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# THE MERKEL MAIL

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MERKEL, TEXAS, FRIDAY, JULY 9, 1948.

On the "Broadway of America"

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## PERSONAL NEWS NOTES

Mrs. W. D. Zachary of Houston visited last week with Mrs. Frank Demere and Mr. Demere, and also in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Pannell. Mrs. Zachary is a sister of Mrs. Demere and Mrs. Pannell.

Mrs. Annie Scott of Alexander City, Ala., arrived Tuesday to visit her cousin, Mrs. J. H. F. Jones.

Misses Janna Dean and Wanda Lee Murray, of Midland, are spending the week with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Murray. They had visited last week with their aunt and uncle, 1st Lt. and Mrs. James Benschell, in Dallas, who drove out last week-end to bring them here.

Dave Moore and son, G. W. Moore, both of Temple, visited his sisters, Mrs. Frank Demere and Mrs. A. J. Pannell, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Hail Derstine and family were guests last week of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Derstine. Little Jimmy Vick of Hodges also visited last week with his cousin, Sammy Derstine.

Miss Janice Patterson accompanied Mr. and Mrs. James C. Pomeroy and children, on their return Saturday to their home in Reading, Pa., for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Demere visited Sunday in Carbon with Mrs. H. Weston and Mrs. Jeff Hines, a cousin of Mrs. Demere.

Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Earthman are visiting with their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Earthman, in Dallas.

Audrey Dowell of Dallas was here for a week-end visit with his father, N. A. Dowell.

Lucille and John English are spending a week's vacation in Tahoka, visiting with their aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. McClintock and family.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Weathersby of Dallas were week-end guests in the L. A. Dudley home. Mr. Weathersby was stationed at Camp Barkley during the war.

T. T. Carey of Trent left Tuesday night to take his son, Alvin, to the Scottish Rite hospital, Dallas, for observation.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Miller, Bill Miller and Tracy left Sunday for Denver, Colo., on receipt of word of the illness of Mrs. Bill Miller, who was visiting two sons and a daughter there.

Mr. and Mrs. Odell Anderson and son, Billy Don, have gone to Peru, Neb., where he is employed in construction work with List and Clark.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Harris, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Hendrix and Donald and Mrs. Leona Buncen spent the week-end in El Paso with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Shugart.

After a visit with her son, David Cannon and family, at Lubbock, Mrs. Annie Turner returned home last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Sharp and daughter, Shirley Ann, are visiting this week with their mothers, Mrs. M. E. Sharp and Mrs. B. M. Williams.

Upon receipt of a message telling of the illness of her sister, Mrs. J. P. Eubank, Mrs. D. A. Lee left Friday for San Angelo, to be with her.

Ralph Smith of Ford City, Pa., visited the past week in the home of his sister, Mrs. John D. Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Seifried and Sharon spent the week-end with his brother, Durwood Seifried and family, in Chickasha, Okla., where they were met by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Seifried, of Okene, Okla., for a family reunion.

Mr. and Mrs. Deverle Teaff and daughter, Vickie Diane, returned home after a two weeks' visit with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Ashmore, and friends of Enid, Miss.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Daniel the 4th were Mr. and Mrs. Horace Daniel and Glenda and Vickie of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. O. N. Buford and Mr. and Mrs. Durwood McCoy.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Castles of Houston and J. B. Castles of Lubbock spent the 4th of July week-end visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Castles and Miss Frances Castles. V. C. Castles and daughters, Ann and Sue, of Fort Worth, spent a few days the first of last week in the J. O. Castles home.

Visitors over the week-end with Miss Betty Cook were her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Artist Cook, and her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Healer and children, and her brother and sister-in-law, Sgt. and Mrs. J. W. Cook and Linda.

## LAST RITES FOR WAR VICTIM AT TRENT FRIDAY

Merkel Post, VFW, in Charge of Military Burial for S-Sgt. H. C. Lowery, Jr., Killed in Action at Aitape.

Trent, July 8.—First of Trent's soldier dead to be returned from overseas, reburial services for S-Sgt. H. C. Lowery, Jr., were held at 3:30 p. m. last Friday from the Trent Baptist church, with the pastor, Rev. B. L. Higdon, officiating, assisted by Rev. Orville Hendon, of Sweetwater.

Burial was in the Trent cemetery, under direction of the Barrow-Sheppard Funeral home, with military rites in charge of Merkel Post 5683, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Pallbearers were H. A. Purser, V. D. Purser, Buck Hand, J. E. Stevens, Jr., C. L. McMurray, H. H. McLeod, Milton Patton and Odell Freeman; honorary, Geo. T. Moore, David Gamble, Herman Daniel, Waymon Adcock, Doyle Seifried, L. A. Dudley, R. D. Ely and Lester Dorton.

Members of the escort or firing squad, were Vincent Barnett, Jesus McCreo, George Reidenbach, Alton Newton, Robert Higgins and Powell Miller, Color guards were Vernon Mansfield and E. L. Tarpley; color bearers, Glenn Robertson and J. P. Click; bugler, Forrest Glenn Barnett; chaplain, Rev. R. L. Butler, pastor of the Merkel Methodist church.

The body of Sergeant Lowery, which was returned to the United States from Manila aboard the U. S. Army Transport Lt. George W. G. Boyce, arrived here with S-Sgt. Thomas E. Linville as escort Thursday night from Fort Worth and was taken by an honor guard of Veterans to the Barrow-Sheppard Funeral home to remain until the hour of the funeral.

As a mark of respect, the Trent stores remained closed during the hour of the funeral.

Sergeant Lowery was born Apr. 1, 1914, at Weatherford, and had lived in the Trent vicinity since 1923 until induction in the Army in 1941. He received basic training at Camp Wolters and went overseas with the 127th Infantry of the 36th Division a few months after entering the service. He was killed in battle at Aitape, New Guinea, on May 14, 1944.

Surviving are his mother, Mrs. H. C. Lowery, of Trent; one brother, Joe Lowery, of Crane, and three sisters, Mrs. Seth Rakes and Mrs. D. R. Butler, both of Trent, and Mrs. H. E. Venable, of Weatherford.

## Harley Sadler Leaves Radio Transcriptions

State Representative Harley Sadler, who is a candidate for the state senate from this district, leaves on Friday, July 9, for Philadelphia, Pa., to attend the National Democratic convention, and will be out of the district until July 17.

Mr. Sadler stated that he regretted being absent from the district during the closing days of his campaign for the state senate, but he felt deeply honored that the duly elected delegates to the State Democratic convention in Brownwood last May saw fit to elect him as a regular delegate to the National convention from the 17th congressional district and that he feels that he should fulfill this obligation, and that during his absence he urges his friends to carry on in his behalf.

A series of five-minute talks has been transcribed and will be given each morning and evening during his absence over local radio stations in the district.

## Friday Marks Opening Of The "Cream Cup"

Friday notes the opening of another new enterprise in Merkel, the "Cream Cup," located in the building just west of The Merkel Mail office.

The new concern will specialize in home-made ice cream, sundaes and malts, it is announced by Mrs. James H. Charey, one of the owners.

## Renewals Permitted.

Washington, July 8.—National Service Life Insurance "term" policies may be renewed for five years, the Veterans Administration said Wednesday.

## ANNUAL MEETING FRIDAY OF RED CROSS CHAPTER

William L. McGill, of Austin, who is a member of the board of governors of the National American Red Cross, will be the speaker at the Annual meeting of the Taylor County chapter, American Red Cross, which will be held in the Chapel of Memories, Elliott Funeral Home, Abilene, July 9 at 8 p. m.

## Burial Here Beside Grave of Husband

Funeral services for Mrs. Ethel Jones, 68, of Sweetwater, who died in Hendrick Memorial hospital, at Abilene, Wednesday morning, were held at 2:30 p. m. Thursday at the Elliott's Chapel of Memories, Abilene.

