


Memorial Day



No longer is May 30th a day of tribute to those who gave their lives in any one war. It is a day dedicated to ALL those in ALL our wars who have made the supreme sacrifice for the ideal of freedom . . . for the protection and preservation of our American way of life. Let's remember them by not forgetting our obligation to carry on. In America, freedom is everyone's responsibility!

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Mr. and Mrs. Luther Fleming of Long Beach, Calif., were guests of her sister, Mrs. H. R. McKeever and family, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy O'Brien, of Big Spring, were weekend visitors with Mr. and Mrs. C. A. O'Brien and family.

Mrs. Ernest Joyce, of Joyce's, is spending the week in Dallas where she is attending the fall market.

Mr. J. W. Hammond underwent major surgery at Baylor Hospital, in Dallas, Monday morning.



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JUNE 1955

Rules for membership contest:

- I. Membership for points are to be solicited throughout the month of June 1955
- II. Membership for points are limited to personal memberships only at the accepted rate of \$1.00 per month per member in accordance with the charter of the Merkel Chamber of Commerce.
- III. One point (1) shall be given for each new membership signed prior to June 1, 1955 shall be eligible for points in the membership contest.
- IV. Only local women's clubs, with in the city of Merkel, are considered as eligible for this contest, and all of them shall be considered as contestants.
- V. The Merkel Chamber of Commerce Personal Membership Contest shall end midnight June 30, 1955. After a reasonable period of time for tally of memberships, a cash award of fifty (\$50.00) will be presented to the president of the club having obtained the most memberships.

These rules were laid down and accepted by the permanent membership committee of the Merkel Chamber of Commerce on May 23, 1955.

George Rowland, Chairman
 Earl Hughes
 Robert Hodge
 Holt Vaughn
 Anna Marie Hewitt

LEGAL NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS

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

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS

To: Fred Gann, Defendant,
 Greeting:
 YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honor-County at the Courthouse thereof, 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 13th day of June A. D. 1955, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 25 day of April A. D. 1955, in this cause, numbered 20,505-A

on the docket of said court and styled Cora Etta Gann, Plaintiff, vs. Fred Gann, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and defendant were married on or about February 28, 1952 and Plaintiff and Defendant separated on or about April 21, 1952. Plaintiff sues for annulment on ground of incompatibility, 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 25 day of April A. D. 1955.

(SEAL)
 Attest: R. H. Ross Clerk,
 42nd District Court
 Taylor County, Texas
 By C. Bower, Deputy.
 Adv. — May 6, 13, 20, 27.

(Published in The Merkel Mail May 20, 27, and June 3, 1955)
ADVERTISEMENT OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

We, the subscribers, have this day entered into limited partnership agreeably to the provision of the Revised Statutes relating to limited partnerships; and do hereby certify that the terms of our said partnership are as follows:

The name or firm under which the partnership is to be conducted is Guin Oil Company, Ltd.

The general nature of the business to be transacted is exploring, drilling and producing oil and oil and gas products.

The names of all the general and special partners interested therein, distinguishing which are general and which are special partners, and their respective places of residence, follows:

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- Walter C. Guin, special partner, San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas.
- Tom A. Guin, special partner, Big Spring, Howard County, Texas.
- Dorothy M. Ham, special partner, Arlington, Tarrant County, Texas.
- Ada L. Leary, special partner, Midland, Midland County, Texas.

The amount of capital which each special partner has contributed to the common stock is \$10,000 in property situated in Sal-lahan County, Texas.

The period at which the partnership is to commence is the 1st day of April, 1955, and the period at which it is to terminate is the 31st day of March, 1980.

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 ADA L. LEARY
 SPECIAL PARTNERS.

To be published once a week for 3 weeks, in The Merkel Mail, a newspaper published in the City of Merkel, Taylor County, Texas.
 Mrs. Chester Hutcheson,
 County Clerk
 Taylor County, Texas
 By Inez Williams Deputy
 Adv.

