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Tell-Tale Fe-Mail

By M. L. G.

Have you paid your poll tax? The deadline is Jan. 31, you know. Between now and Feb. 15, petitions will be circulated requesting the State Democratic Executive Committee to place on the Democratic primary ballot the question of whether the poll tax as a prerequisite for voting should be abolished. But, in the meantime, to be eligible to vote this important election year, you must pay your poll tax. If you don't remember what Benjamin Franklin said and take heed, "If these do not care to vote, why prate angrily about a situation thy vote can help to change."

A word of warning to those who might be planning a trip to Tokyo — take a bath before you go. Public bath operators in Tokyo said it costs more to turn out a clean customer these days and have asked authorities to approve these rate increases: adults to seven cents from four, per bath; children in the 6 to 12-year-old category, from three to five cents; children under 6, from two to three cents. Prices are getting higher all over.

If you aren't in the habit of reading the dictionary (a new one, that is), you may not be familiar with some of the words and phrases that entered our language in 1958.

"Roadomania" is what you are suffering from if you have a heavy foot on the gas pedal.

"Cartnapping" is what you're guilty of if you wheel your groceries out to the car and forget to return the cart to the store.

"Hoopster" is a person, usually a child or his weight-worried mother, who uses a hula hoop.

"Bottoming out" means reaching the lowest point in a recession.

"Pinch effect" is the contraction that results from the magnetic interaction set up by a parallel glow of currents in plasma (highly ionized gas). Now, there's a mouthful for you.

Just though it might come in handy for you to know these things if you aren't already familiar with them.

The cold spell we've been waiting for finally arrived—not down to 15 degrees, I think. We were looking forward to the cold weather so that we could enjoy a fire in the fireplace. We had accumulated a nice stack of wood—enough, His Highness said, for all the cold weather we'd have this year. The nice stack of wood is gone—in just two days—and the cold weather is still with us. It'll probably come a nice cozy snow storm before we get it replenished.

Wood is hard to come by in these parts. We might have to chop another branch or two off our poor mesquites.

If it should come to that, the Wood Chopper is, to say the least, prepared for it. He has a new axe and new boots. The reason for the boots was "to keep the snakes from biting." The reason for getting them with red tops escapes me. To match the axe handle, maybe?

I will leave you with this parting thought, "Hear no evil, speak no evil and no one will want to sit next to you at the club."

Merkel C-C Names New Directors, Sets Date For Annual Banquet

Three new members were named to the Merkel Chamber of Commerce board of directors at a meeting in the Chamber office Friday morning.

New directors, voted on by ballots mailed to members, are Mrs. Almeda Bullock, Mrs. W. T. Sadler and John Shannon. Outgoing directors are Nolan Palmer, Mack Fisher and Booth Warren.

Tentative date for the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet was set for Feb. 18. Dr. Bryan Wildenthal, president of Sul Ross College, will be guest speaker for the event.

Directors at Friday's meeting also voted to have two billboard signs erected approximately one mile east of Merkel and one mile west of the city.



TRENT WINNER — Carolyn Graham of Trent, Abilene district FFA sweetheart and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Onis Graham, pins the grand champion rosette on Leroy Shafer's heavyweight Hereford steer at the Trent 4-H and FFA Livestock Show Saturday. Leroy, holding the prize animal, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Shafer of Trent. (Abilene Reporter-News Staff Photo)

LEROY SHAFER SHOWS CHAMP HEREFORD AT TRENT SHOW

TRENT — Leroy Shafer, combination Trent FFA and Taylor County 4-H boy and the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Shafer of Trent, exhibited his 1,000-pound heavyweight Hereford steer to grand champion honors Saturday at the Trent 4-H and FFA Livestock Show.

Shafer showed his steer under the 4-H banner and his breeding animals as FFA entries. He had the top placing Hereford heifer and second placing Angus. Another one of his steers took second in the lightweight steer class.

His 12-year-old brother, Jerry, placed one of his entries at the head of the light steers. His heavy steer was third. Leroy is a freshman in Trent High.

The reserve champion steer and second place heavyweight was exhibited by Robert Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Williams of Trent, and a member of the FFA.

Blockhead, a 12-year-old 4-H boy and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clovis McMurray of Trent, showed a heavy barrow to the grand championship. Later in the day, he was named recipient of the FFA Trophy as best all-around showman.

Reserve barrow honors went to a heavy Duroc owned by Jim Lanring, FFA member.

Both the grand and reserve champion fat lambs were shown by Dub Goodwin son of Mr. and Mrs. Newt Goodwin of Trent. Dub is a 4-H member.

Both top honors in the capon department went to entries of Paul Higgins son of Mrs. Ruth Higgins of Trent. He is a FFA

member. Other showmanship winners included Goodwin, sheep; Ida Mae King, capons; Strawnie Seago, swine; and Shafer, cattle. Bill Scott, Abilene vocational agriculture teacher, judged some 115 entries at the community center and show barn here. Sponsor of the show was the Community Club, who moved an old T&P depot to the show grounds last year for use of the various organiza-

tions. A barn already standing at the site. The organization raised over \$250 for premium money this year.

Despite disagreeable weather a good crowd was on hand throughout the day's judging.

Division results of the Trent show are as follows:

