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On the "Broadway of America"

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BODY OF RAMON PERES BURIED IN ROSE HILL

Remains of Young Soldier Killed in Action in Southern France Brought Home; Military Funeral Held Tuesday.

Reburial services for T-4 Ramon Y. Peres, 22, who was killed in action Sept. 23, 1944, in the South European theatre, were held at 3 p. m. Tuesday from the Catholic church, with Rev. Fr. Jose Hernandez, priest of the local church, officiating.

Burial was in Rose Hill cemetery, with full military rites conducted by Merkel Post 5683, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

The body arrived here on the 8:00 Sunshine Special Monday night, accompanied by S-Sgt. Patrick J. McGuinness, from the Army QM depot, Fort Worth, as a military escort. An honor guard from the Veterans Post met the remains and carried them to the Barrow-Sheppard funeral home.

Body bearers for the last rites were Cecil Hernandez, Justo Hernandez, Juan Duran, Jr., Hilberto Biera, Juan Biera and Jose Lerma. Honorary pallbearers were: R. D. Ely, David Gamble, Lavern Moore, Waymon Adcock and Doyle Seifried. Members of the escort, or firing squad were Vincent Barnett, Jesus Moreno, George Reidenbach and E. L. Tarpley; color bearers, J. P. Click and Glenn Robertson; bugler, Forrest Glenn Barnett; chaplain, Truett Jones.

Sergeant Peres, son of Frank Peres, now deceased, who was employed in section hand here for many years by the Texas and Pacific railway, volunteered in January, 1942, and had been overseas 19 months. In the last letter received by his father, which was written nine days before his death, he said he was "somewhere in Southern France, with the 7th Army."

Surviving are a brother, Ylario Peres, a veteran of World War II, and four sisters, three living in Merkel and one in Lorraine. His father died July 4, 1947.

Attend Cattle Judges' Convention in Kansas

Roy Largent left Tuesday by plane for Kansas City, Mo., to attend a conference of Hereford show judges, sponsored by the American Hereford association, and was expected to return Thursday.

Going Monday by train from Dallas, Willie Joe Largent will also attend the same conference, after which he will join the Oklahoma Hereford tour.

These two well known Hereford breeders and one other Texan, Bill Roberts of Flat Top ranch, Walnut Springs, have been selected as three of 14 judges over the entire nation that will act as judges this year for Hereford shows.

Vacation Bible School Announced at Stith

A Vacation Bible school will be held at the Methodist church at Stith, of which Rev. A. J. Armstrong is pastor, beginning next Monday and continuing five days. School hours will be from 2:30 to 5:30 p. m., it is announced.

Group Attend State Firemen's Convention

Going in Clyde Wurst's car, Fire Chief John Mansfield, Mr. and Mrs. Wurst and Mr. and Mrs. Rhett Eidsen, Jr., left Monday to attend the convention of the State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' association, convening in San Antonio Tuesday morning and continuing through Thursday.

James Bagley Released From Military Duty

San Antonio, June 10.—Pfc. James M. Bagley, son of Mrs. Earl Mashburn of Merkel, has been released from active military duty.

He has been a patient at Brooke General hospital, Brooke Army Medical Center, one of the largest and most complete medical installations of its kind in the world.

301 Cadets Commissioned. West Point, N. Y., June 10.—The U. S. Military Academy graduated a 1948 class of 301 Tuesday, with Secretary of Defense Forrestal delivering the commencement address.

GETTING AMPLE WATER SUPPLY FROM NEW WELL

Production from the pump on the fourth well drilled by the city in the J. L. White block at the south edge of town was turned into city mains last Saturday morning.

With this well pumping at the rate of 50 gallons a minute, the supply has been ample to meet all needs and it has not been necessary to interrupt service to consumers at any time since, despite the extreme heat of the past few days. Mayor A. J. Cannon said Thursday morning.

Due to lack of enough pipe, the well on the northeast corner of this tract, where the second pump bought by the city has been installed, has not yet been put in use.

Bible School Closes At Church of Christ

The Vacation Bible school, conducted by the local Church of Christ, closed Wednesday, with closing exercises being held Wednesday evening. Certificates were awarded to all pupils who attended satisfactorily and who completed the assigned work.

The school this year had excellent attendance, with an average of about 125 each day. This is a large increase over attendance last year. Pupils from several surrounding communities were regular attendants.

On Wednesday morning, the last day of the school, and after class work was finished, all pupils and teachers enjoyed ice cream, made possible by contributions from various parents and church members.

Spend Week Fishing at Philmont Scout Ranch

Four scouters connected with the local Boy Scout troop, C. A. Farley, G. H. Suber, Frank Breaux and R. A. McCollum, spent last week trout fishing at the Philmont Scout Ranch, the 127,000 acre national Scout camp, near Cimarron, N. M.

The party hiked five miles over the Rocky Mountains with full packs to Rayado Lodge, formerly the private fishing camp of Wait Phillips of the Phillips Petroleum company.

Besides catching their limit of trout each day, the group enjoyed camping in the snow-capped Rockies and observing the wild life, such as buffalo, antelope, wild turkey, deer and beavers.

G. H. Suber Attends Scout Training School

G. H. Suber, Assistant Scoutmaster of the Merkel troop, went to Camp Tonkawa, near Buffalo Gap, on Thursday for a brief training session in preparation for serving on the staff of the camp for three weeks this summer.

G. H. will have charge of the handcraft classes for the campers. It is expected that about 15 Merkel Scouts will attend Camp Tonkawa this summer, leaving here Sunday, June 13, and returning Saturday, June 19. The boys will be accompanied by Scoutmaster C. A. Farley.

Well Child Clinic June 18, 2-4 P. M.

The June Well Child conference, sponsored by the Merkel Parent-Teacher association, will be held at the office of Mrs. Elma McFarland from 2 to 4 p. m. on Friday, June 18. Parents of pre-school children and infants, who were not present for the annual summer round-up in May, are especially urged to bring their children to this conference.

Vacation School at Trent June 14 to 19

Trent, June 10.—The Trent Methodist church announces its annual Vacation Church school beginning on June 14 with classes from 8:30 to 10:30 a. m. each day, Monday through Friday, and a closing and sharing period on Saturday, June 19, from 3 to 5 p. m.

All children from the 9th grade down to the kindergarten age of 4 are invited to attend the daily classes, and their parents are invited to come with them to the closing and sharing period on Saturday.

410 Middies Graduate. Annapolis, Md., June 10.—To the cheers of an estimated 6,000 spectators in Dahlgren hall, 410 midshipmen graduated Friday at the Naval Academy.



TO PRESIDE—Senator Alben W. Barkley (D., Ky.), left, keynoter, and Representative Sam Rayburn (D., Tex.), commended as permanent chairman for Democratic National Convention July 12.

