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## Former Merkel Resident Dies In Abilene

T. M. Smith, 80, former Merkel resident, died at 1:45 a. m. Thursday, May 15, at the home of a daughter, Mrs. E. A. Jones of Abilene, where he had lived for the past 13 months. He had been in ill health since suffering a stroke of paralysis eight years ago.

Mr. Smith came to Taylor County with his family in 1890. He was married to Eva Merchant here in 1907. They moved to Abilene in 1936.

He was in the trucking business and worked at Abilene State School for a number of years. For eight years prior to his stroke, he was employed as a groundskeeper at the Taylor County Courthouse.

Funeral for Mr. Smith was held at 2:30 p. m. Friday in Elliott's Chapel of Memories. The Rev. Harry Sarles, pastor of the Central Presbyterian Church, officiated. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Mrs. E. A. Jones and Mrs. Ola Rice, of Abilene; one sister, Mrs. Ellen Eiland of Snyder; two brothers, Otha Smith of Trent and E. Clyde Smith of Odessa; and four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Reese Hale and Harry Barnett, both of Merkel; D. C. Musick and Ralph Walker, both of Abilene; Leslie Beasley of Trent and Troy Eiland of Pyote.

## Trent Vacation Bible School To Start May 26

The Trent Baptist Church annual Vacation Bible School will begin Monday, May 26 and last through Wednesday, June 4.

The school will be held daily, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a. m. to 11 a. m. and will close with commencement exercises Wednesday night, June 4.

The church has selected 21 persons to work in the school with daily program consisting of work sheets, Bible study, mission study, character stories and handicraft. There will also be play periods and refreshments will be served.

Saturday, May 24, will be preparation day for the school. Schedule for the day will include a demonstration of the worship period, registration of pupils, a parade, and picnic.

All children through 16 years of age are welcome to attend.

## Trent Graduation Held Friday May 16

Eleven seniors received diplomas from Trent High School Friday night, May 16. Speaker was Truett Walton, vice president of Hardin-Simmons University.

Highest ranking students were Joe Christ, valedictorian, and Lynda Dudley, salutatorian.

Other members of the class are Charles Bright, Bobby Byrom, Connie Cade, Joel Crain, Nelda Healy, Hilda Hutcheson, Don Pickett, Bobby Yoes and Tommy Young.

## Lobos Win

The Merkel Lobos win over the Abilene Eagles 4-2. A double in the bottom of the fourth inning by Seferino Luna was the big factor in the game. The winning pitcher was Manuel Ibarra and losing pitcher Bill Decker.

The Merkel Lobos will play the Sweetwater Red Sox here May 25, at 2:30 p. m.

## Little League Schedule

TUESDAY, MAY 27—  
Bankers vs Kilowats  
Starbucks vs Cardinals  
THURSDAY, MAY 29—  
Willies vs Supers  
Bankers vs Cardinals  
FRIDAY, MAY 30—  
Willies vs Starbucks  
Supers vs Kilowats  
Team listed first will be the home team and take the south dugout. First game will start at 6:25 and must be finished by 7:55. The second game will start at 8:05 and must be finished by 9:30.

## Merkel Scouts Meet Austin Boys In Brownwood For Camping Event

Boy Scout Troop 20 made an early Saturday morning trip to Lake Brownwood State Park for a week-end of camping and Scouting.

The local troop was joined there by twenty scouts and five adults from Troop 14, Austin. The eight local scouts and the 20 from Austin spent the time swimming, fishing and boat riding. Scouting events included learning to cook their own meals, and clean their gear; live in the open under rainy weather conditions; build proper camp fires; pitching tents and selection of proper camp sites.

Dr. Don Warren took his boat and gave the boys a long boat ride around the lake. He also carried the camping equipment to the lake for the troop. Orville Roland took his car and carried a load of boys and their personal camping gear.

Saturday night the traditional camp fire was lighted and a Tenderfoot Investiture Service was held for Scout David Loflin who recently joined Troop 20.

The Scout Camp was unique in that all of the possible ranks in scouting were represented between the two troops. Troop 14 had an Eagle Scout with the Bronze, Gold and Silver Palm awards to his credit. This troop is sponsored by the Marshall Men's Bible Class of the First Baptist Church of Austin. Merkel's Scoutmaster Joe E. Lassiter was the first Scoutmaster of Troop 14.

Lassiter announced that six local scouts will be promoted to second class at a Court of Honor to be held June 5.

The Merkel Scouts that went on the trip were: Keith Wilson, Danny Bagby, Michael Roland, Don Parmelly, Tim Martin, Bob Ward, Wayne Hester, and David Loflin.

## Former Merkelite Named Arlington Mother of Year

Mrs. Milton Barrick, a former Merkel resident, has been named "Mother of the Year" in Arlington.

She is the former Comorra Hughes, daughter of Mrs. John S. Hughes.

Mrs. Barrick, 36, is the mother of four children. She is reported to be a devoted mother, a faithful church worker and an active participant in her community.

An article about her in an Arlington paper said "Mrs. Barrick leads all members of her family in church activities. She is an unpretentious person, calling no attention to the fact that she is one of the first to lend a helping hand in time of need in sickness or sorrow of any family."

She is an assistant with a Girl Scout Troop, member of the P-T-A, has served as room mother for the past seven years, and has been a den mother for cub scouts.

Mrs. Barrick is presently superintendent of the Children's Division in Sunday School, has served as Circle Leader and assistant superintendent of vacation church school. She is to be superintendent of the school this year.

## Precinct 2 Com. Saves \$4,219

Rufe Tittle, Precinct 2 Commissioner, reported today that the precinct had been saved \$4,219 on a permit to the Magnolia Pipeline Co. to case its line in three places under proposed Farm Road 1193 near Merkel.

The agreement was reached after several months of controversy because of the amount the company wanted to case the pipe (\$8,219).

