

POST SCRIPTS BY UNCLE NED

Now that my beat has been established, I'm ready to give you the low-down on what's going on about town. By the "low-down", I mean things about curb level!

Events happen pretty fast and last week they liked to have caught me napping. A fire completely destroyed a bank in my home town while I was trying to find something to write about.

Many reporters live a lifetime and when they do get a break, like a big fire, they are not available. I've missed my chance for a "scoop".

We did have a story with pics in the Merkel Mail Wednesday evening but we carry a Friday dateline and the scoop doesn't count. I'll spend another lifetime for a big story to break. I hope I'm ready for it the next time.

Goings on are about the same as usual. Work will be completed on the new swimming pool this week and it will be open to the public Saturday.

The City of Merkel is again sponsoring dog vaccination and will have Dr. L. R. Chapman from Abilene from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. doing the honors.

Back in my shanty on the other side of the Jim Ned Creek, they call this a mighty fine gesture on the part of the city to keep pets protected from the dreaded rabies which is deadly should youngsters get bitten by an infected animal.

Democrats are knowing away at the Republicans at their National Convention in the "Big City" of Chicago this week. If you have time to look at it on TV you can learn a lot at this gathering.

The Convention offers folks like us a chance to learn how our government is really run. The less informed of us may think they vote for the "person" but what they really do is vote for the party.

Learnin' somethin' about politics is like eating cotton candy. It takes a lot of it to taste and even then you haven't got anything!

When votin' time comes around, the little man has the authority to hire and fire the big man from the chief executive on down to the city officers. He does this with the mark of a pencil. Who he hires and who he fires is entirely up to him. He wields a big stick only if he votes.

Tuesday is Dollar Day in Merkel. It's the time when all merchants offer bargains in their store for your selection. You may find anything from soup to nuts at prices to please you for this occasion. Come on to town and have a look-see!

The plea for contributions to benefit families of the 15 firemen who lost their lives in the Dumas-Sunray fire recently fell short of expectations. One five-dollar contribution was received and the local volunteer Fire Department donated \$35.00. That was the representation Merkel gave for such a worthy cause.

To those who contributed, let me congratulate you from the bottom of my heart. I know your gift will be well received.

School starts in just a few weeks. I'm sure most of the youngsters are ready. It's been a short summer. A nice one and a hot one! To me, getting ready for Fall is the most pleasant time of year.

Football season starts and that's worth sweating through the summer for. Coach Benson reports that Merkel boys will start Fall Practice Monday, August 27 and expect big things this season.

With this, let me say "Keep the ole ball rollin'" and don't fail to tell someone about our little city "On The Broadway of America."

City to Vaccinate Dogs Here Aug. 29

A dog vaccination program will be carried out here Wednesday, August 29, from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the City Hall.

Dr. L. R. Chapman, veterinarian of the Chapman Animal Hospital in Abilene will be here to take charge of the program.

The dog vaccination program was adopted here several years ago due to the many stray dogs

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On the Broadway
of America

AMERICANISM IN ACTION

The familiar phrase, "Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of his party", rings a bell with us during the Democratic Convention now going on in Chicago.

Here you can see Americanism in action. You can see results of your efforts from your Precinct Convention. You can see party members adopting and outlining principles which represent your own.

You can see those things come to light from all over the nation, other peoples ideals and policies. You can see why it is necessary for you to select a party whose policies are in line with your own thinking. You can see what votes for an individual are for the Party who is behind him.

Let me call on every eligible voter to unite with their party and not see their efforts go to waist when you cast a vote for an individual.

If you attended your Precinct Convention, you have some idea as to the issues at stake. If you didn't you are inclined to believe you can vote for an individual without casting your lot with the party he represents. You, the people, make Precinct Conventions. Your voice is louder at the Precinct Conventions than any other time. You have elected delegates to speak for you at the County Conventions. You have placed your trust in those delegates and they speak your ideas.

Your ideals and principles are carried to the State Convention where they are adopted again and delegates are selected from that group to represent you at the National Convention. All of this is being presented at Chicago this week.

The instructions you have handed down are being carried out at the National Convention and some person, an individual, is chosen who will represent you again as Chief Executive.

There are many good men at this Convention but again, all of them can't be elected. Just one man can serve as your representative and the party is busy trying to find that man.

Personalities are sifted as to party loyalty and how they can best serve the people. All of this is your own doings!

When a man is chosen by the party, they have done what you have instructed them to do. They are confident of selecting a man who will represent your ideals while in office and the Party is there to see that he does.

When a person gets the idea he is voting for the individual, he has discarded all efforts of himself and all his friends and is turning against what he once thought was right. How Can This Be?

I urge every eligible voter to get with a Party and stay behind them one hundred percent, whether you are a Democrat or Republican, and give that party your best effort in supporting the man they have selected for you.

The Party is not a machine trying to push something over on you. You ARE the Party! It's your ideals they have adopted and are trying to see that they are carried out. The person they select is the one they think will come closer doing that than anyone else. That has been your instructions. That has been your resolutions. That has been your policies adopted by you at your Precinct. Now Stand Behind Them! The Party stands behind the man they select. What more could you ask!

SWIM POOL OPENING PENDING ON COMPLETION OF PAINTING

Church of Christ Invites Youth To Bible School

All of the boys and girls of Merkel, Trent, Noodle and Hope are invited to attend the Vacation Bible School to be held at the local Church of Christ all next week, according to A. C. Farley, director of the school.

Hours will be from 8:00 a.m. to 10 a.m. each morning, Monday through Friday. Refreshments will be served each day.

Classes for all age groups will be conducted, from age two through adults.

The closing program will be held Friday night, August 24, at 8:00 p.m.

Classes and teachers are as follows: Age 2-3, Mrs. Cecil Freeman and Mrs. Johnson; Ages 4-5, Mrs. Waymon Adcock and Mrs. T. J. Neill; 1st graders, Mrs. W. B. Toombs; 2-3 graders, Mrs. Jessie Regan; 4-5-6 graders, Mrs. Judd McReynolds and Mrs. C. A. Farley; Junior High and High School Students, Gerald McCoy and Manley Denton; Adults, O. J. Adcock and O. W. Paine.

In this area. The program is to combat possible spread of rabies since the city does not have a dog pound.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Zanala from Yuma, Arizona is visiting her mother, Mrs. Lela Lawson and other relatives and friends.

Paint is the hold up of the new swim pool opening which has delayed the opening for two weeks, according to Dr. D. W. Warren.

A special type of paint used for swimming pools is needed and shipment has been delayed due to the unexpected demand this time of the season, he pointed out.

However, the pool may be open Sunday afternoon should the paint arrive in time to be finished this week end. It takes several days to fill the pool once the painting has been completed, Dr. Warren added.

A Free Swim Day will be declared on the day of the formal opening of the pool which will be announced later.

Bands Start Practice Monday

The Merkel school band will start practice Monday, August 20, according to W. G. Reed, band director.

The beginners band will meet in the new auditorium from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. Monday. High School Band will meet from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. and the Elementary Band will meet from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m., Mr. Reed stated.

Practice will continue each day until school starts, September 4, he added.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Alderman and children, James Earl, Roseann, and Paule, from Texas City are guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Doan and family.

