THE MERKEL MAIL **Taylor County's** Only Legal Weekly Newspaper

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that Merkel Club received their

advanced rating. There are only

three clubs in District 8 that

are advanced d'ubs. Merkel had

a grade of 941/2 in the Year Book.

Mrs. Litton was made State

Book. She also served as judge

in Horticulture at the Standard

Show in Dallas March 23.

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# TRUSTEES NAME **63-64 OFFICERS**

The Merkel School Trustees met in regular session on Tuesday evening, April 9 to certify the school election and canvas the returns. The board declared Joe E. McDuff and Mrs.

# Last Rites Held For W. J. Bicknell

William Joel Bicknell, 84, of Trent died at 7:10 p.m. Sunday in Sadler Clinic Hospital after an illness of several months.

Funeral was held at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Merkel Methodist Church. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery here with Starbuck Funeral Home in Charge.

Born March 21, 1879, in Hendricks, Ala., Mr. Bicknell married Alfia Robertson in 1893 in Blount County, Ala, They moved to Noodle in Jones County Nov. 14, 1909. His wife died Oct. 23, 1933.

Mr. Bicknell then married Asha Steadman on Dec. 7, 1939, in Merkel. In 1954 he retired from farming and moved to Trent.

He served on the Noodle School Board and on the Jones County School Board several years.

Survivors include his wife; four sons, Otto and Ted, both of Odessa, Alton of Tucson, Ariz., and Norman of 641 Westmordand, Abilene: four daughters, Zelma Herring of Bishop and Elna Nicholson of Lubbock, Modell Eoff of Merkel and Odessa Spurgin of Dallas; 26 grandchildren; three step - children, Foy Steadman of Trent, Kirby Steadman of Long Beach, Calif., and Mrs. Mildred White of Gulf Port, Miss.

Pallbearers were Vessie Justice, Jake Massey, Buck Leach, Carlton McLeod, Onis Graham and Troy Sloan.

# **B. W. Williams Rites Held**

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Funeral services for B M Williams, 55, former Merkel resident, were held at 2:30 p.m. Saturday in Hampton - Vaughn Funeral Home Chapel at Wichita Falls with the Rev. Aaron Backpastor of the West Baptist Church officiating. Burial was in Crest View Memorial Park at Wichita Falls. Williams, a senior engineer for the Fort Worth and Denver Systen, collapsed and died Thursday, shortly before he was to board a train to Dallas.

John Hardesty duly elected. After checking the election returns the board re - oraginzed by electing the following officers: President, Ford Smith Jr.; vice president, W. R. Cypert; secretary, Mrs. John Hardesty.

Along with other items of business, the board elected the following teachers for the school year of 1963-64: Jo Finley Barnett, Helen Benson, Ralph E. Bratcher, Lolo Cox, Linda Denton, Lena Dunagin, Linnie O. Fisher, Nora Foster, Mrs. Hugh Baker, Lucy Hanes, Naomi Holloway, Burl McCoy, assistant coach, Ellen McReynolds, Elsie Nash, Lydia Norcross, Elleta Orsborn, Hazel Parament, Ruth Perkins, Evolyn Read, Winford G. Reed, Ouida Reid, Doris Richards, Anna B. Shouse, Jimmy Stubblefield, assistant coach, Linda Speer, William Tate, Judy Ann Turner, Mary Jane Wade, A. J. Walla, Charles Warford, junior high coach, Eula West and Mildred Winter.

Contracts for Chester Collingsworth, Ag teacher and Mack Fisher, superintendent of schools were extended in the February meeting. Edwin Read, principal of the high school and Leon Walker, principal of the elementary schools were given contracts

prior to the current year. Robert Byenly, Breckenridge was elected head coach and athletic director in the February meeting.

# **Merkel 4-H Club Plan Talent Show**

The Merkel 4-H Club met April 4 at 7:30 p.m. in Taylor Electric Building.

Barnett called the Firley meeting to order. Gary Smith called the roll and read the minutes. There were 21 present, Jerry Sandusky led the American pledge. Pam Sandusky led the 4-H pledge

Finley Barnett introduced the speakers, Donny Russom and Mary Johnson. Donny Gave a talk on conservation. Mary gave a talk on why she liked 4-H. The 4-H talked about record



A-B CLAUDE R. MYRICK **Claude Myrick** 

# To Amarillo AFB LACKLAND AFB, Tex. - Air-

man Basic Claude R. Myrick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude C. Myrick of 108 Orange St., Merkel, is being reasigned to Amarillo AFB, Tex., for technical training as a United States Air Force aircraft maintenance specialist

Airman Myrick, who enlisted in the Air Force a short time ago, has completed his initial basic military training here. The airman attended Merkel High School.

# **Native of Merkel Buried Tuesday**

Graveside rites for Sam Rainbolt, 72, native of Merkel, who died in Dallas Sunday at 7 p.m. of a heart attack, were held at the Rose Hill Cemetery here Tuesday at 3 p.m.

The Rev. Howard Markum, pastor of First Methodist Church officiated.

A member of the Tyler St. Methodist Church in Dallas, Mr. Rainbolt was a Mason and belonged to the Scottish Rite and to the Hella Shrine Temple in Dalas.

Mr. Rainbolt grew up here, attended Merkel schools and the old Britton College at Cisco. He was a retired tailor.

Survivors include two sisters. Mrs. Newt Speake of Albuquerque, N.M., and Mrs. E. A. Hargrove of 750 Grand, Abilene; a

### Outstanding Farmer **To Garden Club** Mrs. Dale Litton, member of Merkel Garden Club, gave an encouraging and informative re-17th District, Texas, will be at 12:15. port to the club during a meet-

featured speaker at a joint meeting held April 4 in the home of The report included details of the State Convention held in San Antonio which she attended. Good news from the report was

## **MERKEL WINS 6-A DIST. TRACK MEET** Merkel Badgers raced to seven tan. Roscoe placed third with Standard Chairman of Scrap

first place finishes in Big Spring 99 1-6 and Wylie, led by Dean Tuesday to win the District 6-A track and field championship. The badgers of Coach Burl

McCoy compiled 153 1-3 points to 113 for defending champion Ro-

# **Band Students Receive Awards**

School band students received first division ratings and medals at the University Interscholastic League held at McMurry College recently. Tommy South, trumpet solo: Audrey Reagan, flute solo: Liz Reagan, trombone solo; David Hammond, alto saxaphone solo: Ann Curtis, horn solo. Others receiving ratings were Audrey Reagan, Carol McAninch and Suzan Howard, 1st division with a flute trio, Larry Howard rated 2nd division on a clarinet solo and Suzan Howard 2nd division on a flute solo.

At the Cisco Band Festival. the Merkel Elementary Band rated 2nd division on concert playing and 3rd division on sight reading.

The following elementary band students received 1st division ratings and received medals: Paul Carson, drum solo; Alan Reed. coronet solo: Wally Knight, coronet solo: Gary Smith, coronet solo. Reed, Knight and Smith also rated 1st division on a coro-Nancy Vaughn, daughter of net trio. Mike Dudley rated 2nd Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Vaughn,

Omar Burleson, Congressman ty Center, Wednesday, April 17 Fork District. Congressman Bu

Sandusky Selected

Highlight of the meeting will ing of Merkel Lions Club and be the presentation of a plaque Middle Clear Fork Soil Conser- to SCD's outstanding Farmer of vation District at the Communi- the Year in the Middle Clear

Clark, had 881/2 for fourth place.

up three new standards as the

talented senior captured victories

in the 100 - yard dash in 10.2,

440 - yard dash in 53.3 and the

broad jump with a distance of

the only other double winner, he

tied his own mark in the shot put

(54-2) and set a discus record

of 153-9. The other record was

a 44.5 440 - yard relay by a Mer-

kel foursome of Jacky Reynolds.

