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June 3 to 9

IN THE FRIENDLY TOWN

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The Cavalcade almost cavalcaded out last week for several reasons, but today it is on the move, and looks like it will go over in a big way. There was some misunderstanding between those who were dealing with the Rogers company about financing, and naturally a company like Rogers which has been putting on these shows for years is not working for nothing. Anyway, regardless of the difficulties last week, everything is set this week to go ahead, and have the Cavalcade...

Bill Woods and several assistants will be working to put on the stage show itself. Bill has been busy writing the script for the show, and it will take in everything from the beginning in Merkel to years after the incorporation of the town. It will be an interesting pageant, with some 200 to 300 persons participating. The show will be held only three nights, because the stadium here seats enough people that it will accommodate all that tickets are sold.

Now, it will take a lot of work to get big crowds out to the stadium because of the adverse publicity we received concerning the change-over. We suggest that the people get together, and help make all three nights a sell-out.

Churches of Merkel will seek to get 2,000 people out to Sunday School on the opening day of the Cavalcade, June 3, which has been set aside for the churches. The combined attendance goal for all the churches is set for 2,000, and that is just under the combined enrollment of these churches.

The Merkel Mail's special historical edition will be issued June 1. We have received many good pictures which will be printed in the paper, and also we have received good pictures which are not suitable for publication by making a "cut" of. Due to our mechanical limitations we must cut off all historical data this weekend, so if you have anything written up that you want in the paper we would like to have it by Friday of this week. We know there are many old time families that need recognition, but we can't get that information without help from the outside.

Wray Williams Honored For 30 Year Service

Wray B. Williams, Superintendent of Trent School, was presented a service plaque by County Board Member, Mr. Garnet Wilks, honoring him for his thirty years of school service with an absence nor tardy from his school duties.

Mr. Fisher, Superintendent of Merkel schools, read congratulatory letters from all the Taylor County Superintendents followed by congratulatory letters from Mrs. G. H. Swinney, member of State Board of Education, R. M. Hix, T.S.T.A., Mrs. Mary Alice McCook, Taylor County Unit, T.S.T.A., Dr. J. W. Edgar, Commissioner of Education.

Clive Pierce, Taylor County Superintendent, served as master of ceremonies. He also read letters and telegrams of congratulation.

John Hamner, past president of the Community Club, presented Mr. Williams a Strato Lounge Chair, given by the people of the community.

Mr. Halbrook, president of the local school board, presented a Parker pen and pencil set.

Following the program a surprise tea was given honoring Mr. Williams where many gifts, friendly handshakes and more congratulations were given.

Mr. Williams graduated from high school at May, Texas and received his B.A. degree from Howard Payne College, Brownwood, Texas. He did his graduate work in Hardin-Simmons University.

He did his first teaching in Blake community in Brown County. Since then he has taught in various counties of Texas; ten years in Taylor County, six at Lawn, and four at Trent, where he is now teaching. His school board has recently given him another five year contract.

Wray Williams married the former Ima Grace Codenhead, who is also teaching in Trent school. She has completed her fifteenth year of school service.

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STITH FARMERS AWARDED — Three of seven Stith farmers who received Fort Worth Press agricultural awards at the Region II banquet last week at Brady are shown here. They were awarded for their outstanding conservation work. Shown here are Hubery Berry, Merkel SCS technician, farmer O. F. Cook, James Dominy, Abilene SCS technician, farmer Roy Kelso and farmer Leonard McCoy. Not pictured are four others who received awards, including J. C. Jones, C. R. Rogers, F. J. McDonald and A. J. Bird.

FULTON, TWO OTHERS HURT IN CAR CRASH

A. D. Fulton, police officer of Merkel, was in Sadler Hospital Wednesday night of injuries suffered in a traffic accident near the Cemetery on U. S. 80 earlier in the afternoon.

In Hendrix Memorial hospital at Abilene were Mrs. A. F. Weaver and her son, John, 13, of Snyder, who were in a 1955 Mercury which collided with Fulton's 1956 model police car which was turning around in the middle of the highway when the impact occurred.

A third car barely missed crashing into the two other automobiles when Ken Wright, Hardin-Simmons University student from Midland, swerved his 1955 Oldsmobile into a ditch to keep from crashing with the wrecked cars.

Extent of the injuries to Fulton were not completely determined Wednesday at press time. He was under oxygen tent, had a fractured arm and injuries to his head. How bad the concussion might be will be determined by later x-rays.

Likewise, Mrs. Weaver and her son were in the emergency room at a late hour at the Abilene hospital and their injuries were not completely determined.

Trooper Bill Smith, who investigated, was told by Wright that he had been following the Mercury for several miles since leaving Tye, and that it was traveling about 50 to 55 miles per hour. He said it appeared to him that the black Ford attempted to turn around in the highway. It failed to clear the oncoming automobile.

It was the third wreck involving the Merkel police car within recent weeks, the second with the new Ford.

Pony League In Need of Assistance

A Pony League has been organized in Merkel, and the league is in need of \$200 now to start operations.

Donations should be mailed or taken to Palmer Motor Co. It will be necessary to have the donation or check by noon Saturday, May 26, as that is deadline for raising the necessary money.

At a meeting at the school cafeteria Monday night, it was decided to have a four-team Pony League, with play to commence at once.

These teams will be composed of boys from Merkel, Blair, Nubia, Trent, Noodle, Stith and Tye. The age group will be 13, 14 and 15 years.

A schedule is being made to play two games each week.

The Finance Committee said in order to keep these youngsters playing ball, it will be necessary to raise the \$200.

Youngsters who desire to play in this league may contact and register their names with Horace O. Boney.

STITH GROUP WINS REGIONAL SOIL CONSERVATION HONORS

At the Fort Worth Press "Save the soil and save Texas" awards banquet held at the Brady Country Club last Thursday night, the Stith conservation group received a cash award of \$200 from Walter Humphrey, editor of the Fort Worth Press.

The group composed of Roy Kelso, C. R. Rogers, J. C. Jones, Leonard McCoy, A. J. Bird, F. J. McDonald Jr., and O. F. Cook, along with H. L. Berry, Work

Little League Schedule For Year Complete

The Little League will open season play May 29 with the Hodge-Palmers vs. the Star Pats and the Bankers playing the West Texas Utility Kilowatts.

All games will start at 6:30 p. m. and no inning will commence after 9:30 p. m.

Here is the schedule:

May 29 — Hodge-Palmer vs. Star Pats; and Bankers vs. Kilowatts.

May 31 — REA vs. Cardinals; and Kilowatts vs. Hodge-Palmer.

June 1 — Star Pats vs. REA; and Cardinals vs. Bankers.

June 5 — Hodge-Palmer vs. Bankers; and Star Pats vs. Cardinals.

June 7 — Kilowatts vs. REA; and Bankers vs. Star Pats.

June 8 — Cardinals vs. Kilowatts; and REA vs. Hodge-Palmer.

June 12 — Hodge-Palmer vs. Cardinals; and Bankers vs. REA.

