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PERSONAL NEWS NOTES

Recent guests in the C. P. Stevens home were their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Stevens and daughter, Marletta, of San Antonio, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Cash, of Hamlin, and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Higgins and daughter, Martha Jean, of Tulsa, Okla. Mr. Stevens' brother, Frank Stevens, and wife, of LaHarbor, Calif., are here for a month's visit. Other visitors were Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Polley of Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bertram, Mr. and Mrs. Norman King, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Bertram, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Gibson and Mrs. Leon Yeager went to Colorado City Sunday where they attended the funeral of Mr. Bertram's brother-in-law, who died at his home in Colorado Saturday.

Week-end visitors in the home of Mrs. H. C. Williams were Mrs. Kate Abney Pence of Missouri and Miss Joyce Sanders of Wichita Falls, joined by Mrs. E. Q. Warren of Knox City. Mrs. Pence is the widow of Lt. Otho H. Pence, grandson of Mrs. Williams, who was killed by Germans shooting down his plane in Algeria.

Janice Perry from near Aspermont was a pleasant visitor in the homes of friends and relatives in and around Merkel during the Christmas holidays. The Perry family was formerly employed on the Butman ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Marshall and daughter, Bobbie Nell have returned from their Christmas visit with her father, W. M. Nash, at Wheatley, Ark.

Mrs. Leon Yeager has returned to McKinney after a week's visit in the J. A. Bertram home.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Burleson and son, Joe, have returned from Sherman where they attended the funeral of Mr. Burleson's brother-in-law.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Bond of Comper Sunday were Rev. and Mrs. Ted Cotton of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rohn of Seattle, Wash., Mr. and Mrs. Lee Stanley and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bond and daughter, Shirley, of Baird.

Visiting in the E. M. Miller home the past week-end were Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Whitfield, son and daughter, from Corpus Christi, Mr. and Mrs. Coy Presler of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. Bert Presler of Lawn.

Mrs. J. L. Tucker spent Friday and Friday night with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. George Burris, in Breckenridge, returning home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Higgins have returned from a three-weeks' visit with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pullafico, in Los Angeles, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cox and Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Fine and daughter, Sharon, all of Fort Worth, visited over the week-end with W. T. Cox and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ocie Day and little daughter, Anne, accompanied her mother, Mrs. Myrtle Boden, home last week from Chandler, Okla., returning Friday. Mrs. Boden, who had been visiting with them, was called home to attend the funeral of her aunt, Mrs. George W. Moore.

After a short visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Martin, O. E. Essom returned the first of the week to Herlong, Calif., where he is employed.

Week-end guests in the T. G. Bragg home were Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Bragg and son, Granville, of Chillicothe, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul T. Marr of Stephenville.

Sunday guests in the J. C. Comegys home were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Comegys of Truscott, Mrs. Walter Leach of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Sloan and three daughters of San Angelo.

Dentist Home from Mid-Winter Clinic

Dr. L. C. Zehnpenning has just returned from Dallas where he attended the Mid-Winter clinic, sponsored by the Dallas County Dental society.

He studied at the clinic under Dr. Vernon H. Eman, of Grand Rapids, Mich., in oral surgery, and in X-ray under Dr. G. M. Fitzgerald, of San Francisco, Calif., an instructor at the University of California.

DEATH CLAIMS WIFE OF C. J. WHISENHUNT

Funeral Services Held from Methodist Church Here; Burial in White Church Cemetery Last Saturday.

Mrs. C. J. Whisenhunt, 59, died at 2:10 a. m. Friday, Jan. 10, at her home in the Castle Peak community after an illness of about three months.

Funeral services were held at 1:30 p. m. Saturday from the Methodist church, with the pastor, Rev. L. M. Brown, officiating, assisted by Rev. E. M. Weathers, Baptist pastor. Burial was in the White Church cemetery, under direction of the Barrow-Sheppard Funeral home.

Fallbearers were Morris Smith, Garth Odom, Tom Hogan, Jack Smith, Ford Smith, Jr., and J. I. Anderson.

Mrs. Whisenhunt's maiden name was Annie Elizabeth Moreland. She was born Feb. 23, 1887, in Arkansas, and came to Texas with her parents, who settled first in Hunt county and then about 40 years ago moved to Taylor county. She was married Nov. 21, 1909, in this county.

Survivors are the husband; two daughters, Mrs. Earl Carter of Merkel and Mrs. R. S. Darden of Clyde; three sons, R. A. and Dewey Whisenhunt of the U. S. Army, stationed at Frankfurt, Germany; seven grandchildren, and five brothers: George and Finis Moreland, La Mesa; Wilburn Moreland, Dallas; Eunis Moreland, Cumby, and Miller Moreland, Greenbriar, Ark.

Rites Held Saturday For L. A. Johnson, 83

L. A. Johnson, 83, passed away at his home at 5:45 a. m. Friday, Jan. 10, after three years of failing health. Born in Georgia Apr. 23, 1863, he came to Texas as a small boy. He had made Merkel his home for the past eleven years.

Funeral services were held from the residence at 3 p. m. Saturday, with Rev. E. M. Weathers, pastor of the First Baptist church, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill cemetery, with Garrison Funeral home of Abilene in charge of arrangements.

Six grandsons served as pallbearers: R. M. Holmes, Weldon Holmes, J. L. Holmes, Curtis Ray Holmes, all of Merkel, Leicester Moore of Brady and Leo Moore of Abilene.

Five granddaughters were flower girls: Mrs. R. M. Holmes, Mrs. J. L. Holmes, Mrs. Leicester Moore, Mrs. Leo Moore and Mrs. Rose Eason, of Port Aransas.

