

Six Local Scouts Start for Jamboree Tomorrow Night

Six local Boy Scouts and two adult scouters will leave from Abilene at 10:55 Saturday night for the Third National Boy Scout Jamboree to be held on the Irvine Ranch, near Santa Ana, Calif., 40 miles southeast of Los Angeles.

Merkel Scouts who will be a part from the Chisholm Trail Council are Don Wilson, Harry Odum, Bobby Malone, Leslie and Kennedy Whiteley and Butch Palmer.

Frank Breaux, local assistant scoutmaster, will serve at the jamboree as assistant commissary man. Principal C. A. Farley, neighborhood commissioner, will be scoutmaster of Troop 21 of the Chisholm Trail Council Contingent.

On the way to the jamboree the Merkel party will spend a day at the Grand Canyon, arriving at Santa Ana on July 14 at 6 a.m. After spending 10 days at the jamboree the group will return via San Francisco, Salt Lake City, Royal Gorge and Amarillo, arriving in Abilene on July 29.

The United States will see a large tented city suddenly grow from the handful of persons, who built it, to a bustling city of 50,000.

The owners of the ranch are lending the use of the 3,000-acre tract to the Boy Scouts.

Each patrol will do its own cooking, using charcoal for fuel.

Features of the jamboree will be swimming in the Pacific Ocean, swapping horned toads, selling cockleburrs to the Yankees for porcupine eggs, attending arena shows which will include Hollywood Stars.

Every state in the nation will be represented. In addition, there will be Scouts from 21 foreign countries.

Don Wilson will serve as special correspondent for the Merkel Mail.

Virgil D. Horton Ends Course in Chemical Warfare

Army Pvt. Virgil D. Horton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Horton, recently completed a course in chemical warfare at the Eta Jima Specialist School in Japan. Private Horton entered the Army last October and received basic training at Camp Chaffee, Ark. He arrived overseas in May.

Horton was a truck driver and rate and billing clerk for the Miller and Miller Motor Freight Lines, Abilene, in civilian life.

UNDERGOES SURGERY

Ben Wheeler had major surgery July 7 at the Sadler Hospital.



HAROLD F. WARREN

Harold F. Warren, son of R. F. Warren, Rt. 1 Merkel, is completing his AF basic airmen indoctrination course at Lackland Air Force Base, the "Gateway to the Air Force."

His basic training is preparing him for entrance into Air Force technical training and for assignment in special work.

PRAYER FOR RAIN

We realize our smallness in the grandeur of all creation and our finite being in the vast universe. We realize we are as nothing measured in the infinity of time. We are humble, we are meek, we are contrite. We confess in all humility that we are impotent to do anything without your help.

We need rain, we need it badly. If it is your will, O Lord, that rains fall to satisfy our urgent needs we will be most grateful.

One Hit Game Thrills Crowd Tuesday Night

Fernando Moreno pitched a one-hit game for the Hodge-Palmer team, defeating the Willie Wirt Hands 18-0 Tuesday night. He struck out 11 men. Lester Dorton, Jr. caught.

Closely Fought Game Featured In Little League

It was a closely fought game that ended in the score 8 to 6 in favor of the Starbuck-Patterson team against the Willie Wirt Hands last week on Thursday.

The Willies fought hard but each time they tied the other side the S-P group ran ahead.

Batteries: Lou David Allen, Firmin Hernandez, pitchers, Urban Bright, catcher for Starbuck-Patterson; Joe Neill, Bobby Shugart, pitchers, Benny Melton, catcher for the Willie Wirt Hands.

Umpires: Balls—Bob Hook, bases—Ralph Miller, Bill Forrester.

Though Hodge-Palmer won easily over the Bankers by the score of 10 to 3 Tut Seymore smacked out two home runs for the Bankers while Fernando Moreno hit one homer for H-P.

Batteries: Lupe Garcia, Tut Raymond Shugart, pitchers, Don Wilson, catcher for the Bankers; Fernando, Pedro Ybarra, pitchers; Lester Dorton, Jr., catcher for Hodge-Palmer.

Umpires: Balls—Ralph Miller, bases—Bob Hook, Bill Forrester.

BATTING LEADERS

The batting leaders for the Merkel Little League up to Wednesday were:

Table with columns AB, H, Av. listing players like Manley Denton, Fernando Moreno, Raymond Shugart, etc.

Table with columns W, L listing players like Hodge-Palmer, Starbuck-Patterson, Bankers, etc.

Oil Drilling Is Progressing Now In Merkel

Geochemical No. 2, J. B. Crain, within the city limits of Merkel, in the northeast part, was drilling at 2,343 feet Wednesday morning.

J. J. Lynn et al No. 1, Mrs. H. R. Chancey, has been re-entialed for 802 barrels, making her fourth well.

Roark and Hooker, four miles northwest of here, Roy R. Largent Ranch, now drilling below surface casing.

Geochemical Surveys staked No. 2 John W. Shannon as a South Patterson Field venture two-tenths of a mile east of Merkel. Slated for 2,700 feet, it will be 330 feet from the north and 1,520 feet from the east lines of Lot 24, Grimes CSL Survey 148.

The Pure Oil Co. No. 1 Ray Orsborn, Section 1 Block 6 T&P Survey, wildcat in Taylor County four miles southeast of Blair, was drilling below 5,750 feet. There have been no shows. Slated depth is 5,900 feet.

American Trading & Production Corp. No. 1 Jessie Little, White Flat Field project four miles west of Trent has been dually completed.

Latest completion is from the Strawn for a daily potential of 442 barrels of 42.5 gravity.

Previously, it was completed as a Cambrian discovery for a daily potential of 856.92 barrels of 46.5 gravity.

Another well to be dually completed in that same field is Payne Johnston & B. G. Byars of Tyler No. 1-B W. W. McElmurray.

From the Strawn it had a daily potential of 172.55 barrels of 46.1 gravity oil.

During a seven-hour test, it gauged 134.01 barrels of 48.6 gravity in the Caddo.

Mrs. E. J. Orsborn Dies Last Week At Age of 67

Mrs. E. J. Orsborn, 67, wife of a Blair Community farmer, died of a heart ailment Wednesday last week at her home after an illness of one week.

Funeral was held at 4:30 p.m. Thursday of last week at the First Methodist Church here, conducted by the Rev. Aubrey White, pastor, and assisted by the Rev. H. C. Hines of Abilene. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery, directed by Starbuck Funeral Home.

Mrs. Orsborn and her husband moved to Blair in 1909 to farm. Survivors besides her husband, include three sons, Luther Orsborn of Trent, Paul and Ray Orsborn of Merkel; three daughters, Mrs. Hollis Shook of El Paso, and Lena Fay and Nina Orsborn of Merkel; a brother, Henry H. Sublett of Paducah, and six grandchildren.

Palbearers were Price Melton, Roy Bacuss, Alonzo Peterson, Carlton King, Dewey Sandusky and Lewis Spratlan.

Merkel Story By Editor White In Star-Telegram

A feature story of the early days in Merkel appeared in Sunday Ft. Worth Star-Telegram. It was about the J. L. Vaughn family.

The story carried two pictures, one of Latrobe Vaughn when he was 12 years old and the other was a view of the first depot in Merkel. The story was mainly about Latrobe and his parents.

The story covering three columns, was written by Editor Hy White.

PIONEER REVIVAL ON

The revival at the Pioneer Memorial Methodist Church is now in progress. It began Wednesday night. Rev. Berry Baker of Quitaque is the evangelist.

The meeting will continue through July 19. The services are held at 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. daily. Everyone is invited.

DOLLAR DAY NOTE

As the Dollar Day ads will be appearing in next week's paper it will be appreciated if the advertisers will have their ads ready early.

Foul Play Feared To Missing Person On Way to Merkel

The state-wide search for the missing girl who was on her way to a family reunion in Merkel was still on the meet.

She has been missing for two weeks.

Mrs. Billie Jean Haney disappeared in South Texas en route to the reunion that was to have been held on Saturday a week ago. The reunion was not held.

Mrs. Haney is 16 years old and is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Cox.