June 14 — Star Pats vs. Kilowatts; and Cardinals vs. REA.

June 15 — Kilowatts vs. Bankers; and Star Pats vs. Hodge-Palmer.

June 19 — Hodge-Palmer vs. Kilowatts; and REA vs. Star Pats.

June 21 — Bankers vs. Cardinals; and REA vs. Kilowatts.

June 22 — Cardinals vs. Star Pats; and Bankers vs. Hodge-Palmer.

June 26 — Hodge-Palmer vs. REA; and Star Pats vs. Bankers.

June 28 — REA vs. Bankers; and Wilowatts vs. Cardinals.

June 29 — Kilowatts vs. Star Pats; and Cardinals vs. Hodge-Palmer.

July 3 — Hodge-Palmer vs. Star Pats; and Bankers vs. Kilowatts.

July 5 — REA vs. Cardinals; and Kilowatts vs. Hodge-Palmer.

July 6 — Star Pats vs. REA; and Cardinals vs. Bankers.

July 10 — Hodge-Palmer vs. Bankers; and Star Pats vs. Cardinals.

July 12 — Kilowatts vs. REA; and Bankers vs. Star Pats.

July 13 — Cardinals vs. Kilowatts; and REA vs. Hodge-Palmer.

July 17 — Bankers vs. REA; and Hodge-Palmer vs. Cardinals.

July 19 — Star Pats vs. Kilowatts; and Cardinals vs. REA.

July 20 — Kilowatts vs. Bankers; and Star Pats vs. Hodge-Palmer.

July 24 — Hodge-Palmer vs. Kilowatts; and REA vs. Star Pats.

July 26 — Bankers vs. Cardinals; and REA vs. Kilowatts.

July 27 — Cardinals vs. Star Pats; and Bankers vs. Hodge-Palmer.

Unit Conservationist of Merkel and James Dominy, Work Unit Conservationist of Abilene attended the Regional banquet in which outstanding conservation farmers from virtually all of West Texas were recognized.

Almost without exception, this group has carried out and practiced all of the conservation practices which were originally planned for the land. In spite of the worst drought in history, they have maintained cover on the ground and controlled the natural hazards of water and wind erosion for a number of years.

As far back as 1941 a number of this group introduced proper crop residue management to this part of the state. Steady progress has been evident in many conservation practices in the Middle Clear Fork Soil Conservation District as a result of the Stith group's pioneering efforts.

These farmers are an interesting group to talk with in that they know what to do and why they are doing it. This group is also an outstanding example of how farmers can adapt their equipment to meet the needs of the land. All of the cultivated land is contoured and terraced on these farms. Farming is their livelihood and they are not caught on street corners chewing tobacco when they need to be in the field. With this group proper land treatment is a means to an end, and they do not intend for their children to inherit unproductive land.

Merkel Home Set on Fire; Suspect Held

A Merkel home was heavily damaged from fire Saturday night, and a former son-in-law of the owner is being held in Taylor county jail at Abilene as a suspect.

Fire Chief Waymon Adcock said the home of George Smith, on Ash Street, was damaged to the extent of about \$3,500 from the fire which had aroused suspicion of firemen.

Raymond W. Duke, 38, a former son-in-law of Smith's, was arrested by Deputy Sheriff Gene Howell Monday in Abilene, and he made an unsuccessful attempt to get away by jumping from the officer's car in downtown Abilene.

The deputy chased him around the F. and M. National Bank building where he was apprehended after being chased from in front of Sears on Pine street.

Arraigned before Justice H. F. Long in Abilene, he was placed under \$1,500 bond to await grand jury action on the arson charge.

Police at Abilene also are investigating other fires of recent years. It was learned that a store Smith owned had burned, and another house several years back.

Duke apparently was trapped by his own misgiving when it was reported occupants of a duplex next door had called police about a noise on the other side of the house, since Smith had

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Ingalsbe Is Seeking Office Of Dist. Atty.

Reed Ingalsbe, County Judge, has authorized the Merkel Mail to announce his candidacy for office of District Attorney, 42nd Judicial District.

Here is his statement to the voters:

"TO THE CITIZENS OF CALLAHAN, SHACRELFORD AND TAYLOR COUNTIES."

With humble and grateful thanks to the citizens of Taylor County who have permitted me to serve them as County Judge for the past five years, I would like to respectfully apply to all of the citizens of the 42nd Judicial District for a first term as District Attorney. You citizens of Taylor County have given me the finest kind of community support in the administration of your county affairs these past years, and I am truly grateful for your trust and confidence.

My first public office was that of Assistant County Attorney of Taylor County during the course of which I was able to play a small part in helping smash open and notorious bootlegging in Taylor County. I held this office for ten and one-half months during 1951, and was then appointed to the office of County Judge of Taylor County, Texas, January 1, 1952.

I have tried hard to discharge the duties of your office in such a manner that the people of Taylor County could feel that their County Court had definite standards, principles and ideals which would be upheld to the honor of the people of this county.

I am a young man thirty-five years of age, and have lived in Taylor County since I was twenty-two years old. It was my good fortune to be able to persuade the former Nadine Hollingshead of Abilene, born and reared at Clyde in Callahan County, to marry me.

After completing thirty months of infantry service during World War II, I joined the United States Immigration Border Patrol, Department of Justice, and served tours of duty on both the southern and northern borders of the United States, following which I secured an indefinite leave from the Border Patrol to further my education.

As a young man with a wonderful wife and three fine children, I worked my way through Hardin-Simmons University at Abilene and Baylor University at Waco, graduating with a B.A. degree from Hardin-Simmons and a law degree from Baylor.

I am a member of the University Baptist Church and president of the Fellowship Sunday School Class, a member of the Abilene Chamber of Commerce, Abilene-Taylor County Bar Association, State of Texas Bar Association.

CAVALCADE TO SHOW 3 DAYS ON JUNE 7, 8 AND 9

Merkel will proceed with its Golden Cavalcade despite the fact that the John B. Rogers Co., Postoria, Ohio, and the Merkel Golden Cavalcade Association, Inc. voided their contract last week, after it was determined there was somewhat of a misunderstanding on the part of the cavalcade committee.

Zac Waters, producer, who was with the Rogers Company, left last weekend to stage another production in Albuquerque, N. M.



HORACE HARGROVE



HOLT VAUGHAN



EARLE WATTS

Hargrove And Watts Given REA Promotions

Horace Hargrove, former general superintendent of the Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc., has been promoted to assistant manager, and Earle Watts, former electrician coordinator, has been named electrician adviser, succeeding Holt Vaughan, resigned, it was announced this week by Lester Dorton, manager.

The appointments were made by the board of directors of the cooperative, effective May 6.

Hargrove, a native of Abilene, has been general superintendent of Taylor Electric since May 1952. Prior to that he was employed by West Texas Utilities for 11 years. He is 42 years old, married and father of three sons.

Watts, 43, is a native of Merkel. He was employed by Taylor Electric as coordinator in September 1955. He is married and has two children.

