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DRIVE FOR CC BUDGET HOLDS ATTENTION NOW

Members of the nine-man steering committee selected at a February meeting of the merchants of the city to map plans for the proposed chamber of commerce to be organized here and to make a schedule of assessments for its support made a preliminary canvass Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday of a number of firms.

"Decision as to the feasibility of the project will depend on the response from those firms who have indicated they wanted to give further consideration before signing up," R. O. Anderson, chairman of the committee, stated Wednesday morning.

In the meantime the drive will continue until each firm has been contacted, but Chairman Anderson requests in behalf of the committee that, should any of the merchants already contacted reach a decision before they are called on again, it will greatly aid the committee if they will notify him and help save their time, which of course is being donated as a civic undertaking.

Scouts Form Four Patrols in Troop; Leaders Selected

Instead of two patrols, the Merkel troop of Boy Scouts will now boast of four patrols. Leaders of these patrols, elected at a troop meeting on Monday, are:

Lion patrol—Davis Tarpley, leader, J. C. Horton, assistant, and Richard Chaney, scribe; Panther patrol—Joe Dean, leader, Johnny Hammond, assistant, and Bobby Mayfield, scribe; Flaming Arrow patrol—Billy Beard, leader, Louie Don Whitaker, assistant, and Tommy Warren, scribe; Beaver patrol—Eddie Breaux, leader, Billy Greenfield, assistant, and Dale Shugart, scribe.

Dale Doan is senior patrol leader and G. H. Suber, junior assistant Scoutmaster. Boyd Moore is troop scribe.

Rites Held Saturday For L. C. Murray

Lemuel C. Murray, 76, affectionately called "Uncle Lem" by all who knew him, passed away in Sadler hospital at 9:25 p. m. Thursday, Mar. 11, after an illness of several weeks.

Funeral services were held from the First Baptist church at 10 a. m. Saturday, with the pastor, Rev. E. M. Weathers, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill cemetery, under direction of the Barrow-Sheppard Funeral home.

Pallbearers were Tom Williamson, Buster Edwards, W. C. Matthews and Carlton McLeod, of Trent, and Robert Malone and Joe Cypert.

Mr. Murray was born Jan. 16, 1872, in Milan county and was married to the former Nora Anderson on Jan. 1, 1894, at Anson. Following Army service in the Spanish-American war, the couple made their home in Trinidad, Colo., for 23 years during which time he was engaged as a locomotive engineer. In 1922 they moved to their ranch in Fisher county where they resided until buying a home in Merkel and moving here to live two years ago.

Surviving are his wife, one brother, Munroe Murray, a sister, Mrs. Cora Hale, both of Gatesville, and a number of nieces and nephews.

Among out-of-town relatives and friends here for the funeral were the brother and a nephew, Perry Hale, both of Gatesville; Mrs. Riley Huie, Wichita Falls; Mr. and Mrs. Gene Moseley, of Sweetwater, and their daughter, of Midland; Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Russell, Mr. and Mrs. Burnis Honea, Murray Cowsart, Mrs. O'Neill Roberts, all of Anson; Jeff Roberts, of Nolan, and Mr. and Mrs. John Catchings, of Lovington, N. M.

Jaycee Baseball Players Asked to Meet

All of last year's Jaycee players are urgently requested to return the 1947 uniforms to Nolan Palmer at the Magnolia station as soon as possible, so that these suits may be cleaned and re-issued for the 1948 baseball team.

All players interested in the organization of a team this season are asked to meet Tuesday night, Mar. 23, at the Magnolia station, at 8 o'clock.

P-TA CARNIVAL NETS \$260 FOR SCHOOL PROJECT

Patrons of School Present in Large Numbers for Evening Of Fun, Featuring Amateur Hour; Other Contests.

The sum of \$260.15 was realized from proceeds of the play game carnival sponsored by the Merkel Parent-Teacher association in the school gymnasium Friday night of last week, it was reported by Mrs. Imogene Henry, treasurer.

Several hundred, including parents, teachers and students, turned out for the scheduled evening of fun, which lived up to its billing 100 per cent.

Mrs. Tom Kerns and Frank Breaux were elected "Beauty" and "Beast", respectively, in the heated election, with four contestants in the first race and three in the latter.

In the amateur contest, with 23 entries, Barbara Sue McLeod, who appeared in song numbers, was declared winner; second prize went to Thantha Decker and Maxine Kerns, song and dance team, while runner-up was a boys' trio consisting of Dale Dudley, Joe Dean and D. C. Hendricks.

Because of illness, the P-TA president, Mrs. Louie Herring, was unable to be present, and in her absence Mrs. Carroll Benson, vice-president, was general chairman. Mrs. Henry was High School chairman, with Mrs. Benson and Mrs. Judd McReynolds as Grammar School chairmen.

Committee chairmen were: Mrs. Powell Miller, hot dogs; Mrs. Clyde Eager, drinks; Mrs. Sam Swann, candy; Mrs. C. B. Rust, popcorn; Mrs. Ray Wilson, games of "42" and "84"; Mrs. Bud Toombs, "Beauty and Beast" contest, and Mrs. Buster Horton, bingo.

Objective of the carnival project was the purchase of a ditto machine for use of the entire school system.

A. J. Canon Donates Four Cypress Trees To Highway Plot

The Merkel Garden club would like to call the attention of the public to the four Arizona cypress recently planted just west of Kimbell Milling company on Highway 80 by Mayor A. J. Canon. With the interest of Merkel at heart, Mr. Canon paid for and had these shrubs planted himself.

"We hope other civic-minded citizens will follow his example," Mrs. J. F. Miller, Garden Club president, said. "Our city needs more trees and shrubs, and it is not too late to plant any tree or shrub you may have in mind to fill those vacant spots in the city and around your home."

The four older cypress trees on the highway plot, it will be recalled, were planted there 12 or 14 years ago by a local Highway Beautification committee, of which Mrs. A. T. Sheppard was chairman.

These older trees have been trimmed and the entire plot cleared of weeds by recent work of the city force.

Planting of shrubs and flowers around the Community Center under sponsorship of the Merkel Garden club began Wednesday.

