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On the "Broadway of America"

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PERSONAL NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Egger and daughter, Pamela Sue, Galveston, are spending their three weeks vacation visiting in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Farmer of Lawn and Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Egger of Nolan and their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Farmer, Sr., and other relatives of Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe E. Lassiter of Austin are here for a vacation visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lassiter.

Mr. and Mrs. R. I. Jackson, who were accompanied by his cousin, Vardaman Mounce, of Charleston, Miss., returned the first of the week from a visit with their two daughters at Eldorado, Okla., where they saw the terrible results of the recent tornado in that area.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Bradshaw and son, Dannie, of Cisco, were passing guests Sunday in the home of her aunt, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Elliott. They were returning from Big Spring, where their son had been visiting in the W. J. Sheppard home. Mrs. Bradshaw will be remembered as the former Dorna Lee Shelton.

Tommy Largent, who attends San Marcos Academy at San Marcos, is spending the first part of his summer holiday with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Largent, who will leave the first of July to take him to Elizabethtown, N. C., for a vacation visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Largent.

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Lackey of Lorenzo and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Pollard of Lubbock were week-end guests of their father, T. O. Lackey. Miss Betty Gilbert is visiting this week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. I. F. Gilbert, in Big Spring.

Mr. and Mrs. John S. Hughes returned the first part of the week from Grand Prairie, where they had visited with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Barriek, who are parents of a baby daughter, Lynda Lu. Mr. and Mrs. Hughes also have a new grandson, Stephen Hughes, born to Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Elliott, of Portland, Ore., on May 13.

Mrs. W. A. McCandless has returned from a visit with her son, Harry McCandless and family, in Plainview, where she was present for the graduation of her granddaughter, Barbara McCandless.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Horton and daughters, Yvonne and Tommie Sue, spent the week-end in Munday with Mr. and Mrs. Dee Perry.

Mrs. Lige Harris and Mrs. Ollie Skidmore left Wednesday for Amarillo to attend the graduation from high school of their granddaughter, Joan Harris.

Dinner guests in the J. A. Bertam home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bertam and three children of Hobbs, N. M., Mrs. G. B. Vaught and four children of Colorado City, Mr. and Mrs. Dee Adcock, W. F. Bertam of Lamesa and Mrs. Jim Gibson of Abilene.

Ross Ferrier, Jr., of Fort Worth, who visited from Friday to Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Ferrier, was accompanied on his return home by his father-in-law, J. W. Bryan.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Thornton had as their guest Sunday, Mrs. Thornton's cousin, Irwin Westmoreland, of Anson.

WITH OUR BOYS

Pvt. J. D. Fox wrote his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Fox, Sunday night that he was being transferred from Tucson, Ariz., to Fort Sam Houston.

Wiley Perkins and G. M. Reeves, Jr., after serving one year in the Navy, have re-enlisted for four years. They are now stationed in San Diego, Calif.

Record of Births.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Buster Thompson, Saturday, May 24, 1947.
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. H. A. V. Rogers, Sunday, May 25, 1947.
Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Coy Baccus, Monday, May 26, 1947.

CRISWELL GIVEN JAIL SENTENCE AND \$750 FINE

Noodle Farmer Convicted of Aggravated Assault in Trial On Indictment for the Murder Of A. C. Sosebee.

A 42nd district court jury in the trial of A. F. Criswell, 50-year-old noodle farmer, on an indictment for the murder of A. C. Sosebee, Jones county commissioner, who died at Sadler Clinic Jan. 21, one week after an altercation Jan. 14, brought in a verdict at 3:45 p. m. Wednesday giving Criswell six months in jail and a \$750 fine on a conviction of aggravated assault.

Bond which Criswell made before the trial will hold good for the two days that he has in which to file motion for appeal.

The jury deliberated two hours and 35 minutes after they were given the case shortly after 1 p. m. Judge J. R. Black had charged the jury that a conviction could be made in the case for: murder with malice aforethought (as indicted), murder without malice, aggravated assault or assault.

Dallas Scarborough, Abilene, was defense attorney, while District Attorney Thomas E. Hayden, County Attorney Theo Ash and A. J. Smith, Anson lawyer, prosecuted the case.

Family Get Together in A. F. Derington Home

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Derington in South Merkel, a family get-together was held last Sunday. At noon a bountiful lunch was served with a three-tiered decorated cake in the center of the table. Visiting and kodaking were enjoyed in the afternoon.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Alston and daughter, Beatrice, Mr. and Mrs. Arvil Alston, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Derington and children, Larry and Wanda, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Boewell and children, Annie Laurie and Billy Mack, Misses Gendva and Ona Fae Derington, all of Abilene; Mrs. T. O. Warnell and daughter, Sue, Mrs. L. E. Warnell, Mary Sue and Jerry, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Bail, all of Hamlin; Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Wallace, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Hoover and son, Tommy, of Midland; Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bayless and son, R. V., Mr. and Mrs. Lee Bayless and daughter, Mary Jo, Mrs. N. F. Roberts, Mrs. Homer Fall and son, Eulan Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. I. F. Westmoreland, all of Anson; Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Derington and daughter, Betty Jean, of Munday; Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Derington, W. P. Derington, Sr., Mrs. Ettie Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lawson and daughter, Kay, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McCandless, Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Derington and two daughters, Iwana and Billie Lynn, and Idell Suber, all of Merkel.