Vaughn, 37, is a native of Har- old, Wilbarger County, and moved to Merkel when he was three years old. He had been with Taylor Electric since May 1948. He and his wife have three children, a daughter and twin sons.

The Vaughns are moving to Rogers, Ark., where he is to take over the management of a large chicken broiler production plant.

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Square Dance During Jubilee

The Town & Country Square Dance Club of Merkel is cooperating wholeheartedly with the Merkel Golden Jubilee Celebration and is sponsoring the Golden Jubilee Square Dance at the Merkel School Gym the night of June 9th at 9:00 p.m.

Marshall Filippio of Abilene is master of ceremonies and music will be provided by the Cisco band.

The Western Square Dance Association is invited and many callers from the area have accepted invitations to be guest callers. The public is invited.

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Bill Wood, local florist, was selected by the executive committee to proceed with the show and direct its cast. The first meeting of the cast has been called for Thursday, May 24, at 8:30 p.m. in the community center.

"We would like to have all persons interested in participating in any way in this Cavalcade to be present," Wood stated.

The meeting was called at 8:30 in order that persons attending the grade school graduation could attend. Ted Harris, of McMurry College, Abilene, has been hired as assistant director and technical producer.

Another change in plans calls for the elimination of shows the first few nights of the Cavalcade, and the stage production at the football field will be staged only on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights.

Another Booster trip will be held this Saturday, and persons desiring to make the trip should appear at the Golden Cavalcade headquarters at 9 a.m. Saturday and be ready to leave.

Last week the Booster Cavalcade visited Trent, Sweetwater, Roby, Rotan, Humlin and Anson, and were greeted by large crowds and mayors of the various towns. Mayor Fred Starbuck of Merkel led the Booster cars, and he and Lester Dorton, master of ceremonies for the tour, presented Jubilee souvenirs to the various officials along the route.

Music for the tour was furnished by Mr. and Mrs. Ford Smith Sr., Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Anderson, Mrs. J. T. Anderson and Aaron Horton who are better known in the entertainment field as the Merkel Western Ramblers. Their western music proved a favorite along the route.

Twenty members of the Merkel high school band also participated in the music, and there was plenty of entertainment and noise at each stop.

Contestants in the queen's race also participated in the entertainment. The queens are selling tickets to the Cavalcade pageant, and it is through that means that votes are obtained by them. There is a saving of 50 cents per ticket by buying in advance, besides the chance of winning a diamond ring.

This coming Saturday the Boosters will tour Nolan, Wingate, Bronte, Ballinger, Winters, Tuscola, Lawn, Baird, Clyde and Tye. Those interested in making the trip should call Jubilee headquarters at 179 or Opal Malone, Phone 26, or Margaret Hunter, Phone 200.

Earle Watts, chief brusher for the brothers of the brush, warned that there would be a kangaroo court downtown next week to take care of those who have not bought shaving permits, or who refuse to grow beards.

The agriculture Day Committee of the Golden Jubilee Celebration announced plans for a full day in recognition of the Agriculture Industry of the Merkel area.

The Committee of H. C. Stanley, Chairman Harold Berry, Chester Collinsworth, and Holland Teaff stated the days plans include a tour of F.F.A. & 4-H projects. The Texas Research Foundation Experimental Farm on the Hollis McCoy farm and the Blue Panic Grass on the Comer Haynes Farm.

Dr. E. H. Collister of Texas Research Foundation has been invited to speak at the Lions Club luncheon. The Lions program will also include presentation of Agricultural awards by the Ft. Texas Press.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS
To any Sheriff or any Constable within the State of Texas —
GREETING:

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published, ONCE, not less than ten days before the return day thereof, exclusive of the date of publication, in a newspaper printed in Taylor County, Texas, the accompanying citation, of which the herein below following is a true copy — (but if there be no newspaper so printed in said county, then that you cause the said citation to be posted for at least TEN days before the return term thereof as required by law).

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF Hanna Montgomery, Deceased, No. 5494, County Court, Taylor County, Texas. J. E. Montgomery Executor in the above numbered and entitled estate, filed on the 15th day of May, 1956 his verified account for final settlement of said estate and requests that said estate be settled and closed, and said applicant be discharged from his trust.

Said application will be heard and acted on by said Court at 10 o'clock A.M. on the first Monday next after the expiration of ten days from date of publication of this citation, the same being the 4th day of June, 1956, at the County Courthouse in Abilene, Texas.

All persons interested in said estate are hereby cited to appear before said Honorable Court at said above mentioned time and place by filing a written answer contesting such application should they desire to do so.

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

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID COURT at office in Abilene, Texas, this 16th day of May, A.D. 1956.
(SEAL)

MRS. CHESTER HUTCHESON
Clerk of the County Court,
Taylor County, Texas.
By MAXINE HOBBS, Deputy

NOODLE

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Adkins and Beth of Anson were dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Lucas, Sunday.

Mrs. John Dooley and Grandma Williams of Abilene were supper guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Cooper, Sunday.

Several of Mrs. Lee D. Williams children visited her for Mother's Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Cline Satterwhite and children and Mrs. Jim Sloan of Abilene visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Troy Sloan, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Cox spent the weekend in the home of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Herbie Bullock, in San Angelo.

There was a large crowd of the Baccalaureate service Sunday. Rev. John Hamilton preached. Nine are graduating.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jones and children and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Jones of Trent spent Mother's Day at Hedley, Texas with the Jones' boys mother and father.

Miss Peggy Pack is visiting her Grandmother Pack at Stephenville, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. James Santleben of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. Will Spurgin and Clinton went to Moran, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Stout from Lampasas, Texas visited Mr. and Mrs. Ellis, Saturday and Sunday.

Keith Tarpley from Snyder spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Callaway.

Mr. and Mrs. Dois Melton and Freida of Snyder spent Sunday afternoon in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Callaway.

Minister Shelton and wife from Abilene were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Newell Lucas, Sunday.

Mrs. Richard Hamilton and baby from Virginia are spending a month with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Wheeler.

TRENT COMPLETES DRIVER EDUCATION COURSE

The Trent school has just completed a very successful course in driving training education. Thirteen out of sixteen pupils received their permanent drivers license. However, the course is not designed primarily for the purpose of assisting the pupil in securing their operators license — but to emphasize the

teaching of safe driving practices. The most important one thing to remember in driving is to possess a good attitude in driving and toward other motorists.

Former Merkel Man Dies In Los Alamos, N. M.

T. L. Hamblet, 57, Los Alamos, N.M., groceryman, and former Merkel resident, died Saturday at Los Alamos hospital, and services were held in Merkel this week.

Starbuck funeral home was in charge of the arrangements. Born Aug. 11, 1898, in Paris, Miss., he moved with his family to Merkel in 1907 and attended public schools in Merkel. He was a World War I veteran.

