

Merkel Boys Win Top Stock Honors At Abilene Show

Merkel boys showed up in the top records at the two shows held at Abilene. Chester Collinsworth, Sr., is the advisor of the F. F. A. group.

On Saturday the Taylor County Livestock Show was held. The local boys scored as follows:

Lambs — Southdowns: Jimmy Neill, 2nd; Hampshire, Barry Scott, 1st, Jimmy Neill, 2nd; Hampshire pen of 3: Chester Collinsworth, Jr., 1st, Tommy Swinney, 2nd, Jacky Harris, 3rd; Fine Wool — Lanny Perry, 3rd; Farris Neill, 9th; Joe Neill, 10th; Group of 15 — Merkel F. F. A. 1st.

Capons — Lightweight: Tommy McAninch, 3rd; Wesley Martin, 5th; Tommy McAninch 9th; Heavyweights: George English, 5th; Chester Collinsworth, Jr., 6th; George English, 9th; Pen of 3: Teddy Byrd, 3rd; Morris Claiborn, Trent, 4th.

Steers — Light drylot: Billy Bob Toombs, 1st; Chester Collinsworth, Jr., 3rd.

Light milkfed: Jimmy McAninch, 1st; Ronny Barnett, 5th.

Monday and Tuesday the District Livestock Show, composed of 18 counties, was held. The local boys scored as follows:

Steers — Medium drylots: Billy Bob Toombs, 3rd.

Lightweight Drylot: Chester Collinsworth, Jr., 1st, Jimmy McAninch, 5th.

Heavyweight Milkfed: Glenn Sandusky, 11th.

Lightweight Milkfed: Jimmy McAninch, 5th; LeRoy Shafer, Trent, 6th; Phil Seymore, 11th.

Lambs — Hampshire: Barry Scott, champion; Jimmy Neill, 2nd; Chester Collinsworth, Jr., 3rd; the first 15 were all from Merkel.



TOMMY ELLIS
... to be McMurry head basketball coach

HAS MAJOR SURGERY
Mrs. Buster Thompson underwent major surgery at the Sadler Hospital March 29.



SUPT. MACK FISHER
... gets 3-year contract

FLIES TO FATHER

Cpl. Buddy McKeever returned home Sunday noon from Misawa, Japan. He was given emergency leave and flew home to be with his father, H. R. McKeever, who suffered a heart attack last week. Wednesday the Sadler Hospital reported that Mr. McKeever was resting better.

MAKE TRIP

Fourteen persons, including the board of education, the faculty and school patrons made an inspection trip Monday to Anson, Stamford and Aspermet. They looked over the gym, auditorium, ag room, science room, library and study halls. This was in regard to the expansion planned here in the school buildings.

BADGER SCHEDULE

The Badgers play the Trent Gorillas here Thursday, March 31. Friday, today, they play the Gorillas at Trent. These are non-conference baseball games.

BURNS HEAD

Mrs. M. A. Risinger was burnt about the head when she lit her gas stove Sunday. Her condition is not serious.

BOY TO CLYDE MAXWELLS

A boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Maxwell at the Sadler Hospital on March 27.

J. J. PARSONS HAVE BOY

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Parsons are the parents of a boy born at the Sadler Hospital on March 26.

GIRL TO J. O. PILANTS

A girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Pilant of Snyder at the Sadler Hospital on March 25. Mrs. Pilant is the former Nedra Swafford and is now at the home of her mother, Mrs. T. J. R. Swafford.

GIRL TO R. G. PALMER

Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Palmer received a telegram from their son T/Sgt. and Mrs. R. G. Palmer announcing they were the parents of a baby girl Carol Ann born March 28 at the Castle A. F. B., Calif.

LYDD BENDERS HAVE BOY

Mrs. Ella Neeg returned home Saturday from Rogers, Ark., where she visited her brother, Hall, and wife. While at Rogers she got acquainted with Steven Glenn Bender, born to Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Dale Bender on March 19. Mrs. Bender is the former Joy Sue Hobbs of Merkel. The Benders are residing in Rogers while Mr. Bender is working on his master's degree in agricultural economics at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville.

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:

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| C. N. Rodgers, Sweetwater | \$10.00 |
| Mr. and Mrs. Riggs Sheppard | 10.00 |
| Hondo | 5.00 |
| Howard Garner | 5.00 |
| H. A. McClanahan | 5.00 |
| Spring Lake | 2.00 |

BARGAINS - SAVE \$1

Saturday Evening Post and Ladies' Home Journal, one year each, regular price \$9.50. Both for only \$8.50. Offer expires April 30, 1955. At the Merkel Mail office.

BARGAINS - SAVE \$4.50

Saturday Evening Post, Ladies' Home Journal and Holiday Magazines, one year each, regular price \$14.50, all 3 for only \$10. Offer expires April 30, 1955. At The Merkel Mail office.

Civil Defense Meeting Will Be Held Tuesday

A civil defense and disaster meeting will be held at 7:30 p. m. Tuesday, April 5, at the school cafeteria, announced Fred Starbuck, Merkel coordinator and director. The public is invited.

Mattie Bell Newberry of the Abilene office of the American Red Cross and Henrietta Brocks-Smith of the Mid-West area, St. Louis office of the American Red Cross, will be the speakers.

The object of the meeting will be to obtain an over-all picture of requirements and activities pertaining to a disaster in this area.

The Abilene office of the American Red Cross has assumed the training and direction of all activity delegated to them, with any additional help needed to be coordinated through the office of Mr. Starbuck. All other phases of activity will be a civil responsibility as directed through proper channels.

The local civil defense and disaster relief set-up follows:

Coordinator and director — Fred Starbuck.

CITY OBJECTIVES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Control Center — Communications, Holt Vaughn, Tommy Odum; volunteer office and staff for public information, Adell Elkins.

Fire Defense — Waymon Adcock; A. Fire Dept. — W. D. Webber; B. Rescue — Claude Mewborn.

Police — A. D. Fulton; A. Traffic and Order — Roy Buchanan; B. Property Protection, Clyde Wurst (auxiliary authorized).

Air Raid Warning — Chester McWilliams.

Public Works and Utilities — A. Electric — Earl Hughes; B. Gas — Frank Breaux; C. Water and Sewer — L. D. Bishop.

Emergency Public Health — Dr. Don Warren.

RED CROSS OBJECTIVES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Director — Lester Dorton.

Survey — Horace Hargrove.

Transportation — Calvin Peterson.

Emergency Medical Service — David Gamble, Dr. C. B. Gardner, Dr. W. T. Sadler, Dr. Don Warren.

Food — Ray Wilson; clothing, I. Mellinger; shelter, W. C. Fisher; information and registration, C. A. Farley, purchase and supply, Herman Carson.

Canteen Workers — Mrs. John Hughes, chairman (all groups); Mrs. Woody Wilson, Mrs. Grif Barnett, Mrs. Chester Collinsworth, Mrs. Charlie Sherrill, group 1;

Mrs. Nolan Palmer, Mrs. Alma Collins, Mrs. S. D. Gamble, Mrs. Clesby Patterson, Mrs. Ollie Fox, Group 2;

Mrs. Earl Hughes, Mrs. W. T. Sadler, Mrs. Clyde Bartlett, Mrs. Carroll Benson, Mrs. W. S. J. Brown, Group 3;

Miss Christine Collins, Mrs. Lucille Litton, Mrs. A. H. Hager, Mrs. A. B. Allen, Mrs. Homer Patterson, Group 4.

