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Interscholastic League One-Act Play Contests, March 23, In High School

According to Mavk Fisher, Director General of Interscholastic League District 125, the league contests will be staged in the high school auditorium on Saturday, March 23, at 9 o'clock. The general public is cordially invited to the program. It will be an opportunity for the public to enjoy outstanding one-act plays, the winner of which will be certified to the regional meet in Odessa. Admission to the program will be only 25 cents.

On Saturday, March 30, the literary meet will also be held in Merkel. The public will be given an opportunity to enjoy declamations, extemporaneous speaking, poetry reading, etc. Local teachers directing Merkel High School students for the league contests are Mrs. Comer Haynes, Mr. Billy

Trent Juniors Present Play

The Trent Junior play, Happy Daze, a farce-comedy in 3 acts, by Donald Payton, will be presented Friday evening March 15, 1957, at 7:30 in the Trent High School auditorium. Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell have their hands full with three teenage children, two neighbor teenagers, a fake sheriff, two robbers, and a kindappening really produce Happy Daze for all concerned. The characters are Mr. Maxwell, Mrs. Maxwell, Mr. H. Nelda Healy; Wilbur Hill, Charles Bright; Connie Maxwell, Connie Cade; Betty Lou Maxwell, Hilda Hutchison; Bernadine Smith, Lynda Dudley; Herles Nelson, Tommy Young; Mrs. Karen Hood; Aunt Mary, Miss Jones; Mrs. Mallory, Don meet; Elmer Joel Crain; Mugg; Bobby Yoes. Sponsor is—Hal Guess and the manager is Bobby Byrom.

SYLVESTER NEWS

The young people's Sunday School Class of the Methodist Church at Goan were honored with a skating party Tuesday night. They went to the skating rink at Trent. They were sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Billy Wayne Jeffrey.

Donald Wayne Jones son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Jones, has arrived home from Hawaii. He has been visiting his sister and her husband and family, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Westover, Carol and Jimmy, Milton Westover is a copilot in the Air Force with the transport division in Hawaii. Donald was met at the air port in Abilene by his other sister Mrs. L. L. Parsons of Hawley.

Mr. and Mrs. George Lawlis visited their son and daughter-in-law, Doctor Virgil and Margie Lawlis of Austin this week end. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Fault have moved back here from Midland. Mrs. Fault was Laura Beth Gartman before her marriage. We are glad to have them back. Mrs. W. B. Brown's mother, Mrs. Woodson, has had surgery this week at the Hendrick Memorial Hospital in Abilene.

Little League Meet Wed. March 20

A Little League Meeting will be held Wednesday, March 20, 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center. All interested persons are invited to attend, says Newt Logan, new president of the League.

Attend NRECA Annual Meeting

Lester Dorton, general manager of Taylor Electric Co-op returned March 1, from the Annual Convention of National Rural Electric Cooperatives Association, in Chicago. Others attending from here were, Horace Hargrove, assistant manager Taylor Electric Co-op, and Adelle Elkins, office manager.

Two directors from this area also attended. They were Comer Haynes, Merkel, and Otis Moore from Nolan, Texas.

Local representatives commented on the increasing growth of this convention.

Former Noodle Constable Dies

Funeral was held at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday for George H. Cooper, 72, former Noodle constable, in the Noodle Baptist Church. Mr. Cooper died at 6:55 p.m. Monday in Sadler Hospital.

The Rev. John Hamilton, pastor officiated and burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery in Merkel under the direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

Mr. Cooper, who served as constable for 27 years in the Noodle community, had been in ill health since last October and critically ill for a few hours prior to his death.

He was born at Clifton on Feb. 29, 1885, and was married to Alice Whisenand of Morgan on April 28, 1910. He moved to Noodle in 1927.

He also had worked for Jones County and at a co-op in Noodle. Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Mrs. Bill Caldwell of Noodle and Mrs. C. B. Berry of Houston; three sisters, Mrs. Mattie O'Steen of Long Beach, Calif., Mrs. A. L. Massey of Tucson, Arizona, and Mrs. Ida Lantrip of Anson; seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

TWO ALDERMEN, MAYOR TO BE ELECTED HERE APRIL 2

Candidates File For School Trustee Election Saturday April 6, 1957

The names of Ray Wilson and Waymon Adcock have been filed for the two places to be filled on Saturday, April 6, 1957. The final date for candidates wishing to have their names placed on the ballots is March 27, 1957, 3:30 P.M. The filing is to be placed with the school board in the office of the Merkel school superintendent.

Andy Shouse has been appointed to serve as manager of the election which will be held on Saturday, April 6, in the lobby of the new high school gymnasium.

S-3C G. L. West Completes Course

FUESSEN, GERMANY (AHT-NC)—Specialist Third Class Geo. L. West, whose wife, Frances, lives in Rotan, Tex., recently was graduate from the wheel vehicle repairman course at the Army's European Ordnance School in Fuessein, Germany.

After graduation ceremonies, Specialist West returned to his regular job as a mechanic with the 7812th Army Unit.

West entered the Army in April 1953 and received basic training at Ft. Hood, Tex. He arrived in Europe in November 1956.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. George West, 210 Kent st., Merkel, Tex., attended McCaulley High School.

Two aldermen and a mayor will be elected in the Merkel City Election on April 2, 1957, each to serve 2 year terms. Those seeking election for alderman are: J. W. Bryan, Fred McCue, W. J. Patterson, Jack South and Norman Winter. Earl Hughes, is the lone candidate for mayor to succeed Fred Starbuck, present mayor who is not seeking a second term. J. W. "Johnny" Bryan, has

P-TA Meeting On March 21

Mrs. Wren Durham will discuss "Mental Health in Everyday Living" at the P-T.A. meeting to be held next Thursday night, March 21, 7:30 p.m., in the high school auditorium. The school feature will be furnished by Mrs. Shields and Mrs. Holloway's first graders. "Teacher Appreciation" will be expressed by Mrs. Horace Boney. Mrs. Edwin Read will be the program leader.

been a painter in Merkel for 28 years. Owner of the City Drug for 4 years, Fred McCue, has been in the drug business 35 years and was a Greyhound agent and Justice of the Peace for 12 years. W. J. Patterson has been in the plumbing and contracting business for 22 years as Patterson Bros. and was in charge of repair and maintenance of Merkel's water and sewer department for many years. Jack South is office manager for Taylor Telephone Cooperative, Inc., and has been a resident of Merkel for one and one-half years. Norman Winter, pumper for Geo-Chemical Surveys and a farmer, has lived in this vicinity all his life. The Election will be held at the Welfare Office from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. A Sample Ballot will be found on page two of this week's Merkel Mail.

Observer Corps Meets March 14

Citizens of Merkel are urged to attend a meeting of the Ground Observer Corps, Thursday, March 14 at 7:30 p.m. in the School Auditorium. It is of vital importance for everyone to become better acquainted with the Ground Observer Corps program, according to Wayman Adcock, Merkel supervisor. Sgt. Alfred Buchalter of Dyess Air Force Base will present the program.

Bluebonnet HD Club Meets

The president Mrs. Frank Bronovak called the Bluebonnet Home Demonstration Club meeting to order at the Community Center, March 5. The T.H.D.A. Creed and the T.H.D.A. Prayer were read. Roll call was answered with "A Fire Hazard I could remove from my Home." A council report was given by the president. She reported that the best food buy of the month is large apples. She also reported that the county home demonstration clubs will continue the birthday parties at the State Hospital Ward 7. A district meeting of Texas H. D. Clubs will be in Abilene April 3 in Radford Memorial. Mrs. Bronovak and Mrs. R. G. Toombs supervised the making of a safe trash burner which it to be used in connection with community gatherings. When using new materials the cost of this burner is five dollars and fifty cents, but many times material around the home may be used," said Mrs. Toombs. Eight members were present for this demonstration.