Steer Show
Heavyweight — 1. Leroy Shafer

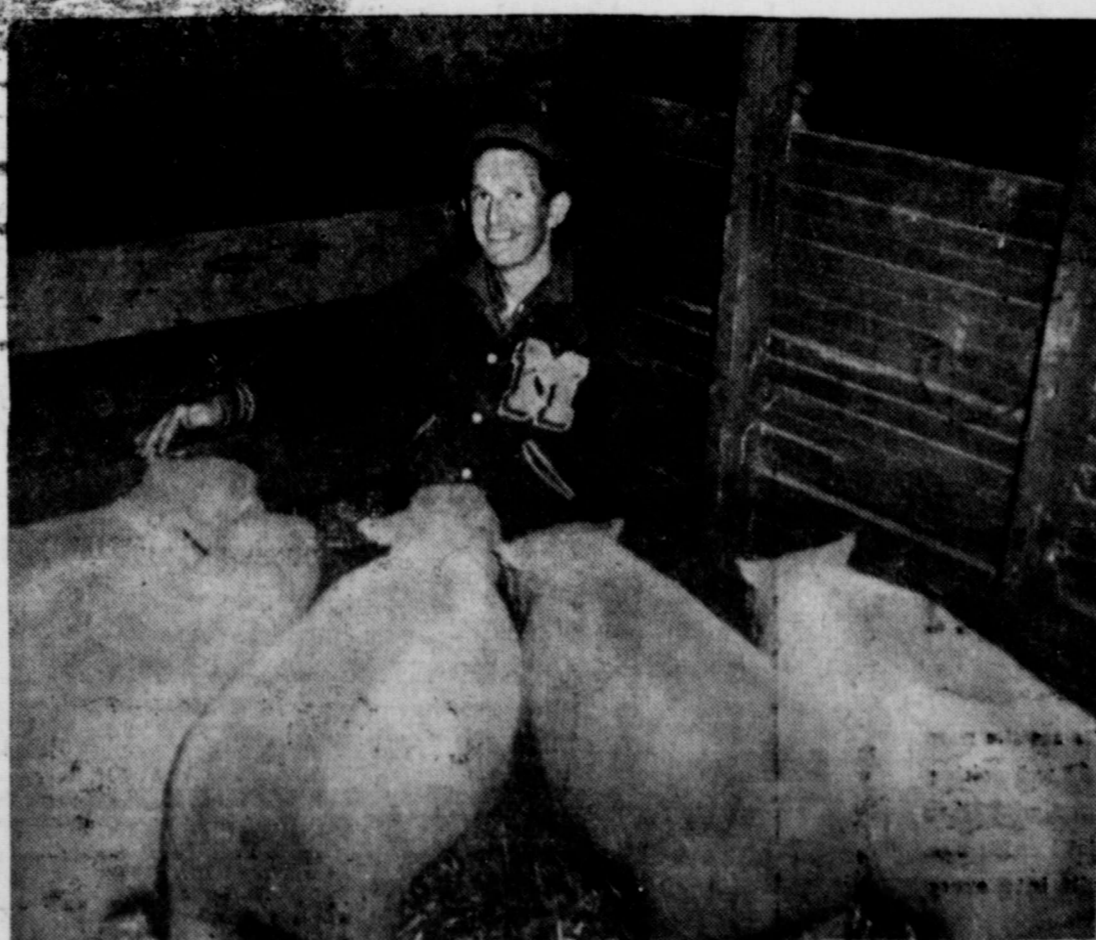
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PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES SET

The second Parent-Teacher Conference of this school year will be held Thursday and Friday afternoons, January 21-22.

All parents of children in the first grade through the 12th grade are invited to their child's classroom any time between 1:30 p.m. and 4 p.m. either afternoon.

Parents will have opportunity of examining some of the work done during the past twelve weeks and conferring with the teachers about the progress of the pupils.



ALL WINNERS — Ferris Neill, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Neill, placed his lambs in the top slots of each sheep division at the Merkel livestock show Saturday. He is pointing to his first place Southdown standing with some of his other lambs that won the first six places in that class. (Reporter-News Staff Photo)

MORENO, SEYMORE AND REEGER HONORED AT BOOSTER BANQUET

Three players received special recognition at the Merkel Quarterback Club banquet honoring the Badger football squad and their coaches in the school cafeteria Thursday night.

The special awards went to Tokoyo Moreno and Larry Seymore, seniors, and junior Ronnie Reeger.

Joe Gregory presented trophies to the three. Moreno won his for being the Best Back, Seymore won for being Best Lineman and Reeger won for being the Most Conscientious member of the team.

Horace Boney, president of the Quarterback Club, introduced Coaches Carroll Benson, Buddy Nail, Burl McCoy and Leon Walker. The entire coaching staff received monetary gifts.

Coach Benson introduced members of the Badger team and Coach Nail recognized special guests.

Larry Seymore thanked Quarterback Club members for the loyalty and support they give the Badger football team.

Guest speaker for the evening

was Burns McKinney, noted Southwest Conference official and former Little All-America at Hardin-Simmons University.

McKinney was introduced by John Hardesty, Merkel Quarterback Club member and former

classmate of the ex-grid star at H-SU.

Mack Fisher, superintendent of Merkel schools, gave the invocation. Music was furnished by the Merkel High School Stage Band, directed by W. G. Reed.

JOHNSON CLUBS PUSH POLL TAX PAYMENTS

All Lyndon B. Johnson for President Clubs in Texas are being asked to encourage the payment of poll taxes in their localities to assure Texas of having its biggest voting strength in history this presidential election year.

Executive Director Larry Blackmon said Monday, letters making the request have been mailed to all clubs.

"There will probably never be a year any more important to Texas politically than 1960," Blackmon said. "It is the duty of every citizen to make sure that he has a vote at the polls and a voice in his party's conventions. Without a poll tax receipt he has neither, no matter how vital the issues."

Blackmon said that Johnson for President Clubs are being encouraged to set up or help man poll tax booths, to form telephone reminder committees, to offer trans-

portation to citizens desiring to go pay their poll taxes, and to offer whatever other assistance that might be possible and helpful.

"For the primaries, for the conventions, and for this year's most important general election, we hope that every citizen of Texas of voting age will be equipped with a poll tax receipt or exemption certificate. There can be no greater attest to a keen Texas interest and concern in the affairs of our government," Blackmon said.

Mrs. Tye Sublett, Merkel Resident, Dies in Houston

Mrs. B. T. (Tye) Sublett, 68, died at 4:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 13 in a Houston hospital. She suffered a cerebral hemorrhage Dec. 29 at the home of a son, Ben, in Houston.

Funeral was held at 2 p.m. Friday in the Merkel Church of Christ. Starbuck Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

The former Maggie Roberts, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Souire Roberts, Mrs. Sublett was born July 26, 1891. She married Mr. Sublett April 21, 1912 in Trent.

Mrs. Sublett joined the Church of Christ at an early age and was active in all church activities.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Norma Fae, on June 21, 1922.

Survivors include the husband; three sons, Ben of Houston, Jack of Albuquerque, N. M., and Jim of Evansville, Ind.; one sister, Mrs. Roy Fuston of Abilene; and eight grandchildren.

