

The Chamber of Commerce is off to a fast start for this fall and winter, and if plans they are making materialize, Merkel merchants will be enjoying one of the best seasons in the last few years. The Chamber of Commerce is attempting to do everything to stimulate business for this town, and the first event will be a school opening which will precede the opening of schools in Merkel, August 31.

Every bit of attention will be directed from now until Christmas to educate people in this area that the best bargains are always found at home. With the cooperation of all the merchants, everything from the school opening to the Christmas parade December 1 should be a howling success. Everyone should do everything possible to make these events, described elsewhere on this page a big success.

Last week we motored over to Colorado City for the West Texas Press Association meeting, and being a stranger in these parts, we hardly expected to see anyone we knew, but we did. One of the first fellows we ran into was A. Clarence Smith, publisher at Stanton. We called him professor, because he happened to be one of our instructors while we were at the university. It had been a few years since we had seen him—in fact since before the war.

Another fellow we ran into was Vernon Sanford, manager of the Texas Press Association, who formerly was manager of the Oklahoma Press Association. He's been down here so long now that he calls himself a native Texan. Then we saw W. H. Graham Jr., who runs the State-Line Tribune, one of the best little weeklies in Texas. We knew him while at Clovis, which is just across the line.

But we met many good Texas publishers, including our neighbors at Anson, Stamford, Bronte, Colorado City and many other places.

Roy Fox and Joe Bell, the fellows who run the paper at Colorado City, were hosts to the convention, and they saw to it that the 150 West Texas publishers saw the good points about Colorado City. Russell Bryant, Italy, Texas publisher, and president of the Texas Press Association, drove across the state to attend the meeting.

The publishers are generally active in affairs of Texas, and as you perhaps have seen by the papers they were highly critical through resolutions concerning some public officials who keep a secret cloak over public records and finances. This the publishers believe only leaves to evil, as has been proven in the conviction of some high state officials. The publishers believe that all proceedings of public officials are worthy of publication.

The ole football season will be rolling around pretty soon. In fact Coach Carroll Benson is calling the boys out this weekend, and they'll be in for some hard knocks for the next week or so while getting in shape. There's been talk of starting a Quarterback club to boost the Badgers this fall, and perhaps have a weekly meeting every Monday night to watch movies of the game and hear explanations of plays etc. from the coaches. We'd like to see a group get together and organize, and then there would be an organized effort on the part of all the fans to back the Badgers to the limit this Fall.

There's always an easy way of doing things, and fishing is no different. The other day we were thinking about going out and catching a couple of three or four pound channel catfish, and had just about made up our minds to do so. But something always interferes, and at that time the phone rang. It was Wade Ensminger who asked us to drop by his place. The boys and we started to town, and wheeled in to the Ensmingers. Wade asked if we liked fish, and we told him "yep." So he took us to the backyard and pulled out a couple of big channels and gave them to us. It's the easiest fishing we've done, especially when the boys catch them. So we had corn

Coach Benson Issues Call For Gridders

Coach Carroll Benson issued a call today for all prospective gridders to enter the pre-season training camp at Badger field to start preparations for the opening game September 9 with Wylie.

Coaches Benson and Don Loyd, his assistant, will put the gridders through two-a-day practice sessions for a week prior to the opening of school August 31, and then the sessions will drop to the usual one-a-day practices.

Facing one of the toughest schedules in recent years the Badgers must build around six regulars from last year, and five additional lettermen who saw limited action during the season.

Benson said all boys in high school who want to play football should report to Sadler Clinic at 2:30 p.m. Friday for a physical checkup. Only boys who have had a physical examination can go out for football, according to high school regulations.

After the physicals are over, the boys will report again at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Gymnasium for checking out of equipment and other preliminaries. The boys will eat and sleep at the football field until the following Saturday, and by then Coach Benson hopes they will be in fairly good shape. But the tough work is ahead. The Wylie club invades Merkel on September 9, giving the coaches little time to perfect a smooth running team.

The Badgers won seven games last year, while losing three.

Three two-year men are returning. They are Quarterback Philip Pursley, Halfback Terry O'Brien and Fullback Larry Joyce. An outstanding young man who won recognition in his first year is Kermit Rutledge, who placed on the second all-regional team. Jackie Russell, another letterman at halfback, will be in there battling for one of the prized spots.

It is apparent that Coach Benson and Loyd must make some shifts in the team, due to the lack of personnel. There's only one returning letterman in the line, and that is End Robert McLeash, a 190-pounder who has shown great promise last year.

Jerry Miller and Jimmy Neal will be returning for end assignments. So far no experienced men are available for the tackle spots. Carl McKeever is returning at guard and Gayle O'Brien and Leon Kelso are the returning centers.

Edna Marie Russell Talks to Lions

Edna Marie Russell, who attended the Lions club camp at Kerrville earlier in the summer, was a guest at the Lions club Tuesday with her mother, Mrs. W. L. Russell.

The little girl told of the many activities at the camp, and expressed a desire to go back next year. She displayed several of her weaving and artcraft projects, and told of swimming, bowling and playing games at the camp.

Sheep Culling Demonstration Set

A sheep culling demonstration will be held on the Sam Butman Jr. ranch in the Mulberry Canyon area Sept. 15.

The elder Butman was one of the first major sheep raisers in Taylor county.

Sam Jr. has built up an excellent flock of sheep, and in recent years has purchased a number of top rams to put with his registered ewes.

The object of the culling will be to reduce the ewes in the flock from several hundreds to a hundred or so better ones.

James Gray, San Angelo, extension service animal husbandman, will supervise the culling. Anyone interested can attend.

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Douglas accompanied by C. D. Taylor of Clyde were in Big Spring Monday to attend the funeral of Mrs. L. A. Jerden. Mrs. Douglas and Mr. Taylor were sister and brother of Mrs. Jerden.



AWARDED PIN — Isadore Mellinger, Merkel Merchant, was presented with a past president's pin at the Lions club Tuesday by C. A. Farley, president of the club last year.

Church of Christ Bible School Is Set Next Week

The Annual Daily Vacation Bible School of the local Church of Christ will be held next week, August 22-26, from 8:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. each day, Monday through Friday.

All persons from the ages of four through adults are cordially invited to attend, according to C. A. Farley, director of the school. The people of Trent, Tye, Hope and Noodle are being extended a special invitation to participate.

The school will feature Bible study, songs, stories and handwork. Refreshments will be served each day.

The faculty will include: Pre-School, Mrs. Waymon Adcock and Mrs. T. J. Neill; Primary, Mrs. C. A. Farley and Mrs. W. B. Toombs; Juniors, Mrs. Jessie Reagan and Mrs. Joe Nalley; Seniors, C. A. Farley and Richard Jones of ACC; and Adults, O. J. Adcock and O. W. Paine.

A special feature of the school will be a singing school for young people taught by Richard Jones of ACC. The young people will also study "Problems of Young People" under C. A. Farley.

The adult class will study the book of Revelation.

The closing program and graduation ceremonies will be held on Friday night, August 26, at 8:00 p.m. The public is invited.

