

OFFER RAINY DAY BARGAINS

Trent, Tye, Merkel Win Top Honors At Fat Stock Show

Merkel, Trent and Tye boys won top honors at the Abilene Fat Stock Show.

Ronnie Freeman of Trent had the grand champion milk fed Hereford steer of the district show. He also won the grand championship of the Taylor County Show with the same steer, "Little Griff." Ronnie is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Odell Freeman.

Jacky McAninch won grand champion capon of the district show. He also won second in pen of three in the district. Jacky won grand champion capon of the Taylor County Show. Jacky also showed a milk fed steer and won fifth in the county and 10th in the district show. He showed a Hereford steer bred by Booth Warren. Jacky is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Weidon McAninch.

Leslie Whitley won the district championship ribbon with a pen of heavyweight white rabbits. Chester Collinsworth, Jr., won the champion drylot which was made the reserve champion of the Taylor County Show with his steer "Jug." It was a Hereford bred by Willie Joe Largent and Son. Chester is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Collinsworth, Sr., F. A. advisor.

Merkel Girls' Team Wins Two Games

The Merkel Girls' Volley Ball Team won two games from Rotan at the local gym Tuesday night. The "A" team beat Rotan 57-29 and the "B" team won 52-42.

Mrs. Betty Lackey is the Merkel coach.

BULLETIN!

At the Abilene Fat Stock show sale Wednesday the District Grand Champion steer of Bonnie Freeman, Trent, brought \$1.05 a pound. It weighed 960 pounds. The Taylor County champion heavy drylot steer calf of Chester Collinsworth, Jr., brought 52c a pound. It weighed 1,040 pounds. District grand champion capon of Jackie McAninch brought \$130.

BULLETIN!

The First Baptist Church has extended a unanimous call to Rev. Samuel Tullock of Kyle Wednesday night at a regular church conference. Rev. Tullock preached here Sunday and the church was highly impressed.

BULLETIN!

Layton Plaster, minister of the Church of Christ, will preach in a protracted meeting at the Church of Christ, Trent, March 15-22. Week night service will begin at 7:30 o'clock. Bill Haynes, Trent minister, will lead the singing.

BULLETIN!

Mrs. T. J. Toombs of Abilene had a stroke Wednesday, fell, had a small concussion and is now in the Hendrick Memorial Hospital. She is a former Merkelite and her children live here and in Abilene.

BULLETIN!

Mrs. H. R. Chancey, No. 1, 1, nine miles northeast of here, struck the pay in the Upper Strawn at about 4,580 feet and also at the Lower Strawn, at about 4,980 feet. This is an offset to the Clemens No. 1.

RED CROSS DRIVE

The Red Cross drive is still in progress here. Reports that are coming in are very favorable, stated Lester Dorton, local co-chairman. "The drive is going good," he reported.

TRENT RED CROSS GAME

The Trent Red Cross Basketball game, which was postponed, will be held at 7:30 p. m. tonight, Friday, in the Trent High School Gym.

MIDWAY CEMETERY

The Hodge's Community Club is sponsoring an all-day working for the Midway Cemetery Tuesday, March 17. Everyone interested is urged to come and bring tools and lunch. The club will serve coffee and tea.

FROM VENEZUELA

W. O. Reeves and family of Barcelona, Venezuela, are visiting his sister, Mrs. Irl Walker, and his mother and other relatives of Roby.

P.T.A. TO MEET

The regular meeting of the Merkel P.T.A. will be held at 7:30 p. m. March 19 at the school cafeteria. Johnny Cox will speak on the "Good World." The feature will be by the high school band.

TO HOLD GAME NIGHT

There will be an O. E. S. game night Friday, March 13, at 7:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Ernest Teaff.

AUTO LICENSE

Tax Collector Raymond Peetree is here today at the City Hall, issuing auto license plates. Registration receipt and title must be presented.

Herbert Patterson Is Now at Home And Improving

Herbert Patterson was discharged from the Sadler Hospital Wednesday morning and is now at home. He is improving nicely.

Camp Committee Approves Site At Mulberry

The Camp Site Committee met at the Pioneer Memorial Church Monday and made a favorable report.

The committee is composed of Dr. Orin W. Carter, Big Spring District superintendent, Rev. E. Shubert, Lubbock District superintendent, Paul Cates, conference trustee of Lubbock, Rev. Edgar Irvin, conference camp director, Dr. H. Clyde Smith, Abilene District Superintendent, and Rev. Elra Phillips.

The committee approved the site of 200 acres in Mulberry Canyon for the camp. The recommendation will be presented to the conference in May in Abilene. "This would be one of the largest camps of the Northwest Texas Conference if approved by the conference," said the committee.

Merkel Girls Place Second In District Meet

The Merkel Girls' Basketball Team won second place in the district tournament played in Colorado City Feb. 27 and 28. Merkel defeated Hamlin 49-41 and then lost to Colorado City 41-49. Colorado City won the tournament.

Mrs. Betty Lackey is the Merkel coach.

Allen D. King, Jr., Leads Program At F.F.A. Banquet

Allen D. King, Jr., a Lone Star Farmer of the Trent Chapter, was master of ceremonies Thursday night of last week at the annual Abilene district F. F. A. banquet held in Iris Graham Memorial Dining Hall at McMurry College.

Those attending from Trent besides Allen were O. I. Boyd, advisor, Jane Williams, chapter sweetheart, Supt. W. B. Williams and the following members Bobby Toliver, Jerry McWilliams, Jerry Estep, Robert Payne, Jesse Yandell and J. B. Swinney.

John Anderson Makes Honor Roll At Texas Tech

John Anderson has made the honor roll for the fall semester at Texas Tech at Lubbock. John was among the 40 students who maintained perfect grade point averages. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Anderson of Eskota.

Drive-In Theatre Opens Tonight With Fine Show

The Pioneer Drive-In Theatre opens tonight, Friday, and N. T. Hodge has booked three splendid features with which to begin the season. "Apache War Smoke" will be shown Friday and Saturday nights. It is an action-adventure drama of the roaring West.

Then on Sunday and Monday nights the "I Don't Care Girl" will be presented. It is a big musical about the bad girl of show business.

"Flat Top" will be shown on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights. It is a thrilling story of the night aircraft carriers.

More Good Rains One Inch and Over Fall in This Area

More good rains fell here Sunday and Monday.

The rainfall in Merkel measured 1 inch.

In the area around here it measured up to 1.5 inches.

Weatherman J. I. Ford reported

Joe Stalin

An Editorial

Joe Stalin, the man of steel, is no more. The dictator has died, the dictator of a huge, powerful, belligerent nation.

Politically, guesses have been made as to what will happen in Russia now. Will world peace get better, will it get worse or will it remain the same? Anyone can present reasons for his stand.

But this fact we will all agree too. Stalin did not have to wait for sighs of sorrow and tears of bereavement. He heard them in his lifetime. He heard a world of sighs and an ocean of tears, he heard them from the widows and orphans whose husbands and fathers he had liquidated, liquidated in his reign of fear and terror and tyranny.

In the annals of world history, Stalin, the man of steel, will be remembered, but not for the finer things of life.

Three Persons File for Places In City Election

Three persons have filed for the offices to be voted on in the city election on April 7. The offices are mayor and two aldermen.

Mayor H. C. West and Alderman R. O. Anderson have announced for re-election and Paul Honeycutt has announced for alderman.

New Ford Trucks To Be Introduced By Paul Honeycutt

Ford Division will introduce the broadest line of trucks in the company's 50 year history when its 1953, all-new trucks go on display in Ford dealerships throughout the United States March 13, said Paul Honeycutt local dealer.

Covering the widest range of ratings and designed for the greatest economy and driver comfort ever known in a commercial vehicle, the 1953 Ford trucks will be offered in four distinct lines, in 20 new series and in more than 190 models.

All of the new trucks will feature new, one-piece curved windshields — largest in their field — with swept-back pillar posts and 55 percent greater visibility. And the new F-100 Series of light duty trucks will be equipped for the first time with Fordomatic fully-automatic transmissions or automatic overdrive as optional equipment.

BEN HICKS IS ILL

Ben Hicks is at home ill in bed this week.

SQUARE DANCE!

Do you want to learn to square dance? Classes will begin here at 8 p. m. Thursday at the Community Center. Young and old will be taught.

VISITS WIFE IN HOSPITAL

Mort Kliman of Santa Monica, Calif., arrived Wednesday night of last week to visit his wife in the Sadler Hospital. Mrs. Kliman broke her left hip in an auto accident a few months ago near Trent and has been in the hospital since then. She is improving right along.

the total rainfall at noon Monday.