Mrs. Lois Dunn of Lovington, N. M., and C. V. Shelton of Seminole, visited Saturday with their aunt, Mrs. W. M. Elliott, and mother, Mrs. Nettie Shelton of Cisco, who is spending some time here in the home of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Elliott. C. V. has recently received a promotion from cashier to vice-president of the Semole bank.

Postal Receipts Up 23 Per Cent

Post office receipts for 1959 totaled \$22,830.70 as compared to \$18,573.04 in 1958, according to a report from Wren Durham, Merkel postmaster.

This is an increase of \$6,257.66 or approximately 23 1/2 per cent.

MOTHERS TO 'MARCH' HERE ON JAN. 28

Merkel mothers will join the nationwide mothers' appeal for funds Thursday evening, Jan. 28, in the annual Mothers' March for the New March of Dimes.

An estimated two million women will be seeking information and support for the National Foundation's fight against birth defects, arthritis and polio.

Local mothers of the Merkel schools, headed by Mrs. David Gamble, will conduct the local Mothers' March bringing to the New March of Dimes primary campaign.

Mothers going from household to household seeking contributions to the March of Dimes, will also present household with a copy of "Door Count," a fact-finding

folder in which a family may indicate if any of its members has a birth defect, arthritis or polio and how many have had three or more Salk vaccine shots.

The questionnaire, planned to provide information which will help guide National Foundation county chapters in formulating local programs to aid the disabled, may be filled out and sent to Cal Farley, local chairman of the March of Dimes. Each family record will be confidential.

Merkel mothers have collected between \$400 and \$500 in their door-to-door campaigns in the past.

NEILL'S LAMBS TOPS IN LIVESTOCK SHOW

Ferris Neill, Merkel High sophomore and FFA member, placed one of his fat lambs at the top of each of the five mutton classes at the Merkel Community Livestock Show Saturday at the FFA show barn here.

The young sheep breeder, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Neill of Merkel, swept the first six places in the Southdown class. No entry topped his lambs in the other classes comprised of Hampshire, Dorset fine wool and cross bred entries.

Judge T. C. Blankenship, Hamilton vocational agriculture instructor, praised the quality of the steer division. He named a heavy weight 4-H Hereford shown by Rodney Robertson, combination Merkel-FFA and Taylor County 4-H member, to the grand championship. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Robertson of Merkel.

The second place heavy steer exhibited by Danny Malone, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark L. Malone of Merkel and a 4-H feeder, was named reserve.

Both calves were from the Roy Largent herd at Merkel. Danny also exhibited the first place lightweight steer.

Champion barrow honors went to an entry owned by Tommy McAninch, FFA member and son of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis McAninch of Merkel.

Complete results of the judg-

ing of some 60 entries at Merkel Saturday are as follows.

FAT LAMBS
Southdown—1. through 6. Ferris Neill, FFA; 7. Aleta Scott, 4-H; and 8. David Scott, FFA.

Hampshire — 1. and 2. Neill; 3. D. Scott; 4. Jimmy Jacobs, FFA; 5. Ronnie Doan, FFA; 6. Jacobs; 7. Van Ganthe, FFA; 8. Jacobs; 9. Joe Bierra, FFA; and 10. Jerry Don Black, FFA.

Crossbred — 1. Neill; 2. O. Scott; 3. D. Scott; 4. and 5. Mary Johnson, 4-H.

Fine Wool — 1. Neill; 2. Myrtle Davis, 4-H; 3. 4. and 5. Del Davis, 4-H.

Dorset — 1. Neill; 2. D. Scott; and 3. O. Scott.

FAT BARROWS
Singles, any breed — 1. Tommy McAninch, FFA; 2. Dick White, 4-H; 3. Dale White, 4-H; 4. 5. and 6. McAninch.

STEERS
Lightweight — 1. Danny Malone, 4-H; 2. Jacky Riney, FFA; 3. Del Davis, 4-H; 4. Bob Benson, 4-H; 5. David Riney, FFA; 6. Frosty Winter, FFA; 7. Carl Irvin, 4-H; and 8. Freddy Toombs, 4-H.

Heavyweight — 1. Rodney Robertson, 4-H (Champion); 2. Danny Malone, 4-H (Reserve); 3. Robertson; 4. Bill Holloway, 4-H; 5. Toombs; 6. Del Davis; 7. Irvin; and 8. Myrtle Davis.

Merchants Appreciation Day Is Every Thursday

Safe Driving Insurance Plan

By J. O. MUSICK
General Manager

Texas Safety Association, Inc.
Seven days ago Texas motorists began operating their private vehicles under the new Texas Safe Driving Insurance Plan — a plan which is expected to reward 1.3 million insured Texas automobile owners with a savings of \$20 million each year. Furthermore, and maybe more importantly, it is believed by its proponents that the new plan will have a salutary effect on traffic accidents that is difficult to measure in dollars and cents alone.

How did the plan come about? Why change from the old system? Is it an equitable plan, or does it deal unfairly with many thousands of Texans? Who's going to get rich off of it? These are only a few of the questions posed by statesmen and laymen alike in recent weeks.

To begin with, the plan is not new, it is merely a refinement of what has been in effect since 1952.

In 1957, the 55th Texas Legislature wanted to know why auto insurance rates were 45 per cent higher in Harris County than in

Dallas County. In essence it found out that the drivers in Dallas County (which made up a portion of one of ten insurance-rating regions in Texas) were simply a lot safer than the drivers in Harris County. But what about the safe driver in Harris County? He paid the same as an unsafe driver just as the unsafe driver in Dallas County got off light because of his neighbor's carefulness.

Rightfully, Senators and Legislators from the 55th didn't see the equity in this plan and authorized the State Board of Insurance to make a careful study of various merit rating plans with an eye to seeing what could be done to reward the individually safe driver in Texas.

After an exhaustive study of merit plans in Canada, California (8 other states have similar systems) and from 43 foreign countries, the framework of the Texas plan was formed. A continuing study was made by the actuarial staff of the Board and Texas Department of Public Safety as they delved into the facts and figures of 40,365 drivers' records. With the statistical information compiled from this source they arrived at various percentages of credits, surcharges and time-coverages in the new plan.

Proponents of the plan do not declare it infallible, but the plan does combine the thinking and experience of some of the most brilliant insurance men and safety experts in the State.

