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MERKEL, TEXAS, FRIDAY, AUGUST 20, 1954.

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Prominent Beptist Church Leaders To Conduct Rally

The Associational Evangelism | isters and laymen are expected. Stewardship Conference of the Sweetwater Baptist Association town as small as Merkel was will meet in Merkel next Tuesday, chosen for this conference," re-Aug. 24, at the First Baptist marked Rev. Tullock. "The confer-Church.

Dr. Ramsey Pollard of Knoxville, Tenn., who is president of all the Baptist preachers of the Roy Gulley Hands Southern Baptist Convention covering 23 states, will deliver the message on evangelism.

The meeting will start at 4 p.m. Supper will be served at the Church of Christ church by the host church at 6 p.m., under the direction of the WMU. The evening session will begin at 7 p.m.

Thirty-nine churches of the last Sunday morning. Sweetwater Association will participate. Outstanding Baptist preachers and laymen of the Doyle C. Howell Southern Baptist Convention will compose the team that will visit Receives Degree

Dr. D. D. Sumrall of Dallas will be captain of the team. There From Sul Ross will be Dr. Pollard. Dr. A. B. Cash of Atlanta, Ga., will deliver the message on stewardship. Dr. J. D. Riddle of Dallas will

be in charge of the music. "All these men are prominent pare the Baptist churches in this Gordon Howell. area for Harvest Week which will be held from Oct. 31 through McMURRY OPENS SEPT. 6 Nov. 7. Harvest Week will emrevival services."

About 250 or more Baptist min- | Sept. 13.

"It is a distinct honor that a ence is open to the public.'

In Resignation at

Roy Gulley has resigned as local minister of the Church of Christ. He preached his farewell sermon

Doyle C. Howell of Trent received the degree of Bachelor of Business Administration from Sul Ross State College at the commencement exercises Aug. 19. in Baptist work," stated Rev. S. Doyle is a former student of Odes-E. Tullock, local pastor. "The sa Junior College and Texas West- by Rev. Clifford Nelson in his purpose of the meeting is to pre- ern. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs.

McMurry College will open its Rev. Darwin Welsh, pastor.

phasize stewardship studies and 32nd school session Monday, Sept. 6. First day of classes is

during the winter months for

SCHOOL PRELIMINARIES

A good congregation was present at the opening service. The hurch was beautiful with

new fluorescent lights. Orvin Robinson led in the sing-

ED WISHCAMPER

. . . first vice president

Ed Wishcamper, managing

Press Association at its conven-

tion in Midland last Saturday.

Service to Man

Is Stressed at

Trent Revival

That was the statement made

first sermon, opening the revival

at the First Baptist. Church at

Trent last Friday night. The re-

vival lasts until Aug. 22, stated

Rev. Nelson is from Brownwood

The prayer meetings start at

and is district 16 missionary.

our fellowman."

"Divine Appointments" was the subject of Rev. Nelson's sermon, based on the Book of John, Chap-

The evangelist pointed out that Merkel schools will open for preliminary matters that can be Jesus was interested in multi- Williams, are staying night and attended to before school opens tudes.

Rev. Nelson is an earnest, force- while they are away. ful speaker. His delivery at times is almost casual and he uses paus-Owen W. Martin, Jr., infant son es in an impressive manner.

of Mrs, Owen W. Martin, died "Jesus taught his disciples how stated the evangelist. "The com- Wurst, Rex Martin, Buster Thompmon danger is the tendency to son and Pat Cypert. delay in service, to put a thing

"If we waited until everybody in a church was ready to do somety resident died Friday at the thing, we would never do any-Jesus taught urgency of do-

ing things now.' Rev. Welsh extended an invitation of welcome to all to the re-

TO HELP POLIO DRIVE

All ladies of Merkel who would like to help in the Ladies' requested to meet at the local Japan. elementary school library next Tuesday night, Aug. 24, at 8

SINGING AT TRENT

There will be singing at Trent Church of Christ at 3 p.m. Sunday. Everyone is in-

games and lost 6. Walter Whisenhunt was the captain and Juan Biera was manager.

LOBO SEASON ENDS

LADIES' NIGHT LATER

for the season. They won 17

The ladies' night meeting of the Lions Club did not take place Tuesday but was postponed until a later date.

SIGNS OF LIFE" "Signs of life can reduce traffic accidents and save many lives," Col. E. B. Tilley of Houston, president of Texas Safety Association said. "The traffic sign signals and pavement marksigned to regulate, guide and FOOTBALL BOYS NOTE!

Benson. This includes all boys who are interested in playing

Fred Sanner Is Winner in **Writing Contest**

Fred Sanner of the Abilene Reporter-News was one of four reporters who won awards in the sports writing contest of the Texas Sports Writers Association last ative. year. Writers of the Ft. Worth Press won the other three awards.



FRED SANNER ... the winner

Fred won his award with his column on Kenneth Helms, the Anson High School foottball star. Each of the writers will receive 7:30 p.m. and the preaching ser- \$25.

Volunteer Firemen Are Offering More Service This Week

While Mr. and Mrs. Chester Mc Williams and family are away on a vacation this week the volun-Jesus taught that when you make teer firemen have volunteered to tending to the fire truck duties.

The firemen who have volunteered this service are: Fire Chief Waymon Adcock,

Assistant Fire Chief W. D. Webbber,, Claude Mewborn, Clyde

SON-IN-LAW DIES

W. W. Webb attended the funeral of his son-in-law, Calvin Ball, in Roswell, New Mex., last Friday. Mr. Ball is survived by his wife and daughter Glenda. Their address is 1601 W. Hendrick, Roswell, New Mexico.

SPENDS REST LEAVE IN HAKATA, JAPAN

Army Sgt. Gaston L. Walker, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Irl Walker, recently spent a seven-day rest Emergency March on Polio are and recuperation leave in Hakata,

> GIRL TO E. C. HARRISES Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Harris an nounce the birth of a girl at the Sadler Hospital August 13.

S. M. CASADYS HAVE BOY Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Casady have a boy born August 14 at the Sadler Hospital.

All football boys will meet at 3 p. m. Sunday at the high school gym for issuing of uniforms, announced Coach Carroll Is Requesting Loan Of Half-Million

REA, for about \$500,000.

today by Lester F. Dorton, Sr., we were using an average of 140 general manager of the cooper- KWH.

provement," said Mr. Dorton. "We are now far over that. have outgrown our present sys-

1st Grade Child Must Have Birth Certificate

Parents who have children to be fall are reminded that they MUST ing in eight counties. have a birth certificate before the child will be enrolled.

Birth certificates may be se-Statistics, State Dept. of Health, Austin, Tex. The certificates will be taken up by the Company of Vital Principal Farley be taken up by the first grade teachers and kept for a few weeks Conducting Course and then returned to the par-

It is highly recommended that first graders be vaccinated for smallpox, although it is not com-

Local Men Open **Equipment Store** At Munday, Texas

Ernest L. Horton, Jr., is now day at the fire station apartment at Munday where he has opened up the Horton Equipment Co. He and Odis Griffin are joint owners there and also of the Merkel Farm Machinery Co., here.