W. O. Higgins Elected Farm Bureau Head

W. O. Higgins of Merkel was elected president of the Taylor County Farm Bureau federation at a meeting held in Abilene of the new directors selected by ballot.

Sam Deane, Abilene dairy-farmer, was named vice-president; Fred Allyn, Tuscola stock farmer, was named second vice-president, and B. J. Gist, of Hamby, secretary-treasurer. Higgins is chairman of the Taylor county agricultural conservation association.

It was stressed at the meeting of the directors that the Farm Bureau stands for betterment of anything of importance to agriculture.

Directors named for this year from Precinct No. 2 are Fred Perry, Joe Seymore and W. O. Higgins.

Half Inch Added to Month's Rainfall

Preceded by storm clouds and electrical disturbances, rainfall in this section on Thursday night of last week gauged a half inch, according to report of Volunteer Weather Observer J. I. Ford, to bring the May total to 4 1-2 inches and the year's figure to 6 1-2 inches.

Away at Conference.

Rev. L. M. Brown, pastor of the Methodist church, and two laymen, W. C. Church and E. O. Carson, are attending the annual session of the Northwest Texas conference being held this week in Amarillo.

EIGHTH GRADE PUPILS PICNIC AT STATE PARK

On Wednesday, May 21, the room mothers of the eighth grade were hostesses to the Grade School seniors for a picnic at Aoilene State park. Some went swimming and horseback riding, while others enjoyed the scenery of the park.

At noon a picnic lunch of hot dogs, mustard and pickles, red beans, potato chips, three kinds of potato salad, candy, cold drinks and cookies was spread.

The parents to whom the class is indebted for the memorable picnic were Mesdames Sam Swann, L. S. Tipton, Earl Hughes, Ellis Harris, E. H. Hendricks, J. B. Wade, Sr., and Norman Hodge and Mr. E. G. Williams. Class sponsors are Mrs. Ellen McReynolds and Mrs. Evelyn Sliger.

Graduation Set for Trent Seniors Friday

Trent, May 23.—Betty Purser is valedictorian and Frances Perkins, salutatorian, of the senior class of Trent high school, who are to receive diplomas in graduating exercises set for Friday night.

Hon. J. Bryan Bradbury, Abilene attorney, will deliver the address to the graduates. Supt. Ben W. Newhouse will present the class, which includes, besides the two high honor students, Andy Merle Beasley, Clinton Little, Edwin Earl Winn, Faye Frazier, Jewel Holt and Betty Ann Oliver. Diplomas are to be awarded by Karl Bonneaux, president of the school board, and Miss Sarah M. Payne, principal, will present the awards.

Last Sunday evening Rev. R. L. Higdon, Baptist pastor, preached the sermon to the graduates.

Surprise Planned on Mother's Birthday

The children of Mrs. W. E. Shouse of Trent planned a surprise party for her on Friday, May 23, which was her 86th birthday, and all of the children were present except one daughter, Mrs. George Goodrich, of Montgomery, Ala.

For the occasion, there was a beautifully decorated birthday cake, topped with pink candles, which were blown out by the elderly honoree.

Present were Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Shouse, Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Shouse and daughter, Ina Ruth, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Shouse and son, Robert, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. McWilliams and Mr. and Mrs. C. T. McCormick.

Will Attend Son's Graduation at Tech

Mrs. C. T. McCormick plans to go to Lubbock this week-end for the graduation of her son, Charlie T. McCormick, from Texas Technological college in the 21st annual commencement exercises of that college to be held on June 2.

He is a candidate to receive the bachelor of science degree, having majored in agricultural education. He re-entered Texas Tech to resume his junior work upon his discharge from the Army after 4 1-2 years in service, with one year overseas in heavy artillery. He held the rank of first lieutenant at the time of his separation from the service.

Additional List Of Cemetery Donors

Among out-of-town residents who have sent contributions to the 1947 cemetery upkeep fund, Chairman T. L. Grimes reports: Mrs. Walter Leach, \$5.00; S. O. Owens, \$3.00; Owen Ellis, \$2.00, all of Abilene; P. R. Buford, Dallas, \$5.00; M. N. Hale, Lubbock, \$5.00; J. C. White, Sacramento, Calif., \$5.00; Max Swafford, San Antonio, \$5.00; J. L. Grimes, \$5.00; Mrs. Minnie Walker, Hawley, \$3.50; Mrs. A. W. Hampton, Truby, \$3.50; G. W. Williams, Shallowater, Texas, \$10.00; Mrs. Homer Linger, \$2.00; Fred A. Pribble, Dallas, \$10.00.

Local contributions, not previously reported, include: W. F. Golladay 5.00, A. C. Brown 1.00, Charlie Mastey 1.00, G. M. Sharp Estate 10.00, Mrs. C. P. Stevens 1.00, Mrs. S. J. Dalton 5.00, Mrs. M. F. Hand 2.50, Mrs. H. C. Reid 2.00.

BADGERS MEET GORILLAS AT TRENT FRIDAY

Home Boys Have Won One and Lost One So Far in League Competition; Suffer First Setback at Hands of Pied Pipers.

The Merkel Badger baseball nine will take on their old rivals, the Trent Gorillas, at Trent Friday afternoon in their third conference game of the season.

The locals have won one game and lost one so far in league competition. Benson's boys succumbed to a ten run eighth inning rally at Hamlin last Friday afternoon to suffer their first setback of the season. It was a good ball game until the 8th, the Purple and Gold leading 5-2, when the locals starting booting and throwing the horsehide all over the lot. The Pied Pipers chased across seven runs after two outs had been made. The final count was 12-5.