Commissioner Tittle said his offer was accepted after he made a "take it or leave it" offer to the company to settle for \$4,000.

## Trent Cemetery Working Urged

A cemetery working was held at the Trent Cemetery on May 19-20, with those attending bringing shovels, picks, hoes, rakes and lawnmowers.

Those who attended said that many of the graves need filling and that there is still a lot of work to be done. Everyone is urged to help in this project.



WE WANT LAURO . . . Crowd demonstrates at political rally in Naples where ex-Mayor Achille Lauro campaigns for Italian senate.

## Merkel Grads To Receive Degrees At McMurry

Barbara Jean Wilson and Sandra Patterson Townsend, former Merkel High School students, are candidates for a Bachelor of Arts degree at McMurry College.

They will be among approximately 100 graduating seniors scheduled to receive their degrees in commencement exercises in Radford Memorial Auditorium at 10 a. m., May 26. Baccalaureate services will be at 8 p. m., May 25.

Miss Wilson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wilson. Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Patterson are parents of Mrs. Townsend.

## Mrs. Gafford, 87, Longtime Trent Resident, Dies

Mrs. Hattie M. Gafford, longtime Trent resident, died at 9 a. m., Monday at Sadler Clinic after a serious illness of one week. She was 87.

Funeral was held at 2 p. m. Tuesday at the Trent Methodist Church with the Rev. Carl Nunn, pastor, officiating. He was assisted by the Rev. Jack Fielder, Methodist minister from Sweetwater. Burial was in Trent Cemetery.

Mrs. Gafford was born Hattie Anderson March 14, 1871, in Hopkins County. She was married to J. R. Gafford in 1890 at Sulphur Springs. He died in 1953.

Mrs. Gafford had been a member of the Methodist Church for 74 years.

Surviving are four daughters, Mrs. A. C. Keltz of Vernon, Mrs. G. F. Daniels of Albuquerque, N. M., Mrs. E. A. Bicknell and Miss Mamie Gafford, both of Trent; one brother, Ebb Anderson of Dallas; one sister, Mrs. Betty Atwell of Fort Worth; eight grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

## Ralph Bartlett To Receive BS Degree At NTSC

Ralph E. Bartlett of Merkel is one of 517 seniors who have applied for bachelor's degrees to be awarded in spring graduation at North Texas State College.

Baccalaureate services for the degree candidates will be held Sunday, May 25, in the main auditorium. Degrees will be awarded in commencement exercises at Fouts Field Friday, May 30.

Bartlett, the son of Ralph E. Bartlett, 102 Lamar, is a candidate for the degree of bachelor of science in education. He is a member of Phi Delta Kappa, national professional education fraternity, and of the Student Religious Council.

## William Horton Top ROTC Cadet

2nd Lt. William R. Horton was named superior cadet in the junior class by the Hardin-Simmons University ROTC unit Tuesday when annual awards were presented to cadets for individual achievement and best drilled company, platoon and marksman.

Other superior cadets in each class were Cadet Col. Robert Chancellor of Seminole, student commander of the ROTC, senior; Sgt. Charles H. Goza of Wellman, sophomore; and Pvt. John M. Leech of Abilene, freshman.

Horton is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Buster Horton of Rt. 3, Merkel.

## N-O-T-I-C-E

May we call your attention to the weed problem at the cemetery. We do not have the money to hire extra help and there is more work needed than one man can possibly handle. Will you, the lot owners, help by cleaning your lot, and maybe your neighbor's. If you do not have the time for this, you will probably want to make a donation to the Cemetery Fund. We urgently ask your help in this matter.

Merkel Cemetery Association



REV. HAROLD G. FLOREY . . . evangelist

## Calvary Baptist Sets Revival

The Rev. Harold G. Florey, minister of the Riverside Trinity Baptist Church in Fort Worth, will be the evangelist for the revival at the Calvary Baptist Church in Merkel on June 1-8.

For the past 19 months the Rev. Florey's church has had 900 additions and over 500 conversions.

Prayer service for the revival will be at 7:30 p. m. with the preaching service beginning at 8 p. m., according to the Rev. Wayne Davis, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church.

## Gaylon Johnson To Graduate From WTSC on May 25

Gaylon Johnson of Merkel is among the nearly 300 candidates seeking to receive degrees at the May 25 commencement at West Texas State College.

Commencement activities for the record number of graduating seniors will begin May 22, when traditional Senior Class Day exercises will be held in the Administration Building auditorium. Seniors will march in academic robes and caps, escorted by members of the junior class. In ceremonies led by Joel Ray Coker of Amarillo, senior president, the graduating class passes on its responsibilities and privileges to juniors.

President and Mrs. James P. Cornette will honor graduates and their families at a reception held annually at their residence on May 23 at 8 p. m.

Commencement exercises will be held at 5 p. m. May 25 in the West Texas State field house. Speaker will be Dr. Frank O. McIntyre, public relations director for the California Teachers Association.

Johnson is a geology major and he is seeking the Bachelor of Science degree.

## Tuscola Couple Buy Ayers Groc.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Ayers have announced the sale of their grocery store this week to Mr. and Mrs. Jim Torrence of Tuscola.

The store, located across the street from the hospital, has a lunch counter as well as a full line of groceries and meats.

Mr. and Mrs. Torrence have a daughter, Dorothy, 9, and a son, Jimmy, 19. They will make their home next door to the store.

The Ayers, who have been in the grocery business in Merkel for the past seven years, say they have no plans for the time being.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen D. King, Ida May, Buddy and Sue visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harden Reed of Post last weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Ely Jr. and son Kenneth, of Odessa were weekend visitors with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Ely Sr.

## Explains Missile . . . Dr. Richard F. Porter, chairman of U.S. committee for International Geophysical Year, details operation of Jupiter C model.



FRIENDLY CHAT . . . British Queen Elizabeth receives German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer who visited London for 4-day conference on world affairs.