Cemetery Fund

The following persons contributed to the Rose Hill Cemetery Fund: B. W. Merritt Mrs. F. W. Snyder Mr. and Mrs. Fred Guitar, Jr. Mary Anna Mayfield

Hospital Notes

The following persons were admitted to Sadler Clinic-Hospital during the past week: Mr. A. N. Riding Mrs. Louise Poulter Mrs. T. Gaston Gregory Mr. Orin Higgins Patricia Ward Tommy Springer Preston Henry Mr. E. L. Palmer Mrs. J. Cal Hamer Don Dudley James Huel Allison Eddie Higgins Mrs. L. D. Hickman Mrs. Raymond A. Ybarra Mrs. Randall McNeese Mrs. R. V. Prince Mr. J. B. Winn

BULLETIN

Announcement just made by Agriculture Department that Emergency Feed Grain Program in Taylor County is extended.

Under extension applicants may file through April 1 for supply of feed grain necessary to carry basic livestock herds through April 15, 1957.

Five Deacons, One Elder Ordained At Local Church

Five new deacons and one elder were ordained at the local church of Christ last Sunday morning. Bob Cannon of Bellingham, Washington has been employed as the evangelist for the Merkel Church of Christ and will begin work here within the next six weeks. Other officers of the congregation are O. J. Adcock, elder, and A. B. Allen, deacon. Bob Cannon of Bellingham, Washington has been employed as the evangelist for the Merkel Church of Christ and will begin work here within the next six weeks.

Fred Husbands C of C Speaker

"The A B C of Industrial Development" was the topic brought to the Merkel Chamber of Commerce by Fred Husbands, at the regular meeting Monday night. Fred Husbands, Manager of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce was introduced by Lester Dorton. Billy Sayles, Chief of Industrial Development of West Texas Utilities Co., was also a guest at the meeting.

Hebron Baptists Will Hold Revival

Bill Cathey BSU president of Hardin-Simmons University will be the evangelist for a revival to be held March 20 through March 24 at the Hebron Missionary Baptist Church. Lloyd Scott, pastor of the church will lead the singing. Services will be held in the evening only, starting at 7 o'clock.

Lambda Beta Meeting Held

Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met on Tuesday night, March 5 in the home of Mrs. Earl Hughes with Jane Wade as hostess. Further plans were made on the style show which the sorority will sponsor on April 9th. "Bouquet of Fashions" will be presented at the High School Auditorium with Brags, Mellingers and Vera's Shop furnishing the clothes. Our cultural program continues to be on the dance. At our meeting two weeks ago Mary Hargrove invited some pupils over from the Irene Jay Dance Studio in Abilene to present some dances for us. Their selections consisted of the chair novelty tap dance by Vivian Jordan and Sherry Wade; song and tap by Judith Elaine Gray. This week Jane Wade brought a very nice program on music on Dance and Drama. To illustrate a waltz she played "kiss Me Again" by Victor Herbert with Val Patterson as vocalist. To illustrate jazz she played a record. Then to bring in more on drama she read from the second act of Samsom and Delilah. While she played "My Heart at Thy Sweet Voice" on the piano, Val Patterson came in dressed as Delilah and sang the song. Strawberry shortcake was served to Mary Hargrove, Gloria Dorton, Eddis Lee Hardisty, Lucille Litton, Viola Shields, Billye South, Jane Wade, Rojean Hicks, Ruth McKenzie, Jean Goldstein, Mary Priscilla Hogsett, Val Patterson and Mrs. Hughes.

Lions Club Pancake Supper, March 14

The Merkel Lions Club is having a Pancake Supper Thursday, March 14 at 7 p.m. in the School Cafeteria. Price of the meal will be 75 cents for adults and 35 cents for children with proceeds going to the Children's Camp in Kerrville. All you can eat—there will be plenty of Pillsbury pancakes served with Kimbell's waffle syrup and lots of Armour's bacon. Tickets may be bought at Merkel Drug or at the door Thursday night.

Clothes Dryer Demonstration

Mrs. Betty Phillips, Home Economist for Lone Star Gas Co., will be at Merkel Radio and Electric all day Tuesday, March 19 to give a free gas dryer demonstration. Refreshments will be served throughout the day and anyone may bring in clothes to have them dried free of charge.

Hamburger Supper Play At Noodle

The Noodle Junior Class is sponsoring a "Hamburger Supper" to be held Friday evening, March 15, from 6:30 until 8:00 o'clock. Proceeds will go to help finance the Junior and Senior trip. Immediately following the supper, the spring meet contest play which is a one act play, will be presented. Name of the play is "Mooncalf Muford". Come out, relax, enjoy a good supper and see a good play.

John Liddle Speaks To Study Club

The Fortnightly Study Club met at the community center on Tuesday, March 5th with Mrs. C. H. Collinsworth as hostess. Mrs. Mack Fisher presided and introduced Mrs. S. D. Gamble program leader. Mrs. Gamble presented Mr. John Liddle, Trust Officer of the Citizens National Bank of Abilene who spoke on "Estate Planning". Mr. Liddle, who is an expert in his field, urged the clubmembers and guests before they made a will to: 1. know what they owned, 2. decide to whom they wanted to give their possessions, and 3. consult a competent attorney. Those present for this most instructive meeting were: Mdmes Clyde Bartlett, Collinsworth, W. R. Cypert, Fisher, Gamble, David Gamble, B. R. Hicks, Elma McFarland, Judd McReynolds, Andy Shouse, Don Warren, Henry West, Ray Wilson, Charles Hogsett, Johnny Cox, and Miss Christine Collins and two visitors, Mrs. Henry West and Mrs. Both Warren.

SCOUT BUILDING DRIVE KICK-OFF HERE FRIDAY

A coffee in the Taylor County Electric Co-Op Auditorium on Friday, March 15, at 8:00 a.m. will mark the kick-off for Merkel of the Boy Scout Building Campaign.

Nib Shaw, president of the Chisholm Trail Council will be the principal speaker at the meeting.

The goal of the present Boy Scout Building Campaign to improve Camp Tonkawa is \$175,000. A total of \$44,171 has been collected in Abilene up to date. Camp Tonkawa, at the present time, can accommodate only 100 boys at a time. This does not meet the growing demand for use of the Boy Scout Camp of the

Chisholm Trail area as membership of the council is increasing at the rate of 10% per year. After the program of the present Building Campaign has been carried out, Camp Tonkawa will be able to accommodate some 264 Boy Scouts at one time, which will more than double its present capacity. A campaign of this nature is the only method of raising funds for capital improvement of Camp Tonkawa and is the first capital funds campaign that has been presented to the public since 1945 when the swimming pool was built. Such funds cannot be provided through annual allocations

from Community Chests, United Funds or independent campaigns. Those annual funds provide for yearly operating expenses only and do not allow for any building, improvement and purchase of additional property. A special committee has studied the needs of Camp Tonkawa for five full years and has established the present needs to be absolutely essential. Merkel volunteer workers for this campaign are: Lynn Knight, chairman, Don Dudley, Dr. Don Warren, Jack South, Kent Satterwhite, Zedie Johnson, Newt Logan, Jeff Anderson, Isadore Mellinger, Horace Hargrove and Earl Watts.

MERKEL 40 YEARS AGO

Merkel was unusually well represented at the Fat Stock Show at Fort Worth this week, both long exhibitors and visitors. Among those from here whose names we were able to ascertain were: Jno. Sears, Jno. Henry, C. W. J. and Thos. Largent, Sam Atman, Jr., J. D. Jones, J. S. Yarn, Jno. Collins, Bayless Bradley, A. C. Cranston, R. D. Ilen, H. M. Warren, Geo. McDonald, Jim Boaz, R. E. Counts, and Mrs. J. A. Duckett, J. W. Bore, Arthur Clark, Sam Butten, Sr., and many others whose names we failed to learn.