Leon Floyd hurled an exceptionally good game, giving up only five hits. Robert Hodge and Leroy Teaff led the hitting parade, each getting two for four.

Former Merkel Boy Killed When His Plane Collides with Another

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Coats, Mr. and Mrs. Lendon Coats, Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Coats and Mrs. L. W. Cox returned Wednesday from Del Rio, where they had gone to attend the funeral of a nephew and cousin, Joseph A. Daniels, 39, son of Mrs. M. D. Daniels, a former Merkel boy, which was held Tuesday.

He was killed instantly Saturday night at the Casa Grande airport in Old Mexico when the plane he was piloting and another collided about 350 to 400 feet above the landing strip.

Surviving are his wife, his mother, three brothers and three sisters. L. T. Toombs, of Junction, a former Merkel boy and close friend of the deceased flier, also attended the funeral.

Jaycees Play First Home Game Sunday

First home game for the Jaycees, Merkel's entry in the Cotton Belt league, will be played Sunday against Sweetwater on the Jaycee diamond east of town. The game will start at 3 p. m. and a large crowd is expected. On the following Sunday they will play Anson here.

The Merkel boys lost a ten-inning engagement at Roscoe last Sunday, score 7-6.

Condition of J. J. White Satisfactory

The condition of J. J. White, highly esteemed pioneer resident, is reported satisfactory and he was able to be brought home Tuesday from Hendrick Memorial hospital after having had amputation of his right leg Friday of last week.

He had undergone major surgery on Apr. 2 and re-entered the hospital for two weeks treatment prior to the amputation.

Appointed Assistant Bank Examiner

Having accepted the position of assistant national bank examiner, Don Warren reported for duty on Thursday of last week at Dallas.

Since receiving his bachelor of science degree, agricultural administration, from A. and M. college, early this year, he has been instructor of the agricultural class at Butman under the veterans' vocational training program.

Starts Training with M-W Organization

Norman King, who resigned last week as manager of Farm and Home Supply, with which concern he had been connected since it opened for business last summer, has gone into training for a position as assistant manager in the Montgomery-Ward organization. For the present, he will continue to make his home here and drive to and from his work in Abilene.

Duford Hinds of Abilene is temporarily in charge of the Merkel store until a new manager is named.

BIDS ASKED FOR SALE OF TOOLS FOR VETS' USE

Bids are being asked on the sale of several thousand dollars worth of hand tools to be used by pupils in agriculture classes of the Taylor county vocational school for World War II Veterans, A. A. McKimney, instructor of the veterans class at Trent, stated in conversation with a representative of The Mail.

A tabulated list of the sets of tools, mostly small hand tools, to be bought, may be obtained from Dewey Davis, head of the agriculture and animal husbandry department of Abilene Christian college, who is coordinator of the veterans' vocational training program. Any firm not contacted is eligible to enter a bid, McKimney said.

Agriculture is being taught in classes meeting at Merkel, Trent, Butman, Lawn, Tuscola, Wylie, Butterfield and Hamby.

Former Constable at Trent Passes Away

Trent, May 29.—A. C. Wash, 61, former Trent constable and Taylor county deputy sheriff, died at his home here at 4 a. m. Friday, May 23. In failing health three years, he had been seriously ill for a week.

Funeral services were held at the Trent Church of Christ at 3 p. m. Saturday, with Minister Tommy Bonner officiating. Burial was in the Trent cemetery, under direction of the Barrow-Sheppard Funeral home of Merkel.

Pallbearers were John Hamner, John Terry, Pat Duncan, Bobby Dudley, Hank Brown and Alton Martin. Mr. Wash was born Jan. 18, 1886, in Glen Rose. He was married to Bessie Bell McClure at Hylton on Feb. 21, 1904, and had lived at Trent the past 20 years, having been engaged in farming prior to serving as a peace officer.

Surviving are his wife, two sons, Joe D., of Victoria, and H. D. Wash, of Odessa; two daughters, Mrs. Blanche Storey and Miss Dollie Wash, of Dallas; nine grandchildren, one great-grandchild; one brother, George Wash, of Hylton, and two sisters, Mrs. Roy Campbell of Sweetwater and Mrs. Rosa Wash, of Turlock, Calif.

Large Numbers Here "Appreciation Day"

Representing Adcock Cleaners, Badger Chevrolet and Farm and Home Supply, respectively, Waymon Adcock, Calvin Peterson and J. Parker Sharp were in charge of the "Appreciation Day" program: Wednesday, which again attracted a large crowd of friends and patrons of the group of Merkel merchants who sponsor this weekly affair.

"Appreciation Day" is scheduled each Wednesday, with the feature event coming at 4 p. m.

Palmer, W. O. Boney Win Scotch Foursome

Defeating Lester Dorton and Cleby Patterson, 2 up, Nolan Palmer and W. O. Boney were winners of the Scotch foursome of the Merkel Golf club. The final match was played Thursday of last week.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From Files of The Merkel Mail, June 3, 1927.)

Miss Annie Smith, who for several years has been a teacher in the high school department of the Electra schools, is here to spend the summer vacation with her father, Mr. F. J. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Diltz are now happily domiciled in their new handsome bungalow home which has just been completed on the site of their former home which burned some months ago.

