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On the "Broadway of America"

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BILLY HAYNES MARKETS FIRST BALE 1948 CROP

First bale of cotton grown in Taylor county in the 1948 season was brought into Merkel Monday by Billy Haynes.

The cotton, classed as middling 15-16, was grown on the Haynes farm, seven miles southeast of Merkel. It weighed 511 pounds, from 2,200 pounds of snap cotton, and was ginned by the Farmers Coop Society No. 1 gin.

Second and third bales to reach Merkel were ginned by the Guitarrin. A. C. Middleton of Trent produced the second bale, which weighed 436 pounds, from 1,850 of snap cotton, and was classed middling 15-16, while the third bale was brought in by J. H. Horton, of Noodle. It weighed 584 pounds, produced from 2,000 pounds, and was classed middling, one-inch staple.

The business men of Merkel were raising money for first, second and third bale premiums.

McKenzie State Park At Lubbock Scene of Teaff-Isom Reunion

The descendants of the late Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Teaff of Tye, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Teaff of Troy and J. W. Isom of Idalou and other relatives and friends met for a family reunion at McKenzie State park at Lubbock on July 23-25 with 160 present. Mrs. N. B. Teaff, Mrs. B. F. Teaff and J. W. Isom were brother and sisters.

On Sunday morning Rev. A. L. Teaff, pastor of the Calvary Baptist church of Midland, brought an inspiring message in an open air service on the picnic grounds. Mrs. Will Teaff led in singing and Mary Frances Teaff sang a special song.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Henry Teaff, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Teaff, Teaff of Weinert, Mr. and Mrs. Dee Teaff, Mr. and Mrs. Bernell Teaff, Mr. and Mrs. Dever Teaff and Vickie, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Teaff, Miss Janie Elv, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Teaff, Harold and Mary Frances, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Newton, Alton, Kermit, Clinton, Ann and Louise, of Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Arch Teaff, Leroy and Johnnie, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McCartney and Joe Ann, Garland Teaff, Loretta and Glen, from Tye; Mr. and Mrs. Luther Isom and Robert, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Isom, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Isom and Jack, Mrs. Minerva Marricle, Mrs. Clell Marricle, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Isom, of Idalou.

C. O. Marricle, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Bayor and Pamela, Bernard Isom, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Isom, Annie Nell, James, Harold, Irl Marricle, Mr. and Mrs. Cloud Leach, Mrs. Ester Leeman, Bobby, Ronnie and Madeline, from Lubbock; Lancy and Louise Wideman, Mr. and Mrs. Yohner, F. E. Jr. and Billie, U. S. Cassal, from Littlefield; Mr. and Mrs. Will Teaff, Roy and Auda Vee, Erna Wayne and Dennis Earl Popham, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Teaff and Howard Lee, Miss Billie Jean Longshore, Miss Wanda Bybee, from Post; Miss Minnie Margaret Isom, Greenville; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Worthan, J. W. Sydney and Olivia, from Shallowater; Jerry Worthan, Bowie; Miss Viola Teaff, Troy; Mrs. Zelma Romfing, Eddy; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Teaff, A. L. Sarylyn and LaLee, from Midland; Miss Jeannette Teaff, Miss Lorena McCartney, Mr. and Mrs. Randal Story, Mr. and Mrs. from Goodland.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Parkman, Dee Verle, Wanell, Freddie, Miss Freddie Lou Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. Royce Teaff and Jerry, Mr. and Mrs. John Robert Dean Hay, from Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Crockett and Freddy, Archer City; Mr. and Mrs. Elden Roberts, Gay, Kay, Fern and Sue, House, N. M.; Miss Loucell Teaff, (Continued on Page Two)

Number from Merkel Attend Rites Monday For Crash Victim

A number of relatives and friends from Merkel attended the funeral services held Monday afternoon from the Kiker-Warren Funeral Home chapel, in Abilene, for Billy Bruton, one of two 17-year-old Abilene boys killed in an airplane crash two miles north of McCamey Saturday afternoon.

He was the step-son of Mrs. Emmett H. Bruton, Route 1, Abilene, who is a sister of Mrs. Vincent Barnett.

Other survivors are his father and six brothers.

FORECAST 1948 CROP AS OVER 15 MILLION BALES

Seventh Largest Crop on Record Indicated; Texas Crop Placed At 3,500,000 Bales on Basis of Aug. 1 Condition.

Washington, Aug. 12.—A 1948 bumper cotton crop of 15,169,000 bales was forecast Monday by the Department of Agriculture, based on indications Aug. 1.

Such a crop would be the seventh largest on record. The top yield was 18,946,000 produced in 1937.

The 1948 indicated crop is 3,518,000 bales more than last year's crop and 3,155,000 bales more than the ten-year (1937-46) average.

In the USDA estimate, released Monday, a Texas 1948 cotton crop was predicted—69,000 bales larger than last year's crop.

The current crop is expected to total 3,500,000 bales, which would be the largest crop produced since 1937.

Trent Woman Dies in Canyon; Burial Here

Trent, Aug. 12.—Funeral services for Mrs. L. E. F. Johnston, 78, of Trent, who died last Thursday at Canyon, were held at 4 p. m. Friday from the Trent Methodist church, with the pastor, Rev. Jack Fielder, officiating.

Burial was in Rose Hill cemetery at Merkel, under direction of Kiker-Warren Funeral home of Abilene. Her husband was buried there in November, 1938.

Mrs. Johnston had suffered a heart-attack two weeks before while visiting her son, L. S. Johnston, at Canyon.

She was born in Summerville, Ga., Oct. 2, 1869, and was married there in 1889. She came to Johnson county, Texas, in 1903, and to the Trent area in 1919.

She is survived by five sons: V. A., of Long Beach, Calif.; H. A., of Hamlin, C. B., of Eskota, R. W., of Happy, and L. S. Johnston, of Canyon; a daughter, Mrs. W. W. McMurray, of Trent, with whom she had made her home, and one brother, W. E. Bryant, Portales, N. M.

Daughter of Former Residents Dies Friday

Funeral services for Joyce McLain, 2, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. McLain of Hawley, formerly of Merkel, were held at 4 p. m. Saturday from the Hawley Methodist church, with Rev. H. S. Earp, pastor of the Assembly of God church of Merkel, officiating.

Burial was in the Hawley cemetery, under direction of Elliott's Funeral home of Abilene.

The child died Friday morning in Hendrick Memorial hospital, following a brief illness. She was taken to the hospital early Friday and died at 8:30 a. m.

Besides the parents, her survivors are five sisters: Mrs. Lueta Bell-knap, of Waxahachie, Rose Marie, Geneva, Rachel and Lila Jean, all of Hawley; the maternal grandfather, Dave Bell, of Leonard, and the paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McLain, of Frisco.

Pre-School Round-up Scheduled for Aug. 13

The Well Child conference, a pre-school round-up, will be held Friday, Aug. 20, from 2 to 4 p. m., in the office of Mrs. Elma McFarland.

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

All parents of pre-school children are especially urged to bring them.

Packs Up to Visit "Granny in Texas"

While she did not go very far, little Ann Day, 3-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ocie Day, of Chandler, Okla., had the thrill of packing her suitcase and kissing her mother goodbye as she started walking down the street from their home for a visit to see her "Granny in Texas."

Mrs. Day wrote her grandmother, Mrs. Myrtle Boden, that she permitted Ann to get a block away before she stopped her "make-believe" trip.

