On the Broadway

BALLERSW

C of C Offers Memberships Now To Individuals

The Merkel Chamber of Com- it was felt that more would like merce is now offering personal to join. membership, announced George Rowland, chairman of the memership committee. The others on the committee are Holt Vaughn, Horace Boney, Earl Hughes, Bob-by Tom Hodge, Howard Carson, Anna Marie Hewitt.

These personal memberships are \$1 a month. They are not for business houses, stated Mr. Rowland. The majority of the business places have joined the Merkel

FOR HIGHWAY PLOT

large their program.

ENJOY MINSTREL

Delma Compton.

movement.

REDUCE INTEREST

RC NURSE TO ARRIVE

n of the railroad right-of-way

to the section house was put under

Thursday morning as a pre-liminary step of the local highway

beautification committee to en-

A capacity house greeted the legro minstrel at the Cozy Thea-

tre Tuesday night, sponsored by

of the Methodist Church, and a

full evening's fun was their re-

ward. Etcyl Church was intro-

locutor; end men were Charlie

Jones, Shorty Bird, Phil Gates and

Taylor County's long planned

for health nurse for rural com-

munities is to arrive in Abilene

next Monday. The health program,

for a period of three months, will

conducted under auspices of

aylor County Red Cross Chapter,

with cooperation of the Taylor

County Tuberculosis Association,

which is to assist in financing the

Taylor County commissioners,

sitting in semi-monthly court ses-

sion Monday, did a piece of financ-

ing to reduce interest on the

county's \$52,000 court house bond

issue. The bonds, bearing 5 per

cent interest, were due in 1953.

ready now to offer personal membership to those individuals who desire to join," said Mr. Rowland. "Everyone will benefit from the organization and it is only fair to give each individual a chance to become a member."

FROM THE 1934 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL

By courtesy of County Com- 10 cents and the proceds will be

missioner A. J Canon, the por- used to buy church song books.

from Austin Street crossing west BOBBY JACOBS DIES

the Young Men's Business Class TO PLAY HERE

Chamber of Commerce and more | 25, all day from 8 a. m. to closing while, many individuals have taken out personal memberships and join there or contact any one on

Union Ridge. Admission will be

er, T. G Ferguson, here with bur-

At 8 p. m. Saturday at the local

gym the Noodle Girls Basketball

Team that defeated Neinda 38 to 5

here last week will play the West-

C. M. Largent and Sons will

show 23 head of Herefords in the

Houston Fat Stock show, which

opens March 2 and runs through

the 14th. The herd were shipped

from here Tuesday and Willie Joe

Largent accompanied by C. M.

Largent, Jr., left the same day for

ial in Rose Hill Cemetery.

LARGENTS TO SHOW

brook Girls.



COACH CARROLL BENSON ... has new 3-year contract

There will be a booth in the form at the lower right hand Merkel Drug today, Friday, Feb. corner of this page and mail to struck by a pickup truck driven 25, all day from 8 a. m. to closing "Membership Committee, Box by Jimmy D. Rasco, 26, of Abitime for the purpose of taking 786, Merkel Chamber of Comlene.

BULLETIN!

The State Highway Commisthat if the right of way in the business route through Merkel and of the super highway are Cemetery. of it would be spent on the business route here.

Monday the Taylor County Little Bobby Lee Jacobs, two Commissioners voted warrants months and one week old, died at 8 a. m. Friday at the home of his right-of-way for the proposed mother, Mrs. Mary Olive Jacobs, Highway 80 in Precinct 2 and to in Abilene. Funeral services were secure some right of way on 83 held at 10 a. m. Saturday from and 84 in Precincts 3 and 4. the home of the great grandfath-

firmed that the freeway at Merkel "will be the last increment to be constructed." It further set Glass Window" a limit of 60 days for acceptance of its offer.

BULLETIN!

water line from Abilene to Merkel has been started. Two loads were already here Wednesday. The pipe is at the east end of the Merkel water line. The construction company expects to move in Monday or Tuesday and begin laying pipe, said Mayor Henry West.

building a maximum of 350 one-

eight persons had filed for city

For mayor - H. C. West, re-

For alderman, unexpired term

Ben Robert Hicks and W. W.

MERKEL VS. HALE CENTER

regional 1-A championship.

the Sadler Hospital February 19.

CEMETERY FUND

donated to the Cemetery Mainten

ance Fund. Anyone wishing to

Merchants National Bank. The

Mrs. R. A. Walker 5.00

Mrs. J. M. Brown 2.00

J. Pierce Horton, Plainview

Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Bland, Jr., are

GIRL TO BLANDS

donors are:

family homes for sale.

election; Fred Starbuck.

Joe Cypert, Earl Hughes.

election in April:

Houston. Last year at this show they won grand champion cow. Five Merkel businessmen are grand champion bull and 13 out of in the process of forming a cor-15 blue ribbons.

WALDINE THORNTON DIES Waldine Thornton, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs W. I. Thornton of BULLETIN! Caps, died at 7 a. m Wednesday at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Thornton. Classmates served as pallbearers.

RECORD BIRTHS

T PLAY FRIDAY
The members of the Union Born to: Mr. and Mrs. Lem Ridge adult school will present the Dudley a boy on Feb. 21, Mr. and play, "A Worthy Vagabond," on Mrs. Roscoe Owens a boy on Feb. Friday night, March 1, at 7:30 22, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Wilburn a o'clock in the Methodist Church at boy Feb. 27.

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

Precautionary methods were Miss Kate Henderson visited aken the first of the week by the relatives in Trent last weekend. Merkel school board and the city authorities in closing the public hools during the week and all other public meeting and picture

According to a decree issued by City Health Officer W. M. Cranford all public meetings should not be held until after Sunday, hus suspending all church servces as an additional precaution against the spread of scarlet fevand smallpox. It is hoped that e quarantine restrictions can be fted next week.

W. G. McGarr of Galveston came on the first of the week to visit his sisters, Mesdames H. G. Groei, and J. C. Comegys.

Messrs. Twyman and John Collins, who accompanied a shipment of cattle to Ft. Worth a few days ago, expect to remain in East Texas for a short time looking after business matters.

Mrs. J. R. Ingram is in Abilene at the Alexander Sanitarium.

John King is here from San Antonio visiting his parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. M. King, and family.

H. M. Warren and George Mc-Donald returned from Ft. Worth

Struck by Pickup Dies in Abilene

James Ross Campbell, 58, was killed about 10:20 p. m. Wednes-day of last week when he was

The accident happened on U.S. Highway 80 west near Western Chevrolet.

Funeral for Mr. Campbell was held at 4 p. m. Thursday of last week in Starbuck Funeral Home. sion minutes of Feb. 16 stated Officiating was E. R. Watson, minister of the Merkel Church of Christ. Burial was in Rose Hill

secured Taylor County would get a \$1,241,000 highway appropriation for the U. S. Highway 80 freeway and that \$50,000 lived in this area all his life. He lived in this area all his life. He

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. J. W. Campbell; three sisters, for \$225,000 in credit to finance Mrs. Minnie Hunter, Mrs. M. B. Bell and Miss Adelia Campbell; and a brother, R. N. Campbell.

The state minutes also af Auto Drives Into Of Bill's Shop

Last weekk an auto drove into the front north plate glass window of Bill's Garden Shop, smashed the glass and broke out the sides of the frame and brick building. Mr. Reeves of Abilene was the driver and it happened when he started his car.

He was not hurt but the car was damaged.

George Washington Masonic Supper poration for the purpose of Will Be Tonight

A full evening's program of food, film and song has been planned for the George Washington annual supper to be held at the As of Wednesday morning school cafeteria by the Masons at 7:30 p. m. today, Friday, Feb. 25. Buck Leach will be the enthusastic master of ceremonies as For aldermen — Norman usual. A film, "Texas Size Fam-Winter, Dr. Donald W. Warren. ily," will be shown. The Barber Shop Quartet of Abilene will sing. The annual supper is for the of Alderman Norman Hodge -Masons, their families and guests.

