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PERSONAL NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Griffin, Sr., and daughter, Betty, of Merkel and Mr. W. F. Cagle and daughter, Carolyn Jeanette, of San Antonio, were weekend visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Griffin, Jr., of Oklahoma City, Okla.

Mrs. E. S. Dean is visiting her son and other relatives at Lawton.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McCandless visited last week with their son and daughter, Harry L. McCandless and Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Boswell, at Midland. They were accompanied on their return by their nephew, Tom Morrow, and Mrs. Morrow, also of Midland, who spent Friday night with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Benson, Ann and Bob, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Rex Reddell of Tuscola, were Fort Worth visitors over the weekend, visiting in the new home of M-Sgt. and Mrs. A. R. Reddell and attending the Ice-Capades.

Mrs. Jack McCartney and little daughter, Cheryl, left Wednesday for their home in Salt Lake City, Utah, after a month's visit with her mother, Mrs. Mary Click, and other relatives.

Mrs. W. T. Johnson left Saturday for a few weeks' stay with her daughter, Mrs. Lee Brewer, of Pensacola, Ala., near Birmingham.

Sunday guests of Tom Spears were his son, J. P. Spears, and Tom King, both of Slaton and both being Santa Fe employees.

Mrs. Alice Helms, of Odessa, and daughter, Mrs. Lucille Landry, and her daughter were visitors the past week with the former's mother, Mrs. Eli Brooks.

J. J. White accompanied his son-in-law, A. R. Johnston, home to Slaton Saturday for a short visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lucas of Flint, Mich., are spending a two-weeks' vacation with his mother, Mrs. M. D. Lucas.

Week-end visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Watt Blair were their son, O. C. Blair, and two children, from Loveland.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Walker and daughter, Karen, of Colorado City, were week-end visitors with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Ferguson.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Campbell of Midland were here for a week-end visit with her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Patterson, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Campbell.

A passing visitor in the W. A. Campbell home the past week was Rev. Joe Morrison, Methodist pastor on the Plains.

W. P. Thurmond, of Denton, a former merchant here, and his wife, were visitors the past week with their niece and nephew, Mrs. R. O. Anderson and J. C. Comerys.

Mrs. W. C. Rous and son from Rolla, Mo., are visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Land, while her husband is attending the national convention of the American Ceramic society at the Palmer House in Chicago, Ill. He will abstract for Industrial Publications, Inc., the papers presented in the materials and equipment division.

Misses Jan Windham and Hope Meeks left Sunday for a week's visit with their cousin, Miss Sherry Lou Coats, in Big Spring.

D. D. Coats returned home Friday from a visit in Big Spring with his son, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Coats and family.

After a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. Silas Stevens returned Wednesday to their home in San Antonio.

Karla Jan Jerry, of Fort Worth, is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Moore here and Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Terry, Sr., in Trent.

Jimmy Russell returned Thursday of last week, very much improved, from the Veterans hospital at McKinney, where he had spent the past 2 1/2 months.

Junior Class Presents Annual Plays, Apr. 23

The Junior Class plays will be presented at the High School gymnasium Friday night, Apr. 23, at 8 o'clock.

The four one-act comedies include "A Date with Judy," "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch," "The Duchess Bounces In" and "Trouble in the Cellar." These four comedies are under the direction of Mrs. Comer Haynes.

Between acts, members of the Junior class will be featured in several musical numbers.

The public is cordially invited. Admission prices are 30 and 15 cents.

COMMUNITY PAYS LAST TRIBUTE TO WAR VICTIM

Services Held for PhM 2-C Douglas Harold Powers at First Baptist Church, With Full Military Burial at Rose Hill.

Last rites for Pharmacist's Mate 2-C Douglas Harold Powers, who was killed while fighting for his country on Iwo Jima, Feb. 12, 1945, were held at 3 p. m. Sunday from the First Baptist church, with the pastor, Rev. E. M. Weathers officiating, assisted by Rev. R. L. Butler, pastor of the Methodist church. Burial arrangements were under direction of Barrow-Sheppard Funeral home, with military service at Rose Hill cemetery in charge of Merkel Post 5683, Veterans of Foreign Wars. Pallbearers were: H. Vace Boney, Howard Carson, Leon Walker, Robert Lee, Ralph Tarpley and Waymon Adecock. Honorary pallbearers were David Gamble, Doyle Seiffert, Lester Dorton, Herman Daniel, J. M. Salter, Jr., and R. D. Ely.

The escort, or firing squad, included Powell Miller, Alton Newton, Jesus Moreno, Vincent Barnett, George Reidenbach, Robert Higgins and Marvin DuBose; color guard, Buster Heister and Marvin Perkins; color bearers, Glynn Robertson, J. P. Click; bugler, Forrest Glenn Barnett; chaplain, Rev. E. M. Weathers.

The body of the Merkel boy, son of Mrs. O. N. Brewer, of Trent, was brought from the Pacific aboard the U. S. Transport Walter Schwenk, landing in San Francisco, Calif., Mar. 22, and arrived in Merkel Apr. 16, under escort of Chief Petty Officer H. H. Townsend, from Fort Worth, for re-burial at home.

Harold was born near Amarillo on Oct. 29, 1925. He was a senior in Merkel High school at the time he volunteered for the Navy in December, 1942, just a month after reaching the age of 17. He trained for duty at San Diego, Calif., and had been overseas 18 months.

For his gallantry in action against the enemy on Iwo Jima, he was awarded the Silver Star posthumously and he was also awarded the Purple Heart. A road within the base camp area at Guam was dedicated and named Powers road in his honor.

Survivors are his mother; two brothers, Ace Gibson Powers, student in Hardin-Simmons university, and Glenn Powers, also of Abilene, and a number of aunts and uncles.

T. A. Tucker, 59, Jones County Farmer Dies

T. A. Tucker, 59, well known Jones county farmer, died Saturday morning at 6 o'clock at his home after an illness of two weeks.

Funeral services were held at 4 p. m. Sunday from Zion Chapel, with Rev. W. D. Ramsey officiating, assisted by Rev. R. V. Sorrels and Rev. W. T. Hamor, both of Abilene. Burial was in the Anson cemetery under direction of the Lawrence Funeral home.

Six nephews were pallbearers: N. H. Touchstone, J. E. Touchstone, Claude Touchstone, Alvin Williams, Hallit Williams and Leonard McCoy.

Mr. Tucker was born in Arkansas Aug. 24, 1888, and came to Jones county when 17 years of age. He was married to Ella B. Touchstone in 1914.

Survivors include the wife; two brothers, John Tucker, of Arkansas, and Frank Tucker, of Hamlin, and one sister, Mrs. Ethel Hayes, of Arkansas.

J. E. Higgins Elected Head of Farmers Coop

J. E. Higgins was elected president of the Farmers Cooperative Society No. 1 of Merkel, at the annual meeting of members held Saturday afternoon at the gin office. Other officers chosen were: Dee Teaff, vice-president, and Mack Tucker, secretary.

H. H. Anderson, who is now completing his fourth year as manager, was re-elected to this position.

New directors named by the group include Louis Herring, Dee Teaff and Mack Tucker. Holdover members of the board of directors are: Jarrett Pinckley, J. E. Jaynes, L. S. Tipton, B. B. Reynolds, M. H. Ely and J. E. Higgins.

More than 60 members were present for the meeting, at which dividends amounting to \$2,066.15 were distributed. A total of 1,041 bales were ginned from the 1947 crop, it was reported in the annual audit.

SERVICES FOR MERKEL BOY TO BE HELD FRIDAY

Funeral for Pfc. J. J. Screven Smith, Jr., U. S. Marine corps, who was killed on Iwo Jima on Mar. 2, 1945, will be held from the First Baptist church here at 2:30 Friday afternoon, with Rev. Levi W. Price, of Coleman, former pastor here, conducting the rites, assisted by Rev. E. M. Weathers, present pastor, and Rev. George R. Wilson, pastor of the First Baptist church of Sweetwater. Burial will be in Rose Hill cemetery, under direction of the Barrow-Sheppard Funeral home.

The body of Private Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. S. Smith of Sweetwater, formerly of Merkel, was due to arrive on the 8:09 westbound Sunshine Special Thursday night, from Fort Worth.

Screven and his twin brother, Samuel, entered service at the same time, Jan. 27, 1944, and went overseas together with the 4th Marine division. They were with the same unit at the time Screven was killed.

Survivors, in addition to the parents and twin brother, include another brother, L. E. Smith, of Carizo Springs, and two sisters, Mrs. Arraje Evans of Sweetwater and Louise Smith, taking a training course in nursing at Abilene.

Sammy and wife, of McAllen, have been visiting since Monday with his parents in Sweetwater and her folks in Abilene.

Letter From Colonel B. D. Butler Commends Merkel Post, VFW

The following letter of commendation, dated Apr. 12, from Col. B. D. Butler, QMC, Commanding, Fort Worth Quartermaster depot, to the commander of Merkel Post 5683, Veterans of Foreign Wars, speaks for itself.