Boy Scouts Hike To Laney's Pasture

The Boy Scouts of Merkel hiked to Laney's pasture Tuesday afternoon, set up camp and cooked supper. After supper, the campsite was cleaned up and games played.

The boys present were G. H. Suber, Dale Doan, Boyd Moore, Davis Tarpley, J. C. Horton, Richard Chaney, Marvin Mashburn, Charles Bowles, Joe Doan, Johnny Hammond, Bobby Mayfield, Sessions Hammond, Claude Smith, Colonel Wallace, Thomas Bailey, Carmel Moreno, Billy Beard, Louie Whitaker, Tommy Warren, Tommy Cutler, Charlie Beard, James Smith, Eddie Breaux, Dale Shugart, Jack Miller, Bruce Knight, Dale Dudley, Willie Winter, Ralph Bartlett, C. A. Farley, Frank Breaux and Luther Land.

Record of Births
Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Berry, Monday, March 15, 1948.
Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Goza, Tuesday, March 16, 1948.
Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Arlie Whisenant, Tuesday, March 16, 1948.

TO START HOUSE NUMBERING JOB HERE APRIL 3

With approval by the city council and authorization from the Lions club, sponsoring organization for the Merkel troop, the Boy Scouts will begin the first Saturday in April the project of numbering the houses in the city, according to a plan evolved by the committee of Lions named to prepare a map and work out details. This committee includes C. A. Farley, chairman, Doyle Seifried and E. L. McLeod.

On Oak street and other streets running south the first block will carry numbers in the 100 bracket, with even numerals on the right and odd on the left. The same plan will be followed on the north side for the streets running north.

On the east-west streets, the first house in the east part of town, beginning on Walnut, will be numbered starting at 600 and advancing to the west city limit. The same series of even and odd numbers will be followed here.

The charges will be: \$1.00 per house for the numbers, including installation. If mounting board is desired, the cost for board and numbers combined will be \$1.50. The numbers, made of stainless steel, are four inches high.

It is hoped by the Boy Scouts and the sponsoring organization that every householder will know that buying of the numbers is entirely optional.

Committee on Cub Scouting Announced By Lion President

Three committee reports and appointment of a new committee on Cub Scouting received attention at the Tuesday luncheon of the Merkel Lions club. Presided over by Principal Edwin E. Read of the Merkel High school, vice-president in the absence of Earl Hughes, president.

Reporting for the committee on the Boy Scout project for numbering houses in the city, Principal C. A. Farley of the Grammar school stated that the city council had approved the plan and the boys would start work the first Saturday in April. Following his report, the club also voted authorization to proceed.

Approximately \$585.00 had been raised in the local Red Cross Fund drive, Chairman David Gamble announced. In behalf of the vocational agriculture boys of Merkel High school, Chester Collinsworth, instructor, expressed their thanks to club members and every one who contributed to the "pot" of \$370.00 to bring the boys at least an even break on the recent livestock show and sale at Abilene. As a result, all the boys were privileged to pocket at least a small profit.

Appointed to the new committee on Cub Scouting were Weldon McAninch, Chester Collinsworth, Traett Jones and Grover Gilbert.

Only guest of the club was Dr. James H. Chaney, invocation was given by Supt. R. A. McCollum of the Merkel Public schools.

MHS Slide Rule Club Tops San Angelo

Five members of the Slide Rule club of Merkel High school journeyed to San Angelo Tuesday evening and came home with a pleasing victory. There were two tests taken.

In the first test Dudley Farr and Ralph Miller tied for first; Billy Reid and Earnest Reynolds tied for second place and Nelson of San Angelo grabbed third place. In the second test, Farr won first place; Allan James, second place, and Ralph Miller took third place.

Two members of the slide rule team could not attend but the members found the trip very successful and pleasant.

First Baptist Revival Through Sunday Night

The spring revival now in progress at the First Baptist church will continue through Sunday night, Mar. 21. A large number is present each meeting to hear the pastor, Rev. E. M. Weathers, who is conducting the services.

Services are held twice daily at 10 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Mr. and Mrs. Revis McGrew of Tylar have charge of the song services.

LACK OF SCHOOL FACILITIES IS MARKED DAILY

Increased number of beginners in prospect this year indicates absolute need of providing additional class rooms

In view of the increasing birth rate and influx of oil company employees, it is pointed out by Merkel school officials the local facilities will be strained to bursting point within a very few years.

In fact, next fall there will be no room for about 60 pupils in the local grade schools unless some of the rooms can be made to house 50 to 60 pupils, which is a very unhealthy condition for the pupils involved.

Due chiefly to the increasing number of beginners each year and graduating only forty 8th graders this spring, the grammar school will have an enrollment of about 655 pupils next fall. This record enrollment will require 22 rooms, but there are only 20 rooms in the grade school now, including the first grade building.

It is observed by Supt. R. A. McCollum that over the entire United States the number of six-year-olds is increasing steadily. In 1945 there were 2,300,000 six-year-olds; in 1947 there were 2,365,000 six-year-olds, and in the 1953 there will be 2,922,000 six-year-olds.

"Estimates of the total elementary school enrollment in the U. S. for the next 10 years tell the same story—more children. In the next 10 years the elementary schools of the U. S. will have to provide teachers, buildings, supplies and equipment for nearly 2,000,000 more children than they do now. The kind of buildings, the qualities and training of teachers for these children must be planned now," stated Superintendent McCollum.

The enrollment in the first grade this year is 100 and will be at least 125 next year and for at least 200 or seven years to come. In checking over the local birth records it is revealed that the rate has been increasing steadily since 1940 and will increase for several more years.

The Merkel administrators and teachers are asking the question: "Can our present staff, buildings and equipment stand a 20 per cent increase in enrollment?"

Many parents are asking the question: "Will our children have to attend classes in groups of 50 to 60 in rooms intended for no more than 30 pupils?"

Bobby Joe Bland Distinguished Student At A. & M. College

College Station, Mar. 18.—Bobby Joe Bland, Merkel High School graduate of 1946, is a distinguished student at Texas A. & M. college. He is attending the college as winner in a state-wide competition of a four-year Jesse H. Jones Agricultural Scholarship, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Bland, Route 3, Merkel.

