THE MERKEL MAIL

IN THE FRIENDLY TOWN MERKEL, TEXAS, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10. 1954.

A GUMES TU

First Baptist tion Is Sun.

of past year a new piano has been ding purchased for the auditorium and new modern light fixtures put in the auditorium.

Trent Community club Enjoys

The Trent Community Club en joyed its Christmas party on worship will begin at rott, district mission-Thursday of last week at the high school auditorium. H. H. McLeod, A repvening worship will be m. with Rev. Gilbert

at of Graford, a former pas-livering the message. There were about 70 present. organized about he first school It in Trent. Worn in this build-

when a church A turkey supper with all the de-5cks north of the licious trimmings were served, including apple pie and ice cream.

were broken for the

of Baird, a Christmas Party

president, presided.

Mrs. Jack Yarborough gave the program which was greatly enjoyed. She sang familiar songs of former years. She played her own piano accompaniment.

The club is making up Christmas h on May 13, 1950. Rev. packages that will be distributed to the underprivileged of the town.

M 7. ≜kel 20 Years Ago

ANNUAL POULTRY SHOW Plans for the fifth annual show Lions Club were to meet with of the Merkel Poultry Association | President Charlie Jones Thursday

SAT.

to be held the second week in Jan- afternoon to complete plans for of the association at the City Hall occupy the intersection of Elm Tuesday night. The dates of the and Edwards street. Members of how are January 9, 10, 11 and 12. the committee are Fred Hughes The show is open to the world.

ON HONOR ROLL One hundred and eighty-four students of the Merkel Public schools made the honor roll for the second six weeks period just ended. There were 192 on the honof roll for the first six weeks of the session. For the current period 55 were from high school and 129 from grammar school.

14 AWARDED SWEATERS

Sweaters were presented to 14 Badgers at the Pep Squad banquet Friday night. They were: Bussie Boaz, captain, four years; Cal McAninch, Louis Carson, Robbert Higgins, Oscar Adcock, Charles Tipton, two years; Zerk Robertson, Bud Gambill, R. T. Blair, Joe Cook, Willie B. Toombs, Ben Sublett, Waymon Richards and Victor Joyner, one year.

NOODLE ALL-STARS WIN

The Noodle All-Stars hung up School exes in the benefit game man a boy December 10. played on the high school field Friday. Scott, Neodle fullback, re-ceived a punt in mid-field and ran 60 yards for the lone touchdown in the early part of the third quar-

PLAN XMAS PROGRAM Chairman Bill Haynes and mem- 12% inches.

and Yates Brown. LLOYD GILMORE DIES Lloyd W. Gilmore died at the West Texas Sanitarium Abilene, Thursday morning. He was carried

bers of his committee from the

County, Tenn. He came to Texas with his parents in 1901.

W. G. CYPERT IMPROVES W. G. Cypert, who suffered an attack of temporary paralysis Dec. 6, was reported greatly improved Thursday morning. Two children, L. R. Cypert of Dallas and Mrs. Neil Smith of Lubbock, who came to be at his bedside, have returned

RECORD BIRTHS

Born to: Mr. and Mrs. Milton Case a girl Dec. 6, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Derstine a boy Dec. 7, Mr. 60 victory over Merkel High and Mrs. G. A. Swinney of But-

Thursday night of last week Merkel was again visited by a light rain, measuring a quarter of an inch according to the gauge of Volunteer Weather Observer Grover Hale. Total for year thus far is

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

ing and goat roping took place here Saturday, but owing to the

ight rain that started falling just before the event opened the crowd was greatly reduced to what it would have been had the weather pitch. been fair.

nick pasture, bordering town on roping was exceptionally good, the north. The first show of the evening started when Rapp Green drew No. 1- and was slated to ride the first bad horse.

The light rain had made the turf very slick and the second ump the horse made he missed his footing and came down in try-

ing to execute a quick side-stepp-As advertised the broncho bust- ing stunt. As a result Rapp was pinned under the horse for a ment but not hurt.

> Mark Malone was the next rider but drew a horse that would not

Claude McGehee tied his goat The contest was held in the War- in 33 seconds. His exhibition of

> Claude Sears was second got out in 49 seconds, after having missed the two loops.

> Ralph (Shorty Jr.) Bigham won third with a time of 51 seconds.

BULLETIN!

The State Highway Commis sion has offered Taylor County \$1,241,000 to build a four-lane expressway in the county. But first the right of way must be furnished within 120 days.

The county commissioners agreed to delay action until the next State Highway Commission meeting, which may be in this month or in Januaury.

This action was taken during a meeting Monday morning attended by Lester Dorton, Ray Wilson and Isadore Mellinger. These men were appointed as a committee by the businessmen to represent them.

XMAS LIGHTS UP

The Christmas street lights the office. were put up last week by the West Texas Utilities assisted by Chester McWilliams and City Marschall A. D. Fulton. .

