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40 Years Ago In Merkel

Injured In Auto Motorcycle Jam
Clifford Dowdy narrowly escaped serious injury Tuesday afternoon when the motorcycle he was riding skidded and fell under a passing automobile.

Mrs. Austin Boyd who was driving her Dodge car was turning from Kent into Elm street.

The Dowdy boy was turning into Elm and was going east down the street when he saw the auto driven by Mrs. Boyd approaching. He attempted to turn into the right side of the street and his machine skidded in soft dirt. The extent of his injuries are said to be slight as the auto passed over the lower part of the motorcycle which had Clifford pinned to the ground. He was resting well Tuesday and will be out again within a few days.

Country Man A Fireman's Friend
C. M. Largent called Chief Fernier into a quiet and secluded place Wednesday and handed him ten dollars for the Merkel Fire Department.

Mr. Largent had looked over the good work done by the boys on Tuesday afternoon at the Perimeter home and even though he does not own property in the city he decided he would help the boys out and in handing over his check for ten dollars incidentally said that the Merkel firemen were "Fire Fighting Sons a Guns."

The Twentieth Century Club
The Twentieth Club met with Mrs. Ben T. Merritt on February 17th. It was a most perfect afternoon in many ways, ideal weather, good attendance and an enjoyable program. The program was "My Conscience" read by Mrs. Parten and a continuation of the reading "Travels With A Donkey." A delicious course with chocolate was served. The Club will hold its next meeting with Mrs. Luther Woodruff.

Elder W. G. Spert returned Tuesday Morning on the belated Tee Pee train No. 5 from Okra where he preached Sunday morning and Sunday night.

Miss Floyd Leaman of Trent was guest of her sister, Mrs. Twyman Collins the latter part of the week.

Purchase New Okland Car
Dr. O. F. McMasters is the owner of a new Okland 5-passenger touring car which he purchased last week. The car is one of the latest Okland Models.

Free Rest Room
Ladies don't fail to take advantage of the Rest Room when in Merkel. It is free to you to use at any time you are in Merkel. Side entrance to Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co.

20 Years Ago In Merkel

On Radio Each Week
The Bachelorettes are now a weekly feature Monday, 5 to 5:15, KRBC, Abilene. The trio includes Misses Frances Higgins and Thelma and Pearl Matthews.

Three "G" Club
Miss Phyllis Smith was "at home" to members of her club last Saturday afternoon. After a gossip-feast delicious pecan pie-a-la-mode and coffee were served to Misses Rachael Patterson, De La Vergne Teague, Fannelle Gray, Ferguson, Sis Gamble, Bett, L. L. Grimes, Phyllis Smith, Hollis Perry and Frances Higgins.

Record Of Births
Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. John Morgan, Noodle, Monday, February 15, 1937.
Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Bernes, Goodman, Friday, February 19, 1937.
Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Homer Mayfield, Thursday, February 25, 1937.

Color and Action In New Film at Queen
Warner Bros., who gave talking pictures to the world, invented the screen musical and created the vogue for film biographies have done it again. This time they have taken Technicolor and made it natural. The result is an almost unbelievably beautiful production of James Oliver Curwood's famous novel "God's Country and the Woman" which opens at the Queen theatre Saturday evening, 11 P.M., also Monday and Tuesday.

Mrs. Lige Gamble, Mrs. Byers Petty and daughter, Marilyn, together with Misses Mary Elizabeth Sunday School Class were en-

Elementary School Observes School Week With "Grandparents Day" Wed.

The highlight of the local observance of Texas Public School Week, March 4-7, will be Grandparents Day at the elementary schools on Wednesday, March 6th. The room in grades 1-8 which

Merkel Delegation Attends Austin Redistrict Meeting

A delegation of Merkel citizens made a round trip to Austin Wednesday to attend a committee hearing on proposed precinct redistricting in the Legislature.

A proposed amendment, sponsored jointly by Reps. Truett Lattimer of Abilene, Louis Anderson of Midland and John Lee of Kermit, was to be heard before the constitutional amendments committee in the House of Representatives at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday.

The proposal would require that no less than 10 percent and no more than 40 percent of a county's total population be represented in any one precinct without forcing redistricting.

If commissioners courts fail to redraw precinct lines on petition of the voters, the job would be done by an appointive board.

Among those attending from Merkel were Onis Crawford, manager of the Chamber of Commerce; Mayor Fred Starbuck; Nolan Palmer, Lester Dorton, Isadore Mellinger, Ben Robert Hicks and Commissioner Rufe Tittle, went to Austin Tuesday and the others early Wednesday morning.

Accident Victim Recovers From Serious Burns

Wayne Farr of Abilene is still in the Sadler Clinic Hospital recovering from serious burns received last Wednesday. He has flash burns on both legs and deep burns in his hands.

Farr was injured when he accidentally touched a live wire with a pipe while working on a transformer and fell about 20 feet to the ground.

Wayne is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry K. Farr of Merkel.

beth Grimes and Billie Bernice Gambill made an automobile trip to Austin where they visited over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe P. Self and Miss Vergie Mae Campbell, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Joe P. Self, Jr. and Howard Carson of Abilene, attended the meeting of the seventh district Texas Bankers Association held at Wichita Falls Monday.

Cheerful Workers Social
Members of the Cheerful Workers

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has the greatest percentage of grandparents to visit the classroom during this particular day will be given a cash prize of \$5.00. Only grandparents living in the Merkel Independent School District will be counted in the contest.

Thursday night, March 7, will be Open House Night in both the primary and elementary buildings. Each room will have on display some of the work which the pupils have recently done.

The public is invited to visit all of the classrooms in each building, between 7:30 and 9:00 p.m.

In addition to these two special events, parents and patrons are urged to visit the classroom at any time during the four days, March 4-7.

"We want the parents to see the classes in everyday operation," stated Principal C. A. Farley.

Filing Deadline Noon Saturday

With the filing deadline at noon Saturday, only one man has filed for the mayor's office—West Texas Utilities manager Earl Hughes.

Hughes is now a city alderman and has lived in Merkel and vicinity most of his life.

He is secretary of the Merkel Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Official Board of the Methodist Church here.

Hughes spent 12 years in the Taylor County tax assessor-collector's office in Abilene and for six years was tax collector for the City of Abilene.

If no other candidates file by Saturday, Hughes will automatically succeed Fred Starbuck, present mayor. Starbuck announced he would not seek office again after one two-year term.

There are also two vacancies for aldermen that have not been filled for. Qualifications for the candidates:

1. He must have been a resident of Texas of Texas for one year.
 2. He must have been a resident of Taylor County for six months.
 3. He must reside within the city limits of Merkel.
- Filing deadline for all city offices is Saturday at 12 noon.

SAC Captain To Speak Here

Captain Billy Van Bibber of the Strategic Air Command is going to speak to the Lions Club at their Regular Bi-Monthly Luncheon Tuesday, March 5. He is going to tell about the Strategic Air Command story which they call "The SAC Story".

Area Girl Scout Represents Texas In New York City

A sixteen-year-old Abilene girl, Gale Moore, was in New York City last week to represent Senior Girl Scouts of Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma on the first Girl Advisory Committee of the Girl Scouts of the U. S. A.

Representing their various regions, the twelve girls selected to serve on the committee were presenting reactions to program ideas which may be developed or revised by the program department of the national organization.

Gale, left by plane from Abilene February 21 for New York, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mutt Moore of 718 E. N. 14th, Abilene.

A junior in Abilene High School, she has been a Girl Scout for ten years and holds the curved bar, the highest rank attainable in the Girl Scout program. She was a member of the West Texas Patrol to the National Senior Girl Scout Roundup at Pontiac, Michigan, in 1955; has been a member of the West Texas Senior Girl Scout Planning Board for three years; is a member of the Ground Observers Corps, holds a Senior Life-Saving certificate and holds an enviable record of camping activities. She is a member of Wing Scout Troop No. 4 of Abilene.

Boy 9 Loses Leg In Accident Near Noodle Sunday

Andy Bob Barbee, 9, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Barbee of Weatherford is in "satisfactory" condition at Sadler Clinic Hospital here after undergoing a leg amputation Sunday.

Andy was visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Barbee of the Noodle community when he got his leg caught in a pump jack at an oil well on their property. His cousins, Mike Barbee, 12, and Terry Touchstone, 10, were with him at the time. Mike pulled Andy from the pump jack before it made a complete turn, avoiding more serious injury. Terry ran through the mud for one-half mile to get help.