Rev. E. R. Kent, of Jehovah's Witnesses, officiated for the services, and burial was in Rose Hill cemetery here, beside the grave of her husband, who died in 1923.

A native of Bezarok, Ark., Mrs. Jones moved to Sweetwater several years ago. She was a practical nurse and a member of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Surviving are a sister, Mrs. Ruth Bickers, of St. Louis, Mo., and one brother, Will Moore, of Greenwood, Miss.

## Attend Funeral of Cousin at Snyder

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Warren and sons, Joe Frank and Tommy Ray, were in Snyder Thursday to attend the funeral of Mr. Warren's cousin, Alfred Weathers, of Snyder, who was killed Tuesday morning when the car he was driving crashed into the rear of a truckload of peaches three miles west of Sweetwater.

The accident occurred when the lights on the truck went out, and Mr. Weathers was blinded by the headlights of approaching cars, State Highway Patrolman Jesse Reed said.

Funeral services were held at 3 p. m. Thursday at the First Baptist church in Snyder.

Mr. Weathers was district manager of Your Exchange, a real estate company. Survivors are his wife, two children, his mother, two brothers and one sister.

## Reburial Rites for Wade Ensminger, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ensminger have received word that the body of their son, S-Sgt. Wade H. Ensminger, Jr., is being shipped home from Luxembourg for reburial.

## Granddaughter Injured Critically In Slaton

Upon receipt of a message telling that her granddaughter, Nancy Berry Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ned Miller, of Slaton, had been critically injured when hit by a pickup Wednesday afternoon, Mrs. Florence Berry left at once for that place.

## Hospital Notes.

Mrs. W. A. Phillips underwent an appendectomy Saturday at Sadler hospital. Carol Stamford was admitted Monday for treatment of burns. Patients received during the week for treatment were: J. N. Hatfield, Mrs. Leo Huff, Mrs. Dan W. Smith, Leslie Dorr, Janell Tiner, July 1; Bill Skiles, Mrs. Tilmon Derrick, July 2; Mary Frances Sellers, July 3; Hub West, Trent, July 4; Mrs. Belle Kimbrough, Charles Ray Mundy, July 5; Carole Ann Deen, July 6; S. G. Russell, July 7. Kay Cook received a tonsillectomy on Tuesday.

## Move Offices to Dallas.

Dallas, July 8.—The Southwestern Associated Telephone company will move its headquarters from Lubbock to Dallas shortly after Jan. 1, 1949, the Dallas Times-Herald said Tuesday. The independent utility employs about 1,400 workers.

## Woolen Mill Planned.

Brownwood, July 8.—D. T. Strickland, Brownwood industrial corporation president, has announced a large woolen mill will be established in Brownwood to turn out finished cloth from raw Texas wool.

## DEATH CLAIMS WALTER PHILLIPS, RETIRED FARMER

Long-Time Resident of Shiloh Community Passes Away at Early Hour Friday; Wife and Six Daughters Survive.

Walter Lee Phillips, 63, retired farmer of the Shiloh community, died at 1 a. m. Friday in Sadler hospital after an illness of three months. He had been in the hospital, however, only since Wednesday.

Funeral services were held at 3 p. m. Saturday from the First Baptist church with the pastor, Rev. E. M. Weathers, officiating, assisted by Minister Troy M. Cummings of the Church of Christ. Burial was in Rose Hill cemetery under direction of the Barrow-Sheppard Funeral home.

Six sons-in-law served as pallbearers: E. E. Rosson of Gregory, Granville Truitt of Lamesa, D. W. McLeod of Merkel, L. A. Cox of Slaton, W. P. Scott of Tahoka, and Veachie Payne, of Paducah.

Born in Tennessee, Apr. 14, 1879, Mr. Phillips came to Texas at the age of seven. He had lived in this section for the past 59 years.

Survivors are his wife; six daughters, Mrs. E. E. Rosson of Gregory, Mrs. Granville Truitt of Lamesa, Mrs. R. Riley of Santa Ana, Calif., Mrs. D. W. McLeod, of Merkel, Mrs. L. A. Cox of Slaton and Mrs. W. P. Scott of Tahoka. Four sisters and 23 grandchildren also survive.

The sisters are Mrs. S. E. Pomeroy of Merkel, Mrs. S. M. Powell, of Buena Vista, Mrs. J. J. McGregor of Big Spring and Mrs. Joe Winter of Merkel.

## Rites Held Tuesday For Mrs. J. W. Martin

Mrs. J. W. Martin, 58, resident of Merkel since 1928, died at 6 a. m. Monday at her home here, following an extended illness.

Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Tuesday from the Assembly of God church, with Rev. H. S. Earp, the pastor, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill cemetery, under direction of Elliott's Funeral home of Abilene.

Pallbearers were Jim Smith, Burr Hendricks, Mason Barker, Jess Higgins, Max Davis and Joe Lawson.

Serving as flower girls were Mesdames Joe Lawson, Max Davis and Burr Hendricks, Misses Wanda Horton and Fay and Neta Wilkerson.

Her maiden name was Orpha Poston, and she was born Apr. 6, 1890, in Greenville. She was married to Mr. Martin on Feb. 18, 1906, in Quinlan, Hunt county. She had been a member of the Assembly of God church since girlhood.

Survivors are the husband; four daughters, Lois Martin, of Abilene, Mrs. Edwin Thorn and Mrs. G. M. Washburn, of Albuquerque, N. M., and Mrs. Myron Hellewege, of Enid, Okla.; three sons, Rex Martin of Merkel, Lindell Martin, of Albuquerque, N. M., and Roy Lee Martin, of Stanton. Five sisters, one brother and 19 grandchildren also survive.

The sisters are: Mrs. Della Breckenridge, Merkel, Mrs. W. F. Shannon, Big Lake, Mrs. Mike Ward, Los Angeles, Calif.; Mrs. Alice Fisher, Tulare, Calif.; and Mrs. Russell Bird, Colorado City; the brother, W. W. Poston, Borger.

## Joint Revival Begins July 16 at Butman

The Nubia and White Church Methodist churches will hold a joint revival at Butman's tabernacle, beginning July 16 and continuing on through July 24. Evening services will begin at 8 o'clock.

Rev. J. M. Morrison, who resides near Slaton, will do the preaching. He was a resident of Mulberry Canyon a few years ago and is well liked there.

The litchstring is on the outside—everybody is urged to come, the pastor, Rev. Douglas Gossett, announces.

## Luncheon Visitor.

A card has been received by Doyle Seifried, secretary of the Merkel Lions club, advising that E. O. Carson was a guest at the luncheon of the La Junta, Colo., Lions club. The Merkel man was visiting his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Carson, there.

## TWO INCHES OF RAIN FALLS IN 30-HOUR PERIOD

Two inches of rainfall within a 30 hour period—from soon after midnight Sunday to 7 a. m. Tuesday—were reported locally by J. I. Ford, volunteer weather observer, bringing the year's total to date to 5 1-2 inches.

Previously only 3 1-2 inches of moisture had been received here in the first six months of the year.

## Need Funds to Fight Weeds in Cemetery

Following the copious rains the first of the week, a rank growth of weeds is already in evidence on the lots and in the alleys and streets of Rose Hill cemetery, which during 1947 and so far this year has been kept in such splendid condition by contributions of lot owners and friends.

"But the fund is now running low," T. L. Grimes, chairman of the Cemetery Upkeep committee, said Wednesday, "and it will require additional funds at once to keep up the good work."

Those who have not yet sent in their subscriptions for this year are urged to mail or hand check or donation to Mr. Grimes or leave at the office of The Merkel Mail.

## Childress Workers Engaged for Revival

Rev. J. E. Perryman, Jr., and his sister, both of Childress, will be the engaged workers in a revival starting Sunday at the Church of the Nazarene. Services will be held each evening at 8 o'clock, while all Sunday services will be held as usual.