IN DEFENSE TEST

Fred Starbuck, defense coordinator, alerted the local peace of ficers, in the region-wide de fense test exercise Menday. Turkey Dinner ton. "The quickness of the response showed that the warning was very effective," reported Mr Starbuck.

NOODLE TOURNEY

The Noodle basketball tournament will be held this week, school cafeteria. Dec. 9, 10, and 11. Teams enterday night.

TO SING AT PIONEER

There will be singing at the Pioneer Church at 2 p. m. Sunday. Everyone is invited.

HAS MAJOR SURGERY

Mrs. A. J. Hill of Noodle is in the hospital in Houston. She had major surgery and is getting along as good as could be expected.

Massey Brothers Are Now Operating to the sanitarium Wednesday noon for an appendectomy and other complications. Mr. Gilmore was 41 **Premier Station** years old, being born in Wilson

Sonny and Marvin Massey are now operating the Premier Station on East Highway 80, east of Clyde's Garage. They invite their friends and the general public to

Po Po Cafe Is Now **Being Operated** By D. A. Seales

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Seale of Goldwaithe have bought out the Po Po Cafe and are now operating it. They have two sons, Wilburn and Archie, who are with them, and one daughter, Mrs. G. L. Cline, of Jal, New Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bigham, who formerly owned the cafe, and their children are leaving for Alaska where Mr. Bigham has work.

C. A. Hobbs Is Now **Erecting Building** For Shop Use

C. A. Hobbs is erecting a buildng next to the Neta Courts and Service Station. It is to be used as an electrical shop by Mr. Hobbs. He is the son-in-law of W. A.

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

Mrs. W. H. Derstine, Lamesa \$5.00

Sat., Dec. 11th

ancy created by the death of State Senator Harley Sadler, He was senator of the 24th District.

The district includes Taylor Dickens, Garza, Kent, Stonewall,

plurality vote will be necessary since no runoff is allowed

There are seven candidates for

The voting will be held at the Community Center. The time of voting will be from

8 a. m. to 7 p. m.

Will Be Served

The Fortnightly Study Club is doing a repeat on the Christmas fort to prevent them. Dinner. It will be at 12:30 noon Sunday, Dec. 12, at the high

Lueders, Loraine and Noodle. of turkey for everyone! Last year Gas company president, has en- Saturday nights, Dec. 9, 10, and spot Santa and his reindeer and finals will be played Satur- response to the dinner was larger than anticipated. This year they are preparing for a large crowd.

The funds will be used for worthy purposes. In the past the club has furnished lunches to underprivileged children, improving the Community Center and furthe Community Center and fur-

nishing the club room. The dinners will be \$1.25 for adults, 75 cents for children and tickets may be had from any member of the club or at the dinner.

LS Hereford Sale Very Successful At Largent Ranch

The LS Hereford Sale last Fri day was very succesful. Buyers from every section of the

United States were present. One buyer came from Mexico. The buyers paid \$261,575 for 226

T. V. Dubois, of Cincinnati, O., paid \$30,000 for a half interest in U. Royal Mixer 28th, the youngest Register of Merit sire which was jointly owned by Roy R. Largent and Sons and Dr. W. T. Sadler and Pleased Crowds the Field Land and Cattle Co., of Gunnison, Colo.

It was W. J. Largent's \$39,900 bid which acquired complete ownership of C-W Prince Domino 21st and he will stay in the herd at Merkel. Previously W. J. and his son had owned one-half interest.. A bull calf under four months sold for \$10,000.

Different Type Of Xmas Party

The P.-T.A. program to be held next Thursday night, Dec. 16, at 7:30 p. m. in the school cafeteria will be a very unique and differ-ent type of Christmas party.

The party is based on a colored filmstrip which provides a com-plete Christmas party — games, songs, stories and contests. It is about 45 minutes long. It is something new in the way of Christmas parties and is guauranteed to furnish plenty of fun and fellowship for parents and teachers.

The eighth grade teachers, Mrs Norman Winter, Mrs. Paul Orsborn, Mrs. Vincent Barnett and Don Estes have charge of the pro-

The Merkel Farmers Coop Gin and the Guitar Gin will be open only Tuesday and Saturday of next week, Dec. 14 and 18.—Adv.

Election Will Be He Will Be Here The special election will be held Saturday, Dec. 11, to fill the vacance created by the death of State

'S-D Day" Is Set Dorden, Scurry, Fisher, Jones, Shackelford, Howard, Mitchell and Nolan counties. For December 15

"S-D Day" could just as well

"S-D" means safe driving, but safe walking will be almost as im- OF STATE BOARD portant if traffic accidents are to be held to a minimum on "S-D," Wednesday, Dec. 15.

It is urgent that every voter during December last year, accord- worth. There were 130 applicants vote as this is a most important ing to National Safety Council fig- for license to practice medicine ures. December is always the peak | who were examined. month of the year for pedestrian

> However, on Dec. 15 the walkers as well as the drivers will have an Annual Tourney opportunity to prove that accidents don't have to happen if every individual makes a real ef-

Children and older persons are most vulnerable as pedestrians. Of

dorsed "S-D Day" and added, "Our employees are constantly undergoing a safety education program with the purpose of making every day a day of safe-driving."