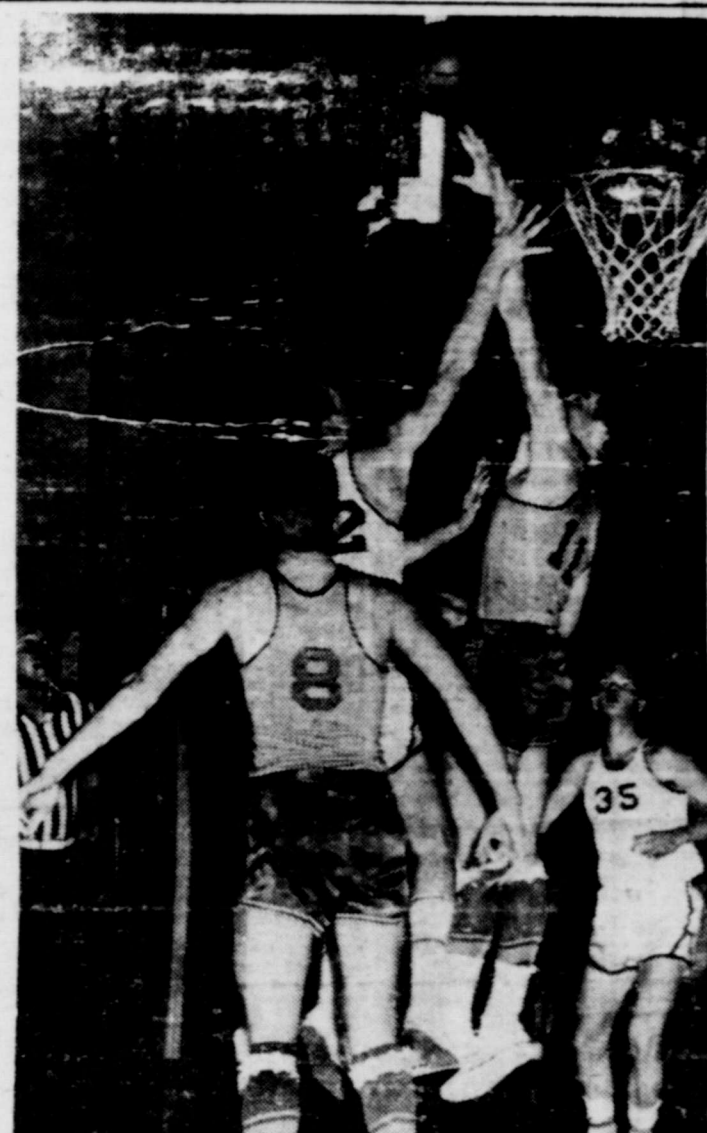
The boy's right leg was amputated below the knee at the Sadler Clinic Hospital where he was taken by his family.

Fire Insurance Rate Lowered

Merkel residents will get a 10% reduction in fire insurance premiums this year.

Horace Boney, local insurance agent, was notified by the Board of Insurance Commissioners in Austin that Merkel's good fire record of 5% will be raised to 15%, April 1st.

BADGERS BEAT ABILENE, LOSE TO ROPESVILLE IN BI-DISTRICT PLAY TUES.



ROBERT McLEOD (11) goes high in the air to keep the Abilene Eagles from scoring in a breath-taking three-over-time period game in the Eagle gym Friday night. The Badgers emerged victorious 59-58 over the District 4-AAAA Champs. Manley Denton (8) stands ready to make the catch. (Photo Courtesy Reporter-News)

BIG SPRING—The Ropesville Eagles defeated Merkel 51-49 here Tuesday night to oust the Badgers from the Class A state playoffs.

The Eagles held 6-5 Robert McLeod to 16 points for the night, his lowest total of the season. Kermit Rutledge was the mainstay of the Badger offense, rolling up 20 points for his nights work.

The Badgers rallied late in the final period and moved up to a 47-47 tie with a minute and 43 seconds left to play.

Three Eagle freethrows and a field goal by Eagle 6-4 center Dale Ethridge iced the game for the Ropesville quint.

The loss was the second in 27 games for the Badgers who last week defeated the Abilene Eagles.

Merkel scoring: Denton, 5; Collinsworth, 2; McKeever, 4; McLeod, 16; Rutledge, 20; and Russell, 2.

The Merkel Badger cagers defeated the Abilene High School Eagles 59-58 there Friday night on a third overtime period free throw by Robert McLeod.

McLeod, who racked up a total of 32 points against the Eagles, sank the free shot with two seconds left on the scoreboard in the third overtime period.

The Badger defense held the Eagles away from paydirt in the remaining two seconds and Merkel fans near raised the roof on Abilene's new gym at the sound of the final buzzer.

The game went into its first overtime at 56-56 after McLeod missed the bucket after taking a rebound—one of the few shots he missed all evening.

After Abilene took the ball and missed going into the first overtime, the Badgers stalled until only three seconds remained, and Carl McKeever hit what appeared to be the winning field goal.

The Eagle's took the ball immediately called time, leaving 2 1/2 seconds to go. Taking the ball in from mid-court, Randy Hurst tossed to Ted Lucas who sank the ball for two tying points.

Merkel stalled through the second overtime, failing to work in for a clear shot. The Eagles kept McLeod well bottled up during the three minutes.

Eagle Ralph Bruton fouled out at the tipoff on the third time out. McLeod got two shots, making the first but missing the second to put the Badgers ahead 59-58.

Traveling penalties stopped McLeod and Eagle Glyn Gregory during later scoring attempts. The Eagles gained possession of the ball with two seconds left.

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Merkel Girl Scouts To Sell Cookies

March 8-16 is the Annual Girl Scout Cookie Sale Week. All troops of the Merkel Neighborhood will participate in the sale.

Proceeds of the sale go to the improvement of the established camp of the West Texas Area, which is Camp Booth Oaks at Sweetwater.

This improvement includes new buildings for the camp. Already proceeds from previous cookie sales have financed a large recreation, diningroom, and kitchen building and fine swimming pool.

Also each troop keeps 3c on each box sold. This sum of money is used for the troop's use here in Merkel.

All Girl Scouts in Merkel have been able to use the facilities at Camp Booth Oaks at various times for cook-outs, overnight camp-outs and for summer camping programs.

If you buy cookies, buy from the Girl Scouts during the week of March 8-16. Chairman for Merkel Neighborhood is Mrs. David Gamble.

Junior Badgers Beat Anson Tigers To Tie For Dist.

Coach Leon Walker's Junior Badgers defeated the Anson Tiger Cubs, 26-16, here Tuesday night to wind up the conference race in a tie for the championship with the Jones county lads.

Both Anson and Merkel had a 7-1 conference record for the season and were declared co-champions without a play-off.

Ronnie Reegar led the local boys to victory with eight points to his credit.

The Merkel seventh graders added insult to injury by downing the Anson seventh graders to the tune of 21 to 15. Eugene Hester was the top scorer with eight tal-

lies. The Merkel girls lost a close 55 to 17 decision to the visiting Anson sextet.

Modern Facilities Accomodate Fans At Lubbock Arena

LUBBOCK — Fans will watch the Region One basketball tournaments here this week-end in probably the most comfortable basketball arenas in the nation—the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum on the Texas Tech campus.

All 7,500 of the permanent seats concentric to the oval arena are theater-type. Rather than crowd an additional thousand or so seats into the Coliseum, planners allowed sufficient leg room to permit a person to remain seated while another passes in front of him. Seats are wider, too, than many arenas.

Modern scoreboards have been installed at both ends of the Coliseum so that no one need crane his neck to keep track of the score or time to play.

No poles or supports mar the fan's view. Blowers near the ceiling keep air continuously in motion. Gas-fired heaters connected to the air distribution system provide warmth.

There's color aplenty. Besides the scarlet and black trim of the maple court additional color is furnished by the seats that are in seven different colors—glacial green, fiesta tan, yellow, bittersweet, gray, scarlet, and blue.

Adjacent to the Coliseum is a lighted, all-weather parking area with room for 1,900 cars.

Conference 3A begins with a game between Snyder and Pecos at 7 p.m., followed by a match between Phillips and Vernon. Those winners meet for the title at 5 p.m.

Conference 1A and 2A play starts at 8 a.m. Saturday. Finals will be at 7 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