**Cancer Drive Set** 

Mr. Johnny Cox, chairman of

Mrs. David Gamble will again

direct the canvass and women

are asked to meet at Elemen-

tary School Library at 6:15 p.m.

It is hoped enough will volun-

For April 16

Wayne Hester, Johnny Harris and

Rotan's Howard Van Loon was

22 feet

Moore.

Merkel's Roger Moore picked

eson will make the presentati Other Soil Conservation Awa will be made at the same meet-Mr. J. D. Sandusky, Me

farmer was selected by the SCD as the outstanding farmer of the year. Mr. Sandusky, a farmer some 10 miles south of Mer-kel will receive the plaque as district winner in the division of The Press' Save the Soil and Save Texas awards program.

This will be the annual me ing of Congressman Burleson with the leaders and supervisor of SCD for 1963. The public is invited, but must make reservations with Earl Hughes, Lions Secretary, or with Onis Crawford, Lions president,

# South of Border **Theme Entertains Fortnightly Club**

Saluting "South of the Border" with a coloful Fiesta of songs and dances, a group of third and fourth grade children under the direction of Mrs. Comer Haynes and Mrs. Bryan Dunagin charmed and delighted members of the Fortnightly Study Club on Tuesday, March 26, in the Merkel School cafeteria.

The songs and dances presented were: "In Our Garden." "From Seville," "The Twirlers." "Little White Dove," "Cowboy Days," "Manana," "Ferdinand." "Hat Dance," "Te Veo," "The Red Rose" and "Adios."

Mrs. Don Dudley presided over the business session in which Mrs. J. Lynn Knight was recognized as a new member.

Members and guests present were Mmes. Alan Armstrong, Da-vid Brumbeau, Johnny Cox, William R. Cypert, S. D. Dixon. Don Dudley, Bryan Dunagin, Wrena Durham, Mack Fisher, David Gamble, S. D. Gamble, Bob Goodwin, Comer Haynes, Ben R. Hicks, Earl Hughes, J. Lynn Knight, Howard Marcom, Andy Shouse, Ray Wilson, A. H. Mc-Elmurray, Mrs. Holmes, Lem Dudley, Cecilia Duran, Mary Moreno and Miss Christine Col-

### For the program at the meeting the topic of "Pleasure in Growing and Conserving our plants" was led by Mrs. Dee Grimes. Mrs. Mack Fisher presided at the business meeting. A charming table was set for spring luncheon by the hostess. Mrs. Williams, with a center piece of yellow roses and tu-The following Merkel High lips, hand painted plates, and sparkling crystal. Mrs. W. T. Sad-

ler was co- hostess. Refreshments were served on the sun porch at the Williams home to Mmes. O. B. Leach. Charlie Sherrill, Dale Litton, Herbert Patterson, A. H. McElmurray, Joe Hartley, H. N. Odum, Eunice Masey, Johnny Cox, W. L. Brown, Robert Hicks, S. D. Gamble, W. S. J. Brown, Dee Grimes, Nora Foster and Miss Christine Collins. Mrs. Harry Gernand was a guest. Mrs. Harry Gernand, house

guest in the Williams home gave a very interesting talk on Antiques, and told of her visit in Tucson, Ariz., where she attended

teer to complete this work in one hour. Said Mr. Cox, "Please volunteer, do not wait to be called. The time and dollars we give to save lives from cancer may be our own or someone dear to us.' division on a clarinet solo.

Mrs. Horace Hargrove, Merkel Chamber of Commerce Secretary, will direct the business drive. In his plea for volunteer help-

the Merkel Division of the American Cancer Society's 1963 Cancer Crusade, has set Tuesday, April 16, as the date for the house to house canvas.

He was born November 5, 1907 in Merkel, attended Merkel schools and had been a resident of Wichita Falls for 38 years.

Survivors include his wife, Nora; one daughter, two brothers, one sister and three grandchildren.

# **Pony League Organized Here**

In a meeting Friday night plans were completed for a Ponv League. Officers elected were F. J. McDonald, President; Leon Walker, vice president and secretary; and John Kohutek, player agent. Merkel and Trent have enough boys registered to afford three teams and plans are being made to combine the teams with teams in a nearby town to make a six team league

The baseball Association Board of Directors report that the new baseball park construction is almost completed and that they have signs for sale on the out field fence. The revenue from these signs will pay for the cost of material used to build the park. All of the labor has been donated.

If any boy 13, 14, 15 years of age has not signed up and wishes to do so, he should call player agent, John Kohutek, phone Merkel 8-6697.

# **Troop 18 Scouts Receive Rank**

Merkel Scouts of Troop 18 attended District Court of Honor held in Abilene Monday night, April 8.

Tom McMahon advanced to Star Rank and the following boys received merit badges: Richard Walker, personal fitness; Robert Wilson, public speaking: Alan Reed, putlic speaking and reading: Bob Hammond, swimming; Tom McMahon, citizenship in the nation, home repairs, public health and public speakbooks. Dewey Menzies told the members how to arrange the pictures and list their projects. Mrs. Dobkins also helped with the record books.

Visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Johnson, Mary and Betsy, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Russom and Donnie, all of Mulberry Canyon.

The 4-H Club will sponsor a talent show to be held May 10. Prizes will be offered and entries are limited to amatures only. Deadline for entry is May 6, but we would appreciate entries earlier than this date. If you plan to enter, please contact Mrs. L. S Tipton, Mrs. Woody Wilson, Mrs. Ford Smith Jr., and Mrs. J. D. Sandusky. There will be an entry fee of 50c per person per entry.

# CEMETERY FUND

Donations to the Merkel Cemetery Fund for the past week are as follows:

Mrs. John Hunter in memory of Mrs. F T Hogan Goldie Malone in memory of

Mrs. Baccus. Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Cox in

memory of Mrs. F. T Hogan Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Speake, Albuquerge, N.M.

Mrs. O. A. Lucas, Plainview, for H. R. Horton lot

Vernon Horton, Plainview, for H. R. Horton lot

Mrs. R. J. Jackson, Mrs. Maggie Wilson in memory of Mrs. McMinn

Mrs. Maggie Wilson, Tulia, in Memory of Mrs. S. R. Abernathy

C. A. Massey, Tulia, in memory of Mrs. S. R. Abernathy Mrs. L. M. Touchstone in memory of Mrs. M. E. Baccus.

# **Miss Fran Borden In JUCO Tourney** Fran Borden of Merkel is one

of five Lubbock Christian College speech students entered in the National College Speech Tournament at San Bernardino, Calif., April 3-6.

Miss Borden is a member of one of LCC's debate teams.

A freshman at LCC, Miss Borden is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Borden, Jr., of Merkel.

nephew, Horace Hargrove of Merkel, two nieces, Mrs Clayton Williamson of 2042 Sayles and Pat Britain, 2010 Over, Abilene: a brother, H. M. of Big Spring. Campbell Funeral Home of Dallas had charge of arrangements.