First Aid — Dr. James H. Chaney, chairman, Hollis Mitchell, C. W. Seago, H. E. Childress, Truman Howell, Lonnie Beard, C. W. Newton, W. E. Whisenhunt, Leo Harris, Bob Hook, Maurice Thompson, Buddy Derrington, Tommy Cutler, Henry Howard, Mrs. Mack Fisher, Miss Viola Alford, Mrs. Elsie Nash.

School and City Elections to Be Held Sat. and Sun.

Two elections are to be held in Merkel in the next few days. One is the school election. The other is the city election. The school election will be held Saturday, April 2, at the Welfare Office on Kent Street from 8 a. m. to 6 p. m. Andy Shouse will be the presiding judge. He will be assisted by Mrs. W. D. Hutcheson and Mrs. F. Y. Gaither.

The term of M. H. Ely and J. W. Hammond expire this year. Their names have been filed for re-election. Other members of the school board are Ellis Harris, Joe Seymore, Dave Gamble, Ray Wilson and Howard Reddin.

The city election will be held Tuesday, April 5, at the Welfare Building from 8 a. m. to 6 p. m. Andy Shouse will be the presiding judge. He will be assisted by Mrs. W. D. Hutcheson, Mrs. F. Y. Gaither and Mrs. T. L. Grimes.

Running for mayor are: Henry C. West, re-election, Fred Starbuck and L. L. Murray.

Running for aldermen, regular term, are: Earl Hughes, Joe Cy-

pert, Norman Winter, Dr. Doug Warren and Dr. James H. Chaney; for unexpired term are W. W. Toombs and Ben Robert Hicks.

W. J. Largent Wins Grand Champion Bull

W. J. Largent and Son showed 10 head of cattle at the new million-dollar coliseum in Odessa and won grand champion bull and six blue ribbons. This was the last show of the season until next fall.

"The new coliseum at Odessa is one of the finest I have ever seen in the United States," stated W. J. Largent. "It lacks 12 inches in length and nine inches in width of being as large as the Will Rogers Coliseum in Ft. Worth, which is the largest.

"We exhibited at seven major stock shows this season," continued Mr. Largent, "and had a very successful show circuit."

Fires Destroy Hearn Hatchery, Woodrum Barn

Two fires last week resulted in total losses. The fire department in each case kept the fire from spreading.

At 12:30 a. m. Thursday of last week George Woodrum's barn burned down. At 4:30 a. m. Saturday the Hearn Hatchery at 238 Edwards was destroyed by fire. There were a number of trash fires but no damage, stated Fire Chief Waymon Adcock.

WHO CAN VOTE?

Who can vote in the school election? **Everyone in the CONSOLIDATED school district who is eligible to vote in state or county elections.**

Who can vote in the city election? **All qualified voters within the city limits can vote provided he or she has paid a poll tax or arrived at 21 years of age this year or is 60 years old or over.**

This information was provided by Andy Shouse, presiding judge in both elections.

Methodists Plan Now to Complete Their Building

The First Methodist Church is planning to complete its fellowship building and will raise \$2,500 for this work.

The finance committee is composed of Lester Dorton, chairman, Miss Betty Jane Tittle, Edwin Read, Jack Miller and Bob Hudson.

The building committee includes Fred Starbuck, chairman, Earl Hughes, Irvin Thompson and Dazel Cox.

Pipeline Work At City Limits Is Going Ahead

Progress is being made in the laying of the pipe for the new waterline from Merkel to Abilene.

The pipe had been laid to the city limit of Merkel by Tuesday and also a mile from the pump house east of near Abilene. Equipment had been moved back to Merkel and work was to be continued Wednesday of this week.

Mayor Henry West has been asked if the present well water will be pumped into the main water system of Merkel when connection is made with the Abilene water system.

"There is no plan to use the water from water wells," stated Mayor West. "We will keep some pumps in order in case of trouble or failure of the line."

Nellie Sandusky Has 88th Birthday Dinner Saturday

Mrs. Nellie Sandusky celebrated her 88th birthday Saturday with a dinner. Those present at the dinner were:

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Laxton and daughter and her husband Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jones, Mrs. Annie Blackaby, all of Greenville. Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Beatty of Bronte, J. D. Sandusky, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Sandusky.

Others calling during the day were: Mr. and Mrs. Austin Sandusky of Bronte, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Sandusky of Lockney, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Watson, W. R. Sandusky, Louis Butman.

Little League Program Is Set

At a meeting held in the Boney Insurance offices Tuesday night the Little League officials elected last week set the program for the 1955 season.

The budget for operations this season was set at about \$1,035. The budget calls for painting back of fence, adding more bleachers, insurance, playing equipment, general manager and general improvement of the playing field.

Spring tryouts for all boys of League age who are not members of a Little League at the present time will be held on April 7, 8, 11, 12, 14 and 15.

Concerning the All-Star team selection for tournament play beginning next August, the league officials decided that the team managers and the umpire in chief would form the selection committee. Their selection will be determined on the sportsmanlike conduct as well as the batting and fielding ability of the Little League player. It was also determined that the manager of the winning team in local competition would be manager of the All-Star team. The uniform of the All-Star team will be the suits of the winning team in local competition.

The schedule of Little League ball games is to begin on May 26. Games will be played each Tuesday and Thursday until the schedule is completed on July 28.

ATTENTION LITTLE LEAGUERS

Spring tryouts will be held on April 7, 8, 11, 12, 14 and 15. All boys who will be eight years old and under twelve years old as of August 1 of this year will be eligible and invited to tryout. Notices will be sent to all schools in this area. Tryouts will begin at 5 o'clock on the afternoons of the above mentioned dates.

SAMPLE BALLOT

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No. _____

CITY ELECTION
April 5, 1955

Voter's signature to be affixed on reverse side.

OFFICIAL BALLOT

MAYOR:
H. C. WEST
FRED STARBUCK
L. L. MURRAY

ALDERMAN:
(Two to be elected.)
JOE CYPERT
EARL HUGHES
NORMAN WINTER
DONALD W. WARREN
JAMES H. CHANEY

ALDERMAN, UNEXPIRED TERM:
(One to be elected.)
W. W. TOOMBS
BEN ROBERT HICKS

Merkel 20 Years Ago

TAKEN FROM THE 1935 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL

TO BUY RODEO STOCK

Delegated by the central planning board of the Merchants Trade Extension Association of Merkel to purchase rodeo stock for use in the series of free rodeos sponsored by the association for the entertainment of the surrounding communities in Merkel's trade territory, Elmer Lowe, accompanied by C. K. Russell, left Monday morning for South Texas. Henry West, president of the association, arranged the purchase of 30 head of stock.

MERKEL SCHOOLS WIN

School championship in two divisions were won by Merkel in the meet and, as a result, all entries in athletic events and six winners in first place in literary events from the high school will go to district meet at Sweetwater. Dorma Lee Shelton, as winner of junior girls' declamation, will represent grammar school at the district meet.

DEATH TAKES W. B. MASSEY

W. B. Massey, 69, resident of Taylor County since 1903, died at the family home Tuesday. He was born in Tennessee on Sept. 13, 1865. From Fannin County, Texas, he came to this county 32 years ago and farmed. In 1913 he moved to Merkel when he retired.

MRS. W. H. PRINCE DIES

Mrs. W. H. Prince, 80, passed away Friday. She was born in Kentucky Dec. 20, 1854. She is survived by six children: Mrs. C. O. Earp, Pritchett; Mrs. Ophelia Corley, Fort Worth; Mrs. Lois Slater, Brawley, Calif.; Ollie Prince, Wein-

ert; Floyd Prince, Shamrock; Mrs. Virgie Robbins.

RECORD-BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Kite a girl, Mr. and Mrs. V. W. Martin a boy.

