

THE MERKEL MAIL

IN THE FRIENDLY TOWN

MERKEL, TEXAS, FRIDAY, MAY 27, 1955.

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We know it rains in this area. for our boat which has been parkeded out in front of Mrs. Sally Moore's house is full of water. But being full of water is not what we were going to tell about. The other morning we went out to bail out the boat, and after we had started scooping up water one pail right after the other, we noticed something moving in the water. Lo and behold, what did we see. Yep, you're right, we pulled out a nice mess of crappie. Guess the boat was getting too small for them to stay in.

The chamber of commerce has started a contest among women's clubs to get individual members in the growing organization. Elsewhere in this paper you will find a notice concerning the rules, and Here is the schedule: we'd like to see all the women's clubs get behind this drive and make every individual in Merkel a member, whether he is actively engaged in the retail business or

Too bad the baseball Badgers couldn't conquer Childress in one of the final two games. But it's an honor for Merkel to have a high school club which brings so much recognition to this area. The boys must have been a little stage frightened when they motored up to the larger city.

They're trying to get the Little League started this week. Last week the games were postponed, due to rains, and the playing field has been so wet this week that no games could be played, but they're going to try Thursday

Awards Made For Eighth **Grade Pupils**

End-of-school awards were presented last week to the Eighth grade classes during the gradua-

Carolyn Campbell, with a grade average of 93.5, was the highest ranking girl in Mrs. Paul Osborn's eighth grade room and Joe Neill, with 88.5, was the highest rank-

Dana Durham, with 95.6, was the highest ranking girl in Jeriel Watkins' room, and Don Wilson, with 93.0 was the highest ranking

Sarah Sue Salter, with 93.33, was the highest ranking girl in Mrs. Norman Winter's room, and Bill Russell, with 94.22, was the highest ranking boy.

Joan Jacobs was presented an award for having shown the greatest all-around improvement during the year. She was in Mrs. Win-

ter's room. In Mrs. Osborn's room, the same award went to Benny Melton, and in Watkin's room, a similar presentation was made to Betty Park-

Manly Denton and Kathy Hunter were given the American Legion awards based upon courage. scholarship leadership, service and honor. The selection was made by a secret vote of students and

teachers. Tommy Odum presented the award to the outstanding student W. C. Church Est. of the fifth, sixth and seventh Mrs. Jenia Graham grades. It went to Fernando Bryan Bothwell Morence.

During the eighth grade ceremony, eight parents of the students were presented awards of merit for having a record of 100 percent attendance at the parentteacher conferences for the past

eight yearss. The awards were given to Mrs. W. M. Loflin, Mrs. Frank Breaux, Mrs. Parton Hays, Mrs. J. R. Mashburn, Mrs. Calvin Irvin, Horace Boney, Carroll Benson and Mrs. Carroll Benson.

Honor Roll

day at 10 a. m.

The following are new or renewal subscribers to the Merkel Mail during the past week. W. C. Thompson, Las Cruses,

Mrs. Ebb Bradshaw, Winnsboro.

V. Dye, Sacramento, Colif. M. L. Douglas, Merkel.

Lawn to Host **Singing Convention**

The Taylor-Jones County fifth Sunday singing convention meets at Lawn next Sunday.

There will be a sing at 8 p. m.

Little League Schedule For Year Released

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Delayed by rain last week, the Little League baseball schedule hopes to get started this week.

The four teams have completed their 15-man rosters, and are ready to play, but the grounds at the baseball diamond have been so wet that no games could be play-

In event the games this week are delayed, they will be postpon-

May 24th Bankers vs. Hodge & Palmer Starpats vs. Willies May 26th

Bankers vs. Starpats Hodge & Palmer vs. Willies May 31st

Bankers vs. Willies Hodge & Palmer vs. Starpats June 2nd

Starpats vs. Willies Bankers vs. Hodge & Palmer June 7th Hodge & Palmer vs. Willies

Bankers vs. Starpats June 9th Hodge & Palmer vs. Starpats

Bankers vs. Willies June 14th Bankers vs. Hodge & Palmer Starpats vs. Willies

June 16th Bankers vs. Starpats Hodge & Palmer vs. Willies June 21

Bankers vs. Willies Hodge & Palmer vs. Starpats June 23rd Starpats vs. Willies

Bankers vs. Hodge & Palmer June 28th Hodge & Palmer vs. Willies Bankers vs. Starpats

June 30th Hodge & Palmer vs. Starpats Bankers vs. Willies July 5th

Bankers vs. Hodge & Palmer Starpats vs. Willies Bankers vs. Starpats

Hodge & Palmer vs. Willies July 12th Bankers vs. Willies Hodge & Palmer vs. Starpats

July 14th Starpats vs. Willies Bankers vs. Hodge & Palmer July 19th

Hodge & Palmer vs. Willies Bankers vs. Starpats -July 21st Hodge & Palmer vs. Starpats

Bankers vs. Willies July 26th Bankers vs. Hodge & Palmer

Starpats vs. Willies July 28th Starpats vs. Bankers Willies vs. Hodge & Palmer

CEMETERY FUND

Below are those who recently donated to the Cemetery Mainten ance Fund. Anyone wishing to contribute to this fund may leave contributions at the Farmers and Merchants National Bank. The donors are:

J. M. Collins Family \$15.00 P. W. Miller 10.00 Mrs. Simmons Calloway 5.00 Mrs. W. A. Sullivan 5.00

Hospital Notes

The following patients have been admitted to the Sadler Hospital-Clinic during the week: Mrs. Etta Witcher, Merkel. Guy Sanders, Beaumont. Mrs. John Aiken, Abilene. Mrs. Ted Lehrman, Abilene. Mrs. C. M. McNeil, Abilene. Mrs. W. W. McElmurry,

Jeff Russell, son of Ralph Rusel, Merkel. Mrs. Robert Melone, Merkel. Mrs. Fannie King, Merkel. Zeb Moore, Merkel. Mrs. L. R. Brazzil, Abilene. Lewis Perkins, Merkel. Mrs. E. A. Patterson, Merkel. Mrs. M. W. Ford, Abilene.

Linda Beth Cox, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Cox, route Merkel, tonsillectomy. Buford Allen, Merkel.