# **Minstrel Packs** In Huge Crowd

The Negro Minstrel show held at the High School Auditorium on Menday was a success from many standpoints, according to reports from school officials and the Band Parents Club.

With standing room only some 750 saw the production with a cast of over 50 furnish entertainment for a two - hour period. According to applause spectators were well pleased with the show. School officials and the Band Parents Club wish to thank the players and producers of the hit production. They especially wish to thank the Joe Jerry Combo, Abilene, Trent Dixieland Band, the pianist, song leader Dan Allen, Jackie Doan and all

for their magnificient part in making the show a success.

Admissions to the hospital Sunday, March 24 through Saturday,

March 30 are as follows: Mrs. F. E. Allyn, Trent Mrs. R. W. Edwards, Abilene Luther Land John Rosson

Mrs Ila Irvin Dismissals for the same period were:

Mrs. W. A. Hogue, Trent Joe Dourias Lester Shugart Mrs. A. B. Patterson Mrs. Sallie Rosson Mrs. George Torres and baby, Stamford Beatrice Warren Mrs. T. T. Earthman T. C Satterwhite Franklin Whisenhunt Mrs. Erwin Griffith and baby Mrs. Myrtle Johnson, Buffalo

Mrs. W. A. Cates, Wingate Jerrie Kay Smith Mrs. Jack Petty and baby Mrs. Antonio Martinez and baby.

standing Rogers High School seniors, received national honors this month when they were named to Who's Who Among Student Leaders in the High Schools of America.

along with thirteen other out-

a man's garden club.

Nancy Vaughn

In Who's Who

These uperclassmen have been prominent in student government student publications and other extra curricular activities, all maintaining high scholastic averages.

Selections were made from lists of recommendations submitted by faculty members Nominations were based upon students excelfence, leadership and participation in curricular and co-curricular activities, service, promise of future usefulness to business and citizenship.

Names of the 14 students will appear in the annual Who's Who publication. Rogers High School was selected as one of the approximately 1,500 high schools given such recognition in the United States.

The students selected are entitled to wear the official Gold Key emblem signifying national recognition.

(From Fort Smith Daily Paper)

### Mrs. Baccus Dies; HOSPITAL NEWS

**Rites Sunday** 

Mrs. M. E. Baccus, 86, died at the Sadler Clinic at 10 a.m. Friday

Funeral was held at 2 p.m. Sunday in Merkel Methodist Church with the Rev. Howard Marcom, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery with Starbuck Funeral Home in charge.

Born Martha Ellen Duncan in Denton County Nov. 13, 1876, she married Frank Baccus in the fall of 1893 and the couple moved to Taylor County in 1897.

Mr. Baccus died in 1902. Surviving are one son, Roy of Merkel, 12 grandchildren, 20

great - grandchildren and 11 great, great - grandchildren, She was a member of the Mer-

kel Methodist Church. Pallbearers were G. W. Hughes, R. G. Toombs, Johnny Hammonds, Wade Ensminger, Dewey Sandusky and Arthur Moore.

# **Betas Confer Pledge Rituals**

Merkel Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met Tuesday night April 2, in the home of Mrs. Val Patterson. President Bonnie Dayton conducted the Pledge Ritual and the Ritual of Jewels in a lovely candlelight ceremony.

Receiving the pledge ritual were Maxine Baccus, Joan Curtis, Pat Dalziel, Flossie McKeever. Georgia Myrick and Emma Lois Shuggart.

Pledges receiving the Ritual of Jewels were Ann Scott, Peggy Bowen, Linda Denton, Ruth Tipton and Anita Allen.



7 pounds 9 ounces, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Griffith Jr., Abilene, at Sadler Clinic Hospital at 10:50 a.m., March 27. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Petty, Merkel, announce the birth of a son, Mickey Lynn, at 11:00 a.m. March 29 at Sadler Clinic Hospital. The baby weighed 7 pound 9 ounces, Grandparents are, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Petty and Mr. and Mrs. Chester McWiliams, all

of Merkel. Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McWilliams and Mrs. W. E. Petty are great - grandparents. Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Martinez

of Merkel are parents of a 7 pound 11 ounce daughter, Yolanda Biera, Born at 6:35 p.m. March 29 in Sadler Clinic Hospital

Mr. and Mrs. George Torres, Stamford, are parents of a son. Rudy, born March 31 at 5:30 a. m. in Sadler Clinic Hospital. The

baby weighed 9 pounds. Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Camp announce the birth of a s Robert Glenn, born March 24 Hendrick Memorial Hospital Abilene, Paternal grandpare are Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Car bell of Merkel. Maternal gra parents are Mr. and Mrs. Millwee of Rising Star. They h a seven - year old daughter.

ers in the drive, Mr. Cox stated: "Cancer kills a man, woman or child every two minutes in America. Many of these deaths could be avoided through earlier de tection and prompt treatment.

"More school children die from cancer each year than from any other disease. About half of them die from lukemia, which is cancer of the blood forming tissues. Lukemia, once considered primarily a disease among children, is far more prevalent among adults. The disease will take the lives of 2300 children and about 11,500 adults this

year. The American Cancer Society has designated 1963 as "This Year of the Volunteer" in behalf of the more than 2 million volunteers who make up the organization.

# Mrs. Ina Hunter **Hosts Marthas**

The Martha Sunday School Class of the First Methodist Church met in the home of Mrs. Ina Hunter.

After a devontion and prayer the class was called into a business meeting. Plans were made to help a needy family and visit the Senior Citizens of our

Refreshments were served to Mmes. Willie Thomas, OVie Fox. Earl Baze, Blanche Teaff, Chas. Sherrill, Earnest Newsome, Jewel Dunagin, W. I. Boynton, Florence Berry, Joe Hartley, Lewis Spratlin and Luck Ford.

Mrs. Boynton and Mrs. Fox were co-hostesses with Mrs. were co - hostesses with Mrs. Hunter.

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# **2nd Grade Pupils** Visit Abilene

Mrs. H. C Reid, second grade teacher treated her pupils to a field trip that included several stops in Abilene last week.

Those going in the bus driven by Mrs. Price Floyd were Bobby Barnes, Joe Bigbee, David Bowen. Danny Dalziel, Burgess Delay, Neilon Ely, Dean Goodman, Danny Higgins, Ronnie Holmes, Mark Kohutek, Wayne Walters, Binky Baccus, Linda Black Christy Burleson, Cathy Carson, Mary Ann Hernandez, Kay Holler, Yolanda Ortego, Ermine Ramirez. Mothers and pre - school children on the trip were Mrs. Roy Dalziel and Larry, Mrs. K. E. Bowen and Danna, Mrs. Orval Ely and Becky and Mrs. Howard Carson.

Their first stop was at Borden's Creamery, then to Mead's Bakery and at noon they had lunch in Fair Park and visited the zoo. The children returned on the traip to Merkel.

# Announcements

AN boys 9 through 12 inter ested in trying out for Little League Baseball should report for tryouts Monday, April 15, at the Little League Field at 4 p.m.

There will be a cemetery working day at Compere Community Tuesday, April 16, all interested tools to work with. You are requested to bring basket lunch at the Baptist Church. It will be postponed if bad weather occurs. ROSS MERRITT, Cec.

