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Make way for the beards.
Response to the Brothers of the Brush has been terrific, and it looks like most all of the male citizens of a town are growing beards. This is the spirit that is needed to put over a project, if all participate. Those who do not participate probably have their reasons, but they'll feel left out of the affair which celebrates the Golden Calvacade of Merkel.

This is just the beginning. As soon as the beards get a little longer, we'll probably have a contest or something to determine the best beard of all. Some of us probably will have to use a little war paint, or the like in order to get something that looks like a beard.

We were grateful for the inch of rain received in this area last week. Some of the farmers reported they got varying amounts from .60 of an inch to an inch. This helps some, but still more is needed. Our old Indian guide in Oklahoma signalled to us that the showers are coming, and when the big toe itches, that means rain is less than two weeks away. Well, if his foot itches, I guess that we'll have a gully washer.

This weather is something. Last Monday morning it was clear as a whistle. That night we had the worst dust storm we've seen in many a moon. The next morning it was quite clear. A day later we had showers. The next day it was windy. Saturday was cool, and the weekend brought cooler weather. Well, we don't know what to expect next.

When the swimming pool was defeated at the polls, that didn't dampen the spirits of a lot of Merkel boosters. They realize that if there is a need for such a project, they'll get it one way or another. Plans are under way to form a corporation to build the pool as a private enterprise, with shares of stock being sold to finance it. We believe that such a project will go over, for there are a lot of people who would invest in the future, just for their children's sake.

Father of Merkel Teacher Is Dead

Marcus B. Weathered, 71, of Abilene, father of Mrs. W. C. Perkins, Merkel teacher, died of a heart attack Wednesday at Houston where he had gone to attend the funeral of Mrs. Weathered's mother.

Dr. Elwin L. Skiles, pastor of the First Baptist church, officiated, with burial in Masonic Cemetery.

Survivors include five daughters, Mrs. John Ashmore, Mrs. Bernard Anderson and Mrs. E. L. Holling, all of Houston, Mrs. Travis Brewster of El Paso and Mrs. W. C. Perkins of Merkel; four brothers, John L. and Walton of Dallas, F. M. of Abilene and W. E. of Hillsboro; three sisters, Mrs. A. E. Rainwater and Mrs. Ralph Darnell of Dallas and Mrs. Willie Pritchett of Ferris; five grandchildren, four nephews and nine nieces.



NEW BAPTIST PASTOR
Rev. C. G. Sewell, former assistant president of Wayland College of Plainview, is the new First Baptist church minister. Mr. Sewell will open a revival Sunday and continue through April 22. Don Jones, director of music, will lead the singing.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Denman, of Palestine, Texas, were guests in the home of his brother, Mr. and Mrs. George Denman, last week. This was the first visit by Jess Denman in 17 years.

Two New Deep Tests Due In Merkel Sector

Two new deep tests are due in the Merkel area, one southwest of Merkel and the other north.

Location for a deep Taylor county wildcat has been staked near a shallow production area one and one-half miles southwest of Merkel.

It will be James H. Snowden, et al, of Midland No. 1 S. G. Tipton. Location is 660 feet from the south and east lines of Section 9, Block 18, T. and P. Survey. Proposed depth is 5,750 feet with rotary.

Another deep test is due in Jones county, north of here.

Location for the proposed 5,000-foot rotary wildcat was staked 15 miles north of Merkel in southwestern Jones county.

The venture is Great Lakes Carbon Corp. No. 1, T. B. Douglas. Site is 2,700 feet south and 330 feet east of the northwest corner of James H. Coleman Survey No. 277.

Second producer has been completed in the Trent, North (Noodle Creek) Field six miles north of Trent. It is Rhodes Drilling Co. of Abilene No. 1 D. P. Adams, Section 12, Block, 19, T. and P. Survey.

Strouble Central Co. et al. of Abilene No. 1 T. B. Douglas was spotted in the Noodle, West (Noodle Creek) Field in Southwestern Jones.

The planned 2,700 foot rotary try is 3,300 feet from the north and 330 feet from the east line of John Fennell Survey 278.

Four miles north of Moodle in the Huddleston South Cisco Field, a project was plugged at 3,800 feet. It was T. D. Humphrey and Sons, Ltd., of Dallas No. 1, A. S. Crosswell J. C. Hunt survey 268.

Assault With Auto Is Charged

A charge of aggravated assault with a motor vehicle has been filed in county court against Clarence E. Horton, 56, of Merkel, as a result of a collision in which Highway Patrolman Jack Shields was injured.

Horton was driver of a 1941 model pickup which collided March 24 with a State Highway Patrol car driven by Shields. The collision occurred between Pioneer and Leggett Drives on South First Street while the patrol car was in pursuit of a drunk driving suspect.

Shields was seriously injured in the wreck and spent a week in the hospital. Horton was brought to Merkel for medical treatment.

Breaux Given Merit Certificate

F. L. Breaux, service representative for the Lone Star Gas Company at Merkel, has earned a certificate of merit for driving an automobile in line of company duty four years without an accident. He will receive the award at a safety meeting in Sweetwater on April 10, according to District Manager J. D. Holbrook.