L. L. Plasters **Are Visitors Here** While on Vacation

Minister and Mrs. L. L. Plaster and children, John Donnie, Linda and Mark, were here from Ava. Mo., Wednesday to Saturday of SGT. GASTON L. WALKER last week, visiting friends. They left for Corpus Christi and Brownsville. They are on a three weeks' vacation.

> Mr. Plaster is a former minister of the local Church of Christ, During his ministry the new church building was started

BOY TO EDWIN WINNS A bey was born to Mr. and Mrs.

Edwin Winn at the Sadler Hospital August 12.

JOHN MARENOS HAVE BOY To Mr. and Mrs. John Mareno a boy was born at the Sadler Hospital August 12.

The Merkel Lobos have quit Star of Bethlehem Is Blooming Again in Mrs. Lucy Ford's Yard

Ford, 509 Oak.

The star has five perfect points. It is eight inches in diameter, tip to tip. This flower is in a pot

with other green pointers, directed toward the skies. "This is the first time the plant, has bloomed in three years," said He was in Korea 15 months. ings called signs of life are de- Mrs. Ford. "It was by accident that I found that it was blooming. Ijving in Abilene with her moth

The Star of Bethlehem is blooming in the front yard of Mrs. Lucy beauty."

The flower had one flower on it last week. It is a perfect star, having a beautiful gold field with purple lines emblazoned on it. Benjamin Townzen Arrives in Merkel **Arrives in Merkel** From Korea Tues. Benjamin Franklin Townzen ar-

rived at Ft. Bliss last Friday from Korea and came home Tuesday.

His wife and children have been protect us. If we follow them I had it in the patio on the back er. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. with respect and courtesy, very often they will save us from about it. Then one day I looked serious accidents.

W. S. Townzen. They will have county's first bale to the Farmers' a homecoming dinner Sunday with all the family present.

Co-op Gin here Thursday of last week.

is requesting a loan from the U. Back in 1941 we anticipated er. Department of Agriculture, that by 1951 the users would use an average of 80 KWH per month.

"And that is the main point to "The money will be used for consider: We built to take care new extension and system im- of an average of 80 KWH and we

> "Let us look at it another way. actually has taken place? Last ley, local campaign director. month, July, the average farm 265.10 KWH, which includes all stores.

"There is something more to consider," continued Mr. Dorton. enrolled in the first grade of "Back in 1941 we were serving in the Merkel Public Schools" this two counties. Today we are serv-"Back in 1941 we were serving in

"The fact is this: To maintain what we have we got to not only Children must be at least six expand but also work over and years of age on or before Sept. 1 replace our obsolete facilities.

At Breckenridge

Principal C. A. Farley is conducting a teacher training course for the Breckenridge Church of Christ this week.

Villiage Inn Grocery Back to **Emmett Ayers**

last week and are now in charge. They will be open seven days a week until 10 o'clock each night.

MRS. CLESBY PATTERSON HAS MAJOR OPERATION ON AUGUST 14

Mrs. Clesby Patterson underthe Sadler Hospital.

BOY TO B. J. GRAHAMS

Hospital August 15.

REA, for about \$500,000. This announcement was made What actually happened? By 1951 First Gun Fired In Emergency **Polio Fund Drive**

tem. Present usage is far more Back in 1944 we were using an the raising of Merkel's quota of than we ever thought we would average of 55 KWH per month \$500 in the Emergency Polio and thought that by 1954 we Fund Drive, Aug. 16-Sept. 1, acwould be using about 85. What cording to Principal C. A. Far-

Every box holder in Merkel consumption was 174 KWH, over will receive a collection card twice the amount anticipated! through the mail. The Boy Scouts Another thing, the over-all aver- distributed posters and cardage consumption was actually coin boxes to most of the local

The major project of the Merkel drive will be the Mothers' Emergency March on Polio slated for the night of Aug. 27. Mrs. Carroll Benson will direct this phase of the campaign, assisted by about 50 local club women and P.-T.A. Room Mothers.

On Saturday, Aug. 28, the Merkel Girl Scouts will have a of this year in order to be eligible That is why we are requesting traffic blockade on Highway 80 to enter the first grade this year. this loan of about half a million to solicit funds from tourists and

local drivers. Wednesday, Sept. 1, has been set as Polio Penny Day in the Merkel Public Schools. All school children will be encouraged to

bring their pennies to school to contribute to the Emergency direct drives in the following near-by communities: I.X.L., Blair.

Union Ridge, Stith and Warren, Cross Roads, Butman, Castle Peak and Mt. Pleasant, Salt Branch and Mulberry. Mr. Farley said that he has no doubt that the Merkel citizens

will respond to the nationwide emergency call for help for polictreatment and prevention. "The Taylor County Chapter of the Infantile Paralysis Foundation

The Village Inn Grocery has is broke, and just recently receivbeen bought back by Mr. and Mrs. ed \$2,000 in emergency aid from Emmett Ayers. They took it over the National Foundation," Mr. Farley stated.

According to the National Foundation, the March of Dimes funds are now exhausted. Polio claimed more victims in the first six months of 1954 than had ever been recorded for a like period. New cases - added to an unprewent major surgery August 14 at cendented 67,000 carry-over of patients from previous year constituted an impossibly heavy burden for an organization at-Mr. and Mrs. Bobby J. Graham | tempting at the same time to comhave a boy born at the Sadler plete the research conquest of



CURTIS CHANDLER IS FIRST IN COUNTY

Curtis Chandler, who farms south of Merkel, brought

in the field and produced a 460pound finished bale. Staple length was 15-16 inch.

Morris B. Smith, manager of the Farmers' Co-op Gin here, said the quality of the cotton was exceponally good for a first bale

Merkel 20 Years Ago TAKEN FROM THE 1934 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL

RODEO CLIMAX Eighth and final free rodeo per- great many in this section. formance of the summer series of shows sponsored by the Merchants Trade Extension association of Merkel will be staged Saturday the 1934-35 session on Monday, a place of worship more important take turns about night and day atafternoon of this week beginning | Sept. 10. During the week pre- that the spirit of worship you are at 2 o'clock. Special interest will ceding the opening of school all wrong. He went on to say that His parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Mc-

attach to the calf roping events.

will be got out of the way. TO VOTE SATURDAY The run-off primary will be INFANT DIES held Saturday. W. O. Boney is precinct chairman and will preside as election judge. His assistants are Comer Patterson, Castle Saturday after having lived five to love God by doing His will," Ellis, Mrs. Holland Teaff, Mrs. Lucy Tracy Haynes, Miss Pauline Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Boney.

RECORD BIRTHS Born to: Mr. and Mrs. Charlie

Jones of Compere a boy, Aug. 17, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Johnson of Jones County a boy, Aug. 20. C. R. HUTCHESON DIES C. R. Hutcheson, 65, well-known HAS 101ST BIRTHDAY

APPROVES WORK PROJECTS

was three years old.

road work in precinct 2, as ap-

This Happened in Merkel Forty Years Ago R. R. McClain, for three and a of Abilene, have moved to Merkel. half years city secretary, tendered Misses Elva and Ruby will teach his resignation to the City Council Friday. Mayor Stallings, having the name of F. J. Ferrier S. L. Grayson of Rou

city secretary. Miss Virginia Hamblet has accepted a position with a leading dry goods store in Water Val-ley, Miss. Mrs. W. H. Dickson will replace her here as saleslady for the J. T. Dennis Dry Goods Co.

