

Inspiring Service Fills Tye Church At Dedication Sun.

An inspiring, happy feeling pervaded the homecoming and dedication service held last Sunday at the Tye Methodist Church. The church was packed with a happy throng at all the services.

About 250 persons were present. Some came from far distances. Mrs. Charles Young was there from Eastland. Mr. and Mrs. Buster Hinds traveled from Jaton and Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Thomas and son Maynard and wife came 120 miles from Post.

The large addition to the church proper is a young people's room or social hall. It consists of a hall, a kitchen, four class rooms and pastor's study.

of Tuscola. Rev. H. Clyde Smith, Abilene, district superintendent, brought an inspiring message at the Sunday morning service.

A bounteous basket dinner was spread at the noon hour in the new hall. The dinner was really a feast, a banquet fit for royalty. There was chicken of all kinds, meat of various sorts, potato salads in great variety, puddings, cakes, pies, coffee and tea and so forth. Everything was deliciously tasty.

Beautiful pots and sprays of flowers and ferns, gifts of friends of the congregation, filled all parts of the church and the new annex.

David Warner led the singing for the dedicatory service. Mrs. Warner was the pianist.

Rev. Lynward Harrison, pastor of the church, led in the responsive readings. Rev. W. C. Hinds of Abilene gave the invocation. The Scripture lesson was read by Rev. George Tyson, dean of the Gold Star Dormitory at McMurry College. Rev. Smith gave the dedicatory address.

Dramatic Review Of Book Is Given At Fortnightly

A dramatic review of the book, "Aunt Jane of Kentucky," by Eliza Calvert Hall was presented by Mrs. Joe Bowen of Sweetwater at the meeting of the Fortnightly Club Tuesday afternoon at the Community Center.

Mrs. Ben Roberts Hicks registered 68 persons. Mrs. Ponder of Sweetwater accompanied Mrs. Bowen.

The Fortnightly held a newcomers tea and guest day. Mrs. A. C. West, president, presided and welcomed the guests. Mrs. Judd Reynolds was the program chairman.

Mrs. C. B. Gardner presented her pupils, Dana Durham, Annette Boney and Elisa Dee West, who delighted the club with their piano numbers. Mrs. Gardner gave a splendid rendition of "Polonaise" on the piano.

Why do we build houses of worship?" asked the district superintendent. "Because man is incurably religious. The church should be a place of beauty to lift us up spiritually."

Rev. Smith led the actual dedication. S. B. Thomas, standing beside the pulpit, with the stewards beside him, presented the annex to the congregation. Rev. Smith accepted it and then opened the dedicatory ceremony of responsive reading with Rev. Harrison leading the congregation in the responses.

The stewards besides Mr. Thomas were: Theo Kincaid, Kleas Parmelley, Maton Ely, T. J. Hinds, David Warner and R. D. Ely.

Rev. Harrison pronounced the prayer of dedication.

Mr. Warner spoke a word of appreciation on the wealth of work done by the local pastor of seeing that things were done in building the annex and in taking on full responsibility.

Rev. Harrison replied by thanking all for their cooperation. "I thank you from the depths of my heart for your labor in making this annex possible. I think the Presbyterians for their building and their cooperation. I have heard of lip service of cooperation but here was a real demonstration."

Rev. Jack Thompson, pastor of Grace Methodist Church at Abilene, pronounced the benediction.

The story of the book review was that of the rural life in Kentucky. The reviewer was excellent in her vivid portrayal of the different characters, bringing them to life in a natural manner.

She also carried the characters out of the book on to the table in the form of dolls. The whole review was well done, in a professional, dramatic, entertaining manner.

A variety of irises were used in the decoration of the Community Center and the April shower arrangement of Pansies and lace umbrella in making the tea table very attractive.

At the close of the review there was a social hour and refreshments were served.

Principal Farley replaces Dr. Orval Filbeck, Abilene Christian College faculty member.

More than 150 of the county's teachers were present. Mr. Farley and the other elected officers will be installed in September for a one-year period.

More interest in city leasing has been shown in the past two weeks. Three wells have been completed north of town but the official potential has not been reported.

Also north of town it was stated that Lee Stanley No. 4 that has been producing in the Reef is being drilled deeper to test the Strawn.

There is also activity south of town but details were not available.

Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Walters are the parents of a baby boy born April 18 at the Sadler Hospital.

BABY BOY TO WALTERS

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Feminine Touch Lends Lots of Color And Thrills to Cowboy Contest

The feminine touch gave plenty of color and thrills to the cutting and roping contest.

In the grand entry the cowgirls in their red shirts and gay hats entered the parade.

The cowgirl cloverleaf barrel race was a thriller. Leaping from the starting stall the horses with their feminine riders rushed around the barrels placed on both sides of the arena and then one on the far side.

It was beauty in varied motion. As she neared the barrels the speed of the horse had to be slackened to enable it to go round without overthrowing the barrel. This speeding and showing were repeated at each of the barrels.

Then after going round the third barrel there was a mad dash to the starting stall. It was a spurring, stirring, thrilling ride! The girl bent her body over the horse, clapping her legs against the racing animal, urging him on to greater speed. The eager face of the girl was seen above the dust of the field, a picture of flying adventure, soaring along, dashing along, with the cutting of time as the goal. Here was a blending of animal and feminine beauty in a wild ride that the movies have never equaled.

The cowboys too in the calf roping gave a performance that was beautiful. It was like a dance on a dusty ground instead of on a ballroom floor. Their action and timing were studied to the point of perfection. It was art, in motion, in agility and in rhythm.

Then there was the colorful display of pickups and trailers everywhere around the arena. They were all around the lot, coming here from all around the country. It was a city of pickup and trailers.

Truly the old cowboy spirit and the thrill of the open spaces had returned to Merkel after a long absence, an absence dating back to 1939.

Paka Newby Will Be Drum Major Next School Year

Paka Newby will be drum major for the 1952-53 school year. Beth Thomas will be assistant drum major while Barbara Wilson, Stacey Ann Martin and Jane Tipton will be the twirlers.

Band Director Ralph Brady took the twirlers to the Interscholastic League contests in San Angelo last Saturday and they were rated a contest basis. Their ratings remained who would be the drum major and majorettes.

Ratings received by the contestants were: Paka Newby I, Beth Thomas I, Stacey Martin II, Barbara Wilson II, Jane Tipton II and Denta Marie Gibson III. Sandra Patterson received a III in flute solo. Rating I is superior, II is excellent and III is good as defined by the league standards, stated Director Brady.



Principal Farley Elected President Of County Group

C. A. Farley, principal of the Elementary school, was elected 1952-53 president of the Taylor County unit of the Texas Teachers Association at a dinner Tuesday night.

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Jim Brandon Dies In Bowie Monday And Buried Thursday

Jim Brandon, 85, of Bowie, formerly of Merkel, died April 21 and was buried April 24. He is the brother of Mrs. Frase Demere.

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Merkel Folks Take Part in Cutting And Roping Contest

Among those from Merkel who had a part in the cutting and roping contest were Rhett Eidson, timing judge; S. G. Russell, flagman; Constable Luther Land, parking director; Gerald Derrick opened the calf gate; James Russell and Cecil Cochran got stock ready for roping.

J. D. Rodgers tied for first place in the ribbon roping event with 10

Merkel High School Students Win Poetry Honors in 1952 Anthology

The Merkel High School English Department has again been honored by having poems written by six of its students appear in Young America Songs, the 1952 anthology of Texas poetry published by the National High School Poetry Association.

Last year the local school got two entries.

The six winning students and their poems are Marilyn Liles, "The Season"; Neva Cason, "Riches"; Marie Cox, "Time"; Charles Beard "Time"; Joan Nash, "My Dog's History"; and Elmer Lee Sandusky, "I saw Three Stray Geese", a poem which won special mention.

Marvin O. Woodard Fighting in Korea In Front of Mud

Pfc. Marvin O. Woodard, 46, of Mr. and Mrs. Barney W. Woodard, Route 3, Merkel, is now serving on the mud-bogged eastern front in Korea with the 25th Infantry Division.

