Everybody expected Price

Daniel to jump into the governor's race Monday night, but like a bull-frog 'dinded by a light, he didn't jake We note where politicianc believe that Daniel

might have pulled a political error in trying to get into a fan! mail contest with an old expert, Pappy O'Daniel, who went out to

From past elections, back

in 1938, for instance, you

can't disregard the O'Daniel

threat, and Price Daniel prob-

ably knows this as well as

anyone, but the question is

whether he admitted his

weakness and lack of confi-

dence in jumping into the

race just because O'Daniel

wanted to get into the race.

Daniel asked for 25,000 peo-

ple to write him, and O'Dan-

iel also asked for the folks

to write him. Now, about the

only thing that we see that

this does is increase the pos-

tal revenue and doesn't set-

tle anything, for if Daniel or

O'Daniel decide to make the

race, they'll do it whether

they get 1,000 or 25,000 let-

But the folks in Texas could

expect a spiced up race if Daniel,

O'Daniel, Senterfitt and others

get in the race. Pappy had bet-

ter think of another thing, you

of improving parks, playgrounds

and construction of a swimming

and then on the front page here,

you can find most all of the ques-

bond issue. We are printing these

questions and answers as a pub-

lic service in order that every tax-

payer will know exactly what he

As for the need of the issu-

ance of \$42,000 in bonds, like

many others, we feel that this

would be a great step for-

ward in Merkel, and would

do wonders toward encourag-

ing people to come here and

live. We feel that many of

the family reunions which

are held in Abilene State Park and other places an-nually, would be held right here in Merkel, if there was

a suitable park for such an

event. The people in town

would have some place to go, locally, the kids of the town

would have a swimming pool

to run off some of that ex-

cess steam that is so neces-

It would help mold a Boy

Scout troop here, for it would pro-

vide something for the young

people of Merkel to do without

having to trapse off to Abilene,

Trent or somewhere else just for

neighbor out and vote the bonds.

the office the other day for a vis-

it. We got acquainted with Ran-

dell when he was transferred to

Vernon as manager of the office

there, and he did such a good job

that the West Texas Utilities Co.

do a bang up job in his new po-

Looks like Anson is in fer

a long future, should the town vote the bonds to go

into the utility business for

themselves. We have seen many a small town ruined by

such effort in attempting to

build a power plant of its

own when they can get a lot

better service from a pricate-

owned utility. Seems as though officials not trained

in the line of running a util-

ity just can't get the job done

as well as those whose busi-

ness it is to make a living

and pay taxes to the city in

which they operate. In a few

cases, some of the city-own-

ed electric companies may

have been all right, but we

can name them by the hun-

dreds where they didn't pan

out and left the city so far in debt that they'll never

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get out.

J. C. Randell, one of the big

is voting for.

tions and answers concerning the

cheaply as he did in 1938.

ters back.

governor.

# **Bond Questions Answered**

the forks the other day to call QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS on he people to draft him for ON CITY OF MERKEL PARK BOND ELECTION

1. When is the election for the the bonds are issued, will the Park Bonds? April 3, 1956.

be voted on?

3. Will the City Council have 9. Will this \$0.10 tax levy be a to actually issue all the bonds? No, not necessarily. The Coun- ied? cil can determine the amount Yes, since the tax rate cannot needed to be issued, if the elec- exceed \$1.50, the park bonds must tion carries.

'4. By what vote will the elec- present tax levy. tion have to carry in order that the bonds may be issued? A simple majority.

5. Who can vote in this election?

and "who own taxable property mum levy? within the city and who have rendered same for taxation.

levy at present? \$1.50 on the \$100.00 Assessed

Valuation. 7. Is this the maximum tax

levy the city can make? Yes, cities with less than \$5,000

population can not, under the statutes, levy more than \$1.50. 8. If this bond issue carries and

bonds require a tax levy?

the \$100.00 Assessed Valuation sued? under law.

part of the \$1.50 now being lev-

be serviced and paid out of the

10. Will this reduce the tax levy now being made for the general operation of the city? Yes, by the same \$0.10.

11. Does the General Fund now No, it is difficult for the city

to effectively operate with the a-6. What tax rate does the city mount of money now coming to tion on all taxable property. the General Fund. 12. How is the present tax levy

of \$1.50 being distributed? The 1955/56 tax levy was:

For General Fund .... \$0.60 To pay Principal and Interest on Outstanding

For Debt (Bonds & Warrants) ..... 1.00

14. Since this would reduce the would that tax rate operate the

No, it would not give the City sufficient funds to operate. 15. What would the City do ficiently?

16. What is the present Assess-

ed Valuation? The 1955/56 Assessed Valuation is \$2,176,980.00.

17. Is this high or low? The Assessed Valuation is con-

2. What amound of bonds are to maximum tax levy of \$0.10 on 000 Park Bonds are voted and is and to efficiently operate the bonds were made to mature over 25. Should the taxpayer known

For General Fund ..... \$0.50 if the Assessed Valuation is rais- pay the principal and interest. ed approvimately 30 per cent.

\$1.50 the Assessed Valuation be? Around \$2,830,000 or a raise of er ones. tax levy for general fund to \$0.50, \$653,000 in Assessed Valuation. 20. Would the tax of \$1.50 on sessed Valuation help the situathe higher valuation of \$2,830,000 tion?

operate the City and pay all debt, including the new bonds?