CARD OF THANKS

Thanks a million times to the people of this vicinity who helped us in any way since our home was destroyed by fire. May the Lord's richest blessings be upon you as our prayer.

The J. E. Bayless Family,
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NEWS
 County Home
 Demonstration Agent
 Texas A. & M. College
 Extension Service

Miss Mable McRee and Mrs. M. L. Douglass attended Home Demonstration Council meeting in Abilene. The Home Demonstration club women of the county brought in the boxes they have been packing to send to Korea. They are sending sewing equipment and material for the 4-H girls over there.

Women have been talking about the new stretchable hose which is something new in the world of hosiery.

The new stretchable hose, which have both advantages and disadvantages, are made of a type of nylon yarn. The yarn is made of many fine filaments, which when relaxed become contracted and coiled. This special yarn allows tremendous stretch.

Some advantages of this yarn are better fit, more comfort and longer wear, provided certain precautions are taken.

A disadvantage, for which manufacturers have not yet found a remedy, is "piling" or roughing up when the surface of the hose comes in contact with rough skirt hems, harsh lace or slips, or the rough lining of overshoes or boots.

As is true with everything in the pilot stage, the price of the new hose is relatively high.

If you want to experiment with the hose, specialists say that you should be prepared to pay higher prices; and check the hems of your skirts and slips for harsh or rough places.

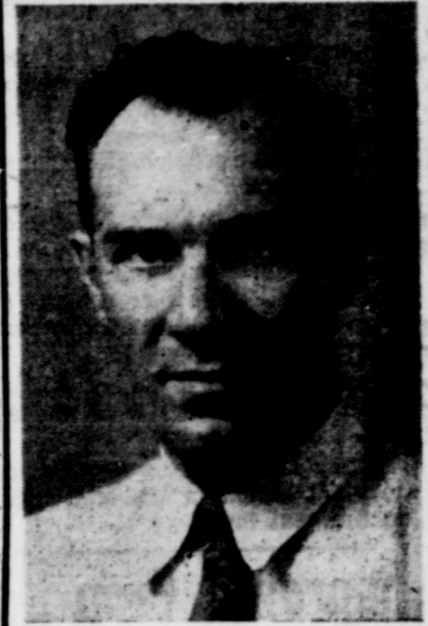
Here is a recipe you might like to try now that new potatoes are plentiful on the market.

New Potatoes au Gratin
 2 pounds new potatoes
 3 tablespoons butter or margarin
 3 tablespoons flour
 1 1/2 cups milk
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 Dash pepper
 1/2 cup grated cheese
 Scrub potatoes and cook in boiling salted water until tender. Peel. Melt butter or margarine stir in flour and add milk gradually. Cook over low heat, stirring constantly, until thickened. Season with salt and pepper. Add potatoes to sauce and arrange in casserole

Sprinkle cheese over top of potatoes and place under broiler or in a hot oven until cheese is melted and golden brown. Makes 6 servings.

action.
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It's amazing how quickly pennies can grow into millions of dollars. But it is with pennies that Texas is solving its financial problem.

Big discussion of the week has been the proposed two cent increase in gasoline tax. Right behind that big topic has been the increase in cigarette taxes and the hike to 1c per bottle (\$1.30 per barrel) in beer taxes.

With these topics before them, the Legislators came back almost to where they started — namely Gov. Allan Shivers' original tax recommendations. Tossed out by other tax proposals.

When the tax bill bogged down in the Senate, Governor Shivers threw in a surprise strategy move.

By message, he told the House and Senate — now working without pay — that if they wanted to end this session, he would call them back in a special session when they could be paid \$25 a day.

Lt. Gov. Ben Ramsey and Speaker Jim Lindsey at once responded that the session could complete the tax chore, unblock the billion and a half dollar appropriation bill, and finish its job.

Filibuster Record Busted
For the third time during the 1955 Legislative session, a new talkathon mark was established by a member of the usually sedate Senate.