Executive Body Picks Chairmen For Convention

Barkley Named Keynoter, Rayburn Commended

In recognition of their long and valiant service to the Democratic Party and to the nation as a whole, Senator Alben W. Barkley, of Kentucky, and Representative Sam Rayburn, of Texas, minority leaders of the Senate and House, respectively, have been named unanimously to fill key posts at the Democratic National Convention, convening in Philadelphia at 2 P. M., Monday, July 12.

The party executive committee, meeting in Philadelphia recently, elected Senator Barkley as temporary chairman and keynoter and commended Representative Rayburn to the convention as permanent chairman.

Representative Mary Norton, of New Jersey, was commended to the convention as chairman of the credentials committee, a more im-



HONORED — Representative Mary Norton (D., N.J.), commended as chairman of credentials committee for convention

portant post than ever before held by a woman. Commendation by the executive committee is usually tantamount to election by the convention.

The executive committee authorized Senator J. Howard McGrath, of Rhode Island, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, to select a temporary committee to begin the preparation of a platform draft. It also authorized Senator McGrath to make other necessary convention arrangements.

Here's a Summary of Sponsored Projects Merkel Garden Club

A summary of the projects of the Merkel Garden club, one of the City's most active civic clubs, reveals a commendable list of most worthwhile achievements for the past year, including:

Decorating all churches in Merkel with garden flowers for Memorial day.

Putting flower urns with flowers at the Sadler Clinic-Hospital on opening day.

Planting shrubs and grass around Community Center, and putting sidewalk and curb in front of Community Center.

Raising \$500 without asking for a donation, and giving value received for all funds raised. (These funds have been spent on the above mentioned projects.)

Taking a part in Clean-Up week sponsored by our Mayor.

Raising \$18.00 for the building fund for the Lions club selling popcorn balls at the carnival.

The club has a library project under way to be finished the early part of the club's new year. (for Garden Club program and members' use.)

For recreation, members had a picnic at the Gamble cabin at Lake Sweetwater.

Due to the drought, the club was unable to put on the flower show that was planned.

The club would like to announce that there is still on hand a number of cook books for sale.

Casings for installation of the new officers were the gift of Mrs. W. S. J. Brown.

Members are indebted to the Fortnightly Study club for providing the funds for watering and keeping the Community Center lawn during the month of June.

The club wound up the year out of funds, but members feel that the money has been spent in a way that the people of Merkel will enjoy.

Methodist Vacation School, June 12-19

The Vacation Bible school of the Methodist church begins Saturday, June 12, closing the following Saturday with a sharing program on Sunday night, it is announced by Mrs. Virgil Patterson, superintendent.

PHILLIPS TEST DOWN TO 2230 FEET THURSDAY

The Phillips No. 1 Craig Humphreys, east of Rose Hill cemetery and immediately alongside Highway 80 to the north, was drilling at 2230 feet Thursday morning, having reached the top that was found in the J. T. Bird well, a short distance across the highway.

The Tom Largent-West Central Drilling Co.'s No. 1 Farmers Gin test, located on the northeast corner of the Farmers Coop Gin property in the east edge of town, being drilled with cable tools, had reached a depth of 1225 feet, at latest report shortly before noon Thursday.

L. A. Dudleys Hosts to Fuller Family Reunion

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Dudley and sons, Don and Dale, and daughter, Mrs. M. C. Church, Mr. Church and son, Charles, were hosts Sunday, June 5, to members of Mrs. Dudley's family, sons and daughters of the late J. K. and Elizabeth Cox Fuller of Abilene. This reunion, usually held each Fifth Sunday, was postponed until June 5, because two members of the family, Beth and Davis Fuller, were participating in baccalaureate services of Abilene high school, from which school both are honor graduates.

After the noon meal was served the family engaged in conversation, kodaking and a singsong.

Special guest was Mrs. J. B. Cox of Amarillo, aunt of Mrs. Dudley. Other family members present were: Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Rucker and children, Lucille, Juanita, Harold, Lloyd, Morris and Melba; Mr. and Mrs. Roy C. Fuller and son, Davis; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Fuller and daughters, Beth and Nell, and Mrs. J. D. Green and Mr. Green, all of Abilene. Other guests were Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Butler and daughter, Elizabeth, of Merkel, Wanda Partain of Sweetwater, Melba Cook and C. D. Cox and sons, C. P., Jr., and Curtis of Abilene.

Home-Coming at Shiloh Baptist Church Sunday

The annual home-coming of the Shiloh Baptist church will be held Sunday, June 20, it is announced by Rev. R. J. Willoughby, the pastor.

Rev. W. K. Horr, a former pastor, will bring the morning message. After dinner on the ground, there will be singing and a short program in the afternoon, when Rev. J. B. Bradford, also a former pastor, will bring the message.

All former members and friends are extended a special invitation.

Thirty-two Cars of Wheat Shipped to Date

Thirty-two cars of new crop wheat had been shipped out of Merkel up to Thursday morning, according to report from the freight office of the Texas and Pacific Railway. This compares with 52 cars loaded out at the same date last year.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From Files of The Merkel Mail, June 15, 1928.)

DR. JOHNSON RETIRES FROM ACTIVE PRACTICE.

The people of Merkel and surrounding community will regret to learn that Dr. S. W. Johnson, one of Merkel's splendid dentists, is retiring from the actual practice of his profession with the end of this week and will be succeeded in his work in this city by Dr. W. A. Buckner of Dallas, Texas.

For the past eleven years Dr. Johnson and his estimable wife have resided here and have won the highest respect and confidence of every man, woman and child with whom they have become acquainted. In fact, they are citizens whom any town or city would be proud. Dr. Johnson has always been found in the ranks of those who stood for the advancement and upbuilding of the city and especially moral issues confronting the city, state and nation.

They expect to move at once to Abilene where the Doctor will have charge of the private office of Mr. Ernest M. Mims, the popular and well known manager of Mims Dry Goods company, and this paper joins the entire citizenship of Merkel and

VOTE SATURDAY BUTMAN-MERKEL SCHOOL MERGER

Consolidation of Butman Common School District No. 28 and Merkel Independent District Proposed in Ballot.

On Saturday of this week, voters residing in Butman Common School district No. 28 and the Merkel Independent School district will go to the polls to decide on the issue of consolidation of the two districts, which, if the issue carries, will be known as the Merkel Independent School district.

The election order was signed May 19 by County Judge Wiley Carfey, acting on petitions duly signed by more than the required number of voters in each of the districts, participate in the election. Voters residing in the Merkel Independent School district will cast their ballots at the city hall here, while the Butman voters will exercise that privilege at the Butman school house.

Election officials named are: For Merkel, T. L. Grimes, Andy Shouse, E. O. Caxson and J. Parker Sharp; for Butman, Ford Butman, Tom Russum, Mrs. Ford Butman and Mrs. W. H. Ensminger.

