

Worship Program Set for Service Of Thanksgiving

The Community Thanksgiving Service will be held at 7:30 p. m. Tuesday, Nov. 23, at the First Methodist Church. Everyone is cordially invited. The program:

Prelude: Mrs. Paul Honeycutt, organist

Community Choir: Rev. Dan Cozart, directing

Prayer: Rev. Aubrey F. White

Congregational Song

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Scripture: Rev. H. S. Earp

*Trio: Calvary Baptist Church

Announcements and Report, Rev. Aubrey White

*Mixed Quartet: Assembly of God Church

Offering: Offering will be used to help needy transients

Offertory Prayer: Rev. R. M. Furfurson

*Ladies' Quartet: First Baptist Church

Sermon: Rev. S. E. Tullock

*Men's Quartet: First Methodist Church

Benediction: Rev. George H. Eperson.

*Each song depicts what we should be thankful for.

SINGING AT SHILOH

There will be singing at Shiloh Baptist Church at 7:30 p. m. Thursday, Nov. 25. Everyone is welcome.

THANKSGIVING

An Editorial

It is so easy to say, "Thank you." It is so difficult. Thanks carries with it a sense of humility, a sense of graciousness, a sense of a power greater than ourselves.

Our colonial forefathers felt this sense of thankfulness and they set aside a day to say, "Thank you, Lord."

This tradition has been carried through our whole history and next Thursday we again stop our labor, pause and say, "Thank you, Lord." We say it with a full sense of humility, of graciousness and of a sense of a power greater than ourselves.

THANKSGIVING CHOIR

The all-community Thanksgiving choir will rehearse at 2:30 p. m. Sunday at the First Methodist Church. Each church that is participating in the Thanksgiving service is requested to send six choir members. Rev. Dan Cozart, pastor of the New Live Oak Baptist Church, will be the director and Mrs. Paul Honeycutt will be the organist.

Merkel 20 Years Ago

TAKEN FROM THE 1934 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL

UNION THANKSGIVING

Following the custom of past years, Merkel churches will combine in a union Thanksgiving service, to be held this year at the Methodist Church Sunday evening, Nov. 25, beginning at 7 o'clock. The sermon will be delivered by Flavil R. Yeakley, minister of the Church of Christ.

BADGERS TIE ROTAN

Playing on a muddy field and without the services of Boaz, who was out with a knee injury, the Badgers were held Friday to a scoreless tie by the Rotan Yellow Hammers. On Friday of this week the Badgers go to Snyder to play their last game of the season.

RETURNS FOR 2ND YEAR

When the appointments in the Northwest Conference were announced Sunday night, it was Merkel's good fortune for Rev. P. H. Gates to be returned to the church here. He had just completed one year of service with the Merkel church.

MORE RAIN FALLS

Additional rainfall early Monday morning and during Wednesday afternoon and night furnished further cause for general rejoicing here and all over West Texas. Three-fourths of an inch was recorded Monday by Volunteer Weather Observer Grover Hale with one-quarter added after Wednesday night. The year's total thus far is 12 3/4 inches.

RENTAL CHECKS OUT

Second rental checks were being distributed at Merkel Thursday.

This Happened in Merkel Forty Years Ago

TAKEN FROM THE 1914 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL

W. A. Cozart, a former Merkel farmer, has invented a labor-saving machine for harvesters' use. Mr. Cozart and McAdams will be here Monday with a perfect working model of this maize-heading machine in demonstration on the J. N. Teaff farm.

Manager Groene of the New Cozy House has booked for next Monday night, Nov. 30, Victoria Ladies Quartette. This Lyceum number is booked through the Affiliated Lyceum Bureaus and will no doubt prove one of the best attractions coming to our town this year.

Sterling P. Miller who has made his home with his sister, Mrs. W. H. Dickson, is advancing in the Navy. Seven years ago he started as a recruit and today he is a captain of a boat in the Canal Zone.

day to farmers in district 8 and 9, including Merkel, Trent, Mt. Pleasant, Mulberry Canyon and Blair. A batch of checks totalling \$55,120.74 arrived in the office of County Agent C. Metz Heald early in the week.

TO CHICAGO EXPOSITION

For showing at the 1934 International Live Stock Exposition in Chicago, the Largets shipped 16 head of their Hereford show cattle from here Wednesday. Willie Joe Largent followed, leaving here Thursday morning, and C. M. Largent, Jr., will probably go to Chicago later.

ELECTED HEREFORD DIRECTOR

At the meeting of the American Hereford Association at the American Royal, Kansas City, Mo., Willie Joe Largent was elected a director of this association. There are only eight directors and the Merkel man is the only one from Texas.

RECORD BIRTHS

Born to: Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Phillips of near Blair a girl Nov. 17, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Peterson of Blair a boy Nov. 19, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie J. White of Stith a girl Nov. 19, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Horton of Trent a girl Nov. 20, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Herring of Noodle a girl November 21.

BLAIR SCHOOL BUILDING

Approval of a project for expenditure of \$483.50 for improvements at the Blair School building was received Wednesday by County Administrator Lloyd B. Thomas.

with a salary of \$165 per month with substantial allowances.

The social event of the season was the dancing party at the lovely home of Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Anderson on Oak Street Saturday evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Lanier Brown of Arlington. A baby grand piano, victrola and violin furnished music.

Those enjoying the dance were Mr. and Mrs. A. Boyd, Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Sharp, Mrs. M. D. Angus, Mrs. J. C. Hamm, Misses Mabel Collins, Genevieve Rust, Elma Sheppard, Annie Burnett, Lena Roberts, Ona Hamblet, Miss Weir, Janie Lee Weir, Maude Martin, Messrs. H. L. Easterwood, Ennie and Emmett Grimes, Jno. Ralph Adams, Dee Grimes, Otis Barnett, Parker Sharp, Conna Adams the host and hostess.



Mrs. Homer Patterson is attending the 6th District Convention of the Texas Federated Music Clubs in Eastland this week. Thursday, Friday and Saturday. She is the 6th District chairman of National Projects and National Foundations.

Rainfall Here Measures From 1 to 3 Inches

The good rain that fell here Sunday came steadily and sunk into the ground. It began around 5 a. m. and kept falling until 11 a. m.

The rainfall in Merkel measured .8 to 1 inch.

At E. J. Osborn's place, west of Blair, it measured 1.50 inches; Lee Tipton's, three miles west of here, .80; C. B. Rust's, at Stith, 1.40; Phil Ditz' two miles southwest of town, 2 inches; Hollis Irvin, at Noodle, 1.10; E. L. Palmer, seven miles north of here, 1.20; Roy Kelson, eight miles northeast of here, 1.40 inches.

It rained 1 3/4 inches on the line of Taylor and Nolan counties in Mulberry Canyon. Three inches fell on the Divide at Will Butman's.

Pat Bullock Announces for State Senator

Pat Bullock made his formal announcement of candidacy for state senator from the 24th district Saturday.

Bullock formerly represented the old 24th district.

Bullock is a partner with Bob May in lease, royalty and real estate operations. Before that, he was manager of the Colorado City Chamber of Commerce. He lived many years in Snyder, where he was Scurry County school superintendent.

"My friends felt, and I feel, that my 10 years experience in the Senate from the old 24th district should be of much value to the new district and to the State as a whole," he said. "While in the Senate I served on every major committee, serving as chairman of many of them. I was also honored by the members of the Senate by being elected president of the Senate, a place ranking third in the state government since only the governor and lieutenant governor outrank the President Pro Tempore of the Senate."

Bullock served in the Senate from November, 1942, through 1952. He did not make the race in 1952.

He declared his opposition to any kind of a general sales tax.



PAT BULLOCK

STORES TO CLOSE

The stores of Merkel will be closed Thursday of next week, Thanksgiving Day. This is one of the five closing days of the year.

BULLETIN!

John Hammond underwent brain surgery Monday morning at the Baylor Hospital in Dallas. He is getting along as well as could be expected.

BULLETIN

Frankie Sullivan, member of the Noodle 4-H Club and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Sullivan, was awarded the Jones County girls' 4-H Gold Star award Monday at the county's 4-H achievement program. This is the highest county award that any 4-H Club member may receive.