## Badgers Win Bi-District Championship 4-2, To Advance To Regional Play

The Merkel Badgers took the Class A bi-district baseball championship, 2-0, as they defeated Sanderson 4-3 here Tuesday afternoon. They won the opener in Sanderson Saturday, 4-3.

Joe Neill scored the winning Badger run in the seventh in the first game of the series. He reached first on an error, stealing second and coming home on a blooper single by freshman right fielder Phil Seymore.

Barry Scott struck out 13 and walked only one, giving him his eighth victory in nine decisions. Herring yielded only three hits to the Badgers but was credited with the loss.

A three-hitter by Jerry Phillips gave Merkel the championship in the game here Tuesday.

The Badgers took a 3-0 lead in the first inning. Ronnie English, who hit two for three, drove in the first two runs with a single. Phil Seymore and Barry Scott also got two hits for Merkel.

The Badgers now advance to regional play against Petersburg or Farwell.

## Ex-Area Resident Dies Suddenly In New Mexico

John Irvin Humphreys, 62, a former area resident, died unexpectedly at 7:10 p. m., Saturday, May 17, in Lovington, N. M.

Mr. Humphreys had been in seemingly good health when he suffered a heart attack Saturday morning. He was taken to a hospital in Lovington where he had the fatal attack after he seemed to be recovering from the first.

Born Jan. 11, 1896, in Hallettsville, Mr. Humphreys moved to Taylor County with his parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Humphreys, in 1906. They settled in Mt. Pleasant community, south of Merkel. He has been engaged in farming near Lovington for the past ten years.

He is survived by his wife, Oleene, a former teacher in Merkel and other area schools; one sister, Mrs. Jess Anderson of Merkel; two brothers, Craig of Merkel; and Doyle of Lovington, N. M.; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Those attending the funeral in Lovington were Mr. and Mrs. Odie Young and family of Trent; Mr. and Mrs. Odie Young, Mr. and Mrs. Craig Humphrey, and Mr. and Mrs. Jess Anderson, all of Merkel.

## Study Club Offers MHS Scholarship

The Fortnightly Study Club met in the home of Mrs. Henry West Tuesday, May 13.

Members of the club voted to give a \$100 scholarship to a worthy student in Merkel High School.

Mrs. W. R. Cypert, program chairman, enlisted the help of some of the members for a program on parliamentary procedure. A "meeting" conducted by Mrs. Comer Haynes, was held pointing out the wrong procedure.

The next meeting will be a covered dish luncheon at the West Texas Utilities club house at Lytle Lake on Saturday, May 31.

## McMurry Band Honors Students

Two Merkel girls were among the nine McMurry band students honored in a formal concert Friday night in Radford Memorial Auditorium.

The students, all graduating seniors, were Barbara Wilson, and Sandra Townsend of Merkel; Yvonne Caldwell, Baird; Don Davis, Santa Anna; Don Dennis, Carlsbad, N. M.; Dorothy King, Throckmorton; Letha Scott, Stamford; Wanda Steele, Midland; and Carolyn Wiggins, Abilene.

The nine seniors all have been members of the band at least three years.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Walker of Pecos visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Odie William of Trent last week.



### Starr Rest Home

By MARY OUTLAW

Our patients are all well at this writing.

Mrs. M. E. West, Mrs. M. E. Dillon and Mrs. Clyde Jones of Stith visited Hettie West Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Hendrix of Goodman Community visited the Rest Home Friday.

We want to thank the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority for the nice Mother's Day cards sent by them

to the mothers of the home.

We want to thank Mr. and Mrs. Bert Harris for the boiling meat for beans that they brought home. There is nothing that makes beans better than a good piece of home raised bason.

Frank and Ethel Carr filled their appointment on Mother's Day. We appreciated their song dedication at the Calvary Baptist Church.

We want to thank Mrs. Tom Morrison for the fresh lettuce, onions, mustard and polk beans. They were really good and the

patients enjoyed them.

Odie Smedley of Rowden visited his father N. A. Smedley, last week.

Mrs. Eva Boen of Haskell and J. E. Sparks of Spur visited Aunt Aquila Duross last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Smith of Sweetwater visited his father G. R. Smith, Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds of Trent visited their nephew R. D. Hunter, Friday.

Mrs. Hardy Merrick of Willow City and Mrs. Clarence Merrick of Abilene visited Mrs. Smothers Thursday.

Lottie Butman and Mrs. Elton Hicks visited the Rest Home last week and played and sang for the patients, which they enjoyed very much.

Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Rogers of Lubbock visited Hettie West Saturday.

We want to thank Mrs. C. P. Stevens for the fresh lettuce she brought the home and for the flowers she brought R. D. Hunter.

Mrs. Mossie Hatfield visited the patients Sat. afternoon and brought the home some glasses and cups from the First Methodist Church. We wish to express our appreciation to the church and for Mrs. Hatfield bringing them.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Reed and children and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Reed and children of Colorado City visited their mother Mrs. Sarah Carr, Sunday and took her out to lunch.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Scott and Mrs. Edna Lyle of Abilene visited Mrs. Lyles sisters Pearl Wiggins, and Jennie Joplin, they also visited in our home.

Rev. B. B. Cannon of the Church of Christ filled his appointment Sunday, May 18. Margaret Chaney, Kent and Menley Denton helped sing. It was a nice served and we invite them back again.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Meyers and Mrs. Mae Seago came and sing for the Rest Home Sunday in Frank and Ethel Carr's place as they were out of town. We appreciate Mrs. Seago playing for them and we invite them back again.

We want to thank Mrs. B. T. Brown of Trent for the nice juice she brought the home.

Thanks to Mrs. Justice for the nice fresh eggs.

We were sorry to hear of Mrs.



PHOTOGRAPHER'S CHOICE . . . Lorraine Kapfer of McKeesport, Pa., was chosen Miss Pittsburgh Press Photographer over 87 other girls. She'll compete for national title at Minneapolis in June.

