

SNOW BRINGS BIG BARGAINS

Dollar Day Values Bigger Tuesday Than Ever Before

The big snow came to Merkel Sunday and the big bargains will follow it next Tuesday, Jan. 18. This is Merkel's 31st Dollar Day.

It became misty Sunday at around 7 a. m. At 11 a. m. it be-

gan to rain. After that there was sleet. At 2:30 p. m. it began to snow and ended some time before midnight.

About three inches of snow fell. According to Weather Observer Harry Woodrum, the moisture measured three-quarters of an inch.

Mulberry Canyon reported about the same amount of moisture, reported Sam Butman, Jr. And so the snow is bringing bargains, bigger bargains than before. New offerings will be made and sales are being continued, clearance sales with prices slashed as deplly as one-half in price.

There will be bargains in clothing, groceries, beauty aids, service station items, and so forth. Look over the bargains listed in the paper and make a list of what you

want and the savings you can make. The friendly town of Merkel invites you to come and trade in Merkel for bigger and better values.

Calvary Baptist To Observe 23rd Anniversary

The 23rd anniversary of the Calvary Baptist Church will be held Sunday, Jan. 16, with an all-day service.

The Calvary Baptist Church was organized Jan. 13, 1932. It met in the building about where Carsons Grocery is now located. It was originally called The Fundamentalist Missionary Baptist Church.

There were 20 charter members: Chester Reagh, John Reagh, Mattie Ruth Gay, Homer Reynolds, Isable Griffin, Roy Griffin, Thomas Gay, Mrs. Minnie Gay, Mrs. Willie McCoy, Will Peterson, Otis Peterson, Mrs. Alice Gay, Mrs. Della Miller, Mrs. Viola Gay, Thurman McCoy, Mrs. M. E. Huffman, Will Huffman, William Gay, Leonard Gay and W. J. Gouge.

Rev. Earnest Dowell was the first pastor. The church in 1933 was given two lots on North Runnels Street by the Rose Estate. Later the name was changed to the Calvary Baptist Church as it is known today and is located on the same two lots since 1933.

The membership has been up around the 200 mark. It has had 13 pastors, one serving two terms. "We are planning on several of the former pastors being with us," stated Rev. George H. Epperson, pastor. "We want to give everyone a hearty welcome to come and spend the day with us from 10 a. m. on throughout the day."

"Dinner will be served at the noon hour and singing and preaching that afternoon. There will be a regular service that night. We will have a special speaker. Come and enjoy the fellowship with God's children."

William D. Butler Is Laid to Rest Here Last Week

William Dee Butler, 88, died Tuesday of last week at 4 p. m. at Lawson Rest Home. He was born Feb. 28, 1866.

Funeral was held at 4 p. m. Wednesday of last week at Starbuck Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Frank Travis, pastor of Central Presbyterian Church, Abilene, officiating.

Burial was in the Rose Hill Cemetery.

Robert Hodge Is New Manager Of Local Shows

Robert, son of Norman Hodge, has taken over the management of the Merkel theatres. Robert was recently discharged from the Air Force at Lake Charles, La. He was in service four years and was in Africa twice.

Robert is married to the former Miss LaNelle Edwards of Trent. They have bought a home at 1405 Sunset Drive.

Better Community Program Mapped By Local Men

A definite program for the betterment of the community was mapped out by the temporary chamber of commerce directors last Friday afternoon. They met at the Taylor Electric Coop office with David Gamble presiding.

The other members present were George Rowland, Nolan Palmer, Verlan Carson, Horace Boney, Sam Swann, Tommy Odum and Booth Warren.

The five-point program follows: 1—Improve housing facilities. 2—Secure suitable industries. 3—Make survey of retail services needed in this community and trade area.

4—Encourage store modernization and community cleanup program. 5—Encourage orderly and sound development of city park and recreational area.

A committee was appointed to make up dues list for the mem-

bership. The committee consisted of Horace Boney, Herman Carson and Nolan Palmer. The dues will be on a sliding scale, based on business volume.

The directors decided that would take a minimum budget of \$500 a month to run the organization. It was agreed if this amount could not be raised that it would not be worthwhile to go ahead in forming a permanent chamber of commerce.

The directors will meet again at 1:30 p. m. today, Friday, at the Taylor Electric Coop when definite plans will be made to contact each businessman in town in regard to becoming a member of the chamber of the commerce.

"This is a community-wide project," asserted Mr. Gamble. "It is not a one-man or a two-man or a group-of-men affair. This is for the betterment of the entire community and will take the hearty

COMMISSIONERS TO HELP

Monday, the county commissioners agreed to accompany Merkel citizens to Austin to lend aid in maintaining the present route of U. S. Highway 89. Judge Reed Ingalsbe stated he was granted a request by the State Highway Department for Merkel to have the hearing before the body at 10:30 a. m. Jan. 25.

cooperation of everyone to put it over.

"The response we get from these contacts will determine whether the businessmen with this community to become a better place in which to live, a progressive community, directing the path in which it is to grow."

MUNDAY VS. MERKEL

Munday Basketball Teams will play here tonight, Friday, in the local gym. The girls game begins at 7 p. m. and the boys at 8:15 p. m.

LION TOURNAMENT HERE

At 8 p. m. Jan. 21 and 22 the Lion Zone Basketball Tournament will be played here at the high school gymnasium. Admission is 25c and 50c and the entire proceeds will go to the Lions Charity Fund, said President Isadore Mellinger.

NEED MAIL CARRIER

A substitute city mail carrier is needed, stated Postmaster Wrenn Durham. The carrier will take the place of the postman who is sick or off on leave. Applications may be made at the local post office.

COLLINSWORTH ILL.

Chester Collinsworth, vocational agriculture teacher, was ill this week and in the Sadler Hospital.

Christine Collins Made President Of Garden Club

The Garden Club met Thursday, Jan. 6, at the Community Center with Mrs. Dale Litton as hostess.

Mrs. John brought the program on the making of hot beds. The following officers were elected for 1955-56:

President, Miss Christine Collins; vice president, Mrs. Mack Fisher; second vice president, Mrs. A. B. Allen; third vice president, Mrs. John Hughes; fourth vice president, Mrs. Nathan Wood; recording secretary, Mrs. B. Jones; treasurer, Miss Nora Foster, corresponding secretary, Mrs. Herbert Patterson, parliamentarian, Mrs. Dale Litton, reporter, Mrs. Will Toombs.

Candies and nuts were served to 20 members and one guest. The next meeting will be January 20 in the home of Mrs. Carroll Benson.

Nice Reception Given Last Week To I-H Trucks

A nice reception was given to the showing of the International Harvester Trucks at the Palmer Motor Company.

The local company is in position to give complete parts and service to the International Truck user in this area.

ARE CONTESTANTS

Barbee Reese and Carolyn McKee of Trent were contestants in the sweetheart contest held Monday night in the Abilene Christian Cafeteria by the Abilene District FFA at its annual banquet.

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:

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hartley . . . \$5.00
J. S. Hutson, Ft. Worth . . . 5.00
Mollie E. Wimberly . . . 5.00
Lloyd W. Gilmore, Jr. . . . 2.50

Bank Increases Capital Stock At Annual Meet

At the annual meeting of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Merkel the shareholders approved a capital stock increase from \$75,000 to \$100,000 by the declaration of a stock dividend of \$25,000.

At the same time surplus was increased from \$75,000 to \$100,000 by transfer of \$25,000 from the undivided profits account.

The effective date hinges on receipt of wire of approval from the Comptroller of Currency, Washington, D. C.

All officers and directors were re-elected at the meeting. The directors are Mayor H. C. West, Dr. Wm. T. Sadler, W. S. J. Brown, Paul W. West and Booth Warren.

The officers are: Booth Warren, president and chairman of the board; Mayor H. C. West, and W. S. J. Brown, vice presidents; Geo. T. Moore, cashier; Mary Collins and Mildred Hamm, assistant cashiers.

School Census Now Being Taken By C. A. Farley

The annual school census for the Merkel Independent School District is now being taken by Principal C. A. Farley.

All children who will be at least six years of age this coming Sept. 1 and not over 17 are to be enumerated during the month of January.

All parents, especially those who will have beginners in September, should be sure that their children are enumerated.

