

The Chamber of Commerce has issued a new set of figures on the estimated population of Merkel, and the estimates show there are 738 people residing in the town. This is based upon a comparison of light meters which shows there are 872 residential meters. There are 101 industrial users.

The 1950 census showed Merkel with a population of 2,338, and at that time there were 693 light meters. Based on the same proportion, the Chamber of Commerce has estimated the population at the increased figure. The Chamber of Commerce believes that the next few years will see a steady increase in population, and many believe it will pass the 3,000 mark within a short time.

The Merkel Development Co., which started construction of five new housing units in November, has sold every one of the new homes, even before they are ready for occupancy, and are getting ready to start a new group of houses as soon as possible. The demand for such houses is a strong indication that Merkel is on the upgrade.

More new airmen are being brought to the air base and each time Merkel gets a few of them who plan to live in this type of town. There are still some rental apartments available, but with the influx of new people coming in, there will be a need of more such units within a month or so.

Elsewhere you will find another story on the Chamber of Commerce banquet which is set for January 27 — a week from this Friday. Get your tickets today, and plan to take your wife to this affair. It will give you a real insight of what the Chamber is doing for Merkel. The Chamber is plugging every day for Merkel, and it deserves the support of every person in business. Let's have a big crowd at the banquet.

This is election year, and unless you pay your poll tax before January 31 you will be deprived of your right to vote in the elections this summer and fall. With a governor's race coming up, every citizen should vote. The poll taxes are lagging badly. Latest figures released show only 4,283 have paid their taxes, with 1,600 exemptions. In 1952 there were 17,338 eligible to vote, along with 3,438 exemptions. There are only nine days left. Act today. Go and pay your poll tax.

John West over at West Hardware has a real contest going on. If you are interested in winning \$10, enter the contest. The details are explained in an ad elsewhere in this paper. Just guess the date and time when a clock will stop running. It's just that simple.

Rites Held For Mrs. J. B. Boyett

Services were held last Wednesday for Mrs. J. B. Boyett, 74, who died in Abilene, where she had been ill for about a year. Mrs. Boyett was born Sarah Bessie Conn, in Many, La., and was married Dec. 23, 1897, in Sabine County to Mr. Boyett. They made their home there 10 years after their marriage and then moved to Brown County. In 1915 they moved to Taylor county and made their home in the Tye community.

Mr. Boyett died Aug. 4, 1949, and Mrs. Boyett moved to Abilene 18 months ago.

She was a member of the Merkel Baptist Church. Mrs. Boyett is survived by one son, H. D. Boyett of Midland; two daughters, Mrs. J. P. Bounds, Abilene, and Mrs. Craig Humphrey, of Merkel; three sisters, Mrs. Mrs. Henry Laird and Mrs. T. A. White, of Bronson, Texas, and Mrs. W. C. Halbert of Nocochoches, three brothers, Hugh Conn, Honey Island, Texas, Charlie and J. P. of Bronson, five grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Orr of Monahans were guests of his sister, Miss Sally Orr. They were enroute from Paris, Texas after visiting with their mother, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Orr and family.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Horton and grandson, Michael, of Abilene were dinner guests of his mother, Mrs. Hugh Campbell, Thursday.

Snow Falls In Merkel, Roads Slick

A 3-inch snow, sleet and ice gave the Merkel area a blanket of moisture Tuesday night, but it was feared that the moisture would not be enough to offset the extremely dry soil which is in badly need of heavy moisture.

Highways were icy and dangerous Tuesday night, and the icy pavement led to the death of a San Angelo man on farm-market road 707 north of Tye.

Paul Raymond Brooks, 54, was dead upon arrival at an Abilene hospital after his car slipped off the right side of the road and overturned.

Highway patrolmen said the car overturned one and one-half times, and was a total loss. Brooks was pinned beneath the car.

Three wrecks were reported on the Tye overpass east of Merkel, but there was only minor damage.

The temperatures dropped to 28 degrees about 5 p.m. Tuesday for the lowest of the day, and a steady mist falling turned into a sheet of ice, making driving hazardous.

The night, and it was estimated snow started falling during between three and four inches had fallen. Moisture was estimated at about 40 percent, including the icy rain.

This area, along with all of West Texas, had been threatened with severe soil blowing, and it was believed the moisture would alleviate some of the blowing, but would not be enough to soak up the soil as needed.

The Merkel area has not had a good rain since last Summer, although the last measurable moisture fell early in December with about .10 fell.

Watson Is Speaker At Trent Church

E. R. Watson, minister of the Church of Christ here is the opening night speaker on the lectureship which will be conducted at the Trent Church of Christ next week.

His subject for the Monday night service at seven thirty is "The Christian in Christian Fellowship."

Other speakers and their subjects are as follows:

Tuesday night, Guy Caskey, Sweetwater, "The Christian in Missionary Work."

Wednesday night, Rex Kyker, Abilene, "The Christian in Politics."

Thursday night, J. T. Marlin, Sweetwater, "The Christian in Social Activities."

Friday night, Eugene W. Clevenger, Abilene, "The Christian in Business."

The speakers are outstanding men and have had a wide experience. E. R. Watson has had many years experience as a Gospel preacher. Guy Caskey has served as a missionary to Africa for a number of years. Rex Kyker is an outstanding speaker and a member of the faculty at Abilene Christian College. J. T. Marlin has made a number of trips to the Bible Lands and is founder of the Famous Marlin Tours. Eugene W. Clevenger is a member of the ACC faculty and is minister for the church at Noodle.

The public is invited to hear these speakers discuss these timely subjects.

Triple - Header Set for Jan. 27

A special feature of the local March of Dimes campaign will be a triple header basketball bill at the local gym on Friday night, January 27.

All proceeds will go to the Polio drive, stated C. A. Farley, Merkel campaign director.

The Merkel High School girls will tangle with the Albany girls at 7:00 p.m. in the curtain raiser. Boys teams representing the two schools will play at 8:00 p.m., followed by a special bout at 9:00 between the Merkel Lions Club and the Tuscola Lions Club for the championship of West Texas.



WIN SAFETY AWARDS — Ross Kemp of Abilene, extreme right, safety officer of the Texas Highway Patrol, presents safe-driving awards to Merkel rural mail carriers. Postal employees receiving awards are, left to right, Frank Simpson and Stanley B. King, who got 25 years safe driving awards; Homer T. Tye, 12 years, and Alvin Wozencraft, 6 years. A fifth man, J. I. Nalley, not pictured, also won a 25-year award. (Photo by Bob Gulley, in the Abilene Reporter-News).

School Census Now Being Taken

The school census of the Merkel Independent School District for next year is now being taken by Principal C. A. Farley.

All children who will be at least six years of age and not over 18 on September 1, 1956 must be enumerated.

The names of the children who will be beginners next September are especially desired.

Isadore and Meyer Mellinger are attending the South Western Men's Apparel Show in Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Reeves, Kay and Pam from Snyder visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bunk Tip-ton.

TO YOUR ADVANTAGE

Water seeks its own level unless some artificial barrier is interposed. Many folks without realizing it construct a dam to hold back the flow of goods across the counter of their home town stores. They spend lots of money and waste perfectly good time visiting distant cities to buy merchandise that Merkel stores would have furnished with no more trouble than you take in hanging up your hat.

We say it's your privilege to shop anywhere you want — but we believe it's to your advantage to buy the goods you need in Merkel.

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MERKEL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Jubilee Date Set for June; 200 Participate

Date for the Merkel Golden Jubilee has been set for June 6, 1956. Onis Crawford, manager of the Merkel Golden Jubilee Association, announced today.

A meeting of the committee to make plans for the Jubilee will be called soon.