Farley to Show Colored Films

Colored slides of the Holy Land will be shown by C. A. Farley at the local Church of Christ next Tuesday night, August 23, at 8:00 p.m.

The general public is invited to view about 150 colored pictures of the most important sites in the Bible Land.

The pictures, which were taken by Farley recently on a six-weeks tour through Europe and the Holy Land, will include scenes of religious interest in Italy, Greece, Egypt, Lebanon, Syria, Jordan and Israel.

This will be the only opportunity which the general public will have of seeing these particular pictures.

Leonard Mullins Revival Speaker

Leonard Mullins, evangelist from Dallas will be the speaker for the fall revival, August 21 through 28, at the Fourth and Elm Street Church of Christ in Sweetwater.

Mullins, who took his schooling at Texas and Baylor Universities, is the regular minister for the Edgerfield Church of Christ in Dallas.

Sunday services will begin at 10:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. and weekday services at 10:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. The church's auditorium has a seating capacity of 735 and is cooled by refrigeration.

In addition to his regular ministerial duties, Mullins edits a weekly column in the Firm Foundation, a religious paper published in Austin, Texas. He has done special study in the field of audio-visual education in Bible school work.

Alcohol boils at a lower temperature than water.

Teams Named For Lions Broom Sale

Waymon Adcock, chairman of the Lions club Broom Sale Committee, announced today that team captains and members of the teams had been selected by the committee in charge.

The exact date for the broom sale has not been determined, but Adcock said it would be set by the committee composed of himself, Robert Tom Hodge and Bill Frye. It will probably be the first part of September.

Some other plans are being talked in connection with the sale, including a contest with one group of teams on one side and another on the other side. The losing team would then treat the winning team and their wives to an outing. This, however, is to be worked out later, with other details.

The funds derived from the sale of the brooms will go into the Lions club fund for community service.

All persons designated must work, or pay a \$5 fine for not helping sell brooms. Those who desire to pay the fine instead of selling brooms should notify Adcock so that arrangements can be made to have the territory assigned covered.

"Last year we had several men who donated the \$5 because they didn't have time to work," he recalled, "and consequently some of the areas in town were not covered."

When one person does not show up, it creates a hardship on the remaining members of the team, he pointed out.

Here are the teams and captains:

Waymon Adcock, captain, Clyde Bartlett, S. D. Gamble, Nolan Palmer and Rev. Sam Tullock. Frank Breaux, captain, Carroll Benson, J. W. Hammond, W. J. Patterson, and Holt Vaughn. Herman Carson, captain, Dr. E. B. Cox, Horace Hargrove, Cyrus Pee, and Booth Warren.

Robert T. Hodge, captain, Lester Dorton, Earl Hughes, Truett Perry and Horace Boney.

Leon Walker, captain, Charles Curb, C. F. Harlow, E. E. Read, and Dr. Don Warren.

Norman Winter, captain, Don Dudley, Isadore Mellinger, George Rowland, and Ray Wilson.

C. A. Farley, captain, Wren Durham, Meyer Mellinger, Dr. W. T. Sadler, Onis Crawford.

Chester Collinsworth, captain, Mack Fisher, J. F. Miller, Fred Starbuck and John McKinzie.

Bill Frye, captain, David Gamble, Tomy Odum, C. R. Tittle and Paul Woods.

5,800 Foot Test Spotted South of Merkel

Sun Oil Co. spotted No. 1 Grady Parnelly as a proposed 5,800-foot rotary wildcat in Taylor County.

The rank wildcat is 11 miles south of Merkel. It spots 860 feet from the south and 710 feet from the east lines of Section 14, Block 4, T&P Survey.

Frank Pethybridge, et al. of Abilene No. 1 P. A. Diltz was spotted three miles southwest of Merkel. Location is 330 feet from the north and east lines of Lot 2, Section 14, Block 18, T&P Survey. Permit depth calls for 3,000 feet with rotary.

Location makes it a west offset to Pethybridge No. 1 M. Winter, an active wildcat.

Columbian Fuel Corp. No. 1 L. D. Poe, Section 68, LAL Survey, wildcat four miles southeast of Buffalo Gap, was drilling below 2,110 feet in shale. No. 1 Poe flowed oil during a drillstem test at 2,048-68 feet in the Flippen Sand.

A. L. Frazier, et al. of Abilene No. 1 L. A. Chrane was announced as a regular field try 15 miles southeast of Abilene. The planned 2,200-foot rotary try is 1,350 feet from the north and 330 feet from the west lines of Section 8, SP Survey.

Connie and Alzada Pogue had as their house guest, last week their aunt, Mrs. Nannie Brown, Abilene. Other visitors were Mr. and Mrs. O. Curry, Breckenridge; Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Pogue and Miles Pharris, Eastland.

COMMUNITY CENTER TO BE UNDER COMMITTEE

The Lions club voted Tuesday to incorporate in order that the club could operate the Community center without personal liability to any of its members.

At the same time the club also established a permanent building committee composed of Earl Hughes, of West Texas Utilities, chairman, George Rowland, Palmer Motor Co., secretary, and Horace Boney, Boney Insurance Agency, treasurer.

This committee, along with single representatives from each of the other clubs in town, will form a steering committee to set up the rules and regulations concerning the operation of the Community center.

Previously, the Community center has been in the name of a group of five trustees, but as soon as necessary legal papers can be drawn, the club will be incorporated and the name of the building will be placed in the Lions Club, Inc.



EARL HUGHES

A meeting with representatives of other clubs was held following the regular Lions meeting to decide on rules and regulations concerning the building.

Representatives of other

groups who were there included Mrs. Margaret Hunter, Beta Sigma Phi, Mrs. Jeff Anderson, Sewing club, Mrs. Eima McFarland, Study Club, and Miss Christine Collins, Garden Club.

In the past the expense of the building has been paid for by the Lions club, which originally sponsored the construction of the building back in 1946. Due to the fact that many clubs were not charged a fee for use of the building, the Lions often found themselves paying out of the regular treasury to foot the expense of the building.

A separate fund will be set up to handle collections for rental and expenses of the building, and it is hoped that the regular expenses can be met from this arrangement. Any major repairs, however, must be left up to the committee to decide whether a public subscription will be needed, or other means of raising the money.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SETS SCHOOL DAYS, FALL MEETING

At a morning meeting Friday, the Chamber of Commerce made plans for a school opening next week, and then launched plans for other activities this fall and winter.

Committees were named for the various events planned by the chamber of commerce.

The first event on the program will be school days, which will

begin August 26 and continue through the next week, with all Merkel merchants featuring items for back-to-school.

Complete details of this event have not been arranged, but a committee composed of Ray Wilson, F. C. McCue, J. W. Hammond, Paul Woods, and Vernon Hudson, will meet to map plans. The

Merkel Mail next week will be devoted to school opening, and will carry merchandise advertising and messages concerning back-to-school.

The next event will be a Fall Opening, which will be formulated by a committee composed of Meyer Mellinger, Mrs. Cyrus Poye, Harry Bullock, Mrs. Ernest Joyce and Fred Starbuck.