His unit, with its attached Turkish brigade, has been holding down a battle line northwest of the Puchubow.

Private First Class Woodard is a member of the 69th Field Artillery Battalion's Battery C. A. veteran of 14 months of Army service, he left the United States in May 1951.

He was a student at Hawley before entering the army.

Long Drouth Is Broken Here With 2.2" Rain, Raises Hopes For All

Granddaughter Of R. O. Anderson Is Rodeo Queen

Kay Alston, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. (Red) Alston, has been named queen of Sweetwater's first annual rodeo.

Miss Alston is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Anderson. She is 16 years old and a sophomore in high school.

Mayor E. B. Ellis crowned Miss Alston Queen of the Rodeo Wednesday night.

Postmaster's Father Suffers Stroke And Is In Hospital

Thomas Durham of Clovis, New Mexico, suffered another stroke last week and was in the hospital. Mr. Durham is very ill. He is the father of Postmaster N. W. Durham.

Last Rites Held For Mrs. Berry at Methodist Church

Mrs. Annie Eliza Crockett Berry, 78, a resident of Stith and Merkel since 1906, died at 11:45 p. m. Saturday in the Sadler Clinic.

Funeral was held at 2 p. m. Tuesday in the Merkel Methodist Church. The Rev. Hugh Hunt and the Rev. R. L. Butler officiated. Burial was in Stith Cemetery under direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

Mrs. Berry was born Dec. 30, 1873, in Crockett, Tenn. She was married there to John L. Berry in October, 1893. They moved to Arkansas shortly after they were married and to Hodges in 1898. In 1906 they moved to Stith. He died in 1924. Mrs. Berry moved to Merkel in 1946.

She was a member of the Methodist Church.

Survivors include five sons, Barney C. Berry and Johnnie A. Berry, both of Merkel, Ollie O. Berry of Sweetwater, Marvin David Berry of Haskell, and Roy R. Berry of Philadelphia, Pa.; one daughter, Mrs. Dollie Eifers of Clovis, N. M., two stepsons, Elva L. Berry of Stith and Henry C. Berry of Byers, Texas; two stepdaughters Mrs. Lillie Vantrees of Stith and Mrs. Etta Patterson of Merkel two brothers, W. J. Stewart of Alamo, Tenn., and George Stewart of St. Louis, Mo.; 13 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Sam Mashburn, F. J. McDonald, Jr., Frank K. Munday, Curtis McAninch, Bob McDonald, and Earl Hughes.

IT'S ALL IN KNOWING HOW TO MILK

Mrs. Mary Gentry never milked a cow in her life. But she learned fast — slowly. Recently she was on a farm and offered to milk a cow. For thirty long minutes she tried and tried but got no milk. Her husband, J. D., an old cow hand, finally laughed uproariously, stopped her and showed her how. Then she tried. She got milk . . . at once. Now she knows how.

Offers Great Hope To All in Message Filled With Power

A powerful sermon of great hope to all was delivered by Rev. Tom M. Johnston on the first day of the revival at the Methodist Church last Sunday morning. Rev. Johnston is district superintendent of the Vernon District.

He is a magnetic speaker, talking earnestly and simply and at times rising to heights of oratory and sprinkling his sermon with human interest stories that put his points over in a clear manner.

Rev. Hugh H. Hunt, local pastor, introduced the evangelist. Cyrus Pee directed the choir singing. Mrs. Ethel Shafer sang a solo, "How Long Will Thou Forget Me" by Carl Fleuger.

Rev. Johnston's text was taken from the Book of Revelation, "Behold, I have set before thee an open door and no man can close it."

The preacher very effectively developed his subject by illustrating the devastation caused by war and the doors that it closed. A soldier loses his arm and his hope of becoming a pianist is blasted, that door is closed. A man loses his eyesight and he cannot become an astronomer, that door is closed forever.

"Doors are closed to many of us," continued the preacher. "But there are some that are open. Here are three doors that are open to all of us."

"The creative achievement is one of them," Rev. Johnston went on. "One may feel he has nothing to do, can't sing, can't preach, can't pray."

"But there is a door open," asserted the evangelist. "In all of us is the deep desire to feel important. There is an urge in all of us that we can do something."

"We can always offer friendship. That is one of the biggest things we can give. We can bring hope to others, giving them too a sense of importance, bringing out what they can do."

"Another door is goodwill."

"Some people say, 'I hate the Germans, I hate the Japs, I hate the Reds,'" stated Rev. Johnston. "Christian people can't hate! If the doctrine of Jesus Christ is brotherly love, what can a Christian do? You must not hate. You cannot put on a robe in church and then immediately take it off when you leave the church."

He went on to explain that righteous indignation is all right in its place at times. But one cannot let hate come into his heart. Hate is destructive, he asserted, but goodwill is a builder.

Then the minister spoke of the fellowship with Christ as an open door. You must turn the knob of your heart and let Him in, he said.

"It is up to us to open the door, the door to creative achievement, to friendship and good will and to fellowship with God."

The revival will continue each night until including next Sunday. The public is invited.

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The drouth was broken in Texas. It was broken in Merkel last week and this week.

It brought fresh hope to Texas farmers and ranchers.

J. I. Ford, the Merkel Mail weatherman, reported that rain began falling here at 10 p. m. last Friday night, accompanied by hail. The rain measured .2 inch, the highest in a long time.

Then beginning at 2:30 p. m., Saturday and continuing to 4 a. m. Sunday the measure of the precipitation was 1.5 inches, said Mr. Ford. This was the best rain in one and a half years, he commented.

The rainfall Monday and Tuesday was .5 inch.

Total rainfall last week was 2.2 inches.

Noodle had 2.2 inches of rain. Tye had 1 inch, Trent 1.01 inches.

Because of the way the rain fell, because it was a slow rain, little of it ran off, all went into the ground; also on account of the intermittent showers, the rain did the best that that amount of rain could do.

The rain was of tremendous benefit to native pastures. It also offered sufficient moisture in the fields for planting of seasonal crops: sudan, early combine milo, and some folks may even plant cotton.

IS NEW FIRE CHIEF

Jimmy Toombs is the new chief of the Merkel Volunteer Fire Department. He was elevated from the position of assistant chief to the head position at the annual election Monday night, succeeding N. A. Dowell.

Others elected were: assistant chief, Bob Fowler; foreman hose company No. 1, Woodrow Wozencraft; assistant, Herbert Dennis; foreman hose company No. 2, Morris Horton; assistant, Carlton Vick, foreman chemical company, Chester Hutcheson; fire police, F. A. Sanders, S. A. Bankston, Howard Laney and Carl Thomas; first aid, J. T. Darsey. Parker Sharp was elected to succeed Charles H. Jones, president for the past two years.

ARE ON HONOR ROLL

There were 126 pupils on the honor roll of the Merkel schools. The juniors led the high school with an average of 30 per cent.

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Mrs. Ruthie Vancil Suffers Injuries In Auto Wreck

Mrs. Ruthie Lea Vancil, 33, of Route 2, suffered shock, minor cuts and bruises in an auto accident Tuesday afternoon on U. S. Highway 80. Mrs. Vancil was rushed in an ambulance to the Sadler Hospital. It was reported Wednesday that she was getting along nicely.

Mrs. Vancil was a passenger in a 1949 Chevrolet driven by her husband, Boyce Reynolds Vancil, when it collided with a pickup truck driven by Victor Austin Jech, 28, of Abilene.

The accident occurred at the underpass 4.1 miles west of Abilene on U. S. 80 about 3:30 p. m.

Highway Patrolman Herman Sale said Mr. Jech lost control of his pickup, which was headed east, and it went off the pavement on the north side of the highway and skidded into the left side of Vancil's car.

Both cars were badly damaged, Mr. Sale said.

Called To Jury Duty

George Woodrum, B. T. Sublett, Watt Blair and W. C. Neil are on the 42nd district court grand jury impaneled Monday morning.

TO PRESENT JLAY

The M. H. S. players under the direction of Miss Lucy Tracy, will present "Sound Your Horn," a clever three-act comedy, at the Grammar School auditorium Friday night. Admission price is 10 cents.