Urgently Needed

The High School Shop Class going to give old clothes and old toys to needy families, children tor of the class and sponsor of the

The toys will be repaired by the The clothes and toys should be

brought to the school here. Last year the boys overhauled 830 toys, said Mr. Thomas. Boxes of apples, candy and oranges were also given to the needy.

"Let's' help everyone have a happy Christmas," remarked Mr. Thomas, "Bring the old clothes and old toys to us and we will see that someone, who is needy, is made happy.

Attend School

The school of music held at the First Baptist Church last week was a complete success. Dr. V. F. Forderhase, church music secretary of the Texas General Baptist Convention, conducted the school. Miss Nettie Kiy Crowder, graded choir director of the Texas Bap-

tists, assisted him. The crowds that came to the school were highly pleased with

the instruction. Bob Womack of Abilene attend ed the school on Wednesday night of last week.

TO HOLD OPEN HOUSE

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Burleson, Route 1, will be honored or their golden wedding anniversary on Dec. 12 with a come-andgo party in their home, hosted by their children. Calling hours will be from 2 to 4:30 p .m. All relatives and friends are invited. Mr. and Mrs. Burleson were married on Dec. 15, 1904, in

TO HOLD OPEN HOUSE

anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Spurgin, their sons and daughters friends and neighbors at op- Monday, Dec. 20. This bulleti-en house on Sunday the 26th of be packed with December from 3 until 5 p. m. at time 206 Cherry

Cotton growers will decide by referendum on Dec. 14 whether or not marketing quotas will continue in effect for the 1955 crop. Every eligible grower is urged to cast a ballot. — A. & M.

DR. C. B. GARDNER ATENDS MEETING

Dr. C. B. Gardner met with the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners, of which he is a member More than 1,000 pedestrians lit-erally walked themselves to death last week in the Hilton Hotel, Fort

Now on Here

most vulnerable as pedestrians. Of Eight elementary school bast Third, west to Kent, south to the 8,600 pedestrians killed last kethall teams will participate in Second, east to Edwards, south to Dec. 9, 10, and 11. Teams enter: It will be a turkey dinner with year about 1,950 were under 15 Merkel's Third Annual Invitation. U. S. 80, west to Kent, north to dare from Hawley, McCaulley, all the delicious trimmings. And years and 3,350 were over 65. ed are from Hawley, McCaulley, all the delicious trimmings. And years and 3,350 were over 65.

Trent, Hamlin, Asperment, no foolin' — there will be plenty D. A. Hulcy of Dallas, Lone Star held here Thursday, Friday and the alley and Edwards. At this

According to Don Estes, local grade school coach, the following schools will be represented in the meet Rotan, Hamlin, Anson, Stamford, Sweetwater, Wylie, McCaul-

ley and Merkel. Four games will be played each night, starting at 6 p. m. Admission will be 50 cents for adults and

25 cents for students per night. The opening round Thursday night, Dec. 9, will pit Wylie against the Sweetwater 7th graders, Mc-Caulley vs. Hamlin at 7 p. m. Merand adults. J. E. Thomas is instruc- kel vs. Rotan at 8 p. m., and An-

son vs. Stamford at 9 p .m. Semi-final rounds will be played Friday night and finals on Satur-

Leon Walker and Don Dudley will serve as the officials during the tournament.

Trophies will be awarded first, second and consolation winners. Ribbons will be presented to members of these teams and also to third place team members. The All-Tournament teams as selected by the coaches will receive miniature gold basketballs.

Phone Progress Is Revealed Here

"Of Many Voices" 'was the film shown at the Lion's Club Tuesday noon. It was displayed here by Grady Jones, commercial represenative of the Bell Telephone Co.,

Abilene President Isadore Mellinger presided. Tommy Odum introduced Mr. Jones

The film showed 75 years telephone progress. It also revealed the general progress made in the United States in many fields

Do You Know during that time.

Help Yourself To A Big Turkey

The turkey shoot continues to

west of Blair, It starts at 1 p. m. It will continue Sunday Dec. 12 and 19. The shoot is sponsored by the VFW and is for the benefit of needy children's Christmas fund. The names should be sent to The Everyone is invited to come out Merkel Mait to be turned over to and win a turkey.

In honor of their 50th wedding | DOLLAR DAY BULLETIN mas week, Dec. 21, a special Dollar in his name. Or " request the presence of their Day bulletin will be mailed out one

deer come to Merkel today, Friday. They will arrive here in time for the grand and glorious parade that will circle the down

All the kiddies of Merkel the surrounding area are inv to come to Merkel and see S of candy. Santa will have p for everyone. He will have 2, bags. (That's lots of candy for l of children).

At the end of the parade San will stop and then the kiddies er tell him anything they wish. will be glad to listen to th hear what they have to tell him.