Her mother, Mrs. L. B. Clark of Burlington, Vt., accompanied by a brother, C. A. Cox, has been here after a trip to Houston in search of the girl. Mrs. Clark expressed fear of foul play. The mother left Tuesday afternoon for her home.

Mrs. Haney was last seen in Houston by the driver of a bus she boarded at Texas City for Merkel.

Marine Pfc. A. E. Haney, husband of the missing person, is believed en route to the Far East for a second tour of duty in Korea, Mrs. Clark said.

The girl has been making her home with her husband's relatives in Texas City since his departure for the Far East.

Merkel Lobos Win 2nd Place In Tournament

The Merkel Lobos won second place in the tournament held last week in Sweetwater. They received a trophy. Eight teams were entered in the meet.

In the first games held Wednesday of last week the Lobos defeated Roscoe 16 to 4. Willie Mendoza pitched and Walter Whisenhunt caught for the Lobos. Lupe Riviera hit a home run.

Friday night the local team beat Sweetwater 5 to 4. Jack Whisenhunt pitched and Manuel Ybarra received for the local boys.

The game was tied 4 to 4 up to the ninth inning. Then Mendoza singled. Manuel got a hit, advancing Mendoza to second. Then Mike Hernandez got a single and brought in Mendoza for the winning run.

Saturday night the Lobos bowed to San Angelo 1 to 9, giving the local team second place. Jack Mendoza pitched and Manuel Ybarra caught.

The Sunday game here was canceled by San Angelo due to players being unable to play.

The Sweetwater Chiefs will play here at the Lobo Field at 2:30 p.m. Sunday.

Walter Whisenhunt is captain and Juan Biera is manager of the Lobos.

MRS. DURHAM'S FATHER DIES

Earl Clements of Brownwood, father of Mrs. Wren Durham, died Tuesday afternoon. Burial was at 10 a.m. Thursday. Postmaster and Mrs. Durham were present when he passed away. She had been at his bedside for a week.

TO HOLD BIBLE SCHOOL

The Stith Baptist Church will hold a Vacation Bible School beginning Monday, July 20. All boys and girls are invited to attend.

SINGING AT PIONEER

There will be singing at 2:30 p.m. July 12 at the Pioneer Memorial Church. Some new air conditioning is promised. Everyone invited.

TO SAIL FOR EUROPE

Pvt. Keith Tarpley arrived Wednesday morning from Camp Rucker, Ala., for five days to be with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Tarpley. He will report to Camp Kilmer, N. J., from where he will sail for Europe.

RETURN HOME

Rev. Aubrey E. White and Rev. E. H. Phillips have returned from World Convocation on Evangelism held in Philadelphia.

General Custer Family Treasures Old Book About Bible in Merkel

This is not the story of another family Bible, but it is a family book and it is ABOUT the Bible. Here it is:

Mrs. Tommie Smith has in her possession a book that has been passed down in her family.

The book was written by her uncle, Rev. Joseph Custer, who is the brother of Rosanna and William Cody Custer, who are part of the General Custer family.

Rev. Custer, the Methodist minister who wrote the book, had it published in 1836 by a New York company. It is entitled "The Apology of the Bible." The book has red leather back covers of the

old time" style and is in good condition.

Rev. Custer gave the book to Rosanna just before he died. Rosanna is Mrs. Smith's grandmother.

Sec. Leon Walker Reports Balance Of \$79 to Lions

Secretary Leon Walker reported that there was a balance in the treasury of \$79.63 after all bills were paid. Mr. Walker made this statement at the Lions Club luncheon Tuesday.

The Firemen's Auxiliary served the delicious dinner. They will continue to do this during July and August while the other ladies are on vacation.

President Mack Fisher presided at the meeting.

Relief Program For This Area Opens Monday

The first phase of the federal government's relief program for drought-stricken farmers and ranchers in the Southwest reached Abilene Monday and moved into quick operation.

Application blanks for farmers interested in securing aid through the emergency feed program were received Monday morning along with detailed instructions for the Taylor County Production and Marketing Administration, which will supervise the program locally.

Twenty-five Taylor County farmers and ranchers immediately applied for benefits under the program.

The emergency feed program offers farmers and ranchers feed for dairy and beef cattle and sheep and goats at a low cost. The program is only for those in dire need of assistance now. PMA Secretary A. H. Jefferies said, "There is nothing in the program for hogs, chickens or horses," he pointed out.

Emergency feed under the program will be available at the following prices with the estimated normal prices in parenthesis: Corn per bushel, \$1 (normally \$1.75); wheat, per bushel, \$1.10 (\$2.10); oats per bushel, 50 cents (80 cents); and cottonseed meal and pellets, \$35 per ton (\$70 per ton).

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Line Construction Starts This Week For Phone Coop.

The Alpha Construction Company of Tulsa, Okla., are this week clearing the right of way for the line construction of the Taylor Telephone Cooperative, stated Murry Toombs, manager of the cooperative.

Hamby is the first exchange area to be built. By the end of this week they will have completed staking of lines in the Nolan area.

The first central office equipment which will be for the Hamby area is scheduled to arrive about the middle of November.

The contract for the whole line construction calls for 150 working days, said Mr. Toombs.

Scout Troop 19 Enjoys Two-Night Outing Last Week

Nine boys from Boy Scout Troop No. 19 enjoyed the two-night outing held 15 miles southwest of town in Mulberry Canyon. Dr. James H. Chaney, scoutmaster, John Wheeler and Rex Martin, committeemen, also were present. The boys were Bill Wheeler, Owen, Clarence and R. D. Gregory. Johnny Martin, J. B. Price, Carlton Earp, Dwain Wade and Joe Christ.

The troop left here at 6:30 p.m. Friday and returned at 8 a.m. Sunday. They enjoyed three swims, cooked all their meals outside and slept outdoors.

Saturday night a special investiture ceremony was held. All parents and committeemen who could come were present, about 30. The boys cooked and fed them stew, red beans and lemonade. "Best ever eaten" was the comment.

The investiture was made by Principal C. A. Farley, neighborhood commissioner. He presented the troop charter and registration cards to committeemen.

Pat Cybert, assistant scoutmaster, had charge of the ceremony. He presented registration cards to the scouts and tenderfoot badges to those who had not yet received them.

Meat Truck Rams Ferrier Station Front Monday

A meat truck almost tore out the front doors and windows of the Ferrier Service Station Monday morning. The driver drove in to the station and meant to stop. However, the truck kept moving, hit the top of the door and pushed it in and bulged out the other end of the front. No windows were broken.

Earl Hughes Serves As Bookkeeper At Stamford Fete

Earl Hughes was bookkeeper in the ticket office at the Stamford Cowboy Reunion last week. He has been holding this position since 1939.

Prof. Mack Fisher Finds Water Frozen at Yellowstone Park Lake

Prof and Mrs. Mack Fisher took a trip to visit his brother Homer in San Bernardino, Calif. They went through Montana, Utah and Wyoming.

At Yellowstone Park it was 30 degrees. While there he got up at 5 a.m. to go fishing as he does here in Merkel and found the water along the lake frozen.

As they rode through Wyoming they saw lots of snow.

Merkel 20 Years Ago

TAKEN FROM THE 1933 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL

AT OLD SETTLERS' REUNION

Two state officials — Lon A. Smith chairman of the railroad commission, and George H. Shepard, state comptroller—have accepted invitations to speak on the annual program of the Taylor County Old Settlers' reunion, slated at Buffalo Gap on Friday, July 21.

QUEEN THEATRE OPENS

It's cool at the Queen Theatre, where breezes of washed air serve to make the patron comfortable even though the thermometer ranges above 100 outside. This is only one of the improvements inaugurated by Frank Benson, new lessee of the Queen, which opens at 5 p.m. today with new sound equipment and under new home management.

MRS. N. C. MARTIN DIES

Mrs. Nona Calvert Martin, beloved wife of R. A. Martin, one of Merkel's pioneer citizens and businessmen, died at 1 o'clock Wednesday morning at the family house. Born in Tennessee, Sept. 27 1873, Miss Nona Calvert came to Texas with her parents while a young girl. They settled in Taylor County in 1890.

