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MERKEL JUNIOR CLASS PLAYS SET MARCH 20

The Merkel Junior Class will present their plays Tuesday evening, March 20, at 7:30 in the auditorium. "Aunt Billie from Texas" is a two act farce-comedy and "A Night in the Country" is a one act farce-comedy. Admission is 50c for adults and 25c for children. The public is urged to support the juniors who will use the proceeds to help finance the junior-senior banquet.

The cast is as follows:
"Aunt Billie from Texas"
Uncle Dick Lansing, retired and

Merkel High Band Attends Lamesa Band Festival

The Merkel High School Band attended the Second Annual Lamesa Invitational Band Festival Friday and Saturday, March 9 and 10.

Housing for the band students was furnished by the local citizens, and a good time was had by all. Students were entertained with a variety show Friday night in the high school auditorium.

The contest started Saturday morning and lasted all day with a concert by the Texas Tech College Concert Band under the direction of Dean Killion concluding the day's activity.

The high school bands which participated in the contest were: Marfa, McCamey, Stanton, Fort Stockton, Dimmitt, Andrews, Monahans, Brownfield, Plains, Sudan, Merkel, Seagraves, Rankin and Lamesa.

The Junior High Bands were: Seminole, Snyder, Odessa and Big Spring.

Trophies were presented to the outstanding band in each class for concert playing and sight reading.

Those bands were: Class AAA Brownfield High School Band, concert playing and sight reading; Class AA Dimmitt High School Band, concert playing and sight reading; Class A Seagraves High School Band, concert playing, and Rankin, sight reading; Class CCC Bonham Junior High, Odessa, concert playing and Bowie Junior High, Odessa, sight reading.

The judges for the concert playing were Dr. Clarence Sawhill from the University of California and Clyde Roller, conductor for the Amarillo Symphony Orchestra. The sight reading judge was Julian Bradbury from the Artesia, N.M., Public School System.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hardesty, Mr. and Mrs. Alf Walla and Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Reed made the trip with the band.

Tye Post Office Dedication Held Last Saturday

TYE — One-hundred and fifty persons attended the dedication of the new Tye Post Office Saturday at which Maurice Brooks of Abilene presented, in behalf of Congressman Omar Burslem, a flag which has flown over both the national capitol and the post office department building in Washington.

Postmaster Lula Hassey made the opening remarks at the afternoon dedication. Vernon Bell, regional real estate officer from Lubbock, spoke representing the Post Office Department. J. Walter Hammond, now of Abilene, past president of the Texas Farm Bureau, also spoke as did Postal Inspector Willard A. Forrester and the Rev. J. Temple Lewis of Lockney.

Local Cub Scouts, under direction of Mrs. Earl Dammes, den mother, comprised the color guard. Cloy Allen of Wingate, national vice president of the League of Postmasters, was master of ceremonies. The invocation was given by Rev. David Hartman of Tye and Rev. Bill Wright, pastor of the Tye Methodist Church, gave the benediction. Tommy Robison played the national anthem on the cornet.

The post office was opened for inspection by the public following the program and refreshments were served.

wealthy, Dick Leach
Rush Owens, a singer who impersonates the real Aunt Billie, Douglas Gladden
Pepper Sorrels, a young lawyer, disguised as Rush Owen's servant, Jerry Don McWilliams
Dr. Edward Hazwell, a throat specialist, Phil Winter
Dr. Francis Sinclair, another throat specialist, Wayne Hester
Dr. Tom Buckley, a throat specialist who substitutes for Dr. Hazwell, Charles Russell
Jerry, a bell hop at a fashionable New York hotel, Danny Williams
Two stretcher bearers Mike Doan and Ronny Doan
Two officers Alan Doan and David Scott
Man with a message Billy Higgins
Miss Jeanette Grimly, a chaperone for a party of young girls, Malinee Seymore
The real Aunt Billie Sharon Buntin
Constance Norbury, the leader of the girls Nancy Teaff
Edith Woods Nancy Johnson
Edna Russell Jean Woodard
Catherine Wudson Jo Ann Horton
Betty Richardson Marie Ford
Agnes Morey Joan Black
Nurse Luisa Alcorta
Time: Present
Place: A fashionable New York hotel suite

"A Night in the Country"
Al Honeywinkle, a city dweller, Danny Bagby
Lottie, his wife, Ann Curtis
Francie, their beautiful daughter, Sherry Turner
Jackie, their awkward son, Tim Martin
Herman, their good-natured nephew, Roger Moore
Ronnie, Francie's sweetheart, Don Parmelly
Willy Dittman, a visitor, Keith Wilson
Mrs. Dittman, his wife, Ruby Gibson
Mr. Steegenrod, a tombstone-cutter, David Löfflin
Time: A summer's evening
Place: A summer cottage at Lake Ronnytonko, about fifty miles from New York City
Production Staff: Mrs. Perkins, Mansel Gilmer, Craig Jones, Billy Lucas, Mack Mansfield, Allen Morgan, and James Swinney

LADIES AUXILIARY INSTALLS OFFICERS

The Ladies Auxiliary of Veterans of W.W.I. of Merkel and Trent met Thursday, March 8, Lora Turner, District 17 Chief of Staff from Abilene, installed the following officers: Annie Lou Ferguson, president; Lucy Bonneaux, secretary; Ruth Cox, treasurer-reporter; Billie Hartley, legislative chairman and chaplain; Althea Reynolds, guard; Madge Crain, VAWS; Maude Bryant, membership; Ruby Fulton, conductress; Trula Cox, vice president; and Mary Mosier, first vice president.

Fourteen men of Barracks 2248 and 12 ladies and 3 visitors were served coffee and cake.