There was talk of a style show and other events to denote a fall opening for Merkel merchants.

Another event will be a town-wide meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, and a committee composed of Earl Hughes, Frank Breaux, Sylvia Mellinger, Chester Collinsworth, and Howard Carson, will map plans for this event. It is planned to have each person pay for his own meal, and have an interesting program on Chamber affairs.

An event for later on will be a merchant's cooperative advertising auction. This committee is composed of Herman Carson, Isadore Mellinger, Nolan Palmer, John McKinzie, Bill Woods, H. W. Lemens and Truett Perry.

It is planned to have a Christmas opening around December 1 with a Santa Claus parade and other Christmas features. It is also planned to have a lighting contest for homes with prizes, and a prize for the best decorated store windows. This committee is composed of Waymon Adcock, Horace Boney, Clyde Bartlett, Howard Carson and Bob McDonald.

Also it is planned to have Santa Claus come to Merkel each Saturday from December 1 until Christmas.

Illness Fatal To Mercklites Sister

Mrs. L. A. Jerden, 70, Big Spring, sister of Mrs. O. B. Douglas, of Merkel, died Saturday in a Big Spring hospital.

Services were held Monday with Darrell Flynn, Church of Christ minister, officiating.

Mrs. Jerden was born at Burey, and moved to Big Spring in 1922.

Date Changed For Firemen's Show

The date of the firemen's show has been changed from next Thursday to Tuesday, August 30, because of conflicts with other events already scheduled. Fire Chief Waymon Adcock said today.

The complete program will be printed in next week's Merkel Mail.

"It's for sure you will want to see the show and see what the most valuable possession that is saved from the burning house is," Adcock said.

MUCH OF LAND FOR HIGHWAY 80 RIGHT-OF-WAY ALREADY BOUGHT

County Commissioner Rufe Tittle, Merkel, said today that the county lacks only 127,795 acres of land out of a necessary 435,991 for right-of-way for the construction of a 4-lane highway extending from Tye to the Nolan county line, including the by-pass six blocks north of Merkel's business district.

Tittle, who has been working on the project of obtaining

yet to be secured for the purpose of the by pass.

Condemnation hearings are scheduled Monday for the by-pass north of town.

The property up for condemnation Monday includes 20 separate small "town lot" amounts of acreage on the north edge of Trent, totaling 5,196 acres.

At the present time the state highway department holds deeds to 316,016 acres of the needed right-of-way in Precinct 2 which has cost the county \$75,363.61.

That amount includes both damages done to the land and the price paid for the property itself, Tittle said.

Tittle said he has been holding up on attempts to purchase the 107,820 acres of land for the Merkel by-pass until the condemnation hearings on the remaining acreage for the route are concluded.

Tittle said the reason he has not yet attempted to purchase the Merkel property is that he wanted to get the main route of the freeway in his precinct purchased first.

"I intend to start work on buying the Merkel land as soon as the condemnation suits on August 22 are out of the way. After those suits are finished all I'll have to get is the Merkel property." Tittle said he hoped to have everything out of the way by November 1.

With the completion of purchasing or condemning of all the property in Precinct 2 the route will be ready for state work.

Before work can start on the project, all of the obstructions, such as buildings, must be cleared.

The northern by-pass in Merkel will be located six blocks north of the present highway.

Tittle to the land needed for the right of way is held by 33 land owners. Of that number, 13 own one or more acres of land with 20 others owning tracts of less than an acre totaling 5,996 acres.

Tittle said he is sure he can deal with quite a few of the land owners, but that some will be forced into condemnation.

Tittle declared that many of the smaller parcels of land will have to be condemned by publication since some of the owners of small parcels are not known. Condemnation by publication requires a period of 42 days.



RUFE TITTLE

... Seeking Right-of-Way

ing the right-of-way necessary for the \$1,241,000 project, said right-of-way clearance for the start of construction should move into high gear by November 1.

Already the state is making plans for widening the highway 80 town route through Merkel, which will be the first project.

There are 19,975 acres under construction for the by-pass north of Merkel, leaving 107,820 acres

Hospital Notes

Those admitted to the Sadler Hospital-Clinic during the past week are:

- August Newmann, medical.
- Mrs. H. B. Chambliss, medical.
- August Walters, medical.
- Burly Bonds, medical.
- L. M. Coward, medical.
- E. G. Williams, medical.
- Z. V. Moore, medical.
- Mrs. Lee Stanley, medical.
- Kay Wallace, medical.
- Mrs. Roy Hunter, medical.
- Mrs. W. W. Loper surgery.
- Mrs. C. M. Ladd, baby girl.

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BERNECE LOVE
Correspondent

A baby shower was given Tuesday afternoon for Mrs. Evan Brian and Mrs. McCoy in the home of Mrs. John Strawn. Hostesses were the ladies of the Methodist Church in Trent.

Mr. W. B. Williams and Jerry returned to Trent Saturday. They were in Corpus Christi for Jerry to play on the Rebels baseball

team from Abilene. They played to the finals of the regional tournament, but were defeated by San Antonio 7 to 6 on Aug. 12.

Mr. and Mrs. Anel Martin and Mr. and Mrs. Bud Burks spent August 13 and 14 fishing at Winters Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Hamner, Theida Hamner and Kay Beasley returned to Trent Saturday, August 13, after spending two weeks touring Colorado.

August 13 marked the end of

the Revival at the First Baptist Church in Trent. Holding the revival was the Rev. A. J. Jorgenson, the brother of the pastor of the church, Rev. Gene Jorgenson.

Mrs. W. B. Williams returned to Trent August 12. She had been visiting her parents in Brownwood, Texas.

STITH

Mrs. W. M. LOFLIN
Correspondent

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Fikes and Pat spent the weekend in Odessa visiting his brother Verdie Fikes and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Dungan and children left Monday on vacation. They will visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Jackson at Rogers, Ark.

Miss Shirley Brown hosted a slumber party on Tuesday. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Brown took the party of girls to Abilene swimming and a picnic. Those present were Wanda McClain, Jo Ann Jacobs, Martha Mattingley, Beth Loflin, Fonda and Shirley Brown.

Mrs. Billy Ray Browning spent the week in Oklahoma visiting her mother.

A stork shower was held for Mrs. H. Hill on Thursday at Mrs. J. B. Halford.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Patterson spent the weekend in Big Spring visiting their son Bill and his family.

Mrs. Nig Bailey was called home to West Va. on account of her father who is very ill.

SPURGIN-SANTLEBEN VOWS TO BE SOLEMNIZED AUG. 27

Mr. and Mrs. Willis J. Spurgin of Rt. 2 Merkel, are announcing the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Alice Nell, to James Santleben, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar A. Santleben of Knippa.

The ceremony will be in the Noodle Baptist Church, Aug. 27.

Miss Spurgin is a graduate of Noodle High School and has attended McMurry College two years. She is now employed in Abilene. Santleben is a graduate of Sabinal High School and is now a senior in Abilene Christian College.

Next year the reunion, which annually draws some 150 relatives and friends, will be held at Buffalo Gap.