Gafford passing away. We extend our sympathy to her loved ones. She was a patient here for several months.

### NOODLE NEWS

Dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Caldwell Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Clement and boys of Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. D. Wood and children of Big Spring, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Combs and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Earl Smith of Midland and Mrs. George Cooper.

Mrs. Bess Rainwater of Sinclair visited recently in the home of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Spurgin.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Maxwell of Abilene and Mrs. and Mrs. Oran Hodge of Merkel visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Nath Maxwell Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Billie Jack Benningfield visited his parents last week. He is stationed in Arkansas.

Earnest Richie is a guest in the home of his sister, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Ercel Ellis of Snyder were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Callaway Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Warren Jr. and children of Ft. Worth were weekend guests of her par-

ents, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Lucas. Two of the children, Stevie and Mickey remained for a longer visit with their grandparents.

Recent guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dock Callaway were Mrs. Joe Garland and sister, Mrs. Eunice McWhirter of Cross Plains, Mr. and Mrs. Dois Melton and Marsha Tarpley of Snyder and Freida Melton and Keith

McCormick, students in ACC, Abilene.

Mrs. Harve Dean and children Linda, Jerry, Patsy, Dennis and Dale spent Saturday night with Mrs. Dean's sister, Mr. and Mrs. Harve Dean and children of Abilene.

Mrs. Winnie Cypert is visiting relatives in San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Fitzgerald and Sandra of Wichita Falls were recent guests of her mother and brother Mrs. Mattie Addison and Arthur.

Claude Doan and son Preston, of Abernathy visited last week with their brother and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Doan.

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The meeting was opened with prayer by Mrs. D. R. Butler.

Mrs. Carl Bonneau presided. Roll call was answered with "the fruit that is used more in our home."  
Mrs. H. H. Windham gave a report on the visit to Granny Cade, an ex-member of the club, at the Starr Rest Home.  
Recreation was directed by Mrs. McAninch.  
Refreshments were served to five members and one child.

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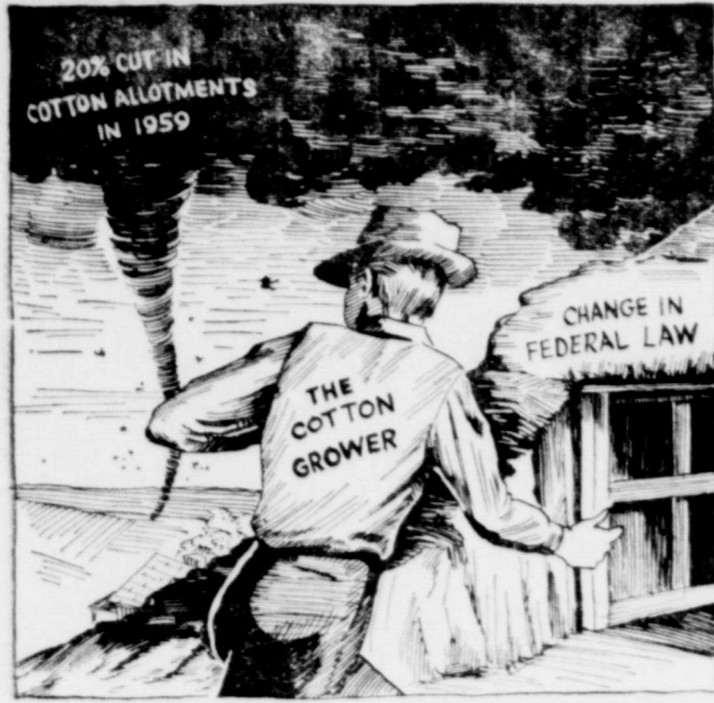
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Mrs. Gladys Wiley  
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Mrs. B. H. Riney  
Allen Mayes  
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Wayne Myrick

Dismissed

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W. O. Barton  
Ira Stanley  
Mrs. C. G. Sewell  
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W. H. Williams  
Mrs. H. C. Reid  
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Mrs. O. H. Davis  
Mrs. G. H. Ragsdale  
Kayla Canady - re-admitted  
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Betsy McCoy  
Carl Baccus  
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Our 4-H Girls

Surely no privilege could be sweeter for the parents of 4-H club girls, than to use our efforts and our influence in teaching our daughters the art of intelligent, full and complete living through the principals of 4-H clubs. It is a most valuable school for the development and strengthening of human character. It teaches the value of the reward of right living, moral strength, and spiritual courage.

As mothers and fathers we are prone to be too busy making a living, giving too little thought to making a "Life".

Life's most beautiful and significant privilege is that of leaving a priceless heritage to our daughters and sons, the heritage of what the 4-H stands for: My "head" for clearer thinking, my "heart" for greater loyalty, my "hands" to larger service and my "health" to better living, for my club, my community, and my country.

Let's teach them over and over again that the true measurement of life is found in dispensing "Justice", encouraging "Truth", planting "Faith", "Loyalty", and "Love" all along their pathway.

Life is not measured by pulse beats nor the inventory of material possessions but rather by our ideals and our purposes. If we teach our youth culture and educate them in a dozen different languages but fail to teach them to respond to the call of the needy or the wail of distress from a suffering humanity, we have failed to give them life's greatest degree: failed in the greatest undertaking that the Creator placed within our power of accomplishment, (achievement).

We have made unbelievable strides the past decade in material progress. The mountains and the seas no longer divide the world into nations for today science has leveled the mountains and bridged the seas. We freely travel around this world and distant nations converse as in a common hall. This century of material progress must be met by one commensurate in spiritual development.

The 4-H Club affords us a res-

plendent opportunity for this development. The youth of our country has a spiritual yearning today, greater than at any time in our history, and we should promote it's development, and at the same time assist them to thoroughly satisfy this yearning, the 4-H Clubs help to furnish them the material, the instructions, and the pattern for weaving their threads smoothly, beautifully, and perfectly into "Life's" tapestry.