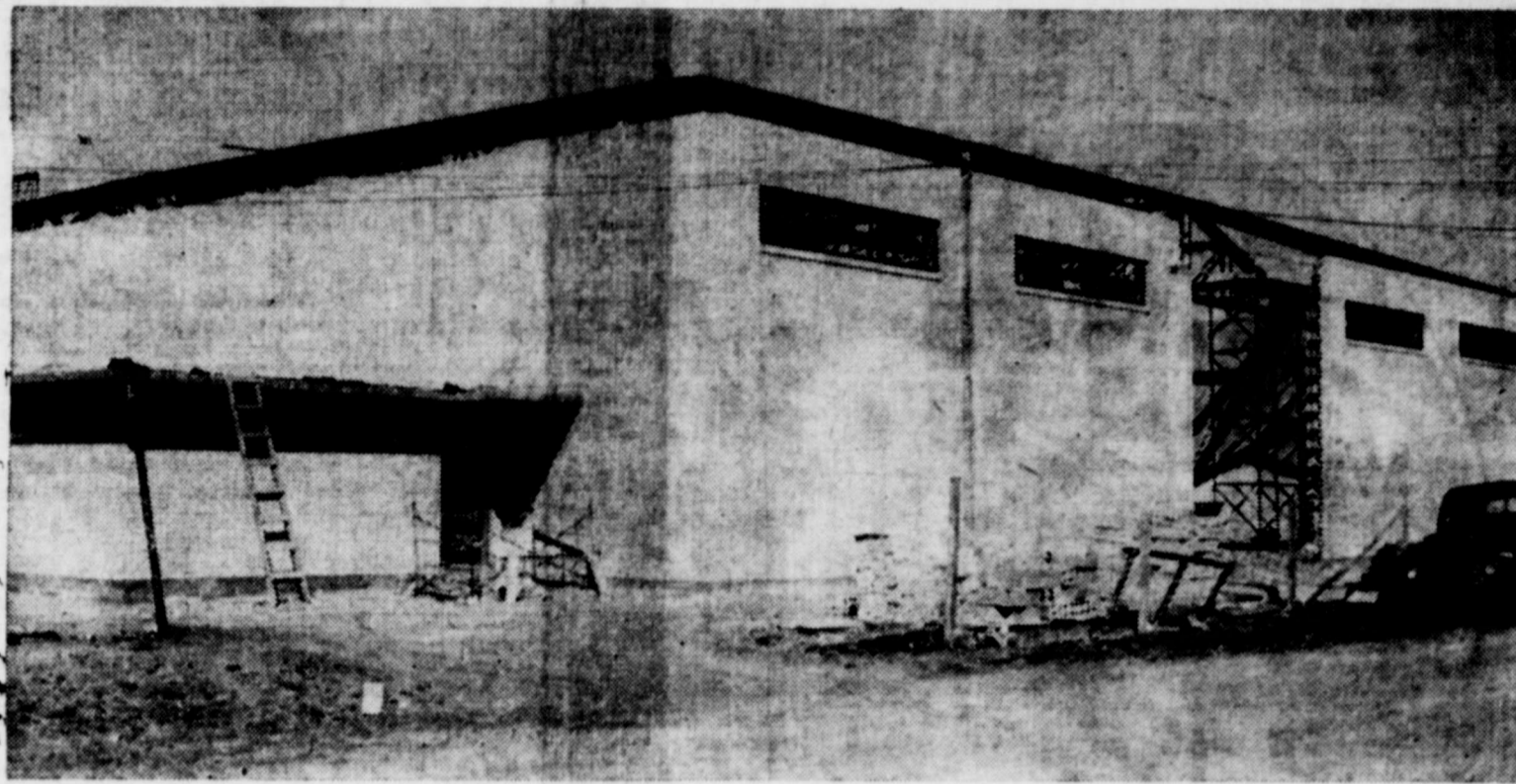
Nine Lone Star employees from Sweetwater and Roscoe also will receive safety awards at the meeting. Presentation will be by Glynn Covington of Ranger, Lone Star safety engineer. He said an employee must drive a vehicle at least 5,000 miles in a year to qualify for a safety certificate.

Stith Man Dies Of Heart Attack

Jeff Green, 63, who had made his home in the Stith community for the past three years, died of a heart attack Wednesday at Trinidad, Texas. Funeral was held Friday.

Mr. Green and his wife had left on a vacation trip to East Texas last Thursday. They had visited his brother, Jim Green, in Tyler. He had farmed in the Abilene-Bradshaw area for 36 years.

Survivors include his wife, two daughters, Mrs. Howart T. Pierce of Abilene and Mrs. Gordon Faulks, of Caps; one son, Raymond Green of Abilene, a brother, Jim of Tyler, and six grandchildren.



MERKEL'S NEW GYMNASIUM — Nearing completion is the new high school gymnasium which has been under construction for several months. B. F. Horn is the contractor. It is expected that the building will be completed by the end of the current term, but will not be ready for use until the fall term.

Only Pure Air Allowed, Council Holds

The Merkel City council has banned bad air in Merkel, possibly including dust storms and it'll be a \$200 fine each day that there's a violation.

In a city ordinance passed recently, the council passed the anti-atmospheric pollution law.

The ordinance charged that "the act or use of properties within the city limits of Merkel . . . which results in polluting the atmosphere with noxious or offensive effluvia gases, stencils, vapor dust, sand, lint or other matter to such an extent as to produce material or physical discomfort . . . to those residing in the vicinity or injury to their health or property or which causes lint or other foreign objects to be deposited or settle upon the property of those dwelling in the vicinity . . . is hereby declared to be a nuisance."

Citation was fixed at \$200 each offense. The ordinance did not mention employment of any extra force to enforce the ordinance, especially the dust part.

Special Days Are Set For City Calvacade

Special days for the Merkel Golden Calvacade June 3 to 9 have been arranged, Leon Walker, chairman, announced today.

The days are:
June 3 — Freedom of Religion, Cloy Lyles, director.
June 4 — Youth Day, Don Estes, director.
June 5 — Pioneer Day.
June 6 — Oil and Soil Day.
June 7 — Ladies Club Day.
June 8 — Merchants Appreciation Day, Bobby Tom Hodge, director.
June 9 — Home Coming Day.

Community Center At Stith Opens

Open house was held Sunday, April 8, from 2 until 5 p.m. in the new Community Center at Stith.

High on the entertainment list was an electric organ furnished by McDaniel Music Co. of Abilene. Several people played the organ and others sang throughout the afternoon.

The Center was beautifully decorated with cut flowers sent by Merkel merchants. Refreshments of cake, ice cream, and coffee were served to approximately one hundred-fifty guests.

The Stith Community wants to thank the merchants of Merkel and all the other wonderful people who gave donations, making it possible for the people of Stith to have a Community Center. The community also wants to thank all the men who worked so faithfully remodeling the building.

There will be a community business meeting and pot-luck supper Friday, April 13, at 7:15 p.m.

Burleson, Farmers and Business Men Tour Stith Community Farms

Congressman Amar Burleson, along with business men, bankers, farmers, and Conservationist toured the Stith community last week as guests of the Middle Clear Fork Soil Conservation District.

Following one of the worst dust storms in many years, observers got a look at what can be done to halt wind erosion. Soil blowing in that area had been kept to a minimum through proper handling of crop residues and proper and timely tillage. These farmers have not "robbed Peter to pay Paul," so to speak. They might have grazed all of the crop residues and had nothing left to control the wind. Instead they chose to protect that vital one-half inch of top soil which houses a large percent of their soil's fertility.