HOW DOES THE PLAN WORK?
Households where drivers have a three year record of no chargeable accidents, or chargeable convictions for moving traffic violations, will be entitled to a 20 per cent discount below regular premium rates. With one point against them, the household will pay the regular rate. With two, three, four, five six or more against them (you can get four points for driving while intoxicated), the household will pay a corresponding 20 per cent increase for each point, up to 100 per cent increase.

WHY A POINT SYSTEM?
Studies show that there is a direct relationship between highway accidents and convictions for moving traffic violations. The group of drivers who run up a record of convictions have a much greater chance of being involved in accidents than does the group of drivers who drive in a lawful manner. Statistically, the group of drivers who received a point in 1959, that will count against them are three times more likely to have an accident in 1960 than is the group of drivers whose safety-consciousness has kept them from having an accident or

TENTH ANNUAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS OBSERVANCE PROCLAIMED



TEXAS PUBLIC SCHOOLS WEEK has been proclaimed by Governor Price Daniel for February 28-March 5. Receiving the proclamation for the tenth annual statewide observance is John McKee (right), who has served as State Chairman of the Texas Citizens' Committee for Public Schools Week since the week was inaugurated in 1950. Chief purpose of the observance is to induce more citizens — not only parents but all others — to visit the schools and see for themselves the functioning of our democratic system of education.

being ticketed for a moving traffic violation.

IS THE PLAN EQUITABLE?

Many opponents have expressed doubts about the fairness of the plan because of the three year period in which it reaches back for its records. They say that had many Texans known they were going to be penalized, they would have protested minor traffic infractions in court. There is some merit of truth in their arguments and undoubtedly many of these people would have won their cases. But if these drivers are truly safe drivers, with the one exception they speak of, they will not be charged any more for insurance than they now pay, too they will have a chance to prove their safety ability and earn a discount in the years ahead. Approximately 73 per cent of the motorists in Texas are lawful and accident-free drivers, thus the burden of paying for the Texas Safe Driving Insurance Plan will be shifted to the shoulders of the unsafe drivers who are causing the most accidents.

In time all Texas motorists could benefit from the plan, even those who have an occasional point chalked up against them, because safety experts believe the plan will encourage safe driving with a resultant reduction in traffic accidents which will lower insurance rates for all.

WHO'S GOING TO GET RICH?

If anyone is going to "get rich" off the new plan it is certainly not the insurance companies; they are running the greatest risk of any group. About the only persons who stand to make a finan-

cial gain are the safe drivers.

WILL EVERY ACCIDENT COST POINTS?

There are many exceptions in the assignment of points for an accident or traffic ticket. For example, suppose you are backing out of a parking place in a shopping center and accidentally scrape the fender of the car next to you, you would not be assigned points against you, unless the damage exceeded \$25. Also if you are ticketed for defective lights or other equipment, except brakes, you are not assigned points. Numerous such exceptions none of which would reflect on a person's driving ability are incorporated in the plan to make it equitable.

WILL COURTS BOG DOWN?

It has been charged that Texas' court system will create a serious bottle neck in handling the expected influx of traffic ticket appeals. This, unfortunately, is possible, but it is not an argument against the plan. Instead, it points up a greater need for a revision of our traffic court system. For many years the Texas Safety Association, National Safety Council, Texas Bar Association, the Governor's office and others who must cope with traffic problems have fought for legislation that will make Texas' traffic courts as modern as our state's highways.

There will be strong criticism to the plan for months to come, but it is not likely to come from well informed sources, unless they are outspokenly opposed to rewarding individual motorists

for their safe driving.
Texans now pay in excess of \$440-million each year for traffic accidents, not to mention the suffering caused by the loss of nearly 2500 lives and over 125,000 injuries. This is a burdensome price indeed, the Texas Safe Driving Insurance Plan could do much to reduce these costs.

Mrs. Bill Cain and grandchildren Dee and Terri Ann Aishman all of Woodbridge Va. who came to attend funeral service for Mrs. Cain's aunt, Mrs. B. T. Sublett, remained for a visit with Mr. Sublett. Mrs. Cain is the former Helen Roberts.

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Former Merkel Football Star Letters At ACC

ABILENE, Jan. 21. (Sp.) — Robert McLeod from Merkel, has earned his second Abilene Christian College letter in football, said Coach N. L. (Nick) Nickerson last week.

The 6'5" 225-pound end was No. 1 man in pass receiving, with 32 catches for a total of 422 yards. He was also No. 1 man in defensive tackles with 39 tackles and 43 assists; and top man in recoveries and TD's. The Merkel grid great scored 6 TD's this fall, with 36 total points.

McLeod was recently elected to the Dallas Morning-News' All-Texas College Team the Associated Press' Little All-American team and Williamson's Mid-Bracket All-American Team.

In 1958, McLeod was named on the Associated Press Little All-American honorable mentions, Williamson System Mid-Bracket honorable mentions, and the Dallas News All-Texas College first eleven.

McLeod is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam McLeod, of Snyder, formerly of Merkel.

Merchant Marine Nominations Due By Jan. 31

Young men in the 17th congressional district have only until Jan. 31 to apply for entrance to the U. S. Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, N. Y., Rep. Omar Burleson of Albany announced Monday.

Burleson is entitled to nominate 10 young men from the 17th congressional district. He said in a letter that he will take applications for nomination up to that deadline.

Young men who want more information about educational and career opportunities of the program of the U. S. Merchant Marine Academy should contact his office, 1981 New House Office Building, Washington 25, D.C.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Sublett of Junction attended funeral service for Mrs. B. T. Sublett, Friday, Jan. 15, and are visiting his brother, R. T. Sublett.

Pastors Approve Paying Poll Tax

The Merkel Ministers' Alliance go on record favoring an all-out drive for "getting Poll Taxes paid," according to the Rev. J. Alvis Cooley, president of the organization.

Speaking for the group, Rev. Cooley said, "This is a most important year for us to exercise our American heritage and privileges—the right to vote. Many issues can face us this year that only the person who has a poll tax receipt can say if he favors the issue or is against it. Unless you can back up your conviction with a vote, you automatically fail by default and if your side wins, you have not helped; if your side loses, you definitely voted to make it lose. The only way to really win is to obtain the right to cast your vote. PAY YOUR POLL TAX."

TEL Class Meets

The T. E. L. Sunday School class of the First Baptist Church met in the home of Mrs. A. R. Booth Wednesday, Jan. 13. Mr. T. J. Bird was co-hostess.