Crawford said tentative plans call for more than 200 workers in Merkel to make this event a success. A separate corporation has been established to handle details of the event, and each committee will be in charge of a certain phase of the promotion.

THROCKMORTON NUDGES MERKEL, 55-53, BUT BADGERS STILL REMAIN IN THICK OF RACE

The 8-A basketball race will be a battle down to the wire after Throckmorton's stunning upset of the Merkel Badgers, 55-53, Tuesday night in Merkel.

The Badgers, previously heavy favorites to win the district, still are the team to beat, although they now post a 4-1 league record.

It was Merkel's first loss in district play in three years. Throckmorton now has four victories and no losses, and Merkel is a close second.

Robert McLeod, the big center, scored 24 points and Kermit Rutledge had 16 points. Billy Don Davis and Butch Simms had 19 each for Throckmorton.

Merkel lead 30-25 at the half. With three minutes to play, David sang a field goal, giving the Greyhounds a 53-52 advantage.

Simms tallied two free shots with 20 seconds left for the difference.

The race remains between Throckmorton, Merkel, Haskell and Munday, but Merkel and Throckmorton appear to be the two toughest.

Up to last week, McLeod averaged 30.07 points a game. The Albany - Haskell game Tuesday was postponed.

Other than McLeod, outstanding players include center Robert Lilly, Throckmorton; guard Kermit Rutledge, Merkel; guard Billy Don Davis, Throckmorton; guard David Josselitt, Haskell; forward Glenn Kerger, Haskell; guard Phillip Pursley, Merkel; guard Rodney Hastings, Roscoe; center Harold Hudman, Albany; and Glenn Amerson, Munday; forward guard, Jerry Larned, Haskell.

Merkel opened by smothering Albany, 62-39; Haskell edged Munday, 39-37; and Throckmorton dropped Roby, 54-42. Roscoe has yet to play a league contest.

Don Loyd, who took over as head coach at Merkel when Tommy Ellis moved to McMurry, is-



THE GIANT AND THE SOUTHPAW — All-Stater Robert McLeod and All-District forward Phillip Pursley (right), are two of the reasons why the Merkel Badgers are favored to win their third consecutive District 8-A cage title. McLeod, 6-4 center, and Pursley, a southpaw, ranked 1-2 in scoring for Merkel last year.

herited a veteran team built around all stater McLeod and all-district performers Rutledge and Pursley.

McLeod, Pursley and Rutledge were all starters on last year's Merkel team that won 21 and lost only three. The Badgers were undefeated in league play with a 12-0 mark. The 1-2-3 punch of McLeod, Pursley and Rutledge were also the top scorers last year.

Joining this trio of starting Bad-

gers are 5-10 guard Carl McKeever, and 5-9 guard Jackie Russell.

Throckmorton, under new Coach Bill Archley, is probably Merkel's toughest competition. The Greyhounds are the only team capable of matching height with the Badgers.

Lilly, who scored 463 points as a sophomore last year, and Davis, who tallied 402, give Archley offensive power that could explode

for a championship.

To go with this fine duo the new Greyhound mentor, a product of East Texas State, has let-termen Butch Timms, Jack Gober and Jerry Grable. Last season Timms scored 139 points, Gober 63 and Grable 31.

Archley also has a couple of fine prospects in 6-0 forward Max Hibbitts and 5-8 guard James Baker. Biggest loss at Throckmorton

Time To Get Your Ticket To Banquet

The Chamber of Commerce urged members today to dispose of the group of tickets sent each member, but keeping enough for their own use.

David Gamble, retiring president, said indications are that a large crowd will be on hand for the banquet Friday, January 27, at the school cafeteria.

A program committee headed by Horace O. Boney has outlined an interesting evening of entertainment for everyone.

John White, commissioner of agriculture, will be the principal speaker.

Mrs. Norman Winter, Don Jones and other local musicians will furnish the musical numbers.

The menu committee, headed by Mrs. Margaret Hunter, has announced the menu will consist of roast beef, broccoli with cream cheese, baked potato, tossed salad, hot rolls, coffee and apple pie.

The special guest committee has invited over 50 out of town guests to attend. All local citizens and their wives are invited to attend the meeting.

The Garden Club is doing their decorations, using the agricultural products of this area as the theme for the arrangements. Miss Christine Collins, president, and other members are planning beautiful table arrangements.

SIXTH GRADERS PICK UP NAILS

The sixth grade room of Mrs. Johnny Cox killed two birds with one stone last week when they practiced safety as taught by the Junior Red Cross and then helped by polio drive by the results.

The 24 boys and girls in room, who also are in the Red Cross safety, decided to pick up the nails of the school where an old building was dismantled.

When they had completed their task, they found they had pounds of scrap metal — old nails.

"This served as a dual purpose," Mrs. Cox said. "The pupils were able to practice safety by picking up the old nails and keeping someone from getting hurt, and then they were able to sell them for scrap and turn the money over to the polio drive."

The new officers of the sixth grade this six weeks are Marilyn Hodges, president; Shirley Farmer, vice president; Linda Toliver, secretary; and Tracey Massey, reporter.

Burglars Make Big Haul At Pioneer Drive-In

It's not too late to hang up the warning sign, "watch out, the burglars are coming!"

A siege of gripping robberies, burglaries and other crimes which have been rampant lately, struck the Pioneer Drive In Theater west of Merkel over the weekend.

Robert Tom Hodge said the loot lost would be about \$300 or \$400, but the burglars made a clean haul of the hot dog machine, soft drink machine and all the metal chairs which are used at the theater.

The burglars used a dual wheel truck to haul off their loot, and it was surmised that they are part of a big ring of burglars operating throughout the area.

Hodge said they were working at the theater over the weekend, but did not discover the burglary until about noon Monday.

To Help Polio

All Merkel women who are interested in helping with the Mothers March on Polio on January 31 are urged to attend an organizational meeting to be held in the library of the elementary school next Monday afternoon, January 23, at 3:30, according to Mrs. David Gamble.

Room mothers who live within the city limits of Merkel are extended a special invitation to attend this meeting.

Nearly Everyone Files Tax Report

Nearly every citizen or resident of the U.S.A. who had an income during 1955 should file a tax return, according to Howard O. Nichols of the Internal Revenue Service office at Abilene.

He explained that if you are less than 65 years of age and had a gross income of \$600 or more, you must file a tax return. Those 65 and over, however, must file a return when their gross income is \$12000 or more.

"Self-employed individuals with net earnings of \$400 or more must also file an annual return," Mr. Nichols said.

"A person with income of less than \$600 — or \$1200 for those 65 or over — should file a return to get a refund of the tax that was withheld each payday," he added.

"Every taxpayer should read the 1955 tax instruction pamphlet so he will not pay more or less tax than he owes," he urged.

Hybrid Lambs Offer More Meat Prospect

Hybrid lambs promise ranchmen increased efficiency in the production of meat and wool.

Representing two and three-way crosses of different high-quality purebreds, Beltsville hybrids have far outclassed their parent stock in production and in reduced mortality.

The hybrids are crosses of purebred Hampshires, Shropshires, Southdowns, and Merinos. Commercial growers, however, can produce vigorous hybrid lambs by crossing their own grade flocks with high-quality purebreds of another breed.

Results of tests, showing improvement in production and lower mortality rates, cover two-way crosses observed over a seven-year period and three-way crosses tested for four years. Comparison was based upon the mortality rate of the lambs, and

the "production index" of each ewe. This index indicates the ewe's producing ability in terms of weaned weight of lambs and weight of yearling fleeces.