Boys Reaching The Merkel Badgers will play Hale Center at 8 a. m. Saturday at Texas Tech, Lubbock, for the **Now Register Here**

Mrs. Elma McFarland is the registrar for boys of this area for sethe parents of a baby girl born at lective service. Miss Georgia Singletary of Abilene of the Selective Service System, local board No. 115, was here Wednesday when Below are those who recently the arrangement was made.

The boys reaching draft age may now register here or in Abilene contribute to this fund may leave Mrs McFarland is at the Merkel contributions at the Farmers and Welfare and Red Cross Office. Boys are required to register on their 18th birthday or five days Mrs. Alta Ingram \$25.00 thereafter.

Adah Heeter 5.00 FOOD FESTIVAL Monday night, Feb. 28, at Noodle High School. Acts and games Mrs. Oscar Lucas, Lockney 5.00 for all ages. 4-H Club, spen

Fire at Apartment Of Ralph Russell Merkel Easily Causes Big Damage A fire that broke out in the apartment of Ralph Russell at 303 Oak at 4:25 p. m. Sunday caused Stops Cross Plains Oak at 4:25 p. m. Sunday caused heavy damage, stated Fire Chief Waymon Adcock. The apartment next door was not damaged. The fire started in the bath

easy 57-48 victory over the Cross ers respectively, they took over Plains Buffaloes Tuesday night to completely in the second quarter. capture their second straight bidistrict cage title.

Merkel built up a commanding 29-14 lead at intermission and coasted over the 7-A titlist Buffs.

pulling into a 9-9 tie with the ing for the intermission with 10 Badgers with less than a minute re- | points. maining. Guard Phillip Pursley | Merkel toyed with the Buffs in hit two free throws to give the third period. maintaining a 10- Great Pictures Badgers an 11-9 lead going into the second period.

With McLeod hiting four field

had farmed near Merkel and As Trent Pastor

the First Baptist Church, Trent, has resigned to go to a mission field in Northwestern Colorado . He will be located in Artesia.

He stated that this is really a frontier mission field. Sunday. Feb. 27, will be his last Sunday as pastor of the Trent church.

He moved to the Trent field in August 1953 from the First Baptist Church of Eldorado, Texas. The church has gone forward in these months at Trent. The highest attendance day for Sunday School was 170 and the highest attend-The budget of the church has been Texas to Observe ance for Training Union was 124. increased and this past year the people paid in over \$10,000.00 for home and foreign work.

There have been 85 additions to the church in the 18-month pastor-

The church has had many mater ial additions in this time. Two cirhave ben installed for the baptistry.. New light fixtures have been added to the auditorium and a new piano. In November of this past year a church debt of over \$3,000 was paid off. This made the church | during the week. debt free

However, in the past month the the block with the church for week a foundation has been laid this work the church will owe only program chairman. \$1,000 debt. Rev. Welsh stated that the coop-

eration of the church has been

James R. Campbell ert McLeod who meshed 28 points, Guard Kermit Rutledge contributional (Field goals, free throws, fouls, Guard Kermit Rutledge contributional). the Merkel Badgers rolled to an ing two and three other two-point-

> ond stanza. Rutledge, playing a fine floor

16 point lead all the way as Mc-Leod dunked 11 points in the

With Coach Tommy Ellis using reserves freely in the fourth stanza, Cross Plains slowly cut Merkel's overwhelming margin to escape with only a nine-point loss.

23 outings this season, keeping Theatre.
their hopes alive for a possible They all tate championship. Other than McLeod, who dropped his 28 points playing less than three-fourths of the game, Merkel had two cagers score in double figures. Rutledge was the No. 2 man

BADGERS HOLD RECORD

The Merkel Badgers home record is still clear. By winning last Friday night's game they have won every home game for the last three years played in the local gym. The last time they lost here was in December 1952 . . . and that was against a AA team. Coleman.

Public Schools Week March 7-12

lic Schools Week are progressing culation type hot water heaters nicely. The week is to be held March 7 to 12 throughout Texas. Committees to work in Merkel. Noodle, Trent schools have been named. Meetings have been held for the activities to be carried out to present them to the patrons of The committees are composed of:

In Trent - Norman Bethany, church has purchased the lots in chairman, Mrs. Mildred Thomas secretary, Mrs. Garnett Wilks, Mrs. further expansion. In the past Lon Love, Mrs. W. B. Williams. In Noodle - Mrs. Ernest Spurfor the church parsonage. The old gin, chairman, Mrs. Henry Ueckparsonage has been sold. As of ert, vice chairman, Mrs. H. Sullinow it seems that at the end of van, secretary, Mrs. Robert Wiche In Merkel - A. L. Cunningham,

chairman, Mrs. Charles Sylvesetr, Mrs. Nell Miller, Buster Hester, Mrs. Lea Harris, W. B. Cypert.

MERKEL Pursley 0-3-0-3, Horton 5-04-10, McLeod 12-4-3-28, Rutledge 6-6-2 12, T. O'Brien 0-3-1-3, Gilbert 0-00 taled 18 points, Cross Plains could 0, English 0-0-0, McKeever 0-1manage only five points in the sec- 1, Hargrove 0-0-00, Russell 0-0-00, Totals 23-11-12-57.

Score by Quarters:

Will Be Shown

Two outstanding pictures will It was Merkel's 20th victory in be shown next week at the Queen

They are the famous "The Caine Mutiny" and the heralded "On the Waterfront." Both plays have been nominated for Academy Award as the best picture during

"The Caine Mutiny" is based with 12 points while Horton hit 10. on the best seller of that name by Herman Wouk. It has been made into a hit play on Broadway in New York. Now it is on the screen in Technicolor.

It is a powerful play, filled with love and suspense. And it has outstanding players in it: Humphrey Bogart, Jose Ferrer, Van Johnson and Fred MacMurray. It will appear here Sunday and Monday.

"On the Waterfront" stars Marlon Brando and plays at the Queen Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Brando becomes a minor hoodlum in the cold-blooded killer mob. A longshoreman is killed. Brando befriends the murdered man's sister but their love affair is marred by his continued allegiance to the mob. It is a tense, powerful, dramat-

ic show

"In these two plays," said Robert Hodge, manager, "we feel that we have brought here the best shows and the best actors that the screen has to offer. We are proud the community. We feel that we are justified in saying, 'These are shows you will want to see.'

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NEWS ABOUT TOWA

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hodge of their nephew, Marvin Walters, and Odessa left last Friday after visit. wife. ing their relatives overnight. W. W. Webb is leaving Saturday

for Long Beach, Calif., to visit his son Tommy and family. He will be here a couple of weeks. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Carey of Lub-

bock visited over the weekend with his mother, Mrs. Mary J. Carey, and brother, C. B. (Curley) Carey. Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Fox and son J. D. and family of Abilene motor-

ed to Ballinger Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Grover Ragan of Worth. Jonesboro were Sunday visitors of

Bob Hicks was in Stanton Monday on business.

Bonnie Church and family of Abi lene were Sunday guests of their sister, Mrs. E. B. Wallace and fam-

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Davis and family and M. Davis, Sr., were in Austin Sunday visiting the elder Davis' brother, Ike Davis.

Mrs. Dent Gibson spent last week with her husband in Fort

Mr. and Mrs. John Hammond were in Lufkin last week for a few days visiting his sister, Mrs. Earnest Smith, who is in the Memorial

D. C. Johnson of Memphis, Tenn isited over the weekend with his nother, Mrs. Ada Mae Johnson. nd Miss Delia Kuykendall.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bowen of Ft. Worth visited over the weekend ith his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D.

Mr. and Mrs. Otha Castle and laughter Judy of Perryton arrived Sunday to spend a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Pinckley.