BULLETIN!

Cable from Old Santa Claus has just been received stating that he will arrive here at 5 p. m. Friday, Dec. 10. He will be downtown with real live reindeer. He will have gifts for all the children.

Santa Claus Will Come to Merkel In December

Santa Claus will be here in Merkel. He will come in December.

That assurance was given at the Lions Club in the report made by Fred Starbuck. President Isadore Mellinger presided at the meeting.

Tommy Odum reported about the meeting to be held in his office concerning a chamber of commerce. The club voted to spend up to \$50 for gifts for kiddies.

The club approved purchasing and putting up a Christmas tree in the Community Center.

R. L. Hurst, scout director, discussed the matter of getting a scout leader.

UNDERGOES SURGERY

Mrs. H. Wren had major surgery at the Sadler Hospital Nov. 16.

MAKE GEORGE HAPPY!

George McDonald, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. McDonald, is still at the Gonzales Warm Spring Foundation. His classroom, of which Mrs. Tommy Ellis is teacher, made him very happy by sending him colored pictures.

GIRL TO WHISENHUNTS

M/Sgt. and Mrs. L. C. Whisenhunt are the parents of a baby girl born Nov. 3 in the Davis Mountain Air Force Base Hospital, Tucson, Ariz. The grandparents are Mrs. Tommie Smith and Charlie Whisenhunt of Ballinger.

Albert B. Harris Dies on Tuesday At Age of 82

Albert B. Harris, 82, a Merkel area resident since 1903, died at 9:30 a. m. Tuesday.

Funeral was held at 3 p. m. Wednesday in the Starbuck Funeral Home Chapel. Officiating was Elder O. J. Adcock of the Church of Christ.

Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery. Mr. Harris was born in Kentucky on Aug. 1, 1872. He settled in the Mount Pleasant community, where he had farming interests, in 1903. Later he moved to Blair. When he retired from farming in 1940, he moved to Merkel.

In 1888 he was married to Fledia Boden, who died in 1914. In 1916 Mr. Harris was married to Willa Wheeler.

Survivors are his wife; three daughters, Mrs. J. M. Cox and Mrs. Leslie Osborn, both of California, and Mrs. O. D. Allamon of Shreveport, La.; seven grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Box Murphy, Carl Hughes Carleton King, Earl Baze, G. W. Hughes and Price Melton, Honorary pallbearers were N. C. Bush and Eli Cordell.

CEMETERY FUND

Below are those who recently donated to the Cemetery Maintenance Fund. Anyone wishing to contribute to this fund may leave contributions at the Farmers and Merchants National Bank. The donors are:

J. T. Warren Estate	\$25.00
Dave Tarpley	\$25.00
Paul Orsborne	\$5.00
H. H. Spears	\$5.00
Ernest Teaff	\$5.00

Merkel Badgers Lead Throckmorton At Half-Time 7-6

Though the Merkel Badgers were able to jump into the lead at the beginning of the second quarter of the game played here last Friday night they were unable to retain it and nodded to the Throckmorton Greyhounds 13-7.

A slim crowd of about 400 persons watched the game from the stands while the fathers of the players with numbers on their backs sat next to the boys on the field.

Herman Carson, with a new movie camera, took pictures of the plays for the Badgers.

Don Dudley was the announcer.

with Holt Vaughn as electrical technician, using the Taylor Electric Coop PA system.

George English and Freddie Boone were the co-captains. Band Director W. G. Reed at the half-time had the marchers execute formations that will be used at the inter-scholastic league contest.

Throckmorton was run out of bounds on its own 20. George English stopped them on the 38 and Wesley Marton threw them for a loss.

Merkel delivered the ball to its own 32. Freddie and Kermit Rutledge tried. Pass from Philip Pursley to Robert McLeod was good but not enough for a first down.

Throckmorton started on its own 44 and traveled steadily to the Badger 40 with Pursley, Robert and George making good tackles. On a pitch out Billy Whitaker flew the rest of the way for the TD. No conversion.

From its own 40 Merkel moved along to the Greyhound 42 with Pursley, Freddie Boone, Larry Joyce and Kermit carrying the pigskin.

When Throckmorton took over Marton threw them for a loss. Gail stopped them on the 43.

Boone delivered the Greyhound kick to his own 35. Merkel lost ground. Robert made a beautiful kick of 40 yards. Larry stopped Throckmorton on the Merkel 47 as the quarter ended: T 6, M 0.

Soon thereafter Billy Mac Gilbert intercepted a pass. Then Freddie made a wonderful run of 33 yards. From the Greyhound 11 he traveled to the 1 yard and then with a pitch out from Pursley he ran around right end for the marker.

George English's educated toe made the extra point. Throckmorton started on its own 14 and journeyed along to the mid-stripe, stopped by Larry, Terry O'Brien, Robert and Gail O'Brien.

Marton recovered a Throckmorton fumble. Larry made a small gain and soon Robert kicked a beautiful 36 yards.

The Greyhounds tried hard from their 21 to the Merkel 45 with Robert, Gilbert, Freddie, George, Gail, Larry Marton and Kermit putting up firm resistance.

Robert rushed a passer and Merkel took over on the Greyhound 48. Throckmorton got the Badger fumble on the Merkel 45. Kermit intercepted a pass on the 40 as the half ended: T 6, M 7.

Kermit and Freddie tried from their 31. Throckmorton intercepted a pass but made no gains with Kermit and Larry tackling. Gail intercepted a pass on the same 31. Larry and Robert made a first down and then Merkel bogged down. Robert kicked 50 yards.

Bob Davis of Throckmorton took the ball. He had a clear field, was running wild when Robert spurted out, took after him, lunged from behind and tackled him. Davis had made 62 yards and the ball was on the Badger 18.

Merkel tried hard to stop the steady push of the Greyhounds on the 17, the 11, the 6, the 3. Then Max Hibbitts went over and Billy Whitaker kicked the point.

Kermit had the ball on his 35. Freddie and Larry moved along to the mid-stripe as the quarter ended: T 13, M 7.

Except for one try by Throckmorton's ball was mostly on Throckmorton's side of the field.

Pursley pitched to Gilbert for the 35-yard. A fumble gave the ball to the Greyhounds. Throckmorton moved to the Badger 35 with tackling being done along the way by Joyce, Gail, Gene Hargrove, Kermit, Philip, Terry and Marton.

Merkel took over here and Kermit, Larry and Freddie made small gains.

Gail, Marton and Gilbert nailed Throckmorton on its 25. Gail and Terry stopped them on the 26. Kermit intercepted a pass here on the 31.

Passes to Boone took the ball to the 15. Merkel fumbled. Throckmorton tried with Gail, Marton, Robert and Carl McKeever in on the tackles.

Merkel had the ball on its 45. Kermit delivered to the Throck-

morton 48 and Freddie hurried to Kermit to place the ball on the 13 as the game ended.

The Figures

THROCKMORTON	MERKEL
9 First Downs	8
154 Yds. Gained Rushing . . .	5
11 Passes Attempted	12
1 for 11 Passes Completed 7 for 110	
1 Passes Intercepted By . . .	4
2 for 31 Punts, Average 6 for 32	
2 for 30 Penalties Yardage 1 for 5	
1 Fumbles Lost	3

MERKEL VS. MUNDAY

The last conference game of the season will be played here tonight, Friday, at 7:30 p. m. when the Badgers meet the Munday team.

DAUGHTER TO SIMPSONS

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Simpson, Jr., of Houston announce the birth of a daughter, Deborah Lynn, born Nov. 9. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Simpson. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. James M. Renn of Hopewell, Va.

Dan Sorrells Has Announced For State Senator

Dan Sorrells, Abilene attorney, has announced his candidacy for State Senator. In his announcement Mr. Sorrells stated:

"It is my hope, if elected, to creditably represent these principles and purposes that our late senator so ably fought for in representing the 24th Senatorial District."

Sorrells, 28, was born in Breckenridge and attended public schools in Abilene. After graduating from Abilene High School, he attended the University of Texas in Austin until the age of 17 he volunteered for the Marine Corps. As a member of the 2nd Marine Division, Mr. Sorrells had 21 months of overseas service including the invasion of Okinawa.