Kenneth Newton, surgery. Mrs. Earl Palmer, Merkel. A. C. Terry, Trent. J. D. Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Tipton and sons, have returned to Merkel after spending a week in Colorado. They accompanied the Briscoe high seniors on their senior trip. Saturday and will reconvene Sun- Wayne will enter McMurry colege for the summer term.

Named; Big Day Planned Committees have been named to; be held in the afternoon of cele-

part of June.

David Gamble, president of the Tittle. chamber of commerce, announced the committees and the functions Howard Carson, Ed Wilson,

should start functioning as soon as possible in order that the conbig affair.

The committees follow: Advertising - This committee will work out advertising suitable for this event. Herman Carson, Bill Frye, Hy White, and F. C.

Queen's Contest and Queen's show: This committee will write rules governing eligibility of queen contestants, write rules stating requirements of queens in queen's show, secure (20 at least) queen contestants. Obtain master of ceremonies for queen's show to

Contest Started For Individual C. of C. Members

In an effort to make the chamber of commerce stronger by se curing individual memberships. the chamber has started a contest among women's clubs of Merkel which will provide cash awards for the club securing the most individual memberships.

This activity was started this week by the membership committee, headed by George Rowland. Other members of the committee Holt Vaughn, and Anna Marie Hewitt.

One point will be given for each personal member obtained at the rate of \$1 a month for membership in the chamber of commerce.

Memberships for points will be Memberships for points will be limited to memberships obtained on or after June 1, and prior to DESCRIPTION (check one) June 30, end of the contest.

Qnly local women's club within the city of Merkel are eligible for participation. All are considered as contestants.

After the memberships are tal-lied shortly after June 30, a cash Eddie Blackburn award of \$50 will be made to the president of the club having obtained the most individual memberships.

Baptist Church Puts 'Contest' On Sermons

Rev. Sam Tullock, pastor of the First Baptist church, is putting the "contest" theme in his sermons during the summer months. Elsewhere in this issue of the Merkel Mail is a contest blank in which persons interested can fill out and return to the church.

Rev. Tullock has listed the name of the sermon starting with June 5, and in another portion of the ad he has given some Biblical character. The idea of the contest is for the individual to place the name of the Biblical character next to the sermon to which it belongs.

For instance, Reverend Tullock pointed out, the sermon for June is "A Man Who Went to Pieces." The contestant picks out the name of the Biblical personality which fits, it may be "Moses", "Nathan" or one of the oth-

Reverend Tullock will announce the winner.

If "Moses" is the correct name in the above, then the title of the sermon will be "Moses, Man Who Went to Pieces."

SURPRISE VISIT

Gordon Price, son of Mr. and Gordon in Baltimore for a vissit, great-grandchildren. Small world, after all. Price recently was promoted to corporal.

work on the Merkel Water Festi- bration day. Mrs. T. H. Odum, rules governing eligibility of con- ments: Arrange for stage, lights, val, which will be held the latter Margaret Hunter, Mrs. E. Joyce, testant, rules of the contest, ob- loud speaker, piano, and other

Horace Boney, Nolan Palmer, Onis Crawford, manager of the Brady Cox, L. Durham, A. E. Hig- up: W. Adcock, Fire Dept. chamber, said the committees gins, T. H. Odum, Truett Perry. Barbecue Dinner Arrangements:

Mrs. W. T. Sadler, and Betty Jane tain master of ceremonies, (30) necessary items. See that each Ticket Sales: Leon Walker, Horace Boney, J. Hammond, Bob for use at show time. Return items McDonald James Chaney. Street Decorations, City clean-

Greetings Committee: Welcome special guests, welcome address Earl Hughes, Ray Wilson, Sylvan for each event, investigate souve-

nection of the water line to the Mellinger, Fred Starbuck, Ray nir for each guest. Fred Starbuck, Abilene lake supply will be a Ferguson, Horace Hargrove, W. D. Mack Fisher, Bryan Dunnigan, Dr. Sadler, Booth Warren.

... In a few months the Abilene Air Force base will be acti-

The Merkel Chamber of Commerce feels that many of the married personnel of the base will consider living in our fair city if there are suitable rental units.

It will be greatly appreciated by the Merkel Chamber of Commerce if those having rental property will fill in the information outlined below and mail such information to the Merkel Chamber of Commerce, Box 786, Merkel, Texas.

(please print or type)

NAME

Street No. or Rural Route State Phone No.

Location of Rental Unit

FURNISHED () UNFURNISHED ()

(check one)

PRIVATE BATH: YES () NO ())

Single Room () Apartment () No. of Rooms (

Buried Sunday

Eddie Marcue Blackburn, 74, pioneer Taylor county farmer,

miles southeast of Merkel. church in Merkel.

Blackburn was found dead in a wheat field on his farm, and a arrange his funeral and died in Blackburn, who died Friday, the funeral home.

Blackburn was a member of the First Baptist church. His rites were conducted Rev. Sam Tullock, pastor of the

Live Oak Baptist church. He was Starbuck funeral home. Ray Orsborn, Fred Johnson, J. C. Carson, Lean Toombs, and J. L.

p. m. Friday after suffering a 30, 1880 in Blunt county, Alabama. Oak Baptist church.
He came to Texas when he was Burial was made a

14 years old and he married the former Maggie Tuberville in Taylor county in 1901. She died in 1909 and Mr. Blackburn was remarried to Mrs. Eva Meyers in

He was a member of the Blair Baptist church from 1921 to 1952. At that time he joined the new Live Oak Baptist church of Mer- sons, Ernest of Merkel, and J. L.

Mr. Blackburn is survived by Mrs. Tommie Patterson of Merkel his wife, four daughters, Mrs. and Mrs. G. K. Beall of Abilene; Mrs. H. S. Price, of Merkel, re- Houston Martin, Mrs. W. L. Brown, one brother, J. A. of Post; three ceived a big surprise the other and Mrs. Ernest Meeks, all of sisters, Mrs. Alice Barnes of Merday in Baltimore, where he is Merkel, and Mrs. Pierce Horton, kel, Mrs. Jose Hester of Knox stationed in the army. Shirley and of Plainview, two brothers, U. L. City and Mrs. Claude Walker of Wiley Massey, of Merkel and El- of Merkel and John of Guymon, Carnige, Okla.; five grandchilmer Sandusky, of Merkel, met Okla., nine grandchildren and nine dren and two great-grandchildren.