TWO BROTHERS IN STAGE SHOWS DALLAS, WACO

Mrs. Nathan Wood, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. J. H. McDonald, and sister, Mrs. Myrtle Wozencraft, spent the week-end in Dallas to attend the Starlight opera, in which Don Wood, her youngest son, took the solo part in the ensemble of "Naughty Marietta." They also remained over Monday night for the presentation of "Hit the Deck," next-to-last attraction on the 1948 schedule of the Fair Park Casino.

Earlier in the summer, Mr. and Mrs. Wood had gone to Waco to attend the Southwest Summer Theater program for which their older son, Bill Wood, is stage manager. He also played some minor roles in Shakespearean plays. His parents saw "A Mid-Summer Night's Dream," in which he took the role of Philostrate, master of revels to Theseus.

Both Bill and Don are graduates of North Texas State college, Denton, and Bill is a student in Baylor university, doing work on a master's degree in speech. Don majored in music at the state college at Denton.

Local Fire Department Adds 13 New Members

Thirteen new members were admitted at the regular monthly meeting of the Merkel Volunteer Fire department, held Monday night at the fire station, which brought out an unusually large number of old members also.

New members welcomed were Melton D. Cross, C. B. Rust, Calvin Peterson, M. B. Higgins, Carl H. Doan, D. B. Clark, Doyle Seifried, Nolan Palmer, L. V. Moore, Ray Mandy, P. W. Miller, J. L. (Buster) Hester and Grif Barnett.

Increased interest is being shown in the practice drills and the new members are urged to be regular in attendance on practice nights as well as for the regular meetings.

Plans are being made for a monthly entertainment, it is announced, and all money made from attendance at practice will go into the entertainment fund.

Barrow-Sheppard to Act as Agent, Abilene Life Insurance Co.

Announcement is made in an advertisement in this issue of The Mail that the Barrow-Sheppard company, Fred Starbuck, owner, has entered into an agreement with the Abilene Life Insurance company, of Abilene, to act as their agent.

All payments and claims will be handled locally. Mr. Starbuck states in offering this added service to the people of Merkel and vicinity.

Adds Department for Picture Framing

Opening of a complete picture framing department is announced by Fred Starbuck, owner of the Barrow-Sheppard company, as an added service of this enterprising concern.

Attend Adams Family Reunion at Dalhart

All three brothers and four sisters were present last week-end for the Adams family reunion held in the home of Mrs. Ida Lamb of Dalhart.

Mrs. Ed Turner and her sister, Mrs. F. M. Edwards, of Weinert, who visited with her several days last week here, went up Saturday night to Dalhart for the family reunion. Others present from Merkel were Ikey Turger and Miss Charlotte Harwell, Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Latimer and Carroll Walton.

New Pay Zone Opened In Reidenbach Test

Opening of a new pay, in the Upper Hope, is being made in the recently discovered Taylor County oil pool three miles south of Merkel by the West Central Drilling Co. et al No. 1 Ennis Reidenbach.

On drillstem test of the section, the well showed gas to surface in three minutes and began flowing oil in 15 minutes. Rate of fill was computed at more than 75 barrels per hour. Top of the pay section is 2,674 feet, and total depth, 2,676.

The well had also showed for production from the Flippin lime, where the discovery well and a first extension were completed.

CALENDAR FOR '48-'49 SESSION IS ANNOUNCED

Faculty Meeting Called for 10 A. M. Sept. 1; Registration Begins Sept. 2; Grade Classes Start Sept. 3.

The official calendar for the 1948-49 session of the Merkel Public schools, recently released by Supt. R. A. McCollum, provides for a faculty meeting at 10 a. m. Wednesday, Sept. 1, in the High School Study hall, with registration beginning on Thursday, Sept. 2.

On that date the Juniors and Seniors in Merkel High school will register, also grade students, Freshmen and Sophomores will register Friday, Sept. 3, and grade school classes will begin work that day.

Holidays indicated are: Armistice, Nov. 11; Thanksgiving, Nov. 25-28; Christmas, Dec. 22-Jan. 2; Easter, Apr. 15-17; V-E Day, May 6. (Class picnics this day only.)

A. H. Jefferies to Speak at Farm Meeting

At a meeting to be held Friday night at 8 o'clock at the Community Center building, the grain sorghum loan on farm storage and also the cotton loan program and the 1949 wheat insurance program will be explained. A. H. Jefferies, administrator of the AAA, will be the speaker.

All parents of pre-school children interested are invited to attend, it is announced by Ollie Higgins, chairman of the County AAA committee.

Veterans Interested in Farm School to Meet

All Veterans interested in joining the GI Farm school should be present at the meeting to be held at the Farm School shop in the northwest part of town, Friday night, at 8 o'clock, as it is likely to mean the difference between having a school and not having one, according to John Malone, president, and J. D. Sandusky, vice-president of the organization.

A minimum of 20 Veterans is required to make the school possible, they stated.

Boys Donate Blood to Scottish Rite Hospital

Four Merkel boys were accompanied to Dallas last Sunday by Ed Sandusky to donate blood to the blood bank at the Scottish Rite hospital. This hospital, located in Dallas, is famous for its treatment of infantile paralysis.

Making the trip and giving to this worthy cause were Oris Reynolds, Larry Bailey, Gaston Walker and Calvin Wade.

Rev. Ray Stephens to Lead Baptist Revival

Rev. Ray Stephens, pastor of the First Baptist church of McLean, will do the preaching for the summer revival of the First Baptist church, which begins Sunday and continues through the following Sunday, Rev. E. M. Weathers, pastor, announced Thursday morning.

Services will be held twice daily, at 10 a. m. and 8 p. m. Every one is cordially invited to attend these services.

Merkel Patrols Place In Boy Scout Swimmoree

The Beaver and Panther Patrols of Merkel Troop 20 placed in almost all of the events at the Boy Scout Swimmoree at Camp Tonkawa Saturday.

The Beaver Patrol brought home second high score in all events, while the Panther Patrol placed third in all events, based on the entire program.

The boys were accompanied by Luther Land and Jay Greenfield.

Rainfall Sunday Night One-Eighth of Inch

While adjacent communities received greater moisture, only a scant one-eighth of an inch of rainfall was gauged Sunday night by J. I. Ford, volunteer weather observer. This brings the 1948 total rainfall locally to 5 5-8 inches.

INITIAL TRIPS OF T&P EAGLES SUNDAY, AUG. 15

Texas Pacific "Eagles," which will make their initial trips across West Texas Sunday, Aug. 15, will radically reduce running time between Fort Worth and El Paso, Clyde Richards, local T. and P. agent, announced Tuesday. The Eagles will make all scheduled stops of the Sunshine Specials, which they replace.

Westbound Eagle No. 1 will arrive in Merkel at 1:30 p. m., whereas the Sunshine Special arriving time was 8:09 p. m.

Eastbound Eagle No. 2 will arrive at 11:35 a. m., somewhat later than the present Sunshine Special at 9:53 a. m.

Both trains will be completely stream-lined, with the exception of baggage cars, which are to be installed in about 30 days.

The Southerners, (night trains), will continue on present schedules: No. 7 westbound, at 3:30 a. m., and No. 8 eastbound, at 12:58 a. m.

Merkel Jaycees Play Loraine Here Friday

With a record of winning their last six straight games, the Merkel Jaycees will play Loraine on the High School athletic field Friday night of this week.

Next week-end, if the crowd can be built up to afford sufficient patronage, Manager Dennis Walker announces that the Jaycees will sponsor a tournament here, from Friday through Sunday, inviting teams from eight surrounding towns.

