

**PERSONAL NEWS  
NOTES**

Billy Reid, student at West Texas State College at Canyon, came home between semesters for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Reid, and friends.

During the past week-end Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Harris and family visited in the home of his sister in Breckenridge and his brother in Eliasville.

R. J. Miller left Monday for Austin to visit with his daughter and son-in-law, Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Davidson. He will be met there by his other daughter, Mrs. Dave Johnson, of Houston.

Mrs. Jeff Dunlap, Jr., and Miss Erma Renfro, of Hamlin, were visitors here Monday with Mrs. Dunlap's mother, Mrs. Ruby Jinkens, and her husband's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Dunlap.

Gerald West, who is attending Texas Technological college, Lubbock, is spending the between-semester holiday with his mother, Mrs. James H. West, and Gloria.

Mrs. Frank McFarland had as her week-end guest, her sister-in-law, Mrs. T. E. Bradbury, of Medina, Tenn., who left Monday for her home.

Mrs. H. W. Firstbrook, of Dallas, who accompanied the Roy Largets home as they returned from the Denver show, visited until Friday of last week when she accompanied the Largets to Fort Worth on her return home.

Mrs. W. H. Derstine, of Lamesa, visited the latter part of last week with Mr. and Mrs. Jennings Winter and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Eller. She was accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Boyd, also of Lamesa.

Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Nobles, of Seattle, Wash., spent most of last week here visiting in the home of his sister, Mrs. W. D. Hutcheson.

Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Blair, of Fort Worth, were guests last week of his sister, Mrs. Dewey Hutchins.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman King and family will return Friday to Lubbock, after visiting between semesters at Texas Tech with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Norman King here and Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bertram, of Abilene. On Friday night, the Bertrams and their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Bertram, of Abilene, were over for the Lions minstrel at the Community Center.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Justice had as their guests over the week-end, their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Justice, Carey and Kathy, of Grand Prairie; her brother, Bonner Smith and wife, from Dumas; Lavern Feusterauld, from Abilene Christian college, also her sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. John Wright from Wheeler.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Irl Walker last week were their daughter, Mrs. C. Brown and Mr. Brown and son of Abilene. Mr. Brown is a junior in Abilene Christian college. Their son, Jimmy, who is a junior in Texas Western College of El Paso, also a visitor, was accompanied by his brother, Gaston, who has entered Texas Western college. Jimmy is a member of the Mines football squad. Gaston also has joined the team. Both are former Merkel Badgers.

**Former Resident of  
Merkel Dies in Home  
Of Brother-in-Law**

E. F. Nix, 56, Kilgore farmer who formerly lived in Merkel, died in Sadler hospital at 11:45 p. m. Thursday of last week.

Mr. Nix became ill while visiting in the home of a brother-in-law, S. D. Gamble. He died four hours later. Funeral services were held at 10 a. m. Saturday in Starbuck chapel, with Rev. Joe S. Allen, pastor of the First Baptist church, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Stanley King, Denzel Cox, Dent Gibson, Andrew Baker, Johnny Jacobs and Harry Barnett.

Eugene Ford Nix was born Jan. 3, 1894, in Clyde. He was married to the former Ima Beryl Sheppard of Merkel in 1912, and lived here until 1932. He was a former rural mail carrier and garage operator here.

Surviving are the wife, two sons, Wayne of Kilgore and Horace Nix of Grapevine; a daughter, Mrs. C. J. McCulloch of Kilgore; his mother, Mrs. J. A. Nix of Fort Worth; three brothers, Lee of Oregon, Eli of Fort Worth and L. B. Nix of New London, and three sisters, Mrs. M. A. Clynch, Fort Worth; Mrs. Claude Brooks of California; and Mrs. Ben Miller, Paris, Texas.

**Contract Approved For  
Trent FM Road**

Approval of contract for construction of Farm-to-Market road 1085, Jones county line to 2.5 miles south of Trent, five miles asphalt surfacing, by the State Highway commission was announced Monday in Abilene by S. J. Treadaway, District 8 highway engineer. The cost is \$41,504.57.

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MERKEL, TEXAS, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1950.

On the "Broadway of America"

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**THE MERKEL MAIL**

**New Modern Elementary Building To Be Erected**

**ALL-IMPORTANT  
6A GAME FRIDAY-  
AT ROSCOE**

Large Delegation of Local Rooters Expected to See Badgers Battle Against Plowboys For High Stakes.

A large delegation of local rooters is expected to follow the league-leading Merkel Badgers to Roscoe this Friday night to see the locals do battle against the Plowboys in an all-important 6A West game.

A win for the Purple and Gold would probably give them an undisputed championship; whereas a loss to the Plowboys would throw these two teams into a tie for first place.

At the end of the season the two top teams of each half of the district will meet in a double-elimination tournament to decide the full 6A championship.

In their last home conference game of the season, the Badgers will meet the cellar-dwelling Roby Lions here next Tuesday night.

During the past week Coach Benson's five won two conference games, downing Colorado City and Rotan.

Last Friday night here the Badgers had their hands full in downing the Colorado City Wolves, 37-24. Merkel led throughout the game by periods as follows: 13-12; 22-17; 30-24. Burl McCoy led the scoring parade with 16 tallies, followed by Springer with 8 and Douglas with 6.

Merkel's "B" string was slaughtered 40-25 by the Colorado City subs. Sidney Williams led the local boys with 9 points.

At Rotan on Monday night of this week, Benson's quintet turned in their poorest performance in several years in nudging the Yellowhammers, 29-26. Although the game had already been forfeited to Merkel because no official referee had been engaged, the Yellowhammers gave the locals a good scare and taught them a few things about the "round ball" game. Joe Dell Gregory was the scoring leader with 11 points. Douglas garnered 10.

The Merkel subs had no trouble in licking the Rotan reserves, 33-12. Bob Johnson meshed the nets for 10 points to take scoring honors.

**Nineteen Boy Scouts  
Spend Week-End at  
Camp Tonkawa**

Nineteen local Boy Scouts of Troop 20 spent this past week-end at Camp Tonkawa near Buffalo Gap.

The boys had an opportunity to "break in" some new Trail tents which they have recently made.

The following Scouts made the trip: Sessions Hammond, Jerry Jones, Dwayne Moseley, Louie Don Whitaker, Phil Ice, Edward Holmes, J. C. Horton, Wesley Marton, Richard Chaney, Claude Thomas Smith, Johnny Wayne Hammond, Owen Gregory, Billy Mac Gilbert, Kenneth Moore, Eddie Breaux, George Starbuck, Lowell Moseley and Bobby Mayfield.

The troop was accompanied by Scoutmaster C. A. Farley, Assistant Scoutmaster Frank Breaux and Claude Smith.

**Three New Residents  
Buy Houses Here**

Three new residents have secured homes here recently through the real estate office of Andy Shouse.

In Northwest Merkel, the Garrett Richardson home was sold to E. A. Rutledge, who has moved back here from Clovis, N. M.

R. L. Murff, who has moved here from Hobbs, N. M., to accept employment by Hicks Auto Supply, is the owner of the L. M. Reynolds home on South 10th, while Mark A. Hubert is occupying the Earle Watts home on Locust street.

**Members Girl Scouts  
Decide on Project**

Thirteen girls were present when the Girl Scouts met in the club house Monday afternoon. Four leaders were also present: Mrs. Dan Deen, Mrs. F. C. Wylie, Mrs. June Hogan and Mrs. Clyde Eager.

The girls chose pictures for glass work and woodburning sets.

**Boy Scouts Mark 40th Anniversary**

**"STRENGTHEN LIBERTY"**



**40th Anniversary  
1950  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA**

Official poster marking the 40th birthday.

The 40th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America will be observed Feb. 6 to 12 in every part of the nation by more than 2,300,000 boys and adult leaders. "Strengthen Liberty" is the birthday theme. The Boy Scouts' "Crusade to Strengthen the Arm of Liberty" continues through 1950.

During Boy Scout Week, Units will hold "Crusade Night" meetings when 1949 Crusade Awards will be presented. Representing the 12 Scout Regions, 12 outstanding Boy Scouts will make a "Re-

port to the Nation" at Washington, D.C. where the Movement was incorporated Feb. 8, 1910. They also take part in an impressive ceremony at Independence Hall in Philadelphia.

The highlight of 1950 will be the Second National Jamboree which will see 40,000 Scouts and Leaders camping together at Valley Forge, Pa., from June 30 to July 6, including Scouts of other lands.