Discharged in 1946 with the rank of Corporal, Mr. Sorrells returned to his studies at the University of Texas and was graduated with honors from the School of Business Administration in 1949. Two years later he graduated from the University of Texas School of Law with honors. During that time he served on the Editorial Board of the Texas Law Review.

Since that time he has been engaged in the general practice of law in Abilene, and has served as prosecuting attorney for that city.

Mr. Sorrells and his wife, Gladys, have one son, Kevin, age 2. All three are members of the First Presbyterian Church, Abilene. Mr. Sorrells is active in the V. F. W., American Legion, Kiwanis Club and the Texas State Guard Reserve.

He further stated, "I believe in West Texas and its future and expect to participate in its growth and development. If elected, my principal aim will be to promote West Texas and its interests. To this end, I invite and will appreciate the advice, the help, and the vote of any of the people of this district."



DAN SORRELLS

Trent Gorillas Battle Evenly During 1st Half

Hermleigh's Cardinals captured at least a share of the District 6-B championship last Friday night, winning over the Trent Gorillas 14-0.

The Cardinals exploded for two touchdowns in the third quarter, after the two teams had battled on fairly even terms during the first half.

Wendell Goodman made the first tally on a 70-yard punt return and Billy Davidson scored the second counter on a 47-yard run. Davidson booted both extra points.

A lost fumble on the Trent 12-yard line halted one other scoring threat by the Cardinals.

David W. Ratliff Has Announced For State Senator

David W. Ratliff, 42, member of the Texas Legislature for two terms and elected to a third term, has authorized the announcement of his entry in the race for State Senator for the 24th Senatorial District.

The Stamford lawmaker has never had an opponent in the three times he has been elected to represent his district.

Mr. Ratliff has served on numerous important committees in the House, and is at present a member of the Texas Water Resources Committee, set up to try to solve the State's complex water problems. He is the senior member of the House from the 24th Senatorial District.

Mr. Ratliff, owner of Radio Station KDWT in Stamford, is proud of his family of a wife and four children. His oldest son David is now in the Navy and stationed at Norfolk, Va., and the other three, John, Lynnora, and Janie, are at home. Mrs. Ratliff actively helps run the radio station.

Mr. Ratliff stated that his friends in the 24th District have urged him to run for this promotion to the Senate, since he is the senior member in the District.

"I believe that I know the problems facing us, and it is my pledge to face the issues squarely and try to solve them for the good of all," stated Mr. Ratliff.



DAVID W. RATLIFF

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. . . as long as we remember the true meaning of Thanksgiving Day. As you face your Thanksgiving turkey, be devoutly thankful, as the Pilgrims were, for this nation you can call yours for the precious freedoms that are ours: for the opportunities of exchanging honest work for the many things that make life more enjoyable.

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Plans were discussed to have a chili supper for all high school. Proceeds will be used to carry out F.H.A. projects for the year.

Friday, Nov. 5, Pat Fisher was elected F.H.A. queen. All F.H.A. members contributed last week to helping National F.H.A. Week to be a success.

Freshmen initiation will be held at the next meeting. All freshmen must be initiated to be in the club.

Horse racing is at least 3,000 years old.

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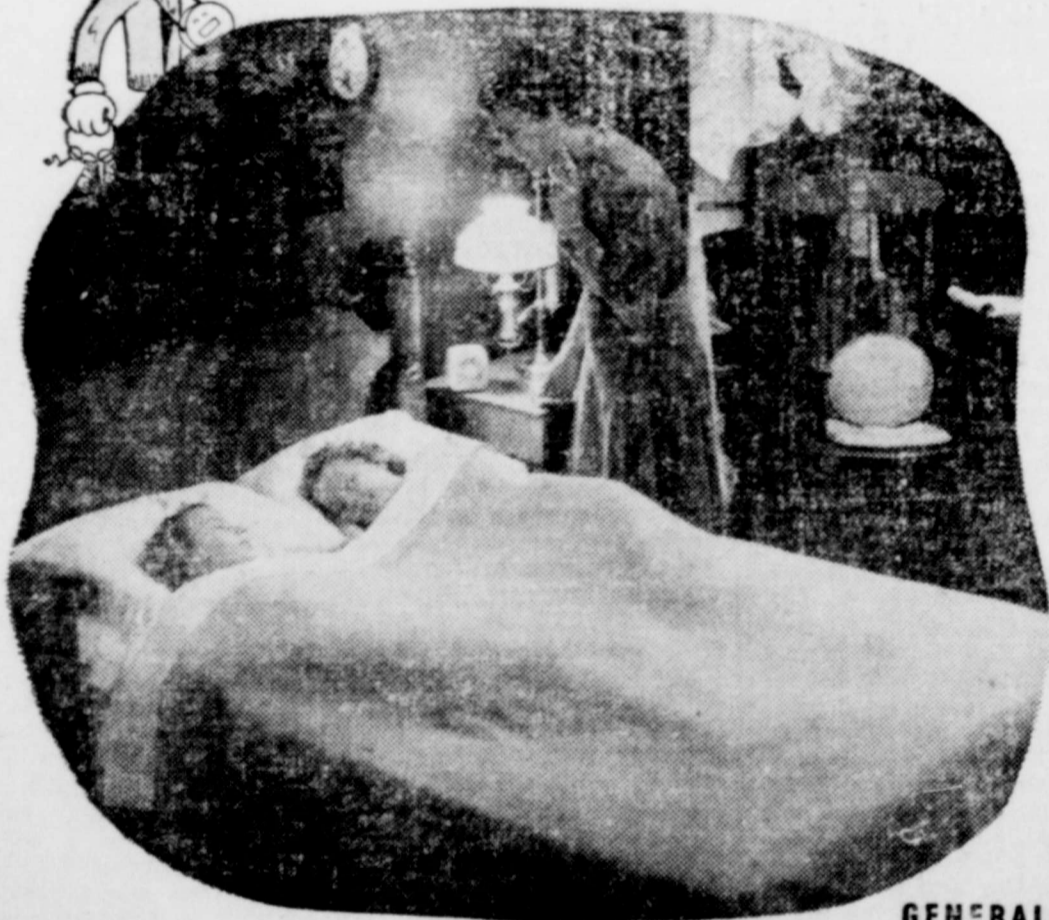
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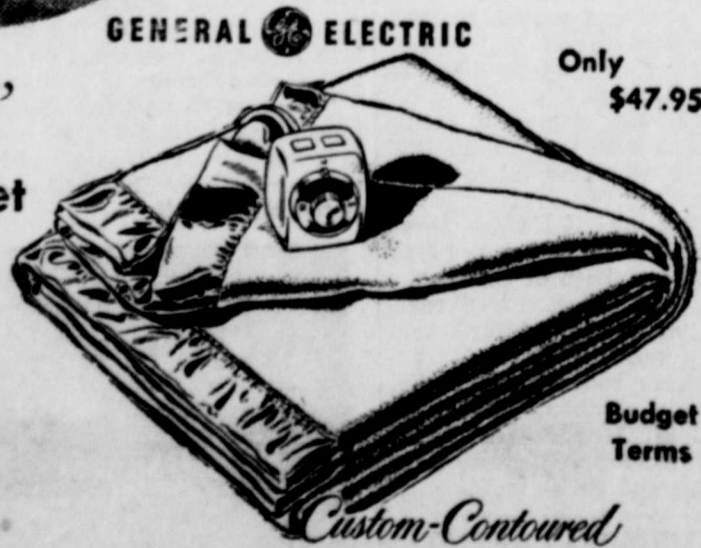
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NEW CROP YAMS	lb.	10c
IDAHO SPUDS	lb.	5c

ALL MEAT HAMBURGER	lb.	39c
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SUN SPUN WHOLE Green Beans	2 cans	39c
GLADIOLA FLOUR	5 lb. bag	49c

SUN SPUN OLEO	2 lbs.	45c
SUN SPUN SOUR or DILL PICKLES	qt.	29c
LIBBY'S — No. 2 1/2 CAN PEACHES	3 cans	\$1
NORTHERN Tiolet Tissue	3 rolls	29c
OUR VALUE — No. 303 TOMATOES	2 cans	27c
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personals

Mrs. Clarence Perry and daughter Kay went with Mrs. Claude Perry and Mrs. John Perry to Odessa to see Mrs. Melvin Denson, who had surgery. She is improving.