WEEKLY BOOKMOBILE STOPS ANNOUNCED

Four stops will be made for the Tri-County Library Bookmobile next week, March 12-17, in Taylor County.

Thursday, March 15, stops will include Elmdale School from 2 to 3 p.m.; and Boys Ranch from 3:45 to 4:15 p.m.
On Saturday, March 17, visits will be at Home State Bank in Trent from 9 to 10:45 a.m. and the welfare office in Merkel from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

MCMURRY SENIOR FROM MERKEL GETS AWARD

Two McMurry College seniors were singled out this week for honors leading to new highs in their academic and professional futures.

The students are Charles Curb of Merkel and Dave DuBois from Macy, Indiana.

In May, Charles Curb receives his B.A.—in English and German. In August he will qualify for another B.A.—in Math and Physics.

Then he departs for the University of Arkansas, which has selected him as one of three recipients this year of a 3-year national defense scholarship.

The grant totals \$6,600 for the three years, plus free tuition, free out-of-state fees (the equivalent of \$1,410), and \$2,000 in salary for teaching the last two years.

Curb will take his Ph. D. in English from the University of Arkansas, and then enter the teaching field. His grant came as the result of the combined support of Dr. Lloyd Huff, McMurry professor of English, and Dr. Claude W. Faulkner, head of the English department at Arkansas. Both have lauded Curb for the high quality of his undergraduate work.

DuBois, a McMurry Chemistry major, has been offered a graduate assistantship at Ohio State University. He will begin work on his M.A., and ultimately his Ph. D., this fall.



BASKETBALL MAGIC — Three of the Harlem Stars who will be in action Saturday night here against a Merkel Jaycee team. The benefit basketball game will be played in Merkel High School gymnasium starting at 8 p.m.

Jaycee Benefit Basketball Game Saturday Night

A group of Merkel Jaycees will don basketball togs Saturday for a set-to with the Harlem Stars in a benefit game at the Merkel High School gymnasium at 8 p.m. Saturday.

Funds raised from the game will be used by the local Jaycees in construction of a city park here. The park is to be built near the water tower.

Tickets are \$1.20 for adults, \$1 for students and 50 cents for children 6-12 if purchased at the box office just prior to the game.

Jaycee members will be handling preticket sales between now and game time and prices will be reduced to \$1.25 for adults, 75 cents for students and 50 cents for children.

Jaycee members who will be in action Saturday night against the Harlem Stars will be:

Buddy Martin, Jerry McWilliams, Bobby Jones, John O'Dell, D. C. Hendricks, Larry White, Pat Patterson, Dickey Donhein, Billy Gilbert and Joe Doan. Clinton Spurgin is manager.

Lineup for the Harlem team will be Buie Boid, Ed Wallace, Taylor Billingsley, Willie McNeil and Andy Sheppard.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Campbell and children, Brenda, Katie and Clifford, of Haske were visitors in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hamp Campbell and her mother, Mrs. Carrie Washburn, Sunday.

JAYCEES ANTI-COMMIE SEMINAR SET FRIDAY

The Merkel Jaycees Anti-Communism Seminar will be held Friday, March 16, at 8 p.m. in the Merkel High School Auditorium. This is the event which many consecrated and patriotic citizens have been waiting for, and this is your opportunity to help your country and yourself by learning more about the communist menace which threatens to engulf us.

The speaker for this event will be Gordon Asbury Jr., Abilene attorney-at-law. Asbury is a graduate of Hardin-Simmons University and Baylor Law School. He was a Naval pilot and has always been an outstanding patriot. Asbury is a member of the Abilene Jaycees.

In addition to Asbury's address, there will be a film on communism. Also, this will be the occasion for the announcing of the winners in the Merkel Jaycee Anti-Communism Essay contest held in area high schools. Awards will be made and the three winning papers will be read.

There will be no charge for attending this very worthwhile and educational program. Everyone is strongly urged to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Masters, sons, Greg and Jeff and twin daughters, Gizni and Jynni of Ft. Worth were week-end visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Ike D. Turner and family.



BUILDING MEDALLION DEDICATED

This historical building medallion, symbolic of the first 100 to be erected across the state, was dedicated Sunday afternoon (March 4) in ceremonies at the 1840 Eggleston House in Gonzales. Participating in the program were Sen. Calp Kresger of El Campo, acting governor, and Mrs. Mike Butler of Austin, chairman of the historical buildings committee of the Texas State Historical Survey Committee. The dedicatory ceremony climaxed a three-day Texas Independence Day weekend tour by members of the TSHSC. The organization, which administers the medallion program, expects to have mounted 1,000 of the metal plaques by the end of 1962. They will mark early Texas structures that have been reclaimed and prepared for posterity.

10 CANDIDATES FILE FOR SCHOOL BOARD

Ten candidates including three seeking reelection, have announced for the Merkel school trustee offices which will be filled in a

trustee election April 7. Filing for reelection are William R. Cyfert, D. L. Moore and Ford Smith Jr.

Mrs. Gaston Taylor Funeral Conducted In New Mexico

Mrs. Gaston Taylor, 54, of Lovington, New Mexico, died at 6 p.m. Saturday, March 10, in Hobbs N. M. hospital. She was the mother of Mrs. John Young, 101 South 10th St., Merkel.

Mrs. Taylor had been hospitalized at Sadler Clinic and had received treatment at Hendrick Hospital in Abilene before being transferred to Hobbs.

Mrs. Taylor had been staying at her daughter's home here in Merkel at various times during the last year.

Funeral was held at the First Baptist Church of Lovington on Monday, March 12. Burial was in Memory Gardens in Hobbs.