Proposed City Sanitary Survey Outlined

Dr. David M. Cowgill, director of the Abilene-Taylor County Health Unit, and L. J. Wells, Unit sanitarian, both of Abilene, appeared before the city council at their regular meeting Monday night to outline a proposed sanitary survey of the city.

Another Abilenian, Bryan Bradbury, who is serving as city attorney, was also present to advise the council on several legal matters.

All-Stars Play Strawn Here Tuesday Night

The All-Stars, consisting of Merkel and Trent players, lost a 7-1 game to Strawn, played there Tuesday night. Pitching for the All-Stars, Jack Whisenand turned in a fine job, holding his opponents to three runs until the final inning. Strawn will play a return date here next Tuesday night, when the two teams will meet on the High School athletic field at 8 o'clock.

In last Friday night's postponed game, the Jaycees bested Divide, 12-8. Trent comes here for a return date Sunday afternoon.

Honor Students Named Trent Eighth Grade

Trent, June 10.—Joe Rex McLean, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rex McLean, Route 1, Trent, was the highest ranking boy in the eighth grade for the past year, and Louise Royals was the highest ranking girl. Each had an average of 94, it was announced at eighth grade graduation exercises of the Trent Public schools held May 27.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Garner and two children, Janet and Derrell, of Littlefield, visited with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vee Garner, the past week-end.

Mrs. Allie Lippard has returned home after a two weeks' visit with her son, A. S. Lippard, and family and other relatives at Beaumont.

A visitor Monday with Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Richardson was his nephew, M. F. Bilton, boiler inspector with the State Bureau of Labor Statistics, with headquarters in Amarillo.

Mrs. Owen Robertson and daughter, Mona, left Monday afternoon for Long Beach, Calif., to visit a week or ten days with a sister. Her mother, Mrs. William Bradford, of Vallejo, Calif., and another sister were to meet them there.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman King, who visited over the week-end with his parents here, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley King, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bertram, of Abilene, returned Tuesday to Lubbock, where Norman is continuing in summer school at Texas Technological college.

Returning Tuesday to her home at Herlong, Calif., Mrs. Jack Ash and son, Steve, who were accompanied by her mother, Mrs. C. E. Bow, planned to stop en route at March Field, to visit a brother, 1st Sgt. Jim Bow. Mrs. Ash's husband was to meet them there.

T. H. Spears has just returned from a 10-days' visit with his children at Lubbock and Big Spring.

Bobby Jinkens is visiting in Fort Worth in the homes of T. C. and Lloyd Jinkens.

Miss Beatrice Bone of Sweetwater is visiting this week with Mrs. Homer Patterson.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Healer and boys, with Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Whisenant, were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Whisenant and family of Ballinger Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Healer and sons were recent visitors in Portales, N. M., in the home of Mr. Healer's aunt, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Dunn.

Miss Frances Castles arrived Monday of last week from Phoenix, Ariz., to spend the summer with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Castles. Miss Castles is a teacher in the Phoenix public school system.

Miss Mary Jo McConnell was a week-end visitor with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dunning McConnell. She came as far as Fort Worth with her uncle and aunt, Dr. and Mrs. Carlo De Leo, with whom she is visiting in New Orleans, La.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Ferrier, Jr., after a short visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Ferrier and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bryan, returned home to Fort Worth the first of the week, but their daughter, Rosslyn, who had been visiting here with her grandparents, accompanied her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. George Ferrier, home to Clovis, N. M., for a visit.

Rev. R. L. Butler, pastor of the Methodist church, and Mrs. Butler, accompanied by their daughter, Miss Elizabeth Butler, returned last week-end from Lincoln, Nebr., where they had gone to attend the graduation of their son, Robert E. Butler, from Wesleyan university. He is continuing in college, doing extra work this summer. Their daughter, who is a laboratory technician, left Monday to resume her duties at Eagle Pass.

SOCIETY

Mrs. L. G. Shafer and daughter, Judy, of Dallas, who had been visiting her mother here, Mrs. Seth Hamilton, while her husband, a reserve officer, was attending two-weeks' Army maneuvers at San Antonio, returned home Thursday.

Mrs. Andy Shouse and son, Robert Andrew, are visiting in Dallas with her five brothers, with whom her mother, Mrs. R. O. Bailey, has been visiting the past several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Elliott, of Dallas, arrived Tuesday afternoon to spend the week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Elliott.

After a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. D. Jones, in Barwell, Mrs. Lewis Adams and little daughter, Diane, stopped over Sunday for a visit in the Twyman and John Collins homes. She was accompanied on her return to El Paso by a cousin, Mrs. Harry Gaines, of Ysleta, who had been visiting in East Texas, and her father came as far as Merkel with them for a brief visit.

Charles Andy Shouse, chief equipment engineer with the Interstate Theatres, who has been transferred from Abilene to Dallas, was home the past week-end for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Shouse.

LOCAL NEWS BRIEFS

Marvin DuBose, licensed plumber, has entered business for himself with headquarters at the West Company's store. He is prepared to do all kinds of plumbing and repair work. Following his discharge after several years' duty in World War II, part of the time overseas, he has since followed the plumbing trade.

James Godfrey, formerly of Anson, has been added to the sales force of the Barrow-Sheppard Furniture company, it was announced Monday by Fred Starbuck, the new owner. After finishing the School of Mortuary Science at Dallas, he is an apprentice embalmer and will serve two years' internship before he gets his license.

Royce Dowdy, real estate man and oil lease broker, was exhibiting a huge rattlesnake, which he killed Friday in his pasture, 6 miles northwest of town. The reptile, about 4 1/2 to 5 feet long, with 9 rattles, was just a few feet ahead of him in the pasture trail and with the aid of a good-sized dead limb he succeeded in mashing the snake's head flat.

Use The Mail Want Ads.

TEA COMPLIMENTS MESSDA MES EARTHMAN AND MILLER.

The mothers of the music pupils of Mrs. T. T. Earthman and Mrs. R. J. Miller were hostesses to a tea given Tuesday evening in the basement of the First Baptist church honoring Mrs. Earthman and Mrs. Miller. Dahlias and other spring flowers decorated the entertaining rooms.

Mrs. O. B. Leach read "What is Music?" and quoted famous composers on their version of the question to the background music of "Narcissus," played by Betty Smith. She also read the Greek myth entitled "Story of Narcissus."

Each pupil on the program introduced his own number with the following taking part in entertaining: Jociela Thompson and Beth Thomas, piano numbers; Betty Kathryn Smith sang a song, accompanied by Jorene Risinger at the piano; Paka Newby and Kay Denton, piano numbers.

Mrs. Earl Hughes presented Mrs. Earthman a gift from the mothers and Mrs. Buster Horton presented the gift to Mrs. Miller. As a part of the presentation ceremony Jane Hughes sang "That Wonderful Mother of Mine," with accompaniment by Patsy Swann.