The women of Stith Commi ty wish to thank men of Stith Cooperative Gin for letting the women cater the Co-op din These funds will go to the or

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are urged to be on hand with which will be served at 12 noon THE MERKEL MAIL, Merkel, Texas Thursday, April 11, 1963

# mucraft Are Lifeless; Made To Live By Men

built to fly at fantastic speeds and to soar to the outer altitudes of the atmosphere, without men at the controls they are simply



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**Baptist** Church REVIVAL

# New Live Oak **Baptist Church**

### **MARCH 11-14**

Evening Service \_\_\_\_ 8 p.m. Prayer Service 7:30 p.m.

> Sunday Service 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

SPECIAL MUSIC by Roy Davis

> Each Night EVERYONE IS

WELCOME

Though aircraft have been inanimate objects of wire, metal and plastic.

Put a man in the cockpit and the aircraft virtually becomes a magic carpet which can perform a varity of missions in peace or war

It was man, a SAC pilot to be precise, who during the recent Cuban crisis operated the high altitude vehicle which brought back first-hand proof of the Soviet missile build-up in Cuba. Ten pilots of SAC's 4080th Strategic Wing were awarded Distinguished Flying Crosses for their "exceptional flying skill and personal bravery" in obtaining the conclusive evidence of the Soviet buildup of offensive weapons. TAC and Navy pilots received similar recognition for their low level missions.

In the early days of aviation many men "bet their lives" just by stepping in an airplane and starting a flight. Great technical advancements have eliminated this kind of risk but heroism is still an everyday occurrence among men who operate aircraft.

Just recently, a SAC B-47 aircraft commander surrendered his life to make it possible for three of his crew members to escape from their damaged aircraft and live to fly again. Such records are not just gold stars On a report card. They are proof that man cannot be deleted from the operational phases of the aerospace age.

Mr and Mrs. L. B. Baker, Hamlin, were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Patterson.

Mr. R. B. Horton, Abilene, was a passing visitor of his mother, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Amason

Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Buck Mashburn, Fort Worth, were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. V. Garner this past week.





GAM-77-Today, two GAM-77 (Hound Dog) air to ground missiles are carried under the wings of SAC's B-52 bombers. Tomorrow's manned aircraft systems might carry many missiles of advanced design and performance which could be launched out of range of enemy defenses and hug the terrain as they penetrate to targets at blinding speeds. (AIR FORCE PHOTO)

the guest of Ruby Fae Gollday AULD LANG SYNE

# By MRS. GEO. D. MCCONNELL

### FIFTY YEARS AGO

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Harkrider were in Abilene Monday and Tuesday visiting.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Behrens of Abilene were here Wednesday. Mrs. Behrens was the guest of Mrs. E. P. McMillen while Mr. Behrens was looking after some business matters.

Mrs. J. H. Harris of Abiene was here last week visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Gibson

Best North Hay at G. M. Sharps. R. O. Anderson and G. E. Comegys were in Sweetwater

Wednesday on business. Ladies! do not fail to see these beautiful voile flounces at Hogue-

Hamilton Company. On Saturday night Misses Lizzie Mae and Bernadine Freeman entertained a number of guests at their home. The evening was

spent in games of Rook and Muggins. Refreshments such as 'Kings and Queens'' would relish were served.

Those present were Misses Virginia Hamlet, Ina Wheeler, May Derstine and Jewel Pate, Mess'rs Jack Provine, Elbert Dean, John and E. W. McDonald. Mr. McDonald furnished music for the amusement of the guests rather than help prepare Patience and Devinity. Mrs. J. M. Pate was present and added much to the pleasure of the occasion.

ast week. Mess'ers Dee Coats and W. L. Yandell returned the last of the week from a trip to New Mexico. Mrs Smith and children of Haskell, are the guests of their relatives, Mr. and Mrs. J. A.

Buford. Miss Lynnis Thompson will

take a limited number of pupils in violin. Mrs. Geo. Smith (of White

Church) spent Tuesday night with her mother, Mrs. Costephens of Merkel

Pro. J. C. Baker, superintendent of Clyde Schools, was a guest of H. T. Merritt and family a short time Wednesday eve-

Mrs. Evelyn Hamm, who is at tending Simmons, Abilene, is at home for a few days this week with home folks and friends. 30 YEARS AGO

Reid Variety Co., new enter-

prise on Edwards Street between the Barrow Furniture Co., and the Merkel Motor Company, is to be operated by Roy Reid. Master J. E. Meeks of Butman was the weekend guest of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Meeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Addison are sporting around in their new sport model Ford. - Mr. Addison doesn't have time to workjust riding around seeing it done. Mrs. Bernie Bell and daughter of Merkel, Mr. Bob Campbell and family of Goodman and Mrs. W. C. Hunter and children of Nubia spent Sunday in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Campbell. 20 YEARS AGO

Tuesday, April 7th is date set for a rabbit drive by the people of the Compere community. Participants will meet at the school house and lunch will be served by the ladies at the school house. Blair 4-H Club met Monday, March 30th, each girl brought something to sew on. The club has chosen Jimmie Nell Horton

onstrator. Those present for the sewing were Bertha Mae Moore, Mary E. Melton, Vern Opal Moore, Elberta Reynolds, Delwee Melto, Lela Mae Lowery and

### Jimmie Nell Horton. **10 YEARS AGO**

Capt, and Mrs. David Gibson and children of Sacramento, Calif. visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dent Gigson. They are and Mrs. Dent Gibson. They are moving to Lake Charles, La.

Mr. and Mrs. Clovis Harrison of Monahans visited Sunday with his mother, Mrs. W. A. Harrison and Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Renfro.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Strawn visited with their son, James and family in Florey.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Forrest and son of Portales, New Mexico, visited last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hughes. Post Master Wrenn Durham and M. H. Ely are on the Panel of the Grand Jury that convened this week in the 104th District Court.

# Mrs. Harris Hosts **Dorcas Class**

The Dorcas Class of Merkel First Baptist Church met on April 4 for their social hour in the home of Mrs. Lige Harris, class president.

Opening prayer was led by Mrs. P. F. Harris with the devotional presented by Mrs. Ted McAninch. Subject of the program was

as the 4-H Victory Garden dem- "God's Beauty Parlor," scripture Prov. 31:30. After a short business session, get well cards were signed by

> those present and mailed to three members and one other. Refreshments of cakes, coffee and iced drinks were served by the hostess to class members and

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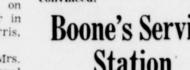
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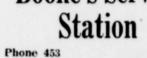
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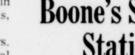
The officers, directors and staff of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank extend to you and your family warm greetings for this Easter season. It is our hope that the Spirit of Easter, the feeling of new hope and new faith, will be an inspiration to you now and throughout the year ahead. "Go to Church on Easter" is a familiar phrase. It's a fine idea, but even better is a determined effort to go to Church every Sunday and be truly thankful you live where you can do and can worship as you please.