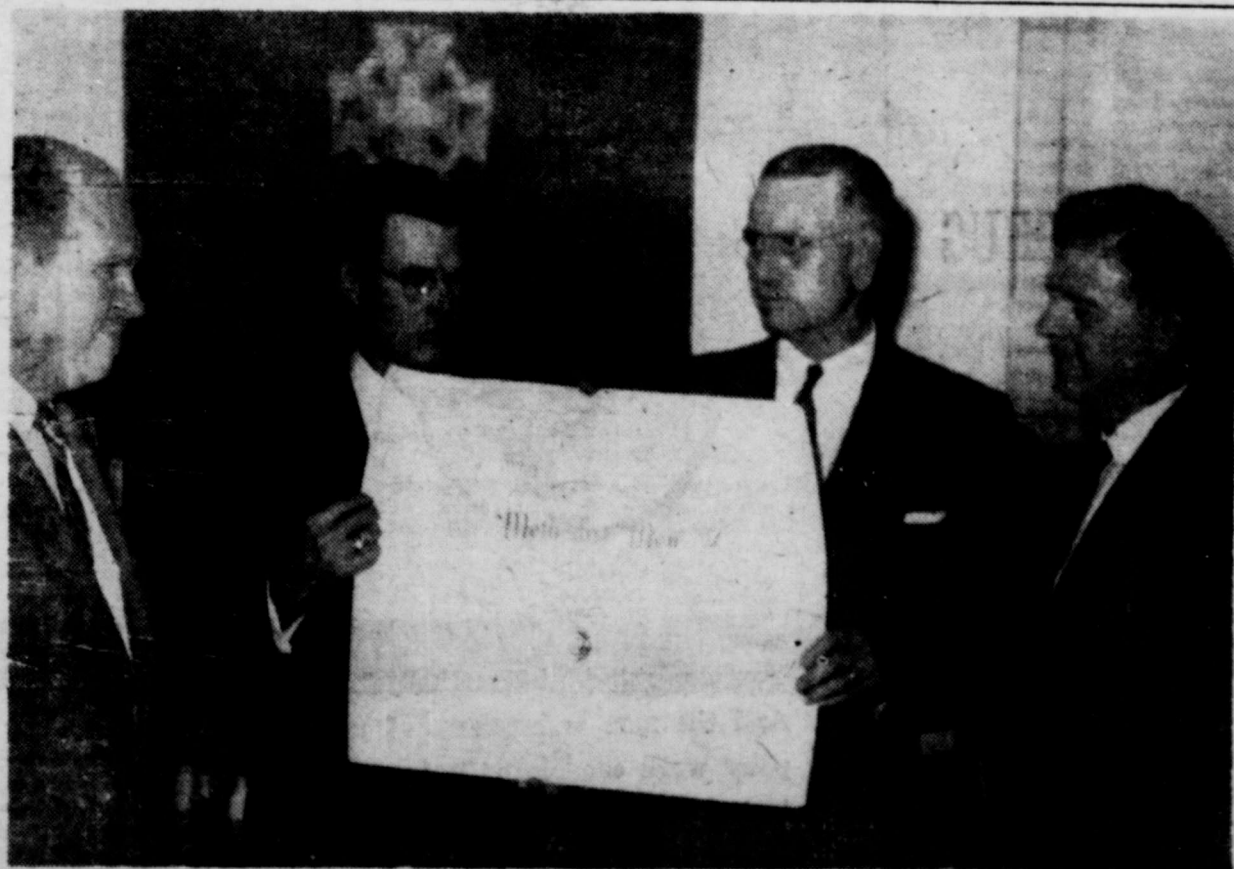
Hospital Notes

The following persons were admitted to Sadler Clinic-Hospital during the past week:

- Wayne Farr
- Mr. Earl Baze
- Mrs. Earl Baze
- Mrs. W. T. Robertson
- Joe Douglas
- W. H. Cade
- Mrs. Mary Dedmon
- Mr. N. T. Hodge
- Mrs. Karl Bonneaux
- Gloria Burns
- Mrs. W. E. Bryan
- Andy Bob Barbee
- Mr. Charles Carter
- Tina Hamner
- Mrs. Ed Martin

Senior Class Play

Merkel High School seniors will present their class play, "Go West, Young Man!", in the school auditorium next Tuesday night, March 5, 1957, at 7:30 p. m. An afternoon performance is being arranged for all school grades. There will be a special attraction in the three-act-comedy. Admission prices will be 25 and 50 cents.



METHODIST MEN'S CLUB—was presented a charter at their Ladies Night supper at the Methodist Church Tuesday, Feb. 19. Pictured above with the Charter and 32 Charter members whose names are inscribed are, left to right; Rev Cloy Lyles, pastor, Hubert L. Berry, president, A. B. Crowder, Methodist lay leader of Sweetwater, and Eldon Mahon, District Attorney of Sweetwater, guest speaker. (Staff Photo)

◆ SOCIETY ◆

Britta K. Denton Weds Haskell Youth In Double Ring Ceremony Friday

Double ring wedding vows were repeated by Britta Kaye Denton and Stallord Wayne Bradford of Haskell Friday evening, Feb. 15, at 6:30 o'clock in the Merkel Church of Christ. John C. Stevens, assistant president of Abilene Christian College, officiated.

Mrs. Eva Denton is mother of the bride. Parents of the bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. Byron Frazier of Haskell.

W. Carl Bush, uncle of the bride, gave her in marriage. Best man was Manley Denton, brother of the bride. Candelighters were Merle Cope of Seymour and Lanny Perry, cousin of the bride. Gregory Kuehler, cousin of the bridegroom from Munday, was ring bearer and Cynthia Storey, cousin of the bride from Abilene, was flower girl.

John Storey of Abilene, Cottie Helber of Haskell and Bill Thomas of Lubbock were ushers. Junior usher was Ken Denton, brother of the bride.

Bride's attendants were matron of honor, Mrs. J. E. Storey Jr., cousin of the bride from Abilene; bridesmaids, Joyce Johnson of Haggerman, N. M., Cherry Matthews of San Augustine and Linda Winter, junior bridesmaid, Janis Bush, cousin of the bride from Alexandria, La.

Reception was held in the church foyer.

Monterrey, Mexico, was the wedding trip destination. They will live in Abilene where he is employed by General Electrical Credit Corp.

He is attended Haskell High

Training Union Has Geo. Washington Dinner Party

The Adult I Department of the Training Union of the First Baptist Church had a George Washington Birthday Dinner Party in the church basement Thursday evening, February 21.

The tables were decorated with red white and blue tapers and streamers and flags. A delectable chicken dinner was served to twenty two guests.

Rev. and Mrs. C. G. Sewell dressed as George and Martha greeted the guests. Following the dinner, Ann Carson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Carson sang "George Washington Could Not Tell A Lie". Pastor Sewell played "Loves Old Sweet Song" on the saw accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Comer Haynes. Mrs. Haynes read "The One Legged Goose", a humorous plantation story. Then assuming the role of George, Rev. Sewell sang "When You and I Were Young, Martha" and told of his plantation experiences. After his talk, the guests were invited to visit a Museum of Revolutionary Relics arranged in an adjoining class room.

O. N. Burford Observes Birthday Sunday

Relatives from Dallas, Merkel and Hobbs, New Mexico, helped Mr. O. N. Burford of 876 Oak Street, Merkel, celebrate his birthday last Sunday, February 17th. Everyone enjoyed the delicious repast served, especially the pheasant and goose meat brought by Dr. Lee Burford of Dallas, which he had bagged on a recent hunting trip to the Gulf Coast.

Guests present included Dr. Lee Burford, Dr. Ruth Ann Erickson, and Mr. and Mrs. Rush Burford, all of Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. Richmond Burford and daughters, Jo Ann, Barbara and Jeanette, all of Hobbs, New Mexico; and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Patterson, friends of the Burford family, of Merkel.

Boaz Family Holds Reunion

Mrs. J. E. Boaz, Sr. was honored with a family reunion dinner February 17th at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Boaz and son, Eugene, 431 Avenue H in Anson.

Mr. Boaz is the youngest son of the honoree. This was the first occasion in several years for a meeting of all the Boaz children with their Mother. All grandchildren were present with the exception of Misses Sylvia and Jan Scroggins of Odessa. Mrs. Boaz's only greatgrandchild was also present; she is nine month old Tana Diane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack B. Smith of Abilene. Mr. Smith is the eldest grandson of Mrs. Boaz.

Children present included Mrs. D. S. Richardson of Killeen, Mrs. F. O. Scroggins of Odessa, Mrs. Lula Smith of Abilene, and Mrs. J. E. Boaz, Jr., and wife, Louise with sons Jimmy and Terry.

The honored guest lives on the family ranch 30 miles Northwest of Abilene.

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Home Demonstration Notes

BY LORETA ALLEN
Taylor County Home Demonstration Agent

The spring like weather and the rain has made us all want to get out and dig in our yards or gardens. I had my backyard broken in just before the last rain and I can hardly wait to put out some grass in the part next to the house. The part next to the alley is going to be my garden and I've started by getting onion plants put out. Right now I'm going to plant Carrots, English peas. If you plant varieties adopted to our area, you'll have better results. Red Core Chantenay and Danver's Half-Long are the varieties of Carrots to plant. Laxtons Progress and Little Marvel are the variety of English peas. I've found I have better luck if I plant the peas in a bed with the rows about 6 or 8 inches apart. Now don't forget to inoculate the seeds before you plant. Wouldn't some fresh English peas be good!

My new rose bushes that I put out last fall are leaving out and that reminds me I'd better dust them now before they get covered with insects. We have a good leaflet on growing roses that you may get by writing or coming by my office.

The other day I visited Mrs. T. Y. Gaither who is foods demonstrator for the Union Ridge Club. Mrs. J. C. Walton was also at Mrs. Gaither's. She is foods leader and the two will be working together on the foods programs for the club.

I was out at Mrs. Edgar Holly's the other day and she was making the prettiest table mats. That re-

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To any Sheriff or any Constable within the State of Texas—
GREETING:

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for four consecutive weeks, the first publication to be at least twenty-eight days before the return day thereof, in a newspaper printed in Taylor County, Texas, the accompanying citation, of which the herein below following is a true copy.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: BONNIE OPAL BALDWIN, Defendant, Greeting.

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 25th day of March A. D. 1957, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 15th day of January A. D. in this case, numbered 21,889-A on the docket of said court and styled A. A. BALDWIN, Plaintiff, vs. BONNIE OPAL BALDWIN, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: plaintiff and defendant were legally married on June 1, 1935 and separated 25th day of December 1950. Plaintiff alleges that there were no children born as a result of this marriage and no community property accumulated.

Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of harsh and cruel treatment, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

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

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this 5th day of February A.D. 1957.

(SEAL)

Attest: R. H. Ross Clerk, 42nd District Court Taylor County, Texas.

By Irene Crawford, Deputy.
49-11-18-25-1

Jones County HD Club Meets

The Jones county Home Demonstration Council met Wednesday, Feb. 20 in Home Demonstration office in Anson. Club reports were given. Each club had carried out the year book program and had raised funds on the polio drive, quilted done textile painting and making copper pictures. The District meeting will be at Vernon, April 5 in the Municipal Auditorium. Each county is to bring a skit on "Health and Safety."

Delegates elected were. Mrs. N. I. Williams, Mrs. Frank Carter, and Mrs. Howard Roberts. Alternates. Mrs. Ab Hunter, Mrs. C. L. Moritz and Mrs. W. C. Glazner. 13 clubs were represented and 31 members and 4 visitors present.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Hudson from Levelland, Tex., spent the week end with Louis, Hollis and Bob Hudson in Sittih.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Wagon, Jr., of Abilene became the proud parents of a baby girl on February 21. The new arrival was named Kathy Diane and she weighed 7 lbs. and 4 oz. Paternal grandparents are W. R. Wagon, Sr., and Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Townzen.

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Orange Juice - - - 2 For **35¢**

KEITH'S-Whole

Baby Okra - - - pkg. **21¢**

BIRD'S EYE

Fish Bites - - - pkg. **31¢**

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Sliced Strawberries - - - **25¢**

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UP THE CANYON

By TOM RUSSOM

Since the good rains have come and gone, we feel that Spring is just around the corner.

This warm sunshine makes us want to work in the fields and gardens too.

Last Wednesday night at the community center, our community had a supper for Mack Seymore who is leaving in a few days for service and Joe Swinney Jr., who has joined the Marine Reserve. Both boys were given a beautiful zipper Bible.

Sheep tagging has been going on just atop of the divide. Taggers are to move into the Canyon this week to tag the sheep here.

Joe Seymore stockman on the East side of the Canyon, said he had a loss of one cow that was so calve in a few days. She got in his tank and drowned. We know how Joe felt.

If any one knows where we can get some hands to drive tractors in a few days head them up the Canyon and we will give them a job for there will be plenty of work to do.

Tommie Whisenand and little son Tommie and Dink Whisenand attended church at Pioneer Sunday.

Dewell McLean our Bible Class teacher was not able to attend church Sunday due to a severe cold.

This Saturday night is our regular meeting of our Community. We are planning a good crowd if the weather permits. Games of 42 and Bingo will be played. Each family is to bring a pie. Payton Scott who is attending college at San Angelo was home over the week end.

Farmers and ranchers will really get busy after the rains. We like to work when it looks like this because we might make something this year and how we do need it.

There have been several hundred bushels of oats going into the ground this week. People are letting up now due to being a little late for grazing. However if rain could continue to come we think they would make grazing anyway.

Texas Girls are Top 4-H Dairy Foods Demonstrators



Cinda Ellis



Karan Prechel

Outstanding ability to use and demonstrate dairy food products brought individual state honors in the 4-H Dairy Foods Demonstration program to Cinda Ellis, 16, of Lancaster, and Karan Prechel, 17, of Iowa Park. Each girl was awarded a beautiful inscribed wrist watch by the Carnation Company.

Cinda's demonstration was called "Cheese Pie" and Karan's was entitled "A Dip to Delight a Teen-age Appetite."

The Extension Service of the College of Agriculture, University of Texas, directs the program with the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture cooperating.

GARDEN DISCOVERY CUTS WATERING, ELIMINATES WEEDS



A "magic" roll of black plastic film called Kordimulch which eliminates weeds, speeds the growth of plants and cuts down watering is now available to the home gardener. The new garden mulch may be used year after year, and a roll sufficient to cover an 18-by-18 foot garden costs \$5.95.

Black plastic mulch, hailed as the new "gardener's friend" has been tested at such prominent agricultural centers as Cornell University, the Kentucky Agricultural Experiment Station, Mississippi State College, Oregon State College and the University of Florida.

The black plastic film may be used with flowers, vegetables, or shrubs. Test results show an enormous increase in the yield of plants grown through the black plastic.

The user lays the Kordimulch over the spaded garden, anchors it with stones or piles of dirt, slits the plastic film with a razor blade, knife or scissors and plants through it into the dirt below.

The mulch may be left on the ground after the growing season, and can be re-used again and again. The long-suffering gardener can look forward to no weeding and no watering.

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tained last Friday evening in the home of Miss Bessylea Church with Lynn Shelton also a host. Table games proved diversion, after which Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Graham were surprised with a shower of gifts from the class.

Refreshments carrying out the Valentine theme were served to Misses Wanda Hunter, Lois Whiteley, Frances Marie Church, Elna Tucker, Maribel Douglas, Bessie Church, Messrs. and Mesdames J. R. Graham, Terrell Mashburn and Johnny Cox and Lynn Shelton.

BADGERS

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but the Badgers kept them out of scoring position to take the 59-58 victory.

McLeod, Merkel's high pointer, sank long shots from all over the court and also grabbed 16 rebounds as the Badgers led in that department 37-23.

Manley Denton, 6-2 sophomore with 14 points, followed McLeod with 14 points.

Ralph Bruton led the Eagles with 14 points, followed by football all-stater Gregory with 10.

The victory Friday night for the 6-A champion Merkel quintet left them with a 25-1 record for the season. Abilene also won its district and both teams move into district play this week.

SCORE BY QUARTERS:

MERKEL: 13-24-44-56-58-59-59

ABILENE: 13-21-40-56-58-58-58

Methodist Class Hold Party Wed.

Spring flowers decorated the home of Mrs. John Shannon Wednesday afternoon when Mrs. Homer Patterson and Mrs. Forrest Gaither assisted in entertaining members of the Gleaner Sunday School Class of the Methodist Church. The rooms were profusely decorated with pansies and daffodils where Mrs. Gaither presided as program chairman.

The devotional "Let's Go Through Together" and taken from the scripture Luke 10:30-37 was brought by Miss Lottie Butman. At the tea hour a delectable party plate was served to Mesdames: Ross Ferrier, W. S. J. Brown, W. W. Toombs, Gertrude Mitchell, H. N. Odum, Mabel Dorton, Herbert Patterson, O. E. Harwell, Reese Hail, Lue Petty, M. L. Douglas, Sallie Moore, Chester Cox, Dee Grimes and Misses Mabel McRee, Connie Pogue and Lottie Butman.

Mr. and Mrs. Whitt Farmer and family of Ira, were guests of their parents Mr. and Mrs. J. Hamp Campbell Sunday.

INVITING THE UNDERTAKER



Hitch hikers can often be found carrying a fire arm for you, most courteous driver.

Courtesy of B. F. Goodrich Safe Driver League

Former Merkelite Dies In Ft. Worth

Mrs. Jennie Teresa Cogburn, 80, died Tuesday morning February 19, at the residence of a daughter, Mrs. Beulah Cox of Northwood.

Mrs. Cogburn was born in Parker County in 1877, later moving to Merkel in 1892 after marriage with William Cogburn. The couple moved to Ft. Worth in 1930.

She was a member of the Christian Church. Her husband, William Cogburn, a farmer groceryman in Ft. Worth, died in 1941.

Survivors include a son, H. D. Cogburn of Mandota, Calif. three daughters, Mmes. Lula Beall of Eugene, Ore., and Dolly Henslee of Fort Worth; a brother, Joe Davis of El Paso; 19 grandchildren, 42 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Burial was in Laurel Land Cemetery in Ft. Worth.

Woodman Circle

Grove No. 563 met in the Club House of Mrs. Esther Luke with Mrs. Luke as hostess for February meeting.

Mrs. L. J. Renfro president, presided. Plans were made to attend and take part in the Laura E. Knobbs District Meeting which will be held in Abilene March 11th.

Mrs. Beatrice Reeves was elected delegate to the State Convention at Galveston March 16-20, with Mrs. L. J. Renfro as alternate.

Refreshments were served by the hostess.

The next meeting will be March 21st in the home of Mrs. Renfro with the "March Hares" as hostesses.

QUEEN

PHONE 248 MERKEL, TEXAS

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TODAY'S HIGHWAY SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO BIBLICAL DEMONS

In a recent issue of a religious publication a startling parallel between today's wave of reckless driving and avalanche of crippling automobile injuries was painted, a comparison with Biblical quotation, penned by an ancient king were these words (2 Kings 9:20): "The driving is like the driving of Jehu the son of Mithri: for he driveth furiously." The remark was addressed to Joram, king of Israel, who preserved it in writing.

The word "furiously" has a marginal reading; "Heb. in madness."

It spoke of a mode of travel long obsolete, but it well describes the modern madness of automobile travel as practiced by so many today.

The high horsepower machines they catapult over city streets and over highways are weapons more mortal than those of war. So great is the slaughter that an aroused nation now must do something about arresting this butchery or suffer decimation of its people.