RECORD BIRTHS

Born to: Mr. and Mrs. Burris Davis July 6 a boy; Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Lang of Noodle July 7 boy; Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McLaughy July 10 a boy; Mr. and Mrs. Cecil E. Daniels, west of Iew, July 11 a boy; Mr. and Mrs. Price Melton July 12 a boy; Mr. and Mrs. Lamberto Rossas July 12 a girl.

TO HOLD COOP RALLY

Taylor County is to celebrate the successful completion of arrange-

ments for the new West Texas Cotton Growers Association with a mass meeting at Bradshaw Monday night with C. O. Moser, vice president of the American Cotton Cooperative Association, as the chief speaker.

FOR ACREAGE REDUCTION

Taylor County's share in the federal cotton acreage reduction program will be 34,833 acres. Contracts of 1,520 Taylor farmers were accepted.

MERKEL TEAM WINS

Defeating Willis and Willis, Lawn's entries in Loraine's annual roque tournament on Tuesday, Frank Williams and Emerson Derrington of Merkel emerged as champions. Other teams from this city competing were: Clarence Grayson and Tom Coats, Duncan and Fox, and Gilmore and Conder.

THREE CHURCHES UNITE

For the remaining Sunday nights of the month of July, the congregations of the First Baptist Church, Methodist and Presbyterian Church will join in union services, the first of which is to be held at the Presbyterian Church this coming Sunday night at 8:30.

MISCELLANEOUS SHOWER

Mrs. Emory Jones, Mrs. George West and Misses Ola Ellen Smith and Vera Walker entertained with a miscellaneous shower last Friday afternoon in the basement of the Presbyterian Church, complimenting Mrs. Ada Heeter, Misses Sadie Woodrum, Missie Dye and Helen Heeter, who lost their home by fire a short time ago.

This Happened in Merkel Forty Years Ago

TAKEN FROM THE 1913 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL

J. I. Gilliland of El Paso is here visiting his sister, Mrs. O. F. McMaster. Mr. Gilliland has been looking over the town and will probably locate here.

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bragg of Hillsboro came in Sunday afternoon to visit the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Barnes.

Miss Bertie Simmons of Cale is here visiting Miss Rowena Allen and other friends.

Mrs. Lucy Hughes of Blair and grandson, Earl Hughes, left Monday for Benjamin to visit Mrs. Hughes' brother during the next three weeks.

Monday evening of last week Miss Zora Coggin served a lovely appointed 6 o'clock dinner at her home in honor of Miss Jessie O'Briant. Covers were laid for Misses Jessie O'Briant, Mabel Collins and the hostess Messrs. J. E. Faucett, Homer L. Easterwood and Dee Grimes.

Mrs. W. H. SoRelle and Mrs. W. A. Scott left Monday for Durant, Okla., where they will visit Mrs. Scott's sister, Mrs. Mackey.

Will Evans left for Ballinger Tuesday to look after business matters.

Mrs. Maggie Morrow is in Dallas this week, visiting relatives.

NEWS ABOUT TOWN

Mr. and Mrs. Truett Perry, Mike and Patti left Tuesday night of last week for Kingsport, Tenn., to visit Mr. and Mrs. Louis Milhorn and family. They will return July 12.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Phillips Sr. and son Jerry visited their daughter and sister, Mrs. Clyde Gregory in Colorado City July 4.

Mrs. W. O. Boney left Monday for Amarillo to visit her sister, Mrs. Jennie Cavin.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nichols of Columbus, O., stopped by with Mr. and Mrs. John West on their way home from Los Angeles, Calif., last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Smith and Harold and Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Shaw and children visited relatives and friends in Texarkana, Simms, Basset, Avery and Johnston last week.

Ruby Caldwell of Snyder is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Cooper.

Jan Satterwhite of Abilene visited recently with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Satterwhite, of Noodle.

Coach and Mrs. Carroll Benson Bob and Ann, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Higgins and Eddie, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Reynolds, Harold Dene and Joan, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Eager and Clydene are spending this week in Corpus Christi, fishing, swimming and golfing.

Mr. and M. G. King are visiting his sister, Mrs. George Wood, in Eldorado this week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Hobbs of Dallas visited his sisters, Mrs. M. G. King and Mrs. Ella Neeb, Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Elliott, also of Dallas, visited their aunts, Mrs. King and Mrs. Neeb.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Weeks and son Don of Odessa visited Mrs. Marie Ely and family over the holiday. Jimmy accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Weeks to Brownwood Lake.


Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Green spent the holiday in Dallas and visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Green. They returned with their daughter Blenda Kay who had been visiting there.

John Hammond went to Wells over the holiday and returned with Mrs. Hammond and the baby who had been visiting her father, Rube Sessions.

Mrs. J. A. Milliken is visiting in Amarillo for two weeks with her daughter, Mrs. W. B. Garner.

Isadore and Sylvan Mellinger spent the July 4th holiday in Dallas.

Mrs. Hattie Friedman of Tyler is visiting her sister, Mrs. Max Mellinger, and family.



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Big 20 oz jar 49c	Can 10c	SOUR OR DILL Full Qt. 25c

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SUGAR 10 lb. 89c

LIQUID JOY bottle 29c	AJAX CLEANSER 2 for 25c
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FOLGERS COFFEE lb. 79c

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2 for 35c	2 for 25c	Tall Can 39c

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SUNKIST LEMONS lb 16c	ROUND STEAK lb. 55c
LARGE CRISP LETTUCE head 15c	LOIN OR T-BONE STEAK lb. 49c
CARROTS cello bag 13c	CHUCK ROAST lb. 39c
CALIF. LONG WHITE SPUDS lb. 5c	VEAL HAMBURGER lb. 35c
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RESOURCES	
Loans	\$ 579,872.57
Overdrafts	578.64
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	4,500.00
Furniture and Fixtures	2,500.00
AVAILABLE CASH AND QUICK ASSETS:	
United States Bonds and Securities	\$ 1,595,740.00
Other Bonds and Warrants	16,413.16
Cash and Due From Banks	1,144,933.59
	2,757,086.75
Total	\$ 3,344,535.96
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 75,000.00
Surplus	75,000.00
Undivided Profits	64,762.49
Dividend Payable June 30, 1953	3,750.00
DEPOSITS	\$ 3,126,023.47
Total	\$ 3,344,535.96

The above statement is correct.

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 Evening Services..... 8 p. m.

Comper Baptist Church

Sunday School.....10:00 a. m.
 Morning Worship, 2nd and 4th
 Sunday..... 11 a. m.

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..... 8 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..... 8 p. m.
 Wednesday Prayer Service 7:30
 p. m.
 W. M. U. Mon. 9:30 a. m.

Tye Baptist Church

Sunday:
 Sunday School.....9:45 a. m.
 Morning Worship.....11:00 a. m.
 Training Union..... 6:45 p. m.
 Evening Services..... 8 p. m.

Amity Baptist Church

Morning Service—11:15 a. m.
 Sunday School—10:30 a. m.
 Evening Bible-Class 6:30 p. m.
 Evening Services..... 8 p. m.

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
 Training Union..... 7:00 p. m.
 Evening Services..... 8 p. m.
 Wednesday:
 Prayer Service..... 7:30 p. m.

Primitive Baptist Church

Saturday Night Service..... 11 a. m.

Trent Church of Christ

Sunday:
 Sunday..... 11:00 o'clock
 Bible Class.....10:00 a. m.

Morning Worship.....11:00 a. m.
 Evening Services..... 8:00 p. m.
 Thursday:
 Ladies Bible Class.....4:00 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..... 8 p. m.

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..... 8 p. m.

Merkel Assembly of God

Sunday school..... 10 a. m.
 Morning Service..... 11 a. m.
 C. A.'s (Young People) .. 7 p. m.
 Evening Worship..... 8 p. m.
 Tuesday W. M. C..... 2 p. m.
 Wed. Prayer Service 7:30 p. m.

Tye Methodist Church

Sunday:
 Sunday School..... 10 a. m.
 M. Y. F..... 7:00 p. m.
 Morning Meeting..... 8 p. m.
 Morning Service.....11:00 a. m.

Noodle Church of Christ

Sunday:
 Bible Class.....10:00 a. m.
 Morning Worship Service 11:00
 Young People's Service 6:30
 Evening Worship..... 8 p. m.