Rev. Mr. Perryman is a student of Bethany-Peniel college, of Bethany, Okla. "They are both young and come to us with a good reputation as church leaders," said Rev. K. T. Smith, the pastor. "We covet the prayers of all Christians. Let us all do our best for these young folks that we may witness an old-fashioned revival. Come one and all."

## Methodist Banner Class Enjoys Picnic

Members of the Methodist Banner Sunday School class and their guests enjoyed a delightful evening on Thursday of last week at Sweetwater Park. Every one enjoyed either swimming or skating, after which a delicious picnic supper was served.

Those present were: Martha Beene, Ouida Barbee, Helen Daniel, Fayrene Reynolds, Kenneth Baccus, Jimmy Morgan, Pauline Harris, Brookie Jinkens, Johnny Wayne Hammond, Bertha Patterson.

Visitors were Vencel Rust, Jerry Morgan, Moodine Linkstom, Sessions Hammond, Davis Tarpley, Paul Baccus, Omar Bishop, Colleen Harris, Willie Lee Spurgin, Roger Lee Burfield, Edmond and David Mrs. J. W. Hammond and David Mrs. Carl Baccus and Troy, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Patterson and Mr. and Mrs. Morgan.

## FINDLEY TEST IS SLOWED UP BY BREAKDOWN

No. 1 Mrs. S. J. Dalton Reached 1,670 Feet Wednesday When Drilling Operations Were Temporarily Held Up.

Due to a breakdown Wednesday, and further trouble that developed elsewhere after the first trouble was fixed, the E. F. Findley No. 1 Mrs. S. J. Dalton, located in the southeast part of town, was temporarily slowed up after reaching a depth of 1,670 feet.

Drilling at 2,490 at last reports, the Geophysical Surveys No. 1 F. T. Hogan, southeast offset to the Humphreys No. 1, had had no showing to that depth. The Dothan was missing and the test is now below the Flippen section.

Phillips Petroleum No. 1 Craig Humphreys was down about 1,590 feet at noon Wednesday.

## Merkel Lodge Installs New Officers for Year

New officers were installed at the regular stated meeting of Merkel Lodge No. 710, A. F. and A. M., held on Thursday night of last week. They are: Carl B. Edington, worshipful master; E. S. Dwiggins, senior warden; Alton Martin, junior warden; Bill Dunagin, treasurer; W. R. Cypert, secretary; C. O. Harris, tiler.

New appointive officers are: C. T. Rust, senior deacon; Warren Daniel, junior deacon; Zed Bright, senior steward; J. Frank Patterson, junior steward; J. B. Griffin, Sr., chaplain.

## To Hold Well Child Conference Friday

The Well Child conference for July will be held on Friday afternoon, July 16, from 2 to 4 o'clock, in the office of Mrs. Elma McFarland.

This conference, which is for the health and benefit of your child, is free to all children. It is sponsored by the Merkel Parent-Teacher association.

The county health physician, nurse and assistants, Mrs. Bud Toombs, leader, and Mrs. Frank Breaux and Mrs. Rhett Eidson, Jr., assistants, will be present to help your child to better health and happiness.

## Local Golfers Entered In Abilene Tournament

One Merkel golfer and a former Merkelite, ardent golf devotees, were among the scores of entrants in the July Fourth Invitational tournament of the Abilene Country club, and both went to the quarter-final event.

Norman T. Hodge in the second flight was eliminated, 1 up, by Dick Grant in the third round, and Dr. L. E. Zee, now of Midland, lost out to J. E. Simons in the quarter-finals of the third flight.

**MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO**  
(From Files of The Merkel Mail, July 6, 1928.)

## MAVERICK MOTOR COMPANY ADDS NEW SHOW ROOM.

Mr. Kirby Beckett, the hustling proprietor of the Maverick Motor company, local dealers for the famous Chrysler cars, has recently leased the building adjacent to his business and will use it for a show room for the many new model cars soon to be shown by this company. Through the splendid quality of the Chrysler cars and the able business qualities of Mr. Beckett and his energetic sales assistants the Maverick Motor Co. has made wonderful progress in placing many cars among the people of this section.

## OPTOMETRIST OPENS OFFICE.

Dr. John Sisson, optometrist, of Big Spring, after looking over the country, considerably, decided to locate permanently in Merkel and has opened offices in the Hamm Drug company. Read his announcement in this issue of The Merkel Mail.

Mr. Milo Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Jones, who resides on Route one, accompanied by his bride

## ERECTING FILLING STATION AND TOURIST CAMP.

Mr. Robt. Conder, who recently purchased the splendid home of Mrs. H. C. Williams, in the west part of the city adjacent to the Bankhead Highway, is having built on the vacant lots on the corner east of the home a modern and up-to-date filling station and tourist camp. He states that the filling station will be made of modern stucco design and that the tourist cabins will be modern in every particular.

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**In The Churches**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE**  
Attendance at the seven reporting Sunday Schools last Sunday was 674 as compared with 691 on the previous Sunday. The attendance on the same Sunday a year ago was 671.

**METHODIST CHURCH.**  
Church School 10 a. m. Morning worship 11. Youth Fellowship 7:00 p. m. Evening worship 7:30 WSCS Mondays, 2 p. m. Mid-week prayer Wednesdays, 7:00 p. m.  
R. L. Butler, Pastor

**CHURCH OF CHRIST.**  
Bible School 9:45 a. m. Sunday. Worship 10:50 a. m. and 8:00 p. m. Young People's meeting 7:15 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday, 8:00 p. m.  
Troy M. Cummings, Minister.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.**  
Sunday School at 10 a. m. Morning sermon at 11. Training Union at 7:00 p. m. Evening sermon at 8:00. Prayer meeting at 8:00 Wednesday evening.  
Merle Weathers, Pastor.

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.**  
Sunday School at 10 a. m. At the time this notice is furnished the paper, there is no one available to fill the pulpit Sunday.  
Reporter.

**CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH.**  
Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:00 p. m. Mid-week prayer meeting at 7:00 Wednesday evening.  
A. T. Suskey, Pastor.

**ASSEMBLY OF GOD.**  
Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching services at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. Services Thursday 7:45 p. m.  
H. S. Earp, Pastor.

**PRIMITIVE BAPTISTS.**  
Rev. W. W. Brown of Abilene will fill the pulpit at the 11 o'clock hour Sunday.

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The 24th Senatorial District is Composed of the following Counties: Eastland, Stephens, Callahan, Shackelford, Throckmorton, Taylor, Jones, Haskell, Nolan, Fisher, Mitchell and Scurry

\* Harley has served in the Texas Legislature for the past six years, from the 117th District.

\* He is thoroughly qualified and deserves this promotion.

\* He has lived in this district for more than 40 years and has been prominently associated with the progress of this section.

\* He is recognized as a successful business man, having farming and minor independent oil interests in this district.

\* His legislative stand on moral issues is beyond question.  
\* He has never supported or been associated with selfish interest groups.

\* He has always opposed monopolistic legislation, believing that free enterprise is the American way of life.

\* If elected, he will go to Austin obligated only to the voters of this district.

ATTENTION: Harley will begin a series of five-minute broadcasts, starting Monday morning, July 12th, through the 17th, inclusive, over Radio Stations KRBC, Abilene, KXOX, Sweetwater, KWDT, Stamford, and KBST, Breckenridge. Because of previous schedules these broadcasts will be heard on the above stations each morning sometime between 7 and 7:30 and each evening sometime between 6:30 and 7:30. Be sure and listen and tell your friends to do so.

[This Political Ad Paid For by Friends of Harley Sadler in the 24th Senatorial District.]

**What's the Story "BEHIND" the Scenes?"**

Here is our June 30th Statement of Condition—an excellent statement, too—but the really interesting thing is the story in back of it all! The real importance of this statement isn't so much that it shows the Farmers & Merchants National Bank to be a rapidly growing institution—but rather it indicates the progress you are making—you and hundreds of others in this territory.