Surviving are her husband, three sisters; Mrs. Joe Wyche, Mrs. B. H. Pope and Mrs. O. S. Bigham, all of Lovington; two brothers David Stanbro of Hobbs and Clyde Stanbro of Pueblo, Colorado, one daughter, Mrs. John Young and two grandchildren, Ray and Becky Young of Merkel.

Former Trent Pastor Named Revival Preacher

Rev. Darwin Welsh of Salt Lake City, Utah, and former pastor of Trent Baptist Church will be the evangelist for the spring revival meeting at the Trent Baptist Church. The Rev. B. J. Swindler, pastor of the Trent church, has announced.

Rev. Welsh is a graduate of Hardin-Simmons University and attended Southwestern Baptist Seminary in Ft. Worth and is a native of Texas.

The schedule of the services are: night evangelistic preaching, March 16-25 at 7:30 p.m. and morning Bible study, March 18-23 at 7:30 a.m. The regular Sunday services are: Sunday School 9:45 and preaching at 11 a.m.

Other candidates are Roy Dalziel, Robert Higgins, Herman Curson, J. C. Jacobs, Mrs. W. M. Lohlin, Mrs. Mina Winter and Joe D. Gregory.

The three successful candidates will serve three year terms each on the Merkel School Board.

Andy Shouse has been named election judge and the voting will be held in the high school gymnasium.

Mrs. V. B. Pierson Dies' Funeral Held Saturday

ODESSA — Funeral for Mrs. Wynama (Judy) Pierson, 42, of Odessa were held last Saturday morning in the Park View Church of Christ here with Lanny Henninger, minister, officiating.

Burial was in Merkel at 4 p.m. Saturday under direction of Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home of Odessa.

Mrs. Pierson died at Medical Center Hospital while undergoing surgery. She had been ill about 13 days.

Born Wynama Eason April 23, 1919, in Jones County, near Merkel, she was married Oct. 1, 1944, in El Paso, Tex., to Verland B. Pierson. They moved to Odessa March 1, 1959, from Midland.

She was a member of the Church of Christ and had served in the WAC's from 1942 to 1944. Survivors include her husband; three daughters, Paula Sue, 16, Sandra Joyce, 15, and Deborah Margaret, 5, all of the home; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Eason of Anson; two sisters, Mrs. Jack McDowell of Wichita Falls, and Mrs. Tommy Howell of Anson; one brother, W. H. Eason Jr. of Abilene; three nieces and six nephews.

Pallbearers were W. H. Lemley, Harlan Boyd, Martin Meredith, Earl Putman, Jack Skidmore and Bud Wilkerson.

New Merkel Boy Scout Troop Being Formed

Organizational plans will be made Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at Fellowship Hall, First Methodist Church, and a troop committee will be selected.

All men interested in helping organize the new troop are invited to attend. Fathers of boys scout age who would like to have their son become a member of this new troop are urged to attend.

Any boy 11 to 14 years of age will be eligible for membership.

The first meeting of the boys will be Monday, March 19, at 7:30 p.m. at Fellowship Hall.

The scout office in Abilene felt a need of another troop in Merkel. The Lions Club is the sponsor of Troop 20 and The First Methodist Church has agreed to sponsor the new troop.

Glenn Reed and Lynn Knight will be working with this new troop. They both have completed their scout training course.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE RESULTS ANNOUNCED

Results of the Merkel Duplicate Bridge Club meeting of March 1 are as follows: First—Mr. and Mrs. Guy Chapman of Abilene, Second—Bill Wool and Buddy McKeever, Roy and Pat Dalziel and Virginia Aills and Bea Fleshen were tied for third and fourth.

The Merkel Duplicate Bridge Club meets again Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m. at the Country Club and is open to everyone interested in playing bridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Onis W. Graham had as visitors this week their daughter, Carolyn, from Lubbock Christian College, Walter Grimm from Beaumont and Susan, Deborah and Billie Jean Caffey from Orange.

DOLLAR DAY SPECIALS!

STATE CAPITAL Highlights AND Sidelights by Vern Sanford TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN, Tex. — State campaign headquarters for candidates for Congressman-at-Large report that considerable confusion exists about this particular race.

Many voters seem to think that the various candidates for Congressman-at-Large are running against present office holders. Namely the Congressmen now representing the various Congressional districts in the State.

They are not!
This is a statewide race wherein Texas gets an extra Congressman—representing all the people of Texas, not just a district.

This office is being created because the population of Texas has increased sufficient to entitle it to an additional representative in Washington.

The Texas Legislature has the right to re-district the state to provide for this extra Congressman. But the Legislature has not yet done so. Alternative therefore is to create a statewide position.

Therefore, the following candidates are competing against each other for this high post and not against any present office holder:
DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY: Judge Woodrow Wilson Bean of El Paso; Manley Head of Austin; Warren G. Moore of Tyler; Joe R.

Pool of Dallas; Charles H. Stevenson Jr. of Corpus Christi; Russell T. Van Keuren of Houston; and Phil Willis of Scurry.

REPUBLICAN PRIMARY: Desmond Barry of Houston; Giles E. Miller of Dallas; and Joe B. Phillips of Lubbock.

A Congressman-at-Large race is not without precedent in Texas. The same thing happened in 1952. Martin Dies was elected and served from 1952 to 1953.

THUNDER FROM THE TOP — When GOP's from all over the state gathered in Austin for the State Republican Executive Committee meeting Monday, democratic pressure to hold primaries in every precinct was a topic of conversation.

Jim Leonard, GOP executive director, criticized the SDEC for urging county clerks to refuse to place Republican candidates on the November ballot unless the Republicans lead a primary in every precinct. Leonard charged that it was the same as asking them to break the election laws.