Mrs. Dent Gibson attended the funeral of A. E. Cannon in Bedford last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ennis Grimes of Quannah visited homefolks Sunday.

Rev. and Mrs. Hugh Hunt of Stanton visited their daughter, Mrs. Don Dudley, and family Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. Norma Bond and children were in Big Spring Sunday and Monday visiting her daughter, Mrs. Norman English, and husband.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Walker,

Dale and Betsy were weekend visitors of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Fox. Betsy remained for the week. All went to Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Fox in Abilene Saturday night.

Mrs. James D. Denson and daughter returned home to Houston Sunday after a two weeks' visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Toombs.

Mrs. Bob Malone, Mrs. J. T. Johnson and Miss Delia Kuykendall spent the weekend in Wichita Falls with relatives and friends.

Mrs. M. G. Rumbaugh of El Paso spent the weekend visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Bryan.

GAMES ON AIR

Humble Oil & Refining Company will broadcast Saturday at 1:50 p. m. SMU-Baylor over KRBC, Abilene; Rice-TCU over KWCK, Abilene; Texas Tech-University of Houston over KXOX, Sweetwater; Arkansas-LSU over WFAA-WBAP, 570, Dallas-Ft. Worth.

FATHER SUFFER STROKE

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Bartlett went to Santa Ann Thursday last week and returned Monday where they went to be with his father, Ed Bartlett, who suffered a stroke. He was improved when they left.

NOTICE OF ELECTION

To the legally qualified voters of Jones County, Texas, take notice that an election will be held on Saturday the 11th day of December, 1954, in each of the voting precincts in Jones County, Texas, at which time there will be submitted to the legally qualified voters of said Jones County, Texas, the following propositions:

"SHALL THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF JONES COUNTY, TEXAS, EMPLOY A WOLF TRAPPER IN AND FOR JONES COUNTY, TEXAS."

The form of the ballots for said election shall be as follows:
FOR: A WOLF TRAPPER FOR JONES COUNTY
AGAINST: A WOLF TRAPPER FOR JONES COUNTY

Each voter shall draw a line through one of the above expressions, thus leaving the other to indicate his vote. If said election carries, in favor of the employment of a wolf trapper, the Commissioners' Court of Jones County, Texas, will cooperate with the State of Texas in the customary manner and pay the County's proportion for the employment of the wolf trapper if the State pays for its proportionate part. Said County will pay said expenses from the general fund of said Jones County.

Issued this 15 day of November, 1954.

By Commissioners' Court of Jones County, Texas
By: Gene Spurgin, Jr., County Clerk, Jones County, Texas.

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: Barney Morrison, Defendant. Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED 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 December A. D. 1954, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 29th day of October A. D. 1954, in this cause, numbered 20,152-A on the docket of said court and styled Billie Morrison, Plaintiff vs. Barney Morrison, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and defendant were legally married on or about 15th day of September 1946, and lived together until on or about November 1st, 1952. Plaintiff shows there were no children born of said marriage.

Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of cruel treatment and asks that property purchased by Plaintiff, being Lot No. 4, of the Helen Reese Subdivision of the Lot No. 5, Block No. 16 in Edgemont a subdivision out of the N. 1/4 of Survey No. 64, to the City of Abilene, be set aside as her separate property and estate 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 29th day of October, A. D. 1954.

Attest: R. H. Ross Clerk, 42nd District Court Taylor County, Texas
By Irene Crawford, Deputy. (SEAL)

Adv. —Nov. 12, 19, 26, Dec. 3.

LEGAL NOTICE

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: George W. Walling, Jr., if living, and if dead, the legal representatives of said named defendant, and the unknown heirs of said named defendant; the legal representatives of the unknown

heirs of said named defendant, if the unknown heirs of said named defendant are dead; the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of said named defendant, if the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of said defendant are dead, and any and all subsequent grantees if any, of the principal defendant, George W. Walling, Jr., and all successive Grantees of such grantees if any DEFENDANTS, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 104th District Court 104th Judicial 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 20th day of December A. D. 1954, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 1st day of Nov. A. D. 1954, in this cause, numbered 7587-B on the docket of said court and styled O. B. Adams, Plaintiff, vs. George W. Walling, Jr., if living, and if dead, the legal representatives of said named defendant, and the unknown heirs of said named defendant; the legal representatives of the unknown heirs of said named defendant are dead; the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of said named defendant are dead, and any and all subsequent grantees if any, of the principal defendant, George W. Walling, Jr., and all successive Grantees of such grantees if any, DEFENDANTS.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Trespass to try title wherein O. B. Adams is plaintiff, and George W. Walling, Jr., et al, are defendants, wherein title and right to possession of a certain unnumbered lot in Block No. 26, North Park Addition to the City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas is in issue.

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 1st day of November A. D., 1954.
Attest: R. H. (Bob) Ross Clerk 104th District Court Taylor County, Texas (SEAL)

By C. Bower, Deputy.
Adv. Nov. 5, 12, 19, 26.

LEGAL NOTICE

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

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

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Carl Webster Tyler, Defendant. Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED 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 6th day of December A. D. 1954, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 18th day of Oct. A. D. 1954, in this cause, numbered 20,132-A on the docket of said court and styled Dorothy Ruth Tyler, Plaintiff, vs. Carl Webster Tyler, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were married on or about January 3, 1954 and lived together until on or about the 15th day of April, 1954. Plaintiff shows that there are no children born of said marriage and there is no community property

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to be adjudicated. Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of cruel treatment and asks that her maiden name be restored, to-wit: Dorothy Ruth Johnson as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same ac-

ording 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 18th day of October A. D. 1954. (SEAL)

Attest: R. H. Ross, Clerk, 42nd District Court Taylor County, Texas
By C. Bower, Deputy.
Adv. Oct. 29, Nov. 5, 12, 19.

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Charming and Enchanting Beauty Of Flowers Are Colorfully Shown

There is always the rainbow! And though the theme of the wonderful flower show presented by the Merkel Garden Club was "How Dry We Are" there was displayed, right at the front of the Community Center hall, so everyone could see, the colorful, flashing, hopeful rainbow. The show was held Saturday and Sunday afternoons. The displays as a whole were masses of charming and enchanting beauty, showing what ingenuity can do both in producing nature's masterpieces of beauty and

in imaginative arrangements. At one end of the rainbow was the pot of gold, represented by varied flowers, while at the other end was the pot of rain, also represented by many floral pieces. Below the rainbow was the niche, "Gateway to the West," which won third place at District 8 of Texas Garden Clubs in Sweetwater recently. There was a brown boot with a dried arrangement and a miniature man about to get on a miniature horse. The three-inch winner of miniature arrangements was a shell with small flowers including tiny

bachelor buttons while the eight-inch winner was a black hat with flowers including chrysanthemums.