This time the speaker was Sen. Kilmer Corbin of Lubbock who took 28 hours 25 minutes against a state water project financing plan.

Previous holder of the record was Sen. Wayne Wagonseller of Bowie. Before that it was Sen. Jimmie Phillips of Angleton.

Corbin was opposing a committee report on Sen. Dorsey Hardeman's proposed constitutional amendment to the \$100,000,000 water program. He was objecting to the three-cent ad valorem levy.

Governor Shivers had advocated the plan as a key part of his water conservation legislation. The proposal would set up a six-man board, to be appointed by the Governor. Corbin also contended that the board should be elected, rather than appointed. In objecting to the method of tax-

ation, Corbin said that it would mean a burden of water projects in other districts.

Like the other "billibusters," it was fruitless.

Rain Steals the Show

General rains throughout the state stole the spotlight from the Legislators the past week. It was NEWS — BIG news. Even where there were floods, there were smiles of gratitude for the moisture.

As for the capital city, weathermen here report that Austin already has received more rain this year than it did throughout 1954.

Recent almost statewide rains have changed Texas' crop outlook from "dismal failure" to "fairly good" according to Agricultural Commissioner John C. White. Rain came too late to help the wheat and oats, says White, but benefits to pasturelands were rated "excellent." He pointed out the need for a normal amount of moisture the rest of the year.

Probe in Senate

Lack of information prompted them to approve veterans land deals as a matter of routine. So said two state officials testifying in the Senate phase of the Land Office investigations.

State Comptroller Robert S. Calvert and State Auditor C. H. Cavness were the witnesses.

Cavness showed a form used by Giles to request funds for loans. Bearing the seal of the land board, the form carried no signature other than Giles'.

"Nothing came to us to cause us to have any suspicions," Cavness said, adding that he had assumed the deals had been approved by a majority of the three-member board.

Governor Shivers and Atty. Gen. John Ben Shepperd recently have made affidavits to the effect that they were absent from board meetings on certain dates when the minutes cited that they were present.

From San Antonio, the district attorney's office announced it was demanding the maximum 10-year prison term for Giles, in his scheduled trial on charges of accepting a \$30,000 bribe. Also that C. V. Wynn and Arthur McKenzie of San Antonio, charged with offering the bribe, would "turn state's evidence" against Giles.

Week-end discussion of a further postponement of the trial was based on the reported employment of an unnamed member of the Legislature as counsel. This is automatic grounds for continuance until 30 days after adjournment of the Legislature.

Short Snorts

Farmers Get Ready to Plant After Rainfall

Farmers in the Merkel area were jubilant this week as an additional shower dumped as much as an inch of rain in some areas, but the land still needs much more moisture to dampen the subsoil which has been dry so long.

Merkel received 80 of an inch of rain, according to Harry Woodrum, weatherman, but some areas north of here reported as much as an inch of rain.

Some farmers in the southeast part of the area reported they were able to plant cotton and other row crops this week, but it was because of the additional rainfall this week.

The rain swept into Merkel on the heels of blowing dust early Monday morning. The winds were strong, and some places north of here reported that tree limbs were blown off by the wind.

Wind and dust came again Wednesday, but farmers were getting into the fields anyway.

Many farmers were getting set to plant cotton in the area within the next few days.

Improved Crop Outlook Seen After Rainfall

Recent heavy rains in many areas of the state have changed the Texas crop outlook from "dismal failure" to "hopeful prospects."

Yet regardless of the immediate picture, it is evident that Texas farmers and ranchmen still will need a "normal" amount of additional moisture the rest of this year.

Enough rain has fallen to assure a good grain sorghum planting conditions in the production belt from Corpus Christi to the High Plains region. In the next few weeks, farmers will be busily planting millions of acres to this crop.

Cotton prospects are now fairly good after a disheartening start. Even though the rain washed out some fields and some hail damaged others, it is not too late to replant, in most cases. Hopes for corn look even better than cotton.