TAKEN FROM THE 1914 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL

S. L. Grayson of Route 2 was in presented to him, placed the appointment before the board and received the unanimous vote of those present for Chief Ferrier as

Mrs. E. M. Thomas and granddaughter, Glynn Buford, of Roscoe are visiting the former's son, J. A. Buford, and family this weekend.

Dewey Brakeen, who lives just within the city limits in the northwest part of town, was in Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Payne and The Mail office Wednesday show-daughters, Misses Elva and Ruby ing an open bole of cotton.

W. S. CHINN KILLED

Funeral services for W. S. Chinn, 78, well-known Merkel farmer and pioneer Taylor Counhome of a son in Abilene, the thing. That's the loophole. victim of an accidental shotgun

discharge, were held Sunday afternoon at Potosi. Mr. Chinn was born in Louisiana in 1858.

farmer of western Taylor County | Celebrating her 101st birthday who had made his home in the Mrs. Elizabeth Curry, mother of Trent section for nearly a half- Mrs. Mary Pogue, was the honor century, died at his home Sunday guest for an all-day outing Sunday night. He was born in Ray Coun- at the Presbyterian encampment ty, Tenn., April 2, 1869, and came grounds at Buffalo Gap. There to Texas with his family when he were 91 present, including 40 grandchildren and great grand-

children.

Five projects for street and TRENT VS. NOODLE Trent and Noodle were to clash proved by W. F. Bell, project en- at 3 p.m. Thursday in the first of gineer under the relief administration for a five-county district championship of Merkel's interincluding Taylor, will afford work community league.



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Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Watson and other relatives last week. left Saturday for Ohio, Indiana | Mrs. H. S. Price and Mr. and and Kentucky. They will visit Mr. Mrs. J. W. Isingburg and son of Watson's relations. His mother is Abilene visited Mr. Price's nep-

Mrs. A. L. Cunningham and son | and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Joe have returned home after an | C. Cook in McKinney. extended visit with Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Lott of Minden, La. and daughters of Austin spent

Mr. and Mrs. Bill SoRelle of last weekend visiting his par-

Joe Risinger of Odessa visited of Monahans.



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his mother, Mrs. Maryy Risinger

For That



PHONE 27

MACK'S CLEANERS

Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Liles and family returned last Friday from Austin and San Antonio where they spent a week. While en route they visited in Seguin with her uncle, Leonard Riddle, and

hew, C. R. Allgood, in Arkansas

Mr. and Mrs. Joe E. Lassiter

Guests over the weekend in the

were their son H. B. and family

Miss Beverly Boyd of El Paso was here Sunday visiting Ben Green. They both had Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Fox. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sledge and Jim were in Ralls Sunday where they visited his sister, Mrs. G W. Wilson, who is in the hospital.

She had a heart attack. Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Molder of Jal, N. Mex., visited her brother, J. D. Gentry, wife and Patricia over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Carson and family spent last week in Corpus Christi. They were accompanied by Lloyd Robertson and family and Robert Higgins and

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bullock spent the weekend in Weatherford visiting their niece, Mrs. C. C. Delton, and husband.

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION No. 4

proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas ticle to provide a four year term of office for elective district, county to read a follows: 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

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEG ISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

the State of Texas be amended so as to read as follows:

"Section 9. There shall be a Clerk for the District Court of be a city of 8,000 or more inhabiand county officers, 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 thereof one County Commission- sors have qualified." 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 esstablished 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 read as follows: hold his office for four years, and

scular soreness from head to foot. I had Rheumatoid Arthritis and other forms of Rheumatism, hands deformed and my

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nsation for his services such | ified." nd perquisites as may be bed by law."

3. That Section 13 of Arof the Constitution of the as to read as follows: State of Texas be amended so as

"Section 18. Each organized county in the State now or hereafter existing, shall be divided from State, of a County Treasurer and time to time, for the convenience a County Surveyor, who shall have of the people, into precincts, not an office at the county seat, and less than four and not more than hold their office for four years, eight. Divisions shall be made by and until their successors are qualthe Commissioners Court provid- ified; and shall have such compened for this Constitution. In each sation as may be provided by law. such precinct there shall be elected one Justice of the Peace and the Constitution of the State of Article V of the Constitution of one Constable, each of whom shall Texas be amended by adding mitted to a vote of the qualified hold his office for four years and thereto Section 30, which shall until his successor shall be elected | read as follows: and qualified; provided that in each county, who shall be elected tants, there shall be elected two the Legislature of this State, and ty shall in like manner be divided now or hereafter authorized by into four commissioners precincts the laws of this State, shall be

> er, who shall hold his office for four years and until his successor, of the Constitution of the State shall be elected and qualified. of Texas be amended by adding The County Commissioners so thereto Section 64, which shall chosen, with the County Judge as read as follows: presiding officer, shall compose the County Commissioners Court, which shall exercise such powers elective district, county and preand jurisdiction over all county business, as is conferred by this Constitution and the laws of the hereafter have terms of four State, or as may be hereafter pre-

Sec. 4. That Section 20 of Ar- sors are qualified." ticle V of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended so as to

"Section 20. There shall be elected for each county, by the read as follows: qualified voters, a County Clerk, who shall hold his office for four years, who shall be clerk of the duties, perquisites and fees of of- tion: fice shall be prescribed by the Legislature, and a vacancy in whose office shall be filled by the Commissioners Court, until the that in counties having a population of less than 8,000 persons gle Clerk, who shall perform the duties of District and County

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

"Section 21. A County Attorney, a resident Criminal District Attorney, shall be elected by the qualifed 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 elec-

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 pro vided 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

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, n counties having 10,000 or more inhabitants, to be determined by the last preceding census of the Collector of Taxes shall be elect- read as follows: ed as provided in Section 14 of

a transfer of

alified. He shall receive as cessor shall be elected and qual-

Section 9. That Section 44 of

"Section 44. The Legislature. shall prescribe the duties and pro-

Section 10. That Article V of

"Section 30. The Judges of all Courts of county-wide jurisdiction all Crinimal District Attorneys in each of which there shall be elected for a term of four years, elected by the qualified voters and shall serve until their succes

Section 11. That Article XVI

"Section 64. The office of In spector of Hides and Animals, the cinct offices which have heretofore had terms of two years, shall years; and the holders of such offices shall serve until their succes-

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

"Section 65.' The following officers elected at the general election in November, 1954, and there-County and Commissioners Courts after, shall serve for the full and recorder of the county, whose terms provided in this Constitu-

"(a) District Clerks; (b) County Clerks; (c) County Judges; (d) Judges of County Courts-at-law. County Criminal Courts, County next general election; provided, Probate Courts and County Do- needy aged persons over the age ture of funds from the Federal mestic Relations Courts; (e) County Treasurers; (f) Criminal Disthere may be an election of a sin- trict Attorneys; (g) County Surveyors; (h) Inspectors of Hides and Animals; (i) County Commissioners for Precincts Two and ceptance of financial aid from the in order to become eligible to re Four; (j) Justices of the Peace.