Since 1910 more than 16,500,000 boys and men have been identified with the Boy Scouts of America.

**Not a Dull Moment  
As Lions Present  
1950 Minstrel**

As staged, sung and otherwise perpetuated by the funsters of the Lions minstrel, staged Thursday and Friday of last week, "When the Saints Go Marching In," opening number of Act II, is enough to stop any show, and we mean it in the usual slang sense of praise. The 1950 version of the minstrel was unusually well received in all particulars both nights.

Proceeds will probably net around \$300.00, it was reported by President David Gamble of the Merkel Lions club, the net realized to be applied on the indebtedness of the Community Center.

Every participant did his part well but too much cannot be said in tribute to the capable and untiring efforts of the director, Dr. Houston F. Byrd, who quarterbacked a very fine show.

In nostalgic mood, the reviewer recalls "Lasses" White, and there was little Horace Boney, "cute" rhymester, as the type. Plus 100 pounds or more avoirdupois, the famous Al G. Fields came to life in our own Lester Dorton as interlocutor, Buddy Haisten's tap dancing was akin to George Primrose, originator of the soft shoe. The illustrious county commissioner, Rufe Tittle, had the Lew Dockstader touch, and there were two or three Neil O'Briens, such as Howard Carson, Buck Leach, one must admit, goes in a class all by himself. He went "afishing." But there was one to challenge the Billy Kersands of the early days, who easily accommodated a coffee saucer in his mouth.

As a break in the program, one Homer Newby stalked down the aisle as a distracted patron, berating the show and all those in it. Asked in innocent manner, if he liked pie, one of the slandered parties let him "have it" full in the face, when he admitted that he did.

All in burnt-cork and full dress minstrel regalia, chorus members, end men and soloists were true to

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**Merkel Troop Plans  
Observance of 40th  
Anniversary**

The local Boy Scouts have made plans for the observance of National Boy Scout Week, Feb. 6-12, which is the 40th Anniversary of Scouting in America, according to J. W. Hammond, chairman of the local troop committee.

On Tuesday, Feb. 7, several members of Troop 20 will appear before the Lions club to give a demonstration on fire building with flint and steel.

On Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 6, four members of the troop, Eddie Breaux, Sessions Hammond, George Starbuck and Kenneth Moore, will present a play over radio station KWKC, Abilene, from 4:30 to 4:45. The title of the play is "Scouting Comes to Town."

On Friday night, Feb. 10, the troop will hold its annual Pot Luck Supper and Parents' Night Program at the Community Center. The boys will present a typical troop meeting on the stage, followed by a Court of Honor.

Saturday afternoon, Feb. 11, will be devoted to "live" exhibitions in front of and in the show windows of the Mellinger Dry Goods. The Scouts will give demonstrations on first aid, cooking and fire building.

The finale of Scout Week will be the attendance of the troop in a body at one of the local churches on Sunday night, Feb. 12.

The Merkel troop is sponsored by the Lions club. The troop committee is composed of J. W. Hammond, Jay Greenfield, Fred Starbuck, D. B. Boen, Truett Jones and Albert Cade. Leaders of the troop are C. A. Farley, Scoutmaster; Frank Breaux, Assistant Scoutmaster; Dr. Jim Carter, Explorer Adviser.

**Record of Births.**  
Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Kitchen, January 29, 1950.

**Ten Modern Homes  
To Be Erected in  
Kelly Addition**

With the construction of ten modern homes in prospect, opening of the Kelly addition in the southwest part of town is announced by the Key City Builders, Inc., builders of 20 new homes in this area already.

There will be 22 more lots available to the public, S. A. Kelly, owner of the tract, said.

The ten lots sold to Key City are at the south end of the tract, extending from Yucca to the Blair farm-to-market road and from Heath, or South 9th street, to the city water plant.

A 60-foot street is to be opened from east to west, extending South 9th as the north boundary, and there will be a 20 foot alley provided, Mr. Kelly said.

**Donations for 1950  
Cemetery Fund Now  
Stand at \$440**

During the week subscribers to the Cemetery Maintenance Fund added \$115.00, to bring the 1950 total to \$440.00.

It is urged that all those who have loved ones at rest in Rose Hill and every civic-minded citizen who appreciates the splendid condition in which the cemetery is being kept send in their contribution at once so as to assure funds to provide for the year's work.

Those wishing to contribute to this fund may leave checks or donations at the teller's windows of the Farmers & Merchants National bank, Friggs Dry Goods company or at The Merkel Mail office.

Names of donors and amounts contributed, not already acknowledged, follow:

Previously reported	\$325.00
Homer Easterwood, Taft	10.00
S. D. Gamble	5.00
Mamie and Owen Ellis,	
Abilene	6.00
Mr. and Mrs. J. J. S. Smith,	
Sweetwater	5.00
C. R. Tittle	5.00
Jack D. West, Midland	5.00
Mrs. W. H. Derstine,	
Lamesa	5.00
Mrs. S. A. Coates	3.00
Mrs. Geo. F. West	10.00
John R. West	10.00
H. W. Hester	5.00
Mrs. Ida Armstrong	5.00
Mrs. A. L. Farmer	1.00
Mrs. Georgia A. Brown,	
Estate	15.00
Mr. and Mrs. W. S. J.	
Brown	25.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$440.00</b>

**CONTRACT FOR  
ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOL LET**

Dallas Firm's Bid Accepted By School Board; New Building Of 12-Rooms to House Grades Five Through Eight.

General contract for the construction of the new 12 room elementary school building was let by the Merkel School board to Bushoorn and Rauh, of Dallas, on a bid of \$86,781; Lucian Webb of Abilene was awarded contract for heating and plumbing for \$13,611, and the electrical contract went to Fagan Electrical company of Abilene for \$2,995.

Bids were opened at the High School building Monday afternoon, the three contracts awarded totaling \$103,387. Mack Fisher, superintendent of the schools, announced.

Don W. Smith of Sweetwater, architect for the two new buildings already erected, is also architect for the elementary school building—third unit to be constructed under the improvement and expansion program made possible by a \$300,000 bond issue voted in September, 1948. The new building will house grades five through eight.

Besides the 12 class rooms, the new elementary building will contain a combination library-study hall, teachers' lounge, book room, visual aids room, office space and health room. Class rooms will be 30x21.

The one-story structure will be of modern design and will be built of light colored face brick, to match the High School building. Floors will be covered with asphalt tile, and the hallways with Terrazzo flooring. Anti-panic locks will be placed on door outlets, and door and window facings trimmed in white oak. The proposed site is just west of the present elementary building.

Superintendent Fisher stated Tuesday that the cafeteria-auditorium, which was destroyed by fire early Wednesday of last week, will be reconstructed as soon as an agreement is reached on insurance.

When these matters are settled, meals will be cooked in the kitchen, which was not reached by the fire, and will be served in the old first grade building nearby. Use of 19 or 12 picnic tables has been offered by the Banner Creamery company, Mr. Fisher said.

**Noodle Junior 4-H  
Girls Met Jan. 11**  
The Noodle Junior 4-H girls met Jan. 11. Patsy Moore called the meeting to order and Vice-President Jeanette Lucas called the roll. Garden demonstrators, Betty Barbee and Delores Herron, gave a play on gardens. After they finished, the girls and sponsors sang songs. Three sponsors and twenty-one members were present.

**MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO**

(From Files of The Merkel Mail, January 31, 1930.)

**CAR LOCATED BEFORE DEALER MISSED IT.**

About 12 o'clock Monday night City Marshal Denny took up an abandoned Ford sedan, Model A, on highway about one mile east of town. After getting in communication with the factory of the concern at Dallas he learned that the sedan belonged to a dealer in Big Spring. The latter had not detected the loss of this car until notified by Chief Denny that he had found the same abandoned on the highway near here.

A number of Merkelites have been serving on the petit jury at Abilene this week, among them being F. Y. Gaither, D. C. West, A. W. Ely, T. E. Lassiter, O. R. Dye, Earl Baze, H. P. Allen, C. M. Latimer and John J. Toombs.

**SCOUT HUNT BRINGS BACK COUPLE POSSUMS.**

Whether or not the moon was just right, the boys did not say, but 22 members of the Merkel Boy Scouts in charge of Scoutmasters R. A. Walker and Herbert Patterson captured two possums on their annual

hunt last Friday night. They operated in the territory adjacent to Sweetwater creek and after pursuing their game for several hours, they came back to their cars, cooked their own supper on campfires without the aid of utensils, had a royal good time.