Merkel Schools Start Sept. 4; Faculty Meet Called Aug. 30

Tye Youth Holds Revival



KENNETH McLANE
Song Director



CARLTON EARP
Youth Evangelist

Youth Revival Starts Monday At Tye Tabernacle

A youth revival will start at the Tye Community Tabernacle Monday night at 8:00 p.m. with two local youth in charge of

services.

They are: Carlton Earp, evangelist, formerly of Merkel, and Kenneth McLane, director of the singing, of Tye.

The youth extend cordial invitations to everyone to come and join the fellowship. Services will be held each night Monday, August 20 through Thursday, August 30.

ROBY MAN IS NEW OWNER OF CHEVROLET AGENCY HERE

The Badger Chevrolet Company of Merkel this week announced that Mr. Charles G. Hogsett of Roby has purchased the agency and has taken over the management of the operation in Merkel.

Mr. Hogsett was born and raised in Fisher County. He was educated in the Rotan and Abilene High Schools and received his BS degree from McMurry College. He did post graduate work at the University of Texas and graduated from the Chevrolet Post Graduate School of Modern Merchandising and Management School in Detroit, one of the top schools of its kind in America.

His father has the Chevrolet-Buick agency in Rotan. Young Hogsett was formerly the Chevrolet dealer in Roby before moving here.

Mr. Hogsett has purchased a home here and has moved his wife, Mary, and son, Tim, (16 months) here recently.

In Roby, Mr. Hogsett served as secretary, president, and vice president of the Roby Lions Club and has been Deputy District Governor for '56-57 in 3 zones; secretary treasurer of the Roby Jaycees.

They are members of the Methodist Church where he serves as Charge Lay Leader, chairman of the finance committee and chairman of the board.

The company was purchased from Jack Miller who is devoting full time to his implement business.

Mr. Hogsett stated that the shop will add Bear Front Wheel Allignin machine and will be capable of maintaining any kind of repair on all makes of automobiles.

Equalization Board Hears 125 Complaints

The Equalization Board interviewed some 125 property owners and had some 50 written requests for adjustments in property valuations by Wednesday night, according to David Gamble, chairman.

Mr. Gamble stated that some adjustments would have to be to

made and that everyone would have a chance to be heard before the board finishes hearings Wednesday night.

The City Council and the Equalization Board discussed the budget with Mayor Starbuck and adjustments will be made according to the budget.

The budget for '56-57 is something like this: Total Expense — \$81,034.93. The Proposed Income is \$58,995.07 and the city is short of needed \$22,039.86.

Only \$10,000 over and above the present amount, is needed from added taxes, according to reports from the administrative office.

Some \$21,165.00 will be used to retire bonds next year. This does not include individual warrants due in the amount of \$3,224.24.

The City of Merkel maintains 9 full time employees and had to discontinue any improvements, maintenance, etc. this year in order to keep operating.

According to reports, the city has been operating in the "red" and has had to rely on some revenue to offset the deficit. This revenue can only be derived from taxes and as stated will use "just what is needed" in the amount of individual taxes to offset the difference. A large percentage of the added revenue will be earmarked for such improvements as street markings and improvements, additional water lines, increase in salary for city employees etc.

Mayor Starbuck stated that city employees salary increases, higher cost of materials and equipment over the years has made the present tax increase necessary in order to keep operating.

A break down of the tax dollar shows 60% going to Interest and Sinking Fund and the remaining 40% to the General Fund. The 40% hasn't been enough to maintain the city needs.

Mrs. Dewey Phillips and daughter, Mrs. Clyde Gregory of Big Spring visited Mrs. Phillips son, Mr. and Mrs. James Phillips in Brownsville last week. They also attended the state play-off of the Abilene All-Star Pony League baseball game in Kingsville. They visited Matamoros, The Alamo and Breckenridge Park in San Antonio.

TV Calls Family; Family In Merkel

Folks watching TV Monday night heard an emergency plea as to the whereabouts of Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Christian who were supposed to be in this area, may have wondered where they might be.

The Christians left without telling a soul where they were going. They went riding and had no idea where they might end up when they left. They ended up right here in Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Christian and son, Bobby, were cousins of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Eager of Merkel and that's where they were. But it wasn't the TV station who informed them. They weren't watching TV. The emergency call was to notify them that their nephew had been killed in an auto accident near Waco about 1:30 Monday afternoon.

Ex-CCC Co. 849 To Hold Reunion At Brownwood

The Second Annual Ex-CCC Co. 849 Reunion to be held September 2, 1956 at the Old Camp Site — Lake Brownwood State Park Club House.

Ira "Frog" Gilliams of 1707 Ave., B., Brownwood, Texas President of the EX-CCC Co. 849 has announced. All former members of Lake Brownwood CCC Co. and their families are invited to meet at the Old Camp Site at Lake Brownwood 36th Division State Park on September 2, 1956. The meeting will last all day with each family to bring a box lunch. New officers will be elected at 3 p.m. for the year of 1957. The first reunion was held in October 1955 at the Old Camp Site with about twenty members and their families present. All ex-members are requested to bring any snap shots you have of the camp.

Ronnie Stribling Completes Combat Marine Training

CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. (PHTNG) — Pvt. Ronnie Stribling, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. McMurray of 1404 Heath St., Merkel, Tex., completed four weeks of individual combat training in July at the Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

The course covered infantry tactics, first aid, demolitions, field fortifications, and advanced schooling on weapons.

The training is given to Marines scheduled for overseas duty and to all graduates of recruit training before they are assigned to new duty stations.

Parents Urged To Get Birth Record Of First Graders

Boys and girls who will be in the first grade of the local schools must present a birth certificate showing that they will be at least six years of age on September 1 of this year, according to C. A. Farley, elementary principal.

No first grader will be enrolled until they present a valid birth certificate.

Parents of students born in Texas may secure a birth certificate from the Bureau of Vital Statistics at Austin.

Merkel Public Schools will open for the Fall Semester at 8:15 a.m. Tuesday, September 4, according to Mr. Mack Fisher, superintendent.

Mr. Fisher stated that a general faculty meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m. Thursday, August 30, at which time Dr. Gordon Bennett, executive vice-president of McMurry College of Abilene, will speak on "What Makes A Good Teacher."

Other faculty meetings will be held as follows: Primary, Wednesday August 29, at 9:00 a.m.; Elementary — Friday, August 31, at 9:00 a.m. and High School — Friday, August 31, at 8:15 a.m. Juniors and Seniors will register Friday morning, August 31, at 10:00 a.m., however, buses will not run until in the afternoon, Mr. Fisher added.

Students in grades 1 through 10 will register at 1:30, Friday afternoon in their respective buildings. Buses will arrive at school at 1:30 and return as soon as registration is completed, approximately 3:00 p.m.

Five new teachers join the faculty this year. Mr. Fisher announced. They are: Naoma Holmway, Primary; Mrs. Katherine Drake Shuey, Elementary; Thelma Jo Ann Southern, G. T. Hubbard, and A. J. Walla, High School.

Other faculty members are: Primary; Mrs. Elsie Nash, Mrs. Viola Shields, Mrs. Josephine Tidwell, Mrs. Ouida Reid, Mrs. Lena Dunagin, Mrs. Eula West, Miss Alzada Pogue, Miss Nora Foster, Mrs. Hazel Pargament, and Miss Lydia Norcross. Mr. C. A. Farley is principal of the primary and elementary schools.