Those in the cast are Marie Stanford, Joyce Wheeler, Mildred Richardson, Leo Tucker, Van Roberts, Margaret Canon, Margaret Dean, Mary Elizabeth Grimes, Paul Collins, Monta Moore.

BROTHER DIES

J. F. Laney, 72, brother of W. H. Laney, died last week at his home in Wills Point.

FOR CROP LOANS

Only nine days remain for farmers to apply for the government's 1932 crop production loans.

FIRST RAIN SINCE FEB.

With no rainfall in March the April showers appeared late Sunday afternoon, when a light sprinkle fell here. Rainfall in January and February measured 3.92 inches, bringing the year's total to 4.29 inches.

This Happened in Merkel Forty Years Ago

Mrs. Austin Boyd was a visitor to Abilene Saturday to see her parents.

O. H. Cordell, Jack Provine and W. W. Wheeler were Abilene visitors Saturday.

Mrs. J. A. Buford and her mother, Mrs. McKay, were Abilene visitors Wednesday.

Will McGar of Stanton was here last week, visiting his sisters, Mrs. Fred Groene and Mrs. Claude Comegys.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Johnson of Abilene came in Wednesday afternoon for a visit to the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Johnson.

Grandpa Westenhoever came in Wednesday night from Louisiana where he has been for several months.

Mrs. I. S. Allen and her sister, Miss Lurlyne Long, visited another sister, Mrs. W. Parten, who was operated on Saturday at the Alexander sanitarium in Abilene.

A postponed meeting of the Twentieth Century Club was held at the home of Mrs. G. H. Adams.

Ed Teaff left Tuesday morning for a visit with relatives at Troy, his old home town.

Merkel 20 Years Ago

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SOCIETY

SUE MAYFIELD IS FETED AT BRUNCH IN ABILENE

Mrs. W. V. Ramsey and Mrs. Robert McKissick hosted a brunch Saturday honoring Miss Sue Mayfield, bride-elect of Oris Reynolds, in the home Mrs. McKissick, 741 Rivercrest, Abilene. The couple will be married tonight at eight o'clock in the W. T. Sadler home.

In the house party were Mrs. W. T. Sadler; Mrs. Robert Mayfield, mother of the bride-elect; Mrs. Cramer Reynolds, mother of the prospective bridegroom; Mrs. Harley Sadler and Mrs. R. A. Webster, serving.

Forty ladies from Merkel attended the brunch. Miss Mary Beth Whiteside of Texas Tech, friend of the honoree, assisted in serving.

Decorations were yellow daffodils and yellow iris. Table was centered with an imari Japanese bowl with white Japanese figurines on either side.

GENEVA CARR MARRIES CURTIS JONES IN ABILENE

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Carr announce the marriage of their daughter Geneva to Curtis Jones of Abilene at 2 p. m. Easter Sunday, April 13. The double ring ceremony was performed by the Rev. A. T. Susky, pastor of the

Calvary Baptist church, at the home of the bride.

The attendants were Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Carr of Houston. A reception was held after the ceremony. The couple are at home in Abilene, 1003 Grape street.

MRS. E. C. RAY HONORED WITH BIRTHDAY DINNER

The E. C. Ray family honored Mrs. E. C. Ray with a birthday dinner April 20. Those present were Messrs. and Mesdames Horace Steele, Houston, Lucian Rudd, Abilene, Kenneth Ray and children, Dow and Karen Ann, Merkel, and Vernon and Becky.

BLUE BONNET CLUB HEARS ABOUT 'COLOR STYLING'

Mrs. Euell Ray and Mrs. Kenneth Ray were hostesses to the Blue Bonnet Club in the home of Mrs. Euell Ray. Mrs. Farmer presided. Mrs. Butman read the minutes of the last meeting.

The program was "Color Styling Your Home". Mrs. Toltie King of Abilene gave helpful hints and demonstrations on color schemes.

Refreshments of cake and iced drinks were served to the visitors. Mrs. King, Mr. & Mrs. Billie Read, Mrs. John Oliver; six members; Mesdames Frase Demere, Frank Bronavak, Allen King, Adrin Farmer, Ford Butman, and hostesses. The next meeting on May 6 will be with Mrs. E. T. Patterson, hostess.

"PRAYING HANDS" IS THEME OF MRS. BRASWELL

The Ladies of the W. M. U. of the First Baptist Church were hostesses at a banquet Monday night, April 14, at 7:15 o'clock, honoring the Business Women. Mrs. Keller Roberts, president, presided.

The speaker for the evening was Mrs. Glen Braswell. Her subject was, "The Praying Hands."

Mrs. Ernest Teaff was named chairman of the New Business Women's Circle that is to meet the first and third Monday at 7:30 p. m. Next Monday night the W. M. U. yearbook will be the subject of a round table discussion, led by Mrs. Paul West.

The Community Mission, Mission Study and Bible Study chairmen will be named at this time.

AT PIONEER CHURCH

The Pioneer Church extends an invitation to come and bring the children every Sunday for Sunday School. The teachers are Mrs. Joe



MRS. DWAIN JONES, RECENT BRIDE—Mrs. Jones, the former Miss Mona Madolyn Robertson, was married April 12 at the first Baptist Church by the Rev. Allen of Kermit, the former pastor here.

SWINNEY, BABIES UP TO SCHOOL AGE HEARS ABOUT CAKE BAKING

The Union Ridge H. D. C. met last Friday in the home of Mrs. M. L. Douglas with Mrs. O. E. Harwell, vice president, presiding. Mrs. Gordon Pursley resigned a president and Mrs. Wynona Scroggins was elected to succeed her.

Miss Loretta Allen, home demonstration agent, gave a demonstration, "Making and Icing Cake."

Refreshments were served to Mesdames J. H. Clark, Kenneth Pee, M. L. Douglas, Geo. Crow, W. C. Lee, O. E. Harwell, Wynona Scroggins, Miss Mable McRee members; and Miss Loretta Allen. Mrs. Deverl Teaff, Mrs. Lee Teaff visitors.

HOLD FAMILY REUNION AT B. L. PERKINS HOME

A family re-union was held Easter Sunday at the home of B. L. Perkins in Noodle. Besides the immediate family there were other relatives and friends from Merkel and Sweetwater, making 60 present. A dinner was served at noon pictures were taken, and singing and conversation were the pastime.

The immediate family present were Mother, Mrs. C. F. Thompson, Sr., Raymondville; sons, C. V. Perkins, Raymondville, Floyd Perkins, Abilene, Jack Perkins, Napa Calif., John E. Perkins, Austin, B. L. Perkins, Noodle; daughters Mrs. Rowena Howell and daughters of Austin and Mrs. C. L. Bristol of Kingsville.

HOLD BASKET DINNER

The Live Oak Baptist Church had a basket dinner Easter Sunday at the old Andy Hunter Home before that an Easter service was held at the church.

WHO WON BALL GAME?

Visiting in the home of Joe Swinney and Mrs. Jessie Russom Sunday were their uncle, Charlie Miller, and cousin, Mrs. Friday Couch of Abilene. In the afternoon the boys played the men in a ball game. The ballgame is behind the Pioneer Church. Who won? Come and play with them each Sunday.

TO SING AT AMITY CHURCH

There will be singing at the Amity Baptist Church Thursday, May 1, beginning at 7:30 p. m. Everyone invited.

TEEN-AGE STUDY GROUP WILL MEET THURSDAY, MAY 1

The Study Group of the P. T. C. will meet at 7:30 p. m., Thursday, May 1, with Mrs. Nolan Palko. The subject will be "Home-School Community Cooperation."

Euell Porter Will Sing Here Sunday At Baptist Church

Euell Porter, director of the Hardin-Simmons University a cappella choir, will sing at the morning service of the First Baptist



EUPELL PORTER Church Sunday. The public is invited. Mr. Porter led the choir when it sang here Wednesday.

Roy L. Garrett Is Serving in Far Eastern Waters

Serving in Far Eastern waters on the destroyer escort USS McGinty is Roy L. Garrett, seaman apprentice, USN, son of Isaac V. Garrett of Merkel.