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Merkel

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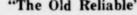




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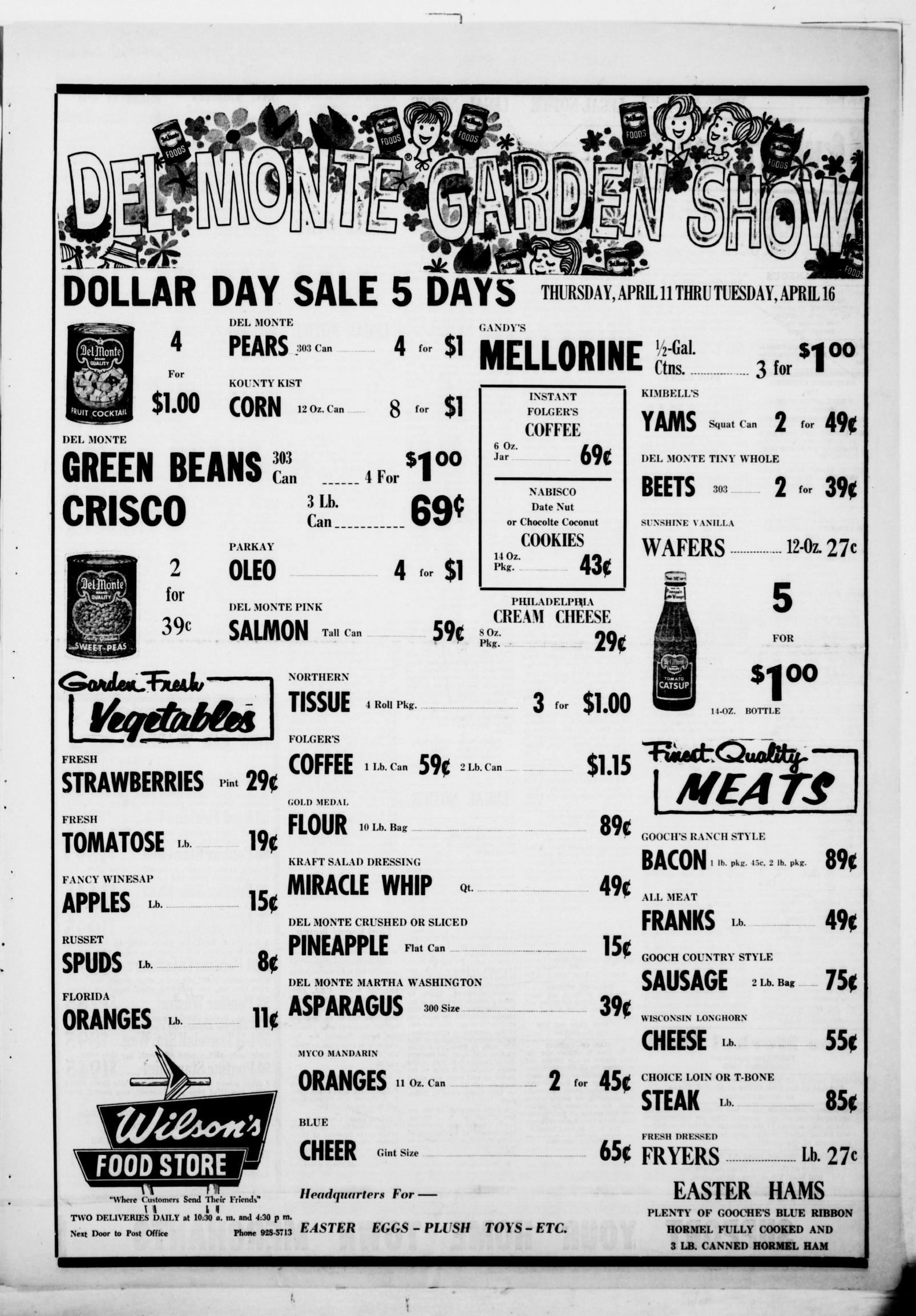
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WANTED - Dirty windshields to clean. K & E Service Cen-5-tfc

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sey, 607 Marion St., Merkel. 5 2tp NOTICE - Dr. L. R. Chapman, veterainarian, Abilene, will be in Merkel Wednesday, April 24 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Fire Station to vaccinate dogs. Price per dog is \$2.50

4 2tc

WANTED - Ironing to do at my

home Contact Mrs. V. H. Lind-

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FOR SALE

LEGAL NOTICE

NO. 27.824-A IN THE 42ND DISTRICT COURT OF TAYLOR, COUNTY, TEXAS JIM W. JOHNSON AND

W. B. JONES, JR. CHARLES LOWERY, ET UX ANNIE BELLE LOWERY

NOTICE OF SALE WHEREAS by virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the 42nd District Court of Taylor County, Texas, on a judgement rendered in said Court on the 18th day of February, 1963, in favor of the said Jim W. Johnson and W. B. Jones, Jr. and against the said Charles Lowery and wife, Annie Belle Lowery, No. 27,824-A, on the docket of said Court, I did, on the 29th day of March, 1963, at 10 o'clock A.M., levy upon the following described tracts and parcels of land situated in the County of Taylor, State of Texas, and belonging to the said Charles Lowery and wife, Annie Belle Lowery, to-wit: Lot No. One (1), Block "L,"

Carver Addition to the City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas; and on the 7th day of May, 1963, being the first Tuesday of said month, between the hours of 10 o'clock a.m. and 4 o'clock p.m., on said day, at the Courthouse door of said County, I will offer for sale and sell at public auction, for cash, all the right, title and interest of the said Charles Lowery and wife, Annie Belle Lowery, in and to said property. Dated at Abilene, Texas, this the 29th day of March, 1963.

J. D. WOODARD, Sheriff By: M. T. Fox, Deputy. 4 3tc

FOR SALE - 2 bedroom home, den, 1 bath, central heat, double garage, cement block fence, storm cellar, located at 1401 Heath. By appointment only. Cyrus Pee. 8-5613 1 1tc

FOR SALE - Two houses - One 3 bedroom at 210 E Paso St., and one 2 bedroom at 410 Orange. Call or see Mrs. Woodrow Patton, 8-5568. 2 1t

FOR SALE - 2 1949 Model A John Deere Tractors on Butane with planters and cultivators. See or phone Luther Orsborn, 8-5737, Merkel, 5-1tc

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# LEGAL NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS To any Sherift 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: Weldon Bruce, Arthur Messecar and Nora Messecar and Tesla C. Nicola, Defendants, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COM-MANDED to appear before the Honorable 104th 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 April A.D. 1963, to Plaintiff's Petitation filed in said court, on the 18th day of February A.D. 1963, in this cause, numbered 9959-B on the docket of said court and styled LeClair Operating Company, Inc., a Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Weldon Bruce, Walter Kruse, Amy L. Driskell, joined by her husband, Mr. Driskell, Arthur Messecar and Nora Messecar, C. D. Rush and Tesla C. Nicola, Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, towit: Suit on a Written Contract for services performed and materials furnished on oil & gas leases out of the R. Salinas Survey 429; the A. Winter Survey No. 432 and the J. C. Thompson Survey No. 433 wherein Defendants own an undivided interest in what is known as the Atwood West Gardner Unit and said suit being also to foreclose a lien created by the Unit Operating Agreement, a contract in writing; as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit

If this citation is not served as, and belonging to the said within ninety days after the date Defendants, to - wit: of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved. to Oil & Gas Leases owned by

the Defendants covering the The officer executing this writ tracts of land located in the R. shall promptly serve the same Sedinas Survey No. 429, the A. according to requirements of

shall promptly serve the same **SAC Tankers** according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law di-Support The rects.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 21st Bomber Fleet day of March A.D. 1963, (Seal)

Attest: R. H. ROSS Clerk 42nd District Court

Taylor County, Texas By Irene Crawford, Deputy. 3 4tc

### tion's leaders conducted their LEGAL NOTICE efforts to assure that American national objectives w e r e

All bids for supply of gasoline force of nuclear - carrying Bfor the City of Merkel must be 52s was another group of SAC in our hands by May 6, 1963, aircraft - unheralded - yet 12:01 P.M. Bids will be for the without them the airborne next 6 months. alert could never have been

FLOSSIE W. MCKEEVER City Secretary.

