owen Thomas Court 104th Taylor County, Texas
By Jean Teaff, Deputy.
Adv. July 30, Aug. 6, 13, 20.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
In compliance with Article 1307 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, L. A. Rhey, A. N. Reynolds and Max V. Mossholder, partners in the firm of Rhey 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. Rhey
A. N. Reynolds
Max V. Mossholder
Adv. — July 16, 23, 30, August 6.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

LODGE CALLS
NOTICE MASONS
Stated meeting of Merkel lodge No. 710, A. F. & A. M., Saturday, August 14, at 8 p. m. All members are urged to attend. Visiting brethren cordially invited.
D. R. Butler, W. M.
Truett Thompson, Sec'y.

LOST AND FOUND
LOST — Boy's glasses, brown rimmed. Finder return to Merkel Mail office. 1t21p.
FOUND — Car keys. Call at Merkel Mail Office.

WANTED
WANTED — Carpenter Work — Farmers, why pay more? Let me help you in your building and other farm work of any kind except tractor driving. Dan Reidenbach. 1t21p.

WANTED — I want to buy your Junk. Old batteries, radiators, scrap iron all kinds. See Jim Price, 508 Edwards St. 3t21p.
WANTED — 750 Gal. or larger Water Tank. Must be reasonable. Chas. McClure, 634 Lexington, Abilene. Phone 48494. 3t21p.

WANTED — House painting, also carpenter work. Good workmanship, reasonable wages. Lee Ward, 511 Ash St. Phone 277J. 1t21p.
WANTED — We need several good electric refrigerators. Will trade television sets, refrigerators or electric stoves. Badger Chevrolet Co. tf36c.

WANTED — We need several nice radio phonograph combinations. Will trade television sets and carry the balance monthly. Badger Chevrolet Co. tf36c.

FOR FENT
FOR RENT — A sleeping porch suitable for 2 people. South exposure. 208 Ash St. 3t21c.
FOR RENT — 2 furnished Apartments and a trailer park. Water. See at Neta Courts. tf19c.

FOR RENT — 4-room unfurnished apartment, modern. Only \$25 a month. Dowdy & Toombs. tf20c.
FOR RENT — 3-room furnished apartment. 205 El Paso Street. 3t20p.

FOR RENT — Furnished efficiency cottage in Noodle. See Mrs. John C. Thompson. tf19c.
FOR RENT — Two-bedroom air conditioned furnished apartment. Also 2-room furnished house. Have plenty of water. Mrs. Bert Melton, 1412 S. 5th. tf18c.

FOR SALE
FOR WATKINS Extracts and household products or Mary King Cosmetics. Call 9049W1. Prompt Delivery. 3t21c.

FOR SALE — New Home Treadle Sewing Machine. Sew good. See Mrs. Harrison Malone, 1109 S. 6th. 1t21p.
FOR SALE — Several used air conditioners. SNO-Breeze, 2500 CFM. See Ray Wilson. tf21c.

FOR SALE — 1Trailer House, 1-72" drop-leaf walnut dining table and 7 walnut dining chairs. 1 3/4-Horse Electric Pump and pressure tank. See at 311 Locust Phone 64. 1t21c.
FOR SALE — 16 Parcross pullets, beginning to lay. See at 6th Marion, Mrs. H. Wren. 1t21c.

PREVENTS ACCIDENTS
"I can't emphasize too strongly the value of courtesy in preventing accidents on our streets and highways. The safe driver makes courtesy his code of the road, and also is ready always to recognize and acknowledge the courteous acts of others," said Col. E. B. Tilley of Houston, president of the Texas Safety Association.



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FOR SALE — My home for sale, 1405 Herring Drive, Merkel, Texas. Phone 30 or Phone 397W. E. L. Horton, Jr. tf21c.

LIVING IN MERKEL TAKES ON NEW MEANING!
Now that our water situation is to be alleviated by the recent bond election, you can own your home in Merkel with the feeling of renewed confidence and security. Come by today and let us show you these listings:
3-BEDROOM modern H. W. floors new addition \$6500.00.
4-BEDROOM, two complete baths, good well and electric water system on paved street, \$11,000.
LARGE 6 room and bath close in, well \$3,500.00.
5-ROOM and bath, 3 lots North side, \$4,000.00.
LARGE 6-Room on 3 lots at Trent, not modern and needs repair or re-modeling, \$1,500.00.
MOST have loans, buy equity and pay balance like rent.
NEED listings of moderately priced 4 and 5 room homes.