Roy, who entered Naval service Sept. 26, 1951, received recruit training at the Naval Training Center, San Diego, Calif. Before entering the Navy, he attended San Angelo High School.

In action in Korean waters, the McGinty has bombarded the Communist port city of Wonsan, where the ship has hurled 5,000 rounds of ammunition at enemy troop concentrations and military establishments.

Since arriving in the Far Eastern theater last November the McGinty has sailed more than 20,000 miles. The ship is serving in the eight-nation United Nations Blockading and Escort Force.

HILLS HONOR DAUGHTER WITH BIRTHDAY PARTY

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hill gave a birthday party Sunday at their home in Cross Plains, honoring their daughter, Mrs. J. Mark Daniel, of Abilene. There were present three of their children and families.

Messrs. and Mesdames Forest Hill and children of Merkel, Jimmy McKeever and daughter of Abilene, J. Mark Daniel and daughter of Abilene. Also present was a nephew, F. A. Hines, and Mrs. Hines and son of Brownwood.

Visitors in the Pogue home Sunday

were Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Pogue of Cisco, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Pogue Snyder, Mrs. Nannie Brown and Mrs. Willie Mae Thompson, Miss Patsy Pogue, Christian College, all of Abilene.

Charter No. 7481 Reserve District 11
REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE

Farmers & Merchants National Bank

of Merkel, in the State of Texas, at the close of business on March 31, 1952 published in response to call made by Comptroller of the Currency, under section 5211, U. S. Revised Statutes.

ASSETS	
1. Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balance, and cash items in process of collection	\$ 1,582,244.02
2. United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed	1,448,597.00
3. Obligations of States and political subdivisions	19,633.21
4. Other bonds, notes, and debentures	NONE
5. Corporate stocks (including \$4,500.00 stock of Federal Reserve bank)	4,500.00
6. Loans and discount (including \$298.17 overdrafts)	623,354.18
7. Furniture and fixtures	2,500.00
12. TOTAL ASSETS	3,680,828.41

LIABILITIES	
13. Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships and corporations	3,321,181.04
15. Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings)	10,620.68
16. Deposits of State and political subdivisions	137,659.69
18. Other deposits (certified and cashier's checks, etc.)	2,835.50
19. TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$3,472,296.91
24. TOTAL LIABILITIES	3,472,296.91

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	
25. Capital Stock:	
(c) Common stock total par	75,000.00
26. Surplus	75,000.00
27. Undivided profits	58,531.50
29. TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	208,531.50
30. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	3,680,828.41

MEMORANDA
31. Assets pledged or assigned to secure liabilities and for other purposes 129,000.00

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I, GEO. T. MOORE, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

GEO. T. MOORE, Cashier
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 18th day of April, 1952.
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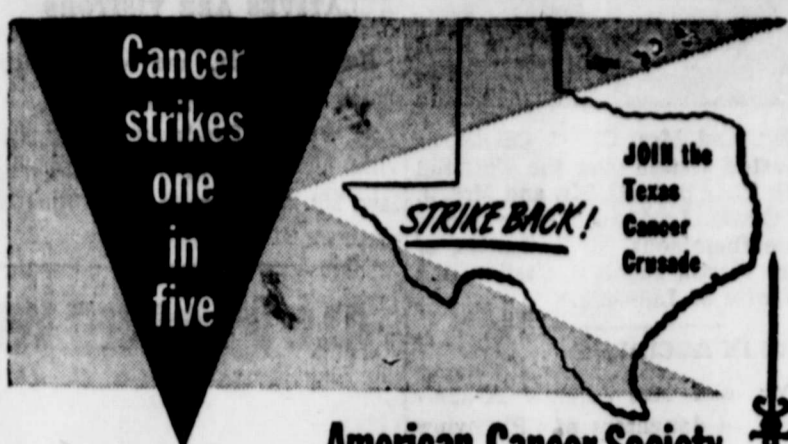
Trent High Play Delights Large Audience April 15

On Tuesday night, April 15, the senior class of the Trent High School presented a three-act comedy, "Aunt Susie Shoots The Works." The cast, under the direction of Miss Juanita Rhodes, gave a good performance to an audience of about 300 people.

Included in the cast were Patricia Beasley, Weldon Beasley, Peggy Horton, Milly Sam Butman, Corkey Stribling, Bill Scott, seniors. Sophomores having parts were Sylvia Taylor, Sue McRee, and Glenda Reynolds, Barbara Edwards, and junior, Amelia Martin. Tommy Scott, senior, was stage manager.

Offer New Protection In Goodyear Tube

Motorists may now have protection against both the hazards of tire blowouts and the inconvenience of punctures through a new 100,000 mile safety tube just announced by Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company, according to Nolan Palmer, Goodyear dealer and owner of the Palmer Motor Co.



CANCER CRUSADE BANNER—The American Cancer Society's 1952 Texas Cancer Crusade poster theme, above, will be displayed over the state during April, Cancer Control Month.

The new product constitutes a further improvement of Goodyear's long-established blowout-protective tube the LifeGuard, introduced by that company in 1934.

Mr. Palmer explained, stating that there now have been added to this product definite puncture sealing features that offer positive protection against other types of sudden tire failure, as well as the previous protection against dangerous blowouts.

Large Merkel Group Are at Tye Methodist Dedication Service

A large group of folks from the Merkel area attended the dedication service at the Tye Methodist Church last Sunday.

40th Wedding Anniversaries Are Celebrated Sunday

Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Sublett and Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Moore of Booneville, Ark., formerly of Merkel, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary in the B. T. Sublett home, 705 Oak street, Sunday.

Both couples were married in Trent at the same hour but not by the same minister.

In later years they became close friends and found their anniversaries to be at the same time and have celebrated together when possible.

The Sublett home, newly decorated throughout for this special occasion, was lovely with cut flowers gladioli and carnations. Some were sent from other states with best wishes for their friends. An orchid corsage was worn by Mrs. Sublett and Mrs. Moore.

Open house was held from 2:30 to 6:00 p. m. Mr. and Mrs. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Sublett were in the receiving line. Mrs. Jim Sublett ladeled frosted punch. Mrs. Jack Sublett served wedding cake. Mrs. Ben Sublett assisted each throughout the afternoon. These ladies are all daughters-in-law of the Sub-

lett. Bobbie Joy Sublett presided at the bride's book and Brenda Lou showed the lovely display of gifts. Both daughters of Mrs. Ben Sublett, Mrs. Joe Nalley and Mrs. Roberts of Graham, also assisted. 150 guests called throughout the afternoon, wishing the two couples many more happy anniversaries.

There were a host of out of town guests.

SISTER IS VERY ILL

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. McKeever were in Pampa Saturday and Sunday. His mother, Mrs. Sallie McKeever, accompanied them. His sister, Mrs. Pat Greene, is in the hospital and is very ill.

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101-horsepower
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53.855 TON-MILES*
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*The AAA Contest Board determines the winner by a "ton-mile per gallon" formula to insure equal chance for all cars in each class regardless of size and weight. Ton-miles per gallon equals the car weight (including passengers) in tons, multiplied by number of miles travelled, divided by number of gallons consumed.

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For Economy plus Quality . . . Choose the '52 Ford!
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Yes, sir . . . Ford wins again! For the third consecutive year, a Ford stock model car, powered this time by the all-new 101-horsepower MILEAGE MAKER SIX Engine and equipped with Overdrive (optional at extra cost), led every automobile in its price class in the 1952 Mobilgas Economy Run. Over a tough 1415-mile course from Los Angeles to Sun Valley . . . including dense city traffic, below-sea-level desert heat reaching over 100 degrees, and rugged mountain passes up to 8,000 feet with blow zero temperatures . . . the Ford SIX averaged 53.855 ton-miles per gallon, and 25.463 actual miles per gallon. If you're really economy-minded, this is further evidence of Ford leadership!