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..... 8 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."

Noodle Baptist Church

Sunday:
 Sunday School..... 10:00 a. m.
 Morning Worship.....11:00 a. m.
 Young People's Class 6:30 p. m.
 Evening Service.....8:00 p. m.

Trent Methodist Church

Sunday School.....10:00 a. m.
 Evening Worship..... 8:00 p. m.
 M. Y. F. Services..... 6:30 p. m.
 Wednesday:
 Prayer Services..... 7:30 p. m.

Hebron Baptist Church

Sunday School.....10:00 a. m.
 Morning Worship .. 11 o'clock.
 Training Union.....7:00 p. m.
 Evening Worship 8:00 p. m.
 Wednesday:
 Evening Prayer Services
 7:30 p. m.

Pioneer Memorial Chapel

Sunday School.....10:00 a. m.
 Morning Service.....11:00 a. m.
 Evening Service..... 8:00 p. m.
 Wednesday:
 Evening Prayer Service ..7:20

New Live Oak Baptist Church

Sunday:
 Sunday School.....10:00 a. m.
 Morning Worship.....11 a. m.
 Training Union..... 6:45 p. m.
 Evening Worship..... 8 p. m.

Merkel Catholic Church

Sunday Mass..... 10:30 a. m.

CEMETERY FUND

Since the last report the following have donated to the Cemetery Maintenance Fund:

Bonnie Jaynes Housen, Waco... \$5
 Mrs. A. C. Sosebee, Dallas... \$2

Anyone wishing to contribute to the fund may leave check or donations at the teller's windows of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank, at Bragg's or at The Merkel Mail office.



BY VERN SANFORD
 Texas Press Association

Thousands of the devout, and perhaps some of the not-so-devout prayed for it Sunday in response to plea from Gov. Allan Shivers.

At the same time, Gov. Shivers telegraphed President Eisenhower to thank him and other officials of the administration for their speedy aid to drought-stricken Texas.

From the White House came word that the President would allocate \$8 million for emergency drought relief in 152 Texas and 40 Oklahoma counties.

The plan was to furnish feed at low prices, permit the railroads to grant lower rates on feed and cattle, and extend credit to ranchmen and farmers.

Simultaneously the Department of Agriculture announced that it would buy 200 million pounds of beef from cattlemen in the dry Southwest.

Secretary of Agriculture Benson hope that this purchasing would remedy the "ruinously low prices" for cattle.

Good rains had fallen over a good deal of the state, but the precipitation was not enough, generally to put the drought out of the picture.

From Washington came a long-range weather forecast that held out hope for the eastern part of the state, with "substantial" moisture from Central Texas eastward.

The outlook for West Texas was dry.

There was more and more activity in the political field. Not any time recently has there been so much political maneuvering so early.

The elections are a year away, but three factions are already preparing for the struggle, and individual candidates are going through the usual routine of speechmaking and handshaking.



The trend is toward furniture that is raised from the floor. Here case pieces are lifted from the floor by carefully tapered legs, giving a light feeling to the furniture. Brass ferrules are used on legs for decorative contrast. Footboard on bed contains storage compartment for two blankets. The wood is mahogany. Finish on group shown is called "Fawn". For those who prefer a darker finish, the same group is available in a cordovan finish. (United Furniture Corporation).

If Gov. Shivers had party politics on his mind he didn't say so in his speech to the state bar convention in Fort Worth. His remarks concerned liberty on the national and international level.

Americans, he said, "are the best in the world at selling soap and television sets, and we've got to sell liberty like we sell soap."

Gov. Shivers added: "We haven't sold liberty at home or abroad. We tried to buy it abroad, but this hasn't worked and it never will."

The political experts were bound to make their interpretations of the speech. Did it mean that Gov. Shivers would run for a national office next year?

The governor has said that he

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Taylor County's School Fund Hiked 10 Per Cent

Taylor County's contribution to the Texas public school program for the next school year was increased 10 per cent, or to 197,505, Monday when the State Education Board adopted a new economic survey.

The increase for Taylor County can be interpreted to mean that the county has become more wealthy, despite the current drought, Wells said. The economic survey takes into account all sorts of factors, such as the number of new telephones, bank deposits, industrial income, agriculture and assessed valuation, he said.

The bulk of the county's contribution comes from the Abilene Independent School District which will contribute \$154,095 for the next year.

In addition to Abilene the school units of Taylor County which will help pay are the district of Hamby, Buffalo Gap, Wylie, Shep, Elm Dale, Rural Divide, Den-

ten, Merkel, South Taylor, Butterfield, Trent, Lawn and Tye.

MAN KILLED NEAR TYE

Funeral plans were pending Tuesday morning for a 62-year-old man tentatively identified as Fay Bristow, who was killed about 8:45 p.m. Monday when struck by an automobile on U. S. Highway 80 one mile west of Tye.

FINISHES ENGINEER COURSE

Pvt. Andrew Jay Greenfield has completed his engineer course at Camp Rucker, Ala., and has been at home on an 11-day leave, visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Greenfield, sister Peggy and grandmother, Mrs. E. A. Click. He reports to Ft. Lewis Wash., for further orders.

High Excitement In 'Trail Blazers' At Queen Theatre

Excitement reaches a high peak in "The Trail Blazers," starring Alan Hale, Jr., and at the Queen theatre Friday and Saturday.

This film puts the light brightly upon juvenile delinquency and points to one way of combatting it.

Mystery, Color Pack Picture At Queen Theatre

Exotic and menacing Guatemala forms the unique and exciting background for the new Twentieth Century-Fox adventure drama, "Treasure of the Golden Condor," which opens Wednesday and Thursday at the Queen Theatre. Starring Cornel Wilde and Constance Smith and photographed in color by Technicolor, the film is the first to have been actually made on authentic location sites in the mysterious and colorful Central American country.

Historic Days Of Texas in Film At Pioneer Theatre

Texas, in the turbulent era of 1845, and the deadly conflict between those who favored annexation of the United States and the ardent supporters of an independent republic form the surging backdrop for M-G-M's "Lone Star," Sunday and Monday at the Pioneer Theatre, with Clark Gable, Ava Gardner and Broderick Crawford heading a powerful cast.

There is enough action in this red-blooded, two-fisted drama to fill a dozen motion pictures.

Dr. James H. Chaney Tuesday Attends Coleman Meeting

Dr. James H. Chaney accompanied the Taylor County Chiropractic Society to Coleman at the invitation of Dr. Alvin Fisher for a meeting last Tuesday.

Local Men Win First Go-Round At Rock Springs

James Russell and Howard Laney won the first go-round of team time at Rock Springs July 3. James did the heading and Howard the heeling. There were 24 teams.

GETTING ALONG NICELY

Mrs. Myrtle Walker and daughter Joy returned home Thursday of last week from Dallas. Mrs. Walker is getting along very well after her eye operation.

IS IMPROVING

Commissioner C. R. Tittle and Mrs. Levia Fugat went to Mineral Wells to see Mrs. Tittle, who is improving.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Admissions to the Sadler Hospital the past week were:

As medical patients—T. L. Holloway, gassed while cleaning a gas heater, Amelia Martin and Peggy Horton, injured in auto accident near Abilene, Julia Lawson, Delmer Ray Harp, Mrs. N. O. Bright, Mrs. H. R. McKeever, W. A. Coates, R. E. Dowdy and June Barley.

Washington

"As It Looks From Here"

OMAR BURLISON
Congressman
17th District



President Eisenhower has made available eight million dollars from funds under direct control for relief of the drought stricken area in Texas and Oklahoma. One half of the Counties in Texas have been designated as a "disaster area."

This money will be used primarily for livestock feed. We need a system of extended credits to go along with this first step, and I hope something of this nature can be arranged in the next several days.

The Post Office Department has been losing between 500 and 600 million dollars annually for the last several years. Several things have been attempted to reduce the deficit. The new Postmaster General has given notice of increases in increases in certain mail rates, increasing box rents.