Trobe Sends His Masterpiece To Mrs. Swinney

An oil painting drawn by Trobe Vaughan has been received by his niece, Mrs. Joe Swinney, reveals that Trobe is a professional.

It is a woodland scene and reveals that Trobe is a lover of all outdoors. Mountains hug the background while a river races to the front of the picture. At the left is a log cabin. A wagon with three wheels is near by while a fourth wheel is at its side. There are many trees.

The water scene is extremely realistic, showing Trobe's genius to make motion spring to life. The balance is excellent and his lights and shades show his mastery of his art.

The frame is home-made. And as Trobe explained: "I bought a strip of building moulding to make it and gilded it by a process of my own. That is one that came to me as I was sitting in my big chair looking at the picture. I made the sawdust out of a strip of redwood siding off the side of my garage which I put there 30 years ago, so that it makes it an antique. You can tell people it is a 'bran-new' antique."

MAY PAY TAXES HERE

Raymond Petree, county tax assessor-collector, and two deputy assessor-collectors will visit here and Trent for the purpose of collecting county taxes and receiving poll tax payments.

The schedule: Jan. 12—All day at Trent Home State Bank. Jan. 13-14—Both days at Merkel City Hall.

Mr. Petree requested that taxpayers bring with them their pink tax statements of the amount due when appearing to pay their taxes.

GIN DAYS

The Merkel Farmers Coop gin and the Guitlar Gin will be open only Wednesday of next week, January 19.

Merkel 20 Years Ago

TAKEN FROM THE 1934 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL

GYM TO OPEN

On Tuesday night, Jan. 22, at 7 o'clock the Merkel gymnasium-auditorium will be opened for the first time. The opener will include the first home game of basketball for the Badgers when Ovalo meets them here, and will also include the world famous Simmons University Cowboy Band.

WINS IN BIRD SHOW

An Abilene man, D. H. Jefferies, won best bird in Merkel's Fifth Annual Poultry Show on a single comb Rhode Island Red Cockerel; he also showed best parti-colored pen and best 15-bird display of show. A. R. Sharp, on Buff Orpingtons, won with best solid color pen of show.

NOTICE

The Monday evening (Jan. 21st) meeting of the Fort-nightly Study Club has been postponed until Thursday evening (Jan. 24th) in order that members might attend the opera, "Faust."

DR. ARMSTRONG HEADS BOARD

Dr. M. Armstrong, well known physician and resident of Merkel since 1907, was elected president and chairman of the board of the Farmers State Bank at the meeting of the directors of that institution held Tuesday of this week. He succeeds C. M. Largent, who retired on account of health.

APPROVES BUTMAN WORK

Approval by the Texas Relief

Commission of a project calling for improvements at the Butman School has been received at the Taylor County Relief office. Improvements will include graveling the grounds, construction of concrete curbs, addition to the present auditorium, digging of a well, graveling walks and building a storm cellar.

VICTIM OF PNEUMONIA

Marcus Webb, 10-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Webb, died at 2:30 p. m. Thursday of last week of pneumonia. Marcus was in the third grade.

COLLECTOR TO BE HERE

Comer Patterson, deputy tax assessor-collector, who will be stationed here to accept tax payments from Thursday, Jan. 24, through the end of the month, will be in Trent all day to receive tax payments.

BEST OF THE SEASON

It has been rumored that the play given by some members of the Dramatic Club Friday night was the best of the season. The cast of the play, "Elmer," included Robert Bickley, Frances Largent, Mary Helen Mashburn, Vida Helen Bradley, Clifton Bellamy, Charles T. McCormick and Vivian Davis.

J. G. SADLER DIES

J. G. Sadler, who formerly lived here and still had farming interests in this section, died at Gatesville Saturday and was buried there at 2 p. m. Sunday.

This Happened in Merkel Forty Years Ago

TAKEN FROM THE 1914 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL

Relief dinner by the Merkel ladies. You ought to lend a helping hand. The six-piece orchestra with the Roy E. Fox Players, now in Merkel, will furnish free music during the noon hour. All proceeds go to the Belgians.

Saturday for an extended trip. They will be in Dallas and St. Louis during most of their stay.

Roy C. Elliott was in Merkel Sunday meeting with boyhood friends. During the last six years Roy has been employed in the Army and is now with the recruiting department.

C. E. Whitaker and E. W. Permitter were in Abilene Wednesday looking after business matters.

Manager Harrison expects to have the ninth installment of "The Million Dollar Mystery" here Monday.

The Merkel Garage on South Front Street was sold last week by S. P. Foster and son to Clayton Brown and H. G. Irwin.

Jno. B. Boden, head clerk in the men's furnishings department for the Anchor Mercantile Co., played the part of Sherlock Holmes Thursday of this week. When two men hurriedly left the store with missing articles he started on their trail, overtaking them at the Hellum's wagon yard. On their person he found a brand new Stetson hat and a lady's petticoat taken from the store. He turned them over to City Marshal Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Parten left



TOP ROW, left to right—Cle Juan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Douglas; Linda Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman King; Beverly Dianne, daughter of Mrs. Bobby Martin.
SECOND ROW—Derrell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Hopper; Vicki and Linda, daughters of Mrs. Mary Jo Clark.
THIRD ROW—Jerry Eugene, son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Holmes; Neal Ray and Jerry Dan, sons of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. McWilliams.

You can't tell a lady by the way she dresses. If she really were a lady, she would have pulled down the blind. — Changing Times.

FRIDAY NIGHT

10:15 O'clock

KRBC-TV

DOLLAR DAY

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NEWS ABOUT TOWN

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Rust and family were in Odessa over the weekend where they visited her mother, Mrs. M. W. Kail, who is very ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman English and daughter Patsy of Big Spring were Sunday dinner guests of her mother, Mrs. Norma Bond.

Mr. and Mrs. Alf Walla and family visited recently with his mother, Mrs. Agnes Walla, in Cad do, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Moore visited over the weekend with his brother Monta and family in Levelland.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester McWilliams and family and Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McWilliams were in Baird

Sunday visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. M. McWilliams.

Holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dent Gibson were Captain and Mrs. David Gibson and three children of Lake Charles, La., and Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Gibson of Morton.

M/Sgt. and Mrs. J. W. Armstrong and daughter Jo were holiday visitors of her sister, Mrs. Bud Toombs. Also her sister, Mrs. Bobby Barbee, and family were here.

Mrs. J. T. Johnson, Mrs. Golda Malone and Miss Delia Kuykendall spent Sunday in Big Spring with Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Stevens, granddaughter, Evelyn Johnson and Mrs. S. T. Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud McBride and girls of Weatherford visited her aunt, Mrs. J. O. Armstrong.

SURPRISE PARTY GIVEN IN HONOR OF JIM OLIVER

A surprise party was given for Jim Oliver at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Oliver, last Thursday night. He was home on a 20-day leave during the holidays and returned to Monterey, Calif., January 8 where he is stationed.

DARCAS CLASS MEETS WITH MRS. CHARLIE WEST

The Darcas Class of the First Baptist Church met January 6 in the home of Mrs. C. West for a social and business session. Mrs. L. C. Murry, president was in charge. Prayer was said by Mrs. W. M. Hays; devotional was given by Mrs. J. O. Castles.

There were 15 class members and one visitor. Refreshment of cherry pie topped with whipped cream and coffee was served to the members and guest. The next meeting will be held with Mrs. Helen Boney February 3.

BLUE BONNET H. D. CLUB MEETS WITH MRS. A. D. KING

The Blue Bonnet Home Demonstration Club met in the home of Mrs. Allen D. King for the first meeting of the new year. Mrs. King presided. Prayer was by the group.

New business was discussed and the following officers were installed: Mrs. R. G. Toombs, president; Mrs. Joe Swinney, vice president; Mrs. Tom Russom, secretary and treasurer; Mrs. Dewell McLain, council delegate; Mrs. Frazz Demere, reporter.

Miss Allen showed samples of floor coverings and gave hints for cleaning and care of floors.

A delicious refreshment plate was served to two visitors and 11 members. The next meeting will be held January 18 with Mrs. Joe Seymour.

LEADING MET SINGERS WILL SING ROLES IN 4 PRODUCTIONS

More than a score of leading singers of the Metropolitan and other leading opera companies will come to the San Antonio Municipal Auditorium to sing roles in the four productions of the 1955 Grand Opera Festival, sponsored and produced by the Symphony Society of San Antonio.