**NEW MARKET OPENED BY BROOKS PATTERSON.**

With everything brand new from the big ice box and refrigerator case, equipped with frigidaire, to the meat sliced and sausage mill, and with all the latest equipment installed throughout, Brooks Patterson has just opened his new market on Front street.

Mr. Tom Seymore and Miss Nina Lois Anderson were married Tuesday, Feb. 4, at 3:30 p. m. at the Baptist parsonage, with Rev. Ira L. Parrack officiating. Mr. Seymore is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Seymore of the Nubia community and Mrs. Seymore is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Anderson of the same community. They will continue to make their home in this community among their many friends.

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### December Postal Receipts up Nearly 50 Per Cent

Austin, Feb. 2.—December postal receipts, totaling \$5,779,388 in 61 Texas cities, were 49 per cent above November's and 18 per cent greater than in December 1948, the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research reported.

Dallas led with \$1,395,444, followed by Houston with \$986,087 and Fort Worth with \$594,573. San Antonio, Austin and El Paso followed in that order.

Longview, Borger, Big Spring, Palestine, Port Arthur, Corsicana, Lockhart and Kennedy more than doubled their postal receipts from November to December. Other monthly increases ranged from Lamesa's and Coleman's 16 per cent to Pampa's 97 per cent. Marshall had the only monthly decline—4 per cent.

Snyder, with an 81-per cent increase, had the greatest gain over December, 1948. Other notable increases were: Big Spring 32 per cent; Abilene, 27 per cent; Lubbock 26 per cent, and Corsicana and Kerrville, 25 per cent.

In the December-December comparison, postal receipts declined 1 per cent in Lockhart, 3 per cent in Plainview and Brownwood and 31 per cent in Marshall.

### Prevent Loss of Teeth From Decay at Early Age

Austin, Feb. 2.—Solution of the nation's dental problems lies in making dental health education and dental care available to every child, said Dr. Geo. W. Cox, state health officer.

He said it is possible to prevent loss of teeth from decay if a person starts early in life to follow these simple rules:

Early and frequent examination of the mouth by a dentist.  
Early treatment of small cavities and other dental defects.  
Proper diet with refined sugars held at a minimum.  
Proper brushing of teeth after eating.

A child should be taken to the dentist shortly after the last of his first teeth appear at about the age of two, he declared. Frequent examinations and treatment of dental defects by dentists should follow, he added.

Experiments are under way in research laboratories to find the answer to dental decay and other dental diseases, he said, adding:

"It has been learned that the active element, fluorine, can be used to curb dental decay to a large degree. Dentists are now applying a solution of sodium fluoride to the teeth of their child patients as a routine dental treatment.

"To improve the dental health of the children of this country, each community, through coordinated group activity, should assume its responsibility in putting an adequate dental health program into operation to meet adequately the need of our children."

### \$4,000,000 Building Program Approved At Texas Tech

San Angelo, Feb. 2.—The board of directors of Texas Technological College Lubbock, Saturday, approved a \$4,000,000 building program.

The program provides for the construction of a student union building and enlargement of the college's home economics building.

Dr. D. M. Wiggins, president of the college, said the program will provide for construction within the next six years of buildings to house departments of mechanical, petroleum and agricultural engineering.

He said an amusement hall and an outdoor theatre also are planned.

Directors Saturday ended a two-day meeting held here at the invitation of the Board of City Development and the San Angelo Ex-Student Association of the college.

**CARD OF THANKS.**  
We wish to thank our friends and relatives for the beautiful floral offerings, the many acts of kindness and words of comfort extended to us in our bereavement.

Mrs. E. F. Nix and Wayne  
Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Nix  
Mr. and Mrs. C. J. McCulloch.

Ores in danger of extinction, seals breeding on the Pribilof Islands have been restored to abundance.

Hydrogen is lighter than helium.

### PRETTY USO GUIDE



NEW ORLEANS, La.—Uncle Sam's sailors and airmen need no direction finder as beautiful Darwin Greenfield, last year's Mrs. New Orleans, shows the way to the local USO club which serves this military crossroads of the South. Seaman Apprentice Louis Olsen of Sacramento, Calif., cocks an ear, while Air Force Private First Class David G. Welch, of Bismarck, S. D., makes a mental note of the address. There are 170 USO operations in the U. S. and overseas caring for the off-duty needs of the men in the Armed Forces.

### Not a Dull Moment

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the minstrel tradition. The soloists included: Doyle Seifried, singing "Swanee"; Dr. Byrd, in "Summer-time"; Buster Horton in "Hush-a-Bye"; Roy Largent's number was "Lucky Old Sun"; J. L. Mullins sang "Room Full of Roses," and Bill Largent, "Don't Cry, Joe." The humorous side had Rufe Tittle, in his own rendition of "The Preacher and the Bear." At right end, he also operated a mystery telephone that rated high in the comedy class.

Two quartets were on the bill. One, consisting of Fred Starbuck, Doyle Seifried, Houston Byrd and Horace Boney, rendered "Some Day," and the other specialized in "The Catfish Song" produced by Elbert Dean, Buddy Halsten, Bill Largent and Buster Horton. Songs of the Old South and a group of Negro spirituals were contributed by the chorus.

Mrs. Sam McLeod, only woman in the cast, was accompanist for the musical numbers, and in the intermission added several piano numbers. In instrumental selections, organist Ralph Brady, high school band director, with his horn, and Dr. Byrd, trumpet, also abetting the intermission were: Howard Carson, doing the Charleston, Buck Leach in his buck and wing novelty and Buddy Halsten, tap dancer of the modern school.

Crossfire between end men and interloper brought into action Buddy Halsten, Herman Carson, Bill Largent, Fred Starbuck, Elbert Dean, Rufe Tittle, Doyle Seifried, Dr. Byrd, Horace Boney, Buster Horton and Buck Leach.

Chorus members were: Clesby Patterson, Harry Barnett, Griffin Barrett, J. W. Hammond, Joe Patterson, Charlie Sylvestre, Roy Largent, Ray Wilson, Charles Simpson, Carol Best, W. T. Powers, J. L. Mullins, Cyrus Pec, Edwin Reed, Isador Melinger and Howard Carson.

### FFA Boys Attend Fort Worth Stock Show

Last Friday morning, Chester Collinsworth and a group of Merkel F. F. A. boys made their annual trip to Fort Worth to attend the Stock Show. The show this year is considered one of the best.

Saturday the boys watched the judging of the fat steers, lambs and hog classes. Saturday was also a special day for all F. F. A. boys and F. F. A. girls in Texas at the show. Special programs of several kinds of entertainment were given during the day. Some 25,000 boys and girls from all over Texas attended the Stock Show that day. The Merkel group returned home Sunday.

Boys attending the Stock Show with their advisor, Mr. Collinsworth, were: Doyle Melton, Charles Reddin, Joe Frank Warren, Johnny Tucker, Thomas Watson, Berton Harris, Franklin Mashburn, Billy Harris, Doyle Black, Arlan Harris, Leonard Boden, Derrell Kelso, James Petty, Gaylor Johnson, Bryan Mundy, Ken Frey, Sammy Seegerms, Mickey Allison, Douglas Baker, Bobby Campbell and Billy Greenfield.

In 1825 a French chemist, C. Thilorier, prepared solid carbon dioxide, the "dry ice" of today.



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HELPFUL  
FRIENDLY  
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KIND  
OBEDIENT  
CHEERFUL  
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### Granddaughter of R. J. Millers Wins Blue Ribbon

At the Texas Photographers convention in Galveston Jan. 15 and 16, Humphreys Studios in Austin was honored with the blue ribbon in the child division. Freckles, pugged noses, absent teeth, falling tears and curly locks were attractive photographic features over which the judges deliberated long and long for first place.

The last picture they laid on the table and upon which they pinned the blue ribbon was the picture of Dorne Davidson, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Miller, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. John E. Davidson of Austin. A few little straw set with a delicate touch on a mass of golden locks which surrounded a little cherub face peering on a folded white cloth was the stuff the state judges called "photogenic."

### Noodle Downs Trent in 2 Out of 3 Series

The Noodle basketball teams went over in a big way when they downed the Trent Gorillas in a two out of three game series.