WACO MEN HERE

Representatives of Waco wholesalers, manufacturers, jobbers, educational institutions and professions, traveling by special train on a trip through Waco's trade territory will stop here 30 minutes Wednesday.

LIONS TAKE REVENGE

Merkel Lions came back from Breckenridge Thursday night, of last week with a 26-20 victory over their fellow Lions of that city to make up for a previous loss to Breck, 30-28, on the local gym.

ALL OFFICERS RE-ELECTED

Mayor W. M. Elliott, completing four years as mayor, was re-elected to that post without opposition in the annual municipal election held Tuesday. Aldermen S. D. Gamble and Fred Bakker also were re-elected without opposition. Yates Brown, filling an unexpired term as city secretary, having been appointed last August, was elected for a full two-year term.

HOLD REVIVALS

The revival at the Methodist Church starts April 7 and continues through April 21. The revival at the First Baptist Church started March 27 and ends next Sunday morning.

This Happened in Merkel Forty Years Ago

TAKEN FROM THE 1915 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL

Theodore B. Garoutte, 87, died at the family home, three miles north of Merkel, April 2.

Miss Mabel Laney visited friends in Abilene this week.

Mrs. F. M. Cordell has been critically ill the last 10 days. Her son J. G. Brandon, of Putnam, came Tuesday to visit his mother.

Henry King, F. J. Smith and W. E. Douglas spent a part of this week on the river, angling for the finny tribe, but returned home with few reports that would ordinarily be accepted from fishermen so early in the season.

Elbert Touchstone entertained a few guests Friday evening at his home in West Merkel. Candy making and games were enjoyed by Misses Myrtie Dupree, Winnie

Sharp, Ina Mae Adams, Mamie Ellis, Bessie Touchstone, Messrs. Merle Burroughs, Will Merritt, Lewis Swann, Ed Scott and the host.

Clarence Hamm entertained several couples at his home Friday evening. Rook and progressive 42 were the diversions. His mother served dainty refreshments to Misses Mary Anna Mayfield, Mamie Moore, Kathryn Henderson, Messrs. Q. Rust, Roger and Loring Hamblet.

Mrs. Ruby Harris will entertain the Twentieth Century Club Saturday afternoon at the home of her mother, Mrs. Alice Touchstone.

Workouts are given daily for Merkel Ball Club. The writer believes the Merkel nine is one of the fastest teams in West Texas.

NEWS ABOUT TOWN

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Elliott of Dallas spent the weekend with his mother, Mrs. W. M. Elliott.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Collins of Lubbock were weekend visitors of Mrs. Collins' parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Pinckley, Sr., and Mr. Collins' sister, Mrs. Mary Collins.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Cline and family of Midland visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Marshall, over the weekend.

Mrs. E. B. Gentry of Colorado City visited her son, J. D., and family over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Cook of Morton visited Saturday night with their daughter, Mrs. Harold C. Reynolds, and family. They were on their way to South Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Coleman O'Brien spent Friday and Saturday in College Station returning Sunday, attending to business.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Walker and children, Mr. and Mrs. Desmond Walker and baby of Lubbock spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Fox.

Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Perry and

son Butch of Palm City, Calif., returned home last week after visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Perry, and family and Mrs. Tommie Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Moore and family visited in Baird Sunday with Rev. and Mrs. W. D. Vandandt.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Miller were in Houston the first of last week returning Wednesday.

Sessions Hammond and George Starbuck were home for the weekend from the University of Texas visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hammond and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Starbuck.

Kathy and Karen, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Baze of Lubbock, are visiting their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Baze.

Mr. and Mrs. Hayden Walker and son of Ruidoso, New Mexico, were weekend visitors of his mother, Mrs. W. T. Walker.

Mr. and Mrs. John Oliver and daughter, Patsy, were last weekend visitors of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Oliver and twins of Robert Lee.



Middle Clear Fork Soil Conservation News

Blue panic grass appears to be headed for greater popularity in

obvious. Early blooming shrubs start forming buds for next year's flowers right after their petals fall off in the spring.

Many of our most popular shrubs are early blooming, such as: bridal wreath, flowering peach, and flowering quince, sometimes called japonica. Red bud, golden bell and many others bloom even before leaves come out.

Just after it has bloomed is a good time to cut back pyracantha. It is easy to see where the berries will be formed next winter.

Berries can be evenly distributed over the plant by cutting off limbs near the ground and at uneven heights. In good soil, pyracantha may need to be cut back every year.

Right after pruning is a good time to feed the plants to get them started on making a crop of blooms for next spring.

1955 than ever before.

In the above photo, made in October, 1954, Roy Kelso of Stith, left is showing his 7 acres of blue panic, in May, 1954, to Middle Clear Fork Soil Conservation District supervisors Ed Gist of Hamby, center and Nelson Estes of Elmdale.

Kelso had only two cows and one horse last year, and with several acres of sudan available for grazing, he was unable to fully utilize the crop of blue panic. It grew rank and tall and the stubble caught and held much snow that fell in February of this year.

This field of blue panic, along with other plantings made in 1954 and prior years, put out and was ready for moderate razing by March 15. Recent freezes have frosted the new top growth, but new top growth is already putting out and with rain would furnish abundant grazing before any sudan is planted.

A. V. Teaff and sons, Joe Hartley, H. H. McLeod, Loyd Perry, Holland and Bill Teaff, Comer Haynes, Odell Freeman and Bob Compton of the Merkel-Trent area found that with delayed fall frosts or freezes this grass would furnish green grazing into December, as happened last fall.

Most growers and Soil Conservation Service personnel say that this grass should be planted on good land that is comparatively clean (free of competitive weeds and grass).

Normal planting time is April 1 to June 15, about 2 lbs. seed per acre being the standard planting rate. This grass does best planted in rows and plowed two to three times yearly, according to producers who have grown it for several years.

Dry planting on nearly flat ground with just enough soil on the seed to prevent blowing out is the accepted method of planting.

Farmers and ranchers who have run this grass for several years, then followed it with feed or cotton say that the soil performs much like new ground. This is understandable because blue panic has a dense, matted root system similar to native range grasses and it tends to improve soil structure and condition soil as so many conservation farmers have reported.

This grass lends itself extremely well to a rotation of cash crop-grassland farming, and with current acreage controls in effect, it is possible that it will become a major soil building and grazing crop in the Middle Clear Fork Soil Conservation District.

Soil Conservation Service personnel of the Merkel office estimate that from 4,000 to 5,000 acres of blue panic grass will be planted in the Merkel-Trent area in 1955.



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By LORETA ALLEN IF THEY BLOOM EARLY PRUNE EARLY

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State Capitol NEWS

By VERN SANFORD Texas Press Association

House and Senate committees reported the biggest biennial budget in history. The Senate version calls for \$1.5 billion. The House bill ran slightly less.

In one day of debate, the House passed its bill, calling for \$212 million in two years from the general revenue fund, now currently in the red. It would require \$33,600,000 more than current spending, for general purposes, plus a proposed addition of \$27 million for highways.

Veterans' Affairs Veteran land deals and their investigation resulted in an ever-growing list of legal suits against Bascom Giles, former commissioner of the General Land Office.

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BARBARA WILSON INVITED TO PLEDGE GAMMA SIGMA
Barbara Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wilson, has been invited to pledge the social club at McMurry College. Miss Wilson, a freshman student at the Methodist school, is a pledge of Gamma Sigma, women's social club organized at the college in 1936.

LEGAL NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO THE SHERIFF OR ANY CONSTABLE OF TAYLOR COUNTY, GREETING:

The Citizens National Bank in Abilene, Abilene, Texas, Executor in Texas, of the Estate of Ellis A. Hall, Deceased, having filed in our County Court its Application for Partial Partition and Distribution of the Estate of said Ellis A. Hall, Deceased numbered 4921-A on the Probate Docket of Taylor County, Texas.