Mrs. Lucy Ford opened the meeting with prayer. A devotional on "Meditation" was given by Mrs. Sam Swann.

Mrs. Eunice Massey presided for a short business session. Closing prayer was by Mrs. E. W. King.

Refreshments of wafer sandwiches, cake and coffee were served to Mmes. Roy Miller, Sam Swann, T. J. Bird, Ira Moore, Pick Allen, Houston Robertson, Clay Satterwhite, E. W. King, Eunice Massey, Bessie Johnson, Lucy Ford, Myrtle Walker and A. R. Booth.



Trent Girls Win Tourney Trophy

The Trent Junior High School girls' basketball team won the consolation trophy at the Jim Ned basketball tournament this past weekend.

The girls were defeated by Anson, but went on to win consolation by beating Santa Anna and Jim Ned.

Girls playing in the tournament were Brenda Tittle, Delores Barrios, Kaye McWilliams, Sue King, Betty McAninch, Frances Fellers, Floydell Ross, Candy Higgins, Sue Dickerson, Barbara McAninch, and Alene Fellers.

The three starting forwards each shared honors of being high point scorer in the three games. The girls are coached by Sandra Townsend.

Gusso Circle Meets In Home Of Mrs. DuBose

Mrs. Bobby DuBose was hostess for the Guesso Circle's first meeting of the new year.

Plans were made for a box supper to be held in the home of Mrs. Bill Doan on Jan. 23. Time for the supper was set at 8 p.m.

Present were Mmes. E. A. Conley, Lloyd Knipe, Kent Satterwhite, Bobby Toliver, Harold Sloan, Bill Tarpley, John Young, Duane Shugart, Billy Doan and Jimmy Hobbs. Mrs. Waymond Hicks was a guest.

Refreshments served were sandwiches, cake, nuts, cold drinks and coffee.

The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Knipe on Jan. 27.

Gene Hargrove Letters At McM

ABILENE (SPL) — Gene Hargrove, former Merkel High School football star, is one of 25 lettermen announced recently by McMurry College Head football coach Tommy Ellis.

Hargrove, a senior end, played a prominent part in the Indians' climb to a very successful 8-2 won-loss record during the 1959 season.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Hargrove of 712 Locust St., Merkel.

Garden Club Sees Films On Flower Arranging

Jerry Jarrett of the Abilene Coca-Cola Company presented the program for the Merkel Garden Club when they met in the elementary school library Thursday.

Mrs. Johnny Cox, program leader, introduced Jarrett who showed films on "Flower Arranging" and "Wonderful World."

Mrs. W. T. Sadler, presided for the business session when plans were made for decorating tables for the Quarterback Club banquet.

Members decided to observe Arbor Day by planting a tree on the Merkel school grounds.

Hostesses for the meeting were Mmes. Carroll Benson, Robert T. Hodge and Mack Fisher.

Topic for the next meeting will be "Preserving Beauty for the Future," when Mrs. Dent Gibson will be leader and Mrs. W. S. J. Brown and Mrs. Ross Ferrier, hostesses.

Stith HD Club

The Stith Home Demonstration Club met Jan. 13 for a regular meeting at the Community Center. Fifteen members and two visitors were present.

New officers installed were Mrs. Frances Cox, president; Mrs. Ted Hudson, vice president; Mrs. Paul Bradley, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Fletcher Jones, council delegate.

The new president appointed Mrs. Orval Ely reporter; Mrs. Buck Leach recreation leader; Mrs. Bill Powning, marketing; Mrs. R. D. Ely, homestead leader; Mrs. Joe Horton, food leader; and Mrs. Curtis Clyburn, flower chairman.

The next program will be by members on "Parliamentary Procedure" at 2 p.m. on Jan. 27.

The club will hold an auction sale with proceeds going to the March of Dimes. Handmade articles brought by members will be sold.

Mrs. W.M. Hays attended funeral service for her nephew, Will Moss, held Wednesday, Jan. 13, at Mexia. Mr. Moss died Monday from a heart attack.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harwell and children of Odessa visited their parents Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Harwell and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sandusky Sunday.

BADGER TALES

By RUTHA CORDER

FOR INSPIRATION

New beginnings are usually accompanied by good intentions from all involved. Everyone seems to sense a new hope in the air, and strives to do better than they have done in the past. With this frame of mind, most of us strike out to begin a new semester. Will we do better?—We hope so. Will we work harder?—Mrs. McReynolds is planning on it. Will we succeed at being better students? If Mr. Read has his way we will be. These are the square questions we are all asking ourselves, even Wilson Wade.

This columnist suggests that you start out this semester with a pessimistic point of view. If you always expect the very worst you won't be struck dumb when a disaster strikes because you have been expecting it, and if things turn out okay you get that pleased little feeling that always comes with a pleasant surprise. This new outlook also might inspire some of us lazier ones to work harder. Especially if we think we aren't doing our best.

WHO'S WHO THIS WEEK

Butch Palmer has a newly acquired black bomb that he has been blasting down the streets in lately.

Robert Higgins has developed a new love for teachers. It seems to have stemmed from his abnormal hate of correspondence courses in English literature.

James Avers has turned out to be a musician and not the long hair type.

Sharon Cyfert has developed a hate complex involving all weather forecasters. It seems that Sharon sits patiently by her radio every night and listens for the report of extremely bad weather that would cause the schools to close down. It never comes. Poor Sharon.

Bugs
Quite a few are missing from the ranks this week because of flu. I suppose the rest of us will have it next while those that gave it to us return to their previously good health. If you feel kind of sickly please don't breathe on the healthier people. Besides blowing some flu bugs our way you might have a bad breath.

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- WHITE SIDEWALL — DeLUXE SUPER CUSHION
8:50-14 - - - Was \$39.01 - Now \$2872
- DOUBLE EAGLE — SUPER CUSHION
7:60-15 - - - Was \$79.35 - Now \$4614
- DeLUXE TUBE TYPE
6:70 15 - - - Was \$26.00 - Now \$1975
- DeLUXE SUPER CUSHION — WHITE SIDEWALL
7:60-15 - - - Was \$31.82 - Now \$2414
- BLUE STREAK — TUBELESS — SUPER CUSHION
8:50-14 - - - Was \$83.07 - Now \$4829
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7:10-15 - - - Was \$26.44 - Now \$1944

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IRONING WANTED—Mrs. Clarence Foster. 801 S. 1st Street. Phone 339-M. 44-3tp.