In order to meet the objection as to price, admission has been reduced to 10 and 25 cents, he said, and with the greatly improved club, too, this should bring out bigger numbers to see the games.

"While surrounding towns are giving their teams liberal support, our receipts have not been enough to pay for the lights and incidental expenses, such as balls and bats," Walker stated.

Canon Resigns Post As Kimbell Manager

After three years' service as manager of the Kimbell Milling company here—ever since the erection of the big grain elevator, Mayor A. J. Canon tendered his resignation, effective Monday.

Because of the state of his wife's health, so that he might be better able to care for her at home, Mr. Canon decided to resign, but in retiring he wishes through The Mail to express his thanks and appreciation for the loyal patronage of all his friends and to bespeak a continuance of his successor.

Earl Duncan of Trent has assumed duties as a new manager of the elevator.

Record of Births.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Deen, Saturday, August 7, 1948.

Girl, to Major and Mrs. Earl Bonneau, Tuesday, August 10, 1948.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From Files of The Merkel Mail, August 17, 1928.)

LOCAL CITIZENS ENJOY FISH FRY ON CONCHO.

A party, composed of 32 people from this city and surrounding community, returned Wednesday from an outing and fishing trip to the Concho river near Paint Rock. They report an abundance of fish for the entire party which was composed of Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Bland and three children, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Moore and four children, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Tittle and six children, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Cox and four children, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Cox and three children, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Chambless of Trent, Uncle Billie Sheppard of this city, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Cox and two sons, Curtis and R. C., who are here on a visit with friends and relatives from California. In fact, there has been what might be called a family reunion of the Cox brothers and sisters for the past week. All were on this outing except Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Cox, who had just returned from New Mexico.

W. A. Hall of Salisbury, North Carolina, and Mrs. T. L. Hall of

TO MAKE PLANS FOR PRE-SCHOOL TRAINING CAMP

All High School Boys Interested in Being Candidates for the Badger Squad Asked to Meet Sunday at 4 P. M.

Coach Carroll Benson has requested that all high school boys living in the Merkel school district who are interested in being candidates for the 1948 Badger football team meet in the gymnasium at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

At this meeting plans for the year will be made and also plans for the pre-school training session. Tentative plans have been made to take the boys to Camp Tonkawa, near Buffalo Gap, for the last week in August, if enough boys are interested.

Coach "Peavine" Benson expects to have about 30 boys, fifteen freshmen and fifteen upper classmen, out for the initial practice sessions. Benson, who has tutored the Badgers to four district championships in the past five years, will be short on both quantity and quality this year. Only five lettermen, none of whom were regulars last fall, will be back. Several freshmen may break into the lineup before the season is over.

Considering the fact that Benson will be short on experienced material, it is not expected that the local gridsters will cut much ice in the 8A west race this fall. It will probably be a successful season if the boys win half of their games. At this stage, it is predicted that Rotan is the team to beat for the west half title. For the first time in several years, Merkel will not be the pre-season favorite.

Nine games have been carded for the Purple and Gold club, six of which will be played at home. The schedule is as follows:

- Sept. 17—Anson at Merkel.
 - Sept. 24—Lorraine at Merkel.
 - Oct. 1—Andrews at Andrews.
 - *Oct. 8—Roscoe at Roscoe.
 - Oct. 15—Winters at Merkel.
 - *Oct. 22—Hamlin at Merkel.
 - *Oct. 29—Merkel at Rotan.
 - *Nov. 5—Snyder at Merkel.
 - *Nov. 11—Colorado City at Merkel.
- * Denotes conference game.

US Savings Bonds in Taylor Below Quota

Total sales of U. S. Savings bonds in Taylor county during the Security Loan Campaign were \$520,624.50, according to sales figures received from state savings bonds headquarters in Dallas.

The county's quota was \$600,000.00. The Security Loan Campaign was launched on Apr. 15 and continued through June 30, with sales through July 15 being credited to county quotas. Of the county's total sales, Series E Bonds accounted for \$264,825.00.

Final sales for the state as a whole were: Series E, \$41,404,000; Series F and G, \$24,462,000; total, of all series, \$65,866,000. Total sales for the nation were \$2,798,183,000.

LOCAL CITIZEN VISITS NORTH FINDS AL TO BE FAVORITE.

Mr. E. C. Richards and family returned last week from an extended visit with their son who resides in the state of Massachusetts. They also visited in the state of Maine.

In speaking of politics, Mr. Richards stated that nine out of ten in the great cities of the north were supporting Al Smith while in the rural communities they were overwhelmingly for Hoover. He believes Massachusetts, always a republican stronghold heretofore, will go for Al Smith.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Leach and children are expected home this week from a vacation visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Leach at Russell Springs, Ky. En route they visited a sister of Mr. Leach in Indiana.

Mrs. Novis Mayhugh has returned to her home in Stamford after a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Smith.

Ed Leon Wilson is spending a week's vacation with his mother, Mrs. Ida Wilson, in Sherman.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Swafford and children of San Antonio are visiting with his mother, Mrs. T. J. R. Swafford.

Mrs. D. S. Richardson, after a visit with her mother, Mrs. J. E. Boaz, has returned to Camp Hood. Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Scroggins and children of Monahans, who also visited in the Boaz home last week while Mr. Scroggins was attending the Coaches' school in Abilene, returned home Sunday.

Calvin Smith has gone for a 10-day visit with his brothers, Robert and Foy Smith, of Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Hill and two sons, Gary, and David, who were visitors last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hamm, returned Sunday to their home at Oklahoma, but Gary remained for a longer visit with his grandparents.

Cecil Boules and family of Jefferson were visitors last week with his sister, Mrs. Mary Carr, and from here went on to Monahans for a week-end visit with his brother, Bob Boules, and wife.

Mrs. M. M. Owen and grandson, Owen Edward Palmer, returned home Wednesday after a visit with her sister, Mrs. H. L. Davenport, and friends in Midland.

Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Fox and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sledge and Jimmy were week-end visitors with Mrs. Sledge's sister, Mrs. Earl Norwood, in Ranger.

Mrs. Ida Armstrong has as her guest, her cousin, Mrs. Emma Hawkins Vantine, of Dallas.

Oxford University in England is a federation of 21 colleges each with its own government and teaching staff. England's Oxford dates back to 1249.

CHICK CHATS

BIRDS REQUIRE BALANCED DIET

Birds whose daily feed continually lacks one or more of the essential food elements not only lag behind in growth or produce fewer eggs, but also may develop one of various nutritional deficiency diseases. To function properly, a chicken's body needs a balanced diet of minerals, vitamins, proteins, carbohydrates, and fats. When just one of these is missing trouble soon may develop.

Here are some of the common nutritional ailments, their symptoms, causes and curative or preventive measures:
RICKETS—Caused by the lack of vitamin D or of certain minerals, particularly calcium. Chicks suffering from the disease have soft and rubbery beaks, breastbones and legs. Crooked breasts and breastbones frequently develop. The chief effect on adult birds has to do with the production of eggs, the lack of minerals resulting in the production of thin or soft-shelled eggs. To correct the condition give the birds adequate amounts of the deficient nutrients. Fish liver oils will supply the required vitamins while powdered limestone or oyster shell, will give the fowl the minerals they need.

SLIPPED TENDON—This is a disease in which the large hock tendon of the bird's leg slips from its normal position causing the leg to become bowed or twisted. It usually occurs among chicks. Causes are deficiencies of manganese or choline. Make certain the feed contains 4 to 6 ounces of manganese sulphate per ton.