Survivors include his wife, three daughters, Mrs. Claudie Holmes, Mrs. Lucile Burleson, both of Merkel, and Mrs. Leo Moore, Sr., of Brady; one son, F. L. Johnson, of Midland; 9 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter.

Merkel Wife, Daughter Arrive in Germany

Mrs. William E. Fitzgerald, who left here Dec. 14 with her daughter, Sandra, to join her husband, Captain Fitzgerald, in Lechfeld, Germany, has written her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Addison, Route 4, two letters since her arrival at Lechfeld.

Leaving the States Dec. 21, they flew from New York City via the American Overseas airline, landing at Frankfurt, Germany, two days later. Postcards, mailed en route, have been received from Newfoundland and Ireland, which were regular stops of the airliner.

Suffers Blood Clot; Pneumonia Threatened

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Frazier were called to Sweetwater Monday night to be with his brother, W. H. Frazier, formerly of Merkel, who suffered a blood clot in the left temple and was taken to the hospital in Sweetwater for treatment.

He was taken back home Tuesday morning, they report, and was resting well about 2 p. m. Tuesday when they returned home.

A report Thursday morning received from Mr. Frazier's daughter, Mrs. G. H. Walker, said that he was taking a cold and the family was afraid of pneumonia and serious complications.

PLAN FORMING UNIT OF SENIOR SCOUTS LOCALLY

All boys between the ages of 15-18 regardless of whether they have ever been Scouts or not, who are interested in joining the new Senior Scout Unit, are invited to meet with Paul Ireland, Scout Executive of the Chisholm Trail Council of Abilene, in the band house on Monday night at 7:30, according to an announcement by Norman King, leader of the group being organized.

Mr. Ireland plans to meet with the regular Boy Scout troop committee on Monday at 8:30 at Woody's Cafe, where the group will dine and then officially organize the new committee and discuss plans for the future.

The Youth Committee Thanks Contributors

The Youth committee wish to thank all the citizens of Merkel who contributed so generously to the Community Center and Youth Project. There were a number of donations which were not registered, and the committee chairman, Mrs. Earl Hughes, and the general supervisor, Mrs. Wenn Durham, take this opportunity of thanking each one who contributed.

Gifts recorded include: Raymond Ferguson, labor and material for snack bar; Ray Wilson, plates; Carson grocery, plates; Case grocery, plates; Mr. and Mrs. Stanley King, \$5.00; C. J. Glover, \$5.00; Mr. and Mrs. Buster Horton, \$10.00; Bullock Hardware, aluminum stewer; Barnett Brothers, cooking utensil; Sewing club, rug; Mrs. Doyle Seifried, dart game; Mrs. Vincent Barnett, vase, sugar and creamer, Fortnightly Study club, cup towels; Mrs. N. T. Hodge, tea towels and dominoes; West Texas Utilities, knives, spoons; Mr. and Mrs. Powell Miller, spoons.

The cash donations will be used to buy card tables for the various games, and will be permanent equipment at the Community Center for other clubs to use when they rent the building.

Officers and Directors Re-Elected to Bank

The same officers and board of directors of the Farmers and Merchants National bank were re-elected at the annual meetings of the stockholders and directors held on Tuesday night.

Officers are: Booth Warren, president; H. C. West, first vice-president; W. S. J. Brown, second vice-president; George T. Moore, cashier, and Mary Collins and Mildred Hamme, assistant cashiers.

Directors are: Sam Butman, Sr., H. C. West, W. S. J. Brown, Dr. W. T. Sadler and Booth Warren.

New Members Invited To Join Fire Fighters

In a joint statement from J. Parker Sharp, president and John Mansfield, chief, of the Merkel Volunteer Fire department, applications for new members are asked and the younger business men especially are urged to join. The statement follows:

"In looking over our roster of firemen, we find that we have three members who are in business and six who own their homes. We have some vacancies. We invite applications for membership in the department and wonder why more young business men—men who have more to protect against fire do not feel more interested in protecting their investments against the demon, fire.

"With building materials scarce, merchandise hard to get and fire losses for the past year (over the nation) surpassing all previous records let's not let our local fire department fail.

"We meet twice each month for drill practice and once each month in business session. These meetings are not just because we like or want to but for the purpose of a saving on insurance premiums. Young business men, think this over and join the fire department at once.

"J. Parker Sharp, President, John Mansfield, Chief."

Qualifies as Accountant.

Sid Criswell has received word from his son, Lee, whose home is in Odessa, that he has passed the requirements and is now a state certified public accountant.

WITH TWO WINS EACH, BADGERS, PLAYBOYS MEET

Leadership in District 5A At Stake in Game Friday Night at Roscoe; Farmers Doped to Down Locals.

Undisputed leadership in District 5A West will be at stake Friday night when Coach Benson's "off and on" cage crew clashes with the Roscoe Plowboys at Roscoe.

Both quintets are undefeated in conference play, each team having won 2 games and lost none. On the basis of comparative scores, the Farmers are doped to down the locals without much trouble.

On Saturday the Badgers will participate in the double elimination tournament at Colorado City, playing Lorraine in their first game at 10 a. m. On Tuesday night the Purple and Gold will take on the hapless Roby Lions on the local court in a conference fray.

During the past week the Merkel eagles dropped two non-conference contests and sacked up two conference wins. Last Thursday night the Badgers were outclassed, 41-30, by the Abilene Christian High school. Billy Pat Nash took scoring honors with 12 points. The Merkel reserves reversed the story in the "B" game by winning handily, 34 to 21. Scoring honors went to Robert Sledge with 13 tallies.