The Noodle "A" team beat the Trent "A" team 43-32. Wallace Hill sacked up 15 points for Noodle and Quattlebaum led Trent with 10 points.

The Trent girls lost to the Noodle girls 25-14. Delores Clemmer, Noodle, and Glenda Steen, Trent, led the scoring parade.

The Noodle and Trent "B" teams played the "thrill-packed game of the night, but the Trent team won 23-21.

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### Rainwater Announces For Re-Election

To the Voters of Precinct No. 4, Jones County:

In making my announcement for Commissioner of Precinct No. 4 of Jones county, I want to thank you for the cooperation and help you have given me as your Commissioner, and for the support you gave me in the last election.

I want to take this opportunity to solicit your vote and influence in the election this July, and if you elect me as your Commissioner, I will do my best to make you a good Commissioner.

Respectfully,  
W. O. Rainwater.

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**Merkel, "The City Filled With Music" In Rotogravure**  
"Skyful of Music" is the caption of a feature article in the rotogravure magazine of The Houston Chronicle in its issue of Jan. 22, illustrated with pictures of the Merkel Methodist church and an interior view with the pastor, Rev. W. C. Hinds, and Fred Starbuck, volunteer organist, at the Hammond organ. The article, by Edwin Hickman, staff writer, is re-produced herewith:  
The small city of Merkel, Texas, that lays along the Bankhead Highway, 16 miles west of Abilene, is called "The City Filled With Music".  
Early morning breakfast patrons, instead of hearing a juke box announce the night departure of a lever by a nasal-toned troubadour, will more likely hear such spiritual favorites as "Nearer My God to Thee" and "Blest Be the Tie That Binds."  
For in the city, thrice daily, religious programs from the Methodist Church spire can be heard as far away as 3½ miles, declares Rev. W. C. Hinds, pastor. The gospel songs are played on an organ and cerilonic bells at 8 a. m., 12:30 p. m. and 7 p. m. A 15-minute program is also heard on Wednesday nights.  
A funeral home operator and furniture dealer, Fred Starbuck, plays the music strictly by ear.

Installation of the organ and bells was done during the pastorate of Rev. R. L. Butler, Methodist minister who is now serving a pastorate at Munday, Texas. Both were gifts from Mrs. Lila Touchstone, her daughter, Mrs. Mollie Frank Jordan, and Mrs. W. S. J. Brown.  
The church, with a membership of 500, likes the religious music that floats over the city three times a day. "Our older people especially like the music for it serves as a devotional period and a call to prayer and meditation," Mr. Hinds says.  
There was one objection, however. The time for the music was changed not long ago and a painter worked overtime as a result. But most people like the idea, and it is not unusual to walk down the streets and hear them whistling or humming old-time gospel songs.  
**Former Pastor of Grace Presbyterian Church Dies**  
Rev. S. P. Collins, 74, retired Presbyterian minister and former supply pastor of Grace Presbyterian church here, died at his home, 1918 Sayles boulevard, Abilene, at 12:15 a. m. Sunday.  
He had retired from the pastorate of the Baird Presbyterian church last July when his health failed. He had lived in Abilene since 1942.

Funeral services were held at 2:30 p. m. Monday at Elliott's Chapel of Memories, Abilene, with Rev. Frank Travis, pastor of Central Presbyterian church, Abilene, officiating, assisted by Rev. Arthur C. Evans, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, Cross Plains; Dr. E. B. Surface of Abilene, and Rev. Davis of Baird, pastor of the First Baptist church there.  
Burial was in Elmwood Memorial park, Abilene.  
Pallbearers were: J. A. Archer, Ben Hart, Dick Wiginton, all of Abilene; Bill Bragg, Cisco; John Shradler, Baird; Virgil Hughes, Baird; Edwin Erwin, Sabana; Collis Eager, Cross Plains.  
Rev. Mr. Collins began his ministry in 1914 while a student in the Lane Theological Seminary in Cincinnati. Since his graduation there in 1918, he had held pastorates in Cuttenden, Ky., Homer, La., Cross Plains, Merkel and Baird.  
Born July 16, 1875, in Calhoun, Ga., he was married in 1911 at Cisco.

At that time, both he and his wife were teaching in the former Scranton Academy, of which he was president.  
Survivors include the wife; two sons, S. P. Collins, Jr., of Las Cruces, N. M., J. W. Collins of Fort Worth; one daughter, Mrs. L. E. Emrick of Perryton; three sisters, three brothers and four grandchildren.  
The first colored entrant in the U. S. golf Open was John Shippen 16, who shot 78-81-159 for fifth place and \$10 in the 1896 tourney.

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**SOCIETY**

**UNION RIDGE CLUB.**

The Union Ridge Home Demonstration club met Jan. 27, in the home of Mrs. Joe Jaynes. The county agent, Annie Lucy Lane, met with the club.

Songs were sung and then Mr. George Crow led the prayer. Roll call was answered by "Cuttings That I'd Like to Have."

Mrs. O. E. Harvell read the treasurer's report. Miss Mabel McRee gave the council report for the first meeting of the year.

A motion was made and carried that the club give a gift to Miss Anne Egan. The club voted to give \$2.50 to the March of Dimes.

Mrs. L. S. Tipton brought a program on shrubs and flower exchange in which members named the flower or shrub she would like to have.

The program was turned over to the agent, who showed pictures of flowers, shrubs and trees. These were shown on the new screen and projector recently purchased for the agent.

The program was stressing the necessity of planting shrubs and flowers in proportion to the home and family needs.

Refreshments were served to the agent, eighteen members and several children.

The club will meet again on Friday, Feb. 3, in the home of Mrs. J. H. Clark.

**BLUEBONNET CLUB.**

Mrs. W. H. Ensminger will be hostess Tuesday, Feb. 7, at 2 p. m., when the Bluebonnet Home Demonstration club meets in the home of Landscape Demonstrator, Mrs. Ben Butman. Mrs. Butman will give a demonstration on moving shrubs and would appreciate a cutting of some kind from each one present.

Mrs. Ford Butman will give a demonstration on stenciling and also a talk on "What's New in Styles and Fabrics."

Roll call will be answered with "My Favorite Tree and What I Know About It."

**COMPERE CLUB.**

Mrs. Ab Hunter, Jr., was hostess to the Compere Home Demonstration club when it met on Jan. 25. Mrs. A. W. Clemmer presided over the meeting.

Roll call was answered with "My Greatest Baking Success." Mrs. Loyd Reece gave the council report and also read the council committee recommendations, which were adopted by the club.

Miss Loreta Allen, county home demonstration agent, gave an interesting demonstration on "Cereals on Parade" and also introduced the "Tater Family" stressing the use of the "Texas Food Standard" for meal planning. Miss Allen invited the ladies into the kitchen for a demonstration on "Making Whole Wheat Muffins."

A refreshment plate consisting of tuna fish sandwiches, Valentine cookies and iced tea was served to Mrs. James J. H. Wimberley, H. J. Wray, R. G. Bond, Ben Adkins, W. S. Allred, I. E. Ray, J. J. Bockman, Leola Curry, W. D. Ramsey, Grady Bishop, Loyd Reece, A. W. Clemmer, Clyde



**THE PEOPLE SPEAK** — When Governor Allan Shivers invited the people of Texas to express their views on his program to improve the State Hospitals (termed by one survey group the worst in the nation), his mail picked up sharply. In this picture he is shown reading some of the letters, seeking ideas for the message he delivered to the Special Session of the Legislature this week. Virtually all the letters urged immediate action to improve these rundown institutions, the Governor reported.

Chancey, three visitors, Mrs. Jewel Young, Mrs. Ab Hunter, Jr., and Miss Allen, and the hostess.

The club adjourned to meet with Mrs. W. D. Ramsey on Feb. 10.

The German Home Demonstration club met in the home of Mrs. R. A. Swanson on Friday, Jan. 27.

Miss Loreta Allen, county home demonstration agent, gave a demonstration on cooking "Whole Wheat Muffins." While they were cooking she gave a talk on "Cereals on Parade" and also introduced the "Tater Family" stressing the use of the "Texas Food Standard" for meal planning.

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Grover Blair, Cal McAninch, H. H. Windham and the hostess. The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. H. H. Windham at 2:30 o'clock, Feb. 10. Visitors are invited and club members remember "Fern and Lucy" are to put on something for the club."

Premium gasolines averaged 88 octane rating in the summer of 1949, says the U. S. Bureau of mines, compared with 86.1 in 1948.