The 11th annual nationally-recognized fete will present Verdi's "Aida," Saturday night, Feb. 5; Donizetti's "Lucia di Lammermoor," Sunday matinee, Feb. 6; Masseret's "Mamon," Saturday night, Feb. 12, and Johann Strauss' comic "Die Flendermaus" (in English), Sunday matinee, Feb. 13.

TO CONTROL FLEAS

Malathion can be used safely on dogs to control fleas. A five-tenths per cent spray or four percent dust give the longest control. A two and one-half percent spray or a four percent dust will get the fleas in garages or other infested spots. — A. & M.

CREEP FEEDING

Creep feeding home grown grain supplemented with a protein — cottonseed meal — has earned a firm place in the farming practices of a veteran Zavala county livestock raiser. W. R. Parsons figures the \$7.50 feed bill per head on 50 calves gave him an additional \$20 per calf at the market. — A. & M.

LIKE GRANDMA MADE

If you have ever had the yen to bake your own bread, the Canadians may make it simple for you. The Canadian Defense Research Board has developed an instant bread mix which produces a tasty, aromatic loaf without kneading or fermentation. All you do is add water and then bake it for two hours. It will be available in U. S. stores, but so far no one knows exactly when. — Changing Times.

It is expected that the governor's pay will be increased by the Legislature to \$25,000 a year; the attorney general's to around \$20,000; and the other officials to perhaps \$15,000.

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

By LORETA ALLEN

Miss Caywer met with Tye 4-H Club recently. She gave a demonstration on preparing and serving boiled custard. New members were Dorothy Lilly, Patty McCartney, Judy Hill, Katy McCuiston, Mary Alice Roach and Virginia Keith.

Miss Caywer has also attended a work simplification workshop in Coleman. We will all be looking forward to learning how to simplify our work.

Miss Mable McRhee and Mrs. M. L. Douglass of Union Ridge Club recently attended a meeting of home demonstration club officers in Abilene. They received the new yearbooks and discussed various programs.

Lawanda Vinson has been selected the candidate for district 7 for the Texas Home Demonstration Association scholarship. The committee will visit the 12 girls in March to select a girl to receive the three scholarship. Wouldn't it be nice if Lawanda happens to be one of the lucky three?

Here is a good lemon meringue pie you might try soon.

Lemon Meringue Pie
9 inch pie shell, baked
7 tablespoons cornstarch
1 1/2 cups sugar
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 1/2 cups hot water
3 eggs yolks
1/2 cup fresh lemon juice
1 teaspoon grated lemon peel
2 tablespoons butter of margarine.

Mix cornstarch, sugar and salt in saucepan. Stir in hot water gradually and bring to boil over direct heat; then cook for 8 to 10 minutes over medium heat, stirring constantly until thick and clear. Remove from heat. Stir several spoonfuls of this hot mixture into beaten egg yolks; mix well. Pour egg yolks back into saucepan. Bring to boil, then cook over low heat for 4 to 5 minutes, stirring constantly. Remove from heat; gradually add lemon juice, lemon peel and butter. Cool filling; pour into cooled baked pie shell. Top with meringue.

News Briefs

Texas' birth rate is still gaining with 1954 showing a 4,000 increase over 1953. State Health Officer Dr. Henry A. Holle says births last year numbered over 240,000 — with 1955 registrations 5,000 ahead.

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

Farmers & Merchants National Bank

of Merkel in the State of Texas, at the close of business on Dec. 31, 1954 published in response to call made by Comptroller of the Currency, under section 5211, U. S. Revised Statutes.

ASSETS

- Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balance and cash items in process of collection \$1,191,148.90
- United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed 1,769,000.00
- Obligations of State and political subdivisions 270,434.72
- Other bonds, notes, and debentures NONE
- Corporate stocks (including \$4,500.00 stock of Federal Reserve bank) 4,500.00
- Loans and discount (including \$350.53 overdrafts) 622,115.85
- Furniture and fixtures 2,500.00

TOTAL ASSETS \$3,859,699.47

LIABILITIES

- Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships and corporations \$3,201,216.00
- Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings) 18,214.11
- Deposits of State and political subdivisions 396,050.44
- Other deposits (certified and cashier's checks, etc.) 10,630.93

TOTAL DEPOSITS \$3,626,111.48

TOTAL LIABILITIES \$3,626,111.48

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

- Capital Stock: (c) Common stock total par 75,000.00
- Surplus 75,000.00
- Undivided profits 83,587.99

TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS 233,587.99

TOTAL LIABILITIES and CAPITAL ACCOUNTS \$3,859,699.47

MEMORANDA

- Assets pledged or assigned to secure liabilities and for other purposes 104,000.00
- (A) (1) Loans to farmers directly guaranteed and redeemable on demand by the Commodity Credit Corporation, and certificates of interest representing ownership thereof 97,299.32

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

GEO. T. MOORE, Cashier

CORRECT—ATTEST:
PAUL W. WEST
H. C. WEST
BOOTH WARREN
Directors

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF TAYLOR, ss:
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8th day of Jan. 1955, and I hereby certify that I am not an officer or director of this bank.
(SEAL) BETTY JANE TITTLE, Notary Public.

My commission expires June 1, 1955.

SELL IT THROUGH A MERKEL MAIL WANT AD

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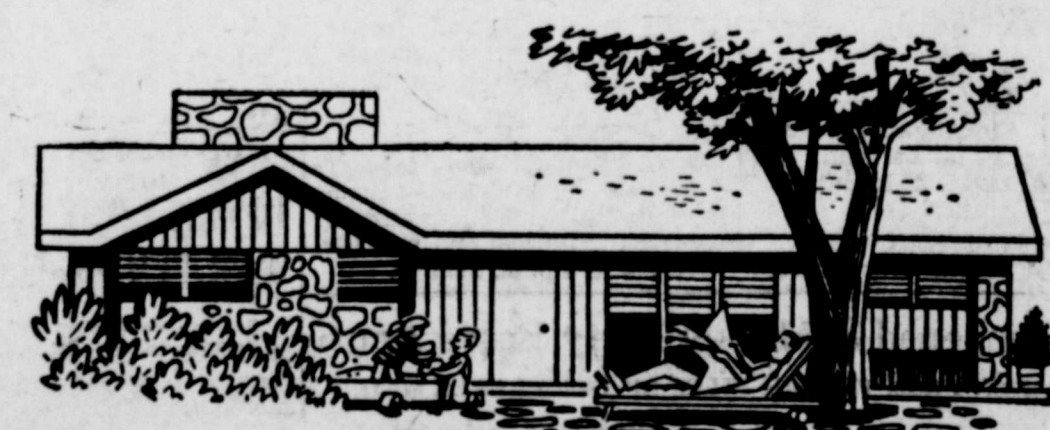
- FIRM GREEN CABBAGE lb. 6c
- CELLO CARROTS bag 12c
- CELERY HEARTS bag 25c
- EATMOR CRANBERRIES lb. 20c
- GREEN TIP BANANAS lb. 15c
- PURE CANE SUGAR 10 lb bag 89¢
- AUNT JEMIMA MEAL 5 lb. bag 45c
- WOLF CHILI No. 2 can 39c
- SALAD WAFER Crackers 1 lb. box 23c
- BABO Cleanser 2 cans 25c
- POST Toasties 12 oz. pkg. 20c
- 300's Kleenex 2 boxes 45c
- PATIO BAR-B-Q reg. 69c 55c
- CAMPBELL'S TOMATO SOUP can 10c

- LONGHORN CHEESE lb. 49c
- KRAFT SQUARE CHEESE lb. 49c
- PRESSED HAM Luncheon Meat lb. 49c
- BOILED HAM lb. \$1.00
- ALL BEEF Ground Meat lb. 39c
- NEUHOFF — WHOLE HOG SAUSAGE lb. 65c
- SLAB BREAKFAST BACON lb. 49c
- MIRACLE TIDE Reg. Pkg. 29¢
- VAN CAMP Pork & Beans 2 cans 25c
- WOLF TAMALES can 19c
- BORDEN'S STAR-LAC pkg. 39c
- ALL FLAVORS JELL-O 2 pkgs. 15c
- BLUE LABEL KARO bottle 23c
- SUN SPUN Salad Dressing pint 33c
- AUSTEX BEEF STEW can 33c
- CREAMY CRISCO 3 lb. can 89c

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It seems like luxury. But soon she'll think of all her electric servants as necessities. As time goes on, she'll add even more.