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FOLGER'S
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Tide or Cheer 27c	WON UP Grapefruit Juice 46 oz. 19c
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SUN SPUN CATSUP bottle 17c	DIP-NIRINSE Silver Polish bottle 89c
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WELCH'S
Grape Jelly or Grapelaide 19¢

PRODUCE	MARKET
Turnips & Tops 9c	CHUCK ROAST lb. 69c
GREEN ONIONS bunch 6c	SLICED BACON lb. 38c
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GOOD TRADE

"People are funny." That's why they are people. Animals are not funny very often.

What's this got to do with good trade? A lot. People think a certain way without knowing why they think in that manner. Mostly they think a certain way because they are used to thinking like that. They follow a pattern. That too is what makes people funny.

Still, what's all this got to do with good trade?

The popular opinion would be that on account of seasonal conditions business the first part of the

year would be way off, at least in a weaker position than it was last year at the same time.

But a personal survey by The Mail revealed that business in most cases was as good as last year and even better. The reasons were clearly brought out why our Merkel retail economy is good by Banker Booth Warren.

Figures and facts of this sort bring a change of attitude to the public and make them realize that they have a lot to be thankful for. Yes, people are funny. But we like them that way.

CHURCH NEWS

It is interesting to note the many items about the activities of churches in last week's paper. The Tye Methodist were to dedicate an addition to their church. The local Methodist Church was to begin a revival. The Nazarene Church was to start its evangelistic meeting. There was a story of the glory in all the churches on Easter.

There was also the note of the meeting at the Primitive Baptist Church. Then too there was the article telling about the Hardin-Simmons A Cappella Choir to sing here at the Baptist Church.

All this was on the front page. And inside was a reminder that an Abilene minister would speak at the Baptist Church while the local pastor was away.

What does all this add up to? That people are interested in religion, actively so, in spite of the deep materialistic pattern of our

world today. Man, without spirit, is a mere creature of clay, without the finer things that make for a finer living.

OUR RODEO

Really, as we have been repeatedly told, we did not have a rodeo here but a cutting and roping contest. We were told this by those who put on the affair. We were told so by other knowing persons. It was advertised as such. But somehow or other, we kept saying that it was a rodeo. As a matter of fact it was a cutting and roping contest.

Here's a secret: The reason we used rodeo in the headline was that it was convenient to use the short word in the headline. (People are funny and so are we!)

The contest was a big success every way. It was to be expected on account of the dry weather and the dust and the strong wind that the contestants and the spectators would be cut down in number. But this was not the case.

The first cutting and roping contest held here since 1939 drew 500 spectators on Saturday and 900 on Sunday while the contestants numbered 170 when only around 100 were expected.

The announcement that another contest will be held next month and bigger plans are shaping good news. It keeps Merkel in the public eye and it also helps business. And it's lots of fun for the contestant and spectator.

WHITE-ICISM

That's ALL—and the Sage of Figfield adds that when you can laugh at a joke about yourself you have a good sense of humor.

Absorbing Action, Love and Mystery

There is absorbing entertainment on the Queen screen Tuesday and Wednesday in M-G-M's "Pardners and the Flying Dutchman," co-starring James Mason and Ava Gardner in the fascinating story of a beautiful American girl who, while living in Spain, falls in love with a mysterious Dutch painter and finds her fate inexorably held in his hands.

But while there is action, excitement and suspense the story is of a famous legend of the 16th Century Dutch sea captain who murdered the wife he thought unfaithful and was condemned to roam the seas eternally, or until he could find a woman willing to give her life for him.

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at SCHOOL Drop to floor out of line of windows. Bury face in arms. Obey your teacher. Go to assigned shelter quickly.

at OPEN Drop to ground or in for cover. Bury face in arms. Obey Warden. Go to nearest O.G. building, or shelter.

at VEHICLES Drop to floor. Bury face in arms. Get out. Go to nearest O.G. building or shelter.

Stay get into the all clear and obey restrictions.

NEWS ABOUT TOWN

J. T. Darsey spent last week with his sister, Mrs. Willie Darsey, at McGregory.

Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Price of Sweetwater spent Saturday night with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Price.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Isenburg of Abilene and Mrs. R. G. Curb and baby of Aspermont were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Price.

Joe Boone, son Freddie and Harold Reynolds were in Abilene Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Brown of Sweetwater visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hicks.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Hall, Jr., is visiting his sister, Mrs. W. T. Mosley, and husband, Mr. Hall has just been discharged from the navy.

Messrs. and Mesdames Fred Starbuck and Horace Boney and daughter Annette, Tommy Odum and two children, Johnnie and Betty Ann, attended the Ice-Capades in Fort Worth Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. James Roy Baccus and son Danny Roy of Abilene visited Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Baccus, and attended his home church while here.

Mrs. A. H. Ballew of Lubbock visited this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Suber, and daughter, Miss Joe Ann Moore, in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Strawn visited in San Angelo Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rone and sons of Sudan and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Holt of Waco visited with Mrs. J. A. Milliken and other relatives over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Farmer and son Dale attended the Ice-Capades Sunday in Fort Worth. It rained all the way there!

Mrs. David L. Cox visited Easter Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Perry, in Snyder.

Mr. and Mrs. Gaston Gregory of Colorado City were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Babe Tarpley.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Newby and children visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Newby, in Colorado City Sunday.

Mrs. J. T. Johnson and Mrs. Dewey Witchie and son Orville were in Abilene Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. James Dickie Dennison and daughter Dinah of Houston are visiting for two weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Toombs.

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RELATIVES ARE VISITORS
 Guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Crain of Trent were his sister, Mrs. Beulah Bradshaw, of Greenville, and her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Barton of Wink.

TRENT CLASS ENJOYS SING SONG AND FUN AT HOME OF MRS. ESTEP
 The Trent Friendship Class met with Mrs. Clifford Estep Wednesday, April 16. A good sing song and fun were the entertainment. Twenty-one women and ten children enjoyed a bountiful feast.

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Time to Remove Emergency Control Says C. Bartlett

The time has come for the federal government to remove all emergency controls over home building and other construction, according to Clyde Bartlett, local lumber and building materials dealer and member of the Public Affairs Committee of the National Retail Lumber Dealers Association, who was in Galveston this week attending the lumbermen's convention.

and construction controls are removed promptly, there soon will be an over-supply of metals and other materials commonly used for building purposes," Mr. Bartlett said.

"The latest information from Washington shows that the quantity of steel, copper, and aluminum available for use in building has been increasing steadily and will be more than sufficient to meet normal construction requirements by the time builders will be able to get additional work under way in any volume.

"Construction now is the only major industry whose volume is being effectively held down below demand by the controls system," said Mr. Bartlett.

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NEWS ABOUT YOU

Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Palmer were in Austin over the weekend. Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Bumpass of Freeport visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Rust.

Mr. and Mrs. Etsel Hunter spent last week in San Antonio, visiting Mrs. Hunter's sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Marshall of Midland visited Sunday with his brother, Ira and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer H. Tye visited their son, Jack and family in Odessa Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. K. Marshall are visiting in Tucumseh, Okla., with her brother, Walter Whittaker, who is very ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Patterson and son, Jerry and daughter, Maxine saw the Ice-Capades in Fort Worth Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Wylie and family spent the Easter holidays in Denton, visiting Mrs. Wylie's mother, Mrs. T. B. Davis.

Mrs. Ross Ferrier returned Saturday night from Fort Worth, accompanied by her grandson, George Ronnie.

Sunday callers at the W. Parham home were Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Tucker, sons, Bill and Earl, and Mrs. A. B. Parham, all of Noodle.

Mrs. Margaret Hunter and daughter, Katy were in Fort Worth over the weekend, attending the Ice-Capades. They ran into rain from Weatherford to Mineral Wells. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Derrick.

S. Sgt. R. G. Palmer of Merced, Calif., visited last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Palmer.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Sledge and Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Deen spent Sunday with Robert Sledge in Big Spring. Robert is in the Air Corps and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sledge.

Jedie Mason of Los Angeles, Calif., spent the weekend with his son, Mack Hodo, and cousin, Mrs. M. A. Hodo.

Mr. and Mrs. Booth Russom and son, Randall of Odessa visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Perry and Mr. and Mrs. Jess Russom, over the weekend, also their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Swinney.