Two miles east of Trent T. G. Bragg reported 1.35 inches. W. J. Bicknell of Noodle reported 1.8 inches West of there it was 1.5 inches.

At Frase Demere's in Mulberry Canyon it measured 1 inch.

F. H. Horton at Nuba reported .8 inch.

At 9 a. m. Monday O. A. Smith

reported .9 inch near Trent.

About six miles north of Trent it was over an inch.

Bill Dunagin at Stith reported 1.5 inches.

Houston Robertson, five and a half miles north of here, reported at 10 a. m. Monday that .9 inch had fallen.

Lee Stanley, 10 miles north of here, reported 1.5 inches.

Bigger and Better Specials For Next Tuesday, Dollar Day

Rainy days bring rainy day bargains for Dollar Day next Tuesday, March 17. This is the 10th Dollar Day in Merkel.

People are happy with the rain and the Merkel merchants are celebrating with them by offering bigger and better values than ever offered before on Dollar Day.

Splendid savings can be made in dry goods. Prices have been slashed deeply on many items advertised and many more will be found in the stores plainly displayed.

Grocers are offering many seasonal items at this time, rainy day specials that mean big savings to the housewives.

The filling stations as usual are making attractive offers.

This will be another big Dollar Day, a rainy day Dollar Day, in Merkel. The merchants invite you to come to Merkel and make tremendous savings next Tuesday. The friendly town of Merkel invites you.

Merkel 20 Years Ago

TAKEN FROM THE 1933 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL

BANKS OPEN

Normalcy, with special emphasis on the fact that a substantial gain was noted in deposits by both Merkel banks at the close of the first day as compared with the last day before the bank moratorium, marked the resumption of full-time banking operations here Wednesday morning.

THE COWARD INCOME

It is estimated that Noel Coward is drawing nearly \$5,000 a week in salary and royalties from his play, "Design for Living."

RECORD BIRTHS

Boy to Mr. and Mrs. Lon Loven March 9, boy to Mr. and Mrs. Auburny Nichols March 10, girl to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Miller March 14, girl to Mr. and Mrs. Otis Foster March 15.

CLOSES CAREER

B. C. Gaither, ex-cattleman and stock raiser and retired grocery merchant of Merkel, died at 11:30 Tuesday night at the home of his son, Forest Y. Gaither. He would have been 32 years old on June 4 next. He went to his bed Thursday night of last week with a heart attack and was ill only five days.

MRS. HOWARD DIES

Funeral services were held at 4 p. m. Wednesday from the home of her sister, Mrs. C. P. Church, for Mrs. Clarence A. Howard, who died at 4:30 p. m. Tuesday in an Abilene hospital. Death was the result of internal injuries sustained in an automobile collision here nearly three weeks ago.

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IN EXPOSITION MEET

Three of Merkel High School's track men will represent Merkel in track events at the Fat Stock Show this week. Albert Cade is to run the 440; Jack Patterson, the 880; and Milton Shannon, the mile. All three are in good shape and have already shown excellent time.

MRS. C. A. HIGGINS DIES

Mrs. Charles A. Higgins, 59, resident of the Salt Branch community for 45 years, passed away at 7:40 Sunday morning after an illness of several weeks.

ARE ON HONOR ROLL

The honor roll of the Merkel Public Schools for the fourth six weeks period, which ended on March 3, contains the names of 115 students.

"LOOKIN' LOVELY"

A three-act comedy, "Lookin' Lovely," will be presented by the Philathea Class of the M. E. Church at 8:15 p. m. at the Cozy Theatre Friday, March 17.

TO HOLD REVIVAL

The Methodist - Presbyterian revival to be led by Rev. John Neal, of Huntsville, a gifted evangelist, will begin Sunday, March 19, and continue until April 2. The services will be held at the Methodist Church. Yates Brown will lead the song service.

This Happened in Merkel Forty Years Ago

TAKEN FROM THE 1913 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL

Mrs. Chas. Mershon, formerly of this place, came in Wednesday from East Texas to visit the family of J. W. Mayfield.

Mrs. Bob Saddler returned home Sunday afternoon from a visit east with friends.

Fred Bigham left here Saturday afternoon for Abilene in his Lambert auto; spending the night there and getting some minor repairs done, he left early the next morning for El Paso, expecting to arrive in the border city not later than Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. E. M. Rust and T. J. Coggin left Sunday for El Paso to attend the cattlemen's convention; after the visit there Mrs. Coggin

will go to Douglas, to visit her husband, Mrs. Rust returning home at the time.

Miss Nola Whiteley returned Sunday from points east.

Miss Isla McDonald was in Cisco Sunday, the guest of friends and relatives.

Claud Sears returned last week from Arizona where he has been engaged for sometime in the business of buying and trading horses.

Lon Martin, mayor of Shiloh, was in Abilene Wednesday.

Men's white buck quarter shoes, the latest thing out. Star Store.

McMurry Band To Give Program Here Tuesday

The McMurry College Band will play here at 7:30 p. m. Tuesday, March 17, at the cafeteria auditorium. The program is sponsored by the Merkel P.T.A.

Raymond Bynum is director of the 50-piece band. Director Bynum always includes plenty of comedy and a great variety of acts in his show. He also features vocal and instrumental soloists.

Mr. Bynum is not only a great director but he is also a splendid performer himself, being a clever master of ceremonies and a master of humor.

The public is invited and there will be an admission charge.

Schools Close; Teachers Attend District Meeting

It's a holiday today for all pupils in the area schools while the teachers are away attending a convention.

The Oil Belt District of the Texas State Teachers Association meets in annual session today and Saturday at Vernon. This gives the pupils a holiday.

There will be at the meeting about 2,000 teachers from the counties comprising this district.

Charlie Orr Makes Suggestion About Rain to Merkel Editor

How many colors can the face of Editor White be?

Along comes Charlie Orr and makes a suggestion in regard to the rain problem. He said to the editor, "You've advertised for rain and got it. You've prayed for rain and got it. Now I have another suggestion."

The editor was curious. "What's your suggestion?" he asked slowly.

"Some sunny morning," replied Charlie. "Put on your raincoat and parade around town."

"What for?" asked the editor fearfully.

"That will bring a two-inch rain," he returned. "And if you do the treats will be on me."

"Yes," said the editor in a weak voice, "and if I don't bring rain the wrath of the multitudes will be on me."

"Why not try it?" urged the kind Charlie, smilingly.

"Well," said the editor slowly, "I have a raincoat all right, one that I brought down here from Missouri where they sometimes have floods of rain. But I even hesitate to wear it here when it rains as some folks might think it would stop the rain. Now, if I wore it when it was not raining . . . when the sun was shining . . . they might think it would keep the rains away forever . . . or . . . they might think . . . and I wouldn't blame them . . . that I was crazy."

SOCIETY

ENGAGEMENT OF VONCEIL RUST IS ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Rust announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Vonceil, to William Robertson, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Robertson. The wedding day will be April 3 at Kermit. The

groom-to-be is employed by the Republic Supply Company in Abilene. The couple will make their home at 1026 Highland, Abilene.

R. L. Griffin has just returned from a two-week trip to Rosebud visiting with his sister, Mrs. W. B. White. He also visited his brother, L. S., in Dublin.

MANY PRE-NUPITAL PARTIES HONOR SANDRA SADLER

In a series of parties complimenting Sandra Sadler, bride-elect of Bill C. Haynes, Mrs. Elma McFarland, Mrs. S. D. Gamble, Mrs. Henry West, and Mrs. David Gamble were hosts for a luncheon in the Wooten Hotel.

Miss Sadler wore a bouffant taffeta dress of beige sprinkled with spring flowers. Her accessories

were beige and her corsage was gardenias.

The table was decorated with white stock and white carnations. Guests included Mmes. W. T. Sadler, Comer Haynes, Calvin McIntosh, Jack Haynes, Topper Largent, Mack Springer, J. B. McElmurray, J. E. Boaz, Jr., Ralph Russell, Don Warren, Dwain Jones.

Helen Haynes, Ann Booth, and Laurel Sherrell.

Mrs. Tom Largent and Mrs. Roy Largent were hosts for a coffee honoring Miss Sadler at the ranch home of Mrs. Tom Largent.

Mrs. Chester Ives of Abilene invited guests into the dining room where Mrs. Booth Warren and Mrs. W. S. J. Brown poured coffee.

The table was laid with Italian cut work and decorated with calla lilies and white stock. Calla lilies were on the buffet and red roses

and white stock were used elsewhere.