The touring group made a stop at Roy Kelso's blue panic patch. It was observed there that Roy was grazing his two year old panic at a time when few farmers have even planted sudan grass. The group also made a swing by D. H. Reddin's Austrian winter peas, just east of Wimberly Plant, which have made exceptionally good growth considering the dry weather.

Quiet a lot of interest has been noted in the district recently in root plowing and seeding of range land. Hundreds of acres have been treated in this manner in the Frio Soil Conservation District at Pear-sall with amazing results using introduced grasses. Blue panic and buffel are the main grasses being used in that district. Many acres of previously unproductive land with mesquite, white brush, prickly pear, and very little red gamma, now supports lush green grass with 95 percent brush killed.

Ranchers are becoming concerned in this district over the large acreage of range land which produces very little tonnage in the form of livestock feed. Drought, over use, and in some cases the physical characteristics of the soil have each contributed to the present condition of our range lands. Most of these lands are productive and capable of supporting grazing plants for livestock. We know through past experiences that dry hard soil will not grow grass. It takes water and air in the soil to support root development which in turn supports top growth. Thus the problem is, how can we improve the physical condition of the soil to permit the passage of water and air downward? If you, have a good cover of grass, this is not your problem. Your soil will be friable and crumbly, soil bacteria are busy at work, and when rains come regardless how small, you keep your share. Your grass will grow and your springs will run. However, if you are the less fortunate rancher who has very little grass, but you are willing to sacrifice temporarily to get it — then you will probably reap the harvest. It may require selling many head of livestock or using mechanical means, such as root plow and seeded, and possibly you may have to do both if your land is tight and subject to severe crusting.

Homer Newby President of Local Firemen

Homer Newby was elected president of the Merkel Volunteer Fire Department at the meeting Monday night.

Other officers are:
Roy Couchman, vice president; Clyde Wurst, secretary-treasurer; Bobby Martin, sergeant-at-arms; Waymon Adcock, chief; Claude Mewborn, assistant chief; W. D. Webber, second assistant chief; Rex Martin, hose police; Roy Buchanan, hose captain No. 1; Pat Cypert, hose captain No. 2; Chester McWilliams, chemical foreman.

Bobby Martin, captain, Waymon Hicks, A. L. Chancey, and Dan Ray, door police; Rev. George Epperson, chaplain; Pat Cypert, assistant chaplain; Wayne Cypert, mascot.

A delegation will attend the firemen's convention at Snyder Thursday. They are Ollie Fox, Clyde Wurst, W. D. Webber and Waymon Adcock.

Methodists Bring Noted Evangelist

Dr. Ray Johnson, an outstanding Methodist evangelist, will be the preacher for the revival at the First Methodist church in Merkel beginning April 20 and continuing until April 29. Rev. Cloy Lyles, pastor, announced.

Richard Cook, a member of the McMurry College band will lead the singing.

"We feel we are fortunate to secure the services of these two men," Mr. Lyles said, "and we certainly invite everyone to attend the services."

C. G. SEWELL WILL HAVE OPEN HOUSE

Rev. and Mrs. C. G. Sewell of the First Baptist Church are having open house Friday evening from 7:00 to 9:30, for the friends and members of the church.

Everyone is cordially invited to come at any time convenient during this period.

Eastern Star To Entertain Masons Friday

The Merkel chapter of the Order of Eastern Star will entertain the Masons Friday night, April 13.

All Masons and their families are welcome to attend. All Eastern Star members and their families are invited.

Those attending should bring a covered dish at 7 p.m. at the school cafeteria.

Those who cannot attend the luncheon can attend the entertainment at about 8:30.

The Eastern Star members will have a drill team and will then show the Masons how to open their lodge.

This will be the "Honor Masons Night" for the Eastern Star.

Merkel Lad Is High at Anson

Tokyo Moreno, local eighth grader, was the high point man of the district grade school track held at Anson last Saturday. He collected 20 points by winning first place in the 100 yard dash, shot put and broad jump, second place in the 50 yard dash and was the lead-off man on the third place 440 yard relay team.

The Merkel track team wound up third in the final standings, only 2 points behind second place Anson. Albany won the meet.

Other Merkel grade schoolers who won places in the meet were: Eddie Reid, fifth in shot put and discus; Pedro Ybarra, third in broad jump and third in the 75 yard dash; Douglas Aoliver, tied for fifth in high jump.

Coach Leon Walker's thinly clad also won second in the football shuttle relay and third in the 440 yard dash. The only event in which a Merkel boy failed to place was the bar chinning.

Women's Group To Aid Contest

Representatives from six local women's organizations have agreed to serve on the Queen Contest Committee for Merkel's Golden Jubilee, according to Mrs. Carroll Benson, chairman.

The representatives from the various organizations include: Study Club: Mrs. Andy Shouse, Mrs. Geo. T. Moore and Mrs. Ben Hicks; Garden Club: Mrs. A. B. Allen, Mrs. Robert Hodge, Mrs. Mack Fisher and Mrs. Nathan Wood; Sorority: Mrs. Dale Litton, Mrs. Horace Hargrove, Mrs. Holt Vaughn; Sewing Club: Mrs. Don Warren, Mrs. Faye Robertson, and Mrs. Jeff Anderson; Chamber of Commerce: Mrs. Weldon McAninch, Mrs. Harry Bullock, Mrs. Horace Boney and Mrs. Dee Grimes; Fireman's Auxiliary: Mrs. Waymon Adcock, Mrs. Ollie Fox and Mrs. C. E. Mewborn.

Complete plans for the forthcoming Queen Contest will be announced soon.

REA Meeting Scheduled In Merkel Thursday

The 15th annual Taylor REA meeting will be held in Merkel Thursday with many prizes being offered those who attend.

William A. Brown, Austin, attorney for the Texas Electric Co. operatives, will be the speaker.

The meeting will start at 9:30 a.m.

Merkel merchants have extended a welcome to the REA members through a message in the Merkel Mail on page 6.

Prizes offered include electric clocks, waffle irons, hats, clock radios, deep fryers, electric skillets, hams, one half beef, electric blankets, premium coupons, garden plant, trade certificates, electric iron, work suits, jewelry and clothes racks.

An amateur contest will be held during the morning hours, with the finals in the afternoon.

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Sisters Are Irked Because Of Beardmen

Boys, can we last? That's the talk over town after the Merkel Mail published a proclamation last week, proclaiming that all male species grow beards to advertise and celebrate the Merkel Golden Calvacade, a celebration scheduled here for June 3 to 9, 1956.