In other words, you—and Merkel as a whole—are the interesting story behind our statement. Sure—we have capital, surplus, and undivided profits totaling \$135,000.00; deposits of \$3,131,059.09 and total resources \$3,268,559.09—but that's merely a reflection of YOUR progress.

And so... in submitting our statement we call attention not to the importance of the increasing totals... but to the importance of YOU, our customers, and your part in the "behind-the-scenes" story here in Merkel—a story of steady progress and achievement.

Statement of Condition  
**Farmers & Merchants National Bank**  
MERKEL, TEXAS

Close of Business June 30, 1948

RESOURCES	
Loans	\$ 390,518.39
Overdrafts	703.64
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	3,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	4,000.00
AVAILABLE CASH AND QUICK ASSETS:	
United States Bonds and Securities	\$1,653,077.28
Other Bonds and Warrants	30,613.61
Cash and Due from Banks	1,186,646.17
	2,870,337.06
Total	\$3,268,559.09
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus	50,000.00
Undivided Profits	55,000.00
Dividend (Payable June 30, 1948)	2,500.00
DEPOSITS	3,131,059.09
Total	\$3,268,559.09

The above statement is correct.

GEORGE T. MOORE, Cashier.

**DIRECTORS:**

Sam Butman, Sr. W. T. Sadler  
W. S. J. Brown, H. C. West, Booth Warren

**PERSONALS**

Mr. and Mrs. John D. Jones had all of their children home over the week-end holidays: Mr and Mrs. Vernon Jones and daughter, Shelia Ann, of Brownfield, and Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Clark and daughter, Patsy Ruth of Abilene.

Dave Carson, H. N., United States Navy, who is on duty as hospital man at the Washington, D. C., laboratory school, is home on 15-day leave, visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Carson.

After a series of visits with her children at Waco, Fort Worth and Dallas, Mrs. J. L. Tucker returned home Tuesday night.

Miss Joanne Sloan returned Wednesday afternoon from a two weeks' vacation in Seagraves with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Bicknell and family.

Mr. and Mrs. George Crow have as their guests, Mr. Crow's brother, Tom Crow, of Rogers, Bell county, and his son, Dick Crow and family, of San Benito.

Mrs. Judd McReynolds and her sister and niece, of Sweetwater, are vacationing in the mountains of Colorado. She reports they are now in Colorado Springs and en route through New Mexico saw some pretty grass, pasture land ranches and learned that they had good rains.

G. F. Woods, Jr., of Amarillo, has returned home after visiting his

grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Smith, and other relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Risinger and Jimmy drove to Tahoka last week to take his uncle, Tom Higgins, to attend the Old-Timers reunion there. They were accompanied by Mr. Risinger's mother, Mrs. Mary Risinger.

Capt. William Hughes, who has been stationed in the Panama Canal zone since soon after the first of the year, is home on leave, visiting his wife and sons.

V. D. Jones of Bagwell visited

over the week-end in the John and Twyman Collins homes, Milam Pike, who came to drive for him, visited his mother, Mrs. J. R. Pee, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Seals, of Sonora, are visiting Mrs. Seals' parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Smith. On their return home, they will visit Mr. Seals' sister, Mrs. Wirt Stephenson, and family of Fort Worth. Accompanying them is a niece, Mary Ellen Stephenson.

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JULY 9th AND 10th

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Texasun— <b>Grapefruit Juice</b> , 46 oz. can 15c	Monarch, Lime, Strawberry, Raspberry <b>GELATIN</b> , box ..... 8c
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**Farm Bureau Families Plan Get-Together and Barbecue for July 22**

Taylor County Farm Bureau members, their families and guests, estimated at 1,000, will have a big get-together and barbecue at the Taylor County Old Settlers' Reunion grounds at Buffalo Gap Thursday, July 22. W. Ollie Higgins, president, announced Saturday.

Speakers will be Walter Hammond, president and national director of the Farm Bureau; U. S. Representative Omar Burleson, and Raymond McElrath, 7th district director of the Texas Farm Bureau.

All Farm Bureau members and their families are expecting a great occasion with plenty of music, fellowship and barbecue. Each Farm Bureau family has been asked to invite another family, Higgins said.

The celebration gets under way at 9:30 a. m.

Officers and directors of the Taylor County Farm Bureau are: Higgins, Merkel, president; Billy Joe Gist, Abilene, secretary; Frank Antilley, Abilene, Frank K. Antilley, Shep. E. E. Stewart, E. C. Adams and J. T. McMillian, all of Lavn. Fred Perry and Joe Seymore, both of Merkel, N. T. Bryan, Trent, S. A. Hurd, Buffalo Gap, and O. C. Grisom, Guion.

**MOVIE CALENDAR**

**QUEEN**

Friday - Saturday — Double feature program: Gene Autry, Smiley Burnette in "Colorado Skies" and Blondie and Dagwood in "Blondie's Anniversary;" Color cartoon and Serial.

Sunday, Monday and Tuesday — Ronald Reagan, Eleanor Parker in "The Voice of the Turtle;" Color cartoon, Latest World News.

Wednesday - Thursday — Barbara Stanwyck, David Niven in "The Other Love;" Selected Short Subjects, "Soap Box Derby" and Sport Reel.

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"The Voice of the Turtle" has played on the stage from Montpelier, Vt., to San Diego, Cal., in London, in Sydney, and on Broadway. Other long-run hits in the same class include "Life With Father" and "Arsenic and Old Lace," both of which were made into movies by Warner Bros.

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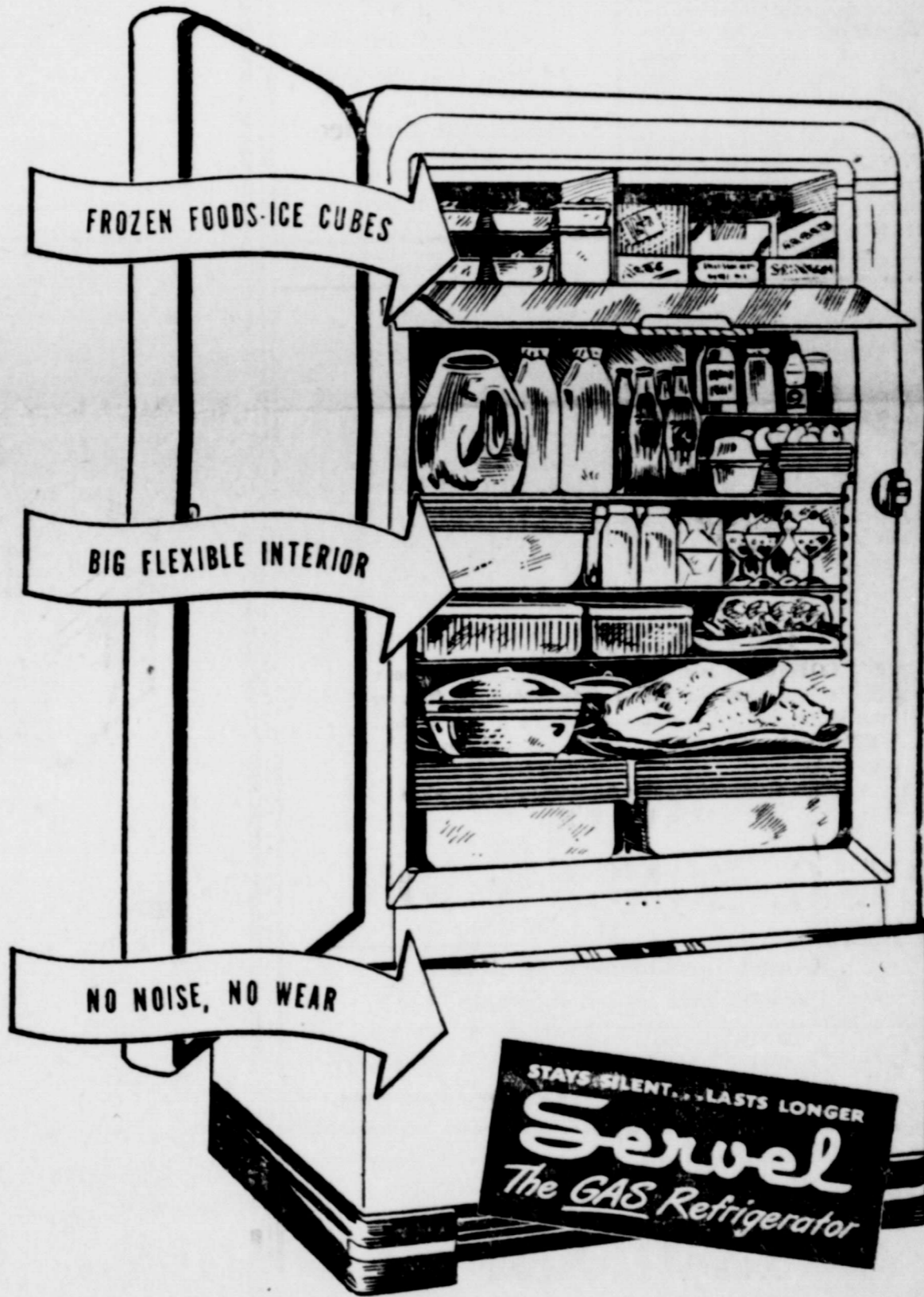