Unfortunately, the rain came too late to do much good for Texas wheat. Oats are gone for the most part but benefits to pastureland cannot be underestimated. Ranchmen hail the rains as "the best in the last five years" in Central and North Central Texas.

Despite the unusual amount of rainfall, however, the relief cannot be termed as a "drouth breaker." Damage done by five extremely dry years will not be repaired by a week of rain. A vast area of South Texas, extending from Alice to Laredo and north to San Antonio has received only spotted downpours.

Water reserves are still short in many sections except those which received more than five inches. The initial showers must be followed by additional moisture equal to a normal year's supply before the threat to our water reserve is past.

A thief is one who puts the "take" in mistake.

Many Relatives Attend Funeral

Relatives who attended the John Meeks funeral Sunday were:

Mrs. J. C. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Walker and Mrs. L. A. Z. Maff, all of Carnegie, Okla., Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Hester, Plainview, Texas, J. A. Meeks, Post, Texas, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Isbell, Joe Meeks, San Angelo, Texas, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Wilson and Glenn, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Morrison, Plainview, Texas, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Meeks, Post, Texas, Mrs. Ellis Meeks, Bailey Meeks and Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Meeks and family, Hamlin, Texas, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Groggin, Anson, Texas, Mrs. Jose Hester and Allen Hester, Knox City, Texas, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Meeks, Hamlin, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Campbell and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Campbell, of Snyder, Texas, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hado and son, Floyd, of Quanah, Texas, Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Thornton, Midland, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Campbell and family, Wilson, Texas, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Cleckler, Abilene, Texas, Mr. and Mrs. John Campbell and Laura, Merkel, and Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Thornton, Seymour, Texas.

In addition many out of town friends attended.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Latimer, their son, Odel Latimer, and grandson, David, of Douglas, Ariz., are visiting Mr. Latimer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Latimer and other relatives.

MERKEL BAND ACTIVE DURING YEAR; OFFICERS ELECTED FOR NEXT TERM

The Badger Band has been active in many events during the past school year. Many good things have been accomplished.

The year started with the arrival of the new west point style uniforms. They have added color to their appearances.

The band has made appearances at the following events: Tri-County Jubilee at Hamlin, pep-rallies, football games, basketball games, Merkel Christmas Parade, Abilene Christmas Parade, Sweetwater Band Festival, Snyder Band Festival and the Brownwood Band Clinic. They also entered the Interscholastic League contest at Abilene.

At the Marching contest, which was held in December, the band received a second division rating. The Twirling contest was also held at that time. Those entering and their ratings were: Barbara Morgan I, Pat Palmer I, Jackie Hogan I, Imogene Thomas I, Paka Newby I, Johnnie Tipton I, Becky Raye II, Elsie Ward II, Twyla Moore II, and Lois Campbell II.

The concert playing and sight reading contests were held in April at McMurry College. The band received a first division rating in concert playing and a second in sight reading. Several members of the band entered solos. They were James Simpson-trumpet I, JoAnn Malone - saxophone - II, Britta Denton-clarinet-III, Betty Chancey-tenor saxophone-III, Manley Denton-trombone-II, Don Wilson-drum-III, and Harry Odum-cornet-III. The Piano accompanist was Mrs. Robert Malone.

Officers for 1955-56 were elected at a meeting held recently at the band hall. Those chosen were Homer Payne-president, Kermit Rutledge-vice president, Betty Chancey-secretary, and Johnnie Tipton-reporter. Officers for the past school year were Larry Joyce-president, Kermit Rutledge-vice-president, Britta Denton-secretary, and Johnnie Tipton-reporter.

There are seven seniors graduating this year. They are Glenda Petty, Gloria Teaff, trombones; Pat Palmer, alto saxophone and majorette; Jackie Hogan, cornet and majorette; Kay James, French horn; Britta Denton, clarinet; and Paka Newby, cornet and drum major.