Onis Crawford, general manager, with his beard drooping down, has been catching all kinds of fire this week because the women of Merkel were not consulted in the matter.

The men, so far, are going ahead, and practically everyone of them has started some kind of a beard, and they'll have to wear it until June 9, last day of the Calvacade.

The Merkel Mail received this communication this week: **LADIES TAKE NOTICE IS THIS A MAN'S WORLD?** After reading the Merkel Mail last week I am very upset about our men folk. Our honorable Mayor, Fred Starbuck, has issued a Proclamation for Brothers of the Brush.

Do you think we should stand by and let our men grow these mutton chops, goatees, sideburns, Van Dykes, mustaches, or what ever they choose to call that stuff on their faces without doing something about it?

Had they asked our opinion I am sure we would have told them right quick who the boss was in our family and we would not stand for such foolishness.

Since they did not consult us about the matter do you think we should organize and see what can be done? Of course all men like to think that they are the boss and of course all women know they are not. Just watch this spot next week in your Merkel Mail, I will be thinking and I am sure after looking at my husband all that time I will have thought of something for us to do about this situation.

An Unhappy Wife

Write-In Vote Beats Gamble; Smith Elected

In a surprise vote, Ford Smith Jr., received enough write-in votes in Saturday's school board election to oust David Gamble, board member, from his post on the board.

Two other board members, Ellis Harris and Joe Seymour, won their places.

There was little interest shown before the election, but Smith's supporters wrote in 23 votes, which was enough to win a place on the board. Gamble polled 20 votes.

There were 42 votes cast in that election.

Harris got 39 votes and Seymour 40 votes.

In the county trustee at large election, James E. Freeman, of Abilene, got 40 votes. He was the only candidate.

Reverend Horn, Anson, Dies

The Rev. W. K. Horn, 76, retired Baptist minister, died in Anson last week and funeral services were held Thursday.

He was buried in the Shiroh Cemetery near Noodle.

Rev. Horn was a brother to Mrs. John Thompson of Noodle.

Mr. Horn was born in McClelland county at China Spring, Sept. 22, 1879. He was reared there and moved to Jones county in 1896. He attended old Baylor college in Waco after moving to Jones county.

Following his schooling there, he moved back to a farm north of Merkel and ranched with his father in the Moodle community. He was smarrined in Noodle to the former Helen Newsome in 1902.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Pratt, of Detroit, Texas, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Cross, over the weekend. Also guests of the Cross' were their sons, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Cross and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Cross, all of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Fagan, of Haskell, visited her sister in law, Mrs. W. M. Elliott, Sunday.

MERKEL DOLLAR DAY TUESDAY

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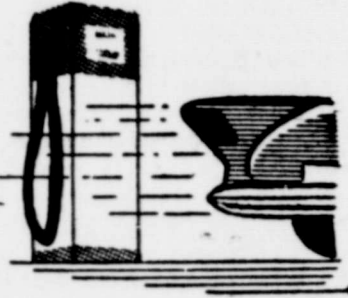


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METHODIST REVIVAL TO BEGIN APRIL 20th

Dr. Ray N. Johnson, a well known evangelist, will be the preacher for the Revival to be held at the First Methodist Church in Merkel. The first service will be on Friday night, April 20th, and will close with the Sunday evening service on

April 29th. Dr. Johnson is devoting his full time to evangelistic work holding many revivals each year. Certainly our community is every fortunate and the entire community is urged to make plans to hear him. Richard Cook, a student in McMurry College will lead the singing for our revival. Richard's home is in San Angelo. Don't forget the important date, April 20-29.

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Mrs. Alvice Elliott of Abilene visited his aunt, Mrs. W. M. Elliott of Merkel last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Boney, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lindley and son, Dirk Allen, of Colorado City, Miss Fannell Boney and Pinky Edwin of El Paso, were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Boney and Annette.

Wilda and Harold Swinney of Monahans spent Friday night with the Joe Swinney family. Saturday they visited Lottie and Grandpa Butman.

Visiting in the Joe Swinney home Sunday evening were, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Smith and children of Ft. Worth and Mrs. Loyd Smith and children of Merkel.

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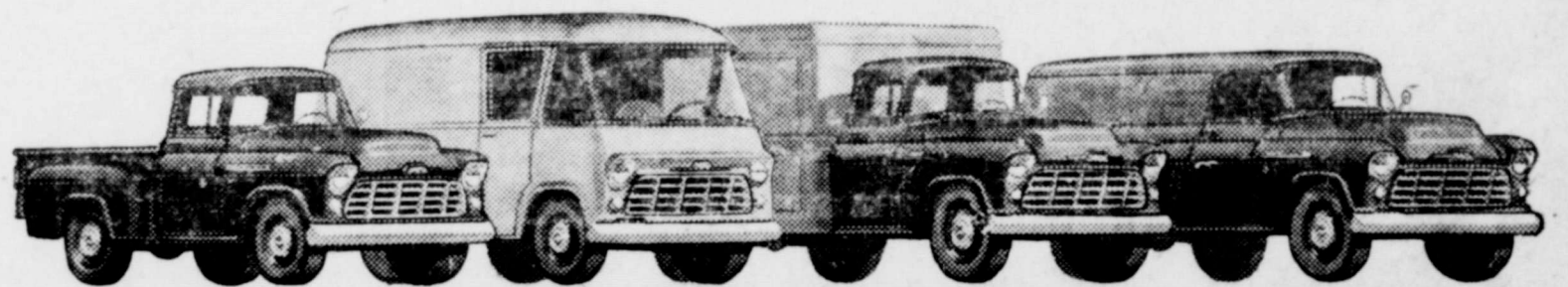
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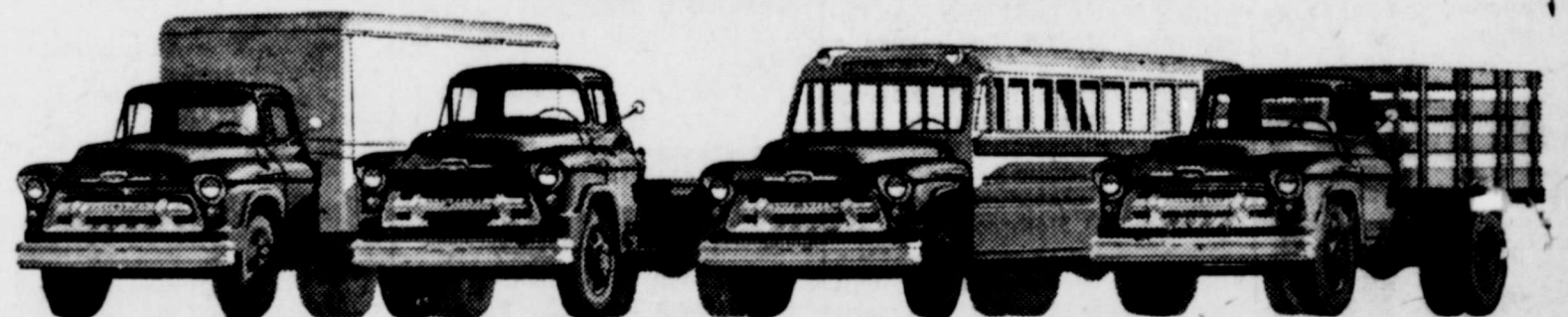
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UP THE CANYON