He likened the democratic announcement to "thunder from the top" and called the issue a tempest in a teapot and a compliment to the growth of his party in Texas.

TEXTBOOK CHOICES POSTPONED — The State Board of Education voted to postpone the decision of whether to reorder high school solid geometry, economics and shop texts, as well as one on driver education, until the matter of revising these courses is decided. Several board members also asked a committee to read the econo-

BANK NOTES by Malcolm

DID YOU KNOW...



BANKER RECENTLY CHOSEN "MOST OUTSTANDING GRADUATE OF AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF BANKING CLASS OF 1958" A BOBBIAN, NUMBER OF THREE.

DURING GOLD RUSH DAYS IN CALIFORNIA, PRECIOUS GOLD DUST WAS USED AS CURRENCY. MERCHANTS AND BANKERS KEPT SCALES ON THEIR COUNTERS FOR BANKING CHANGE.

IN 1941 CHICAGO BANKERS WERE SO IMPRESSED WITH THE ABILITY OF YOUNG INDUSTRIALIST THAT THEY LOANED THE \$100,000 HE NEEDED TO BUY OUT HIS PARTNERS—EVEN THOUGH HIS BUSINESS HAD SHOWN NO PROFIT FOR THREE YEARS. LATER THEY MET HIS PEAK SEASON FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS WITH UNSECURED LOANS. TODAY THE SUCCESSFUL COMPANY'S NET WORTH IS \$1,500,000—ACCOMPLISHED ENTIRELY FROM EARNINGS.

mics textbook, because they objected to its content. Objectors all were attorneys.

Penrose Metcalfe of San Angelo asked to hold up on drivers' course text, because he questions a recent decision to change this class from eighth to ninth grade.

He said some West Texas superintendents want it kept in the eighth grade, since most of their students drive by that time, anyway. He will ask for a vote at the April meeting, to put the course back in the eighth grade.

WATER WORK DIVIDED — After 10 years, Vice President Lyndon Johnson finally got an answer as to who will do what toward implementing the \$4,000,000,000 plan to provide for Texas water and soil conservation, flood control, navigation, water supply and irrigation projects.

Federal agencies now have agreed that the Army Corps of Engineers and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation each will take on about \$1,000,000,000 worth of dam and conveyance construction; local and state agencies will assume \$1,000,000,000 worth of work; and the U.S. Soil Conservation Service will handle \$200,000,000 worth of small dam and soil conservation work.

Balance of the project is navigation, irrigation, recreation and local flood protection.

Agreement still needs approval at the Washington level, but for the first time in its history, Texas has a water plan and water agencies and engineers have come to an understanding on Texas' future water needs.

The Texas Water Commission endorsed the work division agreement.

REHABILITATION CENTER HOLDS ON — Gov. Price Daniel reports that directors of the Texas Rehabilitation Center at Gonzales have rescinded their order to close the center. They will keep it open at least until May 5, to wait the outcome of a campaign to raise \$100,000 through private donations.

Governor Daniel called for public support of the drive, and said he will recommend action by the Legislature to continue the services the center offers to victims of crippling accidents and diseases.

Fifty-four patients now are under treatment at "Gonzales Warm Springs." If operating funds were available, the foundation could care for 120 patients.

SHORT SNORTS

U.S. Secretary of Commerce Luther H. Hodges has told Governor Daniel he will speak at the "Visit USA" Tourist Conference in Dallas, April 9. Governors and representatives from several Southwestern states will attend. District and county attorneys, judges, police chiefs, sheriffs and other law enforcers are being asked to attend the Citizens Law Enforcement committee's March 23 meeting in the State Capitol. The State Highway Department has just issued a handsome four-color 1962 highway travel map of Texas. It features an illustrated guide to vacation and historical spots. In addition, it presents color photographs of tourists attractions.

It's the Law in TEXAS



In completing your income tax return, you are required to include in your gross income the profit on the sale of your personal residence. This profit is normally the difference between sales price less agent's commission and the purchase price of the house when you bought it.

This additional income can, however, be postponed in the situation where you buy a new residence within a one-year period before or after the date on which you sell your old home. However, you postpone the payment of tax on the sale only if your new home costs as much or more than the price you received for your old house after deducting the agent's commission, selling expenses and the amount you spend to fix the house up for sale during the 90-day period before which the house was sold.

For example, if you paid \$10,000 for your old house and sold it for \$15,000, you made a profit of \$5,000 on the sale. If you buy a new home within a year for \$16,000, you report no profit on the sale of the old house. You must, however, reduce the cost of the new home for later

sales purposes by the amount of the old home. Thus, your new house cost would be reduced \$5,000 and the untaxed profit you received on would be valued at \$11,000 for later sale purposes.

Assume the same facts except that you spend \$500 fixing up your old house for sale within 90 days before selling it, and bought your new house for \$13,000 rather than the \$16,000 figured used in the example above. You would deduct the \$500 from the \$15,000 sales price to obtain the adjusted price. Inasmuch as the purchase price of the new house was less than the adjusted sales price of the old home, you would have to include the net difference of \$1,500 as capital gain in your gross income.

The value of your new house for subsequent sale purposes would then be reduced by \$3,500 which is the difference between the total profit made on the sale of your old residence, (\$5,000) and the amount you showed as income when you bought the new residence (\$1,500).

Often you sell your old house in one year and don't buy a new one until the subsequent year. Where this occurs, you should show the fact of sale in your tax return for the year of sale and indicate that you intend to buy a new house within the one-year period.

When you later purchase a new house and have gain to report because it cost you less than the adjusted sales price of the old house, you should amend your return for the year in which the old house was sold and report the proper amount of gain includible in income as a capital gain.