Elementary: Mrs. Helen Benson, Mrs. Lola Cox, Mrs. Elleta Orsborn, Mrs. Linnie Fisher, Mrs. Anna Bell Shouse, Mrs. Mildred Winter, Don Estes and Leon Walker.

High School: Carroll Benson, Chester Collinsworth, Don Loyd, Mrs. Lucy Haynes, Mrs. Ellen McReynolds, Mrs. Ruth Perkins, Mrs. Evelyn Read, Mrs. Bobby Cooksey, Winfred Reed, Miss Leatrice West, and Mr. Edwin Read, principal.

Other school employees include Earl Baze, tax assessor and collector; and Mrs. Ida Mae Graham, secretary/bookkeeper.

In the Cafeteria: Mrs. Earl Hughes, manager; Mrs. Jack Bagby, Mrs. Jeff Chancey, Mrs. Henry Martin, and Mrs. Harry Barnett. Assistants are Mrs. Pete Rutledge and Mrs. Leona Conkey. Bus Drivers are Charlie C. Gouge, mechanic; Irl Walker, G. T. Hubbard, Howard Beaird, Mrs. Mary Floyd, A. J. Walla, Leon Walker, Don Estes and Winfred Reed.

The cafeteria will serve meals for 30 cents to all students and will open Tuesday, September 4. Custodians are E. R. Clack; foreman; Herbert L. Thaxton, Henry Martin and Clarence M. Mosier.

Dedication of the new buildings will be held Sunday, September 2 at 3:00 p.m. and everyone is invited.

Former Merkel Oil Man Dies In Michigan

Ernest E. Cribly, former resident of Noodle area, died at his home in Dexter, Michigan last month.

Mr. Cribly was well known in and around Merkel and Trent. He was the Superintendent of the Phillips Oil Fields located in Jones County, known as the Noodle Dome Oilfield.

He made his home in the Noodle Dome Field near the first discovery well in Jones County.

Mr. Cribly was active in the oil business here some 15 years before moving to Denison, Texas and later to Dexter, Michigan.

He was born June 27, 1895 and has been in ill health for several years. Interment was in the Forest Lawn Cemetery, Dexter, Michigan.

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Broiler growers have earned a reputation among meat producers for getting efficient feed conversion, that is, turning feed into meat. Ben Wormeli, extension poultry husbandman, credits this development with making possible some of the rapid increase of recent years in broiler production and also for making broilers available to consumers at prices which are competitive and attractive when compared with other protein foods.

Research, he adds, has rapidly increased the knowledge of broiler nutrition and growers have been quick to put this information to work. Cited are the high energy ration and the many supplements used in broiler feeds in relation to energy content rather than as a percent of the total ration weight.

The specialist points out that the first function of feed is to maintain the body weight of the broiler. Results of research reported by Dr. G. S. Fraps of Texas A&M College in 1946 showed that about 58 per cent of the feed consumed by full fed growing chickens went for maintaining body weight and 42 percent for gain.

More recently, work done in Main showed that a test lot of broilers weighed an average of 1.79 pounds each at six weeks of age and 2.22 a week later. This is a gain of 430 pounds for 1,000 birds in a week. Feed consumption was 1,120 pounds based on Fraps reporting. 650 pounds of feed went for body maintenance and 470 for the weight gain. The 2.6 feed conversion was divided, 1.51 for maintenance and 1.09 for weight gain. Therefore, says Wormeli, conditions which will encourage the maximum consumption of feed should be provided for the broiler flock. It's the extra feed eaten which produces the extra gain in weight and makes the profit.

Many broiler growers follow the practice of feeding their birds three times each day primarily to arouse the interest of the birds and also by regulating the amount of feed put out are sure that some time during the day the troughs are nearly empty. This practice assures that only fresh feed is available and helps keep a fine edge on the bird's appetite.

CAFEEY REUNION HELD AT ABILENE PARK

The family of Mrs. R. Q. Caffey were again privileged to attend the fourth annual reunion held August 4th and 5th at Buffalo Gap State Park.

All of the six living children with the exception of two were present. Those unable to attend were Mrs. J. E. Garrett of Anson and Mrs. C. E. Mayfield Bradshaw. Those present were: Mrs. L. S. Story from Anson; Mrs. M. L. Payne from Trent; Mrs. J. M. Hellums from Merkel; L. E. Hopper from Trent; M. L. Payne from Trent; Mr. and Mrs. Sam Perrien from Anson; Mr. and Mrs. George Byron, Bobbie, Les, Jan and Joy; Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Payne, Glen, Elton, and Vickie; Mr. and Mrs. James H. Hellums, Thelma, Larry, Reva, James Matt; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Goldring; and Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Treeman, all of Trent.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Lee Payne from Ballinger; Mrs. Marvin Mayfield, Sandra and Marvin Jr. Snyder; Mr. and Mrs. Lester Hopper, Rosanna and Rickie, Sweetwater; Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Hellums, Terry and Joyce, Lockhart; Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Mayfield, Christine and Dave from Tuscola; Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Reese, Norma and Freddie; Mr. and Mrs. Ernest H. Mayfield and Douglas; Mr. and Mrs. Joe C. Mayfield and children. Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Talbot, Charles and Connie, all of Abilene.

Everyone enjoyed the get-together very much.

Wayne Tipton has returned to Merkel from attending a coaching school at Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Buster Horton, Jimmy and Mary Jane, accompanied by their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Horton spent the week in Ruidoso, New Mexico.

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ENGAGEMENT IS ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Thompson of Del City, Oklahoma announce the engagement of their daughter, Marjorie, to Robert George Frye, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Frye, formerly of Merkel. Robert Frye is stationed with the Army at Fort Ord, California and a former student of Oklahoma University.

Mr. and Mrs. Hob Robertson returned recently from a nine day trip. They visited their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Stevens and family of Wink; the John Rister's of Levelland; three of his sisters: Mr. and Mrs. Claude Patton; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Rainer; Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Lyles; and other

relatives, all of Floydada. The irrigated crops were fine and they brought back beans, peas, and corn to prove it.

Mrs. Patton came home with them to visit a sister, Mrs. Alta Infram and her two brothers, Houston and Austin Robertson.

On Thursday of last week Mr. and Mrs. Roy Barber and Jerry of Borger visited in the Hob Robertson home. They returned to Floydada on Friday.

Miss Sherry Hull has returned home after extended visits with relatives in Midland, Monahans, Sweetwater, Seminole, Moran, and was accompanied by her cousin, Miss Ann Sargent of Seminole, Texas.