The scholarships program of the college was started in 1946 by the Ex-Student association and has been expanded by gifts from Mr. Jones and others. Applications are now being received by the Registrar's office of the college from candidates for twenty-eight additional awards available to boys graduating from high school this spring. Winners are chosen by a faculty committee on scholarships.

Census for 1948 First Graders Being Taken

All parents in the Merkel school district who have children who will be first graders in September should be sure that they fill out a school census blank within the next few weeks, if they have not already done so, according to C. A. Farley, census enumerator for the district.

A special effort is being made to secure the names of those beginners who do not now have a brother or sister in the Merkel schools.

A child must be at least six years of age before the first day of Sept. 1948, before he may be enumerated.

Census blanks may be secured from the grammar school office by calling in person or by phoning number 112.

To Present 3-Act Play.
The Dramatic club of Hodges will present a 3-act play, entitled "The Seacrow Creeps," (2 1/2 hours long), at the Hodges school house Saturday night, commencing at 7:00 o'clock.

MAP PLANS FOR CLEAN-UP WEEK HERE MAY 3-8

With Clean-Up week set as May 3 to 8, Mayor A. J. Canon urges the cooperation of every citizen in Merkel so that a complete clean-up of the alleys and vacant lots may be achieved.

It is proposed during that week to provide enough city trucks to pick up and haul off all the trash, broken tree limbs and every obstacle that now obstructs the alleys. Every householder is urged to gather up all trash, dead limbs, etc., and have all their rubbish placed in the alleys for pick-up on the following schedule:

Monday, May 3—All the area on the north side and west of Kent street.

Tuesday, May 4—Area on north side and east of Kent.

Wednesday, May 5—On south side, east of Oak street.

Thursday, May 6—On south side, west of Oak street.

In the business section, a most satisfactory plan is already in effect whereby the sanitary department makes regular systematic rounds for collecting all sorts of trash and rubbish.

Oil Leases Signed On 20-Acre Block East Part of Town

Contract was entered into Thursday morning whereby Tom Largent and the West Central Drilling company secured oil lease on two tracts of land in the eastern part of the city, just west of Rose Hill cemetery, totalling 20 acres plus and unitized for lease purposes.

One tract comprising 12.59 acres, lying north of Elm street, was purchased by the Merkel Cemetery association in 1943 but has been condemned for burial purposes; the Farmers Coop Society No. 1 owns a tract of 7.5 acres, lying between Elm street and the highway.

Test was being made Thursday of the Geochemical Surveys and Twin Oil Co. No. 1 T. J. Bird, new Taylor County Dothan section sand production discovery, which, on the basis of drillstem test, was estimated at four barrels per hour.

Merkel Man's Brother Dies in Arkansas

Clarence Hester was called to Little Rock, Ark., Wednesday of last week due to the sudden illness of his brother, who passed away Sunday. Funeral services were held there on Monday.

Issues Oil Line Grant To Onyx Company

Right-of-grant for an oil line across the city-owned property at the disposal plant was issued to the Onyx Refining company by the city council at their regular meeting Monday night. Consideration of the grant was \$7.40 for 488 feet.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From Files of The Merkel Mail, March 23, 1928.)

MERKEL CHORAL CLUB WINS SECOND PLACE IN CONTEST.

Twenty members of the High School Choral club, under the direction of Miss Christine Collins assisted by Mrs. Yates Brown, entered the Mid-Texas Teachers' association at Coleman Friday, winning second place with an average of 94 points. The much coveted prize was a beautiful loving cup, going to Coleman for first place with an average of 95 points. Ballinger was third with a general average of 91 points.

The Merkel club appeared third on the program, wearing regular uniforms of white sweaters and skirts, and gave two numbers, "Pale Moon" by Fredric Logan and "Morn Rise" by Czibulka, the last number emphasizing distinction and clearness of tone.

Misses Collins and Mollie Shannon, Mesdames E. Yates Brown, Vernon B. Sublett, Twyman Collins and Supt. I. L. Jackson accompanied the chorus.

The club has accepted an invitation to sing over WEAP, Fort Worth, on April 13th.

\$100 SUBSCRIBED TO UPKEEP FUND OF CEMETERY

Merkel VFW Post Votes to Send Check at Last Meeting; Officers Elected Also by Veterans For Ensuing Year.

A donation of \$100.00 to the upkeep fund of Rose Hill cemetery was voted by Merkel Post 5683, Veterans of Foreign Wars, at their regular meeting Thursday night of last week, and a like amount was voted to the Butman GI school.

Officers for the ensuing year were elected, to be installed at the April meeting on the second Thursday night in April. They are: H. P. Cranan, commander, (re-elected); R. D. Ely, senior vice-commander; Lester Dorton, junior vice-commander; Vincent Barnett, quartermaster, (re-elected); H. R. Chaney, Jr., post advocate; Marvin Perkins, post surgeon; J. Parker Sharp, chaplain; trustees, Cep. T. Moore, 3-year-term; N. C. Halbert, 2-year-term, and Horace Boney, 1-year-term. N. T. Hoedge was appointed adjutant.

From a group of 25 charter members at organization, the Merkel Post starts its third year with a total of 200 active members—a good healthy growth that speaks volumes as to the fine spirit of comradeship that these boys with service records all over the globe enjoy with each other. Commander Crimm emphasized that all overseas veterans are eligible to join.

Annual Immunization Program Friday, Apr. 2

The annual immunization program, sponsored by the local P-T. A. for pre-school and school children, will be held in the grammar school on Friday, Apr. 2.

All serums will be furnished free of charge by the State Health department and immunizations will be administered by registered physicians of Taylor county and by staff nurses of the Taylor County Health Unit.

All pupils have been given blanks for parents to sign, requesting the desired type of immunization. No child will be given a serum unless the parents have signed this blank. All pre-school children must have the signed request. These blanks may be obtained through the pupils or at the grammar school office and should be returned not later than Monday, Mar. 22.

The immunization program will include smallpox, diphtheria, typhoid and whooping cough.