Little Jana Marie Farmer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Farmer, returned home with 1st Lt. and Mrs. Edward Farmer of

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Ft. Sill, Okla., for a few days visit LOUISE HUDSON HOSTESS TO STITH H. D. CLUB

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nally are in Corpus Christi visiting their tess to the Stith Home Demondaughter, Mrs. Etsel Hunter, and stration Club on Feb. 21. Group

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Simpson went to College Station last Fri-Charles Church of Snyder and day and returned Sunday visiting their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Simpson.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Tucker and son Rusty of Longview are visiting his sister, Mrs. H. W. Lemens and family.

Mr. and Mrs. John D. Oliver and twins of Robert Lee and Buck Nelson of Abilene were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Oliver

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Clemmer and son Robert visited Mr. and Mrs. Smith in Abilene over the week-

M/Sgt. and Mrs. L. C. Whisenhunt and three children of Tucson, Ariz., are visiting the Charlie Whisenhunt family and also the Mrs. Tommy Smith family. He is here on a 21-day furlough from the Davis Manton Air Base.

SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS

HONOR SUPT. L. H. McADEN A surprise birthday party was given for L. H. McAden by the week - on handier more convenient Sunday school workers of the First Baptist Church at the officers and cal office here will mail out the teachers meeting. Mr. McAden is new cards for the first time next superintendent of the Sunday

school. There were 75 present. The workers presented Mr. Mc-Aden with traveling luggage and great big birthday cake.

BLUE BONNET H. D. CLUB MEETS WITH MRS. SWINNEY

The Blue Bonnet Home Dem onstration Club met with Mrs. Joe Swinney Feb. 15 for the regular meeting. Mrs. R. G. Toombs, president, presided.

Mrs. Arthur Moore led the group in singing, prayer was by Mrs. Swinney. Roll call was answered with each giving a Laun-

program will be on "Inexpensive ed to Scurry County. Meat Dishes" by the agent. Mrs. Swinney directed games

and then served refreshments to one new member, Mrs. Prue Davis. and 10 other members.

Miss Louise Hudson was hossinging was led by Mrs. O. B. Leach, Recreation was directed by Mrs. J. C. Brown and Mrs. J. E. Hudson. A reading on George Washington was given by Mrs. C. B. Rust.

Mrs. Bill Childress gave an interesting report on the county council held Feb. 16 at Anson.

The home demonstration agent, Miss Jimmie Lou Wainscott, met with the group and gave a splendid talk on the importance of eating breakfast. She then prepared a family breakfast and served it. Refreshments of cherry pie and coffee were served to 16 members, one visitor and three children. The next meeting will be March 9 at Mrs. J. E. Hudson's

WTU HAVE NEW STATEMENT FORM TO GREET CUSTOMERS

Reddy Kilowatt, West Texas Utilities Company's versatile service symbol, will greet customers on the monthly service statements in a new manner beginning this post card statements. WTU's lo-Monday.

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Earl Hughes, WTU's local manager, said every effort has been made in preparing this new statement form to keep it as simple as possible and to present all the information the customer desires.

JOHN THOMAS BIGGS, MRS. DOC VAUGHNS UNCLE, DIES SUNDAY

John Thomas Biggs, 81 retir ed farmer and prominent Methodist layman of Snyder, died while dry Short Cut." Minutes were sitting in Sunday School at the read by the secretary, Mrs. Tom Union Methodist Church Sunday. He moved to this area in 1888 The next meeting will be March from Mississippi, settling in Mulwith Mrs. Dewell McLean. The berry Canyon. In 1898 he mov-

> Mr. Biggs was the uncle of Mrs. Doc Vaughn. He is the last of that family. Mr. Vaughn and son Holt attended the funeral Monday in Snyder.

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1952 Buick 4-Door Special

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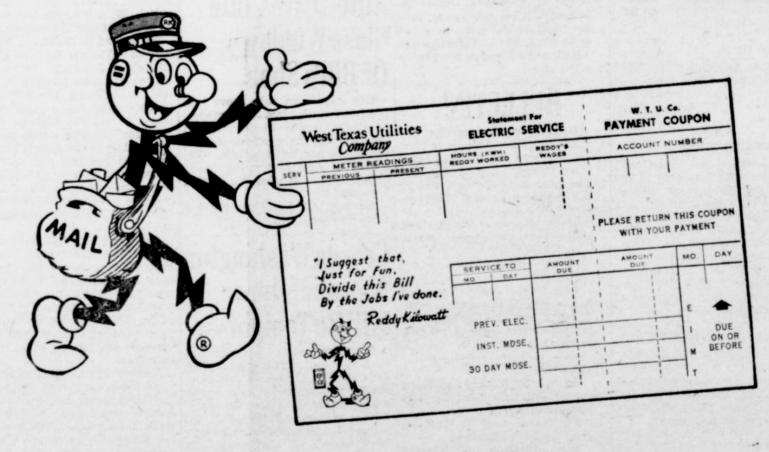
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W. M. U. Mon. 9:30 a.m.

Merkel Church of Christ Bible Study 9:45 a. in

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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

Compere Baptist Church Sunday School. 10.00 a. m. Morning Worship, 2nd and 4th Sunday 11 a. m

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 P. m. Morning Service ... 11:00 a. m. Evening Bible Class. . 6:30 p. m Evening Worship .. 7:00 p. m.

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

Trent Methodist Church Sunday School 10:00 a. m. Evening Worship 7:30 p. m. Morning Services . . . 11:00 a. m.

Saturday preceding .. 8 p. m.

M. Y. F. Services 6:30 p. m Wednesday: Prayer Services 7:30 p. m

Trent First Baptist Church

Sunday School 10:00 a. m Morning Worship .. 11:00 a. m. Training Union 6:45 p. m. Evening Services 7:45 p. m. Tuesday:

W. M. U. 2:15 p. m., Intermediate G. A.'s Jr. G. A.'s 3:45 p. m. Prayer Services 7:30 p. m. "You are a stranger here but

Ploneer Memorial Chapel Sunday School.....10:00 a. m Morning Service....11:00 a. m Evening Services 7:30 p. m. Vednesday: Evening Prayer Service . . 7:30

Noodle Baptist Church

Sunday Schoo!..... 10:00 a. m Morning Worship 11:00 a. m Young People's Class . 6:30 p. m Svening Services 7:30 p. m. Trent Church or Christ

Sunday 11:00 o'clock Bible Class......10:00 a. m Morning Worship 11:00 a. m Svening Services 7:30 p. m. Ladies Bible Class .. 4:00 p. m Men's Downtown Bible Class

Sunday 8:44 a. m New Live Oak Baptist Church

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Tye Methodist Church Sunday:

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Noodle Church of Christ Sunday: Bible Class. Morning Worship Service 11:00

Evening Worship .. 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.n.

Evening Services 7:30 p. m.

Church Quiz Can You Name This Church?

Weddings amongst the skyscrapers Little Church Around the Corner - New York.

MR., MRS. C. B. RUST ARE NOW LIVING

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Not All Your Income Goes In Your Tax Form (This is one of a series of articles on income tax changes. The articles are based on information provided by the American Institute of Accountants and the Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants.) Taxpayers make more mistakes in listing their income than any other type of error, according to a survey made by the Internal Revenue Service. It is important to know what to include and what NOT to

-INCOME TAX FACTS No. 3-

as income on your federal income Dividends from an insurance Young People's Service 6:30

Pay of armed forces enlisted men while in combat or while hospitalized from combat service Social Security benefits.

Payments received under Work men's Compensation laws. The answer is that none of the above should be listed as taxable income! There are other forms of exempt income, too, which you will find listed in the official tax instructions. Some of them are:

Inheritances and bequests (the

estate may be taxed but not the First \$200 of monthly pay of armed forces officers while serving or hospitalized from active service in a combat zone. Railroad Retirement Act benefits. Certain health and accident bene-

Damages awarded by a court or paid out of court for personal Government payments and bene-

fits to veterans and their families, except nondisability re-tirement pay and interest on tions for Yourself and Dependents.

Interest on state and municipal

Parsons and Prizes

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you were required to exert even the slightest effort to earn it; on the other hand, if it was made in recognition of scientific, literary or other achievement and you were selected without any action on your part the prize is considered a gift and you

re not taxed on it. are exempt, unless they are paid as compensation for services, such as teaching and research.