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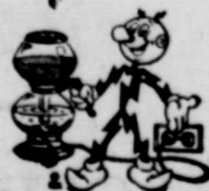


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**REA Borrowers Buy Unprecedented Amount Of Electricity in 1947**

Operators of rural power systems financed by the Rural Electrification Administration purchased at wholesale the unprecedented total of 3,982,267,051 kilowatt-hours of electric energy during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1947, the U. S. Department of Agriculture has announced.

This record-breaking amount of energy cost \$26,909,545, or an average of 8.7 mills per kilowatt-hour. This compares with an average cost of 8.8 mills paid by the REA borrowers for wholesale purchases during the 1945-1946 fiscal year.

The electric energy purchased by REA-financed systems during the 1946-1947 fiscal year exceeds by 714,586,303 kilowatt-hours the previous high of 2,567,780,748 kilowatt-hours purchased during the preceding fiscal year. In 1939, when REA first compiled energy statistics, the wholesale purchases amounted to only 152,397,929 kilowatt-hours.

The department announced that during 1946-1947 the REA borrowers purchased at wholesale 1,869,525,239 kilowatt-hours, or 60.4 per cent of the total, from commercial suppliers at an average price of 10 mills per kilowatt-hour. They paid these suppliers a total of \$18,659,795.

During the same period they purchased at wholesale 1,221,741,921 kilowatt-hours, or 39.6 per cent of the total, from publicly-owned or non-profit suppliers at an average rate of 6.8 mills per kilowatt-hour. They paid these suppliers a total of \$8,249,840.

As of June 1, 1948, the REA financed electric power systems numbered 1,037, of which 917 were in operation. Their operating facilities included approximately 645,000 miles of lines serving 2,190,000 consumers and they were connecting new consumers at the rate of more than 1500 per day.

REA has approved loans totaling about \$1,300,000,000 for these facilities. These loans, to be repaid over a maximum period of 25 years, bear 2 per cent interest.

**Trent Methodists in All-Day Program to Observe the Fourth**

Trent, July 8.—The Methodist church observed the Fourth with an all-day program and dinner served in the church. Rev. Orion Carter, district superintendent, preached at the 11 o'clock hour, giving a report on the general conference held recently in Boston, Mass.

"We must take the world for Christ in our generation, or see the end of our civilization," Dr. Carter said. "The Methodist church," he continued, "is for co-operation of all the Protestant churches, and the church has gone all out in its fight against strong drink, with total abstinence its goal."

Rev. Jack Fielder, local pastor, had placed his recording machine in the pulpit and recorded the message to carry to shut-ins.

Mrs. Lonnie Halbrook was presented a life membership pin by the ladies of the Women's Society of Christian Service at the morning hour.

In the afternoon the Sunday School superintendent, A. H. McElmurray, called a council meeting, following lunch, for the purpose of organizing for the Sunday School year.

Rev. Mr. Carter held the first quarterly conference in the afternoon. Clovis McElmurray and Milton Patton were elected delegates for the district conference.