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Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at my office in the City of Abilene, Texas, this 25th day of March, A. D. 1955.
(SEAL)

Mrs. Chester Hutcheson Clerk, County Court, Taylor county
I hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Original Writ now in my hands.

Ed Powell
Sheriff Taylor County
By Virgil Wolf, Deputy
Adv. - April 1.

Legal Notices

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

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

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: W. D. Anderson, his wife, Minnie Louise Anderson, Calude David Anderson, Eunice Pearl Anderson, Della Agnes Anderson, Ethel Clarice Anderson and Edith Clara Anderson; if living and if deceased, their unknown heirs, Defendants, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 2nd day of May A. D. 1955, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 14th day of March A. D. 1955, in this cause, numbered 20,411-A on the docket of said court and styled D. W. Harwell and wife, Lucy Harwell and Wylie Harwell and wife, Barbara Ann Harwell, Plaintiffs, vs. W. D. Anderson, his wife, Minnie Louise Anderson, Claude David Anderson, Eunice Pearl Anderson, Della Agnes Anderson, Ethel Clarice Anderson and Edith Clara Anderson; if living and if deceased, their unknown heirs, Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Tresspass to Try Title as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 14th day of March A. D. 1955.

(SEAL)
Attest: R. H. Ross, Clerk,
42nd District Court
Taylor County, Texas
By Irene Crawford, Deputy.
Adv. - March 18, 25, Apr. 1, 8.

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

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

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS
To: May M. Hall, a widow; May M. Hall and husband, if any; or the unknown heirs of May M. Hall, deceased; her heirs, legal representatives assigns or devisees, Defendants, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 104th District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 18th day of April A. D. 1955, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 21st day of

April A. D. 1953, in this cause, numbered 7218-B on the docket of said court and styled Ida Blair McNeil et vir Emmit W. McNeil, Plaintiff, vs. Maud Snyder et vir Edwin Richard Snyder, May M. Hall, a widow, Mary Josephine Eresch and husband Frank R. Eresch, Edmund V. White, Jr., W. L. White, Faye C. Perkins, Leon M. Lyon, Eva Mary Lyon, a feme sole, and Jim Horton, Defendants. A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Suit to establish the ownership and a partition of the following described property situated in Taylor County, Texas:
Being 78 acres out of the South

side of Survey No. 17, Block 18, T&P Ry. Company Land; and 31.7 acres out of the North end of the E. R. Hill Survey No. 12, Block 18, T&P Ry. Co. Land; and 71.5 acres out of the West side of Lot or Sub-division No. 32, League No. 148, Grimes County School Land, being the same property conveyed by Vol Martin to Mary Ella Martin by Deed, dated November 27, 1928 and recorded in Volume 209, page 572 of the Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas.

The Defendant, May M. Hall, owns no interest in this property; as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit. If this citation is not served

within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 5th day of March A. D. 1955.

(SEAL)
Attest: R. H. Ross Clerk,
42nd District Court
Taylor County, Texas
By Irene Crawford, Deputy
Adv. March 18, 25, April 1, 8.

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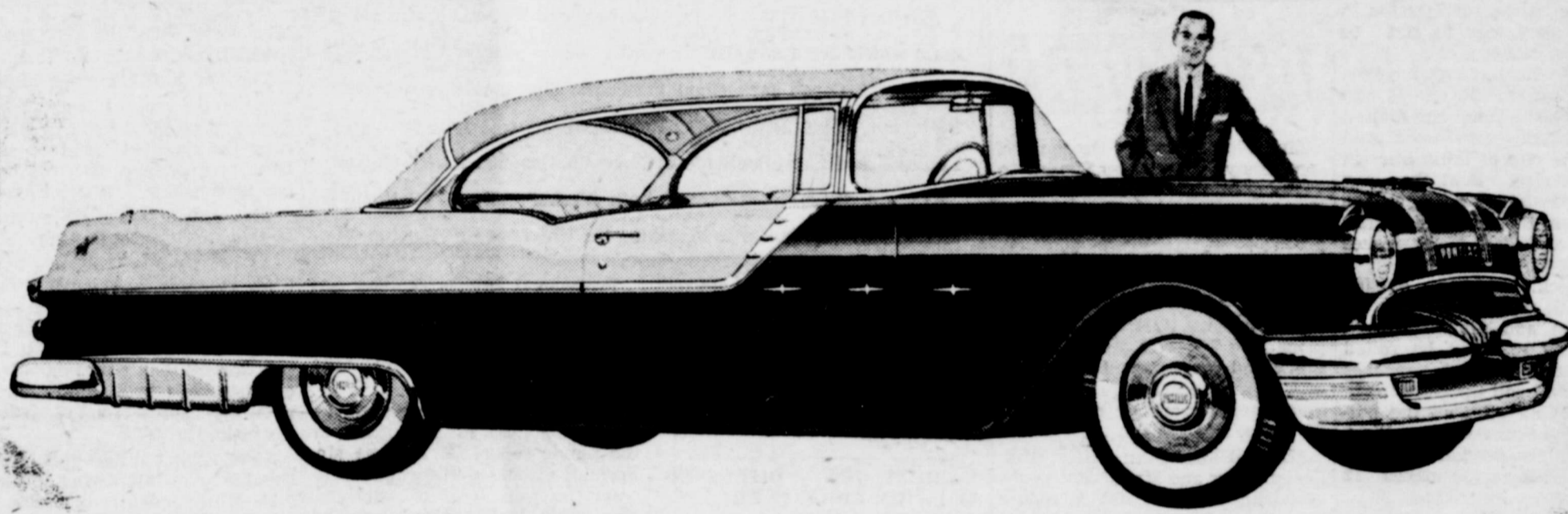
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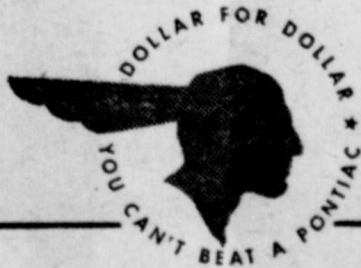
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Doan Brothers To Present Gift To Each Child

J. H. and Carl Doan have taken over the Gulf Station on West Highway 80. On Friday and Saturday they will have a gift for each child with parents who comes to the station.

State Capitol NEWS

By LORETA ALLEN

Recipe of the Week Quick Jelly Pancakes

- 3 eggs, separated
- 1 teaspoon beet or can sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup milk
- 1/2 cup sifted all-purpose flour
- 1 tablespoon melted shortening
- 1 1/2 cups cooked white rice at room temperature

tart fruit jelly
Confectioners' sugar, if desired

METHOD FOR COOKING RICE

To make 3 heaping cups of white, fluffy, perfectly cooked rice put 1 cup uncooked white rice, 2 cups cold water and 1 teaspoon salt into a 2-quart saucepan and bring to a vigorous boil. Turn the heat as low as possible. Cover and leave over this low heat for 14 minutes. Remove saucepan from the heat but leave lid on for 10 minutes.

This makes slightly more cooked rice than is needed for this recipe. Keep the rest of the ready-cooked rice in the refrigerator in a covered container to add to soups, stews, salads, etc.

METHOD: Beat the egg yolks. Stir in the sugar, salt, and 1/2 cup of milk. Add the flour and melted shortening. Mix until smooth. Add the other 1/2 cup of milk. Stir in the cooked rice. Beat the egg whites until stiff. Fold into the rice mixture. Bake on a hot griddle or in a skillet. Make cakes larger than usual but very thin.