CURLY TOE PARALYSIS—Affected birds walk on their hocks with toes curled inward. It is caused by a deficiency of vitamin G or riboflavin. Dried liver, dried yeast, milk products and green feeds are some of the food products which will provide plenty of riboflavin when needed.

NUTRITIONAL ROUP—This condition, caused by a lack of vitamin A, affects the lining of the upper respiratory and digestive tracts. Nutritional roup is marked by the formation of milky white material in the nasal cavities, sinuses and under the eyelids. Small white nodules form in the esophagus. Correct the condition by feeding greens, yellow corn, dried liver meal or cod liver meal to the birds.

Merkel Drug Company.

Ely Reunion

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Houston: Mr. and Mrs. Archie Be-teaff, Darlene, Marshall, Frances, Ann, Marilyn, Miss Pamela Tunnell, Henry Parkman, Doyal Hasting, Tom Bula; Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Teaff, Billy, Peggy and Bobby, Hale Center; Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Romning, Ralph, Ben and Billie, Albert Lewallen, James Cake, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Isom, of Lorenzo; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Livengood and Earl, Jr., Abernathy; Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Watson, Levelland; Mr. and Mrs. Felle Teaff, Bettye and Ray Teaff, Ropesville; Miss Christine Harrov, Gorce; Miss Helen Isom, Denver City; Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Thompson, Sudan, and Mrs. J. H. Lanier, Crowell.

In The Churches

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Attendance at the seven reporting Sunday Schools last Sunday was 736 as compared with 699 on the previous Sunday. The attendance on the same Sunday a year ago was 830.

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, no one is available to fill the pulpit Sunday.

Reporter.

NAZARENE CHURCH.

Sunday School 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Prayer meeting at 8 p. m. Wednesday.

R. T. Smith, Pastor.

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.

RURAL SOCIETY

UNION RIDGE CLUB.

The next meeting of the Union Ridge Home Demonstration club will be held Aug. 20 in the home of Mrs. Denzel Cox.

BLUEBONNET CLUB.

There is to be a family picnic at the Butman tabernacle Aug. 20. Every one is asked to bring sandwiches, tea, potato chips, etc.

Navy Recruiter in Merkel Each Monday

Chief H. F. Lindsey, recruiter in charge of the Abilene Navy Recruiting station, has announced that he will be in Merkel each Monday morning from 9 a. m. until 12 for the purpose of securing recruits for this branch of service.

Chief Lindsey will be on hand to interview applicants for the regular Navy and to answer any questions in regard to Navy enlistments and service.

The automotive industry is the largest purchaser of gasoline, rubber, steel, malleable iron, mohair, upholstery, leather, lubricating oil, plate glass, nickel and lead.

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.



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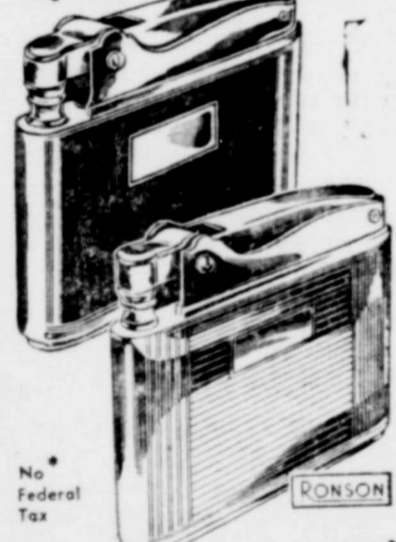
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(Terms Here)

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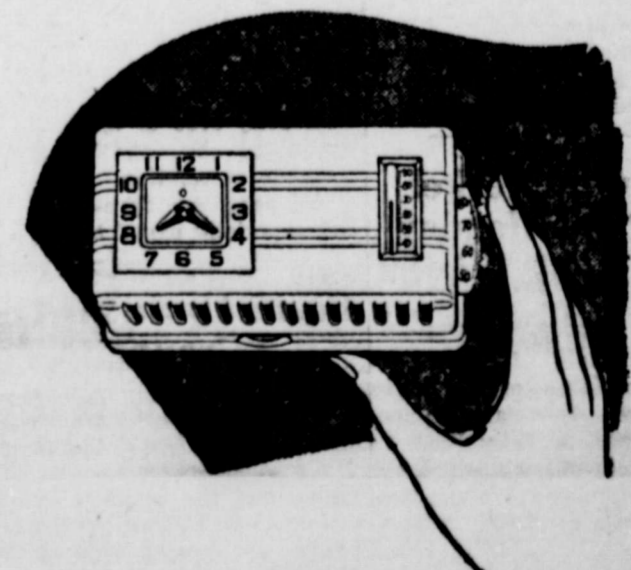
Like all modern flue-vented heating appliances, floor furnaces furnish healthful, evenly circulated warmth. Even on coldest days, your home is free from clammy, sweating walls, chilly corners or frigid floors.

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Mr. Fred Starbuck,
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Dear Mr. Starbuck:

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Any one desiring further information regarding this program is requested to contact his local US Army and US Air Force Recruiting station. In Abilene, the Recruiting Service is located at 233 Cedar street.

MOVIE CALENDAR

QUEEN

Friday - Saturday - Double feature program: Gene Autry, Smiley Burnette in "Ridin' On a Rainbow" and Joan Bennett, Michael Redgrave in "Secret Beyond the Door;" color cartoon and "Mysterious Mr. M" serial.

Sunday, Monday and Tuesday - Dennis Morgan, Jack Carson in "Two Guys From Texas;" Bugs Bunny cartoon and latest News.

Wednesday - Thursday - Burt Lancaster, Elizabeth Scott in "I Walk Alone;" latest March of Time "The Fight Game" and color short.

"TWO GUYS FROM TEXAS"

Warner Bros.' handsome new technical musical round-up, "Two Guys From Texas" co-stars Dennis Morgan and Jack Carson in a hilarious rondo of rhythm and laughs.

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Dorothy Malone and Penny Edwards share feminine honors opposite the two leading funsters.

Annual Peterson-Saffel Reunion Held Aug. 1

Cobb Park was the setting Aug. 1 for the annual reunion of the Peterson-Saffel families, with several Abilenians and other West Texans in attendance.

Present were Mr. and Mrs. Lester Peterson and sons, Burl and Delbert, of Tuscola; Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Peterson, Sr., and son, Charles, of Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Mashburn and children, Charles and Charlene, of Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bradley of Miles; Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Saffel and sons of Rule; Jim and Earnest Saffel of Rule; Joe Blake of Rule; Mrs. Robert Corlis and children, Sue, Beverly and Mickey of San Angelo; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Richardson and children, Nancy, Virginia and Freddie, of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bates of Odessa; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hogan and son, Tommy, of Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Alvir Siewert of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Peterson, Jr., of Penwell; Mr. and Mrs. Miller Patton and children, Linda and Deborah, of Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Ross Hodges and children, Alice and Dixie, of Garden City, and Mrs. Sam Burns of Abilene.

Visitors were Louise Wade of Merkel and Joan Garner of Abilene.