More than 37,000 people, an average of 100 persons per day, die each year in smashups on our public roads. One million suffer painful injuries from which they recover. The shocking bill runs into the millions.

The whole story cannot be told in cold statistics, either. Indescribable is the loss of loved ones, the pitiful cries of the mortally injured, the long, weary nights of pain.

No group of people escapes. Aged couples, infants in arms, vivacious co-eds, strong, healthy young men, mothers, housewives, businessmen. All are affected.

Vet Land Board Offers 52 Tracts For Sale Apr. 3rd

AUSTIN, Feb. 25 — 52 tracts of land in 23 counties will be offered for sale in the fourth Veterans' Land Board forfeited land sale on April 3rd, Land Commissioner Earl Rudder said Monday.

Sealed bids will be received until 10 o'clock that morning, when they will be opened.

Altogether, 3,832.70 acres — mostly located in the northeast, central, and southwest portions of the state — will be offered for sale.

Largest tract of land offered by the VLB is 239 acres located about five miles northwest of Rising Star in Eastland County.

Previous forfeited land sales were conducted by the Veterans' Land Board earlier this month and in September and January, 1956.

The property offered for sale was originally bought by veterans through the Veterans' Land Program, but was later forfeited because original purchasers were behind in their payments.

Land Leveling Pays Dividends

SPUR, Feb. — Dryland cotton lint yields have been stepped up 59 per cent by land leveling clay loam soils on terraced land having less than one percent slope and receiving supplemental runoff water, says C. E. Fisher, Spur substation superintendent.

It's an economical investment too, according to Fisher. Leveling land at Spur was leveled for \$17.88 an acre and will be effective for several more years. He says annual gross return per acre was increased \$23.76 on leveled land with supplemental runoff water and \$8.10 on leveled land without supplemental runoff.

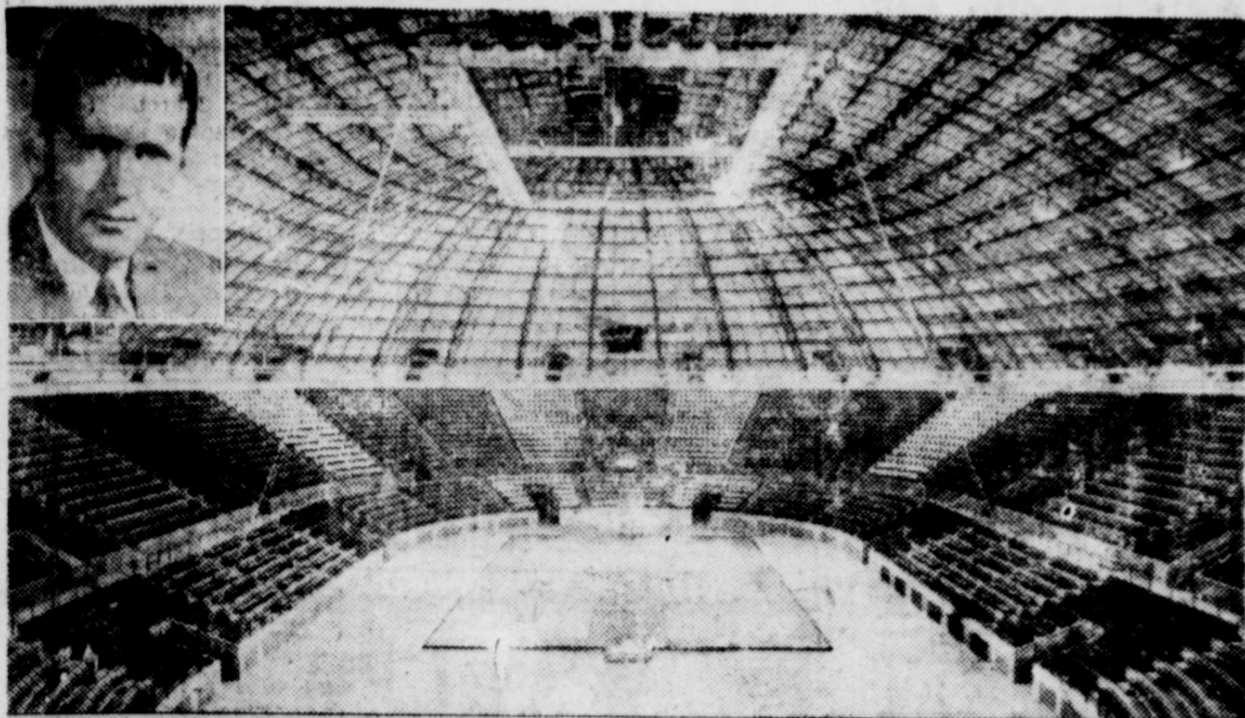
Fisher believes a more uniform distribution of moisture increases uniformity of yields on leveled lands. He says land leveling increased the average yield of cot-

ton 30 pounds per acre in Spur tests without supplemental runoff. Greatest benefits, however, occur from leveling the land between terraces on relatively flat areas of fine textured soils receiving supplemental runoff, he adds.

Work for the Spur tests was done with a 4-plow tractor and a combination hydraulic scraper and land leveler.

Fisher urges farmers to use special precautions in land leveling since it has a tendency to pulverize topsoil and can result in a serious wind erosion hazard if done incorrectly. Technical assistance from Texas Agricultural Extension Service and Soil Conservation Service personnel is available, and should be sought says Fisher, especially if water spreading is to be undertaken.

More details on the work are available in Progress Report 1914 which is available from the Agricultural Information Office, College Station, Texas.



TEXAS TECH BASKETBALL FANS get a combination of spectator comfort and power-laden schedule this season as the Red Raiders move into the 10,000-capacity Lubbock Municipal Coliseum on the Tech Campus. Coach Polk Robinson (inset), in his 14th season at the Raiders' helm, sends his team through this home schedule: Dec. 9—Kansas State, Dec. 5—Texas Christian, Dec. 10—Tulsa, Dec. 14—Iowa State, Dec. 20—Nebraska, Jan. 12—Arizona State, Jan. 19—Phillips 66 Oilers, Jan. 30—Baylor, Feb. 7—Hardin-Summons, Feb. 9—Southern Methodist, Feb. 16—Texas Western, Feb. 25—Arizona, Feb. 28—West Texas State, Mar. 4—New Mexico A&M. Resigned from the Border Conference after winning that league's title for the past three years, Texas Tech must wait until 1957-58 before competing for the Southwest Conference championship.

CHURCHES

Merkel First Baptist Church
 Sunday School 9:45 a. m.
 Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.
 Training Union 6:30 p. m.
 Evening Worship 7:30 p. m.
 Wednesday Prayer Service 7:30 a. m.
 W. M. U. Mon. 9:30 a. m.

Merkel First Methodist Church
 Sunday:
 Sunday School 9:50 a. m.
 Morning Worship 10:50 a. m.
 M. Y. F. 6:30 p. m.
 Evening Service 7:30 p. m.

Hebron Baptist Church
 Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
 Training Union 7:00 p. m.
 Evening Worship 7:30 p. m.
 Wednesday:
 Evening Prayer Services

Compre Baptist Church
 Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
 Morning Worship, 2nd and 4th Sunday 11 a. m.

Merkel Assembly of God
 Sunday school 10 a. m.
 Morning Service 11 a. m.
 C. A.'s (Young People) 7 p. m.
 Evening Worship 7:30 p. m.
 Tuesday W. M. C. 2 p. m.
 Wed. Prayer Service 7:30 p. m.

Merkel Calvary Baptist Church
 Sunday School 9:45 p. m.
 Morning Service 11:00 a. m.
 Evening Bible Class 6:30 p. m.
 Evening Worship 7:00 p. m.

Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church
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 Confessions: 8:30 A.M.
 Mass: 9:00 A. M.
 Soc. of O. L. of Guadalupe
 1st Sun. of month 10:00 A. M.

Merkel Church of Christ
 Morning Service 10:45 a. m.
 Young People's Bible Class 6:30 p. m.
 Evening Services 7:30 p. m.

Trent Methodist Church
 Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
 Evening Worship 7:30 p. m.
 Morning Services 11:00 a. m.
 M. Y. F. Services 6:30 p. m.
 Wednesday:
 Prayer Services 7:30 p. m.

Trent First Baptist Church
 Sunday:
 Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
 Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.
 Training Union 6:45 p. m.
 Evening Services 7:45 p. m.

Pioneer Memorial Chapel
 Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
 Morning Service 11:00 a. m.
 Evening Services 7:30 p. m.
 Wednesday:
 Evening Prayer Service 7:30

Tye Methodist Church
 Sunday:
 Sunday School 10 a. m.
 M. Y. F. 7:00 p. m.
 Prayer Meeting 7:30 p. m.
 Morning Service 11:00 a. m.

Merkel Grace Presbyterian Church
 Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
 Worship Service 11 a. m.

Noodle Baptist Church
 Sunday:
 Bible Class 10:00 a. m.
 Morning Worship Service 11:00
 Young People's Service 6:30
 Evening Worship 7:30 p. m.

Men's Downtown Bible Class
 Sunday 8:44 a. m.