Mrs. Bishop Hunter and children are in Merkel from their ranch home near Odessa to make visit with the parents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Plett, and other relatives and ends.

A. A. Boyce, one of our county candidates was in Merkel Saturday and Sunday electioneering at visiting his brother, G. A. Boyce, and sister Mrs. M. A. Boyce.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

Community singers were to meet Thursday night of this week at 7:45 at the city hall in Abilene for a special program which is to feature the Merkel Quartette led by Cyrus Pee. Singers from Winters, Anson, Radford, Clyde and Trent have been invited. Arthur Lee Haddox and Andy Adams are to be in charge of the program.

After winning most of the first in the Hereford division of San Angelo Fat Stock show rodeo last week, the show of C. M. Largent & Sons shipped this week to Fort Worth for exhibit in the Southern Exposition and Fat Stock show.

Billie Joe Largent, going from San Angelo, will be joined in Ft. Worth by C. M. Largent, Jr. Postmaster Wrenn Durham, Joe P. Self and H. H. Toombs were among those from Merkel who attended the "Victory Dinner" at the Holton hotel, Abilene March 4. Guests Saturday in the R. L. Adcock home were Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Duke of Waco, also Mrs. Adcock's sister, Mrs. Barbara Carroll and children of Sylvester and Mr. and Mrs. Harold King. Miss Billie Gardner, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. C. B. Gardner, is reported on the honor roll for the past semester at the University of Texas. She is a junior this year. Quantity and quality of work done by the student is considered in compiling the honor roll.

If you went anywhere, did anything, had visitors, got married, got sick, got well or failed to recover, that's news and your friends would like to know about it. Phone your news to the Merkel Mail, Phone 61, Merkel, Texas.

Hawley Man Gets Promotion at H-SU

Leo Lambert, instructor in journalism and advisor to student publications at Hardin-Simmons University, has been named director of public information, President Evan Allard Reiff has announced.

He fills the vacancy created recently by the resignation of George Hine Jr., Lambert will continue teaching until another journalism professor can be procured.

Lambert, a former staff writer for the Abilene Reporter-News, joined the H-SU faculty last September. In addition to teaching journalism, he is advisor to the Brand, campus newspaper, and the Bronco, yearbook.

A native of Hawley and the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Lambert, he graduated from high school there in 1949. He received his bachelors degree from Hardin-Simmons in 1953 with a major in journalism and education. While a student, he was a feature writer and summer editor of the brand. He did editorial duties for the Western Observer newspaper in Anson for a year and joined the Reporter-News staff in 1952. He took a military leave of absence in September, 1953 and returned to the paper in the summer of 1955.

While in the Army, Lambert edited the post newspaper at Ft. Sill, Okla., and was a radio news writer and editor for the American Forces Network in Frankfurt, Germany for one year. While in Europe, he visited several countries including France,

England, Switzerland, Italy, and Holland.

He returned to the Reporter-News staff in 1955 and won an honorable mention in the 1955 Associated Press feature writing contest. He served in the capacity of sports writer, church editor, feature writer and general assignment reporter for the Reporter-News until he joined the H-SU faculty in September, 1956.

He is a member of the Abilene Rotary Club.

GI Insurance Premiums Less If Paid In Advance

Veterans holding GI life insurance can save time and money by paying their premiums in advance, Mr. Scott B. Harrington, manager of the Veterans Administration Regional Office in Dallas, Texas, said today.

Moreover, by paying premiums in advance, policyholders will eliminate the chance of forgetting monthly premiums, an action which might cause the policy to lapse, Mr. Harrington said.

GI policy premiums can be paid 3, 6 or 12 months ahead through adoption of a regular quarterly, semi-annual mode of billing and payment.

Special advance payments for any period up to the full life of the policy also can be made if the policyholder desires.

GI policyholders get the benefit of a discount in the premium rate by making advance payments. Information is available at any VA contact office.

SAMPLE BALLOT

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Badger Weekly 20 Years Ago

THROUGH THE KEYHOLE
(By "The Peeper")

Leroy and Joyce Hayes were seen walking out in the hall at activity. If Joyce would get a stepladder she wouldn't have to yell so loudly.

I hear that our hero, Herbert Hoover is going to move—and to San Saba. We surely will miss him—especially me and Verne. His pretty curly hair—kind of matches mine, but I don't know whether I still like Herbert or not. He's all the time wanting to fight—especially when somebody dubs rotten egg all over his suit and face. He and A.C. had a terrific struggle Sunday.

I hear that all the girls in one sewing class get hysterical watching Betty try to sew.

Let's all ask Phyllis that cute little step she did going up to the front of the room in English class. Has she got rhythm?

LOCALS

Morris Wozencraft hit Phyllis in the eye with a piece of chalk. Isn't he mean.

Miss Clements spoke as "The Voice of Experience" to one of her English classes on the subject of "True Love or Jealousy." I'd like to have heard that.

Fannelle had a date with A.C. Thursday night.

Phyllis Smith is having bad dreams these days.

Muriel has been writing notes and really getting prompt answers.

Nelly James is continuously

turning around and grinning at Junior Clark.
Leroy Easen is strutting around up here like Wimpy—How about a hamburger (or handburger, as Laveta Coffman says.) He sure is a handsome critter.



TEXAS' Betty Crocker Home-maker of Tomorrow is 17-year-old Willie Mae Addison of Plains High School, Plains, Texas. She will receive a \$1,500 scholarship from General Mills for gaining the highest score in the state in a written homemaking examination.

Former Merkelite Dies At Santo

John S. Bond, 81, of Santo, former Taylor County sheriff, died at 9:13 p.m. Monday in Nazareth Hospital.

Bond was sheriff of Taylor County from 1918 until 1924. He resided in Hood and Erath counties before moving to Merkel in 1907. He left Taylor County and moved to Santo in 1927.

After moving to Santo, he was elected sheriff of Palo Pinto County and served from 1931 through 1939.

Since leaving law enforcement work he had farmed and ranched in the Santo area.

Bond had been in ill health for about 10 years and seriously ill since Saturday.

Funeral was held at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Santo Baptist Church. Burial by Buzbee Funeral Home of Mineral Wells in Tisgah Cemetery.

Survivors include two sons, Herman of Snyder and Gaston of Mineral Wells; and a daughter, Mrs. Lena Wells; of Gladewater; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. White and Miss Maurine White attended the funeral.

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Seniors Hold Class Play

The Merkel High School Senior Class delighted both afternoon and evening audiences Tuesday with their class play, "Go West, Young Man," by John Rand.

The entire action of the play took place in the Double X Ranch house situated in the Rockies. In order to revive a ranch almost lost to industry, the young owner converted the Double X into a "dude ranch." Here a number of interesting "dudes" appeared to enact a good love story as well as an interesting mystery.

Thirty-six seniors appeared as the following characters: Imogene Thomas, the young rancher Jane Willis, Jocille Thompson, the hired girl Tillie, Lois Campbell, the Negro Pearl, Tommy Swinney, the "tough hombre" Alkali Al, Jacky Russell, the playboy Harry Martin, Jimmy Neill, Harry's Pal, Wes Hopper, Charles Jacobs, the sleepy Ken Thornton, Jo Ann Malone, the stenographer Charlotte Stone, Robert McLeod, the vacationing student Mart Johnson, Janice Rutledge as Fran Davis, in love with the West. Elsie Ward, the noisy Bimsie Roberts, and Margaret Chancey, the young widow Edith Roberts, Twyla Jo Moore, the heiress Alicia Pringle, Carl McKeever, the man of affairs Thomas Stanley, Linda McLean, the female sheriff Liz Stone, Canon Bradley, a young nobleman Count Dino.

The tourists included Irene Dishman, known as "Gram", Janey Owen as Aunt "Em", Leta Hester as Carol, Joyce McClean as Helen, Betty Goode as Maybelle, and Janell Pitt as Sally Lou, all nieces of Aunt Emma.