Where you desire to build a new house to replace the old house sold, you are entitled to these tax benefits as long as construction begins within the one year period after the date of sale of the old residence, and is completed within 18 months after the same date.

(This newsfeature, prepared by the State Bar of Texas, is written to inform—not to advise. No person should ever apply or interpret any law without the aid of an attorney who is fully advised concerning the facts involved, because a slight variance in facts may change application of the law.)

Top Soil Moisture Badly Needed In West Central Texas

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Summerlike temperatures ended in the state last week. Winter conditions halted most outdoor farm activity, said director John Hutchison of the Texas agricultural Extension Service.

Moisture improved in some areas, the director added, but southern and western sections are still dry. The below freezing temperatures caused by an increase in livestock feeding. The rapid recovery of small grains and pas-

tures was affected and blooming and budding fruit trees were hard hit.

Moisture is short in the top soil in Central West Texas. Wheat looks good. Oats are still sick from the cold and dry conditions and some are being plowed under. Pastures are below normal and providing only dry grass. Heavy feeding is continuing. Calving, lambing, kidding and goat shearing is underway.

Moisture is needed for crops

and grass in far West Texas. Dry windy weather and high temperatures before the norther hit had further depleted soil moisture. Feeding is continuing with calving about 90 per cent complete. Farmers are busy plowing.

Mr. and Mrs. Merle Barnhart had as a visitor in their home this week end their daughter, Ann, from Texas Tech.

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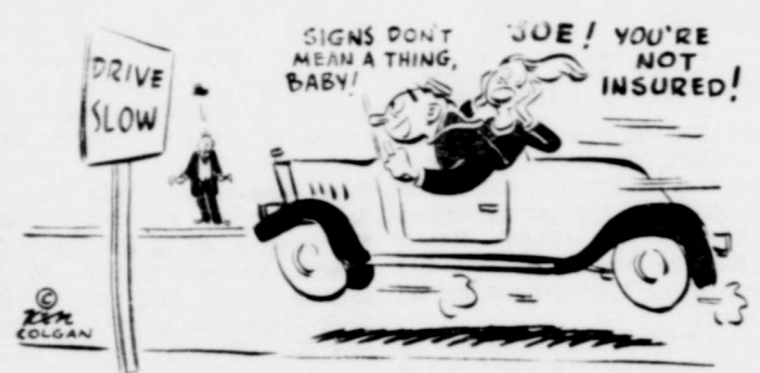
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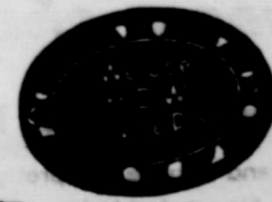
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& 4:00 P.M.



Stith News

By MRS. FRITZ HALE

We had a pretty day Monday after a bad sand storm Sunday.

The Stith Baptist Church called Rev. Moore of Abilene as their pastor and he accepted the call Sunday night. We are proud to have Brother Moore come to our church and we invite every one who can to come hear him preach.

The W.M.U. societies of the Stith, Hawley, Noodle and Hodges churches met in the Hodges Baptist Church Thursday for an all day "Mission Program" with each church having part on the program. Lunch was served at the church. Each lady brought a covered dish.

Those attending from Stith were Mrs. Fletcher Jones, Paul Bradley, Pick Payne, W. T. Ledbetter, J. E. Swindell, Ira Stanley, Truman Holloway and Shirley Jones.

Don Clyburn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Clyburn, has the measles. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Denton of Cushing, Okla., visited Mr. and Mrs. M. E. West Sunday.

Those from Stith attending the wedding of Madie Kelso and Bobby Power at the Colosse Church of Christ in Abilene Friday at 7 p.m. were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kelso and Leon, Mrs. Ina Kelso, Mrs. Paul Bradley, Mrs. Roy Mashburn, Mrs. Wilber Loflin, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Berry, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Jones, Glen Bicknell, F. J. McDonald and Pat Mrs. Derrell Kelso and baby of California and Mrs. Audrian Berry of Littlefield also were here for the wedding.

Visitors in the John Browning home last weekend were Mildred and Lonnie Harris of Midland, Ona Pence, Abilene, O. B. Tatum, Merkel, and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ray Browning, Tuscola.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hudson spent Sunday at Banes with Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Powell and children.

Jerry Black is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Nicholas.

He is stationed with the Marines in California.

Mrs. Roy Thomas and children of Merkel visited Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Tyler Sunday.

Miss Louise, Bob and Hollis Hudson have bought a home in Merkel and moved Wednesday. We are sorry they have moved from our community. They will still farm here.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Walsh brought his grandparents Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Childress, home this weekend. Mr. and Mrs. Childress have spent several months with their children in Rogers, Ark. Mr. and Mrs. Walsh also visited their grandparents here Mr. and Mrs. Walter Vantrees. They returned to their home in Rogers, Ark., Tuesday.

Mrs. Earl Mashburn is staying with Mr. and Mrs. Childress.

Mike Berry and Bill Lee of Abilene visited Barney Berry Sunday.

Pat McDonald spent Saturday night in Abilene with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Burns and family.

Judy and Sammie visited the McDonalds and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Burns Sunday.

Those enjoying a "fish fry" in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Puckett Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Ben Nicholas and children, Eldon and Jerry Black, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Jordan and children.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Tindell of Le Mars, Iowa, are visiting in the Fletcher Jones home. Other visitors Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Watson, Rev. A. S. Watson, Mrs. Raymond Anderson and sons, Ertis Watson, Mrs. Edgar Berry, Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Olin Potts and Sharon of Arson.

The Fletcher Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Tindell visited Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Truett Jones in Cross Plains.