> "Notwithstanding other provisions of this Constitution, the fol- the payments of such assistance the Constitution giving the Legislowing officers elected at the gen- from State funds shall never ex- lature the power to set up a syseral election in November, 1954, ceed either the payments from tem of payments of old age assis-Attorney, shall serve only for terms of two Federal funds or a total of more tance to those above years: (a) Sheriffs; (b) Assessors than Forty-two Million (\$42,000, and Collectors of Taxes; (c) Dis- 000.00) Dollars per year; providtrict Attorneys, (d) County Attor- ing for enactment of laws to make neys; (e) Public Weighers; (f) lists of recipients of aid available County Commissioners for Pre- for inspection; providing for the cincts One and Three; (g) Con- necessary election, form of ballot, stables. At subsequent elections, such officers shall be elected for and making an appropriation to the full terms provided in this Constitution.

"In any district, county or precinct where any of the aforemen- BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGtioned offices is of such nature ISLATURE OF THE STATE OF that two or more persons hold TEXAS: such office, with the result that candidates file for 'Place No. 1', term of two years if the designa- read as follows: tion 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 tions, restrictions and regulations Constitution.'

Section 13. The foregoing Consubmitted 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 Constituional 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

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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 the State of Texas be amended so of this Amendment to the voters of Texas; and providing the time, means and manner thereof. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEG-

ISLATURE OF THE STATE OF Section 1. That Section 16a

shall be added to Article VIII of the Constitution of Texas so as to

this Article, and shall hold office ing a population of less than ten ly preceding such application. jointly operated by a county and

is successor shall be elected for four years and until his suc- thousand (10,000) inhabitants, as determined by the last preceding authority to accept from the Fed- to provide for the transfer to the census of the United States, the eral government of the United county-wide Hospital District of Commissioners Court may submit States such financial aid for the Article XVI of the Constitution of to the qualified property taxpay- assistance of the needy aged, the State of Texas be amended so ing voters of such county at an needy blind, and needy children equipment, jointly or separately election the question of adding an as such government may offer not owned, and for the assumption by Assessor-Collector of Taxes to the inconsistent with restrictions herelist of authorized county officials. in set forth; provided however, bonded indebtedness theretofore If a majority of such voters vot- that the amount of such assistance ing in such election shall approve out of State funds to each person of adding an Assessor-Collector of assisted shall never exceed the hospital facilities; to levy a tax Taxes to such list, then such offici- amount so expended out of Feder- not to exceed seventy-five (\$.75) al shall be elected at the next al funds; and provided further, General Election for such Constil that the total amount of money to | 00) Dollars valuation of all taxtutional term of office as is pro- be expended out of State funds able property within such district, vided for other Tax Assessor-Col- for such assistance to the needy provided, however, that such dislectors in this State."

tional Amendment shall be subelectors of the State at the Generthe State on the first Tuesday afshall 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 able for inspection. 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 Constitu-

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

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SENATE JOINT

proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas, government of the United States ceive assistance;" and for such assistance; providing that proclamation, and publication, defray the necessary expenses of proclamation, publication, and holding the election.

Section 1. That Section 51a of Article III of the Constitution of Place No. 2', etc., the officers the State of Texas, be amended elected at the general election in and the same is hereby amended. November, 1954, shall serve for a so that the same shall hereafter

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

> "(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.

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 ac tual 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) cation for such assistance, or on County, with power to issue bonds account of any child under the for the purchase, acquisition, conage of one (1) year whose mother struction, maintenance and operahas not continuously resided in tion of any county owned hospital,

aged, needy blind, and needy child-Sec. 2. The Foregoing Constitution shall never exceed the sum of tion held for that purpose, and Forty-two Million (\$42,000,000.00) that only qualified, property tax-Dollars per year."

Should the Legislature enact al Election to be held throughout enabling laws and provide an additional appropriation hereto in ter the first Monday in November, anticipation of the adoption of this 1954, at which election all ballots amendment, such Acts shall not be invalid by reason of their anticipatory character.

propriate laws to make lists of the such Hospital District construct, recipients of aid hereunder avail-

tional amendment shall be sub- against the State of Texas, nor mitted to the qualified electors of | shall any direct appropriation ever Texas at a special election to be be made by the Legislature for held throughout the State of Tex- the construction, maintenance or as on the 2nd day of November, improvement of the said hospital 1954, at which election there shall or hospitals. Should the Legislabe printed on such ballot the fol- ture enact laws in anticipation of lowing clause:

Constitution giving the Legisla- cause of their anticipatory charture the power to set up a system acter." 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 amending Article III, Section 51a, blind persons over twenty-one providing that the Legislature (21) years of age; giving the Legshall have the power to provide islature the power to set up a sysassistance to and provide for the tem of payments to the needy payment of same to actual bona children under sixteen (16) years fide citizens of Texas who are of age; providing for the expendiof sixty-five (65) years, needy government; limiting the total blind persons over the age of amount which may be expended twenty-one (21) years and needy for such assistance out of State children under the age of sixteen funds; and providing conditions (16) years; providing for the ac- as to residence within the State

> (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." Sec. 3. The Governor of the 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.

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RESOULTION 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 "(2) Needy blind persons who the qualified voters of the State of Texas at an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the 1854; Monday in November of 1854; prescribing the form of ballot and providing for the necessary proclamation by the Governor and publication of notice.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEG-ISLATURE 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 fol-

"Section 4. The Legislature may by law authorize the creation of year old who has not continuously county-wide Hospital Districts in resided in Texas for one (1) year counties having a population in immediately preceding the appli- excess of 190,000 and in Galveston "Section 16a. In any county hav- Texas for one (1) year immediate- or where the hospital system is

"The Legislature shall have the city within the county, and the title to any land, building or the district of any outstanding issued by any county or city for the establishment of hospitals or cents on the One Hundred (\$100 .trict shall be approved at an elecpaying voters in such county shall vote therein; provided further. that such Hospital District shall assume full responsibility for providing medical and hospital care ty, and thereafter such county and cities therein shall not levy any other tax for hospital purposes: The Legislature shall enact ap- and provided further that should State. maintain and support a hospital or hospital system, that the same Sec. 2. The foregoing Constitu-shall never become a charge TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN the adoption of this amendment, "FOR the Amendment to the such Acts shall not be invalid be-

> Sec. 2. The foregoing Constitutional Amendment shall be sub- Adv. Aug. 6, 13, 20, 27

mitted to a vote of the qualified 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 isto needy inhabitants of the coun- sue the necessary proclamation for said election and have the same published as required by the Constitution and laws of this

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NOTICE

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

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William E. Petty Dies Last Week At Age of 77

William Ellis Petty, 77, retired farmer of the Salt Branch com munitty, died Wednesday of last week at 5 a.m.