21. Would the maximum tax 23. Would the voting of the pay the principal and interest on rate?

the same without raising the Assessed Valuation? No, not without difficulty and

Bonds and Warrants .... \$0.90

18. If the bonds are voted, how much would the Assessed Valuation at 9\$ per cent col-\$1.50 tion have to be raised to pay the lection as required by law would which would mean the same 13. What would the tax levy principal and interest on the pres- raise only \$1,059.28 annually, raise in taxation as if the tax Yes, the park bonds will have a distribution have to be if the \$42,- ent debt as well as the new bonds, Even if the \$42,00 proposed rate was raised that much.

a period of 38 to 40 years, the when he votes for the new bonds It is believed this can be done \$1,959.28 annually would hardly that his tax will be raised? Such long term bonds would cost 19. If the total valuation is rais- the taxpayer a lot o finterest. City will raise the Assessed valuation in order to service the

22. How would the raise in As-

The \$0.10 levy on the higher valuation would bring in more No, it is believed it would still Yes, it is believed so. On the money annually for the interest be lower considering the actual Voters who have paid Poll Tax have a surplus using the maxi- then to be able to operate ef- higher valuation approximately and sinking fund and would per- valuation of the property than \$0.90 would pay principal and in- mit the bonds to be issued over most cities of this size. The only other recourse would terest and leave \$0.60 for general a shorter period and at a lower be to raise the Assessed Valua- operation, the same as the City rate of interest. This would save pass will there be a need for an the taxpayer money.

levy of \$0.10 for the Park Bonds \$42,000 Park Bonds raise the tax streets, improve our water and

is now levied. 24. Then, would the bonds raise in valuations.

Yes, he should know that the

ed about 30 per cent, what would Long term bonds have to bear a bonds and still properly operate higher rate of interest than short- the City.

26. Would the higher Assessed Valuation be out of line with the valuations of other towns this size?

27. If the bond issue does not

increase in valuations. Yes, in order to repair our sewer facilities ,erest street signs, No, the maximum of the \$1.50 and other necessary work, it will be necessary to have an increase

#### can't run for office in 1956 ac CITY'S FUTURE AT STAKE Elsewhere in this paper, you'll find a legal notice telling about the bond election for the purpose BOND ELECTION APRIL 3;

The bond election April 3 will will be listed in the over all pool in Merkel. Read it careful, determine how much forward improvements of park facilities. Merkel will go within the next

> ing at the door. This was the general opinion today as questions began to pop up on the bond election, called for the issuance of \$42,000 bonds for the improvement of park facili-

few years with opportunity knock-

ties in Merkel. Although the bond issue does not specifically call for the construction of a swimming pool, that is one of the items which

## Bitter Cold, Ice Nip Fruit **Around Merkel**

The fruit crop around Merkel suffered a severe setback Monday night as a sheet of ice and sleet blanketed the area, knocking the mercury down to subfreezing.

A threatened 18-degree temperature the day following failed to the cold front. Merkel benefitted with about

recreational purposes. Think it .35 of an inch of moisture from the ice and sleet, but it took a over, folks, and then get your heavy toll on the fruit buds fruit, not yet budded, however, wheels in the West Texas Utilipossibly escaped damgae. ties Co. at Vernon, dropped by

Reports from the fruit areas east of here in Eastland and Callahan counties said the fruit croy there was severaly damaged for the third straight year.

#### promoted him to district manager. Mrs. Richie, 68, J. C. has always been known as a live wire and a go getter, and we know that he'll continue to Dies Tuesday In West Home

Mrs. Martha C. Richie, 68, died Tuesday afternoon in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Paul West. committees and chairmen of afternoon at the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Sam Tullock, former pastor, officiating.

Mrs. Richie was born Martha Campbell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Campbell, on Jan. 12, 1888. Mrs. Richie moved to Mt. Pleasant community in 1899, and to Merkel in 1923. She had been a member of the Baptist church At Hope C. of C. since early childhood.

Burial was in Rose Hill cemetery under direction of Starbuck at 3 p.m. at the Hope Church of Funeral home.

Pallbearers were John West Booth Warren, Alvin Woozencraft, Weldon McAninch, George T. Moore and Carroll Benson.

Survivors include two daugh-Ira Cross showed us a new ters, Mrs. Morris Beasley of Rosway to tell when the fish are bit- well, N. M.; and Mrs. West of ing. All you do is make a barometer of your own by filling a jug partially with water, then Mrs. Jerry Martin, El Paso; Mrs.

Several months ago business men and others in Merkel began the circulation of a petition acking the city council to call for a bond election for the purpose of building a swimming pool and improving the park facilities.

It has been pointed out that without such improvements the city of Merkel stands little chance to progress in the future by having people come here to live and buy property.

The council, acting on the petition, called the bond election for the same day as the city election, thereby making little or no expense for the election.

All persons who pay taxes in Merkel are eligible to vote on the bond issue.

## **Baseball Team** Offering Tickets

Members of the Merkel Baseball materialize as the soft warm club are offering season tickets breeze from the Gulf pushed out for \$4 this week, and if you several places to buy tickets.

Season tickets are on sale at Dean Higgins' barber shop and the Merkel Drug. They can also which already had bloomed. Some be purchased at the high school. Several practice games will be

played during the next few weeks. Supt. Mack Fisher said all of the conference games played in Merkel would be at night.

## Jubilee Plans Due Thursday

A meeting of all interested persons in the planning of the Merkel Golden Jubilee will be held in the Chamber of Commerce office at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 15.

This meeting will appoint the munity workers are needed to properly promote and stage the celebration.

# Singing Sunday

There will be singing Sunday Christ. The public is invited.

## **Compere Cemetery** To Have Cleanu

Spellman Norton, El Paso; Mrs. Spellman Norton, El Paso; Mrs.



#### DOLLAR DAY IS TUESDAY: for \$4 this week, and if you haven't been contacted there are MANY FINE BUYS OFFERED

Tuesday will be Dollar Day in Merkel, and the people of this shopping area will find many nice spring bargains on the shelves of the stores.