Last Friday night in the Merkel gym Benson's boys won a triple-header program from the highly-favored Colorado City Wolves. The final count was 26-20, Merkel leading all the way. Robert Sledge, who was a standout in all three games of the evening, racked up 10 points to lead the locals' attack. Elbert Dean, with 7 points, led the Merkel "B" team to a 22-15 victory over the CC second stringers. With Robert Sledge peeing the attack the local third string, "Roosters," romped over the CC last stringers, 20-11.

On Monday night of this week the "non-hustling" Badgers gave a good demonstration of how basketball should not be played by taking a 34-18 shellacking at the hands of the Abilene Christian High School in Abilene. Nash and Shoemaker lucked in two field goals each to lead the Merkel attack. The local subs lost a 25-22 thriller to the Abilene subs, after leading 17-15 at the end of the third period. Robert Sledge was again high point man with six markers.

The Purple and Gold quintet capped their second conference win of the season by throttling the Lorraine Bulldogs, 28-12, at Lorraine Tuesday night. The scoring department was led by Robert Hodge with 11 points. In the preliminary game, the Merkel reserves led by Don Dudley with 11 points, romped over the Lorraine subs, 34 to 23.

Thus far in the season the Badgers have won 2 games and lost 3. The second stringers have won 3 and lost 2.

January Meeting of P.-T. A. Monday Night

"The Parents' Part in Education" will be the topic for the January meeting of the Merkel Parent-Teacher association to be held at 7:30 on Monday night in the school gym, with Supt. R. A. McCollum of the Merkel Public schools and Principal C. A. Farley as speakers.

For the school feature a basketball game is scheduled.

Bids for Farm-to-Market Road Asked

Sealed proposals for constructing 11.02 miles of farm-to-market highway, known as No. 126, Noodle to Merkel, will be received at the Highway department in Austin, until 5 a. m. Jan. 23, and then publicly opened and read, according to the advertisement authorized by the State Highway department and appearing in this issue of The Mail.

Fire Damages Home of Mrs. E. B. Wilburn

About 6:30 p. m. Tuesday, the fire department answered a call to the home of Mrs. E. B. Wilburn in Northwest Merkel, where fire considerably damaged the interior of the house and most of the contents.

The fire is said to have started in one of the bedrooms, but cause is not definitely known. Insurance was carried on the structure, but the furniture and contents were not insured.



Join the MARCH OF DIMES

Wins Five Awards in Texas AP News Contest

Don Hutcheson, son of Mrs. Chester Hutcheson, Taylor county clerk, and now photographer for the Abilene Reporter-News, was signally honored in the awards made by judges of the second annual Texas Associated Press news contest, who announced their selections Saturday. Don is a Merkel-reared boy and Merkel still claims him as her "very own."

In the newspaper awards, his pictures placed first and third in the feature class for newspapers in cities of less than 50,000; second and fifth in sports and fifth in spot news pictures.

Nazarene Revival Closes Sunday Night

The revival at the Church of the Nazarene continues through Sunday night.

"Rev. Holder's old-fashioned preaching, and Mrs. Holder's singing are being enjoyed by all," the pastor, Mrs. J. D. Roedler, reports. "Why not avail yourself of the opportunity to hear these workers in these last few services," she asked. "Accept this as a personal invitation to attend."

Three Signal Lights Installed on Highway

With the operation that began last week-end of traffic lights at the intersections of Kent street and the highway and Edwards street and the highway, the cause of traffic safety was given an advance step in Merkel. A third light, at the intersection of Oak street, between the two lights on the highway, provides a red-stop signal when highway traffic is coming east, and when Oak street light changes to green, car operators have the opportunity to make a left turn into the highway without encountering eastbound traffic.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From Files of The Merkel Mail, January 21, 1927.)

Mr. J. M. Cook, "daddy of the Noodle community," was in Merkel Saturday and gave us a subscription for a niece in North Carolina. Mr. Cook is an old-timer in this section, having built the first school house at Noodle almost forty years ago and, therefore claims to be "daddy of Noodle."

Among the many new readers of The Mail this week from a distance we are pleased to acknowledge an order for The Mail from Mrs. Jeffie Rice of Uvalde, Texas.

HOLD-UP MEN GET NEARLY \$800 FROM NOODLE DOME HOTEL

It has been reported that early Tuesday morning of this week two men registered at the Noodle Dome hotel, located in the Noodle Creek oil field, and later cleaned the place of about \$800.

From reports it seems the two bandits registered at the hotel earlier in the night and shortly after midnight appeared in the lobby where they staged the hold-up, taking several hundred from the hotel safe and

ELECT SIX NEW MEN TO SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD

Buster Horton Polled 215 Votes To Lead Ballot; Bartlett, Present Board Member, Ranks Second Highest.

In the special election held Saturday to name seven trustees of the newly formed ten-school consolidated district, six new members were elected and one present board member was re-named.

The seven elected, with the common school district in which each resided at the time of the consolidation and the vote each received, were: Buster Horton of the Mulberry district, 215 votes; Clyde Bartlett, present board member of the Merkel district, 208; Weldon McAninch, Union Ridge, 197; Bryan B. Dunagin, Stith, 190; M. H. Ely, Cross Roads, 185; Earl Hughes, Merkel, 166, and D. W. McLean, I. X. L., 152.

There were 13 other candidates on the ballot, the count showing the following votes for each: George Woodrum, 93; Riggs Shepperd, 150; Earle Watts, 113; Ray Wilson, 93; Joe Seymore, 143; Mrs. Owen Robertson, 97; Austin Robertson, 138; Johnny Jacobs, 62; Earl Beech, 49; Tommy Patterson, 102; Calvin Irvin, 36; J. T. (Jack) Miller, 8; Grover Gilbert, 68.