By TOM RUSSOM

The rain last week was from 8-10 to an inch up the Canyon. It was fine and very much welcomed. It will be good for bedding our land for planting.

The first meeting Saturday night of the Community Club was well attended and greatly enjoyed. A pot-luck supper was the highlight of the evening followed by games and other recreation directed by vice chairman, Mrs. R. C. Clemmer and Mrs. Frank Brnovak. The club is in need of a name. Plan to attend the next meeting and help name it.

Miss Lynda Powell of Abilene visited over the weekend with grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Butman Jr.

Mrs. E. E. Seymore is doing as well as could be expected with her broken leg. Dock Seymore has been here with her along with her other children. Dock has lived in California for several years. He was reminded of West Texas life when the awful sand storm blew in on Monday of last week.

The Canyon farmers are listing their land and it is leaving in fine shape for planting.

There were a number from the Canyon, attended the Parade in Abilene Monday afternoon. It gave a feeling that made the Jubilee Celebration of Merkel more spirited.

There is a field of winter peas on E. H. Cordill's farm.

Dr. Varner of Abilene bought \$500 worth of grass seed to plant on the Canyon place. The grass will be planted after a good rain

comes.

Allen King, Jr., from Lubbock, was home over the weekend. He said it was good to come home and put in a little time working at the ranch.

NOODLE NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Graham and son of Snyder visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Mize, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Carr and daughter, Mrs. B. Jones visited her daughter and sister, Mrs. G. W. Dooley and family, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Jennings had as their guests Sunday, Rev. and Mrs. John Hamilton and Charles, also Rev. James Brandon.

Mrs. Gladys Kay of Ft. Worth was a weekend guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Pistole. Mrs. Kay is Mrs. Pistole's aunt.

Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Wade of Merkel visited Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dock Calaway.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Paul of Colorado City visited her brother, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Barbee, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jones spent the week-end in Mexico visiting her grandfather, who is ill.

Jimmie Cooper of Anson visited his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. George Cooper.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Sullivan spent a few days last week in Mexico visiting his mother who is sick.

Edwin Dixon had the misfortune of getting a broken foot, but is home from the hospital.

Carroll Spurgeon and Hix Goode were in the Sadler Clinic

a few days last week.

Mrs. Waldo Cox visited her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Atlas Phillips in Merkel, Saturday.

Dr. Chaney Chairman Of Posture Week

Dr. J. H. Chaney of Merkel has been named chairman of a Correct Posture Week Committee for this area. Dr. R. L. Shipman of Sweetwater, regional chairman, announced this week.

As chairman, Dr. Chaney will direct activities in this area to call to the attention of the public during the period May 1-7 the relationship between good posture and good health.

This town will be one of more than 300 in Texas where Posture Week will be observed.

The chairman for this area said that good posture was more than just standing or sitting straight. "All parts of the body must be working effectively with perfect balance, ease and comfort," he said. "Sometimes the body is not functioning properly because there is nerve pressure that could have been caused by improper posture."

He said that these points would be stressed during the week: 1) Bad posture may be keeping a person from enjoying truly good health; 2) the way a person walks, works, rides or plays directly influences the spine which in turn governs many normal body functions, and 3) the spine is the key to good posture and good health.

This will mark the sixth straight year that Correct Posture Week has been sponsored by the Texas State Chiropractic Association and its members.

STANLEY JO WESTON MARRIED AT MIDLAND

On Friday, April 6, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Demere went to Midland to be present at the marriage of their oldest grandson, Stanley Joe Weston to Iva Ott of Midland in the lovely home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Weston on the Scarbour Ranch.

Miss Ott was given in marriage by her oldest brother. Her niece was bridesmaid and Bud Roper was Stanley's best man.

Stanley Joe is a former Merkel boy.

The double ring ceremony was performed by Rev. Lynnard Harrison, from Vernon, Texas.

After refreshments were served, pictures made, and the newly weds had slipped away on their honeymoon, Rev. Harrison showed slide pictures made on his tour of the Holy Land.

DAVE AND GEORGE HARWELL REUNION HELD

The children and relatives of Dave and George Harwell Reunion met at the Community Center in Merkel, Easter Sunday, April 1.

The Sunday School lesson was taught by Mr. Cecil Rutherford, old songs were sung, and films of the reunion were shown by Artens Harwell of Bellflower, Calif.

A bountiful lunch was served at noon, and Rev. H. B. Terry brought a wonderful message which enriched our lives.

A short business session was held. Mrs. Gus Norman of Fort Worth and Mrs. Gordon Harwell of Abilene were in charge.

Guests attended from Houston, Ballinger, Fort Worth, Abilene, Merkel, Delano, Bellflower, Calif., Lubbock, Big Spring, Hamlin, Austin, and Trent.

The next meeting will be held in Merkel the same time and same place.

SEWELLS HONORED BY CHURCH CHOIR

Rev. and Mrs. C. G. Sewell were honored to a lovely reception Sunday night, sponsored by the First Baptist church choir. Mrs. Alvin Woozencraft, president, presided, with Mrs. Norman Winters, social chairman, assisting. Many useful gifts were presented by all the First Baptist church membership to the honorees, Mrs. Hugh Campbell, Choir reporter.

Frank Driver and wife of Roby spent the day with his cousin, Mrs. Jess Higgins, and daughter, Mrs. Pharm of Anson.