*In homes served by WTU the average cost of a kilowatt-hour of electric service is 22% LESS than it was ten years ago!

West Texas Utilities Company

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: Mary Sue Moody, 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 21st day of February A. D. 1955, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 17th day of May A. D. 1954, in this cause, numbered 19,781-A on the docket of said court and styled Orvel Lee Moody, Plaintiff, vs. Mary Sue Moody, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and defendant were legally married August 31, 1944, and continued to live together until on or about the 10th day of May 1954, at which time they became permanently separated. To this union were born four children, no community property was accumulated. Plaintiff sues for Divorce on grounds of harsh and cruel treatment. Plaintiff also sues for custody of children, 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 4th day of January A. D. 1955.

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

Taylor County, Texas
By Irene Crawford, Deputy.
Adv. — Jan. 14, 21, 28, Feb. 4.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION WITH CONTINUANCE

Notice is hereby given that the partnership between Walter R. Balfanz, Edwin C. Balfanz and Robert L. Balfanz, under the firm name of Balfanz Construction Company, was dissolved on the 30th day of June 1954, which was confirmed by written agreement on the 23rd day of December 1954. All debts due to the said partnership are to be paid and those due from the same discharged, at 1001 Chestnut Street, in the City of Abilene, Texas, where the business will be continued by the said Walter R. Balfanz and Edwin C. Balfanz, under the firm name of Balfanz Construction Company.

Walter R. Balfanz
Edwin C. Balfanz
Robert L. Balfanz
Adv. — Dec. 31, Jan. 7, 14, 21.

MADE IMPROVEMENTS

Last year 3,974,451 acres of grassland in Texas were involved in demonstrations supervised by county agricultural agents. A. H. Walker, extension range specialist, estimates that improvements made under the demonstrations added \$1,767,415 to the income of the participating ranch operators. — A. & M.

It is true that many a professor has never met a payroll, but then many a businessman has never

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met a class. — Changing Times. ship will come in often winds up with a raft of children. — Changing Times.

State No. 1398 Reserve District No. 11
Report of Condition of "HOME STATE BANK"

of Trent, Taylor County, Texas, at the close of business Dec. 31, 1954, a State banking institution organized and operating under the banking laws of this State and a member of the Federal Reserve System. Published in accordance with a call made by the State Banking Authorities and by the Federal Reserve Bank of this District.

ASSETS

1. Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balance, and cash items in process of collection	\$253,088.34
2. United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed	462,736.22
3. Obligations of States and political subdivisions	2,880.03
5. Corporate stocks (including \$2,700.00 stock of Federal Reserve bank)	2,700.00
6. Loans and discounts (including \$11 overdrafts)	266,133.79
7. Bank premises owned \$2,250.00, furniture and fixtures \$2,450.00	4,700.00
12. TOTAL ASSETS	\$992,238.38

LIABILITIES

13. Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	842,881.51
16. Deposits of State and political subdivisions	49,291.39
19. TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$892,172.90

LIABILITIES (not including subordinated obligations shown below)

24. TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$892,172.90
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CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

25. Capital*	25,000.00
26. Surplus	65,000.00
27. Undivided Profits	10,065.48
29. TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	100,065.48

TOTAL LIABILITIES and CAPITAL ACCOUNTS 992,238.38

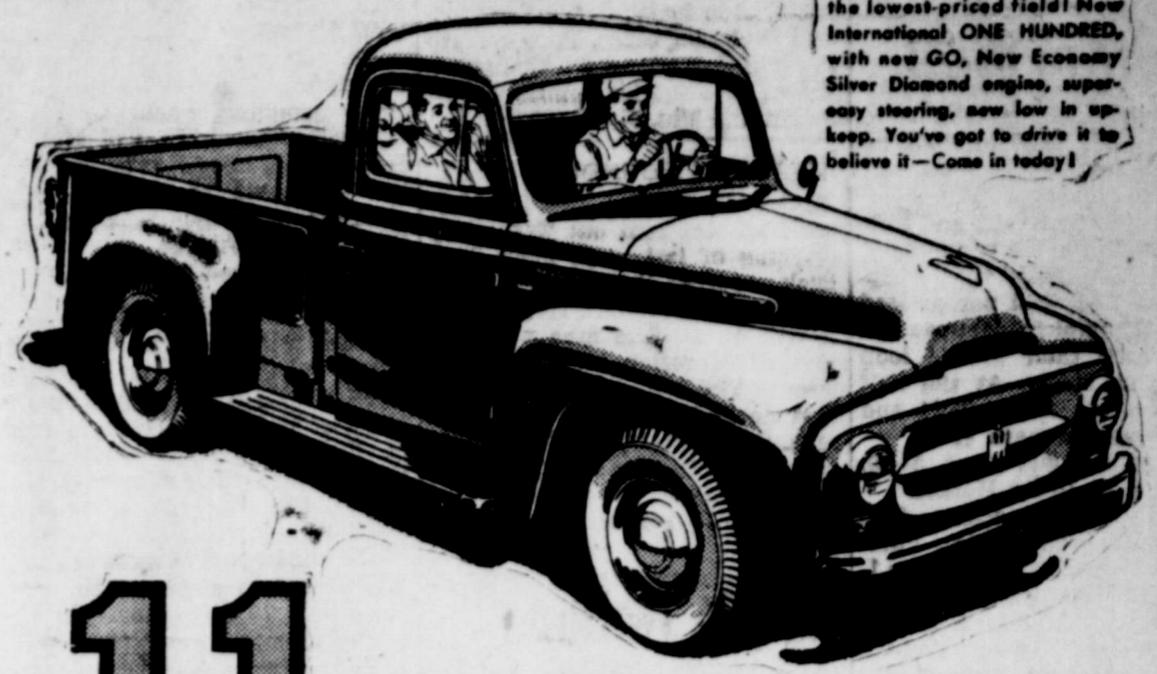
* This bank's capital consists of Common stock with total par value of \$25,000.00.

MEMORANDUM
34. (a) (1) Loans to farmers directly guaranteed and redeemable on demand by the Commodity Credit Corporation, and certificates of interest representing ownership thereof \$121,294.16

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

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

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Taylor, ss:
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 7th day of Jan. 1955.
Pearl Matthews, Notary Public
Taylor County, Texas
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Merkel Badgers Smother Roby By Score of 69-29

The Merkel Badgers clobbered the Roby Lions, 69-29 to chalk up their third straight District 8-2 victory here Tuesday night.

Billy Horton scored 13 and Robert McLeod 11 for the winners.

Coach Tommy Ellis' boys jumped off to a 21-1 first period lead and was in complete command in handling Roby their second loop loss in three starts. At the half Merkel was out front, 35-11 and the three-quarter mark 49-19.

Roby won the girl game, 51-19. Janie Owen hit 10 for Merkel.

Merkel: (Field goals, free throws, fouls, total points): Pursley 3-2-1-8; Russell 0-0-1-0; Miller 1-1-0-3; G. O'Brien 2-2-0-6; Horton 6-1-0-13; McLeod 3-5-2-11; Hargrove 1-1-0-3; Rutledge 3-0-0-6; English 3-3-0-9; McKeever 1-0-3-2; T. O'Brien 2-2-3-6; Gilbert 1-0-0-2. Totals 26-17-10-69.

Merkel Badgers Win Fourth Place At Stamford Meet

The Merkel Badgers won fourth place in the 4th annual Stamford Invitation Basketball Tournament last Saturday night and also placed one man, Robert McLeod, on the all-tournament team.

On Thursday night of last week at Roscoe Coach Tommy Ellis' Badgers defeated Roscoe 56-43. This counted as a district game and also as the opening round in the tournament.

Phillip Pursley led with 18 points while Terry O'Brien shot 14 points.

The girls took second place when they played Roscoe the same night: 33-51. This also was a district game.

Friday night at Stamford the Badgers drove over Stamford B 57-35 with Robert McLeod leading with 25 points.

Saturday afternoon in the semi-finals Tommy Ellis' team played the powerful Avoca group and lost by only four points: 36-32. This is the closest Avoca ever came to being beat outside of its loss to Berger, having won 23 and lost 1. Avoca won the tournament.