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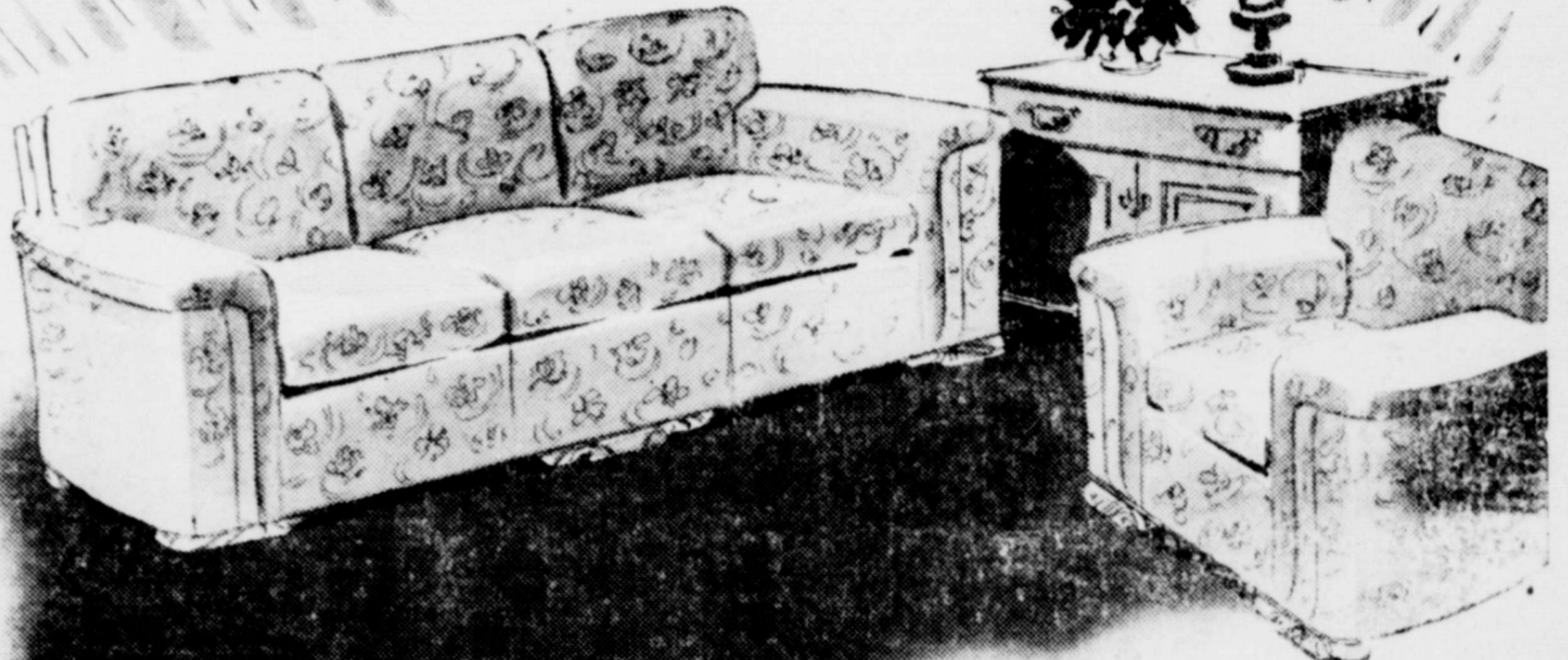
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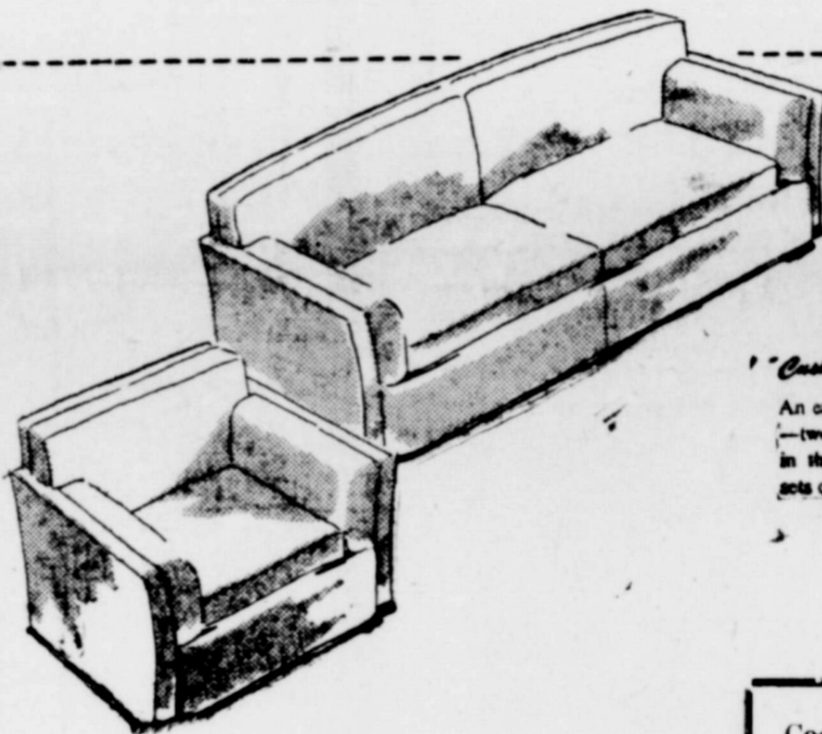
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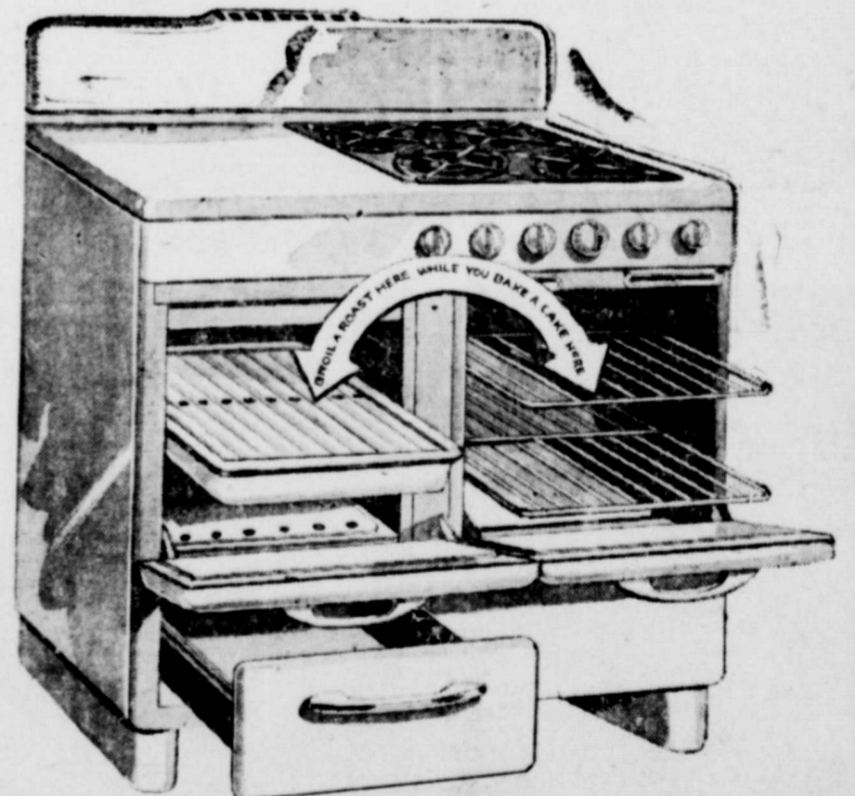
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**Additional Donors To Cemetery Fund**

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John Dew	5.00
Mrs. T. T. Earthman	2.00
Caz Lansford	1.00
O. N. Buford	2.50
T. J. Neill	2.00
J. B. Boden	5.00
Patterson Grain	5.00
Sam Roberts, Penwell	5.00
Miss Martha Jane Swafford	5.00
H. H. Hand, Corpus Christi	2.00
Herbert Dennis, Corpus Christi	5.00
V. E. Sublett, Corpus Christi	5.00
Mark Malone	5.00
Mrs. J. E. Boaz, Sr.	5.00
Raymond Miller	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. Dent Gibson	2.00

**Friday, July 16, Date Old Settlers Reunion**

The Taylor County Old Settlers Reunion will be held at Buffalo Gap on July 16, and several outstanding speakers have been invited to be present, it is announced by Judge T. A. Bledsoe, of Abilene, life-time president of the association.

There will be abundant shade and ice water, and coffee will be furnished for the noon meal, he stated. A real program has been prepared consisting of western songs and other songs appropriate for the occasion. This organization is one of the oldest and largest of its kind in West Texas, and many old-timers are expected to attend.

"If you have ever resided in Taylor county, you will be a welcome guest on this occasion," Judge Bledsoe said. Officers of the association, besides Judge Bledsoe, are Jim Hurt, Ovalo, vice-president, and Fred Jones, of Tuscola, secretary-treasurer.

**Changes in Insured Mortgage Program of FHA Are Announced**

Recent Congressional changes in the insured mortgage program of the Farmers Home Administration will broaden opportunities of farmers to obtain real estate credit, L. J. Cappleman, state director of the Farmers Home Administration of Dallas, has announced.

An assured market for insured mortgages and an increase of one-half of one per cent in the interest rate are provided in amendments to the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act, approved June 19, to encourage greater participation of private capital in the farm ownership program.

Lenders who extend credit to eligible farmers for the purchase, enlargement or development of farms under the insured farm mortgage program may assign the mortgage to the government and receive payment in full at the end of a specified period established by the Government. The loans will carry an interest rate of 3 per cent and a 1 per cent insured mortgage charge.

The credit is extended only to farmers who cannot obtain adequate financing from private or cooperative sources. Repayment of the loans is fully guaranteed by the government. The loans are limited to 90 per cent of the borrowers total investment in the farm and are repayable over a 40 year period.

Since the first insured loan was made last October, 533 loans averaging approximately \$7,000 have been closed or approved. In addition, 3,200 applicants for insured loans have been approved and their applications are being held pending the location of suitable farms or lenders willing to finance the loans with government insurance. Up to \$100,000.00 worth of loans may be insured in any one year.

Principal activity has been in eight states. Minnesota has closed or approved 31 loans, Kansas 30, Wisconsin and Michigan 27 loans each, Missouri 24, Alabama 23, Georgia 22 and Texas 11. Of the lenders, 84 per cent have been banks serving rural areas. Other loans have been made by life insurance companies, individuals, state retirement funds, and subsidiaries of farm organizations.

**Birthday Dinner Honors J. M. Spurgin**

A birthday dinner was given in honor of J. M. Spurgin on his 57th birthday, July 5.

Members of the family present were: Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Spurgin and Mackey, Jewel Ray, Carroll, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Spurgin from Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Vessie Justice and Betty Lou, Maxine and Roy, Missie Spurgin, who lives at Midland, was unable to attend.