Features especially this week are dry goods, clothing, washing machines, piece goods, and groceries. Storess offering special Dollar Day merchandise will be found listing their items in this issue of the Merkel Mail. Scan the ads, you'll save plenty by shopping with those who advertise, for they're the ones who can and do offer the bargains everyone is looking for.

Come to town early Tuesday, take your Merkel Mail and make your list today. It'll pay off to shop in

#### Noodle Team Will Pampa Girl Be Honored **Elected by FTA**

The boys and girls of the Noodle School basketball teams will Simmons University student from be honored with a banquet at the Pampa, was selected last week by at 7:30 p.m. The principal speak-er for the occasion will be Dr er for the occasion will be Dr. vention in March. Wm. O. (Bill) Beazley of Hardin-Simmons, who is well known in education major, was officially this area as an educator, speaker, designated "Miss Future Teacher" and a lover of sports. He has of- to represent the campus Jefferson ficiated for many of the basket- Davis Sandefer chapter of FTA. ball games in this district as well At the Amarillo state conven-

the banquet, and anyone interest- They will be judged on speaking ed in securing a ticket may contact any member of the basket- biographical sketch of educationball teams or Coach Gerald Jen- al background and professional nings or Superintendent Wayman | fitness. Pistole. The price per plate is \$1.25 and tickets should be purchased by Saturday, March 17.

Miss Benia McCue is spending

Miss Carolyn Carver, Hardin-

Miss Carver, senior elementary

as for regional and state tourna- tion on March 22-24, "Mr." and "Miss FTA" will be entered in The public is invited to attend competition for the state title. ability, personal interview, and

> Jerre Vandagriff of Abilene was selected as "Mr. Future assessed by Mrs. J. E. Touchstone, mer, and Mrs. Betty Givens, all Teacher" last fall by the campus who has had Jury Service.

The Compere Cemetery will several weeks in Pyote visiting Mrs. Hubert Row and children have a cleanup day Tuesday, her mother, Mrs. Fred McCue. of Whiteface, Texas has been

## RED CROSS DRIVE NEEDS BOOST - WORKERS CALLING

calls during the remaining few weeks of this month, Johnny Cox, drive chairman, said today.

Some of the committees and teams which were named last month have been makink calls, and response has been gratifying, but there are many people who have not been called upon to make their contribution to the A-

merican Red Cross. The needs for the Red Cross locally will become greater during the year as more servicemen are stationed at the air base,"

## **Hospital Notes**

pital during the past week. Mrs. Troy Sloan, Merkel

Bentie Sharp, Brookland, Ark. Mrs. Betsy Henderson, Wink Mrs S. Y. Reese, Tuscola Mrs. George Woodrum, Merke Mrs. Bob Hook, Merkel Mrs. C. W. Wilson, Midland Bill Peterson, Merkel Mrs. R .V. Prince, Abilene Jeanette Harmon, Snyder Mrs. Betty Crick, Abilene Mrs. E. L. Tarpley, Merkel Rev. C. G. Sewell Mrs. L. B. Gilbreth, Tye Betty Raye Chancey, Merkel

#### Mrs. C. M. Hamil, Anson NEW ARRIVALS

James Barron Leverich, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Leverich, the church last Sunday. Abilene. Weighs 8 pounds and 6 ounces. Born March 8.

Suzanne Eulene Latham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Latham, Noodle. Weighs 7 pounds and 1 ounce. Born March 11.

#### COMPERE H. D. CLUB MEETS MARCH 8

The Compere Home Demonstration Club met met March 8, in Mrs. Ernest Dixon's home for their regular meeting.

Mrs. Ab Hunter presided for the business session in the ab-Funeral was held Wednesday committees. More than 250 com- Noodle Gym Tuesday, March 20, the university Future Teachers sence of the president, Mrs. H.

> Pistole had charge of the recreation which was enjoyed by all

Roll call was answered with Facts About Jones County," Mrs. Ray read the minutes and gave the finance report.

The club voted in favor of 'tea' in celebration of Home Demonstration Week, April 29 - May 5. Mrs. Dixon had charge of the program on "Jury Service". She I

Refreshments were served to Mrs. Pistole, Stanley, Ray, Ram-table. About 50 guests were pressey, Hunter, Touchstone, Dixon, ent. and Christy Touchstone.

The Red Cross Drive in Merkel Cox said. "In addition, the Red needs a boost, and volunteer Cross must be ready to meet all workers will continue to make civlian emergencies.' Local Red Cross workers

named this week are Mrs. Joe Hartley, Mrs. Curtis Mc-Aninch, Mrs. Jack Hogan, Mrs. H. B. Finch, Miss Mable McReed, Holland Teaff, Mrs. Billy Largent.

And Mrs. J. W. Seymore, Mrs. Ford Butman, Mrs. Allen King, Mrs. Mark L. Malone, Mrs. Don Riney, Mrs. Lee Ybarra, Mexican town; Mrs. Ralph Russell, president, Sorority club; Mrs. W. D. Gamble, Study club; Miss Christine Collins, Garden Club; Mrs. Pat Cypert, Fireman's auxiliary; Mrs. Horace Hargrove. Sewing club.

Business men - O. H. Griff The following persons were ad- and Clyde Bartlett; Earl Hughes mitted to the Sadler Clinic Hos- and Bill Frye; Herman Carson and Fred Starbuck; Cyrus Pee and Raymond Ferguson; Wren Durham and Ray Wilson; John Hardesty and Lester Dorton; Truett Perry and Don Dudley: Isadore Mellinger and Ben Robert Hicks.