Canvass of the votes cast in the election will be made at the next meeting of the school board, at which time procedure for installation of the new board will be decided upon.

In an election last August nine outlying schools were consolidated with the Merkel district into the Merkel Independent school district. At that time the present board of trustees agreed to resign as soon as legal matters pertaining to forming the new district could be arranged, and in keeping with that action this election was ordered.

UNRRA Worker Arrives in New York

Mrs. Bud Linecum has received a cablegram from Trieste, Italy stating that her daughter, Clea Mae Vernon, would arrive in New York on the Fairport some time this week. She has been in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, for the past two years with the UNRRA office. Before joining the UNRRA she was employed by the government in the casualty branch in Washington.

While overseas she visited London, England, Paris, France, Frankfurt, Germany, Russia, Switzerland and the Isle of Capri, making all of these trips by plane.

Tickets to be Issued Traffic Violators

Stating that he believed sufficient warning had been given as to traffic violations in the city, especially for double parking and left turns in the middle of the block, City Marshal C. D. Camp asked The Mail to announce for him that hereafter tickets will be given for these and similar violations.

ROBBERS TAKE GOODS FROM MELLINGER STORE HERE

Sometime during Sunday night the dry goods store of Mr. Max Mellinger was broken into and about 100 fine silk dresses stolen, the value of the goods being about \$1,500.

Entrance to the store was made by prizing open the front door. Officers thus far have no clues as to who committed the robbery but it is believed that the goods were stolen by parties who stole a Chrysler car in Sweetwater the same night.

56TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Hampton of this city celebrated on the 12th their 56th wedding anniversary. They were married in Williamson county and "have stayed put" all these 56 years.

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All obituaries, resolutions, respect cards of thanks, etc., are classed as advertising, and will be charged for at 1 cent per word with a minimum of 35 cents.

Hospital Notes

James Ross underwent an appendectomy Tuesday at Sadler Clinic. George Cooper was admitted Tuesday for medical attention. Mrs. C. W. McCall was received the same day for treatment.

Charter No. 7481 Reserve District No. 11

REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK

of Merkel, in the State of Texas, at the close of business on December 31, 1946, published in response to call made by the Comptroller of the Currency, under section 5211, U. S. Revised Statutes.

ASSETS	
1. Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balance, and cash items in process of collection	\$2,634,833.72
2. United States Government (obligations, direct and guaranteed)	187,006.00
3. Obligations of States and political subdivisions	10,376.42
5. Corporate stocks (including \$3,900.00 stock of Federal Reserve Bank)	3,000.00
6. Loans and discounts (including \$744.87 overdrafts)	334,665.45
7. Furniture and fixtures \$1,000.00	1,000.00
12. TOTAL ASSETS	\$3,170,869.59
LIABILITIES	
13. Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	\$2,997,155.86
15. Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings)	16,952.78
16. Deposits of States and political subdivisions	33,280.32
18. Other deposits (certified and cashier's checks, etc.)	5,923.10
19. TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$3,052,712.06
CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	
25. Capital Stock:	
(c). Common stock, total par \$50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
26. Surplus	50,000.00
27. Undivided profits	18,157.53
29. TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	\$ 118,157.53
30. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	\$3,170,869.59

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Taylor, ss:
I, Geo. T. Moore, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
GEO. T. MOORE, Cashier.
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8th day of January, 1947.
(Seal)
W. O. BONEY,
Notary Public, Taylor County, Texas.

CORRECT ATTEST:
W. T. Sadler, M. D.
H. C. West,
Booth Warren,
Directors.

CARD OF THANKS
We wish to express our appreciation for the many evidences of love and friendship shown us in the illness and death of our beloved wife and mother, also for the many lovely flowers. We assure you that your many kind deeds and tender words of sympathy will be long remembered.
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In The Churches

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.
There were 755 present at the seven reporting Sunday Schools last Sunday, as compared with 698 on the same Sunday a year ago.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Sunday: Bible School at 9:45 a. m.; preaching 10:50 a. m. and 7:00 p. m. Wednesday prayer meeting at 7:00 p. m.
Charles C. Whit, assistant pastor of the Sweetwater Church of Christ, will fill the pulpit Sunday morning and night.
Reporter.

NAZARENE CHURCH
Sunday School 10:00 a. m. Preaching at 11. NYPS at 6:30 p. m. Preaching at 7. Prayer meeting at 7 p. m. Wednesday.
Mrs. J. D. Roedler, Pastor.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
Sunday School at 10 a. m. Morning sermon at 11. Children meet at 6:30 p. m. Evening worship service at 7. Mid-week prayer meeting at 7 Wednesday evening.
D. S. Neel, Pastor.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD.
Sunday School at 3 p. m. Preaching services at 4 p. m. and 8 p. m. Services every Thursday night.
H. S. Earp, Pastor.

METHODIST CHURCH
Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. MYF and juniors meet at 6 p. m. Mid-week prayer meeting at 7 p. m. Wednesday.
L. M. Brown, Pastor.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School at 10:00 a. m. Morning sermon at 11:00. Training Union at 6:00. Evening sermon at 7:00.
Prayer meeting at 7:00 Wednesday evening.
Merle Weathers, Pastor.

FUNDAMENTAL BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Mid-week prayer meeting at 7:30 Wednesday evening.
B. W. Wallis, Pastor.

NEW GIVE OAK CHURCH.
Sunday School at 10 a. m. each Sunday. Preaching each second and fourth Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.
John A. Martin, Pastor.