Mr. and Mrs. Garvis Tarpley, Mike and Marsha of Big Spring spent several days with Mr. and Mrs. Doc Callaway and Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Wheeler.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Clement and sons of Snyder spent the holidays with the Bill Caldwell family.

Miss Britta Denton visited Mr. and Mrs. Barney Frazier and Wayne Bradford of Haskell, Tex. as over the week-end and they went to the Ice Capades in Ft. Worth.

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Group III

Consisting of hundreds of pairs of Ladies' and Girls' all-NYLON mesh "flats" pumps in these leading colors: White, Natural, Beige, Brown, and Black. These are usually found as \$5.00 retailers elsewhere. Sizes: 4 to 10. FOR DOLLAR DAY ONLY

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Group IV

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MRS. RONALD O. LEVERIDGE

Patricia Palmer Is Married To Roland Leveridge in Merkel

Vows uniting Patricia Ann Palmer and Ronald Ocie Leveridge were read by Dr. William O. Beazley of Hardin-Simmons University Friday evening at 6:30 o'clock in the First Methodist Church of Merkel.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nolan L. Palmer and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Leveridge, 4310 S. 6th St., Abilene.

Double ring vows were read beneath Gothic arches garlanded in huckleberry and outlined with blue tapers. The altar was backed with an arrangement of white gladioli and wedgewood Dutch iris. The floral arrangement pattern was continued on the altar. Floor baskets of gladioli and iris fringed the arches. Palms of woodwardi fern and wrought iron candelabra burning blue tapers formed the background. Pews were marked with garlands of huckleberry tied with blue satin bows.

Mrs. Robert Malone was organist. She accompanied Don Wood who sang "Whither Thou Goest" and "Because" and Billy Largent who sang "The Lord's Prayer." Mrs. Malone also played traditional wedding music.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a dress fashioned of Italian silk taffeta and imported chantilly lace. Tiny covered buttons extended down the back of the molded bodice into a deep waistline. Bordering the neckline was a band of scalloped chantilly lace re-embroidered in iridescent sequins and pearls. A pleated tulle inset filled in the low neckline and long sleeves came to petal points over her hands. The bouffant skirt, worn over crinolines, was formed of three tiers of taffeta edged in the scalloped chantilly lace with the lower tier extending into a chapel length train. Her fingertip veil was a lace bordered mantilla over pink silk illusion embroidered in iridescent sequins and pearls.

She carried a white Bible covered with chantilly lace topped with a bouquet of white orchids and lily of the valley backed with leaves of seed pearls.

Maid of honor was Jackie Hogan and bridesmaids were Lanny Posey of Rotan, Betty Raye Chaney and Jan Jackson of Ovalo. They were identically attired in gowns of ice blue and sky blue crystaletta fashioned with tucked sweetheart necklines and short shirred sleeves. The molded bodices featured long torso lines and sashes softly tied at the back in large bows. The bouffant skirts were ballerina length. They wore blue picture hats accented by lighter blue forget-me-nots and glass slippers accented with blue bows.

Lynda Louise Leveridge, sister of the bridegroom from Abilene, was flower girl. Her dress was identical to those of the bridal attendants and she carried a basket filled with iris petals and trimmed with tulle and blue satin streamers.

The bride's mother wore a blue grey sheath dress of pure silk taffeta trimmed with illusion. Her shoes were matching satin and she wore a small hat with a rose chignon. The mother of the bridegroom wore a mauve silke faille dress. Her shoes were mauve satin and she wore a matching hat.

Candlelighters were Donald Todd Leveridge, brother of the bridegroom from Abilene, and Ronald Glenn Palmer, brother of the bride.

Best man was Sydney Niblo of Lubbock. Groomsmen were Dan Winters of Abilene, Jim Boykin of Austin and Jim Polk of Lubbock. Tommy Springer was ring bearer.

At the reception held in the home of the bride's parents, the bride's table was laid with a floor length white satin cloth caught at the corners with garlands of gardenias. Her bouquet was placed in front of silver frosted wedding candles to complete the table decor. The table was flanked by floor baskets of white gladioli and Dutch iris. A silver vintage punch bowl and three tiered wedding cake, decorated with blue bells and white roses, were also on the table.

Mrs. N. T. Hodge of Odessa laddled the punch and Mrs. W. T. Sadler served the cake. Mrs. Horace Boney greeted the guests and Mrs. Stanley B. King registered them. Included in the houseparty were Mrs. Gerald Derrick, Mrs. Horace Hargroves, Mrs. June Hogan, Mrs. Jeff Chancey, Mrs. Homer Newby, Mrs. Paul Hicks, Mrs. Jack Tucker and Mrs. Robert Riney.

Wedding guests were present from Arlington, Midland, Big Spring, Rotan, Odessa, Austin, Port Worth, Dallas, Aspermont, Cisco, Moran and San Marcos.

For traveling, the bride chose a flax suit with matching hat and golden flax shoes and bag. Her jewelry was amber, a gift from the bridegroom. Her corsage was a white orchid.

The bridegroom is employed by Grove Clothiers in Odessa and after a short wedding trip the couple will live at 717 1-2 W. 5th St. in Odessa. She is a graduate of Merkel High School and he is a graduate of Abilene High School. They both attended H-SU.

PRIZES OFFERED IN CHILD PHOTO CONTEST

The time is almost here for the opening of this newspaper's Big Child Photograph Contest, and we're urging all of our readers to have their children ready for the big day.

Winston B. Lucas of Irving, Texas, will be in Merkel on Saturday, April 21st from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. next door to the Merkel Mail for the purpose of taking pictures in this vicinity.

In addition to having their pictures printed in this newspaper, the children will be competing for \$18.20 in prizes, which are being offered for the three best photographs made during the day.

The photographs will be made absolutely free of charge, and there is no charge for their publication in The Merkel Mail. Proofs will be shown and from these you may select the picture of your child which you would like to appear in this newspaper. If you wish extra photographs, they may be purchased, but no purchase is necessary in order to have your child's picture printed in this newspaper, or in order to compete for the prizes. It is entirely up to you, whether you buy pictures or not.

There is no age limit on the contest, and every child's photograph in this section is wanted so that they may all appear in The Merkel Mail. However, it is necessary that all pictures must be of uniform size, so they must be made by Winston B. Lucas on Saturday, April 21st.