Vessels Family Reunion Sunday in Trent Home

Trent, Aug. 12.—Mrs. J. T. Vessels had the pleasure of having seven of her children home last Sunday for a reunion. All of the children were present except two sons, Dex Vessels of Lubbock and R. P. Vessels of Houston. Due to the state of Mrs. Vessels' health the reunion had to be held at her home.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Vessels and grandson, Charles Glenn Carter, of Monahans, Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Vessels, Billie, V. E. Jr., and Linda, of Eastland, Mrs. Ora Harris, Billy and Dolores, of Merkel, Mrs. Cleta Hott, Ruby Ann and Rita, of Gainesville, Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Vessels, Annette and Wilma, of Royalty, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Vessels, of San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Sparks, Doris, Steven and Wanda Jan, of Trent, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Dex Vessels and Kenneth Wayne, of Lubbock, Mrs. Sara Belle McQuarry and Charles Lynn, of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Cade, Mrs. John Graves and Mrs. Seth Rakes.

E. L. Grimes Promoted Quanah Bank President

E. L. Grimes, of Quanah, son of T. L. Grimes and brother of Dee Grimes of Merkel, has been promoted to the presidency of the First National bank of Quanah, of which he was formerly vice-president and cashier.

Since soon after World War I, Mr. Grimes has been engaged in the banking business, having been associated with a bank at Chillicothe until about 8 years ago when he entered the employ of the Quanah bank. He succeeds J. D. Hughes as president, who is now chairman of the board.

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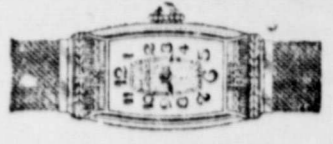
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<input type="checkbox"/> Forum	1 Yr.	<input type="checkbox"/> Sports Afield	1 Yr.
<input type="checkbox"/> Front Page Detective	1 Yr.	<input type="checkbox"/> The Homemaker	1 Yr.
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GROUP B — Check Two Magazines

<input type="checkbox"/> American Fruit Grower	2 Yr.	<input type="checkbox"/> Open Road (Boys)	1 Yr.
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<input type="checkbox"/> American Poultry Jnl.	2 Yr.	<input type="checkbox"/> Parents' Magazine	1 Yr.
<input type="checkbox"/> Breeder's Gazette	1 Yr.	<input type="checkbox"/> Pathfinder (26 Issues)	1 Yr.
<input type="checkbox"/> Christian Herald	6 Mo.	<input type="checkbox"/> Photoplay	1 Yr.
<input type="checkbox"/> Country Gentleman	5 Yr.	<input type="checkbox"/> Poultry Tribune	2 Yr.
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Constitutional Amendments

H. J. R. No. 12
HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION
amending Section 15 of Article XVI of the Constitution of the State of Texas, by adding thereto a provision that the husband and wife from time to time may in writing partition between themselves in severality or into undivided interests all or any part of their community property, whereupon without prejudice to the right of existing creditors the portion or interest set aside to each spouse shall be and constitute a part of the separate property of such spouse; further providing that such Constitutional Amendment if adopted shall be self-operative and self-executing; providing for the submission of this Amendment to the voters of this State; prescribing the form of ballot; providing for the proclamation and publication thereof.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1. That Section 15 of Article XVI of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended so as to read as follows:

Section 15. All property, both real and personal, of the wife owned or claimed by her before marriage, and that acquired afterward by gift, devise or descent, shall be the separate property of the wife; and laws shall be passed more clearly defining the rights of the wife, in relation as well to her separate property as that held in community with her husband; provided that husband and wife, without prejudice to pre-existing creditors, may from time to time by written instrument, as if the wife were a feme sole partition between themselves in severality or into equal undivided interests all or any part of their existing community property, or exchange between themselves the community interest of one spouse in any property for the community interest of the other spouse in other community property, whereupon the portion or interest set aside to each spouse shall be and constitute a part of the separate property of such spouse.

This Amendment is self-operative, but laws may be passed prescribing requirements as to the form and manner of execution of such instruments, and providing for their recording, and for such other reasonable requirements not inconsistent herewith as the Legislature may from time to time consider proper with relation to the subject of this Amendment. Should the Legislature pass an Act dealing with the subject of this Amendment and prescribing requirements as to the form and manner of the execution of such instruments and providing for their recording and other reasonable requirements not inconsistent herewith and anticipatory hereto, such Act shall not be invalid by reason of its anticipatory character and shall take effect just as though this Constitutional Amendment was in effect when the Act was passed.

Sec. 2. The foregoing Constitutional Amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of the State of Texas at an election to be held throughout the State on the second day of November, 1948, at which election all voters favoring said proposed Amendment shall write or have printed on their ballots the words:

"FOR the Amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas providing that husband and wife from time to time may in writing partition between themselves in severality or into undivided interests community property existing at the time of partition so as to convert it into separate property of each respective spouse without prejudice to the rights of pre-existing creditors."

Those opposing said proposed Amendment shall write or have printed on their ballots the words:

"AGAINST the Amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas providing that husband and wife from time to time may in writing partition between themselves in severality or into undivided interests community property existing at the time of partition so as to convert same into separate property of the respective spouses without prejudice to the rights of pre-existing creditors."

Sec. 3. The Governor of the State of Texas is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for said election and have same published as required by the Constitution for amendments thereto.

H. J. R. No. 2
A JOINT RESOLUTION
proposing an amendment to Section 28 of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Texas, so as to provide for a board for apportioning the state into senatorial districts in the event the Legislature fails to make such apportionment; providing for the issuance of the necessary proclamation by the Governor; and making an appropriation.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1. That Section 28 of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended so as hereafter to read as follows:

Section 28. The Legislature shall, at its first regular session after the publication of each United States decennial census, apportion the state into senatorial and representative districts, agreeable to the provisions of Section 25, 26, and 26a of this Article. In the event the Legislature fails to make such apportionment, same shall be done by the Legislative Redistricting Board of Texas, which is hereby created, and shall be composed of five (5) members, as follows: The Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Attorney General, the Comptroller of Public Accounts and the Commissioner of the General Land Office; a majority of whom shall constitute a quorum. Said Board shall assemble in the City of Austin within ninety (90) days after the final adjournment of each regular session. The Board shall, within sixty (60) days after assembling, apportion the state into senatorial and representative districts, or into senatorial or representative districts, as the failure of action of such Legislature may make necessary. Such apportionment shall be in writing and signed by three (3) or more of the members of the Board duly acknowledged as the act and deed of such Board, and, when so executed and filed with the Secretary of State, shall have force and effect of law. Such apportionment shall become effective at the next succeeding state wide general election. The Supreme Court of Texas shall have jurisdiction to compel such Commission to perform its duties in accordance with the provisions of this section by writ of mandamus or other extraordinary writs conformable to the usages of law. The Legislature shall provide necessary funds for clerical and technical aid and for other expenses incidental to the work of the Board, and the Lieutenant Governor and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall be entitled to receive per diem and travel expense during the Board's session in the same manner and amount as they would receive while attending a special session of the Legislature. This amendment shall become effective January 1, 1951.

Sec. 2. The foregoing Constitutional Amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this state at an election to be held throughout the state on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, A. D. 1948, at which all ballots shall have printed thereon:

"FOR the amendment to Section 28, Article III of the Constitution of Texas providing for a Board for apportionment of the state into senatorial districts and representative districts in the event the Legislature fails to make such apportionment."

"AGAINST the amendment to Section 28, Article III of the Constitution of Texas providing for a Board for apportionment of the state into senatorial districts and representative districts in the event the Legislature fails to make such apportionment."

Each voter at such election shall mark out one of such clauses on the ballot, leaving the clause expressing his vote on the proposed amendment.

Sec. 3. The Governor of the State of Texas shall issue the necessary proclamation for said election, and shall have the same published as required by the Constitution and law of this state.