The cacti grown here were gems of beautiful colors: lavender and green — succulent type, like rubber, contrasting with stickers. Beautiful, beautiful indeed, were the castor beans: shades of red, blood red, deep red, and also shades of green, rich green. There were revealed the seed and the bud and then the beautiful plant — the bean and the foliage. The best in the show went to the chrysanthemum arrangement for dinner table, showing white chrysanthemums, bells of Ireland and canna leaves — white in front and back of a marvelous towering piece of green — though in all arranging about 15 inches high and the same wide. It was "free standing" to be viewed from any side while in the center of the table. It was the masterpiece of Mrs. Dale Litton. Roses grown here were of red, pink and peach in containers of silver, crystal and china. There fruits and flowers in opergne. And what the ladies could do with dried material! They used wheat, they used yucca pods, this-tle, flutternell pods, straw flowers, magnolia leaves. And with eucalyptus! Roses from the leaves. And roses from corn shucks. There were okra pods and cones, magnolia leaves and love apples. And marvelous web-like beauties, skeletalized cacti of pure white color, cattails and enchanting pampas grass — fluffy white. The Thanksgiving and Christmas arrangements were riots of beauty. On the guest table were three from Noodle. Mrs. Bennie Anderson won first with roses, Mrs. Sam Allen second with roses and Mrs. Anderson also won third with African violets. The violets were intriguing, soft green leaves in which nestled the small lavender flowers with a yellow eye peeping out from the center. An outstanding mantel arrangement was presented by Mrs. W. T. Sadler and Mrs. Clyde Bartlett. The mantel was actual use size with red bricks, andirons and log. On the floor were pine cones that were gilded. On top was angel hair on top of the mantel. angels nestling all over. On top center was an arrangement of roses and foliage. All were frosted on top of the mantel. On the floor was an early American nut bowl with pecans and nut-cracker in the bowl. Mrs. Charlie Sherril won the sweepstakes with 15 prizes. Mrs. Jack Miller was flower show chairman. The florists of Merkel each had a table display. Saturday musical numbers were given by Mrs. Paul Honeycutt, piano, and Mrs. Homer Patterson sang; Mrs. Sam McLeod, piano, and Mrs. Ernest Old, Abilene, sang; Miss Annette Newton, piano, and vocal duets by Mrs. Vincent Barnett and Mrs. Andy Shouse. Sunday Miss Christine Collins played background music at the piano. This was the fourth garden show presented by the club.

personals

W. M. Johnson of Ackerly visited here Monday with kinfolks. Mrs. Nolan Palmer and Patricia attended the home coming game in Lubbock Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Miller were in Edgewood over the weekend visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Hooks. Miss Johnnie Lee Wilson of Seymour is a guest this week in the home of her aunt, Mrs. Edna Horton, and daughter Sonja Sue. Mrs. Carson Miles of San Angelo is spending this week with her mother, Mrs. J. S. Swann. Mrs. Sallie Campbell and Miss Sophie Howard of Abilene were visitors of Mrs. Hugh Campbell Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Swann and daughter, Ruth of Harlingen visited his mother, Mrs. J. S. Swann, over the weekend. Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Moreland and sons Donald and Larry of Levelland were weekend guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Hendricks. A son, Weldon Davis, and wife of Abilene were also guests Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Lewis and grandson of Galveston spent the weekend with their mother, Mrs. Mardie Lewis and sister, Mrs. O. J. Bagley, and husband. Mr. and Mrs. Earl McCright of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Foster and Miss Marie McCright of Fort Worth visited in the J. O. Castles home Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Patterson visited over the weekend in Austin with Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Burgess and were accompanied by Mrs. F. Y. Gaither who visited her daughter, Mrs. J. H. Garner and husband and then went on to San Antonio to visit with her other daughter, Mrs. E. D. McGee, and family. Mrs. W. A. McCandless, daughters and grandchildren visited her last Sunday. They were Mrs. Harry McCandless of Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. John Tull and three children of Odessa, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny McColm and son of Fort Worth and Mrs. Gilbert Boswell, son and daughter, Mrs. Luther Gray and daughter of Abilene. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gruben of Rotan visited their daughter, Mrs. Kenneth Purser, last week. Mrs. W. A. McCandless returned from Anson Tuesday morning after a visit with her sister, Mrs. M. F. Roberts.



\$1,000 TO GROCER — Herman Carson, left, receives a \$1,000 check from D. M. Cheek, Abilene, in connection with a contest in which a Merkel area woman won a new automobile. The grocery is owned by Herman and Howard Carson.

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- ★ **Church and Family Man**
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DECEMBER 11

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MOVE TO WACO
Mr. and Mrs. John D. Bennett and family have moved to Waco where he was transferred from the social security office in Abilene.

GRAMMAR GIRLS ARE CROWNED TUESDAY AT PEP RALLY
Sweethearts of the grammar school were crowned Tuesday of last week at the pep rally. They were: Peggy Greenfield, football sweetheart; Joe Neill, pep squad sweetheart. Peggy was presented a bracelet and earring set. Joe was given a football.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL DRUM MAJOR, TWIRLERS, CHEER LEADERS NAMED
The drum major of the grammar school is Glenda Owens; twirlers are Patricia Johnson, Virginia Cristwell, Donna Scott; cheer leaders are Peggy Greenfield, Joe Neill, Bitsy West, Annette Boney, Mary McKeever. The mascot is Kay Green.

LT. Wm. A. McDONALD IS NOW IN KOREA
1st Lt. William A. McDonald, whose wife, Vada Lou, lives at 401 Ash St., is serving with the 24th Infantry Division in Korea. Lt. McDonald, son of Mr. and Mrs. William R. McDonald, 207 S. Locust St., is a platoon leader in the 21st Regiment's Company M. Before entering the Army in March 1953, he attended Texas Technological College.

"FAVORITE RECIPE" TOLD AT UNION RIDGE CLUB
The Union Ridge Home Demonstration Club met Nov. 5, in the home of Miss Mabel McRee. Mrs. J. H. Clark, president, presided. Minutes were approved. Roll call was answered with "A Favorite Recipe." Mrs. Kenneth Pee gave the treasurer's report. Mrs. John Hughes offered the prayer. Mrs. McRee gave the council report. Mrs. J. C. Walton gave a demonstration. Refreshments were served to three visitors, nine members and two children.

MAJOR J. J. JOWERS HONORED
The Nim Teaff home was the scene of an early Thanksgiving dinner for the family of Mrs. Mary Jowers in honor of Major J. J. Jowers of the 8th Air Force who is being sent to Japan Nov. 19. His family will join him later. There were about 28 guests enjoying the turkey dinner and all the trimmings.

EXPLORERS TO COMPETE
The Explorer Scouts of Troop No. 19 will compete in the marksmanship contest at 9 a. m. Saturday at Camp Tonkawa in Buffalo Gap. All the troops in the Chisholm Trail will compete. They will compete in 22 rifle range, bird shot, archery and rod and reel casting.

TEACH, PREACH AND STUDY

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Ray and daughter Becky spent the weekend with a daughter, Mrs. Lucian Rudd, and family. Rev. Rudd is a Baptist minister in Hamilton. Mrs. Rudd, the former Peggy Ray, is a sixth grade teacher in Fort Worth. Rev. Rudd is a student at the seminary, so they spend their week in Ft. Worth and weekends in Hamilton where he preaches for his church.

TEXAS NATURAL BANQUET ENJOYED BY 150 PERSONS

About 150 persons were present at the banquet held at the Texas Natural Gasoline Corporation last Saturday. The main event was a speech by J. T. Oxley of Tulsa, Okla., president of the company. Five-year award pins were given to H. H. Taylor, F. M. Cox, H. W. Shaw, R. F. Lewis, R. E. Speck, W. A. Nixon, Dale Parzer, F. W. Prentiss and F. H. Goodwin.

EDNA MCGEE'S BROTHER WINS HIGH COMPLIMENT FOR HIS DRIVING CARE

J. C. (Johnnie) Warlick, brother of Edna McGee, will be presented an award gift and a certificate for safe driving. He lives in Abilene and recently got a letter from Hobbs Trailer Co. "Knight of the Road" program in Ft. Worth, signed by J. O. Musick, general manager of the Texas Safety Association, and Kent Odom, chief of the license and weights division of the Department of Public Safety. It complimented on his driving courtesy. He received a big write-up about this in Wednesday's Abilene Reporter-News.

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LEON SCOTT'S FATHER PASSES AWAY SAT.

William Davis Scott, 72, formerly of Sylvester, died Saturday night in Austin after a brief illness. He is the father of Leon Scott. The friends who went from here to attend the funeral were Booth Warren, Gerald Derrick, Vincent Barnett, and Cramer Reynolds.

MRS. FRANK MARTIN FORMER MERKELITE DIES IN SWEETWATER

Mrs. Frank Martin, 54, died in Sweetwater Saturday after a long illness. She was married to Mr. Martin at Longworth on Dec. 16, 1919. At one time they had lived at Merkel.