Mrs. C. B. Gardner played piano selections. Assisting in the house-party were Mrs. Andrew Hunt and Mrs. Charley Largent of Abilene, Mrs. Harry Bullock, and Mrs. Weston West.

Approximately 75 guests registered.

Mrs. R. A. Webster of Baird and Mrs. W. V. Ramsey, 1689 Hickory St., Abilene, hosted a brunch Saturday for Miss Sadler in the Ramsey home.

Yellow ranunculus, daffodils, and acacia in a silver bowl centered the table, which was appointed in silver.

Seventy-five attended.

Mrs. Dwain Jones opened her new home in Abilene, 3110 Highland, with a party, March 9th, honoring Sandra Sadler.

The polished table was centered with shasta daisies in a blue crystal bowl, complimenting with Sandra's chosen colors of yellow and white, the turquoise of the host chairs. Appointments were in blue crystal and silver. Mrs. Jones' hostess gift to the honoree was a silver bon bon dish.

The guest list included Mrs. J. B. McElmurray, Mrs. Oris Reynolds, Mrs. Mack Springer, Mrs. Topper Largent, Mrs. Ralph Russell, Mrs. Horace Boney, Misses Ann Booth, Helen Haynes, Carol Sue Dunagin, Gwen Williams, Jackie Cantrell, and Laurel Sherrell; Mrs. Brandon Wade, Mrs. Calvin Wade, Mrs. Wayne Blacklock, Mrs. Fred Schultz, Mrs. Bill Baze, Mrs. Bobby Barbee, Mrs. Calvin McIntosh, Mrs. Jack Haynes, and Mrs. Bob Bransford.

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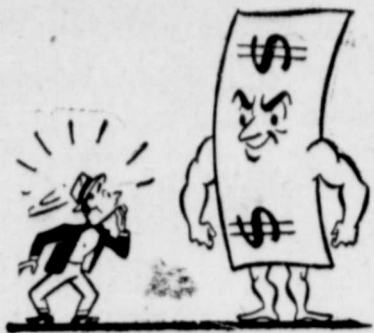
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ACE SHEPPARD IS SURPRISED ON HIS 71ST BIRTHDAY

Ace Sheppard was not forgotten on his 71st birthday on Thursday of last week. When he came that morning into the Merkel Drug Store, he approached his customer place at the soda fountain, the No. 1 chair. There he found red and blue ribbons surrounding the chair and a gift on the seat. The sign at the back of the chair read, "Happy Birthday, Ace."

Washington

"As It
Looks
From
Here"

OMAR BURLISON
Congressman
17th District



What this leads up to is the constitutional amendment relative to the making of treaties and executive agreements. There should be no "short-cuts" in arriving at treaties and agreements made by the President of the United States which have the effect of becoming the supreme law of the land.

Legislation has been introduced in the Congress to amend the Constitution to prevent such action by the President which could deprive citizens of this country of their constitutional rights.

Treaties are more supreme than ordinary laws passed by the Congress. Treaties can take powers away from the Congress and give them to the President. Likewise, treaties can take powers away from the states and give them to the federal government. In the



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case of certain actions in branches of the United Nations, treaties or agreements could take power away from this government and give them to some international body.

Therefore, it seems highly important that we take some action to amend our Constitution to provide that in our dealings with other nations, we will not contract away our individual rights. A constitutional amendment is now proposed and, if passed by Congress, would be submitted to the state legislatures. It would be necessary for two-thirds of the states to ratify it to make it effective.

The bill introduced is known as the Pricker Amendment. I expect to support it in some form or other. I am opposed to the movement of World Federation and Atlantic Union. The actions of some of these branches of the United Nations result in some of the same general principles advocated by these two organizations.

Capitol Highlights

By ERN HANFORD

Texas Press Association
It's either trim or tax, now!
Speaker Reuben Senterfitt stunned the House with word that the state had enough money in sight to maintain the present level of spending — "and no more."

Said Mr. Senterfitt, "if any additional appropriations are made, the legislature will have to pass some new tax bills."

Recommended by Rep. Joe Pyle of Fort Worth, as his answer to the highway problem, is a toll road bill. It passed the House 122 to 8 and is now ready for Senate consideration. The bill would set up a Dallas-Ft. Worth Turnpike Authority which could issue revenue bonds and use the proceeds to build an expressway between the two cities.

Public school teachers want annual pay increases of \$600, and they are asking the legislature to provide the money, which would have to come out of new taxation. College and university teachers also want higher salaries, which would be appropriated from the state's general fund.

Dr. Logan Wilson, new president of the University of Texas, recommends that the state appropriate for the school's basic operations, and that the University's revenue from oil lands be used for expansion and to hire a better faculty and staff.

"Right now," said Dr. Wilson, "based on average salaries, we are near the bottom among state universities belonging to the Association of American Universities."

Governor Shivers made two bills law by signing them — bills to provide two new state hospitals for tuberculars. One bill appropriated \$3,225,000 to build new hospitals at Harlingen and San Antonio. The other bill authorizes the removal of patients to other quarters while the new hospitals are being constructed.

Short Shorts: The University of Texas Bureau of Business Research reports that business in this state hit an all-time high in January of this year. Also in January, Texas traffic deaths decreased by 18 per cent as compared with figures from the same month a year ago, says the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Juvenile delinquency is on the increase in Texas, says the State Youth Development Council, noting that authorities handled more than 15,000 cases last year. Average age of the offenders was 15.7 years. In the Senate is a bill, approved by the House, to give longer prison terms — up to life — for selling narcotics to minors.

Cloakroom comment "If you're half a mind to go into politics — that's enuf."

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William L. Fugat Dies at Age of 65 Last Saturday

William Lee Fugat, 65, resident of Merkel for 21 years, died at his

home at 1:45 p. m. Saturday. He had been in ill health for about 14 months and in serious condition for five months.

The funeral was held at 3 p. m. Sunday in the First Baptist church with the Rev. C. A. Baskin, Odessa, officiating. He was assisted by the Rev. Truett Sheriff, director of religious activities at Hardin-Simmons University, and the Rev. Hugh Hunt, Merkel Methodist pastor.

Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery under the direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

Mr. Fugat was born Feb. 29, 1889 in Dallas County. He moved to Merkel in 1924 and married the former Ledia Tittle in 1925. He had lived in Merkel since that time except for eight years.

He was employed as a pumpjack for Phillips Petroleum Co., at the time of his illness.

He was a member of the First

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Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, two sister, Mrs. C. W. Clark and Mrs. H. R. Braswell, both of Dallas.

Malcolm A. Perkins Is Laid to Rest At Age of 71

Funeral services for Malcolm A. (Mac) Perkins, 71, who died Sunday, were held at 10 a. m. Tuesday at the Church of Christ with Layton Plaster, minister officiating.

Starbuck Funeral Home was in charge of burial at Rose Hill Cemetery.

Mr. Perkins, who was born Feb. 28, 1882, in Hamilton County, moved to Taylor County in 1898.

He married the former Myrtle Noel Feb. 14, 1912.

Mr. Perkins had been in ill health for the past two years.

Survivors include his wife; three sons, Lewis of Merkel, Virgil of Big Spring, and Marvin of Abilene; one daughter, Mrs. L. D. Irvine, 558 East North 21st St., Abilene; one brother, Clark of Merkel; three sisters, Mrs. Robert Farris, of Sweetwater, Mrs. Jim Cook of Divided; and Mrs. George Griffin of Mansfield, Texas; and four grandchildren.

W. S. Frederickson

Dies on March 5

At Phoenix, Ariz.

Mrs. E. A. Click, Sr., received word that her brother, W. S. Frederickson of Phoenix, Ariz., died March 5. He was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Frederickson of Phoenix, Will, as he was formerly known, was reared to young manhood in Trent and was for many years car inspector for the T. & P. at Toyah.

Mrs. A. D. Fulton

Is Improving

After Operation

Mrs. A. D. Fulton is in St. Ann Hospital, Abilene. She had major surgery Tuesday and is getting along nicely.

Merkel F.T.A. Club

Attends Meeting

Held at Denton

The Merkel F. T. A. Club had five members and their sponsor present for a two-day meeting of the Texas Future Teachers Association March 6 and 7 in Denton. Sessions and Johnny Hammond, Jimmy Russell, Joy Walker, Marie Kerns and the sponsor, Mrs. Judd McReynolds, attended.

They enjoyed the talks. They enjoyed the club party and a floor show by the North Texas State Variety Club, also the banquet at Marquis Hall.

Different phases of teaching were discussed and Merkel had one representative at each session.