Sec. 4. The sum of Ten Thousand (\$10,000.00) Dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the treasury of this state not otherwise appropriated, to pay the expenses of such publication and election.

H. J. R. No. 24
HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION
proposing an Amendment of Section 1-a of Article VIII of the Constitution of Texas to provide that no ad valorem tax shall be levied for State general revenue purposes after January 1, 1951, and authorizing the several counties to levy additional ad valorem taxes for certain purposes, providing for a Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) residential homestead exemption, and providing for tax levies in counties having tax donations; providing for submission to the qualified electors and for the necessary proclamation by the Governor.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1. That Section 1-a of Article VIII of the Constitution be amended so as to be read as follows:

"Section 1-a. From and after January 1, 1951, no State ad valorem tax shall be levied upon any property within this State for general revenue purposes. From and after January 1, 1951, the several counties of the State are authorized to levy ad valorem taxes upon all property within their respective boundaries for county purposes, except the first Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) value of residential homesteads, not to exceed thirty cents (30c) on each One Hundred Dollars (\$100) valuation, in addition to all other ad valorem taxes authorized by the Constitution of this State, provided the revenue derived therefrom shall be used for construction and maintenance of Farm to Market Roads or for Flood Control, except as herein otherwise provided. "Provided that in those counties in which subdivisions or areas of the State from which tax donations have heretofore been granted, the State Automatic Tax Board shall continue to levy the full amount of the State ad valorem tax for the duration of such donation, or until all legal obligations heretofore authorized by the law granting such donation or donations shall have been fully discharged, whichever shall first occur; provided that such donation to any such county or political subdivision is for less than the full amount of State ad valorem taxes so levied, the portion of such taxes remaining over and above such donation shall be retained by said county or subdivision."

Sec. 2. The foregoing Constitutional Amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this State at an election to be held on the date fixed by law for the General Election in November, A. D. 1948, at which all ballots shall have printed thereon: "FOR the Constitutional Amendment of Section 1-a of Article VIII of the Constitution of the State of Texas to provide that no ad valorem tax shall be levied for State general revenue purposes after January 1, 1951, and authorizing the several counties to levy additional ad valorem taxes, providing for a Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) residential homestead exemption, and providing for tax levies in counties having tax donations."

"AGAINST the Constitutional Amendment of Section 1-a of Article VIII of the Constitution of the State of Texas to provide that no ad valorem tax shall be levied for State general revenue purposes after January 1, 1951, and authorizing the several counties to levy additional ad valorem taxes, providing for a Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) residential homestead exemption, and providing for tax levies in counties having tax donations."

Sec. 3. The Governor of the State of Texas shall issue the necessary proclamation for said election and have the same published as required by Constitution and Laws of this State.

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Veg-All, No. 2 can	15c	Red and White Salt, 26 oz. box, 2 for	15c
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Red and White—FANCY Catsup, 14 oz. bottle	21c	Our Value Peanut Butter, qt. jar	59c
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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 Nos. One to Five inclusive and Lots Nos. Seven to Twelve inclusive of Block "E" of the G. W. Boyce First Addition to the Town of Merkel, Taylor County, Texas, also

Lot tract or parcel of land and being 2.88 acres more or less, off of the East end of a certain 9.23 acre tract out of a 30 acre tract out of Block No. 25, in Subdivision of League No. 147, Grimes County School Land, conveyed by I. F. Gilbert and wife Birda Gilbert to T. L. Miller by deed dated November 29, 1946 and recorded Vol. 355, Page 143 of deed records of Taylor County, Texas; Being all of that portion of said 9.23 acre tract cut off by the Merkel, Texas to Blair, Texas farm to Market road.

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 designate 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 13th day of August, 1948, at eight o'clock p. m. The bids for said lease or leases will designate the primary term 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; bids may be separate on each tract or as a whole. The city gov-

erning 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 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 27th day of July, 1948.

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

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: The Unknown heirs of James Murphy, deceased. 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 13th day of September, 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 30th day of July, 1948.

The file number of said suit being No. 15,869-A.

The names of the parties in said suit are: J. E. Hill, Nim Hill and Miss Vernon Hill as Plaintiff, and the unknown heirs of James Murphy, deceased, as Defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: Suit for the title and possession and to remove cloud from title, the suit being in the form of trespass to try title for the following described lands in Taylor County, Texas.

254 acres off the south end of Section 12, Block No. 18, T. and P. Ry. Co., land in Taylor County, Texas, described by metes and bounds as follows:

Beginning at a post, the southeast corner of said Section No. 12, on the WBL of Grimes County School Land;

Thence south 77 deg. west 1106 vrs. to original southwest corner of said section, from which a mes. 6 hrs. S. 86-3/4 E. 30 W. 10 vrs;

Thence N. 13 W. 1534 hrs. to the center of the T. and P. RR track;

Thence S. 81 E. 1166 vrs. to a corner in center of said railroad track and on the WBL of Grimes County School Land;

Thence S. 14 1/4 E. 1099 vrs. to the place of beginning.

Plaintiffs further allege that said lands and premises were owned by Mrs. Mariah A. Murphy, former wife of James Murphy, as her separate property, and they claim title to same as the sole and only heirs of the said Mariah A. Murphy, deceased. Plaintiffs also claim title by virtue of the ten-year statute of limitation, which is specially plead, and by virtue of a parol gift of said lands and premises from James Murphy to

plaintiffs, said gift accompanied by transfer of possession and followed by possession of the property by plaintiffs.

Plaintiffs pray for judgment for the title and possession of the above described premises.

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

Issued this the 30th day of July, A. D., 1948.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 30th day of July, A. D., 1948.)

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

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice to the Creditors of the Estate of H. C. Ely, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of administration upon the estate of H. C. Ely, Deceased, were granted to me, the undersigned, on the 20th day of July, 1948, by the County Court of Taylor County, Texas. All persons having claims against said estate are required to present these to me within the time prescribed by law.

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M. H. ELY,
Administrator of Estate of
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FOR SALE—Good bundled cane, 7c per bind. Brooks Patterson.

FOR SALE—3-room house and bath on two lots, electric water system, house in good condition. 112 Ash street, E. D. Spurgin.

TWO LOTS for lease, two blocks south of school house. O. N. McLean.

FOR SALE—Florence table-top, natural gas range; automatic lighter and range lamp. See it at West Farm Machinery Co. Mrs. Geo. F. West.

FOR SALE—Dandy little barn, to be moved; priced to sell. Several nice homes and farms; all can be financed.
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FOR SALE—All-metal shower, also dining room table with three chairs. M. B. Higgins.

SEE Joe Stalls for cow and chicken feed; he buys your old roosters; in rear of Campbell's grocery.

1941 Chevrolet 1/2-ton pickup, new paint and seat covers. Badger Chevrolet Co.

FOR SALE—1940 Chevrolet 2-door sedan. H. W. Lemens.

1942 Chevrolet truck, excellent condition. Badger Chevrolet Co.

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 140-acre farm, 90 acres tillable, 50 pasture, house, barn, plenty water; school and mail route.
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ANDY SHOUSE

1944 Chevrolet 1 1/2 ton truck, excellent condition. Badger Chevrolet Company.

FOR SALE—All metal outside Venetian blinds; for homes and offices. Palmer Tire and Appliance Co.

FOR SALE—John Deere 12A combine, practically new; cut about 250 acres. Comer Haynes.