BIBLE CLASS ENJOYS WEINER ROAST TUESDAY

The High School Bible Class of the Church of Christ enjoyed a weiner roast at the R. E. A. picnic grounds in the mountains south of town Tuesday night. About 20 teen-agers had a good time at this social.

The sponsors were Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Watson and Mr. and Mrs. Judd McReynolds. Games and contests were enjoyed. Refreshments of roasted weiners, chili on the bun and cookies were served.

HOME FROM HOSPITAL

Mrs. Dewitt Campbell was discharged from the Sadler Hospital Sunday. She is getting along fine.

CHARLIE SMITH IS HOME

Charlie Smith returned Monday from the Veterans Hospital in Big Spring. He is on 15-day leave and will go back November 30.

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Mrs. O. W. Payne, is resigning his position as vice president of the Snyder National Bank to become president of the First State Bank of Monahans. His resignation becomes effective December 15.

Prior to going to Snyder he was cashier and loan officer of the First National Bank of Tulia where he began his banking career after graduating from Abilene Christian College.

He is 33 years old, married and has two children. A native of Merkel, his college career was interrupted by four years service in World War II. Returning to ACC he was active in student affairs, was president of the Trojan Club and in his senior year was captain of the football team and was named to the all-conference team.

He had signed to play pro football but took the Tulia bank job instead.

Air Explorer Group Is Formed By Troop No. 19

An Air Explorer unit of the Boy Scout Troop No. 19 of which Dr. James H. Chaney is scoutmaster, has been organized. Bill Wheeler is pilot and Johnny Martin is assistant pilot. The crew members are Dwayne Wade, Clarence Gregory and Dale Wheeler.

The boys are building a one-passenger airplane. They hope it will fly when completed.

CAMERA SUPPLIES CITY DRUG

50 Millionth Car To Come Off Line Next Tuesday

On Tuesday, Nov. 23, an event unprecedented in industrial history will occur when the 50th millionth car produced by General Motors in the United States will come off the assembly line in Flint, Mich.

The Badger Chevrolet Co., and the Nolan Palmer Motor Co., are dealers in General Motors cars, the Chevrolet and Pontiac.

The Badger Chevrolet Co., will hold open house here, announced Jack Miller. It will display a gold Motorama Chevrolet, a replica of this epoch-making car.

"The open house Tuesday will be from 8 a. m. to 6 p. m.," stated Mr. Miller. "Refreshments of coffee and doughnuts will be served. You are to be our guests on this golden day."

Open house will also be held at the Pontiac Assembly Division plant in Arlington.

"I invite all my friends and the public in general to visit this plant on next Tuesday," said Mr. Palmer. "The plant will be open from 10 a. m. to 9 p. m. and you can see how your new Pontiac is made."

P.-T.A. Enjoys American Theme At Last Program

Mrs. Joe Cyfert, president, presided at the meeting of the P.-T.A. November 4.

The program opened with the third grade, under the sponsorship of Mrs. John West and Mrs. Mildred Winter, singing American rural songs with Jan McLeod doing the announcing and Patricia Pair and Claud (Butch) Baker doing clever impersonations.

Mrs. Ellen McReynolds stressed "With Justice for All." Glenda Pangle gave the high school feature while a play was directed by Mrs. Comer Haynes. The play was "We Hold These Truths."

Paka Newby, Patsy Melton and Kay James represented the ideals of Life, Liberty and Happiness. Background music was sung by a girls' quartet: Betty Chancey, Sue Mewborn, Kay Chancey and Loretta.

325 Parents Visit Public Schools Here Last Week

There were 325 parents visiting the Merkel Public Schools last week, which was American Education Week.

This number is probably the largest to ever visit the local schools during Education Week, said Supt. Mack Fisher.

The visitation to the classrooms was sponsored by the Room Mothers with Mrs. David Gamble in charge.

The Primary School had 181 different visitors; the Elementary School, 125 and the High School, 19 visitors.

"These visits to see the classrooms in action have been beneficial to the parents, the teachers and to the students," stated the superintendent.

"Remember, parents are invited to visit the classrooms at any time—not just during Education Week," added Prof. Fisher.

Barry Scott and Iris Pair Elected Popular Freshmen

Barry Scott and Iris Pair were elected most popular boy and girl of the freshman class. Erroll Rutledge and Michael Miller were chosen as Junior Red Cross members.

MRS. DURHAM REVIEWS "LIGHT FROM MANY LAMPS"

Mrs. Wrenn Durham gave a comprehensive review of the book, "Light From Many Lamps" by Lillian Eichler Watson, at the meeting last week of the WMS of the Methodist Church.

Trent High School Homecoming Is Highly Successful

The Exes of Trent High School gathered on the High School Auditorium for a program at 2 p. m. last Friday. There were about 130 Exes at the first annual homecoming.

The program consisted of a string band, several numbers by the students and a history of the school given by Carlton McLeod.

The program was climaxed by the guest speaker, Garland Franks.

Refreshments were served in the school cafeteria after the program. The Exes also had a business meeting at this time. The activities were climaxed with the playing of a football game with Hermleigh High School.

During half-time ceremonies the homecoming queen, Y'Vonne Martin, was crowned by the superintendent, Wray B. Williams. All the Exes had an enjoyable time and are anticipating the reunion to be held in 1955.

Fortnightly Club Sends Members To 57th Meeting

The 57th annual convention of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs was held in the Baker Hotel, Mineral Wells, November 8-11.

The Merkel Fortnightly Study Club, a member of the federation for 20 years, having been organized in 1934, sent a delegate and two representatives to the convention for one day: Mrs. Ben R. Hicks, Mrs. W. R. Cyfert and Mrs. Geo. T. Moore.

The local group were inspired by the meeting on Nov. 10. A program on safety was the main event. J. O. Masick, director of Texas Safety Association, announced that Dec. 15 was designated by President Eisenhower as S. D. (Safe Driving Day), a day set aside for everyone to drive without an accident.

Much was said also about driver's education, which is endorsed as a project of the federation.

The Merkel club was given an award of honorable mention and \$10 for a contest on "Conversation About Conservation."

International affairs speakers were inspiring. A formal birthday dinner was served in the roof garden in honor of the Baker Hotel's silver anniversary as hostess to the convention.

NOODLE SENIOR GIRLS 4-H CLUB MEETS

The Noodle Senior Girls 4-H Club met for a regular business meeting on Nov. 9 with the C. H. D. H.

Judy Spurgin, president, presided. Miss Waincott announced that the Jones County 4-H Achievement Program would be held on Monday night, Nov. 15, in the Anson High School Auditorium.

County awards will be presented. Judy Spurgin will give a food demonstration and Frankie Sullivan will give a report on 4-H Round Up at A. & M.

Miss Waincott gave the demonstration, "What You Should Know About Hamburgers."

COMPERE CLUB MEETS IN MRS. JESS FOY'S HOME

The Compere Home Demonstration Club met Nov. 11 in Mrs. Jess Foy's home for its regular meeting.

Mrs. Walter Kelson, president, presided.

Mrs. Ray sang a solo and offered prayer. She also gave the council report. The annual Christmas party, sponsored by the council, will be a luncheon. Each lady will carry a covered dish and two gifts, one gift for the tree and one for a patient at Abilene State Hospital.

Compere and Stith clubs are to make the corsages for the Christmas party.

The club was invited to meet with Turby Club on Nov. 16 and assist them in making plans for a Christmas party for both clubs. Mrs. Foy and Mrs. Touchstone were appointed to meet with the club.

Mrs. Kelso gave a demonstration on "Chicken Tetrazini." The hostess served this delicious food with crackers, pumpkin pie and punch to Mesdames L. B. Ray, Ben Adkins, J. E. Touchstone, W. D. Ramsey, Vernon Stanley, Walter Kelson, Mrs. Foy and her mother, Mrs. Conrod, of Anson.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. L. B. Ray Monday, Nov. 22, as the regular club day falls on Thanksgiving.

Water occupies more space at 50 degrees below zero Fahrenheit than at 50 degrees above.