Additional Information

qualified advisers.

LEGAL NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To any Sheriff or any Constable within the State of Texas -Greet-

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published, ONCE, not less than ten 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-(but if there be no newspaper so printed in said county, then that you cause the said citation to be posted for at least TEN days before the return term thereof as required by law).

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO ALL PERSONS INTEREST ED IN THE ESTATE OF Alexander Nathaniel Graham, a Person of unsound mind, No. 3540, County Court Taylor County, Texas. Sue Leta Graham Rowell, Guardian thereof, filed in the County Court of Taylor County, Texas, on the 16 day of February A. D. 1955, her Final Account of the condition of the Estate of said Alexander Nathaniel Graham together with an Application to be discharged from

Said Final Account and Applica tion will be heard and acted on by said Court on the first Monday next after the expiration of ten days from date of Posting or Publishing this citation, the same being the 14 day of March, 1955, at the Courthouse thereof in Abilene Texas, at which time and place all persons interested in the Account for Final Settlement of said Estate are required to appear by fil ing a written answer and contest said account and application should they choose to do so.

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. GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF SAID COURT at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 17 day of February, A. D. 1955.

Mrs. Chester Hutcheson Clerk of the County Court, Taylor County, Texas By Inez Williams

LEGAL NOTICE

Alv. - Feb. 25.

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

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each 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, acompanying citation of which the herein below following

THE STATE OF TEXAS

Patricia Marie Murray Nuckols, Defendant, Greeting YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDto appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by fil-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 4th day of April A. D. 1955, to Plaintiff's Amended Petition filed in said court, on the 16th day of February A. D. 1955, in this cause, of said court and styled Jack A. Nuckols, Plaintiff, vs. Patricia Marie Murray Nuckols, Defendant.

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

include. Look at this list and see if you can tell which should be listed terminal leave bonds.

The rental value of a parsonage pel is not taxable income; the law now adds that a rental allowance paid to him for this purpose is also

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ally married on or about April 20th, 1947 and separated on or about 1st day of May 1954. To this union two children were

Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of harsh and cruel treat-

Plaintiff also sues for custody of children and for equitable division of community property as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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The officer executing this writ

shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof and make due return as the law directs Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 16th day of

February A. D. 1955.

(SEAL) Attest: R. H. Ross, Clerk -42nd District Court Taylor County, Texas By Irene Crawford, Deputy - Feb. 18, 25, March 4, 11,

The man who lives only for him self runs a very small business.

ANDY SHOUSE -Real Estate-

NOTICE

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TO OVERSEAS DUTY Seaman 1-c Joe Rex McLean of San Diego, Calif., left Sunday after visiting his mother, Mrs. Julia Lawson, for about 10 days. He will report back at San Francisco, Calif., for overseas duty with the

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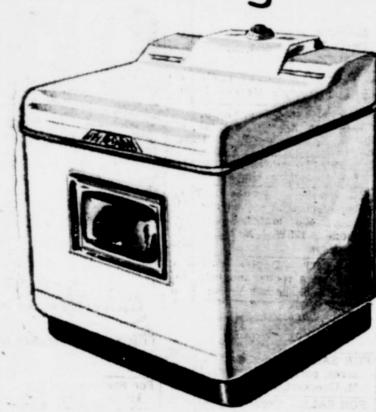


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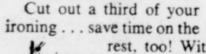
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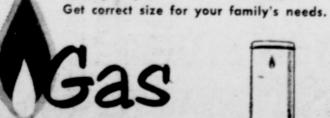


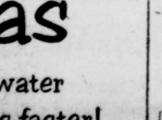


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Merkel F.-T.A. Has Big Part On Meet Program

Merkel High School went to Den ton Feb. 18 and 19 to the annual convention. Mrs. Ellen McReynolds is the local sponsor

Merkel appeared on a program presenting the Polka-Dots Girls in three vocal numbers and two tap numbers. The nine girls dressed in red polka dot tiered skirts and white with red polka dot scoop

The girls in the tap dances were Jackie Hogan, Clydene Eager and Johnnie Tipton.

The singers were Bettye Chancey, Paka Newby, Patricia Palmer and Barbara Lu Morgan; the pianist, Sonja Horton.

Paka Newby was chosen reporter for one group Saturday.

Merkel received first place on day its scrapbook and was awarded a gold loving cup. Homer Payne, Kenneth Moore and Britta Denton worked on the historian's book that gained the recognition.

Parents chaperoning the group were: Mrs. Clyde Eager, Mrs. Fred Starbuck, Mrs. Nolan Palmer and June Hogan.

Other members not mentioned above who attended the convention were: Gloria Teaff, Glenda Petty. Peyton Scott, Larry Joyce, James Simpson, Freddy Boone, Jocille Thompson, Elsie Ward, Margaret Chancey, Twyla Jo Moore and Jerry Miller.

6 Local Grads On Honor Roll at McMurry College

College the last semester were six graduates of Merkel High School. Don Hunt, junior: Bertha Patter son, Carolyn and Marilyn Teaff, sophomores: Barbara Wilson and Sandra Patterson, freshman.

FIREMEN'S BANQUET The Firemen's Annual Banquet will be held at 7:30 p. m. Thursday, Feb. 24, at the Community Center. The firemen. their wives and guests will be

ADIES' NIGHT

present.

The Lions Club ladies' night will be at 7:30 p. m. Monday at the Community Center.

NOODLE FUN FESTIVAL The Noodle 4-H Club are hav ing a Fun Festival Monday night Feb. 28, at the Noodle High School. There will be acts and games for all ages. The club will send candidates to compete at Anson for the Jones County 4-H

THE WEATHER

King and Queen.

Last Friday at 10:30 a. m. there was a trace of rain here. During this week the thermometer dropped to 22 degrees.

SPIRITUAL SINGERS TO BE HERE



The nationally known "Spiritual, E. R. Watson. Singers", from Southwestern

hymns and spirituals, said Minister | Watson.

During the past two years they Christian College of Terrell, will have made appearance before make an apearance at the Church | more than one million people in of Christ at 7:30 p. m. next Mon- practically every state and in Can-These Negro singers are widely and television artists. The public is known for the excellence of their cordially invited to hear them. A performance in presenting both pleasant hour is assured, said Mr.

ada. They are experienced radio

NEW STABOUT TO WAY

are visiting Mrs. Wilson's sister, weekend.

Mrs. Edna Horton, and Sonja Sue. Paso attended services at the First | Hugh Campbell, Saturday. Baptist Church here Sunday. Mr.

Visiting Mrs. Homer Shanks ovand husband, Mr. and Mrs. Ray

Mrs. Jesse Earl Wilson and Hook are visiting her parents, Mr. daughter Debra Gayle of Seymour and Mrs. E. H. Thompson, over the

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Horton of Mr. and Mrs. Vernor Boyd of El Abilene visited his mother, Mrs.

and Mrs. Ben Green of Abilene ac- er the weekend were her daughter Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Malding of Klepper, and their three children,

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Ann. Robert and Randall, of Mid-

Mrs. A. R. Booth, have returned home from Sumter, South Carolina with Lt. and Mrs. Oris Reynolds and son Mark and a new arrival, Beckie Ann, after a two-week visit.

MINISTER ROY GULLEY AND WIFE VISIT HERE LAST FRIDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gulley visited Dee Moore, Lucille Kelley, Ben here last Friday morning. Mr. Gul- Binham, Carolyn Hanson. ley is now associate minister at the North Side Church of Christ in Abilene. He formerly was minister here.

Minister Gulley just returned from a month's meeting up north. He was three weeks in Cherry ville, Kans., and one week a Omaha, Nebr.

KAY KIMBROUGH MARRIES

ERNEST R. REYNOLDS FEB. 5 became the bride of Ernest R. Reynolds, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Reynolds, on Feb. 5 at 3 p. m. in the home of Rev. Ralph Miller at Abilene.