# **Baptists Hear**

Congregation of the First Bap-tist church met Wednesday night for the purpose of deciding on whether to call Rev. C. G. Sewell, former vice president of Wayland college, as pastor. The Rev. Sewell preached at

Rev. Sewell is a graduate of Hardin-Simmons University and has completed three years of work at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

He has served in churches at Tuscola, Slaton, Phillips and Tulia, Texas, Carlsbad and Tucumcri, N. M., and Phoenix, Ariz. He served as vice president of Wayland college, Plainview, from 1950 to 1955.

Mrs. Sewell and their daughter, Lena Kay, visited in Merkel with friends. Mrs. Sewell's father, C. R. Simmons, is a long time resident of Sweetwater.

### The Club prayer was given in Merkel Airmen's unison led by Mrs. Ramsey. Mrs. Wives See Fashions

The Merkel Service Wives Club presented a Spring Fashion Show on Monday, March 12th, at the The marketing committee had home of Master Sgt. and Mrs. 'Dolly Doze It" for the members. Bob Gilmer, 206 Oak Street, in Merkel.

Clothes, featuring Spring and Summer fashions, were furnished by the Max Mellinger Department Store of Merkel. Models were gave an interesting talk. She was ie Whisenhunt, Mrs. Mabel Gil-Mrs. Louise Richards, Mrs. Jackof Merkel, with Mrs. Jeff Ander-

> Mrs. Clara Vick from Little field is visiting in the home of

#### No surgery needed to reduce swelling of painful piles!

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Article in Reader's Digest Reveals Jittery Pre-Menstrual Tension Is So Often a Needless Misery!

product, 3 out of 4 women go Wonderful relief during and before those "difficult days"

## **Boxcar Figures and Telephone** Calls Boxcars are numbered for ease and accuracy in dispatching and routing. Telephone numbers serve the same purpose ... the only way to properly route your elephone calls is for you to call the correct number. So please check in your telephone directory for the correct number before calling.

MERKEL TELEPHONE CO.

## **Directors Back** Vern Sanford, **Press Executive**

Directors of the Texas Press special session Saturday, adopted money. a resolution expressing "complete confidence" in Vernon T. Sanford, the association's general

Sanford was indicted at Waco last week on two counts of "unuathorized contributions to a political campaign." He is charged with personally placing two advertisements for more than \$25 each in Waco newspapers on behalf of the candidacy of Lt. Gov. Ben Ramsey, back in 1954. One of the ads ran \$35. The other

In their resolution, the TPA board recounted that Sanford had displayed "dedicated allegance and devotion to his job as general manager of the Texas Press Association since he assumed that position in 1947."

It further stated that he has done "an exemplary job of developing, for the daily and weekly newspapers of Texas, an efficient organization which has won statewide and nationwide respect and esteem.

dividual, has demonstrated con- fected. sistently the fact that he is a gentleman of integrity and dependability . . . we extend to him our vote of complete confidence in his administration of the duties of general manager of our organization, and . . . tender to him our deep appreciation for the manner in which he has and form with Federal statutes alis executing the affairs of our ready enacted. "Otherwise," stat-

course of action as to the section | would not have the advantage of of the Texas Election Code which the Texas system of possibly reprohibits the making of any con- duced taxes because of employer tribution in excess of \$25 to any experience ratings. And carly individual's campaign for office, except to the candidate or his ity for reduced tax rates.' campaign managers.

ays he acted as an agent for the newspapers, merely forward- ever, the state's program provides ing the ads to the publications, for a possible minimum rate of Association, meeting here in a and did not spend any of his own

## 514 Employers Liabel Under Latest Act

Five hundred fourteen employers in Taylor County became liable under the amended Texas Unemployment Compensation Act January 1.

And, Donald W. Hawkins, Office Manager, advises these employers that establishing payroll reporting accounts with the state office of the Texas Employment Commission, Brown Building, Austin, will help avoid penalties and assessments of back taxes.

An amendment to the state's unemployment compensation laws extended coverage to all employers with as many as FOUR employees on 20 days in 20 different weeks, Hawkins said. Prior Nt concluded with the state- to January 1, 1956 only firms ment that "Whereas he, as an in- who hired eight or more were af-

> covers a small business which has four people working only Saturdays, or one which regularly has two employees during the day and two others at night."

The state program was extend ed by the 1955 legislature to coned Hawkins, "Taylor County em Phone 201 for appointments Directors did not announce any ployes of four to eight people

action will mean earlier eligibil-

Combined Federal and state In placing the ads, Sanford taxes begin at 3 per cent of each annual wage up to \$3,000. How-1-10 of one per cent, and the 1955 average rate for rated employers was .222 per cent. The net Federal tax is 3-10th of 1 percent in addition to the state tax.

> Any Taylor County employer of four, five, six or seven persons for 20 weeks during 1955 should request explanations of the state TEC office about complying with the program, Hawkins added.



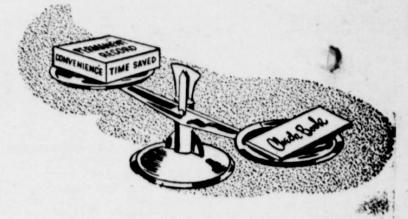
#### **MODERN BEAUTY SHOP**

It's the cut that makes the "The expanded program also hair pretty, so why not a Four-Way Cut today? SHOP CARE . . . IS PROFESSIONAL CARE . Mrs. Dent Gibson Mrs. Clarence Perry