The average production index of three-way cross lamblings was 74.4 compared with 62.0 for the purebred flocks used in this cross. Crossbreeds showed an average increase of 20.6 percent in the total production as compared with the purebreds. The three-way-cross lambs showed 28 percent lower mortality than the purebred lambs in these tests.

During seven years of testing the two-way-cross lambs, the ewes showed and average production index of 67.8 when bred to rams of other breeds. This is compared to an index of 58.1 for similar purebred ewes bred to rams of their own breeds. The hybrids showed an increase of 16.7 percent in the total production as compared with purebreds. Lamb mortality was 31.4 percent lower in the hybrids of this group.

not buy friendship with dollars, but it does not mean that we can isolate ourselves from the rest of the world and be safe. If we are responsible, we must look beyond all tomorrows.

The Senate Finance Committee has voted to exempt farmers from the Federal gasoline tax for gasoline used in farm operations. This is a little "sop" which will amount to approximately 60 million dollars a year in savings to farmers. It is a drop in the bucket considering conditions facing the farmers, and should have been included in legislation a long time ago.

Although we have our troubles, at least our area is free from one of the very great difficulties facing many of the larger cities in this country. This has to do with "smog."

The city of Los Angeles, California, is reported to be one of the worst. Carbon monoxide from automobiles mixed with gasses from industrial plants is said to be seriously impairing health and all that goes with it. Figures show that every day over the United States 35 tons of injurious matter fall from exhaust pipes of automobiles alone. A million and a half tons from automobiles and incinerators fall on New York City each year.

There is talk that the Federal Government will be called upon to assist in doing something about this situation.

Probably Useless Information Department: The Nation's 1,300,000 parking meters soaked up 90 million dollars in nickels in 1955. The horse did better. There are 24 States with legal betting, which had a two billion dollar turnover.

The backyard barbecue and fireplace vogue has sent fire wood sales beyond 50 million cords a year. (Maybe there is hope for another Abe Lincoln.) I am afraid there is still not much market for a considerable amount of mesquite wood I have on my place in Jones County.

As the Congress gets under way it would seem to me to be a good idea if each Congressman would take note of the following words of Thomas Jefferson.

"I served with General Washington in the Legislature of Virginia, before the Revolution, and, during it, with Doctor Franklin in Congress. I never heard either of them speak ten minutes at a time, nor to any but the main point, which was to decide the question. They laid their shoulders to the great points, knowing that the little ones would follow of themselves. If the present congress errs in too much talking, how can it be otherwise, in a body to which the people send one

hundred and fifty lawyers, whose trade it is to question everything, yield nothing, and talk by the hour? That one hundred and fifty lawyers should do business together ought not to be expected. If we heeded the words of Jefferson, we probably would get a great deal more accomplished."

"I believe in having strong convictions, but it is dangerous to have them unless they are based on knowledge."

John Quincy Adams was the only President of the United States who was bald headed.

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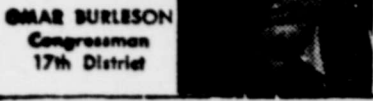
TEXAS PRESS NEWS
DEATH TOLL MOUNTS ON TEXAS HIGHWAYS
TEXANS ARE KILLING MORE TEXANS
It's INSANE to be Unsafe!



SHARP TURN COMING UP!—The Ranch Girls' barrel race last year at the world's greatest indoor rodeo was so big a hit that the exciting event will be presented again at the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show in Fort Worth, January 27 through February 5. Wheeling around the barrel is Miss LaTonne Sewalt of Afton, Oklahoma, one of the 36 pretty contestants.

Washington

"As It Looks From Here"



OMAR BURLERSON, M. C. 17th District, Texas

WASHINGTON, D. C. — As stated in most of my speeches back home during this past Fall, it was obvious soon after the Geneva Conference that the cold war would continue unabated.

Perhaps we should be thankful for the lesser of two evils — that the "cold" war has not turned into a hot one. We might as well make up our minds, however, that as long as there is a Russia and Communism, the present situation is going to be with us for a long time to come. The big problem is how to constantly face it with courage, determination, responsibility, and common sense. We should now know we can-

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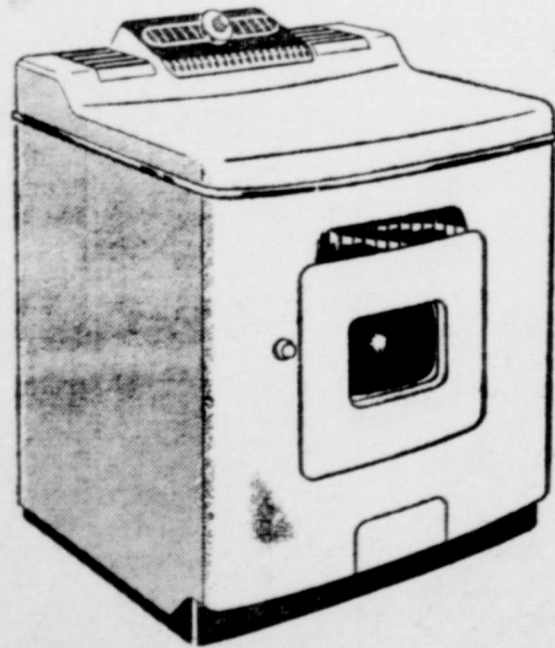
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 No. 1 Can 5c

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 12-oz. Bottle 2 for - 29c

Morton's **Fruit Pies**, 10 1/2-oz. - 29c

Calf **BRAINS** ----- lb. 25c

Welch's **Grape Juice** -- 2 for 45c

Sweet Breads -- lb. 49c

KIMBELL'S **GREEN BEANS**
 303 Can 2 for - 35c

DIAMOND **PICKLES**
 SOUR OR DILL qt. -- 25c

Idaho Russet **SPUDS** ----- 10 lb. bag 43c

Hard & Green **CABBAGE** - - - lb. 4c

CALIFORNIA **ORANGES** - - - - lb. 10c

LETTUCE --- head 12c

CAULIFLOWER - lb. 19c

DIAMOND **TOMATO JUICE**
 46-oz. Can 25c

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Pasture management is a year-round job, and the production from winter pastures can be increased or cut by the management practices used, says E. M. Frew, extension pasture specialist.

Women were given the right to vote in Wyoming while it was still a territory.

State No. 1398 Reserve District No. 11

REPORT OF CONDITION OF HOME STATE BANK

OF TRENT, TEXAS

at the close of business Dec. 31, 1955, a State banking institution organized and operating under the banking laws of this State and a member of the Federal Reserve System. Published in accordance with a call made by the State Banking Authorities and by the Federal Reserve Bank of this District.

ASSETS

1. Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balance, and cash items in process of collection	\$235,571.82
2. United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed	412,419.89
5. Corporate stocks (including \$2,700.00 stock of Federal Reserve bank)	2,700.00
6. Loans and discounts (including \$1.90 overdrafts)	307,079.55
7. Bank premises owned, furniture and fixtures	\$9,000.00 \$6,600.00
12. TOTAL ASSETS	\$973,371.26

LIABILITIES

13. Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	\$806,732.89
15. Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings)	75.00
16. Deposits of States and political subdivisions	63,821.80
19. TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$870,629.69
24. TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$973,371.26

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

25. Capital*	\$ 25,000.00
26. Surplus	65,000.00
27. Undivided profits	12,741.57
29. TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	\$102,741.57

30. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS \$973,371.26

*This bank's capital consists of: Common stock with total par value of \$25,000.00

MEMORANDA

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James V. Ross

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 J. C. CRAIN
 T. H. WILLIAMSON

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MARY FRANCES REEDER MARRIES IN HOBBS

The wedding of Mary Frances Reeder, daughter of Mrs. M. G. King, of Merkel, to Buddy Haddera, of Abilene, was announced this week.