Mrs. R. L. Denson returned Sunday from Odessa where she visited her son, Melvin Lee, and wife.

Paul Crow of Lamesa visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Pinky Cypert. Paul is attending Hardin-Simmons University.

Mrs. J. N. Hendrix of Houston left today for her home, after spending six weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Ernest Joyce, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Bunch and

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Blair were in Fort Worth and Dallas over the weekend. They attended the Ice-Capades and also saw plenty of rain in both places.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Whatley of Abilene were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Miller, Sr. Mr.

and Mrs. Ralph Miller, Jr., of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Teaff of Tye were here also. Ralph and Mrs. Teaff are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Miller, Sr.

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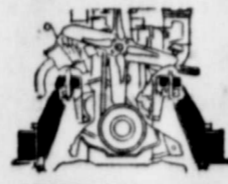
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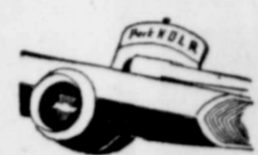
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<p>Merkel Assembly of God Church Sunday School.....10:00 a. m. Morning Service.....11:00 a. m. C. A.'s.....6:30 p. m. Evening Worship.....7:30 p. m. Tuesday: Women's Missionary Council.....2:00 p. m. Wednesday: Prayer Service.....7:30 p. m. Needle Church of Christ Sunday: Bible Class.....10:00 a. m. Morning Worship Service 11:00 Young People's Service 6:30 Evening Worship.....7:30 p. m. Merkel Calvary Baptist Church Sunday School.....9:45 a. m. Morning Service.....11:00 a. m. Evening Bible Class.....6:30 p. m. Evening Worship.....7:30 p. m. Pioneer Memorial Chapel Sunday School.....10:00 a. m. Morning Service.....11:00 a. m. Evening Services.....7:30 p. m. Wednesday: Evening Prayer Service.....7:30</p>	<p>Trent First Baptist Church Sunday: Sunday School.....10:00 a. m. Morning Worship.....11:00 a. m. Training Union.....6:45 p. m. Evening Services.....7:30 p. m. Tuesday: U. M. U.9:30 a. m. Wednesday: G. A.'s and R. A.'s.....6:30 p. m. Prayer Services.....7:30 p. m. Brotherhood, 1st Thursday of month, "You are a stranger here but once." Merkel First Methodist Church Sunday: Sunday School.....9:50 a. m. Morning Worship.....10:50 a. m. M. Y. F.6:30 p. m. Evening Worship.....7:30 p. m. Merkel First Baptist Church Sunday School.....9:45 a. m. Morning Worship.....11:00 a. m. Training Union.....6:30 p. m. Evening Worship.....7:30 p. m. Wednesday: Prayer Service.....7:30 p. m.</p>	<p>Merkel Church of Christ Sunday: Bible Study.....9:45 a. m. Morning Service.....11:00 a. m. Young People's Bible Class 6:30 p. m. Evening Services.....7:30 p. m. Comere Baptist Church Sunday School.....10:00 a. m. Morning Worship.....11:00 a. m. Training Union.....7:00 p. m. Evening Worship.....7:30 p. m. Hebron Baptist Church Sunday School.....10:00 a. m. Morning Worship.....11:00 a. m. Training Union.....7:00 p. m. Evening Worship.....7:30 p. m. Wednesday: Evening Prayer Services.....7:30 o'clock Trent Methodist Church Sunday School.....10:00 a. m. Evening Services.....7:30 p. m. Morning Services.....11:00 a. m. M. Y. F. Services.....6:30 p. m. Tuesday: WSCS.....8:00 p. m. Wednesday: Prayer Services.....7:30 p. m.</p>
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Evangelists at Church of Nazarene



The revival meeting in progress now at the Church of the Nazarene will continue through Sunday, April 27.

Rev. and Mrs. C. B. McCaull of Brownwood, Texas, are the evangelists. The McCaulls have been connected with the Church of the Nazarene for several

years, working in Arkansas, Nevada, Alabama, Iowa and Texas.

Mr. McCaull was offered the position of head artist in one of the largest publishing houses in the midwest, but he refused so that he might use his talent to promote the Gospel.

Mrs. McCaull also preaches

and is becoming well known as an evangelist. There is special singing, good messages and chalk drawing each night.

Rev. Mrs. Geneva Kilgore, pastor of the local Church of the Nazarene, extends cordial welcome to all to attend these services which begin each evening at 7:45.

Church of the Nazarene
 Services at the Merkel Church of the Nazarene are as follows:
 Sunday School.....10:00 a. m.
 Morning Worship.....11:00 a. m.
 Young People's Service.....6:30 p. m.
 Evening Services.....7:30 p. m.
 Wednesday Prayer Service 7:30 p. m.
 W. F. M. S. meets at 2:30 p. m. each first and third Thursday.

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

Tye Methodist Church
 Sunday:
 Sunday School.....10:00 a. m.
 M. Y. F.6:30 p. m.
 Prayer Meeting.....7:30 p. m.
 Morning Service.....11:00 a. m.

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

Legal Notices

THE STATE OF TEXAS
 To: D. S. Thompson 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 26th day of May, A. D., 1952, 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 5th day of April, 1952. The file number of said suit being No. 18,150-A.

The name of the parties in said suit are:

Polly Ebilene Thompson as Plaintiff, and D. S. Thompson as Defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were married Oct. 15, 1949 and lived together until Jan. 1, 1950. Plaintiff alleges that there was no child or children born to this union. They have no community property either real or personal. Plaintiff's maiden name before their marriage herein was Luton, which maiden name she asks the Court to restore to her. Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of cruelty and harsh treatment.

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

Issued this 7th day of April, A. D., 1952.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene

Are Participating In Nationwide Auto Safety Program

The Badger Chevrolet Company announced participation in a nationwide automobile safety program sponsored by the Chevrolet Motor Division.

The program launches for the first time in the automobile industry a continuous routine of car checks in order to eliminate defects that might lead to traffic accidents.

"Indorsed by national safety organizations, we feel this is one of the best things that has happened in Texas, this the 7th day of April, A. D., 1952.

J. Neil Daniel, Clerk.
 Court Taylor County, Texas.
 By Dorothy H. Dickerson, Deputy Adv. April 17, 18, 25, May 2.

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To: James Slaughter Crosby 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 May, A. D., 1952, 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 3rd day of April, 1952. The file number of said suit being No. 18,147-A.

The names of the parties in said suit are:

Elizabeth Virginia Crosby as Plaintiff, and James Slaughter Crosby as Defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit:

Plaintiff and Defendant were married September 27, 1941 at Conway, Ark., and lived together until July, 1951. To this marriage one child was born, Andri Ann Crosby, in Conway, Ark., October 28, 1943, and Plaintiff requests custody of child. 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 3rd day of April A. D., 1952.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 3rd day of April, A. D., 1952.

J. Neil Daniel, Clerk.
 Court Taylor County, Texas.
 By Dorothy H. Dickerson, Deputy Adv. April 11, 18, 25, May 2.

the soundest projects of its kind ever undertaken," said Jack Miller. "Over the years it will do much to reduce traffic accident rates in the community."

As explained by Mr. Miller, in the future all passenger cars and trucks entering his establishment for service will be given a free 10-point inspection.

Boston is the largest state capital city in the United States.

New Live Oak Baptist Church Starts Fixing

The New Live Oak Baptist Church met last Friday night for the first time to repair the church. About 50 were present. They placed one-half of the sheet rock inside the building the same night.

The church thanked all for their wonderful contributions, making possible this work.