PRIMITIVE BAPTISTS.
Regular meeting fourth Sunday in January, beginning Friday night, Jan. 24, Saturday 11 a. m. and night and Sunday, 11 a. m., at the band house. All members are invited to be present, as we are preparing to assemble a church here at this time. Elder B. R. Howze of Big Spring and other visiting preachers will be with us.
Reporter.

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Uncle Sam Says



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U. S. Treasury Department

QUEEN THEATRE CALENDAR

Friday - Saturday — Roy Rogers, George "Gabby" Hayes in "Roll On Texas Moon" with the Sons of the Pioneers; color cartoon and Hop Harrigan.

Saturday preview, Sunday matinee, Monday night—Dennis Morgan, Jack Carson in "The Time, The Place and The Girl;" Disney cartoon and latest News.

Tuesday only — Martha O'Driscoll, John Carradine in "Down Missouri Way" with William Wright, Eddie Dean and Roscoe Ates; News and Crimson Ghost serial.

Wednesday - Thursday — Robert Young, Barbara Hale, Frank Morgan in "Lady Luck;" special added attraction, "Men of Tomorrow."

"THE TIME, THE PLACE AND THE GIRL."
Warner Bros. the film studio that gave picture audiences their first taste of the lavish musicals and that so recently rang the bell with "Night and Day," carries on the tradition of "42nd Street," Yankee Doodle Dandy," and the scores of others in their latest Technicolor musical extravaganza, "The Time, The Place and The Girl," the Alex Gottlieb-produced musical festooned with luminaries from the musical and entertainment fields starring Dennis Morgan, Jack Carson, Janis Page and Martha Vickers.



BEN FRANKLIN
a man of sound ideas

He was a diplomat, an inventor, a writer, a publisher. And he was thrifty. Each year, in observance of Ben Franklin's birthday, this nation observes National Thrift Week (January 17 to 24). Let it be a reminder to save regularly; to build a reserve of ready cash; to spend wisely; to bank before you spend. There's no better place to keep your savings than a bank account. Our complete facilities, insured safety, and personal service are at your command.

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Record of Births
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Doan, Friday, January 10, 1947.
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Click, Monday, January 13, 1947.

The original El Dorado was a fabulous land of gold and silver which 16th century Spaniards believed existed somewhere in the Andes highlands.

OVERSEAS VETERANS

If you are not a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars,

JOIN NOW!

If you are a member, pay your 1947 dues.

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We meet on 2nd and 4th Monday nights at our Club House.

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James P. Sharp, Commander



There's EXTRA SAFETY in the Tire that OUTWEARS PREWAR TIRES

While many postwar products are still in the dream stage, one is not... the new postwar B.F. Goodrich Silvertown that OUTWEARS PREWAR TIRES.
It's been produced... and what is more... in the past twelve months it's been delivered to car owners in greater quantities than any tire in B.F. Goodrich history.
Of course, many car owners have heard about the thousands of extra miles of service from the broader, flatter tread that covers more road area and gives greater protection against skidding. They know about the 35% stronger cord body that gives better resistance to road shocks and bruising. It's no wonder the factory's out-

standing production has been taxed keeping up with this extra demand.
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Legal Notices

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS
 TO: Domenic Foranto, Greeting:
 You are commanded to appear and answer the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday the 10th day of February, A. D., 1946, at or before 10 o'clock A. M. before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County, at the Court House in Abilene, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 26th day of December, 1946. The file number of said suit being No. 15,130-A.

The names of the parties in said suit are: Alma Foranto as Plaintiff, and Domenic Foranto as Defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit:

Plaintiff and Defendant were married on or about December 4, 1942, in Watertown, New York, and lived together until on or about May 1, 1946.

Plaintiff and Defendant own no community property, and no children were born as issue to said marriage.

Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of cruel treatment.

If this Citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

Issued this the 28th day of December, A. D., 1946.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 28th day of December, A. D., 1946.

(Seal) Lois Jones, Clerk, District Court, Taylor County, Texas By Thelma Graham, Deputy.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS
 TO: Woodrow Swann, Greeting:
 You are commanded to appear and answer the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday the 17th day of February, A. D., 1947, at or before 10 o'clock A. M. before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County, at the Court House in Abilene, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 4th day of January, 1947.

The file number of said suit being No. 15,141-A.

The names of the parties in said suit are: Mickia Cogdell as Plaintiff, and Woodrow Swann as Defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit:

Plaintiff alleges that she and defendant entered into a marriage contract and agreement on November 12, 1946, in Wichita Falls, Texas. At said time defendant was a married man and the legal husband of Louise Chapman.

Plaintiff asks the court to declare her said marriage agreement and contract entered into at the aforesaid time, null and void on the grounds that the defendant was incapable of entering into a legal marriage contract to plaintiff because he was legally married at said time to another.

If this Citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

Issued this the 6th day of January, A. D., 1947.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 6th day of January, A. D., 1947.

(Seal) J. Neil Daniel, Clerk, Dist. Court, Taylor County, Texas. By Thelma Graham, Deputy.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS
 TO: Harvey Patterson, Greeting:
 You are commanded to appear and answer the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday the 17th day of February, A. D., 1947, at or before 10 o'clock A. M. before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County, at the Court House in Abilene, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 25th day of November, 1946.

The file number of said suit being No. 15,076-A.

The names of the parties in said suit are: Helen Patterson as Plaintiff, and Harvey Patterson as Defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit:

Plaintiff and Defendant were married in Fisher County, Texas, September 12, 1942, and lived together until about September 1, 1946. Three children were born to said marriage. Only two are living. No property is involved in said suit. Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of cruel treatment, and prays for custody and control of said two children.

If this Citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

Issued this the 3rd day of January, A. D., 1947.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 3rd day of January, A. D., 1947.

