

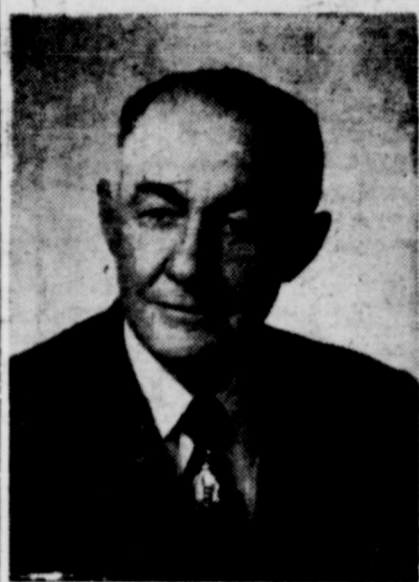
Merkel Now Waits For Decision on Super-Highway Rt.

Merkel is waiting to learn what was accomplished at its meeting with the Highway Commission in Austin Tuesday in regard to the super-highway location in Merkel.

the additional right-of-way width. Lester Dorton also spoke in support of the Merkel request. Those attending the hearing were Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Palmer, Merkel City Councilman and Mrs. Norman Hodge, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Dorton, Mr. and Mrs. David Gamble, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wilson, City Councilman and Mrs. Fred Starbuck, Mayor Henry West, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Odom, Leon Toombs, W. B. Toombs, Clyde Wurst, State Rep. Truett Latimer and County Commissioners Herman Rucker, Rufe Tittle, Floyd Tate and McMillon.

Mrs. Lem Dudley Is Improving After Accident

Mrs. Lem W. Dudley is getting along all right after suffering injuries in an auto accident. She received multiple bruises last Friday when the car she was driving was involved in an accident at the intersection of North Fifth St. and Farm-to-Market Road 126.



BOOTH WARREN re-elected president

Capital Increase Of Local Bank Is Approved

Booth Warren, president of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank at Merkel, has received the following from R. M. Gibney, comptroller of the currency, Washington, D. C.: Telegram — "Certificate issued making effective January 24th increase common stock to \$100,000 by stock dividend. Change records accordingly."

BULLETIN!

The Taylor-Jones County 5th Sunday Singing Convention will be held here Sunday at the school cafeteria all day, beginning at 10 a. m. The Fisher and Nolan County singers will meet here at the convention. The Taylor-Jones County folks are requested to bring basket lunches to be served to the visiting singers. The time for eating has been at 12:30 noon giving those in church time to come over. Coffee, tea and bread will be furnished.

Great Number Of Memberships Being Secured

Big strides are being made in getting memberships for the permanent Merkel Chamber of Commerce. This was revealed at the meeting of the temporary committee last Friday afternoon at the Taylor Electric Coop. David Gamble presided at the meeting. Others present were Herman Carson, Nolan Palmer, Horace Boney and George Rowland.

Carroll Benson Receives Contract For 3 More Years

Coach Carroll Benson has been given a contract for three more years by the local school board. The contract begins September 1955 and ends September 1958. This year completes 18 years that Coach Benson has been with the Merkel School System. He began his teaching and coaching career with Merkel and is still with the system.

Coach Benson has been here. He remained with the junior high until 1940 when he was made head high school coach. He served in this capacity until 1945 when he went out to Kermit High School in September. He stayed there until March 1, 1946, when his "first love," Merkel, called him back to again coach the Badgers. He returned here March 1, 1946, and has been here ever since.

whimsical friendly smile remains: "The people of Merkel have been very nice to me," he remarked. "It has been a pleasure working and living in this community. The sports writers, especially of the Abilene Reporter-News, have been very kind to me. I have tried to carry on a well-balanced program - not stressing one sport above another."

Noodle Wallops Lueders Pirates By Score of 89-54

Renol Vancil and Edward Goode spearheaded the Noodle Mustangs to a 89-54 thrashing of the Lueders Pirates in Noodle Friday night in a District 17-B tilt. Vancil tallied 32 points, while Goode was close behind with 30. Noodle led 56-20 at halftime and piled up its margin in the third quarter before sending in the subs.

Delores erron's 34 points was high in the girls' game as she led her Noodle teammates to a 64-36 victory over the Lueders girls. NOODLE: (Field goals, free throws, fouls, total points): Goode 14-23-30; E. Hatfield 7-0-3-14; B. Hatfield 0-2-2-2; R. Vancil 16-0-0-32; Olney 0-2-1-2; Sullivan 1-1-3-3; Chaney 1-0-2-2; K. Vancil 1-0-1-2; Lawlis 0-0-1-0; Justice 0-0-0-0; Spurgin 1-0-0-2. Totals 41-7-16-89.

Trent won two-point victory over Novice in Novice last Friday night, 51-49, after the score saw-sawed enough to have given either team a victory. Trent was ahead 8-7 at the end of the first quarter, but Novice jumped ahead in the second quarter, to lead 23-16 at the half. By the end of the third Trent was ahead 32-29, and managed to hold a margin of two points when the game ended.

Mrs. David Gamble Becomes President Of Fortnightly

On Jan. 25 the Fortnightly Study Club met in the home of Mrs. H. C. West. Mrs. West greeted guests at the door while Mrs. Elma McFarland assisted by Miss Jill Bob West served coffee and fruit cake. The program theme for the day was "Semantics Through Mental Health." The members answered roll call with "A Person Who Rose Above His Handicap."

BOY TO JAMESES

A boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert James at the Sadler Hospital January 24. E. V. WALTERS HAVE BOY Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Walters are the parents of a boy born at the Sadler Hospital January 26.

AMONG THE YOUNGER GENERATION



TOP ROW, left to right — Rusty Holloway, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Holloway; Youlinda and Wayne, children of Mrs. Francis Carey. SECOND ROW — Jeff, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Free; Randy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Smith; Barbara Jay, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. McWilliams.

MOTHERS' MARCH ON POLIO WILL BE MONDAY NIGHT

The grand finale of the local March of Dimes Campaign will be the Mother's March on Polio next Monday night, Jan. 31, between 7 and 8 p. m. The local P. T. A. Room Mothers, directed by Mrs. David Gamble, will conduct the porch light drive as they have for the past four years.

SON TO JOHN ENGLISHES

John Richard is the name of a son born to Mr. and Mrs. John English of Ft. Worth on Jan. 14. The paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. L. B. English and Mrs. Ella Shoemaker. They have another son Mike who is three years old.