The couple were married at Hobbs, New Mexico, January 10. They will make their home in Abilene.

The bride attended school in Merkel. The groom is employed by Bessley Well Service. He is the son of C. W. Maddera, of Abilene.

MRS. PATTERSON ENTERTAINS CLUB

The Fortnightly Study Club met in the Community Center for the regular meeting Tuesday, January 10, with Mrs. Homer Patterson as hostess.

The following officers were elected for 1956 - 1957: president, Mrs. Earl Hughes; vice president, Mrs. Mack Fisher; recording secretary, Mrs. Dale Lit-

GETTING UP NIGHTS

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ton; treasurer, Miss Christine Collins; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Andy Shouse; reporter, Mrs. Johnny Cox; historian, Mrs. Ray Wilson; critic and parliamentarian, Mrs. Clyde Bartlett; Federation councilor, Mrs. W. T. Sadler.

The club voted to contribute to the Polio fund and to feed the Lions Club during February and March.

Mrs. Henry West reviewed The Prophet by Kahlil Gibran in a most charming manner.

Those attending the meeting were: Mesdames Dave Gamble, Henry West, S. D. Gamble, Chester Collinsworth, Carroll Benson, Johnny Cox, Mack Fisher, Miss Christine Collins, Mesdames W. T. Sadler, W. R. Cyfert, George T. Moore, Earl Hughes, Dale Litton, Johnny Hardisty, Don McAllen, Andy Shouse, Wren Durbin, Comey Haynes, Ray Wilson and Homer Patterson.

The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Carroll Benson on January 24.

Committees appointed were: year book, Mrs. Stanley; Finance, Mrs. Touchstone and Mrs. Ramsey; Three E, Mrs. Foy; Recreation, Mrs. W. E. Pistole; Marketing, Mrs. Chancey; Reporter, Mrs. Ramsey; 4-H, Mrs. Hunter; and Civil Defense, Mrs. Ray; Food, Mrs. Vernon Stanley; Roll call was answered with "my favorite poem."

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STITH H. D. CLUB MEETS

Stith H. D. Club met in the home of Mrs. Ted Hudson for the first time in the New Year.

Miss Louise Hudson, our 1955 president presided over the installation of the new officers.

Those taking offices were: Mrs. Wilburn Loflin, president; Mrs. Buck Leech, vice-president; Mrs. Ted Hudson, council delegate; Mrs. Bill Childers, reporter.

Then our regular business meeting was called to order by Mrs. Loflin.

Mrs. Jones led in prayer and singing. "The Eyes of Texas" was led by Mrs. Ida Mashburn.

Much enthusiasm was shown by everyone.

We completed some old and unfinished business. Made plans for new and interesting business.

We were proud to recognize three new members, Mrs. Rust, Mrs. Baker and Mrs. Gilmore.

A heartily invitation is extended to all caring to join the club. Our next meeting will be at Miss Louise Hudson's.

COMPERE H. D. CLUB MEETS

The Comper Home Demonstration Club met January 12, in Mrs. H. R. Chancey's home for the first meeting of the new year.

Mrs. Chancey, the new club

president, had charge of the business session. Mrs. Vernon Stanley led the group in singing "The Eyes of Texas." Mrs. I. B. Ray led the prayer.

Minutes were read by Mrs. Vernon Stanley. Roll call was answered with "my favorite poem."

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NOODLE JUNIOR 4-H CLUB MEETS

The Noodle Jr. 4-H Club met Monday, January 14, 1956. This was the first meeting of the new year.

MAC DORTON GIVEN PARTY

Mrs. Mabel Dorton gave Mac Dorton a surprise birthday party, January 5, at her home.

Mac stopped by her house on the way home from school to find his friends surprising him by singing "Happy Birthday."

The table was decorated and "Happy New Year" was written on top of the cake.

Games were played. Cake, ice cream, and punch were served to Larry Hargrove, Robert Shouse, Donald Russom, Bill and Mike Vaughn, and Mac Dorton.

PATRICIA ANN PALMER TO WED IN APRIL

Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Palmer of Merkel announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Patricia Ann Palmer, to Ronald O. Leveridge, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Leveridge, 4310 S. Sixth, Abilene.

The wedding will be April 6 at 6:30 p.m. in the First Methodist church.

Both are students at Hardin-Simmons University. The prospective bridegroom will be employed by Grove Clothiers in Odessa.

BETTY PAYNE HONORED WITH PARTY

Miss Betty Payne, who will be married to Ronnie Freeman January 21, was honored with a lovely gift tea Saturday evening, in the home of Mrs. Wray Williams.

Entering, under a white net ruffle covered wedding bell, guests were served from the table laid with saun and rayon damask. The centerpiece was angelic candleabra flanked with blue carnations, atop a round mirror where candle light reflected. Crystal and silver appointments were used.

Betty wore a blue print on black taffeta dress with a sweetheart neckline. Here shoulder corsage was of white carnations.

Special guest was her great-grandmother, Mrs. R. O. Caffey, of Anson. Also present was her grandmother, Mrs. M. L. Payne, of Trent.

Former school mates entertained. Carolyn McRee of Abilene, sang a number of love songs. Judy Steadman of Trent and Jane Williams of Hardin-Simmons played piano selections. Shirley Carter of Hardin-Simmons joined the girls in group singing. Neleto Hall of Fort Worth registered sixty-two guests.

Hostesses were: Mrs. Carl Edwards, C. C. Estep, Cecil Taylor, Marvin Freeman, Geta Williams, Frank Carter, C. A. Hale, J. D. Manning, A. M. Claborn, Mark Williamson, Eldon Hicks, Sherman Driggers, Otis Young and Mrs. Williams.

TRENT HIGH SCHOOL HAS PARTY

The Trent High School party was given in the home of Mrs. Goldia Malone.

Several games were played. Mrs. G. H. Williams and Mrs. Marvin Freeman assisted Mrs. Malone in serving sandwiches and cookies.

Those attending were: Hilda Hutcheson, Nelda Sue Heatly, Robert Williams, Wanda Vinson, Jerry West, Tommy Young, Karen Hood, Sandra Freeman, Colleen Stowe, Rose Mary Jones, Betty Payne, Peggy Maberry, Carolyn Graham, Kenneth Heatly, Alton Freeman, Edward Hawford, Bobby Byron, Joel Crain, David Glaborn, Connie Cade, Charles Bright, Buddy Carter, Joy Deon Ponder, Ronnie Cade, Jerry Horton, Jerry Williams, Tellie McWilliams.

GOODMAN CLUB MEETS

The first meeting of the Goodman Club for 1956 was held at the Community Center. Our President, Mrs. H. H. Windham, called the meeting to order and all the members read the T.H.D.A. Prayer and the T.H.D.A. Creed.

Prayer was given by Mrs. Dan Butler, Mrs. Carl Bonneaux, secretary, read the minutes, Mrs. Carl McAninch led in the recreation. Club members filled out the year books.

Paid all bills we owed leaving enough left in the treasurer to buy a kitchen sink for the Community Center. For the year of 1955 we spent \$26.85 for flowers. The Club bought Mrs. Bonneaux a pot plant in memory of a sister that passed away in Arizona.

Club collected \$2.00 for the flower fund. Mrs. G. Blair was elected food leader. Mrs. Dan Butler as living room leader. Plans were made and money collected to buy gifts for those who are moving away.

We had one visitor, Barbara Lasseter, of Abilene. Eleven club members were present.

A delicious plate of date loaf cake and spiced tea was served. Next meeting will be with Mrs. Helms at her home.