John Meeks, 80, Pioneer Farmer, **Dies Saturday**

Services were held Sunday afternoon at the First Baptist church in died Friday night on his farm 20 Merkel for John Meeks, 80, pioneer Taylor county farmer, who Funeral services were held Sun- died of a heart attack while helpday afternoon at the First Baptist ing make arrangements for the rites of a fellow farmer who had died the night before.

Mr. Meeks died about 10:30 a. m. friend, John Meeks, 80, another in Merkel while making arrangepioneer, came to Merkel to help ments for the funeral of Marcue Rites were conducted by Rev.

Sam Tullock, pastor of the First Baptist church of Merkel, and Rev. Dan Cozart, pastor of the Live Oak Baptist church. Mr. Meeks funeral followed by

buried in Rose Hill cemetery by two hours that of Mr. Blackburn's. Bearers were C. Reynolds, Ray Pallbearers were C. Reynolds, Bosborn, Fred Johnson, J. C. Carson, Leon Toombs and R. G

Mr. Meeks was a deacon at the Mr. Blackburn died about 6:30 Blair Baptist church for a number of years and later transferred heart attack. He was born Dec. his membership to the new Live

Burial was made at the Rose Hill cemetery under the direction of Starbuck funeral home. Mr. Meeks was born Aug. 15.

1874, in Camden, Ark. He came to Texas when he was 13 years old and settled in Taylor County. He married the former Nellie Jewel Campbell Oct. 22, 1905.

He is survived by his wife; two of Sweetwater; two daughters. Mr. Meeks was a member of the

Live Oak Baptist Church at the time of his death.

Amateur contest rules: Write | Amateur Contest stage arrange contestants, judges. Lester Dorton, item is in proper place and ready to proper place when through with | the score was 8-4. it. Clyde Bartlet, Cyrus Pee, Jack Miller, C. F. Curb, Clyde Eager, Don Dudley, C. A. Farley, Meyer Mellenger, Norman Minter, Wood-

> row Wilson. Queen's show stage arrangements: Arrange for stage, lights, loud speaker, piano, and other necessary items. See that each off in this inning with a homer. is in proper place and ready for use at show time. Return each item | safe on fielder's choice and scorto proper place when show is ed on overthrow to home. Gail

Drawing at amateur contest: Procedure prizes for drawing. Make all arrangements and conduct drawing. Dr. Warren V. Hudson, Issadore Mellenger, H. W.

Paka Newby Is **Presented Five School Awards**

Paka Newby, valedictorian tion ceremonies.

Awards also were made to othstanding work at the high school hits and the Bobcats got eight. during the year. She had a grade average of 94.66

and scholarship to state colleges. standing play. Mary Robbins, salutatorian, with an average of 93.16, received four

awards. They were salutatorians the regional championship. trophy, salutatorians medal, editor's medal and scholarship to hurch related colleges.

Bill Horton, with an average of Badgers Win First church related colleges. 90.46, was the highest ranking

ident of his class and scholarship Gene Hargrove was given the By Score of 2-1 to church related colleges.

president's medal for being president of the student body. Freddie Boone was presented the medal for being the best all

around boy, and Imogene Dye won the medal for being the best all around girl. tional training certificate. Glenda

Petty was given the perfect attendance certificate. Gloria Teaff won the editor's medal.

Medals were also presented to the students in other classes with high grades. They were Betty Raye Chancey, 91.60, and James Simpson, 88.20 juniors; Margaret Chancey, 94.45 and Kermit Rutledge 89.50, sophomores, and Charles Curb, 96.16, and Minta McAninch, 94.40, freshmen.

Farley to Tour **Foreign Countries**

C. A. Farley, local elementary school principal and educational director of the Church of Christ, will leave June 5 on a 25,000 mile trip to the Holy Land and Europe.

Farley will be a member of the Marlin Tour of Sweetwater, which will be composed of 15 members of the Church of Christ from various places in the Southwest. Countries included in Farley's tour are Italy, Greece, Egypt, Leb-

anon, Syria, Jordan, Israel, Tur-

key, Switzerland, Germany France Luxemburg, Belgium, Holland and England. Important cities to be visited include Rome, Cairo, Athens, Damascus, Jerusalem, Istanbul, Lucerne. Paris, London, Amsterdam

and Brussels. Farley is making the tour to collect information, materails and pictures to be used in church and school work. He also plans to publish a book on the Holy Land. The tour group will leave New York City for Rome by plane on

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Sheppard are in Big Spring, Texas, for two weeks visiting their son, Bill Sheppard.

June 6.

Water Festival Committees Merkel Loses

On the Broadway

of America

Nine costly errors and lack of pitcher consistency gave the Childress Bobcats their second victory over the Merkel Badgers last Monday and the championship of the bi-district. The last game was played at night at Childress and

Childress piled up three runs in the third inning, due to errors and Robert McLeod was relieved as pitcher by Freddie Boone after two outs.

The Bobcats added three more runs in the fourth after Merkel made three. Kermit Rutledge led Robert singled. Jerry Miller was over. Bobby Tom Hodge, Bill O'Brien got on the same way. So Wood, Holt Vaughn.

Chester Collinsworth singled and Gail came in.

After Childress scored two runs in the sixth and with two outs Barry Scott replaced Freddie. In the seventh Terry O'Brien got on and scored on an over-

Kermit led the hitting with homer and a double out of three times at bat. Gail was the catcher. Both sides got six hits each

throw to home.

while the Bobcats made three errors to the Badgers' nine. In the afternoon game at Childress Monday the Bobcats won 7-0. Merkel High school was presented They scored two runs in the first with five awards during gradua- inning, two in the third, one in the

fourth, two in the fifth. Merkel made three errors and er students who had done out- Childress one. Merkel got four

Phillip Pursley was the pitcher and was replaced by Barry and was awarded the valedictor- Scott in the middle of the fifth ian's trophy, senior scholarship inning. It was in this inning that medal, valedictorian's medal, schol- Terry O'Brien fell on the ball to arship to Church related colleges save a possible run. It was an out-

Gail was the catcher. Childress was to play Alpine for

boy, and received a medal for pres-boy and received a medal for pres-

Coach Tommy Ellis' Badgers bunched three hits in the second inning of the game here Saturday night to score two runs and win the first frame of the bi-district contest against the Childress Bob-Carroll Hays received the voca-the Merkelites not having to bat in the last of the seventh.