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One big lot of Summer yard goods which must be closed out. You will find an assortment of colors, patterns, and various fabrics. FOR DOLLAR DAY ONLY

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39c per yard

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1/2 price

Here is something for the girls to start to school in. Every pair of girls' white slippers — both dress and sandal styles — to be closed out at ONLY

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(sizes up to big girls size 3)

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MEN'S

Dress Slacks

Whatever Men's Summer dress slacks we have left in stock must be closed out. You will find rayons, dacrons, and wools, and many blends. The sizes are broken. FOR DOLLAR DAY ONLY

1-3 off

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MEN'S

Sport Shirts

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Swim Trunks

Boys, there are several good swimming days ahead. Here's your chance to get a new swim suit at a bargain. If we can fit you they are ONLY

1/2 price

MEN'S MATCHED

KHAKIS

Everyone knows that for the very finest in matched khakis, get DICKIE'S. Made of 8.2 ounce Army Cloth fabric that is fully sanforized and well tailored, and available in either Suntan or Postman Grey. The shirts and pants are perfect matches. All sizes. FOR DOLLAR DAY ONLY

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MEN'S

Work Shirts

Men's full-cut, well tailored, 2 pocket grey chambray work shirts. Sizes 14 1/2 to 17. FOR DOLLAR DAY ONLY

\$1.10 each

MEN'S

Blue Jeans

Made of heavy 11-ounce, white-back, sanforized denim; and they fit snug just like you like 'em. All sizes. FOR DOLLAR DAY ONLY

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MEN'S OR BOY'S

Sport Socks

School time means more and better sport socks for the small boy and the big boy. These are "Tops". Made of durable knit, reinforced heels and toes, and attractive new Fall patterns. Sizes for the small 7 1/2 to the big boy 13. You will want several pairs at such a price. FOR DOLLAR DAY ONLY

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MEN'S

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MEN'S

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2 for \$1.00

Men's combed cotton, panel rib, nylon reinforced arms and neck. Sizes 34 to 46. FOR DOLLAR DAY ONLY

2 for \$1.00

UP THE CANYON

By TOM RUSSOM

The revival meeting closed at Pioneer Sunday morning. Some good preaching but no one added to the church. Visitors and preachers from Abilene, Sweetwater, and Trent attended the meeting.

The Taylor County sheep and goat raisers met at the Abilene State Park last Friday with a barbecue dinner and a program after noon.

There were talks on grading of wool and selecting rams for breeding flocks.

There were a good many cattle from the Canyon went to market last week. Some of the boys said it is a shame to sell good cows at the price they are bringing. What can we do about it?

It is time to take the lambs away from their mamas, and what must we do with them? Some of the boys say we are going to keep them for awhile. We know when we pull a bunch of lambs off from their mothers, they are like a bunch of calves, when they are to be weaned. They just bawl their heads off.

Some lamb buyers are coming and saying to the boys we can help you some. We will give you 15c per pound for the lambs, but that is not enough. We will try

to feed them a while before selling them. Some of the boys have received an offer of 35c to 38c per pound on their wool, but thumbs has been turned down on that price, which is too cheap.

The \$1.50 per 100 pounds we will get off on the drought feed will help a lot, if the feed don't go up after we get the break.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Scott and family enjoyed having several visitors recently including a brother, Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Scott, Abilene, a sister, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dwyer and three grandchildren from Burk Burnett and a sister-in-law, Mrs. Allie Scott and son, Tommy, from Goodrich, Arizona.

The Canyon was saddened by the death of one of the older mothers, Mrs. E. E. Seymour. She suffered a broken hip several months ago. The Seymores moved to Mulberry Canyon in 1924.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wilson, Don and Keith, left Sunday for a week's vacation in Mexico, Red River, New Mexico and Colorado. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Riggs Sheppard and family of Hondo, Texas. They were to return home the last of this week or the first part of next week.

Miss Linda Toliver of Trent was weekend guest of her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Toliver and son, Larry.

Jan Lemens and Andrew Fotopolis were married in the Baptist parsonage Friday. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hoyle Lemens and is a graduate of Merkel High School. The groom is from Denver and is employed in Abilene. A reception was held at the bride's home.

Miss Maxine Justice of Noodle and Bill Poplin will be married August 31 in the College Chapel at Abilene Christian College where they are both students. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ves Justice of Noodle and the groom-to-be is from California.

Betty Chancey and Session Hammond, both graduates of Merkel High School, will be married at the Merkel Church of Christ August 31. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Chancey and the groom-to-be is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Hammonds. Layton Plaster, former Church of Christ minister here, will officiate. A reception will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Eager.

Bertha Patterson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Patterson, and a ministerial student at the University of Denver will be married at the First Methodist Church of Merkel September 2.

Jane Williams and C. C. Estep, Jr., both of Trent, will be married at the Trent Baptist Church September 8.

A party was held in honor of Betty Chancey Thursday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Palmer.

CHURCHES

Merkel First Baptist Church
Sunday School.....9:45 a. m.
Morning Worship.....11:00 a. m.
Training Union.....6:30 p. m.
Evening Worship.....7:30 p. m.
Wednesday Prayer Service 7:30 p. m.
W. M. U. Mon. 9:30 a. m.

Bible Study.....9:45 a. m.

Merkel Church of Christ
Morning Service.....10:45 a. m.
Young People's Bible Class 6:30 p. m.
Evening Services.....7:30 p. m.

Merkel First Methodist Church
Sunday School.....9:50 a. m.
Morning Worship.....10:50 a. m.
M. Y. F. 6:30 p. m.
Evening Service.....7:30 p. m.

Hebron Baptist Church
Sunday School.....10:00 a. m.
Training Union.....7:00 p. m.
Evening Worship.....7:30 p. m.

Wednesday:
Evening Prayer Services
Campere Baptist Church

Sunday School.....10:00 a. m.
Morning Worship, 2nd and 4th
Sunday.....11 a. m.

Merkel Grace Presbyterian Church
Sunday School.....10:00 a. m.
Worship Service.....11 a. m.

Merkel Assembly of God
Sunday school.....10 a. m.
Morning Service.....11 a. m.
C. A.'s (Young People).....7 p. m.
Evening Worship.....7:30 p. m.
Tuesday W. M. C. 2 p. m.
Wed. Prayer Service.....7:30 p. m.

Merkel Calvary Baptist Church
Sunday School.....9:45 a. m.
Morning Service.....11:00 a. m.
Evening Bible Class.....6:30 p. m.
Evening Worship.....7:00 p. m.

Tye Methodist Church
Sunday:
Sunday School.....10 a. m.
M. Y. F. 7:00 p. m.
Prayer Meeting.....7:30 p. m.
Morning Service.....11:00 a. m.

Noodle Church of Christ
Sunday:
Bible Class.....10:00 a. m.
Morning Worship Service 11:00
Young People's Service 6:30
Evening Worship.....7:30 p. m.

Trent Methodist Church
Sunday School.....10:00 a. m.
Evening Worship.....7:30 p. m.
Morning Services.....11:00 a. m.
M. Y. F. Services.....6:30 p. m.

Wednesday:
Prayer Services.....7:30 p. m.
Trent First Baptist Church

Sunday:
Sunday School.....10:00 a. m.
Morning Worship.....11:00 a. m.
Training Union.....6:45 p. m.
Evening Services.....7:45 p. m.

Tuesday:
W. M. U. 2:15 p. m., Intermediate G. A.'s Jr. G. A.'s 3:45 p. m.
Prayer Services.....7:30 p. m.
"You are a stranger here but once."

Pioneer Memorial Chapel
Sunday School.....10:00 a. m.
Morning Service.....11:00 a. m.
Evening Services.....7:30 p. m.

Noodle Baptist Church
Sunday:
Sunday School.....10:00 a. m.
Morning Worship.....11:00 a. m.
Young People's Class 6:30 p. m.
Evening Services.....7:30 p. m.

Trent Church of Christ
Sunday:
Sunday.....11:00 o'clock
Bible Class.....10:00 a. m.
Morning Worship.....11:00 a. m.
Evening Services.....7:30 p. m.
Ladies Bible Class.....4:00 p. m.