After the gifts were opened a sing-song was held, opening with "Let Me Call You Sweetheart," with Jane Hughes at the piano.

Refreshments were served and plate favors were musical notes bearing the names: Earthman and Miller. Approximately 70 persons registered.

T. E. L. CLASS.

The T. E. L. class met in the basement of the First Baptist church on Wednesday afternoon for the regular monthly meeting. Mrs. Robert Harris and Mrs. Joe Jaynes were hostesses.

Pals were revealed and names were drawn for pals again. A special prayer was made for Miss Blanche Rose Walker, who is having an eye operation.

Those present to enjoy the nice refreshment plate were: Mesdames E. R. Clack, Bob Willingham, J. D. Eradley, Irl Walker, Ernest Douglas, A. R. Booth, Pick Allen, John Mansfield, T. J. Bird, Robert Harris, Joe Jaynes, Lucy Ford, E. B. Barnes, Dent Gibson, W. J. Largent and Glude Warren, and Miss Selina Teaff and two little visitors, Karen and Robert Willingham.



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Tender Leaf	Tea, 1/4 pound box 27c	TIDE, with coupon ... 24c
Mission	Apricots, No. 2 1/2 can 33c	PUREX, qt. bottle 18c

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MOVIE CALENDAR

QUEEN

Friday - Saturday — Double feature program: Gene Autry, Smiley Burnette, Sons of the Pioneers in "Call of the Canyon" and John Hodiak, George Murphy, Frances Gifford in "The Arnelo Affair;" "The Mysterious Mr. M" serial and color cartoon.

Sunday, Monday and Tuesday — Robert Young, Maureen O'Hara, Clifton Webb in "Sitting Pretty;" 2-reel special, color cartoon and latest world News.

Wednesday - Thursday — Robert Hutton, Joyce Reynolds in "Always Together;" special featurette "Fight of the Wild Stallions."

"SITTING PRETTY"

"Sitting Pretty" starring Robert Young, Maureen O'Hara and Clifton Webb is said to be one of the grandest laugh shows in years. Not since "Miracle on 34th Street" has there been a movie so delightfully original, so packed with powerful laughs, and flooded with such rich, human warmth.

A comedy that goes beyond hilarity and into the realms of laughter that can come only from a warm, joyful human experience, "Sitting Pretty" uses as its springboard one of today's most timely and entertaining subjects: the problem of the baby-sitter with hilarious complications not familiar to every young couple.

Plymouth colony remained an independent republic for 70 years after attaining its patent.

A. C. Kyle Candidate for State Legislature From 116th District



A. C. KYLE.

A. C. Kyle of Abilene has authorized The Merkel Mail to announce his candidacy for the office of state representative from the 116th district.

His statement to voters follows: "In making my announcement for the office of State Representative, I fully realize the responsibilities that a man assumes when selected to represent the people in the Texas legislature.

"First, he should have some definite program and, if elected, exert every effort to carry out that program to the best of his ability. Below I state some of the things that I think should be accomplished and pledge my best efforts to that end, if elected.

"I have always been both in state affairs and in my own business conservative in the spending of money, yet I am not a penny pincher, and believe that money well spent is a wise investment.

"I am strong for the proposed improvements suggested by the Prison Board and for the needed expansion for our prison system and then should go beyond our present system and take in other elements of our institutions such as schools for the blind, the deaf and dumb and the insane asylum. We have only to drive out a short distance from Abilene to realize the poor conditions that exist there and this is the condition of the majority of our institutions throughout the state. This should be attended to now and not deferred five or ten years.

"I stand for a strong farm-to-market road program and hope to see within a few years every community taken out of the muddy lanes and all have all-weather roads.

"I am for better schools, and will support any legislation for a better school and to better compensate the teacher. I am strongly in favor of the pension fund for firemen and policemen and think it should be strengthened to afford a reasonable retirement when these men are shelved from their employment because of old age or disabilities.

"I am for the removal of the present ceiling on the old age assistance

now. Everything has advanced except our old age pension checks, and it is time that these people should have some relief for our high living expense and I am strongly in favor of making the minimum not less than \$50 per month.

"I will support any legislation to help the veterans of World War II. I was too old to serve in the services but my son gave 39 months service to the U. S. Marines. The heroes of yesterday should not be the forgotten men of today.

"In conclusion, may I say my candidacy is not supported by any special interested group and if elected I want to go to Austin free to do as my general constituency suggest and I am not making any special promises to any group or groups other than to all the people.

"Owing to my present work, I am out of the district a large part of the time. I will not be able to make a thorough canvass of the voters so if you believe in my program and feel that I am qualified to give you the service that you have a right to expect, I will be pleased to have your support and influence. I will pledge you an experienced, capable and courteous administration."

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MONUMENTS of MARBLE OR GRANITE

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

J. T. (Tom) COATS

Tool Bar Subsoiler Will Be Demonstrated

A demonstration of the Williams Tool Bar Subsoiler by H. P. Williams, the owner and inventor, will be held at Higgins Blacksmith shop, across the railroad south of the depot, Saturday of this week, June 12, at 2:30 p. m.

It is a free entertainment and a special invitation is extended to all farmers to be present.

Andy Shouse

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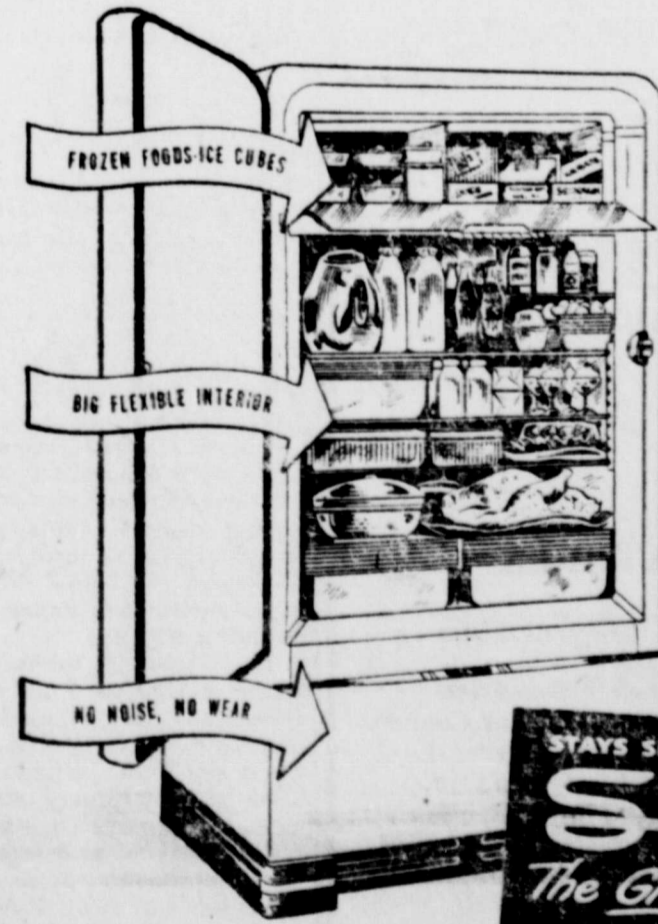
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M. Schlessman having contributed in cash \$10,265.15 and \$11,690.87, respectively.