Tye Baptist Church
 Sunday:
 Sunday School 9:45 a. m.
 Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.
 Training Union 6:45 p. m.
 Evening Services 7:30 p. m.

Trent Church of Christ
 Sunday:
 Sunday 11:00 o'clock
 Bible Class 10:00 a. m.
 Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.
 Evening Services 7:30 p. m.
 Ladies Bible Class 4:00 p. m.
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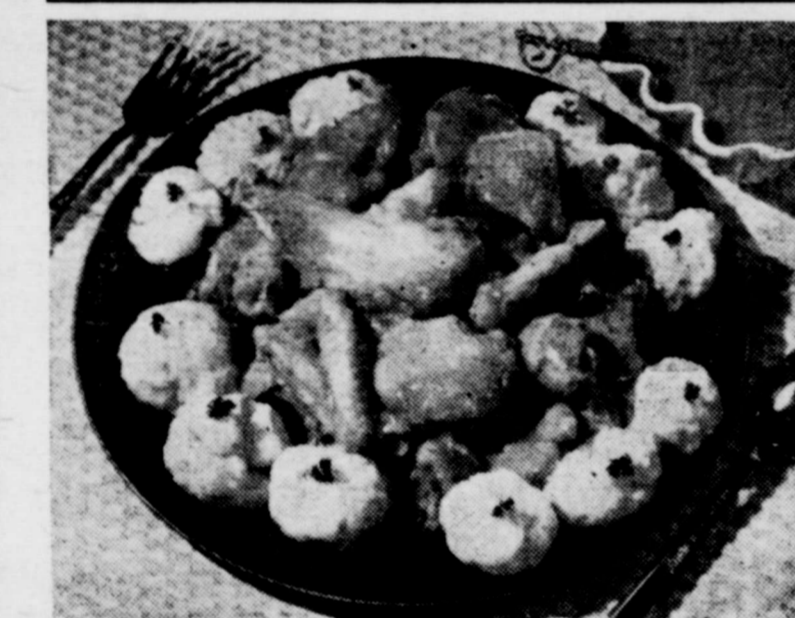
New Live Oak Baptist Church
 Sunday:
 Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
 Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.
 Training Union 6:45 p. m.
 Evening Services 7:30 p. m.

Men's Downtown Bible Class
 Sunday 8:44 a. m.

Tye Baptist Church
 Sunday:
 Sunday School 9:45 a. m.
 Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.
 Training Union 6:45 p. m.
 Evening Services 7:30 p. m.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Hopper over the week end were Mr. and Mrs. Anderson Foster and children of Brownfield, Mr. and Mrs. Richmond McLean and Rickie of Palestine, Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Hopper, Jr., of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Harris of Merkel.

Chicken Fricassee With Dumplings



For a cheery dinner at this stage of winter serve the family Chicken Fricassee with Dumplings. It's an old-fashioned dish but an ever-modern favorite with hungry appetites. Stewing chicken is more meaty and flavorful today than in bygone days and takes much less time to prepare. Here are directions for making 6 to 8 servings:
 Simmer one 4-1/2 to 5 lb. (ready-to-cook), cut-up stewing chicken with 3 teaspoons of salt, 1 medium onion, a tip of bay leaf, and 4 cups of water until fork tender — about 2-1/2 hours.
 Remove chicken from broth. Spoon fat from surface of broth and save for other cooking needs.

Measure broth and if necessary add enough water to make 3 cups. Heat to a simmer.
 To prepare gravy, blend 1-3 cup of the chicken fat, 1/2 cup of flour and 1 cup of milk until free of lumps. Pour slowly into simmering broth, stirring constantly until thickened throughout. Cover and simmer about 5 minutes.
 Place chicken in gravy and heat thoroughly. Season to taste.
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 Make the dumplings from your own favorite recipe or one found in any good cook book, or simply use biscuit mix, following package directions. Garnish the dumplings with parsley.

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Time To Check Terrace Systems, Berry Says

Hubert Berry, Merkel SCS work unit conservationist, said Friday that now is an excellent time for all farmers to evaluate their terrace systems and determine if they are in condition to handle high intensity rains such as hit some sections in the last couple of weeks.

Berry said a check of terrace in the Noodle area north of Merkel, where the rainfall was heavy, showed that those built according to specifications and properly maintained efficiently handle the excess water during the heavy rain. Those that were not maintained suffered damage from breaks.

Farm operators, he said, should check low places and build them up to specified heights. End block should never be permitted to become higher than the terrace.

The system should be checked to determine if any water from an adjoining area not considered in

the terrace design is invading the system. This excess should be diverted, or the system redesigned to take care of the excess, he said.

Berry said that technical assistance is available to operators who have a terracing problem.

SYLVESTER NEWS

By Mrs. W. M. Lawlis

Mrs. W. E. Byrum underwent surgery Monday at the Sadler Clinic Hospital in Merkel.

Mrs. Vick Barber of Fairbanks, Alaska has been visiting her sister Mrs. H. C. Cabaness.

Mrs. Opal Josey of Abilene visited her mother Mrs. Jim Free Sunday.

Ellis Wayne Grueben, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Grueben is in the hospital with a kidney infection.

The Ladies Missionary Society of the Methodist Church has invited the Baptist Church to be their guest for a day of prayer and a luncheon, March 8th.

Mrs. Carter Hosts Goodman HD Club

The Goodman Home Demonstration Club met February 22 in the Community Center with Mrs. F. F. Carter hostess.

Mrs. Karl Bonneaux, the president, was in charge and seven members answered roll call with "a good salad". Mrs. H. H. Windham gave the Council Report. The Council committee recommendations were read and approved.

Mrs. Mary Y. Newberry the County Agent, gave a demonstration on Selection of Furniture.

Local Men Visit N. M. Ranching Interests

Dr. W. T. Sadler of Merkel and Chester Collinsworth, Merkel vocational agriculture teacher, made a quick trip to Grenville, N. M., last week to check on the doctor's New Mexico ranching operations.

The pair, accompanied by Bob Mayfield, student in Texas Tech, left late Wednesday and returned early Friday.

Dr. Sadler found both registered and commercial cattle in good shape, although the 1956 grass crop was not as good as in previous years.

The manager of the ranch has been feeding both the registered Hereford and commercial herds liberal rations of corn ensilage and protein. The ranch did not receive the usual summer rains in 1956 and the winter grass supply is below average. However, Dr. Sadler had several hundred tons of corn ensilage put in trenches last year and this, along with a little protein, has kept the cattle in good shape.

Collinsworth said rainfall at the Grenville ranch has been light for the last several months and the section has had only slight snowfall.

Current rains, the VA teacher said, appeared to have extended only to beyond Littlefield.

Ex-Tye Resident L. Martin, Dies

Luther Morris of Maypearl, brother of Mrs. Clay Jones, 1225 S. 9th St., died Friday of a heart attack. Mr. Morris was the long-time depot agent at Maypearl.

Mr. Morris was reared at Tye. Funeral will be held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday in Maypearl.

Survivors, in addition to Mrs. Jones, include his wife and six sons.

Mrs. Pauline Bryson of Houston and Mrs. B. P. Strange of Walnut Springs visited with their mother, Mrs. Lottie Green last week.

Trent Fem Cagers Win 5th Tournney

Trent Junior High School girls wins Lawn Tournament making five straight tournament wins for the season.

Members of the Trent basketball squad are: Sarah Payne, Carolyn Graham and Latrell Bright, forwards; Sherry Bailey, Paula Dudley, Kay Lawlis and Cynthia Tucker, guards.

Small Business Harder Hit By "Tight Money"

Small business concerns are hit much harder by "tight money" policy than big companies, Senator Lyndon B. Johnson declared last week.

Johnson, in a Senate speech, also pointed out that high interest rates add greatly to the charge of servicing the national debt and place a heavy burden on municipal governments.

"The continual trend toward mergers of big companies leaves a smaller share of the market for the average businessman," the Texas Senator told his colleagues. "Rising costs all along the line add to the difficulties of a small firm in meeting expenses. Of those increasing costs, one of the most important is the increasing cost of money."

"This is something that is felt all along the line—by business, government, and by the average citizen."

Johnson said if 1952 interest rates had been applicable to the national debt last year, American taxpayers would have been saved approximately \$717,000,000. He added that high interest rates also cause municipalities to assume excessively heavy obligations in order to see their bonds.

"This is a situation that can change our whole economy," he declared. "The rising cost of money and other necessities represents a constant squeeze on small business—and the squeeze will eliminate many as time goes on."

Vaugh Nelle Gives Church Program

Vaugh Nelle Y.W.A. rendered an interesting program at the First Baptist Church Wednesday night. The theme was "You are There". Those on the program were Linda Winters, Irene Dishman, Sue Mewborn, Lane Anderson, Kay Lynn Perry, Imogene Thomas, Minta Stello, Margorie West, Mrs. Don Estes, Mrs. Onis Crawford, Don Jones, Mrs. Norman Winters, Mrs. Comer Haynes and Rev. C. G. Sewell.

Out of town guests of Mr. and Mrs. Price Floyd and Mrs. Patsy Hunter and Hargo Jyl, were Beth Floyd and son Gene and Mrs. Irene Gilliland from Shreveport, Louisiana.