Don't wait until little Mary gets married or baby brother is elect-

ed to some political office to see their pictures in the paper — make plans now to have these photographs made on Saturday, April 21st. Tell your friends and neighbors — the more, the merrier.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MERKEL, DECLARING THE POLLUTION OF THE AIR TO BE A NUISANCE; DEFINING THE SAME; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY; PROVIDING FOR THE SEPARABILITY CLAUSE; AMENDING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; PASSING THE SAME ON FIRST READING.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERKEL:

SECTION I: That in accordance with the Statutes of the State of Texas the act, omission, or to use of properties within the City Limits of the City of Merkel by any person, persons, firm or corporation, including herein any individual, partnership, firms, association, companies, corporations, or other legal entity, which results in polluting the atmosphere with noxious or offensive effluvia gases, stenches, vapor, dust, sand, lint or other matter to an extent as to produce material, physical discomfort and annoyance to those residing in the vicinity or injury to their health or property or which causes lint or other foreign objects to be deposited or settle upon the property of those dwelling in the vicinity or within the City Limits of the City of Merkel is hereby declared to be a nuisance.

SECTION II: Any person, firm or corporation as set out in Section I hereof upon conviction and being found guilty of creating such a nuisance as defined in Section I hereof shall be fined in a sum not to exceed \$200.00 and

each day that the same continues shall constitute a separate offense.

SECTION III: Should any part, section, sub-section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase contained in this ordinance be held to be invalid for any reason, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of the ordinance, it being the legislative intent that the provisions of this ordinance are severable.

SECTION IV: All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby expressly repealed.

SECTION V: This ordinance shall be in effect from and after its passage and publication in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas.

PASSED this 2 day of April, 1956.

FRED STARBUCK, Mayor.

ATTEST:
Flossie W. McKeever
City Secretary
The foregoing ordinance was published in the MERKEL MAIL, a newspaper of general distribution in the City of Merkel on the 13th day of April, 1956.

HODGES

Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Cox, Jimmy and Lara had lunch in the Wilkerson home on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Cook of Abilene visited Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Cook, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Daniel of Baird and Mr. and Mrs. Horace Daniel of Tahoka were weekend visitors with Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Daniel.

Mrs. Hubert Austin and boys

and Mrs. W. H. Cook have gone to Hereford where Mr. Austin is holding a meeting. While there Mrs. Cook will go on to Demmit and visit her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Pyron Winters.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis McCaleb of Seymour visited with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. McCaleb, Sr.

Mrs. Mollie Montgomery is very ill. Also on the sick list is Mrs. Mabel Gentry.

The Charlie Pyrons' daughter of south Texas is visiting them for a short time.

Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Horton and son of Clyde, Texas were weekend guests of their mother,

Mrs. Edna Horton, and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Tolliver and son, Larry Lynn.

and daughter, Gena Mae, of Trent spent Easter Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Chambliss.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Roberts and Mrs. Roy Miller had their nephew Chan Garret, of Baylor University as house guest the past week.

Mrs. Irene Barnes of Abilene attended services at the First Baptist Church Sunday and was dinner guest of her son, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Barnes and family.

George B. Murphy of Stephenville, Texas was weekend guest of

his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Willie J. Largent, and her father, Rev. J. W. Sappell.

Mrs. Bill Largent of Abilene was Sunday visitor of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Baze.

Mr. and Mrs. Angie Gleen of Big Spring, Texas were dinner guests of their sister, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Stockbridge, and mother, Mrs. Nannie Gleen, Sunday.

Mrs. C. H. Sparks of Abilene was a guest of her mother, Mrs. W. M. Hays, Sunday. Also a sister, Mrs. Mattie Williams, and daughter-in-law, Mrs. Herbert Williams, of Abilene were visitors of Mrs. Hays.



REV. C. G. SEWELL

THIS IS YOUR PERSONAL INVITATION TO ATTEND THE . . .

REVIVAL

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

April 15 thru 22, 1956

10:00 A.M. - 8:00 P.M.

PASTOR C. G. SEWELL, Preaching

DON JONES, Director of Music

THE NURSERY IS OPEN FOR ALL SERVICES

"Come Thou With Us and We Shall Do Thee Good"

Welcome REA Members To Merkel

FOR YOUR ANNUAL MEETING THURSDAY, APRIL 12

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Fred Starbuck has proclaimed Thursday, April 12, as Taylor Electric Cooperative Appreciation Day in Merkel.

The Mayor's proclamation said in part that whereas: "We the people of Merkel enjoy the fellowship and association of the people of the Taylor Electric Cooperative. And because of the active community building spirit of the entire personnel of the group.

We the people of Merkel feel that it only fitting that we should express our appreciation to this fine group of citizens.

We further feel that we as hosts to the Annual Stockholders meeting should do all in our power to make the people of the Taylor Electric Cooperative Company know that they are among friends. Therefore, I, Fred Starbuck, mayor of the city of Merkel do proclaim April 12 as Taylor Electric Cooperative Day to recognize in every fitting manner our debt to the friends and the fine citizens of this group organization.

FRED STARBUCK, Mayor
City of Merkel

WE MERCHANTS APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT THE TAYLOR ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE IS THE LARGEST INDUSTRY IN MERKEL. WE WANT TO CONTINUE TO BOOST THE REA AND WE WELCOME YOU MEMBERS IN OUR BUSINESS ANYTIME. AGAIN WE SAY WELCOME!

ATTEND YOUR MEETING FREE DOOR PRIZES BY LOCAL MERCHANTS

- Wilson Food Store
- City Cleaners
- Mina Winters Butane
- Merkel Telephone Co.
- Happy Snappy Laundry
- John McKinzie Motors
- The Merkel Mail

- Carson Gro. - Mkt.
- Mack's Cleaners
- Oak St. Service Station
- Mac's City Drug
- Palmer Motor Co.
- Higgins Blacksmith

- Nook Cafe
- Adcock Cleaners
- Ann's Beauty Shop
- Max Mellinger's
- Badger Chevrolet
- Hammond Bros. Gulf

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our many friends for their words of sympathy, food and flowers for our loved one, Mrs. J. M. Salter. The J. M. Salter Family.

Hospital Notes

The following persons were admitted to the Sadler Clinic during the past week.