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Hazel Smith and the unknown heirs of Hazel Smith, it deceased, and of Hazel Smith Thompson and the unknown husband of Hazel Smith Thompson, if she is married, and the unknown heirs of Hazel Smith Thompson, if she is deceased, Greeting:

You are commanded to appear and answer the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday the 28th day of June, A. D., 1948, at or before 10 o'clock A. M., before the Honorable 104th District Court of Taylor County, at the Court House in Abilene, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 8th day of May, 1948.

The file number of said suit being No. 5787-B.

The names of the parties in said suit are: Macilyn M. Lester as Plaintiff, and Hazel Smith and the unknown heirs of Hazel Smith, if deceased, and of Hazel Smith Thompson and the unknown husband of Hazel Smith Thompson, if she is married, and the unknown heirs of Hazel Smith Thompson, if she be deceased, as Defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: This action is brought as well to try title as for damages on the following described property:

Being all of the North one-half (1/2) of the South one-half (1/2) of Lot No. Two (2), in Block No. Nine (9), of Campus Addition adjoining McMurry College, in the City of Abilene.

Plaintiff pleads the five and ten year statute of limitation.

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

Issued this 10th day of May, A. D., 1948.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this 10th day of May, A. D., 1948.

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

NOTICE IN PROBATE

The State of Texas
No. 3794

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Taylor County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for three consecutive weeks, the first of said publication to appear not less than thirty days immediately before the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in Taylor County, the following notice:

To all persons interested in the estate of Charles Franklin Collins, Deceased, Mrs. Dorothy Lindsey, Administratrix, has filed in the County Court of Taylor County an application on the 24th day of May, A. D., 1948, for an order to sell the following property of said estate, situated in Taylor County, Texas, to-wit:

160 acres of land situated in Taylor County, Texas, and described as follows: Northwest Quarter (1/4) of Survey No. Nine (9), in Block No. One (1), situate about 12 miles south, 7 1/2 degrees west from Abilene, Texas as being a part of the tract of land described in Patent No. 141. Vol. 34, issued to the Texas and Pacific Railway Company assignee of the Southern Pacific Railroad Company, on the 12th day of July, 1878, said Patent recorded in the Taylor County Texas, Deed Records in Vol. "G" on page 16; of the reasonable cash value of \$2400.00.

Which said application will be heard by said Court on Monday the 28th day of June, 1948, at the Court House of said County, in Abilene, Texas, at which time all persons interested in said Estate are required to appear and show cause why such sale shall not be made, should they desire to do so.

Herein Fail Not, but have you before said Court, at the time aforesaid, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness my hand and official seal, at Abilene, Texas, this 25th day of May, 1948.

(Seal) Mrs. Chester Hutcheson, Clerk, County Court, Taylor County, Texas
By R. H. Ross, Deputy.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: F. A. Helton, 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 19th day of July, A. D., 1948, at or before 10 o'clock A. M., before the Honorable 104th District Court of Taylor County, at the Court House in Abilene, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 11th day of May, 1948.

The file number of said suit being No. 5791-B.

The names of the parties in said suit are: Beatrice R. Helton as Plaintiff, and F. A. Helton as Defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: Plaintiff and defendant were legally married on or about the 8th day of March, 1945, and lived together until on or about the 12th day of April, 1947.

There were no children born to the marriage of plaintiff and defendant and they acquired no community property.

Plaintiff sues for divorce on the grounds of cruel treatment.

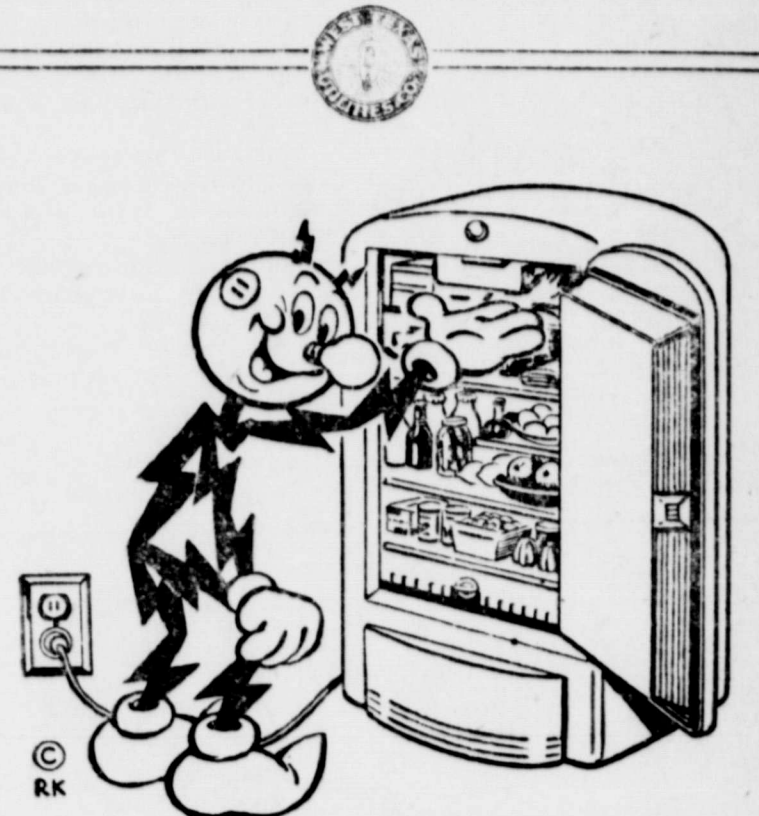
If this Citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

Issued this 1st day of June, A. D., 1948.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this 1st day of June, A. D., 1948.

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

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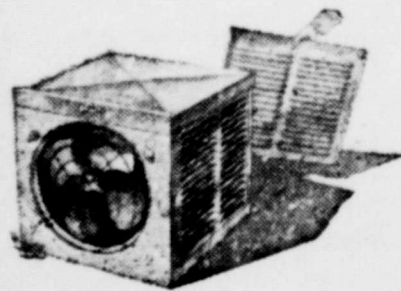
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The revision includes many changes in departure and arrival times and effects service through this area. According to Baldus the over-all result of the revised schedules is a substantial improvement in service.