(Seal) J. Neil Daniel, Clerk, 42nd District Court, Taylor County, Texas. By Thelma Graham, Deputy.

CONTRACTORS' NOTICE OF TEXAS HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION

Sealed proposals for constructing 11,020 miles of Gr., Strs., Flex. Base and Sing. Asph. Surf. Treat. from Merkel to Jones County Line, from Taylor County line to Noodle on Highway No. FM 126, covered by S 1010 (1) and S 1010 (2), in Taylor and Jones County, will be received at the Highway Department, Austin, until 9:00 A. M., Jan. 23, 1947, and then publicly opened and read.

This is a "Public Works" Project, as defined in House Bill No. 54 of the 43rd Legislature of the State of Texas and House Bill No. 115 of the 44th Legislature of the State of Texas, and as such is subject to the provisions of said House Bills. No. provisions herein are intended to be in conflict with the provisions of said Acts.

In accordance with provisions of said House Bills, the State Highway Commission has ascertained the wage rates prevailing in the locality in which this work is to be done. The Contractor shall pay not less than the prevailing wage rates shown in the proposal for Group 3 for each craft or type of "Laborer," "Workman," or "Mechanic" employed on this project.

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NOTICE OF HEARING OF GUARDIANSHIP APPLICATION TO LEASE REAL ESTATE OF GEORGE P. SPENCER, A MINOR:

In the Guardianship of George P. Spencer, Minor No. 3554.00

In the County Court of Taylor County, Texas.

Notice is hereby given of hearing before the County Court of Taylor County, Texas, on the 24th day of January, A. D., 1947, at the court house of Taylor County at Abilene, Texas, on the application of Florence E. Spencer, guardian of the estate of George P. Spencer, a minor, for permission to execute an oil and gas or mineral lease, covering the one half undivided interest of said minor in and to the following described tract of land, to-wit:

229.9 acres of land out of the Northwest corner of the J. R. Munson Survey No. 412 in Taylor County, Texas, described by metes and bounds as follows: Beginning at the Northwest corner of Jas. R. Munson Survey No. 412 in Taylor County, Texas. Thence South with the West line of said Survey 635.7 varas a point for the Southwest corner of this tract. Thence East parallel with

the North boundary line of said Survey No. 412 a distance of 2041 varas to a point for the Southeast corner of this tract. Thence North parallel with the West boundary line of said Survey No. 412, a distance of 636 varas to a point in the north line of said Survey No. 412 for the Northeast corner of this tract. Thence West along the North boundary line of said Survey No. 412 to the place of beginning.

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Graze to maintain a cover of plants and litter on the ground for erosion control and moisture conservation, and yet get a maximum production of livestock and livestock products through the utilization of better plants and grasses. To accomplish this the following management principles should be considered:

1. Practice a system of livestock management that will permit easy adjustment of numbers to get proper utilization of forage produced under varying rainfall conditions; e.g., understocking the pasture with a breeding herd on the basis of a normal year, than carry over calves or purchase stocker cattle to utilize surplus forage produced in above normal years.

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2. A plan or system of grazing that recognizes and applies the principles of grass physiology and ecology. It is generally considered that the more dead organic material in the soil humus, the better tilth or condition the soil is in. Therefore, any range management practice that will increase the amount of litter left on the ground should improve the range condition. Such a plan may include one or more of the following, depending on the needs of the range:

a. Defer grazing at such times that will encourage the spread and reproduction of the better grasses and native legumes. Deferment in Sept. and Oct. provides seed crop on side oats, blue grama, hairy grama and little bluestem. Deferment in May and June permits establishment of grama and little bluestem seedlings and encourages spread of Buffalo, curly mesquite, side oats grama and other grasses by vegetative means. May and June deferment should ordinarily follow September or October deferment.

b. Adjust or intensify grazing at different seasons of the year to discourage the spread and reproduction of the less palatable and undesirable weeds and grasses.

c. Rotate grazing to fully utilize the available forage. Remove livestock when forage has been fully utilized and allow at least a six J. Barbee, Jr., of North East Noodle Conservation group.

During the year of 1946 the Merkel office of the Soil Conservation Service assisted in developing 102 coordinated conservation plans. There were 162 district cooperators in the Merkel area which carried out a portion of their planned conservation practices in 1946.

weeks rest period before grazing. Longer rest periods should be used when conditions for plant growth are not favorable.

d. Continuous conservative grazing in such a way that a reserve supply of desirable and palatable forage will be built up by the plants and be available for use at times when forage production is low.

3. Uniform utilization of forage and distribution of livestock by the use of one or more of the following: Water development, distribution of salt, supplementary feeding, fencing, herding, proper selection of kind of livestock to secure best utilization of forage plants present.

4. Reseeding or overseeding to establish desired grasses. Where this is done, special attention should be paid to moisture conditions so that germination of seed will be insured. Stirring the ground, or mulching, should be used where practicable.

5. Eradication or control of undesirable weeds, cactus, brush and trees.

6. Building up a reserve feed supply sufficient to carry livestock through critical periods. In this section probably a six months supply will suffice.

7. Use of supplemental or temporary pastures. Where such pastures are used, adequate water supply should be furnished each field.

8. Treatment of gullies where natural vegetation cannot become established quickly enough to secure adequate erosion control. Use of one or more of the following practices is recommended: Division of headwaters; back and side sloping, with re-vegetation; seed or sod to adapted grasses, or allow natural reseeding to establish cover. Bermuda grass may be used in sandy areas; use of brush or other rough dams with re-vegetation.