Largent Entry Wins at Odessa Hereford Show

L. S. Model Domino 4th, an entry of Roy Largent and Sons, won the grand championship of the Sand Hills Hereford show at Odessa last week. Reserve champion was shown by the Roden ranch of Westbrook.

The champion bull sold for \$1,300, to top the sale. Buyer was H. S. Foster of Midland.

The club was second place winner in class "B" at the West Texas Chamber of Commerce convention at Wichita Falls last May and expects to be among the contestants at the June convention in Fort Worth.

Chorus personnel: Estelle Terry, Gladys Watts, Berdelle Adeock, Monetta Adeock, Eunice Bird, Venice Bell, Lucille Cole, Elizabeth Harkrider, Alpha Howard, Velma Holder, Nola Neill, Mary Pence, Bessie Westenhaver, Tullia Miller, Vivian Berger, Iris Garrett, Norma Shannon, Patsy Lewis, Doris Brown, Fannie Bell Bonz, Addie Faye Patterson, Euna Lea Gilmore, Helen Compton and Frances Frederickson.

Mrs. John Childress returned home Monday from Waco, where she spent the week-end with her daughter, Miss Aileen, who is a student in Baylor university.

Mrs. G. F. Wood suffered a nervous breakdown last week and was carried to the Baptist sanitarium at Abilene where she remained to go through the clinic. She is reported better.

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Additional Donors To Cemetery Fund

Supplemental to the list of donors during the month of January to the maintenance fund of Rose Hill cemetery, the following subscriptions were received by Chairman T. L. Grimes of the upkeep committee during the month of February, (and in succeeding issues of The Mail other donors will be listed):

- Mrs. G. R. Dunlap \$ 5.00
- Mrs. A. R. Toombs 3.00
- Herman Hughes 3.00
- Sale of cordwood 9.00
- S. L. Seogin 1.00
- Paul Osborn 3.00
- Max Swafford 5.00
- Merkel Drug Co. 10.00
- V. P. Byrom 7.50
- Geo. T. Moore 2.00
- G. W. Moore 4.00
- Andy Shouse 2.00
- J. M. Toombs 3.00
- L. W. Cox 1.00
- Frank Carr 1.00
- Mrs. P. T. Allday 2.00
- D. E. Higgins 2.00
- H. C. Reid 5.00
- J. C. Walton 2.00
- W. O. Boney 10.00
- H. T. Wilson 5.00
- Wrenn Durham 1.00
- Campbell Gro. and Mkt. 10.00
- V. E. Eller 5.00
- J. W. Hammond 5.00
- W. Wilson 5.00
- H. H. Anderson 1.00
- Farmers Coop. Gin Co. 2.00
- Doyle's Variety & Gift Shop 2.50
- Merkel Mail 10.00
- Mrs. J. E. Tucker 2.00
- Mrs. Ada Mae Johnson 5.00
- Max Mellinger 2.50
- Mary Anna Mayfield 6.00
- Helen Mayfield 6.00
- Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Fugat 5.00
- J. T. Warren Estate 25.00
- Carson Gro. & Mkt. 10.00
- D. C. Doan 4.00
- J. L. Douglas 1.00
- W. R. Adcock 5.00
- W. C. Church 10.00
- Vergie Campbell 5.00
- Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Sharp 5.00

PERSONALS

Mrs. Gertie Pee returned Monday from a visit with her daughters, Mrs. William F. Hunt of Lubbock and Mrs. C. W. Guthrie of Big Spring. Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Elliott visited Sunday afternoon with his brother, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Elliott, in Abilene.

C. M. Bell of Fort Hancock, who was a recent visitor with his mother, Mrs. M. F. Bell, has returned home. Mrs. Doss Sheppard of Dallas accompanied her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Reagan, as far as Merkel and visited with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Elma McFarland, and other relatives. The Reagans, who went on to Lamesa to visit his folks, stopped by Tuesday and Mrs. Sheppard joined them on their return home.

Week-end visitors with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Booth Warren and Mr. and Mrs. D. Grimes, were Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Warren from Dallas.

Artist Cook has accepted employment at Goodfellow Field, San Angelo, and Mrs. Cook and Betty Joyce will join him there later.

While her husband, Captain Lewis Adams, of El Paso, is on special duty for three months in California, Mrs. Adams and daughter, Diane, will visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. D. Jones, in Bagwell. Her father went out to El Paso to drive back with her and they stopped over the week-end for a visit in the Twyman and John Collins homes.

After an extended visit with her grandmother, Mrs. Myrtle Boden, Mrs. Ocie Day and little daughter, Ann, returned Saturday morning by American Busline to their home in Chandler, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Shouse, formerly of Trent, where they have lived many years, have bought a home here at Third and Marion streets and moved over Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy H. Mathews, of Midland, who visited several days this week with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Mathews and Mr. and Mrs. Watt Blair, were accompanied on their return home Thursday night by Mr. Mathews' mother, Mrs. R. H. Mathews, whom he will take to El Paso, to be with her granddaughter, Patricia A. Ely, in Beaumont General hospital. Her mother, Mrs. Noel Addy, is with her there.

Jones County Resident Buried Here Saturday

Funeral services for Carl H. Wade, long-time resident of Jones county, were held at 2 p. m. Saturday from the First Baptist church of Anson, with Rev. Dick Allen, of Ropesville, officiating.

Burial was in Rose Hill cemetery here, with Lawrence Funeral home of Anson in charge.

Mr. Wade died Thursday in Brownfield hospital. He was born Jan. 31, 1908, in Jones county, where he had lived until moving to Ropesville last August.

Survivors include four children, Kathryn, Robert, Patsy and Junior, all of Ropesville; seven brothers, Lloyd, Bonnie and W. T., of Stamford; Obie and Jim of Merkel; J. W. of Lubbock, and L. C. of Ropesville; three sisters, Mae Wade, Stamford; Mrs. D. G. Johnson, Stamford, and Mrs. G. W. Maxwell, Lubbock.

Reports Local School Needs Auditorium

In the official report of state supervisor, Clive Pierce, recently visited the Merkel Public Schools, it is pointed out very forcefully that the local school badly needs an auditorium. Mr. Pierce said: "The Merkel school auditorium is entirely too small."