Robert McLeod, striking out batters in crucial moments, allowed only five hits, fanning eight men while Leland Cagle for the Bobcats permitted eight hits and fanned only five men. Freddie Boone led the hitting

with two singles and one double in three trips to the plate. Gail O'Brien, who caught, got two doubles in three times at bat. In the first inning four men batted for the Bobcats and the

lone runner died at second when Bob fanned the last man. Merkel's first three men did nothing. With two men on by walks and one by being hit Childress got on three men in the second frame. Bob tightened up again and fanned the last man, leaving three on.

The score still stood 0-0. The Merkel boys got busy. Kermit Rutledge walked. Robert smashed a pretty one to right field and Kermit trotted in. Jerry Miller was out at first and Robert ran to second. Gail doubles scoring Robert. Freddie doubled The Badgers were unable to score him and Terry O'Brien, who walked, and that ended the Badgers' scoring.

City Election Is Set for Saturday

A city election will be held Saturday for the purpose of naming two aldermen to fill vacan-

The candidates are Clyde Eager. O. H. Griffin, B. W. Merritt. Mrs. G. D. McConnell, F.C. McCue, T. H. Odum and W. D. Webber.

A-2c Roy Thomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Thomas, is home on leave from Sedalia A.F.B. Sedalia, Mo.

Support the C. of C.



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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Farmers and Merchants National Bank

MERKEL, TEXAS

of Long Beach, Calif., were guests Big Spring, were weekend visitors of her sister, Mrs. H. R. McKeev- with Mr. and Mrs. C. A. O'Brien er and family, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Fleming | Mr. and Mrs. Roy O'Brien, of and family.

Mrs. Ernest Joyce, of Joyce's, is Mr. J. W. Hammond underwent spending the week in Dallas where major surgery at Baylor Hospital, I AM YOUR TOWN. she is attending the fall market. in Dallas, Monday morning.

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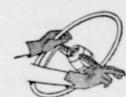
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contestants.

Rules for membership contest:

LEGAL NOTICE

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

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once 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, Petition on file in this suit. 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:

Merkel Chamber of Commerce Membership Month

JUNE 1955

Membership for points are to be solicited

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.

membership signed prior to June 1, 1955 shall

be eligible for points in the membership con-

Merkel, are considered as eligible for this con-

test, and all of them shall be considered as

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 member-

George Rowland, Chairman

Earl Hughes

Robert Hodge

Holt Vaughn

Anna Marie Hewitt

These rules were laid down and accepted by the

permanent membership committee of the Merkel

Chamber of Commerce on May 23, 1955.

III. One point (1) shall be given for each new

IV. Only local women's clubs, with in the city of

throughout the month of June 1955

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMAND-ED to appear before the Honor-County at the Courthouse thereof, rects. County at he Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday next af- April A. D. 1955. ter 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, Phone 201 for appointments 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 annullment on ground of incompatibility, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's

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

shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law di-

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 25 day of

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 up when the surface of the hose limited partnerships; and do hereby certify that the terms of our said partnership are as follows:

The name or firm under which is Guin Oil Company, Ltd. The general nature of the busi-

ness 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:

C. S. Guin, general partner, Abilene, Taylor County, Texas. Maude M. Guin, general partner, Abilene, Taylor County, Texas.

Walter C. Guin, special partner, San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas. Tom A. Guin, special partner, Big Spring, Howard County, Tex-

Dorothy M. Ham, special partner, Arlington, Tarrant County,

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 Sallahan County, Texas.

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Mrs. Chester Hutcheson, County Clerk Taylor County, Texas By Inez Williams Deputy

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 is our prayer.

The J. E. Bayless Family, Anson, Texas, Rt. 2.

There is no reason for people to fight over religion but there is no reason for anybody to surrender his religious views.

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 Demonstra tion club women of the county brought in the boxes they have The officer executing this writ been packing to send to Korea They are sending sewing equip ment 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

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 fillaments, 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 pre cautions are taken.

A disadvantage, for which manufacturers have not yet found a remedy, is "piling" or roughing 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 partnership is to be conducted 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 oyur 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 11/2 cups milk ½ teaspoon salt

with salt and pepper. Add potatoes

to sauce and arrange in casserole.

Dash pepper 1/2 cup grated cheese Scrub potatoes and cook in boil ing salted water until tender Peel. Melt butter or margarine stir in flour and add milk gradu ally. Cook over low heat, stiring constantly, until thickened. Season

Sprinkle cheese over top of po-

tatoes and place under broiler or

in a hot oven until cheese is melt-

ed and golden brown. Makes 6

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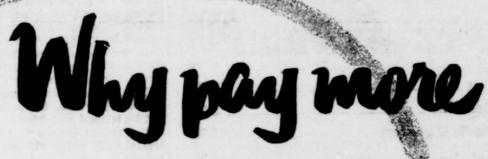
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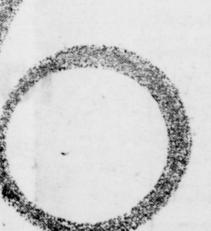




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PAUL HONEYCUTT MOTORS



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

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

the Legislators came back almost! to where they started - namely but benefits to pasturelands were Gov. Allan Shivers' original tax rated "excellent." He pointed out recommendations. Tossed out by other tax proposals.

When the tax bill bogged down Probe in Senate in the Senate, Governor Shivers threw in a surprise strategy move. them to approve veterans land

end this session, he would call Office investigations. them back in a special session when they could be paid \$25 a Calvert and State Auditor C. H.

Lt. Gov. Ben Ramsey and sponded that the session could Bearing the seal of the land board. complete the tax chore, unblock the form carried no signature the billion and a half dollar ap- other than Giles'. propriation bill, and finish its

Filibuster Record Busted For the third time during the

talkathon mark was established by member board. a member of the usually sedate Senate.

Previous holder of the record Bowie. Before that it was Sen.