Jimmy Russell was voting delegate from Merkel in the house of delegates.

The Merkel F. T. A. was organized this year and has 15 members who have received pins for merits earned working all school projects. It has 20 members. This club is in the Texas Association and a member of the National F. T. A.

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DEEP THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Fellow was talking about improvements on the farm, says, on a muddy night, if a farmer can go to the bathroom in house-slippers instead of boots, the place is right up to the minute.

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346 Persons See School in Action From March 2-7

There were 346 persons who visited the schools last week during Public Schools Week, reported Prof. Mack Fisher, superintendent of schools.

"This is one of the most successful educational weeks we have ever had," said Prof. Fisher.

The visitors in the grade school, one through eight, numbered 270 while 76 attended the high school. They saw the schools in actual work, said the superintendent.

In the high school the greatest number came on junior day. In the primary school the second grade, taught by Mrs. Reynolds had 21 visitors while in the elementary school, taught by Mrs. Johnnie Cox, had 25 visitors.

About 100 visitors ate at the cafeteria during the Public School Week.

Noodle Girls

Are Participating

In League Meet

The Noodle Girls' Basketball Team are participating in the High School Girls' Basketball League of Texas at Waco March 11-14. They were to play Wednesday at 3:30 p. m. against Lipan. This is the 14th year of the league. Coach A. J. Hill accompanied the Noodle girls.

For Major Surgery

E. B. Wallace Enters

Hospital Tuesday

E. B. Wallace entered St. Ann Hospital, Abilene, Tuesday. He was to undergo major surgery Thursday, March 12.

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OTHA A. SMITH SURPRISED ON 80TH BIRTHDAY SUNDAY

Otha A. Smith, Trent, celebrated his 80th birthday Sunday. He came to Merkel in 1890 and has stock farmed near Trent since 1901.

His brother, Marvin, Abilene, and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Emory, Pat and Claudia, Mr. and Mrs. Lesley Beasley and Kay were served a very delicious dinner by Mrs. Smith.

Then to Mr. Smith's surprise about 3 p. m. the dining table was decorated with a beautiful flower arrangement made by Mr. Jones and a large three-tiered birthday cake made and decorated by his daughter, Mrs. Beasley, Mrs. Emory Jones, Mrs. Lonnie Malbrooks, assisted by Mrs. Beasley, served coffee and cake to about forty-five friends. Mr. Smith said it was the best birthday he has had yet.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Tarpley returned home Saturday after staying three weeks with their son

Ralph in Abilene. Ralph's wife is in South Carolina with her father, J. H. Wilson, who is very ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Demere of Cross Plains visited in Mulberry Canyon with relatives over the weekend.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Admissions to the Sadler Hos-

pital the past week were:

As medical patients — Don Mashburn, gassed in accident at work, Linda Sue McLean, Mrs. Doc Calloway, Mrs. Pete West, Mrs. D. H. Vaughn, Mrs. R. L. Whitesell, Mrs. J. P. Davis, E. S. Satterwhite, W. H. Boyd, two fingers severely cut in accident at work, William Winter.

For surgery — Mrs. I. V. Garrett.

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NEWS ABOUT TOWN

Mayor and Mrs. H. C. West were in Midland over the weekend, visiting their children.

Mrs. W. R. Smith and daughter, Lena Ray of Loraine, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Dunning of Ft. Worth were weekend visitors of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McConnell.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Sandell of Tuscola and Mr. and Mrs. Dave Anderson were Sunday dinner

guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Lackey of Lorenzo visited their son Tom Lackey, Mrs. Lackey and also in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell Thursday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Q. A. Collins, La Mesa, were visitors of Mrs. J. M. Collins and Mary Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Phillips arrived in Abilene Thursday of last week to visit with their daughter, Mrs. Lee Thomason, and will also visit here with their son Dewey and daughter, Mrs. H. E. Brown. They have been living at Yuba City Calif., for several years. They are originally from Blair.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Burleson had as visitor over the weekend

their nephew, Virgil Stanley, of Sherman.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Dean McKeever and daughter, Donna Karen of Abilene visited Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. McKeever.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Stockton of Corpus Christi were here over the weekend, visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Cox.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy P. Dorsey of Austin visited over the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Hamm.

Mrs. S. T. Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Stevens of Big Spring were visitors last week of Mrs. J. T. Johnson, Mrs. Bob Malone and Miss Delia Kuykendall. Mr. Stevens is general roadmaster of the T. and P. Railroad.

Mrs. James C. Davis and children of Odessa spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Peterson

and son Calvin spent Sunday with his sister, Mrs. W. A. Saffle, in Petersburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Fox with Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Walker of Lubbock and children spent the weekend in Dallas with their son J. D. and family.

Mr. and Mrs. John Brown and son C. B. visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Barker, in Anson over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Cochran and daughter of Big Spring were weekend visitors of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Cochran.

Nelson Bailey of Odessa visited his mother, Mrs. R. O. Bailey, Sunday.

Shirlene and Billie Lucas spent the weekend with their cousins Mr. and Mrs. Forest Warren, in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Cyfert and daughter of San Angelo visited over the weekend with his mother, Mrs. Winnie Cyfert, and brother Pinky and family.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Shouse and children of Lubbock visited his uncle Andy and family Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Barnett of Stephenville were weekend guests of her sister, Mrs. W. O. Winter, family.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Church and children of Plainview spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Dudley. Mrs. Church children remained for a longer visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Lois Curb of Pecos visited over the weekend in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Campbell.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Higgins and daughter Betty Lou visited Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Thompson and mother, Mrs. J. M. Toombs this week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Elliott visited her brother, D. I. Shelton, of Cisco Sunday and also met a cousin, Kitty McCullough, and her son Andy of Ashford, Wash., who were visitors there. Mrs. McCullough and son Andy visited the Elliotts here Monday while enroute to her home in Ashford.

Mrs. J. F. Merritt had as her guests recently Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Bigham, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Merritt, Sandy and Jerry, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Hayes and baby Kayla, Ross Merritt and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Stanley.

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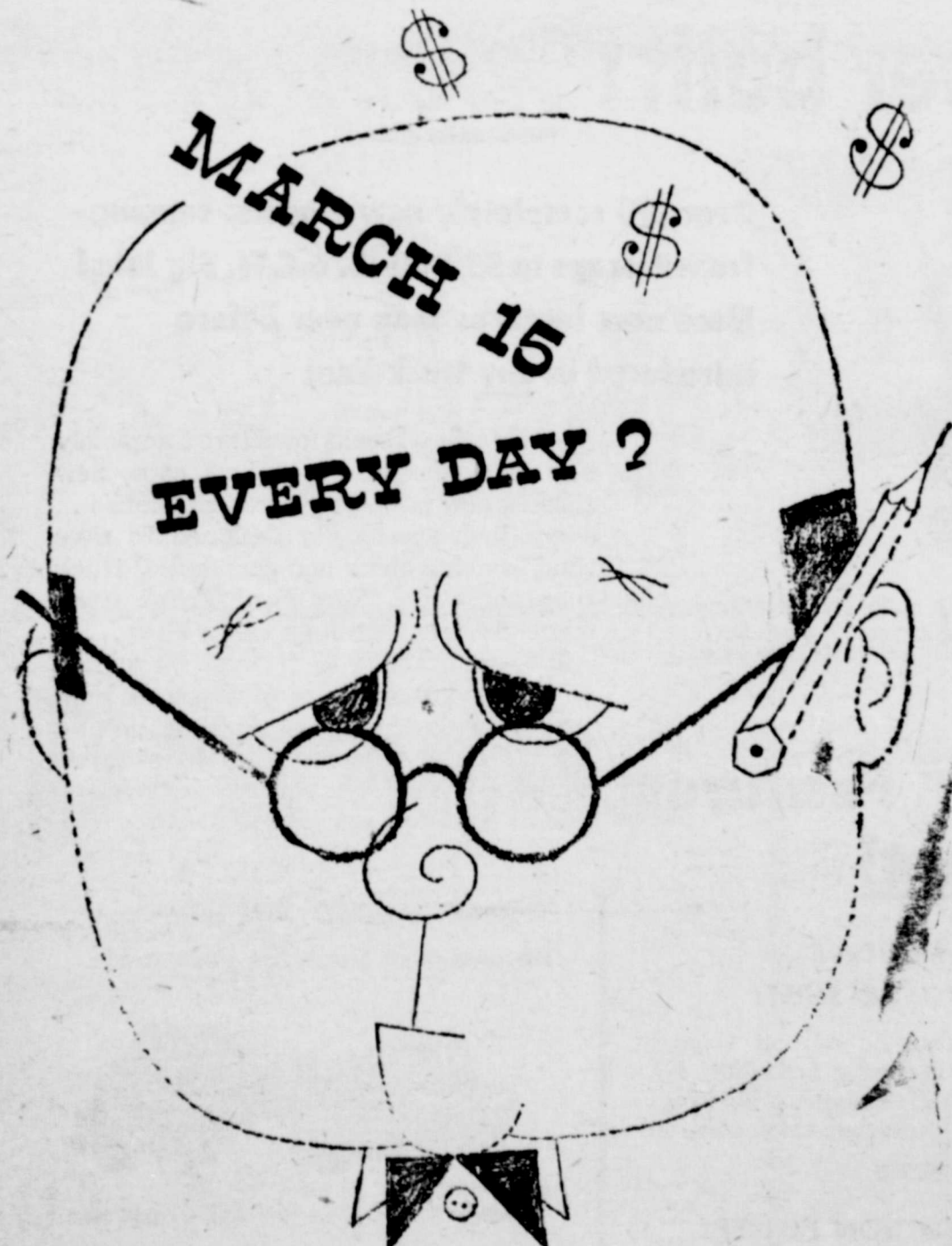
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Pvt. Marvin Massey Is Now in Japan With 1st Cavalry