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: Ira Stanley \$5.00 Mrs. M. A. Dunn \$5.00 Mary E. Provine \$5.00

Merkel 20 Years Ago

LIONS SPONSORS FETE Merkel's new gymnasium-auditorium was the setting for the Roosevelt birthday observance locally on Wednesday evening of this week, the affair having been sponsored by the Lions Club, of which Charlie Jones is president. Part of the proceeds went to swell the general fund for crippled children.

181 ON HONOR ROLL

There were 181 students on the Merkel Public Schools honor roll, announced Supt. R. A. Burgess. There were 55 from the high school and 126 from the grammar school.

102 SEND MESSAGE

With 102 individual signatures a telegram of congratulations to President Roosevelt on his 53rd birthday was filed out of Merkel Wednesday night by Charles H. Jones, president of the Lions Club and general chairman of the local arrangements for celebration of the President's birthday.

MRS. W. J. BULLOCK DIES

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Cook went to Valley Falls Tuesday to attend the funeral of Mrs. W. J. Bullock, 77, Mrs. Bullock was the mother, of W. H. Bullock of Albany, head

CRASH KILLS

Injuries received in an automobile crash on the highway about three miles west of Merkel Friday morning resulted in the death of Walter Peters, 16, in an Abilene hospital at 10:30 a. m. Sunday.

NAME COMMITTEEMEN

Committeemen for District 2 to administer cotton acreage control matters in Taylor County are: D. I. Shelton of Merkel, John Crane of Trent and W. C. Perkins of Blair-Mulberry. Alternates are Leon Toombs of Merkel, W. E. Hamner of Trent and Dewell McClain of Blair.

RECORD BIRTH

Born to Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Smith Sunday, January 27, boy.

AT BAPTIST INSTITUTE

At the study institute of the Woman's Missionary unions of the Sweetwater Association, held in the First Baptist Church, Abilene, Tuesday, Mrs. J. L. Winter held a special mission study class. Others besides her from here who attended were Mrs. Sam Swann and Mrs. C. R. Joyner.

ARE MARRIED

Miss Anna Williams and Truett Meeks drove over to Sweetwater on Saturday, Jan. 26, where they were married. She is the daughter of Will Williams of the Goodman community. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Meeks.

Merkel Badgers Defeat Haskell By Score of 64-60

The Merkel Badgers won the first round of District 8-A play Tuesday night by outlasting the Haskell Indian, 64-60 at Haskell. Coach Tommy Ellis' boys held a 31-26 advantage at half-time. The victory was the sixth straight win for the Badgers. Robert McLeod captured high scoring honors for the victors and the game with 21 and was followed by teammate Phillip Pursley with 17. In a girls game, Haskell defeated Merkel, 37-32. Janie Owens had 29 for the losers.

Fun and Features For John Deere Day Planned for Sat.

The annual John Deere Day is Saturday and a full day of entertainment and features and food has been arranged, announced Jack Miller. The whole program will be at the Miller Implement Company building. The day's program begins at 10 a. m. At this time there will be a power steering tractor rodeo. There will also be a showing of various John Deere implements. Lunch will be served at noon. Then in the afternoon the show will be presented. The films will feature an array of Hollywood favorites, a parade of favorite tunes, a full-color, full-length picture and other features and shorts. "A good crowd came last year and a bigger crowd is expected this year," stated Mr. Miller. "All farmers and ranchers are invited."

ELECTED TREASURER

Ed Wisheimer, managing editor of the Abilene Reporter-News, was elected treasurer of the Texas Associated Press Managing Editors Association.

Program for Living

WORRY is the product of an exaggerated sense of one's own responsibility and importance. We, being human, are accountable for only an honest, sincere effort. The outcome or result of our effort, is the responsibility of our Creator. Come and let's study together the basic ingredients necessary for happiness and stability. Each Sunday morning at 9 till 9:40 o'clock. DOWNTOWN BIBLE CLASS At the Texas Theatre

BAKE SALE

The Future Homemakers Club bake sale will be held Sat., Jan. 29, in front of the Merkel Drug, beginning at 8 a. m. Pies, cakes, cookies and candies will be sold. Special orders may be placed by phoning Clydene Eager 205W.

This Happened in Merkel Forty Years Ago TAKEN FROM THE 1914 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL. Mr. and Mrs. W. M. O'Briant and two sons, William and James, came in last Thursday from Brawley, Calif., where they have been making their home for the past two years. Mrs. Ed Young and little daughter Alice Glenn, who have been visiting their parents and grandparents, left Saturday for their home at Lampasas. Mrs. M. E. Bacous, who has been in Cisco visiting her daughter, Mrs. Carl Brabbins, returned home Saturday. Miss Lou Sears of Whitewright is visiting her brother, Jno. Sears and family.

NEWS ABOUT TOWN

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Bingham visited Sunday with her sister, Mrs. J. L. Wilson, and husband in Stamford.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Denson and son of Odessa were weekend visitors of their parents, Mr. and Mrs.

Clarence Perry and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Denson.

Mrs. Bud Toombs and son Ronny were in Westbrook over the weekend visiting her sister, Mrs. Bob Barbee, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Bockman and

Mrs. W. J. Bockman were in Wichita Falls Sunday visiting A/3e Wendall J. Bockman who is in the Air Force Hospital and has polio. He is doing fine.

Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Fox visited Sunday evening with her niece, Mrs. Edward Andrus, and family of Anson.

Clyde Bartlett took his son Ralph back to college at Denton Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Gentry and Patricia were in Colorado City Sunday visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Gentry and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Putman.

Mrs. F. C. McCue of Pyote was here this week visiting Mr. McCue and daughter Benina.

Mrs. Ruby Daniels and daughter, Mrs. Earl Lawless, and children of Abilene visited Friday and Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Walton.

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Turner of Grand Falls visited Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Walton over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Douglas of Ruidoso, New Mexico were here the first of the week visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Clemmer of Merkel and Mr. and Mrs. Smith of Abilene visited Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Clemmer and Robert Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John D. Oliver and twins from Robert Lee, Buck Nelson of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Whisenhunt and children were weekend guests in the John Oliver home.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Webb had as their guests Sunday for dinner his father, Will Webb, and his three sisters and their families from Roswell, New Mexico, Mr. and Mrs. Barney Douglas and children, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brown and boys and Mrs. Lena Ball and daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Nath Webb from Johnson City, Tenn., stopped off here Wednesday of last week while enroute to Arizona for his health to a visit with his uncle, Will Webb.