Perhaps one thing that some people look forward to most at the end of the school term is the naming of the Drum Major and Majorettes for the coming school year. Mr. W. G. Reed, band director, has stated his choices. A twirler is not picked for her-twirling ability alone, although it is the main factor. Her ability to associate with others and her scholastic record is also taken in consideration. Errol Rutledge will be Drum Major next year. Majorettes will be Johnnie Tipton, Imogene Thomas and Virginia Criswell.

All activity was brought to a close with a picnic at State Park May 14. Rehearsals will be held during the summer.

NEW COURSE PLANNED
Hardin-Simmons University will offer courses designed especially for teachers who work with handicapped and retarded children during the summer session Alton E. Lee, director of the summer school, has announced.



4-H YOUTH — Ronnie Barnett, 11, Merkel 4-H boy, has been active in 4-H club work for the past 3 years. Here he is shown with the steer calf from Largent and Sadler. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Barnett. Last year he had the county dry lot champion.

Texas Cowboy Reunion. There will be several ranch chuckwagons on hand but all will be hauled by truck except the 6666 wagon.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Carson and children are on a vacation in South Texas for several days.

Darrell Kunkel, Fox, Okla., is visiting with Leonard Jackson this week.

Join the Chamber.

An Appeal for 101 Days of Safe Driving

During the summer months—from Memorial Day through Labor Day—highway traffic fatalities are high. So high that the Governors' Conference has endorsed a nation-wide safe driving program during the 101 days between the two holidays.

Only you, the motorist, can make this campaign a success... If you, and every other highway traveler, will resolve to drive at a safe speed, to follow the recommendations of Safety Associations for safe highway driving, literally hundreds of lives will be saved during this summer's travel. One of them may be your own.

Wherever you drive this summer, **PLEASE DRIVE SAFELY**

Safety Associations recommend that you follow these simple rules for a safe vacation trip:

- Observe all posted speed limits; don't hurry, ever.
- Regulate the speed of your car to highway and traffic conditions.
- Don't drive too long—stop when you're tired.
- Observe all highway caution warnings—slow down for curves, when descending steep hills, etc.
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Texas Farms In Review On TV

Each year communities from all over Texas compete in a rural neighborhood improvement contest. How some of these communities improved their farms, houses and town will be shown next week on The Humble Company's TV program Texas in Review.

From Seguin will come films of Texas Lutheran College's accredited course in water skiing.

Other features on the same program include a visit to the Southern Pacific's automatic switching yard in Houston.

Texas in Review can be seen on KRBC-TV Abilene, 8:00 p.m.



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PHONE 19

Merkel 20 Years Ago

TAKEN FROM THE 1935 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL

Merkel and this section was drenched with 3 1/4 inches of rain—greatest precipitation in one day in over two years and bringing the total for the last week to 5 1/4 inches.

Since May 1 the rainfall here has measured 13 inches according to weather observer Grover Hale. This is only about an inch less than the 1934 total rainfall and affords wonderful sub season for this year's crops.

Farmers of the Merkel and Trent areas Wednesday afternoon received their first 1935 checks for cottonland rented to the government under the Bankhead production curb measure. A batch of

896 checks totaling \$26,165.82 for Taylor county farmers was received.

Expenditure of \$1,395 for budgetary labor on project supplementing improvement of the Butman school grounds was listed in the new work projects.

There are 60 students in the graduating class of Merkel high. The valedictory was given by Evelyn Ensminger and salutatory by Billie Wood.

Booth Warren, Yates Brown, S. P. Mesmith and Dr. L. C. Zephenfennig were named delegates to the Lions district convention at Vernon.

This Happened in Merkel Forty Years Ago

Tuesday afternoon the city council met in adjourned session to pass on new ordinances. On invitation of the mayor several auto owners were present to voice their approval or disapproval to the auto regulations the city now has in force. One feature of the regulation was the speed at which machines should be driven.