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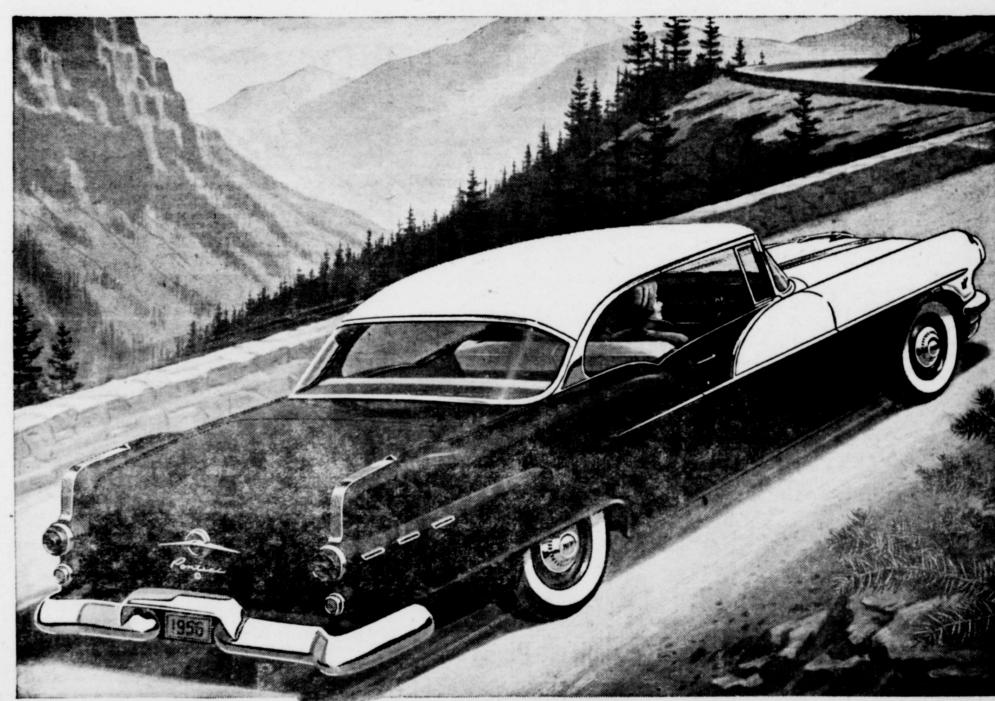
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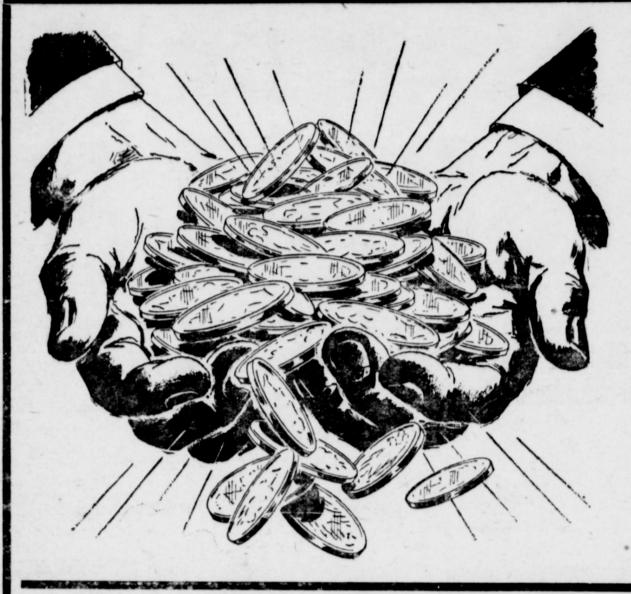
Quick as a thought, 227\* horses respond, whisking you to safety in a silken rush that

leaves the emergency far behind . . . and with it all of your old ideas about performance!

Here's America's best hardtop buy, by far, for this gorgeous Pontiac 860 Catalina costs less than many of the low-priced cars. Come on in and see it. If you love hardtops-(and who doesn't?) here's your car!



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(Plus Deposit)

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DINNER VELVEETA CHEESE - 2 lb. box 79c ANGEL FOOD MIX - - box 39c SPICED PEACHES --- No. 21/2 can - 2 for 53c MEATS

3 for \$1.00 BACON -2 lbs. for \$1.00 **CHEESE FRYERS ROAST** lb. 39c VEGETABLES

APPLES -- lb. 15c CABBAGE -- lb. 3c CARROTS -YAMS ---- lb. 7½c **ONIONS** lb. 10c

Blended Juice -- 35c Libby's BREADED SHRIMP - pkg. 59c

PIE----pkg. 27c PERCH --- lb. 39c

Sun Spun OLEO 5 lbs. for \$1.00

Borden's **BISCUITS** Can 10c

Borden's STARLAC The Heart of Milk 12-qt. size 69c

Sun Spun **STRAWBERRY PRESERVES** 20-oz. Glass 39c

WESSON OIL qt. - 59c

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NEXT DOOR TO POST OFFICE PHONE 173

WE DELIVER

(Published in the Merkel Mail March 16, 23, 1956) NOTICE OF ELECTION FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS THE STATE OF TEXAS

CITY OF MERKEL COUNTY OF TAYLOR TO ALL QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE CITY OF MERKEL,

TEXAS, WHO OWN TAX-ABLE PROPERTY IN SAID CITY, AND WHO HAVE DU-LY RENDERED THE SAME FOR TAXATION:

TAKE NOTICE that an election will be held in the City of Merelution and order duly entered by the City Council on the 8th day

RESOLUTION AND ORDER FOR CITY BOND ELECTION THE STATE OF TEXAS CITY OF MERKEL

ON THIS, the 8th day of March, meeting place thereof in the City said election. Hall, there being present and in attendance the following mem-

bers, to-wit: FRED STARBUCK, MAYOR, CLYDE EAGER EARL HUGHES JOE CYPERT BEN R. HICKS ODIS H. GRIFFIN ALDERMEN

and with the following absent: None, constituting a quorium; and, among other proceedings had, were the following:

Alderman Earl Hughes introduced a resolution and order and moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Alderman Odis H. Griffin. The motion, carrying with it the adoption of the reso lution and order, prevailed by the following vote:

AYES: Aldermen Hughes, Cy pert, Hicks, Eager and Griffin. NOES: None.