Playing the role of "dudes" were Chester Collinsworth, Kermit Rutledge, Travis Swinney, R. D. Ayers, Terry McClure, Jerry

Miller, Lloyd Shugart, and Edwin Mewborn.

Serving as cowboys were M. H. Ely, Jerry Patterson, Jackie Harris, Gus Jackson, Jimmy Jinkens, and Dwain Wade.

Dates for the 1957 Easter Seal Appeal in behalf of crippled children and adults are March 15 - April 21. Euclid Hudson, president of the Texas Society for Crippled Children and Adults and chairman of the Appeal in Texas, announced today.

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LEAN
CHUCK ROAST - - - lb. 39c

ALL-MEAT
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Hawley Man Gets Promotion at H-SU

Leo Lambert, instructor in journalism and advisor to student publications at Hardin-Simmons University, has been named director of public information, President Evan Allard Reiff has announced.

He fills the vacancy created recently by the resignation of George Hine Jr., Lambert will continue teaching until another journalism professor can be procured.

Lambert, a former staff writer for the Abilene Reporter-News, joined the H-SU faculty last September. In addition to teaching journalism, he is advisor to the Brand, campus newspaper, and the Bronco, yearbook.

A native of Hawley and the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Lambert, he graduated from high school there in 1949. He received his bachelors degree from Hardin-Simmons in 1953 with a major in journalism and education. While a student, he was a feature writer and summer editor of the brand.

He did editorial duties for the Western Observer newspaper in Anson for a year and joined the Reporter-News staff in 1952. He took a military leave of absence in September, 1953 and returned to the paper in the summer of 1955.

While in the Army, Lambert edited the post newspaper at Ft. Sill, Okla., and was a radio news writer and editor for the American Forces Network in Frankfurt, Germany for one year. While in Europe, he visited several countries including France,

England, Switzerland, Italy, and Holland.

He returned to the Reporter-News staff in 1955 and won an honorable mention in the 1955 Associated Press feature writing contest. He served in the capacity of sports writer, church editor, feature writer and general assignment reporter for the Reporter-News until he joined the H-SU faculty in September, 1956.

He is a member of the Abilene Rotary Club.

GI Insurance Premiums Less If Paid In Advance

Veterans holding GI life insurance can save time and money by paying their premiums in advance, Mr. Scott B. Harrington, manager of the Veterans Administration Regional Office in Dallas, Texas, said today.

Moreover, by paying premiums in advance, policyholders will eliminate the chance of forgetting monthly premiums, an action which might cause the policy to lapse, Mr. Harrington, said.

GI policy premiums can be paid 3, 6 or 12 months ahead through adoption of a regular quarterly, semi-annual mode of billing and payment.

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CITY ELECTION

April 2, 1957

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Badger Weekly 20 Years Ago

THROUGH THE KEYHOLE (By "The Peeper")

Leroy and Joyce Hayes were seen walking out in the hall at activity. If Joyce would get a stepladder she wouldn't have to yell so loudly.

I hear that our hero, Herbert Hoover is going to move—and to San Saba. We surely will miss him—especially me and Verne. His pretty curly hair—kind of matches mine, but I don't know whether I still like Herbert or not. He's all the time wanting to fight—especially when somebody dubs rotten egg all over his suit and face. He and A.C. had a terrific struggle Sunday.

I hear that all the girls in one sewing class get hysterical watching Betty try to sew.

Let's all ask Phyllis that cute little step she did going up to the front of the room in English class. Has she got rhythm?

LOCALS

Morris Wozencraft hit Phyllis in the eye with a piece of chalk. Isn't he mean.

Miss Clements spoke as "The Voice of Experience" to one of her English classes on the subject of "True Love or Jealousy." I'd like to have heard that.

Fannelle had a date with A.C. Thursday night.

Phyllis Smith is having bad dreams these days.

Muriel has been writing notes and really getting prompt answers.

Nelly James is continuously

turning around and grinning at Junior Clark.

Leroy Easen is strutting around up here like Whimpy—How about a hamburger (or handburger, as Laveta Coffman says.) He sure is a handsome critter.



TEXAS' Betty Crocker Home-maker of Tomorrow is 17-year-old Willie Mae Addison of Plains High School, Plains, Texas. She will receive a \$1,500 scholarship from General Mills for gaining the highest score in the state in a written homemaking examination.

Former Merkelite Dies At Santo

John S. Bond, 81, of Santo, former Taylor County sheriff, died at 9:13 p.m. Monday in Nazareth Hospital.

Bond was sheriff of Taylor County from 1918 until 1924. He resided in Hood and Erath counties before moving to Merkel in 1907. He left Taylor County and moved to Santo in 1927.

After moving to Santo, he was elected sheriff of Palo Pinto County and served from 1931 through 1939.

Since leaving law enforcement work he had farmed and ranched in the Santo area.

Bond had been in ill health for about 10 years and seriously ill since Saturday.

Funeral was held at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Santo Baptist Church. Burial by Buzbee Funeral Home of Mineral Wells in Tisgah Cemetery.

Survivors include two sons, Herman of Snyder and Gaston of Mineral Wells; and a daughter, Mrs. Lena Wells of Gladewater; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. White and Miss Maurine White attended the funeral.



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Seniors Hold Class Play

The Merkel High School Senior Class delighted both afternoon and evening audiences Tuesday with their class play, "Go West, Young Man," by John Rand.

The entire action of the play took place in the Double X Ranch house situated in the Rockies. In order to revive a ranch almost lost to industry, the young owner convinced the Double X into a "dude ranch." Here a number of interesting "dudes" appeared to enact a good love story as well as an interesting mystery.

Thirty-six seniors appeared as the following characters: Imogene Thomas, the young rancher Jane Willis, Jocille Thompson, the hired girl Tillie, Lois Campbell, the Negro Pearl, Tommy Swinney, the "tough hombre" Alkali Al, Jacky Russell, the playboy Harry Martin, Jimmy Neill, Harry's Pal, Wes Hopper, Charles Jacobs, the sleepy Ken Thornton, Jo Ann Malone, the stenographer Charlotte Stone, Robert McLeod, the vacationing student Mart Johnson, Janice Rutledge as Fran Davis, in love with the West, Elsie Ward, the noisy Bimsie Roberts, and Margaret Chance, the young widow Edith Roberts, Twyla Jo Moore, the heiress Alicia Pringle, Carl McKeever, the man of affairs Thomas Stanley, Linda McLean, the female sheriff Liz Stone, Canon Bradley, a young nobleman Count Dino.

The tourists included Irene Dishman, known as "Gram", Janey Owen as Aunt "Em", Leta Hester as Carol, Joyce McClean as Helen, Betty Goode as Maybelle, and Janell Pitt as Sally Lou, all nieces of Aunt Emma.

Playing the role of "dudes" were Chester Collinsworth, Kermit Rutledge, Travis Swinney, R. D. Ayers, Terry McClure, Jerry

Miller, Lloyd Shugart, and Edwin Mewborn.

Serving as cowboys were M. H. Ely, Jerry Patterson, Jackie Harris, Gus Jackson, Jimmy Jinkens, and Dwain Wade.

Dates for the 1957 Easter Seal Appeal in behalf of crippled children and adults are March 15 - April 21. Euclid Hudson, president of the Texas Society for Crippled Children and Adults and chairman of the Appeal in Texas, announced today.

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A NEW LIFE TOMORROW—Little Pat Harmon, 8, of Aubrey, Texas, a patient in the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Crippled Children, shows the new cast on her leg to Hospital President John McKee, left, and William H. Duis, past president, while some of the other officers and members of the Board of Trustees for 1957 look on. Back row, left to right, are Sam Wiener, James R. Temple, Dr. Brandon Carrell, George R. Jordan, Judge Towne Young, all of Dallas, Judge R. E. Thomason, El Paso, and Asher Mintz, secretary. The hospital furnishes free and skilled medical and surgical service to crippled children of Texas whose parents are unable to pay for their treatment in regular hospitals.