"Yes," said Santa, "I am al ready to come to Merkel with raindeer. I will be expecting ev one of you kiddies. I will be

5 p. m. So come to my big para Start at Burton-Lingo's not

Lige Harrises Will Celebrate **50th Anniversary**

Mr. and Mrs. Lige Harris will celebrate their golden wedding niversary Saturday, Dec. 11, from 3 to 5 p. m. with an open house in the home of their daught Mrs. S. S. Russell, 1606 South 3rd St. Miss Lula Miller and Mr. Harris were married 50 years age in the home of the bride's part the late Mr. and Mrs. J. T. M in Taylor County, where daughter, Mrs. Don Riney,

Mrs. Harris was born March 19. 1887, in Sulphur Springs. Mr. Harris was born March 27, 1884, in

Mr. Harris came to Taylor Coun ty in 1902 and went to Bell County and stayed one year. The family finally settled in Merkel they have lived the past 50 years. Mr. and Mrs. Harris are members of the Baptist Church. The coupl had six children. Thomas died in 1942. The other five living children are J. M., of Amarillo, Bill of

Bronte, Leo, Mrs. S. G. Russell and Mrs. Don Riney of Merkel. At the open house Bill Harris will greet the guests and Jerry Russell, grandson, of the couple will register them. Refreshm will be served by granddaughters from Cohoma, Mrs. Troy Rober and Mrs. Marion Hays.

Of Any Family Who Needs Help?

Do you know of any needy families. adults or children?

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the VFW. The names will not be

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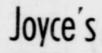


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son attended the S. M. U.-Notre Dame game in Dallas Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Bailey and daughter of Odessa spent Sunday

with his mother, Mrs. R. O. Bailey. Mr. and Mrs. Ross Ferrier were in Dallas last weekend and also visited their son Ross, Jr. and fam-

ily in Fort Worth.

with their son V. C. and family. Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Bartlett visited his father, Ed Bartlett, in

Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Hail and Mr. and Mrs. Jennings Winter were in Odessa Sunday and saw Mr. Hail's brother, Melvin who had major surgery last week. He is getting

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Willingham and children, Nancy, Greer and Sharon, of Comanche were passing visitors with friends last week while on their way to Lubbock to spend Thanksgiving.

Mrs. Blanche Cockerell and chil- and approaching marriage of their dren, Betty Jo and Carey Don, visited her mother, Mrs. Mary Carey from Thanksgiving day until Sunday. While here they visited other

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Jaynes and sons, Butch and Gary, drove down of Hawley High School. from Tucumcari, New Mex., to Big Lake and were dinner guests on Thanksgiving Day of her sister, Mrs. E. R. Brown, and family. Then they drove on to Merkel and Abilene to spend the weekend with home folks, returning to Tucumcari Sunday

Little Tommy Sanders of Dallas visited his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Armstrong, of Trent Sunday

Kay Beasley Is At High School

The Trent High School leaders drum major and mascot are: mascot, Ginger Williamson: drum major. Kay Beasley; leaders, Barbara Washburn, Betty Payne and Nancy Jones.

Payne are seniors; Kay Beasley and Nancy Jones are juniors. Barbara Washburn is the Trent Football Sweetheart this year.

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Mr. and Mrs. Walter Frazier of near Stith visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Boden Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Fergu-

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Doan were in Wichita Falls over the weekend

Santa Anna. He is improving nicely after his stroke.

along all right.

Mr. and Mrs. Booth Russom and Mrs. Melvin Denson and children of Odessa visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Perry, over the weekend.

Trent Drum Major

Barbara Washburn and Betty



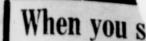
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Anson announce the engagement

daughter, Phyllis, to Donal Hill on

December 25 at the Pleasant

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J. F. Hill of Anson and a graduate

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AL NOTICE

STOCKHOLDERS'

e is Hereby Given: the annual meeting of the Texas, will be held at the ofof said Bank on Tuesday, inuary 11th, 1955, at 7:30 o'clock M., for the election of Directors business as may properly come before the meeting.

Respectfully. BOOTH WARREN

Adv. Dec. 10, 17, 24, 31, Jan. 7. LEGAL NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS To any Sheriff or any Constable within the State of Texas - Greet

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

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

Defendants, Greeting: YOU ARE HEREBY COM-MANDED to appear before the Taylor County at the Courthouse ing a written answer at or before kel, Texas. 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of fortytwo days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 17 day of January A. D. 1955, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 2nd day of December A. D. 1954, in this cause, numbered 20,211-A on the docket of said court and styled Alva M. Stansbury and wife, Johnnie Stansbury, Plaintiff, vs. Robert J. Day,

known heirs, Defendant. A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit:0 A Trespass to try title suit brought by Alva M. Stansbury and wife, Johnnie Stansbury the record owners to clear title to Lot 6, Block U, Johnston's Sub-division of Lot One (1), Block No. 209, in Abilene, Taylor Co., Texas, which suit alleges, 5, 10, and 25 year statutes of limitation by record owners and their predecessors in title as is more fully shown by Plain-TATE FARM as is more fully shown by Plain tiff'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

if living and if deceased, his un-

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Billy Joe Toombs

INSURANCE AGENCY

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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 di-

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 2nd day of December A. D. 1954.