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than 70 million gallons of fuel. At this same time, all available SAC B-47 and B-52 bombers were on constant ground alert at bases throughout the world, ready to respond to any

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favor of LeClair Operating Com-Over the years, through pany, Inc. and against Paul E. Bruce; Fimer W. and Irene F. millions of flying hours and Gilbert: H. M. and Ophelia Gogcountless hookups, SAC's tankers and bombers have made le: Bert and Alice Kruse: Liberty a science of aerial refueling, Oil & Uranium Company; Muruntil now theoretically only do D. MacDonald; Robert M. combat crew endurance limits McLennan; B. Marie Miracle; the time the bombers may re-Arthur L. and Ruby Rice; Curtis main in the air. Richardson, Trustee; Richard B.

During the Cuban crisis,

Strategic Air Command bomb-

ers flew the first massive air-

borne alert in history, provid-

ing an umbrella of strategic

air power under which our na-

Supporting this formidable

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The SAC tankers and bombers have become, essentially, one weapon system - unmatched in military history - and recognized as the world's most powerful strike force.

Stars and Bars was the name given the first Confederate flag. adopted in 1861 by the Confederate convention in Montgomery,

# **Mulberry 4-H Hear Many Topics** Mulberry Canyon 4-H Club met

March 25 with Myrtie Davis calling the meeting to order. Robert Clemmer led the 4-H pledge and prayer with Sue King leading the pledge of Allegiance. Katy Neill read a poem "The Old Mesquite Ain't Out Yet."

The following demonstrations were given: Donald Russom, public speaking, on "Conservation of useful Wild Life;" Katy Neill, on favorite foods, with "Apple-Celery Salad:" Betsy Johnson and Lee Ann Holloway, "Garden Patch Quilt Salad;" Robert Clemmer, "Deferred and Rotation Grazing:" Gaylon Brnovak and Glenn Bryan, "Better Records are the Keys to good Farm Management;" and Mary Johnson, "I Believe in 4-H."

Refreshments were served to Tom Russom, Aleta Scott, Myrtie Davis, Mary and Betsy Johnson, Dennis Orsborn, Mike Ray, Donald Russom, Gaylon Bronovak, Glenn Bryan, Robert Clemmer, Katy Neill, Sue King, Mr. Dewey Menzies and a host of parents.

# **Methodists Slate Revival Apr. 14-18**

**Revival Services begin Easter** Sunday at the First Methodist Church in Merkel and will continue through the night service of April 18, Dr. Frank D. Charlton of St. Paul Methodist Church of Abilene will be the visiting preacher. Services will be at 7:30 each evening.

The Rev. Leon Hale of Sweetwater will lead the song service. The public is cordially invited to attend.

# PERSONALS

Mrs. Minnie Howard returned home Thursday from Lipan, where she attended the funeral of her sister in law, Mrs. Pearl Campbell, a sister of Grover Hale. She also was called to a funeral of her cousin, Mrs. Hallie Cook at Patilo. Mrs. Howard visited in Santo with Mrs. Luna Johnston, Mrs. John Bond and Mrs. Virgie Bishop at Mineral Wells.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McKee and daughters of Lovington, N.M.

# NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE UNDER ORDER OF SALE NO. 27,300-A

LeCLAIR OPERATING COM-

PANY, INC.

PAUL E. BRUCE, ET AL. IN THE 42ND DISTRICT COURT

TAYLOR COUNTY, TEXAS WHEREAS, by virtue of an

Searless and Robert L. Wood,

No. 27,300-A on the docket of

said court, I did, on the 2nd day

of April, 1963, at 10 a.m. levy

upon the following described

tracts of land situated in the

County of Taylor, State of Tex-

The undivided interest in and

7:30 p.m. Visitors welcome. Members urged to attend. T. J. BIRD JR., W.M. A. B. PARHAM, Sec'y.

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KNAPP Shoe Comany wants salesman, fullt time or part time, Liberal commissions, monthly bonus, free insurance. samples loaned, no investment Inexperienced considered. Lynn Stokes, Box 13,622, Dallas 24, Texas. FE 7-0459. 4 3tp

WANTED - Mechanic. Must know automatic transmissions and air conditioning. Apply at Palmer Motor Company. Phone 8-5113, Merkel. 4 tfc

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shoes. Peck Eager, K & E Service Center. Phone 8-5222. 51 tfc

FOR SALE - Baled sorghum almun, Phone McKee at 9010-J-2. Merkel.

FOR SALE - Good used Philco electric refrigerator \$20.00 3 piece antique bedroom suite, iron bed with springs. See H. C. Reid, 8-6946, Merkel.

FOR SALE - A nice duplex in Merkel, or will trade for house in Abilene, Contact Mrs. Ina Hunter, 301 Oak, Merkel, or phone 8-5936. 4 1tp

FOR SALE - Choice lots in the new section of Western Heights. Paved streets and all utilities. Inquire of Herman Carson or Nolan Palmer. Merkel. 52 tc

FOR SALE - 1956 Buick Roadmaster, good shape. Phone Mrs. Herbert Patterson. Merkel 8-3 1tc

without hoops, size 9-10. Contact Mrs. Frank Breaux, 209 Cherry, phone 8-5115. 5 1tp

FOR SALE - 100 Mutton Goats. Located near Lake Sweetwater. They look nice and are in good shape. Make inquiries to Mr. J. G. Wilks, Trent, Phone 2-2151 or 2-2131 5 1tc FOR SALE - 1941 Ford flatbed 11/2 ton truck. Good shape. Sideboard and handbinder. \$300 or trade for car. Contact Jerry Street, Tye, or phone OW 2-0552. 5 1tp

### HOMES FOR SALE The Billy Joe White's house. 3

bedroom, utility, red wood den, fence. At 1002 South 5th. The John S. Hughes home. 3 bedroom, on corner lot, good location at 112 Locust Street. One 2 bedroom home at 812 Orange, nice small house, close in at 308 Kent. All above home are in Merkel.

See W. W. TOOMBS, Real Estate, Merkel. Phone 8-5921. 5 tfc

FOR SALE - Tropical Fish and Aquarium Supplies at discount prices at the Fish Bowl, 2334 Sylvan Drive, Abilene, Tuesday through Saturday, 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. April Specials -Angel Fish 3 for \$1.00. 5 3tc

CARD OF THANKS We wish to thank our many friends for all they did for us, and the kindness in the loss of our baby. Felix Flore and Wife

> and the Griffins CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks to our friends and neighbors for all their kindnesses and thoughtfulness at the death of our loved one. For the food, floral offering, cards, and words of sympathy, we deeply appreciate. We also thank Dr. Sadler and the nurses at the Hospital. May God's blessings be with you. The W. J. Bicknell Family

CARD OF THANKS To those who expressed their sympathy in so many beautiful and practical ways during our recent bereavement, we extend our heartfelt thanks

The Family of Mrs. M. E. Baccus

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 the 13th day of March A.D. 1963. (Seal)

Attest: R. H. ROSS Clerk, 104th District Court Taylor County, Texas. By Carolyn Johnson, Deputy 2-4tc

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A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff sues for divorce and custody of and support of minor children of the parties as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

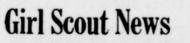
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The officer executing this writ kel.