Robert again was high man with 17 points.

Saturday night the two losers of the semi-finals played for third place. In this session Throckmorton won from Merkel 62-38.

Robert and Terry O'Brien were high with 12 points each.

Supt. Mack Fisher Attends Meeting Of School Heads

Supt. Mack Fisher was in Austin Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of last week attending the annual state school administrators meeting.

Supt. Fisher was on the school accreditation committee and the teachers certificate committee. There were 900 high schools represented. They discussed current school problems.

WINS SPEECH PRIZE

Mrs. Bryan Dunigan won a prize for giving the best speech on Thursday of last week in an effective speaking course being given at the Windsor Hotel, Abilene.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank the doctors, nurses and everyone for every kindness shown Jim during his stay in the hospital, for the flowers, food and cards. Also we are grateful for all the kindnesses shown us since his coming home.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Kuykendall

ROLLER IS FOUND!

A very short while after The Merkel Mail was sent out Thursday morning of last week Fred Starbuck reported that he had found his linoleum roller. Here's how it was done. The man who had loaned the roller saw the news item in The Mail. He remembered that he had loaned it to another man. So, he got in touch with the man, got the roller and then Fred got the roller.

P. S. The roller weighs 165 pounds.

Noodle Wallops South Taylor Tuesday 62-48

The Noodle boys racked up their second triumph in four District 17-B starts in Noodle Tuesday night, walloping the South Taylor Flying Tigers, 62-48.

The South Taylor girls nipped the Noodle lasses, 62-61. Gloria Lawlis was high for Noodle with 25.

Noodle enjoyed slim 18-15, 31-25, and 42-39 margins at the rest stops but finished off South Taylor with a 20-point spurge in the final stanza.

(Field goals, free throws, personal fouls, total points): Noodle: Goode 7-4-2-18; Clift 4-0-2-8; E. Hatfield 8-0-2-16; B. Hatfield 3-4-2-10; Vancil 5-0-3-10. Totals 27-8-11-62.

Harless Wade Places Badgers In High Brackett

Harless Wade, Reporter-News sport writer, thinks highly of Coach Tommy Ellis' Badgers. In a feature article he wrote:

A three-way dogfight among Merkel, Throckmorton and Haskell for the District 8-A basketball championship appears almost certain this year, with the Greyhounds a slight favorite to walk off with the crown.

With Throckmorton rating the final nod, defending champion Merkel is tabbed for the runner-up spot and Haskell is expected to finish strong in third place.

Flashy sophomore Robert, McLeod, an all-district returnee, leads a list of three lettermen that may prove capable of keeping the title for Merkel.

Joining McLeod are lettermen Phillip Pursley, a 5-10 junior boy who is a "cool" performer, and 5-9 guard George English.

Coach Ellis also has five top prospects in 6-1 guard Terry O'Brien, 6-0 forward Gail O'Brien, 5-9 guard Kermit Rutledge, 5-10 forward Billy Gilbert, and 6-0 forward Bill Horton.

Additional prospects are Jackie Russell, Gene Hargrove, Carl McKeever, Jerry Miller, Jimmy Neill and Leon Kelso.

Of the 13 players listed on the Merkel varsity, only three are seniors — making the Badgers a serious threat in future years.

The man who spends all his time worrying about what other people think about him seldom lives a happy life.

SOCIETY

PAKA NEWBY ENGAGEMENT HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. Homer H. Newby announced the engagement of their daughter, Paka, to Bob Goodwin, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Goodwin. Miss Newby is a senior in Merkel High School and Goodwin is a sophomore at Sul Ross College, Alpine.

MARtha CLASS MEETS IN HOME OF MRS. M. T. HEAD

The Martha Class of the First Baptist Church met Jan. 5 in the home of Mrs. M. T. Head, Mrs. A. D. Fulton presided. Mrs. Alma Collins opened the meeting with a prayer. Mrs. Lucy Ford brought the devotional.

The class voted to meet the first Wednesday in each month. Refreshment of coffee and pie was served to eight members.

PATRICIA ANN, GARY LEE SMITH HAVE BIRTHDAY

Patricia Ann and Gary Lee Smith celebrated their birthday jointly with a party Thursday, Jan. 6, at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ford Smith, Jr.

After playing games the group gathered around the TV when Calvin Kee-Wee and cousin Po-Go, also the children sang "Happy Birthday" to the honorees.

Refreshments were served to about 25 children and several adults. All enjoyed the party.

Patricia Ann and Gary Lee received many beautiful gifts.

FORTNIGHTLY STUDY CLUB PROGRAM STRESSES TEXAS

The Fortnightly Study Club met at the Community Center Tuesday with Mrs. Homer Patterson acting as hostess.

Mrs. Ben Hicks presided and presented statistics in relation to Texas program for tuberculosis research and control.

Mrs. H. C. West, club critic, pointed out some outstanding helps and needs in conducting a meeting and the carrying out of parliamentary law in business sessions.

Mrs. Comer Haynes introduced the program theme, "Semantics Through Love of Country." The program stress was on Texas since this was the club's "Texas Day." The Texas theme was carried out in a beautiful floral arrangement with a styrofoam map of Texas forming the background.

Mrs. Patterson gave a delightful rendition of two Texas songs: "Texas, Our Texas" and "Have You Ever Been in Texas in the Spring" accompanied by Mrs. Paul Honeycutt.

Roll call was answered with favorite spots in Texas by 19 members.

A film, "Our Great Southwest," depicting some of the scenic beauty and vocation advantages of the Southwest, was shown by guest technician Holt Vaughn.

The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. H. C. West when Dr. Donald W. Warren will discuss mental health.

SHOWER FOR TWO GIVEN IN HOME OF MRS. NALLEY

On Saturday evening, Jan. 8, a stork shower was given in the home of Mrs. Joe Nally honoring Mrs. Marvin Holloway and Mrs. Boyd Moore. Both charming honorees received many useful attractive and unusual gifts.

The hostesses for this happy affair were Mesdames A. W. Clemmer, Grover Gilbert, Geo. Woodrum, Dorothy Noster, Bob McDonald, Lon McDonald, Albert Beard, Hollis McCoy, Eve Faye Denton, O. L. Justice, E. R. Watson, A. B. Allen, Johnnie Jacobs, W. B. Toombs, Barbara Sue Tucker, Joe Nalley and Miss Wilma Payne.

Mrs. Sam McLeod played soft music during intervals of the informal program. Mrs. Barbara Sue Tucker conducted a hilarious guessing game. Mrs. John Marshall and Miss Jo Ann Moore won the prizes and Miss Moore presented them to the honoree.

Mrs. Judd McReynolds read various beautiful poems and articles on the loveliest thing in the world the baby; also showing large pictures of same. Numbers were also read on the responsibility love and joy of both mother and father.

Hot chocolate and homemade cookies were served to the guests after which Mrs. Tucker sang Brahms' Lullaby while little Misses Lynda Jacobs and Marilee Noster with dolls in arms demonstrated quite accurately the tenderness of the mother as she lulls her darling to sleep. These little ladies then led the honorees and guests to the respective rooms where the gifts were displayed. Mrs. Nalley said the goodbyes.

OIL NEWS

Taylor County last Friday drew location for a new wildcat, to be drilled one and one-half mile north of Blair by Cannon Drilling Co., of Abilene.

No. 1 Pinkie spots one quarter of a mile east of J. F. Epley and Robert K. Whiter No. 1 Nolan Palmer, recently completed Flippen lime discovery, which pumped 98.53 barrels of 42 gravity oil daily, plus 57 per cent water.

NOODLE 4-H CLUB MEMBERS SEE FILMS ON CLOTHING

Noodle Junior and Senior 4-H Club met with the 4-H club leader Mrs. Wayne Scott, Tuesday morning in the home economics room at the Noodle High School. They saw two films on clothing: "Care for Your Clothes" and "How You Look and Dress."

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Mathews had two of their children home for a visit. Rev. and Mrs. Reeves of New Waverly came Monday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Roy H. Mathews of Pyote came Monday. They all attended the funeral of W. M. Elliott. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mathews stayed over to attend the Butler funeral.

REV. AUBREY F. WHITE ATTENDS TWO MEETINGS IN LUBBOCK THIS WEEK

Rev. Aubrey F. White attended a meeting of the Golden Cross Society in Lubbock at the Methodist Hospital Monday night. The society takes care of the needy sick. Rev. White is Abilene district director.