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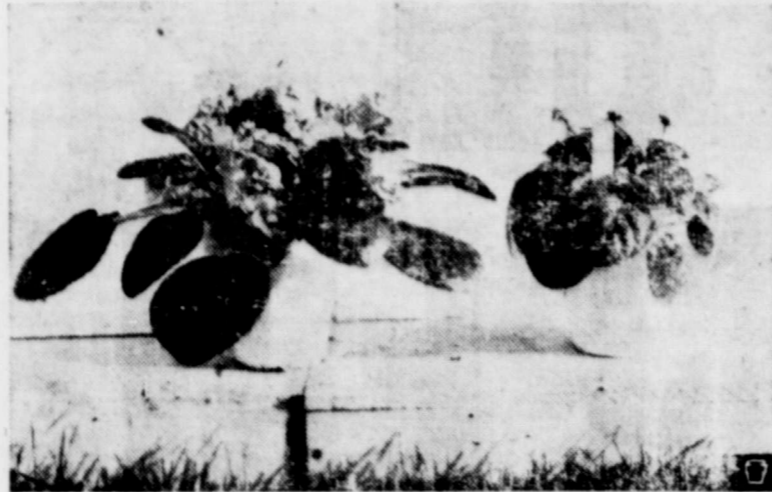
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New Chemical Speeds Up Plant Growth



Both African Violet plants pictured above were planted at the same time. Reason for the big difference is a new plant growth stimulator called Gibrel, which will soon be available for the first time to flower lovers, home gardeners, greenhouse growers and nurserymen. The photo was taken 6 weeks after plant on left was treated with this new chemical. Scientists say its effect is noticeable in 4 days, and the growth peak is reached in about 3 weeks.

A new plant growth booster which exerts a remarkable effect on household and greenhouse plants and nursery stock will soon reach market as the first product of its kind to be made available to the general public.

It is being marketed under the name Gibrel by Merck & Co., Rahway, N. J., in the potassium salt form of gibberellic acid to formulator-distributors on a nationwide basis. It is expected that formulators' products incorporating the dramatic new compound will be available to the public in the Spring.

Based on experiments by scientists and collaborating researchers throughout the country, Gibrel, which is not a fertilizer, greatly improves the growth traits of several ornamental plants. African violets tend to grow more erect and produce a more pointed, attractive leaf. Geraniums, when sprayed young, grow more rapidly. The product also initiates growth in holly when the plant is dormant, speeds the growth of jade plants, sedum and peperomia, and aids in formation of side shoots in ivy. Only very small amounts are required to produce its effects.

Further research is necessary before its use on food crops can be recommended. However, preliminary work indicates that the product may also have far-reaching and economically im-

portant effects on such plants. It stimulates certain crops to grow four times faster and to break dormancy, form flowers, set fruit, and produce seeds weeks and months ahead of Nature's schedule.

Greenhouse work indicates that Gibrel alone, or in combination with certain fertilizers, promotes luxurious growth of lawn grasses. Evidence has also come to light that the plant growth stimulator increases the size of tobacco leaves. University scientists have also learned that the chemical can produce more tomatoes per plant, grow larger celery stalks and impart a general boost in flower growth.

They add that it has shown results which may benefit commercial seedsmen and truck farmers. It has enabled carrots to produce flowers in six months and to cause head lettuce to bypass the head stage, growing it directly to seed. It has also helped plants go to seed without undergoing exposure to relatively low temperatures. Tomatoes have been successfully transplanted without the usual "shock" which normally arrests growth temporarily.

Research in greenhouses and under actual large-scale growing conditions is continuing at an increasing pace in order to more fully determine the potential benefits of Gibrel for a great variety of flowers, plants, nursery stock and crops.

UP THE CANYON

By TOM RUSSOM

The farmers are really working trying to plow the land to keep the weeds down. The little weeds are sure coming in the fields.

Oat sowing is about over, some few still sowing.

If rains come we think there will be a real good grain crop made. There's quite a bit of the land sown to small grain.

Live stock are doing very well however, we need some warm weather to make grazing better.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bickley of Abilene visited Sunday afternoon in the Tom Russom home and the Joe Swinney home.

Horace Miles, stockman in the Canyon, is getting ready to shear goats.

The Taylor & Jones County fifth Sunday singing Convention will be held the 5th Sunday of this month at Pioneer Church. Joe Nally of Merkel is President of this Convention.

A. D. Scott said the weeds are bad in some of the wheat that was sown early and might have to be sprayed to kill the weeds.

We have two preacher boys of the Canyon going to school. J. E. Meeks is going to Hardin Sim-

mons in Abilene and Elmer Ward, pastor of the Pioneer Church is going to McMurry College in Abilene. We wish them both a fine year in school.

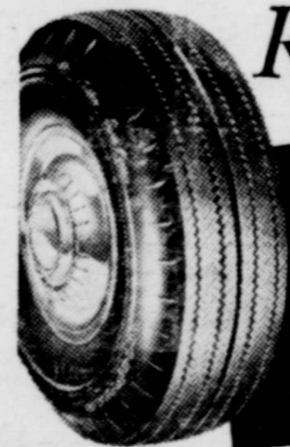
Well the 15th of March is deadline to sign up land in the soil bank program. The five and ten year program. So far we only know of two farms that signed a ten year contract and Horace Miles reports the Bill Cole ranch which he operates signed a five year contract on some of the place.

W. H. Ensminger who owns a good farm in the Canyon is having some terrace work done on his farm. He is enlarging the terraces.

E. J. Patterson of Merkel will operate the Arthur Moore farm at Blair. Arthur is working in Fort Worth. He soil banked his cotton land. Patterson will work the feed land.

Ladies of the Pioneer W.S.C.S. gave a very nice program Sunday night. Special music was by Carole Perry, Mrs. Leroy Riney sang a solo and a play "Greatest of These" was given by Mrs. W. T. Perry, Mrs. Dewel McLean, and Becky Ray. The program was a conclusion of a study on Apostle Paul's letters.

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Woodman Circle Dist. Convention

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John of Abilene is captain assisting in the Ritualistic work. Five members of the Merkel Grove 563 served in the District team at this meeting. They were Lillian Mathews Edith Perry, Lillian Mathews, Clara Walla, and

Lucy Bonneaux. Others attending the meeting from Merkel were Maggie Renfro and Sallie Gant. Mrs. Renfro will attend the State Convention at Galveston March 16-20.

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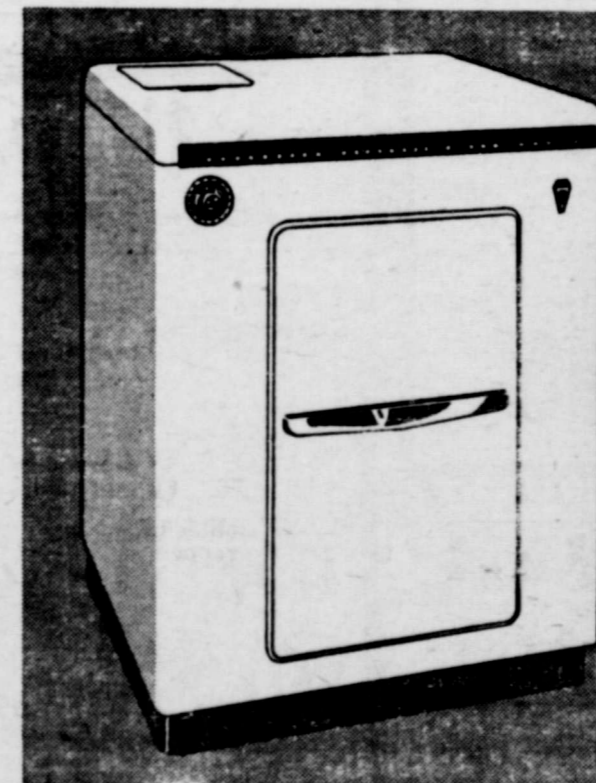


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Harlem Globetrotters Play At Rose Field House March 18

The world famous comics of the hardwoods, the Harlem Globetrotters, will play the Honolulu Surf Riders Monday, March 18, in Hardin-Simmons University's Rose Field House.