Survivors include his wife, the former Frances McMurry of Colorado City; two sons, T. L. Hamblet, Jr., of Los Alamos and S. Sgt. Robert D. Hamblet, with the air force in Shreveport, La.; five sisters, Mrs. S. T. Lyles, of Oxford, Miss., Miss Vannie Hamblet of New York City; Miss Venona Hamblet of San Antonio; Mrs. Willie Addington of Fort Worth; and Mrs. R. L. Blans of Abilene; and one brother, Roger of Crane.

Marines to Fly Here for Big Parade June 9

Word was received today by Zack Waters, general manager of the Merkel Golden Jubilee and Cavalcade that a crack Drill Team of 40 U.S. Marines of the Marine Aviation Detachment, Naval Air Technical Training Center of Memphis, Tenn. would be flown in on June 9 for the Homecoming Day parade.

The team will also stay over and give their famous drill at a pre-pageant performance at the football field between 7:30 and 8 p.m. that same night.

Waters, who recently saw this group in action in Georgia, says it is one of the finest and most impressive exhibitions he has ever seen. They are trained to perfect coordination and go through most of the drill with little or no instructions from their leader. They are known to be "show stoppers" wherever they appear.

The Jubilee will have two parades. A You! Day Parade on Monday, June 4, with emphasis on the young people of Taylor County and the surrounding area and the more important parade on Saturday, May 9th in which the Marines will be one of the many units taking part.

GARDEN CLUB AND FORTNIGHTLY EXCHANGE

The Fortnightly Study Club enjoyed an exchange program with the Garden Club in the Community Center on Tuesday, April 24, with Miss Christine Collins, president of the Garden Club as hostess.

Mrs. David Gamble, president of the Fortnightly Study Club, presented Miss Collins who introduced the speaker of the afternoon Mr. Bill Woods.

Speaking on the subject, "The Modern Trend — A Yard With Outstanding Design Which Requires No Upkeep" Mr. Wood outlined the method of achieving a beautiful and functional yard for family living.

Members of the Garden Club and the Fortnightly Study Club

enjoying this excellent program were Miss Christine Collins, Mesdames W. S. J. Brown, Nathan Wood, T. E. Collins, Robert Tom Hodge, Mack Fisher, W. R. Cyfert, George T. Moore, J. W. Byran, Dale Litton, Henry West, Charlie Sherrill, G. B. Allen, S. D. Gamble, Johnny Cox, Don Warren, Chester Collinsworth, Wren Durham, David Gamble, Jack Miller, John Shannon, Comer Haynes, A. H. McElmurray, Ray Wilson, Andy Shouse, John Hughes, Lucy Ford, and Mr. Bill Wood.

FORTNIGHTLY STUDY CLUB HEARS BOOK REVIEW

The Merkel Fortnightly Study Club met for their regular meeting on Tuesday, May 8, in the Community Center with Mrs. Dale Litton as hostess.

Mrs. H. A. Knox of San Angelo, Texas, delightfully reviewed Joy Street by Frances Parkington Keys. Mrs. Cox formerly lived in Merkel.

Mrs. Henry West reported on two amendments to be voted on at the State Convention of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs on May 7-10, in the Baker Hotel in Dallas, Texas.

The Fortnightly Club will observe Ladies' Day on June 6 with a morning coffee honoring visiting women to the Golden Cavalcade.

The last meeting of the Study Club will be a luncheon in the Community Center on May 27, at 12:30 p.m.

Members attending the meeting were Mesdames Clyde Bartlett, Carroll Benson, Comer Haynes, S. D. Gamble, Mack Fisher, Earl Hughes, W. R. Cyfert, Dale Litton, George T. Moore, W. T. Sadler, Andy Shouse, Henry West, Ray Wilson, Miss Christine Collins, and Mrs. H. A. Knox.

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HIGH SCHOOL ENGLISH STUDENTS PRESENT ASSEMBLY PROGRAM

With Principal Edwin Read presiding, Merkel High School students assembled in the auditorium last Thursday morning for their final program of the year.

Superintendent Mack Fisher brought an inspiring message, closing with the announcement that commencement activities would be held in the auditorium. Carlton Earp served as master of ceremonies for the entertaining program based on literature studied this year by English II students. Jerry West served as stage manager.

A cutting from J. Hartley Manner's "Peg O' My Heart" was given by Sue Mewborn, Buddy Tittle, Kenneth Minatra, Bette Smith, Lou David Allen, Eddie Higgins, Minta Lou McAninch, Margie Holmes, and Barry Scott.

"Impersonating the Witches in 'Macbeth'" three boys gave the prophecy concerning the Senior Class. Kay Chancey read the story which was "brewed" from the pot by Maxwell Carey, Arthur Bagby, and Fred Turnipseed.

The balcony scene from "Romeo and Juliet" was given by Linda Winter, Joe Cunningham, Marilyn Kelso, Kay Perry, and Ronny Toombs.

Booth Tarkington's "Seventeen" was represented by Stella Russell, Lois Reese, Johnny Henslee, Patricia Butman, Shirley Bagby, Betty Durham, Paul Higgins, Johnny Johnson, Sandra Pursley, Errol Rutledge, and Lane Anderson.

The last scene was from "Neighbors," given by Mena Lou Stallo, Becky Ray, Joe Cunningham, Patricia Smith, Barbara Reece, Susie Bird, Chera Corder, and Charles Curb.

Errol Rutledge read the four poems which appeared in the Texas Anthology. Lois Reese and Kay Chancey were heard in a favorite song, "Sweetheart of Sigma Chi," and led the audience in singing "Home on the Range".

Visitors brought interesting announcements concerning Mer-

kel's Golden Jubilee. Mr. Read closed the program by reporting on the many successful spring activities sponsored by all departments of high school.

Poultry Trend Indicates For Larger Flocks

An increase in the size and number of commercial laying flocks in Texas indicates a trend toward a higher percent of high quality eggs reaching the consumer. This means a highly competitive commodity is being produced in Texas, says John G. McHaney, extension economist.

A larger and earlier hatch of chicks for laying flock replacement has developed in 1956 than was present in 1955. January hatchery output of replacement chicks was 26 percent above last year, and on February 1 the number of eggs in incubators was 21 percent above that of a year ago.

Because of the increase in laying flock replacements, egg production after the middle of the year will probably be increased over that of 1955. This will probably bring poultrymen lower prices in the latter part of 1956 than at the same period last year, says McHaney.

During the past few years the number of layers on the farm, as well as the number of small poultry flocks has decreased. The rate of lay, however, has increased, and there has been increasing commercialization of poultry flocks.

As a number of areas in the state are developing large commercial flocks, emphasis is being placed on feeding, management, marketing, and other factors aimed at building a more efficient operation. This enables large commercial operators to produce at a lower cost per unit, assuring a greater opportunity



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for profit. As small flock owners are unable to operate with efficiency of management that is made possible by a large commercial flock, they are kept at an economic disadvantage. To insure volume for efficient and profitable marketing distribution, small egg producers will have to increase their production, says McHaney.

HAPPY DAYS

Personal safety is evidently becoming a matter of increasing importance to bathers and sun-worshippers, if the contents of mildady's beach bag are any indication. Along with the books, magazines and cigarettes, more and

more women are smart enough to take along sun-tan lotions, eye droys, insect repellent and sun glasses to help insure a day of carefree relaxation.