On Tuesday night he met with the Brotherhood of Methodist Ministers of which he is a director.

WENDEL K. TARPLEY IS NOW IN ARMY STATIONED IN GERMANY

ANSBACH, GERMANY — Pvt. Wendel K. Tarpley, 19, son of Mrs. Simmons Tarpley, Merkel, is stationed in Germany with the 291st Field Artillery Battalion, which until recently was designated the 426th Battalion.

Private Tarpley, a battalion orderly in Headquarters Battery, entered the Army in November 1952 and completed basic training at Camp Chaffee, Ark. He arrived overseas in August 1953.

WELDON HOLMES IS HOME

Weldon A. Holmes returned last Friday from the Veterans Hospital in Big Spring. Weldon had been there a month for medical treatment. He is feeling much better.

CONTROL CATTLE GRUBS

Free-choice feeding of phenothiazine may some day help control cattle grubs but several problems regarding its use must first be solved. Cattle don't like its taste and a practical way to feed the product has not yet been found.

A. & M.

The average man can't understand why others can't see him as he sees himself.

ISADORE, MEYER MELLINGER ATTEND DALLAS CONVENTION

Isadore and Meyer Mellinger attended the Men's Summer Wear Convention in Dallas the first of the week.

VERNON HUDSON IS NOW ASSOCIATED WITH BRAGG'S STORE

Vernon Hudson is now associated with the Bragg's Store. He is in the men's department.

BILLY PAT NASH MOVES TO EL PASO TO GO TO SCHOOL

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Nash have moved to El Paso where he is planning on entering Texas Western.

BREAKS ARM IN WRECK

Cecilio Luján Hernandez, 29, was in Sadler Clinic Saturday with a broken arm suffered when the car he was driving hit an REA pole one-half mile east of here at 4:45 a. m. Saturday. The car, a 1953 model, is owned by Juan Berra.

NIGHTMARE WALKING?

Ever see a nightmare walking? A lot of motorist will tell you they have. And chances are they're right. For the careless antics of many walkers are a nightmare to drivers.

AT NEPHEW'S FUNERAL

Mrs. Pick Allen returned from Holliday Sunday night after attending the funeral of her nephew, Albert G. Hicks. Mrs. L. A. Watts and A. C. Bland of Abilene accompanied her.

E. B. WALLACE NAMED SECRETARY OF W.O.W. AT LAST MEETING

E. B. Wallace was appointed secretary of the Woodman of the World. Mr. Wallace succeeds the late W. M. Elliott.

BUY AIR CONDITIONER NOW?

If you want a bargain in an air conditioner, shop around for last year's models. Dealers still have plenty of them on hand and are slicing prices to unload. The 1955 models will be along in another few months. You will find that they are somewhat cheaper and better designed. Many will be easier to install too. — Changing Times.

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Merkel First Baptist Church
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Morning Worship . . . 11:00 a. m.
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Evening Worship . . . 7:30 p. m.
Wednesday Prayer Service 7:30 p. m.
W. M. U. Mon. 9:30 a. m.

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Morning Service . . . 11:00 a. m.
Young People's Bible Class 6:30 p. m.
Evening Services . . . 7:30 p. m.

Merkel First Methodist Church
Sunday:
Sunday School 9:50 a. m.
Morning Worship . . . 10:50 a. m.
M. Y. F. 6:30 p. m.
Evening Service . . . 7:30 p. m.

Merkel Catholic Church
Sunday Mass 10:30 a. m.
Primitive Baptist Church
Meeting time first Sunday in each month 11 a. m.
Saturday preceding . . . 8 p. m.

Trent Methodist Church
Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
Evening Worship . . . 7:30 p. m.
Morning Services . . . 11:00 a. m.
M. Y. F. Services . . . 6:30 p. m.
Wednesday:
Prayer Services . . . 7:30 p. m.

Trent First Baptist Church
Sunday:
Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
Morning Worship . . . 11:00 a. m.
Training Union . . . 6:45 p. m.
Evening Services . . . 7:45 p. m.

Pioneer Memorial Chapel
Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
Morning Service . . . 11:00 a. m.
Evening Service . . . 7:30 p. m.
Wednesday:
Evening Prayer Service . . . 7:30

Noodle Baptist Church
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PINIE!



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Merkel Grace Presbyterian Church
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a. m.
Worship Service . . . 11 a. m.

Merkel Assembly of God
Sunday school . . . 10 a. m.
Morning Service . . . 11 a. m.
C. A.'s (Young People) . . . 7 p. m.
Evening Worship . . . 7:30 p. m.
Tuesday W. M. C. 2 p. m.
Wed. Prayer Service . . . 7:30 p. m.

Merkel Calvary Baptist Church
Sunday School 9:45 a. m.
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Training Union . . . 6:45 p. m.
Evening Services . . . 7:45 p. m.

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Noodle Baptist Church
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Bible Class 10:00 a. m.
Morning Worship . . . 11:00 a. m.
Evening Services . . . 7:30 p. m.
Ladies Bible Class . . . 4:00 p. m.
Thursday:

Comper Baptist Church
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a. m.
Morning Worship, 2nd and 4th Sunday 11 a. m.

New Live Oak Baptist Church
Sunday:
Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
Morning Worship . . . 11:00 a. m.
Training Union . . . 6:45 p. m.
Evening Worship . . . 7:30 p. m.

Tye Baptist Church
Sunday:
Sunday School 9:45 a. m.
Morning Worship . . . 11:00 a. m.
Training Union . . . 6:45 p. m.
Evening Services . . . 7:30 p. m.

Tye Methodist Church
Sunday:
Sunday School 10 a. m.
M. Y. F. 7:00 p. m.
Prayer Meeting . . . 7:30 p. m.
Morning Service . . . 11:00 a. m.

Noodle Church of Christ
Sunday:
Bible Class 10:00 a. m.
Morning Worship Service 11:00
Young People's Service 6:30
Evening Worship . . . 7:30 p. m.

Hebron Baptist Church
Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
Morning Worship . . . 11: o'clock.
Training Union . . . 7:00 p. m.
Evening Worship . . . 7:30 p. m.
Wednesday:
Evening Prayer Services . . . 7:30 p. m.

Amity Baptist Church
Morning Service — 11:15 a. m.
Sunday School — 10:30 a. m.
Evening Bible Class 6:30 p. m.
Evening Services . . . 7:30 p. m.

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There are lots to choose from in sizes from 2 to 18. Some are "tackle-twill; some are satins; and others are gaberdines. We have many colors and the popular styles. FOR DOLLAR DAY ONLY

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MEN'S and BOY'S SPORT SHIRTS
Positively none are reserved. Every shirt is to be sold, and you may choose from gaberdine, rayons, cottons, and corduroys. Colors: black, pink, charcoal, grey, brown, tan, yellow, and many others. Sizes SMALL, MEDIUM and LARGE. FOR DOLLAR DAY ONLY

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MEN'S SHORTS & VESTS
In shorts, you have your choice of either knitted briefs with elastic bands that are cellophane wrapped and fast color and sanforized shorts in either "boxer" or gripper styles. Sizes: 28 to 44. FOR DOLLAR DAY ONLY

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They are made of fine 8.2-ounce type IV army cloth and well tailored to give excellent service. You will want several suits at this price. FOR DOLLAR DAY ONLY

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These are fine tailored shirts by H-Bar-C in the most popular colors. Lots to choose from. Sizes from 14 to 16 1/2 neck. FOR DOLLAR DAY ONLY

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MEN'S FELT HAT SALE GROUP I
These are fine hats manufactured by the Nation's foremost hat maker, and a fine value, too. Colors: Silver Belly, Light Tan, and Medium Brown. Sizes: 6 5/8 to 7 5/8. FOR DOLLAR DAY ONLY

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MEN'S WESTERN SHIRTS GROUP II
These also are all fur-felt hats in the most popular blocks, most wanted colors, and all sizes. FOR DOLLAR DAY ONLY

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These are odds-and-ends of fine "CURLEE" and "ROSE", and you will find only the newest styles and others are single breasted models, but every one is a real value. The sizes are broken, but we have them from size 35 to size 42. FOR DOLLAR DAY ONLY

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LADIES' BLOUSES
1 lot of odd lot of ladies' blouses. FOR DOLLAR DAY ONLY

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PIECE GOOD SPECIAL
Our entire stock of Fall yard goods on sale at

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1 lot of double-bed size cotton crinkled bedspreads in a choice of colors. FOR DOLLAR DAY ONLY

\$1.50 each

LADIES' PANTIES
1 lot of Ladies' pants to go at ONLY

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LADIES' Slips and Bed Jackets
1 lot of nice quality ladies' slips and bed jackets to close out. FOR DOLLAR DAY ONLY

\$1.00 each

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Our entire stock of ladies' purses at ONLY

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COLORED TOWELS
Lots of colors in a nice quality towel. FOR DOLLAR DAY ONLY

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Wash cloths to match ONLY

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CLASSIFIED AD SECTION

NOTICE MASONS

Stated meeting of Merkel Lodge No. 710, A. F. & A. Thursday, January 13, at 7:30 p. m. All members are urged to attend. Visiting brethren cordially invited.
D. R. Butler, W. M.
Truett Thompson, Sec'y.