Guests included were Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Justice and W. J. Bicknell and Eldora Eoff.

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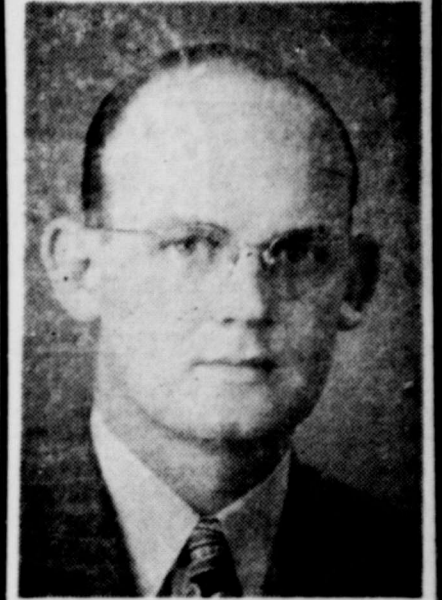
We take this method of expressing our appreciation to those who in any way extended help and sympathy in the illness and following the death of our dear husband and father, and especially do we thank Rev. E. M. Weathers and Minister Troy M. Cummings for their kind words at the funeral service, and the Barrow-Sheppard Funeral home for their faithful services.

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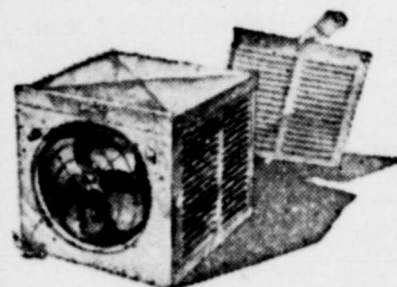
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Mrs. Winston—PURE <b>Apple Jelly, 12 oz. glass</b> ..	17c	Spk French <b>Dressing, 8 oz. bottle</b> ..	27c
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Red and White—3 Sieve <b>Peas, No. 2 can</b> .....	21c	Red and White—PURE CIDER <b>Vinegar, pt. bottle</b> .....	10c
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Red and White <b>Fruit Cocktail, tall can</b> ..	27c	Hershey Chocolate <b>Dainties, 8 oz. pkg.</b> .....	23c
Red and White—GELATINE <b>Flav-R-Jel, 2 pkgs.</b> .....	15c	Kellogg <b>Corn Flakes, 13 oz. pkg.</b> ..	19c
CARNATION or PET <b>Milk, 2 tall cans</b> .....	31c	Matchless <b>Furniture Polish, qt.</b> .....	25c
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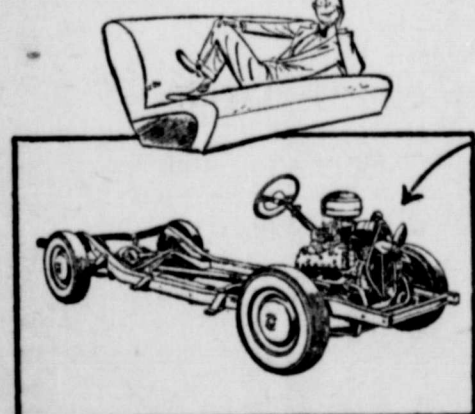
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## NOTICE OF INTENTION OF CITY OF MERKEL TO RECEIVE BIDS FOR OIL AND GAS LEASES ON CITY OWNED LANDS.

The city of Merkel, a municipal corporation, having determined that it is advisable to make oil, gas, and mineral leases on the hereinafter described lands belonging to the City of Merkel, hereby gives notice of its intention to lease the following lands or any part thereof, belonging to the City of Merkel, Taylor County, Texas, described as follows:

Lots One to Five inclusive and Lots Seven to Twelve inclusive of Block "E" of the G. W. Boyce First Addition to the Town of Merkel, Taylor County, Texas.

The City of Merkel, here now gives notice by publication in The Merkel Mail, a newspaper published in the City of Merkel in the County of Taylor, State of Texas, having general circulation therein, once a week for a period of three consecutive weeks and designated after such publication that it will receive and consider bids for oil, gas and mineral leases on the above described lands, at the City Hall in the City of Merkel, on the 19th day of July, 1948, at 8 o'clock P. M. The bids for said lease or leases will designate the primary terms of such lease or leases, together with the annual rental to be paid each year, and the form of the mineral lease or leases, to the end

that the City of Merkel may determine whether or not the lease or leases are on such form as will be satisfactory to the City of Merkel. The city governing body will receive and consider all bids for the leasing of said lands which are advertised for lease, and upon the discretion of the governing body shall award the lease or leases to the highest and best bidder therefor, considering the bonus, if any, to be paid, the rentals to be paid, the length of the lease, and the form of the lease. If, in the judgment of the governing body, the bids do not represent the fair value of such lease or leases, the governing body in its discretion may reject such lease or leases, or any one of them, and may then give notice and call for additional bids. A public hearing will be given on the date above mentioned, at the City Hall, as per the above notice. The mineral lease or leases will call for 1-8th royalty. Signed this, the 28th day of June, 1948.

CITY OF MERKEL,  
By A. J. Canon,  
Its Mayor.

## CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Aaron J. Bondurant,  
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 2nd day of August, A. D., 1948, 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 15th day of June, 1948.

The file number of said suit being No. 15,808-A.

The names of the parties in said suit are: Mable Jewell Bondurant as Plaintiff, and Aaron J. Bondurant as Defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were legally married on January 21, 1939, and lived together until May 4, 1946.

Two children were born to said marriage, namely, Bertha Louise and Elvia Louise.

Plaintiff sues for divorce on the grounds of cruel treatment. Plaintiff also sues for custody and control of the minor children and for the restoration of her maiden name.

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

Issued this the 15th day of June, A. D., 1948.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 15th day of June, A. D., 1948.

(Seal) J. Neil Daniel, Clerk,  
District Court, Taylor County, Texas.  
By Grace Jenkins, Deputy.

The number of farms getting electricity from central power plants was three times as many in 1947 as in 1937.

## Certificate for 12 Years' Service to Merkel VA Teacher

Chester Collinworth, who has taught vocational agriculture in the Merkel High school for 12 years, will be awarded a certificate for meritorious service in his 12 years as a vocational agriculture teacher, J. T. Rollins of McKinney, president of the Texas Vocational Agriculture Teachers association, has announced. Collinworth will receive the certificate in San Antonio on July 28 at a meeting of the association. Awards to be presented to teachers of vocational agriculture will be the first ever awarded by the association.

According to Lewis B. Taylor, executive secretary of the association, there are 554 teachers of vocational agriculture in Texas. Of this number, 235 have taught less than 10 years,

150 have taught 10 to 14 years, 39 have had 15 to 19 years' experience, 19 have served 20 to 24 years and 11 have taught more than 25 years. Teachers with at least 10 years'

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L. A. DUDLEY.  
RUFÉ TITTLE.

For Commissioner, Precinct 4, Jones County:  
C. H. (Connie) OTTO.  
W. O. RAINWATER.  
A. J. BARBEE, JR.

For Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 5:  
MRS. N. D. COBB.  
[Re-Election.]

For County Clerk:  
MRS. CHESTER HUTCHESON  
[Re-Election.]

For Sheriff, Taylor County:  
H. T. (Flem) FLEMING.  
(Re-Election.)

For County Judge:  
THEO ASH.  
WILEY CAFFEY.  
(Re-Election.)

For County Attorney:  
GUY W. (Pete) SHAW.  
For State Senator, 24th District:  
HARLEY SADLER.  
PAT BULLOCK.  
(Re-Election.)

For County Treasurer:  
J. R. CLARK.  
(Re-Election.)

For State Representative, 110th District:  
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## JOHNIE McDONALD AND KENNETH DISMUKKE MARRY SUNDAY IN CHURCH OF CHRIST.