"Recently one of our comrades-in-arms returned home. It was not a happy occasion as when you and I returned. The sad occasion to which I refer was when one of our honored dead, Private First Class Henry F. Henington, Jr., was returned to this country for final interment. Without the able assistance rendered by your splendid organization, both prior to and during the last rites, the grief and sadness would have been almost unbearable to the bereaved family and friends.

"I know this to be true, because the military escort, Master Sergeant John C. Blodgett, USMC, was so impressed by your fine work that he reported it to me upon his return. You have provided a memorial far better than one of marble or bronze—a memory of our comrade laid in the fitting resting place with honors befitting a fallen hero; a memory which will be indelibly written in the minds of those who paid their last respects.

"I feel that I must write this letter of thanks, for even though the Department of the Army has dedicated itself to return our honored dead as quickly and efficiently as is humanly possible, our work would be of little value, no matter how well done, if it were not for the aid you and other patriotic organizations throughout the land are rendering in the last and most important phase of the return program.

"Please accept my deepest appreciation for all you have done, and if this office can ever be of assistance, do not hesitate to call upon us."

Mrs. L. H. Utley, 66, Dies at Trent Home

Trent, Apr. 22.—Funeral services for Mrs. L. H. Utley, 66, who died Wednesday, Apr. 14, at her home here, were held at 3 p. m. Thursday from the Trent Church of Christ, with David Deshay, the minister, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill cemetery in Merkel, under direction of an Abilene funeral home.

Mrs. Utley was born Nannie Franklin, July 10, 1881, in Little Rock, Ark. She was married to Mr. Utley Oct. 23, 1915, and since that time had lived in Esketa and Trent. She was a member of the Trent Church of Christ.

Survivors are her husband; four daughters, Mrs. R. B. Robinson, of Abilene, Mrs. J. J. Anderson, Trent, Mrs. Bob Brazelton, Esketa, and Mrs. E. N. Blankenship, Anson; seven sons, J. B. Kiser, El Paso, C. E. Kiser, Big Spring, A. L. Kiser, Esketa, Clayton Nichols, Roscoe, Wesley Utley, Trent, Jack Utley, Grandfalls, and Virgil Utley, Sweetwater. Four sisters, two brothers, 37 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren also survive.

NEW ALDERMEN TAKE OFFICE AT SESSION MONDAY

Council Acts Favorably on Petition from Civic Groups for Sanitary and Health Measures; Orders Dogs Vaccinated.

The three new aldermen elected on Apr. 6—B. T. Sublett, J. L. White and Lendon A. Coats—were installed at Monday night's meeting of the city council. Mayor A. J. Canon administered the oath of office. Retiring aldermen were: O. B. Leach, Joe Cyper and Johnny Hammond, the hold-over aldermen being Earl Hughes and Bob Hicks.

Committee appointments were made by Mayor Canon as follows: Street—Hughes and White; Water—Coats and Sublett; Police—Hicks.

The council acted favorably on a petition from five organizations, the Fortnightly Study club, the Merkel Garden club, the Home Demonstration club, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Lions club, asking that the city try to borrow the DDT spraying system from the Abilene health department for spraying to rid the city of flies and mosquitoes. The city secretary was instructed to write the proper officials in Abilene and make the request.

A second petition from the same organizations which asked for an ordinance requiring vaccination of dogs in the city was also favorably acted upon.

Payment of \$2,284.53 to the Merkel Motor company for purchase of a new Ford truck and hydraulic lift for use of the water and sewer department was authorized.

Merkel Baseball Nine Meets Clyde Sunday

The Merkel baseball team annexed their first win of the season, defeating the Novice semi-pros, 8 to 5, at Novice Sunday, and added another victory Wednesday at Truby, with a 10-7 count.

J. R. Dye struck out seven Novice Oilers in seven innings and held his opponents to six hits. Manager Dennis Walker, who relieved him in the 8th, fanned all three outs in the ninth. Walter Earl Whisenhunt led the sluggers with three hits, one being a homer with a runner on.

The Merkel nine will play Clyde at Clyde Sunday afternoon.

May 4 Named Ladies' Night by Lions Club

The next meeting of the Lions club, which will be held on May 4, will be ladies' night, it was decided at Tuesday's luncheon held in the Community Center.

As a nominating committee to report a slate of new officers to be voted on in June, President Earl Hughes appointed C. J. Glover, Horace Boney and Wrenn Durham. A special committee on sending flowers from the club was appointed, including Lester Dorton, Edwin E. Read and Johnny Hammond. Jack Miller answered the call by volunteering on a special committee on plumbing matters at the Community Center.

Dr. Houston F. Byrd and Ralph Tarpley were welcomed as new members. As a club guest, L. V. Moore, who is returning to Merkel as store manager for Palmer Tire and Appliance company was present.

Merkel HD Club Plans Rally and Fun Night

The Merkel Home Demonstration club is sponsoring a political rally and fun night for every one on Monday, Apr. 26, at the Community Center, beginning at 8 o'clock.

Archie Jefferies and his Butane boys will furnish entertainment throughout the evening. A country store will be inside with anything you want to eat, wear, etc. All are invited to come and enjoy the evening. Admission, 10 and 25 cents.

Trent Seniors Present Play Friday Night

Trent, Apr. 22.—The seniors of Trent high school will present their class play, "Faith, Hope and Charity," at the school gymnasium on Friday night of this week, beginning at 8 o'clock. Admission prices are 35 and 20 cents.

ORDER ISSUED THAT ALL DOGS BE VACCINATED

Dr. B. C. Robertson, Abilene veterinarian, will be in Merkel Saturday afternoon, between the hours of 3 to 5, for the purpose of vaccinating dogs, it was announced Tuesday by Mayor A. J. Canon, according to action taken by the city council on Monday night. The veterinarian will make headquarters at the Kimbell elevator office.

Every dog owner in the city is required to have his dog or dogs vaccinated. The fee for inoculation and a tag is \$2.00.

Missing Golan Man Found Visiting With Oklahoma Kinsmen

O. H. McSpadden, 74-year-old Golan farmer who was the object of a two-day search, was located Tuesday afternoon in Hollis, Okla., where he is visiting with relatives.

Sheriff Bill Dunwoody of Jones county, who traced him to Oklahoma, contacted him at Hollis late Tuesday. The sheriff's office reported he had "hitchhiked" to visit kinsmen.

Search for him got under way when he failed to return home Sunday afternoon after leaving about 1 p. m., to look at terraces on his farm. His wife notified neighbors and search for him was conducted most of Sunday night. Monday morning Sheriff Dunwoody was notified and additional men joined the searchers.

Two Home Games for Badgers Next Week

Coach Carroll Benson's up-and-down baseballers will play two conference games in their own backyard next week, entertaining the Anson Tigers here on Tuesday afternoon, Apr. 27, and the Hamlin Pied Pipers on Friday afternoon, Apr. 30.

At the present time the Badgers have a season record of one win and three losses, putting them "behind the eight ball" as far as getting into the Shaughnessy playoff is concerned. Hamlin is leading the loop with a 3-1 record.

During the past week the Purple and Gold diamond crew turned in one "piperoo" performance and one "stinkeroo." Last Friday the local lads took measure of the Rotan Yellowhammers, 8 to 6, behind the five hit pitching of Jimmy Floyd. Rotan is the only entry which has downed the Hamlin nine so far.

But on Tuesday afternoon at Colorado City the Badgers donated a contest to the lowly Wolves by a count of 8 to 7. Merkel was ahead by a 7-2 score when the Wolves came to bat in the last half of the ninth, but a whole flock of errors on the part of the local boys made it easy for the Mitchell County boys.

Ten Children Attend Well Child Conference

Ten children were present last Friday afternoon for the Well-Child conference, sponsored by the Merkel Parent-Teacher association.

May 21 is the date for the summer round-up, it is announced.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From Files of The Merkel Mail, April 20, 1928.)

MERKEL SINGERS BROADCAST FINE PROGRAM AT WBAP.

The Choral and Glee club of Merkel High school appeared in chorus to an invisible but enthusiastic audience last Saturday afternoon from WBAP, Fort Worth. Through the courtesy of Texas Woman's college the program was broadcast from the Fine Arts auditorium, due to the inadequacy of the downtown studio to accommodate a chorus of forty. Selections were given by the combined chorus, the Choral club, Glee club and one number by Miss Collins and Mrs. Brown in vocal duet arrangement.

Merkel's chorus was highly complimented by Fort Worth officials and the program was said to compare favorably with the best WRAP has put out.

T. W. C. CONTESTS.

Merkel Choral and Glee clubs participated in a state-wide contest sponsored by Texas Woman's college in that institution Saturday morning, Apr. 14th. The chorus appeared in

WIN LITERARY CHAMPIONSHIP DISTRICT 5-A

Merkel High School Students Amass 149 Points At Albany; Go to Regional II At Abilene Saturday of This Week.