A number of local people discovered the fact that the auditorium was too small at the late P. T. A. meeting when they had a stand in the aisles and outside the doors. The auditorium will seat only 150 people.

Mr. Pierce also stated that better artificial lighting is badly needed in the classrooms.

The official report made to the State Department of Education noted that the general program of the local schools is well-organized and that the staff is composed of well-qualified teachers. Mr. Pierce also observed that efficient teaching was being done in the classrooms and that the response of the pupils was good.



A new bonnet may get you in the Easter parade but your participation in the Payroll Savings Plan or the Bond-A-Month Plan will put you in the Security Parade. For the wage earner, payroll savings where you work enable you to acquire Savings Bonds on the partial payment plan. For the self-employed, your local bank maintains the Bond-A-Month Plan. U. S. Treasury Department

In The Churches

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Attendance at the seven reporting Sunday Schools last Sunday was 676 as compared with 636 on the previous Sunday. The attendance on the same Sunday a year ago was 707.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Morning sermon at 11. Training Union at 6:30 p. m. Evening sermon at 7:30. Prayer meeting at 7:00 Wednesday evening.

Merle Weathers, Pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Bible School 9:45 a. m. Sunday. Worship 10:50 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Young People's meeting 6:45 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.

Troy M. Cummings, Minister.

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

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 a. m. No other service Sunday or during the week.

Reporter.

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.

NAZARENE CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00 a. m. Preaching at 11. NYPS at 7:00 p. m. Preaching at 8:00. Prayer meeting at 7:00 p. m. Wednesday.

R. T. Smith, Pastor.

SALT BRANCH CHURCH.

Sunday School every Sunday. Preaching every first and third Sundays, morning and night. Every one is cordially invited to attend.

Johnny Ivy, Pastor.

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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.

HEBRON CHURCH.

Preaching each Sunday at Hebron Missionary Baptist church. Sunday School at 10 o'clock, preaching at 11 and 7:30 p. m. B.T.U. at 6:30 p. m. Every one is invited to attend each service.

A. S. Watson, Pastor.

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- LETTUCE, 2 heads 15c
- CABBAGE, lb. 4c
- LEMON, dozen 26c
- ORANGES, 10 lb sack 31c
- COLORADO SPUDS, 10 lbs. 59c

- Betty—Dill and Sour PICKLES, 16 oz. jar 22c
- Nu-Zest ORANGE JUICE, 46 oz. 26c

Marshmallows, pkg. 15c

Faultless—NO. 2 CANS Grapefruit Juice 2 for 15

Empson's English Peas 14c

100% Pure East Texas RIBBON CANE Syrup, 5 lbs. 75c

Durkee's COCOANUT, box 23c
Blue Bonnet Salad Dressing, qt. 43c

SHORTENING 3 pounds 98c

COFFEE Peaberry, lb. 29c

SUGAR 10 pounds 88c



- LONGHORN CHEESE, pound 55c
- PURE PORK SAUSAGE, pound 55c
- OLEOMARGARINE, pound 37c
- FRESH WIENERS, pound 39c
- FRESH COUNTRY BUTTER, pound 75c

Pure Concord GRAPE JUICE, quart 43c

Phillips CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP, can 12c

Sea Lion SARDINES, 2 cans 29c

Kimbell's GRAPE JELLY, 1 pound jar 25c

Crawford's SAUERKRAUT, No. 2 1/2 can 12c

KIMBELL'S FLOUR 25 pounds \$1.69

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That the name of the partnership from which the business is to be conducted is "The Abilene Company."

That the general nature of the business to be transacted by the partnership is buying and selling of merchandise such as uniforms, work clothing, aprons, caps, dresses and insignia and such other items and articles as from time to time will be associated therewith. Such business to be transacted in the city of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas; that

the name of the general partner is R. H. Dillashaw and that of the special partner is A. H. Shepherd, each of Taylor County, Texas and that the special partnership shall never at any time be liable for any debts of the concern in any way; that the period for which the partnership is to run is five years from February 2nd, 1948; that the capital contributed by each is \$3,555.08, all in cash, and that the partnership shall terminate on February 1st, 1953.

Witness our hands at Abilene, Texas this 2nd day of February, A. D., 1948.

R. H. DILLASHAW,
General Partner.
A. H. SHEPHERD,
Special Partner.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of February, A. D., 1948.

(Seal) E. S. Cummings,
Notary Public, Taylor County, Texas

NOTICE IN PROBATE

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Taylor County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for three consecutive weeks, the first of said publications to appear not less than twenty days immediately before the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in Taylor County, the following notice:

To all persons interested in the estate of Maude S. Thornton, deceased, J. C. Jacobs, Administrator, has filed in the County Court of Taylor County an application on the 1st day of March, A. D., 1948, for an order to sell the following property of said estate, situated in Taylor County, Texas, to-wit:

Lots Nos. 5, and 6, in Block No. 41, Original Town of Merkel, Taylor County, Texas. Which said application will be heard by said Court on Monday the 29th day of March, 1948, at the Court House of said County, in Abilene, Texas, at which time all persons interested in said sale are required to appear and show cause why such sale shall not be made, should they desire to do so.

Herein Fail Not, but have you before said Court, at the time aforesaid, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness my hand and official seal, at Abilene, Texas, this 2nd day of March, 1948.

(Seal) Mrs. Chester Hutcheson,
Clerk of County Court,
Taylor County, Texas

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

TO: E. W. White, 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 19th day of April, 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 6th day of March 1948.

The file number of said suit being No. 15,693-A.

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Sunday, Monday and Tuesday — John Sutton, Jean Peters, Cesar Romero in "Captain From Castile;" color cartoon and latest News reel.

Wednesday-Thursday — Bob Hope, William Bendix, Signe Hasso in "Where There's Life;" color cartoon and Sports reel.

suit are Ione H. White as Plaintiff, and E. W. White as Defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were legally married on or about the 15th day of December, 1927, and lived together until on or about August 1, 1947. No child or children were born of said union and no community property was acquired.