Alderman Harris made a motion for 10 miles per hour in the business section of town and Alderman Boyce objected, saying 12 would be better. Much discussion followed and various opinions were given as to how fast or how slow an auto could be driven. Mr. Harris failed to get a second to his motion and Mr. Boyce asked for a second to his. Austin Boyd, an invited guest, and auto owner, who was temporarily enthused over the 12 mile regulation, seconded the motion before a second could be offered by any member

of the city council.

Finally after the mirth had subsided, Alderman Hamilton seconded the motion, making the second legal, and 12 miles became the legal speed limit in Merkel.

Another question offering many objectionable features was when and when should not, all autos have their lights burning. City attorney Mims drew the ordinance to read from 30 minutes after sundown until the same number before sunrise.

Another regulation was forcing autos to drive to the right and to park all vehicles on the right side of the street, making turns at end of the block only, in business section of town.

Despite the generations of those who have viewed-with-alarm, the world seems to be getting along about as well as one might expect.

Gunman of Today Coward Says Star

"Today's gunman is a coward compared to the Western badman of yesterday," says George Montgomery, starred in Columbia Pictures' thrilling new outdoor drama Friday and Saturday at the Queen Theatre, "Masterson of Kansas," in color by Technicolor and featuring Nancy Gates and James Griffith.

"The Western badman of those days," explains Montgomery, "was a cold-blooded killer and I hold no brief for him. But at least he'd ride into a town single-handed and do his dirty work alone. This isn't true of today's gunman."

"Masterson of Kansas" is the gun-blazing saga of Bat Masterson, famed sheriff of Dodge City who drove the lynch mobs out of Kansas. William Castle directed the outdoor thriller and Sam Katzman produced.

Sammy Davis, Jr. Sings Title Song

The voice of popular Decca recording artist, Sammy Davis, Jr., will be heard singing the special title-theme song "Six Bridges to Cross" in the picture of the same name which shows Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at the Pioneer Drive-In Theatre with Tony Curtis, Julie Adams and George Nader in starring roles. Movie star Jeff Chandler wrote the lyric and Henry Mancini composed the music for "Six Bridges to Cross," which is also sung by Sammy Davis, Jr. on a current Decca record release.

"Six Bridges to Cross," directed by Joseph Pevney and produced by Aaron Rosenberg, is based on the story Collier's magazine called a true-to-life parallel to the great \$2,500,000 Boston robbery, a story which became a sensation i

Bing Sings New Hits at Queen

No Bing Crosby picture would be complete without some music sung as only the "Old Groaner" can sing it, and his current Paramount picture "The Country Girl" is no exception.

In the film, which stars him with Grace Kelly and William Holden and which shows Tues., Wed. & Thurs. at the Queen Theatre, Bing has four terrific tunes, written by Harold Arlen and Ira Gershwin. They are "The Search Is Through," "It's Mine, It's Yours (The Pitchman),"

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Return these to the pastor by Saturday, June 4.

June 5 _____ "A Man Who Went To Pieces" (a) Moses

June 12 _____ "A Man Who Didn't Know Where He Was Going" (b) Nathan

June 19 _____ "Man Who Wanted What He Wanted" (c) Saul

June 26 _____ "Man Who Refused To Be Beaten" (d) Noah

July 3 _____ "A Man Who Saw The Invisible" (e) Esther

July 10 _____ "A Man Who Said, "Why Blame Me?" (f) David

July 17 _____ "A Woman Who Took Her Life In Her Own Hands" (g) Abraham

July 24 _____ "A Man Who Fell Asleep" (h) Aaron

July 31 _____ "A Man Who Made His Own Poison" (i) Esau

Aug. 7 _____ "A Man Who Composed Psalms" (j) Daniel

Aug. 14 _____ "A Man Sent By God" (k) Samson

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BLUEBONNET HOME DEM. CLUB MEETS
The Bluebonnet home demonstration club met May 17 in the home of Mrs. Kenneth Ray. Mrs. Joe Seymore and Mrs. Frank Brnovak gave a program on "Use of the U. S. Savings Bonds."