Security Loan Campaign Leader



Chicago, Ill.—O. E. Peterson, Secretary of Kiwanis International, named executive secretary of Security Loan committee of representatives of national fraternal, veterans', women's, and civic service clubs. Community units of each of the many national organizations will assist local savings bonds committees to contact every potential buyer of savings bonds at home or at work.

On Honor Roll Full Term at Prosser, Wash.

Patsy Nell Mashburn, age 14, who is a student in the eighth grade at Prosser junior high school at Prosser, Wash., was among the list of students to make the honor roll the full term and won a gold pin for making the fourth highest average in her class. She was president of the Pep club and was also selected for the eighth grade personality girl. She was elected vice-president for the junior student body for the rest of 1948 and 1949.

Patsy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Mashburn, of Prosser, Wash., and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Shaw of Merkel and a great-granddaughter of Mrs. W. P. Mashburn of Stith.

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Hostesses were Mesdames Harrison Malone, E. M. Blackburn and Ernest Meeks.

UNION RIDGE CLUB.

Mrs. Dorel Teaff was hostess to the Union Ridge Home Demonstration club Friday, June 4, with Mrs. J. H. Clark, vice-president, in charge of business.

The meeting was opened with a singsong, followed by prayer by the county home demonstration agent, Miss Annie Lucy Lane. After a short business session attention was given to the agent who brought some very interesting points on "Sinks-Grease Traps, Bath Tubs and Septic Tanks."

Next meeting of the club will be on June 18 in the home of Mrs. M. L. Douglas at which time "pals" will be revealed.

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Green Giant--Large Peas, No. 303 can	19c	Van Camp's Eatwell Sardines, No. 1 tall can	23c
Sugar Loaf--Fancy Tomatoes, No. 2 can	19c	Red and White--PURE Vanilla, 1 1/2 oz. bottle	29c
Alma Turnip OR Mustard Greens No 2 can	11c	Red and White--Free Running Iodized Salt, 2 boxes	15c
Red and White Vienna Sausage, 4 oz. can	17c	New Freedom Train Kellogg Variety	32c
Red and White Potted Meat, 2 cans	15c	Red and White--CIDER Vinegar, qt. bottle	19c
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Bullock Announces For Re-Election To State Senate



PAT BULLOCK

Pat Bullock of Colorado City, member of the state senate of Texas from the 24th district, has authorized The Merkel Mail to announce his candidacy for re-election, subject to the action of the Democratic primary in July.

His statement follows:

To the Voters of the 24th Senatorial District:

Early in January of this year I announced my candidacy for re-election to a second full term in the Texas Senate. I now want to take this opportunity to solicit the votes and influence of the citizens of this district in the July primary.

During my service as your Senator the lieutenant governor has seen fit to place me on a number of the most important committees in the senate.

In addition to my regular assignments, I was appointed on the following special committees: The powerful Senate Investigating committee; the Educational Investigating committee, and the Joint Legislative Rural Aid committee which supervises the distribution of Rural Aid to the various school districts of Texas qualifying to receive aid under the law.

I have tried earnestly to represent the people of the 24th Senatorial district as well as all of the people of Texas while serving on committees and when casting my vote on the Senate floor. I have never dodged an issue nor have I ever ridden the fence on any measure.

Since becoming a member of the senate I have consistently opposed new taxes of any type. Our tax burden is too heavy now. If and when the new taxes are needed to adequately finance our state government, they should come from sources other than an ad valorem or sales tax. I am unalterably opposed to a general sales tax.

I favor an Old Age Pension plan that is complete and satisfactory in order that the needy aged may be properly cared for.

I want a more suitable solution for paying teachers a living wage, which they must have if we expect to secure good teachers for the all-important job of training the youth of Texas. I favor distribution of school money by the state on an attendance basis, since there is no reason why \$55.00 per child, or any other amount should be sent to the school districts on the basis of a head count.

only whether the child attends school or not.

I will continue to fight to keep our tidelands for the school children of Texas.

I strongly favor an adequate Farm-to-Market road program in Texas but I am opposed to forcing farmers to pay for their own Farm-to-Market roads by the abolition of the four cent gasoline refund law. The law allowing refunds to farmers on tractor-used gasoline should never be repealed and I shall continue to fight to see to it that it is never repealed.

There are many other matters vital to the welfare of our people which I would like to discuss but space will not permit. I hope to see as many voters as possible personally, but it will be impossible for me to see all of you. I, therefore, take this method of soliciting your support in my campaign for a second full term in the Texas State Senate and I pledge you now that I shall always be found working diligently in the interest of the people of the District and of Texas.

Stand pat with Pat for a second full term.

Sincerely yours,

PAT BULLOCK,
Colorado City, Texas.

Nisbet Bug Caterer Now on Display at Bullock Salesroom

An effective weapon in the war against the insect enemies of the cotton plant, the Nisbet Bug Catcher is now available. This announcement comes from Harry Bullock of Bullock Hardware, who have contracted for the sale of the bug catcher in this trade territory. The machine is now on display in their salesroom.

The Nisbet Bug Catcher has been on the market for several years and is now being used by cotton farmers throughout the cotton growing area from California to the Carolinas. It has been proven superior to any other method of controlling cotton insects, and has cut the cost of the fight against these bugs.

The bug catcher catches the usual insects, such as the boll weevil, flea hopper, boll worm, aphid (plant lice), tarnish plant bug, stink bug, etc., and controls them effectively. In addition it will eliminate pests that can be controlled in no other way.

A high-speed fan, driven by the tractor belt pulley, is the heart of

the bug catcher. This fan creates a strong blast of air which blows the bugs off the plant, up a chute, and into receiving bags.

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According to Harry Bullock, the machine will remain on display several weeks in order that interested