Plaintiff sues for divorce on the grounds of cruel treatment.

If this Citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved. Issued this the 6th day of March, A. D., 1948.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this 6th day of March, A. D., 1948.

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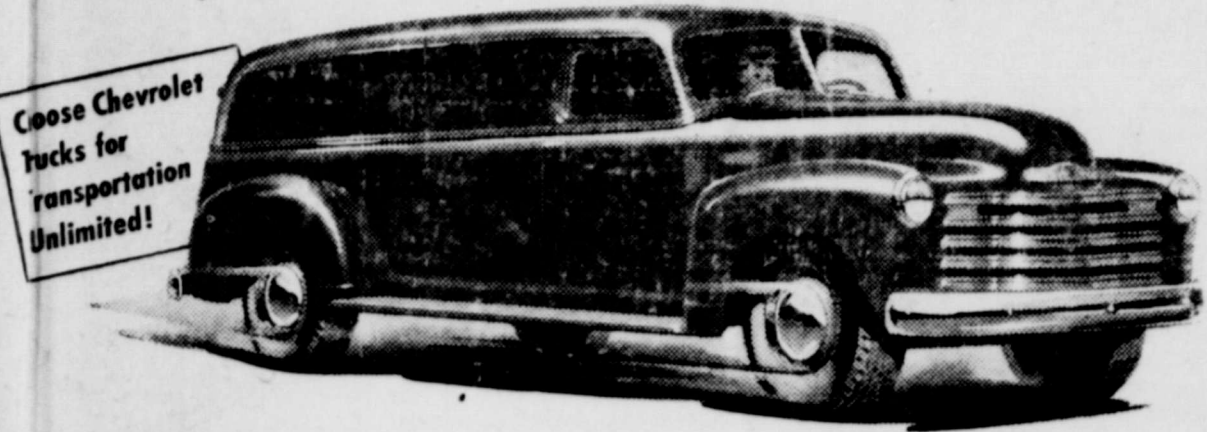
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Carl Jackson, cooperator in the South East Noodle Conservation group, is making his first plantings of soil improving crops on his farm this year. He has recently planted 10 acres to Madrid sweet clover for soil improvement and for summer grazing. This clover was planted with a grass drill in 3 foot rows at the rate of 3 pounds seed per acre. He has also planted 3 acres to alfalfa for a hog pasture. This alfalfa was planted with a grain drill at the rate of 15 pounds of seed per acre. Mr. Jackson is a strong believer in chisel type plowing on his tight land farm. Last year was his first year to do deep plowing and he states his yields show some improvement over regular type plowing in spite of drouthy conditions which prevailed most of last year. He believes that a deep plowing every 3 to 4 years on tight heavy soils should be helpful in increasing the rate of water absorption. Moisture tests made last December after a 4 to 5 inch rain on Mr. Jackson's farm show that there was a 20 to 35% greater moisture depth of penetration on land which had been chiseled as compared to regular type

plowing. H. N. Allred, cooperator in the Compere Conservation group, has recently planted 10 acres to Madrid sweet clover as a soil improving crop and for grazing purposes. This planting was made with a grass drill at the rate of 2 pounds seed per acre and planted in 3 foot rows to permit several light cultivations. This planting was made on very tight reddish soils which had washed and gullied. He terraced this area last summer to prevent further soil losses by washing. Mr. Allred is completing terracing on his farm this spring. He started this work last spring and the work he is completing now will be the third session of terrace construction on his farm.

W. H. Kelso, cooperator in the West Truby Conservation group, has planted a 1-acre seed plot of King Ranch yellow bluestem grass on a shallow soil area. This planting was made with a grass drill and planted in 3 foot rows at the rate of 3 pounds seed per acre. Mr. Kelso has about 7 to 8 acres of shallow soils which he plans to retire from cultivation and reseed to adapted grass. He is hopeful that this seed plot will furnish sufficient seed to reseed this area to be retired and possibly have seed to sell to other cooperators with similar problems. This type grass has done remarkably well over most of Texas and seems to stand considerably heavy grazing and makes a rapid growth. Mr. Kelso has completed the terracing work on his farm recently.

This is an opportune time for district cooperators to start planning supplemental and temporary pastures

in order to improve their pastures. Most native pastures in this area have been overused during the past 5 to 10 years and need rest during the entire growing season in order that the grass plants might have opportunity to develop their root growth and seed. Ordinarily about 70 to 80% of the grass stands made in a growing season are dead prior to July 15. It follows, therefore, in order to get best results by deferment that the deferment should cover the first half of year in order to accomplish the objectives desired. A good way to have sufficient temporary pastures during the summer is to plant 1 1/2 to 2 acres of Sudan or 2 to 3 acres of sweet clover for each animal unit you plan on carrying during the summer. A combination of the 2 crops provides variety of grazing, rotation grazing, and soil improvement with the sweet clover.

CARD OF THANKS.
To the many friends and neighbors who were so kind and helpful during the illness and at the time of the death of our sister, we wish to express our heartfelt thanks; especially do we appreciate the assistance rendered by the ladies and we also want to thank each and every one for the lovely flowers.
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RUFÉ TITTLE.

For Commissioner, Precinct 4, Jones County:
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W. O. RAINWATER.
A. J. BARBEE, JR.
For Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 5:
MRS. DORA T. COBB.
[Re-Election.]

For County Clerk:
MRS. CHESTER HUTCHESON
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LODGE CALLS

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Mrs. Bryan Dunagin, Acting W. M.
Mrs. Howard Carson, Sec'y.

NOTICE MASONS

Stated meeting of Merkel lodge No. 710, A. F. and A. M., Saturday, Mar. 20, at 7:30 p. m. Summons meeting. Visiting brethren cordially invited.
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FORTNIGHTLY STUDY CLUB HOLDS GUEST DAY.