"Black Widow" Is Gripping Drama At Queen Theatre

"Black Widow," Twentieth Century-Fox's first murder mystery in CinemaScope, is a gripping drama that plays at the Queen Theatre Sunday and Monday.

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MRS. OMAR BURLESON HEAD OF CONGRESSIONAL CLUB

Mrs. Omar Burleson, wife of the Congressman from Anson, was elected president of the Congressional Club, the coveted post in an organization of wives of Senators

and Congressmen.

This should keep the Burleson family busy this session for the Congressman has just become chairman of the House Committee on Administration.

OIL NEWS

Wildcat Apache Drilling Co., Inc., of Dallas No. 1 L. C. Orsborn has a proposed depth of 6,000 feet with rotary. Location is two miles southeast of Trent.

Billy Graham Comes in Film To Queen Theatre

"The Mighty Fortress," featuring Billy Graham, will be shown at the Queen Theatre Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Newsweek has called Billy Graham the world's number one preacher while Time and Tide stated that he had found a way of bringing God to men. Time said that Billy Graham is the best-known, most talked about Christian leader in the world today.

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	3,304,026.34
Total	\$3,856,203.83

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Capital Stock	\$100,000.00
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MERKEL, TEXAS

NEWS

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

By LORETA ALLEN

Taylor County Home Demonstration Council held its first meeting of the year Jan. 20. There were representatives from nine clubs.

Mrs. R. G. Toombs and Mrs. De-wel McLean represented Blue Bonnet Club and Miss Mable McRee and Mrs. M. L. Douglas represented Union Ridge Club. Mrs. Orville Black is chairman, Mrs. V. B. Reeves, vice chairman, and Mrs. R. F. Morgan is secretary treasurer.

Mrs. Black appointed the following committees to work during the year to help further home demonstration work in the county. Three E committee, Mrs. P. L. Kendall, Mrs. Allen King, Mrs. Leslie McCormick, Mrs. Harold Blankenship, Mrs. Roy Manahan yearbook committee, Mrs. J. L. Farr, Miss Mable McRee, Mrs. W. B. Reed; finance committee, Mrs. Freeman Morgan, Mrs. V. B. Reeves, Mrs. Guy Vernon; recreation committee, Mrs. Edgar Holly, Mrs. Kenneth Drummond, Mrs. C. L. Hardwick; consumer education, Mrs. Arther Rock, Mrs. G. C. Cross, Mrs. Clint Stewart; 4-H leader, Mrs. Claude Newberry; reporter, Mrs. V. B. Reeves; parliamentary, Mrs. Fred Allyn.

At the beginning of each new year the different committees make recommendations of things to be done during the year. Council decided to gain sponsor Ward 7 at Abilene State Hospital and to make bandages for cancer patients. Last year Taylor County home demonstration club women made over 400 dozen bandages.

There will be a recreation training meeting for two leaders from each club Thursday, Feb. 3, at Pleasant Hill Community Center. The meeting will begin at 10 a. m. Everyone is to bring a sack lunch. One goal for this year is to have some recreation at each club meeting and the leaders will receive help in planning for club recreation as well as have a day of fun.

Mrs. Black announced that there would be a meeting in Menard, Feb. 14, to plan the district Texas Home Demonstration Association meeting. The district meeting will be in Kerrville, April 19. The state meeting will be in Ft. Worth, Aug. 3-4-5.

Each club president gave a report of their club activities. Lake Abilene, Blue Bonnet, Union Ridge, Wylie and Lawn Clubs all reported have new members. This

is encouraging to start the new year.

Are you a member of a home demonstration club?

There will be a slip cover workshop sometime in March or April. Each club president will check to see who is interested in her club and report at the February council meeting.

This includes just some of the outstanding things done in the first council meeting this year. Council meets every 3rd Thursday at 10 a. m. in the Agriculture Building in Abilene. Visitors are always welcomed.

CLINTON HARBERS WILL TELL ABOUT HIS FARMING FEATS

Clinton Harbers, whose revolutionary farming methods won him the \$5,000 Hoblitzelle Award in 1953, will discuss his farming techniques for farmers and ranchers Feb. 8 at Abilene Christian College.

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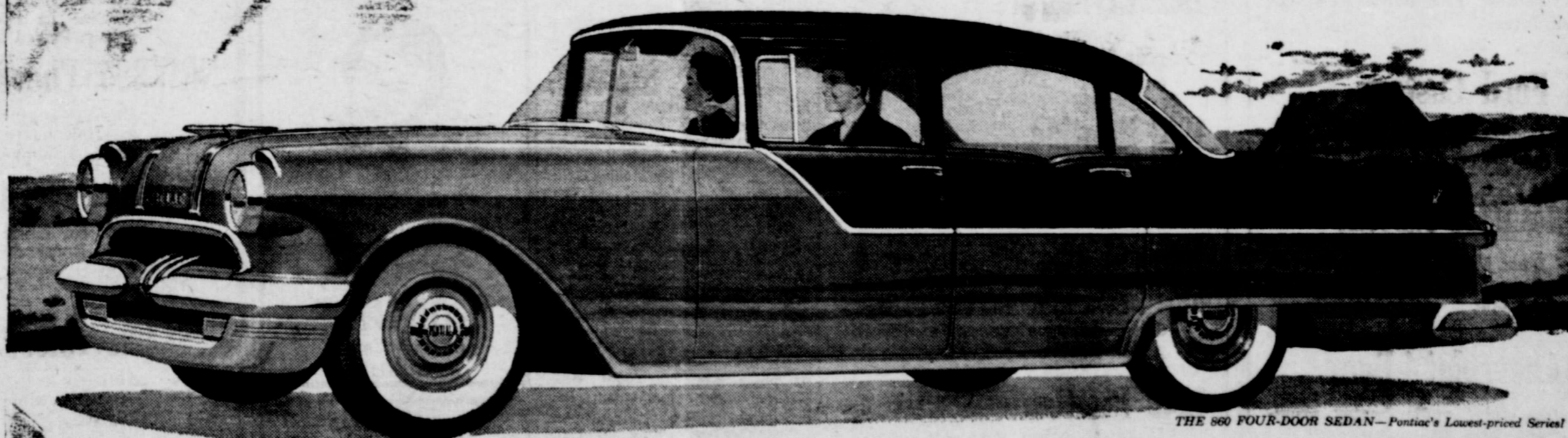
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Merkel Lions Win Tournament Here Last Week

Merkel won the Lions tournament here Saturday night by defeating Blackwell 32 to 22.