SEAL) Attest: R. H. Ross, Clerk, **42nd District Court**

Taylor County, Texas
By C. Bower, Deputy.
Adv. — Dec. 10, 17, 24, 31.

LEGAL NOTICE

WE, the subscribers, have this 102 Kent - Phone 380 day entered into a limited partnership agreeably by the provisions MERKEL, TEXAS of Revised Statute, Title 105, re-

lating to limited partnership and feet of 12" and 42,235 feet of 10" right to consider the most ad- scale of prevailing minimum rates tions. The full amount of olders of The Farmers and the buying, selling and developing terials and labor for constructing and the transaction of such other firm is Charles E. Beachy, County purtenances for the complete job islature of the State of Texas, the special partner is J. W. King, specifications. Jr., of Taylor County, City of Abicapital contributed by the said J. W. King, Jr., special partner, is bank satisfactory to the Owner, or vember 1954, and that it will terminate on the 1st day of January A.

Charles E. Beachy General Partner J. W. King, Jr. Special Partner. Adv. — Dec. 10, 17, 24, 31.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed proposals addressed to which the herein below following the Honorable Mayor and City Council of Merkel, Texas, will be received at the office of W. M. El- contract price from a Surety Comliott, City Secretary, City Hall, pany holding a permit from the TO: Robert J. Day, if living and Merkel, Texas, until 2:30 p. m., State of Texas to act as Surety, or if deceased, his unknown heirs, December 17, 1954, for furnishing other Surety or Sureties acceptall necessary materials, machinery, able to the Owner. equipment, superintendence and Honorable 42nd District Court of ter Works Improvements consist- figures. The Owner reserves the thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by fil- Pump Station for the City of Mer- waive informalities and to ac-

sist of furnishing and installing ap- City .In case of ambiguity or lack

the firm under which the said cylinder reinforced concrete pipe, or to reject the bid. Unreasonable fications, partnership is to be conducted is or as alternates, 54,555 feet of 12" (or "unbalanced") unit prices will Beachy-Craft Toy Products Com- or 14" pipe of the above type; authorize the Owner to reject the pany; that the general nature of approximately 3,085 feet of 10" bid. the business to be transacted is cast iron pipe; furnishing all maof ideas and products in the toy Pump Station; furnishing and in themselves regarding all local Smith & Cooper, Consulting Engiand allied products field and the stalling pumps, motors, starters, conditions under which the work neers, 1414 Avenue J, Lubbock, same will be transacted in the City | electrical controls; furnishing and | is to be done. of Abilene, Texas; that the name installing all control valves, and of the general partner of the said all other valves, piping and ap- visions of the Acts of the 43rd Legof Taylor and City of Abilene, and in accordance with the plan and page 91, Chapter 45, (Article No. hill, Smith & Cooper, Consulting

Bidders must submit a Cashier's \$3.300.00 in cash; that the period a Proposal Bond from a reliable for which said partnership is to Surety Company, payable without commence is the 24th day of No- recourse to the order of The City of Merkel, Texas, in an amount not less than five (5%) percent of the largest possible bid submitted as a guaranty that the Bidder will enter into a contract and execute bond and guaranty in the forms provided within ten (10) days after notice of award of contract to him. Bids without the required Check or Proposal Bond will not be con-

> The Successful Bidder must furnish bond on the form provided in the amount of 100% of the total

All lump sum and unit prices labor for constructing certain Wa- must be stated in both script and ing of Water Supply Main and right to reject any or all bids, to cept the bid which appears most The principal items of work con- advantageous to the interest of the proximately 4,780 feet of 12" 'cast of clearness in stating the prices iron pipe; approximately 12,320 in the bids, the Owner reserves the

Attention is called to the pro-

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Texas; and in the office of the "Texas Contractor", Dallas, Texas.

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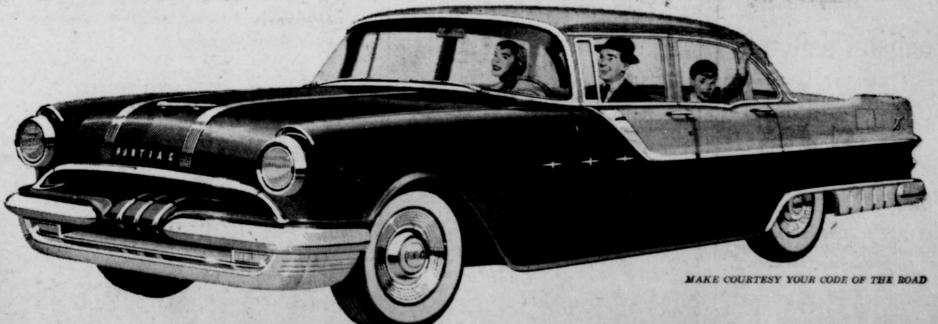
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Tittle Objects Way Some Money Of County Spent

Commisisoner Rufe Tittle objects to the way some of the county tax money is spent. An article in regard to this appeared in the final evening edition of the Abilene Reporter-News on Nov. 22. Part of the story follows:

Commissioner Rufe Tittle of Taylor County Precinct 2 Monday questioned the wisdom of buying a \$3,604.50 tax billing machine authorized by other members of the Commissioners Court.

voting "No". He later changed his chine vote and made it unanimous.