In addition to Merkelites there were folks from Ponder, Denton, Dallas, Sweetwater, Paducah, Corsicana and Plainview.

From Merkel were Mr. and Mrs. Ford Smith Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hogan and Kenneth, Mr. and Mrs. Ford Smith, Jr., Ann and Gary; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Smith, Wilma and Randy; Johnny Henslee, Mr. and Mrs. Morris B. Smith and Sammy, accompanied by their daughter, Mrs. E. A. Conley and Kay Lynn, of Winters, Texas.

ANNUAL FORD REUNION HELD AT BRIDGEPORT

The annual Ford reunion was held Sunday at the Bridgeport Lake, near Bridgeport, Texas, and a large number of relatives from Merkel were in attendance.

Martin and Lewis In New Hit

The wildest, craziest, zaniest orse race ever run is filmed in

Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis brand new comedy sensation "Money From Home," which is due to open next Sunday at the Pioneer Theatre. The ride, with Jerry Lewis as the jockey who has never before been on a horse, was shot in color by Technicolor and in three-dimensional photography. "Money From Home," a Paramount release, was produced by Hal Wallis and directed by George Marshall. The screenplay, which was written by Hal Kanter, was based on a Damon Runyon story.

Napoleon is the man who said "An army travels on its stomach."

Hammonds Take Over Gulf Station

The Hammond brothers, Johnny Wayne and Sessions, are the new operators of the Gulf Service Station on highway 80 west. Sessions attended the University of Texas last year and plans to attend McMurry this year so he can stay close to the station. Johnny graduated from Merkel High School in 1954. The boys would like to have their many friends to stop in and see them.

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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 follow-

ing is a true copy.
CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Marion Sherman, if living, and if dead, then the unknown heirs and legal representatives of Marion Sherman, deceased, and the unknown heirs and legal representatives of the unknown heirs and legal representatives of Marion Sherman, deceased, and unknown husband of any of the female defendants who may be married. Defendants, Greeting: YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 12th day of September A.D. 1955, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 29th

day of July A.D. 1955, in this cause, numbered 20,704-A on the docket of said court and styled Alvin Heffernan, Plaintiff vs. Marion Sherman, if living, and if dead, then the unknown heirs and legal representatives of Marion Sherman, deceased, and the unknown heirs and legal representatives of the unknown heirs and legal representatives of Marion Sherman, deceased, and the unknown husband of any of the female defendants who may be married. Defendants.
A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: This is a suit of trespass to try title, and to try title by limitations, of the following described property:
Lot No. Thirteen (13) in Block "R" of the J. Stoddard Johnston subdivision of Out Lot No. One (1), Block No. Two Hundred and Nine (209) of the City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.
If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.
Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 29th day of July A. D. 1955.
(SEAL)
Attest: R. H. Ross, Clerk, 42nd District Court, Taylor County, Texas.
By C. Bower, Deputy.

of Abilene, assisted.
Children who attended were Kala and Jim Canady, of Trent; Larry and Linda Purser of Abilene; Ronnie and Gary Gruben of Lubbock; Craig Baird, Randy Smith and Don Purser.

MRS. WAYMON HICKS HONORED WITH PARTY
Mrs. Bob Deen, Mrs. Buddy Hunter, Mrs. James Linier and Miss Joy Walker were hostesses to a pink and blue shower honoring Mrs. Waymon Hicks in the home of Mrs. Buddy Hunter last Friday night.

After entertainment of games and a drawing contest, the gifts were presented to Mrs. Hicks in a pink and white bassinet.
The home was beautifully decorated with golden rods, petunias and zinnias.

Guests included Mrs. J. F. Cason, Mrs. Vestel Hicks, Mrs. Elton Freeman, Mrs. Eldon Hicks, Mrs. Bob Whithead, Mrs. Bobby Deen, Mrs. Bud Toombs, Mrs. Earle Watts, Miss Kay Toombs, Mrs. Price Floyd, Miss Martha Cason, and Miss Peggy Bond.
Out of town guests were Mrs. Thomas Watson, of Abilene; Mrs. Gene Spurgin, Jr., of Anson.

NOODLE COMMUNITY HONORS HILL FAMILY
The Noodle community entertained with a "Lawn Party" on Friday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Dixon, as a farewell tribute to Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hill, Clara, Alton and Charles Hill.

The Hills have moved to Moran where he has been appointed superintendent of the public school system there. He has served as superintendent of the Noodle school for the past ten years.

They were presented with a beautiful bedspread and two lovely lamps from the entire group. The love for these good people was shown by the large crowd which gathered to bid them farewell.

The Hills are going to be missed very much by everyone, and the best wishes of the community go with them.
Ice cold watermelons was served to approximately 140 guests.

55 PERSONS ATTEND BROWN FAMILY REUNION
Descendants of Charlie and Bill and John Brown, early settlers, met for their first family reunion at the Abilene State Park.
There were 55 present. Due to the death of one of the old settlers' sisters, Mrs. Olive Hutchins, of Sweetwater, on that day several were absent.

The reunion will be an annual affair on July 31 each year.
Among those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Meryl Riggan, and family; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Riggan and family; Mr. and Mrs. Willard Brown and family; Bill Brown, Homer Tye, Mr. and Mrs. Kint Satterwhite, Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Brown and son, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Pettit, Albany; Mr. and Mrs. Dewane Shugart, Mrs. Madlyn Wilson and family, Snyder;

Mr. and Mrs. Danzel Riggan, Sweetwater; Mr. and Mrs. Roylee Swinney and family; Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie McDaniel and Mr. and Mrs. Billie Holmes and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Chancey have been visiting their son, Mitchell Chancey, and family, at Cameron, Texas.