The all-star attraction, complete with a half-time show featuring slack wire artists and jugglers, is sponsored by the Cowboy Club, H-SU athletic organization. Tickets will go on sale Thursday, March 7. Reserved seats are \$2.50, \$1.50 and students \$1. Mail orders may be addressed to Bill Ledbetter, athletic director, Box 70, Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Texas.

Patterson, Allred Engagement Said

Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Murfee, Rt. 2, Trent, are announcing the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Myrna Patterson, to James Royce Allred, son of Mrs. C. G. Allred, 1701 S. 19th Street, Abilene.

The wedding will be in the home of Mrs. George W. Murfee 890 Rivercrest Dr., Abilene, April 20th.

The groom-to-be is a graduate of Noodle High School and is now employed by Payne Drilling Company of Dallas. Myrna is a Senior in Noodle High School where she will continue her studies.

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 p. m.
 W. M. U. Mon. 9:30 a. m.
 Sunday Bible Study 9:45 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

Comper 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. (Young People) 6:15 p. m.
 Evening Worship 7:15 p. m.
 Friday W.M.C. 10:00 a. m.
 Wed. Prayer Service 7:15 p. m.

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

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 Confessions: 8:30 A.M.
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 1st Sun. of month 10:00 A.M.

MONDAY:
 Ad Altare Dei Class—7:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY:
 Junior Legion of Mary 4 p.m.
FRIDAY:
 Confessions: 7:00 P.M.
 Rosary & Benediction 7:30 p.m.
 Legion of Mary 8:30 p.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.
 Tuesday:
 W. M. U. 2:15 p. m. Intermediate
 G. A.'s Jr. G. A.'s 3:45 p. m.
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Pioneer Memorial Chapel
 Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
 Morning Service 11:00 a. m.
 Evening Services 7:30 p. m.
 Wednesday:
 Evening Prayer Service 7:30

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

Noodle Baptist Church

Sunday:
 Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
 Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.
 Young People's Class 6:30 p. m.
 Evening Services 7:30 p. m.

Trent Church of Christ

Sunday:
 Sunday School 11:00 o'clock
 Bible Class 10:00 a. m.
 Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.
 Evening Services 7:30 p. m.
 Ladies Bible Class, 4:00 p. m.
 Thursday:

New Live Oak Baptist Church

Sunday:
 Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
 Morning Worship 11 a. m.
 Training Union 6:45 p. m.
 Evening Worship 7:30 p. m.

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

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 Sunday:
 Sunday School 9:45 a. m.
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Birthday Party For Mother

Mrs. George A. West of 301 Marion Street gave her mother, Mrs. Isbell Hale an early birthday party March 10th. All seven of her children were present and all grandchildren except nine.

Those present were: Mr. J. B. Hale and family, Anson; Mr. L. A. Hale and family, McCaulley; Mrs. Azelle and family, Sweetwater; Mr. Austin Hale and family, Benjamin; Mrs. George West

and family, Merkel; Mr. Vernon Hale and family, Marfa; M. Sgt. S. L. Hale and family, Abilene, Kansas, who are on their way to Italy for a three year tour of duty.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hicks from Oklahoma City are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Perry Davis for an indefinite time.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Suter of Hendricks, Okla. are visiting their daughters, Mrs. Leslie Thaxton, and Mrs. Charlie Massey.

Jimmy Simpson student at A&M spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Simpson.

On Digest Board

Irene Swann of Tyler, who has several relatives in the Merkel area, has been named by The Reader's Digest, Pleasantville, N. Y., to serve on an Editorial Advisory Board.

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The Department of the Army has advised that the number of Army Reservists in a paid participating status shot up 34,400 in the last six months of 1956 to reach a total of more than 240,000 by December 31, the highest total yet recorded, it was announced today by Major General Lewis S. Griffing, Chief, U. S. Army Military District, Texas.

This net gain for the first half of Fiscal Year 1957 included 30,700 enlisted men and 3,700 officers.

Of the enlisted strength, 18,000, aged 17 to 18½, signed up for the six months active duty for training program. Many of these are among the 12,000 Reserve component trainees new undergoing active duty training.

At the present rate of increase, Army Reservists gains in a paid participating status will by June 30, 1957, the end of the fiscal year, considerably exceed the 43,000 recorded the year previous when that figure was the greatest yearly net gain ever made in the history of the Army Reserve.

Since the passage of the Reserve Forces Act of 1955, the strength of the Army Reserve — in a paid participating status — has increased by a total of more than 75,000 of which approximately 69,000 were enlisted men.

At Corpus Christi, Tex., Kenneth Peery, 8, used his toy printing press to publish 8 copies of a story about the death of a parakeet. He sold each copy for 5 cents, added a dime to make a total of 50 cents, then donated full amount to the Red Cross.

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Conservation News

In the northern portion of the Middle Clear Fork Soil Conservation District, since the recent rains we can all see what terraces can do or not do.

Terraces are so designed by Soil Conservation Service Aechnicians whereby they will function safely while carrying the expected runoff from a storm of ten year frequency or the largest amount of water that is expected to fall in ten years. A rainfall of this intensity might fall in a very short period of time. Although terraces were built to specifications and should safely carry a large rain at the time they were built, is no assurance they will continue to hold without proper care. Terraces in the Noodle area that have been properly cared for and maintained handled the excess water during the recent rain, where as terraces that were not properly maintained in many cases were highly abused by breaking over and washing gullies.

On farms that have terraces the operator should strive to keep the terrace height at near specified heights. This includes low places in the terrace. The end blocks should also be watched carefully in order to not let the block get higher than the terrace and at the same time not let them get low enough to spill the water they have detained.

This is one thing to keep in mind, when one terrace in a system fails the ones below it are much more apt to fail, said Goodwin.

The operator should also be on the alert to protect his terrace system from adjoining watersheds, pastures, fields, road ditches and etc. Runoff from such areas could easily mean disaster by putting more water into the terrace system than it was designed for. In an area where this type of situation prevails the farm operator should strive to divert the excess water by the use of diversion terraces or broad bottom grassed waterways.

The Merkel Work Unit of the Middle Clear Fork Soil Conservation District is available to help you with any technical assistance pertaining to this subject, said Newton Goodwin of the Soil Conservation Service in Merkel.

Rains the past few weeks have re-emphasized some conservation problems which have been accelerated by the drouth.

Recent flooding of the Middle Clear Fork River could be only a sample of what might happen if high intensity rains came over the entire watershed of the river. Penetration checks taken on bare range land in the Noodle-Truby area revealed only six or seven inches of moisture. This in many cases means that out of approximately five inches of rainfall only one inch soaked into the ground leaving four inches going down the river. Of course the average penetration on all soils, both cultivated and non-cultivated was more than six inches. Even so, a large amount of runoff occurred on practically every farm or ranch in that area. Water down the river is like money spent away from home, it's gone for good.

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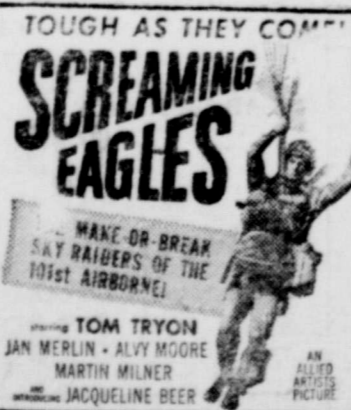
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The Middle Clear Fork District Board would like to remind farmers and businessmen alike that our subsoil is still dry and hard and that it will take months possibly years to recover from the drouth. They have grain drills, grass seeders, legume seeders, conservation plows with fertilizer attachments and many other pieces of equipment which they feel should be used to the utmost to put agriculture in this district on a paying basis again.