I deem it a privilege to be a mother leader, and have found the inspiration I receive from it is indeed a priceless pearl. My wish for the club is the complete realization of it's highest hopes.

Mrs. Ford Smith, Jr.

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Trent 4-H Girls Have Annual Achievement Tea

The Trent Girls Jr. 4-H Club annual achievement tea sponsored by the Bluebonnet HD Club, was held in the school cafeteria Monday, May 12.

Theme was "April Showers Brought May Flowers." The exhibit tables were decorated with arrangements of spring flowers.

Mrs. Odell Dickerson registered guests.

Sue Bankston led in the club motto, pledge and prayer and Betty McAninch gave a report of the club's activities for this year.

Roll call was answered by 14 members. Mrs. W. B. Williams, teacher-leader, was presented a gift by the girls.

Club girls displayed exhibits and were awarded pins.

First year pins were presented to Sue Howard, Stephanie Hogan and Marilyn Wilks. Mother leaders, Mrs. Odell Dickerson and Mrs. C. M. Hogan received pins.

Barbara McAninch, Kaye McWilliams, Sue Dickerson, Floyd Ross, Delores Barnes, Anna Griffith, Candy Higgins and Lynne Wyatt received second year pins.

Third year pins were presented to Sue King and Sue Bankston with Mrs. Cal McAninch receiving the third year clover.

Mrs. Williams accepted the teacher-leader pin.

Refreshments were served by the Bluebonnet Club to Miss Sy-

bie McDonald, teachers of the school, third grade girls, club members, their mothers and friends.

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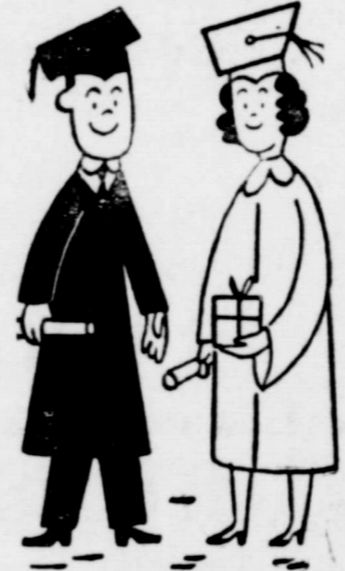
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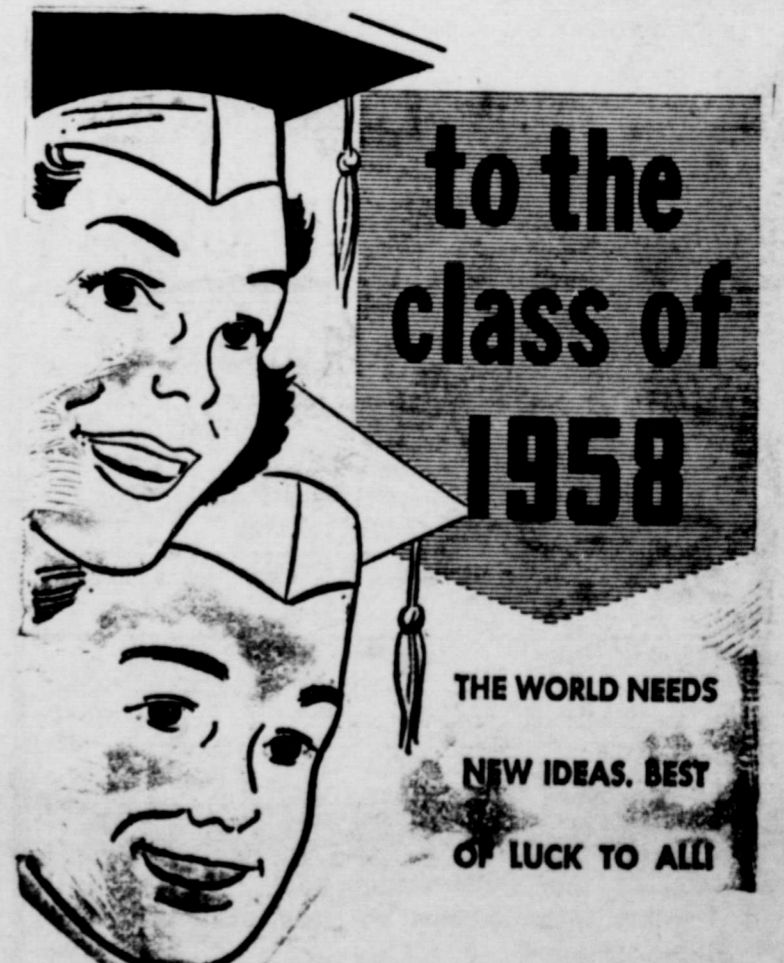
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### Caldwell, Smith Vows Read In Home Ceremony

The home of the bride's parents was the scene of the wedding Saturday evening, May 17, of Ruby Caldwell, daughter of

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Caldwell of Noodle, and Willie Earl Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Smith of Hodges.

Officiating at the ceremony was Doyle Combs.

Attendants were Sandra Vancil of Noodle, and Homer James of Hodges, cousin of the bridegroom.

The bride was a sophomore in Noodle High school.

The couple will live in Midland where Mr. Smith is employed.

Guests at the wedding and reception which followed were: Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Clements and three sons of Snyder; Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Woods and two children of Big Spring; Mrs. George Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. Blue McCoy, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Lucas, Mrs. Ted McAninch and two daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Combs and two daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Caldwell and Paula all of Noodle; Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Touchstone and Christi, Ruby and Mr. and Mrs. Rusty Jones, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Smith, Roger Bowen and Billye Watts; Hodges.



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### Henry, Ramsey Wedding Told

Mr. and Mrs. Preston Henry are announcing the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Loretta, to Kenneth Ramsey, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Ramsey of Katy.

The wedding will take place in the home of the bride's parents on May 24. The couple will make their home in Huntsville, Alabama.