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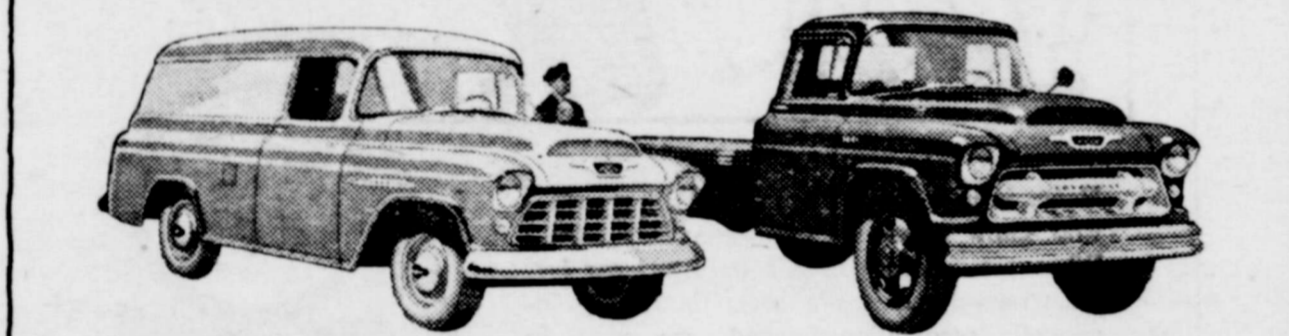
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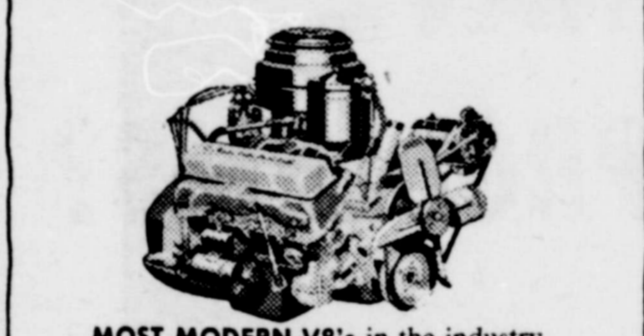
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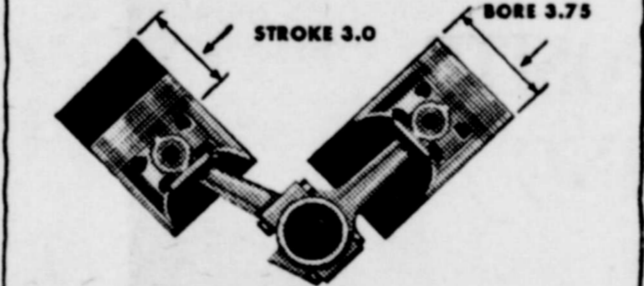
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Mrs. C. E. Horton, Jerry and Mrs. W. T. Howard have recently returned from Lovington, New Mexico where they visited in the home of A. V. Skurlock. Also visited relatives in Floyd, New Mexico, bringing a niece, Mrs. Mike Flowers and daughters back to Merkel for a 10 day visit here with relatives and friends.

C. M. McWilliams and family visited Joe C. McWilliams of El Paso. They brought Nancy McWilliams home with them for the week. From El Paso they went on to Cloudercroft and Muskalaro, New Mex. for the rest of the week.

Miss Linda Clark of Odessa is visiting in the home of Sarah Harris.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Ladd are the parents of a baby girl born August 16 at the Sadler hospital.

Q — I am a World War I veteran drawing a disability pension. In figuring my annual income, would I have to include the rental value of the small house that I own and live in?

A — No Under the conditions you cite, the rental value of your home would not be considered as income, for VA pension purposes.

THIRD ANNUAL SKURLOCK HELD IN BARDY PARK JULY 31

Members of the Skurlock family enjoyed their third annual reunion Sunday, July 31, at Richards Park. Including the visiting of relatives who had not seen each other since last year, the family enjoyed the picnic dinner.

Those attending were Mrs. R. C. Skurlock, Mrs. T. P. Buckelew and Jewel, Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Behrens and family, Mrs. Baze Cavaness and family, all of Mason; Lee Skurlock, Kermit; Damar Skurlock, Mrs. Lottie Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Charles McHanev and Mrs. Doris Gwynn all of San Antonio; Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Lee Skurlock, Grandfalls; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Skurlock, Eldorado; R. H. Skurlock, Sweetwater;

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Jackson and Venoy, Brady; Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Myres and boys, Cisco; Mr. and Mrs. Vernon McCarrroll, Fort Worth; Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Hatton, Imperial; Miss Patsy Tally, Lubbock; Mrs. Clarence Horton and Jerry, and Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Howard, Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. James Howard and son, Llano; Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Alexander, and Mr. and Mrs. I. V. Garrett and family, Abilene.

Y.W.A. MEETS IN BARTLETT HOME

The Y.W.A. met in the home of Mrs. Clyde Bartlett Monday afternoon.

The meeting was opened by a prayer led by Gloria Teaff, Mrs. Bartlett reported on a swimming party the group enjoyed during the past week.

Mrs. Bartlett reported on the book "Adventuring With God," following a report by the secretary Mrs. Bartlett closed the meeting with a prayer.

GLEANERS CLASS IS ENTERTAINER

The Gleaner Sunday School class of the First Methodist church was entertained last Wednesday in the home of Mrs. Will Toombs, president of the class, with Mrs. F. Y. Gaither and Mrs. Dee Moore, co-hostesses.

Mrs. Toombs presided during the business meeting, Miss Lottie Butman brought the devotional.

A dainty refreshment plate with iced drinks was served to the following members:

Mrs. Kenneth Pee, Mrs. Sally Grant, Mrs. Leon Toombs, Mrs. T. L. Grimes, Mrs. Ross Farrier, Mrs. Lizzie Latham, Mrs. Dock Vaughn, Mrs. Mary Click, Mrs. Winnie Cypert, Mrs. Beulah Stanford, Mrs. W. S. J. Brown, Miss

Lottie Butman, Mrs. Harold Odum, Mrs. Herbert Patterson, Mrs. Tom Largent, Mrs. John Shannon, Mrs. Jack Miller, Mrs. Sallie Moore, Mrs. Mabel Dorton, Mrs. Johnny Cox and Mrs. Reice Hall.

NOODLE NEWS

MRS. GEORGE COOPER Correspondent

Miss Alice Nell Spurgin was honored with a bridal shower at the lunch room, Saturday. Many useful gifts were received and lots of old friends met for a two hour chat. Miss Spurgin will become the bride of James Santleben at the Baptist church Saturday night, August 27.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Clement were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Caldwell.

Visitors in the George Cooper home last week were Mr. and Mrs. Will Bicknell of Trent, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Martin and two children, Sue and Don, of Lueders, Mrs. Martin is a niece of Mr. Cooper.

Laura and Mellie Carter are visiting their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Huber, of Anson.

Visiting in the Will Spurgin home last week were Alton and Charles Hill of Moran, Mrs. Willie Lee Spurgin and small son, and James Santleben.

Charlotte Bevels of Abilene is visiting her sister and family, Rev. and Mrs. Fred Leveritts.

Mrs. Bill Caldwell entertained a group of her lady friends last week with a Stanley party.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Dixon had a going away party for Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hill, A. D. Hill, Mrs. Ruth Jennings and Mrs. Whittle last week. All were teachers at Noodle last year.

The condition of August Newman still remains critical.

A covered dish luncheon and book review were enjoyed by several Baptist ladies in the home

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of Mrs. Fred Leveritt Tuesday. George Cooper was able to ride over to Merkel Monday and spent the day with his granddaughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ted McAninch and Dayna.

Bennie Anderson is up and around the place a little now.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Lee Caldwell and two daughters from Buxton, Ariz., visited his uncle and family, Bill Caldwell.

Ronnie Norris, of Alice, Texas, and Kathy Hunter, of Merkel, visited Sunday with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Doc Calloway.

Mrs. Garvin Tarpley and two children, Mike and Marsha, spent a few days with her sister in law, Mrs. Bennie Smith, of Tulsa, Texas.

Sheffield Back In Bomba Role

Johnny Sheffield stars as Bomba, friend of all of the animals with which he grew up in "Lord of the Jungle," latest in Allied Artists' popular action series, which will be the next screen attraction coming to the Queen theatre.

In "Lord of the Jungle" Bomba saves a herd of elephants from being exterminated by a trio of government hunters.