Pvt. Marvin R. Massey, whose wife, Samah Emy, lives in Sweetwater, is serving in Japan with the 1st Cavalry Division. Replacements from the U. S. are getting battle knowledge from veterans of the Korean conflict

during rugged field maneuvers. Marvin entered the Army last August. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Massey.

SURE MISSES PAPER

Miss Lorraine Boyce, 2825 French Road, Beaumont, wrote an air mail letter as follows: I hope this letter finds you all well and hope Merkel has had a good rain by now. I didn't get the

Merkel Mail that was published Friday, Feb. 20, and I have been looking for it every day this week and it has not shown up yet. I sure have missed it. If you can, send me the Feb. 20 paper. I have missed my good home town paper very much.

The paper sure is fine and getting better all the time. It is like missing a letter from home when you don't get it. We sure missed it.

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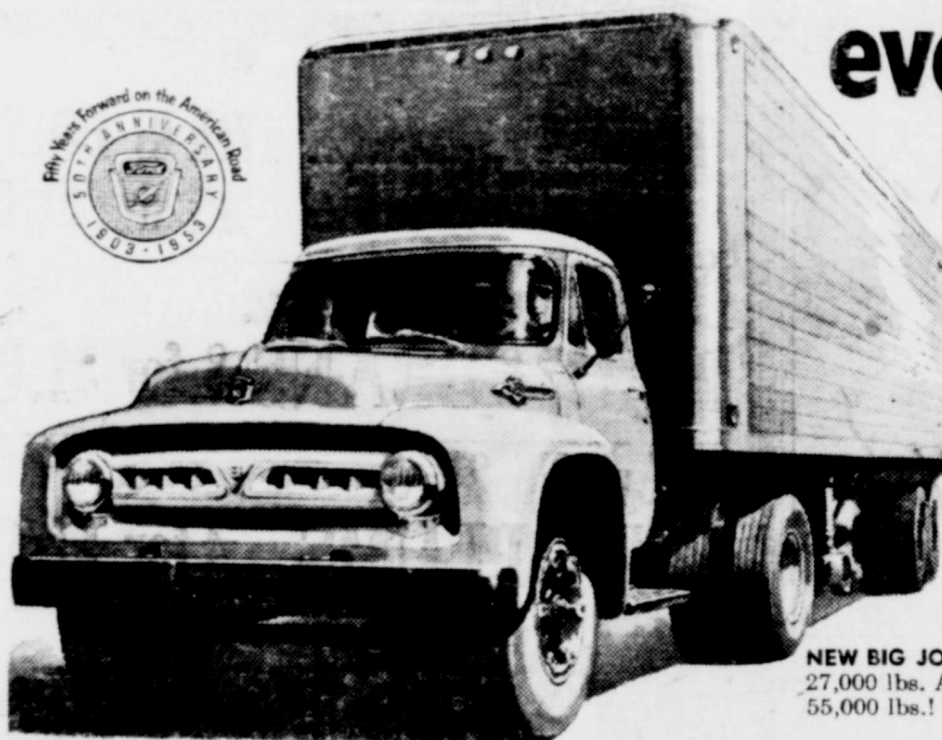
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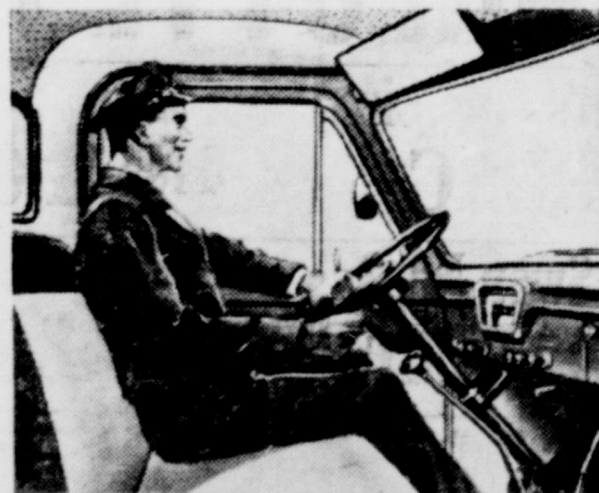


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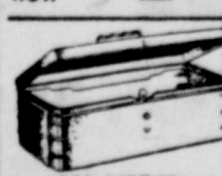
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Legal Notices

ELECTION ORDER AND NOTICE

The State of Texas, County of Taylor

On the 6th day of March, 1953, the Board of Trustees of the Merkel Independent School District convened in regular session, and, among other proceedings, passed an order calling for a school trustee election to be held in the City Hall in Merkel, Texas, on Saturday, April 4, 1953, for the purpose of electing three members to the Board of Trustees of the Merkel Independent School District.

Signed:

M. H. ELY
President Board of Trustees
RAY WILSON
Secretary Board of Trustees

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THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Roy S. Lucas, Defendant.

Greeting:
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at the herein below following is a true copy.

TO: Roy S. Lucas, Defendant.

Greeting:

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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 6th day of April A. D. 1953, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 15th day of February A. D. 1953, in this cause, numbered 18,642-A on the docket of said court and styled Jenna Lee Lucas, Plaintiff, vs. Roy S. Lucas, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff prays for a judgment of divorce and that the Court grant her full custody and control of child to be born in March, 1953, for costs of suit and for all such other and further relief to which she may be entitled to. No community property has been accumulated. 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 the 17th day of February A. D. 1953.

Attest: J. Neil Daniel, Clerk,
42nd District Court,
Taylor County, Texas.
By C. Bower, Deputy.
Adv. Feb. 27, March 6, 13, 20.

Irl Walkers Are Ready to Raise Teachers' Salary

Mr. and Mrs. Irl Walker are ready to vote "Raise the Teacher's Salary." They now have five teachers in the family.

Their daughter, Mrs. Cadmus Brown, is an ex-student of H.-S.U. She began teaching during World War II before she was old enough to get a state certificate. Her husband is vocational agriculture teacher at Miles.

Their son Jimmy has an M. A. degree from T. W. C. and will coach when he returns from Europe where he is now stationed with the Army. His wife is also a graduate of T. W. C.

The youngest son Gaston received his B. A. degree from T. W. C. last month where he was an honor student of the 1952-53 semester. He is employed in the of-

fice of the El Paso Natural Gas Company of El Paso. He is also eligible to be a coach.

Lone Star Gas Co. Taps Jameson Field To Increase Supply

Lone Star Gas Company has tapped the Jameson field in a move to strengthen the gas supply for distribution systems in Taylor, Nolan, Mitchell and Scurry counties, according to an announcement by Julian L. Foster of Dallas general superintendent of the company's transmission division. These distribution systems include Abilene, Merkel, Trent, Sweetwater, Hermleigh, Snyder, Colorado City, Lorraine and Roscoe, Mr. Foster said.

Gas from the Jameson field in northwest Coke county will be delivered through a 25-mile pipeline of 8-inch diameter recently completed at a cost approximately \$400,000.

Road Runner Tells Of Merkel Folks After Visit Here

The Road Runner, Hamilton Wright, had a few things to say in his column in the Reporter-News about Merkel after his visit here. Part of it follows:

Back from a visit to Oneonta, Alabama, his childhood home, J. W. Bryan, a Merkel citizen 27 years and a painter, declares growing of clover and other grasses has transformed the hills, meadows, and mesas of that state. Cattle are sleek, fat, of a better grade than for years. "One can never realize what a great change is taking place in the old states because of application of modern methods of agriculture and grass growing," he declared.