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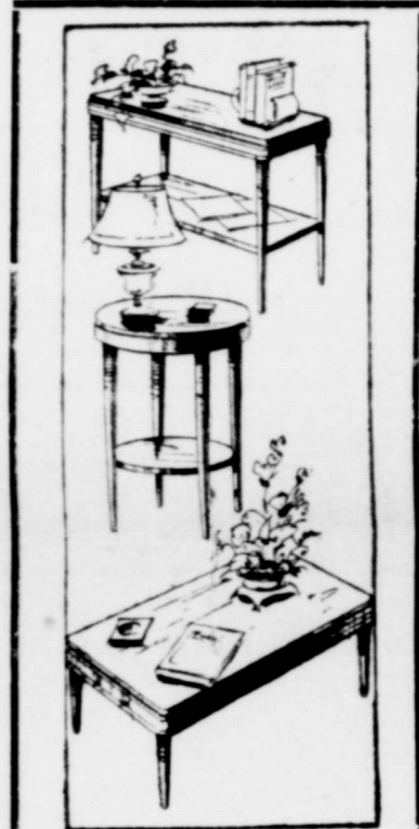
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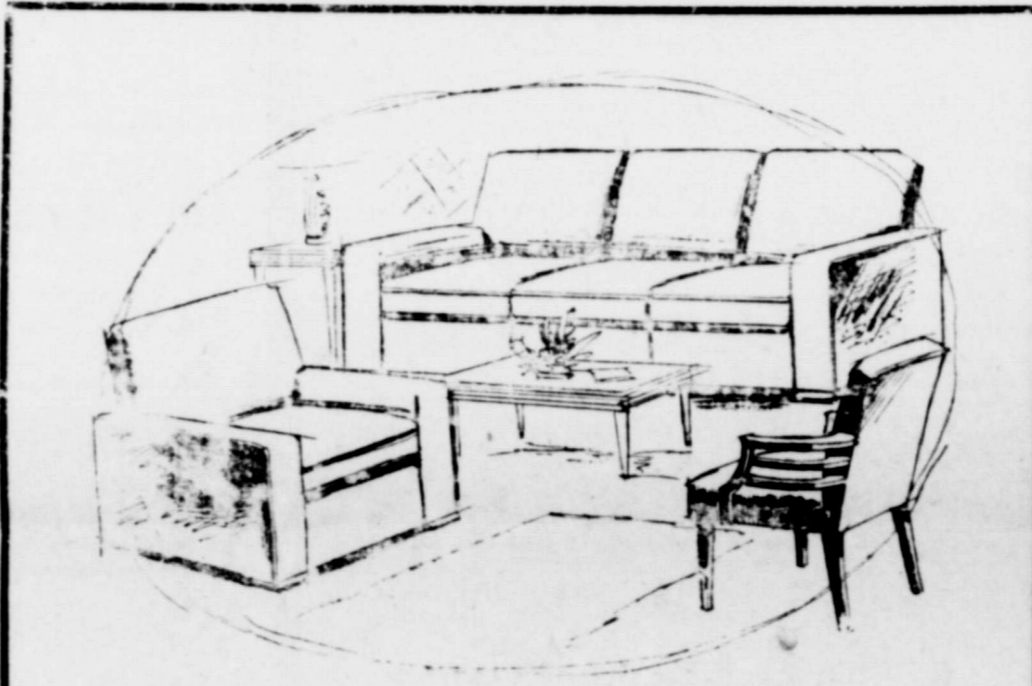
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NEW OFFICERS INSTALLED BY EASTERN STAR.

Merkel Chapter No. 212, Order of the Eastern Star, met Tuesday evening in called session in the Masonic hall for the installation of new officers. Mrs. Bryan Dunagin was installed as worthy matron.

Other new officers installed include: Mrs. Henry Reid, associate matron; D. R. Butler, worthy patron; Seth Rakes, associate patron; Mrs. Howard Carson, secretary; Mrs. Sallie Gant, treasurer; Mrs. Craig Humphreys, conductress; Mrs. D. E. Butler, associate conductress; Mrs. O. B. Leach, chaplain; Mrs. Ralph Tarpley, marshal; Mrs. E. S. Dwigins, organist; Mrs. Carl Edington, Adah; Mrs. Ross Pratt, Ruth; Mrs. Frank Patterson, Esther; Mrs. Ernest Teaff, Martha; Mrs. Melvin Loader, Electa; Mrs. Warren Daniel, sentinel. As Mrs. C. B. Rust, elected warden, was in the hospital, she will be installed later.

Mrs. C. W. Seago was the installing officer, assisted by Mrs. J. W. Hammond, installing marshal; Mrs. W. L. Johnson, installing secretary; Mrs. H. G. Smith, installing chaplain; Mrs. R. J. Miller, organist.

Visitors included Miss Minnie Higginbotham, Mrs. Callie Robertson and Mrs. Florence Nance, all past matrons of Abilene Chapter No. 50, Mrs. Billy Gant of the Appleton, Wis., Chapter, and Mrs. C. E. Giles, Pharr Chapter.

Other members present were Mesdames Seth Rakes, Warren Daniel, Ida Sharp, Pete Morgan, Eli Case, Lucy Ford, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Rogers, Messrs. Billy Gant and H. G. Smith.

Following the installation ceremony, refreshments of ice cream and cake were served.

GARDEN CLUB TEA.

Final meeting of the year for members of the Merkel Garden club was held Thursday afternoon in the beautiful new suburban home of Mrs. Raymond Ferguson. Co-hostesses were Mesdames John Shannon, Carroll Benson, W. S. J. Brown, Jack Miller and Mrs. Ferguson.

Mrs. Max Leach of Abilene gave an original poem on "Gardening," and Mrs. L. P. Johnson, Abilene, spoke inspiringly of the many compensations of Garden Club work.

Installation of the following new officers was directed by Mrs. Sam Kennedy, also of Abilene: Mrs. Raymond Ferguson, president; 1st vice-president, Mrs. Geo. T. Moore; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. Paul West; 3rd vice-president, Mrs. Tye Sublett; 4th vice-president, Mrs. Clesby Patterson; Mrs. W. D. Hutcheson, recording secretary; Mrs. Herbert Patterson, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Ben Robert Hicks, treasurer; Mrs. Carroll Benson, parliamentarian; Mrs. John Shannon, reporter.

Beautiful flower arrangements centered the refreshment table and mantle piece and incoming officers were presented corsages by the outgoing officers. A dainty refreshment plate was passed to the following: Mes-

dames Sam Kennedy, L. P. Johnson, Max Leach, Abilene; Lige Gamble, Tye Sublett, P. C. Wylie, O. L. Justice, J. W. Bryan, Charlie Knight, Clyde Eager, Forrest Gaither, Lucy Ford, Robert Hicks, Lizzie Latham, Z. B. Morgan, L. V. Moore, Joe P. Toombs, C. K. Russell, W. D. Hutcheson, Eli Case, H. C. Reid, Ben R. Hicks, R. L. Elliott, Jr., Herbert Patterson, Clesby Patterson, J. W. Hammond, Powell Miller, Jack Miller, John Shannon, Geo. T. Moore, Paul West, Carroll Benson, W. S. J. Brown; Misses Christine Collins, Norah Foster, Lottie Butman, Mary Kate Campbell.

GRANDDAUGHTER OF MERKEL COUPLE IS BRIDE IN COAHOMA CEREMONY.

The marriage of Gloria Jean Harris, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lige Harris, to Troy W. Roberts, son of Mr. and Mrs. V. F. Roberts, of Coahoma, was solemnized in the Coahoma First Methodist church Saturday evening.

After a reception in the church parlor, the couple left for a trip to Colorado, Arizona and New Mexico. Rev. Glenn Hargrett solemnized wedding vows before an altar lighted with tapers and decorated with ferns, palms and huckleberry greenery. Baskets of stock and gladioluses were at each side of the altar. Church pews were marked with white satin bows. Candles were lighted by Patricia Turner and Jamie Lou Brewer.