Jimmie Phillips of Angleton. tee report on Sen. Dorsey Harde-

to the three-cent ad valorem levy. Governor Shivers had advocatelected, rather than appointed. In of the Legislature. objecting to the method of tax- Short Snorts

ation, Corbin said that it would cause dry land farmers to bea the 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 mois-

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 hind that big topic has been the have changed Texas' erop out-1e increase in cigarette taxes and look from "dismal failure" to "fairly good" accoroding to Agricultural Commissioner John C. With these topics before them, White. Rain came too late to help the wheat and oats, says White, the need for a normal amount of moisture the rest of the year.

Lack of information prompted By message, he told the House deals as a matter of routine. So and Senate - now working with said two state officials testifying out pay - that if they wanted to in the Senate phase of the Land into the fields anyway.

State Comptroller Robert S. in the next few days

Cavness were the witnesses. Cavness showed a form used by Speaker Jim Lindsey at once re- Giles to request funds for loans. Improved Crop

"Nothing came to us to cause us to have any suspicions," Cavness said, adding that he had assumed the deals had been approv-1955 Legislative session, a new ed by a majority of the three-

Governor Shivers and Atty. Gen. John Ben Shepperd recently have This time the speaker was Sen. | made affidavits to the effect that | Kilmer Corbin of Lubbock who they were absent from board took 28 hours 25 minutes against meetings on certain dates when a state water project financing the minutes cited that they were

From San Antonio, the district was Sen. Wayne Wagonseller of attorney's office announced it year. was demanding the maximum 10year prison term for Giles, in his Corbin was opposing a commit- scheduled trial on charges of accepting a \$30,000 bribe. Also that man's proposed constitutional C. V. Wynn and Arthur McKenzie amendment to the \$100,000,000 of San Antonio, charged with of-

state's evidence" against Giles. Week-end discussion of a furthed the plan as a key part of his er postponement of the trial was water conservation legislation based on the reported employ-The proposal would set up a six- ment of an unnamed member of some fields and some hail damagman board, to be appointed by the Legislature as counsel. This is ed others, it is not too late to rethe Governor. Corbin also con- automatic grounds for continuance plant, in most cases. Hopes for tended that the board should be until 30 days after adjournment corn look even better than cot-

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MACK'S CLEANERS

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 rain-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 Wed-

nesday, but farmers were getting Many farmers were getting set to plant cotton in the area with-

Outlook Seen After Rainfall

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

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

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 water program. He was objecting fering the bribe, would "turn planting millions of acres to this

Cotton prospects are now fairly good after a disheartening start. Even though the rain washed out

Unfortunately, the rain came too late to do much good for Texas 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. AZ. Maff, all of Carnegie, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Hester, Plainview, Texas, J. A. Meeks, Post, Texas, Mr. and Mrss. Calvin Isbell, Joe Meeks, San Angelo, Texas, Mr. and Mrs.. A. L. Wilson and Glenn, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Mirrison, 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. Campbeil 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 ac the band hall. Those chosen were

rival of the new west point style past school year were Larry Joyceuniforms. They have added color president, Kermit Rutledge-viceto their appearances. The band has made appearances and Johnnie Tipton-reporter.

water Band Festival, Snyder Band and majorette: Interscholastic League contest at drum major.

held at that time. Those enter year, Mr. W. G. Reed, band direct-I, Paka Newby I, Johnnie Tipton main factor. Her ability to as-I, Becky Raye II, Elsie Ward II. sociate with others and her scho-Twyla Moore II, and Lois Comp- lastic record is also taken in con-

The concert playing and sight reading contests were held in ettes will be Johnnie Tipton, Imoband received a first division rat- well. ing in concert playing and a sec- All activity was brought to ond in sight reading. Several mem- close with a picnic at State Park bers of the band entered solos. May 14. Rehearsals will be held They were James Simpson-trumpet during the summer. I, JoAnn Malone - saxaphone - II. Britta Denton-clarinet-III, Betty NEW COURSE PLANNED Chancey-tenor saxophone-III, Manley Denton-trombone-II, Don Wilson-drum-III, and Harry Odum- for teachers who work with handi cornet-III. The Piano accompanist was Mrs. Robert Malone.

ed at a meeting held recently at school, has announced.

tive in many events during the Homer Payne-president, Kermit past school year. Many good Rutledge-vice president, Betty things have been accomplished. Chancey-secretary, and Johnnie The year started with the ar. Tipton-reporter. Officers for the president, Britta Denton-secretary.

at the following events: Tri- There are seven seniors gradu-County Jubilee at Hamlin, pep-ral- ating this year. They are Glenda lies, football games, basketball Petty, Gloria Peaff, trombones: games, Merkel Christmas Parade, Pat Palmer, alto saxphone and Abilene Christmas Parade, Sweet- majorette: Jackie Hogan, cornet Festival and and the Brownwood French horn: Britta Denton, clari-Band Clinic. They also entered the net; and Paka Newby, cornet and

Perhaps one thing that some At the Marching contest, which people look forward to most at was held in December, the band the end of the school term is the received a second division rat naming of the Drum Major and ing. The Twirling contest was also Majorettes for the coming school ing and their ratings were: Bar- or, has stated his choices. A twirlbara Morgan I, Pat Palmer I, er is not picked for her-twirling Jackie Hogan I, Imogene Thomas ability alone, although it is the sideration. Errol Rutledge will be Drum Major next year. Major-April at McMurry College. The gene Thomas and Virginia Cris-

Hardin-Simmons University will offer courses designed especially capped and retarded children during the summer session Alton B in these times, will make the 70 this week. Officers for 1955-56 were elect- Lee, director of the summer

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. Wrif Barnett, Last

year he had the county dry lot

champion. A chuckwagon rolling along the road, a sight almost never seen mile journey from the 6666 Ranch

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

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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

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at Guthrie to Stamford for the 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.
- Don't drink when driving.
- · Follow the golden rule of traffic courtesy: give other motorists the same consideration you'd like for them to give you.



ATTEND SURPRISE BURTHDAY DINNER

Ir. and Mrs. C. E. Jones and Janie, of Trent, visited Hamilton, MRS. DARYL WOOD Texas, over the weekend, where HONORED WITH SHOWER they attended a surprise birthday Mrs. Daryl Wood was honored dinner for Mrs. Jones' grandmoth- with a pink and blue shower given er, Mrs. Emma Arnett who cele- in the home of Mrs. Dock Callobrated her 82nd birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Bunch and Jey. Patricia also visited in the Arnett | The table was decorated with gand daughter.