The RESOLUTION AND OR DER is as follows: whereas, the City Council Prevents Rot deems it advisable to issue the bonds of said City for the purpose hereinafter mentioned; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED AND OR-DERED BY THE CITY COUN-CIL OF THE CITY OF MERKEL.

e held on the 3rd day of April, 1956, which date is not less than fifteen (15) nor more than thirty (30) days from the date of the adoption of this resolution and wing proposition shall be submitted to the qualified electors of aid City who own taxable property therein and who have duly rendered the hame for taxation: "SHALL the City Council of the City of Merkel, Texas, be authorized to issue FORTY TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$42,000) general obligation tax bonds of said City for the purpose of purchasing and/or improving lands for public parks in and for said City; said bonds to mature serially over a period of years not to exceed forty (40) years from their date, and to bear interest at CENTUM (4%) per annum, payable annually or semi-annually; and to provide for the payment of (er distribution. He says Garden levying a tax sufficient to pay Iscobrome 40 and Bromofume 40 the annual interest and to create are all effective as garden fumisinking fund sufficient to re. gants. deem said bonds as they become

shall be held at the Welfare Office Building, in the City of Mer- the eyes and mouth and should kel, Texas, and the entire City it be accidentally spilled on hands shall constitute one election pre- or clothing, remove it immediate-

SECTION 3: That the following sene, cautions Smith. named persons are hereby appointed officers of the election, as tomatoes, peas, cucumbers

Andy Shouse, Presiding Judge, Mrs. W. D. Hutcheson, Judge, Mrs. T. L. Grimes, Clerk, and Mrs. F. Y. Gaither, Clerk. SECTION 4: That said election

shall be held under the provisions ease-free transplants. of and in accordance with the laws governing the issuance of NOODLE SCHOOL SETS municipal bonds in cities, as provided in the General Laws of the TRUSTEE ELECTION State of Texas, and only qualified electors, who own taxable property in the City, who have duly rendered the same for taxation, shall be qualified to

conformity with Chapter 6, V.A. ber of Precinct 4, also expires. T.S. Election Code, adopted by the Fifty-second Legislature in ballots shall appear the follow-

"FOR THE ISSUANCE OF board member of Precinct 4, Cl BONDS AND THE LEVY OF ton Dillard and Ernest Dixon.

A TAX IN PAYMENT THERE-

As to the foregoing proposition, each voter may mark out with

the proposition by placing an "X" in the square appearing on the ballot beside the expression of his choice.

SECTION 6: That a copy of this resolution and order, signed by the Mayor of the City and attested by the City Secretary shall serve as proper notice of said election.

SECTION 7: That notice of said election shall be given by posting and publication of a copy of this resolution and order, at the top of which shall appear the words "NOTICE OF ELECTION kel, Texas, on the 3rd day of FOR THE ISSUANCE OF April, 1956, in obedience to a res BONDS." Said notice shall be posted at three public places in said City, one of which shall be of March, 1956, which is as fol. at the City Hall, not less than fourteen (14) full days prior to the date on which said election is to be held, and be published on the same day in each of two successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation, published in the City of Merkel. Texas, the 1956, the City Council of the City first of said publications to be of Merkel, Texas, convened in made not less than fourteen (14) Special session, at the regular full days prior to the date set for

PASSED AND APPROVED. this the 8th day of March, 1956. FRED STARBUCK, Mayor,

City of Merkel, Texas. THIS NOTICE of election is issued and given by the undersigned, pursuant to authority conferred by virtue of the above and foregoing resolution and order of the City Council of The City of Merkel, Texas, and under author-

ity of law. WITNESS MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF MERKEL, TEXAS, this the 8th day of March, 1956.

FRED STARBUCK, Mayor, City of Merkel, Texas ATTEST: FLOSSIE W. McKEEVER,

City Secretary. City of Merkel, Texas. (City Seal)

# **Fumigated Soil**

Root knot disease can be controlled in garden soils by fumigation. Extension Plant Pathologist H. E. Smith says the fumigant should be applied from 10 to two weeks before planting and soil moisture should be adequate for ferminating seed. More moisture is required in sandy soils.

Before fumigating, remove from the area to be treated all plant trash and infected roots. Prepare a good seed bed as if for open furrows 6 to 8 inches deep and 12 inches apart. Apply the fumigant from a fruit jar. Two holes should be punched in the jar lid, one to let in air and the other for distributing the fumigant. Make the application by walking along the open furrow and dribbling the fumigant into the bottom of the furrow. Smith advises covering the furrow immediately to prevent loss of the fumigant gases.

He says a pint of the material should cover about 150 feet of row space. It is a good idea, he rate not to exceed FOUR PER adds, to test first with water in the jar to determine how fast to walk in order to make the propand interest on said bonds by Dowfume, D.D. Soilfume 60-40,

Severe injury may result if the fumigant application is made SECTION 2: That said election closer than two feet to growing plants. Keep the material out of ly with soap and water or kero-

Since such warm weather crops and okra are more susceptible to root rot damage, the specialist suggests fumigating the rows where they will be planted. Finally, he adds, don't mix treated and untreated soil and use dis-

The first Saturday in April has been set as the date to elect two local trustees and one county board member.