Men's Downtown Bible Class
Sunday.....8:44 a. m.

New Live Oak Baptist Church

Sunday:
Sunday School.....10:00 a. m.
Morning Worship.....11 a. m.
Training Union.....6:45 p. m.
Evening Worship.....7:30 p. m.

Tye Baptist Church
Sunday:
Sunday School.....9:45 a. m.
Morning Worship.....11:00 a. m.
Training Union.....6:45 p. m.
Evening Services.....7:30 p. m.

Hospital Notes

The following have been admitted to Sadler Clinic Hospital:
Mrs. Doc. Vaughn, surgery, Merkel

Mrs. G. Hubby, Merkel
T. C. Satterwhite, Merkel
Mrs. H. H. Middlebrook, surgery

Mrs. W. R. Brown, Merkel
Gregory Wells, truck accident
Katie Campbell, surgery, Merkel

Mrs. Roy Isom
Mr. A. N. Riding, Abilene
Mrs. C. C. Gouge, Merkel
Wayne Burk, Abilene
Jim Odum, truck accident
Mrs. E. M. Evans
E. C. Gonzales, Tye
Mrs. J. D. Couch, Abilene
Mrs. Manfred Noster, girl
Claude Derrick, Merkel
Mrs. H. R. Poor, Tuscola
Mrs. Clovis McElmurry, Trent
Mrs. Joe Scott, Trent, son
Mrs. Lillie Fennell, Winters
Mrs. R. L. Carey, son
Riley Seymour, Merkel
Mrs. S. Y. Reese, Tuscola
Bryan Dunagin, Merkel
Mrs. Blanche Smith
Ossie Rister, Tye
Mrs. W. E. Whisenhunt, girl
Mrs. O. B. Wade

Mrs. Josie Shanks accompanied by Mrs. Edna Horton visited her three daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Elvie Clemer and family in Imperial, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Rogers and family of Midland, and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Klepper and family of Midland over the weekend.

Miss Pauline Jones from Ft. Worth visited in the O. Castle home over the weekend. Pauline is Mrs. Castle's sister.

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7.60 x 15	47.45	11.85	7.60 x 15	38.75	9.70
8.00 x 15	52.20	13.05	8.00 x 15	42.60	10.65
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6.70 x 15	\$44.20	\$11.65	6.70 x 15	\$36.10	\$9.40
7.10 x 15	48.50	12.10	7.10 x 15	39.60	9.90
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THE STATE OF TEXAS

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You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for four consecutive weeks, the first publication to be at least twenty-eight days before the return day thereof, in a newspaper printed in Taylor County, Texas, the accompanying citation, of which the herein below following is a true copy.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: E. S. Benson, defendant.

Greeting: YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 104th District Court of Taylor County at the Court-house thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 24th day of September A.D. 1956, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 8th day of June A.D. 1956, in this cause, numbered 7962-B on the docket of said court and styled ALICE C. BENSON, Plaintiff, vs. E. S. BENSON, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were married on or about Nov. 5, 1954 and became separated on or about April 30, 1956. No children were born of said marriage and plaintiff asks that her property be set aside as her personal property and estate. Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of cruel treatment and asks that her former name of Ballew be restored to her, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this 6th day of August A.D. 1956.

(SEAL) Attest: R. H. ROSS, Clerk, to arc, 104th District Court, Taylor and County, Texas.

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Proposed Constitutional Amendments to be voted on at an election to be held on November 6, 1956.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 21 proposing an amendment to Article I of the Constitution of the State of Texas by adding thereto another section, to be designated as Section 15-a, requiring medical or psychiatric testimony for commitment of persons of unsound mind, and authorizing the Legislature to provide for trial and commitment of such persons and for waiver of trial by jury where the person under inquiry has not been charged with commission of a criminal offense.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS: Section 1. That Article I of the Constitution of the State of Texas be and the same is hereby amended by adding another section thereto following Section 15, to be designated Section 15-a, to read as follows: "Section 15-a. No person shall be committed as a person of unsound mind except on competent medical or psychiatric testimony. The Legislature may enact all laws necessary to provide for the trial, adjudication of insanity and commitment of persons of unsound mind and to provide for a method of appeal from judgments rendered in such cases. Such laws may provide for a waiver of trial by jury, in cases where the person under inquiry has not been charged with the commission of a criminal offense, by the concurrence of the person under inquiry, or his next of kin, and an attorney appointed by a judge of either the County or Probate Court of the county where the trial is being held, and shall provide for a method of service of notice of such trial upon the person under inquiry and of his right to demand a trial by jury."

Sec. 2. The foregoing Constitutional Amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this State at an election to be held throughout the State on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1956, at which election all ballots shall have printed thereon: "FOR the Constitutional Amendment requiring medical testimony for commitment of persons of unsound mind, and authorizing the Legislature to provide for trial and commitment of such persons and for waiver of the right of trial by jury by a person alleged to be of unsound mind or his next of kin, and his attorney ad litem."

"AGAINST the Constitutional Amendment requiring medical testimony for commitment of persons of unsound mind, and authorizing the Legislature to provide for trial and commitment of such persons and for waiver of the right of trial by jury by a person alleged to be of unsound mind or his next of kin, and his attorney ad litem."

Each voter shall scratch out one of said clauses on the ballot, leaving the one expressing his vote on the proposed amendment. In counties or other subdivisions using voting machines the above provision for voting for and against this Constitutional Amendment shall be placed on said machines in such manner that each voter shall vote on the machine for or against the Constitutional Amendment.

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

NEWS

County Home Demonstration Agent Texas A. & M. College Extension Service

The Taylor County 4-H Dress Review, "Vacationing 4-Hers," Review, "Vacationing 4-Hers," was held Tuesday evening, July 31 in the Coca Cola auditorium. The theme, carried out in travel posters, well-used luggage and decorated ticket booth, was used in the description of each ensemble constructed by the 4-H Club members. Garments were made in clothing workshops held during the month of July at Wylie, Tuscola and Trent. Martha Gilliland, assistant Taylor County home demonstrator, conducted the workshop and was commentator for the show.

The junior division, a class of girls under 14, was won by Carolyn Miller, Lawn 4-H Club, who modeled a princess line, printed broadcloth dress. The large collar outlining the boat neckline was trimmed in pink lace. Pink shoes and earrings were coordinated to provide contrast with charcoal background of the printed fabric.

Blue ribbon winners in the junior division, other than Miss Miller were Kay McAdams, Lawn, modeling a printed multi-color satin weave duster; Sandra Sfole, Hamby, printed cotton broadcloth skirt modified with black blouse with tangerine buttons and rickrack on the pocket; Sue Bankston, Trent, blue, red and yellow plaid gingham dress; Carolyn Kay Ford, Lawn, nubby weave rayon and cotton jumper dress with printed rose on white flowers on a black background.

Red ribbon winners were Mickie Bond, Betty Lou McAninch, Juanell Durham, Carroll Wilder, Sue King, Zella Anderson, Molly Frank Bacon, Carolyn Hudson, Judy Beaver, Jan Young, Jo Ann Wilder, Sandra McDonald, Barbara Ann Hudson, Carolee Powell, Barbara McAninch, Sayla Ann Hicks and Barbara Powell.

White ribbon winners were Wanda Lewallen and Judy Barbee.