Cook quickly so the outside browns well, while the inside remains moist and pliable enough to allow the cakes to be rolled easily. Spread the hot pancakes with jelly and roll up. Serve with the overlapping edge on the bottom to keep cakes from unrolling. Sprinkle with confectioners' sugar, if desired. This recipe makes 12 cakes.

Timely Tips

1. According to the Texas Food Standard for a good diet, one should eat a cereal each day. Use rice as one of the cereals.
2. Rice is on the plentiful food list. For economy, use it often.
3. Cereals contain incomplete protein. Serve with foods such as eggs, milk and meat in order that the complete protein, which they contain will help fill in the gaps of the incomplete protein in the cereals.

AT EASTER PARADE

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Joyce and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. R. Cypert attended the Easter Parade of Fashions in Brownwood Sunday. It was sponsored by the Business and Professional Women of Brownwood. All fabrics were purchased from the Circle Fabric Center of Brownwood.

ON THE FAMILY TREE

How far back can you trace your family tree? J. C. Comegys traces his back to Sweden. Three brothers came to the United States. There are five Comegys families in the United States today. The grandfather of J. C., William Comegys, came to Missouri from Sweden, J. C.'s father, G. E. Comegys, came to Texas.

WARRANTS FOR ROAD

Taylor County commissioners last Friday removed the last obstacle from the U. S. Highway 80 freeway from Abilene west to the Nolan County line with a \$225,000 time warrant issue to buy right-of-way.

Majority of the warrant issue will be used in buying right-of-way for U. S. 80 in Prec. 2 (from Tye to the west county line).

About \$50,000 of the money will be used in converting present U. S. 80 in Merkel into a business route.

Commissioner Rufe Tittle had been awaiting funds to start buying the right-of-way.

OIL NEWS

Potential has been filed with the Railroad Commission for Apache Drilling Co., Inc., of Dallas No. 1. L. G. Orsborn, Section 48 Block 19, T&P Survey. The Palo Pinto strike is two miles southeast of Trent. Operator reported a daily potential of 185.83 barrels of 40 gravity oil.

Deeper of two new wildcats announced for Jones County will be Dugger and Herring, et al, of Abilene No. 1. A. Meadows, 10 miles north of Merkel.



PRIDE OF HOUSTON—The University of Houston sprint relay team which tied the world's record at 40.5 recently, are pictured above with Coach Jack (Pat) Patterson. Shown left to right are Patterson, Doyle Jones, Jerry Beck of Houston, Danny Beone of Lubbock and Larry McBride of Lake Charles. La. Patterson and Jones are distant cousins and both Merkel natives. Patterson coached at Merkel prior to his taking the University of Houston job.

Personals

Mrs. Floy Massey of Denton and son Kenny visited from Sunday to Tuesday with her sister, Mrs. Twyman Collins.

Mrs. J. L. Robbins of Eldorado is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Douglas, and her sister, Mrs. Dervel Teaff.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Clark accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Clark and family spent the weekend at Lubbock in the home of their daughter and sister, Mrs. M. B. Jones, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rister, Mrs. Leroy Riney and Mrs. J. E. Jaynes of Tucumcari, New Mexico visited Monday with their sister, Mrs. R. E. Brown, of Big Lake who is to go to Houston for heart surgery.

Bob Fowler of Lubbock was here Sunday.

MISS LAURELL SHERRELL'S WEDDING DATE ANNOUNCED

The wedding date of Miss Laurel Sherrell to James C. Eubanks has been set, announced Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Sherrell. It will be April 23.

MISSIE SPURGIN HONORED WITH BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Spurgin honored their daughter Missie with a birthday luncheon last Sunday. All their children were present. They were Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Spurgin and children, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Spurgin of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. V. R. Justice and children and Missie of Midland. Also W. J. Bicknell and Miss Frankie Sullivan were present.

YWA ENJOYS CUBAN SUPPER WITH MRS. CLYDE BARTLETT'S

The Vaughnelle YWA of the First Baptist Church met on March 22 in the home of Mrs. Clyde Bartlett. The girls came dressed as Cubans and everything was very colorful. The table was laid in Cuban style and Cuban food was served.

After the supper, the girls took a trip to Cuba to see the sights of the capital city, Havana. There were seven members, two leaders and two visitors present.

UNION RIDGE CLUB MEETS WITH MRS. CLYDE NEWTON

The Union Ridge Home Demonstration Club met Friday, Feb. 18, in the home of Mrs. Clyde Newton for its regular meeting. The president, Mrs. McRee, had charge. Roll call was answered with "A Laundry Short Cut." Prayer was by Mrs. J. H. Clark.

Council report was given by the president, which is always enjoyed very much. Recreation was led by Miss Mabel McRee and was enjoyed by the eight members, one visi-

tor and three children. A demonstration on making hot tamales was given by two club members. Delicious refreshment was served. The next meeting will be Friday, April 4, in the home of Miss Mabel McRee when club pals will be revealed.

'VARIETY MEATS' DISCUSSED AT UNION RIDGE CLUB

"Variety Meats" was the program presented by Miss Loreta Allen, home demonstration agent, to the Union Ridge Home Demonstration Club in the home of Mrs. Kenneth Pee Friday, March 18.

Miss Allen stressed protein value of all varieties of meats, including liver, tongue, sweetbread, brains and heart.

Minutes were approved and roll call was answered by "Name Your Favorite Tree and Tell Why." Council report was given by Mrs. M. L. Douglas. Treasurer's report was made by Mrs. Kenneth Pee.

Mrs. Clyde Newton was presented with a birthday shower. Delicious refreshments were served to one visitor, seven members and two children. The next meeting will be with Mrs. J. C. Walton at 2 p. m. April 1.

MRS. FLETCHER JONES IS HOSTESS TO STITH CLUB

The Stith Home Demonstration Club opened its regular meeting March 23 in the home of Mrs. Fletcher Jones with group singing. The club prayer was repeated. One game was directed by Mrs. J. C. Brown and Mrs. Ted Hudson. Roll call was answered with "Thought for the Day."

Mrs. Bill Childers read the council report and Mrs. Buck Leach was elected parliamentarian.

Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Elbert West demonstrated a lunch or supper menu of Creole franks and buttered cabbage.

Secret pals were revealed and new names were drawn. Mrs. C. B. Rust was hostess gift winner. One visitor, Mrs. Ervin Burton, nine children and 18 members were present.

The next meeting will be April 13 in the home of Mrs. Buck Leach.

FORTNIGHTLY CLUB ENJOYS TALKS ON 'OUR COMMUNITY'

The Fortnightly Study Club met at the Community Center on March 22 with Mrs. Geo. T. Moore acting as hostess.

MRS. P. W. MILLER AND DAVID GAMBLE ADDRESS F. T. A.

The Pat Neff Club met Monday night in the school library. Freddy Boone presided. Betty Chancy read the minutes. Sixteen members were present with the teacher-sponsor, Mrs. Ellen McReynolds. The students first reviewed the state convention at Denton.

At the banquet Merkel's F.T.A. Club received a beautiful loving cup as a first place honor in the state for the best history of the club. Paka Newby and Britta Denton worked long hours on a leather historian's book. Paka did the printing, coloring and artistic illustrations.

Mrs. P. W. Miller and David Gamble were interesting speakers. Mrs. Miller led a round table discussion on "What Will Be Expected of You as a Teacher" and Mr. Gamble talked on "How to Get a Job."

The next meeting will be April 11. The president extended an invitation for four officers to attend the Taylor County Teachers' banquet in April.

Plans were made to begin feeding the Lions Club. There were 18 members present.

Many more people get on in the world than up in it.