VACATION TIPS

Here's a tip for vacationing motorists: Put that glove compartment to work by turning it into a well-stocked first aid-kit which should include such standard items as bandages, iodine, eye droys, aspirin and salt tablets. Each of these will play an important part in making the long drive to vacationland an enjoyable experience instead of a nightmare.

Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Diltz visited in Big Spring over the weekend at the C. D. Coats residence.



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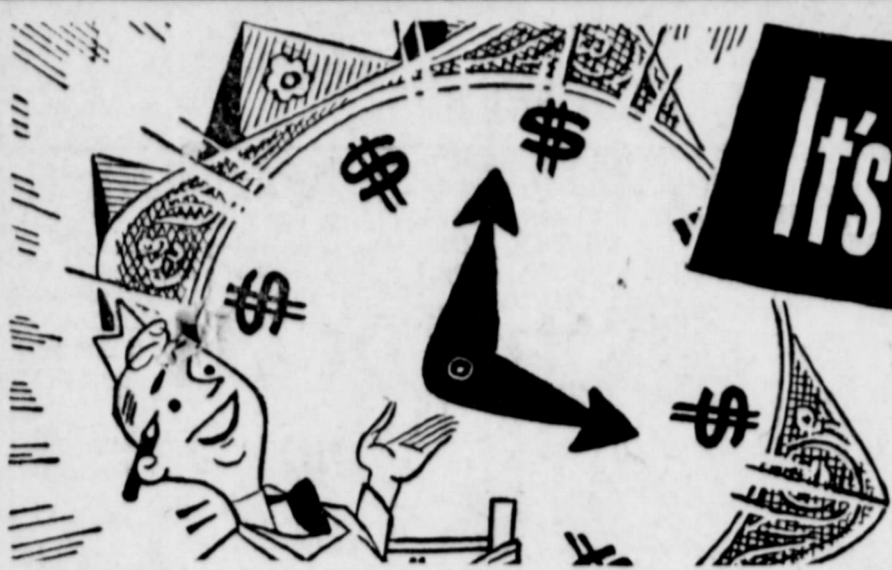
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RECIPE OF THE WEEK

By Mary Lee Taylor

Banana Puddings

16 vanilla wafers 1/4 cup water
2 medium ripe bananas 1 pkg. vanilla instant pudding
1 cup Per Evaporated Milk 1/2 cup vanilla water crumbs

Arrange vanilla wafers around sides of 4 individual dessert dishes holding about 1 cup each. Slice bananas into dishes. Put milk and water into a quart bowl. Add pudding and beat with rotary beater or electric beater at low speed 1 minute, or until well mixed. Pour over bananas in dishes. Sprinkle crumbs over top. Let stand at room temperature until set. If pudding is to be served later, keep chilled.

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LOIN OR T-BONE **STEAK - - - - lb. 65c**

LONGHORN **CHEESE - - - - lb. 49c**

DRESSED **FRYERS - - - - lb. 45c**

UP THE CANYON

By TOM RUSSOM

Everything is quite at this time as everyone has spring fever and a little tired after a long grind trying to get some planting done before it gets too dry. There is a lot of land bedded up ready for a rain and then the late feed will be planted.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Reynolds of the Canyon attended the funeral of Mr. Reynolds' brother in Lubbock last week. Mrs. E. E. Seymore of the Canyon is still improving.

The boys who have live stock to tend and try to farm are having to get up early and stay out late to get the job done.

One stockman reported that he had been doctoring calves. From the way the worms are starting this summer will be a busy time.

Mr. and Mrs. Terral Ferguson of Caps attended church Sunday at Pioneer. They had dinner with their son and family, Rev. and Mrs. John Ferguson.

Six young boys and girls joined the church at Pioneer Church Sunday. They were baptised in the Frank Brnovak tank.

Rev. and Mrs. E. H. Phillips were shaking hands with friends last week when they were here for the funeral of Sam Butman, Sr.

Rev. Phillips was the first pastor of Pioneer Church. He is pastor at Wofforth, Texas.

People have turned their stock in the fields of oats. The oats will come near making grazing than any kind of small grain.

Dr. R. W. Varner of Abilene has sold his 340 acre place in the Canyon to an Abilene man. Dr. Varner did a lot of improving on the place and it is regretted that he will not be in the Canyon any more.

Allen King Jr. has gone to Colorado to spend a week or two with some college boy friends. They plan to enter summer school in Lubbock.

BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR SKIPPY HICKS

Refreshments of angel food cake and cold drinks were served to a gathering of friends

honoring Skippy Hicks on his fifteenth birthday Tuesday evening, May 15, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Hicks.

Those attending were David Pursley, Bitsy West, Jerry McLeod, Ann Benson, Bobby Malone, Janie Breaux, Deanie Cason, Rannie Toombs, Sandra Freeman, Johnnie Ford, Brenda Williams, Earl Rutledge and J. R. Mashburn.

An assortment of games and records were played and enjoyed by all. Hostesses were Mrs. Ethel Hicks, Mrs. Eldon Hicks and Mrs. Waymon Hicks.

Young Beef

Calves Make

Better Gains

Young heifers and steers three to four months old can be kept temporarily on rations that barely maintain their weight, or even result in some weight loss, and yet recover later on full feed to make economical gains and high quality beef, says the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Work done at the Belville Station of the USDA's Agricultural Research Service shows that there need be no loss in the growth potential as a result of low calorie intake for three to six months during the year so long as the animals' limited forage is supplemented by sufficient protein, minerals and carotene (provitamin A) to keep them healthy.

In other words, lack of gain or even some loss or weight by young beef cattle on range in winter or during a drought will not, in itself, make them uneconomical beef producers. Such temporary conditions need not impair the animal's later feed efficiency, and ultimate meat and hide quality or proportion of lean meat to fat and bone in the carcass.

Work done with 10 sets of identical twin calves showed that in every case growth was resumed after the interruption at a rate that was normal or better for the size of the animal. Feed per pound of gain was almost exactly the same for the restricted ration group as for the control group. In four out of 10 cases, however, the cattle given limited feed took several weeks longer to reach slaughter weight which in this case was about 1,000 pounds.

Many animal husbandmen formerly believed that unless calves gained steadily at least half a pound a day their ability to make profitable gains would be permanently impaired.

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General Has Praise For Merkel Folks

Brig. Gen. Charles B. Westover of the Abilene Air Force Base praised Merkel people Tuesday in a speech before the Lions Club for "taking in and making air-men feel at home."

He cited the recent party given by business men for the airmen and their families living in Merkel.

General Westover also told of the progress of the air base, and asked cooperation of civilians in getting qualified men to remain in the air force. He said treatment of airmen, such as Merkel people had done, was a good thing, and would encourage some men to remain in the force.

Right now, he said, the air force average of reenlistments is about 35 percent, but the Abilene base has a much higher rate.