At the district interscholastic league meet, held at Albany high school last Saturday, Merkel High school students amassed a grand total of 149 points to win the literary championship of district 5-A.

Events and places won by Merkel students are as follows: Typewriting—Sandra Sadler, first; Joy Lansford, second; Sue McWilliams, fourth.

Shorthand—Buddy McKeever, first; Larose Perry, second. Ready writers—Barbara Sandusky, first.

Declamation—(Junior boys), Gaston Walker, first; (Junior girls), Larose Perry, second; (Senior girls), Geneva Carr, second; (Senior boys), Donald Pratt, third. Extemporaneous speech—Betty Joan James, first.

Slide rule—Ralph Miller, second; Allen James, third. Debate (Boys)—Buddy McKeever and Raymond Perkins, first.

Debate (Girls)—Fatsy Thomas and Betty Jean Davis, first. The typing and shorthand contestants are coached by Mrs. Imogene Henry, commercial teacher; ready writers, extemporaneous speech and declamation contestants are coached by Mrs. Comer Haynes, speech and English teacher; slide rule contestants are coached by Hoyt Byrd, shop teacher, and debate teams are coached by Mrs. Alta Altom, mathematics teacher.

These students and their coaches will represent Merkel High school at the Regional II, UIL meet in Abilene, Saturday of this week. Merkel also has one entry in the Regional track meet—John Glene-winkel, who will compete in the one-mile run.

Proposals for Carrying U. S. Mail Sought

Sealed proposals for carrying the United States mails between the post office at Merkel and the Texas and Pacific railway each way as often as required will be received by the postmaster until Apr. 29. This service will be let for a stated period, according to Postmaster Wrenn Durham, and no written contract with bond is required. The accepted bidder will be expected to provide for the performance of the service at the compensation stated in the order designating him as mail messenger until his employment is terminated by proper notice of order.

Bids for carrying the mail are to be obtained at the Merkel post office.

Record of Births

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Clyde Landers, Former Trent Youth, Dies

Clyde Floyd Landers, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Landers of Odessa, who formerly lived at Trent, died at the Sweetwater Municipal hospital Sunday, Apr. 10.

Funeral services were held at 3 p. m. Tuesday from the Patterson Funeral chapel in Sweetwater, with Rev. B. L. Higdon, pastor of the Trent Baptist church, officiating. Burial was in the Sweetwater cemetery.

Young Landers had been a patient in the Sweetwater hospital for two weeks. Before his illness he was associated with his father as a stonemason in Odessa.

Survivors include his parents; a brother, J. W. Landers of Odessa; four sisters, Mrs. Laverne Kinsey of Trent, Mrs. Laura White, Ada Mae Landers and Alice Faye Landers, all of Odessa.

CARD OF THANKS.

We are deeply grateful to every one who by their kind deeds and words of sympathy and lovely floral gifts brought consolation in the loss of our dear father.

May God bless you all.
Roy L. Holmes.
Joe Holmes, Jr.
Mrs. Florence Berry.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our sincere thanks to the many friends and neighbors who were so thoughtful and kind during the illness and death of our Mother and Grandfather.

We also wish to express our thanks for the lovely flowers.
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LEGAL NOTICES

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Jimmie W. Davis, 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 31st day of May, A. D., 1948, at or before 10 o'clock A. M., before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County, at the Court House in Abilene, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 15th day of April, 1948.
The file number of said suit being No. 15,741-A.

The names of the parties in said suit are: Edwena Davis as Plaintiff, and Jimmie Davis as Defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were duly and legally married on or about the 25th day of January, 1947, and lived together until on or about February 14, 1947. No child or children were born to said marriage and none will be born, and there is no community property involved. Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of cruel treatment and for the reason that defendant was legally married to another woman at the time he and plaintiff were married.

If this Citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

Issued this 16th day of April, A. D., 1948. Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this 16th day of April, A. D., 1948.
(Seal) J. Neil Daniel, Clerk, District Court, Taylor County, Texas By Grace Jenkins, Deputy.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: S. M. Oldham, Ella Sandell, O. D. Sandell, the heirs and unknown heirs and legal representatives of Larce Oldham and Minnie Oldham Emmons, both deceased and their unknown owners if any, 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 7th day of June, A. D., 1948, at or before 10 o'clock A. M., before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County, at the Court House in Abilene, Texas.
Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 17th day of April, 1948.
The file number of said suit being No. 15,746-A.
The names of the parties in said suit are: B. G. Marshall and wife, Arillia Marshall as Plaintiffs, and S. M. Oldham, Ella Sandell and husband, O. D. Sandell, Rosa Duncan and husband Tom Duncan, the heirs and unknown heirs and legal representatives of Larce Oldham and Minnie Oldham Emmons, both deceased, and their unknown owners if any, as Defendants.
The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: Trespass to try title and title by adverse possession of 10 years limitation on the part of plaintiffs against the defendants to the Southwest 1-4 of section 6 Blk. 3 under Certificate No. 17-365 S. P. Ry. Co. lands located in Jones County, Texas, and containing 160 acres and to quiet plaintiff's title and for all legal and equitable relief to which the plaintiffs may be entitled to and for cost of suit, for all of which the plaintiffs pray.
Issued this 17th day of April, 1948.
Given under my hand and seal of

Snyder Selected Fall Meeting of Presbytery

Rev. Frank Travis, pastor of the Central Presbyterian church, Abilene, was elected moderator at the spring meeting of Abilene Presbytery, Presbyterian church, U. S. A., held at Lamesa, last week, and Snyder was selected for the fall meeting.

L. L. Murray attended the sessions as delegate from Grace Presbyterian church.

Scouts Spend Week-end On Clear Fork River

Eighteen Boy Scouts of Merkel Troop enjoyed a trip to the Clear Fork river over the week-end, purpose of the trip being to review the contest for the coming camporee on Apr. 23-24.

The Flaming Arrow patrol received 890 points; the Panthers, 950 points, and the Beavers, 940 points. The boys also had a great deal of fun swimming.

They were accompanied by Frank Breaux, troop committeeman, and G. H. Suber, assistant Scoutmaster.

Grammar Students on Pennmanship Team

Word was received here this week teacher in the local etaintaoinn by Mrs. Bob Owens, pennmanship teacher in the local elementary school, that Jimmy Petty, an eighth grader, and Betty Clarie Wylie, a sixth grader, had been chosen on the 1948 All-American Pennmanship team.

These two pupils were chosen during the 19th Annual Diagnostic-Achievement Pennmanship test as students showing extraordinary skill in pennmanship and are now eligible to compete for the All-American trophy for the grade in which they are enrolled.

Phi Beta Kappa is an honorary fraternity for students of high scholarship.

Dykes are used in the Netherlands because much of the country's area is below sea level.

said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this 17th day of April, A. D., 1948.
(Seal) J. Neil Daniel, Clerk, 42nd Dist. Court, Taylor County, Tex.

LOCAL NEWS BRIEFS

After receiving his discharge from two years' service in the Navy on Apr. 6, at San Diego, Calif., Seaman 1-C Orville Kemper is home for a visit with his mother, Mrs. E. A. Kemper, and sisters. He leaves soon for Albuquerque, N. M., where he has accepted employment.

Clyde Bartlett, local manager for Burton-Lingo company, was due to return Thursday from Galveston, where he attended the State Lumbermen's convention. While he was away, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bartlett, of Santa Anna, came to be with the Bartlett boys.

Cpl. Charles Bagley, Army Air Corps, who returned to the States on Mar. 25 after 19 months' overseas duty in the Philippines and on Guam, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Mashburn. He is due to report May 11 to Fort Worth for assignment.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. McKeever and family have recently occupied their commodious new home, corner North Third and Runnels street. Constructed of concrete tile, with concrete floors, it contains six rooms, a hall and bath.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Rosson enjoyed a short visit recently from his brother, J. J. Rosson, of Pulkaski, Tenn., who also visited with a son in El Paso and another brother, W. C. Rosson, of Vernon.

New Garage Opens.

C. S. Higgins, well known auto mechanic and long-time resident of Merkel, has opened a garage in the rear of the Greyhound Bus station, where he is equipped to do all kinds of automotive work.

CARD OF THANKS.

I want to express my sincere thanks to my many friends and neighbors who were so thoughtful and kind in the illness and death of my beloved husband. I gratefully appreciate all assistance so kindly rendered by every one. I also wish to thank you for the beautiful floral offering.

May God's richest blessing be with each of you.
Mrs. T. A. Tucker.

See J. W. HAMMOND at the Ben Franklin store, if you are in the market for lumber.

Statement of Condition Farmers & Merchants National Bank MERKEL, TEXAS

Close of Business April 12, 1948

RESOURCES	
Loans	\$ 384,626.46
Overdrafts	709.64
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	3,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	4,006.00

AVAILABLE CASH AND QUICK ASSETS:	
Bills of Exchange, Cotton	\$ 349.44
United States Bonds and Securities	1,404,013.76
Other Bonds and Warrants	30,613.61
Cash and Due from Banks	1,165,940.40

	\$2,600,917.21
Total	\$2,993,253.31

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus	50,000.00
Undivided Profits	33,160.70
DEPOSITS	2,860,092.61

Total	\$2,993,253.31
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The above statement is correct.
GEORGE T. MOORE, Cashier.