Mrs. Derrell Kelso and baby of California and Mrs. Audrian Berry of Littlefield visited Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kelso and Leon and Mrs. Ina Kelso last weekend.

Ethel Canida spent the weekend in Abilene with Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Rushing.

UP THE CANYON

By TOM RUSSOM

That storm we had Sunday wasn't what the farmers and ranchers had ordered.

We were looking for one of those all night rains Thursday night, as clouds were low and a little rain falling, but the sunshine the next morning had changed the picture.

Anyway we are dry up the Canyon. Some stock tanks are drying up and lots of them are low and its just a little early to get a big rain to fill stock tanks.

Stockmen are predicting a good calf and lamb crop this year and a good rain in April sure would help the grass and weeds to grow. Lots of the farmers have signed up to retire their milo land and wheat to the government. Those who haven't signed will be signing if many more wind storms come.

We think a real dry year would cut production more than the farm program.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Clemmer and children and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Russom and son, Don, attended the rodeo in San Angelo Thursday night. They reported a very fine time and rodeo. They also reported one-half inch rain fell there.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gray and Mrs. Gray's father, J. B. Sloan, of Big Spring, were here Sunday visiting relatives J. B. Sloan is the husband of the former Abbie Butman.

Dr. Slaate, professor of McMurry College is preaching at Pioneer Church, and perhaps will be until annual conference in May. He is bringing some good sermons. We would like for our members to come back to hear him, also visitors too.

Miss Maxine Patterson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Patterson, attended church at Pioneer Sunday.

Dewell McLean had to go back to the hospital Sunday morning for a short stay. He was feeling too good and worked a little too much. Some times it's not a good idea.

Mr. and Mrs. Payton Scott of Plainview had a baby boy, born Sunday morning, March 11. The baby weighed 7 lb. and 3 oz. It's a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Scott. His name is Richard Neil. He's also the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Tipton of Merkel.

The young people had their M.Y.F. sub-district meeting at Pioneer Church Wednesday and reported the best meeting held yet. Pierce Horton of Plainview, a former resident of Merkel, sends word by Mrs. A. D. Scott how much he enjoyed reading our column, and said to tell old Tom to put in a little news ever once in a while.

His brother, Vernon Horton, also reads our column. We want to say hello to both of them this week.

Construction for a concession stand is underway at the Butman Youth Camp. Mr. and Mrs. Grover Blair, managers of the camp, say it is going to be real nice.

COFFEE! CAKE! PIE!
The Lambda Beta Chapter will sponsor a coffee, cake, and pie sale at the Chamber of Commerce office on March 23rd. Public invited! Even the "hard to please" will be tempted.

Mr. and Mrs. Odell Anderson drove over from Graham, Texas, Sunday afternoon. They visited Mrs. Anderson's mother, Mrs. Russom, Sunday evening, spent the night with Odell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Anderson. They left Monday A.M. for Sand Springs, Okla. They will visit for a while with their son and family then will go from Sand Springs to Ottawa, Kansas. Odell had been working for Junior Higgins at Graham.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

CARD OF THANKS

Mr. and Mrs. Odell Eoff and family wishes to express their thanks to all their friends and neighbors for the food, flowers, cards, and letters received while in the hospital.

Our heartfelt thanks too, to Dr. Sadler and Dr. Warren, and the hospital staff.

May God's blessings be with all of you.

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AREA FRUIT HOPES HARD HIT BY FREEZE

COLLEGE STATION — The switch from spring to winter and back to more springlike weather had its effect upon Texas agriculture, director John Hutchison of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service says. The late freeze

areas worsened. The freeze stepped outdoor activities except caring for livestock. Freeze damage was reported from every section except far South Texas.

Too Dry to Plant
Dryland farmers in South Texas are waiting for rain before they can plant. Ranchmen are burning prickly pear for feeding and trying to maintain livestock after the freeze killed or delayed brush and weed growth in pastures. There was little or no damage to crops. Citrus is beginning to sprout. Farmers in South Central Texas

are waiting for moisture and warmer weather in all except northeastern counties before planting corn and grain sorghum. Gardens, fruit and shade trees were damaged by the freeze. Tomato transplanting was delayed. Some livestock is being sold due to the drought.

Soil moisture in Central Texas was spotted, generally adequate in east and short in west. Fruit trees in bloom suffered heavy damage, but late blooming varieties may have escaped. Three nights of freezing temperatures slowed all plant growth. Central West Texas needs rain.

Feeding is heavy and goat shearing is well along. Fruit prospects were hard hit by the freeze.

Far West Texas needs general moisture. The freeze cut fruit prospects and caused some livestock losses and gave ranges a severe setback.

Moisture is needed in all South Plains counties. A few farmers have started preplant irrigation. Cattle are in good condition.

R. B. Horton of Abilene was a visitor in the home of his mother, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Amason, Friday.

VETERANS INFORMATION

Q—How long must a woman have been married to a World War I veteran before the VA will consider her a widow if he dies?
A—She must have been married to him for 5 years unless (a) a child was born to them, in which case there is no time factor need-

ed or (b) unless she married him before December 14, 1944. The similar date for World War II veterans is January 1, 1957, and for veterans of the Korean Conflict, it will be February 1, 1965.

Q—If a veteran names his mother as the beneficiary of his GI insurance policy and then marries, is a wife protected?
A—The veteran will have to notify the VA if he wishes to name his wife as his beneficiary. Full details may be obtained at any VA office.

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SENATOR ☆☆☆ Yarborough's Report

Dear Fellow Texan:
The Cold War GI Bill, which I introduced to provide for an educational bill of rights for post-Korean Conflict veterans is, by any measure, one of the most important legislative matters pending before this 87th Congress.