Tittle objected when only one bid was received. The bid was submitted by Burroughs. The commissioner favored competitive bidding. He questioned the wording know. of the bid call as advertised.

He recalled that a recent \$700, 000 road bond issue, not advertised, cost the county \$8.50 per \$1,-000 in bond broker fees. He com-

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for \$1,000 in fees.

Tittle said, "I believe anything that cost that kind of money (\$3, 600)) ought to have some competition in it, because it might cost the county a lot of money.'

County Auditor Herbert Middle ton said, "We advertised for bids in the proper manner."

Hurston Battey, sales representative of Burrough, said in his opinion no other firm makes the by the county for tax billing.

Tittle inquired of County Clerk Mrs. Chester Hutcheson if the bid was drawn in such detail that no

Mrs. Hutcheson said, "I don't

Tittle asked the same question of Middleton who responded, "I'd TURKEY GOBBLER AND hate to say, because I don't

Is Exciting Film

One of the most exciting films is reported to be Columbia Pictures" explosive drama of human emo- AT ORLEANS, FRANCE tions, "A Bullet Is Waiting," starrerne on Sunday and Monday at the He is with the Army Engineers.

pared this with a \$850,000 fair- | Queen Theatre. It tells the story | REV. DAN COZART IS ground bond issue, which was ad- of four people whose destinies SPEAKER AT BANQUE vertised, and cost the county \$2.75; cross in the remote mountain ranges of the high Sierras.

Wild Fun Parade With "Ma Kettle"

The legendary peace and quiet of the West turns into a riot when row Patten, Mrs. Otis Bagby and Marjorie Main and Chill Wills lead | Elijah W. Brown. a wild parade of hilarity. "Ricochet Romance," at the Queen particular type of machine needed | Theatre Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

With Miss Main as Pansy Jones, chief cook and conspirator, and Wills as the dude ranch's magic-The court passed the motion to other firm could bid, except the mad manager, tranquility gives buy the machine, 3-1, with Tittle one which made the special ma- way to turnmoil for the herd of big city mavericks who roam the "Flying W" range.

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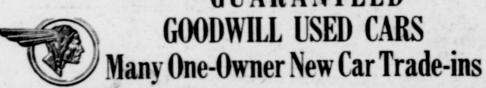
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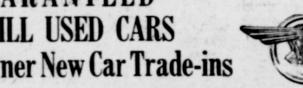
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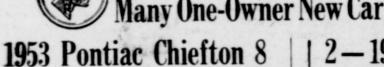
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Rev. Dan W. Cozart, pas the New Live Oak Baptist C was the guest speaker at the ers and teachers banquet he the First Baptist Church Mo night. His theme was "The Con

From the New Live Oak me bers were Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Lo lar, Mrs. Dan Cozart, Mrs. Wood

BARNEY BELL BUYS ROBERT GILMORE HOME

Barney Bell has bought the Robert I. Gilmore home and has moved into it. It is located at 502

ATTEND FUNERAL

Mrs. B. G. Derstine's niece, Ida Mae Middleton, and husband, B. P. Middleton, of Lamesa, and another niece, Mrs. Dana Thomas, of Midland attended her funeral last week. Also present were her sister-in-law, Mrs. Dee Derstine, and her nephew, Hail Derstine of La-

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Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Noster and family visited his parents in Yorkown last week.

Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Smith of Ausin are visiting with her sister, Mrs. Winnie Cypert.

CS/2 Elijah W. Brown of San Diego, Calif., is visiting his sister, Mrs. D. W. Cozart, and Rev. Co-

Mrs. M. G. King and children of Beaumont visited during Thanksgiving with her mother, Mrs. W. Spence, and husband of Trent. Mrs. John Pearce of Santa Anna. mother of Mrs. Spence, was also a George Haven, returned from speakers. evangelistic work in Idaho, Utah, Nevada and Colorado.

W. C. Matthews of Trent spent Thanksgiving with his brother-inlaw, C. I. Dowdy, in Fort Worth. Mr. and Mrs. Dois Melton and daughter Freida of Snyder spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. E.

PATRICIA ANN FISHER TO WED JERRELL BUTMAN

M. Tarpley.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Fisher an nounce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Patricia Ann to Jerrell Lee Butman, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Butman, on December 19.