Winner of the senior division was Chera Gail Antilley, Elmdale, dressed for an afternoon tea in her ballerina pink butcher linen

printed dress with flowers of charcoal and lime. The dress, styled with scoop neckline and pleated skirt, was accessorized with black patent shoes and purse, black straw hat and pink gloves. Awarded a blue ribbon in the senior division was Wanda Wilder, Tuscola, wearing a white and black checked gingham dress with white collar and black bow. With it she wore a patent leather trim belt which matched her shoes and purse.

Flowers for the review were courtesy of Mary Ann's Flowers and travel posters from the Greyhound But Depot. Prizes were awarded from Thornton's Department Store and the Abilene Rotary Club.

Sue Hawthorn, Nolan County Home Demonstration Agent, and Mrs. James Barron were judges. Janice Evans played piano selections.

If you want to buy, sell or use the want ads in the Merkel Mail.

Drouth Makes Supplementary Feeding Necessary

24 Drouth The lack of moisture in many areas of the state has stopped the growth of pasture plants and brought about a need for supplementary feeding of dairy herds. Farm management specialists of the Texas A.M. College System point out as plants mature, their nutritive value declines, especially the percentage of protein.

As protein content of the roughage drops, the loss must be offset by increasing the protein in the concentrate ration if top milk production is to be maintained.

The specialists, C. H. Bates of the Texas Extension Service and A. C. Magee and B. H. Stone of

the Experiment Station, offer to dairymen five suggestions for beating the usual summer slump in milk output. Hay or silage is suggested as a supplement for pastures; boost the protein content of the concentrate mixture in accordance with the quality of the roughage the cows are receiving; graze the herd early or late in the day and provide plenty of shade as a protection against extreme heat; provide an adequate supply of clean water at all times and plan for early seeding of fall grazing crops will be planted clean and in condition to hold moisture and they suggest getting a soil test made now.

They also offer a tip on buying hay. The best buy, they say, is usually hay which was cut while the plants were young. Hay from such plants is higher in leafiness and protein content and is actually a better buy even at a higher price than is hay made from mature plants.

Local county agents, point out the specialists, can supply bul-

letins and advice on many of the summer time problems which confront agricultural producers. They suggest a visit with him.

Mr. and Mrs. John Armour of Plainview were guests of the mother, Mrs. Irene Pomroy over the weekend.

Early results from beef cattle performance demonstrations are a strong indication that rapid progress in beef cattle improvement can be made in both weaning weight and conformation grade of calves when such a program is put into operation.

Proposed Constitutional Amendments to be voted on at an election to be held on November 6, 1956

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5 proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas, amending Section 43a, Article III of the Constitution of the State of Texas, so as to authorize needed changes in and revision of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas; providing that this section shall not amend, alter, or repeal Section 43 of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Texas, as adopted November, 1954, or any enabling legislation passed pursuant thereto; providing for the necessary election, form of ballot, proclamation, and publication.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS: Section 1. That Section 43a of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended so as to read as follows: "Section 43a. In addition to the powers given the Legislature under Section 43, Article III, it shall have the right to levy taxes to establish a fund to provide retirement, disability and death benefits for persons employed in the public schools, colleges and universities supported wholly or partly by the State, authorizing the Legislature under Section 43, Article III, to provide that the sum of Five Hundred Four Dollars (\$504.00) for each year for any such employee shall be equal to the aggregate amount required by law to be paid into the fund by such employee, and shall not exceed at any time ten per centum (10%) of the compensation paid each such person by the State and/or school district, and shall in no case exceed the sum of Five Hundred Four Dollars (\$504.00) for any such person; and provided that no person shall be eligible for retirement who has not rendered ten years of creditable service in such employment, and in no case shall any person retire before either attaining the age fifty-five (55) or completing thirty (30) years of creditable service, but shall be entitled to refund of moneys paid into the fund."

"The Legislature may authorize all moneys coming into such fund to be invested in bonds or other evidences of indebtedness of the United States, or of this State, or any county, city, school district, or any municipal corporation or other political subdivision of this State, or in any other securities as are now or hereafter may be permitted by law as investments for the Permanent University Fund or for the Permanent School Fund of this State; provided a sufficient sum shall be set aside to meet payments as they become due each year under such retirement plan, as may be provided by law; and provided that the recipients of such retirement fund shall not be eligible for any other State pension or retirement fund or other State pension or retirement fund."

Sec. 2. The foregoing Constitutional Amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this State at an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1956, at which election all ballots shall have printed thereon the following:

"FOR the Constitutional Amendment authorizing the Commissioner of the State to levy whatever sums may be necessary for general fund, permanent improvement fund, road and bridge fund and jury fund purposes, so long as the total of these funds does not exceed a maximum tax rate of Eighty Cents (80c) on the One Hundred Dollars (\$100) valuation in any one (1) year and so long as the Court does not impair any outstanding bonds or other obligations."

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

"AGAINST the constitutional amendment empowering the Legislature to revise the existing Teacher Retirement System and to broaden the benefits to employees of public schools, colleges, and universities supported wholly or partly by the State, authorizing the State's contributions for such purposes shall equal contributions by such employees and providing that they do not exceed six per centum (6%) of the compensation paid each such employee by the State and/or school district or the sum of Five Hundred Four Dollars (\$504.00) for each year for any such employee, regulating the eligibility of such employees for retirement benefits and prescribing the manner of investing money accruing to the retirement fund."

Each voter shall mark out one of said clauses on the ballot leaving the one expressing his vote on the proposed amendment. If he expresses his vote for the amendment, he shall indicate on the ballot that he is in favor of said amendment, the same shall become a part of the State Constitution and shall be effective from the date of determination of such result and the Governor's proclamation thereof.

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

Proposed Constitutional Amendments to be voted on at an election to be held on November 6, 1956

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 23 proposing an amendment to Section 9 of Article VIII of the Constitution of the State of Texas so as to provide that the Commissioners Court in each county may levy whatever sums may be necessary for general fund, permanent improvement fund, road and bridge fund and jury fund purposes, so long as the total of these funds does not exceed a maximum tax rate of Eighty Cents (80c) on the One Hundred Dollars (\$100) valuation in any one (1) year, and providing further that the Commissioners Court shall not impair any outstanding bonds or other obligations; providing for the necessary election and form of ballot; and providing for the necessary proclamation and publication.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS: Section 1. That Section 9 of Article VIII of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended so as to hereafter read as follows:

"Section 9. The State tax on property, exclusive of the tax necessary to pay the public debt, and of the taxes provided for the benefit of the public free schools, shall be levied on the One Hundred Dollars (\$100) valuation, and no county, city or town shall levy a tax rate in excess of Eighty Cents (80c) on the One Hundred Dollars (\$100) valuation in any one (1) year for general fund, permanent improvement fund, road and bridge fund and jury fund purposes; provided further that at the time the Commissioners Court meets to levy the annual tax rate for each county it shall levy whatever tax rate may be needed for the four (4) constitutional purposes; namely, general fund, permanent improvement fund, road and bridge fund and jury fund, so long as the Court does not impair any outstanding bonds or other obligations, and so long as the total of the foregoing tax levies does not exceed Eighty Cents (80c) on the One Hundred Dollars (\$100) valuation in any one (1) year, and so long as the Court does not impair any outstanding bonds or other obligations."