Thirty-six of the members of the United States Senate have joined me as co-sponsors of this bill, which is in itself an indication of the national importance attached to this act of justice for veterans. The Cold War GI Bill would provide a readjustment program for persons on active military duty between January 1, 1955, the end of the Korean GI Bill and July 1, 1963, the end of the draft.

In Texas alone 250,000 post-Korean or Cold War veterans would fit into this eight-year period embraced by the Cold War Bill. This means that in a Texas town of 400 people, ten more young people could go to school and enlarge their earning capabilities. In a city of 5,000 people in Texas, 125 veterans would be eligible for more schooling, more opportunities in life, more income for their hometown. This is an educational shot in the arm that Texas and the entire nation needs badly.

Support is growing rapidly for this bill. International tensions have grown more severe with the resumption of atmospheric nuclear testing by Communist Russia, forcing us also to resume atmospheric testing in order that we not lag behind in this deadly dual being waged by us with the Communist opponents of our free way of life. And the call-up of Texas' own 49th Division last fall illustrates the economic hardship that our young men undergo now in protecting this nation by military service.

A young man in the military service during the so-called Cold War is serving his country with a radioactive Communist cloud hanging over his head—and, indeed, over all of our heads.

I receive many letters for this GI Bill from individuals and wide-awake organizations aware of these veterans' needs. Only recent-

ly I received a letter from Mr. Edward P. Fifielski, who wrote in his capacity as National Commander of the Amvets of the United States of America. I'd like to quote a part of the Commander's letter because he states this case for justice to American veterans so well. First, the Commander said that the Amvets had passed resolutions calling for an educational and training program for Cold War Veterans in their national conventions in both 1956 and 1961. Then he added:

"The benefits reaped by this nation as a result of the education and rehabilitation program developed after the start of World War II has been tremendous. Men and women have been educated in a thousand skills and sciences which today serve the entire nation. The injured in mind and body have been rehabilitated in useful fields

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gabby doodle from noodle says:

DEAR MISTER EDITOR:

I see by the papers where one of them countries in South America called Uruguay has got a new idea for running the Government. They've done away with their President and is using nine men elected by the people. It won't work. Mister Editor. You can't git mad at nine people, and the voters like to git mad.

Democracy works pritty good in our country on account of we always got somebody to git mad at and on account of we can swap ends ever cont in a while. The Republicans had seven year to stay mad at Harry Truman, then the Democrats had eight year to stay mad at Ike. I recollect reading one time where some big newspaper editor claimed if you could keep half your readers mad and half of 'em glad, then swap ends about onct a year, you got yourself a newspaper that'll sell.

I think you got to follow the same system to keep democracy selling all the time to all people.

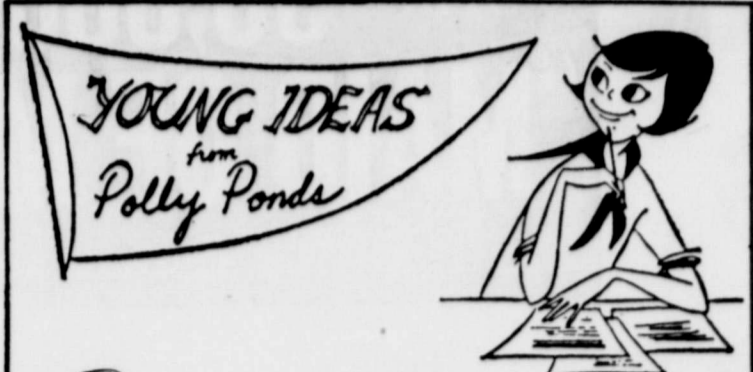
I figger one of the reasons folks is always complaining about the Congress is we got so many Con-

gressmen in Washington that the people can't pick out one now and then and start gitting mad at him but afore long he gits lost in the shuffle and you got to git mad at all of 'em and they ain't no satisfaction for the voters in that kind of system.

We got a heap of deserving Congressmen in Washington and we got some deserving to be shot and sometimes it's hard for a voter to pick out which is which.

One thing that makes it confusing for the voters is the way them Congressmen horse-trade amongst themselves. Fer instant, the Democrat Congressman from Bull Snort, Georgia, will swap votes with the Republican Congressman from Hog Grunt, Utah, to git a piece of pie for their own districts. Then the next day they'll be fighting each other along party lines on some important issue that concerns the whole country.

I reckon you'd have to say we got too many two-toned Congressmen. I'm in favor of requiring all Congressmen to git tested by the Bureau of Standards. They test overthing else afore it is official.



Q: There's a very cute boy in my class at school and I'd really like to go out with him. How can I let him know I'm alive?

A: Unfortunately, there isn't any magic formula that will make a boy like a girl just because she wants him to. However, you might scatter a few hints in his path—and hope for the best.

You can begin by talking to him in a friendly, casual manner—as one classmate to another. If he doesn't seem interested in what you have to say, give up and keep your dignity intact. If, on the other hand, he seems pleased with your approach, you can carry on from there.

Without being too eager or anxious, let him know you like him. And if he really wants to date you, he will.



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came when Mrs. Bullock revealed the name of the Valentine Sweetheart. Mrs. Carol Benson was chosen by the sorority as their sweetheart. She was presented with a sweetheart charm and a red carnation.

Soil Conservation Practices Talked At Club Meeting

The Merkel Garden Club met in the home of Mrs. Dale Litton, Feb. 22, with Mrs. Carol Benson as co-hostess.

President of the club, Mrs. Fisher, introduced the speaker, James Dominey of the Soil Conservation Service. He spoke on how the average gardener could practice soil conservation. Holland Teaff distributed literature on the same subject.