Winter Survey No. 432 and the J. C. Thompson Survey No. 433, in Taylor County, Texas, all of which tracts are included in the ATWOOD WEST GARDNER UNIT in Taylor County, Texas. and on the 7th day of May, 1963, being the First Tuesday in said month, between the hours of ten o'clock A.M. and four o'clock P.M. on said day at the Court House of said County, I will offer for sale and sell at auction for cash, all the right, title and interest of the said Paul E. Bruce: Elmer W. and Irene F. Gilbert; H. M. and Ophelia Gogle: Bert and Alice Kruse; Liberty Oil & Uranium Company: Murdo D. MacDonald; Robert M. Mc-Lennan; B. Marie Miracle; Arthur L. and Ruby Rice: Curtis Richardson, Trustee: Richard B. Searles and Robert L. Wood in and to said property. Dated at Abilene, Texas this

the 2nd day of April, 1963. s-s EUGENE WILLIAMS Constable, Precinct No. 1 Taylor County, Texas 5 3tc



National Program Change: The year 1963 will see a major change in the program of the Brownies and Girl Scouts, U.S.A. Girls entering will find a more simplified plan of activities and also that there will be no "catching up" for those who enter at older age levels. Training for this change over was given at Dyess Air Force Base March 27, 28 and 29.

Leaders attending from Merkel were Mrs. Jake Martin, Mrs. Bob Fincher, Mrs. Bob Curtis, Mrs. R. E. Dayton, Mrs Vaughn Doan and Mrs. David Gamble.

Fourth grade round - up. -Bronyn Gamble assisted with fourth grade Brownies at Camp Boothe Oaks Saturday, March 30 during their annual roundup at which time Brownies digible for Established Camp spend the day to get to know the facalities and program in the camp. Karlin Gamble attended from Mer-



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We were sure thankful for the nice rain we had last week. Part of the community received 1 inch and other parts .8.

The ladies from the Stith Bap- and Mrs. T. E. Moore and Fay

tist Church attending the WMU meeting at the First Baptist Church in Anson Thursday were Mmes, M. E. West, Fletcher Jones, Paul Bradley, Ray Perry, Pick Payne and Ira Stanley. The Annual Stith Co-op Gin dinner was held at the Community Center Friday. Approximately 50 people enjoyed fried chicken, red beans, potato salad, peach cobbler, tea and coffee. A business meeting was held after dinner.

Sam Mashburn visited his daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Murry Toombs and Tommy at Lubbock over the week end. The Rev. and Mrs. T. E. Moore and Fay

were dinner guests Sunady of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Stanley,

Those from Stith attending the Annual Singing Convention at the High School Auditorium in Anson Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Pick Payne, Maude and Mrs. McDonald and Pat, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Perry, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Fletcher Jones, Mr. and Mrs. John Browning. Mrs. Lennie Sloan of Abilene is

visiting her son, the Norman Sloans. She attended services at Hope Church of Christ Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Pick Payne and Mrs. Bess Jackson made a trip to Temple Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Vantresse

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visited in the Hobbs home Sun day.

Lonnie Harris, Merkel, visited in the Stith Community Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Orval Ely and Mrs. W. T. Ledbetter attended a tea in honor of Cheryl Greer, brideelect of Kenneth Vinson, in the home of Mrs. C. D. Hicks at Hawley Tuesday, April 2.

Mr. and Mrs. G. D. McConnell, Mrs. Denziel Cox, Mrs. Hallie Burden and Sammy Doan, all of Merkel, and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Doan, Abilene, attended funeral services for B. W. Williams at Wichita Falls Saturday.

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colors to select from.

Mrs. Carson Hosts Union Ridge HDC

The Union Ridge Home Demonstration Club met April 5 in the home of Mrs. E. O. Carson. Mrs. Denzel Cox, president, was in charge of the meeting.

An article on nature was given by Mrs. Wayne Scroggins followed by a discussion on plant re-

production by the members. Mary Johnson, a member of Mulberry 4-H Club gave a dec-

lamation on 4-H work. Refreshments were served to visitors, Mary Johnson and Mrs. THE MERKEL MAIL, Merkel, Texas

Thursday, April 11, 1963

Vincent Barnett, and the following members; Mmes. Cox, Scroggins, Mrs. O. E. Hammell, M. L. Douglas, Andy Baker, Mable McRee and the hostess. Next meeting will be April 19 in the home of Mrs. M. L. Doug-

in the home of Mrs. M. L. Douglas. Miss Allen, HD Agent, will talk on color in the home.

Mr. and Mrs., Bobby Amason and sons, Mike and Rickey, Graham, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Watson and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Amason over the week end. Visiting Mrs Josie er, R. E. sister, M Mr. and of Abilem

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Hamsey and son, Dana Scott, Santa Maria, Calif., have returned home after a two- weeks vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Preston Henry, Merkel, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elza Ramsey, Katy, Texas, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Darden and family of Dallas.

Visiting Sunday afternoon with Mrs Josie Shanks were her brother, R. E. Kuykendall and wife, a sister, Mrs. Dolah Boase, and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Stevens, all of Abilene.

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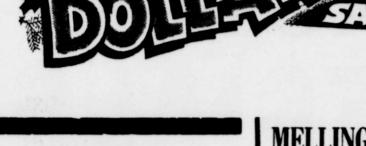
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### THE MERKEL MAIL, Merkel, Texas Thursday, April 4, 1963 Page Six

Star Nursing Home News By MARY OUTLAW

John Rosson has returned home from the Sadler Clinic where he had surgey. He is doing fair, can still smile and eat his peppermint candy. We are glad to have him back home again.

Mrs. Hurd from Abilene visited her husband last week.

The Rev. Ed Clark, pastor of Edgemont Baptist Church, Abilene, supplemented for the First Baptist Church here Sunday, on March 31. He brought a large group of people. There was a lot of good singing and everyone enjoyed the service.

Mr. and Mrs. Strawn, Trent. visited her mother, Mrs. Steen Sunday

Mrs. Theodosia Gibert visited her granddaughter, Mrs. Len Purdie, Trent, over the week end. Frank Debush, Sweetwater, visited his mother, Zadie Debush Sunday

Mrs. John Rosson is slowly improving and would like for her friends to visit her.

Mrs. J. M. Beasley, Trent, visited her mother, Mrs. Ashford. Saturday

Rev. Chick, First Baptist Church, Trent, filled the appointment Sunday. There was such a large crowd that it was almost impossible for all to get in the chapel. They really had a good service and we will be looking forward to their next appointment

We wish to thank the Tye WMU for the three boxes of canned stuff they brought the home, which included a large variety of vegetables and fruits. Thank you Mrs. E. A. Moore for bringing them. We missed Mrs. Lula Hassey of Tye, who had visited us each month. We are happy she is back home after having gone through surgery at Sadler Clinic

Aunt Aquila Duros will be 105 years old Tuesday, April 9, but due to working conditions, relatives from Perryton, Justin, Dublin, Wilmer, Jayton, Stanford and Rotan came in Sunday to help celebrate her birthday. Her step - son Jessie Duros, Perryton, and her step - daughter Lea Ellen Calvery, Justin, were able to come

Aunt Aquila was dressed in a peautiful blue robe under which showed a pink gown with pink

for we sure use lots of them. They are really appreciated. Mrs. Sharp's great - grandson has been visiting her the past 2 weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown, Sweetwater, visited her mother, Mrs. Hicks last week

We welcome two new employees, Mrs. Westinghover who took Birdie Pippin's place to help cook. Birdie went to Oregon. We sure miss her as she was so nice to all the patients. We also have Truitt Biggers who took Mrs. Key's place. Truitt plays the piano at the Calvary Baptist Church.