The vows were read by the Rev. Miller, cousin of the bridegroom. The attendants were Mr. and Mrs.

Howard Carroll. Parents and friends were present from Merkel and Abilene.

After a short trip to Fort Worth they will be at home at 741 Peach Street, Abilene. The bride is employed at the

Abilene Candy Co., and the groom is employed by the Parnell Trucking Company.

HAS APPENDECTOMY

Mrs. Freda Williamson had an appendectomy Feb. 20 at the Sadler Hospital. She is doing Hospital Notes

Admisisons to the Sadler Ho pital the past week were:

As medical patients - G. C. Gilbert, Lee Tipton, Mrs. Paul Turner, S. G. Russell, Charlie Seago, Janice Horton, E. A. Conley, Mrs. Bill Largent, Mrs. J. P. Davis, W. T. McAninch, Mrs. Howard E. Sliger, Nadine Middlebrook, Mrs.

For surgery - Duane Shugart, Mrs. Letha Horton.

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TOMMY ODUM, Manager

With Reserves Playing Merkel Tops Haskell

with the flu the remaining Merkel Badgers fought valiantly for Coach Tommy Ellis, took the lead in the first half minute of play and stuck to that head against Haskell and won 57-56. It was a well-earned victory with the Indians putting in everything they had to head off their defeat.

Robert McLeod and Philip Pursley, top point winners, and Bill Horton were home with the flu. Holding out his B team men for reserves, Coach Ellis placed his C team against Haskell and the Badgers bowed 21-66.

Eddy Hobdy and Jack Stribbling each got six points for high place with D. L. Bowan and Buddy Tittle each gathering in two points. The other players were Riley Jack Seymour, Donald White, Wilbur Seale and Eddy Sandusky.

The starting lineup for the Badgers A team was: Kermit Rutledge and Terry O'Brien guards, Gene Hargrove center, Billy Mac Gilbert and Gail O'Brien forwards.

The Badgers left the confident hands of Coach Ellis and smashing through the speed of the first 30 seconds they stuck up two point when Billy scored a field goal. Before another minute had passed Billy put in two free throws and Terry tossed in a goal.

Haskell retaliated with two field goals followed by Terry with two goal. Haskell responded with frees, making the score 8-4.

A Haskell goal was good. Kermit shot a goal and then two frees to jump the score to 12-6. Haskell ed that when Kermit and Billy each sank in a goal with a minfive seconds shot another to end the quarter 16-14.

In the second quarter the Badthat two point lead to an 11 point head. Out of nine oints that Haskell made five were frees.

Coming in fast Gail made a goal and Haskell made a goal. Then in quick succession Kermit sank a half minutes left Terry made a goal, Terry a free, Gene a goal goal, score 54-50. and then a free was good and

Gene's goal was O. K. Haskell gathered two frees but Gene came back with a goal with three minutes remaining and the score 29-20. Haskell made a goal and Billy did the same. One min-

ute remained. Jerry Russell replaced Gail. Haskell made a free and Gene shot kell made another goal. They tried

Brown Leghorn, all 4-A Grade.

Sunday and Wednesday.



NO MORE DUES - Mary Kate has been a teacher for 33 years, is shown receiving a life membership in the P-TA from Mrs. Ival Frederiksen, Amarillo P-TA president. Miss Campbell has been teaching in Amarillo since 1929.

Miss Campbell, who was reared in merkel and still considers that home, is a fifth grade teacher.

a goal as the half ended 32-23. Gail was back in the game. Has- over kell shoved in a goal. Before the first minute was over Bill and Gail each made a goal and Kermit ledge 6-3-1-15; T. O'Brien 2-4-2-8; two frees. The score was now 38-

Haskell made two frees. Kermit placed a goal and Gene two frees. Half the quarter was over. Haskell again made two frees, Gene goal and Kermit a goal with two minutes remaining. Score 46-31.

Haskell went to work now and slashed that big lead. The Indians made two goals but Merkel even- in quick succession as the seconds sliced away threw a goal, two free throws and then a goal. And as ute and a half left in the quarter. the last second died Haskell Haskell made a goal in the last snapped in another goal and the quarter ended 46-39.

Haskell came out fighting but the Badgers were determined. gers really got hot and stretched Gene scored next. Kermit made a goal and Haskell did too. Bill smacked in a goal, score 52-43.

Haskell was mad. They shot in two goals and a free and then another goal. With three and a

Haskell was desperate now, They came back with a goal and then Gail shoved in a goal and Terry a free, score 57-52. A min-ute and a half were left to play. The last spurt was on. It was the play will begin at 8:15 p. m.

Indians last chance. Haskell snapped in a goal. As SWEETWATER ASSOCIATION the last 30 seconds appeared Has- MEETS AT 1ST BAPTIST

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She was just a child when she Campbell, left, Merkel woman who decided she wanted to become a Austin by D. C. Greer, state highteacher, Miss Campbell recalls. way engineer. She obtained her first teacher's certificate by taking a state exam-

> High School. Miss Campbell spends most of her summers now with her mother, said, and space must be found Mrs. J. Ben Campbell of Merkel.

, again, failed and the game was MERKEL: (Field goals, free throws, fouls, total points): Rut-Hargrove 5-4-4-14; Gilbert 5-3-4-13; G. O'Brien 3-1-4-7; Russell 0-0-0-0; Totals: 21-15-15-57.

Chili Supper And 1-Act Play At Noodle School

The Junior Class of Noodle High School is sponsoring a chili supper Tuesday, March 1, in the school lunch room at Noodle. Money raised will be used to cover expenses of the annual school trip at the end of the year.

Tickets will be on sale for 50 cents at the door. The menu will consist of a bowl of home-made chili con carne, crackers, slaw, cabbage, apple pie or cake and coffee. For those who do not eat chili, sandwiches will be served.

As entertainment for the night the Noodle entry in the University Interscholastic League One-Act Play Contest will be presented to those purchasing tickets for the

The Vacation Bible School Clinic of the Sweetwater Association was held last week on Thursday night at the First Baptist Church here with Miss Bertha Mills as special speaker of the First Baptist Church of Dallas. The theme was "Suffer the Little Children."

Taylor County has gained a new discovery and wildcat. The new strike is Cannon Drilling Co., Abilene, No .1 J. S. Pinckley, Section 62, Block 19, T&P Survey. Loca- grazing had developed and the cattion is 11/2 miles north of Blair. The Noodle Creek lime discovery had a daily potential of 85.18 barrels of 37.5 gravity oil.



BADGER CHEVROLET COMPANY

Ed Winn's Team Wins Fifth Place **At Houston Show**

Edwin Winn of Trent was a member of the senior judging team of Sam Houston State College which placed fifth in the Collegiate Division Judging Contest at the Houston Fat Stock Show

The son of Mrs. Ola Lee Winn, Edwin is a senior agriculture maj-

1955 TEXAS MAP PUBLISHED BY STATE HAS SIMPLER FOLDING

A special accordion wrap around fold is now one of the features of the 1955 Official Texas Travel Map which has been published it was announced in

In addition to the simpler foldination after finishing Merkel read than ever before. The system has been growing at the rate of about 3,000 miles a year, he somehow for this additional mileage. Most of the topographical relief has been taken off this year, so that more essential information may be read easily and quickly.

JOHNNY GOT RESULTS

Johnny Cox put a want ad in The Merkel Mail to sell one-half calf for locker. It ran one time four more halves," said Mr.

GI TRAINING NOTE

The nation's 16,000 World War II veterans taking GI Bill farm training were reminded by the Veterans Administration that reports of their 1954 earnings are due at their VA Regional Offices no later than March 1, 1955.

MRS. W. D. WEBBER HAS PURCHASED THE PO PO CAFE

Mrs. W. D. Webber has purchased the Po Po Cafe from Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Seale. Mrs. Webber is MRS. LILLIE PICKETT'S now in charge. The Seales have moved to Cameron.