UNION RIDGE H. D. CLUB MEETS

The Union Ridge Home Demonstration Club met in the home of Mrs. Lige Harris for the first meeting in the New Year. Vice President, Mrs. O. C. Harwell, had charge in the absence of our president.

Prayer and the T.H.D.A. Creed was led by Mrs. Clark. The roll call was given with one New Year resolution. Minutes were read and approved.

The program was as follows: poem "Are You An Active Member," by Mrs. Clafk. "The Emblem of Home Demonstration Work" by Mrs. Harwell. "Be Wise When You Buy Bed Linens," by Mrs. Harris.

Delicious refreshment were served to the members. The meeting then adjourned planning to meet in the home of Mrs. J. C. Walton, Friday January 20 at 2:00 p.m. Our agent, Miss Loreta Allen, will be with us.



LLOYD GILES
Shop Foreman
John McKinnon Motors
Formerly of Winters, Lloyd Giles is the new shop foreman at John McKinnon Motors. We are fortunate to be able to secure a man of Lloyd's ability and experience to be our foreman. We invite you to bring your car to us for service.

QUARTERLY REPORT OF TAYLOR COUNTY TREASURER

On January 9th 1956 The Commissioners Court met in regular session compared and examined the Quarterly report of Mrs. Bob Haile County Treasurer for the Quarter ending December 31st, 1955 and found same to be correct and the respective amounts received and paid out to be correct in accordance with the preceding report.

Funds	Bal. Last Qtr.	Received This Qtr.	Paid Out This Qtr.	Bal. This Qtr.
Jury Fund	\$30,677.01	\$19,679.25	\$11,963.02	\$38,393.24
Precinct No. 1	16,618.57	15,615.24	18,448.73	13,785.08
Precinct No. 2	42,089.84	14,449.79	14,445.79	42,093.84
Precinct No. 3	33,758.65	11,812.67	13,521.43	32,049.89
Precinct No. 4	16,865.91	13,984.57	17,653.60	13,196.83
Pauper Fund	OD 22,120.55	6,548.01	14,325.35	OD 29,897.89
General Fund	OD 1,390.64	102,021.74	46,323.53	54,337.57
Road Dist. No. 1	1,260.59	.00	10.59	1,250.00
Road Dist. No. 3	713.81	.00	.00	713.81
Road Dist. No. 4	829.26	.00	.00	829.26
Highway 600 M.	493.35	448.50	.00	941.85
Highway 275 M.	31.85	.00	.00	31.85
Perm. Imp. Fund	32,822.08	11,026.83	16,062.34	27,786.57
Spec. Rd. Dist. No. 1 Skg. Fd.	24,054.41	24,146.22	5,540.75	42,659.88
Co. Wide Mach. Fund	2.70	.00	.00	2.70
Withholding Tax Fund	2,119.50	7,522.03	6,375.30	3,266.23
Officers Salary Fund	7,096.60	61,837.38	58,000.73	10,923.25
Spec. Rd. Dist. No. 1 Kkg. Fd.	24,054.41	24,146.22	5,540.75	42,659.88
Perm. School Fund	7.58	80.00	80.00	7.58
Lateral Road Fund	39,279.09	.00	6,249.42	33,029.67
F.I.C.A. Tax Fund	4,048.36	6,010.00	3,156.22	6,902.14
Spec. Rd. Bond S. 1953	119,160.29	.00	12,075.22	107,085.07
Library Fund	319.36	676.00	712.66	282.70
Perm. Imp. Skg. Fund	39,549.93	34,970.00	9,138.75	65,381.18
Perm. Imp. Bond S. 1954	407,198.67	.00	152,523.61	254,675.06
Rd. Dist. No. 1 B. Fd. S. 1955	347,208.92	466.41	180,203.67	167,471.66
Rd. Dist. No. 1 Skg. Fd. S. 1955	697.50	19,575.00	.00	20,182.50
Road & B. Skg. Fund	.00	13,450.00	.00	13,450.00
Co. Rent Fund	.00	60.00	.00	60.00
	\$1,144,618.64	\$364,379.64	\$586,820.71	\$922,177.57

Bank Balances	
F. M. National	\$316,184.06
Bank Bal. Citizens National	355,001.66
First State Bank, Abilene	125,941.85
First State Bank, Tuscola	125,000.00
	\$922,177.57

Securities Owned By Taylor County Texas	
Precinct No. 3	\$ 5,000.00
Jury Fund	10,000.00
General Fund	46,000.00
Road Dist. No. 1 Skg. Fund	43,848.20
	\$104,848.20

Taylor County Perm. School Fund	
U. S. Government Bonds	\$10,800.00
Everman Ind. School Dist.	8,222.17
San Saba Road Bonds	1,000.00
	\$20,022.17

Highway 600 M. Gov. Bond Series K.	\$32,500.00
Highway 275 Bond Series J.	1,368.00
	(Redemption Val. \$1,900.00)
	\$33,868.00

Bond and Warrant Indebtedness	Original Issue	Bonds Redeemed	Bonds Outstanding
Bond Series 1927	\$800,000.00	\$526,000.00	\$ 74,000.00
Bond Series 1929	275,000.00	225,000.00	50,000.00
Bond Series 1947	350,000.00	200,000.00	150,000.00
Bond Series 1953	350,000.00	10,000.00	340,000.00
Bond Series 1954	850,000.00	.00	850,000.00
Bond Series 1955	350,000.00	.00	350,000.00
	\$2,775,000.00	\$961,000.00	\$1,814,000.00

The requirements of Art. 401 P. C. have been complied with and a tabular statement has been filed as required.

J. H. RUCKER
Commissioner Precinct No. 1

FLOYD TATE
Commissioner Precinct No. 3

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Loaded with extras, low mileage, local car. **\$495**
- 1954 Ford 6 -**
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was Bobby Joe Davis, a 6-0 all-district guard and leading scorer who was an All-Abilene area player last year.

Coach Ray Overton also has a veteran squad at Haskell, with 10 lettermen returning. Wendell Dixon was the only starter he lost off last year's fine team.

Returning starters are Larned Kreger, Josselet and David DDuncan. This four is joined by letterman Robert Starr this year. Other lettermen are Jerry Matthews, Wayne Conner, John Clifton, Patrick Heiser, Byron Smith and Rodney...

Lack of height may prove costly for the Indians as no member of the starting lineup stands above 6-0. Josselet, the Indian ace, stands only 5-6. Despite this, Haskell defeated Throckmorton 57-44, in a non-league game earlier this year.

Coach Troy Stewart lost All-Abilene area forward Joe Sharp from his Hunday squad, but has five returning lettermen including Amerson, a fine 6-1 center.

The other lettermen are Gerald Tidwell, 5-11 guard; Don Whitworth 6-6 senior forward; Waymon Smith, 6-2 senior forward; and Robert Bowden, 6-1 senior forward.

Despite losing its first district game to Haskell by two points and a 50-35 decision to Throckmorton earlier in the year the Moguls could turn out to be the "spoilers" for any of the big three.

Elvin Hill, new Albany mentor, has seven lettermen back at Albany. They are 5-7 Jody Beal, 6-

1-2 Stanley Ivy, 6-1 Hudman, 5-10 Glenn Macon, 6-0 John Macon, 5-7 Jerry Atwell and 6-0 Bobby Allman.

However, the Lions lost top scorer Charlie Knight via graduation and aren't expected to improve on their record of three wins and nine losses for fifth place last year.

Roby also boasts a new coach in Bobby Clark, who reports he has no lettermen back. Last year the Lions won three and lost nine in district play. It will be surprising if they finish higher this season.

Another new coach, Salty Jones at Roscoe, has seven lettermen returning in an effort to improve on last year's 1-11 last place finish. Included in this group are the top two scorers — Bill Nemir and Rodney Hastings.