Over between Merkel and Tye The Road Runner saw John Rister atop his house repairing his roof. Rister declared high winds in recent months had made the square flap until he became suspicious they might fly away and a rain come to drench rooms inside. Rister has some small grain refreshed by a recent slow rain. Last year he watched his fields turn sere and produce nothing. "I don't know what we farmers will do if it doesn't rain this Spring," he said.

The essence of faith is desire and expectation. The Rev. Hugh Hunt, Methodist pastor here, longed for a hot-water heater for the church kitchen. Just how much he expected it, it would be difficult to measure. But he broached the matter to a member. That member, Paul Honeycutt, Ford dealer, heard about it. He offered to pay one-half. "I'll see wife; may be she'll give the other half," he said. She was willing. So the church will get the hot-water heater.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank the doctors and nurses for their kind care and treatment while I was in the Sadler Hospital. We also wish to thank all for their flowers, cards and cheerful words while there. We wish especially to thank the blood donors.

Watt Blair and family.

CARD OF THANKS

Words cannot express our thanks to our many friends and neighbors who brought comfort in our hours of sorrow. To all who brought in the delicious food in abundance and for all the many other noble deeds may we give to you our sincere thanks.

The family of Bill Fugat.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our appreciation to all who helped in any way by expressions of sympathy, sending cards, food and flowers and your presence in the time of our recent sorrow. May God bless each of you.

W. C. Matthews
Pearl Matthews
Lloyd Matthews and family
C. I. Dowdy and family

1953 Easter Seal Appeal Is Now On Here In Texas

The 1953 Easter Seal Appeal was launched in Texas by Tony Mikeska of Taylor when he sold the first sheet of Easter Seals to Attorney General John Ben Shepperd in Austin.

Tony, seven year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin H. Mikeska, is a victim of cerebral palsy due to a birth injury. When Tony began his therapy treatments at the Austin Cerebral Palsy Center five years ago, he couldn't even sit alone. Now, with the aid of braces, he can walk.

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The Road Runner spent about three hours with Walter Hammond, president of the Texas Farm Bureau, at his pleasant home southwest of Tye. Hammond has been under the weather lately. The Hammonds are hospitable folks.

CLASSIFIED AD SECTION

LODGE CALLS

NOTICE MASONS

Stated meeting of Merkel Lodge No. 710, A. F. & A. M. Saturday, March 28, at 8 p. m. All members are urged to attend. Visiting brethren cordially invited.

W. R. Cybert, W. M.
C. B. Rust, Secy.

LOST AND FOUND

STRAYED or LOST — One motley face steer calf with brand X on left hip. H. G. Cox, Rt. 3, Merkel Phone 9018F12. 3t52p.

FOUND — Ladies' glasses, brown tortoise shell, has gold trim on top. Owner can have same by identifying and paying for this ad. See the Merkel Mail office.

FOUND — Set of Car Keys on chain, number 1038 on tag. Owner can have same by identifying and paying for this ad. See the Merkel Mail office.

FOR LEASE

FOR LEASE — 95 acres of cultivation land, 1 mile west of town. See A. B. Patterson. 1t52p.

WANTED

WANTED — Baby Sitting Job. Phone 17W or Box 372. 1t52p.

FOR TRADE on farm land, building in Abilene renting for \$130.00 per month. Write box 294, Tyler, Texas. 4t51c.

WANTED — Clean Cotton Rags. Badger Chevrolet. tf51c.

WE BUY EGGS. We DO appreciate your business. Patterson Grain. 150c.

WE ARE buying poultry and eggs, paying 41c a dozen for eggs. Toombs and Moore. tf49c.

FOR RENT

FOR RENT — 3-room furnished Apartment. Private bath. See Mrs. Melton, 1412 S. 5th. tf51c.

FOR RENT — 3-room house with bath. 4th El Paso, Mrs. Tommy Smith. 3t51c.

FOR RENT — Nicely furnished apartment, also large sleeping porch with two beds. See 268 Ash St. 3t51p.

FOR RENT — Duplex, unfurnished, 4 rooms and bath. See Ray Wilson at Campbell Grocery. tf41c.

FOR RENT — 2-room furnished apartment modern, private bath. Couple. T. T. Earthen, 211 Ash street. tf42c.

FOR SALE

FOR SALE — 5-room house, \$575 cash. To be moved. Allen D. King, 9 miles south of Trent. 3t52p.

WE NOW Have Nite Glo, the reflector tape for the rear bumper of your car. West Company. tf52c.

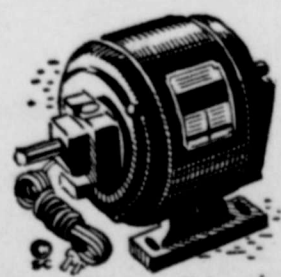
FOR SALE — If you need good barnyard fertilizer call 9013W1. A. J. Wright. 1t52p.

PLASTIC Seat Covers ½ price. A few sizes left in Fiber Covers at \$5 each. West Company. tf52c.

PABCO RUGS — 9x12, only \$7.95. West Company. tf52c.

BUS SCHEDULE

Eastward	Westward
4:02 a. m.	7:37 a. m.
4:29 a. m.	5:38 a. m.
7:06 a. m.	8:57 a. m.
11:26 a. m.	1:25 p. m.
11:52 a. m.	5:22 p. m.
3:01 p. m.	6:40 p. m.
8:22 p. m.	11:31 p. m.
9:53 p. m.	12:10 a. m.
11:56 p. m.	

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FOR SALE — Registered Northern Star and Harper U and DPL Cotton Seed, also meal and cake. Farmers Co-op Society, No. 1, Merkel, Texas. 2t52c.

WE Have a variety of Metal Signs. 35c and 50c each. West Company. tf52c.

WANTED — Customers for Fresh Raw Milk, guaranteed good delivered to your door. See Ted Hamm or phone 303W. tf52p.

FOR SALE — All kinds of baby chickens. Come in, see us any time. All kinds of chicken feed. Hearn Hatchery, 235 Edward. 3t52p.

FOR SALE — Two 26 inch Columbia Bicycles, almost new, extra good condition. See Bill Teaff. 1t52p.

FOR SALE — Scrap Lumber, many desired lengths. Bill Teaff. 1t52p.

FOR SALE — 900 bundles of Hegari 8c a bundle. See Damon Boyd at Noodle. 3t51p.

FOR SALE — 4 Choice Lots — 2 in Sheppards additions and 2 on the north side. See R. N. Mosier, 401 Taylor St., Merkel. 3t51c.

FOR SALE — 3-year-old colt, quarter mare. King Ranch stock. Extra gentle. Good prospects for cutting horse or roping pony. See Mack Hodo, 104 Manchester. 3t50p.

TO SETTLE ESTATE OF SETH MORGAN

5 ROOM house and bath at 601 Edwards. Priced at \$3,250. Contact Clarence Collins at 701 Butternut St., Abilene, Texas, or call 4-8159 or 3-1002. tf 48c.

DUNLAP HEAVY Duty Tubes — 6.00x16 — \$2.25, tax included. We DO appreciate your business. Patterson Grain. tf48c.

STARTED CHICKS

TOP quality at reasonable prices. Beat the high cost of living. Raise your meat and eggs. Jamison Hatchery, 1105 East Broadway, Sweetwater. 4t51c.

FOR SALE — 2 gas heaters. Good condition. See Ray Wilson. tf46c.

NOW is the time to plant those trees, shrubs and roses. Also pansy plants. Mrs. B. T. Sublett, 705 Oak. tf43c.

FOR SALE — Pot Plants and an assortment of Cut Flowers at all times. Wanda's Florist across from hospital. tf42c.

SAVE MONEY by ordering your magazines from The Merkel Mail.

\$100 for your old Refrigerator on a new G-E or Philco DeLux Model Refrigerator. Palmer Motor Co. tf23c.

FOR ARTISTIC wedding announcement and other fine printing see The Merkel Mail. All printing done in our own shop.

FOR SALE — Used refrigerator. Late models. Old models. Electric or gas. Terms to suit. Palmer Motor Co. tf16c.

FAIRBANKS MORSE deep well pumps, submersible pumps, jet pumps or booster pumps. Miller Implement Co.

WE ARE ready to sell pump trade pumps or talk pumps — Fairbanks Morse of course. Miller Implement Co.