Loosing available moisture is unsightly to say the least but soil losses from water or wind is a sustained loss. Statistics tell us that it would take 300 years with accelerated efforts to build an inch of top soil, yet we can lose that precious top inch in a few months if we neglect it.

Merkelite Weds Lubbock Girl

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Southern of 2408 10th St., Lubbock announce the marriage of their daughter JoAnne to Billy Marion Beard, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Beard, 303 Marion, Merkel, on Tuesday March 5.

The ceremony took place in the home of Rev. Eard in Abilene with members of the immediate families present.

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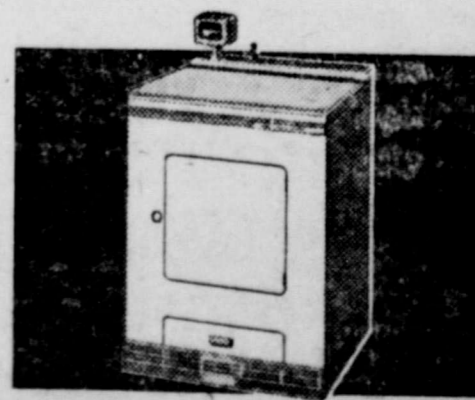
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STORY NO. 10—in a series of articles on Duval County by Frederick Hodgson and Franz Rosenwald. New York newspaper and magazine writers who visited Duval County and wrote the series exclusively for Texas readers.

People Take Over in Duval County; County Government Has New Look

By—FREDERICK HODGSON

SAN DIEGO, Tex.—Things are different in Duval County. No matter how brightly the last Liberty burns, it takes a little know-how to jump in and operate a government according to the Constitution. Before the "clean-up," Duval County leaders had had their government run for them since before World War One, and unashamedly admitted they were rusty as the nails in the Ark. They obtained and circulated elementary textbooks on county government and read them like dime novels.

As a result, Duval County became a textbook on democracy. It would have made any county in the United States ashamed of itself to see Duval citizens religiously attending every meeting of the school boards and the commissioners court in such numbers that crowds had to stand out on the courthouse lawn.

This is the courthouse, here in San Diego, Texas, where Parr's non-supporters say they were never allowed to enter unless they were summoned. They never saw the inside of the district courtroom, they say, unless we were being tried for something we did not do." The meetings of the commissioners court and school boards were always held in secret, if at all.

After "Operation Cleanup" an invisible line developed down the middle of the courtroom, dividing the Parr people from the non-Parrists. Many of the Parr people had relatives under indictment. Every day was a big day in court, with overflow crowds. One day the Duke himself appeared to answer an indictment. Another day a handful of school trustees arrived, with a motion to quash an indictment. The next day half a dozen lawyers tangled with District Attorney Sam Burris and the "State men." Now and then a Ranger stood up or shuffled his feet to remind the participants that "it's peaceful here, and we aim to keep it peaceful."

The courthouse is the Sanctum Sanctorum from which all but Parr's "Old Party" members were excluded. There are other places besides the courthouse that used to be rigidly off limits to Parr's opposition, but not any more. The San Diego Community Center, a public building, now is accessible to any group of citizens, no matter how they vote. And that's new in Duval County.

No sir, you wouldn't know the old Duchy with its new look. People stand around in the drug stores and talk about whatever they please without whispering, without looking over their shoulders to see who is near. This is maybe the biggest, the most striking change.

Business has picked up in the Duke's domain. Manuel Marroquin, whose tortilla bakery was put out of business by Parr, started over again before he began publishing his newspaper, the New Duval. He had set up his cafe across the line in Jim Wells County, just outside San Diego. But all the old customers who had quit trading with him on the Duke's orders came back. They bought his tortillas and his milk, and now they read his newspaper.

A lot of Duval residents are coming back home to work from the surrounding counties where they say Parr drove them by forbidding their employment in Duval. Some have been traveling 20

already have written their copy for the morning edition. What does the Duval story mean to the State of Texas? My colleague, Franz Rosenwald, has seen more than one dictator-ship rise, flourish, fizzle and die. He says there are two things to remember about dictatorships. First, they don't just fizzle by themselves. They have to be helped along by people who are fed up with them. Second, there's not much hope for people who get rid of one dictator and fail to lock the door against the next one. And there is always a next one. Under the Texas Constitution there's not likely to be a dictatorial governor, nor even a Legislature that gets too far out of line. The old state charter was written in 1875, when carpet-baggers were crawling all over the capital, and the men who wrote it made provisions against abuses of power on the state level. They made Texas counties relatively autonomous, letting them retain much authority which ordinarily belongs to a state. This is especially true of the criminal law.

This local autonomy is a good thing, provided you have safeguards against its misuse. But a Parr follower in order for your kids to get free milk at the school cafeteria. Giving milk to one child and withholding it from another for reasons of politics is just one of the many quaint practices condemned by Duval County grand juries that have been looking into things since the State of Texas moved in on the stronghold of the Duke.

The changes in Duval County don't mean that Parr isn't still fighting. Those who know him best say he'll be fighting when the iron doors clang behind him. The men who hang around the courthouse, the ones who couldn't hang around there before, will tell you that George Parr's ghost will walk those dim halls fifty years after he has fought his last fight. You don't get rid of 40 years of Parrism quickly. A whole generation of men and women in one Texas county have been born and brought up in a climate of fear, hatred and distrust. There are those who have always eaten at the public trough, always had the protection of a Big Boss, and always helped him elect his candidates, spy on his enemies, destroy his opposition. In Duval County there are still many of these, and they have children. Their Golden Age has passed away, and they will mourn for it because they like the Duke of Duval, have been born in the wrong century. They are a part of feudalism, part of a day when little kings dominated a few hundred square miles of earth, overtaxed their impoverished serfs, and amused themselves with senseless wars.

But the rest of the people in Duval County have just come into their Golden Age. They have a new dignity. They have a new hope. They have a County Auditor, an impartial grand jury, supervised elections, and police protection. As one Duval rancher put it, the clouds have parted and the sun has broken through. To be sure, the sharp crack of legal conflict is still heard. There is still tumult and shouting in Judge Woodrow Laughlin's district courtroom. But the roar of the big legal artillery that has rattled the whole State of Texas for three years, while George Parr and his friends fought ditch by ditch to hold their fortress intact, has died out. The final score has yet to be tallied, but the trend is clear. The watchers in the grandstand are picking up their pennants and going home, and the boys in the press box

Back to those secret records. There is no adequate law under which you can be removed from office for refusing to show them. And you can always do as the county auditor of Duval County did. He stood on the Fifth Amendment and refused to say where his records were kept on the grounds that it might tend to incriminate him. There's no law against that, either.

Texas needs many new laws to protect its citizens against another "Duval County." Fifteen corrective measures have been introduced in the Legislature, by the Texas Press Association. Each of these "Better Government Bills" merits public support.

Pool bill, which gives the whole affair an aquatic touch and makes me want to go fishing.

What I really think we ought to do is divide the total number of days in the unexpired Daniel term by the number of candidates and then let each one of them serve as Senator for his pro rata share of days. This would save the cost of the election and provide each candidate a measure of glory without giving him too much of an opportunity to make a fool of himself.

Most important of all, it would keep our TV screens clear of campaigners between now and April.

Miss Anna Phillips of Borger, one of the "exes" of the Gonzales Warm Springs Foundation, has recently been named chapter committee chairman, District 8, of the Indoor Sports' Club, Inc.

This organization, which is concerned with securing benefits and privileges for the physically handicapped, is national in scope and has eight chapters in Texas with 193 members.

A polio victim, Anna Jean came to Warm Springs and learned to walk again last May, having contracted polio in 1939. She walks on crutches, drives her own car, and operates a successful duplicating service in Borger.