**Preaches at Tye Sunday.** Rev. John H. Crow, of Abilene, conference missionary evangelist, will preach at the Tye Methodist church Sunday morning, Feb. 5, at the 11 o'clock hour.

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**Speakers Chosen for  
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Abilene, Feb. 2.—Two speakers for  
this spring's Willson Lectures at  
McMurry college have been announced  
by President Harold G. Cooke.  
They will be Dr. Bernice Milburn  
Moore, consultant for the Homemaking  
Division, State Board for Vocational  
Education, of Austin, and  
Bishop J. Waskom Pickett, of Delhi,

India. The lectures, planned for Rad-  
ford Memorial Auditorium, will begin  
Tuesday evening, March 7, and  
continue through Friday afternoon,  
March 10.

Dr. Moore, regarded as an authority  
in the field of mental hygiene mar-  
riage and the family, and personal-  
ity development, is a consultant for  
the Hegg Foundation for Mental Hy-  
giene, as well as for the State Board  
for Vocational Education.

Bishop Pickett's appearance was  
arranged through James K. Mathews  
of New York City, Indian secretary  
of the Board of Missions for the  
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**Texas Building Permits  
Rise 30 Per Cent  
From Year Earlier**

Austin, Feb. 2.—Texas building  
permits issued in December rose 30  
per cent from a year earlier, the  
University of Texas Bureau of Busi-  
ness Research reported.

Building permits in 48 cities total-  
ed \$35,867,869 in December, falling  
7 per cent below November.

After adjustment for seasonal varia-  
tions, the Bureau's index of build-  
ing permits dropped 29 per cent from  
November to 545 per cent of the  
prewar (1935-39) base level. A year  
ago the index stood at 417.

Building permits were more than  
doubled from November to Decem-  
ber in Kennedy, Kerrville, Longview  
and Wichita Falls. Smaller gains  
ranged from a 5-per-cent increase in  
San Angelo to a 98-per-cent jump  
in Lockhart.

November-to-December declines  
varied from a 5-per-cent decrease in  
Dallas to a 79-per-cent drop in Bor-  
ger.

In comparison with December,  
1948, large advances in building per-  
mits were turned in by Amarillo,  
Brownsville, Childress, Corpus Chris-  
ti, Dallas, El Paso, Kennedy, Kerr-  
ville, Longview, Pampa and Sweet-  
water.

Dallas continued to lead the state  
in building permits, with \$6,065,506  
in December. Permits amounted to  
\$4,683,330 in Houston, \$3,563,902 in  
Fort Worth and \$3,216,325 in San  
Antonio.

By city-size groups, cities with a  
population over 100,000 granted the  
greatest amount of building permits

in December, while the 50,000 to 100,  
000 group showed the only increase  
over November.

**Birth Announced.**  
Mr. and Mrs. Joe D. Herrington  
of Stettlee, Alberta, Canada, are the  
proud parents of an 8-pound boy,  
born Jan. 6. The baby, named Don-  
ald Wayne, is the grandson of Mr.  
and Mrs. Artist Cook of San Angelo  
and Mrs. D. W. Sheldon of Fort  
Worth. Mrs. Herrington is the form-  
er Pauline Cook.

**Assets of State Banks  
Hit All-Time High**

Austin, Feb. 2.—Total assets of  
446 active state banks were at an  
all-time high of \$1,283,139,015, as of  
Dec. 31, the State Department of  
Banking reported Thursday.

That was \$74,254,750 more than  
a year earlier when there were 444  
state banks active, the department  
said.

Deposits were \$65,984,720 more  
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ing seed, please let us have your order as soon as pos-  
sible, so we may secure the Seed before they are all  
sold out.  
Thanks,  
Farmers Coop, Soc. No. 1  
H. H. ANDERSON  
Manager.

**Specials for Friday & Saturday  
February 3 & 4**

Texas Marsh Seedless <b>GRAPEFRUIT, lb. .... 7c</b>	Texas <b>CARROTS, lge. bunch .... 5c</b>
Sunkist Juicy <b>LEMONS, lb. .... 15c</b>	Fresh Crispy <b>LETTUCE, head .... 9c</b>
<b>U. S. No. 1, IDAHO WAXED RUSSETS, pound ..... 6c</b>	

**DREFT large box ..... 25c**

WASHING POWDER <b>Oxydol, box ..... 25c</b>	R&W—NO. 303 CAN <b>Tiny Peas, 2 sv. .... 25c</b>
CAMAY <b>Hand Soap, 3 reg. bars 23c</b>	<b>Wesson Oil, 16 oz. botl. 29c</b>
<b>Ivory, large bar ..... 12c</b>	Beauty Plain or Mex Style <b>Brown Beans, 2 for ..... 25c</b>
Red & White— <b>Corn, No. 303 can ..... 19c</b>	Pride of Ozark—Whole—SWEET <b>Potatoes, No. 2½ can ..... 19c</b>
Kellogs <b>Bran All, 10 oz. box ..... 17c</b>	R&W—PURE APPLE <b>Jelly, 12 oz. tumbler .... 17c</b>
Northern <b>Tissue, 2 rolls ..... 15c</b>	R&W—BARTLETT <b>Pears, No. 2½ can ..... 33c</b>
Scott <b>Paper Towels, roll ..... 17c</b>	Patio Shuck Wrapped <b>Tamales, can ..... 23c</b>
Sunspr. <b>Salad Dressing, 16 oz. .... 27c</b>	White Syrup <b>Karo, 24 oz. bottle ..... 19c</b>
R&W—Drip or Regular <b>Coffee, 1 lb. vac. can ..... 77c</b>	White or Yellow Jolly Time <b>Popcorn, 1 oz. can ..... 18c</b>

**California, large  
LIMA BEANS 2 pounds ..... 29c**

**MEAT MARKET DEPARTMENT**

Gooch's Blue Ribbon, Tenderized <b>HAMS, ½ or Whole, lb. 55c</b>	Armour's Small <b>SPARE RIBS, lb. .... 39c</b>
Armour's VEAL <b>BRAINS, lb. .... 19c</b>	Swift's Premium—Small and Lean <b>PORK CHOPS, lb. .... 45c</b>
<b>SWIFT'S BROOKFIELD LINK SAUSAGE, lb. .... 47c</b>	

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WEST COMPANY  
Merkel

# Legal Notices

## CITATION BY PUBLICATION. THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Pasquel Torres, 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 March, A. D., 1950, at or before 10 o'clock A. M., before the Honorable 104th District Court of Taylor County, at the Court House in Abilene, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 20th day of September, 1949. The file number of said suit being No. 6130-B.

The names of the parties in said suit are: Clara Torres as Plaintiff, and Pasquel Torres as Defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: Plaintiff and defendant were married July 10, 1934 and lived together until May 16, 1942.

There were five children born to this marriage union and there was no community property accumulated. Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of cruel treatment and abandonment.

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

Issued this 9th day of January, A. D., 1950.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at my office in Abilene, Texas, this 9th day of January, A. D., 1950.

(SEAL) J. Neil Daniel, Clerk, 104th District Court, Taylor County, Texas.

By Dorothy Smith, Deputy.  
Jan. 13, 20, 27; Feb. 3

## CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Joseph Fernandez, 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 27th day of February, A. D., 1950, 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 10th day of January, 1950. The file number of said suit being No. 16,656-A.

The names of the parties in said suit are: Billie Fernandez as Plaintiff, and Joseph Fernandez as Defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were legally married on or about the 9th day of May, 1946, and lived together until on or about the 15th day of October, 1949.

There were no children born to this marriage union and there is no community property to be adjudicated. Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of cruel treatment.

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

Issued this 12th day of January, A. D., 1950.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at my office in Abilene, Texas, this 12th day of January, A. D., 1950.

(SEAL) J. Neil Daniel, Clerk, District Court, Taylor County, Texas. By Grace Jenkins, Deputy.  
Jan. 20, 27; Feb. 3, 10

## CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Marie Sherman, 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 March, A. D., 1950, at or before 10 o'clock A. M., before the Honorable 104th District Court of Taylor County, at the Court House in Abilene, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 26th day of January, 1950.

The file number of said suit being No. 6250-B.

The names of the parties in said suit are Austin Sherman, Jr., as Plaintiff, and Marie Sherman, as Defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: Plaintiff and defendant were married on November 2, 1944, and lived together until about December 1, 1944.