½ H. P. MEYER'S Jet Pump. good condition, bargain. Miller Implement Co. tf12c.

FOR your Stationary and other supplies see The Merkel Mail.

MISCELLANEOUS

WATER Well drilling and Surface pipe set. L. A. Coats and Jack Stanford, Phone 287 and 45. tf21c.

SEE—Me about your water well drilling needs. B. T. (Tye) Sublett Phone 166. Residence 100 705 Oak St., Merkel. tf12c.

WATER Well drilling and surface pipe set. Higgins & Malone Box 267, Merkel. Phone 26.

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

BUSTER HESTER, agent for Abilene Reporter-News and Dallas Morning News. Phone 280W.



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DORCAS CLASS MEETS
IN FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Baptist Church met March 3 in the church for its regular meeting. The Dorcas Class of the First Baptist Church met with Mrs. Sam Swann and Mrs. W. L.



LOOK!

We don't meet competition. We make it. If you will look and compare these prices, you will say these cars are priced far below market price.

1952 CHEVROLET 2-DOOR DELUXE FLEETLINE
Has radio, heater, seat covers. If you been waiting to buy a car worth the money, here it is. Drive in and you will buy it.

\$1,388

1952 CHEVROLET 2-DOOR SPECIAL
Has Radio, Heater, Seat Covers. We sold this car new. **BETTER HURRY!**

\$1,288

1951 CHEVROLET 4-DOOR DELUXE STYLELINE
Has Heater, Seat Covers. We sold this car new and it only has 22,000 miles. Runs and drives like a new one. **BARGAIN!**

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1951 CHEVROLET 2-DOOR DELUXE STYLELINE
Has Radio, Heater, Seat Covers, Powerglide, also a lovely two-tone color. **BETTER COME EARLY!**

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1950 CHEVROLET 2-DOOR DELUXE FLEETLINE
Has Heater, New Seat Covers, nice inside and out. If you don't think you want this one, don't look at it because you will buy it. **BETTER HURRY!**

\$988

1950 CHEVROLET 2-DOOR FLEETLINE
Has Radio, Heater, Seat Covers, Sun Visor, Good Tires. Worth the money. Local owner.

\$944

1950 CHEVROLET 4-DOOR FLEETLINE
Has Radio, Heater, Seat Covers, Sun Visor, Powerglide. Local Owner.

\$1,088

1946 PLYMOUTH 2-DOOR
Has Radio, Heater. Good transportation. **BARGAIN!**

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1949 FORD 2-DOOR CUSTOM
Has Radio, Heater, Seat Covers. Runs and drives like a new one. One owner.

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1948 CHEVROLET 4-DOOR FLEETLINE
Has Radio, Heater, Seat Covers. A good solid car. **BETTER HURRY**

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Has Heater, Good Tires, and only 17,000 miles. One owner.

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Johnson were hostesses. Prayer was by Mrs. J. J. McNeice, devotional and closing prayer by Mrs. W. M. Hayes.

Refreshments were served to Mesdames J. J. McNeice, Ada Higgen, O. B. Boden, Sr., L. C. Murry, Chas. West, Emar Wheatley, J. S. Swann, W. M. Hayes, G. M. Sharp, M. T. Head, O. B. Tatum, Sam Swann, W. L. Johnson, H. R. Hick, and J. B. Boyett.

The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. J. B. Boyett with Mrs. G. M. Sharp and Mrs. O. B. Tatum as co-hostesses.

"LET'S GROW A GARDEN" DISCUSSED AT GOODMAN

The Goodman Home Demonstration Club met in the home of Mrs. Jennings Winter with a good attendance and a very nice program.

Recreation leader, Mrs. C. P. Hodges, led the group in singing "Home On The Range" and directed two good games.

Roll call was answered with "a garden hint" when the secretary Mrs. Cal McAninch called the roll.

Mrs. H. H. Windham, council delegate, gave the council report. She said Goodman club was to go in with other clubs at Anson for the home market in April, and that it was time to turn in the 25¢ per member for T. H. D. A. fund. At council three delegates were elected to represent Jones County at the district meeting. Mrs. Frank Carter was elected as one of the delegates.

The agent, Miss Jimmie Lou Wainscott, had charge of the program. "Let's grow a garden" was her discussion. She told how to prepare the ground and get ready to plant, and what kind of seeds to buy that was good for planting in this part of the country.

Mrs. Winter served sandwiches, olives, cake and coffee to eight members, two children and Miss Wainscott.

The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Fain Jordan.

"HOT BREADS" IS PROGRAM OF BLUE BONNET H. D. CLUB

"Hot Breads for Breakfast, Dinner and Supper" was the program at the Blue Bonnet Home Demonstration Club on March 3, meeting in the home of Mrs. E. H. Phillips. Mrs. Allen King, president, presided.

"Home on the Range" was sung by the group, prayer was by Mrs. Brnovak, roll call was answered by each telling the "kind of quick breads my family likes best."

The meeting was then turned over to the agent, Miss Loretta Allen, who demonstrated a mix for hot breads. She mixed the dry ingredients together with the shortening, stored in a container and she just measured out the amount needed and mixed with milk, ready to cook in a jiffy... and there you are all set for hot biscuits for any meal.

Refreshments of sandwiches, cake and coffee were served to two visitors, Mrs. John Oliver and Rev. E. H. Phillip, and Mesdames Allen King, Ford Butman, Joe Swinney, Frase Demere, Sam Butman, Frank Brnovak, Tom Russell, James Butman, Kenneth Ray, Elmer Patterson and one new member, Mrs. G. D. McConnell.

The next meeting will be March 17 with Mrs. Kenneth Ray.

HONOR FATHER ON 80TH BIRTHDAY IN LOOP

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Halbrook of Loop, were hosts honoring her father, Oliver Bright, on his 80th birthday. Children and grandchildren gathered at the Recreation Building in Loop on Sunday, March 1, and spent the day visiting and taking pictures. Jack Mitchell of Lamesa, nephew of Mrs. Bright, showed pictures which were taken of a family reunion held two years ago at the Bright home south of Trent.

Those attending from Trent were: Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Kegans, and Eugene.



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Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Bright, who formerly lived at Trent, now live in Monahans.

MERKEL H. D. CLUB HAS LOADS OF FUN AT MEETING

The Merkel Home Demonstration Club met Friday afternoon, Feb. 27, in the home of Mrs. J. W. Bryan.

Mrs. L. P. Liles, president, presided over the meeting. Roll call was answered by "My favorite pot plant."

The program was brought by Mrs. J. W. Bryan and Mrs. L. P. Liles on "Using Fertilizers."

Visitors and members enjoyed singing songs with little Miss Betty Lou Holmes, 5 years old, singing a special song, "Jesus Tells Me This I Know."

The recreation period, led by Miss Lottie Butman, was loads of fun and enjoyed by all.

Refreshments of cake, fresh apple sauce, apples from Alabama brought back here by the Bryan from a recent visit there, candy and coffee were served to Mesdames E. H. Thompson, a visitor, L. P. Liles, J. Ben Campbell, Boyd Scott, Pearl Harris, M. T. Head

John Hughes, Ray Holmes, O. B. Boden, Jr. Rhett Eidson, Jr., Miss Lottie Butman, Miss Lou Holmes and the hostess.

On March 13 at 2 o'clock in the home of Mrs. John Hughes the program will be given by the Taylor County Home Demonstration Agent, Miss Loreta Allen. Visitors always welcome.



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EDITORIAL

MORE RAIN

In last week's editorial we spoke about the .4 inch of rain that had fallen. This may have sounded like the facts of the weather were being mixed as it was reported on the front page of the same issue that .45 inch rain had fallen. In fact .55 inch of rain had fallen.

The reference to the .4 inch was of course to the previous week. The reason for the difference in measurement was that the editorial was written before the last rains, just as this editorial is being written right after the last paper has been placed in the mail. These editorials are usually written at the end of the week.

Some folks may wonder why they are written so far in advance of the publication of the paper. As a matter of fact, many editors do wait up to the time of printing the paper to write their editorials. But our habit has been to write them as early as possible to take the pressure off of the last minute of publication. This gives us more time to publish later news.

But to get back to the rain (and we hope into the rain).

In 10 days' time we had almost an inch of rain. That is not bad. In 67 years, since 1885, the chart shows that the average rainfall in February has been about an inch. We got .40. Though that is not the average it helped a lot. It helped until the next rain fell, which came within 10 days.