This is one of the most beautiful and modern homes in the city and besides the comfort it brings the owners adds much to the beauty and civic pride of the city.

FAMILY HAS NARROW ESCAPE WHEN FARM HOME BURNS.

Mr. Clyde Shouse and family had a narrow escape from being burned to death when fire of unknown origin destroyed their home and household effects Monday night. Mr. Shouse states that they have no idea as to

GRADUATION DAY ARRIVES FOR CLASS OF 1947

Pastor of University Baptist Church, Abilene, to Address Seniors; Exercises to Be Held Friday at 8 P. M.

There are 46 candidates for graduation in the Senior class of Merkel High school to receive diplomas in commencement exercises at the school gym Friday night beginning at 8 o'clock.

Dr. W. E. King, pastor of the University Baptist church, Abilene, will make the address to the graduates. Scholarships will be presented by Principal Edwin E. Read and Supt. R. A. McCollum will award the diplomas.

Last Sunday evening, Rev. L. M. Brown, pastor of the Methodist church, delivered the commencement sermon. Invocation was given by Minister Orvil Filbeck of the Church of Christ, and the benediction was said by Rev. E. M. Weathers, pastor of the First Baptist church. Music was furnished by the Girls' Choral club.

On Thursday evening of this week, the eighth grade class of the Grammar school was to present "The Song of America," as their graduation program.

Three Area Students Listed to Receive Degrees at H-SU

When 104 students receive diplomas in graduation exercises Monday night, June 2, at Hardin-Simmons university, it will be the second largest in size in the history of the school, six less than the record of 110 in 1929.

Among the graduates will be Betty Wallace, daughter of E. B. Wallace of Merkel, who will receive a bachelor of science degree, having majored in music.

Two students from Trent, Richard C. Jackson and Kathleen Bryan will receive degrees. The former, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Jackson of Trent, will receive his bachelor of science degree. He was a major in business administration and a minor in economics.

Miss Bryan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Bryan, will receive a bachelor of arts degree with a major in chemistry and minors in math and home economics. A transfer student from Abilene Christian college, she has been active in the following student activities: Alpha Chi, Scholastic society, University Players, Science club and Texas Academy of Sciences.

No Clue in Theft From School House

The sheriff's department is still without any clue to the theft of the \$71.02 in cash and around \$460 in checks from the office of Supt. R. A. McCollum in the High School building on Tuesday night of last week.

The stolen funds, owned by the school, were in a sack, locked in a steel cabinet. Keys which had been lost by a faculty member were later found on the school grounds but the key to the office door was missing.

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FOR SALE—Two-story brick building, 40x80, now occupied by Sadler Clinic; possession in near future. W. T. Sadler, M. D.

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FOR SALE—Good used tires, 600x16 and 650x16. Magnolia Service Station.

FOR SALE—Cap rock seed maize, \$3.50 per 100; bring your sacks. C. N. Hatfield, Route 2, Merkel.

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Furnished apartment on Oak street. Inquire at the Merkel office.

FOR RENT—Two-room apartment, or nice cool bedrooms; two men preferred. Mrs. A. H. Thornton. Phone 76.

FLOOR WAXING machines for rent. Collins Variety Store.

LOST AND FOUND

LOST—\$25.00 reward for red-coarse-haired wolf hound, or for sufficient information, dead or alive, as to his whereabouts. Dr. Council, Abilene, Texas. Ph. 3602.

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WANTED—Some good used batteries for rent; will give nice trade-in allowance for a limited number on new batteries. Seymore's Texaco Station, Merkel.

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Hospital Notes

Charles Simpson underwent an appendectomy Wednesday at Sadler Clinic. Patients received during the week for treatment were: Jan Case, May 22; the Alex Carter child, May 23; R. B. Bland, May 27. Gerald McCoy and the R. L. Comer child received tonsillectomies.

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In The

Churches

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

Attendance at the seven reporting Sunday Schools last Sunday was 806 as compared with 756 on the previous Sunday and 796 on the same Sunday a year ago.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Morning sermon at 11. Training Union at 7:00 p. m. Evening sermon at 8:00. Prayer meeting at 8:00 Wednesday evening.

Merle Weathers, Pastor.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD.

Sunday School at 3 p. m. Preaching services at 4 p. m. and 8 p. m. Services every Thursday night.

H. S. Earp, Pastor.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Morning sermon at 11. Children meet at 7 p. m. No evening service. Mid-week prayer meeting at 8 p. m. Wednesday.

D. S. Neel, Pastor.

METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 8:00 p. m. MYF and juniors meet at 7:00 p. m.

L. M. Brown, Pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday: Bible School at 9:45 a. m.; preaching 10:50 a. m. and 8:00 p. m.

Young Folks class at 7:00 p. m. Wednesday prayer meeting at 8:00 p. m.

Reporter.

NAZARENE CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00 a. m. Preaching at 11. NYPS at 6:30 p. m. Preaching at 7. Prayer meeting at 7 p. m. Wednesday.

Mrs. J. D. Roedler, Pastor.

FUNDAMENTALIST BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Mid-week prayer meeting at 7:30 Wednesday evening.

A. T. Suskey, Pastor.

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Today, our statesmen and our people are striving mightily for a peaceful world. If we can have our way, armed men will never again meet in battle.

Nevertheless, we do feel proud of the quality of the men and women whom we can call upon for defense if all else fails.