Livestock Report

By TED GOULDY

Estimates just released by the USDA show Texas' cattle population still better than eight-and-ahalf milion head. Inroads of the drouth continued in some Western sections of the State, and the Eastern Third probably more than

cattle on farms and ranches, one percent less than a year ago.

Observers at the Fort Worth livestock market noted that marketings of cows and calves tapered off sharply in the final quarter of 1954. Therefore the minescule total change in the total numbers was not considered surprising.

In fact, some cattlemen at Fort Worth recently expressed the view that if Texas' Panhandle wheat tle in that area had not been moved out so early, that actual numbers would have been the same as a year ago.

The State's total cow herd was estimated at 4,815,00, or two per cent smaller. (The Nation's calf crop last year was estimated 3 percent larger than a year ago.) Texas looks for another big calf crop in 1955 on the basis of today's cow numbers.

Milk cow numbers are estimated at 1,031,000, against 1,052,000 last year. Beef cow numbers estimated at 3,784,000, are two percent below a year ago.

FED YEARLINGS

Fed yearlings and heifers sold around 50 cents lower and fed steers were 25 to 50 cents lower at Fort Worth Monday. Cows were strong. Bulls sold fully steady. Slaughter calves were strong to strong.

SHEEP POPULATION

The USDA reported that Texas' sheep population was estimated at 5,191,000, the same as a year ago. Some increase in the native population in Central and Eastern parts of Texas, offset any further decrease in the Western parts of the

Fort Worth market men specializing in sheep reported some shift in the population was evident with larger numbers in the Central parts of the State than a year ago. Considerable feeding has resulted in a big percentage of fat lambs early this year.

The Easter market will develop earlier and those milk lambs of the new crop variety should move a little earlier than usual where breeders aimed at this specialty trade. A few lots of genuine Spring lambs are alrealy appearing in the runs at Fort Worth,

The sheep population is 31 percent under the 10-year average. Breeding ewes number 3,665,000 and ranchmen are reputedly hold-ing near a million ewe lambs for stocking purposes, some 24 per cent above a year ago.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere appreciation to our kind neighbors and friends for their many acts of kindness and sympathy in our recent sorrow. Your thoughtfulness and kindness to us is deeply appreciated.

W. T. McAninch and Children.

CARD OF THANKS

We want to express our deep gratitude and thanks for the many kind expressions of sympathy to us, for the beautiful floral offerings, the food, cards and visits the ministers from the other churches during the illness and death of our beloved sister. May God bless each of you.

The Warren Brothers and Sisters.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks and appreciation for the acts of kindness, messages of sympathy and beautiful floral offerings received from our many ing use, the map is also easier to friends during our sad bereavement in the death of our loved one.

W. B. Payne and Family R. H. McElmurray and Family D. W. McElmurray and Family

Mrs. Fred Starbuck **Suffers Bruises** As Car Overturns

Mrs. Fred Starbuck suffered a and he got 12 replies. "I sold few bruises when her car oversix halves and could have sold turned on the slippery pavement near Denton last Friday morning. The damage to the car was esti-

mated at \$1,000. The five students with her were not injured: Clydene Eager, Betty Ray Chancey, Sonja Horton, Barbara Sue Morgan and Johnnie Tip-

They were en route to the Future Teachers of America convention at North Texas State College. There were 24 students in all and besides Mrs. Starbuck there were the following adults: Mrs. Clyde Eager, June Hogan, Mrs. Judd Mc-Reynolds.

BROTHER IS FOUND DEAD IN BED TUESDAY

Mrs. Lillie Pickett was called to Sweetwater Tuesday morning. Her brother, W. G. Davis, was found dead in bed.

JUNIOR G. A.'s ELECT

MARY McKEEVER PRESIDENT The Junior G. A.'s met on Feb. 21 and had a mission program on Cuba. The following officers were elected:

President, Mary McKeever; vice The official guess was 8,501,000 president, Joy McWilliams; secretary, Donna Riney; program chair- FOR SALE-5-room house and 35 man, Colleen O'Brien; song leader, Kay Teaff: social chairmen, Betty Watson and Carolyn Bond; reporter, Beth Doan; community missions, Mary Jane Horton.

The meeting adjourned with a

MRS. WRENN DURHAM ATTENDS FUNERAL OF HER COUSIN

Mrs. Wrenn Durham attended the funeral of her cousin, Mrs. Orville Bradley, in Brownwood Tuesday.

MINA WINTER BUTANE HAS RE-DECORATED ITS ENTIRE OFFICE

Mina Winter Butane has re-decorated its office. The walls, ceiling and doors have been re-paint-

PINKY CYPERTS TAKE SHARON TO DALLAS TUESDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Pinky Cypert took their daughter Sharon to Dallas Tuesday for a check-up. She has had polio.

BETTER PART OF VALOR "The man who gives way when

he knows he is in the wrong," says a magistrate, "is wise. The man 50 cents higher and stockers and who gives way when he knows he feeders were fully steady to is in the right is merely married."



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NOTICE MASONS

Stated meeting of Merkel lodge No. 710, A. F. & A. Saturday, March 5 at 7:30 p. m. All members are urged to attend Visiting brethren cor

D. R. Butler, W. M.

LOST AND FOUND

weight about 400 lbs., branded "N" on left hip. J. R. Baker.

LOST-White face steer in Goodman Community, weight about 300 pounds. Left home around Christmas. Reward. H. (Spud) McLeod, Trent. 3t49p.

WANTED - Woman to take care of invalid. See Bob Hicks. tf48c WANTED-Second hand windmill also a horse. W. E. Miller, Route

FOR SERVICE - Duroc male hog at my farm, 4 miles west of Mer kel. Alvin Wozencraft or see Wil-

FOR LEASE - 160-acre farm 6 miles north of Trent. Dowdy and Toombs

FOR RENT - 2-room furnished apartment. Private bath. Mrs. M. R. Hale. 808 Trundy

FOR RENT - 5 room house with bath. 106 Locust. See Dan Reidenbach, Route 3, Merkel. 3t48p.

FOR RENT - 4-room house with bath, 505 Ash St. See O. W. Dickerson, 604 Rose St. 3t48p. FOR RENT - Garage Apartment,

furnished, Bob Hicks. tf48c FOR RENT - 3-room furnished south apartment, private entrance. 408 Manchester, Telephone Comegys. 125W. Mrs. J.

odern, 4 rooms and bath, unfurnished. See Ray Wilson. tf34c

acres, part in city limits. See B. -FOR SALE - Cedar chest of draw ers, 40 inches wide and 38 inches high, also child's cedar chest. S. B. Scott, 1304 North 2nd Street,

Merkel. FOR SALE - House, 4-room and

3t50p. FOR SALE - Top for storm cellar and some bees. See Odell Dick-

FOR SALE - Practically new Motorola car radio at a bargain. Phone 9014JI, W. B. Toombs.

FOR SALE - Cafe counter, 30 inches high, 18 feet long and 24 inches wide. Phone 352W. Jack

FOR SALE -2-room house, 14x28. John Perry.

FOR SALE-Good Ferguson Tractor and equipment. Hardly been used and in good condition. Good

FOR SALE - Windmill with 60 feet of 2-inch pipe. A bargain. See J. M. Strawn, Trent, Texas.

FOR SALE - Service Station for sale or trade. See Claude Smith or Charlie Curb.

and bath to be moved. Batk fixtures are new. Robert James, Rt. 3. Merkel. WATCH OUR - Windows for re-

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5:05 p. m.	11:40 a. m.
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FOR SALE — Typewriter, Stan-dard, Good condition. Bargain. \$20. See The Merkel Mail. tf48c

FOR SALE - Several used TV sets. See them while they last. Badger Chevrolet Co.

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& Toombs. OR SALE - Old Conoco Warehouse Building to be moved. Located East Hwy. 80. Bids will be received by Continental Oil Co. Box 1119, Abilene, Texas. 5t46p.