There were four Lions teams entered in the tourney and each team received a trophy, presented by local Lions President Isadore Mellinger.

In the first round Friday night Merkel defeated Tuscola 26-25. For Merkel Don Dudley was high man with 11 points and Coach Tommy Ellis second with 8. For Tuscola high man was Rev. J. B. Fowler with 10 points while Rev. Ike Courtney was next with 9.

Blackwell overshadowed the Cactus Lions Club of Abilene 47-23. Manley Denton with 10 points and Robert Hodge with 8 were high men for Cactus while Tommy Franks with 14 and G. K. Gaston with 10 were tops for Blackwell.

In the finals Saturday night for consolation Tuscola ran the score up to 28 against Cactus' 16. S. V. Box scored 16 points and Rev. Fowler 9 for Tuscola while three tied for tops for Cactus with 4 each: Ray Patton, L. A. Walker and Joe Ward, while Rev. David Binkley made 2 points.

In the championship game Merkel led all the way. The scores at the quarters were: 6-4, 15-13, 21-18, 32-22.

Leon Walker with 13 points and

Robert Hodge with 8 were high for Merkel. Tommy Franks had 9 and G. K. Gaston 7 for Blackwell.

Coach Carroll Benson made 6 points and Coach Tommy Ellis 3 for Merkel.

The umpires were Don Estes, Harold Reynolds, Coach Tommy Ellis, Leon Walker of Merkel and S. V. Box of Tuscola.

In the championship game Merkel's players were Robert Hodge, Coach Benson, Coach Ellis, Leon Walker, Norman Winter and Horace Boney.

All the proceeds went for Lions charity funds.

MRS. TAYLOR GOLDEN, RELATIVE OF LOCAL FOLKS IS BURIED

Mrs. Taylor Golden was buried at Lockney Wednesday afternoon. She was the sister of Mrs. Andrew Barbee and Doc Calloway and the aunt of Mrs. Stanley King and Mrs. Touchstone.

J. LECIL WHITE IS NOW BUILDING IN SUNSET PARK ADDITION

J. Lecil White is building a 3-bedroom home in the Sunset Park addition. It will have stone front and two bathrooms.

MR. & MRS. ERNEST JOYCE ATTEND MARKET IN DALLAS SUNDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Joyce attended the spring market in Dallas Sunday.

personals

Mrs. W. M. Elliott had as her guests Sunday and Monday her son, Roy Elliott, and wife of Dallas.

Mrs. J. S. Grant and Miss Vivian Mayfield of Abilene were visitors of Mrs. Hugh Campbell Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Nutt and two children, Pam and Roger Allen visited her mother, Mrs. Edna Horton, and sister, Sonja Sue, over the weekend and Mrs. Horton's son Reuben of Abilene also visited their grandmothers, Mrs. Hugh Campbell and Mrs. Jim Moore.

Paul Shanks and nephew, Eddie Craig, of Clyde visited his sister-in-law, Mrs. Homer Shanks Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Doan accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Claud Doan of Abernathy spent the week end with their aunt, Mrs. Betty Hamilton, daughter-in-law, Mrs. Charlie Hamilton, of Jacksonville and cousins, Mammie Garner, Lige Cook and Mr. and Mrs. George Averyt, of Franklin.

Dr. and Mrs. J. P. Howard was visited by members of his family last week. They were his sister, Mrs. Dell Reagan, and brother, Ard Howard, of Floydada, Vruis Howard, Grady Howard of Graham, Mrs. Stella Guy of Abilene, Mrs. Joe Whitworth of Sweetwater, a son Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Howard, of Abilene, Dr. Howard is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Reeves of

Olney are visiting her mother, Mrs. C. C. Washburn, who has been ill for the last few weeks.

D. J. Anderson and nephew, O. D. Poole, of Rochester returned recently from a trip to the West Coast. They visited Phoenix, Ariz., Los Angeles, Pasadena and Long Beach, Calif., and other points.

Mrs. James Shaver and son Jimmy of Ft. Worth spent last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Shannon, and returned to her home Saturday and was accompanied by her parents who spent the weekend in the Shaver home.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Brewer of Alvarado are visiting their parents Mrs. Alice Barnes and O. N. Brewer, A. City, and Mrs. Josie Hester, of Knox City, and son Jessie of Fort Worth were also guests in the Mrs. Barnes home over the weekend.

Mrs. Twyman Collins had as her house guests her sister, Mrs. Floyd Massey, of Denton and son Jerry of Bryan and his friend, Miss Ann Graham, of Bryan.

MRS. BENSON IS HOSTESS TO MERKEL GARDEN CLUB

The Merkel Garden Club met Thursday, Jan. 20, in the home of Mrs. Carroll Benson. Mrs. Dale Litton presided over a short business meeting. Mrs. John Hughes spoke to the club on "Seed Flats."

Dried arrangements were displayed by Mesdames John Shannon, Lige Gamble, Alma Collins, A. B. Allen and Charlie Sherrill.

Tea was served to 19 members and two guests. The next meeting will be February 3 at the Community Center.

BLUE BONNET CLUB MEETS WITH MRS. JOE SEYMORE

The Blue Bonnet Home Demonstration Club met in the home of Mrs. Joe Seymore. The new president, Mrs. R. G. Toombs, presided.

Roll call was answered with each giving her favorite winter dessert. New committees were appointed:

Mrs. Joe Swinney, program; Mrs. Allen King, exhibit; Mrs. Tom Russom, finance; Mrs. Sam Butman, expansion; Mrs. Allen King, recreation; Mrs. Euel Ray, market; Mrs. Ford Butman, yearbook.

The recreation leader led in games. Mrs. Sam Butman demonstrated planting a pot plant. The secretary read the duties of the officers and committees. The T. H. D. creed was rendered by the group.

Refreshments were served to 14 members. The next meeting will be Feb. 1 with Mrs. Sam Butman.

GOODMAN CLUB GIVES \$104 TO MARCH OF DIMES

In conjunction with the Telephone on Saturday the Goodman Home Demonstration Club held a pot luck supper at the home of Mrs. Walter Phillips. After the meal they watched the TV program until its conclusion and took up a collection for the March of Dimes.

Several contributions were phoned in or sent in by some in the community who could not attend.

Those enjoying the program were Mesdames J. W. Tiner and Walter Phillips and Messrs. and Mesdames Frank Carter, Grover Blair, H. F. Jordan, Hosea Windham, O. R. Butler, Jennings Winter, Gordon Howell and Karl Bonneaux.