Bettye Jean Graves played the traditional wedding music, and accompanied Louis Loveless in the rendition of "Dream of Love." J. O. Hugood sang "Always" and "I Love You Truly."

The bride, escorted by her uncle, Raymond D. Cramer, wore a dress of white organdy over blue moire taffeta with blue sash. Ruching edged the dress neckline, long sleeves and her headdress. Wedding blossoms were tucked beneath the coronet of her fingertip veil, and she carried a bag made of organdy decorated with flowers.

For something old, the bride wore the wedding band of the late Mrs. J. M. Cramer, and something borrowed was a handkerchief which belonged to Mrs. M. R. Turner. She also wore a penny in her shoe.

Patsy Lou Harris, sister of the bride, served as maid of honor and bridesmaids were Rosemary Acuff and Donna McCamm.

At the reception, the table was laid with a lace cloth and centered with a three-tiered decorated cake. Mrs. Dennis Turner presided at the table, assisted by Patricia Turner and Jamie Lou Brewer. Punch was served by Bettye Jean Graves and the bridesmaids.

For the wedding trip, the bride chose a brown and white corded suit with white accessories and an orchid corsage.

Mrs. Roberts graduated from Coahoma high school in May. Mr. Roberts is a 1941 graduate of the same school and served three years in the

armed service. He is now employed with the Texas and Pacific Railway.

Merkel relatives attending the wedding were Mrs. Lige Harris, grandmother of the bride, and two aunts, Mrs. Don Riney, Mr. Riney and Donna, and Mrs. S. G. Russell, Jr.

TWILIGHT CEREMONY UNITES MILDRED ANNE SLOUGH AND O. R. KNIGHT.

Mildred Annell Slough, daughter of Mrs. Anne Slough, Abilene, became the bride of O. R. Knight, son of Mrs. Bette Knight of Merkel, in a ceremony solemnized Saturday at twilight in the Highland Church of Christ, Abilene.

Don Morris, president of Abilene Christian college, read the double ring vows before an altar decorated with baskets of white gladioluses, and lighted by tapers in candelabra. Pews of the church were marked with white satin bows.

Reese Foster sang "Because" and a quartet from the 12th and Chestnut Street Church of Christ sang "I Love You Truly" and the traditional professional and recessional.

Wearing a dress of ice blue bridal satin, the bride was given in marriage by her uncle, Sam O. Hill, of Abilene. Her dress was fashioned with a fitted bodice and a pointed lace yoke outlined in a soft lace ruffle. The full gathered skirt ended in a short scalloped train, and the fitted long sleeves made petal points at her wrists. Her fingertip veil of illusion

was shifted to a soft tiara trimmed with lilies-of-the-valley. She carried an arm bouquet of calla lilies and sat in streamers.

Beth Rutherford, niece of the bride, served as flower girl and Jimmy Jacobs of Merkel was ring bearer.

Attendants were Dorothy Biggers, maid of honor, and Jane Goodwin of Temple and Maxine Johnson of Oplin, bridesmaids. Clifford Hale of Snyder served as best man, and Clyde and Joe Knight, brothers of the bridegroom, were ushers.

Following the ceremony a reception was held in the home of the bride's mother where the three-tiered cake was served by Mrs. N. H. Stephenson, sister of the bride. Topped with a miniature bride and bridegroom, the cake was placed on a reflector surrounded with ivy and pleated net. Mrs. J. C. Jacobs, sister of the bridegroom, also presided at the table.

For the wedding trip to Ruidoso, N. M., Mrs. Knight wore a two piece suit of beige Labtex cloth. Her hat was white, with other accessories in brown and white. When they return, Mr. and Mrs. Knight will live in Sweetwater where he is employed in the main office at the U. S. Gypsum Company.

Mrs. Knight is a graduate of Oplin high school and attended Gail Business college in Abilene. She has been employed by W. T. Wilson Transfer and Storage Co.

Mr. Knight graduated from Hobbs high school and served 33 months

in the Army Air Corps, stationed in Italy. After his discharge, he attended Texas Technological college in Lubbock.

Merkel relatives attending the wedding were Mrs. Bette Knight, mother of the bridegroom, his sister, Mrs. Johnny Jacobs, and Mr. Jacobs, and two brothers, Clyde and Joe Knight.

PIANO RECITAL.

Mrs. C. B. Gardner presented her piano pupil, Carla Lou Ines, in recital on Sunday afternoon at the ranch home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Largent, before an appreciative group of relatives and friends.

The following numbers were played in a most creditable manner by the eleven-year-old artist: "Etude No. 1," by Cramer, "Solfeggietto," Bach and "Sonata V," Mozart, composing the first group; "To a Wild Rose," MacDowell, "Consolation," by Mendelssohn, and "Traumerlei," by Schumann.

"In the Garden of Tomorrow" was sung by Roy Largent, with accompaniment by Mrs. Gardner, and dainty refreshments were served by Mrs. Chester Ines and Mrs. Tom Largent.

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HOSPITAL NOTES.

Mrs. R. E. James underwent major surgery at Sadler Hospital on June 8, and Mrs. A. C. Heatley entered the hospital Tuesday for major surgery. Patients received Wed-

nesday for surgery were Mrs. A. D. Fulton and I. L. Brooks. O. L. Bishop underwent minor surgery Saturday, and Spencer Bird entered the hospital Tuesday for minor surgery. Patients admitted during the week for treatment were: John Shannon, Mrs. N. R. Thornton, June 6; Mrs. C. B. Rust, June 7; Mrs. Bill Largent, June 8; the W. O. Hopper child, on June 9. Waylan Vanceil received a tonsillectomy Monday.

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Armour's Star
Pure Pork SAUSAGE, lb. 49c
Tall Korn
Sliced BACON, lb. 65c

Pure Cane
SUGAR, 10 lbs **79c**

Everlite
FLOUR, 25 lb. **1.69**

LIPTON'S TEA
1/4 pound 27c

PEACH
PRESERVES
2 Pound JAR 35c
Pure TOMATO
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14 ounce bottle 17c

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27c
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2 boxes
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**French Grilled
Sandwiches**
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1 well-beaten egg
1/2 cup Pet Milk
1/2 cup water
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon bottled mustard
1 tablespoon Pet Milk
8 bread slices
4 thin slices American cheese

Mix together egg, milk, water and salt. Mix mustard with milk; spread on half of bread slices. Cover with cheese slices. Top with remaining slices of bread. Dip sandwiches in milk mixture, one at a time, to moisten both sides. Brown slowly on both sides in 1/2 in. hot shortening. Serve hot. Makes 4 servings.

You Will Need:
PET MILK, can 9c
FRENCH MUSTARD, 10c
CHEESE, lb. 68c
EGGS, dozen 15c
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