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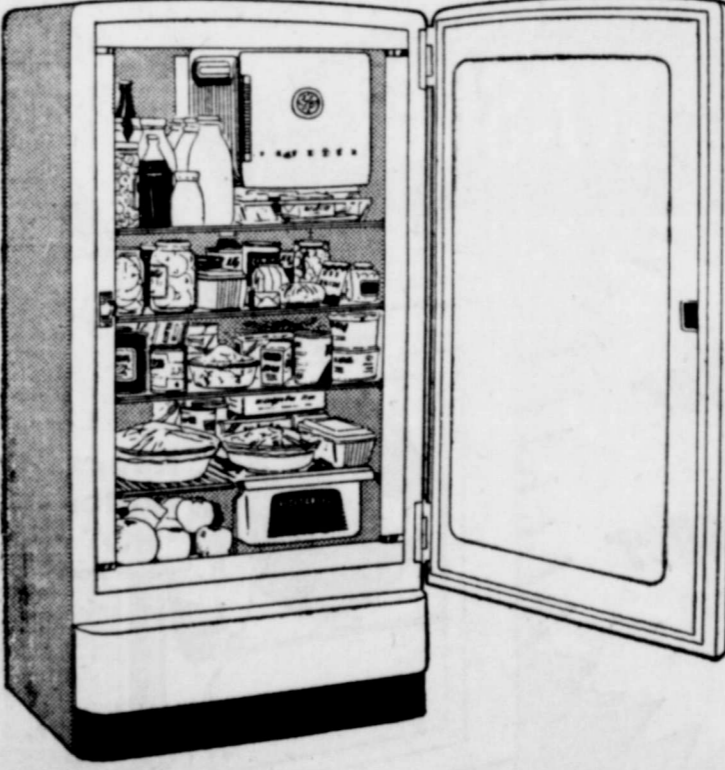
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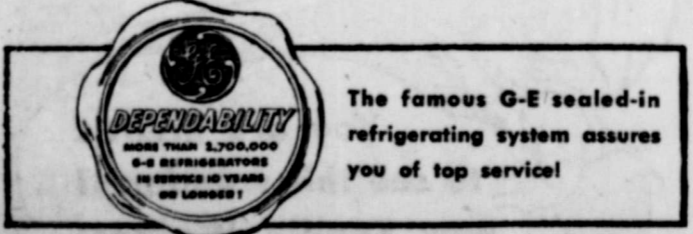


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VISITS IN TRENT

David Young, a student in the Railroad Telegraph and Teletype School at Houston, spent a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Young of Trent. In Houston David lives in the home of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Rollins. Mrs. Rollins, former station agent at Trent, first began instructing Young in telegraphy. He is a 1951 graduate



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Miss Pat Mullarkey, 1952 Maid of Cotton, shows how charming and adaptable cotton can be! She's wearing a three-piece costume by Ches Armstrong—one that's right for day or night. For dancing she can wear the strapless brown velvet dress with the beaded camisole. For daytime, she's got that covered look with a smart, fitted waist-length jacket.

"Tembo" Is Filled With Death-Defying Thrilling Incidents

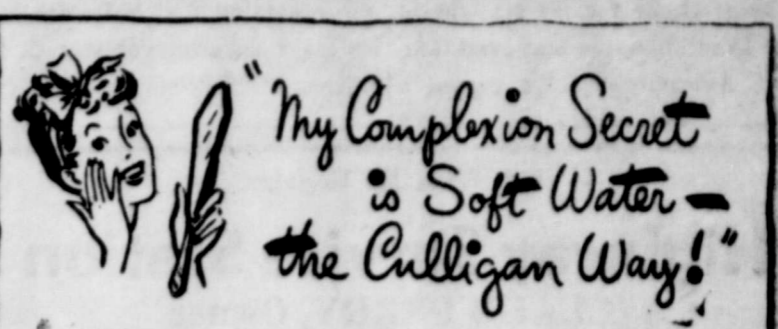
One of the most unusual factual adventure features of the season shows Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at the Pioneer Theatre, when "Tembo," unfolds on the screen.

Hill, world's greatest archer, brings back this pictorial account of his African safari during which he hunted jungle beasts armed only with bow-and-arrow.

This RKO Radio release is alive with action, and suspenseful with death-defying incidents

Ray Wilson Called To Federal Jury Duty

Ray Wilson was called Monday to Abilene to serve on the federal jury.



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CELLO PACKAGE CARROTS 15c	FOR BOILING Bacon Ends lb. 20c
FIRM CABBAGE lb. 6c	FRESH DRESSED FRYERS lb. 49c

PEACHES HUNTS No. 2 1/2 Can 29c

KOOLADE 6 pkgs 25c	RED & WHITE SLICED No. 1 cans PINEAPPLE 2 for 29c
Wrigley's GUM 3 pkgs. 10c	CALENDER No. 303 PURPLE PLUMS 17c
RED & WHITE 12 oz. can PEACH JUICE each 10c	RED & WHITE No. 1 Tall FRUIT COCKTAIL 25c
PEAR JUICE each 10c	CHICKEN OF THE SEA Tuna Green Label 33c
PINEAPPLE JUICE	

APPLE CIDER MARTINELLI quart 35c

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IMPERIAL PURE CANE SUGAR 5 lbs. 49c	SOFTEX Toilet Tissue 2 rolls 25c
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Omar Burleson Will Run Again For Congressman

Before returning to Washington, D. C., Congressman Omar Burleson told the Merkel Mail that he would be a candidate to succeed himself in the July primaries.

Congressman Burleson is now serving his third term, having been elected in 1916.

Cpl. Nolen Woodard Arrives in the East On Tour of Duty

Cpl. Nolen Woodard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Barney W. Woodard, Rt. 3, Merkel, recently arrived in the Philippines to serve a tour of duty with the U. S. Air Force.

Following his arrival in the Islands, Corporal Woodard was assigned to the 6201st Engineer Construction Squadron, Thirteenth Air Force on Clark Air Force Base located 60 miles north of Manila.

A graduate from Hawley High School, Corporal Woodard enlisted in the U. S. Air Force in November 1950.

"Battle At Apache Pass" Is Packed With Dramatic Scenes

A hitherto undisclosed phase in the life of the great Apache leader, Cochise, is revealed with dramatic impact in Universal-International's Technicolor "The Battle At Apache Pass," which plays Sunday and Monday at the Queen Theatre with John Lund and Jeff Chandler in the starring roles.

In this thunderous, spine-tling film based on historic incidents, the peace-loving nature of Cochise and the murderous hatred of Geronimo for the whites are brought out to the accompaniment of massacres, battles, romance and the sporadic and savage warfare that marred the last stand of the Indians.

Trent Junior R. A.'s Beat Baird Group 25-12 at Baseball

The Junior R. A.'s of Trent motored over to Baird Saturday, April 12, and played a baseball game with the R. A.'s of the Baird Baptist Church and won 25 to 12. Billy Joe Toombs is counselor of the group and took 12 boys along.

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Known as the Plus 10 Double Eagle, the tire is the only all nylon passenger car tire yet offered to motorists. This and numerous other advantages of the new product were stressed by Nolan Palmer in pointing out why the Plus 10 Double Eagle is the finest passenger tire Goodyear has ever built.

Former Merkelite Will Attend General Conference in Calif.

Rev. E. D. Landreth, pastor of St. Paul Methodist Church, Abilene, left Sunday to attend the General Conference in San Francisco, Calif. Rev. Landreth is a former Merkelite.

Fitzgeralds Arrive In Tokyo, Japan

Mrs. W. E. Fitzgerald has notified her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Addison that she and her daughter Sandra have arrived in Japan. They sailed April 2 from Seattle, Wash. on the Gen. Hugh J. Goffery. The Fitzgeralds joined Capt. Fitzgerald who is with G. H. A. in Tokyo. They plan to remain there for a year.

SENIORS ENJOY TRIP TO CARLSBAD CAVERNS

The Seniors spent their Easter holidays in Carlsbad, New Mexico, touring Carlsbad Caverns. They left Merkel at 8:20 a. m. Thursday. Thursday night Carlsbad High School was host to the Merkel Seniors. All enjoyed games of volleyball, ping-pong, admitton, and basket ball.

Friday was spent touring White City and Carlsbad Caverns. Movies and games were the entertainment for Friday night. The Seniors returned to Merkel Saturday.

Accompanying the seniors were Miss Helen Plumlee, Chester Collinsworth, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kerns, and Mr. Howard Beard.

COST OF IRRIGATION

It costs between \$4,000 and \$5,000 to develop and equip a new irrigation well on the High Plains of Texas, according to a study just published by the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.