Mrs. R. G. Toombs gave a book review on "Remember These Things" by Paul Harvey. Members are to answer roll call at the next meeting by showing an article they have recently made. The next meeting will be June 7 in the home of Mrs. E. C. Ray. Refreshments were served to ten members and a visitor Mrs. Ella Ray.

LT. SWAFFORD VISITS WITH RELATIVES HERE
Lt. and Mrs. Dwight Swafford, who recently returned home from France, have been visiting in the home of his mother, Mrs. T. J. R. Swafford.

Lt. Swafford was discharged from the service at Ft. Hamilton, Brooklyn, N. Y. They left Tuesday for Buffalo, N. Y.

While he was here, other children of Mrs. Swafford visited. They were Miss Mildred Swafford, San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. Max Swafford and family, San Antonio, Mr. and Mrs. Don Swafford, Hobbs, N. M., Miss Dot Swafford, Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Pilant and children of Snyder.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Mellinger, and son Sylvan are in Dallas this week for the fall showing of women's wearing apparel.

Earl Wren of Idaho and his mother Mrs. H. Wren were Sunday guest of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Miller.

Mrs. W. M. Elliott had as her guest over the week-end her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Elliott of Dallas.

Mrs. Dee Grimes, Mr. Stewart Dean and Mrs. Cyrus Pee, of Bragg's Department Store, are in Dallas this week attending the Fall Fashion Market.

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Mr. and Mrs. V. R. Justice had as their guest Sunday, their daughter, Maxine, who is a student of A.C.C., and a group of her friends, Jan Heath, Chloe Kelly, Colleen Davis, of Dallas, Pat Thomas, Kathy Kneal of Wichita Falls, Carroll Kankins of Lawton, Okla., Sue Spikes of Abilene, Julie Wadly of Port Aransas and Carol Corder of Merkel.

Colonel Wallace spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Wallace. He is a student at the University of Texas, Austin.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Murray left Monday for Virginia, where they will visit their daughter Mrs. James J. Benshoff, and Mr. Benshoff, and children in Alexandria, their son, Commander James G. Murray and Mrs. Murray in Portsmouth. They plan to be gone about five weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Boney and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Derrick spent the weekend in Ciudad de Acuna, Mexico, where they attended the bull-fights.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Frye went to Clovis, N. M. last weekend where they brought back their son, Watie, who just completed the school year there.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade Watson have returned home from Riviera, Tex., after a week's visit with their grandson, A. McMeans and Mrs. McMeans.

Mrs. Etta Tucker had as her guests last week her niece from Abilene, Mrs. Jack Standard and Mrs. Johnny Clinton.

Mr. and Mrs. Buck Herron and boys from Big Spring visited in the home of his mother, Mrs. J. G. Herron for a while and then they all went to Abilene for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Bradshaw.

Mr. and Mrs. John D. Jones had as their guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Whitaker of Baird and Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Clark of Abilene.

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Joel McCrea In 'Stranger On Horseback' Shows

Joel McCrea, one of Hollywood's genuine he-men who refuses to be "doubled" in tough movie scenes by film city stunt men, still hates to have it brought up that he, himself, once doubled for a pair of cinema queens—names of Greta Garbo and Marion Davies.

Strange on Horseback shows Sunday and Monday at the Queen. "I guess I'm the only guy in the world who ever successfully impersonated those two gals," says McCrea wryly in recalling the incident in which, dressed in feminine clothes, he doubled for the ladies.

It was in a film called "The Torrent" that McCrea doubled on horseback for Garbo over the protests of the actress who, like McCrea, always likes to do her own stunts.

"But the studio wouldn't let her chance it," says McCrea. "They figured my neck was worth about fifteen dollars a day. That's what I got for the job."

The actor doubled for Marion Davies as the driver of a buckboard in a picture called "The Fair Co-Ed." Miss Davies presented him with a Stetson hat to show her appreciation.