The Fortnightly Study club annually holds one open meeting to which members are privileged to invite guests and this year the program by Mrs. Comer Haynes was picked for that occasion. Mrs. Haynes presented her Choral club and a select few from her speech class in the most delightful program of the year. Mrs. Paul West was hostess for the afternoon and all business was dispensed with to give full time to the following program:

"Sugar and Spice," a skit concerning home life by the following members of the speech class was introduced by Choral club president, Geneva Carr; Sue McWilliams, the understanding mother; Betty Joan James, the ambitious daughter; Buddy Buchanan, Jane's chum; Buddy McKeever, her boy friend; Don Dudley, the father, who is easily managed by a few compliments. The playlet was very much enjoyed.

"America's Best Loved Songs" were presented in a charming manner by the Choral club. They were accompanied by Mrs. Haynes at the piano, and Mrs. Edwin E. Read played a violin obligato to many of the numbers. The club personnel includes Misses Nena Joyce Best, Geneva Carr, Vivian Gasio, Della Gilmore, Charlotte Harwell, Beatrice Hohertz, Treva Marton, Barbara Sandusky, Billie Seymour, Laverl Stout, Bina Brown, Jean Kemper, Patsy Thomas, Glenna Clifford, Laurel Sherrill, Joy Lansford, Jane Hughes, Mona Robertson, Patsy Swann and Wanda Tipton.

GAME CLUB.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hicks opened their lovely new home on Oak street on Thursday evening of last week to members of the Jolly Neighbors Game club, entertaining with a most enjoyable party. Games of "84" progressed until a late hour when delicious sandwiches, olives, pecan pie and coffee were served to the following: Messrs. and Mesdames Cyrus Pee, Spencer Bird, Johnny Cox, Forrest Gaither, Herbert Patterson, Raymond Ferguson, Miss Christine Collins, Messrs. C. J. Glover and Ernest Joyce.

FIDELIS MATRONS CLASS.

The Fidelis Matrons class of the First Baptist church met Tuesday of last week in the home of Mrs. Geo. T. Moore with Mrs. Hoyle Lemers as co-hostess.

Opening prayer was led by Mrs. Buck Leach and an interesting devotional on "Prayer" was given by Mrs. Ed Sandusky.

Those present were Mesdames Jarrett Pinckley, Vernon Horton, Austin Petty, Nim J. Teaff, Buck Leach, Ed Sandusky, Bud McKeever, Dean Higgins, Gordon Pursley, Leon Bigbee, Buster Horton and the hostesses.

MERKEL HD CLUB.

The Merkel Home Demonstration club met Friday afternoon of last week at the Community Center, with Mrs. W. J. Derstine and Mrs. Bill Henager as co-hostesses.

After the business meeting, presided over by Mrs. Rhett Eidson, Jr., Mrs. Gordon Pursley brought interesting information on "Poultry Raising." Mrs. W. C. Lee talked on

"Functions of the County Home Demonstration Council," and Mrs. Don Riney on "Parliamentary Procedure." "My Family's Favorite Magazine" was brought by Mrs. Ollie Fox.

Refreshments were served to Mrs. John Shaw, a visitor, several children and the following members: Mesdames Mack Tucker, Ollie Fox, S. G. Russell, Jr., W. C. Lee, J. Ben Campbell, Gordon Pursley, Bernard Clark, Don Riney, J. O. Castles, J. W. Bryan, Bob Fowler, Margaret Eidson, John S. Hughes, Harry Barnett, Stella Cutler, Rhett Eidson, Jr., Ollis Bagby and Miss Lottie Butman and the hostesses.

W.S.C.S. MEETS.

The Women's Society of Christian Service met Monday afternoon at the Methodist church. After the business session, presided over by Mrs. Ray Wilson, Mrs. Owen Robertson in very interesting manner reviewed "Behold the Jew," by Ada Jackson, with musical accompaniment by Sandra Sadler.

GIFT PARTY.

Complimenting Mrs. Burton McNeill (nee Odyene Clark), Dr. and Mrs. James H. Chaney were hosts for a gift party Friday evening, Mar. 5. Many beautiful and useful gifts were received and after an enjoyable evening of entertainment a delicious refreshment plate was served by Mrs. Chaney, assisted by the co-hostesses, Mrs. H. S. Earp and Mrs. V. H. Horton.

Farm Folk in Annual Farm-Ownership Meet

Twenty-four of the Taylor County families who have participated in the tenant-purchase plan met Saturday in the basement of the First Methodist church in Abilene for the annual Farm-Ownership meeting.

Wallace W. White, state field representative for this district, and Elizabeth Hoffman, Home Economics supervisor, of Dallas, spoke to the group.

The program was under the direction of John Crain. Introductions were made by Mrs. John Crain and Mrs. Alesa Kincannon, who for many years served as home supervisor in the Abilene office. Special music was given by Mrs. Bud King, John Crain, Mrs. Orvin Robinson and Mrs. Craig Humphreys.

Total income of the 29 families, which were in the program at the beginning of the fiscal year, Clarence Symes of the Abilene FHA office reported, was \$142,012.84. Of this total income, 41 per cent was spent for farm operations, 51 per cent for family living and 14 per cent, or a total of \$19,634.16, on repayment of F-O loans. He pointed out that 41 per cent of the loans granted in this county since the program began have been repaid.

Thirty-nine families have received loans, three special real estate loans. Fourteen of the F-O borrowers and two real estate borrowers have fully repaid their loans, five of which were paid out the past fiscal year. These five families are: Mr. and Mrs. Roy Baccus, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Bird, Mr. and Mrs. Craig Humphreys, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Riney and Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Horn.

Garden Hints

from
Merkel Garden Club.

When the ground has warmed up, after this late plant-damaging blast, gardeners will have to rush to get in another planting. Nancy Rieck, Ransom writes in her column on "Gardening" in the Dallas News. Most of them, even though discouraged, will want to try again, looking ahead to having an abundance of home-grown vegetables with true flavor.

In fact, there is no reason why all of us should not have a good garden this year, she continues, for it is not too late to plant the seeds that do well in this climate. English peas are "out," of course, but Irish potatoes are "in" still.

Cabbage and onion plants should be set out as soon as possible, especially onions. They will be ready to eat in about six weeks, so plant plenty of them.