This last rain, which came at the beginning of March, measured .55. This is really two rains, one of .1 inch and one of .45 inch. The average rainfall for March since 1885 has been 1.22 inches. So this is a good start for the month of March.

What we are getting at is that each rain helps and adds to happy prospects. We are now getting into the season when rains are more likely to come and we can hope and pray that they do.

JUNIOR BADGERS

The Junior Badgers have done it again. They have won. They have won their own tournament.

The younger Badgers have achieved an enviable record. In two years' time they have not been defeated. They have won every game. That is something to be proud of.

Just look what they did at the tournament here. In the game against Buffalo Gap the final score stood 35-15 in favor of the little Badgers. In the game against Roscoe the Juniors piled up a record score of 50-20. And in the final contest they beat Hawley 41-13.

In these games the Badgers won by 20 points or more in each game! That shows how outstanding they were. And in the last game Coach

Leon Walker shoved in his entire "B" team for a whole quarter and the second team kept in the lead.

And the crowd enjoyed the playing of these youngsters. Look at the crowds that came each night of the tournament. Over 1,000 persons came to see the games: 400 on the first night and 350 on each of the other two nights.

And that boy Robert McLeod put on a show of his own. It was real joy to see the way he handled the ball. Whenever he was near enough to the basket and got the ball he would execute one turn and without hesitation heave the ball into the basket for a goal. His movement were clocklike and just as precise. He well won his place on the all-tournament team.

Coach Walker is to be congratulated on turning out our winning team. All the boys are to be congratulated for their splendid work in achieving their record: Robert McLeod, Gail O'Brien, Jerry Russell, Kermit Rutledge, Narciso Ribera, Chester Collinsworth, Jr., Jerry Miller, Carl Wayne McKeever, Larry Bailey and Joe Neill.

"WHITE-ICISM"

That's ALL — and the sage of Figfield adds that playing a good game is a good method of learning to play a good life.

Pfc. B. F. Townzen After Visit Here Is on Way to Korea

Pfc. Benjamin Franklin Townzen has completed his training at Camp Chaffee, Ark., and has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Townzen, and his sister, Mrs. Ray Harrison, and family.

Pfc. Townzen is on his way to Korea. His wife will make her home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stevens in Abilene.

Mrs. W. W. Webb Returns Home And Is Improving

Mrs. W. W. Webb returned

home Saturday night from Roswell, New Mexico, where she became seriously ill. She is feeling much better now.

Chester McWilliams Has Operation On Last Friday

Chester McWilliams had a major operation last Friday at the Veterans Hospitals in Big Spring. He is getting along all right.

Mrs. Dent Gibson Attends Convention In Dallas

Mrs. Dent Gibson attended the Beauty Convention in Dallas the first of the week.

Would Like to Get Some of the Merkel Sun and Heat

S/Sgt. Robert W. Berry, who is in Europe, wrote the Merkel Mail in part:

Please change my address. I have been getting the paper from six to eight weeks late but sure do enjoy reading about home.

My wife, Virginia, and son Bruce are doing fine here in Kettering, England, but we sure would like to have some of that Merkel sun and heat. I have been here 11 months and Virginia and Bruce have been here seven months. We would like to send all our friends our regards.

Would you please let us know how much it would cost to have our paper air mailed over to us every week? If it isn't too expensive we would like to get it quicker. When it comes by boat mail it sometimes gets here eight weeks late. By air mail it would get here in three to five days.

Donations Are Made To Cemetery Fund

Since the last report the following have donated to the Cemetery

Maintenance Fund:

Mrs. Alta Ingram	\$25.00
F. E. Allyn, Trent	\$10.00
I. N. Irvin	\$10.00
C. L. McLeod	\$10.00
Fred Guitart, Jr., Roswell, New Mexico	\$6.40

Mrs. Jas. H. West	\$5.00
Ab Roach, Abilene	\$5.00
Sam C. McNeill, Copperas Cove	\$5.00
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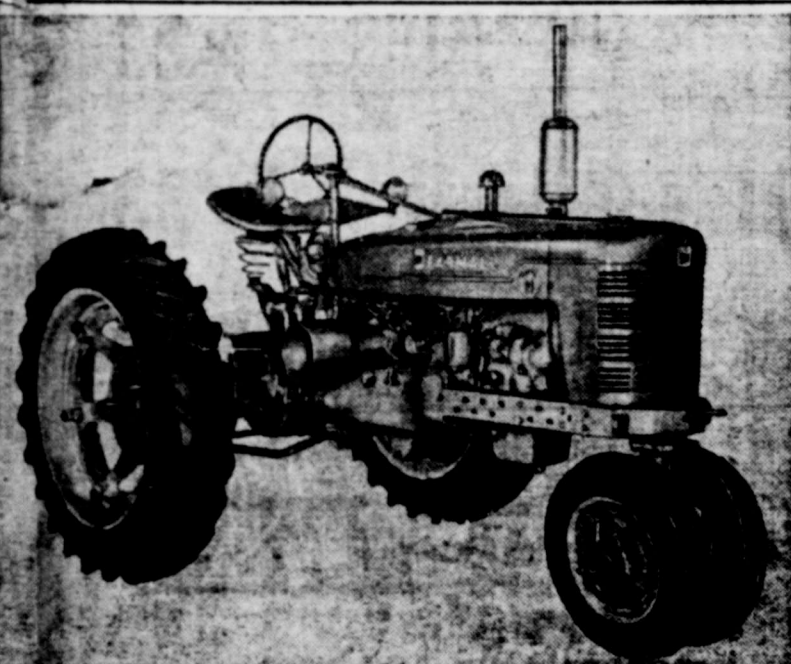
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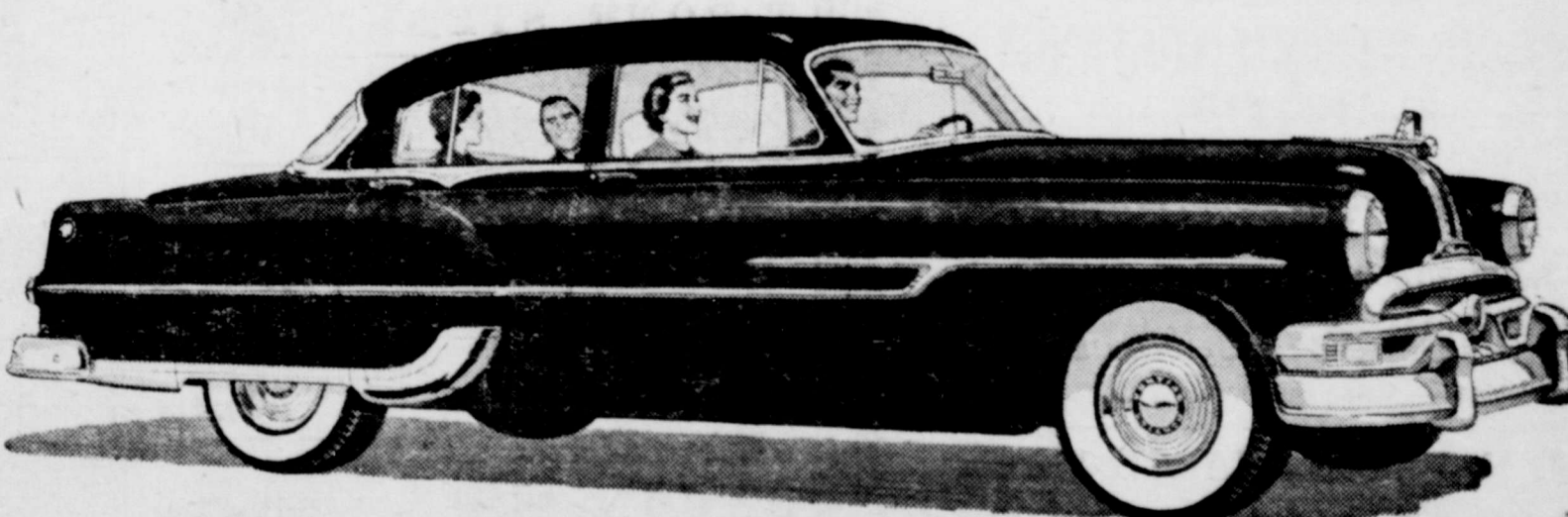
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Bobby G. Gilbert Is Promoted To Lieutenant

Lt. Bobby Glenn Gilbert spent the past week here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Gilbert, and family. Lt. Gilbert graduated March 2 at Craig Air Force Base, Ala., specializing in single engine pilot training.
He reported March 11 to Nellis Air Force Base, Las Vegas, Nev., for 10 weeks advanced pilot training. Before entering service he

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