Home Demonstration Notes

By LORETA ALLEN

Taylor County Home Demonstration Agent



The past week I've been talking about planting gardens and flowers. I don't have any shrubs or trees to prune but it is time to do some pruning. The forsythia is blooming now and it is a good time to prune. The pieces you cut off make beautiful bouquets for the house. This forces new growth that will bloom next spring.

There are some general principles of pruning to observe: Prune for a purpose. Prune carefully and prune moderately. Severe pruning or "de-horning" can permanently deform and injure trees.

Prune trees to make the place more comfortable, convenient, safe and attractive. Often trees can be shaped to improve their appearance. Low hanging limbs can be pruned off so that the lawn will be open and look more spacious. The health of the tree can be improved by removing dead, diseased or injured limbs. Use good tools to do the job. A pruning saw and pruning shears are to remove diseased or injured limbs or to nip back high branches to make a tree form a dense shade.

Watch your pruning technique! Make clean cuts, flat or flush with the main limb or trunk. Stubs left by improper cutting may cause rotting of the heart wood. You may need to treat cuts on large limbs by painting with a pruning compound, such as orange shellac, to hasten healing. Most trees make oils to cover small cuts. Generally, horticulturists advise putting nothing at all on a cut 2 inches or less in diameter.

If pruning is done now, spring growth will soon hide the cuts.

I thought you might like to try this hamburger recipe: **Hamburger Deluxe**
1 1/2 lbs. ground beef
1/2 teaspoons salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper
6 tablespoons sharp cheese
3 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
2 No. 2 cans drained whole kernel corn, seasoned with salt and pepper.

4 cups cooked diced potatoes, seasoned with salt and pepper
6 thick slices of tomato
6 thin slices of onion
6 well-drained peach halves
6 teaspoons brown sugar
Mix ground beef, salt and pepper. Cream together cheese and Worcestershire sauce. Place potatoes along one side on broiler pan, place corn along other side. Place rack on pan; add hamburger patties; turn oven switch to broil. Place pan so that top of meat will be 4 inches from broiler unit. Broil meat on one side until brown, about 6 to 8 minutes. Turn patties and brown other side. Place tomatoes on top of patties. Top with onion slices, brush with melted butter. Season with salt and pepper.

Add peach halves, rounded sides down; add 1 teaspoon brown sugar to each peach cavity. Spread a tablespoon of cheese mixture on each meat patty. Continue broiling until cheese is melted and drips freely on corn and potatoes in pan below the rack. Arrange on hot platter—serve at once.

Members of the Mid-West Texas Fireman's Association met in Merkel Sunday p.m. at the Fire Station to plan the April Convention which is to be held at Baird April 11th.

The miles traveled by vehicles, during a recent year, in collecting and distributing blood by Red Cross are equivalent of 136 trips around the world.

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Seventh Grade Elects Officers

Mrs. Shouse's seventh grade met in room 8 on March for the purpose of electing officers.

The president, E. L. Howard, presided for the business session. The following officers were elected: President, Tommy McAninch; Vice-President, Kent Denton; Secretary, Beth Dunagin; Treasurer, Farris Neill; Reporter, Larry Windham.

This room went on an interesting field trip to the Texas Natural Gasoline Corporation on February 28th. Much information was gained on the subject of energy which the class had been studying in science.

Other pupils in the room are: Barbara Whisenhunt, Jimmy Jacobs, Donna Rutledge, Bobby Gilmer, Larry Dudley, Mary Jane Horton, June Owen, Sandra Suter, Nancy Malone, Magleine Gregory, E. L. Howard, Kenny Hogan, Vaudie Smith, Nelda Reese, Lewis Pack, Brown Higgins, Kenneth Hays, Del Davis, and James Claxton.

Mrs. W. M. Elliott visited her sister-in-law, Mrs. G. W. Elliott, who is seriously ill in Hendricks hospital in Abilene.

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J. J. Russell, Jr., and Miss Alma Sheppard from Wichita Falls were week end guests of Mr. Russell's mother, Mrs. J. J. Russell, Sr., and his sisters, Mrs. J. H. West and Gloria and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hughes.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Stockbridge spent the week end with their mother, Mrs. Glenn of Breckenridge.

Miss Joy Walker visited her mother this week end.

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I have taken note of the fact that there are more than two score candidates for the single office of United States Senator, and I'm not sure if I'm enthused, amused, or confused. I'm inclined to think it's all a little Alice-in-Wonderlandish.

But it does have a heartening aspect. For years I've been hearing that the trouble with politics in this country is that it has deteriorated so that, as the man says, you can't hardly get a good man to run for office no more. Well, nobody is going to convince me that in any given group of two dozen Texans there won't be two or three that measure up pretty tall.

At least each of these guys had \$50 to lay on the line as a filing fee or else had a friend who had \$50—which is something in itself. On the other hand, a voter has to be cautious about a candidate with too many friends, because you know very well some of them are liable to end up with some big defense contracts, or something. There has been right smart palaver in our legislative halls over the handling of this election—whether to have a run-off or not to have one or whether to forget the whole thing and go along with the appointee, Mr. Blakley. We've had a Herring bill and

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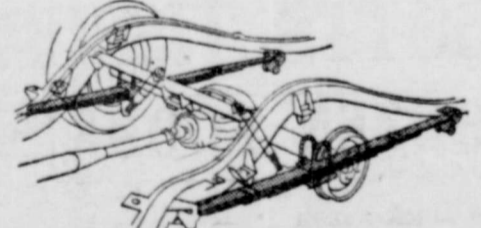
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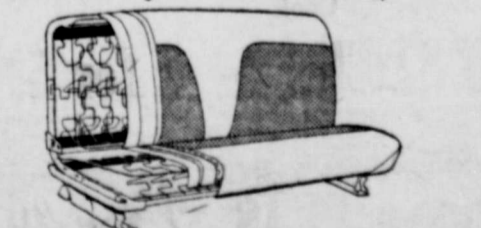


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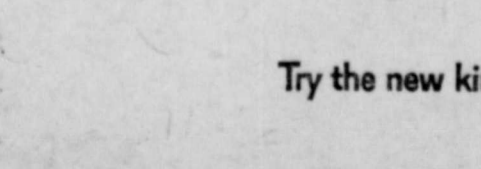
• Folks just naturally love Ford's lower, sleeker silhouette. And they love Ford's new Thunderbird V-8's and Mileage Maker Six. But the thing that's really got 'em buzzing is Ford's new ride. In the new kind of Ford, vital riding features team up to give you the smoothest going in the whole ride world. For example:



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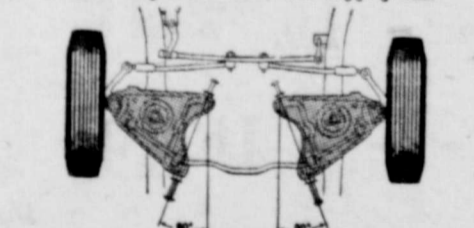
New swept-back Ball-Joint front suspension
Ford's new, stronger front suspension is designed to soak up the shock of rough roads. The new swept-back design lets wheels "roll" with the bump and absorb it going away... for far smoother, steadier sailing.



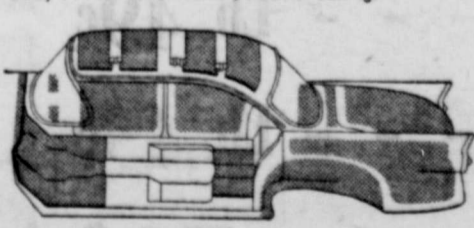
More comfortable seating
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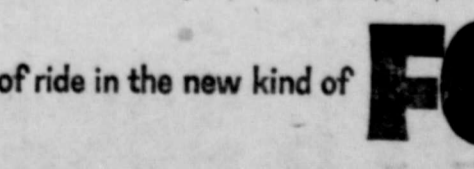
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