9. Water spreaders and contour furrows may be used for moisture conservation where applicable and desired by rancher.

The following district cooperators have constructed new terraces since the last report: Hubert McCartney of Haynes Conservation group, R. G. Toombs of IXL Conservation group, Mrs. T. J. Toombs of White Church Conservation group, Clayton Dillard of North West Noodle group and A.



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To her loved ones, do not mourn, We can't understand why, We do not know
Why one so sweet and dear has to go. A loved one so dear, who was so near Is taken away and gone; It grieves the heart, it's hard to part With one who was so kind.

Now that she is gone to rest, To reign with God forever blest; We could not wish her back again, But say, Dear One, with God remain. It is so hard to comfort, It can only be done in part; But each word of love and sympathy Comes from the bottom of my heart.

Since it is so, let sorrow go, Since God thought it best, To take her soul from hence away To its eternal rest.

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ASSETS	
1. Cash balances with other banks, including reserve balance, and cash items in process of collection	\$698,665.36
2. United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed	119,500.00
5. Corporate stocks (including \$2,100.00 stock of Federal Reserve bank)	2,100.00
6. Loans and discounts (including .07 overdrafts)	176,312.57
7. Bank premises owned \$750.00, furniture and fixtures \$750.00	1,500.00
12. TOTAL ASSETS	\$998,077.93
LIABILITIES	
13. Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	\$899,601.44
15. Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings)	151.25
16. Deposits of States and political subdivisions	3,120.38
19. TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$902,853.07
24. TOTAL LIABILITIES (not including subordinated obligations shown below)	\$902,853.07
CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	
25. Capital*	\$ 25,000.00
26. Surplus	45,000.00
27. Undivided profits	25,224.86
29. TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	\$ 95,224.86
30. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	\$998,077.93

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

I, L. E. Adrian, cashier, of the above-named bank, hereby certify that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
L. E. ADRIAN, Cashier.

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Taylor, ss:
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 13th day of January, 1947.
(Seal) J. G. WILKS,
Notary Public, Taylor County, Texas.

CORRECT ATTEST:
H. W. Beckham,
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FOR RENT—Two rooms, furnished or unfurnished, convenient to bath, hot and cold water, or would rent out as two bedrooms. Mrs. Mack Hodo, first house south of Clifford Westenhover's home.

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OPEN HOUSE AT COMMUNITY CENTER BUILDING.

The Youth Project committee of the Fortnightly Study club were hostesses Saturday to the citizens of Merkel at an open house at the Community Center building.

The rooms were decorated in a rainbow motif, with balloons and colored streamers. Teen-age girls, who decorated the building and presented the musical program were Mona Robertson, Melba Cook, Wilda Bowles, Sandra Sadler, Sug Hodge, Jane Hughes and Sue Mayfield.

Guests were greeted by Mrs. Wrenn Durham, who presided at the register, and were shown through the building by Mrs. Earl Hughes, Mrs. W. T. Sadler and Mrs. Elma McFarland.

Mrs. Welden McAninch, assisted by Mrs. Paul West, Mrs. Joe Cypert and Mrs. Norman Hodge, served coffee and cookies from a table centered with a pink carnation arrangement.

Other members of the Fortnightly Study club assisting the committee were Mesdames Lige Gamble, D. H. Vaughn, Carroll Benson, Pete West, David Gamble, Riggs Shepperd, Grif Barnett and Owen Robertson.

At the weekly Youth party for teen-agers over 100 boys and girls gathered at the building. Because of the crowded hall it was necessary to admit only those from the Merkel School district, who were 13 to 18, and it was with regret that some from Trent and other communities had to be turned away.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd McCoy of Anson are announcing the engagement of their daughter, Wanda, to Mr. Jerry R. Haisler, son of Mrs. Mary Haisler, of San Marcos.

Miss McCoy is a senior home economics major at Southwest Texas State college, San Marcos, where she has been an active member of the Kappa Lambda Kappa, the Charles Craddock Literary society and the Baptist Student Union.

Mr. Haisler is a junior student at the college where he is a member of the Student Veteran association, the Industrial Arts club and the Baptist Student Union. He was in the Army for six years serving in the Army Air Corps as a pilot.

FARMER-LEWALLEN.

Miss Billie Jean Lewallen became the bride of Paul E. Farmer Dec. 14 at Galveston. The single ring ceremony was performed in the First Methodist parsonage with the pastor, Rev. Frank Dent, officiating. Attendants were Miss Louise Brown and Marvin Erger, brother-in-law of the groom.

Mrs. Farmer is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Miller of San Angelo. She attended school in Portland Ore., and San Angelo. For the past two years she has been employed by the San Angelo Telephone company. For the wedding she wore an aqua blue wool crepe dress with brown accessories. Her corsage was of white gladioluses. Miss Brown's

corsage was of pink carnations. Mr. Farmer is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Farmer of Lawn, formerly of Merkel. He attended Merkel High school. He spent three years in the Army, nine months of which were in a German prison camp. He is now employed as a brake mechanic at Firestone in Galveston where the couple is making their home at 1716 Sealy.

WALLACE-HANNAH.

In a ceremony read Saturday evening by Rev. Harlie Woolard at the First Christian church in Abilene, Miss Jo Hannah, daughter of Mrs. I. W. Hannah, became the bride of Thomas E. Wallace, son of Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Wallace of Abilene.

The bride wore a pink wool crepe dress with black and white accessories and a corsage of white roses. For something old she wore a string of pearls, something new was a compact and she borrowed a lace handkerchief belonging to the matron of honor, Mrs. W. L. Brown. Mrs. Brown wore a light blue wool dress with black accessories and a corsage of white carnations.

Best man was David Gough of Abilene.