1939 Chevrolet sedan, new paint, new tailor-made seat covers; new motor overhaul. Badger Chevrolet Company.

SPECIAL—Cullar Air Conditioner, \$40.00 complete. Toombs & Moore Feed Store.

FOR SALE—Oliver furrow drill, size 10x14. I. D. Vancil, Route 2, Merkel.

1935 Ford sedan, good mechanical condition; if you don't care for looks and can stand a rough ride, just bring your spurs and drive it home. Badger Chevrolet Co.

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SUN VISORS for sale. Cosden Service Station. Phone 224. Grif Barnett.

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Monthly Statement
 of the
CITY OF MERKEL
 For July

Showing Receipts for the month of July, 1948, and expenses for the month of June, 1948, paid in July.

RECEIPTS	
Taxes	\$ 165.45
Water revenue	1,148.72
Sewer revenue	527.15
Water and sewer main taps	67.50
Meter deposits	55.00
Sale of old truck	50.00
Maintainer service	22.50
Fines	26.00
For labor on water line	28.00
Gasoline tax refund	21.49
Oil production	74.68
Miscellaneous	5.66
Total Receipts	\$1,999.16
On hand July 1, 1948	3,385.96
Total	\$5,385.12

DISBURSEMENTS	
Administrative	\$ 405.17
Water department	578.54
Sewer department	86.00
Sanitary department	348.89
Street department	315.20
Fire department	211.41
Police department	299.59
Lights, city hall	8.85
Street lights	142.00
Signal lights	5.65
Relief office expense	80.70
Meter refunds	19.00
Street improvement	602.59
Miscellaneous exp.	17.41
Total	\$3,112.00

Balance in general fund, Aug. 1, 1948 \$2,273.12
REFUNDING BOND ACCOUNT
 On hand, July 1, 1948 \$14,062.94
 Tax collection in July 110.30

On hand, Aug. 1, 1948 \$14,173.24
WATERWORKS AND SEWER IMPROVEMENT BOND
 Balance on hand, July 1, 1948 \$72,382.06
 Paid out for water main extension, pumps, fittings and labor 3,792.03

On hand, Aug. 1, 1948 \$68,590.03
W. M. ELLIOTT,
 City Secretary.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Subject to action of the Democratic Primary in August.]

For Commissioner, Precinct 2, Taylor County:
IRVEN THOMPSON,
RUFÉ TITTLE.

For Commissioner, Precinct 4, Jones County:
W. O. RAINWATER,
 For Associate Justice, 11th Court of Civil Appeals:
CECIL C. COLLINGS.

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LOST—Ladies' tan leather billfold. Finder may keep money, but please return billfold and cards, valuable only to owner, to the Merkel Mail office.

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—2-room apartment; Phone 9047. If no answer, please call 163W.

BEDROOM for rent. Mrs. J. W. Moore on Oak street.

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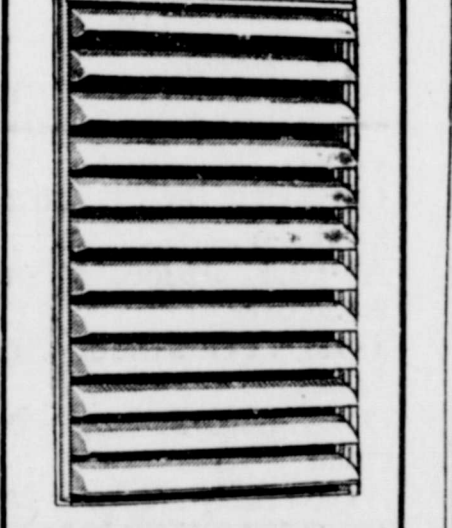
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Receives Discharge.
 After 18 months in service, Cpl. J. D. Fox, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Fox, received his discharge at Fort Sam Houston the latter part of last week and has returned home.

NOTICE MASONS
 Stated meeting of Merkel lodge No. 710, A. F. and A. M., Saturday, Aug. 14, at 8:00 p. m. All members are urged to attend. Visiting brethren cordially invited.
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Society

PROMINENT COUPLE MARRY IN TWILIGHT CEREMONY SATURDAY

Simplicity marked all details of the wedding of Mrs. Owen Robertson and Mr. Clyde Bartlett which was solemnized on last Saturday evening in the home of Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Sadler. Rev. J. W. Saffle, retired Baptist minister, officiated, reading the ceremony at 7 o'clock in the presence of the members of the two families and close friends of the couple. They were unattended.

Beautiful cut flowers graced the rooms and Miss Sandra Sadler played for the entrance of the bridal couple and continued softly with "I Love You Truly" and "Always" while the vows were exchanged.

Mrs. Bartlett is a popular civic leader in all social, religious and business activities of this city. She is sole owner and manager of the Merkel Ford Motor company. In this capacity she has gained the respect and admiration of all, but she is best known as a reader, having participated in many club programs of exceptional merit. She was modestly attired in a jacket dress of brown with accessories in beige Saturday evening and wore an orchid corsage.

Mr. Bartlett is highly esteemed for his business integrity and takes an active part in civic enterprises. He is manager for the Burton-Lingo Lumber company. Immediately following the reception they left on a wedding trip, which included Baton Rouge, La., on its itinerary, where they will visit Mr. Bartlett's oldest son.

Reception.
A pretty reception was held in the Sadler home where a tiered wedding cake centered a table, lighted only by candlelight, which was served by Misses Mona Madolyn Robertson and punch was served by Misses Sue Mayfield and Sandra Sadler.

PICNIC SUPPER PARTY.
Mr. and Mrs. Booth Warren entertained a number of their friends Tuesday evening with a most enjoyable al fresco party at their summer cabin east of town. Fishing and swimming were refreshing diversions and, for those who preferred to remain indoors, games of bridge were played. At the supper hour hot dogs and hamburgers were prepared at the barbecue pit and other summer viands made up a delectable menu.

Guests who enjoyed this gracious hospitality were Messrs. and Mesdames Tom Largent, W. J. Largent, Roy Largent, Earl Lassiter, Bill Brown, Harry Bullock, Doc Grimes, Earl Hughes, Lige Gamble and John West, Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Sadler and Mrs. C. J. Howerton.

BERRY-KEITH.
Mrs. Hazel Keith and Ollie Berry were united in marriage in a twilight ceremony read at 8 o'clock Saturday by Rev. R. L. Butler, pastor of the Methodist church, at the parsonage. The couple was unattended. The bride, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John McMillon, of Sweetwater, former residents of Merkel, wore a gray gabardine suit.

Mr. Berry, son of Mrs. Annie L. Berry, who was reared in the Stith community, is now employed by the Barrow-Sheppard company. The couple is residing with the bridegroom's mother.

T. E. L. CLASS.
Mrs. W. J. Largent and Mrs. T. C. Allen were hostesses to the T. E. L. class of the First Baptist church Tuesday morning at seven o'clock for a breakfast.

During the business hour, stress was made of the need for clothing, shoes or any kind of rags to be sent to the people of Europe.

Those present to enjoy the bountiful breakfast were Mesdames W. J. Largent, T. C. Allen, Earl Lassiter, Jim Kuykendall, Booth Warren, Ruby Jinkens, Claude Warren, Sam Hill, Ernest Teaff, A. D. Falton, Lak Renfro, Florence Berry, John Walker, Irl Walker, E. R. Clack, A. R. Booth, Earl Baze, Lucy Ford, Earl Teague, Ernest Douglas, Houston Robertson, Dent Gibson, John Mansfield and T. J. Bird.