Wayne Morris is co-starred as

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the leader of the government men, with Nancy Hale, Paul Piberni, William Phipps and Harry Lauter in supporting roles. The picture was produced, written and directed by Ford Beebe.

Sioux Hit War Path in New Film

Jeff Chandler, Faith Domergue and Lyle Bettger are co-starred in Universal-International's Technicolor "The Great Sioux Uprising," which opens Friday at the Pioneer Drive-In Theatre.

Chandler, usually associated with Indian portrayals in his outdoor films, is cast as a medically-discharged Union officer who helps break up a gigantic horse rustling ring which threatens to drive the great Sioux nation to the warpath.

Q — Could I get a GI loan to pay off household expenses such as grocery bills, doctor bills and furniture bills?

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Singers To Spare In 'Carmen Jones'

Though singers are cast in the leads of the CinemaScope music-drama "Carmen Jones," opening Tuesday at the Queen Theatre, not all of them do their own singing in the picture. It's not just a Hollywood peculiarity behind the movie, either, but reasoned expediency.

"Carmen Jones," which Otto Preminger has brought to the screen in color by De Luxe for Twentieth Century-Fox from Oscar Hammerstein's long-run Broadway stage smash of a decade ago, calls for young, romantic leads with operatic voices. The two don't often go hand-in-hand.

So Preminger hit upon the happy thesis of casting a stunningly handsome duo, Harry Belafonte and Dorothy Dandridge, in the leads, and dubbing their voices with those of authentic opera stars. It works beautifully, because both Belafonte and Miss Dandridge, who costarred once before in M-G-M's "Bright Road," are trained singers in their own right — for different kinds of song — and were expert at mouthing songs in rhythm, while the voices of Le Vern Hutcherson and Marilyn Horne filled in. Hutcherson had the lead in the recent Broadway revival of "Porky and Bess," now triumphantly on a world tour.

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Actual Locals For "Uncensored"

Producer Sam Katzman made sure that "New Orleans Uncensored," which stars Arthur Franz and Beverly Garland coming to the Pioneer Theatre, would have as much authenticity as possible. In addition to 250 actual New Orleans workers hired on the spot for the Columbia picture which was filmed entirely on location at New Orleans, Katzman signed the following real officials to play themselves:

Joseph L. Scheuring, superintendent of police; Victor Schiro, senior councilman; Howard L. Desy, fire chief; Al Chittenden, president, General Longshore Workers, Local 1418 (ILA). In addition, Judge Walter B. Hamlin plays a fictional member of the Waterfront Commission. Helene Stanton is the principal featured supporting player in "New Orleans Uncensored" which was directed by William Castle for producer Sam Katzman.

"Womens Prison" Revels Bared

"Women's Prison," Columbia Pictures' sensational drama of a man-smuggling affair inside the big house for women, and starring Ida Lupino, Jan Sterling, Cleo Moore, Audrey Trotter, Phyllis Thaxter and Howard Duff coming to the Pioneer Drive-In Theatre is based on the conclusions reached by a Hollywood expert in penology, a man who made an intensive study of American penitentiaries in connection with a series of prison pictures he has made. The man is Bryan Foy, producer of such shock films as "Canyon City," "Alcatraz" and "Behind the Walls of Folsom."

Allen D. King Jr. was home from Texas Tech at Lubbock over the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen D. King. Allen Jr. brought a classmate, Richard de la Vega, whose home is in Guatemala City, Guatemala.

Editors Frown On Secrecy In Public Funds

The West Texas Press Association, meeting in Colorado City, last weekend, blasted methods used in some counties where information on public funds, spending and other information is "covered up."

Instances were cited where several high Texas officials are now in trouble, because the public was not kept informed.

The resolutions:

1. Blasted the West Texas and Texas County Judges and Commissioners Associations for their "high pressure" lobbyist activities, for the pressure they put on elected lawmakers while they themselves are "the elected servants of the people."
2. Called for a constitutional amendment to provide that residents of a county could force commissioners to let the voters decide if precincts should be revamped to give more equal representation—a matter now left solely to will of the commissioners.
3. Charged that some commissioners courts are covering up news which the public should have and making it difficult for newspapers to get the facts on many discrepancies of which the public should be informed.
4. Demanded an "open book" policy on public finance.

The hard-hitting resolutions were drafted by a committee composed of Douglas Meador of Matador, chairman, Max Bentley of Abilene and Forrest Weimhold of Leveland.

One of the resolutions praised State Rep. Elbert Reeves of Matador for his work in the last session of the Legislature in behalf of new publication laws which would force local governments to report to the public on public finance.

The resolution on redistricting pointed out that West Texas towns have had such growth in recent years that there are now many cases where the bulk of a county's population lies within one precinct. Thus the majority of the population has only a minority vote in the commissioners courts.

There is now no provision in the Texas constitution whereby the people can force a reluctant commissioners court to redistrict. The resolution, asking for Texans to vote on reforming this situation, said, "The democratic principles should be put in practice at all levels of government."

Such a reform measure was introduced in the Texas House last session but was killed. It was actively opposed by county judges and commissioners organizations.

A third resolution which opened fire on the commissioners courts cited "difficulty in obtaining factual information concerning actions taken."

The fourth reform resolution pointed out that those who collect and spend public funds owe it to the taxpayers to make a full and complete public accounting of the money. "Honesty in government," the resolution said, "is encouraged by such an 'open book' policy."

Texasans were asked to insist that "all public officials be required

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Bill Collins, Midland editor, got this last resolution amended to spell out clearly that school boards be included in the list of public officials required to make public reports on public finances.

Veterans Notes

World War II veterans training under the original GI Bill were reminded today by the Veterans Administration that July 25, 1956, marks the end of the program for all but a handful of them.

Even though a veteran may still have unused GI training entitlement at that time, or even though he may be in the middle of a course, his GI training payments will come to an end on July 25, 1956.

VA advised World War II GI trainees to keep the deadline in mind, in working out plans for the remainder of their training programs.

The small group of veterans exempt from the July 25, 1956, deadline are those who enlisted or re-enlisted under the Armed Forces Voluntary Recruitment Act, between October 6, 1945, and October 5, 1946. These veterans have nine years from the end of their enlistment or re-enlistment to wind up their GI training.

The 1956 deadline applies only to World War II trainees, VA emphasized. It does not apply to veterans training under the Korean GI Bill.

During the 11 years the World War II GI Bill has been in effect, more than 7,800,000 veterans—or half all who served in World War II—received some form of training.

The program reached its peak at the end of 1947, when more than 2,500,000 World War II veterans crowded into classrooms, and on-the-job training establishments throughout the nation.

At the present time, the program has dropped to one-twentieth of its former size, with 138,000 veterans still in training. Of these 65,800 are in colleges; 62,800 are in schools below the college level; 8,000 are in on-the-farm training programs, and less than 2,000 are training on-the-job.

Guests over night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Preston Henry were his brother and family, Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Henry and Mary Sue, of Houston, and their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. C. McCulloch, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri. They were enroute to Odessa.