The amount collected for the March of Dimes was \$104.

The club planned the evening at its meeting Jan. 14 at the home of Mrs. Jennings Winter. Then officers for 1955 were installed: President, Mrs. Hosea Windham; vice president, Mrs. Dan Butler; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Karl Bonneaux; council delegate, Mrs. Frank Carter.

Chairman of the committees and leaders appointed by the president were:

Kitchen leaders, Mesdames Jennings Winter and Grover Blair; food leaders, Mesdames Gordon Howell and Frank Carter; recreation, Mrs. Grover Blair; reporter, Mrs. Cal McAninch; finance, Mrs. Jennings Winter; education, expansion and exhibit, Mrs. Walter Phillips; marketing, Mrs. J. W. Tiner; 4-H, Mrs. Odell Freeman; yearbook, Mrs. Dennis Butler; goodwill, Mrs. Cal McAninch.

Yearbooks were distributed and filled in. Names for new pals were drawn. A delicious refreshment plate was served to one visitor, Mrs. Douglas Reddin, eight members and five children.

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Livestock Report

By TED GOULDY

Demand for stocker and feeder cattle and calves was again very active and prices strong to 50 cents or more higher at Ft. Worth Monday. Several factors influenced the brisk demand and observers pointed to them as:

1. The buildup of international tension was credited with stirring some speculative buying and contracting.
2. Continued improvement of moisture conditions which created some speculative demand in the hope the long drouth was nearing an end that come green grass and weeds in the Spring a higher stocker trade would result.
3. The stability of the price structure on fat cattle for the past year was encouraging professional feeders to take an optimistic view of the months ahead when fed cattle will be in smaller supply than now.
4. The nation's consumers are showing no signs of let-up on their beef eating spree and apparently will continue to eat record amounts at current prices, a stabilizing factor for the months ahead.
5. Nearby needs for cattle and calves to graze grain fields which in many areas of the grain belt are coming along fast after recent moisture and open weather.

Smaller than expected offerings of sheep and lambs found the market strong on most kinds at Ft. Worth Monday.

Hospital Notes

Admissions to the Sadler Hospital the past week were:

As medical patients — S. H. Estep, Dee Teaff, Joe McCright, Jerry Middlebrook, Nancy Williams, B. L. Falkner, Henry Sheppard.

For surgery — Mrs. G. D. McConnell.

MRS. C. B. RUST'S MOTHER IS LAID TO REST AT AGE OF 73

Mrs. M. W. Kail, 73, of Odessa died at 9:45 p. m. Tuesday of last week and was buried at 10 a. m. Thursday in Odessa. She was the mother of Mrs. C. B. Rust, Mr. and Mrs. Rust attended the funeral.

MARSHALL DAVIS IS SHOP FOREMAN FOR HONEYCUTT MOTORS

Marshall Davis of Abilene is now working as shop foreman for the Paul Honeycutt Motors. He is well trained for this work. He has a wife and two children, Marsha, 4½, and Debora, 18 months. They have rented the R. L. Denton home.

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Last week Ruth and I had the pleasure of attending a White House dinner given by President and Mrs. Eisenhower. Actually, the affair was for Committee Chairmen of the Congress. It is now my honor and privilege to hold the position of Chairman of the Committee on House Administration. This Committee handles the affairs which ten committees used to handle.

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Ford Smith, Sr. And Wife Attend Governor's Ball

Mr. and Mrs. Ford Smith, Sr., returned last Friday from Austin where they attended the inaugural of Gov. Allan Shivers, also the inaugural ball.

"The parade preceding the inaugural was very colorful," said Mr. Smith. "The floor show at the university, where the inaugural ball was held, was wonderful. It was presented by the Junior College Girls and Band from Tyler."

Mr. and Mrs. Smith received a special invitation to attend the inaugural and ball.

HOLLYWOOD MAILMAN RECEIVES BROKEN RIB IN CRASH NEAR TRENT

Bernard Derman, 28, North Hollywood, Calif., mailman, received a broken rib and multiple bruises last Friday morning when the car in which he was traveling alone was involved in an accident near the overpass on Highway 80 west of Trent.

He was en route to his home in New York.

He was taken to the Sadler Hospital.

Friend: "Has your wife changed very much since you married her?"

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Here's A Chance To Win Mink Coat By Your Skill

Colgate-Palm Olive Company is offering another of its fabulous contests, the last one of which was won by Mrs. Pauline Butman.

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To enter Halo's \$150,000 mink contest one can get all the information needed at the drug and grocery stores. This contest is nationwide.

JOYCE McLEAN IS NEW TREASURER OF F. H. CLUB

The Future Homemakers Club met for its regular meeting Monday night, Jan. 24, in the high school.

A new treasurer was elected for the second semester. Miss Joyce McLean was elected by acclamation. She will begin her work the first of February.

A bake sale was voted on by the club.

85 AT CONFERENCE OF BAPTIST AT TYE LAST FRIDAY NIGHT

About 85 young people attended the Baptist Sweetwater Association Youth Conference in the Tye Baptist Church last Friday night.

Earline King of Tye, conference president, conducted the business session and delivered the welcoming address.

S. M. Reddin Feted On 83rd Birthday Last Sunday

S. M. Reddin celebrated his 83rd birthday Sunday, Jan. 23, at his home. A large cake with 83 candles and large yellow mums centered the lace cloth covered table.

He enjoyed a very delightful evening with all his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren being present, including Charles Reddin who is stationed at Elmendorf, Alaska.

Other grandchildren, Messrs. and Mesdames Howard Reddin, Betty Sue and Glenda, Charles Reddin, Mary Jo, Leslie Charles, Douglas Reddin, Steve and Betty Glynn, Robert James and Kay, Chester Fitz and Patricia, Dewey Reddin, A. O. Winter, Max and Janis, Dan Winters, Holly, Ivey and Billie Max, all of Abilene.

Mrs. Robert James, Mrs. Douglas Reddin and Mrs. O. A. Winters of Abilene helped in the serving of refreshments.

Harless Wade Names R. McLeod On All-State Team

"To date we have nominated five boys," stated Harless Wade, sports writer for the Abilene Reporter-News. He was referring to the all-state team for each of the five classes. Among these five is Robert McLeod.

"Scoring is not the only thing considered when nominating time rolls around each week," stated Harless. "Such things as team play, rebounding, floor play and defensive ability are considered."

Then he continued, "Merkel's McLeod is considered by many as the top sophomore prospect in the state. A 6-4 center, McLeod has ripped the nets for 252 points in 13 games this season for a 19.4 average.