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MARQUISSETTES, set

39c Print Dish Towels 25c
Each

Men's White Tee Shirts 79c
Small, Medium, Large—each

\$1.98 Ladies' Handbags 98c
WHITE each

69c Sport Yarn 35c
Assorted Colors, 2 oz. ball

Vitrified China 49c
\$1.59 SALT and PEPPER

\$1.29 Juice Set, 6-pc. 59c
Reg. \$1.29 Value

Nylon Hose \$1.50
First Quality pair

98c Handle Mirror 49c
Magnifying and Plain

Men's Shorts 69c
98c Values

Vegetable Slicer 25c
Regular 49c Seller

Electric Broiler \$1.59
Sale Price, each

House Dresses \$1.69
PRINT—Sizes 14-44

White Baby Dresses 98c
\$1.98—Good Quality

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\$1.00 Billfolds 39c
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Extra Sz. Panties \$1.29
Regular \$1.59 Value

Meat Tenderizer 79c
Regular \$1.29 Value

Double Boiler 89c
Regular \$1.29 Value

25c Sauce Pan 10c
Sale Price

Aluminum Skillet \$1.59
Bargain Sale Price

\$1.59 Print Dresses 89c
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Smaller sizes 39c

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Stamped Pillow Cases 79c
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Creamer 25c
79c Vitrified China

10c Relish Dishes 5c
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39c Misses' Anklets 25c
Pastels—pair

10c Bobby Pins 5c
Sale Price—Card

10c Combs 5c
"Sale For You"—each

69c Brassieres 39c
Sizes 34-36-38

Aluminum Cake Cover \$1.79
Regular \$2.29 Value

Aluminum Bun Warmer 98c
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3-pc. Canister Set 39c
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Star DDT Insect Spray 15c
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TO: W. H. Hyder, Greeting:

You are commanded to appear and answer the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday the 23rd day of June, A. D. 1947, at or before 10 o'clock A. M., before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County, at the Court House in Abilene, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 7th day of May, 1947. The file number of said suit being No. 15,300-A.

The names of the parties in said suit are: Mrs. Lela Dean Hyder as Plaintiff, and W. H. Hyder as Defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were married on or about the 1st day of January, 1940, and lived together until on or about the 20th day of January, 1940. Plaintiff and Defendant accumulated no community property during their marriage, and there were no children born. Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of abandonment.

Issued this 7th day of May, 1947. Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this 7th day of May, A. D., 1947.

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

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THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: J. H. Wilson and his unknown wife, if any, and babies, unknown heirs, assignees, devisees and legal representatives of J. H. Wilson and the unknown wife of the said J. H. Wilson, if living, and if dead, the unknown heirs of the said unknown wife of the said J. H. Wilson, Greeting:

You are commanded to appear and answer the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday the 30th day of June, A. D. 1947, at or before 10 o'clock A. M., before the Honorable 104th District Court of Taylor County, at the Court House in Abilene, Texas.

House in Abilene, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 14th day of May, 1947. The file number of said suit being No. 5515-B.

The names of the parties in said suit are: Ema Grace Von Wahlde, a widow, individually, Robert Charles Von Wahlde, Doris Nadene Krueger, a widow B. J. Von Wahlde, R. B. Von Wahlde and Robert Reese Von Wahlde, by next friend, Ema Grace Von Wahlde as Plaintiff, and J. H. Wilson and his unknown wife, if any, and the heirs, unknown heirs, assignees, devisees and legal representatives of J. H. Wilson and the unknown wife of the said J. H. Wilson, if living, and if dead, the unknown heirs of the said unknown wife of the said J. H. Wilson as Defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: The Plaintiffs sue the Defendants in trespass to try title and for damages to the hereinafter described property to-wit: Being Lot No. Five (5) in Block One Hundred and Ninety (190), Subdivision "Y" of Out Lot No. Two (2), in The City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas. Plaintiffs also sue defendants for title and possession to said property alleging the said Ten Year Statute of Limitation against said Defendant.

Issued this 15th day of May, 1947. Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this 15th day of May, A. D., 1947.

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

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THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: George H. Gordon, if alive and if dead the heirs of the said George H. Gordon, L. P. Payne, Sr., if alive and if dead the heirs of the said L. P. Payne, Sr., Henry Gartrell, Jr., if alive and if dead the heirs of the said Henry Gartrell, James Gartrell, Jr., if alive and if dead the heirs of the said James Gartrell, James L. Gartrell, Jr., if alive and if dead the heirs of the said E. Seeligson, E. Seeligson, if alive and if dead the heirs of the said E. Seeligson, L. Seeligson, if alive and if dead the heirs of the said L. Seeligson, L. Seeligson, if alive and if dead the heirs of the said L. Seeligson, M. E. Gartrell, if alive and if dead the heirs of the same M. E. Gartrell, J. L. Gartrell, if alive and if dead the heirs of the said J. L. Gartrell and Lucius Gartrell, if alive, and if dead the heirs of the said Lucius Gartrell, Greeting:

You are commanded to appear and answer the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday the 30th day of June, A. D. 1947, at or before 10 o'clock A. M., before the Honorable 104th District Court of Taylor County, at the Court House in Abilene, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 8th day of May, 1947.