WANTED — Someone to take over payments on '58 Morris 1000. Call 182-J. 43-3tc

NOTICE MASONS

Stated meeting of Merkel Lodge No. 710. A.F. & M. Thursday, Jan. 21, 8:00 p.m. All members are urged to attend. Visiting brethren cordially invited.
Henry Martin, W. M.
C. B. Rust, Secretary.

FOR RENT

FOR RENT — 2-room furnished apartment. Recently redecorated. \$35.00 per month. Utilities paid. Lady preferred. Mrs. L. A. Watts. 406 Yucca. 38-tfc

FOR RENT — 7-room furnished house with two baths. \$55 per month. No bills. R. T. Smith. Tel. 383-R. 40-6tp

FOR RENT — 4-room house with bath. Butane and electricity. 8 miles northwest of Merkel in Hebron community. On Noodle school bus route. R. D. Ely. Rt. 2. Tel. 6131 43-3tp.

FOR RENT — 4-room modern house with bath in 5th community. Butane, electricity and telephone. Garage and barn. Plenty of water, nice yard, garden spot and chickens. On bus and mail route. Bryan Dunagan. Phone 133-M. 45-2tp

FOR RENT — Furnished apartment. Mrs. Ina Hunter. 301 Oak Street. Phone 63-W. 45-tfc.

FOR RENT — Furnished 3-room house. Plumbed for automatic washer. 402 Ash or call 51-W. 44-tfc.

POLITICAL Announcements

(The Merkel Mail is authorized to make the following announcements of candidates, subject to the action of the Democratic party primary May 7, 1960.)

Sheriff, Taylor County

Jack V. Davis

J. D. Woodard (re-election)

FOR SALE

BUILDING a new home. Wish to brighten your landscaping. Ten large shrubs and two trees planted. \$49.50. Ph. OR. 2-5017. Garden Gate Nursery, Inc. 2937 outh Treadaway Blvd., Abilene 35-tfc

FOR SALE — Seed oats. 2 mi. north of town. \$1 per bu. See Dave Tarpley. 31-tfc.

BATTERIES CHARGED

29c

WHITE AUTO STORE

Merkel, Texas

FOR SALE — 3 bedroom house with bath and large living room in A-1 condition. Close to school and churches, a good buy for someone. See Cyrus Pee. 26-tfc

FOR SALE — Nortex Seed Oats. First year from Experiment Station. \$1 per bushel at barn. Bring sacks. Sam Butman, Rt. 4. Merkel. 38-tfc.

ACE TV — Sales - Service Service All Makes & Models Satisfaction Guaranteed Phone 228

FOR MONUMENTS CALL TOM COATS

131 MERKEL, TEXAS 16-tf

FOR SALE — '50 model 1-2 ton Ford pickup. See W. C. Allison at White Flat Gasoline Plant. Phone Trent, 2-9887. 43-3tp.

FOR SALE — One good used Hotpoint Electric Range. One Swivel-top T-V Table. One built-in ironing board. Mrs. F. P. Hamm. 202 Oak St. 45-1tp.

FOR SALE — Motorola record player in good condition. See Robbie Hannah. 301 Lamar Street. 45-tfc.

FOR SALE — Deep fryer. Good condition. See Mrs. Estelle Hannah, 301 Lamar Street. 45-1tp.

FOR SALE — Good gas range cheap. Call 109-W 44-3tp.

FOR SALE — Well located, nice two bedroom house. See or call 109-W. 44-tfc.

CARD OF THANKS

The kindness and sympathy of neighbors and friends in our recent sorrow will always remain with us as a precious memory. Our sincere thanks and gratitude for all those comforting acts.
B. T. Sublett
The Ben. Jack and Jim Sublett Families.

LEGAL NOTICE

SPECIAL NOTICE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Partnership between B. N. Hyde and Dean Lindquist, d-b-a Hyde & Company, was dissolved on the 31st day of December, 1959. All debts due to the said Partnership are to be paid and those due the same discharged at the office of Southern Garden, 4040 South Treadaway, in the City of Abilene, Texas, where the business will be continued by the said Dean Lindquist.
Done at Abilene, Texas, January 6, 1960.
(SIGNED)
B. N. HYDE
DEAN LINDQUIST

44-45-46-47

Ike Turner

Electrical & Mechanical

Contracting

1038 N. 1st St. Phone 50

Home Demonstration Notes

By LORETA ALLEN

Taylor County Home Demonstration Agent



Now is a good time to set out shrubs and trees. The good rains that we have had will give them a good start.

I started my new year demonstrations with Blue Bonnet Club. We met in Mrs. Murrell Riggins home. It was cold and rainy but several of the members did not let that scare them.

I also visited Wylie 4-H Club when it met last week. It is always inspirational to see those young girls presiding and conducting meetings with so much grace and poise. They are beginning a program on learning shrubs and trees suitable for Taylor County.

Mrs. Harry Franklin, clothing demonstrator for Potosi Club showed me a real nice sewing center she had arranged by converting a small closet into a place for ironing board, iron, storage for material, patterns and all sewing equipment. On one wall she had a board for thread, scissors and other articles she could hang up. Mrs. Franklin says the sewing center really saves her time and she enjoys sewing more with everything right together. It saves from going to room to

room to pick up her sewing equipment.

Tuscola Club started their new year off with Mrs. Rex Reddell their new president presiding. They were discussing who would be a landscape demonstrator and Mrs. E. T. Saling a visitor said that she would like to be a club member and a landscape demonstrator. We are looking forward to seeing her develop a good landscape demonstration for Tuscola Club.

The Home Demonstration Council Committees met Friday to make out recommendations to present to Council when it meets January 21. Mrs. Roy Manahan presided for the meeting and announced the following committees.