Lettermen are Jackie Duncan, 6-0 forward; Jackie May, 6-10 guard; Delbert Smith, 6-0 forward; Don Richburg, 6-2 center; Bobby Colwell, 5-9 guard; Nernit, 6-4; and Hastings, 5-8.

UP THE CANYON

We have heard a lot about the dry weather already. We are now going into the 5th month of it. We are feeling the effects of it at this time. People are feeding livestock heavy. Still a little grazing left in some stalk fields yet. Fred Johnson, who lives in the west end of the Canyon, has a bunch of steers in the feed lot.

The steers are weighing about 750 average. They will be fed about two more months before they go to market. Fred says it sure has been fine weather for feeding. That's the only cattle being fed for market up the Canyon.

Mrs. Roy Hunter and John Hunter, who are owners of the late A. W. Hunter land in the Canyon, has sold 240 acres of land to David Gamble, Merkel druggist.

Gamble plans to run livestock on the place. The 240 acres joins land that is owned by David's father, S. D. Gamble.

The land business is quiet, up the Canyon at this time. Not much land is being offered for sale.

The attendance was up at Pioneer Church Sunday morning, about 90 was present for church. A good number of visitors were with us. Mr. and Mrs. John Oliver Jr. and daughters of Midland, Texas, attended church at Pioneer.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Russom and Don attended the funeral of Elvin Lewis, at Nolan Thursday. Elvin was a fine boy and such a fine worker in his church. He paid his last visit to our church at the New Year's Eve singing, that was held December 31, 1955. He has always been a wheel in promoting things that was worth while. May the Lord keep and bless his good family.

The Pioneer Church is proud of its name that was painted on a nice steel sign board last week. It will enable tourists and others to know it when passing.

We, as farmers and ranchmen have been urged to buy tickets to the C.C. Banquet at Merkel January 27, when John White of Austin will speak.

It will be our first chance to hear the Commissioner of Agriculture in this area.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Butman Jr. this week were: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bunker and Mrs. Fred White of Eaton Rapids, Michigan. They said it was raining and freezing there when they left to come to Texas.

The Butmans and Bunkers met during the Camp Barkley days. The Bunkers were visiting a son-in-law and his wife here. They were looking over the maneuver area which took in the ranch when the Butmans acted a good samaritan when the Bunkers ran out of rationed gas. Many friendships grew out of Camp Barkley and this is one that has really been enjoyed.

Frank Brnovaks, Everett Powells of Abilene, Sam Butmans, and Frank Bunkers were dinner guests of A. D. Scotts on Sunday. The Floyd Perkins family of Abilene were evening callers.

Anyone wouldn't ever know that F. H. Horton's house burned, by just driving by. He has moved in another house that looks a lot like the little house that burned. F. H. said it has taken a lot of work to get it in shape to move in.

NOODLE SENIOR 4-H CLUB MEETS
The Noodle Senior 4-H Club met Monday, January 16, at 9:00 a.m. in the Home Economics Room. All members were present and two joined.

Miss Jimmie Lour Wainscott, gave a demonstration on "Ginger Bread Deluxe" topped with "Lemon Hard Sauce."

The Jones County Livestock Show will be held on February 11 in Stamford. Everyone is urged to attend.

NOTICE
WHEREAS, the City Council of Merkel, Texas, heretofore appointed an Airport Zoning Commission for the purpose of reporting upon the hazard area adjacent to the Abilene Air Force Base, and to promulgate zoning regulations therefor as authorized by Article 46E of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas; and

WHEREAS, such Airport Zoning Commission held a public hearing on September 9, 1955, and has submitted to the City Council its final report; and

WHEREAS, it appears that said Article 46E of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas requires that said City Council hold a public hearing on said final report at which hearing parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard regarding the proposed zoning regulations proposed to be adopted for the airport hazard area adjacent to the Abilene Air Force Base situated in Taylor County, Texas, and lying within the jurisdiction of this political subdivision;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the provisions of Article 46E, Subdivision 5, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, it is ordered that a public hearing be held before this City Council on the 6th day of Feb., 1956, at City Hall, room, Merkel, Texas, at 7 o'clock p.m. for the purpose of hearing all parties in interest and citizens who desire to be heard on the final report of the Airport Zoning Commission proposing airport zoning regulations to be adopted by this City Council, prescribing regulations governing airport hazards in the area affected by the Abilene Air Force Base.

It is further ordered that this notice be published in the Merkel Mail, a paper of general circulation in this jurisdiction.
FRED STARBUCK
Mayor
FLOSSIE W. McKEEVER
City Secretary

CARD OF THANKS
We want to acknowledge with grateful appreciation all the many expressions of sympathy, during the illness and death of our dear mother.
Mr. and Mrs. Craig Humphrey and Joyce
Mr. and Mrs. Pat Bounds
Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Boyett and children.

HOMEMAKING AND SHOP
The January P.T.A. meeting will be held January 19 at 7:30 p.m.

The title of the program is The Family Creates Skilled Hands, given by the Homemaking Shop Departments of Merkel High School.
Mrs. Barbara Tongate and Mr. D. W. Fathree are in charge of this program.

ANN AND GARY SMITH HAVE BIRTHDAY
Ann and Gary Smith celebrated their birthdays jointly this week at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ford Smith Jr. Indoor games were played with prizes going to Susan Fathree, Neldon Reese, Mike McLeod, and Randy Smith.

Piano numbers were played by Susan Fathree and Ann Smith. Group singing was enjoyed. Refreshments were served to: Karen Ann Ray, Dorothy Davis, Gayle Gladdin, Susan Fathree, Barbara Weed, Cynthia Claxton, Sylvia Claxton, Neldon Reese, Wilma Smith, Gloria Moore, Robert Shouse, Ricky Reese, Tommy Springer, Mike McLeod, Mike Bright, Billy Davis, Ann and Gary Smith.

Hospital Notes
Those admitted to Sadler Clinic during the past week were: Thelma Clark, Snyder
J. W. Isenburw, Abilene
Mrs. Earnest McCright, Merkel
Dorris Hutcheson, Trent
Mrs. M. G. Bryan, Trent
Julia Lawson, Merkel
Mrs. Gene Robertson, Abilene
Stephen Dan Doan, Stamford
Mynel Grayson, Trent
D. G. Thompson, Tye
G. L. Quattlebaum, Trent
Mrs. J. D. Manning, Trent
Mrs. Charlie Tipton, Merkel, surgery
Mrs. E. L. Weber, Tye, surgery
Mrs. J. L. Glaze, Abilene, surgery
Mrs. H. L. Hegins, Trent, surgery
Mrs. H. C. Lewis, Merkel, surgery

NEW ARRIVALS:
Pamala Ann Benningfield, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Benningfield, 6 pounds, 16 ounces. Born January 13, 1956.

PARENT-TEACHERS MEETING POSTPONED
The meeting of the Parent-Teachers association scheduled for Thursday night has been postponed until next Thursday night at the school cafeteria.

CEMETERY FUND
Bob McDonald \$10.00
Mrs. Jennie Ely 15.00
Mrs. Amy Sears, Abilene 25.00
Mrs. Jim Block, Big Spring 6.00

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NOTICE MASONS
Stated meeting of Merkel Lodge No. 710, A.F. & A.M. Sat. Jan. 21 at 7:30 p.m. All members are urged to attend. Working brethren cordially invited.
J. R. Masterson, V.M.
C. B. Rust, Secretary.

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We have two Emerson Console 21-inch, only a few months old, take up the past due payments and pay the balance monthly. Badger Chevrolet. 40-tfc.