FISH JUST WON'T BITE

Now comes Pinky Cypert and his word of wisdom in regard to whether a rich fishing rod or a poor fishing pole can bring better results in the piscatorial art. Comments the learned Pinky: "If the fish won't bite, they won't bite, no matter what kind of fishing equipment you have." "Oh, they are temperamental?" he was asked. "Yes," replied Pinky, "just like human beings."

Capitol Highlights

By OMAR BURLISON HYDROGEN BOMB—SURVIVAL

Fear and frustration have never solved very many problems. Most people will agree that the best way to meet a catastrophe is to prevent it from occurring. We reach the pinnacle of this theory when considering the terror of the hydrogen bomb and how to meet its threat. In the first place, IT JUST MUST NOT HAPPEN.

As a second consideration - what to do SHOULD it happen. Ordinarily we think of our towns and communities in West Texas as being safe from this terrible weapon, but actually they are not.

Val Peterson, the Federal Civil Defense Administrator, discloses that according to the experts, a single H-bomb blast could contaminate an estimated 7,000 square miles. Our area is not beyond some of the sensitive target areas. No person living even on the most remote farm or ranch can consider himself safe from this awful threat.

A simple, old-fashioned, dirt-covered storm cellar, like a lot of us used to frequent when we were being raised up out in the country, is about the best protection against the threatened radiation fall-out. Such a family shelter could be a complete protection against radiation during the eight-or-ten-hour crucial period.

This would mean, of course, that a cellar should be equipped with facilities to take care of the family during these few hours. A geiger counter, along with a battery-operated radio, food and water, would be a useful piece of equipment to have.

Mr. Peterson also urges that geiger counters be acquired by every fire station, police department, and by high school science departments for the training of students in their use.

This is not intended to be any "scare" story, but it certainly does not make the danger any less by ignoring it. If the worst should come, a few simple precautions could provide our greatest chance for survival.

THERE ARE MANY FRONTIERS... still in existence. There are not many territorial or land frontiers left, but as long as there is individual initiative for new ideas, there will be frontiers.

Some of them have barely been scanned and many are still unknown.

Ability and reliability make a good team.

Hospital Notes

Admissions to the Sadler Hospital the past week were:

As medical patients — E. B. Wallace, S. G. Tipton, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Slaton, Marvin Freeman, Mrs. Otis Young, Tommy Grayson, G. C. Smith, fell at home and fractured leg, Cres Gonzales, hung foot on endgate chain of wholesale grocery truck, fell and hit head on endgate, Shirley Cole, M. T. Head, Jack Cannon, Sandra Freeman, Mrs. J. G. Herron.

PFC. BILLY LEWIS IS HOME ON LEAVE FROM KOREA

Pfc. Billy Lewis is home from Korea where he was stationed for nine and a half months. He is the son of Mrs. Mardie Lewis. March 15 he reports back for duty at Camp Pendleton, Calif.

FATAL ACCIDENTS

About 3 out of 10 drivers in fatal accidents in 1953 were violating a speed law. The percentage was slightly over 10 percent higher in rural areas than in cities. — A. & M.

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 Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.
 Training Union 6:30 p. m.
 Evening Worship 7:30 p. m.
 Wednesday Prayer Service 7:30 p. m.
W. M. U. Mon. 9:30 a. m.
Merkel Church of Christ
 Sunday:
 Bible Study 9:45 a. m.
 Morning Service 10:45 a. m.
 Young People's Bible Class 6:30 p. m.
 Evening Services 7:30 p. m.

Merkel First Methodist Church
 Sunday:
 Sunday School 9:50 a. m.
 Morning Worship 10:50 a. m.
M. Y. F. 6:30 p. m.
 Evening Service 7:30 p. m.
Hebron Baptist Church
 Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
 Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.
 Training Union 7:00 p. m.
 Evening Worship 7:30 p. m.
Wednesday:
 Evening Prayer Services
Comper 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.
 Saturday preceding 8 p. m.

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

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

Church Quiz

Can You Name This Church?



Clue: A signal in the tower started a famous ride
Answer: Old North Church - Boston Mass.

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"You are a stranger here but none."

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

Noodle Baptist Church
 Sunday:
 Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
 Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.
 Young People's Class 6:30 p. m.
 Evening Services 7:30 p. m.

Trent Church of Christ
 Sunday:
 Sunday School 11:00 o'clock
 Bible Class 10:00 a. m.
 Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.
 Evening Services 7:30 p. m.
 Ladies Bible Class 4:00 p. m.
 Thursday:

Men's Downtown Bible Class
 Sunday 8:44 a. m.

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

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

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

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

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

TRENT SURVIVORS OF AUTO ACCIDENT AWARDED \$20,000
 A 35th District Court jury at Brownwood has awarded \$20,000 in damages to survivors of two Trent men killed in an automobile collision Jan. 3, 1954, near Bangs. George L. Price, 67, and his son, Cullen Price, 34, were killed when their car collided with another. The jury awarded Mrs. George L. Price, 61, of Trent \$8,000, Mrs. Verneda Price Huddleston, 30, of Trent, \$2,000 and Jerry Price, 10, \$12,000. Mrs. Huddleston was the wife of Cullen Price. Jerry was his son.

MULTI-VITAMIN MILK IS BEING WELL RECEIVED BY PUBLIC
 Growing public interest in the importance of vitamins has been shown in the recent, successful introduction of a new Foremost product, Multi-Vitamin Milk. Foremost Dairy officials announced. The new milk, which contains the adult minimum daily requirements of nine essential vitamins and minerals in every quart, has met with very good acceptance in this market. Milk taste is not affected, in the Foremost process, by the addition of the vitamins and minerals. On the contrary, users of the new product report that Foremost Multi-Vitamin Milk has an even richer flavor than regular homogenized Grade A Milk.

EASTER SEAL CAMPAIGN TO HELP CRIPPLED CHILDREN IS NOW ON
 Olin Culberson, Austin, member of the Texas Railroad Commission and prominent civic leader of the state, was today named chairman of the 1955 Easter Seal Campaign to help crippled children. The Easter Seal Campaign opened March 10, and continued through Easter Sunday, April 10. The object of the campaign is to raise funds for the care and treatment of dependent crippled children of Texas, providing treatments and such material aid as wheel chairs, braces, corrective surgery and other services.

BIDS WANTED
 Electric Water Pump will be sold to the highest bidder. It is a Fairbanks-Morse, Jack Pump Style. It is in good condition. It may be seen on the Trent School Campus. All bids must be in by 7 p. m. Monday, April 4, 1955. Bids will be accepted by Supt. W. W. Williams, Trent, Texas.—adv. 113.

Clesby Patterson Will Preach Here Sunday Morning

Clesby Patterson will preach at 11 a. m. Sunday at the First Methodist Church. Mr. Patterson is studying for the ministry at McMurry College. Dr. George Stineman, head of the Bible department at McMurry, will lecture at the 7:30 evening service. Dr. Stineman's subject will be "Crosses of Christendom." He will display his collection of 200 crosses from 40 countries. He has been over 20 years making this collection. Many have come from persons who sent them to him, knowing of his collection. The public is invited.

Man From Iraq Gives Good Talk On India, Pakistan

Eddie Sequerra of Iraq spoke at the evening service of the First Methodist Church last Sunday. He is a sophomore at McMurry College. He spoke on India and Pakistan, subjects being studied by the WSCS, who were in charge of the program. Mrs. Ray Wilson introduced the speaker. Mr. Sequerra's talk was well received.