- Finance
 - Mrs. Novel Baize Rt. 5 Abilene, Texas
 - Mrs. Riley Miller Rt. 2 Abilene, Texas
 - Mrs. Edgar Kendall Rt. 4 Abilene, Texas
- Yearbook
 - Mrs. Deniz Cox Merkel, Texas
 - Miss Vada Hardwick Rt. 5 Abilene, Texas
 - Mrs. G. T. Black Lawn, Texas
- Three E. Committees
 - Mrs. Manse Mitchel Goldsboro, Texas
 - Mrs. R. E. Clemmer Rt. 4 Merkel, Texas
 - Mrs. Lucille Snow Rt. 5 Abilene, Texas
 - Mrs. J. R. Childers Ovalo, Texas
 - Mrs. Monroe Graham Tuscola, Texas
- Recreation
 - Mrs. I. A. Groene Rt. 5 Abilene, Texas
 - Mrs. Rex Reddell Tuscola, Texas
 - Mrs. G. S. Billingsley Lawn, Texas
- 4-H Leaders
 - Mrs. Charles Smith Rt. 1, Box 415 Abilene, Texas

The only three unable to attend Mrs. Novel Baize, Miss Vade

Hardwick and Mrs. Manse Mitchel.

Mrs. Harold Ford was in the office before Christmas and said that one thing she planned to do this year was to plan her menus for a week at a time. She did this as she was working on her demonstration as a Farm and Home Development Family. She says that they can have much better food at a lower cost if she plans for a week at a time and makes out her market order.

Do you plan meals ahead and have a shopping list when you go to the grocery store, or do you buy whatever attracts at the moment? Impulse buying can be costly.

Here is why... Buying because the food looks good, is attractively displayed, or suits your appetite at the moment, often rules out such considerations as price, nutritive value, amount needed, family preferences, and left-overs or other foods that you already have on hand.

Without a plan it is hard to resist tempting displays. But you can guard against costly impulse buying by planning meals ahead—at least several days to make best use of foods on hand and to stay within budget bounds.

Knowing the essentials of a good diet is necessary for meal planning. "THE TEXAS FOOD STANDARD" available from my office is an easy guide for planning daily menus.

You will find that the shopping list is easy to plan after menus are made. Time spent in planning menus and making a shopping list will save time and money at the grocery store. It also will satisfaction for family members, mean better nutrition and eating

For COLDS take 666

HIGGINS SHOP Phone 91

LEGAL NOTICE

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

GREETING: You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once 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: Stanley W. Merrell, 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 29th day of February A.D. 1960, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 15th day of January A.D. 1960 in this cause, numbered 24-617-A no docket of said court and styled Connie L. Merrell, Plaintiff, vs. Stanley W. Merrell, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows: to-wit: plaintiff and defendant were married on the 18th day of February, 1956, and became permanently separated on or about 1st of January, 1957.

Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of harsh and cruel treatment.

Plaintiff also sues for custody of minor child 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 15th day of January A.D. 1960.

(SEAL) Attest R. H. Ross, Clerk, 42nd District Court, Taylor County, Texas By Irene Crawford, Deputy. 45-46-47-48

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REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE

Farmers and Merchants National Bank

OF MERKEL

IN THE STATE OF TEXAS, AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON DECEMBER 31, 1959 PUBLISHED IN RESPONSE TO CALL MADE BY COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY, UNDER SECTION 5211, U. S. REVISED STATUTES.

ASSETS

1. Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balance, and cash items in process of collection	1,170,412.00
2. United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed	1,247,008.77
3. Obligations of States and political subdivisions (including postal savings)	691,313.26
5. Corporate stocks (including \$6,000.00 stock of Federal Reserve bank)	6,000.00
6. Loans and discounts (including \$921.77 overdrafts)	752,229.35
7. Bank premises owned \$75,000.00, furniture and fixtures \$50,000.00	125,000.00
12. TOTAL ASSETS	3,991,963.38

LIABILITIES

13. Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	3,602,155.20
15. Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings)	41,409.68
16. Deposits of States and political subdivisions	55,008.83
18. Other deposits (certified and cashier's checks, etc.)	11,944.49
19. TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$3,710,418.20
24. TOTAL LIABILITIES	3,710,418.20

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

25. Capital Stock:	
(c) Common stock, total par	100,000.00
26. Surplus	100,000.00
27. Undivided profits	81,545.18
29. TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	281,545.18
30. TOTAL LIABILITIES and CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	3,991,963.38

MEMORANDA

31. Assets pledged or assigned to secure liabilities and for other purposes 156,000.00

1. Geo. T. Moore, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief

GEO. T. MOORE, Cashier,
CORRECT—Attest
H. C. WEST
W. S. J. BROWN
W. T. SADLER, M.D. Directors

State of Texas, County of Taylor, ss:
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 12th day of January, 1960, and I hereby certify that I am not an officer or director of this bank. (SEAL) Mattie Lou Wozencraft, Notary Public My commission expires June 1, 1961.

REPORT OF CONDITION OF

HOME STATE BANK

OF TRENT, TEXAS

Report of condition of "Home State Bank" of Trent, Texas at the close of business December 31, 1959, a State banking institution organized and operating under the banking laws of this State and a member of the Federal Reserve System. Published in accordance with a call made by the State Banking Authorities and by the Federal Reserve Bank of this District.

ASSETS

1. Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balance, and cash items in process of collection	403,726.13
2. United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed	312,000.00
5. Corporate stocks (including \$3,000.00 stock of Federal Reserve bank)	3,000.00
6. Loans and discounts (including \$.64 cents overdrafts)	239,675.55
7. Bank premises owned \$4,000.00, furniture and fixtures \$6,380.00	10,380.00
12. TOTAL ASSETS	968,781.68

LIABILITIES

13. Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	795,502.72
15. Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings)	187.50
16. Deposits of States and political subdivisions	54,778.73
19. TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$850,468.95
24. TOTAL LIABILITIES	850,468.95

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

25. Capital*	\$ 25,000.00
26. Surplus	75,000.00
27. Undivided profits	18,312.73
29. TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	118,312.73
30. TOTAL LIABILITIES and CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	968,781.68

*This bank's capital consists of:
Common stock with total par value of \$25,000.00

I, James V. Ross, Cashier of the above-named bank, hereby certify that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

CORRECT—ATTEST:
DIRECTORS
T. H. WILLIAMSON
DOW WILLIAMSON
J. C. CRAIN

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Taylor, ss:
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 12th day of January, 1960. (SEAL) BETTY FREEMAN, Notary Public Taylor County, Texas

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Frontier News Flashes

Department of Journalism & Graphic Arts
University of Houston

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December 28, 1859
January 2, 1860

Review of the Market Galveston Since our last report we have advised that the cold weather has extended over the State generally. Snow and ice having covered the ground for several days. The crop on Sugar plantations has been cut a third to two-thirds of the expected yield and cotton picking has ceased entirely.