Plant beets, carrots, mustard, tendergreens, radishes, turnips, kohlrabi and parsley. Both sweet and field corn can go in, the sooner the better. Pinto beans stand a lot of cold weather (in case we are in for more) and can go into the ground as soon as it is workable. Also plant asparagus roots for next year's bearing.

Dig well-rotted barnyard fertilizer into the soil to give the seedlings

nourishment. Do not forget to roll the beet seeds with rolling pin to break up the tight little clusters. They will produce stronger plants if not crowded, and the thinning job will be lighter, too.

Soak parsley seeds over night to speed up the young plants. Edge beds with this graceful savory plant. Plant some nasturtiums in corners and along the sides of the beds, both for sprightliness and for the zest the green seed pods and tender leaves add to a salad.

Plant other herbs in the back yard for savory seasoning: Sweet basil, dill, sage, fennel, summer savory and, of course, mint, for the iced tea on hot days.

Hospital Notes.

Mrs. Bill Fugat underwent surgery Monday at Sadler hospital. Mrs. L. E. Ford, Jr., was admitted Wednesday for surgery. Theldon Rhynes underwent an appendectomy Saturday. Patients received during the week for treatment were: Mrs. Lero; Martin, Lula Mae Clark, Mar. 12; Mrs. W. H. Roys, Mar. 13; Mrs. W. C. Berry, Mar. 16; Garth Odum, Grady Bishop, Mrs. Selma Russell, C. W. Seago, Mar. 17.

Between Jan. 1, 1946, and Jan. 1, 1947, the American Telephone and Telegraph Co. installed telephones in the United States at the average rate of 25 per minute every working day.

Charles Joe Douglas Promoted to Sergeant

Arlington, Mar. 18.—Charles Douglas, of Merkel, has been promoted to first sergeant in the cadet corps of the North Texas Agricultural college, here, Colonel Edgar H. Keltner, professor of military science and tactics, has announced.

Charles, a freshman student majoring in business administration, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Douglas of Merkel.

RURAL SOCIETY

UNION RIDGE CLUB.

The Union Ridge Home Demonstration club met in the home of Mrs. O. E. Harwell, with only a few members present, due to bad weather.

A dainty refreshment plate was served to Mrs. J. H. Clark, Mrs. Denzel Cox and Miss Mabel McRee.

The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. J. E. Jaynes on Friday, Mar. 9. At this time pals will be revealed.

GOODMAN CLUB.

The Goodman Home Demonstration club met in the home of Mrs. J. A. St. John on Mar. 12 with 9 members present. Games were played and songs sung.

A program on "God Grooming," given by Mrs. H. H. Windham and Mrs. St. John, proved very interest-

ing. Plans were made for a sale. A refreshment plate with green punch and cookies was served to 9 members and 3 children. The club will meet next time with Mrs. C. P. Hodges on Mar. 26, at which time the county agent will be with the club.

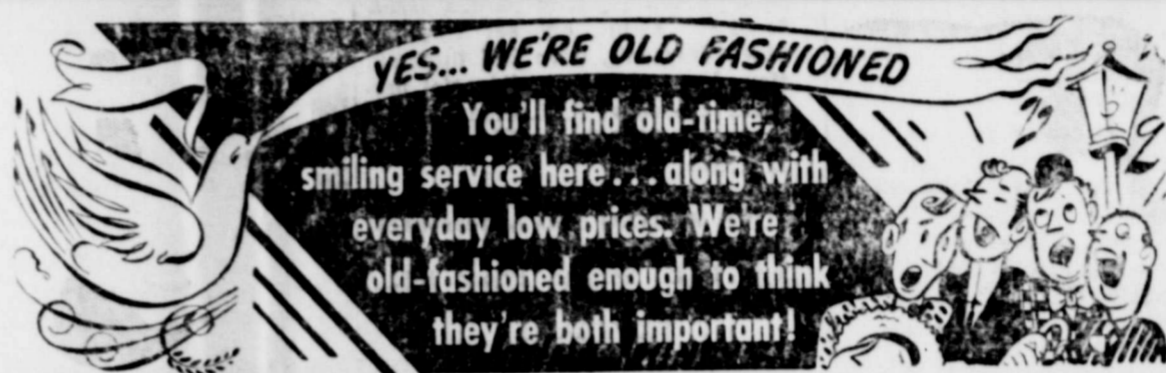
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BABO, box 11c

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O. R. Heavy Syrup Bartlett PEARS, No. 1 19c
Mayfield CORN, No. 2 can 12c
White Swan—Del Monte PRUNES, No. 2 1/2 can 19c

EVERLITE MEAL
10 pound sack 79c

TEXSUN GRAPEFRUIT JUICE, 46 oz. can 15c

DEL MONTE SWEET PICKLES
24 ounce jar 47c

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Gallon Can 97c

PURE CANE SUGAR 10 pound SACK 85c

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100 PET MILK IN ALL YOUR COOKING
Sugar Cured BACON Squares, lb. 43c
Dressed and Drawn FRYERS, lb. 69c
Longhorn CHEESE, lb. 53c
Skinless WIENERS, lb. 39c

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Armour's Star—PURE PORK SAUSAGE, pound 39c
VEL lg. box 32c OXYDOL, lb. box 35c

Mary Lee Taylor's Vegetable Ham Rolls

Broadcast: March 20, 1948
1 lb. ground, lean smoked ham
1 cup soft bread crumbs, 2 days old
1 cup Pet Milk
1 teaspoon dry mustard
6 medium carrots, cooked and cut lengthwise
1 tablespoon shortening
2 tablespoons flour
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 grain pepper
1/2 cup water
2 cups drained peas, cooked or canned
Turn on oven; set at moderately slow (350° F.). Mix together ham, crumbs, 1/2 cup milk and mustard. Shape into 8 patties 3 x 5 in. Put carrots across patties. Fold meat over, pinching to secure. Put into greased pan, folded side down. Dot with bits of shortening. Bake 45 min., or until brown. Remove rolls. Measure 2 tablesp. drippings into saucepan. Blend in flour, salt and pepper. Stir in water. Boil and stir 1 min. Add 1/2 cup milk and peas. Heat, but do not boil. Serve over rolls. Makes 4 servings.
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