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To all our neighbors, friends and loved ones: We thank you for your gifts and helping us to save part of our furniture and clothing. Again we thank you all.

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CARD OF THANKS

We are deeply grateful for the expressions of love and sympathy extended us at the time of the last rites and burial of our beloved son and brother, and also for the lovely flowers; especially do we wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Sheppard, Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Carson and the members of Merkel Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, for their fine spirit of co-operation.

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17J Movement, Incaflex Balance, gold-filled band	\$42.50
15J Movement, Incaflex balance, with high crystal	\$42.50
15J Movement, Incaflex balance, and double thick crystal	\$39.75
Ladies' Driva Watch, 17J-14K, solid gold case, yel. or wht.	\$65.50
Ladies' 4-diamond Driva Watch, 14K, solid white gold case	\$103.00
Ladies' Olympic Watch, 17J movement	\$39.75
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Following Patterns Silver Plated Flatware NOW IN STOCK

1847 Rogers Bros.— "First Love" 52-pc. service for 8, with chest	\$64.75
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Community Plate.— "Morning Star" 52-pc. service for 8, with chest	\$69.75
Wm. Rogers & Sons.— "Gardenia" 50-pc. service for 8, with chest	\$33.50

Key Chains, Forstner, Hadley	\$3.00 up
Tiger Eye Rings	\$15.00 to \$37.50
Compacts, by Elgin American	\$2.95 up
Expansion Bracelets, Pitman and Keeler, Carmen, choice	\$13.00
Large assortment, gold-filled Locketts, from	\$7.00 up

Gold-Filled Choker and Bracelet Sets, by Bliss, Forstner
Pins, Brooches, by Vandell, Forstner

Gents' Wyler watches, 17J Incaflex, waterproof case	\$55.00 up
Gent' Elgin de luxe 17J, yellow gold filled case	\$47.50
Gents' Elgin de luxe 17J, yellow gold filled case	\$55.00
Gents' Bulova, 17J	\$39.75
Gents' Tavannes 17J, yellow gold filled case with band	\$50.00
Gents' Tavannes 17, yellow gold filled case with band	\$52.00
Gents' Olympic 17J shock-proof, waterproof, anti-magnetic Stainless steel case, sweep second hand	\$49.50
Gents' Olympic 17J, yellow gold filled case	\$59.75

—SPECIAL—ONE-THIRD OFF—

Ladies' and Gents'
One Group 7 and 17 Jewel Wrist Watches

Sterling and Gold Buckle Sets (by Holland)	\$14.40 up
Hand Tooled Belts, Textan	\$5.00
Tie Chains, by Hadley, Forstner	\$2.40 up
Cuff Links, nice selection	\$4.20 up
Ronson Lighters, nice assortment	\$6.00 up
Ronson Combination Case and Lighter (Other Lighters from \$2.50)	\$12.50
Komfit yellow gold watch band, by Forstner	\$18.00
Large Selection yellow and white link and expansion bands	\$3.50 up
Identification Bracelets, solid silver	\$5.50 up
Ladies' Expansion watch band, yellow and white, . . . by Speidel	\$5.95
10K Birthstone Rings	\$5.50 up
Ear Screws, nice selection, for pierced and non-pierced ear	\$1.50 up
Fountain Pen Sets, by Parker	\$8.75 to \$12.50

LEGAL NOTICES

CITATION BY PUBLICATION. THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: Paul Trihey, 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 10th day of May, A. D., 1948, at or before 10 o'clock A. M., before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County, at the Court House in Abilene, Texas. Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 25th day of March, 1948. The file number of said suit being No. 15,708-A. The names of the parties in said suit are: Martha Trihey as Plaintiff, and Paul Trihey as Defendant. The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: Plaintiff and defendant were legally married on September 25, 1946, and lived together until on or about January 1947. There is no community property involved and no children were born of the marriage. Plaintiff sues for divorce on the grounds of cruelty and also sues for the restoration of her maiden name. If this Citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved. Issued this the 25th day of March, A. D., 1948. Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 25th day of March, A. D., 1948. (Seal) J. Neil Daniel, Clerk, District Court, Taylor County, Texas By Grace Jenkins, Deputy.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION. THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: Elizabeth C. Grinnell, 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 24th day of May, A. D., 1948, at or before 10 o'clock A. M., before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County, at the Court House in Abilene, Texas. Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 10th day of April, 1948. The file number of said suit being No. 15,728-A. The names of the parties in said suit are: Elvin Grinnell as Plaintiff, and Elizabeth C. Grinnell as Defendant. The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were married on or about the 4th of November, 1942, and lived together until on or about February 5, 1947. No child or children were born to said marriage and none were adopted and there are no property rights to be adjudicated. Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of cruel treatment. If this Citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved. Issued this the 10th day of April, A. D., 1948. Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 10th day of April, A. D., 1948.

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Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 10th day of April, A. D., 1948. (Seal) J. Neil Daniel, Clerk, District Court, Taylor County, Texas By Grace Jenkins, Deputy. CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: E. L. Brown, 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 17th day of May, A. D., 1948, at or before 10 o'clock A. M., before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County, at the Court House in Abilene, Texas. Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 14th day of Jan., 1948. The file number of said suit being No. 15,646-A. The names of the parties in said suit are: M. E. Brown as Plaintiff, and E. L. Brown as Defendant. The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: Plaintiff and defendant were married on July 28, 1930, and continued to live together until June 3, 1946. No children have or will be born to said marriage. Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of cruel treatment. If this Citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved. Issued this the 2nd day of April, A. D., 1948. Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 2nd day of April, A. D., 1948. (Seal) J. Neil Daniel, Clerk, District Court, Taylor County, Texas By Grace Jenkins, Deputy.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION. THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: Elizabeth C. Grinnell, 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 24th day of May, A. D., 1948, at or before 10 o'clock A. M., before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County, at the Court House in Abilene, Texas. Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 10th day of April, 1948. The file number of said suit being No. 15,728-A. The names of the parties in said suit are: Elvin Grinnell as Plaintiff, and Elizabeth C. Grinnell as Defendant. The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were married on or about the 4th of November, 1942, and lived together until on or about February 5, 1947. No child or children were born to said marriage and none were adopted and there are no property rights to be adjudicated. Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of cruel treatment. If this Citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved. Issued this the 10th day of April, A. D., 1948. Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 10th day of April, A. D., 1948.

MOVIE CALENDAR QUEEN Friday - Saturday - Double feature program: Eddie Dean, Ken Maynard in "White Stallion" and Douglas Fairbanks, Maria Montez in "The Exile"; color cartoon and "The Vigilante" serial. Sunday, Monday and Tuesday - Bing Crosby, Dorothy Lamour, Bob Hope, Andrews Sisters in "Road to Rio"; color cartoon and latest News reel. Wednesday - Thursday - Larry Parks, Ellen Drew, Edgar Buchanan in "The Swordsman"; latest March of Time and 2-reel musical parade. "ROAD TO RIO" America's number one laugh highwaymen—Bing Crosby and Bob Hope—are hitting the road again, this time the merry, merry "Road to Rio". Of course they have for their co-star and co-traveler the luscious Dorothy Lamour, without whom no "Road" picture would be complete. The story presents Bing and Bob as a couple of irresponsible musicians who find it expedient to stow away on board a luxury ship bound for Rio. Their adventures on shipboard and in Rio revolve about their endeavors to free Miss Lamour from the nefarious plotting of her guardian.

Additional Donors To Cemetery Fund Additional donors to the upkeep fund of Rose Hill cemetery, as reported by T. L. Grimes, committee chairman, include the following names: Cramer Reynolds \$ 2.50 Mrs. Mary Jowers 3.00 Mrs. R. A. Walker 1.00 Mrs. T. E. Goode 2.00 Mrs. Frank Carter 2.50 E. C. Richards 5.00 Mrs. G. J. Jones 5.00 H. Woodrum 5.00 Mrs. Ida Armstrong 5.00 T. H. Spears 1.00 J. J. Russell 10.00 A. B. Patterson 2.00 R. I. Jackson 1.00 Andrew Baker 5.00 Herbert Patterson 5.00 G. M. Crow 1.00 Jarrett Pinckley 2.50 J. D. Bradley 5.00

Receives Certificate In Electricity Course Milwaukee, Wis., Apr. 22.—Robert A. Bockman, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Bockman, of Merkel, Texas, has completed his training in practical electricity at the Milwaukee School of Engineering. He is one of 32 men to receive certificates in this course. An Army Air Corps veteran, Robert attended Eula high school at Baird, Texas, prior to entering military service. He is among 126 men to be graduated from the Milwaukee School of Engineering at the close of the winter term.