The file number of said being No. 5505-B. The names of the parties in said suit are: L. P. Walter as Plaintiff and George H. Gordon, if alive and if dead the heirs of the said George H. Gordon, L. P. Payne, Sr., if alive and if dead the heirs of the said L. P. Payne, Sr., Henry Gartrell, Jr., if alive and if dead the heirs of the said Henry Gartrell, James Gartrell, Jr., if alive and if dead the heirs of the same James Gartrell, James L. Gartrell, Jr., if alive and if dead the heirs of the same James L. Gartrell, Jr., E. Seeligson, if alive and if dead the heirs of the said E. Seeligson, E. Seeligson, if alive and if dead the heirs of the said E. Seeligson, L. Seeligson, if alive and if dead the heirs of the said L. Seeligson, L. Seeligson, if alive and if dead the heirs of the said L. Seeligson, M. E. Gartrell, if alive and if dead the heirs of the said J. L. Gartrell and Lucius Gartrell, if alive, and if dead the heirs of the said Lucius Gartrell, as Defendants.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: Plaintiff sues the above named defendants in trespass to try title and for damages for title and possession of Lot Number Ten (10), Block Number Thirty (30), in the City of Abilene, Texas as shown by plat or map of the City of Abilene, in Vol. "C", page 590 of the Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas recorded in the office of the County Clerk of said County and to which records reference is hereby made for all purposes. Plaintiff also pleads the Five, Ten and Twenty-Five year statute of limitation against said defendants for the title and possession of said lot. Plaintiff asks for damages in the amount of One Thousand dollars against said defendants.

Issued this 15th day of May, 1947. Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this 15th day of May, A. D., 1947.

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

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THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Ralph Butts, Elmo Butts, Willard Powell, Elmer Butts, and Dillard Powell, Greeting:

You are commanded to appear and answer the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday the 28th day of June, A. D. 1947, at or before 10 o'clock A. M., before the Honorable 104th District Court of Taylor County, at the Court House in Abilene, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 10th day of May, 1947. The file number of said suit being No. 5508-B.

The names of the parties in said suit are: Herbert Roberts and Louis Roddy, as Independent Executors of the Estate of Mary Priscilla Butts Roddy, Deceased, as Plaintiff, and Ralph Butts, Elmo Butts, Willard Powell, Elmer Butts, and Dillard Powell as Defendants.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: A suit by Herbert Roberts and Louis Roddy, Independent Executors of the Estate of Mary Priscilla Butts Roddy, Deceased, for construction of

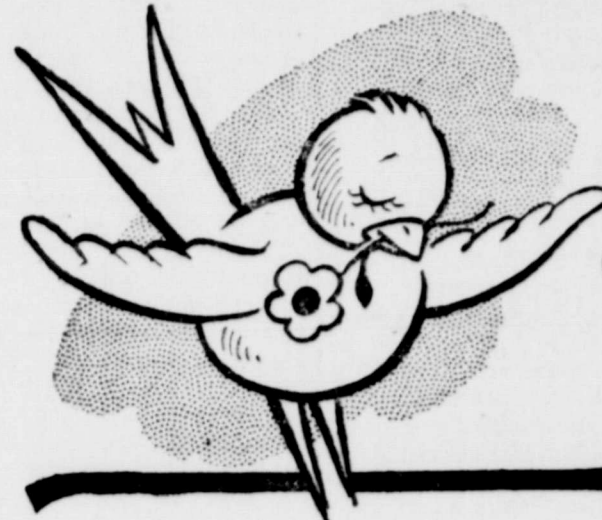
the will of Mary Priscilla Butts Roddy, wherein plaintiffs allege that said will provides that her estate be divided equally between Herbert Roberts, Louis Roddy, the plaintiff herein, and Ralph Butts, Elmer Butts and Dillard Powell, three of the defendants herein; that Elmo Butts and Willard Powell, defendants, have

notified plaintiffs that Mary Priscilla Butts Roddy, deceased, intended them as beneficiaries under her will instead of Elmer Butts and Dillard Powell and that they, Elmo Butts and Willard Powell, are entitled to a portion of the said estate; and praying the court to construe the said will and instruct plaintiffs

how to distribute the same.

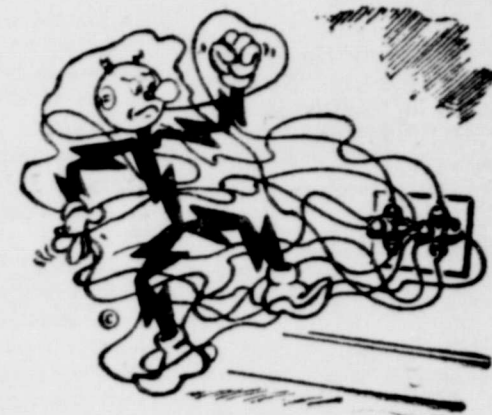
Issued this the 17th day of May, 1947. Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 17th day of May, A. D., 1947.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: W. A. BELL, Greeting:

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Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 15th day of May, 1947.

The file number of said suit being No. 15,310-A.

The names of the parties in said suit are: Eula E. Bell as Plaintiff, and W. A. Bell as Defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: Plaintiff and defendant were legally married on or about the 3rd day of March 1921 and lived together, except at intervals, until on or about March or April in 1934. There were no children born to plaintiff and defendant and none adopted. Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of abandonment, and for settlement of property rights.

Issued this 15th day of May, A. D. 1947.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this 15th day of May, A. D. 1947.