LOST AND FOUND

LOST — 1 green parakeet named Leo a child's pet. Call 376R or 902 Rose St. Leo Harris. t144p

LOST — Short black kid gloves in front of Starbuck Funeral Home last Wednesday. Mrs. T. T. Earthman, 211 Ash St. t144p

WANTED

WANTED — I will do sewing and alterations in my home at Noodle. Mrs. Waldo Cox, Route 2. t144p

WANTED — Woman or girl to stay with me at my home in Golan Community. Phone Noodle 6377 or write Mrs. W. C. Hill, Sylvester, Texas. t144c

WANTED — A combination butcher and groceryman. Also groceryman. Must have had previous experience and good references. John R. West. t143c

TO LEASE

FOR LEASE — 126 acres, all in cultivation, 1/2 mile S. E. of Trent, also 2 houses for sale or rent, 1 4-room good bungalow and 1 3-room frame house. See G. N. Reynolds, Trent, Texas. Box 53, Phone 1605F3. t143c

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FOR RENT — 2-room furnished apartment, also bachelor quarters. 208 Ash St. t144p

FOR RENT — Nicely furnished 5-room house, garage and large yard. Close in. R. L. Denson, Phone 32057, Abilene. t143p

FOR RENT — 5-room house and bath, unfurnished, near school. See E. J. Orsborn, Route 4, or Andy Shouse. t143p

FOR RENT — 2 nicely furnished rooms, separate bath, private entrance front and back. Jack Canon. t142c

FOR RENT — 3-room garage apartment, unfurnished. Also 2 room apartment, older person preferred. Several good buys in nice homes. Dowdy & Toombs. t143c

FOR RENT — 3-room furnished south apartment, private entrance. 408 Manchester, Telephone 125W. Mrs. J. C. Comegys. t130c

FOR RENT — Duplex apartment, modern, 4 rooms and bath, unfurnished. See Ray Wilson. t134c

FOR RENT — 5-room house and bath. See Bob Hicks. t139c

BUS SCHEDULE

Eastbound	Westbound
3:44 a. m.	12:10 a. m.
6:32 a. m.	12:15 a. m.
6:47 a. m.	2:54 a. m.
11:30 a. m.	5:54 a. m.
2:57 p. m.	9:09 a. m.
5:05 p. m.	11:40 a. m.
8:56 p. m.	2:55 p. m.
10:51 p. m.	7:25 p. m.



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FOR SALE — Junior dining room suite, good condition. Also 9x12 wool rug. Two occasional chairs. Mrs. W. B. Thomas, 1205 S. 10th, Phone 41W. t144c

FOR SALE — 1/2 H. P. Fairbank-Morse Jet Pump and pipe without tank. Paul West. t144c

FOR SALE — Pigs. \$10 and \$12.50. Phone Noodle 6377. Darwin Hill. t144c

FOR SALE — 6-room modern house, practically new, 1405 Herring Drive. Phone 30 or see O. H. Griffin. t143c

FOR SALE — House, 3 rooms, to be moved. All sheetrock inside. Price \$224. See Mrs. P. B. Cooper, 309 Edwards. t143p

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17th District



This is the first of the weekly columns which will be submitted to all the newspapers of the 17th Congressional District during this session of the 84th Congress.

It will be my purpose to call the attention of my constituents to the many issues considered by the Congress. An effort will be made to report to the people as I observe and participate in the United States Congress, and not merely report news which you read in

the daily newspapers or heard broadcast on the radio.

In my column next week I shall mention some of the main issues which are likely to be considered in this session of the Congress, and at all times my door will be open to your suggestions and inquiries. Furthermore, it is my business to know how the people whom I represent feel about these matters which vitally affect all of us.

Overshadowing all other considerations, it seems to me that peace in the world always must be the principal objective. Every means possible should be exhausted to guard against the threat of war. Under present conditions, to be stronger than any enemy is the best guarantee of peace. To this end we must insure an adequate defense and promote international cooperation where possible.

At the same time, we must reinforce our economy; expand industry; and seek new markets, especially for any agricultural surpluses.

All things considered, it is the guess of many experienced observers that this session of the Congress may run rather smoothly. A feeling of optimism generally prevails. There is also an optimistic feeling among those both inside and out of government that our

economy will expand and that 1955 may be one of the most prosperous years the country has ever had. The prospects for this being true in practically everything except agriculture are very good.

On the other hand, it is my personal belief that unless we have a strong agricultural economy, business generally cannot be maintained at the high level predicted. This has always been true and theory is not going to change it. This means that the farmer must have a greater opportunity to raise his annual income than now appears in prospect. Especially is this true in the areas which have been hit so hard by the drouth.

Let me urge again that as the various issues before the Congress arise and after they are defined enough to have substance and meaning, the views of my constituents will be appreciated and highly respected.

such threats. Present law provides only a \$200 fine.

Everyone Invited

Everyone is invited to attend the inaugural ceremonies in Austin on January 18.

Governor Shivers wants one and all to know that "an invitation list to an event of this kind is very hard to compile." No invitation is needed and all Texans are invited, says the Governor.

Inauguration ceremonies are expected to draw 30,000 visitors to Austin.

When Gov. W. Lee O'Daniel was sworn in for his first term there was a record number of 55,000 on-lookers.

To Governor Shivers, however, goes the record of having served as Governor of Texas longer than any other man. He will have been in office five and a half years on January 22.

Gov. Coke Stevenson, runnerup for the honors, served five years, five months and 13 days. Shivers beat that record on December 24.

More Pay Now

Beginning with this, the 54th regular session of the Legislature the lawmakers draw \$25 per day. The old limit was \$10.

Pay is now limited to 120 days, however in the past they went on half-pay indefinitely after 120 days.

An amendment approved by the voters last November granted the pay increase. It also gave the Legislature authority to increase the salary of the constitutional officers.

At present the governor gets \$12,000; the attorney general \$10,000; and the treasurer, comptroller, secretary of state and the land commissioner \$6,000 each.

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State Capitol NEWS

By VERN SANFORD

Texas Press Association

Threatening Calls

State Rangers and Department of Public Safety officials are trying to locate a telephone caller who threatened the lives of Attorney General Shepperd and State Capitol Reporter R. Brooks.

"A bullet in the back of his head" was promised each man "if he didn't lay off the land business." Wives of both men received the calls at their homes.

Rep. Joe R. Pool of Dallas has prepared a bill having penalties up to five years imprisonment for

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Athena (Jane Powell) and Minerva (Debbie Reynolds) are the eldest of seven fetching sisters

who run a Health Food emporium, who worship at the shrine of nature, vegetables and yogurt, and who believe that the science of Numerology will guide them to their respective future husbands.

GETTING CAR FIXED

Getting a car repaired today is more complicated because of the shortage of good professional mechanics. There are only some 560,000 qualified mechanics available to fix the estimated 48,000,000 pleasure cars on the road. Before World War II, 500,000 qualified mechanics could more adequately handle the cars.

—Changing Times.

A man doesn't need bank references to borrow trouble.

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EDITORIALS

WILLIAM M. ELLIOTT

The passing of William M. Elliott came as a complete shock to the entire community.

Though he had been ill for the past few years and had been taking it more or less easy he seemed to be enjoying good health. His worry was not about himself but about the illness of his wife.