Retired since 1942, Mr. Petty had been in good health until a few months ago.

with his parents when he was 11, settling in Bell County.

On Nov. 15, 1899, he married the former Henrietta Rainer at Dublin. The couple came to Merkel on Jan. 1, 1903, and settled on a farm northeast of Merkel in the Salt Branch community, where the nave lived ever since.

since he was 15, Mr. Petty was active as a deacon in the Salt Branch Baptist Church from 1906 until it disbanded several years ago and was Sunday School superintendent at different times.

He also took an active part in community affairs.

Survivors include his wife three sons, Byers and J. C. Petty of Abilene, and Deputy Sheriff Austin Petty of Merkel; two daughters, Mrs. Lide Frizzell of Odessa and Mrs. Leonard Turner of Stanton: 13 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren; three sisters. Mrs. Nina Johnson of Corpus Christi, Mrs. J. W. Hardy of Clyde, and Mrs. G. G. Gunn of

Mr. Petty was preceded in death by a son, Oral Petty, in 1917. Funeral was held Thursday at 10 a.m. in the First Baptist Church with Rev. S. E. Tullock, Mrs. Bill Nutt, and husband pastor, officiating, assisted by Rev. Levi Price of Monahans.

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

Pallbearers were Bill Hays, Paxton Hays, Wright Dishman, H. B. Robertson, Dean Higgins, all of Merkel, and Zerk Robertson of

Eddie Martin Succumbs Monday At Age of 75

Eddie Martin, 75, died at his home Monday afternoon. He had been in ill health for several years and had been seriously ill for the past three months.

Funeral was held at 2 p.m. Tullock officiating and assisted by their grandson, Kenneth Wayne, Luther Utley. Rev. George Epperson, pastor of Jr. Calvary Baptist Church. Arrangements were by Starbuck Funeral Lillian Floyd visited their brother Home

Mr. Martin was born in Ellis of Midland over the weekend. County on July 11, 1879. He married Claudie Mae Wyatt on Dec. 28, 1906.

Survivors include his wife; four daughters, Mrs. Lillie Bell Sumpter of Abilene, Mrs. Eula Mae Morgan of Petersburg, Mrs. Hazel Marie Payne of Trent and Mrs. Lola Beatrice Spurgin of Hobbs. N. M., five sons, Henry James, J. C. and Bobbie Gene Martin, all of Merkel and Jasper Eddie of San Angelo and William Edward day after spending a week in the club to have entries in the Oilof Abilene: 24 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

Pallbearers were grandsons Zebbie Junior and Eddie Sumpter, Rhonald Lee and Robert Orvil Payne, Buddy Martin and Richard Leverich.

Honorary pallbearers George Cooper, Troy Sloan, Earnest Dixon and Carl Jackson, all of Noodle, and Alonso Petterson and Raymond Miller.

COUSIN DIES

Seab Shivers of Beckville, about 60, died Saturday in Longview. He was the first cousin of Mrs. J T. Johnson and Miss Delia Kuykendall. He is a cousin also of Gov. Allan Shivers.

AND IT RAINED!

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Wurst, Dale and Arlene went to Orangeburg, S. Carolina, Aug. 2 to visit for two weeks with Clyde, Jr. From there OIL NEWS they took Clyde, Jr., with them to Charlotte, North Carolina, visiting the Kernses and then on to um No. 1 M. A. Hufstedler, Jose Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, for Gabo Survey 128, located one mile

the weekend. It rained. Clyde, Jr., is operating an Air Force Radio Relay Site at Orangeburg, South Carolina, and is doing Jones County eight miles north-

ROYCE L. GILBREATH IS TAKING PART IN SEATTLE "SEAFAIR"

Taking part in the annual Seattle "Seafair" festivities and a visit to Tacoma, Wash., aboard the destroyer USS Bausell is Royce L. Gilbreath, seaman, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lum Gilbreath.

SGT. VIRGIL D. HORTON SPENDS REST LEAVE

IN HAKATA, JAPAN Army Sgt. Virgil D. Horton, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Hor- was the truck-train crash at Ala- a rate approximately five times ton, recently spent a seven-day mo in Hidalgo County on March that of the July primary, accordrest and recuperation leave at 15, 1940, in which 29 farm work- ing to County Clerk Emilie Lem- dent of the Shining Light sub-dis-Hakata, Japan.

CHARLIE HAS PROOF

Charlie Higgins and son last week. Charlie said he has in Abilene. the pictures to prove it!

Mrs. Floyd Green and Blenda Kay left Thursday of last week Colorado. for San Diego, Calif., accompany Born April 12, 1877, in Searcy ing her aunt who had been visit-County, Ark., he moved to Texas ing here. They will be gone about two weeks.

Isadore and Meyer Mellinger returned Wednesday of last week proaching marriage of their from a 10-day trip to the west

Mr. and Mrs. Waymon Adcock and family went to Mertzon Sun- Ill. day morning and returned Sunday night with Wayne who had A member of the Baptist Church | been visiting his uncle and aunt, Minister and Mrs. R. E. Adcock. their children. Dwaine and Nida Adcocks home.

and Annette are spending the Division at Walker Air Force week in Galveston. Katy Hunter Base. accompanied them.

Mr. and Mrs. Truett Thompson visited in El Paso from last Fri-

day till Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Walters spent the weekend in Temple visiting relatives.

Nita Ruth and Dwaine Adcock of Mertzon are viisting here this week in the homes of Waymon and O. J. Adcock.

Mrs. Halie Melton and daughter Betty of Odessa are visiting her sister, Mrs. Edna Horton, and mother-in-law, Mrs. Tom Melton. Mrs. Edna Horton and daughter Sonja Sue visited her daughter,

Plainview over the weekend. Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Farmer and family of Dallas, are visiting the Farmers brothers for the week.

Mrs. Alene Ulmer of Mariana, Ark., is visiting her aunt, Mrs. J T. Warren, for an extended period. Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Horton of Abilene visited his mother, Mrs

Hugh Campbell, Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Billy Joe Toombs and Jo Ann spent the weekend in Lubbock visiting Mr. and Mrs.

Mrs. Anna Miller of Lubbock visited Monday with her cousin,

W. M. Elliott, and wife. Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Miller Pamona, Calif., and Mrs. D. E. Miller of Lubbock visited over the weekend with her sister, Mrs. Lige Harris, and husband.

Rotan were here Friday visiting their daughter, Mrs. Kenneth Pur-

Mrs. Dewey Garmany, Essie and and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Floyd

Mrs. Grover Gilbert spent the past week in Munday visiting her daughter, Mrs. Earl Hughes, Jr. Mr. Hughes, Jr., granddaughter Virginia and new grandson, Rich ard Gilbert, born August 2.

I. L. Holloway of San Diego, Calif., is visiting his sister, Mrs. Grover Gilbert, and family and other relatives

Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Jones returned to their home in Lubbock Sunhome of their parents, Mr. and

tives in Abilene and Potosi. Anna Marie and Patricia Lee Coker of Ft. Worth are visiting the year, their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs.