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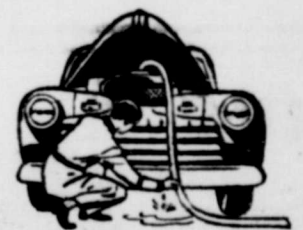
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Preceding the business session, in the afternoon, games of bridge, "42" and dominoes were played.

Mrs. Wrenn Durham, retiring president, reviewed briefly the year's work and presented the club gavel to the new president, Mrs. Elma McFarland. Other officers are: vice-president, Mrs. Will Sloman; recording secretary, Mrs. Carroll Benson; corresponding secretary, Mrs. David Gamble; treasurer, Mrs. Judd McReynolds; parliamentarian, Mrs. Comer Haynes; critic, Mrs. Wrenn Durham; club historian, Mrs. D. H. Vaughn; federation counselor, Mrs. Wrenn Durham; press reporter, Mrs. J. W. Jennings.

The following committees were appointed: year book, Mrs. Will Sloman, Mrs. Comer Haynes, Mrs. Owen Robertson and Mrs. David Gamble; social, Mrs. Carroll Benson, Mrs. C. H. Collinsworth, Mrs. Riggs Sheppard and Mrs. Edwin Read; finance, Mrs. Weston West, Mrs. Bill Harris and Mrs. Judd McReynolds; nominating, Mrs. W. T. Sadler, Mrs. S. D. Gamble and Mrs. H. C. West; flower, Miss Christine Collins and Mrs. Andy Shouse; Bible chairman, Mrs. John Cox; health chairman, Mrs. P. C. Wylie; safety chairman, Mrs. Jack Miller; civic, Mrs. Earl Hughes, Mrs. W. T. Sadler, Mrs. Wrenn Durham, Mrs. Weldon McAninch, Mrs. C. H. Collinsworth, Mrs. Griff Barnett, Mrs. S. D. Gamble, and Mrs. Bill Harris; new project, Mrs. Paul West and Mrs. Joe Cypert.

After the business session, delicious lemon sherbet and cookies were served to the following: Mesdames Johnny Cox, S. D. Gamble, W. T. Sadler, Owen Robertson, P. C. Wylie, Henry West, Judd McReynolds, Bill Harris, Weston West, C. H. Collinsworth, Earl Hughes, Weldon McAninch, David Gamble, Elma McFarland, Jack Miller, Will Sloman, Paul West, Joe Cypert, Carroll Benson, Edwin Read, Riggs Sheppard, Griff Barnett and Wrenn Durham; Miss Christine Collins and Lynn Gamble.

TWILIGHT TEA HONORS BRIDE-ELECT.

Miss Gwendolyn Vaughn, bride-elect of J. Harlon Winter, was entertained with a twilight tea at the home of Miss Lottie Butman on Wednesday, May 28. Other hostesses for the affair were Mesdames Don Riney, W. W. Toombs, J. D. Denison, M. C. Church, L. E. Dudley, Wrenn Durham, Forest Glenn Barnett, Herbert Patterson, Virgil Patterson, Earl Hughes, Raymond Ferguson, Roy Baccus and Miss Jean Paine.

Miss Butman introduced Miss Vaughn, who was attired in a yellow net formal. Others in the receiving line were Mrs. D. H. Vaughn, the bride-elect's mother, Mrs. J. M. Winter, mother of the groom-to-be, and Mrs. Holt Vaughn, sister of the bride.

The refreshment table, covered in an Egyptian lace cloth, was centered with an arrangement of a bridal veil, white bouquet and a white Bible. Frosted punch was served from a

crystal bowl, surrounded by mock orange blossoms, by Mrs. Virgil Patterson and Mrs. Wrenn Durham. Others who assisted in serving were Mrs. J. C. Carson and Miss Dorothy Jinkens.

The other entertainment rooms were decorated with unusual arrangements of flowers of the bride's chosen colors, blue and white.

Presiding at the bride's book were Misses Jean and Wilma Paine. Others who were in the house party included Mrs. J. D. Denison, Miss Mary Nell Winter and Mrs. Forest Glenn Barnett, who assisted in showing the gifts. Miss Mary Nell Winter said the farewells.

A musical program was presented during the tea hours by Misses Adelle Elkins, Jane Hughes, Clara Frances Diggins and Joy Nalley and Mrs. Ethel Shafer, accompanied by Miss Christine Collins and Mrs. Comer Haynes.

The marriage vows of Miss Vaughn and Mr. Winter will be solemnized on Sunday, June 1, at 8 a. m. in the Methodist church chapel before members of the family.

MRS. C. B. GARDNER PRESENTS PIANO PUPILS IN TWO RECITALS.

Miss Carla Lou Imes, nine-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Imes, was presented Sunday in a late afternoon recital at 5 o'clock in the Gardner home. Invitations were extended to fifty guests who heard the talented young pianist execute the following difficult numbers in a most creditable manner: "Sonatina," by Kuhlau, in the Allegro, Andante and Rondo movements; "Sarabande" by Handel and "Consolation" by Mendelssohn. Mr. Roy Largent, accompanied by Miss Imes, sang "An Evening Prayer" and "Sweet Genevieve," with Mrs. Gardner at the piano.

A two-piano arrangement of "Tantale A Min." by Dennee, was played by Carla Lou and Mrs. Gardner as the concluding number and a dainty tea plate was served by the Largents.

Twilight Recital.