There were no children born to said marriage and the parties have no community property.

Plaintiff sues for divorce on the grounds of abandonment.

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

ance, it shall be returned unserved. Issued this the 26th day of January, A. D., 1950.  
Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at my office in Abilene, Texas, this the 26th day of January, A. D., 1950.  
(Seal) J. Neil Daniel, Clerk, 104th District Court, Taylor County, Texas.  
By Dorothy Smith, Deputy.  
Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24

## CITATION BY PUBLICATION OF FINAL ACCOUNT. THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO Any Sheriff or Any Constable within the State of Texas—Greeting:  
T. A. Hackney, executor of the Estate of Anna L. Tabor, deceased, having filed in our County Court his Final Account of the condition of the Estate of said Anna L. Tabor, deceased, numbered 3788 on the Probate Docket of Taylor County, together with an application to be discharged from said Estate.

You Are Hereby Commanded, That by publication of this Writ one time and said publication shall be not less than ten days before the return day hereof, February 20th, 1950, in a Newspaper printed in the County of Taylor, State of Texas, you give due notice to all persons interested in the Final Settlement of said Estate, to appear and contest the same if they see proper so to do, on Monday the 20th day of February, A. D., 1950, at the Court House of said County, in Abilene, Texas, when said Account and Application will be acted upon by said Court.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at my office in the City of Abilene, Texas, this 30th day of January, A. D., 1950.

(Seal) Mrs. Chester Hutcheson, Clerk, County Court, Taylor County. I hereby Certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Original Writ now in my hands.

H. T. Fleming, Sheriff, Taylor County.  
By R. H. Ross, Deputy.  
Feb. 3.

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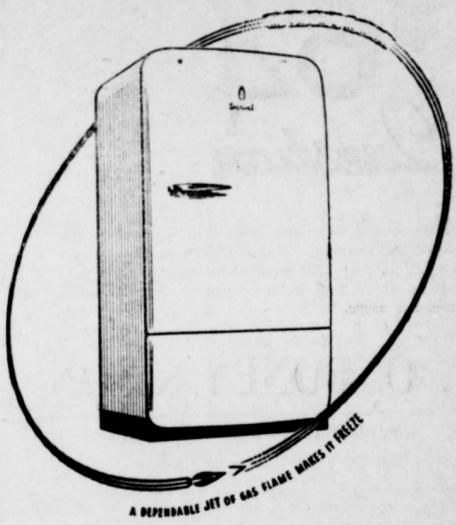
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Fleetline. . . Radio and Heater, It is fully equipped. Chevrolet's best. One owner original—24000 actual miles ???
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Has real good radio and heater. Is really loaded. Is a nice car and an outstanding bargain ???
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Stylemaster. . . Has exceptionally good heater and other accessories. This is a bargain among used cars \$895.00
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Motor is newly re-conditioned. Has new tires. This car is way above the average. Going at a bargain price of \$465.00
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Complete with Radio, Heater ready to go. This car is really nice. You will have to see it to appreciate it! ???
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Tops in quality for a 1941 model. This car will surprise you when you compare it's outstanding features! ???

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ANDY SHOUSE, Agent.

FOR SALE—at Merkel Drug. RAY'S RAT KILLER; harmless to humans and pets; price 10c, 50c and \$11.00; satisfaction or double your money back.

FOR SALE—Used 7-ft. Crosley Shelvador; bargain. Badger Chevrolet company.

4 Rooms and bath, porches, on large corner lot, big shade trees, own electric water system, a very nice home, \$5,000.

Nice 5-room rock home, corner lot, both streets paved; only \$4,750.

4 rooms, near school, two car garage, rock storm cellar, electric water system; on 1-1/2 lots, \$4,250.

Practically new 4 rooms, modern throughout, paved street, close in, only \$3,750.

SMALL ROCK home, one of the nicest in Merkel; it will pay you to investigate this deal, only \$4,000.

FOR SALE—Six reams, 8 1/2 x 14 white mimeograph paper, \$1.35 per ream. Merkel Mail office.

HOUSE FOR SALE—Nice 3 bedroom and bath, electric water system, double garage, wash house, lot 150x140, located in the southwest part of the city; very attractive location and price. Cyrus Pee, agent.

ONE 8-FOOT gas refrigerator, reduced to \$160.00, 5-year guarantee, 24 months to pay. Palmer Motor company.

FOR SALE—1946 H-Farmall tractor with full equipment, A-1 condition; also one practically new triple-disk breaking plow; one International 4-disk breaking plow; one 4-disk International one-way. W. B. Toombs, Phone 270.

ONE 10-FOOT Electroflux refrigerator, practically new, 8 year guarantee, \$250.00, 24 months to pay. Palmer Motor company.

PLENTY of cottonseed meal and cake. Farmers Coop Society Gin.

SPECIAL—All electric hot plates and electric heaters, 1/2 price. Palmer Tire & Appliance Co.

CROSLY REFRIGERATORS, any size; up to 24 months to pay; we take trade-ins.  
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NORGE refrigerator, 6-foot, good working order, \$60.00. at Merkel Drug Co.

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FOR SALE—26 White Leghorn May nullets, laying now. H. Wren, No. 6th and Marion Streets.

7-ft. GE refrigerator, like new, only in price, \$135.00.  
Table top gas range, good, \$47.50.  
8-pc. dining room suite, like new, \$79.50.  
8-pc. oak dining room, bargain, \$67.50.

Table top Perfection range, \$45.00.  
New Home machine, \$22.50.  
Oak chiffonier, \$22.50.  
New studio couch, \$59.50.  
2-pc living room suite, used, \$24.50.  
Porcelain top table, \$7.50.  
Porcelain top cabinet base, \$12.50.

THE SWAP SHOP.  
BUNDLED FEED for sale; cane and higera. Mrs. Pick Allen, 804 Oak Street.

FOR SALE—Pigs at reasonable prices; also farm house for rent, near Trent; bundle higera for sale at this farm, for 5 cents. F. E. Sipe, one mi. NE Golan church.

FOR SALE—Seed oats \$1.00 a bu.; 100 bu. or more, 90c. J. E. Touchstone, 5 miles east of Noodle.

FOR SALE—If you are in the market for a good used tractor, see us first; several models to choose from. Merkel Farm Machinery Co. Phone 30.

FOR SALE—Used Burroughs adding machine, 7 keys. Starbuck Furniture Company.

FOR SALE—Two-wheel trailer, fair rubber; 12x18 good garage. Zedie Johnson, 108 Orange street.

VISIT US FOR PROVEN pecan trees, fruit trees, shrubs, roses, etc.; free peach to every visitor; decent size trees that live and bear; also finer OIC pigs. Shanks Nurseries, Clyde, Texas. "Largest Apple Orchard in Texas."

SPECIAL PRICES on G. E. and Philco refrigerators, also gas and electric ranges. No down payment, 24 months to pay. Palmer Tire & Appliance company.

FOR SALE—One 6-ft. Frigidaire, Good condition, \$139.95. Merkel Drug company.

GET your fresh raw milk at Carson's grocery, from tested cows, brought by O. D. Bland.

CROSLY Home Radios, Gas and Electric Ranges and Home Freezers; small down payment, up to 24 months to pay.  
BADGER CHEVROLET CO.  
"We know Chevrolet—You know us."

FOR SALE—Good cow horse, 7 yrs. old; Jersey cow and calf. W. E. Miller, Route 4, Merkel.

FIVE REGISTERED Hampshire gilts, farrowed Sept. 20, 1949; also five full blood pigs, farrowed Dec. 18, 1949. F. J. McDonald, 1-1/2 mi. NW Stith.

YOU PICK your used ice box. \$10.00. Palmer Motor company.

LOST AND FOUND  
STRAYED—One Hampshire pig, white with little black on hips; left Monday morning; if any one sees or finds it, please notify Ed Martin, 302 Thornton, Merkel, Texas.

LOST—Gold dainty bracelet; lost about a week ago, if found please return to Merkel Mail office.

J. I. (Buster) HESTER, agent for Abilene Reporter-News and Dallas Morning News; office with Simpson's Real Estate.

**FOR RENT**

FOR RENT—Three room furnished garage apartment, 501 Ash. Phone 979.

FOR RENT—Furnished 3-room south apartment and garage; also nice bedroom. 408 Manchester. Phone. 125W.