W. T. Coker, for several days. Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Denson spent Saturday night and Sunday visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Buck Herron of Big Spring. Other | two games. visitors there Sunday were Mr of Odessa

MR. AND MRS. O. J. ADCOCK ATTEND BANKHEAD REUNION

Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Adcock attended the Bankhead reunion held in Oglesby at the Mother Neff State Park Sunday August 8.

AT CHEER LEADER SCHOOL Clydene Eager is attending a

cheer leader school in Dallas this week at S. M. U. Operator was installing pump-

ing equipment at Gaylord H. Chizwest of Tye.

Location for a new deep wildcat has been staged in southwestern west of Merkel. It will be A. W. Krause, et al, of Abilene No. 1 J. C. Sears Estate-L. P. Brown.

395 PERSONS KILLED

Col. Homer Garrison, Jr., director of the Texas Department of Public Safety, has just releas- lap. ed a report on motor vehicle traffic accidents in Texas which have occurred since 1939 (the year that DPS records were first compiled) in which more than six persons were killed. The report discloses exactly 50 such accidents, in which a total of 395 persons died. The State's worst traffic mishap

ers were killed.

VOYCE LA DELL LEWIS IS MARRIED IN ABILENE

The marriage of Voyce La Dell James Allen caught plenty of Lewis and Jerry Franklin Bushner speckled trout at Corpus Christi of Yuma, Colo., was solemnized

> The bride is the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Temple Lewis of Tye and his parents are Mr. and Mrs. Ben Bushner of Yuma. The double ring ceremony was

ead by the bride's father, Rev. The couple will live in Denver,

PATRICIA ANN SWANN'S

ENGAGEMENT IS ANNOUNCED Mr. and Mrs. Sam Swann announce the engagement and apdaughter, Patricia Ann, to Ray Benjamin Dalziel, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Dalziel, of Rockford,

The vows will be solemnized Sept. 17 in the First Presbyterian Church, Roswell, New Mex., where Miss Swann has been employed by the city school system and Mr. Ruth, accompanied the Waymon Dalziel has been employed as a technical representative for Sund-Mr. and Mrs. Horace O. Boney strand Machine and Tool, Aviation

J. B. GRIFFINS ANNOUNCE DAUGHTER'S WEDDING DATE

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 Grand-

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

The bride-to-be attended ACC and is now employed as claims secretary of the State Farm In surance Company in Abilene. The prospective bridegroom will be senior in ACC this fall.

MR. AND MRS. C. W. EDWARDS HONORED WITH PARTY

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. (Curly) Edwards of Trent, who were married recently, were honored with a house-warming party Thursday evening, August 12, Mrs. Edwards is the former Alene Washam of Sweetwater.

Friends gathered on the Edwards' lawn where gifts were displayed and refreshments were served. Guests present were: Messrs. and Mesdames Leonard Quattlebaum, Lesley Beasley. Hale McRee, Bruce Deen and Carolyn Lonnie Halbrooks and Johnny, Lee Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gruben of Rudd, Red Shafer, Leroy and Jerry, Robert T. Hodge, Mrs. Clark Hamner, Mrs. Onis Graham, Wednesday at the Merkel First ser, and family and to celebrate J. M. Stowe, Pete Neill, Mrs. Lena Baptist Church with Rev. Sam the third birthday anniversary of McWilliams, Mrs. Cecil Taylor and

COMPERE H. D. CLUB MEETS WITH MRS. VERNON STANLEY

Plans were completed for programs and meeting places for the remainder of the year at a regular meeting of the Compere Home Demonstration Club in the home

of Mrs. Vernon Stanley August 12. Mrs. Walter Kelso, president, presided. Mrs. I. B. Ray led the singing of "America the Beautiful." Prayer was offered by Mrs. Betty Chancey. Roll call was answered with "A daily beauty

hint." Minutes were approved. Plans are being made for the men and Farmers Jamboree. It is Mrs. J. H. Clark, and other relato be held in Anson in September. Displays will be of club programs and demonstrations given during

Members were asked to bring magazines the second meeting in September to send to patients at the Abilene State Hospital.

Mrs. Vernon Stanley directed The next meeting will be Aug. and Mrs. M. L. Denson and boys 26 in the home of Mrs. W. D. Ramsey when the program will be on crafts that were given at the annual home demonstration encamp-

ment held July 15-16 at Leuders. Visitors present were Lana Malone of Lubbock, Mrs. Bert Hays and Mrs. Fannie Merritt. Members present were Mrs. I. B. Ray, Mrs. Ab Hunter, Jr., Mrs. Walter Kelso, Mrs. Betty Chancey and Mrs. Vernon Stanley.



By VERN SANFORD

Charges and countercharges flew fast as the race for governor rounded the turn for the final

Absentee balloting reports from over the state indicate a good possibility of the Aug. 28 Democratic run-off primary bringing a heavier turn-out than did the first primary, according to various

county clerks. In Austin, Travis County absentee ballots were coming in at

SEE FIRST CHURCH

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Shouse, son Robert spent a week 's vacation at Carlsbad, Santa Fe, Portales and Taos, New Mexico. They visited the first church built in the United States, San Miguel Mission, at Santa Fe in 1605.

AT NIECE'S WEDDING

H. R. McKeever, his mother, Mrs. Sallie McKeever, his daughter Mary where in Big Spring Sunday attending the wedding of his niece, Jean Green, to Tommy Sells.

AT GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY Mrs. Dent Gibson and Denta

attended the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Cannon of Ft. Worth last week.

LOCAL WOMEN ATTEND VINCENT FAMILY REUNION

Mrs. Harry Barnett and Mrs. Bob McDonald attended the Vincent family reunion in DeSoto Saturday and Sunday, arriving home Wednesday.

DRY IN ARKANSAS Mr. and Mrs. Clyde went to Camden, Ark., to visit their son, Clyde, Jr., who is manager of West Brothers Department Store. They also visited in Hot Springs, Ark., and spent the rest of their two weeks' vacation at Hamilton Lake, returning home by way of Shreveport, La., where they met Ralph who was on his way for a two weeks' cruise in the Caribbean with the Navy. It was very dry in Arkansas drier than in a long time.

MRS. DEE GRIMES AND MRS. CYRUS PEE AT FASHION MARKET

Mrs. Dee Grimes and Mrs. Cyru Pee this week attended the Fash ion Market in Dallas.

LOCAL METHODIST YOUTHS ENJOY CAMP AT BUFFALO GAP

The Abilene District Methodist Junior Camp was held last week at the Buffalo Gap encampment There were 69 girls and boys and 16 counselors, representing 18 churches in the Abilene district.

Juniors attending from Merkel were Ronnie Barnett, Lester Dorton, Jr., Maxine Patterson, Sandra Hunter, Dwayne White, Patt Chemmens, Penny Durham and Dewel Pike Burden. Counselors from Merkel were Bertha and Sandra Patterson. Mrs. Virgil Patterson, district director of children's work, was the director of junior camp.