"In his freshman year, playing at forward, McLeod was a big factor in Merkel's surprising team that finally lost out in the regional finals. He tallied 371 points during his frosh season."

Associated with the Metropolitan since 1945, Rudolf has been conductor for the New York opera and on recording.

Lawyer: "But you can't marry again. If you do, your husband clearly specified in his will that his fortune will go to his brother."

Widow: "I know—it's the brother I'm marrying."



By VERN SANFORD
Texas Press Association

Texas is growing and one of the consequences is that the cost of government is going up.

Introduced in both houses of the Legislature were appropriation bills calling for the expenditure of \$1,560,000,000 during the next two years.

Gov. Shivers' budget office had previously estimated that additional taxes in the amount of \$65 million would be required.

Budget Board

Legislative Budget Board members have presented their recommended general fund appropriations for the next two years.

University of Texas appropriations were set at \$15,358,946. The amount is \$5.7 million less than the University asked. It is \$2 million more than was appropriated in 1953-54.

Other recommendations called for a \$7,515,000 boost over present expenditures for the state hospital board; a \$345,000 increase for Youth Development schools; \$2.2 million more for the State Health Department; and \$440,000 more for the Texas Prison System.

MET. OPERA DIRECTOR WILL CONDUCT SYMPHONY ORCESTRA

Max Rudolf, versatile batonist and artistic administrator of the Metropolitan Opera, will be guest conductor of the San Antonio Symphony at next Saturday night's concert in San Antonio.

Rudolf, whose conducting career has been distinguished both in the field of opera and concert, has announced a program of a Handel Concerto Grosso, the Beethoven Second Symphony and the Fourth Symphony in F minor of Tschaiakowsky.

Cpl. Chas. Reddin Reports 38 Below Zero in Alaska

Cpl. Charles Reddin came home Saturday from Elmendorf, Alaska, on a 30-day leave. He is in the Army and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Reddin. He has been there eight months.

"In the summer the temperature is between and 70 and 80 degrees," said Charles. "But about two weeks ago it went to 38 degrees below zero."

There is plenty of good hunting and fishing there, said Charles.

"Heart Month" Set For February By Gov. Shivers

The month of February has been proclaimed "Heart Month in Texas" by Gov. Allan Shivers, honorary chairman of the annual effort to raise funds with which the Texas Heart Association and affiliated community Heart organizations in the state combat the nation's number one killer.

The fund-raising campaign will officially open next Tuesday, Feb. 1. Dr. W. R. White, president of Baylor University, is serving his second consecutive year as state Heart Fund chairman.

In proclaiming February as "Heart Month in Texas," Gov. Shivers pointed out that "this dread source of more than 52 percent of all deaths has been sharply reduced in the last generation through constant research and educational work," and urged that "all Texans respond wholeheartedly" to the need for additional funds for continued Heart Association work.

Edward Goode Makes 27 Points Against Hawley

The Hawley Bearcats topped the Noodle Mustangs in a District 17-B basketball game at Noodle Tuesday night, 88-75.

Edward Goode led the Mustangs with 27 points.

Hawley girls passed the Noodle girls, 67-55. Gloria Lawlis was high for the Noodle girls with 21 points.

Noodle: (field goals, free throws, fouls, total points): Goode 13-14-27; Clift 4-5-13; E. Hatfield 3-3-9; B. Hatfield 2-2-4; Vancil 9-2-5-20. Totals 31-13-16-75.

"Sabrina Fair" To Be Presented By A.C.C. Feb. 10-11

"Sabrina Fair," a Samuel Taylor comedy of manners, will be presented on the nights of Feb. 10-11 at Abilene Christian College as the major spring production of the drama division.

The play is directed by G. Alan Collier, assistant professor of speech, with Carolyn Kelley of Spur as assistant director. Lewis Fulks, speech instructor, is technical director, assisted by Ted Starnes of Abilene.

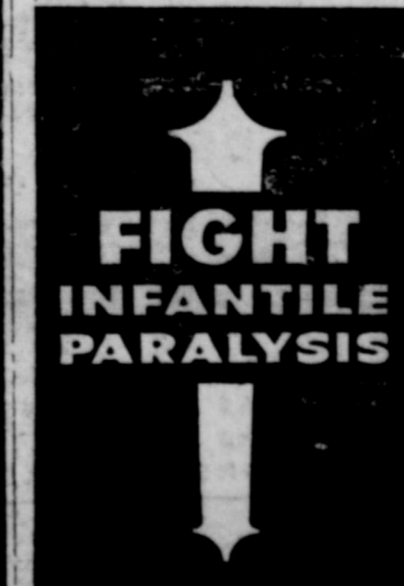
"I just found out your uncle's an undertaker. I thought you told me he was a doctor."

"Nope, I just said he followed the medical profession."

POLIO HITS ADULTS

Use of the term "infantile paralysis" to describe the disease of poliomyelitis has become a misnomer in recent years as increasing numbers of adults are felled by the disease. This is revealed in the report of a survey conducted by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. And the sad fact is that adults are more likely to be stricken by the more serious forms of polio.