UNION RIDGE H. D. CLUB MEETS IN DOUGLAS HOME

with the president in charge. News."

Mrs. K. Pee gave the treatful gifts were received. surer's report. The council report was presented by Mrs. Douglas. A was packed and sent to a 4 H club girl in Korea.

Miss Loreta Allen, home demfurnishing the living room. Miss Mrss. M. B. Wyatt, Mrs. J .E. Allen showed slides of living room furniture suitable for varstressing the point of family needs.

Refreshments were served to two visitors, Miss Allen and Mrs. E. Harwell, Mrs. B. Buntin, Miss June 3 in the home of Mrs. Mc-

ATTEND ARMED FORCES DAY AT PERRIN FIELD

Mrs. Ben Butman and Mollie Beth Douglas spent the weekend in Sherman where they attended son, A-2c Bill Butman, participatwhere he is stationed.

During their stay there, they visited Lake Texhoma and visited southern Oklahoma.

12c Butman was one of 800

airmen who marched in revue at

way. Hostesses were Mrs. Dock Mrs. Jones parents, Mr. and Calloway, Mrs. Benny Anderson. Mrs. Walter Winters, of Abilene, accompanied them to Hamilton. Touchstone, and Mrs. Garvis Tarp-

home Sunday. Mrs. Bunch is Mrs. an arrangement of sweet-peas, Arnett's great grand daughter and punch, cookies, and mints were and Patricia is her great, great served to the following guests: Mrs. J. B. Dooley, Mrs. R. L. Caldwell, Grandma Williams, Mrs. Bill Caldwell, Paula and Ruby Caldwell, Mrs. Andy Barbee, Mrs. R. The Union Ridge Home Dem- L. Cade, Mrs. Bill Maxwell, Mrs. onstration club met in the home Alvin Jones, Mrs. J. E. Goode, of Mrs. M. L. Douglas, May 20, Mrs. Jim Boaz, Mrs. Hubert Sullivan, Mrs. Dawson McCain, Mrs. Five junior girls entertained Ernest Spurgin, Mrs. C. B. Lucas, the group with songs. Roll cell Mrs. W. M. Parham, Mrs. A. B. was answering "Humor in the Parham, Mrs. Ted McAninch, The minutes of the previous Cooper, Mrs. Alene Carter, and meeting were read and approved. the hostesses. Many nice and use-

Those sending gifts were: Mrs. Frank Carter, Mrs. John Car, Mrs. Lenore Wyach, Mrs. J. Thompson, Mrs. Tressie Lucas, Mrs. Hannah Alsup, Mrs. Elsie onstration agent, gave a lesson on Maxwell, Mrs. George Dooley, Anderson, Mrs. Mina Cox. Mrs. Nannie Lee Jackson, Mrs. Lorene ious locations and home styles, Goode and Mrs. Clayton Dillard.

Visiting Zebb Moore, a patient in the Sadler hospital, and Mrs. Moore last weekend were their Deverl Teaff, and seven members, children Mr. and Mrs. Lenard Mrs. K. Pee, Mrs. Newton, Mrs. Moore and the two children, Larry and Percy, of Fort Worth, Mabel McRee, and Mrs. H. Clark. Texas; Mr. and Mrs. John Ivy and the club adjourned to meet on two children Rodney and Johnny, Texarkana: Mr. and Mrs. Riley Jance, Lubbock, Texas; Montie Moore, Levelland, Texas, Jack Moore of Monahans and Mr. and Mrs. Otis Moore and Louise,

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Anderson returned Friday afternoon from the Armed Forces Day festivities Wilson, Okla., where they had at Perrin Field. Mrss. Butman's been visiting Mrs. Anderson's mother, Mrs. Annie Jones, who ed in the activities at Perrin, has been in ill health. While in Oklahoma they had an opportunity to see the rains which flooded parts of the state, including Waurika, Okla., where heavy dam-

MEMORIALDAY MAY 30, 1955

Three years had passed since the last shot had been fired. In the beginning it had not been easy for fighting men to learn again the ways of peace—to sleep without having an ear cocked for the crack of a picket's rifle, to get up by one's own will rather than at the call of drum or bugle, to work at a steady job instead of doing only what some officer ordered. For awhile even the beds had been too soft, and the food too rich for stomachs that had made their peace with hard-

But by the spring of 1868 most of the veterans, North and South, tack or grits and bacon. had taken up their old lives or made new ones. The war was fast slipping into the past, and men were coming to remember only its comradeships and victories, and to forget its horrors.

And perhaps to forget, too, the graves that marked every battlefield, even every hamlet. It was then that General John A. Logan, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, issued his celebrated general order designating May 30 as a day for strewing with flowers the graves of the men who had given their lives for their country. A few weeks later, solemn processions everywhere moved

with slow step to the resting places of the dead. Even before 1868 a number of Southern communities had decorated the graves of Confederate soldiers. As in the North, the custom spread and became permanent, although some Southern states still

honor their dead on dates other than May 30. While the war remained an unhealed wound, it was natural that the people of each section should glorify the valor of their armies at the same time that they did homage to the fallen. But with each year bitterness diminished, and ever-larger numbers saw that grief has no respect for geography. Thus Memorial Day came to embrace all Americans and the dead of all our country's wars.

We can do little more than set aside a day of recognition for those who never came back. But there are thousands who have come back ill, maimed, burdened with hurts from which they will never recover. For these, the disabled, we can show that we mean our annual tribute. We can, if we will, make an effort to understand their problems, and offer them every opportunity to earn decent livings and lead normal lives. If we fail in this small obligation, we strip Memorial Day

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DATE IS SET FOR FOSTER-TARPLEY VOWS

of American Liberty

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Foster, of Merkel, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their oldest daughter, Bobbye Ferne, to Billy Boyd Tarpley, son of Mrs. W. B. Tarpley, of Merkel.

ents, Saturday, July 2. Miss Foster is employed by

G.M.A.C. at Abilene. Mr. Tarpley is a farmer near Merkel.