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Utilization of livestock by-products is important to all farmers and ranchers. Of the total dollars received by Swift & Company for lambs, 15% to 25% comes from by-products. Cattle by-products amount to 10% to 20%. With hogs it is 2% to 5%. When bidding on live animals, Swift & Company's buyers estimate the yield and grade of edible meat. In their estimate they figure, too, the value of all by-products, including hides and wool. Livestock by-products have greatly increased the value of your meat animals. Since earliest times, man has used hides and wool to make clothing. But only in the past half-century has research found the present great variety of uses for by-products. Fats, and lanolin from wool, are the base of many cosmetics, healing creams and beauty aids. Photographic film is coated with a gelatin compound. Other uses of gelatin and glues are almost endless. Animal fats are the main raw material of toilet soaps. Life has been lengthened for people with diabetes, anemia and other diseases. They are helped by drugs such as insulin, liver extract, pepsin, adrenalin. These are all made from the glands of livestock. But for the painstaking care of meat packers, these glands would go to waste. This happened during the wartime "black market" in meats, and the supply of insulin ran low. With the growth of meat-packing plants, the war on waste began in earnest. Science found new ways to use by-products of your animals. Bristles make brushes. Bones make knife handles. Hair makes upholstery padding. Bones, blood and scraps go into animal and poultry feeds. Yes, we find use for every valuable part of cattle, hogs, and lambs. Each new use for by-products adds value to livestock... and directly benefits producers.



Speaking of By-Products... Here's a movie about 'em—just the film to complete your community or school program: a 16mm. sound, color cartoon, "BY-PRODUCTS." It runs 10 minutes—and tells the story of livestock by-products and their uses. You may also want to show "MEAT BUYING CUSTOMS," another 10-minute cartoon. For a history of the livestock-meat-packing industry, you'll like "LIVESTOCK AND MEAT"—49 minutes, black and white. "A NATION'S MEAT" is a shorter version—30 minutes—full of information on the American meat supply. Then there is "COWS AND CHICKENS... USA," a story of diversified farming—the dairy and poultry business in a nutshell. Please give us at least a month's advance notice to handle bookings. We can ship by express or parcel post. Only cost to you is payment of express or postage one way. A 16mm. sound projector is required. Order from Agricultural Research Dept., Swift & Company, Chicago 9, Illinois.

OUR CITY COUSIN Let City Cousin pull and jerk... He'll find "a cinch" is real hard work!

Phenothiazine Stands Up by Dr. I. B. Boughton Texas Substation No. 14, Sonora, Texas Ample proof that sheep roundworms can be controlled in West Texas by free-choice feeding of phenothiazine-salt mixture, with no danger of poisoning, is revealed in a 4-year test at this station. The test was made to find the answers to two specific questions: 1) Whether phenothiazine-salt mixture, fed to sheep free choice, would control stomach and other roundworm infections. 2) Whether long time use of such a mixture would be poisonous to sheep. Answering both questions, it was effective and it was not toxic. Sheep used in the test were fairly heavily infested at the start, showing an average of 1180 worm eggs per gram of manure in ewes and an average of 1700 in lambs. The count decreased steadily to 60 for ewes and 30 for lambs by the fourth year. The worm eggs in the manure did not hatch, an important point since the failure to hatch shows that the infestation of the range was being reduced. But don't throw away the drench gun. In 8 Minnesota flocks, where sheep were given a phenothiazine drench and had free access to phenothiazine-salt mixture, the lambs weighed 93 to 104 pounds. They dressed out 47.4 to 48.9%; and over 90% of the carcasses graded AA. On the other hand, in flocks where the sheep were given the phenothiazine-salt mixture but were not drenched, the lambs weighed 87-99 pounds; they dressed out 46.6 to 47.4%; and 11% to 40% graded AA.

A Steer is NOT all Beef Let's take a look at this steer. It weighs 1,000 lbs. It's not all steak. In fact, only a little more than half is salable beef. Hanging in Swift's cooling room, our steer has become two sides of beef. Together they weigh 543 lbs. What happened to the rest? Modern meat packers save everything of value from the steer—heart, tongue, liver, sweetbreads and other fancy meats. Hides for leather; bones, blood and scraps for animal feeds. Glands for medicines. All told, 161 lbs. of the steer is saved in by-products. But 296 lbs. is shrinkage and material of no value. Only the meat and by-products can be sold. What happens to the money the meat packer receives? It is used to buy livestock and other raw materials. It meets the expenses of slaughtering, dressing, refrigerating, transporting and selling. It pays rent, insurance, taxes—all the costs of doing business. The amount remaining after all of these expenses are paid is the meat packer's profit. Over a period of years, Swift & Company's profit has averaged a fraction of a cent a pound on the products we sell. That's the explanation of the "spread" between livestock prices and wholesale meat prices.

We All Want the Top Dollar You, as a producer of livestock, want to get the best price for your animals—the top dollar. As a salesman for Swift & Company, selling the products which result from these animals, I, too, want to get the top dollar. The meat packer's buyer has to judge the grade of the animals and estimate how they will yield. He then makes his bids in competition with buyers for many meat packers and other commercial slaughterers. To get the animals, he has to offer going prices. Otherwise he just won't get them; somebody else will. And that "going price" which he must pay depends on the number of animals on the market and the demand for them. After Swift & Company has made the animals which it has purchased into meat and by-products, we must sell them, again in stiff competition. If we don't offer meat at the going price, retail meat dealers will buy from somebody else who does. This competition in both buying and selling is so keen that we have to operate on a margin of profit which averages but a fraction of a cent per pound of product handled. In our business, as in yours, it takes hard work and good management to come out with money ahead on a year's operation. Our efficiency in selling meat and by-products results in important economies and savings. Only through such savings can we earn our profit—and help increase the value of your livestock. Mr. Jones, "guest editor" this month, is Vice-President of Swift & Company in charge of sales and advertising.

Soda Bill Sez: ... the best way to get out of trouble is to plow right through it. Martha Logan's Recipe for FRIED CHICKEN WITH GOLDEN GRAVY (Yield: 5-6 servings) 1 frying chicken (2 1/2-3 lb.) 1/2 teaspoon pepper 1/2 cup yellow corn meal 6 tablespoons bland lard 1/4 cup flour About 3/4 cup water 1 1/2 tablespoons salt 3 cups milk Clean, wash and cut up chicken into serving pieces. Dry. Combine corn meal, flour, salt and pepper in paper bag. Put chicken pieces into bag, close top and shake bag until pieces are well coated. Reserve excess corn meal-flour mixture for gravy. Brown chicken well in hot bland lard in heavy skillet. Add 1/2 cup water. Cover tightly and simmer slowly for 1 hour or until chicken is tender. Add remaining water as needed. Remove chicken and keep it warm while preparing gravy. Combine corn meal-flour mixture with the drippings in skillet. Brown lightly. Stir in the milk and cook until corn meal is cooked and gravy thickened. Serve gravy with chicken.

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**Mrs. T. T. Earthman
To Present Pupils in
Recitals Apr. 29-30.**

Mrs. T. T. Earthman will present her Grammar School pupils in piano recitals in two groups, the first on Apr. 29 and the second on Apr. 30, beginning at 8:15 p. m. High School pupils will be presented in a separate program on May 21.

The program for Apr. 29 follows:
"Sir Rabbit Dances" (Stilwell), Karen Irvin.
"Tripping Along" (Thompson), Kay James.
"In a Sail Boat" (Richter), Larry Joyce.
"The Dirigible" (Thompson), Jerry Estep.
"Riding on a Buffalo" (Lake), Manly Denton.
"The Mad March Hare" (Money-maker), Michael Miller.
"Rosemary" (Fox), Colette Springer.
"Water Sprites" (Fletcher), Patsy Beech.
"By a Log Fire" (Sutherland), Barbara Morgan.
"Waltz in Springtime" (Rodgers), Nelda Weathers.
"The Three Little Tails" (Lake), Minta Lou McAninch.
"The Cello" (Mattingly), Patsy Little.
"The Grasshoppers' Frolic" (Doity), Sandra Patterson.
"Joyous Farmer" (Schumann), Ruby Stephan.
"Little Lady" (Eckstein), Jo Ann Reddin.
"Mr. Cricket Plays His Fiddle" (Arnold), Kay Wylie.
"Airplane Ride" (Richter), Carolyn Teaff.
"Return of Spring" (Anthony), Vernell McLean.
"Out of the Past" (Mathis), Maxine Kerns.
"The Tumbleweed" (Saxman), Janyce Rutledge.
"Carnival Dancers" (Chaney), Patsy Floyd.
"March of Progress" (Williams), Betty Wylie.
"Rose Faye" (Heins), Mary Frances Criswell.
"Mocking Eyes" (Anthony), Yvonne Horton.
"Carrillon" (Ringuet), Vencil Rust.
"Mirth and Gayety" (Kern), Barbara Wilson.
"Parade of the Wooden Soldiers" (Jessel), Bonceil Rust and Ann Booth.