Local trustees whose terms ex-SECTION 5: That the ballots pire May 1 are J. E. Touchstone for said election shall be prepar- and V. R. Justice. The term of ed in sufficient number and in Troy Sloan, County Board Mem-

The names placed on the ballot for local trustees are: Carl Bac-1951, and that printed on such cus, D. J. Richie, Ab Hunter, Jr., Borden Perkins, Boyce Vancil and Riley Sprayberry. For county board member of Precinct 4, Clay-

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Davenport "AGAINST THE ISSUANCE of Midland were guests of her OF BONDS AND THE LEVY mother, Mrs. T. J. Melton, and her brother, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Melton, over the weekend.

M. M. OOwens is visiting his black ink or pencil one of such expressions, thus leaving the other as indicating his or her vote on the proposition; or, in the alternative, each voter may vote on the leaving the other, Earl Owens, sister, Mrs. Stella Johnson, also niece, Miss Betty Lou Melton and nephew, Mr. and Mrs. Wyman Melton in Bell Garden, Calif.





# UP THE

By TOM RUSSOM

on the growth of grass and young weeds which with a little moisture would furnish sheep grazing and a lot of moisture would make good cow grazing. It look- heavy, ed as if spring was almost here, but we had plenty of ice Sunday and Monday mornings.

The Pre-Easter Revival at Pioneer was enjoyed by everyone. It was a fine meeting Rev. Williams from Cresson Heights Methodist Church of Abilene was the Canyon Community is planning a Ave. M.

the inch order and Ray Orsburn family and sandwiches and have ford spent several days last week took the four inch order.

of livestock this time than has her brother before he leaves for not shake the ice off of their in Farmington, New Mexico

ground and bring forth early team. Payton won top honors as The cold weather has been hard weeds and other early plants. There are several of the boys starting to lamb out their ewes FORMER MERKEL RESIDENT and this spell is not too good on fresh born lambs. However, MARRIED AT LAMESA maybe the loss will not be too

> Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Dernerie to see Mr. Demerie's brother, Lamesa, formerly a Merkel resi-Clarence. He has been sick, but is slowly improving.

Saturday night. March 17, the trip to Madge Butman Youth Camp Grounds for a fellowship ders for a good rain, from one not have to be a memzer of Pioinch to a four inch floater has neer Church to attend this trip. been ordered. A. L. Moore took You are urged to bring your a good time.

There is more ice on the backs | Mrs Leon Toombs went to see

backs like they can snow. They The livestock judging team suffer from the cold to a great from San Angelo Jr. College won first place at the Houston and Oklahoma City shows recently The moisture will help a good Payton Scott, son of Mr. and Mrs deal, all of it will go into the A. D. Scott is a member of this an individual livestock judge.

George Ollen Hodge and Beulot Sue Derington were married March 8 at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Hodge is from Gorman, made a trip to Abilene last week Texas and Mrs. Derington is from dent. She was Beulot Enight be fore marrying Oscar Derington at Merkel, February 11, 1907. They will live in Lamesa at 719

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Collins of The Canyon is now booking or hour and supper. Anyone does Plainview, Texas were week-end guests of Mary Colfins.

> Mrs. Clyde Lindsey of Stratwith her mother, Mrs. Dent Gib-

> Mrs. Srene Barnes of Abilene Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Barnes.

# DOLLAR DAY

Don't forget, folks, Tuesday, March 20, is Dollar Day at Mellinger's! We know you will find a store full of outstanding values in Spring and Summer merchandise. May we suggest that you shop early for best selections.

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2-pound roll of fully bleached, soft, fluffy cotton batts. FOR DOLLAR DAY ONLY

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turing cotton, rayons, and synthetics, all of which are guaranteed washable and requiring little ironing. Fea-

tured are such famous brand names as Marcy-Lee, Mar-

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Many are tailored styles, others are suit-dresses and

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your choice of any ladies' purse or hat in stock. We

would like to suggest that you shop early for your best

This offer is good on any dress priced from \$10.95

MEN'S STRETCH SOCKS

These have just arrived in time for DOLLAR DAY. You

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#### SCOOP Continued From Page 1 barometer pressure rises, the water goes up the neck of the pop bottle. When he is low, it comes down. You're supposed to run out fishing when you see the water fill the pop bottle.

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# MAC'S

Visitors at the Hope Church of Christ Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Chancey of Merkel. They had lunch with his mother, Mrs. Betty Chancey. Also having lunch there were Mr. and Mrs. Loyd field on Sunday visiting Jack Reese and family.

others. Everyone is hoping for Rirthday." another trip nexe year.

The Stephensons are at Anton Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Rayford to be with Cove Stephenson who Cockerell and Larry, Betty Jo suffered a heart attack last week. and Carey Don of Fort Worth,

Mrs. Dub McCoy will come home from Merkel Clinic this of Merkel, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. week. Her mother, Mrs. Arbry Walter, Jimmy and Gail of Fort Duncan of Brady, is here to visit with her for a while.

Mrs. Johnny White and Mrs. John Green of Anson were visiting in Hodges, Saturday.

lene visited recently with her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Buster Jones.

Teeny Cagle of Abilene is at u.m. the home of her sister, Mrs. Guy Watts, to recuperate from a recent illness of phneumonia.

Mrs. M. A. Pair is visiting her Mr. and Mrs. V. T. Cantrell, of daughter and family, Mr. and Plainview, Texas.

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end with their daughter and fam-

L. McCaleb and Jim Kelso were-

in Anson on Tuesday to get their

fixing to join the army. You nev-

Si Vaughn of Los Angeles, Cal-

ifornia, passed away last week

with a heart attack. He was the

John, Virgil, Billy Stokes and

Leon Patterson were in Brown-

Mrs. Mary Carey had her 78th

ter this they all sang "Happy

Those present were Mr. and

dy, Shirley, and Jimmy of Mer-

kel, Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Brooks,

Diane and Kay of Abilene, and

Mrs. Margie Bird of Merkel.

Masses 11:00 a.m. Sundays.

a.m. Sundays during Lent.