Mr. Elliott served Merkel well. For two terms he was mayor of the town and the "20-Year-Ago" column is now telling of his activities. Besides that he had been for 15 years city secretary.

The work he had to do as secretary was one of extreme care. Records had to be kept accurately. Statements had to be handled regularly on time. Bonds had to be recorded in a systematic manner.

As one man remarked, "He

handled his work meticulously." Mr. Elliott was active, very active, in his work in the Presbyterian Church of which he was an elder. Though the church has been for quite a while without a pastor he had been active keeping things going and getting a speaker for the services.

His contacts with folks in his work and at his leisure were very friendly. Once he became your friend his whole being seemed to smile at you. He had a fine sense of humor which made it very pleasant for those who had contacts with him.

In all he was a modest man, living each day as it came along, doing his work well and making life more pleasant for those around him. At the office and in the social walks of life he will be deeply missed.

PROGRESSIVE CITIES

"Cities don't just happen, they are made by men."

The truism of this statement is self-evident. We have but to look about us at different towns and cities and see why they have grown. They have made an active effort to get ahead.

Steps have been taken already by the Merkel merchants to organize a temporary chamber of commerce. These are steps in the right direction.

As Ralph Duncan of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce stated at the Lions Club luncheon an organization like the chamber of commerce is a city-wide affair. It takes the cooperation of the whole town to make it succeed.

Every town has many problems and the chamber of commerce is the vehicle by which these problems are solved.

These problems must be analyzed, and as Mr. Duncan stated, the activity of the group should be channeled to take up one problem at a time and not try to do too much.

What are the problems that face Merkel as a town? That is for the chamber of commerce to analyze

and find out and list them in importance.

One thing we are all certain of: We want our town to be a better town? The chamber of commerce has for its activity that purpose: to make Merkel a better town. What will make it better and how we are to proceed to accomplish that end is the work of the organization.

And it is up to each one of us to get behind the chamber of commerce and make it successful.

"WHITE-ICISM"

And the Sage of Figfield adds that doing and not wishing makes a town grow.

**Dramatic Suspense
Thrills Audience
At Queen Theatre**

For sheer thrill worthiness and dramatic suspense, "Bear Window" the brand new Alfred Hitchcock Technicolor spine-tingler which opens Sunday and Monday at the Queen Theatre runs off with all the honors.

There is James Stewart, as a famed photographer who is confined to his apartment with a broken leg.

As Stewart sits in his wheel chair all he has to do to kill time is stare out of his window at his neighbors. One dark night, while wiling away his time in just such a way he hears a scuffled scream the sound of broken glass and then a foreboding silence that sends shivers up his spine. He believes that what has occurred has been a brutal murder and he suspects one of his neighbors to be the slayer.

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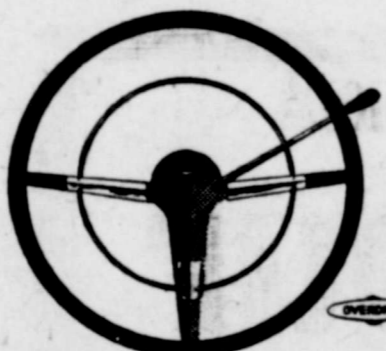
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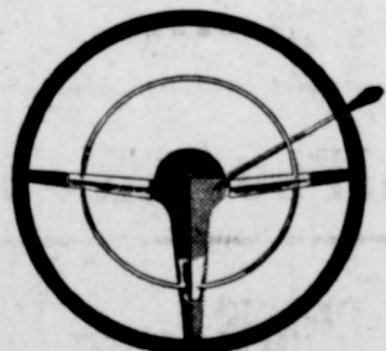
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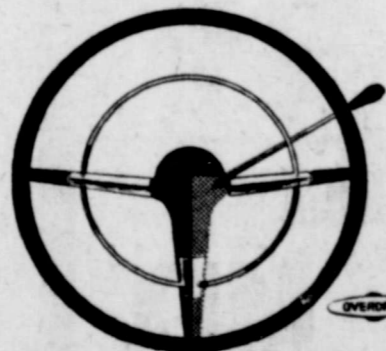
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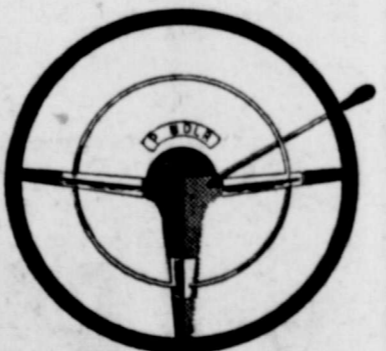
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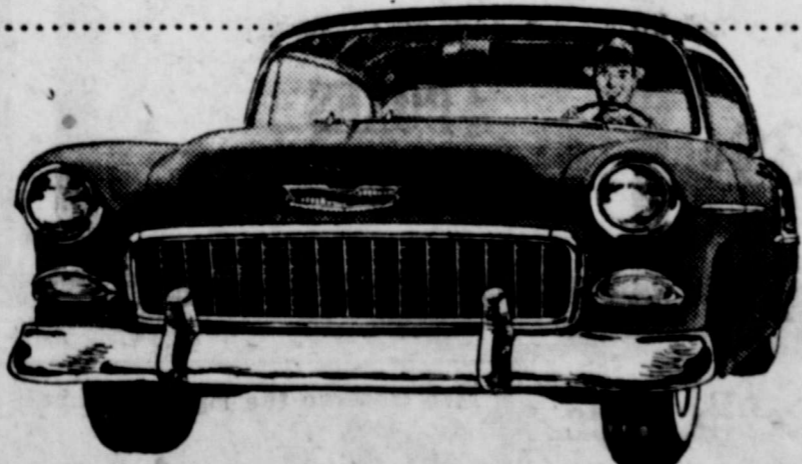


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J. F. Cason Sent to Haskell Hospital Overcome by Gas

J. F. Cason, about 50, was in serious condition in a Haskell hospital after being nearly asphyxiated in a motel there last Friday.

He was semi-conscious Saturday night, but was showing signs of improvement, his daughter Mrs. D. W. Douglas said.

Mr. Cason told a maid that he "didn't feel like getting up" at 11 a. m. Friday. The maid returned at 3 p. m. and when Mr. Cason did not answer her knock, she opened the door and found the room filled with gas.

RETURNS FROM KOREA
1st Lt. J. E. Farmer returned to his home after 16 months in Korea. He and his wife Doris are living at present at 202 El Paso St. Lt. Farmer is to report to Ft. Sill, Okla., January 27 for assignment to the U. S. Hospital there.

HAS MAJOR SURGERY
Mrs. T. A. Kellam of Lamesa underwent major surgery two weeks ago at the St. Mary's Hospital in Lubbock and is doing as well as could be expected. She is the former Mrs. Len Sublett who was principal of the Merkel Elementary School. She is the sister-in-law of Tye Sublett.

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Hospital Notes

Admissions to the Sadler Hospital the past week were:
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SHOW AT TRENT

The annual community FFA and 4-H Club show will be held Friday in Trent on the vacant lot east of Murphy's Lumber Yard. Buddy Tittle, Charles Bright, Tommy Young, Joel Crain, and Bobby Byrom have gifts: Joe Christ has capons; Dink Binson is feeding out a Polled Hereford steer which was bred by Sam Swann of Merkel.

P.-T.A. Conferences To Be Jan. 20-21 At Local Schools

Next Thursday and Friday afternoons, Jan. 20-21, are the next dates designated for all parents of children in the elementary and primary schools to come to school for their second parent-teacher conferences of the school year.

Parents of children in grade 1-8 will have an opportunity to see some of the work done since Oct. 14-15 and to confer with the teacher concerning the progress of the children.

Parents are urged to come at any convenient time during either afternoon.

Report cards were sent home today, Friday, January 14.

Rev. George Haven In Jamaica Doing Evangelistic Work

Rev. George Haven is conducting evangelistic work in Jamaica, B. W. I. There are 53 ministers of the Southern Baptists of Texas who are doing evangelistic and missionary work there now.

Rev. George Wilson of the First Baptist Church of Sweetwater is among them. Rev. Haven is the son of Mrs. Bob Spence of Trent. He flies back to Napier Air Field, Dothan, Ala., for a 10-day revival before returning home.

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