Following is the program for May 30:
"Come and Play" (Frost), Patsy McSpadden.
"At Sunset" (Ketterer), Linda Leach.
"The Shepherd's Call" (Armour), Tommy Sue Horton.
"Song of the Brooklet" (Caisoc), Clydene Eager.
"The Song of the Seesaw" (Risher), Marilyn Kelso.
"In Our Cherry Tree" (Chaney), Gloria Teaff.
"Finding Fairies" (Forest), Derrel Kelso.
"Joyous Waltz" (MacLachlan), Jean Irvin.
"On a Bright Blue Sea" (Stevens), Jerry Gibson.
"The Street Band" (Abbert), Bell Horton.
"The King's Review" (Bains), Jerry Jones.
"Big Bass Fiddle" (Hopkins), Jocielle Thompson.
"Nodding Poppies" (Stevens), Janyce Herring.
"Rose Petals" (Lawson), Paka Newby.
"Arrival of the Brownies" (Anthony), Kay Denton.
"The Glider and the Gull" (Stevens), Tommy Jean Maddox.
"Heads Up! (Loyd), Norma Stephan.
"Valse Petit" (Ketterer), Derta Gibson.
"In a Forest Tall" (Burman), Patricia Palmer.
"Jolly Dairies" (Anthony), Marie Kerns.
"On Skates" (Ketterer), June Laney.
"By Tranquil Waters" (Ketterer), Marolyn Teaff.
"Dancing Fawns" (Keating), Wanda June Bradley.
"Lucita" (Dunlap), Beth Thomas.
"Fragrant Mignonette" (Scales), Bertha Patterson.
"A Morning in the Woods" (Spencer), Dorothy Nell Irvin.
"Gondolied" (Oosten), Emma Jean Ely.
"In the Fresh Green Fields" (Giese), Ann Booth.
"The Merry Hornpipe" (Fletcher), Joy Walker.
"Little Boy Blue" (Engelmann), Sessions and Johnny Wayne Hammond.

Legal Notice

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed proposals, addressed to A. J. Canon, Mayor Merkel, Texas, for the construction of clear well, filters, pump station, water softener, sludge beds, drainline, 5 new wells, 5 pump houses, pipe line from new wells to storage, and water line extensions, all labor, equipment, materials, etc. and necessary incidentals for a complete project according to the plans and specifications, for the City of Merkel, Texas, hereafter called "Owner", in accordance with plans, specifications and contract documents, prepared by and which may be obtained from French Engineering Company, Engineers, will be received at the office of the City Secretary of the City of Merkel, Texas, 2 p. m., May 7, 1948, and then publicly opened and read aloud. Any bid received after the closing time will be returned unopened.

A Cashier's check, certified check or acceptable bidders bond, payable to the Owner, in an amount not less than five per cent (5%) of the largest possible total for the bid submitted must accompany such bid.

Attention is called to the fact that there must be paid on this project not less than the general prevailing rates of wages which have been established by the Owner as the following:

Mechanic, Workman or Type of Laborer	General per diem on 8-hour	Prevailing Wage Based on 8-hour working day	General prevailing hourly rate
Form setter-Dams	8.00	10.00	1.00
Electrician	8.00	10.00	1.25
Operators			
Ditch-Trenching Machine		8.00	1.00
Dragline-Clamshell		10.00	1.00
Painter		8.00	1.00
Reinforcing Steel Worker		8.00	1.00
Apprentices All Trades			
First Year	4.00		.50
Second Year	4.80		.60
Third Year	6.40		.80
Caulker—Pipe	4.80		.60
Kettlemen	4.00		.50
Hydrant or Valve Setter	4.80		.60
Operator			
Air Compressor	4.80		.60
Bull Dozer Tractor	6.00		.75
Backfiller	6.00		.75
Jackhammer and-or Drill			
Runner	4.80		.60
Machine Road Grader	6.00		.75
Mixer Over 10-S			
Mixer Over 10-S and under Zi-E	6.00		.75
Mixer 10-S and-or 10-E or Smaller	4.80		.60
Pump	5.20		.65
Roller-Road	6.00		.75
Truck-1½ Ton and-or Over	6.00		.75
Under 1½ Ton	4.00		.50
Tractor	6.00		.75
Pipe Layer	4.80		.60
Pipe Joint Material Worker	4.80		.60
Shower-Trench, Bracing	4.00		.50
Common Laborer	3.20		.40
Pipe Handler-Water	4.00		.50
Teamsters-Less than four up	3.20		.40

In case of ambiguity or lack of clearness in stating prices in the proposal, the Owner reserves the right to adopt the prices written in words, or to reject the proposal.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any or all formalities.

Plans and specifications may be examined without charge in the office of the Engineer, and may be procured from French Engineering Company, Engineers, 223 Citizens Bank Bldg., Abilene, Texas, upon a deposit of \$25.00 as a guarantee of the safe return of the plans and specifications, the full amount of which will be refunded to each actual bidder, upon the return of the plans and specifications within ten (10) days after receipt of bids. Additional sets of plans and specifications may be procured from the above upon a deposit of \$25.00 each, as a guarantee of their safe return within thirty (30) days from date of opening of bids, in which event \$10.00 (amount of deposit less actual cost of reproduction) of the deposit will be returned.

No bid may be withdrawn after the scheduled closing time for receipt of bids, for at least thirty (30) days.

City of Merkel, Texas
By: A. J. Canon, Mayor

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**Trent Students Make
Educational Tour**

Trent, Apr. 22.—The fourth grade of the Trent Public school and their teacher, Mrs. H. B. Robertson, and room mothers, Mrs. J. A. St. John, Mrs. H. L. Beasley, Mrs. Foy Steadman, Mrs. H. C. Hamner and Mr. T. T. Carey, made a tour of some of the interesting places in Abilene.

They rode the Sunshine Special from Trent to Abilene, where the school bus, driven by Wiley Love, met them and took them to the museum. From there they went to KRBC and saw and heard a broadcast. Next they visited the jail. Then they went to Fair Park where they had lunch and visited the zoo.

After lunch they visited Barner creamery, Coca Cola and Mead's Bakery. All three of these places served a "sample" of their goods, which was enjoyed by all. They returned to the school in time for the children to catch their busses and all reported a fine time.

Class members making the tour were: Lillie Deall Walters, Annie Mae Morris, Cynthia St. John, Kay Beasley, Doris Newhouse, Letrae Davis, Glendal Martin, Johnetta Pharris, Gaye Morris, Thelda Hamner, Clyde Butler, Dorothy Langham, Nancy Jones, John Stowe, Billy Wayne Lewis, Nancy Powers, Tony Baeza, Billy Sam Perkins, Judy Steadman, Buddy Carey, Henry Mitchell, Jerry Horton, Elisa Arenillas, Curtis Brenam, Lee Alton Holloway, William Hester, Charles Deen, Tommy Sweeney and Melba Joyce Roberts.



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FOR SALE—Practically new white Nesco kerosene stove, 5-burner. Second house north of water tower. Mr. John Barbee.

FOR SALE—5-room house and 6 lots; also 10-room house and 6 lots, in Trent. W. C. Matthews, Trent, Texas.

A. and B. Batteries for Zenith hearing aids. West Co.

FOR SALE—Fresh cut roses, suitable for hospital or bouquets. Mrs. R. L. Denson, west of H.H. Laundry.

Nice 4-room and bath, new and close in, \$3,500.

Good farm in Goodman community; priced to sell.

Home laundry, doing good business; forced to sell, due to bad health. Brick building, in good condition; good location; priced to sell.

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DOWDY & TOOMBS

FOR SALE—My 1939 Ford coupe; \$250.00 cash, 12 monthly installments. See or call Mary Collins at F. & M. National Bank.

FOR SALE—10 pigs at \$8.00 each. W. H. Moore, Merkel, Route 4

FOR SALE—Gas cook stove; can be used on butane or natural. Spencer Bird, Phone 9049F11.

FOR SALE—Steel windmill and tower, 2 wood tanks. Frank Carter, Route 2, Merkel.

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FOR SALE—Yellow tomato plants from Washington; ready now. Mrs. John Shaw, No. 2nd and El Paso.

FOR SALE—Studio couch. Ollie Fox. Phone 66.

FOR SALE—Stewart-Warner radiophonograph combination; \$60. See Troy Roberts after 7 p. m., South 6th and Walnut.

PLANTS for sale; the well known Crosby and Porter tomato plants now ready. 3rd block south school gym. Mrs. Joe Stalls.

FOR SALE—8-ft. Servel Electrolux kerosene refrigerator. Mrs. Lee D. Williams, Route 1, Merkel.

FOR SALE—Singer vacuum cleaner; good condition. Mrs. Ernest Joyce.

FOR SALE—'31 model A Ford. See O. D. Bland, Route 2, Merkel.

BABY CHICKS for sale, all breeds; also started chicks. Toombs and Moore Feed Store.