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FREDERICK J. TENUTO, with aliases: Leonard Durham, Leonard Durken, John Thomas Lestello, Frank Pinto, Durso Thornberry, "St. John," "St. Johnny," "The Angel," and others.

UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID CONFINEMENT (Murder)

DESCRIPTION	CAUTION
Age 37, born January 20, 1915, Philadelphia, Pa.; height, 5 feet 5 inches; weight, 143 pounds; build, stocky; hair, black; eyes, dark brown; complexion, dark; race, white; nationality, American; education, 6 years; occupations, butcher's helper, sheet metal worker, laborer; scars and marks, imperfect tattoo "S. J." on left forearm, imperfect tattoo on right forearm which may be "ANA," "ANNA" or "AMA," small brown mole on right cheek, 1 1/2-inch scar over right eye. Remarks: Has suffered from a recurring skin eruption.	Tenuto is believed to be armed and considered extremely dangerous.
CRIMINAL RECORD	Any person having information which may assist in locating this individual is requested to immediately notify the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, Washington 25, D. C., or the Special Agent in Charge of the Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation listed on the first page of the local telephone directory.

Former Trent Woman Has Six Sons, Three Sons-In-Law Serving Country

Mrs. Zilla Burleson of Dallas, formerly of Trent, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. O. H. Watson at Trent, and has a splendid record in her family's service to our Country. Mrs. Burleson stated that she has six sons and three sons-in-law in the armed services. All have lengthy and impressive service records.

Sgt. Johnnie J. Banner, a son, entered the Army in 1941, served in Germany and Alaska during World War II and re-enlisted.

Sgt. Robert A. Banner served with the Seabees during World War II. He re-enlisted in 1949 and served in Korea during 1951. He now is stationed in Rogers, Ark.

Sgt. Chester A. Banner joined the Air Force in 1948 and served in the Philippines and Korea until September, 1951. He is stationed in Great Falls, Montana.

Franklin P. Banner entered the Navy in May, 1950, and was trained in San Diego, Calif. He now is aboard ship in the Pacific.

Sgt. Charles Roy Banner entered the Army in November, 1950, and was trained in Camp Polk, La. He was sent to Japan and now is in the 45th Division in Korea.

Cpl. David W. Banner entered the Air Force in the fall of 1950 and was trained in San Antonio. He now is stationed in Germany.

Capt. Lee O. Cunningham of Corydon, Ind., who is married to the former Miss Dorothy Banner, Mrs. Burleson's daughter, has been in the Air Force since 1941. During World War II, he received the Distinguished Service Cross and was awarded the Air Medal five times. He now is on temporary duty overseas with the 97th Bomb Wing.

Devearl Bishop, also a son-in-law of Mrs. Burleson, entered the

State No. 1398 Reserve District No. 11

Report of Condition of
"HOME STATE BANK"

of Trent, Taylor County, Texas, at the close of business March 31, 1952, a State banking institution organized and operating under the banking laws of this State and a member of the Federal Reserve System. Published in accordance with a call made by the State Banking Authorities and by the Federal Reserve Bank of this District.

ASSETS	
1. Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balance, and cash items in process of collection	\$ 372,880.86
2. United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed	262,000.00
5. Corporate stocks (including \$3,150.00 stock of Federal Reserve bank)	3,150.00
6. Loans and discounts (including \$1,755.59 overdrafts)	251,880.17
7. Bank premises owned \$1.00, furniture and fixtures \$3,499.00	3,500.00
12. TOTAL ASSETS	893,411.03
LIABILITIES	
13. Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	760,459.79
16. Deposits of States and political subdivisions	21,959.63
19. TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$782,419.42
24. TOTAL LIABILITIES (not including subordinated obligations shown below)	782,419.42
CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	
25. Capital*	25,000.00
26. Surplus	80,000.00
27. Undivided profits	5,991.61
29. TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	110,991.61
30. TOTAL LIABILITIES and CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	893,411.03

* This bank's capital consists of Common stock with total par value of \$25,000.00.

I, James V. Ross, Cashier, of the above-named bank, hereby certify that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

James V. Ross

CORRECT—ATTEST:
DOW WILLIAMSON
J. C. CRAIN
J. G. WILKS

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Taylor, ss:
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 18th day of April, 1952.

Pearl Matthews, Notary Public
Taylor County, Texas

(SEAL)

Propose Board Report Direct to President

That they express their opinions to their congressmen about proposals to make the Federal Reserve Board accountable to the President is being urged by members of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce.

The Board is independent of the executive department. President can not now remove members of it.

MOST CRITICAL PERIOD
The spring season is the most critical growth period for range plants, said the Texas A. & M. College Extension Service.

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The choir will sing May 16-17 at the Southern Baptist Convention in Miami, Fla., and will give concerts in churches in Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida enroute.

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JACK COX of Stephens County.
- For State Senator
HARLEY SADLER
STERLING WILLIAMS
- For Sheriff
R. H. (BOB) ROSS
TROY IATE
SID H. McADAMS
- For County Clerk
MRS. CHESTER HUTCHESON
- For Commissioner, Precinct No. 2
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RUFÉ TITTLE (reelection)
- For Justice of the Peace,
Mrs. N. D. COBB.
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Big Roping to Be Held in Merkel On May 3 and 4

A big roping is to be held in Merkel on May 3 and 4 at the Russell Arena. This is the second to be held here since 1939.

The feature of the occasion will be the \$1,000 matched roping on 20 head of Brahma calves. N. A. Pittcock of Aspermont, mounted on Dunny and Red, will compete against Ralph Russell of Merkel, mounted on Salty and Brownie. Each roper will rope 10 calves each day. Both ropers are members of the Rodeo Cowboy's Association.

There will also be cowboys' professional calf roping and the cowgirls' barrel race.

Ralph will be practicing to get into shape on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 6 p. m., roping 15 or 20 head an evening. The public is invited to watch him without charge.

CATCH 27-LB. YELLOW CATFISH IN COLORADO RIVER
Hoot Robinson, Guy Brown, V. Garner and Joe K. Higgins went fishing southwest of Coleman on the Colorado River last week and caught a 27-pound yellow catfish. Others were some smaller. Some folks there caught bigger fish but the local men didn't get them. Once a 110-pound one was caught—a long time ago.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Admissions to the Sadler Hospital the past week were:
As medical patients—Mrs. Joe Douglas, Mrs. O. H. Davis, L. M. Coward, Mrs. Juineta Frost, Mrs. Annie Berry, Mrs. Nettie Cole, Lester Dorton, Jr., Jerry Russell, Mrs. Ben Butman, Jack Boone, Mrs. S. F. Doan, R. E. Windham, Mrs. Seth Morgan, Kenneth Gene Knox, Glendol Martin, Mrs. D. J. Gunnin, Mrs. Doc Calloway, Joe Hartley, Mrs. T. D. Scott and Gailyn Steadman.

For surgery — Claud Perry, Henry Lee Tittle, Mrs. C. F. Northcut and Mrs. Ernest Hendricks.
For tonsillectomy — Mrs. Alvin Smith.

David Wozencraft of San Francisco, Calif., was here this past week, visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Wozencraft, and his brother, Alvin Wozencraft, and family.

CARD OF THANKS
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Morning Worship... 11:00 a. m.
Young People's Class... 6:30 p. m.
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Sunday:
Sunday School... 10:00 a. m.
Morning Worship... 11:00 a. m.
Training Union... 7:00 p. m.
Evening Service... 7:30 p. m.

Wednesday:
Prayer Service... 7:30 p. m.

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

Merkel Boys Take First, Second Place And Go to State

Merkel won two high places at the Interscholastic meet in Brownwood last Saturday. Eddie Breauz won first place in the mile run. His time was 4.53.1. Doyle Jones won second place in the 100-yard dash and third in the 220-yard dash. Both boys are entitled to go to

Mrs. D. Smith Suffers Back Injury Saturday When Car Overturns

Mrs. Don Smith of Sweetwater suffered a back injury when her car overturned at the Tye underpass Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Smith was rushed to the Sadler

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