A most impressive wedding was solemnized Sunday afternoon at the Church of Christ when Miss Johnie McDonald became the bride of Kenneth Dismuke of Sweetwater. The double ring ceremony was read by Troy Cummings at 5:30 o'clock in the presence of friends and relatives of both families. Mrs. Vincent Barnett and Mrs. Forrest Glen Barnett, cousins-in-law of the bride, rendered beautiful pre-nuptial music, singing "Because" and "I Love You Truly" before the ceremony.

The altar decoration featured an archway, entwined with white gladioluses and huckleberry. Floor baskets of white gladioli on either side were flanked by stately palms.

Miss Dorothy Nell Jordan of Mason attended as maid of honor and Shirley MacHedrich of Sweetwater served as best man. Ushers were Jack Owens of Sweetwater and the bride's younger brother, Lon McDonald.

Mr. Bob McDonald gave his daughter in marriage. She was radiantly beautiful in a white pique street length dress with picture hat of white pique. Her flowers were pink rosebuds. Miss Jordan's dress was of pink pique with accessories in pink. She wore white gardenias. The bride is a descendant of one of Merkel's pioneer families. Only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob McDonald, she was a popular graduate of Merkel High school after which she attended Southwest Texas State college at San Marcos four years. Last year she taught home economics at Noodle in which capacity she gained many friends.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Dismuke, 601 East Avenue D, Sweetwater. He is a graduate of Newman high school of Sweetwater and attended A. and M. college one year and was a student in Daniel Baker college in Brownwood this past year. The couple is at home in Brownwood where they will make their home.

### Reception.

A pretty reception for members of the wedding party and close friends and relatives of the families were held immediately after the church ceremony in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Griffin Barnett. Mrs. Harry Barnett, Mrs. Forrest Glen Barnett and Mrs. Vincent Barnett were co-hostesses in entertaining with Mrs. Griffin Barnett.

Pink and white Shag daisies centered the tea table where a three-tiered wedding cake, topped with miniature bride and groom, was cut by the honored couple and served by the Mesdames Barnett with punch. The happy couple left for a honeymoon trip to Austin.

## ANN WADE AND NELL QUIETT, BRIDES IN DOUBLE CEREMONY ON JUNE 19.

In a double ring ceremony, on Saturday, June 19, Ann Wade, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Wade of Merkel, became the bride of Reginal Bolding, son of Mr. and

Mrs. N. F. Bolding of Colorado City, and Nell Quiett, daughter of Mrs. Charlie Quiett, of Dunn, became the bride of Felix Bolding, also of Colorado City. The bridegrooms are brothers.

Rev. S. A. Sifford of Tuscola performed the wedding at his home.

Mrs. Reginal Bolding wore a white crepe dress with white accessories and a corsage of red rosebuds. After graduation from Merkel High school, she attended Seaggins Beauty academy in Abilene and was employed at Edna's Beauty shop here at the time of her marriage. Her husband is a graduate of Colorado City high school. He served two years in the Army, most of the time in Korea, Japan.

Mrs. Felix Bolding, the other bride in the double wedding, wore a blue dress with white accessories and corsage of yellow carnations.

After a wedding trip to Carlsbad, N. M., Mr. and Mrs. Reginal Bolding are at home in Big Spring, where he is employed. Mr. and Mrs. Felix Bolding are residing in Snyder.

## PATSY SIMPSON, TROY ROLAND ARE MARRIED IN PRETTY HOME CEREMONY.

In a double ring ceremony read Sunday evening at 6 o'clock in the home of the bride's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Thomas, Patsy Simpson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon B. Simpson, and Troy Roland, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elsie Roland, were united in marriage.

Rev. R. L. Butler solemnized the ceremony before a mantel barked with ferns and candelabra with baskets of gladioluses on each side. Misses Betty Tittle and Betty Smith sang "Always," and "The End of A Perfect Day," and Miss Smith sang "Because." They were accompanied by Miss Sue Morgan, who also played the wedding music and "Eventide" during the ceremony.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a pink crepe street-length dress, with a drape neck and a ruffled peplum, with accessories of navy. She carried a white Bible topped with white gardenias and bridal glads. The Bible belongs to a cousin, Beth Thomas.

Miss Peggy Simpson, sister of the bride, who was her only attendant, wore a blue dress styled identical with that of the bride. She and her sister wore similar halos of net and pearl setting with a corsage of white carnations.

Clarence Collins attended the groom as best man.

The bride's mother was dressed in navy, and the groom's mother was dressed in pink; both had corsages of white gardenias.

A reception was held immediately following the ceremony. The table, laid with a white lace cloth, was centered with a three-tiered wedding cake. Miss Wilma Paine led punch and Miss Jeanette Teaff served the cake.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland attended Merkel High school where Mrs. Roland graduated with valedictory honors in the class of 1945. The bridegroom was in the Merchant Marines where he served 24 months.

Following the reception the couple left for a trip to Fort Worth, Corpus Christi and Houston. The bride's going-away suit was an aqua-linen bolero suit with accessories of white.

On their return the couple will be at home at 1346 N. 6th in Abilene. Mrs. Roland is employed by the Soil Conservation Service and Mr. Roland is employed by Taylor Electric Cooperative in Merkel.

Wedding guests were Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Cornett, Wingate; Mr. and Mrs. Donald Holly and children, Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Majors, James F. Dornay, H. M. McBeath, Lavern McDonald, Morris Young, Clarence Collins, Laverne Gould, Ben Milan, Edith Walker and Helen Griffith, all of Abilene; Phyllis Hamilton, Amarillo; Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Holt, Waco; Mrs. Hugh Brewster, Sudan; Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Jones, Dave Carson, Wilma Paine, M. and Mrs. Morris Smith and Sammy, all of Merkel; Mrs. R. L.

Butler and grandson, Robin Butler of Muleshoe.

### RICHARDS-RITCH.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde M. Richards, who were united in marriage June 12 at the First Methodist church in Weatherford are at home in one of the Groene apartments since their return to Merkel last week.

The double ring ceremony was read by Rev. C. H. Sisserson, the pastor, Mrs. Gayle Grant, of Fort Worth, played the traditional wedding marches and "Always" as background music for the ceremony. The church was decorated with baskets of white daisies, fern and tapers in candelabra.

The bride, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Ritch, of Weatherford, was given in marriage by her father. She wore a powder blue crepe dress, street length, with navy accessories. Her colonial bouquet was fashioned of stephanotis and carnations, surrounding a center of gar-

denias and stephanotis, tied with a broad white ribbon.

Mrs. H. W. Martin, of Shreveport, La., was matron of honor. Charles Richards served his brother as best man.

The bridegroom, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Richards, of Crowley, La., is the efficient and courteous local agent of the Texas and Pacific Railway, having been transferred here last February from Pecos.

### ALATHEAN CLASS.

An enjoyable morning event of Tuesday was the social of the Alathean class of the First Baptist church in the home of Mrs. Hugh Campbell, with Mesdames T. E. Collins, J. S. Swann, Frank Hamm and W. W. Wheeler as co-hostesses.

With the president, Mrs. Frank Hamm, presiding over the meeting, the devotional was brought by Mrs. H. H. Hicks, and Mrs. Chas. West led the opening prayer. Following the business meeting, absentees and

names of their pals were drawn. Closing prayer was led by Mrs. J. S. Swann.

At the refreshment hour, seed watermelons were served to Mesdames H. H. Anderson, Chas. West, J. T. Warren, W. O. Boney, H. R. Hicks, W. A. McCandless, Lige Harris, E. M. McDonald, S. R. Dwigins and E. O. Carson and the hostesses and a guest, Sonja Sue Horton.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. W. A. McCandless.

## RURAL SOCIETY

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Moore announce the engagement of their eldest daughter, Vern Opal Moore, to R. M. Tate, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Tate, of Fort Worth. Mr. Tate is agent for the Santa Fe at Blair.

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