One-Nozzle Spray Control Insects

Simple one-nozzle spray attachments will control cotton insects as effectively as the more complex arrangements and often tend to produce higher yields, according to Agricultural Engineering Professors at Texas A&M College.

Tests conducted at the Brazos River Valley Laboratory with nozzles producing hollow cone patterns and others producing flat fan-shaped patterns favor the one-nozzle-per-row treatment over a five-year period. No spray arrangement has shown a consistent advantage other than the simple operation and low initial cost of the one-nozzle-per-row system.

Tests were conducted with a six-row rear-mounted tractor sprayer using detachable drops and arrangements varying from one to four nozzles per row. Spray solution was applied at the rate of 4.5 gallons per acre. More details on the tests are given in the Progress Report 1906 which is available from the Agricultural Information Office, College Station, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Buford went to Salado last Saturday to attend the funeral of W. A. (Tink) Buford. Mr. Buford was a former resident of Trent.

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District Baseball Schedule Listed; Tuscola Opens April 9 At Moran

The District 10-B high school baseball schedule, in which South Taylor High School will participate along with four other area schools, was drawn up Monday night in a meeting at Baird.

Bill K. Ford, Baird school superintendent and chairman of the district, released the schedule. All schools will participate in a double round robin, and in case of a tie a sudden death playoff will be held to determine a district champion.

Schools in the district are South Taylor, Eula, Moran, Scranton and Baird.

All district games will begin April 9, and the district schedule will close on May 9.

Frank Hibler, South coach, said he figured on lining up enough practice games so that his Flying Tigers may play 12 or 13 games this spring.

So. Taylor School To Participate In Spring Track Meet

Supt. E. G. Perkins announced this week that the South Taylor elementary school would participate in a track program this spring, competing in District 19-B of the Texas Inter-scholastic League program.

The district track will be at Lueders—March 30. Literary events will be at Hawley on April 5.

Perkins will be in charge of the athletics with high school coach Frank Hibler directing girls volleyball.

Perkins said Tuesday he was most interesting in lining up competition for the grade schoolers before the district meet.

"We would like to compete in several grade school area meets," he said.

Perkins To Attend School Meeting

E. G. Perkins, South Taylor school superintendent, will attend a District 7 convention of the State Teachers Association in Vernon, March 9.

He is the only one attending from this school system, but two Merkel teachers are going and will also represent the county. They are C. A. Farley, grade school principal, and Mrs. Mack Fisher, a classroom teacher, and wife of the superintendent.

LAWN NEWS

Doyle Rose of Hereford visited here with his brother, Hardy Rose and family and in Goldsboro with his mother, Mrs. Studie Rose.

Sgt. and Mrs. Gerald Warford and daughter of Albuquerque, N. M. visited here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Warford. Sgt. Warford recently returned from overseas duty with the army.

Mrs. Iris Touchstone of Dimmitt visited here with her mother, Mrs. C. P. Davis and her sister, Mrs. A. A. Willis and her husband.

Mrs. Everitt Grant had surgery at an Abilene hospital last week and is reported to be doing very well.

Tommy Cary and James Coy Grant are now employed in Borer. They are sons of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cary and the Coy Grants.

Alvin Gibson of San Antonio visited his aunt, Mrs. King Mitchell and her husband in the Guion community.

FFAers To Meet

Four Future Homemakers from South Taylor High School will journey to Stephenville for a regional meeting this Saturday. Accompanying Mrs. Gussie Jennings, home economics teacher, will be Donna McCall, Jeanette Jacobs, Matta Fae Thurman and Kathy Vinna.

Mrs. Cox's Class Elects Officers

Mrs. Johnny Cox's room met to vote for new officers.

Officers elected were Peter Owen, president; Larry Owen, vice president; Geneva Hernandez, secretary and Beth Patton Reporter and treasurer.

Basketball Ends

South Taylor's boys and girls high school basketball season closed last week as Hawley won the District 17-B title in both divisions.

The South Taylor girls wound up in a tie for third in the five team district, and the boys finished the season in fourth.

OVALO NEWS

Mrs. Jack Gill of Peoria, Ill., is visiting here with her mother, Mrs. J. R. Keeling and her brother, Emmett Keeling.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Riddle drove to Grand Prairie over the week end to take home their grand children, Jan, Judy and Jim Beard, children of the James Beards. While the children were here their father had surgery in a Grand Prairie hospital and is reported to be recovering satisfactorily.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Marshall and children, Jimmie, David and Diane of Odessa spent the week end with his parents, the J. E. Marshalls here.

TUSCOLA NEWS

By Mrs. Lillian Hurd

Mrs. Ettie Wright had as guests in her home all but two of her children and their families, last week. The visitors were, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Franklin and children, Janice, Stevie and Judy, Midland; Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Smith and children, Keith, Gregory, Frances and Kathy, of Colorado City; Mrs. Billy Smith and son, Billy Ron; Mr. and Mrs. Chester Wright and children, Ronnie, Douglas, Sandra, Debbie and Michael, all of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Z. C. McNeil of San Antonio visited east of town with their daughter, Mrs. Edward McDonald and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Carter have purchased a building site from Mr. and Mrs. Bill Roberts and are planning to build a home there in the near future. The location is just North of the Roberts' home on the Tuscola-Buffalo Gap highway near the city limits of Tuscola. The Carters have two children, Trudie and Cy Ray. Ray Carter is the son of the Boyd Carters here and Mrs. Carter is the former Mary Alice Faulkner, daughter of Mrs. Pearl Faulkner and the late Ben Faulkner of Tuscola.

Mrs. Lynn Thompson and son, G. L. Thompson of Carrollton, visited here with Mrs. Thompson's sister, Mrs. Glenn Johnson and family.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Lomax of Hermeleigh, visited here with his brother, Pete Lomas, his wife and daughter, Dianne.

Mr. and Mrs. David Perry and son, David Jr., of Amarillo spent the week end here with his parents, the J. L. Perrys. They were accompanied by her brother, Junior Britton, also of Amarillo. For a dinner at the Perry home here Sunday, a daughter, Mrs. W. B. Morgan and her husband of Abilene joined the family.

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BUFFALO GAP

Mrs. Betty Boone and her twin sister, Mrs. Lilly White, have returned to their home here after spending several weeks in Amarillo with Mrs. White's daughter, Mrs. Ollie White and family. Mrs. Ollie White and her daughter, Mrs. Gene Baker, accompanied Mrs. Boone and Mrs. White home Wednesday and returned to Amarillo Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Brooks of Abilene have purchased the Earl Dowell home here and will move to the new location soon.

Mrs. John Deal and daughter, Mary Beth, returned to their home in El Paso Monday after spending several weeks here with Mrs. Deal's foster mother, Mrs. Bonnie Kincaid. Mrs. Kincaid has been in failing health sometime but is improving.

Mrs. B. F. Brown is still bedfast at her home here. She has been ill several months and spent sometime in an Abilene hospital.

Allen Gray spent several weeks here at his home and returned to a hospital in Marshall a few days ago for treatment.

Mrs. General J. Jones, formerly of Merkel, is now at the home of her son, John A. Jones west of Buffalo Gap. Mrs. Jones received treatment at a Houston hospital and was brought to her son's home here last week. She is reported to be up and about the house part of the time.

Rev. and Mrs. Jimmy Brunner and daughter of Ovalo visited in the Floyd Tate home Sunday. Brunner is minister of the Ovalo Methodist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Appleton and children, Connie Sue and Reta, have moved from Buffalo Gap to Pauls Valley, Okla. He is the son of the Parvin Appletons here, and they have had their family house trailer parked at the Marvin Appleton place here the past few months. They took the trailer home with them to Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Johnson and children of Oklahoma City, Okla. visited here with his parents, the Quay Johnsons.

The Walter Shull family has moved from Buffalo Gap to Albuquerque, N. M. He is employed in construction work. The family has been living in the tenant home of Mrs. Ruby Guffey, mother of Shull.

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Elementary Teams Finish Season With 29-1 Record

South Taylor's elementary school team closed its season last week with a sparkling record of 29 victories and only one defeat.

Only loss was in the opening tournament of the season at Elmdale. Later, South Taylor defeated the same team in the South Taylor tourney.

The South Taylor team entered seven tournaments and won six of them, the only blue ribbon missed being at Elmdale where the local boys were consolation champs.

Tournament victories were chalked up at Clyde, Blackwell, Lawn, Wingate, Trent and at home.

In several tournaments, the boys were competing against Class AA schools.

Supt. E. G. Perkins coached the grade schoolers.

The six starters were Kenneth Windham, James Blankenship, David Caldwell, Jerry Vernon, Don Tatum and Kenneth Whitehurst.

Workouts To Start

Hibler will start his workouts Monday with four lettermen returning from the 1956 crew.

South Taylor's district schedule:

April 9—Moran at South Taylor
April 12—Open
April 16—South Taylor at Scranton
April 16—South Taylor at Scranton
April 19—South Taylor at Eula
April 23—Baird at South Taylor
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May 3—Scranton at South Taylor
May 7—Eula at South Taylor
May 10—South Taylor at Baird

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Decline of Duval Dukedom Shows How Publicity Withers Dictators

By FREDERICK HODGSON

SAN DIEGO, Tex.—What was it that finally pulled the props from under George Parr's political dictatorship? The people? The State? The Federal Government? The newspapers?