### Former Merkel Resident's Engagment Announced

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Stallo of Ackerly, formerly of Merkel, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Men Lou, to Jerry Taylor

Caughman, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Caughman of Ackerly.

Miss Stallo is a 1958 graduate of Flower Grove High School. Her fiance is completing his freshman year of college at Howard County Junior College of Big Spring.

Date of the wedding will be announced later.

### Bluebonnet HD Club Meets In Riggan Home

The Bluebonnet Home Demonstration Club met in the home of Mrs. Muriel Riggan on May 14.

Roll call was answered by giving a rule for good manners.

Mrs. Allen King and Mrs. Frank Brnovak, clothing leaders, gave a demonstration on care and storage of clothing. They recommended that clothes should be cleaned and sprayed with a good moth repellent before storing. Large pasteboard boxes which will fit on the closet shelves was suggested for storage. If hangers are used the hanger should be wrapped with tissue paper or commercial foam rubber protectors, to protect the shoulders of the garments, they said.

One visitor, Mrs. C. A. Byers, and eight members were present.

### Awards Presented At Senior 4-H Tea

The Senior 4-H Club girls held their annual achievement tea in the elementary school library on May 12.

Mrs. Ellis Harris received the award for being the most outstanding mother leader this year.

Those who met the requirements and received second year pins and certificates were Andria Adeock, Kay Bagby, Pat Harris, Sherry Hull, Joy McWilliams and Betty Joe Richardson.

Linda Tolliver received her first year pin.

### New Enlistment Term For Waves

It was announced today by the Navy Recruiter, Abilene, Texas, that waves enlisting in the regular Navy now have a choice of three terms of enlistment. A "three-year" term has been authorized in addition to the present terms of four and six years.

### Merkelites Visit In New Mexico

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Bockman and son, Jake, and daughter, Iva Nelle and Mrs. J. H. Beard, have returned from a trip to New Mexico.

They visited another daughter, Mrs. L. M. Humphrey, in Roswell, and Mr. Bockman's sister Mrs. C. A. Scott, in Tularosa. The

brother and sister had not seen each other for 30 years. The group also visited Ruidoso on the trip.

Iva Nelle remained for an extended visit with her sister, Mrs. Humphrey, in Roswell.

### New Officers Installed For Garden Club

Mrs. B. H. Jones was hostess when the Merkel Garden Club met for the final meeting of the club year Thursday.

Mrs. W. T. Sadler installed the incoming officers, presenting each with a message of congratulatory attributes characterizing their various duties.

New officers are Mrs. John Hughes, president; Mrs. B. H. Jones, 1st. vice president; Mrs. Dale Luton, 2nd vice president; Mrs. Carroll Benson, 3rd vice president; Mrs. A. B. Allen, 4th vice president; Mrs. Aims Collins, recording secretary; Mrs. Clyde Bartlett, corresponding secretary; Mrs. A. H. McElmurray, treasurer; Mrs. W. T. Sadler, parliamentarian; and Mrs. Jack Wallace, reporter.

After the hostess served refreshments the 10 members present went on a tour of several gardens.

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**Letters to the Editor...**

Dear Editor:  
Subject: School Government  
I have just been reading the two letters concerning the school government of M. H. S. Being an ex-Merkel High student, I found them very thought-provoking.

In the first place, I want to congratulate these students for exercising their freedom of speech in writing to you; in the second place, I should like to have them explain what they mean. Their complaints seem very nebulous to me.

These students sound as if they had a bad case of the blues supplemented with ignorance. May I remind them that if they are griping about their student leaders, they need to remember that leaders are elected by a majority vote. If their leaders are undesirable, why did they elect them? If there are as many dissatisfied students as the writer of the first unsigned letter would lead us to believe, why do they not exercise their democratic right to elect the people they want? As a student, I have observed that the type of person who is a genius at fault-finding usually loses his ability when it comes to correcting the faults he has found. If a change is needed, crying will not accomplish it; action will.

Concerning the complaints about the school officials, I can see that the writer of the second letter "can't see the forest for the trees." He, or she, tries to make it appear that those hokey-playing students were excused in spite of their crime. Such an implication is completely ludicrous to me. When I attended M.H.S. no one caught playing hokey was excused. If some one got away with truancy, I charge it to the fact that Merkel's school officials are humans, not gods. Any human is capable of making mistakes.

Having the backbone to sign my name, I remain  
Yours truly,  
Carlton Earp

(Ed. Note—If, by student-leaders Mr. Earp means members of the student council, he is probably unaware of the fact that Merkel High School has no student council.)

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**STATED** meeting for Eastern Star Chapter 212 will be May 27, 8:00 p.m.  
Allie Butman,  
Worthy Matron  
Estelle Humphreys,  
Secretary

**NOTICE MASONS**  
Stated meeting of Merkel Lodge No. 710, A.F. & M., Saturday, May 31, 7:30 p.m. All members are urged to attend. E. A. Degeze, Visiting Brethren cordially invited.  
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**POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
(The Merkel Mail is authorized to make the following announcements of candidates, subject to the action of the Democratic party primary, July 26.)

County School Superintendent Clive Pierce (re-election)

County Commissioner Precinct 2 Rufe Tittle

Commissioner Precinct No. 2 Joe Cypert

Commissioner Precinct No. 2 Joe Seymour

Senator 24th Senatorial District David W. Ratliff (re-election)

Senator 24th Senatorial District Robert R. Patterson

**FOR SALE**—1950 Chevrolet Pick Up. Call 26 or 9011 J-2. 10-2tc

**FOR SALE**—1947 Allis-Chalmers combine. Call OR. 2-7975 after 5 p.m. J. L. Farr, Route 3, Box 193, Abilene, Texas. 10-3tc

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### Home Demonstration Notes

By LORETA ALLEN  
Taylor County Home Demonstration Agent

Planning a new color scheme for your home. Choose colors for the large areas first. This includes floor covering, walls and large upholstered pieces. In most cases these should be your most livable colors, or colors that are greyed in intensity.