ONE CHARTER MEMBER ON COMPERE ROLLS

Although the Compere club was organizzed 20 years ago, it has only one charter member on its active rolls, and that is Mrs. W. D. Ramsey.

During national home demonstration week the members sent magazines to the Abilene State to Mrs. W. S. Allred former member, who has been ill, and attended a book review at Truby,

The club met last time in the

home of Mrs. Walter Kelso. **NOODLE NEWS**

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wood of Snyder visited their daughter-in-law. Mrs. Dyral Wood, Saturday night. Mr. and Mrs. George Cooper and nephew Jimmie Cooper of Anson attended the funeral of their brother-in-law and uncle, T. M. O'Steen in Ballinger Sunday. He died in Long Beach, Calif. on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Caldwell and girls, spent Sunday in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Caldwell in Anson.

Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Dixon and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Garvis Tarpley and children spent Sunday at the park at Buffalo Gap. Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Justice, Mrs. Lillie Pickett and Mrs. Berdie

Walks of Merkel visited Mr. and Mrs. Dock Calloway this week. Mr. and Mrs. Dois Milton of Snyder visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Dixon Friday

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Kash of Porum, Okla. were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Caldwells, Tues- of E. B. Blackburn last Sunday day they were on their way back from California, and came by to visit Mrs. Dyral Wood. The Woods' and Kashs' lived in the same apartment in El Paso, while both Texas, Mr. and Mrs. A. I. Cook boys were in the Army, Ray has San Angelo, Texas, Mr. and Mrs.

Mr. and Mrs. Dock Calloway, Mr. and Mrs. Gravis Tarpley and children will go to McGregor May 30th to attend the wedding of their son and brother to Miss Mar-

tha Moore. There was a going away supper given by the oil field people for Mr. and Mrs. Sam Allen, Tuesday evening. They will move to their home near Cisco Thursdsay. We hate to give this good family up.

Betty Wallace's **Band Is Winner**

Betty Wallace, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Wallace of Mer-The wedding will take place at kel, is spending a few days at the home of the bride elect's par- home after her Roscoe high school Close in, really a good buy for kel, is spending a few days at | Six room home on Edwards St. band won the sweepstakes at the Abilene regional contest.

> She is band director there, having organized the band in 1950. The Roscoe band won first in marching, playing and sight reading for the sweepstakes award.

Highway 80 Jury Of View Named

Hollis McCoy and Joe Seymore, both of Merkel, and Elmo Jones hospital. They sent a potted plant of Tuscola have been appointed as a jury of view to appraise land in 26 condemnation suits for rightof-way for U. S. Highway 801 in Prec. 2.

The appointments were made by County Judge Reed Inglasbe.

Postmaster Wants To Hire Truck

Proposals will be received by 10:30 a.m., June 3, for the hire of each of you. a truck without driver on an hourly basis for use in collecting, delivering, and relaying mail, during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1955

Each proposal must be in triplicate in a sealed envelope, with the notation on the envelope Proposal for Vehicle Service, City of Merkel, Texas," and addressed to the Postmaster.

Blanks on which to submit pro posals will be furnished on application to Postmaster.

Relatives Attend Blackburn Rites

Out of town relatives who were in Merkel to attend the funeral

son, Midland, Texas, Mr. and Mrs. John Toombs and daughter, Irvin, John Blackburn, Crosbyton, Texas, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Pyle, Sweetwater, Texas, Mrs. Irene Barnes, Abilene, Nola Toombs. Irvin, Texas, Rev. and Mrs. F. E. Healer and children, Sweetwater, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Herrington, and Abilene, and Mr. and Mrs. T.

O. Dulaney, Clyde, Texas. other parts of the state here for

CLASSIE DED NO DESIENCE

NOTICE MASONS

Regular meeting of Merkel lodge No. 710, A.F.& A. Saturday, June 4, at 8:00 p. m. All members are urged to attend. Visiting brethern cordially invited.

D. R. Butler, W. M. Truett Thompson, Sec'y.

TO ALL ELKS - If you are a member of B.P.O. Elks, you will want to unite with the Abilene lodge in its new headquarters. Contact Bill Callaway, S. and Q. Clothiers, Abilene. New members will be welcome. 10-tf.

MISCELLANEOUS

LOST - Chevrolet stock trailer wheel, tire and hub. Reward, Call Mina Winter Butane, Phone

FOR RENT

FOR RENT - Furnished two bedroom apartment, private bath, also furnished two-room house with bath. Mrs. Bert Melton, 1412 S. Fifth, Phone 282.

FOR RENT - or share crop 100 A. cultivated land 13 miles S. W. of Merkel. Small cotton allotment. Contact Betty Henderson, 725 Peach, Abilene, or phone 11-1c

FOR RENT - 4-room house, with bath, 511 Oak St. See Andy Shouse. 11-3tc

FOR RENT - Two 2-bedroom house, one 3-room garage apart ment. Dowdy & Toombs. tf6c

FOR RENT - Duplex apartment. modern, 4 rooms and bath, unfurnished. See Ray Wilson. tf34c FOR SALE - Modern 4-room house, bath, porch, good well, electrie pump, house and softener, rock, 2 car garage, nice fenced lawn, 10 acres land, chicken house. See 3 miles north Stith. Emmett Howard, 1042 North Grand Avenue, Gainesville, Texas.

FOR SALE

Fishing worms for sale 10 a dozen. Last house Northeast inside Merkel city limit. A. B. Gregory.

FOR SALE Three bed-room home on corner lot, both streets paved, close in. priced for quick sale. Possession on closing deal.

Four room modern on paved street, near school only \$3,250.

Four room and bath on paved street near school \$3,500.

Beautiful building site on corner lot across street from hospital. Two bed-room home very nice on Oak St. \$6,500.

A reasonable down payment will handle any of these listings.

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preparation of food, for the many acts of kindness and for each kind word spoken. We realize that without God

and our many friendss, that this sad occasion in our lives would be Postmaster Wren Durham until unbearable. God bless and keep

MRS. E. M. BLACKBURN AND FAMILY.

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friends and relatives who expressed condolences and acts of kindness during the recent death of our husband and father, John We thank the many friends who

presented floral offerings. We deeply appreciate every act of kindness our many friends expressed. We especially thank the many women who brought so many dishes of food during our

May God share his blessings and take care of each one of you.
MRS. JOHN MEEKS AND FAMILY.