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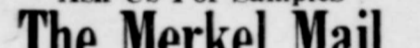
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Correspondent
Mrs. Ira Kelso and Monty Berney, a grandson are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Nutall of Agar South Dakota. Mrs. Nutall is Monty's sister and Mrs. Kelso's granddaughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Kelso visited over the weekend in Eastland as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Reece and family. They brought their son, Leon home. He had

spent the week there visiting his cousin, Mike Reece.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Sloan, Larry, Derrell and Glen Bicknell visited Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Gregory and Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Stamford of Neinda. Mr. and Mrs. Stamford are the proud parents of twin girls.

The Garlingtons of Hawley were given a surprise party on Monday night. He has resigned as principal of Hawley and will teach at Rule. They were presented a nice going away gift. We wish them much happiness in their new home.

Mrs. Mary Bruton's sister from Waco has been visiting with her this week.

Mrs. Rob Daniell is visiting in Dallas with Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Campbell.

Mr. and Mrs. John Winter of

Corpus Christi has been visiting Mrs. Lee Welch and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cook.

Retha Gillespie and Shirley Hewlett of H. S. U. spent the weekend in the Bud Moore home.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Lyles of Lake Arthur, New Mexico, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cooley.

Mrs. Tennie Sloan and Mrs. Lizzie Williams visited Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Cox and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Vantrees last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene McCoy of Abilene visited the Fred Daniells on Sunday.

personals

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hartley this weekend were Jim Scribner and son, J. W. Scribner, of Melissa, Leland Scribner, of Dallas, Mrs. Pauline Dickson, of McKinney, Earl Harrison of Albany, Jim Scribner and Mrs. A. J. Hartley are brother and sister.

Recent visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hartley are Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Welch, Mr. and Mrs. Gaston Welch, Jenny and Sam, of Sweetwater, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Watson, of Abilene, and Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Rooves, Karen and Pamela of Snyder.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Riney and daughter, Paula, of Midkiff spent the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Riney. Mrs. G. G. Alexander and children of Borger, who had been visiting her parents for a week accompanied her brother to Midkiff for a visit before returning home.

Mrs. Ray Wilson, Barbara and Keith, attended the wedding of her niece in Friona Friday evening. Ray Wilson and Don, Mr. and Mrs. Weldon McAninch, and Jim-

my, joined them Saturday evening, for a trip on to Red River, New Mexico.

Rev. L. L. Trott, of Abilene, district missionary, preached at the First Baptist church last Sunday. His subject "Building A Better Church."

Mrs. Edna Horton and daughter, Mrs. Bobby Toliver, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Melton.

Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Owen went to the Bankhead reunion at Neff Park Gatesville, Texas, over the weekend.

Mrs. Bessie Johnson visited her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Randall and family of Vernon, Texas. Mrs. Randall and daughter, Penny, visited Mr. and Mrs. John West Saturday.

Marie Leenell and Claudia Chesshir, of Brownfield, Texas, are visiting Margaret and Katy Hunter this week.

Ronnie Norris, Alice, Texas, is visiting Margaret and Katy Hunter, this week.

Sharon Bowles who moved from Oregon to Abilene is visiting Lois Reese this week.

Miss Betty Melton of Odessa spent the past weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard P. Melton and grandmother, Mrs. T. J. Melton, before leaving for Bell Garden, Calif., to live with her brother and wife who moved to California in June. Also with Betty was her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Newton Snodgrass of Kermit, Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Snodgrass will return in about 10 days.

W. J. McAninch has returned home after visiting his daughters, Mrs. J. M. Taylor, Quitman; Mrs. Bud Sliter, Dallas; and Mrs. Edwards Clampitt, Fort Worth.

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Mr. and Mrs. Howard Carson are spending their vacation in Red River, New Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Hendrix and son, Jerry, of Clovis, N. Mex., visited with his sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Joyce. They were enroute to Clovis from Houston where they had been visiting.

Mr. and Mrs. David Gamble and daughter, Brown and Lynn, accompanied by Mrs. Gamble's mother, Mrs. Ralls, of Dallas, are attending the druggists convention in Fort Worth this week. From there they will go to Junction for the weekend.

Miss Benina McCue spent last weekend in Pyote visiting her mother, Mrs. F. C. McCue who returned to Merkel with her for a visit with her husband, F. C. McCue and daughter, Mrs. McCue operates a drug store there.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Porter Petty recently were her father, A. F. Parks, of Verdden, Okla., Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Edwards and son, Clayton, of Odessa, Mrs. Vesta Coplen and Mrs. Geneva Floyd of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Parks of Haskell.

Cpl. and Mrs. Larry Don Birley of Ft. Riley, Kan., are visiting Mrs. Birley's mother, Mrs. Erma Dell Melton of Merkel. A-3c Jerry Don Milton also is home on leave visiting his mother.

Rev. Bill Caffey of Abilene delivered two messages at the Live Oak church Sunday. His texts "Simple Salvation" and Sunday night "What Will Thy Have Me To Do."

Mr. and Mrs. Chriswell Doan and children of Waurika, Okla., Mr. and Mrs. Don Doan and daughter, of Stamford, and Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Doan, and family, of Merkel, were weekend guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Doan. Mr. and Mrs.

Attend Church Sunday.

Grady Bishop and Mrs. Hugh Campbell were guests in the Doan home also.

Minnie Louise Campbell returned home after a two weeks visit with her sister, Mrs. W. C. Lay in Fort Worth.

Nelda Fae and Felix Boyd from Wilcox, Arizona are visiting their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Fenton Boyd. Their aunt and uncle Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hughes are returning with them.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wright from Lubbock, Texas are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Mina Winter and P. A. Deals.

GOODMAN H. D. CLUB HEARS HOLLANDER

At the meeting held by the Goodman home demonstration club on Friday, August 12, at the home of Mrs. Douglas Reddin, an immigrant from Holland spoke to the club on "Life and Conditions in Holland," and compared them to the United States.

Mrs. D. D. Bolders (Tiny to her friends), her husband and two children, came to the United States in May of 1953, and came to Abilene where a sister lives.

In the short time they have been here, the Bolders have really become Americanized and have learned to speak English remarkably well. She invited questions in order to know what the ladies would be interested in hearing, and the questions were many and varied.

Everyone felt at the end they had a better understanding of their Dutch neighbors.

At the business meeting, Mrs. Hosea Windham, club president, presided. Mrs. Grover Blair conducted several interesting games.

They were no council or committee reports. It was planned to invite the Stith club to be guests at the meeting August 26 at the Goodman Community center.

The president appointed a refreshment committee composed of Mrs. Jennings Winter, Mrs. Dan Butler, Mrs. Gardon Howell and Mrs. Fane Jordan.

The hostess gift was won by Mrs. Lillian Hellums.

A buffet snack was served to 12 members, five children and the following visitors, Mrs. D. P. Bolders, Eddy and Mariann, of Abilene; Mrs. C. E. McCall, Tommie and David, of Abilene; Mrs. Robert James and Kay, of Stith, and Mrs. O. A. Winter and Janice, of Abilene.