- Mrs. W. R. Brazzil, Abilene
- Mrs. C. W. Tipton, Merkel
- Hugh Barnhart, Abilene
- T. J. Whitaker, Abilene
- Mrs. J. D. Manning, Trent
- Mrs. A. B. Barnett, Merkel
- Gloria Kay Burns, Abilene
- Lee Tipton, Merkel
- Mrs. Bill Brazzil, Merkel
- Mrs. Troy Sloan
- Hicks Goode, Merkel
- Dinsel Evans, Abilene
- Carroll Spurgin, Merkel
- Mrs. L. W. Dudley, Trent
- Edwin Dixon, Merkel
- H. J. Henley, Merkel

Mrs. H. B. Chambliss, Merkel
Mrs. J. V. Hester, Merkel
E. O. Carson, Merkel
Mrs. James McBride, Abilene.

NEW ARRIVALS
Gail Ann Berry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Berry, Merkel. Weighs 6 pounds and 10 ounces. Born April 6.
Roger Don Ely, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Ely, Noodle. Weighs 7 pounds and 1 ounce. Born April 8.

Fred Gilbert, Aged Negro, Dies

Services were held this week for Fred Gilbert, 68, Negro, who had lived in this area for many years, and had worked for many families in the area.

DOLLAR DAY

One Table COTTON FABRICS

VALUES TO \$1.00 YD.

\$ Day - 69c Yd.

Many of these will be perfect for your Jubilee

Dresses.

One Lot ODDS and ENDS 1/2 Price

SURPRISE! SURPRISE!

You just can't afford to miss these bargains - come early while selections are plentiful.

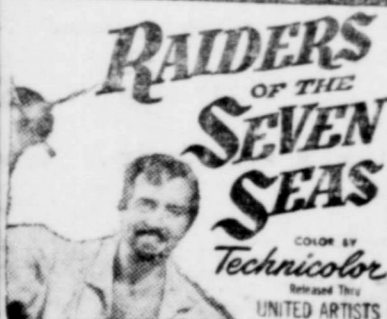
JOYCE'S

QUEEN

THEATRE — PHONE 248

FRIDAY, SATURDAY — APRIL 13-14

THE SWEEPING PIRATE SEAS RANG WITH HIS BATTLE CRY!



GEORGE MONTGOMERY in Zane Grey's



SUNDAY, MONDAY — APRIL 15-16



TUES., WED., THURS — APRIL 17-18-19



NEW FOOD BUYS!

FOR DOLLAR DAY — 5 BIG DAYS

APRIL 12 - 13 - 14 - 16 - 17

- HUNT'S — 46-oz. Can
- TOMATO JUICE** - - - 4 for \$1.00
- KIMBELL'S — 300 Can
- PORK & BEANS** - - - 12 for \$1.00
- OUR DARLING — 303 Can
- CORN** - - - 6 for \$1.00
- MISSION — 303
- PEAS** - - - 7 for \$1.00
- WOLF
- TAMALES** - - - 6 for \$1.00
- TALL CANS
- PET MILK** - - - 9 for \$1.00
- HORMEL
- VIENNA SAUSAGE** - - 6 for \$1.00
- PREMIUM
- CRACKERS** - - - 2 lbs. 39c
- ALLSWEET
- OLEO** - - - lb. 27c
- MY-T-FINE PUDDING** - - - 4 for 29c

TIDE
4 large -- \$1.00

CHEER
4 large -- \$1.00

OXYDOL
4 large -- \$1.00

DREFT
4 large -- \$1.00

JOY
Reg. Can -- 29c

DASH
1 Giant - \$3.95



Aunt Jemima

FLOUR

10-lb. Bag 69c

In POST TOASTIES, pkg. 23c and SUGAR CRISP, pkg. 27c

Choice Meats

CHOICE BEEF
Chuck Roast lb. 37c

CHOICE BEEF
T-BONE Steak lb. 59c

CHOICE BEEF
Short Ribs 6 lbs. \$1.00

FRESH
GROUND BEEF - - - 4 lbs. \$1.00

KRAFT
Longhorn CHEESE - - - 2 lbs. \$1.00

GOOCH'S
SKINLESS WEINERS - - - lb. 29c

FRESH
PORK ROAST - - - lb. 35c

GOOCH BLUE RIBBON
HAM Butt End or Shank - - - lb. 49c

FRESH
Fryers lb. 42c

BAKERITE Shortening 3 Lb. Can 63c

MIRACLE WHIP Salad Dressing Pt. 29c

COFFEE Ranch Style Pound Can 79c

PEARS Hunts 2 1/2 Can 3 for \$1.00

SPAM Hormel 12-oz. Can 3 for \$1.00

PEACHES Any Time 2 1/2 Can 4 for \$1.00

SHORTENING
SNOWDRIFT
3 Pound CAN 73c

KOOLAID
6 Pkgs. 19c

JELLO
14 Boxes \$1.00

CHARLOTTE FREEZE
2 1/2 Gal. Ctns. \$1.00

STOCKTON
MIX FRUIT
4 No. 2 1/2 Cans for \$1.00

BETTY CROCKER
ANGLE FOOD
or ANGLE CONFETTI box 49c

C-DAY
WHEATIES 1g. 25c
CHEERIOS 1g. 27c
TRICKS & CHEERIOS
DEAL, 2 boxes 29c
Prizes for All Kids

OAK FARMS
Homo MILK
1/2 Gal. -- 45c
BUTTER
MILK 1/2 Gal. - 39c

DENTAL CREAM
COLGATE
With GARDOL, - 2 lg. 39c

FROZEN FOODS
DONALD DUCK — 6-oz.
Orange Juice - - - 6 for \$1.00
KEITH'S CUT
Green Beans - - - 5 for \$1.00
KEITH'S FRESH
Blackeye Beas - 5 for \$1.00
MITY NICE
Strawberries - - - 4 for \$1.00
KEITH'S
Okra - Whole - - - 5 for \$1.00
KEITH'S
Broccoli - - - 5 for \$1.00

Vegetables

GOLDEN
BANANAS - - lb. 10c
CALIF.
LETTUCE - - - lb. 12c
FLORIDA
ORANGES - - doz. 49c
FRESH
CARROTS - - - cello 8c
HEART OF
CELERY - - - cello 23c
FLORIDA
New POTATOES - - - lb. 10c
FRESH K. Y.
Green BEANS - - lb. 15c
FRESH
CABBAGE - - - lb. 4c

213 EDWARDS ST. — PHONE 250

WE GIVE PREMIUMS



Grocery & Market
Free Parking
—NEXT TO QUEEN OR CROSS STREET