McCrea still wears the battered hat as a good luck talisman in most of his pictures.

Now, Male Gets Chance to Strut Like a Peacock

For nearly three decades the film industry has influenced fashions all over the world. Dress designers have been quick to copy the clothes worn by movie stars

on and off the screen. The accent, of course, was on women's fashions. Now it's the turn of the men. Beau Brummel shows Sunday and Monday at the Pioneer Drive-In Theatre.

While Elizabeth Taylor's striking period wardrobe for M-G-M's elaborate color drama, "Beau Brummell," hasn't been neglected, it is Stewart Granger in the title role who gave the wardrobe department one of its most ambitious assignments. His clothes, totaling 29 outfits, are believed to constitute the largest male wardrobe to be fashioned in Hollywood since Clark Gable's 32 changes for "Gone With the Wind." Appropriately enough, they were created by the same designer, Walter Punkett.

Although "Beau Brummell," starring Granger, Miss Taylor and Peter Ustinov, was filmed at M-G-M's British studios, the wardrobe was designed and put together in Hollywood, and was then flown across the ocean in special protective containers.

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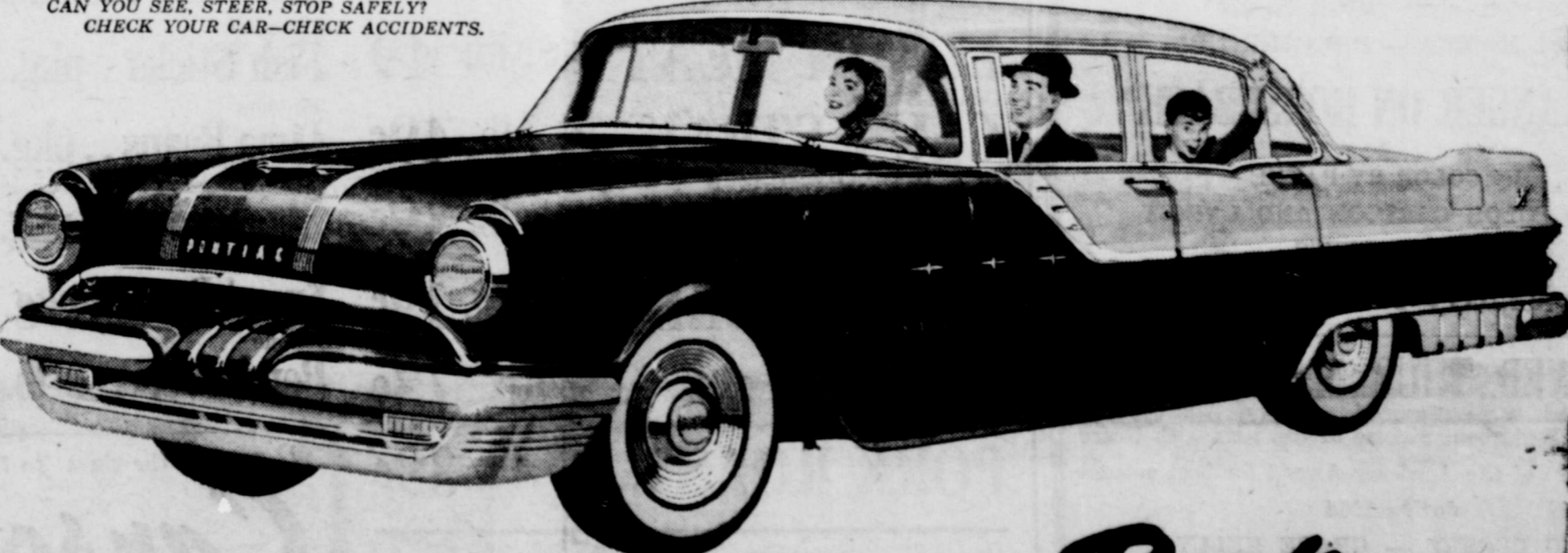
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