We appreciate Mr. and Mrs. Kingsberry for bringing the Lord's Supper each Sunday from the Church of Christ.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Wallace, Rotan, visited Aunt Aquila Duros Sunday



The showers our area received a few days ago have started things to grow a little by now. The Canyon got about one inch of rain in places.

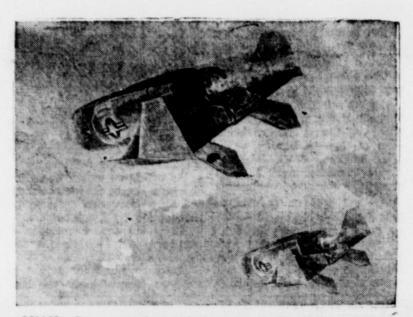
It is surprising to know how much it wet the ground, however, it didn't put any water in stock tanks. And that is our need

Some farmers shut off grazing their wheat but a few are still grazing, and perhaps will until a good rain comes.

Well, spring is here. The mesleaves and the country is looking green over the hills and valleys.

the pasture and see the baby lambs and calves jumping and running along with their mothers. Anyone must be a lover of livestock to really appreciate such pictures

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Johnson and children, Mary and Betsy, stopped in for a visit with the Tom Russoms Sunday afternoon. Maurice said he worried a little about his fresh shorn goats during the cool rainy weather. He said he put them in the shed for



QUAIL-Decoys and counter-measures to confuse enemy defenses no doubt will be of great importance in future SAC systems whether or not they resemble these GAM-77 (Quail) decoys carried by SAC's B-52 bombers today. (AIR FORCE PHOTO)

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# **7th Graders** Visit Old Forts

Mrs. Shouse's and Mrs. Turner's 7th grades recently enjoyed a field trip to Fort Griffin and Fort Phantom.

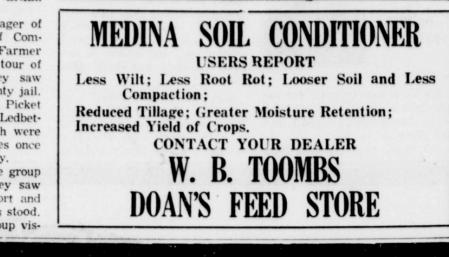
Mr. Elmer Smith, manager of the Albany Chamber of Commerce and Mrs. L. E. Farmer escorted the group on a tour of the city park were they saw the first Shackelford County jail. the first residence, the Picket House, owned by Judge Ledbetter, and the kettles which were used at the old salt mines once in operation near Albany.

From there they led the group to Fort Griffin where they saw the remains of the old fort and where all the old buildings stood. On the road home the group visremains of this old fort. A flag was waving from the flagpole ovenlooking the country side.

The group ate lunch at Fort Griffin and were served drinks by the Albany Chamber of Commerce. The youngsters reported

ited Fort Phantom and saw the a most enjoyable and informative day spent.

> Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Shields and sons, Tim and Mike, Wichita Falls, were visitors with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Allred this week.



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# **Bagby** - Sasin **Engagement Told**

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bagby are announcing the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Edith Lois to Frank Sasin Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs.

Frank Sasin Sr., of Roscoe. Miss Bagby is a graduate of Merkel High School and is a junior in Hardin - Simmons University. Sasin is a graduate of Highland High School,

The bride - to - be is employed as Laboratory Technician at Sad-Texas Coca, Cola Bottling Co. in

The wedding will be May 3 at with thousands of successful 8 p.m. in New Live Oak Baptist

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must fly to reach them. Since October 1957, SAC air-

lace, she always lace on her clothing. She had blue shoes to match her robe. Her cake was white laver coconut with pink candles. During the morning, she attended singing at 9 in the chapel where Rev. Gleghorn and pianist, Mrs. Miller with the patients help say Happy Birthday. Her relatives visited her and for lunch instead of her usual bread and milk, she ate cake which Mrs. Jessie Duross brought. By then she was ready to go to bed.

She rested the remainder of the day, although a lot of her friends came by to visit, but due to this, she slept through it all. She was able to sit up and eat her birthday cake at supper time with ice cream. We hope she will be able to celebrate a few more birthdays

Mrs. Belle Morrison who is in Sadler Clinic is said to be slowly improving after taking 4 pints fo blood. We hope she will soon be back at home with us.

Mrs. Groene is about the same. She is looking for George to come in from Old Mexico any day now. I'm sure she will be happy when he arrives.

Mrs. T. M. Browns sons from Abilene and Gyde visited him Sunday

The young people from the Assembly of God Church brought a program in song last week which was enjoyed by all. We invite them back again.

Sunday, April 14 will be the Trent Methodist's time to visit our home to hold the service. So, we will be looking for you all.

Mrs. Ross Jones of Abilene, visited her sister, Emma Ray Nall, Saturday

Mr. and Mrs. Payne, who have the nursing home at Hico, visited our home last week. While here, they visited Mrs. Nettie Lott, their aunt.

Mrs. Dallas Scarborough and Mrs. Davis Scarborough visited Mary Richardson one night last week

Thank you people who have been bringing us your old sheets of Hart this week.

Mrs. B. H. Riney has been in Sadler Hospital for several days. Her son, Paul and family, have been here visiting for a few days. Jim Cook is still in the Sadler Hospital. He has been there for several weeks. We hope they will soon be back home again. two rndsP hfrie ...ca(u

The Rev. and Mrs. Wendell Leach and children returned home Saturday night after a visit with Mrs. Leach's parents, the Rev. and Mrs. Dorn of Whiteface

Mack Seymore installed a fine large light for our church this week at Pioneer. It makes our Church and Parsonage beautiful at night. We want to thank Mack and the REA for service like this.

Miss Brenda Barnett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Griff Barnett and Debie Seymore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Seymore, attended church at Pioneer Sunday, Paula Riney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Riney also was there

We are glad to see our column mentioned in the note from Clark Munday of Fort Worth to the Merkel Mail editor, as one of the news items he liked. Thanks, Clark.

Mrs. Ford Butman has been at the bedside of her mother who has been very sick. She is in a nursing home at Tom Bean Texas. Mrs. Ray is in her 80s. Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Pentecos

and son of Merkel visited in the home of her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Arsborn, on Sunday. They also attended Pioneer Church.

While visiting at Sadler Clinic Hospital this week. I dropped in to say hello to Luther Land, I also met three fine mothers, Mrs. Hays, Bill and Peck's mother and Mrs. Petty, Pete's mother. I already knew Mrs. McCandless. Mrs. Hays said she had known Luther all his life.

We would like to say hello to the Rev. and Mrs. Elra Phillips



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