BAPTIST W.M.U. HAVE LOTTIE MOON WEEK OF PRAYER

A very inspirational Week of Prayer was held last week at the First Baptist Church under the direction of Mrs. Bill Largent, president. She gave a devotional each morning.

Mrs. Don Estes, program chairman, had charge of each morning's events. Monday, the Jaxie Short Circle covered the theme "Evangelism Through Preaching" with very interesting reports given by Mrs. M. Thompson, circle chairman, Mesdames Don Sims, L. Robertson, C. S. Carey, Herman Carson and Ted McAninch.

Tuesday, the Aletha Fuller Circle gave very good reports on "Evangelism Through Education"

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Fors speakers. Wednesday, with "Evangelism Through Medical Work" as the in the loss of our mother. theme, Mesdames D. McConnell, W. T. Sadler, J. J. McNeice, C. Reynolds of the Blanche Rose Walker Citcle gave very informa-

For Thursday, the conclusion of to a wonderful close with "Evangelism Through Channels" Mesdames J. O. Castles, Sam Swann visitor. Mrs. Spence's son, Rev A. R. Booth, Houston Robertson

> Each day, through map study Mrs. Newt Logan, showed those present where topics of evangel ism are being carried out all over the world.

Friday, the church carried out as did other Baptist churches, over the nation, the Day of Prayer for Missioneries

Local Folks Win Many Top Places

Local folks won top places in the Doll Show in Abilene last week. The show is sponsored by the Reporter-News and the City Park and Recreation Department

Mrs. Belle Kimbrough donated a doll valued at \$1,000 and will be used at the Taylor County Rehabilitation Center. Local winners were:

Prettiest Doll - 1st, Brenda Doan; 2nd, Linda King. Cutest Doll -3rd, Cathy Springer: 4th, Linda King.

Best Costumed Doll -3rd, Lynn and Browyn Gamble. Best Doll Layette - 2nd, Carolyn Graham, Trent. Best Club Exhibit - 1st, Brown

ie Troops 2-3, Mrs. Holt Vaughn, Collection of Furniturue - 1st Debbie Dismuke. Boy Doll Collection - Wayne

COMPERE H. D. CLUB MEETS

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WITH MRS. I. B. RAY The Compere Home Demonstra-

tion Club met Nov. 22 in Mrs. I. B. Ray's home for its regular meeting. Mrs. Kelson presided. Mrs. Adkins led the singing with Mrs. Ray at he piano. Mrs. C. S. Childers led the prayer.

Roll call was answered with "A Shopping Hint." Minutes were read by the secretary, Mrs. Vernon The committee reported on

plans for the joint Christmas The program includes a song by

ect games. A tree and exchange ing accordingly. of gifts will climax the program. Bonnet Club won first place on the annual press book and Compere and Good-Neighbor tied for sec- Texas. ond place.

The members made corsages for the Christmas party to be held at Anson Dec. 9. The hostess served refreshments to two visitors, Miss Louise Hudson and Mrs. Ted Hudson, from the Stith Club and eight club members.

The next meeting, last for the year will be the Christmas party on December 13.

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Juston M. Morrow of Rotan is tee on American Sovereignty. He attended school at Rotan nessman and has a thorough and Tarleton State College. He understanding of the 24th Dis- is married and the father of two

> Juston M. Morrow's platform includes these major problems: Action on water conserva-

tion plans. 2. Improved highways and

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Stated meeting of Merkel lodge No. 710, A. F. & A. M., Thursday, Dec. 10 it 7:30 p. m. All members are urg ed to attend. Visiting brethren cordially invited.

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"I represent no special group. I am a citizen like the other candiinterested in the civil affairs of our district and our people as well cause I think a well rounded dem- farmer. ocracy should have representatives of all walks of life in its legislature. Not in many years has there in the State Senate, yet each year the State spends millions of doland sanitation projects and upon our State Hospitals.

now borne by taxes upon our vir- stitutional right of trial by jury. gin natural resources which God ly will be, first a greater portion and then all of the cost of State by our farms and ranches and the industries we hope to have by and unstable prices our agriculture, farming and ranching cannot expense of State Government and still carry on the necessary build- deficiencies. ing and expansion program in our State Institutions which the growing population will require.

resources every dollar spent be re- with the increased cost of living. full value is not now realized to the State for each tax dollar spent. As your Senator, I shall study insist on full value for every dollar spent so that we may have as much of our building program behind us as possible before our natural resources become depleted.

"The Big Spring State Hospital for the insane and mentally ill is less than 40 miles from many people living near my office, yet my patients are required to go about 150 miles to another State Hospital. This is an additional unnecessary expense to the County as well as the patient and his family. As your Senator, I shall insist upon an appropriation for the Big Spring State Hospital large enough that it can adequately serve the patients from all the adjoining counties to Howard and

"I shall study carefully the dis-tricting for the hospiatls and insist that for the convenience of the patients and their families that the MAKE 4-DAY TOUR patient be committed to the hospital closer to his home. I shall

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work to the end that more money be spent for equipment where needed and less on decorative granite. I shall work for better research staffs in our hospitals so that our State Hospitals may become institutions for cure and not merely for incarceration.