Local Baptist Women Attend World Conference

The Women's Missionary Union of the First Baptist Church attended the World Mission Conference at Ft. Worth Monday to Wednesday of last week. There were 150 home and foreign missionaries on the program. Rev. Glen Braswell of Billings, Mont., former local pastor, was on the program. The local ladies spent Monday night with Mrs. Floy Massey in Denton. Those who attended the conference from here were Mesdames Don Riney, Coleman O'Brien, Newt Logan, Lucy Ford, G. D. McConnell, Twyman Collins, C. S. Carey, Dent Gibson, Ollie Fox, Bill Largent, Clarence Perry and T. F. Harris.

TO PREACH SUNDAY

Dr. Millard A. Jenkins, who was unable to preach here last Sunday, will be here this Sunday at the First Baptist Church. Dr. W. C. Ashford, former pastor of the Abilene Southside Baptist Church, filled the pulpit. Rev. Sam Tullock is conducting a revival in Rome, Ga., and will return here April 9.

REVIVAL TO END

The revival at the Trent Methodist Church will be concluded with the Sunday night service. Rev. J. W. Fielder of the Richardson Methodist Church is the evangelist. The services have been well attended with the auditorium being filled each night. The public is invited, said Rev. Evan V. Brian, pastor.

MRS. T. L. GRIMES' BROTHER SUCCUMBS IN DALLAS SUNDAY

Davis Jones of Dallas died of a heart attack Sunday morning and was buried Monday. He was the brother of Mrs. T. L. Grimes. She and her husband attended the funeral. Mr. Jones formerly lived in Merkel.

MISS DENTA GIBSON LEAVES FOR PAMPA WHERE SHE HAS WORK

Miss Denta Gibson left Sunday for Pampa to work for Dr. H. L. Meader, dentist. Denta will be his assistant.

ROY WEATHERBY WITH SALES FORCE OF PAUL HONEYCUTT

Roy Weatherby of Abilene is now on the sales force of the Paul Honeycutt Motors. Mr. Weatherby has been with Ford franchise dealers for years.

SCOUT TROOP NO. 19 CLIMBS EAST PEAK SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Boy Scout Troop No. 19 made another trip to the mountains Sunday afternoon. They climbed East Peak, south of Merkel. Five boys were in the group and also Dr. James H. Chaney, scoutmaster, and John Wheeler, committeeman.

We learned long ago that the best way to make a fire with two sticks is to be sure one of them is a match.

CLASSIFIED AD SECTION

NOTICE MASONS
 Stated meeting of Merkel Lodge No. 710, A. F. & A. Saturday, April 2, at 7:30 p. m. All members are urged to attend. Visiting brethren cordially invited.
 D. R. Butler, W. M.
 Truett Thompson, Sec'y.

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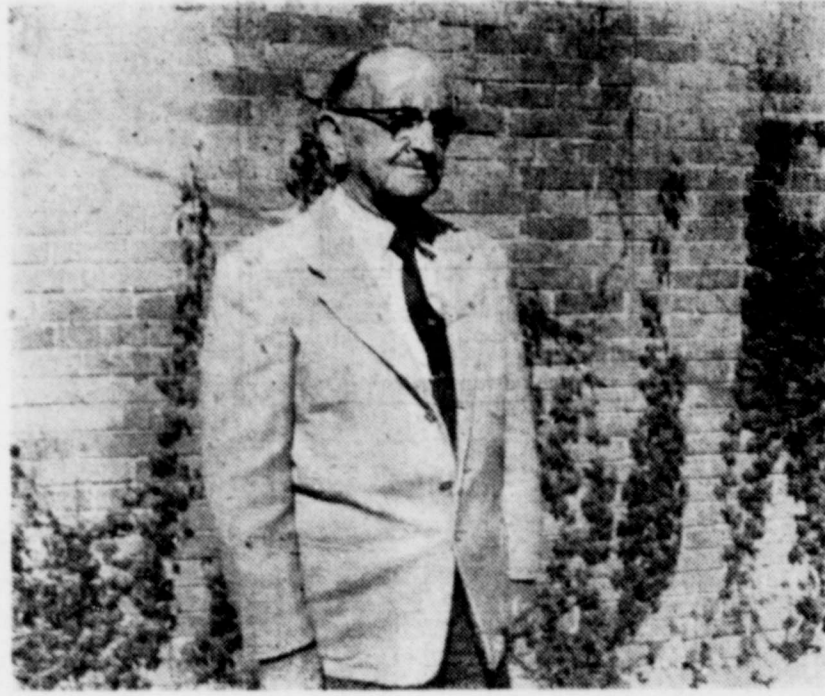
DIVIDEND DECLARATION

The Merkel Telephone Company, Inc., has declared its seventh consecutive quarterly dividend, due April 1, 1955, payable to holders of 6% cumulative preferred stock of record of March 25, 1955.
 T. H. ODUM
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EDITORIALS

PAUL W. WEST

The large crowd and the wealth of beautiful flowers at his funeral revealed the great love that people had for Paul W. West. They showed the kindly spot he had in the hearts of the people.

Paul had a love of life. He displayed it in the contacts he had with the public. He offered it in his friendship with those about him. He revealed it in his home.

Only a short time ago he redecorated and painted his home, making it a picture of beauty. When he became seriously ill the doctors told him to take things easier. But Paul could not sit still and watch the world go by. He had to be doing something.

The last time we talked to him in our office he said, "They want me to be quiet. But I can't do that. When I go down town I can't stand around. I do what I

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have to do and go back home. There, I go out in the yard and work. I just can't sit and do nothing."

That was Paul. He loved the movement of life, he loved to work in his yard, he loved to do things. But he did not see life as a race. And he was kind enough to caution us. He would notice us rushing headlong across the street.

"What's the hurry?" he would ask. "Take it easier. You'll feel better. Get a rhythm in your walk." And we would slow down.

Paul is gone now. We miss his watchful eye. We miss his cheerful hello. We miss his friendship. But his memory lingers on. It lingers on in the minds and hearts of his loved ones, his friends and those who met him in everyday life. It is a kind memory, a memory of one who loved life and imparted that love to those about him.

COACH TOMMY ELLIS

Last week we wrote a few words about our Tommy Ellis being named as West Texas' outstanding Class A coach. Since then new recognition has come to him. He has been made head basketball coach at McMurry College to take effect June 1.

He has been basketball coach here for five years. During that time his teams have won 86 games and lost 36. They won their district title in Class A basketball last year and this.

In all this Tommy has been very modest. This year he predicted the Badgers might finish third or fourth. They finished first in the district.

Tommy knows how to work with boys and get the best out of them.

We know it is a great loss for us but we wish him well and hope that he continues to develop winning teams. Along with all his friends here, we congratulate him.

SPRING

Spring has come. But came in like winter.

Early Monday morning, March 21, there was a shower here. But it was a shower of hail. The cars that were out all night had slabs of ice on them. The yard looked like someone had opened up a pillow and had let out the feathers. And then in the afternoon a few snowflakes fell.

So, all in all, it was winter in the springtime!

"WHITEICISM"

That's ALL — and the Sage of Figfield adds that a day rare in spring may be as cold as winter.

Hilarious Fun In 'Keystone Kops' At Queen Theatre

The hilarity of Hollywood's silent picture days becomes sheer bedlam when Bud Abbott and Lou Costello take up this fabulously funny era in "Abbott and Costello Meet the Keystone Kops," which roars to a riotous opening Friday and Saturday at the Queen Theatre.

The howls start when Bud and Lou, fresh from the thrill of a Nickelodeon thriller, are lured into investing money they don't own in a movie studio that doesn't exist. And the momentum of merriment builds as the comedians trek to Hollywood to unmask the embezzler, only to turn into the wackiest stunt-men who ever turned the movies upside-down.