They all had a hand in it! There were also the Texas Rangers, and a lot of freedom-hungry Duval residents both "Anglo" and "Mexican." And there were some Texas newspapers and newspapermen who risked life or limb, or both.

Without them, former Atty. Gen. John Ben Sheppard's assault on the iron-clad county of Duval might have been a grand and valiant flop. He knew that when he started.

As it turned out, the newspapers were eager to print the facts about George B. Parr, if they just had some facts to print. When they had the facts, they pulled all the stops. That's when the machine began to come apart.

There was a spunky newspaper here and there that had been chipping away at the foundation all along, within the bounds of legality and discretion.

The Alice Daily Echo wasn't afraid of the Boss. And when the facts began to emerge, the Echo's proof-reader, a little woman named Caro Brown, turned reporter and won herself a Pulitzer Prize. But not without having her own life and that of her teen-age daughter threatened.

There was also Santos de la Paz over in Corpus Christi. He ran a little bi-lingual weekly called La Verdad, the Truth, and that's just what he tried to print about George Parr. Before it was over he wound up holding a giant libel suit, besides going to jail for getting over-eager and printing things he couldn't prove about some of Parr's friends. The libel suit turned out to be a legal trick to force Paz to reveal what he knew in a court hearing. The suit was later dropped.

Just about all the newspapers in Texas were as eager to get the truth out of Duval County as those close to the scene, and weren't afraid to print it.

That kind of spotlight withers a dictator the way a hot wind withers an orchid. And that, combined with more than 400 separate court actions all over Texas, is the reason George Parr's empire isn't the same old empire it used to be.

Parr used to deliver 100-to-1 majorities at the polls. That's why Duval was his county. The district judge, the district attorney, the grand jurors, the sheriff—everybody took their orders from the Boss. But not any more. There's a new slate of officeholders, men whom the Duke did not choose.

The hundreds of gun-toting "deputies" are gone. The Commissioners Court and the school boards no longer take orders from Parr. He doesn't sign the checks anymore, or keep the records. There's no more easy money, no handouts, no payoffs.

County officials don't charge their personal household expenses, medical bills or gasoline to the county any more. They don't carry their daughters on the payroll as teachers while they're away at college. They don't get their deer rifles at county expense, or charge their kids' county medicine and raptor oil to the school district. Things are different in Duval.

They're different for the Duke, too. His two banks, depositories of county and school funds, long

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ago were taken out of his hands, closed down by the state. His 55,000-acre ranch, bought with county funds, has gone back to the county, and another 4,000-acre hacienda was auctioned off by the authorities to satisfy tax claims against the Duke.

Donato Serna, the man Parr jailed and clubbed with a flashlight for taking a picture of Parr's "deputies" is now County Auditor, handling the purse strings, requiring a sworn statement from every county employe that he did the work for which he is paid. There are no more fictitious names on the checks. Every recipient of Duval County funds now has to be a flesh and blood reality with a name and a face.

When a boss loses his grip on the purse strings, he loses friends fast. Those who still stick by him, and they are few, remain at his side because they're in the same trouble he's in.

Not all of Parr's friends-in-distress stayed with him, however. County Judge Dan Tobin, long-time Parr supporter who was heavily indicted himself by Duval grand juries, pulled away from the Duke and in effect joined the forces opposing him. In the same way, Parr lost his control over the Commissioners Court. That, plus a half-dozen elections Parr couldn't control, lined up the county and school district offices against the once-mighty Duke who used to give orders to them all.

The biggest change, though, is in the names on the county and school district payrolls—the many non-elective employes who can either serve the county or rob it, depending on who's in charge. The Duval County government is no gravy train any more.

Duvalans long ago lost count of the more than 150 hangers-on, parasites and "cooperative" employes who have either resigned their jobs in panic or have been chopped off the payroll by Serna. His budget-trimming knife is razor-sharp. The Parr supporters who used to be carried on the books as "road consultant" and "hide inspector" at two or three hundred a month, some of them the wealthiest men in the county, have been relieved of their duties.

I pointed out in an earlier article that Duval's tax rate used to be the highest in the state. It began to come down when the parasites started resigning. Election costs have been reduced as much as 90 per cent, while the number of voters has just about doubled.

County services, meanwhile, have improved remarkably. Parr critics whose ranches were all but inaccessible because county machinery wouldn't grade their roads now are getting home in 30 minutes over county lanes that it used to take two hours to navigate.

The Benavides school kids got one of the biggest breaks of all. Four Parr men resigned from the board three years ago when school records were impounded, and the new board found the district about \$60,000 in the hole, in spite of a gigantic tax intake. Many improvements had been made and paid for on paper, but not in actuality. The new board figured they could make vast physical improvements and undertake major construction projects and still put the district back in the black without raising taxes. Like the county, the school districts have been audited and re-audited in the last

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three years, after being without fiscal check-up for decades.

All this examining of records has had results. George Parr's sun is setting, and his shadow stretches long and thin over the rubble of his falling empire. Half a dozen grand juries, no longer hand-picked and controlled, have hung hundreds of indictments around the necks of the Duke and some 40 of his followers.

On January 29 a jury in New Braunfels found Parr guilty of stealing funds from the Benavides School District and sentenced him to five years in prison. The previous day he was declared bankrupt by a Federal court.

Three of his followers, convicted of conspiracy to steal from the county, have appealed their cases. The rest have used a dozen legal loopholes to postpone their trials, including the hiring of a Texas legislator as legal counsel.

A legislator, under Texas law, can't be taken away from his lawmaking duties to try a case. When the 54th Legislature adjourned, the lawmaker dropped out of the Duval cases without having been in court.

Right up to the time he finished his term January 1, Sheppard kept men in Duval County at the request of District Attorney Sam Burris, to work with grand juries. Men like soft-spoken Willis Gresham, jovial Sam Ratliff, youngish Frank Pinedo, and efficient Ralph Rash. Most important, he kept bulldogging Sydney Chandler there, an eternal thorn in the side of the Duke. Back in Austin a battery of barristers in the Attorney General's office worked around the clock many times to keep ahead of George Parr, who was nobody's fool.

All these men have become symbols in Duval County. Symbols of the new order, of the democratic process, of the Constitution, of the law of the land as opposed to the law of the pistol and the whip.

The presence of the Law in Duval has changed even the conduct of the county's decent citizens. The old fear has been lifted. Election day used to be the day everybody stayed indoors, while the Duke's faithful marched to the polls to vote as instructed by the pistoleros who patrolled the polling places. You didn't go near them if you wanted to avoid serious unpleasantness. It was long years ago that the last man was killed at the polls on election day, but maybe that's only because the machine opposition got smart and quit showing up to vote.

But now everybody votes in Duval, and they vote the way they feel. The impounding of the ballots after each election to assure an honest count is standard operating procedure. People know that every ballot is now secret, and it makes a powerful difference in the way Duval voters mark the little square.

In any well-run dictatorship it's the natural leaders of a community that fall to the bottom and are kept there. But when the shake-up comes they rise back to the top. Before Sheppard had been in the county a month, citizens had formed the Duval County Clean Government League and started a campaign for reform. A hundred or so Duval women who said they were fed up with locking their doors at night and wondering if their husbands would come home alive, organized the United Mothers and Wives of Duval County.

In stories to follow, we'll take a closer look at the "now" Duval County, and at the proposed laws which will help prevent another "Dukedom" from springing up within the borders of the nation's largest state.



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- F.F.A. CLUB FRESH
GROUND BEEF - - - - lb. 29c
- HORMEL - Ready To Eat
HAM - shank or butt end - - - - lb. 52c
- WILSON - Certified
SAUSAGE - - - - cello lb. 33c
- KRAFT
LONGHORN CHEESE - - - - lb. 49c
- WILSON - CRISPRITE
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- TIDE**
Giant 69c
- CHEER**
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- ZEST**
Beauty Bar 2 reg. 25c

FROZEN FOODS

- KEITH'S
STRAWBERRIES
2 10-oz. pkgs. 49c
- Donald Duck - 12-oz.
ORANGE JUICE - can 29c
- Jeans - 2 doz.
HOT ROLLS - pkgs. 35c
- Keith's
BROCCOLI - - pkgs. 19c
- Keith's
OKRA whole - pkgs. 19c

- Sunshine
CRACKERS
lb. 25c
- Sunshine
CANDIES
cello 19c
- JOY**
giant en 53c
- DREFT**
giant 73c

VEGETABLES

- TEXAS RUBY RED GRAPEFRUIT**
6 for 29c
- WASHINGTON WINESAP
RED APPLES - - - - lb. 18c
- FRESH CRISP
LETTUCE - - - - - lb. 10c
- FRESH
SPINACH - - - - - bag 29c
- EAST TEXAS
YAMS - - - - - lb. 10c
- COLORADO No. 1 Big
RED SPUDS -.. 10 lbs. 39c

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