VERNON SIMPSON, REAL ESTATE
Phone 90, Merkel, Texas
FOR SALE — 6-room house and bath and 2 lots at 312 Edwards St. Newly decorated on inside. Good storm cellar. W. W. Webb, Box 683. 3t19p.

FOR SALE — Used 8 MM Movie Camera, good as new. One-half price. Phone 192J, C. A. Farley, 812 Oak. tf19c.

FOR SALE — 3-bedroom home. Own water system, garage and other improvements. \$5,000. We think this is the best bargain we have had in sometime. Dowdy & Toombs. tf18c.

WHAT I DO in my business: Sell Parks Approved Batteries, battery charging and rentals, service out, slow charge, fix brakes, water pumps, fuel pumps, carburetors, mufflers, ignition work, universal joint. Call 66, Fox Repair Shop. tf18c.

FOR SALE — New Pontiacs. Save up to \$700 for the longest trade in West Texas. Many good used cars. Palmer Motor Co. tf12c.

REPOSSESSED Televisions. Take up the payments. We have several real bargains. You make the saving. Badger Chevrolet Co. tf11c.

TAKE up the payments on repossessed Tappan Gas Range. One year old. Cost \$279.95. Balance due \$100. You save the difference. Badger Chevrolet Company. tf11c.

We have Thank You notes and Thank You Cards. See at the Merkel Mail.
FOR SALE — He has several used evaporative coolers, both large and medium size. Badger Chevrolet Co. tf8c.

FOR SALE — We are now delivering milk on route 7 days a week, 22c per quart. Would like a few more customers. Phone 9011J1. Higgins and Son. 1tfc.

STORE FOR SALE or Lease. See Mrs. John C. Thompson in Noodle. tf7c.
NEW SHIPMENT — Cash Register Paper and Adding Machine Paper and many other stationery items. See The Merkel Mail.

GET your typewriter ribbons all makes, also adding machine and cash register paper at the Merkel Mail Office.
SAVE MONEY by ordering your magazines from The Merkel Mail.

FOR ARTISTIC wedding announcement and other fine printing see The Merkel Mail. All printing done in our own shop.
FOR your Stationary and other supplies see The Merkel Mail.

MISCELLANEOUS
FOR CEMETERY Curbing—see M. A. Noster, 1404 Herring Dr. Estimates gladly given. tf17c.
AS I am to be out of town for a while, if you need water well drilling phone 326, call for Raymond Lawson. B. T. (Tye) Sublett. tf43.
WATER Well drilling and Surface pipe set. L. A. Coats. Phone 287. tf21c.
WATER Well drilling and surface pipe set. Higgins & Malone Box 247, Merkel, Phone 26.
For MONUMENTS, see J. T. (Tom) Costa, Phone 131. P. O. Box 314.
BUSTER HESTER, agent for Abilene Reporter-News and Dallas Morning News. Phone 260W.

NIGHT
Vacation Bible School
AUGUST 9 -15
7 p. m. to 8:45 p. m.
ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Everybody Welcome!

THANK YOU, MY FELLOW TEXANS

From the bottom of my heart, I want to thank all of you who supported me in the First Primary. Your interest in good government and your enthusiasm in this fight for Texas is an inspiration to me. Together, we will continue to discuss the issues and carry on the clean, hard campaign which will result in a decisive victory for Texas in the Second Democratic Primary on August 28.

ALLAN SHIVERS
Pol. Adv. — Paid for by J. T. Potter.

WHEN THE TELEPHONE RINGS

When the telephone rings now it may be a call from Merkel or a call from Trent, or a call from Nubia or a call from Noodle.

All these systems are now connected with Merkel and when you have a telephone you can call all the folks living in any one of these places or in turn they may call you.

For business purposes, for social purposes, for emergency purposes, it is good to have a telephone handy.

Why wait till school starts? Install one now and avoid the September rush. Get in touch with us and enjoy this modern, larger convenience.