He said that out of a 4-year enlistment, it generally takes two or more years to train a man for a highly technical job, and as a result the air force only benefits less than half of the enlistment, if the man does not reenlist.

"We must be prepared at all times," he said, and indicated that within a matter of 10 hours potential enemy territory could be bombed, but he countered that likewise, the potential enemy also could bomb the U. S. in a like amount of time.

NOODLE NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Maxwell and boys of Aspermont spent Friday in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nath Maxwell.

Mrs. Dock Calloway spent a few days in the hospital last week.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Cooper Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Ted McAninch and girls of Big Spring, also Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Hoard of Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Clement and two boys, also Mr. and Mrs. D. Wood and baby of Snyder spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Caldwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Oran Hodge have moved to Merkel.

Mrs. Wallace and son of Waco are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Parsons.

Visitors in the Mr. and Mrs. Dock Calloway home Sunday were J. D. Milton of Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. James Henderson and Harvey of Cisco, also Mrs. Gladys Dooley of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Forest Warren and children from Louisiana are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Forest, Sr. and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Lucas.

Mr. and Mrs. Newell Lucas and children spent Sunday in the home of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Davis in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Bernet of Alderodo, Oklahoma visited in the home of her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Jackson last week.

Hospital Notes

The following persons were admitted to the Sadler Clinic during the past two weeks:

- Mrs. Doc. Calloway, Merkel
- Henry T. Taylor, Abilene
- Mrs. Marvin Freeman, Trent
- James Beaver, Trent
- Mrs. J. A. Bryan, Trent
- Mrs. Charles Stigler, Abilene
- G. W. Hobbs Jr., Merkel
- Mrs. B. H. Jones, Merkel
- W. A. Cates, Wingate
- Mrs. Lucille Kelly, Abilene
- Michael Lockhart, Merkel
- Mrs. D. E. Hall, Merkel
- E. A. Conley, Snyder, surgery
- Mrs. B. T. Brown, Trent, surgery

NEW ARRIVALS

Elvin De Carey, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Carey, Merkel. Weighs 6 pounds and 7 ounces. Born May 17.

- Mrs. T. R. Melton, Merkel.
- Ben Walter, Merkel
- Mrs. M. Ybarra, Merkel
- J. L. White, Merkel
- Mrs. Fred Baker, Merkel
- Mrs. Dick Skidmore, Trent
- Mrs. Guy Watts, Hawley
- Mrs. B. T. Brown, Trent
- Mrs. H. A. Mitchell, Merkel
- Mrs. Joe Hartley, Merkel
- Mrs. C. W. Wilson, Midland
- Mrs. Stella Miller, Merkel
- Mrs. Nannie Glenn, Breckenridge.

Mrs. A. B. Barnett, Merkel, surgery

Wilbur Thomas, Merkel, surgery

Don Vinson, Trent, surgery

NEW ARRIVALS
Joe Edward, son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry J. Ikeler, Anson. Weighs 8 pounds and 12 ounces. Born May 14.

Laura Jane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. V. H. Lindsey, Abilene. Weighs 9 pounds and 4 ounces. Born May 15.

CONITA JEAN BAGBY BECOMES BRIDE OF TERRY WOODRUFF

Conita Jean Bagby, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Odis Bagby of Merkel, was married Friday evening to A2C Terry Jack Woodruff in the home of the Rev. M. E. Randolph, 1818 Vogel Ave.

The bridegroom is stationed at Abilene Air Force Base and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Woodruff of Pecos.

The Rev. Randolph read the double ring ceremony. The home was decorated with roses and spring flowers.

Attending the bride were Shirley Bagby, sister of the bride, as maid of honor and Joyce McLean as bridesmaid.

Recorded wedding music included "Whither Thou Goest."

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a white embroidered organza dress made with a long torso and low neckline. The full gathered skirt was scalloped at the hemline. Her headpiece to tulle, lace and seed pearls was a half hat, holding a fingertip length veil. She carried a white Bible topped with gardenias and lily of the valley. She wore a pearl necklace belonging to an aunt.

The feminine attendants wore identical dresses of pink crystalline, made fifth long torso and full skirts. They carried white carnations and wore pink shoes.

A reception was held in the home. Lace covered the bride's table, centered with the wedding confection and decorated with spring flowers.

The couple will live in Merkel. He is with the 341st Supply Squadron at the Air Base and was graduated from Pecos High school. The bride is a senior at Merkel High School and will be graduated May 25.

JONES H. D. CLUB MEETS ON MAY 16

Mrs. Weaver presided at the regular meeting of Jones Home Demonstration Council at 10 o'clock May 16. Programs last month were on Growing Pot Plants and Flowers, and Meals from the Freezer.

Agent Miss Jimmy Lou Wainscott is moving to Farwell, Texas to be County Home Demonstration Agent in Parmer County. Mrs. B. B. Newberry will be the new agent after June.

A tea, at 2:30 in observance of National Home Demonstration Week was attended by women from all the clubs in the county. Mrs. Cecil Hawkins of Anson reviewed the book "My Heart Lies South." A gift was presented to Miss Wainscott. The club regrets losing Miss Wainscott but wish her every happiness and success in her new work.

Washington

"As it
Looks
From
Here"

GEORGE BURLISON
Congressman
17th District

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) has just released its annual report on the crime situation in the United States.

It has been said that most anything can be proved by figures. However, as a former FBI Agent, I know the data contained in the FBI's Uniform Crime Reports is pretty accurate and the figures are actually compiled.

Not only does the FBI use its own records, but every police department and every peace officer in the United States is called upon to submit their own reports, and they do so in such a way that the total is now very accurate.

The FBI begins compiling the reports in January for the preceding year. In other words, the present report covers the year 1955.

Major crimes in the United States for 1955 were over 2 million, which has been the figure for the fourth straight year. However, it is significant that 1955 was the first year in the last eight when crime was not on the increase.

It is interesting that there has been a decline in crime in cities. In cities of over 250,000 population, crime decreased by 4.3 per cent. Cities under 250,000 population had a 2.9 per cent increase in crime. The crimes of murder, robbery, aggravated assault and burglary decreased in the cities. Some of the other major crimes, however, increased.

There was an increase in mur-

ders, negligent manslaughter, rape, larceny, and auto thefts in the rural areas.

It is interesting to note that each year crimes against the person generally rise in the warmer months, while crimes against property occur with greater frequency during the colder months of the year.

The loss of property in 1955 due to robbery, burglary, thefts, etc. was about \$399,000,000. The police and other law-enforcement officers recovered about 57 per cent of this property.

The percentage rise in crime since 1950 is almost three times that of the population. Size 1950, crime is up 26 per cent, while the population increase is only 9 per cent.

Arrest of young persons under 18 years of age increased 11.4 per cent in over a thousand cities in 1955.

Of the arrests for major crimes in about 1500 cities of the country, 42.3 per cent were of persons under 18, and almost half of this number were under 15 years of age. The high percentage of arrests for major crimes of persons under 18 results from a high ratio arrests of such persons for the major crimes against property, such as robbery, burglary, larceny, and auto theft.