CARD OF THANKS

I want to thank those who helped me during my illness, those who gave blood and sent flowers and cards and sat up. Special thanks to the doctors and nurses. Pete Neill

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank Mrs. Tommy Ellis and her pupils for sending the colored pictures to George. It made him very happy. Mr. and Mrs. J. M. McDonald and George.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Merkel Mail is authorized to announce the following candidates for office, subject to the election to be held Saturday, Dec. 11:

For State Senator 24th District **DAVID W. RATLIFF**

New Ford Cars Are Admired Here By Nice Crowds

The first showing of the new 1955 Ford cars won splendid appreciation, stated Paul Honeycutt, local Ford dealer. Nice crowds came to see them here.

The new improvements, especially the front end and the new grille, won great admiration. Those who rode and drove the new car liked it very well, said Mr. Honeycutt.

"The production for the first six weeks seems to be limited," he remarked.

Six FTA Members And Their Sponsor At District Meet

Six F. T. A. members and their sponsor attended the District VII Future Teachers of America convention at Vernon November 13.

Betty Chancey and Freddie Boone represented Merkel in the Mr. and Miss F. T. A. contest and did a fine job of speaking. The winners were Jean Swilling, Abilene, and Chester Mason, Vernon.

Mrs. Ellen McReynolds led one of the workshops. Betty Chancey was elected treasurer of the House of Delegates at state convention.

There were over 100 members and sponsors present. Those from Merkel were Betty Chancey, Gloria Teaff, Gwen Hagar, Freddie Boone, Leon Kelso, Johnnie Tipton and the sponsor, Mrs. McReynolds.

The next meeting will be held in Abilene.

Betty Chancey And Jerry Russell Are Favorites

The high school junior class met Nov. 4 and elected class favorites. They are Betty Chancey and Jerry Russell. Two representatives to the Junior Red Cross were also elected. They are Loretta Henry and Homer Payne.

The favorites will be featured in the 1955 Badger yearbook.

Betty is a member of the band, secretary of the F. T. A., secretary of the junior class, president of the choral club, song leader of the F. H. A. and a member of the quartet. Last year she was secretary of the sophomore class and band. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Chancey.

Jerry is vice president of the F. F. A. and a member of the rodeo club. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Russell.

Class sponsors present at the meeting were Mrs. Ellen McReynolds, Mrs. Lucy Haynes and Chester Collinsworth, Sr.

Britta K. Denton, Kermit Rutledge Band Favorites

Band favorites of the high school band were named at a band meeting. They are Britta Kaye Denton and Kermit Rutledge. They will be presented at the Merkel-Munday football game Nov. 19.

Britta Kaye is a senior student. She is a member of F. T. A., annual staff, Commercial Club, Choral Club, Players Club and secretary of the band. Last year she was vice president of the Junior Red Cross, Junior Class favorite and represented Merkel in the interscholastic league contest.

Kermit is a sophomore. He is active in football, basketball and baseball. He is vice president of the band, president of the sophomore class and was freshman class president.

W. G. Reed is band director.

Argentina was discovered in 1516 by Juan Daiz de Solis.

CLASSIFIED AD SECTION

NOTICE MASONS
Stated meeting of Merkel lodge No. 710, A. F. & A. M., Saturday, Dec. 4, at 7:30 p. m. All members are urged to attend. Visiting brethren cordially invited.

D. R. Butler, W. M.
Truett Thompson, Sec'y.

NOTICE
Stated Meeting of the Merkel Chapter No. 212 O. E. S. Tuesday November 23, 7:30 p. m.
Una Mae Hays, W. M.
Fern Windham, Secretary.

TO LEASE
FOR LEASE — 160 acre farm. See the Merkel Mail or write to P. O. Box 428, Merkel, Texas. 3t34p.

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FOR RENT — Duplex apartment, modern, 4 rooms and bath, unfurnished. See Ray Wilson. 1t34c.

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FOR RENT — Unfurnished houses. Also 2 room apartment, older person preferred. Dowdy & Toombs. 1t34c.

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"Magnificent Obsession" opens Sunday and Monday at the Queen Theatre.

The theme of the celebrated Douglas novel is keyed to a woman's great need for the man she has most reason to hate, a man who has almost destroyed her life. Hudson's reckless pursuit of Miss Wyman, Dr. Phillips' widow, results in an automobile injury and apparent blindness to her.

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PATSY HOLMS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF FIFTH GRADE GIRL SCOUTS
The fifth grade Girl Scouts met and elected officers:
President, Patsy Holms; vice president, Charlotte Perkins; sec-

retary, Haroldine Reynolds; treasurer, Joy McWilliams; reporter, Penny Durham.
The other members in the fifth and sixth grade Girl Scouts are Carolyn Bond, Sharon Cypert, Barbara Canady, Coletta Hull, Sandra

Hunter, Linda King, Lola Loflin, Mary Beth Mewborn, Nelda Reese, Barbara Whisenhunt, Donna Rutledge.
The leaders are Mrs. Clarence Reese and Mrs. W. M. Loflin. The next meeting will be Nov. 12.

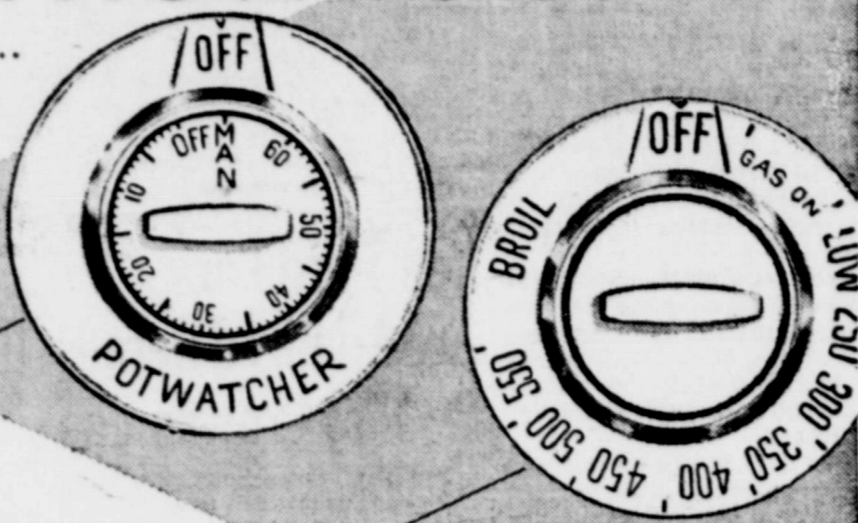


A KISS FOR A CADILLAC—While her husband looks on, Mrs. Louis Butman plants a kiss on the cheek of D. M. Cheek of Abilene, area representative for Colgate-Palmolive Co. The kiss followed presentation of the keys to a Cadillac and \$1,000 check to Mrs. Butman for winning a Luster-Creme shampoo contest.

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By VERN SANFORD
Texas Press Association

Except in Dallas County, Texas voters heavily backed the Democrats and the 11 constitutional amendments at the Nov. 2 election.

Governor Allan Shivers and Senator Lyndon B. Johnson came through with heavy majorities.

Johnson Cooperative
In Austin for the election, Senator Johnson, now assured of majority leader of the senate, declared that the Democrats would continue their cooperation with President Eisenhower.

More Texas Inevitable
Legislative tax talk continued with two state officials believing that the convening legislature will have to wrestle one way or another with taxation measures.

State Comptroller Robert S. Calvert reports that spending from the general fund now exceeds the income rate.

He says the state has no choice except to provide additional revenue in some manner.

Representative Waggoner Carr of Lubbock voiced the same opinion, but hoped that government spending could be trimmed in some places.

Auto Inspections
By waiting until deadline time draws near, Texas motorists are causing a potential log jam at official auto inspection stations.

Garrison urged drivers to get inspections now and avoid the predicted jams. Inspection deadline is April 15.

Turnpike Approved
A proposed \$58.5 million turnpike between Dallas and Fort Worth has been approved as a sound financial investment with construction to start next year.

Cigarettes Sales Drop
Texas cigarettes tax stamp sales for October fell a quarter million dollars below totals of October 1953, State Treasurer Jesse James reports.

Liquor tax stamp sales increased slightly during the month.

Tourists are detouring Texas. James F. Melton, acting director of the governor's economic advisory commission, says that Texas is losing 800,000 visitors a year.