MERKEL TELEPHONE COMPANY
TOMMY ODUM, Manager

IF YOUR HOME BURNS
Would Your Insurance Replace it and Your Furnishings at Today's Prices?
In the last 10 years, building costs have more than doubled . . . and the cost of replacing furnishings has almost doubled! But FIRE doesn't care about today's high prices. Now more than ever, you need an inventory of your belongings in case fire destroys — or partially destroys your home.
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CEMETERY FUND

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

- B. R. Hughes, Dallas \$10.00
- Mrs. S. A. Bruner \$5.00
- Mrs. M. Armstrong \$5.00
- Jim Perry \$5.00
- Anyone wishing to contribute to

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

LEGAL NOTICE

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION No. 7

proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas, amending Article III, Section 51a, providing that the Legislature shall have the power to provide assistance to and provide for the payment of same to actual bona fide citizens of Texas who are needy aged persons over the age of sixty-five (65) years, needy blind persons over the age of twenty-one (21) years and needy children under the age of sixteen (16) years; providing for the acceptance of financial aid from the government of the United States for such assistance; providing that the payments of such assistance from State funds shall never exceed either the payments from Federal funds or a total of more than Forty-two Million (\$42,000,000.00) Dollars per year; providing for enactment of laws to make lists of recipients of aid available for inspection; providing for the necessary election, form of ballot, proclamation, and publication, and making an appropriation to defray the necessary expenses of proclamation, publication, and holding the election.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1. That Section 51a of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Texas, be amended and the same is hereby amended, so that the same shall hereafter read as follows:

"Section 51a. The Legislature shall have the power, by General Laws, to provide, subject to limitations and restrictions herein contained, and such other limitations, restrictions and regulations as may be by the Legislature deemed expedient for assistance to, and for the payment of assistance to:

"(1) Needy aged persons who are actual bona fide citizens of Texas and who are over the age of sixty-five (65) years; provided that no such assistance shall be paid to any inmate of any State

supported institution, while such inmate, or to any person who shall not have actually resided in Texas for at least five (5) years during the nine (9) years immediately preceding the application for such assistance and continuously for one (1) year immediately preceding such application; provided that the maximum payment per month from State funds shall not be more than Twenty (\$20.00) Dollars per month.

"(2) Needy blind persons who are actual bona fide citizens of Texas and are over the age of twenty-one (21) years; provided that no such assistance shall be paid to any inmate of any State supported institution, while such inmate, or to any person who shall not have actually resided in Texas at least five (5) years during the nine (9) years immediately preceding the application for such assistance and continuously for one (1) year immediately preceding such application.

"(3) Needy children who are actual bona fide citizens of Texas and are under the age of sixteen (16) years; provided that no such assistance shall be paid on account of any child over one (1) year old who has not continuously resided in Texas for one (1) year immediately preceding the application for such assistance, or on account of any child under the age of one (1) year whose mother has not continuously resided in Texas for one (1) year immediately preceding such application.

"The Legislature shall have the authority to accept from the Federal government of the United States such financial aid for the assistance of the needy aged, needy blind, and needy children as such government may offer not inconsistent with restrictions herein set forth; provided however, that the amount of such assistance out of State funds to each person assisted shall never exceed the amount so expended out of Federal funds; and provided further, that the total amount of money to be expended out of State funds for such assistance to the needy aged, needy blind, and needy children shall never exceed the sum of Forty-two Million (\$42,000,000.00) Dollars per year."

Should the Legislature enact enabling laws and provide an additional appropriation hereto in anticipation of the adoption of this amendment, such Acts shall not be invalid by reason of their anticipatory character.

The Legislature shall enact appropriate laws to make lists of the recipients of aid hereunder available for inspection.

Sec. 2. The foregoing Constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the qualified electors of Texas at a special election to be held throughout the State of Texas on the 2nd day of November, 1954, at which election there shall be printed on such ballot the following clause:

"FOR the Amendment to the Constitution giving the Legislature the power to set up a system of payments of old age assistance to those above sixty-five (65) years of age, provided that monthly payments from State funds to any one person may be in valid amounts based on need, that the maximum payment per month per person from State funds shall not be more than Twenty (\$20.00) Dollars per month; giving the Legislature the power to set up a system of payments for the needy blind persons over twenty-one (21) years of age; giving the Legislature the power to set up a system of payments to the needy children under sixteen (16) years of age; providing for the expenditure of funds from the Federal government; limiting the total amount which may be expended for such assistance out of State funds; and providing conditions as to residence within the State in order to become eligible to receive assistance;" and