CERTIFIED SEED

Martin's, 100 lbs. \$7.25
Plainsman, 100 lbs. 7.25
Common Sudan, 100 lbs. 10.50
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POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Subject to action of the Democratic Primary in July.]

For Commissioner, Precinct 2, Taylor County:
D. C. DOAN.
IRVEN THOMPSON.
L. A. DUDLEY.
RUFÉ TITTLE.

For Commissioner, Precinct 4, Jones County:
C. H. (Connie) OTTO.
W. O. RAINWATER.
A. J. BARBEE, JR.
For Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 5:
MRS. DORA T. COBB.

[Re-Election.]
For County Clerk:
MRS. CHESTER HUTCHESON

[Re-Election.]
For Sheriff, Taylor County:
H. T. (Flem) FLEMING.
(Re-Election.)

For County Judge:
THEO ASH.
WILEY CAFFEY.
(Re-Election.)

House for sale — Nice 5-room and bath; in good condition; all large rooms; well located; for immediate sale.

A good 123-acre farm.
Nice 3-room house, to be moved; a bargain price, \$850.00.
CYRUP PEE, Agent.

GUARANTEED finest and cheapest water systems made; have plenty of pipe and can get any part in two hours. Come in and see a demonstration. Installations reasonable—Myers water systems. Bowles Plumbing Shop, Phone 286.

FOR SALE—1940 Ford tudor. Badger Chevrolet Company.

IF YOU LIKE to fish, see our line of supplies and catch the big ones. White Auto Store.

1941 Mercury sedan, top condition. Badger Chevrolet Co.

HAVE several nice residences for sale in Merkel; take your choice. ANDY SHOUSE

WHITE AUTO STORE, headquarters for all kinds of car equipment.

WE HAVE one of the best Air Coolers in town; \$10.00 down; pay out monthly, no carrying charge. Badger Chevrolet Co.

GATES TIRES guaranteed against all road hazards. Badger Chevrolet Company.

FOR SALE—One good Waukesha engine, perfect condition, suitable for feed mill, water pump, well machine or any heavy work; will sell cheap. See Bowles Plumbing Shop, Phone 286.

GATES TIRES, on time payment, no finance charge. Badger Chevrolet Company.

SPECIAL—Spring is here in a big way, so come in and get your car ready for the HOT weather to come, by getting a Motor Tune-Up for the low cost of \$2.95 labor. Badger Chevrolet Company.

GOOD 1938 Chevrolet sedan; new paint. Badger Chevrolet Company.

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1941 Ford tudor Super Deluxe; clean car. Badger Chevrolet Company.

FOR SALE—Two-story brick building 40x80, formerly occupied by Sadler Clinic. W. T. Sadler, M. D.

1946 Chevrolet sedan, new seat covers. Badger Chevrolet Co.

FOR SALE—'45 John Deere "B" tractor. S. D. Gamble.

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NEW AUTO BATTERIES, \$9.95 and up. Nolan Palmer, "Your Magnolia Dealer."

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AVAILABLE NOW—Rubber puncture-sealed tubes and white Sidewall tires, in all popular sizes. Magnolia Service Station.

FOR SALE—State-registered Blue Tag Mebane cottonseed; best one can buy; best for this climate. A. J. Canon.

NEED LUMBER—2x4, 2x6, 1x4, 1x6, 1x8, center match, shiplap, kiln-dried flooring; direct mill shipments on any amount of common yellow pine lumber; inspect our stock; cash and carry. J. W. Hammond Lumber Co., Merkel; located in alley behind Ben Franklin store.

GARDEN HOSE SPECIALS.
50-ft. length 9-16 in., good grade hose, brass couplings, \$4.50.
50-ft. length 5-8 in., extra grade Gates red hose, \$7.50.
20-ft. length 5-8 in., good grade hose, brass couplings, \$2.00.
WEST FARM MACHINERY CO.
Phone 30.

UNIVERSAL jet type pumps, with all the pipe, etc. Palmer Tire and Appliance Co., Phone 15.

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HURRY—If you want to buy thru us, please place your orders at once, for Martin's or Plainsman combine milo, African millet or Northern Star cottonseed. Farmers Coop. Soc. No. 1, Merkel, Texas.

FOR SALE—Texas bundled hegar seed, certified last year, free from Johnson grass and weed seeds; of any kind, price \$4.95; bring your sacks. C. N. Hatfield, 3 miles north of Noodle.

FOR SALE—5 rooms and bath; best location; best built house in town; block south new hospital. Ben Sublett, Box 206, Merkel.

CLEANEST 1941 Oldsmobile in the town. Badger Chevrolet Co.

FOR RENT

FOR RENT — 3-room furnished apartment; also 2 bedrooms. 208 Ash street, Merkel.

FOR RENT — Two-room furnished apartment, upstairs; all conveniences. Mrs. Myrtle Boden.

BEDROOM for rent. 404 Locust. Lee Cox.

FOR RENT—5-room house with lights, gas and water, chicken house; one mile north Blair. Mrs. Bob Malone.

UNFURNISHED HOUSE for rent; also a furnished apartment. Mrs. I. I. Vanceil, North 3rd and Taylor.

FOR RENT — 2-room furnished apartment. Mrs. J. J. White, on Oak street. Phone 120J.

FOR LEASE—Service station, located at my blacksmith shop; only honest and reliable person need apply. M. B. Higgins Blacksmith shop. Phone 91.

FOR RENT — Five room house, 4 miles NW town. See J. L. Douglas.

VACUUM CLEANER for rent, 75c per day. Farm and Home Supply.

BURROUGHS adding machine for rent, by the month. Inquire at The Merkel Mail office.

WANTED

GIVE HER a hand painted scarf for Mother's Day; will paint any design on blouses, children's clothes and men's ties. Mrs. Holt Vaughn.

BRING YOUR IRONING worries to me for quick service; work guaranteed to please with reasonable prices; shirts our specialty; at my home, North Kent street, Mrs. Oliver A. Webb.

LET Mrs. C. N. Lewis do your ironing; experienced hand; do my work well; the 4th house north of locker, Northwest 4th street.

SEE Lendon A. Coats for water well drilling. Phone 281W.

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Phone 131 or write Box 314, Merkel, Texas and thank you.

J. T. (Tom) COATS

IRONING done at home of W. H. Crawford, North 5th and Rannels. \$1.00 per dozen. Mrs. N. M. Keith.

NOTICE — Will pay 1c per pound, \$1.00 per hundred or \$20.00 per ton for scrap iron. H. J. Bowles Plumbing Shop.

WE BUY poultry and eggs; 39c per dozen for eggs, (price subject to change.) Toombs and Moore Feed Store. Phone 270.

WILL BUY maize, wheat and oats. Toombs and Moore Grain Store. Phone 270.

LOST AND FOUND

LOST — \$20.00 bill; Saturday night; lost somewhere around hospital; pencil markings on bill. Return to Merkel Mail office; \$5.00 reward. Joe Lawson.

LODGE CALLS

Stated meeting of Merkel Chapter 212, Order of Eastern Star, will be held, Tuesday, Apr. 27, at 7:30 p. m. All members are urged to attend. Visiting members cordially invited.

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

NOTICE MASONS

Stated meeting of Merkel lodge No. 710, A. F. and A. M., Thursday, Apr. 29, at 7:30 p. m. All members are urged to attend. Visiting brethren cordially invited.

C. B. Rust, W. M.
Andy Shouse, Sec'y.

UPHOLSTERING— I can't take the years, off your furniture, but I can add years of life to it. Ira Cross at J. T. Darsey Furniture store.

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WATCH REPAIRING— One day to one week service; all work guaranteed; reasonable prices. Wilson Jewelry.

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Texas Ruby Red GRAPEFRUIT, lb. 5c	Fresh Crunchy CELERY, lb. 13c
U. S. No. 1 IDAHO RUSSETS SPUDS, 5 pounds 38c	

Red and White
FANCY PEAS
Number 2 Can 21c

Red and White Ripe Olives, pt. jar 29c	Red and White Pineapple Juice No 2 can 19c
Red and White Fruit Cocktail, No 2 1/2 can 43	Red and White—Fancy Tomato Juice, 46 oz. can 25c
Brimful Cut Green Beans, No. 2 can . . 14c	Nuzest— NO. 2 CAN Orange Juice, 2 for 23c
SPK French Dressing, 8 oz. bottle . . . 27c	Kellogg Corn Soya, 8 oz. pkg. . . . 16c
Red and White—Halves Pears, No. 2 1/2 can 44c	Kellogg Corn Flakes, 13 oz. box . . 19c
Red and White Potted Meat, 2 cans . . . 15c	Sun Spun Salad Dressing, 16 oz. jar 39c
Red and White Shortening, 3 lb. can . . \$1.09	Red and White Matches, 6 boxes 35c

R&W--Granulated Soap WASHO Large Box 27c

MEAT MARKET DEPARTMENT

Swift's Smoked SAUSAGE, lb. 42c	Armour's BEEF ROAST, lb. 45c
Dry Salt—for SEASONING JOWLS, pound 23c	Longhorn CHEESE, lb. 51c
Swift's Brookfield PORK PADDIES, lb. 48c	Armour's Assorted (Tomato, Pickle, Liver) LUNCHEON MEATS, lb. . . 43c

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McGHEE-DWIGGINS.