The House of Representatives completed last week the Appropriation for National Defense. The total sum, which does not include construction of bases, etc., is 34 billion, 400 million dollars. The main debate on the Bill centered around the reduction of money for the Air Force. This is the first time that your Congressman has fallen off the Economy Wagon.

At about every opportunity, I have voted to reduce funds, but I did not vote to reduce the air strength from the established goal of 143 Wings to about 120 Wings. The difference in costs is over a billion dollars.

If we believe we are living in a dangerous world, because of the threat of Russian aggression, then we cannot afford to have an Air Force second to the Soviet's. It is certain that we cannot match them

man for man on the ground. Therefore, we must concentrate on strength elsewhere.

There was a time when we could depend on the greatest Navy in the World, which was the British, but that is no longer true. There was also a time when we could be reasonably sure of having two or three years in which to prepare ourselves, but that is no longer true either.

Should there be another war, it will break with a fury beyond the imagination.

I am not willing to take the chances that the industrial capacity of this nation might be crippled or destroyed in an atomic attack. I am not willing to risk the destruction of our homes and our lives by not providing for the greatest Air Force in the world. To be strong and to be ready is the best guarantee it will never have to be used.

SALES ABOVE AVERAGE

Sales volume in some parts of Texas continues above the national average, Dr. A. Hamilton Chute, University of Texas retailing specialists, reported. While the boom has tapered off, business is stabilizing at a very high level, he added. New car sales are steady. An overstocked condition is being reached for electric refrigerators and other household appliances. Sales have slowed for television sets, home freezers, floor coverings and heavy furniture, but demand for other durable goods remains high.

Farm Cash Income First Four Months Less Than 1952

Farm cash income in Texas for the first four months of 1953 totaled \$431,994,000, about \$123,000,000 less than the same 1952 period, the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research reported.

Six commodities brought income increases this year. Wheat income was 144 per cent, and oats, 75 per cent. Income from sheep and lambs, eggs, poultry and mohair gained from 25 to 3 per cent.

Producers of cottonseed, wool, grain sorghum, cotton, corn, and cattle took the heaviest relative losses. Cotton and cattle producers suffered most in actual dollar losses. Cotton income was down \$57,600,000, and cattle, \$42,500,000.

SHORT SNORTS: The Texas

draft quota for the next 12 months will be 16,000 men. That's 12,000 less than were called during the past year. It was a hot job for men of the 36th Division, Texas National Guard, who were marching with full packs at Fort Hood.

AT STAMFORD RODEO

Many from here attended the Stamford Rodeo last week.

IMPROVES GREATLY

Mrs. H. R. Kilgore, and children returned Tuesday of last week from Denver, Colo. Paula is greatly improved after her treatment there.

FARM SAFETY WEEK

July 19-25 has been proclaimed by President Eisenhower as National Farm Week in the United States and governor shivers has also proclaimed the same period as Farm Safety Week in Texas.

CAREFUL WITH FIRE

The Texas Farm and Ranch Safety Committee urges every citizen to be careful with fire. Pastures, ranges and woodlands are in critical danger and as never before every pound of forage is needed by livestock. The continued hot, dry weather is increasing the fire hazard and the committee recommends that communities organize for fighting grass and wood fires.

TEXAS PASTURES, RANGES

Texas pastures and ranges on June 1 were estimated at 75 per cent of normal. This is the lowest reported condition on this date since 1925.

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SOCIETY

ANNOUNCE ENGAGEMENT OF MISS PEGGY SCOTT

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Scott announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Peggy to Kenneth Bowen, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Bowen. The couple will exchange wedding vows at the Baptist Parsonage at 8 p.m. on July 28.

KING'S DAUGHTER'S CLASS MEET WITH MRS. T. G. BRAGG

The King's Daughter's Sunday School Class of the Methodist Church was entertained Tuesday morning in the home of Mrs. T. G. Bragg.

Mrs. L. A. Watts led the opening prayer and Mrs. R. O. Bailey read John 14, Ch. 1 to 20. A contest about states was led by Mrs. R. B. Johnson. Mrs. C. K. Russell gave two readings.

The class decided to have a bundle sale. There were 13 members present.

VFW ENJOYS BARBECUE ON THE NIGHT OF JULY 4

The VFW held a barbecue July 4 at night at the VFW hall here. About 100 persons were present. Bill Perry is commander of the local post.

MERKEL H. D. CLUB MEETS WITH MRS. M. T. HEAD

The Merkel Home Demonstration Club met for its regular meeting June 26 in the home of Mrs. M. T. Head. Roll Call was answered with "Where I was born and how long I've lived in Taylor County."

Mrs. John Hughes gave an interesting talk on "The Natural Resources of Taylor County." Pals were revealed. Each one received a nice gift. The Merkel Club is to quilt for the Boys' Ranch at Abilene sometime in September.

Refreshments were served to eight members.

COMPERE H.D. CLUB LEARNS HOW TO IRON SHIRT

The Comper Home Demonstration Club met in the home of Mrs.

Vernon Stanley June 25 for an all-day meeting with a covered dish luncheon.

Miss Jimmie Lou Wainwright, agent, began the program with "Cooking Vegetables Wisely and Well" and demonstrated by cooking and serving carrots, cauliflower and baked potatoes served with lemon sauce. She stressed the cooking of vegetables whole wherever possible and cooking them in a small amount of water to retain food value.

Mrs. Ben. Adkins and Miss Wainwright demonstrated "How to Sprinkle and Iron a Man's Shirt" with each club member ironing a part of the shirt.

Mrs. Vernon Stanley presided over the business meeting. Mrs. I. B. Roy led in opening prayer. Roll call was answered with "The pan I like to cook vegetables in."

Lunch was served to Mesdames J. E. Touchstone, Jess Foy, Lee Stanley, Clyde Chancey, Ben Adkins, W. H. Kelso, I. B. Ray and Vernon Stanley, members. Guests were Mesdames Lipham, Carpenter and Treadway of Abilene and Miss Wainwright, Christy Touchstone and David Chancey.

personals

Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Litche of Lubbock visited her nephew, R. N. Owen, and family over the holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Renfro visited in Atoka, Okla., over the holiday with Mr. and Mrs. Dock Smith and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Joyce and Larry spent last week in Littlefield and Clovis, N.Mex. Larry had been in Clovis and returned with them. Dave Shelton of Seminole was a weekend guest of Jackie and Jimmie McAninch.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Miller Sr., and family spent the holiday at Miles Park. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Reynolds, Will Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Teff and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Miller, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Mosley of Cisco, spent the holiday with their son W. T. and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Walker and family were in Plainview over the weekend, visiting her sister, Mrs. Johnny Armour, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Carson were

at Whitesboro over the weekend, visiting her sister, Mrs. D. T. Westbrook.

Mrs. J. O. Armstrong spent the last two weeks in Weatherford and Cleburne, visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Ferguson were in Commerce over the week end, visiting their daughter, Mrs. S. A. Walker, and Mr. Walker.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Knox and daughter Kathy of Dallas visited Mr. and Mrs. O. K. Russell over the weekend.

Mrs. W. A. McCandless has just returned home from a three weeks trip to Midland, Odessa and Amarillo, visiting with relatives.

Mrs. A. W. Mays of Ft. Worth is visiting her sister-in-law, Mrs. W. H. McCandless.

Ronald White and Michael Miller are attending the intermediate summer camp at Ceta Canyon this week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Tarpley spent last week in Wichita Falls with their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Dock Van Huss.

Tommie Henderson and Woodrow Rogers and Awell Henderson returned last week from a week's trip to Cimarron, Eagle Nest, Red River and Taos, N.Mex. They visited the Indian Pueblo at Taos.

Those enjoying a fishing party at Lake Phantom July 4 were: Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Click and Dale of Midland, Pvt. Andrew Jay Greenfield, Miss Mary Joyce Thomas of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Price Floyd, Patsy, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Greenfield, Peggy, and Bobby and Kenneth Marshall.

Rev. and Mrs. Hugh Hunt of Stanton had lunch Friday with their daughter, Mrs. Don Dudley. They were on their way home from the Philadelphia Convention. Their grandson Mike accompanied them home. Mrs. Dudley went Monday to Stanton to spend the week with them.