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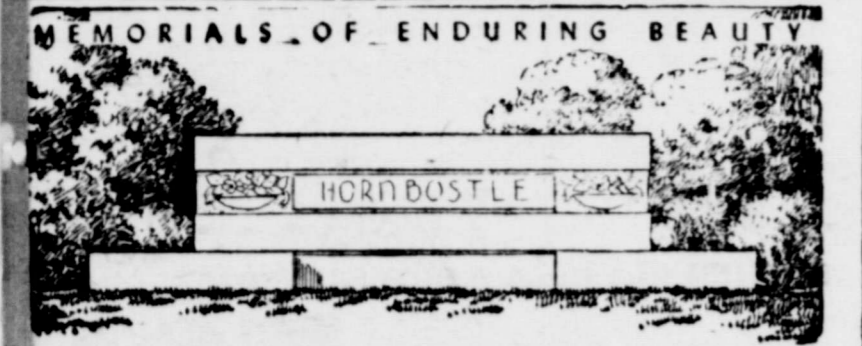
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In many a city and town of Texas today, community leaders are making plans for an important annual event which many folks have been eagerly looking forward to all year. During the next several months it will be fair-time throughout Texas — with county and regional fairs and festivals taking place in every section of the state, the culminating event being the State Fair of Texas in Dallas, October 7-23.

Texas possibly has a bigger percentage of large, widely patronized fairs than any other state. Several of Texas' big regional fairs attract more visitors and have more impressive fairgrounds than state fairs in some other sections of the nation.

The State Fair of Texas is, of course, the largest annual fair in the United States in terms of attendance, with over 2½ million visitors from all parts of America, and a magnificent fairgrounds with facilities valued at \$35 million.

As with most fairs the country over, Texas events carry a strong emphasis on livestock and agriculture. Entertainment naturally covers a wide range, from carnival sideshows, rodeos, folk festivals to the Broadway musical comedy "Fajana Game" which will be presented at the State Fair. Competition in making jams and jellies, succulent cakes and pies and other examples of traditional homemaking skills still occupies a big place in the program of most Texas fairs.

Fairs in Texas date back over 100 years. The first fair to be held in the state may well have been one in Corpus Christi in 1852, which featured bullfights, a circus, cockfights and fireworks. During the same decade Dallas County became the first county in the state to organize a fair. The State Fair was founded in 1886.

A good fair regardless of size can be a valuable asset to its community. In the opinion of James H. Stewart, general manager of the State Fair and vice president of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions,

"In addition to providing wholesome and worthwhile recreation and relaxation, fairs serve to stimulate pride in the achievements of the individual, his group and his region." Mr. Stewart said, "They are a stimulus to trade and a unifying medium."

The various fairs, festivals and livestock shows in Texas have one important thing in common — they are all working to improve our agriculture and livestock industry, to better living conditions generally and to build up our state.

Texas cities which will hold fairs, festivals or similar events during August, September and October — the traditional fair season in Texas — include the following:

Abilene, Alice, Amarillo, Angleton, Baytown, Beaumont, Big Spring, Blanco, Boerne, Bowie, Brenham, Carthage, Center, Centerville, Cleburne, Coldspring, Corsicana, Crockett, Dalhart, Dallas, Denton, Dublin, Edna, Emory, Fairfield, Floresville, Floydada, Fredericksburg, Gainesville, George West, Georgetown, Gilmer, Goliad, Gorman, Haskell, Hempstead, Henderson, Huntsville, Iowa Park, Johnson City, Junction, Kaufman, La Grange, Levelland, Liberty, Lipscomb, Littlefield, Livingston, Longview, Lubbock, Marshall, McKinney, Mesquite, Mexia, Midland, Nacogdoches, Navasota, New Braunfels, Palestine, Pampa, Paris, Pasadena, Peecos, Perryton, Plainview, Richardson, Roby, Rosenberg, San Angelo, Seguin, Seminole, Stanton, Tahoka, Temple, Texarkana, Trinity, Tulia, Tyler, Waco, Wharton, Wheeler.

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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: James Howard Johnson, Defendant, Greeting.

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 3rd day of October A. D. 1955, to Plaintiff's First Amended Petition filed in said court, on the 15th day of August A.D. 1955, in this cause, numbered 20,633-A on the docket of said court and styled Clara Mae Corrigan Johnson, Plaintiff, vs James Howard Johnson, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were legally married on the 28th day of June 1952, and separated on or about the 15th day of January, 1954.

No children were born to said marriage and no property rights to be adjudicated. Plaintiff sues for divorce on the grounds of cruel treatment, and asks that her maiden name be restored, 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 15th day of August A.D. 1955.

(SEAL)
Attest: R. H. Ross, Clerk,
42nd District Court
Taylor County, Texas
By Irene Crawford, Deputy.

Nine Foreign Exhibits Will Be At State Fair

Nine foreign countries will exhibit at the 1955 State Fair of Texas, Oct. 7-23, imparting a world's fair spirit to America's largest annual exposition.

The nations which have reserved space in the fair's new International Center are Japan, Belgium, India, Egypt, Sweden, France, Great Britain, Finland and the Federal Republic of Germany (West Germany). Fair General Manager James H. Stewart has announced:

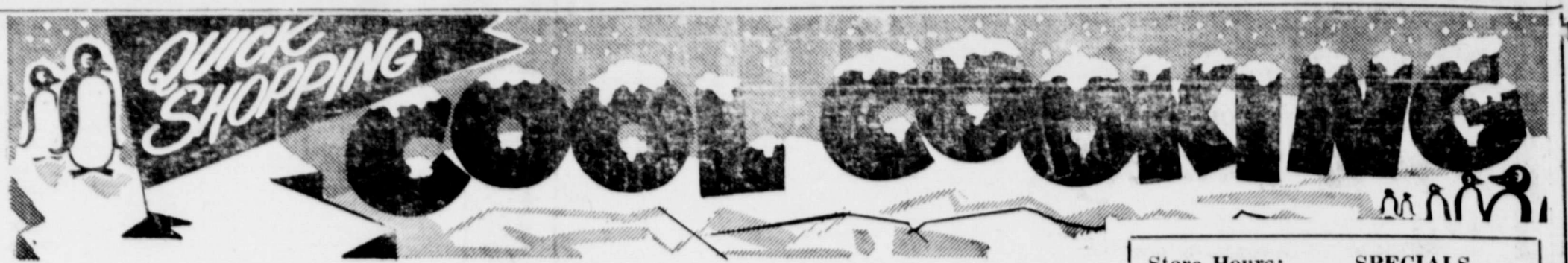
Many of the foreign governments are making elaborate plans for their exhibits. Products for which their countries are best known will form the nucleus of most of the exhibits.

For example, Sweden plans to display business machines, sewing machines, high-powered rifles, hand tools, clocks, and gift items made of glass, copper, brass and ceramics.

Belgium will show a wide variety of goods ranging from delicate table crystal and kitchenware to electric motors and barbed wire. Japan will feature its new precision-made cameras and India will concentrate on textiles.

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