Sec. 2. The Governor of the State of Texas shall issue the necessary proclamation for the election and shall have the same published in the manner and for the length of time as required by the Constitution and laws of this State.

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FLENOY PAYNE

A complaint was filed before the U. S. Commissioner of Clarksdale, Mississippi, on September 22, 1953, charging Payne with a violation of Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 1073, in that he fled from the State of Mississippi to avoid prosecution for the crime of murder.

Payne is described as follows: Age 47, born July 18, 1909, Scott, Mississippi; Height, 5' 11"; Weight, 139 to 140 pounds; Build, slender; Hair, black, kinky; Eyes, brown; Complexion, brown; Race, Negro; Nationality, American; Occupations, laborer, farmer; Scars and marks, cut scar on right temple, cut scar on chin, spot and cut scar on left forearm, vaccination scar on left arm, cut scar on lower right buttock, two spot scars on back of right hand, cut scar on back of head; Remarks, may be wearing mustache, has a loud voice.

Payne has been convicted previously for murder. He is reportedly armed with a pistol at all times and should be considered extremely dangerous.

Any person having information concerning the whereabouts of Flenoy Payne is requested to contact the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., or the Special Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation Office nearest his city.



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Fair Time Is Near At Dallas

By JAMES H. STEWART

President, International Association of Fairs and Expositions
Executive Vice President & General Manager, State Fair of Texas.

Fair-time in Texas is once again at hand.

Community leaders in all parts of the state are making plans for the dozens of fairs and festivals that will be staged in late summer and early fall.

Culminating the series of celebrations, of course, will be the State Fair of Texas at Dallas, Oct. 6-21, the nation's largest annual exposition in terms of attendance.

Fairs are one of the best indications of the progressiveness and civic spirit of a community. They are good for business and deserve to be supported by businessmen, farmers, merchants and all other residents.

Texas fairs, like most others, carry a heavy emphasis on livestock and agriculture. They all have one important factor in common — they are all working to improve Texas' agriculture and livestock industry and to improve living conditions generally by building up the state.

Fairs are for fun and entertainment too. A wide range of entertainment will be presented — ranging from the carnival side-shows to "Damn Yankees," the Broadway musical which will be offered at the State Fair.

Another important place on the programs of most Texas fairs is occupied by the traditional competition in the homemaking skills such as needle work and foods preparation.

Regardless of size, a good fair is of great value to any city or town, serving as a stimulus to trade and a unifying medium, providing wholesome recreation and serving to inspire pride in the achievements of the individual, the group and the region.

Drouth Makes Supplementary Feed Necessary

SAN ANTONIO, Texas — Mesquite — long a foe of Texas ranchers — may soon aid drouth-stricken cattlemen feed livestock when ranges are poor, if agricultural experiments conducted by scientists at Southwest Foundation for Research and Education prove successful.

Dr. C. L. Shrewsbury, associate director of Southwest Foundation, said the San Antonio medical and agricultural research center has been carrying out tests using mesquite in livestock feed since the first of the year.

The feed formula tested includes mesquite, molasses and cotton seed meal. Grain will be added to the formula for the next feed tests. Ground mesquite averages 1400 pounds to a ton of feed for herd feed and 1000 pounds to a ton for calf fattening.

"We tried feeding the mesquite without any grain in the ration," Dr. Shrewsbury said. "This does not work well. However, we feel that if grain and mesquite are combined in the ration, the formula may have value. We expect to test this in the near future."

C. E. Doolin of Rio Vista Farms near Big Wells, Tex. has pioneered the use of mesquite in livestock City is planning a feed business feeds. J. B. Thompson of Crystal based on mesquite and has contracted for the mesquite harvesting on Doolin's ranch.

Doolin has fed 1200 calves on the mesquite feed during the past three years and reports that they have gained an average of two and a half to three pounds daily.

IT HAPPENED JUST TEN YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

August 15 is just like any other day in the hot summer months. To thousands throughout the world it's a very special day. It marks the occasion for the end of World War II. But still another small group it's a very special day.

To this small group, August is the most wonderful month of their lives and no matter what happens in their lifetimes, it will be remembered as the happiest.

It was in Mukden, Manchouri. The sun was hot and the air sultry. A prison camp in the southwest part of town was the center of activity. It's inmates, Americans who had just about forgotten what it was like to be called American. They were prisoners of war, captured at the fall of Baatan in the Philippine Islands three and a half years before.

The skys were clear and air activity had quieted down. Mukden was the heart of the aircraft industry for the Japanese. They trained pilots, both Manchouria and Japanese, and the air was constantly filled with planes. But on this special day, they were not flying.

About 2:30 in the afternoon one lone plane was flying at about 15,000 feet. It was unnoticed except for a very few. They thought it was a friendly plane on a routine mission. The plane dropped four parachutists and continued on its course, still unnoticed.

These parachutists had a grave mission. This mission, if successful would bring happiness to some two thousand prisoners but if it failed, it would cost them their lives, which it almost did.

They landed in a cabbage patch about two miles from the main camp in Mukden. The Chinese farmers came out to investigate and upon seeing that they were Americans, they became excited and thought they had escaped from the prisoner of war camp.

One of the parachutists was an American born Chinese and could speak the dialect fluently but failed to make the native farmers understand. They notified the Jap police and the Military police in Mukden.

Jap soldiers approached and threatened to execute them on the spot. Another of the parachutists was an American born Japanese and could speak "Nippongo" fluently. He told the Japs that the war was over and they were to take over the prisoner of war camp in Mukden. Of course the Japs didn't believe them but turned them over to camp officials.

After some four hours of talks and verification, the four finally

convinced the Japs that it was true.

In camp, rumors came fast and furious but no one would dare guess that this was the end of the war. They were more willing to accept that it meant the "end of the road" for all prisoners.

The men inside the compound were notified to assemble on the parade ground at once. This was it, they thought, and sort of held their breath.

The parade ground was a busy place for a few minutes. Thoughts were turned back at many other so-called assemblies and how their buddies had been beaten for some minor offense. How some had tried to escape and the prisoners were called together to witness the order of their execution. Thoughts were cluttered up with many disheartened moments from the infamous "death march"

Wallace Family To Move Soon

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Wallace, resident of Merkel for 23 years, has accepted a position with an Abilene automobile agency and will move his family there as soon as personal property can be disposed of here.

Mr. Wallace was formerly with the Ford agency here for 11 years. He has one school age daughter, Kay, and a son, Colonel, now a pre-med student at the University of Texas.

He is a member of the Baptist Church, the volunteer Fire Department and secretary of Woodman of the World Lodge.

Mr. Wallace expressed his deep regret in leaving Merkel but looked forward to his new association in Abilene. He extended a cordial invitation for friends in this area to call on him at his new location.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wilson, Don and Keith, left Sunday for Red River New Mexico for a vacation.

to the present and it was all bad.

Then the Jap commanders of the camp appeared on the parade ground accompanied by four Americans in American uniform. A big cheer went up from the crowd!

The Jap officer, who could speak English, stepped up and said, "Men, I think some of your friends heave some very important news for you!" Then the American officer, a colonel from G-2, stepped up and spoke the words that will never be forgotten by these prisoners. "Gentlemen, Japan has surrendered! The war is over and you are all going home!"