FOR RENT—3-room unfurnished upstairs apartment; three blocks from town. Mrs. Zedie Johnson, 108 Orange street.

FOR RENT—3-room unfurnished apartment; close in; on south side. A. T. Sheppard, 202 Locust.

FOR LEASE—Business house, in choice up-town location. See Bob Hicks.

BEDROOM for rent; close in, south exposure, private entrance and bath. H. F. Groene.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

WATER WELL DRILLING—I have 2 machines; all work guaranteed. B. T. Sublett, Box 206, Merkel.

WATCH REPAIRING—One day to one week service; all work guaranteed; reasonable prices. WILSON JEWELRY, Ph. 115, Merkel.

WATER WELL DRILLING and clean outs. Higgins & Barnett, Phone 224, Night 182.

GET MY PRICES on brake service. Phone 66, Fox Repair shop.

SEE Lendon A. Coats for water well drilling. Phone 281W.

For MONUMENTS, see J. T. (Tom) Coats. Phone 131. P. O. Box 314.

**WANTED**

BABY SITTING—Let me sit with "Baby" while you both go out; good care taken of children; get in touch with me at my home, 1207 S. 3rd St. Mrs. A. E. Pruitt.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS POLITICAL**

[Subject to action of the Democratic Primary in July.]  
For Commissioner, Precinct 4, Jones County:  
W. O. RAINWATER.  
[Re-Election.]

**NOTICE MASONS**

Stated meeting of Merkel lodge No. 710, A. F. & A. M., Thursday, Feb. 9, at 7:30 p. m. All members are urged to attend. Visiting brethren cordially invited.

E. S. Dwiggins, W. M.  
C. B. Rust, Sec'y.

**Twenty-Two Present For 4-H Meeting**

Twenty-two were present at the 4-H meeting on Jan. 25 in the Grammar School auditorium. Plans to raise some money for the club were discussed.

Each girl brought 15 cents for a gift for Miss Egan, the county agent, and a committee was appointed to get the gift. Marilyn Liles talked about table service. The girls checked their goals that they had done so far this year.

Mrs. L. P. Liles, a mother leader, was also present.

**Area Receives Inch Of Moisture**

Resulting from a two-day siege of drizzling rain, sleet and ice, an inch of moisture was recorded up to late Wednesday afternoon by the gauge of Volunteer Weather Observer J. I. Ford. Only rainfall in January was .2 of an inch on the 13th.

A cloudy overhead still prevailed Thursday morning, with occasional light mist. The skies showed signs of brightening up shortly after noon.

**Shows Second in Junior Bull Calf Class**

In Tuesday's judging in the Hereford division of the Fort Worth Stock Show and Exposition, Publican Domino 212th, shown by W. J. Largent and Son, was second in the junior bull calf class. A Dandy Domino entry from the J. F. Miller herd at Hayden, Colo., was first.

**February 14th**

The vibrant, colorful beauty of the flower has long been associated with lovely thoughts. No wonder it is the ideal remembrance for Valentine's Day. Come in and see our choice selection.

Missie's Floral Shop  
"Flowers for all Occasions"

**Merkel Contributes More than \$650 to March of Dimes**

A total of \$590.58 was on deposit to the March of Dimes account at the Farmers and Merchants National bank at the close of business Feb. 1, it was reported by Booth Warren, local treasurer of the 1950 campaign.

This sum includes collections through the schools, the "take" from the Clyde-Merkel benefit game and the collections at the Lions minstrel two nights, amounting to \$102.67, but does not include the amount of \$61.12 from the theatre collection at the Queen nor the donations contributed through the coin holders at stores and elsewhere. Contents from the coin holders are yet to be counted and turned in to the treasurer. Yet to be credited also is the Queen collection.

Dr. Jim Carter, local chairman, was assisted by Rev. Joe S. Allen, Ray Wilson, Norman Hodge and Booth Warren, treasurer.

As the drive has been extended through Saturday, according to announcement by Morgan Jones, Jr., county chairman, it is urged that any one who has not contributed send in their donation to this worthy cause before Saturday.

**Three Producers Out Of 5 Operations**

Three producers were brought in within the past few days out of five operations in the Pitzer and Stanley fields in Jones county, north of Merkel. All three wells were in the Strawn pay.

They are the V. C. Perini et al, No. 1 L. R. Stanley, Roark, Hooker and Roark's Collins estate and the Crown Central No. 7 Lillie P. Brown.

Plugged and abandoned was the Texas Company's No. 2 Fannie Merritt, and the other dry test was the same operator's No. 2 L. R. Stanley.

EASTERN STAR.  
Members of the O. E. S. are urged to be present at the Masonic hall Friday night, Feb. 3, at 7 o'clock to study for certificates. The school of instruction will be held in March.

Mrs. H. C. Reid, W. M.  
Mrs. C. B. Rust, Sec'y.

Typewriter paper for sale at Merkel Mail office.

**Merkel's Efficient Fire Fighting Boys Save Home**

The Fire Department answered a call Tuesday afternoon about 3 p. m. to the Johnny Berry home, about three miles southwest of town, where they made quick work in extinguishing the fire which had been discovered in the roof of the living room.

John Henry Swinney, who lives nearby, saw the flames and hurried to town to report it to the fire department.

"Quick thinking along with Merkel's efficient fire fighting boys, resulted in very little actual damage to the house," Mr. Berry said.

Mr. and Mrs. Berry send their very special thanks and appreciation to the Fire Department for their splendid work. They also wish to thank the Swinney family again.

**Top Animals in Fort Worth Sale Entered By Merkel Breeders**

Top animals in the Texas Hereford Association sale in Fort Worth this week were consigned by Merkel firms.

Roy Largent and Sons topped the sale when their bull calf, Prince Domino 105th, sold for \$10,000, going to the Rosebud ranch, Cleveland, Okla. The bull is by C-W Prince Domino 21st.

W. J. Largent and Son consigned the top selling female of the offering, the animal going to Johnson and Johnson of Houston.

**Ralph Miller Home From Hospital**

Friends will be glad to learn that Ralph Miller, who was transferred to the Hendrick Memorial hospital after sustaining injuries in an auto accident near Sweetwater, recently, was dismissed Tuesday and returned home.

Two Merkel men were killed in the accident, which occurred Jan. 18, and a third died the next night. Mr. Miller was first taken to the Sweetwater Memorial hospital, but was transferred to the Abilene hospital late the following night.

**Voting Strength of County, 10,757**

When County Tax Collector Raymond Petree closed his office at 9 p. m., Tuesday, Jan. 31—deadline for paying poll taxes—total number of poll taxes paid in Taylor county had reached 9,237. This plus the 1,530 exemptions issued places the county's voting strength for 1950 at 10,767.

All poll tax payments in the mail postmarked before midnight Tuesday will be counted valid, Petree said.

**Merkel Boy Chosen Honor Air-Man**

Pfc. William Shoemaker, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Shoemaker, was chosen honor air-man for the week at Chanute Air Force Base, Rantaul, Ill. After having been inspected about five times that day, he wrote his parents that he was picked as the best out of about 15,000 men.

**Hereford Men Elect North President**

At the annual business meeting of the Texas Hereford Association, held Monday night at the Hotel Texas, Fort Worth, J. M. North, of Fort Worth, was elevated to president from vice-presidency. Henry Elder of Fort Worth was re-elected secretary.

Guests at the head table were introduced by R. Pryer Lucas, of Berclair, retiring president, and a Merkel man, Roy Largent, was included in this group. He is a director of both the national and state associations.

**Hospital Notes.**

The following patients were admitted to Sadler hospital for surgery during the past week: Mrs. Leroy Riney, Jan. 25; Mrs. Doyle Seifried, Jan. 31. Admitted during the week for treatment were: Mrs. H. J. Abney, Jan. 25; Bill Willard, Mrs. R. L. Newman, Jan. 26; Mrs. Clarence Melton, Mrs. Ray Reynolds, Jan. 27; Mrs. S. B. Thomas, A. W. Cook, Jan. 28; Mrs. Lewis Isabell, Jan. 29; Ava Jean Patton, Jan. 30; John J. Bockman, Robert Hascome, victim of auto accident, Wesley Edwards, Mrs. W. E. Byrum; Jan. 31. Entering the hospital for tonsillectomy were Dalphany Warren, Jan. 31; Mrs. Lillian Floyd, Feb. 2.