Pvt. John H. Bollier of Ft. Hood, Bob John and Douglas Smith of Ft. Worth were visitors in the John Oliver home over the weekend. Bob has just returned from combat in Korea.

Mrs. J. S. Seago of Shamrock, Mrs. Leah Dollar and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Lemaster and children of Portland, Ore., visited with the C. W. Seago family the first of the week.

Weekend visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Allen D. King were their son Allen D., Jr., student at Texas Tech, Lubbock, Mrs. King's sister and family, Mrs. A. O. Holder and sons of Tulsa, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Horst and son of Ft. Worth were guests of

THANK YOU CARD

We wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to our many friends and loved ones who were so kind to us during the loss of our dear wife and mother. Especially do we thank those bringing flowers and food or helping in any way.

May God's richest blessings be upon each and every one is our prayer.

E. J. Orsborn and Children

LETTERS OF GRATITUDE

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

Mrs. W. I. Decker and Children

Mr. and Mrs. Murray Toombs over the weekend.

Ralph Thomas of Chickasha, Okla., visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Thaxton on Monday last week. He was on his way to Snyder to visit his son Johnny and family. Johnny and Ralph was together the two years that they were in the service, only separated for a while when they were in Korea.

A/3C Bill Butman of Perrin A. F.B. spent the July 4th weekend visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Butman, Jerrell and Joyce.

FARM INCOME DROPS

Texas farm income for the first five months of 1953 totaled \$546,000,000—18 per cent below the same period last year, the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research reported. Some commodities showed increases this year: wheat earnings rose 15 per cent; oats, 96 per cent; and sheep and lambs, 70 per cent. The drop in cotton income, which accounted for almost half the total reduction, was 34 per cent by the end of May.

LIVESTOCK SHIPMENTS

May livestock shipments in Texas decreased 31 per cent from April but the total of 4,418 carloads was still 8 per cent more than May 1952 shipments, the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research reported.

CLASSIFIED AD SECTION

LODGE CALLS

NOTICE MASONS

Stated meeting of Merkel lodge No. 710, A. F. & A. M., Saturday, July 25, at 8 p. m. All members are urged to attend. Visiting brethren cordially invited.

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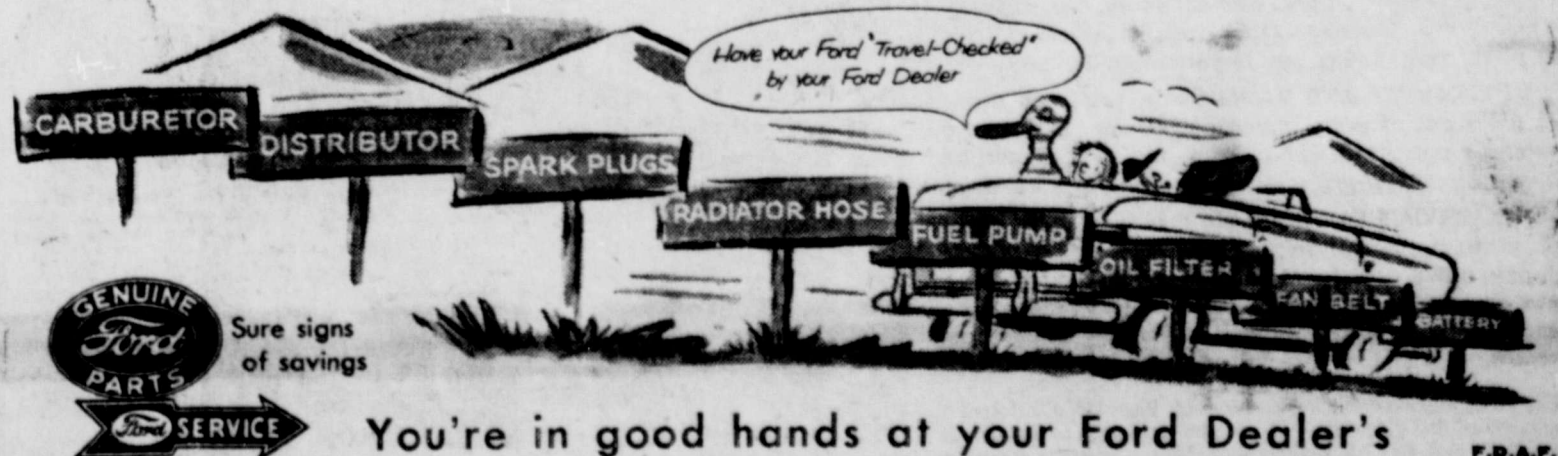
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PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Douglas had as their guests over the weekend: Mr. and Mrs. George Douglas of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Douglas and Mrs. W. B. Higginbotham of Abilene. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Spann, daughter Karen, Mrs. Ray Holmes and Betty Lou of Mexia, Mrs. H. S. Higginbotham of Long-

view, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Douglas, Mrs. Ethel Holmes and Mrs. Claudia Holmes.

Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Roper and son Steven Don of Clairmont visited with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Demere, in Mulberry Canyon July 4.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Walton attended the homecoming at Carlton over the weekend. About 500 persons were present.

Nancy Allen, granddaughter of Mrs. Pick Allen, of Los Alamos, N. Mex., and her friend, Cadet Joe Hulto, from James Connelly A.F. B., Waco, spent the 4th with Mrs. Allen.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Grimes of Quanah visited Sunday with his brother Dee and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Waymon Adeock and family spent the holiday in Ft. Worth, visiting his brother Osear and family.

George Crow returned Wednesday of last week from Lubbock where he visited for a month with his son Burnell and daughter-in-law, Mrs. George Crow, Jr.

Mrs. Clesby Patterson, Mrs. Ralph Russell and Buddy were in Wichita Falls over the weekend, visiting Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Knight and Mr. and Mrs. Mack Knight.

Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Fox spent the holiday in Lubbock with relatives. They met Mrs. Fox's brother, E. L. Thompson, and wife and granddaughter Patsy of Van Neys, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Hewitt, Anna Marie and Fredlyn Farmer were in El Paso over the holiday visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Farmer and Derrell Farmer. They returned with Mrs. A. L. Farmer who had been there since June 24. Fredlyn remained for a longer visit.

LEGAL

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To any Sheriff or any Constable within the State of Texas — GREETING:

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for four consecutive weeks, the first publication to be at least twenty-eight days before the return day thereof, in a newspaper printed in Taylor County, Texas, the accompanying citation, of which the herein below following is a true copy.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Charles James, Defendant. Greeting: YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County at the Court-house thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 17 day of August A.D. 1953, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 30 day of June A. D. 1953, in this cause, numbered 19,132-A on the docket of said court and styled Mattie James, Plaintiff, vs. Charles James, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were married on or about March 11, 1925 and continued to live together until on or about May 3, 1952 at which time they became permanently separated. Plaintiff and Defendant have accumulated no community property. Three children were born to Plaintiff and Defendant, they being, Raymond a boy (26) twenty-six years of age, Louise a girl twenty-four (24) twenty-two (22) years of age. Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of cruel treatment, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this 30th day of June A. D. 1953.

Attest: J. Neil Daniel Clerk 42nd District Court Taylor County, Texas By C. Bower, Deputy. Adv. July 10, 17, 24, 31

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TO: JOHN A. JOYCE, Defendant

Greeting: YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before

the Honorable 104th District Court of Taylor County at the Court-house thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 10th day of August A. D. 1953, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 24th day of June A. D. 1953, in this cause, numbered 19,123-A on the docket of said court and styled FRANCES MAYFIELD JOYCE, Plaintiff, vs. JOHN A. JOYCE, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and defendant were married about January 1, 1948 and separated about November 1, 1952.

Plaintiff further shows that there are no property right to be adjudicated and there were no children born to the marriage.

Wherefore, plaintiff prays for divorce on grounds of harsh and cruel treatment, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this 24th day of June A. D. 1953.

Attest: J. Neil Daniel Clerk, 42nd District Court, Taylor County, Texas. By Irene Crawford, Deputy. Adv. July 3, 10, 17, 24

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION
OF
B & B PIPE AND SUPPLY CO. LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the limited partnership of B & B Pipe and Supply Co., Ltd., composed of W. D. Brookover, Jr., as General

Partner, and W. D. Brookover, Sr., as Special Partner, was dissolved by mutual consent on December 31, 1952. All debts due to said partnership are to be paid, and those due from the same discharged, at 3202 Pine Street, Abilene, Taylor County, Texas.