WILLING WORKERS CLASS.
The Willing Workers class of Grace Presbyterian church met on Tuesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. S. A. Derstine. The meeting was opened with a song, "When We All Get to Heaven," and after the devotional from the 116th Psalm by Mrs. Etta Tucker, prayer was led by Mrs. J. R. Walling.

The following talks were made: "Faith," by Mrs. W. A. Campbell; "Temptation," by Mrs. W. M. Elliott; "Take Time for Worship," by Mrs. S. A. Derstine; "Faith Is the Victory," by Mrs. L. L. Murray, and "God's Promises," by Mrs. Walling. After Scripture quotations by members, a song, "Blest Be the Tie that Binds," and the Lord's Prayer closed the program.

Mrs. Derstine was assisted by her daughter, Miss Mary Derstine, in serving a refreshment plate of cake and ice cream to one visitor, Mrs. Hattie Stegall, of Hayward, Calif., and the following members, Mesdames W. T. Curb, W. A. Wozencraft, J. L. Tucker, J. R. Walling, W. M. Elliott and the hostess, Mrs. S. A. Derstine, and Miss Mary Derstine.

The class will meet in the home of Mrs. W. T. Curb on Sept. 14.

EASTERN STAR.
Merkel Chapter No. 212, Order of the Eastern Star, met Tuesday evening in a called meeting, with 25 members and 10 visitors present.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Blackmon were initiated into the order. At the conclusion of the program Mrs. Bill Dunagin and Mrs. Aurra Johnson served delicious ice cream and cake. Visitors were Mrs. Evelyn McMinn, of Barnsdall, Okla., Mrs. Emma Hawkins Vantine, of Dallas, and the following from Queen Esther Chapter 833, Abilene: Mesdames Sadie Patterson, Ora Lee, Joyce Taylor, Bessie Dortch, Jessie L. Dillon, Mary Lois Goolsby, Nell Anderberg, Messrs. J. A. Anderberg, W. W. Hubbard. Members present were: Mesdames Lucy Ford, Bryan Dur-

gin, Ross Pratt, Ernest Teaff, Warren Daniel, Melvin Loader, J. F. Patterson, Ida Sharp, Louis Butman, E. S. Diggins, C. B. Rust, D. R. Butler, Willard Rogers, Aurra Johnson, H. C. Reid, Bill Duragin, W. M. Dunagin, H. R. McKeever, Craig Humphreys, W. R. Cypert, Carl Edington, Messrs. Warren Daniel, Ross Pratt, D. R. Butler and G. W. Rogers.

BAPTIST CIRCLES.

The Blanche Rose Walker Circle of the First Baptist church met in the home of Mrs. J. A. Kuykendall Monday morning for Bible study.

Mrs. H. R. Hicks led the opening prayer, after which a short business meeting was held. Discussion centered on packing and sending a bag overseas to needy.

Mrs. P. F. Harris conducted a very interesting Bible study. The meeting closed with prayer led by Mrs. W. J. Largent. Those present were: Mesdames A. R. Booth, P. F. Harris, Claud Warren, W. J. Largent, Earl Lassiter, Irl Walker, H. R. Hicks, E. O. Carson and J. A. Kuykendall.

The next meeting will be a Royal Service program at the church on Aug. 16. The next Circle meeting will be at the home of Mrs. A. R. Booth on Monday, Aug. 23.

The Floy Hawkins Circle met in the home of Mrs. E. M. Weathers

Monday morning. The subject discussed was "Brotherhood in the Kingdom."

SEWING CLUB.

The Sewing club met at the Sadler cabin on Lake Sweetwater on July 28 for an all-day meeting, for which Mrs. J. E. Boaz was hostess. Members met at 10 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Grif Barnett, then going on to the lake. A picnic lunch was served at noon. Recreation consisted of bridge, swimming and sewing.

Members present were Mesdames Grif Barnett, Vernon Mansfield, Jim Carter, Houston Byrd, Bill Skiles, Mason Gamble, Pete West, David Gamble, Carroll Benson, Earle Watts, Riggs Sheppard, Hoyle Lemons, Geo. T. Moore, Bill Largent and Mrs. Boaz.

Visitors present were Mesdames Paul West, Vincent Barnett, F. O. Scroggins and Bob Allen; Larry Largent, John Riggs Sheppard, Jr., Wade and Keith Skiles and Jamie Largent.

AUXILIARY MEETS.

The Women's Auxiliary of the Merkel Fire department met Monday night, with eight members present. Mrs. Ollie Berry was welcomed as a new member.

Plans are being made for entertainment at different times for members of the Volunteer Fire department.

MERKEL HD CLUB.

The Merkel Home Demonstration club will meet Friday afternoon in the home of Mrs. John Hughes. Each member is asked to bring a piece of colored material such as a feed sack.

Hospital Notes.

Patients received by Sadler hospital during the week were: For surgery, Chester Reagh, Jr., Aug. 4, and Mrs. Sam Hill, Aug. 11; for minor surgery, L. C. Meeks, B. B. Reynolds, Aug. 5; for treatment, Mrs. J. M. Winter, Aug. 5, Mrs. L. J. Darr, Aug. 6, Jerry Cade, Aug. 7, the Gaston Hobbs boy, Aug. 8, Mrs. Fred Starbuck, Aug. 9, Mrs. Horace

Boney, Aug. 11. Patsy Ann Smith was re-admitted Sunday, and Danette Perrin, re-admitted Wednesday. Robert Turner, Jr., was admitted Monday with a fractured leg. Joyce Irvin and Dorothy Foster received tonsillectomies during the week.

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EASY COOKING FOR LAZY SUMMER DAYS

Meal of the Week BY MARY LEE TAYLOR

K. B. — CRUSTENE

Shortening 3 pound carton **88c**

White Swan TEA, ¼ lb. box **19c**

K. B. FLOUR 25 lb. **\$1.59**

FOLGER'S Coffee pound **49c**

TREND 2 boxes **33c** **DREFT** box **27c**

Beef Patties with Barbecue Sauce
Corn-on-the-Cob
Chopped Cucumber in Lemon Gelatin
Buns Butter or Margarine
Chocolate Tapioca (Recipe below)
Iced Tea or Coffee

Chocolate Tapioca

¾ cup Pea Milk
2 ½ tablespoons quick-cooking tapioca
½ cup sugar
¼ cup cocoa
¼ teaspoon salt
1 cup boiling water
1 teaspoon vanilla

Chill milk until icy cold. Mix together tapioca, sugar, cocoa and salt. Stir in boiling water. Cook and stir over boiling water until smooth. Cover; cook until tapioca is clear, or about 5 min., stirring now and then. Cool thoroughly. Add vanilla. Whip chilled milk with cold rotary beater or electric beater at high speed, until stiff. Fold into cold tapioca mixture. Chill about 1 hour before serving. Makes 4 servings.

PEA MILK, can **17c**

TEXSUN GRAPEFRUIT Juice, No. 2 can **5c**

Fresh APPLE Juice, 46 ounce can **19c**

World Over TOMATO Juice, No. 1 Can **7c**

Adams ORANGE Juice, No. 2 Can **8c**

Peach NECTAR, No. 2 can **8c**

BOTH BOXES for POST TOASTIES & Raisin Bran **25c**

Ball Crest FRUIT COCKTAIL, No. 2½ can **35c**

Casa—VIENNA Can **13c** **Georgia—Fancy—46 oz. PIMENTOS** **10c**

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NICE LEAN NO. 1. SALT PORK, pound **25c**

FRESH FRUITS and VEGETABLES

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