Of all persons arrested for auto theft in the reporting cities, 62.2 per cent were under the age of 18.

The FBI report cautions against comparing the rate of crime between cities and areas. Such comparisons are not necessarily significant because of the wide variety of factors involved.

Some of these factors are, however, very significant and include such things as the composition of the population with reference to age, sex, and race. Also affecting the circumstances are economic conditions, climate, education, recreation and religious facilities.

The number of police as related to the population is, of course, very important. The standards governing the appointment of police evidently make a big difference also. The degree of efficiency of law enforcement and the public attitude also show up to a considerable extent.

In comparing some cities and communities, there is no question but that the crime rate is lower in those places where there is a strong attitude and consciousness on the part of the citizens against crime. Crime is lower in those places where qualifications for police and other law-enforcement officers are highest.

It would obviously follow that when the community attitude is good in opposing crime, naturally law enforcement is going to be more efficient, resulting in lowering the crime rate. This brings the responsibility directly down to the individual citizen.

Law-enforcement officers are the best friends any community has. They want and need the support of every citizen and can only do their proper job if they have their highest respect and cooperation.

BAPTIST CHURCH YOUTHS ENTERTAIN

The youth of the First Baptist church entertained with a reception in honor of the Evangelist Paul Carlin of Wayland College, Plainview, Texas, and Mr. and Mrs. Don Jones and son, Don Pat, of Abilene, choir director, and Rev. and Mrs. C. G. Sewell and daughter, Lana Kay, pastor of the First Baptist church, and 41 young people present for the occasion.

A covered dish dinner was served to the guests Sunday at the noon hour.

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NO. 5600
ESTATE OF JOE P. PARRIS, JR., DECEASED
IN THE COUNTY COURT OF TAYLOR COUNTY, TEXAS
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR LEASE

GREETINGS:
All persons interested in the estate of Joe P. Parris, Jr., deceased, notice is hereby given that on the 23rd day of May, A. D. 1956, application was filed by Corinne Reed Parris, Executrix of the estate of Joe P. Parris, Jr., deceased, for the leasing of the hereinafter described property for mineral exploration and development without pooling provision. The property so sought to be leased being as follows, to-wit:

FIRST TRACT being a part of Section 204, Block 45, H. & T. C. R. R. Company Survey, Haskell County, Texas, containing 211.70 acres more or less, and being the tract leased to Joe P. Parris, Jr. by Roy Tankersley and his wife, Mildred Tankersley, less 80 acres off of the west side of said tract heretofore conveyed to a third party.

SECOND TRACT being described as follows, to-wit: All that certain portion of Section 204 and Section 211, Block 45, H. & T. C. R. R. Company Survey in Haskell County, Texas, being a portion of the south one-half of Section 211, and a portion from

the south one-half of Section 204 being the same tract leased to Joe P. Parris, Jr. by Merle Tankersley by mineral lease dated August 24, 1950, and recorded in Volume 207, Page 517 of the Deed Records of Haskell County, Texas, and containing 289.2 acres more or less.

The fractional interest owned by said estate and sought to be leased being an undivided one-fourth interest in and to said tracts so identified.

Honorable Reed Englsbe, County Judge, Probate Court, Taylor County, Texas, has designated 10 o'clock A.M. the — day of June, A. D. 1956, for a hearing on said application.

Dated this, the 23rd day of May, A. D. 1956.

Connie Reed Parris, Executrix under the will of Joe P. Parris, Jr., deceased.

STITH H. D. CLUB MET MAY 21

The Stith Home Demonstration Club met May 21, at the Community Center for a special meeting to hear J. Ross Kemp of Taylor County Patrol Service speak on "Safety and the Importance of Drivers Education."

Refreshments were served to members and visitors from the Goodman and Comper Home Demonstration Clubs and the Stith community.

COMPERE H. D. CLUB MET MAY 10

The Comper Home Demonstration Club met May 10 in Mrs. W. S. Allred's home for their regular meeting. Mrs. A. B. Hunter Jr., via chairman, presided in the absence of the chairman.

Mrs. Ray led the prayer and Mrs. Pistole had charge of recreation which was enjoyed by all present.

Roll call was answered with "Women in the News."

Mrs. Ray, the secretary, read the minutes and gave the financial report.

Plans were made for the "County Obsecance of National Home Demonstration Week" and "Going Away Party" for Miss

Wainscott, which was May 16 in Anson at the Woman's Club House.

Mrs. Vernon Stanley had charge of the program on "Growing Pot Plants" and asked other members to assist her.

Pals were revealed and new names drawn. The hostess gift went to Mrs. Jess Foy.

Refreshments were served to two visitors and ten club members.

The next meeting will be May 24 in Mrs. Ray's home. The program will be "Furniture Arrangement" by the Living Room Leaders.

Ronnie Ryan, ministerial student of H.S.U., attended the revival services this weekend at the First Baptist Church.

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FIRST BAPTISTS CLOSE REVIVAL

The First Baptist Church of Merkel closed one of the very shortest and best revivals last Sunday morning. Evangelist Paul Carlin was in Merkel from late Friday afternoon thru the morning service Sunday, speaking only four times.

This young man spoke to the hearts of the people from the word of God in simple direct manner which placed the challenge of the word of God for an immediate decision. A large number came at each of three services for rededication of life and

one young lady surrendered for special service. There were three professions of faith with one addition by letter.

Carlin is a junior student in Wayland College, Plainview, Texas. He has been a Christian only three years coming from the haunts of gang life in the great and sinful city, but he is indeed a trophy of God's grace and we of the First Baptist church will ever be indebted to him for letting us have a small portion of his time and effort in bringing to us God's word in a powerful and decisive manner under the leadership of God. — Mrs. Campbell, reporter.

SOME FUN!



"P-Z-ZT—HOW 'BOUT REMOVING YOUR GIRL FRIEND, PLEASE?"

STITH ROUND UP CLUB MET MAY 18

The Stith Round Up Club met Friday, May 18. The meeting was called to order and immediately after they elected officers.

They are as follows: President, Betty Bailey; 1st vice president, Lindsay Leach; 2nd vice president, Gayle Harris; 3rd vice president, Fonda Brown; Secretary-Treasurer, Martha Perry; Reporter, Kay Teaff.

After the election of officers they played games. They had three visitors.

Refreshments consisting of punch and cookies were served by Mrs. Rust and Mrs. Bailey. The next meeting will be held Thursday, May 31, at 7:45 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Doan attended the graduation exercises of their grand-children, Nita and Nathan Moore at Whiteface, Texas this past weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Cross and Mr. and Mrs. Melton Cross, all of Abilene were the weekend guests in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Cross.

Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Palmer visited their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Leverage in Odessa over the weekend.

Miss Llona Poe of H.S.U. attended the revival services at the First Baptist Church of Merkel this weekend.

Much Interest In Big Pageant For Cavalcade

What was termed by Zack Walters, general manager of the Merkel Golden Jubilee, as "most encouraging and responsive group that I have yet met here in connection with our celebration" met at the Merkel Community Center for casting on Thursday night at 7:30.