Upon the report that yellow fever has disappeared entirely, planters and merchants from the area have thronged our city and store business has been very effective.

European Congress finally called. The Nova Scotian brings the important political intelligence that invitations have been finally issued for the long proposed European conference. The invitations are to all the powers which are parties to the treaty of 1815. The Congress will probably meet in Paris early in January.

The announcement of the decease of Washington Irving full of years and honors was an event which has pained the whole

community, but because it was looked for from his ripe age at any moment, when his sincere friends (for who was not Irving's sincere friend?) heard that his last days were without suffering that he knew no lingering sickness, no pains of dissolution, stepped as it were, from time into eternity . . .

Death of ex-president Mirabeau B. Lamar.

The city yesterday was startled by the unexpected intelligence of the death of the distinguished patriot and soldier of the Revolution. Few of the men of '36 survive. They are fast passing away and soon no one will be left to tell the tale. As President he met the difficulties of the period with an open, straightforward policy. In the Mexican war he won new laurels at Monterrey. His last service as U. S. Minister to Central America showed him in another light as gentle and soothing to the pride of that inferior people.

Up Country News: They rode an abolitionist at Helena on a rail the other day. The ceremony was witnessed by a highly amused audience. He had been giving some interesting talks about freedom and insurrections. A Union



MASONIC HOME in Fort Worth has just celebrated its sixtieth anniversary. More than 150 children and grandchildren of Texas Masons make their home at the famous institution, which has one of the State's finest independent school systems. Pictured here are members of the 3rd, 4th and 5th grades seated at their new study centers which adjust to the individual child's needs.

mass meeting was to be called in Austin on the 21st inst. All friends of the Constitution and those opposed to the agitation of the slavery question are invited to attend.

20 YEARS AGO

IN MERKEL

Honor roll of the Merkel Public School for the third six-weeks period, as released by Supt. Connor Robinson this week, includes the names of 137 pupils—84 in Grammar school and 53 in High School. Becky Gardner, a Junior, with an average of 98, led the entire group of students.

W. C. Perkins, Butman farmer and rancher, will assume duties soon as Taylor county's range inspector under the AAA program. He will succeed W. A. Graham of Guion, who is resigning. The range inspector is practically the county administrator of the ranchmen's program.

On Saturday, Jan. 20, Mr. Ray Orsborn and Miss Neva Malone drove to Weatherford, where they were united in matrimony by Rev. Hollis Shook, pastor of the North Methodist Weatherford circuit. Those attending the wedding were Mrs. Hollis Shook, wife of the pastor, and Mrs. W. M. Cummings of Weatherford.

Nolan Palmer of the firm of White and Palmer, Magnolia Service station owners, will enjoy an all-expense paid trip to Monterrey, N. M., in February, as the result of a sales contest covering last four months of 1939, in which these dealers exceeded their sales of Magnolia products during the same period in 1938.

40 YEARS AGO

IN MERKEL

Geo. E. Collins and Miss Lara May Harris were married at the home of Rev. I. L. Parrack on Wednesday afternoon. They left immediately for Trent to spend a few days.

The local Red Cross members met at the school house on last Tuesday afternoon and elected Mrs. H. F. Groene, Chairman; Mrs. W. A. McSoadden, Secretary; Mrs. Frank McFarland, Treasurer; The Red Cross funds amounted to \$478.15, were turned over to the newly elected officers.

Among the many real estate changes recently taking place here, we note the purchase by E. N. Brown, the genial manager of the Brown Dry Goods company, of the splendid residence, formerly known as the Propst place. This is indeed a splendid home, ideally located, and we feel sure will prove to be a profitable purchase by the new owner, who with his family will soon move to same.

Another important deal was the purchase by E. Siegel, hustling proprietor of the Economy Store, of the Tracy property in the southeast part of the city, belonging to Mrs. Emory McDonald.

Dr. James H. Chaney

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Alf Walla, shop instructor at Merkel High School, and his students have fofered to install a new door on the Scout Hut for the Merkel Girl Scouts.

Mrs. David Gamble, neighborhood chairman for the local Scouts, said the door was damaged when vandals broke into the Scout Hut last summer. The Scouts, with their meager funds, she said, have been trying to replace needed equipment taken from the hut at the time, and to repair the damage done to the building.

Mrs. Gamble said the Scouts and their leaders "deeply appreciate the help given by Mr. Walla and his boys."

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Vivian Agnew —————	5.00
Thursday — Loser — M. K. McGuire —————	100.00
Mrs. L. A. Sargent —————	10.00
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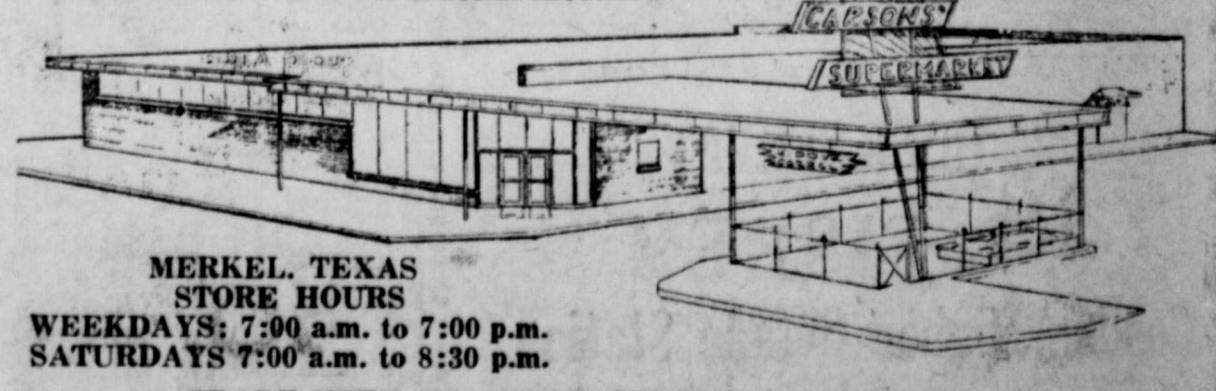
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