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RIVER BRAND RICE, 2 lb. box ..... 29c	MRS. TUCKER'S SHORTENING, 3 lb. crt. .53c
KRAFT DINNERS, 2 for ..... 25c	APPLE PYEQUICK, pkg. .... 37c

**FOLGER'S COFFEE** Pound... **75c**

<b>PRODUCE</b>	<b>MARKET</b>
TEXAS TANGERINES, lb. .... 12c	HOME MADE—PURE PORK SAUSAGE, lb. .... 45c
GREEN CABBAGE, lb. .... 3c	PICNIC HAMS, lb. .... 39c
CRIP CARROTS, bunch ..... 5c	Round STEAK, lb. .... 83c
RUSSETTS SPUDS, 10 lbs. .... 49c	COLORED AND UNCOLORED OLEO ..... 39c and 21c
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## MRS. JOE ALLEN REVIEWS BOOK FOR INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL MONDAY.

Members of the Inter-Church council were entertained Monday afternoon Jan. 30, at the Methodist church, with Mrs. W. D. Hutcheson presiding for the meeting.

The program for the afternoon was in the capable hands of Mrs. Joe S. Allen, who reviewed in a most forceful manner "No Trumpet Before Him" by Nella Gardner White.

At the refreshment hour ladies of the W. S. C. S. served a dainty tea plate to a very good crowd, considering the cold weather.

## HARRIS-HOPPER.

The marriage of Miss Ruth Evelyn Hopper and Winford Bert Harris were solemnized in the Lula Belle parsonage, with Rev. Joe S. Allen, pastor of the First Baptist church, officiating, Saturday afternoon at 6 o'clock.

Ruth Evelyn is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Hopper and is a senior in Trent high school. She has been employed at the Merkel Drug company.

The bride wore a powder blue faille dress, and a corsage of pink carnations. She carried a Bible with a pink and blue handkerchief.

Present for the wedding were Mrs. Hopper and Derrell, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Hicks and Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Harris and Darlene.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Naomi Harris of Merkel. He attended Merkel schools.

The couple will make their home in Big Spring where he is employed.

## MERKEL HD CLUB.

The Merkel Home Demonstration club met with Mrs. Ben Sublett, on Friday, Jan. 27.

Roll call was answered with "The Best Way I Have Found to Keep My Important Business Papers and Recipes" by Mesdames John Hughes, J. Ben Campbell, Gordon Pursley, Bob Fowler, James Chaney, Rhett Eidson, Jr., Ernest Douglas, Dewey Witcheer, Ray Holmes, S. G. Russell, Harry Barnett, Truman Harvell, L. P. Liles, W. C. Lee, Bernard Clark, Ben Sublett, Miss Lottie Butman.

A short business session was presided over by Mrs. John Hughes, president. Mrs. W. C. Lee, the THDA chairman, gave an interesting talk entitled "THDA Kick-off." Mrs. Bob Fowler gave a discussion on "Business Firms Women Should Know."

During the recreation hour Mrs. Bernard Clark led the group in games. Mrs. Sublett served an attractive refreshment plate.

Some goals for this month are: Make garden plans and purchase recommended variety of garden seeds. Organize a home file for bank

statements, receipts, etc. Have a will made if you do not already have one.

The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Bernard Clark, 403 South Manchester street.

## EASTERN STAR.

The Merkel Chapter Order of the Eastern Star met Tuesday night, Jan. 24, for their regular meeting, with Mrs. H. C. Reid, worthy matron, presiding.

After the business session, Mrs. Jeff Chancey and Mrs. C. O. Castles were initiated into the order. The impressive ceremony was performed by D. R. Butler, worthy patron, pro tem; Mrs. D. R. Butler, conductress; Mrs. Reatha Mullins, associate conductress, pro tem; Mrs. Truett Jones, Adah; Mrs. Bill Hays, Ruth; Mrs. Louis Butman, Esther; Mrs. Charles Sylvester, Martha; Mrs. Hosea Windham, Electa. Mrs. Fred Starbuck signed the by-laws of the chapter.

Little 2 months old Lenora Ann Rakes of Trent was elected as mascot of the Merkel Chapter. Her father is S. L. Rakes, worthy patron.

A dainty refreshment plate was served by Mrs. Craig Humphreys, Mrs. Charles Sylvester and Mrs. Lucy Ford to the following visitors and members: Mrs. Fannie Nesmith, Perry, Okla., Chapter No. 84; Mrs. Bonnie La Rue Vaughan, Hamlin Chapter No. 460; Mrs. Reatha Mullins, Bangs Chapter No. 467; Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Powers, Bangs Chapter No. 467; Mesdames O. W. Johnson, J. A. Kuykendall, Bill Dunagin, Jeff Chancey, C. O. Castles, D. R. Butler, Bill Hayes, Hosea Windham, H. C. Reid, Bryan Dunagin, C. B. Rust, C. O. Harriss, C. W. Seago, Louis Butman, W. R. Cypert, Fred Starbuck, Andy Shouse, Truett Jones, Waide Ensminger; Messrs. D. R. Butler, W. R. Cypert, S. L. Rakes, Ross Pratt.

## TWINS CELEBRATE THEIR 57TH BIRTHDAY.

Mrs. Austin Robertson honored her husband and his twin brother, Houston Robertson, on Jan. 24, with a birthday dinner at 6:30 o'clock. Present were their sister, Mrs. Alta Ingram, Mrs. Houston Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. Hob Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Sliger and daughters Joan and Nancy, Mr. and Mrs. Zerk Robertson, Larry and Lynn, of Abilene, and William Robertson.

## BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Mrs. Fletcher Hopper entertained with a party honoring her son, Derrell, on his fourth birthday Friday afternoon in their home.

After the guests played games and gifts were opened, refreshments of hot chocolate, cookies and birthday cake were served.

## Shivers Sets FFA Week Feb. 19-25

Austin, Feb. 2.—The week of Feb. 19-25 was designated Future Farmer Week in Texas Monday in an official memorandum signed by Gov. Allan Shivers.

He signed the memorandum for Kenneth Gregg of Plainview, state president of the Future Farmers of Texas.

Texas has 716 active Future Farmer chapters with approximately 28,600 active members and more than 377,000 former members.

"The major purposes of the Future Farmers are to develop leadership, encourage cooperation, promote good citizenship, teach sound methods of farming and inspire patriotism among the members," the Governor said in the memorandum.

## Merkel Girl Makes Honor Roll at Harding College

Searcy, Ark., Feb. 2.—Miss Jean Smith, freshman at Harding college, has ranked in the upper 15 per cent of the class for the fall term, it was announced last week by the office of Dean L. C. Sears. There were 100 students who qualified for the honor roll with work of a 'B' average or above.

Miss Smith is a journalism major. She is a member of the dramatic club and Gata social club. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Smith, 301 Thornton street, Merkel.

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- Kuners PUMPKIN, tall can 9c
- Morton's SALT, box 9c
- Hunt's TOMATO SAUCE, can 7c
- Del Monte SOUR PICKLES, jar 9c

HI-NOTE TUNA can 22c

VERY CRISP CRACKERS, lb. box 19c

SUN SPUN SOUR RED PITTED CHERRIES, can 25c

FOLGERS COFFEE pound 75c

CRUSTENE SHORTENING 3 pound 52c

Kimbell's Tamales can 19c  
White Swan Pop Corn can 15c



RECIPE OF THE WEEK  
HUGE AND TESTED RECIPE  
By Mrs. Lou Taylor

**Dutch Apple Cake**  
Broadcast: February 4, 1950

1/2 cup sugar  
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon\*  
3 tablespoons Fat Milk  
2 tablespoons melted butter or margarine  
1 1/2 cups biscuit mix  
1/4 cup sugar  
1 well beaten egg  
1 tablespoon water  
2 cups pared, sliced apples  
2 tablespoons raising

Turn on oven, set at moderate (375° F.). Grease a deep 8-in. cake pan. Mix 1/2 cup sugar with cinnamon. Add 1 tablesp. milk and the butter. Let stand. Put biscuit mix into bowl. Mix in sugar. Stir in quickly a mixture of beaten egg, milk and water. Spread in greased pan to very edge. Cover with apples. Arrange raisins on apples. Spoon sugar mixture over top of fruit. Bake on bottom shelf of oven about 35 min., or until apples are tender and top is brown. Serve warm.

\*1/4 teasp. nutmeg can replace cinnamon.

You Will Need: PET MILK, can 10c

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