Miss Clara Frances Dwiggins and Jerry McGhee surprised their many friends on Apr. 3 when they were married at the Methodist parsonage, with Rev. R. L. Butler officiating. Attendants for the ceremony were Misses Joy Cook and Ruby Stevens, Messrs. Billy Morris Baze and Billy Joe Toombs.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Dwiggins of Stith. She was a very popular graduate of the 1947 class of Merkel High school, having been crowned Sweetheart of the football team, and took a leading role in other school activities as well as being salutatorian of the Senior class. She is attending McMurry college at Abilene where she will continue until the end of this spring semester. She was attractively attired in a powder blue dress with accessories in white and wore pink carnations for her wedding.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alan McGhee, former Merkel family who now reside in Lubbock. Jerry graduated from Merkel High school in 1945 after which he served in the Armed forces for two years. He is now attending Texas Technological college at Lubbock.

FORTNIGHTLY STUDY CLUB.

Mrs. Owen Robertson was hostess to members of the Fortnightly Study club Tuesday afternoon at the Community Center. Mrs. Elma McFarland, president, was in charge of a business meeting, after which a program on "Woman's Place in Today's World" was enjoyed very much.

"Meeting the Challenge" was stressed by Mrs. Edwin Read. "The Need of Women in Forming a Peaceful World" was brought out very forcefully by Mrs. Chester Collinsworth. Mrs. Wrenn Durham delivered a plea for "Prayers for a World Government of United Nations."

Those present for this timely program were Mesdames Powell Miller, Comer Haynes, Owen Robertson, Chester Collinsworth, Edwin Read, Paul West, Johnny Cox, David Gamble, H. C. West, Judd McReynolds, Wrenn Durham, Griff Barnett, Vincent Barnett, Andy Shouse, Pete West, D. H. Vaughn, Earl Hughes, Carroll Benson and Elma McFarland and Miss Christine Collins.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Hendricks entertained for their son, Ernest, Jr., with a party at the Community Center on his 15th birthday, Apr. 14. After games were enjoyed and gifts viewed, plates of pimento cheese sandwiches, potato chips, cookies and

drinks were served to: Thantba Decker, Annie Marie Hewitt, Martha Beene, Maxine Kerns, Cherry Gosa, Pat Anderson, Barton Robinson, D. C. Hendricks, Mac Springer, Joe Gregory, Claud T. Smith, Jimmy Smith and Ernest Hendricks.

Large Numbers Visit Bill Teaff's New Home

A large number of visitors called at the Bill Teaff home during open house hours last Sunday afternoon to view this modern new home, recently completed.

Assisting Mr. and Mrs. Teaff in showing visitors through the home were Mrs. Johnny Cox, Mrs. Theo Kincaid, Miss Selena Teaff and their two daughters, Marolyn and Carolyn. Tom Moran of Abilene was in charge of building operations for this beautiful new home of six rooms, two baths and sun porch.

Tickets on Sale for Trent P-TA Banquet

Trent, Apr. 22.—Tickets for the banquet of the Trent Parent-Teacher association, on Tuesday, April 27, are now on sale at Mrs. Hale's, Hank Brown's and several other business places in Trent. The price of plates is 50 cents, and no tickets will be available after the 24th.

All members are urged by the president, Mrs. Zed Bright, to come and enjoy the program and good eats.

Birth Announced.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. McDonald, of Iraan, announce the birth of a daughter, named Gerlyn Bess, on Apr. 7. The mother is the former Bossydea Church, daughter of F. E. Church of this city.

There were 319 active combatant vessels in the United States Navy on January 1, 1947.

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Features at 8:15 and 10:15
His Sword Flashed Vengeance—His Arms Held Fire
Larry Parks -:- Ellen Drew -:- Edgar Buchanan

"The Swordsman"

(Color by Technicolor)

Latest March of Time—2-reel Musical Parade

In The Churches

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Attendance at the seven reporting Sunday Schools last Sunday was 726 as compared with 762 on the previous Sunday. The attendance on the same Sunday a year ago was 752.

NAZARENE CHURCH

Special services Sunday: Rev. R. B. Williamson of Abilene will be the speaker at both services, 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Sunday School at 10 a. m. R. T. Smith, Pastor.

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 7:00 Wednesday evening. Merle Weathers, Pastor.

METHODIST CHURCH

Church School 10 a. m. Morning worship 11. Youth Fellowship 7:00 p. m. Evening worship 7:30 WSCS Mondays, 2 p. m. Mid-week prayer Wednesdays, 7:00 p. m. R. L. Butler, Pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 a. m. There will be some one to fill the pulpit at the 11 o'clock hour Sunday. Reporter.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:00 p. m. Mid-week prayer meeting at 7:00 Wednesday evening. A. T. Suskey, Pastor.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching services at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. Services Thursday 7:45 p. m. H. S. Earp, Pastor.

We take orders for egg stamps The Merkel Mail office.

L. B. Whitaker Dry Cleaners, opened last week. Next to H.&H. laundry, invites your inspection and your patronage.

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GOT A FLAT?
BATTERY DOWN?

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Hospital Notes.

The J. B. Harris child of Portales, N. M., underwent surgery Thursday, Apr. 15, at Sadler hospital, and Marvin Holloway underwent an appendectomy Saturday. Mrs. H. A. V. Rogers entered the hospital Saturday for minor surgery. Patients received during the week for treatment were: C. B. McDonald, Apr. 15; Sam Morris, Mrs. Frank Demere, J. W. Dye, Apr. 16; Mrs. Lewis Spratlan, Apr. 17; Mrs. E. L. McLeod, an Apr. 18; Mrs. J. R. Baze, of Colorado City, Paul Lucas of Flint, Mich., Apr. 19; Mrs. Will Horn, W. H. Bigler, Morris Chancy, Mrs. G. L. Baker, Jane Tipton, Apr. 21.

Your MOTHER'S Day

Gifts and Cards

Will Be on Display Saturday

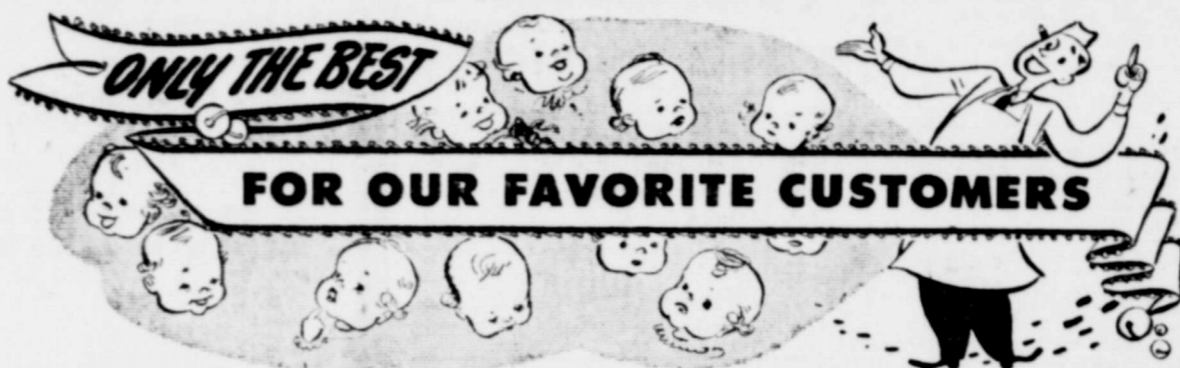
We will gift wrap or wrap for mailing all Mother's Day gifts or other gifts for showers, birthdays and secret pals.

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MHS Students who won District 5-A Literary championship, and good luck to those competing in the Regional meet, Abilene, Sat.



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April 23 and 24

DEL MONTE—New Shipment

COFFEE 1 pound can 45c

PEACH or APRICOT

PRESERVES, 2 lb. jar 37c

GOLD BAR

FRUIT COCKTAIL, No. 2 1/2 can 37c

SOAPS
New and Different

TIDE, box 33c

DREFT, box 29c

OXYDOL, box 33c

Spic & Span, bx. 23c

DUZ box 33c

HUNT'S PRUNE PLUMS, No. 2 1/2 can 15c

OZARK—In Syrup

YAMS No. 2 1/2 can 15c

GALLON **PINEAPPLE**, can 97c

DEL MONTE **TOMATO JUICE**, No. 2 can 10c

PURE CANE

SUGAR, 10 pound sack 83c

SNOWDRIFT or

SPRY, 3 lb. can \$1.15

EVERLITE

FLOUR, 25 pound sack \$1.69



PET MILK, tall can 15c

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BABY

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Decker's—TALL KORN **Sliced BACON**, lb. 59c

Fresh **GROUND BEEF**, lb. 47c

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