Next, choose colors for small upholstery and the window treatment. This may be a blend of the room colors, or match or contrast with the walls.

Lastly, choose your colors for accessories and small areas—pillows, lamps, pictures, ash trays, etc. Usually this accent color is the brightest color.

For something different in picnic fare, try beef kabobs. You don't need a recipe. Just cut beef into inch-size chunks and stock an assortment of mushrooms, onions, tomatoes and what-have-you. Spear the ingredients alternately on metal skewers or long green sticks about one fourth of an inch. Broil over hot coals until done. This way, everyone does his own cooking.

Want a low-calorie salad dressing for your spring green salads? Mix together 1/2 cup tomato juice, 2 tablespoons lemon juice or vinegar, 1 teaspoon salt, 1/2 teaspoon

Recent hot, humid and rainy weather conditions offer excellent growing conditions for the molds that cause mildew.

Clothes and household fabrics—especially cotton, linen, silk and wool—are favorites camping grounds for mildew. Quick treatment of the stains is important, according to extension clothing specialists.

First, brush off the surface growth of mildew. Do this outdoors, not in the house, where the spores might scatter over other materials and produce a new growth of mildew.

Sap and water will take care of fresh mildew stains on washable fabrics. If the stains are stubborn, they may be treated with bleach. Sodium perborate is a mild bleach that is safe for washable fabrics. It's a good idea to test colored fabrics with the bleach first to be sure it's color fast.

Sponge the mildew stain with a solution of one tablesp on of sod-

ium perborate in one pint of luke warm water. Leave for a minute or two. Then rinse well. Dry cleaning is recommended for fabrics that cannot be washed.

The Upholstery Workshop started today. Guess that the women will work all this week and finish their chairs.

The 4-H Girls Committee met Saturday and made plans for summer clothing workshops as well as county and district camps. The adult leaders elected to represent Taylor County at the District Camp to be held June 2, 3, and 4, at Camp Rio Vista, near Kerrville, Jane Holloway, Kay McAdams, Carolyn Moore, Connie Parmely, and Sue Bankston. Alternates are Chera Gail Antilley and Martha Cole.

I have been visiting clothing demonstrators. Last week I visited Mrs. Carl Hothan, Mrs. D. O. Dean, Mrs. Jake McMillon, Mrs. Clint Stewart, Mrs. Kenneth Drummond, Mrs. James Dominy, Mrs. Woodrow Appleton. One of the things these demonstrators all wanted to do was to work on planning their wardrobe and to be better buyers. They were encouraged to keep and study all labels on clothing purchased. The increasing use of new fabrics growing practice of blending fibers and the use of many new fabric finishes makes it necessary to study labels for all information. Most useful label infor-

### Dinner Honors Jimmy Oliver

Mr. and Mrs. John Oliver of Rt. 4 honored their son Jimmy, who is on leave from Amarillo Air Force Base, with a family dinner in their home Sunday.

Jimmy will leave soon for Germany where he will be stationed for three years.

Present for the occasion were Mr. and Mrs. John D. Oliver and daughters of Midland, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Whisenand and children, Mr. and Mrs. John Oliver, Jimmy and Patsy.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Bartlett Jr., and son David, of Camden, Arkansas are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Bartlett.

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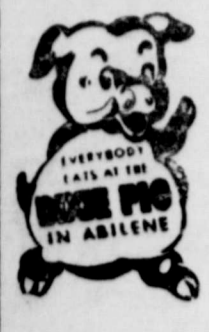
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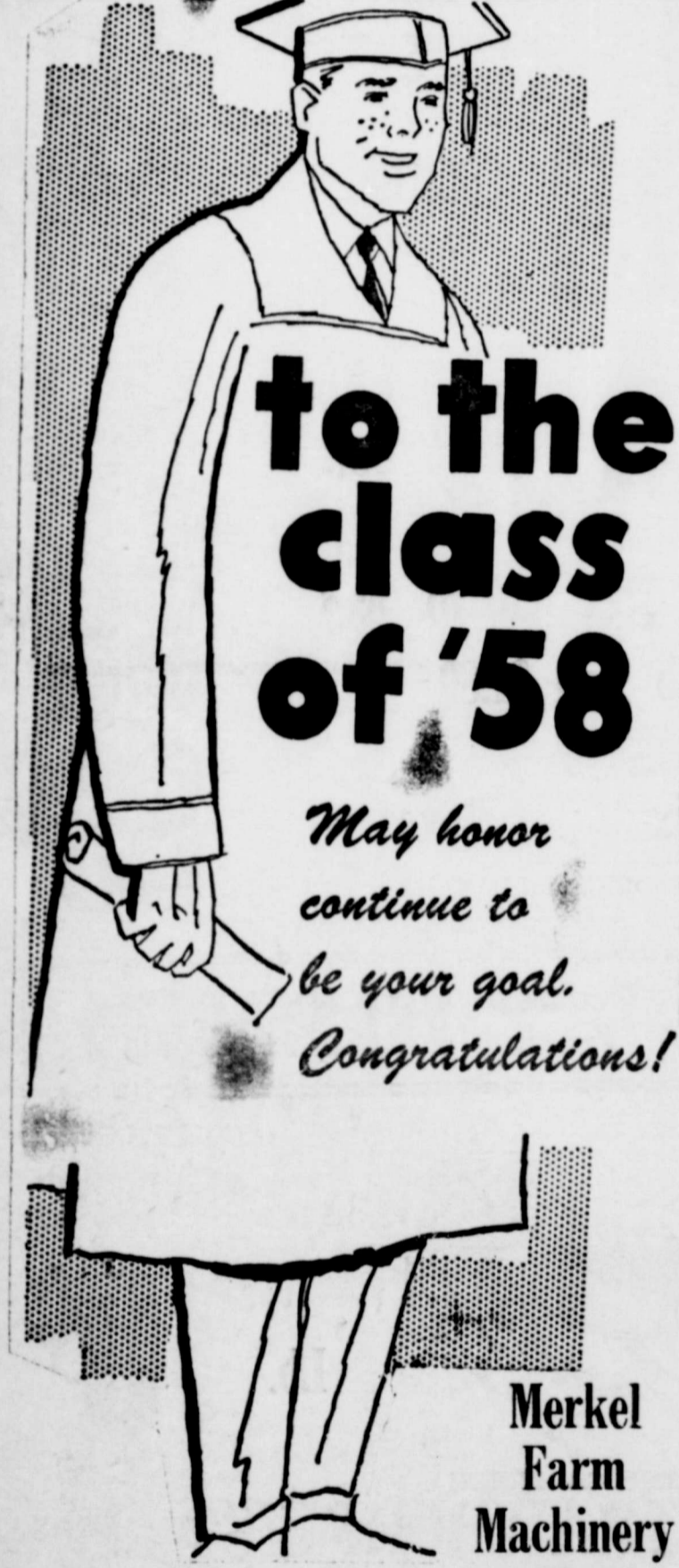
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**MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO**