Three other pupils were presented in a delightful program Tuesday evening in the Gardner home. Miss Nina Orsborn opened the program, playing the "Minuet" by Paderewski and "Busy Sawmill" by Bilbro. Next to appear was little Miss Joan Malone. She played a complete circle of scales, "Bright Sunny Days" by Williams; "A Rose in My Garden" by Thomas. Mrs. Edwin Read played a violin solo, with Joan accompanying, "White Seal Lullaby," by Benson. Joan and Mrs. Gardner

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played a two-piano arrangement of "Around the Hills" as her concluding number.

Miss Gloria West and Mrs. Gardner appeared in a piano duet, "Invitation to the Dance," by Webber. A piano solo, "Falling Stars," by Bilbro, was Gloria's next number, followed by a melody arranged for children of Liszt's second "Rhapsody."

Miss Orsborn and Mrs. Gardner played a brilliant two-piano arrangement of "Polonaise" by Chopin as the last number for the evening.

Miss Lena Faye Orsborn and Mrs. Robert Malone served delicious cookies and punch to the guests.

RECENT BRIDE COMPLIMENTED WITH GIFT TEA.

On last Friday evening Mrs. Leroy Harrison, nee Jo Neal Allen, was honored with a gift tea in the home of Mrs. Henry Curington. Co-hostesses with Mrs. Curington were Mesdames H. F. Hennington, B. W. Anderson, George Woodrum, U. L. Kingsbury, W. C. Harris, Leroy Easton, J. W. Jennings and D. A. Lee.

Spring flowers were used throughout the entertaining rooms.

Guests were greeted by Miss Joy Curington, who presented the bride's mother, Mrs. Sam Allen, and the honoree. During the calling hours entertainment was furnished by Miss Joy Nalley and Roy and Joy Garrett. Miss Ruby Stevens was in charge of the register and Miss Ruth Stevens invited guests to view the lovely display of gifts.

Refreshments of "cookies" and fudge cakes were served from a table with centerpiece of assorted colors of sweet peas.

Invitations were extended to 110 guests.

BAPTIST CIRCLES.

The Floy Hawkins Circle of the First Baptist church met Monday May 26, in the home of Mrs. H. O. Boney for Mission study. Mrs. Dunning McConnell gave the opening prayer and Mrs. Nim Teaff brought the devotional.

Cokes and sandwiches were served to Mesdames Mack Tucker, Nim Teaff, Don Riney, Dunning McConnell and the hostess.

The Blanche Rose Walker circle met Monday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Sam Swann for a Circle program on the topic, "The Cooperative Program Dollar."

After singing "Jesus Calls Us," the opening prayer was led by Mrs. W. L. Johnson. The devotional, "It is More Blessed to Give," Acts 20: 35, was brought by Mrs. J. J. McNiece. Mesdames Sam Swann, H. R. Hicks and Irl Walker gave parts on the program. The meeting closed with prayer by Mrs. J. T. Warren.

Present were Mesdames J. O. Castles, E. O. Carson, A. R. Booth, P. F. Harris, J. S. Swann and those mentioned above.

The next meeting will be Monday, June 2, at the church for business.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Mrs. Lue Petty entertained her niece, Jane Tipton, with a party on her 11th birthday, May 27, in the S. G. Tipton home.

Punch and cake were served to the following guests: Garth McLeod, Tommy Warren, Roy Kent Mathews, Dwayne Whisenant, Bobby Mayfield, Sessions Hammond, Joe Neel, Jimmy Russell, Delma Sue McLeod, Fatsy Wheeler, Billie Joyce Rutledge, Betty Wylie, Ann Baker, June Rose Laney, Beth Thomas, Rachel Tarpley,

Marilyn Lyles, Marlene Windham, Arlene Wurst, Anita Spurgin, Joy Walker, Carolyn Chambless and Barbara Wilson and the honoree.

JOINT HONOREES.

Mrs. Ben Sublett and Mrs. Vestal Hicks were hostesses Wednesday afternoon in Mrs. Sublett's home to a birthday party honoring Brenda Lou Sublett and Skippy Hicks on their sixth birthday.

Those present were Don Beech, Terry Cook, Gary, Andrea and Wayne Adcock, Janie Breaux, Don McCollum, Kay Wallace, Alice and Patricia Dishman, Don Wilson, Bobbie Joy and Joe Ben Sublett; Mrs. Waymon Adcock and Mrs. B. T. Sublett.

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Garden Hints

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Diet for Roses—High humidity during May often stimulates leaf spot and mildew, which steal foliage from your roses before you know it. Good rose growers therefore dust plants once a week during May with sulphur or a combination of 9 parts dusting sulphur to one part of powdered copper sulphate. After each flush of bud and bloom, roses demand additional plant food. The best rose grower we know has a schedule of rose feeding which certainly gets results: a tablespoonful of 5-10-5 commercial fertilizer per plant per month each month in the growing season. Have your roses received their May luncheon?

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Lipton's Tea 1/4 pound 25c 1/2 pound 49c	Pork & Beans No. 2 Can 2 for 19c	KRAUT No. 2 1/2 Can Each 10c	HOMINY WHITE SWAN No. 2 Can 9c
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SLICED—BACON , pound 48c		Fresh—Tomatoes , lb. 15c	Fresh Crisp—Corn , 6 ears 25c
		Fresh—Lettuce , head 13c	CUCUMBERS , lb. 9c
		WHITE ROSE—SPUDS , 10 Pounds 49c	Squash , lb. 12c

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