Mrs. Wallace is a graduate of the Merkel High school and is employed at the H. O. Wooten Grocer company, Abilene. Mr. Wallace, an Abilene high school graduate, is attending L. A. Simons university.

After a short wedding trip, the couple is at home at 1933 North Second street, Abilene.

RUTLEDGE-ROGERS.

At seven o'clock, Dec. 21, Rev. J. E. Bradford united Miss Ina Jean Rodgers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Rodgers of Anson and Donald Rutledge, son of Mrs. Blanche Rutledge of San Antonio, in marriage.

The bride wore a gray pin stripe suit with black accessories, with a corsage of red carnations. The couple's only attendants were Sue Cole of Anson and Elvis Rodgers, brother of the bride.

Ina Jean is a graduate of Merkel High school and she was at the time of her marriage enrolled at Draughton's Business college in Abilene where she had approximately seven months of business training. Donald is a graduate of Trent High school.

The couple now live in Sweetwater where he is employed.

T. E. L. CLASS PARTY.

Mrs. J. D. Bradley and Mrs. Ernest Douglas were co-hostesses Tuesday afternoon to members of their Sunday School class, the T. E. L. of the Baptist church, entertaining in the home of Mrs. Bradley. The usual business meeting was followed by a delightful social hour in which "Pals" were revealed and gifts exchanged.

New names were drawn and when all old business had been disposed of the hostesses served delicious doughnuts, olives and coffee to the following: Mesdames Craig Humphreys, T. J. Bird, Irl Walker, Lucy Ford, E. R. Clark, Sam Swann, W. J. Largent, Jim Kuykendall and Earl Lassiter.

FIDELIS MATRONS.

Members of the Fidelis Matrons class of the First Baptist church met Tuesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. David Gamble, with Mrs. Sam Martin as co-hostess.

Mrs. E. F. Gattis led the opening prayer and Mrs. Gamble gave an interesting report on "Resolutions." Following the business hour, refreshments were served to Mesdames Leon Bigbe, Gordon Pursley, Bob Fowler, Mack Tucker, Jarrett Pinkley, E. F. Gattis, Nina Teaff, W. T. Sadler, Buck Leach, Howard Stanley and the hostesses.

WILLING WORKERS CLASS.

The Willing Workers class of Grace Presbyterian church met in the home of Mrs. S. G. Russell, class president, for their Christmas program which was delayed by sickness and the weather.

The meeting was opened with the song, "Silent Night," and the devotional was given by Mrs. J. L. Tucker from Luke's Gospel. She also gave "A Night Letter from Bethlehem" and "The Origin of the Christmas Tree." The Lord's Prayer was repeated in unison, and program topics were as follows: "Keep the Spirit of Christmas with You All the Year," Mrs. W. M. Elliott; "Christ Born in the Manger," Mrs. J. M. Spurgin;

"A Christian Mother in China," Mrs. D. S. Neel; "A Child Is Born Today," Mrs. S. G. Russell.

After the singing of "Oh, How I Love Jesus," Scripture questions by all and a prayer by Mrs. Neel closed the program; then names were drawn and each member received a gift from the tree.

Mrs. Russell was assisted by Mrs. Neel in serving a plate of sandwiches, olives, cookies and hot chocolate to Mesdames L. L. Murray, J. M. Spurgin, J. L. Tucker, W. M. Elliott, J. A. Bertram, D. S. Neel, Miss Jennie Keny and the hostess.

The class will meet with Mrs. J. L. Tucker on Feb. 11.

SEWING CLUB.

Mrs. Bill Largent, was hostess for the sewing club when it met in her home, Wednesday, Jan. 8.

The club voted to give the Youth Center a small rug.

Hot chocolate and sandwiches were served to Mesdames David Gamble, Jack West, Hovle Lemons, Grif Barnett, Earle Watts, Doyle Seifried, Horace Boney, Royce Elland and the hostess.

The next meeting is Jan. 22, with Mrs. Norman King.

BAPTIST W. M. S.

The Blanche Rose Walker Circle of the First Baptist church met on Friday afternoon for Bible study with Mrs. Sam Swann. After singing "Jesus Saves," the opening prayer was led by Mrs. P. F. Harris. Mrs. A. R. Booth presided over the business session and an interesting Bible lesson was taught by Mrs. Harris. Mrs. J. O. Castles closed with prayer.

Present were Mesdames G. J. Jones, Earl Lassiter, J. S. Swann, Irl Walker, J. A. Kuykendall, H. P. Hiele and W. L. Johnson.

The next meeting will be Monday, Jan. 29, for the Royal Service program at the church.

RURAL SOCIETY

BLUEBONNET CLUB.

The Bluebonnet Home Demonstration club will meet Jan. 21 at the club house. All members are requested to be present. Mrs. Adrian Farmer and Mrs. F. E. Healer will be hostesses.

If you have lost or found anything, want to buy or sell anything let the folks know it through The Mail want ad column. They read it.

With Our Boys

Seaman I-C E. L. Smith, who has been in the Navy nearly three years, is home on 53-day leave, visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Smith. He enlisted Aug. 9, 1944, for four years and this is his first time home in over two years. Since he has been away, he has been on duty in the Philippines, China and Japan theaters.

Seaman I-C Robert Lee, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Crimm, arrived home from San Francisco, Calif., Friday of last week with 55 days of terminal leave, which will conclude his three years' service in the Navy. Since his visit home about 18 months ago following the sinking of his ship, USS Little, he has been stationed at Treasure Island.

The U. S. flag has 13 stripes. The Great Seal of the United States presents 13 national emblems. In the right talon of the American eagle is an olive branch with 13 leaves, in his left talon are 13 arrows.

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