WITNESS OUR HANDS this, 16 day of June, 1953.

W. D. Brookover, Jr.,
W. D. Brookover
THE STATE OF TEXAS,
COUNTY OF TAYLOR.

Before me, the undersigned authority, a Notary Public in and for said State and County, on this day personally appeared W. D. Brookover, Jr., General Partner, and W. D. Brookover, Sr., Special Partner, of B & B Pipe and Supply Co., Ltd., known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that they each executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed, and in the capacities therein stated.

Given under my hand and seal of office this 16 day of June, A. D. 1953.

Lee W. Dail
Notary Public, Taylor County, Texas.

To be published in the "Merkel Mail".

Mrs. Chester Hutcheson County Clerk, Taylor County, Tex. Filed For Record June 19, 1953.

Mrs. Chester Hutcheson County Clerk, Taylor Co., Texas. Adv. — June 26, July 3, 10, 17.

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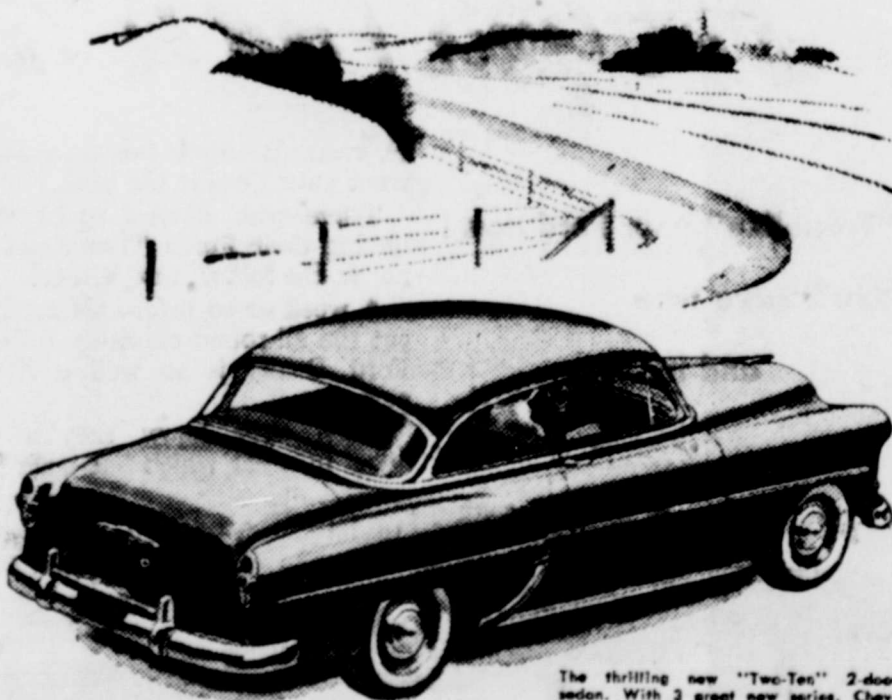
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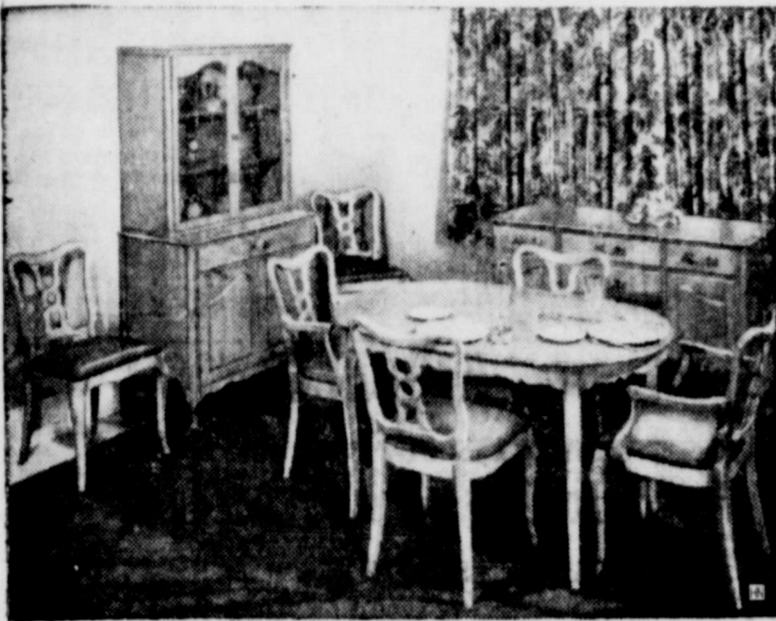
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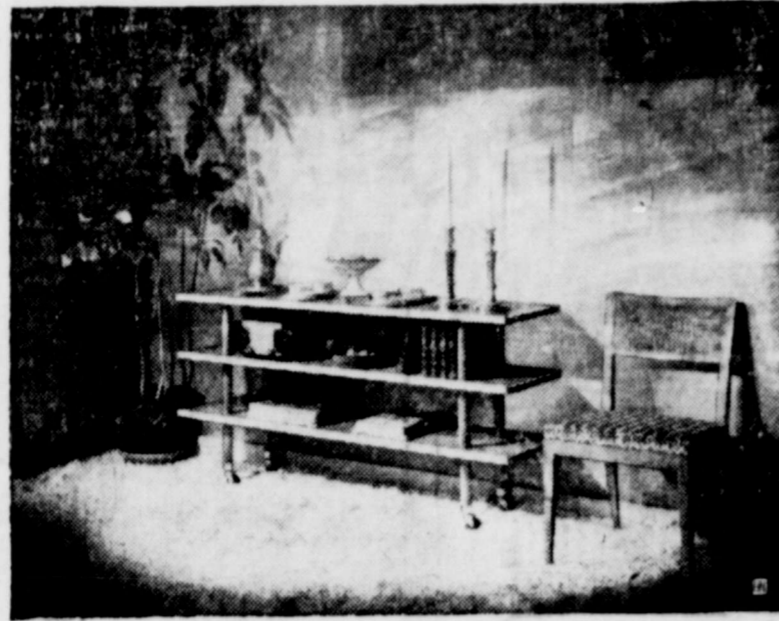
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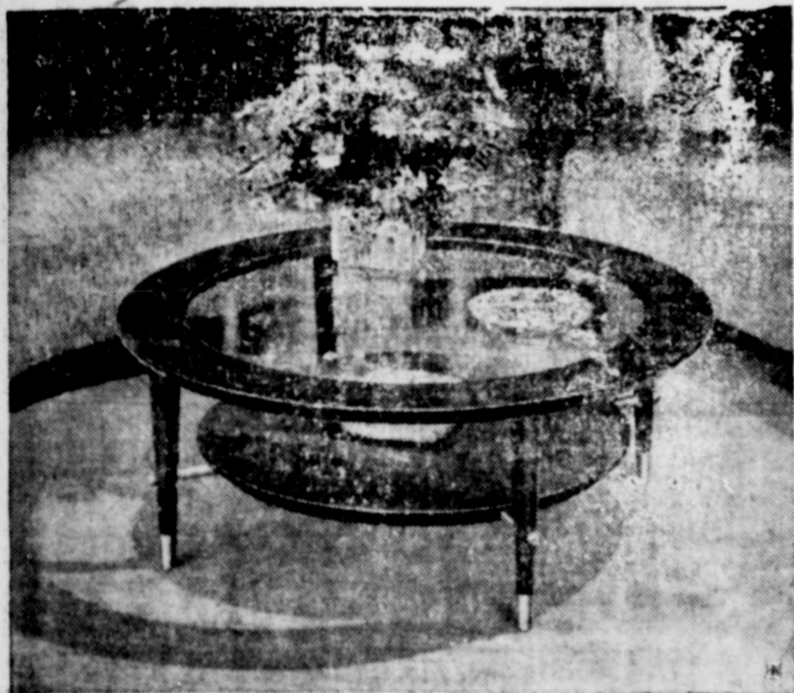
NEW IDEAS IN FASHION FURNITURE



Here is news for lovers of French Provincial furniture. Smartly styled, and careful of detail, this group has wood grained Formica tops on the table and case pieces. The 52 inch table shown extends to 76 inches. Typical of the current trend to blend the old with the new, this group is ideally suited for the homemaker who wants Provincial furniture that cannot be marred by children. (Richardson Brothers).