"I shall attempt to guide the cancer research programs which may be entered into by the State. There is no adequate State Hospital or School in Texas for the feeble minded. I shall strongly support the movement already well under way to establish school to train mentally retarded children and help them to grow into useful citizens.

"As your Senator, I shall favor the complete re-organization of the Abilene State Hospital for Epileptics, to give it additional research staff and equipment.

"I shall favor no law that will hamper in any way the development of oil, gas and other minerals or will place any undue burden on the land owner or the developer in this District.

"As your Senator, I shall not favor a tax for road purposes on gasoline used in the fields. Our farmers in this District already have all they can do to combat dates in this race. As such, I am drought and other hazards without placing on them additional burden. The amount of money that this as their physical ails and bodily tax would bring to the State pains. I am offering myself as a would be negligible to the State candidate for the State Senate be-, but would be a big burden on the

"I am for private enterprise first, last and always. I am no more for socialized medicine than been a medical doctor or surgeon I would be for socialized farming and I do not favor either.

"I feel that the present worklars of tax money for public health men's compensation law is inadequate and I am open minded to suggested conservative changes. "A big portion of all of the ex- but I shall favor no law that will pense of our State Government is take away the working man's con-

"I shall represent the people of has seen fit to provide for us here this District and their general welin Texas. When these natural re- fare above and beyond any special sources are depleted, as they sure- or minority group including my own profession.

"It has recently been called to Government will have to be borne the attention of all of us that our insurance laws are inadequate to protect the insured. Advertising is then. With the threat of drought in many instances misleading and the assets and reserves of many insurance companies are not suffiassume the big end of the current cient. As your Senator, I shall insist on legislation to correct these

"Until the time that the pensions of the old aged, needy and blind shall be superceded by the "The only solution to this is that | Social Security Program. I shall while we have taxes from natural favor liberal payments in line

'Although we do not have as state. It is generally believed that much underground water for irrigation in this District as many of our neighboring districts, I realize a need for water conservation. I carefully each building plan and believe that control of soil erosion and other soil conservation measures is the best manner of water conservation in our District, but I shall study all underground and surface water laws to be submitted and there will be many, to see that they are favorable to our Dis-

> IRWIN MARSHALL ATTENDS SCHOOL OF AUTO SERVICE

Irwin Marshall is attending the General Motors Training Center at Garland to learn advanced automotive service techniques which he will use in his work at Palmer Motor Company. Mr. Marshall is spending five days at the school. He is shop foreman with the Palmer Motor Company.

3 MERKEL STUDENTS

Three Merkel students at Mc Murry College made the four-day winter tour with the college's Indian Band December 5-8. They were Bertha Patterson, Barbara

Wilson and Sandra Patterson. Bertha and Sandra are the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Patterson. Barbara is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wilson.

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> Then, if it can be done for one whole day, he feels that it can be extended for a whole year. How about it? Will you help?

toll for one whole day, for a 24-

hour period, for December 15.

Will you make December 15 a day

The President wishes to show of living? If so, be extra careful, contributed to the culture of the

A MAN'S WORTH

In Rev. Sam Tullock's splendid address at the Community Thanksgiving service he told of the many things that we should be thankful for. He mentioned things of the past, he referred to things of the present and he told of things of the future we should be grateful

We are what we are not from our own powers and genius. We are what we are because of all that has gone before. The contributions of great men of the past have made our glorious present pos-

"Our heritage," asserted Rev. Tullock, "stems from the priceless works of poets, dramatists, artists and sculptors, composers and philosophers of all ages. Men of genius in every century have left the fruits of their labors behind for

That is a beautiful thought and well worth emphasizing. Who are we? What are we worth? What have we absorbed from the culture of past ages?

Men have given their lives so that we could live fuller lives. The treasures they left are not accounted for in scales that weigh copper and silver and gold. The music they composed and the poems they created and the plays they wrote are not measured by the yardstick.

Their creations were soul satisfying, making our lives richer and our sense of appreciation of the finer things of life deeper.

The minister mentioned the contributions of the poets - Milton, Dante, Wordworth and Browning; the artists - Raphael and Michaelangelo; composers Beethoven and

"They have," he asserted, struck an eternal chord in the heart of man."

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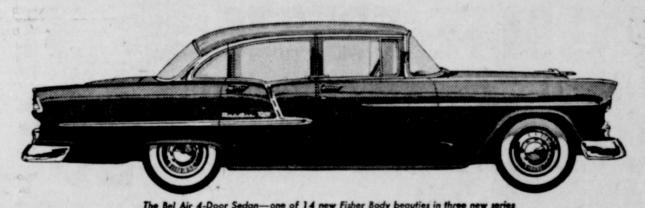
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