"AGAINST the Amendment to the Constitution giving the Legislature the power to set up a system of payments of old age assistance to those above sixty-five (65) years of age; provided that monthly payments from State funds to any one person may be in valid amounts based on need, that the maximum payment per month per person from State funds shall not be more than Twenty (\$20.00) Dollars per month; giving the Legislature the power to set up a system of payments for the needy blind persons over twenty-one (21) years of age; giving the Legislature the power to set up a system of payments to needy children under sixteen (16) years of age; providing for the expenditure of funds from the Federal government; limiting the total

amount which may be expended for such assistance out of State funds; and providing conditions as to residence within the State in order to become eligible to receive assistance."

State of Texas is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for said election and have the same published and held as required by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Texas. Adv. — July 30, Aug. 6, 13, 20.

Sec. 3. The Governor of the



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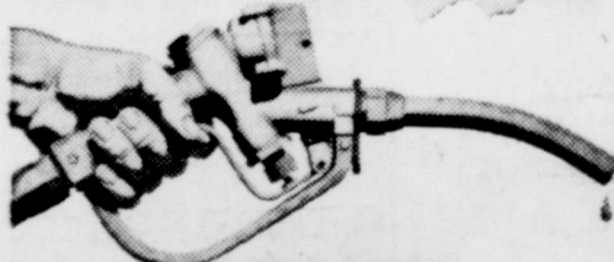
2 price

Take a look at what you pay and what you get. You'll see that Chevrolet has more for you and asks less from you. It's priced below all other lines of cars. That's possible because Chevrolet builds the most cars—and can build them better to sell for less!



3 economy

What's it going to cost to keep that new car in gasoline? In oil? What about service and repairs? Check into it and you'll find that Chevrolet has the greatest name of all for keeping upkeep costs down over all the miles you drive!



4 appearance

You, of course, are the only one who can decide which car looks the best to you. But you might well consider this: Chevrolet's the only one in the low-price field with the smooth lines and graceful beauty of Body by Fisher. It's the look America likes best!



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- 2x4 and 2x6, No. 2 and better Fir \$12.20
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ABILENE, TEXAS

ORDER APPROVING COUNTY TREASURERS REPORT.

On July 12th, 1954 A. D. The Commissioners Court met in regular session, compared and examined the quarterly report of J. R. Clark, County Treasurer, for the quarter ending June 30th, 1954 and found the same to be correct, and the respective amounts received and paid out to be correct, since the preceding report.

Fund	Balance Last Report	Received Last Qtr.	Paid Out Last Qtr.	Balance this Quarter
Jury Fund,	\$11,952.04	\$ 901.94	\$8,974.70	\$3,879.28
Prec. No. 1,	9,404.63	\$27,795.32	29,414.76	7,785.19
Prec. No. 2,	39,365.08	18,107.31	13,040.07	44,432.32
Prec. No. 3,	37,461.84	21,131.51	25,818.22	32,775.13
Prec. No. 4,	24,526.62	21,050.98	21,690.65	23,886.95
Gen. Fund	33,538.04	15,724.88	22,212.76	27,050.16
Pauper Fund,	7,815.12 od	8,564.03	14,067.79	13,318.88, od
Rd., Dist. No. 1,	1,260.59	.00	.00	1,260.59
Rd. Dist. No. 3,	713.81	.00	.00	713.81
Rd. Dist. No. 4,	829.26	.00	.00	829.26
Rd. Dist. 7,	.47	.00	.00	.47
Hwy. One & 30,	9,659.73	.00	.00	9,659.73
Hwy. 275 M,	1,399.85	.00	.00	1,399.85
Hwy. 600 M	32,544.85	.00	.00	32,544.85
Court House,	1,111.11	.00	.00	1,111.11
Perm. Imp. Fund,	31,959.64	288.92	981.28	31,267.28
Spec. Co. R. & B.,	1,286.00	.00	.00	1,286.00
Vict. Tax,	2,124.80	6,370.20	6,422.90	2,072.10
Officers Salary	18,950.16	35,166.55	46,454.40	7,662.31
Co-Wide Mach.,	2.70	.00	.00	2.70
Taylor Co., Jail,	331.14	.00	.00	331.14
Perm. School Fund,	229.75	60.00	60.00	229.75
Taylor Co., Lat Rd.,	12,601.46	.00	354.00	12,247.46
Social Security,	3,391.97	3,308.12	3,131.61	3,568.48
Spec. R. Dist. No. 1				
Skfnd,	94,986.16	762.93	26,905.00	68,844.09
Spec. Rd., Bond,				
Series, 1953	325,924.26	1,652.23	21,761.95	305,814.54
Library Fund,	405.00	216.00	.00	621.00
	688,145.84	161,100.92	241,290.09	607,956.67