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FOR SALE — 8-room house to be moved. See Mrs. Estell Hannah 1 blk. W. of Manchester St. 1 blk. S. Catholic Church. 43-3tp.

FOR SALE — Butane tank, 250 gal. \$185. 901 Oak. See on Friday. Mrs. Yvona Scoggins. 44-3tp.

FOR SALE — 7-rooms with bath, plus six lots, good well water, electric pump, 810 Walnut, East of county barn. 44-tp.

FOR RENT — 4-room unfurnished house, 3 1-2 miles southwest of Merkel, electricity, well. Morris B. Smith. 44-3tc.

FOR SALE — My six room house on Oak Street. Three lots, two baths, windmill, cellar, barn, garage. House may be arranged into a duplex or private kindergarten. Possession June 1. C. A. Farley, 812 Oak Street, Phone 192J. 44-tfc.

HELP WANTED
WANTED — Woman or girl to stay with elderly lady at home. Phone Noodle 6377. 45-3tp.
YOUNG MAN OR BOY WANTED to do janitor work, and other incidentals. Inquire at Merkel Mail Office. 45-tfc.
LADY FOR HOUSEWORK — Inquire at Merkel Mail Office. 45-tfc.

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Noodle boys took a basketball game from our Hawley boys on Tuesday night, but our girls won. We hope that's the last time our boys lose, to Noodle any way, ha, ha.
Mrs. W. H. Cook has been visiting her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Austin of Snyder.
Larry Sloan and Charlene McCoy celebrated their eighteenth birthday jointly in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard McCoy on Sunday evening. Helping them to celebrate were Alfred Barker, Janell Noland, Sonny Thern, Betty Sue Lewis, Max Jones, June Tarrell, Betty McCoy and Derrell Sloan.

NOODLE NEWS
Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Sullivan and Caron went to Oklahoma last week-end to take his mother home, she visited the Sullivans last.
Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Cooper last week were his sister, Mrs. J. Lontrip of Anson and Mrs. Bob Williams.
Rev. Terry Smith of Abilene preached at the Baptist Church Sunday. Rev. Alton Britains of Abilene will preach next Sunday, he attends school at Simmons but his home is in Canada.
Mr. and Mrs. Leon Newitt of Roswell, New Mex, visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Cox on Friday. The Newitts are on their way back to Germany where he has served with the Armed Forces for five years.
Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Sontleben of Abilene visited in the W. J. Spurgeon home over the week-end. James Alfred visited Clinton Spurgeon last Friday. The W. J. Spurgeons and the Sontlebentens visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Spurgeon on Sunday evening.

HODGES
Mr. and Mrs. Norman Sloan attended final rites for her uncle, Mr. C. L. Miller of Mineral Wells on Wednesday. Other nieces and nephews attending were Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Gregory of Hamlin, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Martin, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Miller of Merkel, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Miller of Sweetwater, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Miller of Dallas, Mrs. Florence Spratt of Bell, California.

ANN AND GARY SMITH HAVE BIRTHDAY
Ann and Gary Smith celebrated their birthdays jointly this week at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ford Smith Jr. Indoor games were played with prizes going to Susan Fathree, Neldon Reese, Mike McLeod, and Randy Smith.

Piano numbers were played by Susan Fathree and Ann Smith. Group singing was enjoyed. Refreshments were served to: Karen Ann Ray, Dorothy Davis, Gayle Gladdin, Susan Fathree, Barbara Weed, Cynthia Claxton, Sylvia Claxton, Neldon Reese, Wilma Smith, Gloria Moore, Robert Shouse, Ricky Reese, Tommy Springer, Mike McLeod, Mike Bright, Billy Davis, Ann and Gary Smith.

Hospital Notes
Those admitted to Sadler Clinic during the past week were: Thelma Clark, Snyder
J. W. Isenburw, Abilene
Mrs. Earnest McCright, Merkel
Dorris Hutcheson, Trent
Mrs. M. G. Bryan, Trent
Julia Lawson, Merkel
Mrs. Gene Robertson, Abilene
Stephen Dan Doan, Stamford
Mynel Grayson, Trent
D. G. Thompson, Tye
G. L. Quattlebaum, Trent
Mrs. J. D. Manning, Trent
Mrs. Charlie Tipton, Merkel, surgery
Mrs. E. L. Weber, Tye, surgery
Mrs. J. L. Glaze, Abilene, surgery
Mrs. H. L. Hegins, Trent, surgery
Mrs. H. C. Lewis, Merkel, surgery

NEW ARRIVALS:
Pamala Ann Benningfield, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Benningfield, 6 pounds, 16 ounces. Born January 13, 1956.

PARENT-TEACHERS MEETING POSTPONED
The meeting of the Parent-Teachers association scheduled for Thursday night has been postponed until next Thursday night at the school cafeteria.

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS,
To Samuel David Blackwell 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 5th day of February A.D. 1956, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 23rd day of December A.D. 1956, in this cause, numbered 21,053-A on the docket of said court and styled Willie E. Blackwell, Plaintiff, vs. Samuel David Blackwell, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were married on or about 1950 and lived together until on or about 1952. Plaintiff shows there is no community property to be adjudicated and no children born of said marriage.

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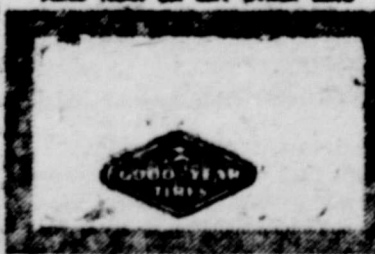
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grounds of Cruel Treatment, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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

Issued and given under my hand and the said court at Abilene, Texas, this 23rd day of December A.D. 1955.

(SEAL)

Attest: R. H. Ross Clerk,
Taylor County, Texas,
42nd District Court,
By Clayrene Long, Deputy.

**Burleson Is
Elected Head
Of Delegation**

On the convening of the 2nd Session of the 84th Congress, U. S. Rep. Omar Burleson of the 17th District of Texas was elected by his colleagues to head the Texas Delegation in Washington.

The Delegation includes the twenty-two members of the House of Representatives and the two Senators from Texas, and all were present when new officers were selected for 1956.

As Chairman of the Delegation, Congressman Burleson will preside over all meetings of the Texas Delegation in Congress and become the central figure in such other activities as the Members may engage in during the tenure of his office. In the 81st Congress Representative Burleson served as Secretary of the Texas group.

The Texas group meets each Wednesday in the dining room of the Capitol assigned to the Speaker of the House. At these meetings the members may have as their guests visitors from back home, except on those days when the meetings are closed for the discussion of legislation or other issues of mutual interest.

The Texas Delegation, however, never attempts to agree to vote as a bloc on any bill, or take

unanimous action on political matters. Depending on the section of the State from which the Congressmen come, there is a rather wide difference in political views at times, but the Delegation as such is closer than any other in the Congress and it is generally conceded that, as a group, they have the greatest influence of any single State in the Union.