MAX MELLINGER AND SON'SYLVAN

AT DALLAS MARKET Max Mellinger and son Sylvan the first part of the week attended the Women's Apparel Market in

GORDON E. PRICE AND BILLY G. REID ARE AT FORT BLISS

Two soldiers from Merkel re cently began eight weeks of Army basic training in the Antiaircraft Artillery Replacement Training Center at Ft. Bliss.

They are Pvt. Billy G. Reid, husband of Mrs. Margarett Green Reid, Canyon, and son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Reid; Pvt. Gordon E. Price, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. S.

MRS. ERNEST JOYCE AT FASHION MARKET

IN DALLAS SATURDAY Mrs. Ernest Joyce was at the Fashion Market in Dallas from Saturday to Tuesday.

QUANNAH DUDLEY ATTENDS SCHOOL

OF TELEVISION SERVICE Quannah Dudley has just returned from Dallas, where he was awarded a certificate stating that he had attended the Admiral Television Service Training School

METHODIST YOUTHS ARE PLANNING WEEK OF MANY ACTIVITIES

The Youth Division of the Meth odist Church is planning an activities week beginning August 23. Some of the plans include cleaning and getting ready for use of the Stith Church building which was recently moved here. Christian witnessing. On Thursday night Rev. Bob Harris of Loraine will be their speaker. He is a well known youth worker in the confer-

WOMAN EVANGELIST WILL SPEAK HERE THESDAY AFTERNOON

The Woman's Society of Chris tian Service will have Evangelist Geraldine Conway as guest speak er Tuesday afternoon, Aug. 24, at 3 o'clock at the First Methodist Church. The public is invited.

GENE HARGROVE ATTENDS LEADERSHIP

SCHOOL FOR METHODISTS Gene Hargrove, son of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Hargrove, is attendng the Jurisdictional Leadership School at Mt. Sequoyah at Fayet

tesville, Ark. This is a school for training Methodist youth. Gene is presitrict of the Abilene district.

Church Filled At Funeral of Mrs. J. Touchstone

A great throng filled the church at the First Baptist Church in Anson Sunday, paying their last respects to Mrs. J. S. Touchstone, 74, who died here at 9:15 p.m. last Friday in the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Shannon. Many persons were standing out-

Mrs. Touchstone was the mother of Jones County Commissioner J. E. Touchstone. She had been in failing health since Christmas. For the past four months she had been living here with Mrs. Shannon safety. and with another daughter, Mrs. C. L. Sherrell.

Rev. Jess Bass and the Rev. D. at the funeral Sunday, Burial was in Mount Hope

Cemetery in Anson. Mrs. Touchstone was born Iva Johnson on Sept. 2, 1879 in Robertson County. She moved with her parents to Turnerville,

Coryell County. She was married Nov. 3, 1898. Two years later Mr. and Mrs. Touchstone moved near Buffalo Gap and that same year moved to Jones County, settling in the Turby Community. Mr. Touchstone died in 1938.

For 40 years, Mrs. Touchstone had been a member of the Primitive Baptist Church in Anson. She had lived 54 years in Jones

Other survivors are another daughter, Mrs. Leonard McCoy of Merkel and another son, Claude Touchstone of Fort Worth; two brothers, Ed Johnson of Breckenridge and Lee Johnson of Denton; two sisters Mrs. Frank Owens of Waco and Miss Minnie Johnson of Odesso: seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Jasper Gentry, Leon Blankenship, Roy Har-



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1954 Swim Meet Will Be Held At Camp Tonkawa

The 1954 Explorer Swim Meet will be held at Camp Tonkawa Sunday, August 29, Registration will be at 12 noon to 2:30 p. m. and the swim meet will start at 2:30 p. m.

The purpose is for all explorer scouts in the Chisholm Trail Council to promote sportsmanship, unit swimming and water

.. The Abilene Exchange Club Winner's Trophy will be awarded to the high point unit. Trophy W. Ramsey of Merkel officiated was won last year by Post 31 of Coleman.

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HOSPITAL NOTES

Admissions to the Sadler Hospital the past week were: As medical patients - J. Cal Hamner, Mrs. Morris Smith, Mrs. Elmer Patterson, Mrs. Newt Logan, Alec Carter, Ellis W. Freeman, Otis Young, Homer Payne.

For surgery - Mrs. L. H. Mc-Aden, August 16.

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mittee and instead the "flexible'

support bill favored by the Ad-

The committee bill, which I

favored, would have maintained

To my way of thinking, the leg-

a farmer does not need help, he

workers just as prosperous work-

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been hard hit by drouth - by

prices. Everywhere you go in Tex-

as, you find farmers deeply un-

they regard the future is certainly

SUMMING UP: It is my con-

sidered opinion, based on what I

that flexible price supports will

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er consumer prices - will not

will be to lower farm income by

That is why I voted against the

FOOD DOLLAR: When the

American housewife spends a dol-

lar for food produced in this

country, 56 cents goes for process-

ing marketing, and transportation

charges. The farmer receives 44

cents, approximately 30 cents of

which goes to buy tractors, trucks,

plows, gasoline, and other supplies

required for the modern farmer.

In other words, the farmer and

his family have about 14 cents

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By BETH CAWYER Miss Allen was out of town from Aug. 10-13. She attended the THDA meeting in Dallas to repre-

sent the District 7 County Home Demonstration Agents. She left Abilene in her car about 6:30 a.m. with the Taylor County delegate and officer nominees. I am sure they enjoyed the meeting and their stay in the Adolfus Ho-

The recipe of the week is for Nut Sponge Cake.

Nut Sponge Cake walnuts, black walnuts, Brazil walnuts, black walnuts, BZrazil nuts, almonds, hazelnuts or pe-

6 tablespoons all-purpose flour 1 teaspoon cream of tartar 10 eggs

1 1-4 cups sugar

1 teaspoon vanilla extract Preheat oven at 375 degrees F Line bottom of a 10-inch tube pan with waxed paper. Grease the paper. Grind the nuts in a food grinder, using medium blade. Sift

flour and cream of tartar together and mix with the ground nuts. Separate the eggs. Beat the yolks, add the sugar gradually. This requires about 15 minutes with electric mixer. Add vanilla flavoring. The yolk mixture should be light in color, thick and very smooth. Beat egg whites until they hold a precise peak. Sprinkle flour-nut mixture over beaten egg yolks, pile beaten egg

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REMEMBER WHEN? - W. A Scott, left, of Abilene and Horace Vanlandingham of Merkel talk over memories of a rabbit drive they were on together in the 1930's On that drive, Scott was shot in the leg - but not by Vanlandingham. The two oldtimers renewed their years-old friendship at the annual Taylor County Old Settlers Reunion held at Buffalo Gap.

whites over this and gently mix or fold all ingredients together, but only enough to disperse all patches of egg white.

Pour batter into pan, leveling the top with a rubber spatula. Bake 50 minutes in 375 degrees F. oven or until cake tester comes out dry when tested in center of cake. Invert cake on wire rackcool about 1 to 2 hours.

This unusual cake can be served in many ways. It is delicious served as it, or serve with a scoop of ice cream or whipped cream on top

*Nuts must be weighed. A cup measurement will not work.