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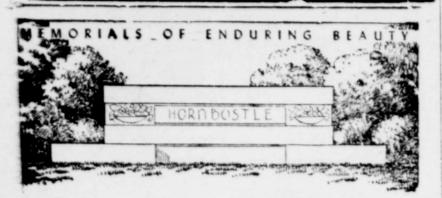
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By LORETA ALLEN

Miss Mable McRee, Union Ridge Club president, Mrs. R. G. Toombs president Blue Bonnet Club, and Mrs. Dewel McLean, council delegate Blue Bonnet Club, recently at tended Taylor County Home Demonstration Council meeting in Abilene. Ten of the 11 clubs were rep

resented at the meeting. The Triple E committee chair man reported that Potosi Club sponsored a party for the patients of Ward 7 of the State Hospital The Club decided which month they would have the party for

Ward 7. Several clubs reported they had spring. the party for Ward 7.

new members. Lawn reported they had collected \$22.70 and Tuscola those attended. She also led the

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Club reported they baked pies and cakes and made \$81.43 for the March of Dimes.

Mrs. Orville Black gave a report of a planning meeting in Menard. Mrs. Black, Mrs. Freeman Morgan, Mrs. Harold Everett and I attended the meeting. The District Texas Home Demonstration Association Meeting will be in Kerrville Apri

All home demonstration club members are invited. On March 19th Taylor County will elect three County's part on the program.

There will be a county camp for the club women this year. It was decided August would be the best month for the camp.

Council decided to invite the

State Home Demonstration Association Meeting to Abilene in 1956.

Mrs. Edgar Holly, recreation

tion school was a day of fun for able to use in their club meetings. She reminded every club to discuss | will be no time to prepare as we what they would like to do for Na- had in World War I and II. council meeting.

more rolls of cotton to make into bandages for cancer patients. Some ohnny ycoats also.

Experience is a grand teacher; source it cost us nothing. Apparout a mighty hard ray to acquire ently we do not remember that the an education.

Washington

Looks From OMAR BURLESON Congressman 17th District



delegates to represent them at this federal government has spent meeting. Safety will be Taylor | more than it took in. No family and no government can go on indefinitely spending more than it takes in without getting into serious trouble.

A careful study indicates that it may require a constitutional amendment to prevent the Federal Government from spending more than it takes in. Of course, it would It was announced there would be dangerous not to provide for an be a slip cover workshop this exception for war and war prepar-

Herein would fie the great trou-Several clubs reported they had | chairman, reported that the recrea- | ble (because the government must prepare for war before one starts. In fact it is the best guarantee group in a game that would be suit- that no war will occur. We have now reached the point that there

Nevertheless, it seems the day is and to give a report at the next here when some limitation by definite law should restrict the gov-The group decided to order six ernment's power to spend.

There is seemingly a continuing attitude on the part of all of us of the clubs are going to make that the Federal Government has a bottomless barrel of money and that as long as it comes from this government only has that which it

takes from the people in taxes.

tion there exist some deplorable conditions in many schools. There are areas where by reason of military or defense installations, the federal government surely has some responsibility, along with local governments, in providing school facilities.

The law already permits the federal government to assist in these situations, but it is now proposed that the federal government really go into the school business. Our enthusiasm for all these

things should cool somewhat by reminding ourselves that the Supreme court of the United States has ruled that the government has a right to control anything to which it contributes.

We will never have smaller government in Washington, nor will the cost of it be reduced, until we all realize it is our own tax money which is being spent.

ATOMIC ENERGY - The Atomic Energy Commission reports that he nation's atomic energy program has cost 13.2 billion dollars since it began in World War II.

Secretary of the Air Force Harold E. Talbott says it is "impera tive" for this country to beat Russuia in the race to develop intercontinental guided missiles with hydrogen warheads. Russia took over the entire German V-2 rocket installations, including many scientists at Reenemunde, Germany, in 1945.

Texas

Viewpoint

Washington

By PRICE DANIEL .

U. S. Senator

During the past week the Texas

State Society had one of the out

standing social events of the year

an old-fashioned chili supper.

The Texas State Society has 902

members. Anyone who has been a

resident of Texas but who now

works or resides in Washington is

eligible for membership. It is the

largest State society in Washing-

ton and the only one in which

Texas State Society

President and Mrs. Eisenhower We all know that over the na- have membership and have actual ly attended.

Robert B. Anderson This week we compliment the job being done by Deputy Secretary of Defense Robert B. Anderson of

Vernon. Bob Anderson was appointed in 1953 as Secretary of the Navy. In that position and in his present assignment he has made a great impression upon Washington officialdom, especially upon the President himself. President Eisenhower rates Anderson as one of the top men in his administration.

Wool Growers Meet

R. W. Hodge of Del Rio, President of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association, and former State Senator Penrose Metcalfe of San Angelo, attended two meetings here this last week in behalf of wool growers.

and

Acetyl

Joining other representatives of wool growers from other States, at one meeting they urged that the Defense Department use the present wool stockpile for manufacture of uniforms and blankets. At the other they appeared at a Department of Agriculture hearing on assignment of wool incentive pay-

Cotton Allotments

The Agriculture Committee in the House of Representatives has reported a bill to help alleviate the cotton acreage allotment situation. It provides for a 3% increase in cotton allotments to be used in each State, first to assist the smaller farmers by bringing them up to 5 acres, and then in hardship cases where the allotments were reduced by more than 40% of the 1954



By VERN SANFORD Texas Press Association

Veterans land sale scandals overshadowed lawmaking in both branches of the Legislature for another week.

Investigations spread still wider. Involved were three departments of the state, both chambers of the Legislature, grand juries of Travis, Bexar and DeWitt counties, and probably others.

More of the approximately 80 block deals' we're brought before investigators.

Mike Rowan, a former executive secretary of the Veterans Land Board, testified that several legis lators had exerted "unusual influence" to push veterans' applications through.

Tax Slow Down Rep. Jerry Sadler sharply reminded the House revenue and taxation committee that the session was one-third over and no revenue bills had been reviewed or acted upon. He demanded an "immediate" hearing on his bill for a \$3.30 per barrel hike on beer tax.

Rep. Charles J. Kirkham of Cleburne offered a new tax plan - a "road use" tax, as a substitute for the administration's two-cent gasoline tax hike proposal. So far the gas tax hasn't' been heard by com-

Kirkham's plan would levy a \$5 fee on commercial motor vehicles. plus a graduated tax scale based on gross weight, ranging from six mills to 22 mills, all estimated revenue to go to highway purposes.

Insurance Clean-up

Final passage of the first major bill to "clean up the insurance mess" was voted by the house. Control of the stock and securities of insurance companies, under the bill, will go to the Board of Insurance Commissioners.

Water Bills, Too

Favorable report has been given by a Senate committee to the administration's \$100 million state bond issue plan for aid to water districts. Rival measures for the same amount of bonds have been put in House sub-committee.

Passed by the Senate were two of the water bills regulating pollution from oil wells, and requiring reports to the state by water dis-

Newspapers

Rep. E. "Kika" de la Garza of Mission introduced a bill to prohibit any court, grand jury or legislative committee from attempting to compel a newspaper or press service employee from revealing the source of his informa-

"In the red" for the first time in 13 years is the State Treasury's general revenue fund. Treasurer Jesse James announced that banks have agreed to cash warrents without discount.

Treasury calls were set for the 5th and 20th of, each month, and James said the time lag would not exceed 20 days. The general fund is to get back on a cash basis around May 1.

Senate committee voted a favorable report on Sen. Gus Strauss' bill to license all dealers. The bill also would prohibit sale of new cars by dealers not having agreements with manufacturers or

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EDITORIALS

MERKEL SAULTE

At this writing, last Friday, the Merkel Badgers have won the 8-A title. At this writing it is not known what will happen when the Badgers meet the Cross Plains team in Abilene.

Anyway, the Badgers have had a great season and Merkel salutes the boys and Coach Tommy Ellis. They have done splendid work and given great joy to the fans.