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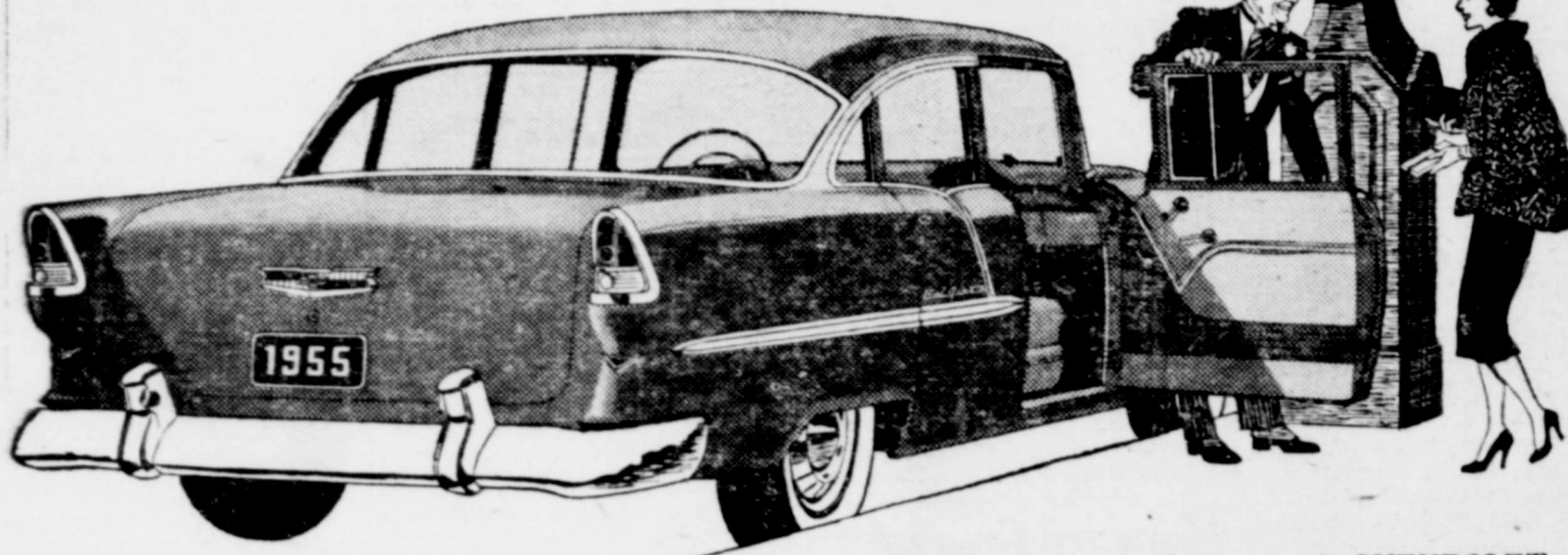
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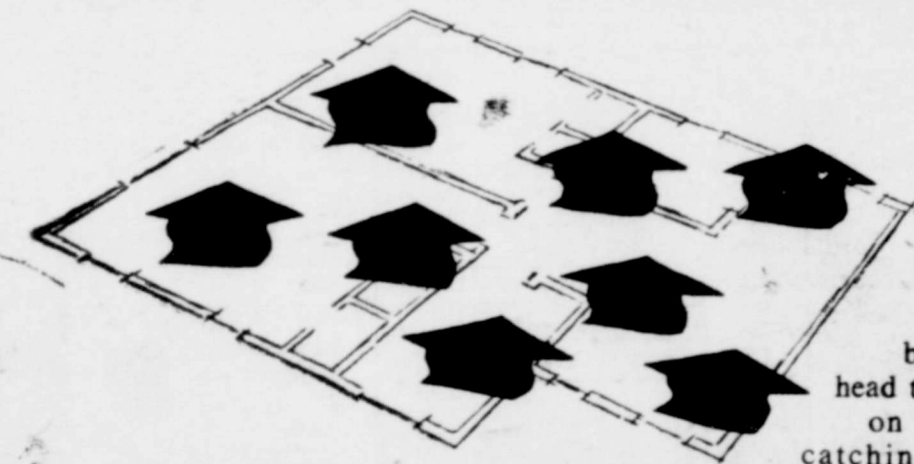


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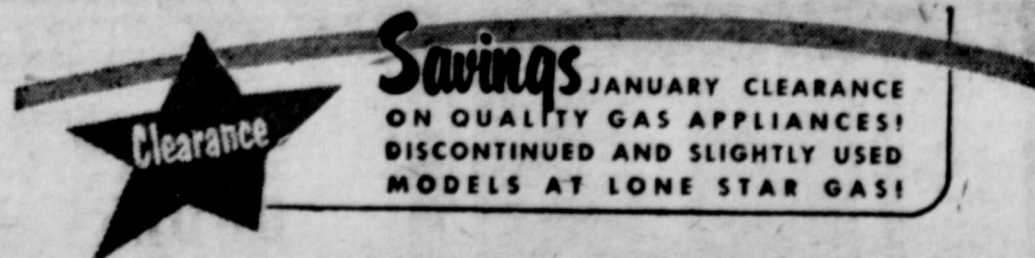
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TO PRESENT "RIGOLETTO"

"Rigoletto" has been selected for the spring opera production of Abilene Christian College, to be given on the ACC stage April 21-23. Two night performances will be given April 21 and 22, and a

matinee is scheduled for April 23. Richard C. Palm, ACC music instructor, will direct the opera.

IN LARGE SUPPLY

The February plentiful foods list is headed by eggs but seafoods,

heavy turkeys dried beans, lettuce, carrots, canned green beans and canned corn along with grapefruit and oranges are listed by the USDA. Rice, raisins, almonds, vegetable fats and oils and lard are also in large supply. — A. & M.

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EDITORIALS

Things are beginning to look up. That means that when it rains things look up.

And we have been getting rains—that is moisture. First it came as snow and then it was followed by real rain. The snow fell nicely, measured three inches and gave us three-quarters of an inch of moisture.

Then before the week was out it rained, really rained. When it stopped it had brought one inch of moisture. That made a total of one and three-quarter inches within a week's time.

The best thing of all this was that it went down into the ground. The snow spread like a blanket and covered the earth and the moisture entered and penetrated into the ground, giving the dry earth a chance to quench its thirst and help in nourishing the crops that we can now realistically hope will come forth.

The rain too did not fall all at once but kept coming slowly, giving the water a chance again to dig down into the earth.

One swallow does not make a summer and one or two rains do not make a crop... but they help. We can now base our hopes on real moisture, which after all is what is needed to make a crop.



SEN. DAVID RATLIFF

His state senate appointment are: Chairman of enrolled and engrossed bills; of state institutions and departments; and of public debts, claims and accounts.

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THE BADGERS

The Badgers have been making a wonderful showing in the conference games. As this is written they have already won five contests and lost none. This is before the Haskell game.

Of course the Badgers just slid by Munday by one point. Again in its game with Throckmorton the Merkel lads inched out a victory by one point. But, and this is the main point, they WON. And in the last analysis that is what counts.

As a good friend of ours, Karnes County Judge Tom Smiley, once remarked, "The San Antonio Light may say I won my office by a small lead of 30 votes. But that's not small to me. It's big. I won!"

So, in counting the points, it is not how many are made but how many games are won. And the Badgers have been winning them. All of which brings us to our main point.

At the beginning of the conference games Coach Tommy Ellis modestly remarked that the Badgers might finish third or fourth in the district. He thought that Throckmorton, Munday and maybe

Haskell with Albany might have "an outside chance for the crown." Well, so far, Coach Tommy has fooled himself. Merkel has shoved Munday aside and also put Throckmorton in its place. This is history. What will follow would be in the nature of prophecy. We are no prophet but we look to see the Badgers do very well by themselves against Haskell and Albany.