Let us remember some timely tips now, like to serve heavy des- will be guaranteed 90 per cent serts after a light meal and get of a fair price. When the farmer the good breakfast eating habit does need help, his income will - it's a good one for everyone to be lowered to 82 1-2 per cent of A day's menu to practice all of this might include for:

Breakfast Fresh Peaches, Cream, Sugar, tered Toasts, Milk, Coffee.

Dinner Meat Loaf, Vegetable Platter motes the prosperity of business. (Corn on Cob, Whole Carrots, Buttered New Potatoes), Tomato and Lettuce Salad, Hot Rolls, But- insect depredations - by falling ter or Margarine, Lemonade.

Meat Loaf Sandwiches, Fresh easy about the future - many of Vegetable Relish Tray, Potato them convinced that the Agricul-*Nut Sponge Cake, Ice ture Department has become their

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There are certain basic and fundamental freedoms to which every loyal American is devoted. It is inherent in us to defend the freedom of religion, freedom of speech, freedom of the press and freedom of assembly. These are the freedoms and the liberty about which we talk so much.

On the other hand, there are tens of millions of people in the world who do not care for these abstract freedoms, but only want sufficient food and a roof over their heads. Mostly they are people to whom these things we call liberty have meant nothing and have no appeal.

There are all sorts of concepts of freedom and liberty. Sometimes we ourselves become confused as to what it really is. We may contend we have a right to do this and that and the other, but usually with a privilege goes responsibility.

Some people are most fearful that our liberties will be jeopar dized if wire-tapping becomes legal or if witnesses before investigating committees are limited in their right to claim protection under the Fifth Amendment.

The people of Denmark claim to have the greatest freedom of anyone anywhere. Danish women, for example, are permitted to re-**At Pioneer Theatre** tain their maiden names after marriage. Spinsters are allowed to call themselves "Mrs." A family row is considered wholly a private day and Monday at the Pioneer affair and cannot be interfered with unless someone is seriously injured or an outsider becomes

involved. So, different people may have constitutes freedom.

Words are inadequate to express our appreciation for all the loving kindness extended to us in the loss of our beloved mother, for the food and the beautiful floral offerings. May God bless each one in a special way.

The Touchstone Children.

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We wish to express our thanks to Dr. Sadler, Dr. Warren, the nurses, friends, neighbors and loved ones who so wonderfully came to help us in time of sickness and passing of our dear husband and NOTICE father. For fine foods and beautiful flowers, we thank you. God ter No. 212 O. E. S. Tuesday, Aug. bless you all.

Mrs. W. E. Petty The Children And Family

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to take this method of saying thanks to each and everyone who sent flowers, cards, gifts and for the many acts of kindness shown me in so many different ways during my recent illness. Mrs. Edna L. Horton

Noodle Winners Will Attend 4-H Junior Training

Six Jones County 4-H Club members will attend the Texas 4-H Junior Leadership Training Laboratory at Bastrop State Park, Aug. 23-28, as winners in the annual 4-H Junior Leadership program, it was announced by Extension Sernarrow margin the Senate voted vice District Agents J. A. Scofield down the farm price support bill and Miss Fern Hodge.

The Jones County winners in the statewide program are Clara Frances Hill. Becky Jewel Rae Spurgin, and Frankie LaJean Sullivan, James Royce Allred, all of WANTED - I want to buy your Route 1, Merkel: A. H. Roberts, and Jimmy Roberts, both

price supports on basic crops at 90 per cent of parity. The Ad- Route 3, Stamford. ministration proposal, which I vot-Miss Hill is the 15-year-old ed against, sets these supports on daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. a "sliding scale" of between 82 1-2 Hill. She is in the tenth grade at per cent and 90 per cent of par-Noodle Horn High School and member of the Noodle Senior 4-H Club. She placed first in this vears county dress revue and was islation simply means that when the County Gold Star girl last year Adult leaders for the Noodle Horn Girls 4-H Club are: Mrs. A.

J. Hill, Mrs. Ernest Spurgin and Mrs. Hubert Sullivan. Miss Surpgin, 14-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Spurgin, is a freshman at Noodle Horn I believe firmly that prosperous farmers mean prosperous factory High School and a member of the Scrambled Eggs with Cheese, But- ers mean prosperous farmers. I ed second in district competition believe also that prosperity in the in her vegetable demonstration. fields and in the factories pro- and has won county awards on

clothing, gardening and poultry. Miss Sullivan is a sophomore at Noodle Horn High School and a member of the school's senior 4-H Club. For a number of years she has won the blue ribbon in the dress revue and the achievement pin. Miss Sullivan is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Sullivan. James Royce Allred, 16, is the

son of Mr. and Mrs. Charley Allred. He is a sophomore at Noodle Horn High School and member of that school's senior 4-H Club. His adult leader is A. J. Hill.

A. H. Roberts, 16, is a sohpomore at Anson High School and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Roberts, not solve the problem of farm

> Jimmy Roberts, A. H. Roberts' 14-year-old brother, is a member of the Anson 4-H Club.

taking away the floor upon which Thrills, Chills and agriculture relies to prevent disaster and hardship. I believe their Suspence When long-range effect will be to set a dangerous precedent which could be harmful to our entire national 'Gorilla' Is Wild

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thereto a new section, to be num-

"Section 63. Qualified mem-Constitution of Texas by adding System of Texas all services rend- tirement benefits under either of of the Constitution of the State of bers 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:

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

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Defendant. A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit:4 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

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"God is good. Last night, for the first time since April I believe, we had a good rain . . . 1 1-2 inches. It is so cool and de-

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WHITE-ICISM"

That's ALL-and the Sage of Figfield adds that the cares of man are what show his courage.

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AUGUST 16 TO 31

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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

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THE STATE OF TEXAS To: Henry R. Thompson, Defendant, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMAND-ED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 13th day of September A. D. 1954, to Breaux and Dana Durham re- Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 30th day of July A. wild Summer Colony in the D. 1954, in this cause, numbered mountains northwest of Eagle 19,937-A on the docket of said court and styled Imo Gene Thompson, Plaintiff, vs. Henry R.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: and Los Alamos. (While at Los Plaintiff and Defendant were mar-Alamos where the atom bomb ried on or about October 3, 1927 is constructed, the group was and lived together until on or fortunate enough to run across about the first day of October the latest issue of the Merkel 1937. Plaintiff shows there is no community property to be ad-

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Adv. - Aug. 13, 20, 27, Sept. 3.

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: In compliance with Article 1307 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, H. S. Peake and Steve 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.

> H. S. Peake Steve R. Peake Adv. July 30, Aug. 6. 13, 20

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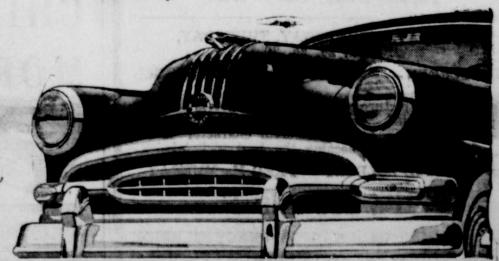
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