This group had been "coaxed" by Mrs. Samuel Doan, the chairman of the casting committee. The people were urged to buy the advance coupons, right away so that the contestants would get the advantage of the extra bonuses given during the first weeks of the contest. The purchases has a great deal to gain, since these coupons go off the market May 28th and in the meantime when you buy one coupon you save 50 cents on any type of ticket that you may want later for the pageant. Also, that each book carried an envelope with a stone in it and one of these stones were real diamonds. Any one purchasing 11 coupons (1 book) gets one of these and might very easily be the one to get one of the diamonds.

At least a hundred high school and older elementary school students showed up for the casting. Also committees from the following organizations who were there to pledge anywhere from six to fifty members each: The Eastern Star; Sorority; Union Ridge Home Demonstration; Goodman Home Demonstration; Study Club; Sewing Club; Stith Home Demonstration; Garden Club; Mother's Fathers, and Teachers, from Trent; and Town and Square Dance Group. The Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Lions Club have also expressed willingness to be in the pageant, but previously planned meetings made it impossible for them to attend.

Award Winners For Eighth Grade

Mary McKeever and Fernando Moreno are the American Legion Award winners for the local eighth grade this year.

They were recently selected by their classmates and teachers on the basis of scholarship, honor, courage, service and leadership.

Mary is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. McKeever of 301 Runnels Street, Fernando (Tokyo) is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Moreno of 109 Lois Street.

They will be presented special certificates and medals by the Abilene American Legion at a program to be held next Tuesday night, May 22, in Abilene.

CHURCHES SEEK TO GET 2,000 OUT JUNE 3

Sunday, June 3 marks the beginning of Jubilee week and since the churches of Merkel and vicinity have from the very founding days set the pace for community development, they again join in bringing the attention to the recognition of God our creator or giver of all good and perfect gifts.

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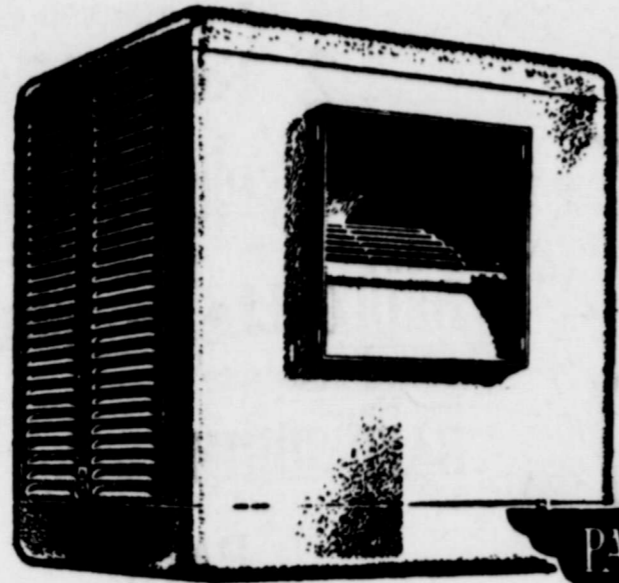
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Mrs. R. L. Wolf, aunt of Mr. J. C. Brown spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Brown and girls. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. Chester Brown of Wichita Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Loflin spent the weekend in Seymour with Mrs. Loflin's mother, Mrs. J. B. Warren.

Rev. and Mrs. Jessie Surdell spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. F. J. McDonald and family.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Rogers spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. M. E. West.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Harris and family, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ray Browning and family, Billy Joe Rogers spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John Browning.

Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Fikes are on vacation.

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One of the features of G.A. Focus Week was the Mothers-Daughters Tea for the Intermediates and Junior G.A.'s.

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Williams, Continued from Page 1
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 Everyone is wishing for him continued health and happier in his school work.

HOME, From Page 1

gone out of town.
 Later in the day, it was learned that someone took the license plate number of a car which had parked nearby, and it was traced to Duke.

HARGROVE From Page 1

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CAVALCADE From Page 1

The afternoon is reserved for the viewing of modern farm equipment as compared to that used by the early settlers. The Soil Conservation Service will also exhibit modern equipment for soil conservation uses.

INGALSBE From Page 1

sociation, a member of the Board of Directors and past vice-pres-

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Effective, vigorous prosecution is still the best deterrent to crime in any community.

Respectfully,
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CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our deep gratitude to our friends and neighbors for their many acts of kindness, for the beautiful floral offerings, the food furnished in our recent bereavement in the loss of our mother. May God bless each and every one of you is our prayer.

The Tarvin Children.

Mr. and Mrs. Angie Glenn of Big Spring visited their mother Mrs. Nannie Glenn who is a patient at the Sadler Clinic. They also visited his sister, Mrs. W. A. Stockridge.

WASHINGTON AND "SMALL BUSINESS" By C. WILSON HARDER

"There's no place for small business, or small unions."

This statement would even sound odd coming from a theoretical economist.

But this statement was made by what might be called a "practical" economist.

The declarer of this principle, James Hoffa, head of the teamsters union in Midwest, has shown he has support of force in various forms to put his theory into effect.



Who is Hoffa? He is Dave Beck's chief henchman in vital trucking area of 13 midwestern states, and is now extending into 12 southern states.

Hoffa has paid fines for violations of labor laws, but this does not seem to deter him a bit. In fact, he usually winds up threatening reprisals against those who made it possible for him to be brought to justice. So far, he appears to have made good on many of these threats.

He has also been responsible for driving out of business quite a few independent truck operators competing with big outfits.

In meantime, Hoffa has not done too badly. Although he boasts he will not tell internal revenue service his income, several Congressional investigations have disclosed many interesting items.

While Hoffa never went beyond eighth grade, he has \$21,000 year salary, plus unlimited expense account from a million dollar treasury. In addition, he is a con-

trolling factor in union welfare funds.

And although Congressional hearings also bring out his business experience was limited to two years as a grocery warehouseman. Hoffa owns investments in oil leases, a farm, brewery, race track, girls camp.

In addition, his wife owns a truck leasing firm that hires no members of the union, but merely leases equipment to a firm.

In a smooth deal, under her maiden name, Josephine Poszywak, Mrs. Hoffa and wife of another union official, only put up \$4,900 to start a major truck leasing operation which paid them \$65,000 dividends in four years. A lot of Hoffa's union members lost jobs as result of this deal, but it appears that the only concern with union welfare is the balance in the welfare fund.

And so it is quite logical Jimmy Hoffa should proclaim the day of the small business and small union is gone as long as he runs both the union and trucking business. If he had said "the days of everybody but the Hoffas is gone" lots of people would have been inclined on basis of past experience, to agree.

But here is odd thing about entire situation.

Although millions know about Hoffa's activities, so far no one, in this administration, or last, has been able to cut down on Hoffa, and other little Caesars of his ilk.

This situation off causes wonder as to what business the U. S. government has in flitting around the world trying to set other people's affairs straight when it fails to keep its own house in order.

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