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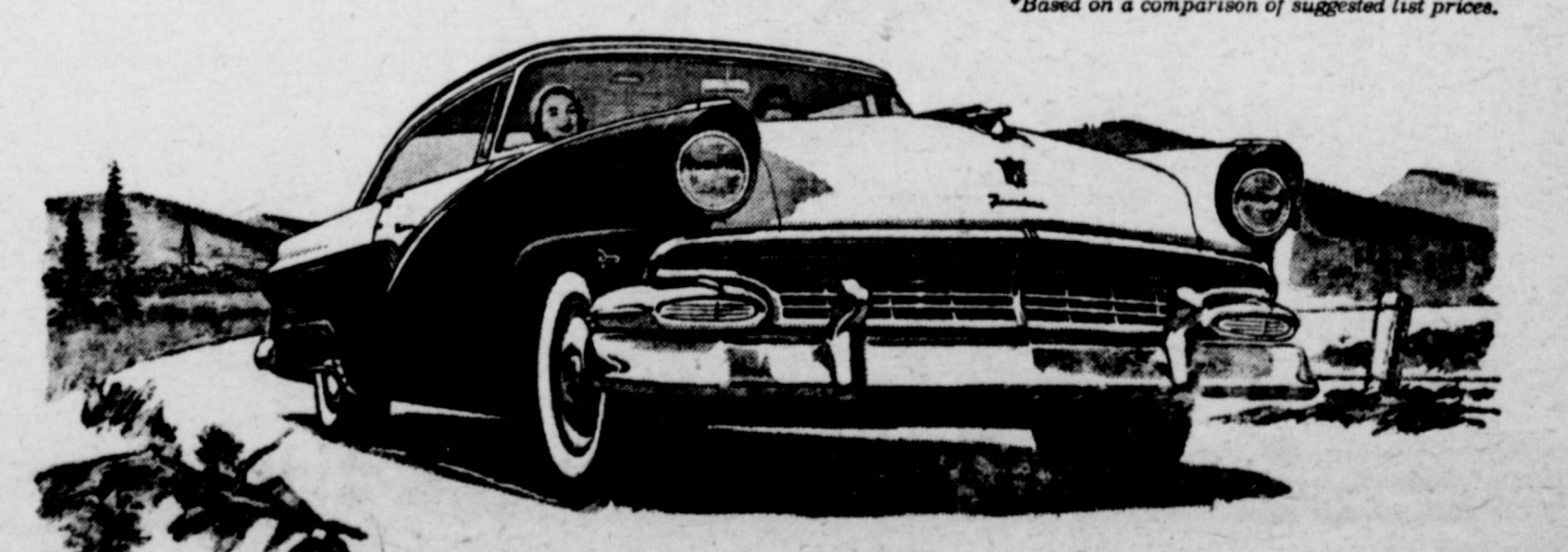
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 Evening Worship 7:30 p. m.
 Wednesday Prayer Service 7:30 p. m.
 W. M. U. Mon. 9:30 a. m.
 Sunday:
 Bible Study 9:45 a. m.
Merkel Church of Christ
 Morning Service 10:45 a. m.
 Young People's Bible Class 6:30 p. m.
 Evening Services 7:30 p. m.
Merkel First Methodist Church
 Sunday:
 Sunday School 9:50 a. m.
 Morning Worship 10:50 a. m.
 M. Y. F. 6:30 p. m.
 Evening Service 7:30 p. m.
Hebron Baptist Church
 Sunday School 10:00 a. m.

Training Union 7:00 p. m.
 Evening Worship ... 7:30 p. m.
Wednesday:
 Evening Prayer Services
 Compere Baptist Church
 Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
 Morning Worship, 2nd and 4th Sunday 11 a. m.
Merkel Grace Presbyterian Church
 Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
 Worship Service 11 a. m.
Merkel Assembly of God
 Sunday school 10 a. m.
 Morning Service 11 a. m.
 C. A.'s (Young People) ... 7 p. m.
 Evening Worship ... 7:30 p. m.
 Tuesday W. M. C. 2 p. m.
 Wed. Prayer Service ... 7:30 p. m.
Merkel Calvary Baptist Church
 Sunday School 9:45 a. m.
 Morning Service 11:00 a. m.
 Evening Bible Class ... 6:30 p. m.
 Evening Worship ... 7:00 p. m.
Merkel Catholic Church

Sunday Mass 10:30 a. m.
Primitive Baptist Church
 Meeting time first Sunday in each month 11 a. m.
 Saturday preceding ... 8 p. m.
Tye Methodist Church
 Sunday:
 Sunday School 10 a. m.
 M. Y. F. 7:00 p. m.
 Prayer Meeting 7:30 p. m.
 Morning Service 11:00 a. m.
Needle Church of Christ
 Sunday:
 Bible Class 10:00 a. m.
 Morning Worship Service 11:00
 Young People's Service 6:30
 Evening Worship ... 7:30 p. m.
Trent Methodist Church
 Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
 Evening Worship 7:30 p. m.
 Morning Services 11:00 a. m.
 M. Y. F. Services 6:30 p. m.
Wednesday:
 Prayer Services 7:30 p. m.
Trent First Baptist Church
 Sunday:
 Sunday School ... 10:00 a. m.
 Morning Worship ... 11:00 a. m.
 Training Union ... 6:45 p. m.
 Evening Services ... 7:45 p. m.
Tuesday:
 W. M. U. 2:15 p. m., Intermediate G. A.'s Jr. G. A.'s 3:45 p. m.
 Prayer Services ... 7:30 p. m.
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Pioneer Memorial Chapel
 Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
 Morning Service 11:00 a. m.
 Evening Services 7:30 p. m.
Wednesday:
 Evening Prayer Service ... 7:30
Needle Baptist Church
 Sunday:
 Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
 Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.
 Young People's Class 6:30 p. m.
 Evening Services 7:30 p. m.
Trent Church of Christ
 Sunday:

Sunday 11:00 o'clock
 Bible Class 10:00 a. m.
 Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.
 Evening Services 7:30 p. m.
 Ladies Bible Class 4:00 p. m. Thursday:
Men's Downtown Bible Class
 Sunday 8:44 a. m.
New Live Oak Baptist Church
 Sunday:
 Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
 Morning Worship 11 a. m.
 Training Union 6:45 p. m.
 Evening Worship ... 7:30 p. m.
Tye Baptist Church
 Sunday:
 Sunday School 9:45 a. m.
 Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.
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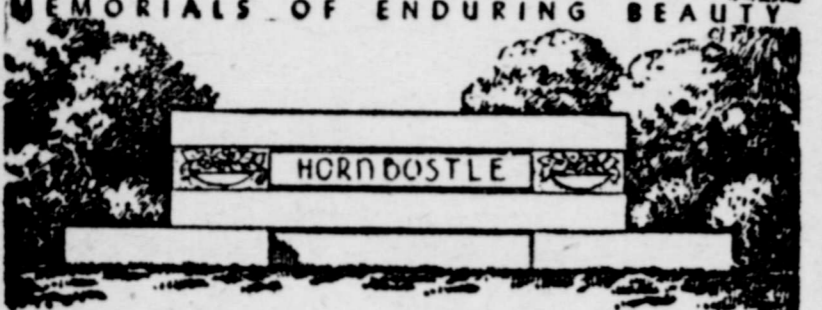
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ASSETS	
1. Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balance, and cash items in process of collection	\$ 867,937.65
2. United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed	1,000,000.00
3. Obligations of States and political subdivisions	573,144.63
5. Corporate stocks (including \$6,000.00 stock of Federal Reserve bank)	6,000.00
6. Loans and discounts (including \$340.29 overdrafts)	1,242,023.62
7. Bank premises owned Do not own, furniture and fixtures	2,500.00
12. TOTAL ASSETS	\$3,691,605.90
LIABILITIES	
13. Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and cooperations	\$3,082,208.52
15. Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings)	24,880.51
16. Deposits of United States and political subdivisions	329,898.73
18. Other deposits (certified and cashier's checks, etc.)	13,789.15
19. TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$3,450,776.91
24. TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$3,450,776.91
CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	
25. Capital Stock: (e) Common stock, total par	100,000.00
26. Surplus	100,000.00
27. Undivided profits	40,828.99
29. TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	\$ 240,828.99
39. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	\$3,691,605.90

MEMORANDA
31. Assets pledged or assigned to secure liabilities and for other purposes 104,000.00
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W. S. J. BROWN
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