Drink To Death
Records in the Texas Department of Public Safety reveal that drinking drivers were involved in 49 per cent of all fatal accidents last year.

New Insurance Ruling
Policy holders of the new defunct Texas Mutual Insurance Company of Beaumont will not be responsible for paying company debts, the State Supreme Court has ruled.

Upholding of an identical but earlier decision by the Court ended attempts by the state to obtain an assessment on company policyholders.

It's a pretty safe bet someone in your family is covered by Social Security; if so, ask your Abilene Security office for free booklet No. 1 on the 1954 Amendment.

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EDITORIALS

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How do we know? Well, our neighbors won prizes last week, as noted in last week's newspapers.

Pauline, Mrs. Louis Butman, won a Cadillac and \$1,000 in money for writing a prize-winning jingle. And Herman Carson, who with his brother Howard own the Carson Grocery and Meat Market, was given \$1,000 for the grocery that sold the product to Mrs. Butman.

The giving of the check to Herman and the presentation of the Cadillac as well as the check to Pauline were gala affairs.

The whole event not only brought pleasure to the recipients it also brought a great deal of splendid publicity to Merkel.

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Our heartfelt congratulations to Pauline and Herman and Howard.

RONNIE FREEMAN

Ronnie Freeman has been named Taylor County Gold Star boy. This is the highest honor that the 4-H Club member can earn on the local level. Ronnie is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Odell Freeman.

It takes lots of work to win an honor of this kind. We compliment Ronnie warmly for his splendid achievement and rejoice with his parents in his distinction.

NEW CARS

The new cars are here.

They have been displayed for the first time the last two weeks. The Chevrolet and the Pontiac companies came out with their new models and then the Ford displayed its new 1955 autos and trucks.

Changes have been made, entirely new changes they are. The appearance of the cars are different and the mechanisms have been changed.

They are prettier cars, better cars, faster cars. They delight the eye and add to the riding pleasure. One thing is certain. The changes that have been made will call attention to the model of the car we are driving. The public will be style conscious.

All of which means that more new 1955 cars will be sold.

CEMETERY FUNDS

Last week there was an ad of its own, additional notes in the individual advertisements and a story on the front page about the urgent need for contributions to the Cemetery Association.

Money has been given to the maintenance fund right along. But this is not enough. There are many regular outlays. There is a full-time caretaker. There is the water pumping. There are maintenance expenses.

More contributions are needed. Help support the Cemetery Association. Give your contribution to this fund at the Farmers and Merchants Bank.

"WHITE-ICISM"

That's ALL — and the Sage of Figfield adds that the money we pay to the cemetery fund is a tribute we pay to our departed loved ones.

MELLINGER BROTHERS ATTEND SHOE SHOW IN DALLAS SUNDAY

Isadore and Meyer Mellinger attended the Southwestern Shoe Show in Dallas Sunday.

PVT. ELMER SANDUSKY IS NOW STATIONED AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

Pvt. Elmer L. Sandusky and his buddy left Thursday of last week for Washington, D. C., where they will be stationed after spending 10 days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Sandusky, Sr.

NEWS

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

By LORETA ALLEN

TIME TO FERTILIZE HOME LAWNS

Lawns of Bermuda and St. Augustine grass will enter the winter in a more vigorous condition if fertilized now. This added vigor will keep lawns green longer into the fall and winter and will lead to faster, earlier grow-off next spring.

Apply a complete fertilizer with a 2-1-1 or 1-1-1 ratio at the rate to supply two pounds of actual nitrogen for each 1,000 square feet of lawn area. This is the quantity of nitrogen in 20 pounds of 10-5-5 or 10-10-10, or in 25 pounds of 8-8-8.

To assure even distribution divide the fertilizer into two equal lots. Broadcast one and then spread the remaining portion in a second application, but at right angles to the first.

Grass can't use fertilizer without water. In most areas yards will need a good soaking after the plant food has been added. Soak the soil to a depth of six inches or more. This allows the fertilizer to go into solution and become available for plant use.

To bring out need for timely application, plant food should be added one month prior to the first expected hard freeze. When the summer grasses are pushed into lush growth by late treatment, some may be lost because of freezing temperatures.

Ryegrass, sometimes overseeded on Bermuda for winter lawn, is not recommended for established lawns of other grasses. Its value in Bermuda is doubtful since it often hinders a Bermuda turf. The Ryegrass usually is growing in the spring when Bermuda should start and gives competition for the necessary elements for growth—light, moisture and plant food.

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them. Friction weakens wool, so don't scoot across a car seat or church bench.

Hold handbags or packages loosely to prevent friction.

Use a good non-perspirant or shields since perspiration causes wool fabrics to change color or rot.

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HOSPITAL NOTES

Admissions to the Sadler Hospital the past week were:
As medical patients — Mrs. S. D. Campbell, S. D. Phillips, A. B. Harris, Mrs. S. A. Benningfield, Mrs. Odell Dickerson, Odell Dickerson, Mrs. Donna Cassaday.

Wendall would appreciate a card or letter shower from those who know him as he gets very lonely.

His address is:
A3/c Wendall J. Bockman
AF 25898733
3750th U.S.A. Hospital Ward 108
Sheppard Air Force Base
Wichita Falls, Texas.

HAS MAJOR SURGERY

Alfred Allred underwent major surgery at the Sadler Hospital Nov. 11. He is getting along very well.

"Seven Brides" Is Great Film Story At Queen Theatre

"Seven Brides for Seven Brothers." M-G-M's second big CinemaScope musical in color, opens Thursday and Friday, Nov. 25 and 26, at the Queen Theatre, with Jane Powell and Howard Keel, co-starred and with Jeff Richards, Russ Tamblyn and Tommy Rall heading a supporting cast of 20 principals recruited from Hollywood Broadway, light opera and the ballet stage.

The new picture, unfolding a laugh-and-tune-filled story of a family of brothers who carry off the prettiest girls of an Oregon town in the 1850's to make them their brides, brings to the screen a new concept in the development of a film musical in which plot, songs and dances dovetail as integral parts of a musical entity.

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CHILI BEANS ----- 3 for 29c

KIMBELLS — 300

SPANISH RICE --- 2 for 29c

KIMBELLS — 300

POR K & BEANS --- 3 for 19c

KIMBELLS — 303

CHERRIES ----- 2 for 49c

KIMBELLS — 303

BLACKBERRIES --- 2 for 39c

KIMBELLS SWEET

POTATOES ----- 2 for 49c

KIMBELLS JUICE

GRAPEFRUIT -- 46 oz. can 19c

KIMBELLS — 24 OZ.

WAFFLE SYRUP ---- jar 29c

KIMBELLS — 20 OZ.

GRAPE JELLY ----- jar 25c

KIMBELLS PEACH or PINEAPPLE

PRESERVES ---- 20 oz. jar 29c

OCEAN SPRAY

CRANBERRY SAUCE -- can 19c

SUGAR DOMINO 10 lbs. ----- 85c

COFFEE WHITE SWAN 2 lb. CAN ----- \$1.79

JELLO ASSORTED FLAVORS ---- BOX --- 5c

CRISCO WITH COUPON IN REPORTER-NEWS THURSDAY 3 Lb. CAN ---- 79c

FROZEN FOODS

THOMAS STRAWBERRIES ---- pkg. 25c

THOMAS — 6 OZ. ORANGE JUICE ----- 2 cans 29c

THOMAS F. H. LIMA ----- pkg. 23c

THOMAS CUT CORN ----- pkg. 19c

THOMAS BRUSSEL SPROUTS --- pkg. 23c

ARMOUR'S CLOVER BLOOM 99

Pound ----- 29c

KIMBELLS PILLOW CASE

FLOUR

25 Lb. BAG. ----- \$1.79



FRESH CRANBERRIES --- lb. 23c

RED DELICIOUS APPLES ----- lb. 19c

FRESH CELERY HEARTS- cello 23c

FRESH CARROTS ----- cello 10c

FRESH GREEN ONIONS --- bunch 9c

IDAHO — No. 1 SPUDS ----- lb. 5c

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