Confessions 10:30 a.m. to 11:00

Stations of The Cross and Ros

ary each Thursday night at 7:00

Mr. and Mrs. John Eakin had

as guest last week John's sister,

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Rust had

as guests last week her sister,

Mr. and Mrs. erry Vaughn of O-

dessa, and their children, Less

and Mrs. Bill Hheppard. They

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ily, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Patterson.

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The Hawley Bearkittens, coached by Nig Womack, took third Ernestine of Anson were recent place honors in the state meet at visitors in the home of Mr. and Austin over the weekend. These Mrs. E. L. Berry. girls should have another try for first next season as they don't lose any of the starting squad. 78TH BIRTHDAY They were well represented by Hawley fans. Among those making the trip were the McCoys, children and grand-children help- DOWNSTAIRS APARTMENT for Jones, Hollis's, Ruarks, Lewis, ed her celebrate this occasion. Blackburns, Forrests, Garlingtons, Franklins, Sellers, Beasleys, with a large white cake decorated Sloans, Coxs, Dodge's, Burrows, with pink roses and candles. Af-Doways, Womacks, and a host of

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Mrs. Phil Bentley of Wheeler.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Keene

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The honoree received many beautiful gifts.

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Party" by some of the top Re- SURPLUS FARM COMMODIT- TESTIMONY OF HIGH MILI- peace-time budget in history. publican leaders. An official of IES . . . are always a problem TARY AUTHORITIES . . . con- | General Nathan Twining says | council report she made on the the Republican high command any way we lock at it. On the firms the report that this Country we still retain greater atomic workshop meeting in Abilene. It and a member of Congress, has other hand, in the light of cer- is lagging behind Soviet Russia power than the Soviet Union, but was then moved and seconded ent the word out to his colleag- tain possibilities, they could be in production of long-range jet be added, "as of now." "As of that the club donate \$10.00 to es suggesting they use this term the greatest blessing any people bombers,

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drawing board stage in this Countration Club members answer- and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Leo etc.

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why it costs this sum of run the White House 1 to the name given the Democrations of the state of the s

do not know, but obviously it is ic Party by Jefferson (and his rency supply. If it is important of bombers and in the fighter neth Pee. principles too) and let the name to store money in safe places, it planes that must intercept bomb-YOU MAY HAVE NOTICED of the party of Hamilton remain would seem equally or more im- ers. that in recent months the as it has always sbeen. Everyone portant to insure an available, Defense expenditures have Democratic Party has been re. would be happier if everybody food supply under some protected been reduced, but for the domethod of a food stockpile.

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now" may be all right, but what help build a fence around the Our current output of B-52 about two years, three years, or cemetery. A recent study reveals that in bombers is only four per month, four years from now when it may the event of an atomic war, we The Soviets are producing 12 per to too late to catch up, and the

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rating expenses only and has politicians who got rich off the The Treasury Department is tic missile has yet bassed the The Union Ridge Home Dem-

There were 10 members and three visitors present.

Club president, Mrs. Pee, presided for the business session. Prayer was given by Mrs. J. H. Clark, Mrs. Denzel Cox and the

Mrs. J. C. Walton of different styles and fabrics for 1956. The recreation was led by Miss

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offee were served. Mrs. Hugh Campbell lead the recreation.

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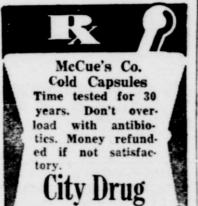
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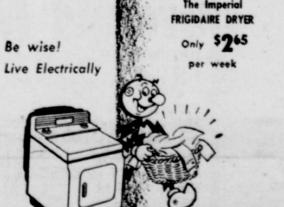
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Greeting guests was Mrs. Bill Haynes of Albuquerque, New Mexico, who then presented the lovely honoree; her mother, Mrs. Nolan Palmer, and Mrss. Leveridge, mother of the groom.

The honoree wore a trousseau flock in pink and a lovely white corsage, a gift from the hostess. At the polished dining table ap-

pointed in silver and crystal, party dainties were served by Mrs. Oris Reynolds, at the coffee service was Mrs.s Mack Springer. Assisting guests were Mrs.

Robert Riney and Misses Jackie Hogan, Lanny Posey of Rotan, and Betty Chancey. Yellow Janquils and Frotima

combined with white tapers were used throughout the home. A gift to the bride-to-be was a

lovely white wedding book. Guests from Merkel, Abilene, and Rotan called from 9:30 -

#### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our thanks and appreciation to our friends, for the many acts of kindness shown us during the recent ill. were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe ness and death of our loved one, Geraldine McKee,

The cards, letters, food, and your prayers has shelped us to with J. C.'s mother, Mrs. Bessie bear our sorrow. May the Lord Brown. bless each of you is our prayer. Alvie and James McKee

and children

#### STITH NEWS

By MRS. W. M. LOFLIN

Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Jones Brunch, March 10, at the home of Anson spent the week-end with

> Mr. and Mrs. Frank Patterson have as guest Mr. Patterson's brother and Mrs. Patterson's sister, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Patterson of Canton, Ohio.

Marlene Martin who is attending ACC spent the weekend with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hudson, and her grandmo ther, Mrs. Jessie Lenior.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Dunagin were in Lubbock last week. Mrs. Dunagin's mother, Mrs. A. M. Jackson, from Rogers, Ark. is here for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. John Browning surprised their daughter, Mrs. J B. Harris, Sunday with a birth day dinner. They had as guests, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Harris and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Perry Mr. and Mrs. F. J. McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ray Browning and Martha Perry.

Rev. and Mrs. Jessie Swindell Holloway, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Brown and the beautiful flowers, along with girls spent Sunday in Big Spring

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