CASH IN BANKS

F. & M. National Bank	\$303,688.61
Citizens National Bank	171,723.21
First State Bank	132,544.85
	\$607,956.67

SECURITIES OWNED BY TAYLOR COUNTY

Precinct No. 3	\$ 5,000.00
Jury Fund,	10,000.00
Court House	500.00
General Fund,	46,000.00
	\$61,500.00

TAYLOR COUNTY PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND

U. S. Government Bonds	\$10,800.00
Turkey Ind. School	8,000.00
San Saba Rd., Bonds	1,000.00
	\$19,800.00

BOND AND WARRANT INDEBTEDNESS

	Original Issue	Bonds Redeemed	Outstanding
Bonds Series '27	600,000.00	492,000.00	108,000.00
Bonds Series '29	275,000.00	210,000.00	65,000.00
Bonds Series '47	350,000.00	175,000.00	175,000.00
Bonds Series '53,	350,000.00	.00	350,000.00
	\$1,575,000.00	877,000.00	698,000.00

The requirements of Art. 401 P. C. have been complied with and a tabular statement has been filed as required.

CLAUDE NEWBERRY, Commissioner Precinct No. 1
 RUFÉ TITTLE, Commissioner Precinct No. 2
 FLOYD TATE, Commissioner Precinct No. 3
 J. T. McMILLON, Commissioner Precinct No. 4
 REED INGALSBÉ, County Judge, Taylor County, Texas
 Subscribed and sworn to this 12th day of July A. D., 1954.
 (SEAL) MRS. CHESTER HUTCHESON, County Clerk, Taylor County, Texas
 By INEZ WILLIAMS, Deputy

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Your Soles. Your Heels — your shoes
 Bring them to us for Expert Repairing.

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A. E. MOORE, Prop.

EDITORIAL

WATER!
The urgency of conserving water has been brought to the attention of the public by the City Council.
That there is a lack of water in Merkel is common knowledge to all of us. It is no secret. All we have to do is to try and get some

6 TIMES CLEANER!

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OTHER FIRMS WILL BE LISTED LATER.

water when we want it. It just isn't there. That is why we voted for the water bonds.

But the water bonds that we voted are just a means of getting water later on when the pipes are in. The pipes are not in now. We cannot get the water from Abilene now. We have a lack, a great lack of water now.

The City Council has stressed this fact and has passed an order prohibiting the use of city water for irrigation. It has even asked that those with private wells use just as little water as possible in order to conserve our "fast dwindling underground supply."

It is up to each one of us to comply with the request of the City Council so the supply of water we have may be used for the benefit of all of us.

THE GOVERNOR'S RACE

Merkel gave Judge Yarborough a majority of 2 to 1 in the primary while in the entire state Governor Shivers led. The run-off will be August 28. It will be a hot race and no doubt Merkel will be in the midst of it, as well as the whole of Taylor County.

Two years ago Merkel gave Yarborough 469 votes and Shivers 277. This time, when less votes were cast, each one got exactly 111 votes less than two years ago! Will the run-off be able to upset that margin?

Why was Yarborough, after his emphatic defeat in 1952 by Shivers, able to make such a substantial political comeback? Bicknell Eubanks, writing in the Christian Science Monitor, answered:

"Factors which worked against Governor Shivers are believed to have been primarily economic losses resulting from defense-contract cutbacks in Texas industry.

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the drought which has dried up much of the state's economy for the last three years, a land deal which, while it took place before Governor Shivers became Governor, has aroused considerable antipathy throughout the state, the failures of several insurance companies, which have been blamed on state administration policies, perpetuation in office (Governor Shivers was seeking a third elective term, something no Texas Governor ever has succeeded in obtaining), and other factors, such as the governor's 1952 defection to the Republicans."