Anyway, the local lads under Coach Tommy's leadership are making the games interesting. The games are more than that, they are thrilling. Anyone who likes his games exciting should come out and see the Badgers battle.

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Mrs. Brown was complaining to her doctor that his bill was much too high. "Don't forget," he reminded her, "that I made 11 visits to attend Tommy at your home when he had the measles."

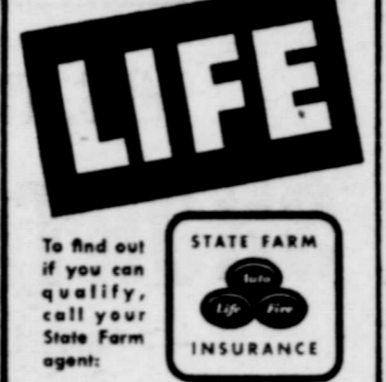
"And don't you forget," she replied indignantly, "Tommy made you wealthy by giving the measles to the whole school!"

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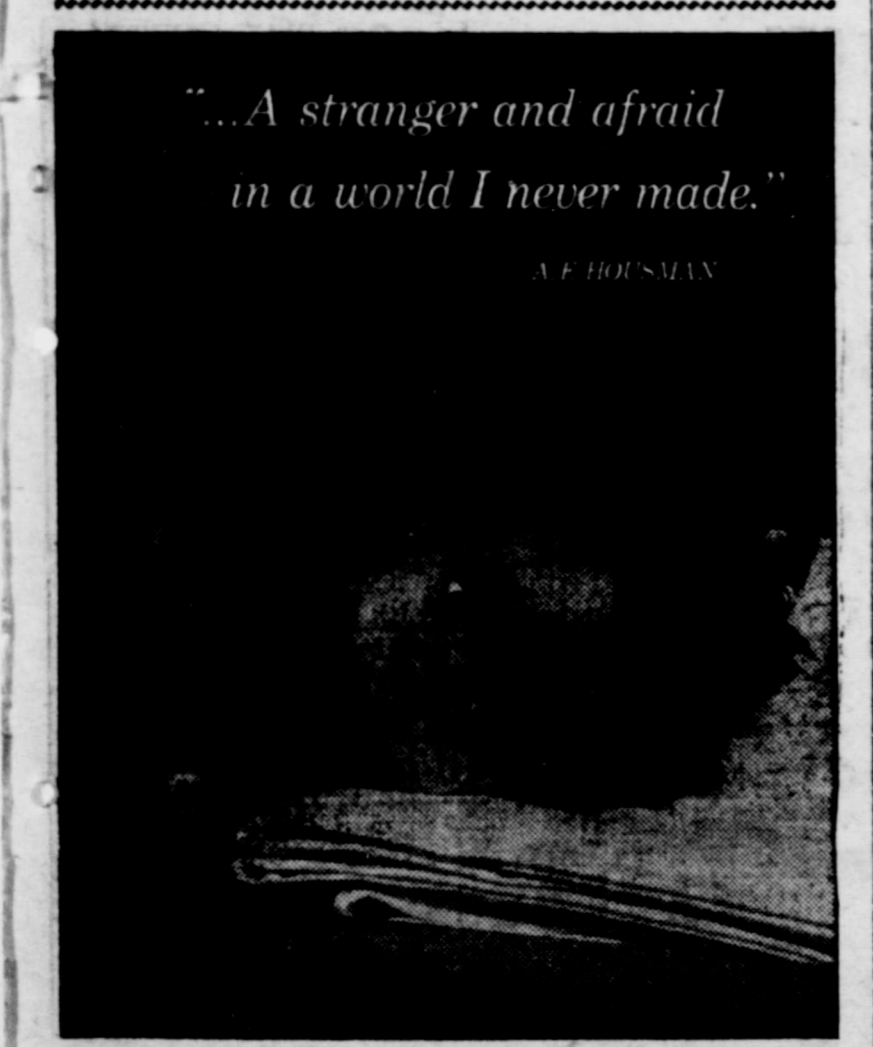
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THE HOPE:

This past summer 440,000 school children throughout America were inoculated with a trial polio vaccine, which offers great hope for the future. Now the results of this enormous trial operation are being evaluated by Dr. Thomas Francis Jr. and his staff at the University of Michigan. The Francis Report will be issued some time this spring. Until then, no one will know whether the trial vaccine is the beginning of the end for polio.

THE GAMBLE:

While the Francis Report is being awaited, the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis is taking a \$9,000,000 calculated risk on the success of the trial vaccine. Here's how: the National Foundation is purchasing enough of the vaccine right now to give three inoculations each to about 9,000,000 people. This is so it can be used immediately where most needed, if the Francis Report is favorable. The stakes are high but worth it.

THE OUTLOOK:

If the vaccine is licensed for use, it will mean that thousands of children, and adults too, will be spared the ordeal of Bobby Hill, youngest iron lung patient stricken in 1954. But for Bobby Hill himself, a proven vaccine can be of no help. His will be a long and difficult fight, just as it will be for thousands of other polio patients. And even with a successful vaccine it will not be possible to prevent many thousands of new cases during the next few years.

To pay for all this... vaccine, treatment of patients like Bobby Hill, new scientific research, training of treatment personnel and for special equipment such as iron lungs... your generous contribution to the March of Dimes is needed.

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C. Collinsworth Takes Boys to Ft. Worth Show

Chester Collinsworth left here Wednesday with his FFA boys who will show at the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show in Ft. Worth Saturday morning. The boys are Jimmy McAninch who will show a Hereford steer and Jimmy Neill who will exhibit two Southdown, two Hampshire and one Fine Wool lambs. The 4-H Club boys who will also show from here are Joe and Farris Neill with Southdown lambs, Eddie Glen Sandusky with Hereford steer, Connie Seymour with two Hereford steers, Payton and Barry Scott with Shropshire lambs and Freddie Boone with two Shropshire lambs.

Calvin Peterson Motors to Deal In New, Used Cars

Calvin Peterson and Roy Buchanan have opened a new and used car store at 1132 North First. They will handle all makes and models of new cars and used cars. The organization will be known as Calvin Peterson Motors. They invite their friends and the public in general to come in.

FIRE AT T. J. BIRD'S IS PUT OUT SUNDAY BY MERKEL FIREMEN

The Merkel Fire Department put out a car shed fire at T. J. Bird's Sunday. Mr. Bird lives one-half mile east of town. The loss amounted to a few hundred dollars.

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