Mr. and Mrss. G. A. Oliver and First Aid Classes Will Start May 30

The Merkel Home Economics department is sponsoring Red Cross First Aid classes from May 30 to June 3 from 8:30-12:30 a.m. in the Homemaking department.

These classes are for in school youths and also any adults who are interested. The only cost for children, of Oklahoma. Mr. and these classes will be the cost of Mrs. Dan Parnell and children, the books used, which are 70 cents. these classes will be the cost of If you are interested get in touch with Mrs. John P. Young, 411 Ash There were many friends from St., phone 247W, and be at the other parts of the state here for Homemaking department on May

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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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How Well Do You Know Your Bible?

Everyone likes contests in one form or another. So here is one on the sermons at the First Baptist church. Brother Tullock will preach a series of sermons on Old Testament characters at the evening services. Listed below you will find the date, title and the name of the sermon. See if you can match the sermon theme with the name of the individual. For instance, does the sermon theme that will be delivered June 5 "A Man Who Went to Pieces" go with (a) Moses or with some other name. Whatever name you think is correct place it in the empty space before the sermon theme. If the name Moses is correct then the sermon theme will read "Moses, The Man Who Went to Pieces.

Return these to the pastor by Saturday, June 4. June 5 --- "A Man Who Went To Pieces" (a) Moses Was Going" (b) Nathan

June 19 -"Man Who Wanted What He Wanted" (c) Saul June 26 - "Man Who Refused To Be Beaten"

(d) Noah - "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"

Aug. 7 ---- "A Man Who Composed Psalms" (j) Daniel Aug. 14 —— "A Man Sent By God" (k) Samson Aug. 21 - "A Man Who Knew How To Say No" (1) Joseph

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has measured 13 inches according the new work projects. 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 duction curb measure. A batch of Vernon.

Expenditure of \$1,395 for budgentary labor on project supplementing improvement of the But-Since May 1 the rainfall here man school grounds was listed in

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

Booth Warren, Yates Brown, S. received their first 1935 checks P. Mesmith and Dr. L. C. Zephnfor cottonland rented to the gov- fennig were named delegates to ernment under the Bankhead pro- the Lions district convention at

This Happened in Merkel Forty Years Ago

Tuesday afternoon the city of the city council, council met in adjourned session | Finally after the mirth had sub their approval or disapproval to legal speed limit in Merkel. the auto regulations the city now has in force. One feature of the objectionable features was when regulation was the speed at which and when should not, all autos 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 before sunrise. would be better. Much discussion followed and various opinions his motion and Mr. Boyce asked tion of town. for a second to his. Austin Boyd, an invited guest, and auto owner, could be offered by any member | pect.

to pass on new ordinances. On in- sided. Alderman Hamilton secondvitation of the mayor several auto ed the motion, making the secondowners were present to voice ing legal, and 12 miles became the

Another question offering many have their lights burning. City attorney Mims drew the ordinance to read from 30 minutes after sundown until the same number

Another regulation was forcing autos to drive to the right and to were given as to how fast or how park all vehicles on the right side slow an auto could be driven. Mr. of the street, making turns at end Harris failed to get a second to of the block only, in business sec-

Gunman of Today Coward Says Star

"Today's gunman is a coward compared to the Western badman sung as only the "Old Groaner" 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 Grif-

"The Western badman of those days," explains Montgomery, "was a cold-blooded killer and I hold no Is Through," "It's Mine, It's 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 Master son, famed sheriff of Dodge City who drove the lynch mobs out of Kansas, William Castle directed the outdoor thriller and Sam Katz man 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 re cord release.

"Six Bridges to Cross," directed by Joseph Pevney and produced Despite the generations of those by Aaron Rosenberg, is based on who was temporarily enthused who have viewed-with-alarm, the the story Collier's magazine called over the 12 mile regulation, sec- world seems to be getting along a true-to-life parallel to the great onded the motion before a second about as well as one might ex- \$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 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 Yours (The Pitchman),"

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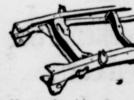
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DEM. CLUB MEETS The Bluebonnet home demonstration club met May 17 in the home of Mrs. Kenneth Ray.

Mrs. Joe Seymore and Mrs. Frank Brnovak gave a program on "Use of the U.S. Savings

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 womens wearing apparel.

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

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, Carrell Kankins of Lawton, Okla., Sue Spikes of Abilene, Julie Wadly of Port Aransas and Carol Corder of Merkel.

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



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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 Alexandra, Stranger On James J. Benshoff, and Mr. Bentheir son, Commander James G. Murray and Mrs. Murray in Ports-Horseback' Shows mouth. They plan to be gone about five weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Boney and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Derrick spent the weekend in Cuidad de Acuna, 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 Rivieria, Tex., after a week's visit with their grandson, A. McMeans and Mrs.

Mrs. Etta Tucker had as her guests last week her neice 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 Abi-

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Joel McCrea In

genuine he-men who refuses to be Brummell," hasn't been neglect-"doubled" in tough movie scenes ed, it is Stewart Granger in the by film city stunt men, still hates title role who gave the wardrobe to have it brought up that he, department one of its most am-Mexico, where they attended the himself, once doubled for a pair bitious assignments. His clothes of cinema queens-names of Greta Carbo and Marion Davies.

> world who ever successfully imper-Crea wryly in recalling the inci- Punkett. dent in which, dressed in feminine clothes, he doubled for the ladies.

Crea, always likes to do her own protective containers.

"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.

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

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 Joel McCrea, one of Hollywood's elaborate color drama, "Beau totaling 29 outfits, are belived to constitute the largest male ward-Strange on Horesback shows robe to be fashioned in Hollywood Sunday and Monday at the Queen. | since Clark Gable's 32 changes for "I guess I'm the only guy in the "Gone With the Wind" Appropriately enough, they were created sonated those two gals," says Mc- by the same designer, Walter

Although "Beau Brummell," starring Granger, Miss Taylor and Peter Ustinov, was filmed at It was in a film called "The Tor- M-G-M's British studios ,the wardrent" that McCrea doubled on robe was designed and put togeth horseback for Garbo over the pro- er in Hollywood, and was then tests of the actress who, like Mc- flown across the ocean in special

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