TRENT SALUTE

The Trent Gorillas have come out victorious, winning the District 15-B Basketball championship. The boys have shown what they can do and have fought valiantly and earned their glorious title.

We salute the Gorillas and Coach Daniel Nixon and hope that ition permitted by law, is that althey continue to earn more fame in the remaining games.

TRENT'S PROGRESS

Things are happening in Trent. The new telephone building is being erected, representing the end of a \$55,000 expansion and improvement program in Trent. The First Baptist Church in Trent has bought four lots next to its present building for future expansion. It is building a foundation for the parsonage. A five-room house will be placed on it.

The million-dollar gasoline plant only a few miles from Trent is nearing completion.

Trent will soon have a plentiful supply of good water.

Yes, Trent is progressing. Things are happening there. Trent is going ahead.

PANCAKE SUPPER

That pancake supper! We mean that one put on by the High School Juniors. The pancakes were delicious. The bacon was delightbutter and coffee and milk were

hearty appetite. And that wasn't all. You could have as much as you wanted. And

the guests ate . . . plenty. The juniors put on a mighty fine affair. All hail the juniors!

We guessed you'd like it...

but we never guessed how much!

JUDGING BY THE "OOHS" AND "AAHS" THAT GREET FORD'S APPEARANCE . . BY THE NUMBER OF FOLKS WHO ARE TEST DRIVING A FORD-AND THEN DRIVING IT HOME . . .

THE '55 FORD IS GOING TO SMASH EVERY CAR SALES RECORD!

BROTHERHOOD WEEK

Its purpose is to give people an opportunity to re-dedicate themselves as individuals to the ideals rights. It all adds up to the Golden can Way of Life. It breathes of the Sermon on the Mount.

Why Brotherhood Week? Yes, why Brotherhood Week? Why not | tion. Brotherhood Year?

MR. TOPPER

Dr. G. F. Schwarz of Piedmont, belongs to the Order of Toppers. | the nation. He loves to gather degrees like some folks gather flowers. He has HAVE DIAL PHONES NOW D. M. D. after his name, also a Ph. D., LL. D., and some more that we have forgotten.

Besides gathering degrees he aljumping from Alaska to Mexico, its system. and from the Pacific Coast to France.

We are grateful to him for sending us a copy of the Territorial Enterprise of Virginia City, Nev. The publisher is Lucius Beebe. We had heard a great deal of Mr. Beebe as a fine writer but we did not know that he was a weekly editor.

It appears that San Francisco, Calif., is trying to take the title away from Virginia City of being the wettest spot in the United States . . . and they don't mean

In the copy of the Enterprise that we received we found this item: "A clue to the density and festive overtones of weddings in Virginia City, where they can be arranged with the maximum expedmost every saloon in a notoriously bourbon drinking community maintains a quantity of champagner on ice 24 hours a day against mattrimonial contingency.

It might be added that Mark Twain worked on The Enterprise. One more word about our friend, Mr. Topper. He is not only a gatherer of degrees and of pleasures in travel but he also hungers for auctions where he gathers great antiques and "what-nots" at many sales.

His motto is: "As you sail through life let no wind keep you from a sale. You may find a gem.'

"WHITE-ICISM"

That's ALL - and the Sage of Figfield adds that a little longer life is not necessarily a larger life.

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The records, ranging from one through 26 years as of Dec. 31, 1954, represent a cumulative total of 457 years. Last year the 107 emloye units amassed 5,433,516 This is Brotherhood Week. Why accident-free hours.

1955 HEART FUND WILL HELP SUPPORT LOCAL PROJECTS

A major portion of all contriof respect for people and human butions to the 1955 Heart Fund here will be used to support heart Rule. It again stresses our Ameri- projects in this community and state. The remainder will be used to advance the national program of the American Heart Associa-

Your gift to the 1955 Heart Fund makes it possible to bring the latest research information about heart and circulatory di-Calif., a very good friend of ours, seases to physicians throughout

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MRS. BESSIE JOHNSON'S BROTHER DIES SUNDAY AND IS BURIED IN ROBY

W. W. Eason, 80, died of stroke last Friday at Tulia and was buried Sunday in Roby Cemetery. He was the brother of Mrs. Bessie L. Johnson.

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Two decades ago, 7,000 children died every year of whoop ing cough. Last year, only 310 children died of whooping cough, What explains the difference? It's the new wonder drugs - unknown two decades ago. Priceless drugs? Sure! Yet the price of the average prescription hasn't gone up any more in 20 years than has the price of a pound of coffee.

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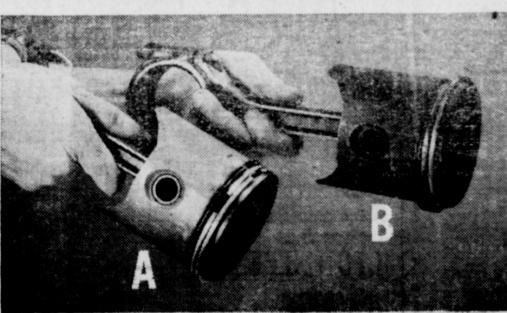


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LONG, TRIM LOOK

Noodle Mustangs Win 3 Trophies This Past Weekend

trophies this past weekend in tournament play. The senior 'teams won consolation trophies in the Double Mountain Invitational Meet at Aspermont ,the girls defeating Hamlin 74-24 and the boys defeat ing Sterling City 43-38.

In a tournament for next year's team, the Noodle boys defeated South Taylor for consolation honors at the South Taylor Invitational Tournament by a score of 49-30.

Both teams closed the season with average standings, the boys holding a 20 won to 16 lost season record and the girls holding a 16 to 19 lost season record.

The record is good considering five of the boys losses were to the highly touted Avoca Mustangs and five of the girls losses were to the District Champions Hawley Bearkittens.

Supt. A. J. Hill is the girls' coach and Gerald Jennings is the boys'

Robert Tom Hodge And Dr. Brady Cox **Are Scoutmasters**

Robert Tom Hodge has recent ly been selected as scoutmaster of Troop 20, Boy Scouts of America, which is sponsored by the Merkel Lions Club.

Dr. E. Brady Cox will serve assistant scoutmaster.

The new troop committee composed of principal C. A. Far ley, chairman; Waymon Adcock, Norman Winter, Don Estes, Rev. George Epperson and Leon Walk-

Robert Tom was a scout in the local troop in the early 1940's. He reached the rank of Star Scout and was a member of the Order of the Arrow, a national honorary Boy Scout camping fraternity. He has served in the Navy for the past four years.

Dr. Cox served as a district scout commissioner while residing at Monahans.

Troop 20 will resume troop meetings and other activities about the middle of March.

The man who is down and out

FOR RALPH RUSSELLS

The Key Class of the First Methodist Church is sponsoring a linen shower for Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Russell. It will be in the Youth Fellowship Hall on Thursday, March 3, at 7:30 p. m. Everyone interested is invited to attend. Gifts of linen may be left at the church chapel Wednesday night or all day Thursday.

Fun and Music Are Twin Bill For Game Night

The Game Night held Thursday of last week at the Community Center turned out to be a Fun night. A wonderful program and splendid game with fine prizes made it a memorable evening. The Lions Club sponsored the affair, the proceeds going to the Cripoled Children's Fund.

Dr. Don Warren and George Rowland were the announcers of the game and kept things moving quickly, causing great excitement and many laughs.

The program before the game tarted was presented by the High School Choral Club with Mrs. Comer Haynes at the piano. They gave a 30-minute program, "Twiight Meditation," which was a deicious feast of beautiful music. There were 14 girls in the chor-

Conita Bagby, Betty Chancy, Kay Chancey, Britta Denton, Clydene Eager, Sonja Horton, Phyllis Kilpatrick, Patsy Melton, Barbara Morgan, Paka Newby, Glenda Petty, Gloria Teaff, Johnnie Tipton and Bobbye Windham.

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Clesby Patterson of Merkel will make a six-day singing tour of 18 Northwest Texas cities Feb. 27 through March 4 with the Mc Murry College Chanters.

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