CUTTING GRASS

Improper mowing is responsible for deterioration of many lawns. Close mowing will thin the turf and lower its resistance to drought. Keep the grass at a height of one and one-half to two inches.

Song and Dance Stars Pack Show

A shipload of song-and-dance stars, a cargo of laughs, four romances and Vincent Youmans song hits add up to entertainment in a big way in G-G-M's happy new CinemaScope musical, "Hit the Deck," which plays Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at the Queen Theatre.

"Hit the Deck" needs more room than the average theatre marquee affords to list its glittering array of stars — Jane Powell, Tony Martin, Debbie Reynolds, Walter Pidgeon, Vic Damone, Gene Raymond, Ann Miller, Russ Tamblyn — who raise the roof in a tune-fest jamboree of fun, frolic and fanfare involving three sailors on a San Francisco leave.

By VERN SANFORD
WATER PROGRAM — Final Senate approval has been given a proposed constitutional amendment calling for a \$100 million state aid program for local water conservation. If the House approves it, it will go to the people September 20. A state property tax of three cents per \$100 value

would finance the bill. Governor Shivers went back a second time to appear before the Senate investigation committee.

Commending the investigators for their work, Gov. Shivers said, "There isn't anything as wholesome as bringing out the real facts

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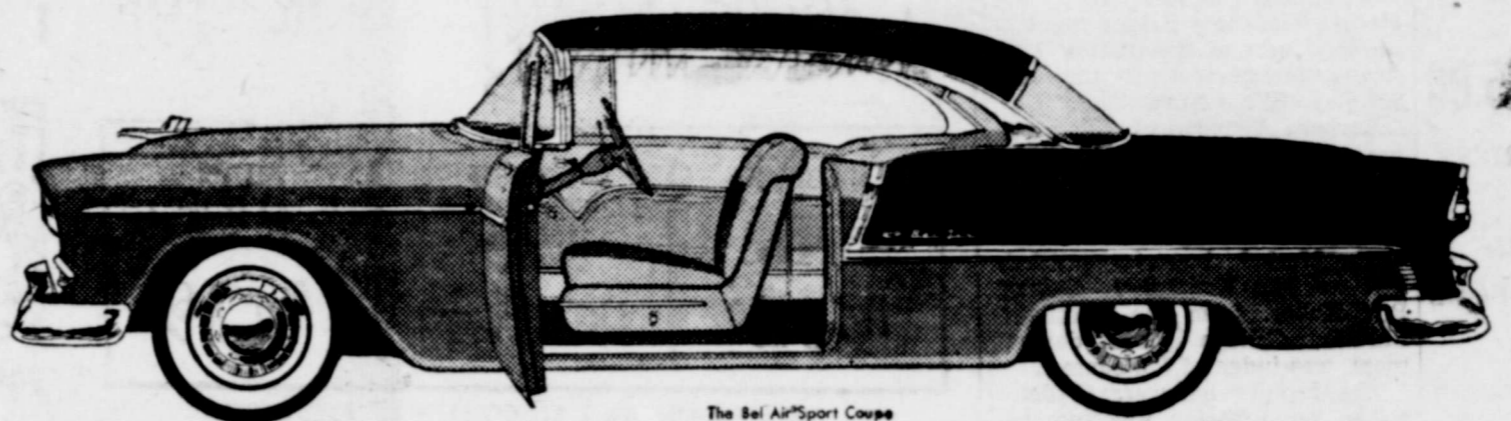
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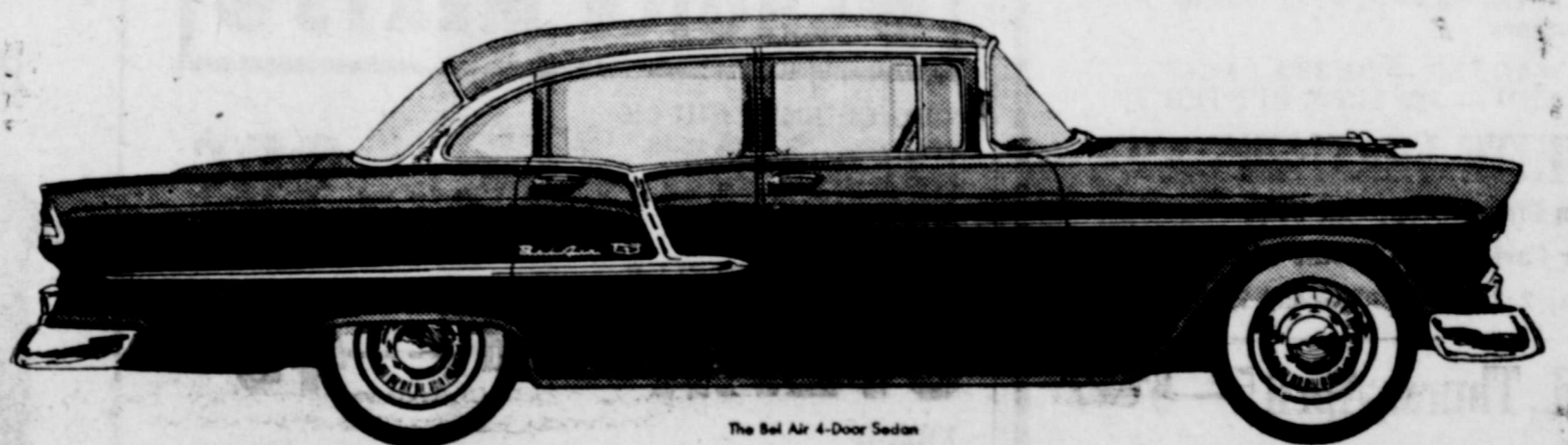
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Red Cross Drive Now Totals \$904 Says Johnny Cox

The Red Cross drive in the Merkel area is about completed as planned, stated Chairman Johnny Cox.

"The report made to the Abilene headquarters showed a total of \$904.83," said Mr. Cox. "A supplemental report is to be made in a few days for a few not contacted who were out of town."

"Even though somewhat less than our goal, this year's drive has more than doubled last year's total. More than 60 persons have worked on the drive. Their whole-hearted cooperation together with the wonderful spirit of all who gave is typical of the spirit of the people of the Merkel area in helping in this great humanitarian agency."

"May I sincerely thank all who worked and gave especially Mrs. McFarland who kept the records, Lester Dorton for his cooperation and use of the Taylor Electric Coop building for the meeting of workers and to Editor Hy White for the splendid publicity," said Chairman Cox.

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PAYS DIVIDEND

The Merkel Telephone Company will pay its seventh consecutive quarterly dividend April 1 on its 6 per cent preferred stock, announced Tommy Odum, vice president.

Amateur League Is Now Proposed By Sweetwater

An independent amateur baseball league may be organized this summer. This will be non-salaried, home talent clubs.

The towns invited are Snyder, Lamesa, Colorado City, Hamlin, Sweetwater, Ballinger, Winters, Merkel, Bronte and other towns interested. It is proposed to have one night game and one Sunday afternoon game each week.

Those interested are requested to contact O. O. Hollinger, Sweetwater, Texas.

Rotan Wins Play Contest Last Friday

Rotan High School edged out Merkel High here Friday night in the first part of the District 11-A spring literary meet with their one act play, "What Never Dies."

Barbara Aldridge of Rotan was named the best actress in the contest with another Rotan youth, Patsy Ratliff, being named runner-up.

The Merkel play was entitled, "Where The Whirlwind Bows." Rex Kyker, from the Abilene Christian College speech department, was judge of the contest.

The Merkel actors were: Clydene Eager, Sonja Horton, Kay Toombs, and James Simpson.

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