This versatile tier table can be a bookcase for the living room, or bedroom, a dining room server, or a room divider for the living-dining room. On casters, the piece moves easily from kitchen to living room for serving a buffet supper. Top and two roomy shelves provide space for serving pieces, books or decorative accessories. Wood is mellow-finished mahogany. (Grand Rapids Chair Company).



BRASS FERRULES AND TAPERED LEGS add to the smartness of this Modern coffee table. Made of "Enchanted" walnut, this table is one of a large group of occasional tables. Many of the pieces in the group have heavy crystal sheet glass inserts in the tops. Solid brass ferrules are satin-finished. (Tonk Manufacturing Co.)

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EDITORIAL

THE RAIN

The rain that wetted down a good part of Texas did little for this area.

While Abilene measured 2.35 inches and other places topped more than that Merkel got only .15 inch. The only place in this immediate vicinity that was blessed by the rain was Noodle, with measurements ranging from .80 to 1 1/2 inches.

The problem of rain in his area is still in a critical one, as this is written at the end of last week. The crop prospects are very faint and will deteriorate rapidly, which means in plain words, they will drop to zero.

By using mesquite, beans and Johnson grass the stock farmers and small ranchers in this area have learned from past experience how to "sweat out" the drought.

Though the Noodle vicinity got only up to 1 1/2 inches of rain the people out there are taking full advantage of the seasoning. Many there are planting combine maize and hegar.

But this still will mean that more life-saving rains are needed.

BIG FIRE

About 1,000 acres of prime grass land was destroyed by the fire on the Louis Butman Ranch in the northwest corner of the Sam Butman, Sr., Ranch. No one was hurt, no buildings were consumed or touched. But it took lots of spirited and willing cooperation to keep this angry fire from becoming a tragic moment in our lives.

But it is in moments such as these that we see.

The fine display of the altruistic spirit of man the spirit that has made West Texas the splendid place it is in which to live. The County Road Department showed this spirit, so did the Merkel Fire Department, so did the Abilene Fire Department, so did the friends and neighbors of the Butmans.

These good people did not hesitate a moment. They came to help the Butmans and fought the roaring blaze and kept it from being a tragic disaster.

The times that try men's souls are the times that reveal what kind of souls men have. In West Texas, in Taylor County, in this immediate area they revealed at the time of this fire that they have noble souls.

OLD COAL HOUSE

It was interesting to read about the visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Russom. They were V. G. Gore and D. P. Hallbrook, road commissioner of East Texas Wood County. What interested us most was the question of where the different buildings were.

Where was the exact spot of the school building? Where was the exact spot of the coal house? There was a difference of opinion. All this went back only 28 years ago. Things are forgotten so quick-

ly many things of historical value. Man's memory fades and records are lost or forgotten. We were in Goliad one day a few years ago and there was a question there of where an old historical church stood, though it was but 10 years ago that the church was there. A new church had been erected in its place but it had not been put in the same spot.

"WHITE-ICISM"

That's ALL—and the Sage of Figfield add that time swallows up all things.



Mr. and Mrs. Sam B. Cook of Comoma were here Sunday, visiting his brother George N. who is in a hospital in Abilene and his sister, Mrs. A. B. Rose. E. B. Wallace attended the Thurber reunion of old settlers July 4. Mr. Wallace saw friends that he

had not seen since 1924. About 400 persons attended the reunion. Mrs. Flora Matthews of Dallas spent last week with her mother, Mrs. Josephine Miller. Tillman Joe Rutledge is at home this week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Rutledge, from Tallahassee, Fla., where he is ROTC instructor at the university. Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Kilgore and family spent the 4th in Coleman with their parents. Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hill and children were in Houston over the holiday. Sie Hamm of Colorado City was

here July 4 to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hamm. City Marshal and Mrs. A. D. Fulton returned recently from a

trip to Waco, Marlin, Houston and Temple. They brought their grandchild, Brenda Joyce Browning, of Houston home with them.

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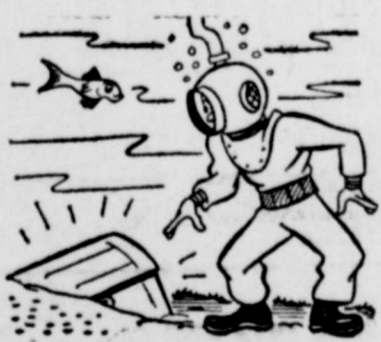
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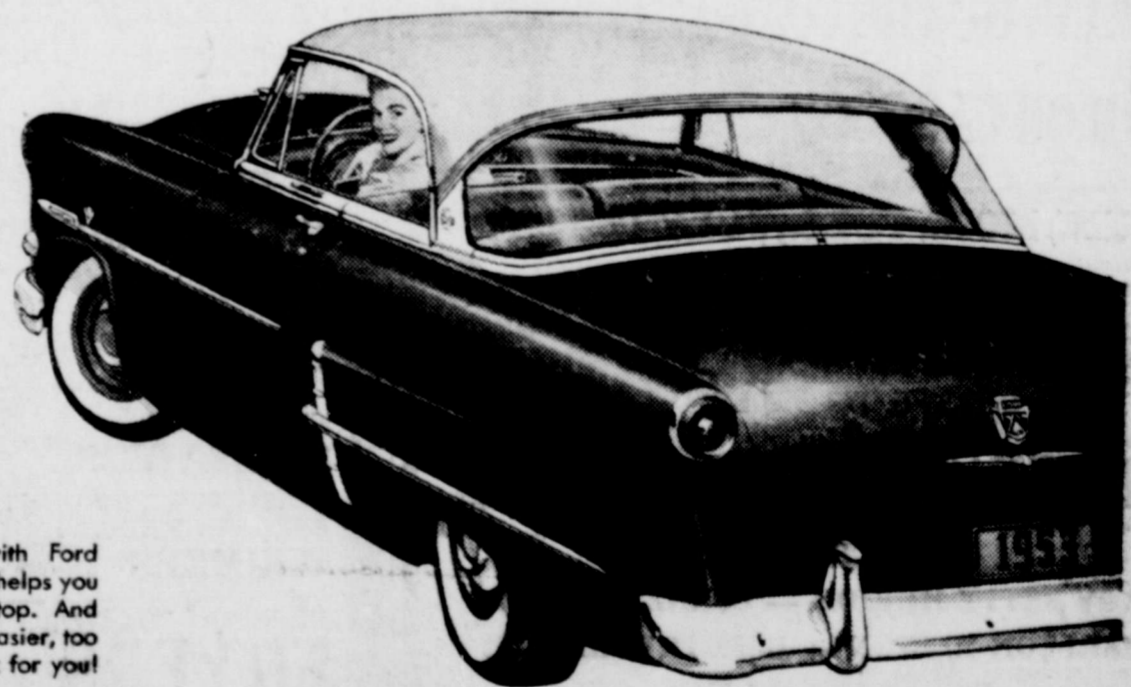
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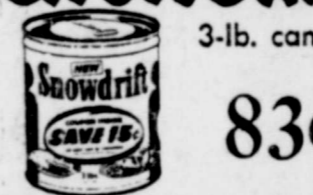
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THOMPSON SEEDLESS GRAPES lb. 19c

BANANA SQUASH lb. 15c

RED—SANTA ROSE PLUMS lb. 19c

FRESH CUCUMBERS lb 12c

WINESAP RED APPLES lb. 19c

JUMBO CRISP LETTUCE lb. 12c

CALIF. TOMATOES lb. 19c

LONGHORN WHITE SPUDS lb 4c

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KIMBELLS NEW NO. 2 POTATOES 2 for 25c

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KIMBELLS JUMBO BUTTER BEANS 2 for 23c

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DIAMOND PORK & BEANS 3 for 25c

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