The Merkel Badger Band, directed by D. W. Crain, competed with 15 bands in class D in the San Angelo Band contest Friday of last week, placing with another team in the third division of this class.

A 16-year-old record for the 440-yard hurdles was broken last Saturday in the twenty-nine Drake relay carnival at Des Moines when Jack Patterson of Rice ran the distance in 53.2 to eclipse the old mark of 54.4 made by Ernest of Michigan State in 1922.

Miss Billie Gardner, who will compete work leading to her B. A. degree from the University of Texas in June, spent the weekend at home of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. C. B. Gardner. She has recently joined the Gamma Phi Beta sorority.

Woodrow Clark was one of the highest ranking students named on the April honor roll for Draughon's Business College, Abilene.

Dorothy Nell Groene was rated on the national honor roll in the contests held at Hardin-Simmons University last week as part of the national piano playing tournament.

Miss Nell Hughes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Hughes of Merkel, was recognized at the annual Texas Technological college Women's recognition service on May 17 for outstanding work on las Leales honorary organization for women students.

Evelyn Sears, Hazel Burns and Frances Walker, speech students of Miss Frances Marie Church, were presented in a program Friday evening at her home, with a number of invited friends as special guests.

**MERKEL 40 YEARS AGO**

Lewis Swann accepted a position with the Corner Drug Store in Abilene the past week.

Miss Vernadine Freeman left Sunday for Ft. Worth, where she joins her father, who is employed there at present.

Leonard Wills of Norfolk, Va., on the shop Ohio, came in Wednesday a week ago to visit the home folks and returned the past Wednesday. He says he is well pleased with his work. He comes from a family prominent in the Civil and Spanish wars and is just as patriotic as any member of his family who has preceded him upon the field of battle.

J. W. McConnell had the misfortune to lose one of his work horses this week.

Friends and acquaintances of Clyde Foster and Miss Mabel Hidge of Abilene are surprised to learn that on last Tuesday evening they took an auto spin to Sweetwater where they were married. They wer accompanied by Verna Sublett and Robert Dennis.

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Hall sold their stock and will leave in a few days for Detroit, where they will remain for some time.

Wednesday night at the Cozy the graduation exercises of the High school were held. Diplomas were given to the following by Superintendent Parker: Misses Julia Martin and Virginia Duckett, valedictorians; Fitzhugh McRee, salutatorian; Misses Bess and Essie Tucker, Myrtle Reeves, Minnie Ora Bryson, Beulah Walker, Edna Watts, Messrs. Bourdon Smith, Roger Coats Wade Ensminger.

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**Trent Girls Have  
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Sandra Freeman of Trent had a slumber party for high school girls after graduation exercises Friday night.

Girls who spent the night were: Wanda Vinson, Brenda Williams, Barbara Canady, Gaylon Steadman, Karen Hood, Judy Claborn, Ann Barnhart, Bobby Howard, Paula Dudley, Linda Dudley, Nelda Heatley, Hilda Hutchenson, Janie Yoes, Connie Cade, Sara Payne, Sue Payne, Sherry Bailey, Tellie McWilliams, Rosa Mary Jones, and J. Y. Dene Ponder.

Refreshments of sandwiches, chocolate pie, marshmallows, cookies and drinks were served.

**Mrs. Walton Hosts  
Union Ridge Club**

Mrs. Carrol Walton hosted the Union Ridge Home Demonstration in her home Friday, May 16.

Meeting opened with Mrs. Denzel Cox, president, in charge. She also gave the opening prayer.

Seven members were present for the program on "Citizenship." Miss Mable McRee gave a council report.

The next meeting will be in the home of Miss McRee Friday, June 6.

**Hallie Burden  
Reviews Book  
For WSCS Meet**

A review of "Women of the Bible" by Edith Dean, given by Mrs. Hallie Burden was the program for the Welseyan Service Guild at its meeting in the Sanctuary of the First Methodist Church Monday evening, May 19.

Mrs. L. M. Touchstone opened the meeting with prayer and Miss Betty Jane Tittle gave a devotional from Proverbs 31: 10-31.

The hymn "A Charge to Keep I Have" was sung by the group. Mrs. Johnnie Cox, president presided for the business session.

Minutes were read by Mrs. Don Dudley, secretary.

Closing prayer was said by Mrs. Dudley.

Next meeting will be on Monday evening, May 26, with a short pledge service. A social hour will follow.

Mrs. Levia Fugat of Abilene, Mrs. Florence Berry and Miss Mary Collins were visitors Sunday with Mrs. Fugat's niece, Mrs. Kemp Hinch of Odessa.

Albert Freeman of Brady visited Odell and Marvin Freeman families over the week-end.

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