Cheers of excitement went up as their dream for 1,229 days had finally become a reality! That was just ten years ago this month, August, 1945! This writer was one of those prisoners.

If you want to buy, sell or use the want ads in the Merkel Mail.

Proposed Constitutional Amendments to be voted on at an election to be held on November 6, 1956.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 33 proposing an amendment to Article III of the Constitution of the State of Texas by adding thereto a new Section to be known as Section 51-c, providing that the Legislature may grant aid and compensation to persons who have been fined or imprisoned under the laws of this State for offenses of which they are not guilty.

SECTION 51-c. The Legislature may grant aid and compensation to any person who has heretofore paid a fine or served a sentence in prison, or who may hereafter pay a fine or serve a sentence in prison, under the laws of this State for an offense for which he or she is not guilty, under such regulations and limitations as the Legislature may deem expedient.

Sec. 2. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this State at an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1956, at which election all of the ballots shall have printed thereon the following: "FOR the Constitutional Amendment granting power to the Legislature to grant aid and compensation to persons who have paid fines or have served prison sentences under the laws of this State for offenses of which they were not guilty," and "AGAINST the Constitutional Amendment granting power to the Legislature to grant aid and compensation to persons who have paid fines or have served prison sentences under the laws of this State for offenses of which they were not guilty."

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

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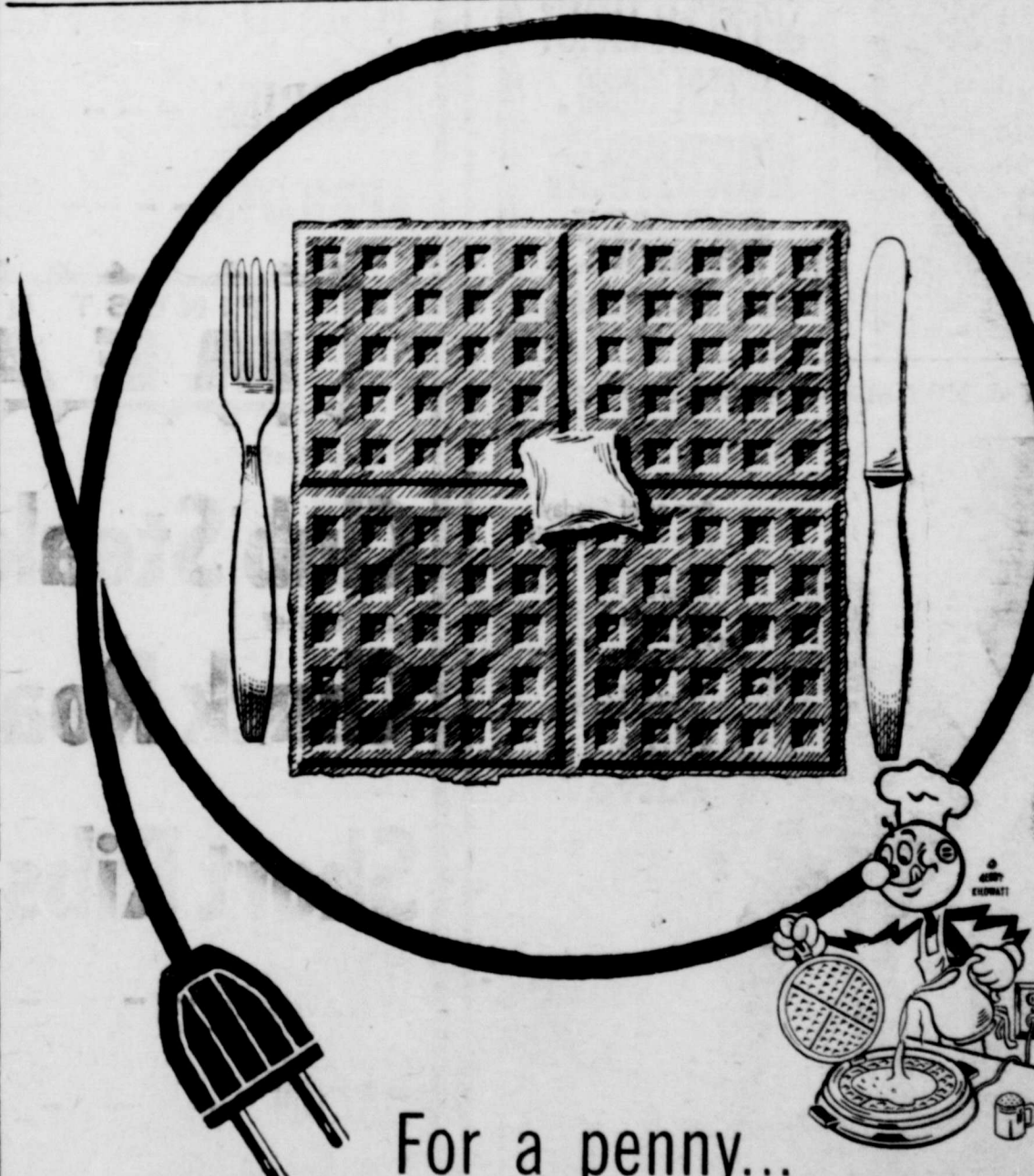
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Stock Holders Meet To Elect Officers

A meeting of Stock Holders of the new swimming pool met Tuesday night at 7:30 to elect directors and officers for the coming year. The meeting was held in the REA Building and the following directors were appointed: Stanley King, David Gamble, Howard Carson, Lester Dorton, and Dr. D. W. Warren.

Officers elected were: Dr. Warren, president, David Gamble, vice president and Lester Dorton, secretary-treasurer.

Adiscussion on the management of the swimming pool was held and it was decided to hire a pool manager for the remainder of this year on salary basis.

Anyone desiring this position are requested to contact Dr. Warren.

Ann McLean With Palmer Motors

Mrs. Ann McLean has been employed as secretary for the Palmer Motor Co., according to announcement made this week.

Mrs. McLean lives at Trent where her husband is Coach for the Trent High School. She was formerly connected with another auto agency here.

Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Castle and Sue from Ft. Worth visited in the J. O. Castle home over the weekend.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Outlaw of Dublin are visiting relatives.

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1 lb. ground lean beef
1/2 cup finely cut onion
1/2 cup Instant Pet (in dry form)
1 1/4 teaspoons salt
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1/8 teaspoon pepper

1 Tablespoon fat
1-lb. can baked beans (2 cups)
1/4 cup catsup
2 Tablespoons brown sugar
1/4 teaspoon dry mustard

Mix well the beef, 1/4 cup onion, Instant Pet, salt, chili powder and pepper. Then with wet hands shape into 12 balls. Brown meat balls slowly on all sides in a skillet with the fat and 1/2 cup onion. Spoon off any fat around meat balls. Add a mixture of beans, catsup, brown sugar and mustard. Cover and cook over low heat for 10 minutes. Makes 4 servings.

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GARDEN FRESH VEGETABLES

Sunkist
ORANGES - dozen 49c

Crisp
LETTUCE - - - lb. 10c

Sunkist
LEMONS - - - dozen 39c

Pecos
CANTALOUPE - - - lb. 10c

California
PEACHES - - - lb. 15c

Fresh
CARROTS - - - lb. 10c

White
GRAPES - - - lb. 15c

Long White
SPUDS - - - lb. 8c

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