CHESTER COLLINSWORTH

The news story that our vocational agriculture teacher was to receive a service award brought a great deal of pleasure to us. Chester Collinsworth was to be given the award at the annual meeting of the Teachers of Vocational Agriculture in Waco on Tuesday, August 3.

The story that was sent to The Merkel Mail and printed last week stated that the award was for 10-year service. This is an understatement, as Chester so kindly pointed out to us. The award is for outstanding work during his 18 years, not 10, in the field of vocational agriculture.

Chester is one of 11 teachers of the vocational agriculture teachers of Texas who have spent as many as 15 years in the same school system. Chester has been here 13, the only place he has taught vocational agriculture. Special recognition was also to be given him for this exceptional record.

These honors not only are a splendid tribute to Chester they are also a fine compliment to Merkel in having a man of his outstanding ability.

"WHITE-ICISM"

That's ALL — and the Sage of Figfield adds that honors well earned are treasured jewels.

LEGAL NOTICE

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION No. 2 proposing an amendment to Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Texas by adding thereto a new section to be known as Section 4, by providing that the Legislature may authorize the creation of county-wide Hospital Districts in certain counties if approved by the qualified property taxpaying voters at an election held for that purpose within such District; prescribing the powers of such District; providing for the submission of the proposition to the qualified voters of the State of Texas at an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of 1954; prescribing the form of ballot and providing for the necessary proclamation by the Governor and publication of notice.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1. That Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Texas be, and the same is hereby amended by adding thereto another section, to be designated as Section 4, which shall read as follows:

"Section 4. The Legislature may by law authorize the creation of county-wide Hospital Districts in counties having a population in excess of 190,000 and in Galveston County, with power to issue bonds for the purchase, acquisition, construction, maintenance and operation of any county owned hospital, or where the hospital system is jointly operated by a county and city within the county, and to provide for the transfer to the county-wide Hospital District of the title to any land, building or equipment, jointly or separately owned, and for the assumption by the district of any outstanding bonded indebtedness theretofore issued by any county or city for the establishment of hospitals or hospital facilities; to levy a tax not to exceed seventy-five (\$75) cents on the One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars valuation of all taxable property within such district, provided, however, that such district shall be approved at an election held for that purpose, and that only qualified, property taxpaying voters in such county shall vote therein; provided further, that such Hospital District shall assume full responsibility for providing medical and hospital care to needy inhabitants of the county, and thereafter such county and cities therein shall not levy any other tax for hospital purposes; and provided further that should such Hospital District construct, maintain and support a hospital or hospital system, that the same shall never become a charge against the State of Texas, nor shall any direct appropriation ever be made by the Legislature for the construction, maintenance or improvement of the said hospital or hospitals. Should the Legislature enact laws in anticipation of the adoption of this amendment, such Acts shall not be invalid because of their anticipatory character."

Sec. 2. The foregoing Constitutional Amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified



MR. AND MRS. R. E. BOCKMAN

BOCKMAN'S ARE HONORED ON 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Bockman celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 21. A reception for the couple was held from 3 to 5 o'clock at the Community

Center July 25. Mr. Bockman was born in Kentucky and Mrs. Bockman in Mississippi. They were married in Baird July 21, 1904, and lived at Eula until 1941 when they moved to Merkel.

property taxpaying voters of this State at the General Election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1954, at which election all ballots shall have printed thereon:

"FOR the Constitutional Amendment granting power to the Legislature to pass laws authorizing the creation of county-wide Hospital Districts in any county having a population in excess of 190,000 and in Galveston County, and to levy a hospital tax;" and

"AGAINST the Constitutional Amendment granting power to the Legislature to authorize the creation of county-wide Hospital Districts in any county having a

population in excess of 190,000 and in Galveston County, and to levy a hospital tax".

Sec. 3. The Governor shall issue the necessary proclamation for said election and have the same published as required by the Constitution and laws of this State.

Adv. — July 30, Aug. 6, 13, 20.

WELL GOES DRY

J. T. Coats reported that his well had just gone dry. Mr. Coats had been using the well for a number of years.

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SUNDAY, MONDAY, AUGUST 8 — 9

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The West at its Wildest! See a Stampede that shook the Plains of Colorado!

"THE OUTCAST"

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