The business meeting was con-

ducted by the president and members reported on the roses planted at the cemetery and rest home.

Mrs. Sherrill gave a report on the Easter Parade. Mrs. Litton reported on the flower show and Mrs. Johnnie Cox concluded the meeting with the showing of slides on soil conservation.

The following week the Garden Club met with Mrs. Earnest Teaff. Next meeting of the club will be March 15, in the home of Mrs.

C. G. Bigham of Tuscola with Mrs. Rex Reddell as co-hostess.

OLD FASHIONED SINGING THURSDAY AT TYE

An old fashioned singing night will be held Thursday in the Tye Community Center, Lucian Gilbreth, program chairman, has announced.

Everyone is invited to come and join in the singing, he added.

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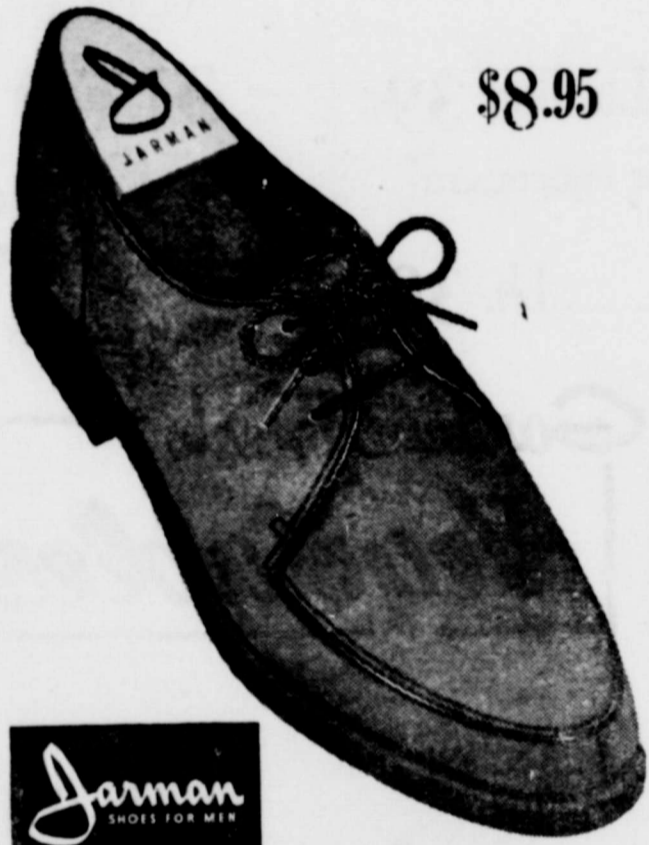
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Yours truly,
Gabby

Coffee, Cake, Pie Sale Announced By Lambda Betas

The Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met March 6 at the R. E. A. Building with the president, Mrs. Joe Lassiter, presiding.

Mrs. John Mason reported that the sale of Easter lilies, for the benefit of the West Texas Rehabilitation Center, will be held in downtown Merkel on Friday, and Saturday, April 13 and 14 under the direction of the Service Committee.

Mrs. Luther Roeger, vice-president, reported a pledge meeting had been held for the new pledges. Those present were Mrs. Annie Harris and Mrs. Mamie Steck.

Report from the nominating committee was given by Mrs. Lynn Knight, chairman.

Members voted to have a coffee cake and pie sale at the Chamber of Commerce office on Friday, March 23.

The program for the evening, "History of the Lambda Beta Chapter of Merkel, Texas," was under the direction of the program committee. Guests present were

Mrs. Elma McFarland, Mrs. Earl Hughes, Mrs. Irvin Shields, Mrs. Ralph Russell and Mrs. Vincent Barnett.

Abilene's Zeta Alpha Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi made a friendly venture to Merkel on March 20, 1950. This was the beginning of our local chapter. This first meeting was held in Mrs. Elma McFarland's office. The first Ritual of Alpha Chapter of Abilene at the Abilene's Women's Club. There Jewel Ceremony was held by Zeta were 8 charter members.

Mrs. Vernon Mansfield introduced each former sponsor of the sorority and presented them with the traditional yellow rose. Those presented were Mrs. Elma McFarland, Mrs. Earl Hughes and the present sponsor, Mrs. W. T. Sadler; Mrs. Almeda Bullock, the first, and present director of the chapter was also presented.

Mrs. Bullock introduced the past presidents and gave a short history of the year under their direction. Each past president was presented with a yellow rose as she was introduced.

The president for 1950-1951 was Toodie Bird; 1951-1952 Mrs. Irvin Shields; 1952-1953 Mrs. Vincent Barnett; 1953-1954 Ruth Horton; 1954-1955 Mrs. Grif Barnett; 1955-1956 Mrs. Ralph Russell; 1956-1957 Mrs. Horace Hargrove; 1957-1958 Mrs. Dale Litton; 1958 - 1959 Mrs. John Hardesty; 1959-1960 Mrs. Lynn Knight; 1960-1961 Mrs. Vernon Mansfield, and the present year, 1961-1962, Mrs. Joe Lassiter.

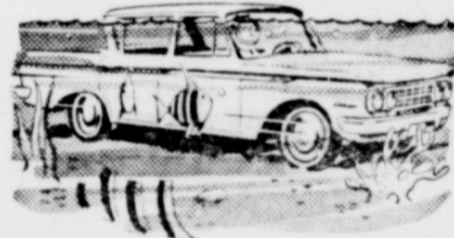
The sorority now has 23 active members. The program ended with a short quiz, directed by Mrs. John Mason, concerning the history and traditions of the sorority. Another highlight of the evening

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