

Mother's March On Polio Tonight Is Grand Climax

The grand climax to the Merkel March of Dimes campaign for 1954 will be the Mother's March on Polio from 7 p. m. to 8 p. m. Friday, January 29.

If \$500 is raised in this annual house-to-house solicitation, Merkel will go over the top in its effort to raise a quota of \$1,500, said Principal C. A. Farley, chairman.

More than 50 Room Mothers of the local P.T.A. will conduct the March. They will have jars with March of Dimes stickers on them for identification.

Mrs. David Gamble and Mrs. Carroll Benson, co-chairmen for the March, said that firemen will blow sirens at 7 p. m. to signify that it's time for the program to begin.

Merkel citizens who desire to contribute to the March of Dimes are asked to turn on their porch lights. If they have no porch light, they may place a light of any kind in the window or door.

The P.T.A. workers will go from house to house to get money.

"If you desire to give, and your home has not been contacted by 8 p. m., please call 112 at once," urged Mrs. Gamble.

SINGING SUNDAY AT CHURCH OF CHRIST

There will be singing from 2:30 p. m. to 3:30 p. m. at the Church of Christ Sunday, Jan. 31. Everyone is invited.

TWINS TO CARL POES

Twins were born to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Poe at the Sadler Hospital January 24. The first was a girl, born at 9:45 a. m., and weighed 5 pounds and 12 ounces; the second was a boy, born at 10:10 a. m., and weighed 6 pounds and 13 1/2 ounces.

FREE SHOW TICKETS

The Queen Theatre is offering free show tickets if you find your name listed in the reader ad. The ads may be found in the personal column or the want ad column, perhaps on the front page. It is the Queen treat.

BADGER SCHEDULE

Thursday, Jan. 28, Colorado City here. Friday, Jan. 29, Albany here. Friday, Feb. 2, Roscoe here. Friday, Feb. 5, Roby here. The game Tuesday with Roscoe is a crucial game, that will make or break Merkel.



The Methodist Church is conducting a Nationwide Crusade for the purpose of:

- 1. Increasing church attendance, by having every member become a Sunday worshipper, by attending church at least one time each Sunday and enrolling in Sunday School, the Woman's Society of Christian Service, the Methodist Youth Fellowship, Methodist Men or other church organizations.
2. Exalting the place of church worship in Christian experience.
3. Recapturing the power of Christian fellowship.
4. Visiting and inviting non-church families to share in the services of the church and to become members of the church organizations.

The Merkel Methodist Church has organized and has five committees at work some of which have met three times the past week mapping out the program.

The "steering committee," the crusade committee, is composed of Edwin Read, Raymond Ferguson, Ellis Harris, Bill Toombs, Fred Starbuck, Clesby Patterson, Mrs. Jack Miller, Mrs. Homer Newby, Mrs. Aubrey White, Mrs. Andy Shouse, Mrs. Will Hutcheson and Miss Marilyn Liles. They have the help of four other committees:

Publicity and promotion committee - Miss Betty Jane Tittle, chairman, Mrs. Lilly Pratt Brown, Mrs. Jack Miller, Mrs. Lola Cox, Miss Barbara Wilson, Miss Mary Collins, E. E. Read, Clesby Patterson, Corky Cox and Ellis Harris; Visitation committee - Will Toombs, chairman, E. O. Carson, June Hogan, Ben Hicks, Vernon Hudson, Mrs. Brooks Patterson, Mrs. Tom Largent, Mrs. Anna Lov Ferguson, Mrs. Paul Honeycutt and Miss Jackie Hogan. This committee will have forty helpers, "friendly visitors".

June Hogan, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Shouse, Mr. and Mrs. Pinky Cypert, Mrs. Homer Newby, E. O. Carson, R. O. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Cox, Irvin Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Hudson, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Joyce, Miss Mary Collins.

Ben R. Hicks, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hughes, Miss Betty Tittle, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Ferguson, Ellis Harris, Mrs. Fred Starbuck, Mrs. Tom Largent, Mrs. Denzel Cox, Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Pee, Mr. and Mrs. Clesby Patterson, Mrs. W. D. Hutcheson, Miss Lottie Butman.

Mrs. Ralph Russell, Herbert Patterson, Mrs. Paul Honeycutt, Miss Jackie Hogan, George Starbuck, Miss Jane Tipton, Corky Cox, Jacky McAninch.

These visitors will visit each church family Sunday afternoon from 2:30 p. m. until 5 p. m. to promote attendance. Every church family is urged to be at home to receive the "friendly visitors". At a later date the "friendly visitors" will call on non-church families who are friends of the church.

Registration and follow-up committee - Mrs. Homer Newby, chairman, Mrs. Andy Shouse, Mrs. Wm. R. Cypert, Mrs. Pat Dudley, Mrs. L. W. Touchstone, Miss Jane Tipton, Miss Marilyn Liles and Will Toombs.

This committee will register church attendance, keep records and an "attendance chart" for the "friendly visitors," and report illnesses to the pastor. This committee will meet next at Mrs. Homer Newby's Monday, Feb. 1 at 7 p. m.

Fellowship committee - Raymond Ferguson, chairman, Lester Dorton, George Starbuck, Wm. R. Cypert, Johnny Cox, Fred Starbuck, Andy Shouse, Cyrus Pee, Mrs. Margaret McAninch, and Mrs. Dee Grimes. This committee will provide "fellowship friends" for new church members.

They will cultivate the spirit of fellowship and friendliness in all church services and organizations and will plan and arrange fellowship dinners, and "coffee hours". They are promoting a "fill your pew plan" for every Sunday night service.

This entire group, which includes each committee man, each "friendly visitor" and each one connected with this crusade will meet at the church Saturday night, Jan. 30 at 7 p. m. for instructions, preparations and a turkey banquet.

This crusade: "Give God A

Merkel Jumps Into 8-A Lead Tuesday Night

Coach Tommy Ellis' Merkel Badgers took over undisputed lead in the torrid District 8-A basketball chase here by dumping the Haskell Indians, 71-55.

Merkel's victory, coupled with Roscoe's 46-41 loss to Throckmorton, handed the Badgers the district lead with a record of five wins and one loss.

Freshman flash Robert McLeod and guard Corky Cox spearheaded the Badger scoring attack by meshing 19 points each for top honors. Center Jerry Cunningham netted 15 for Merkel.

They took a brief 25-23 lead in the second quarter, but Merkel romped back for a 34-26 advantage at halftime and were never headed again.

Merkel enjoyed a 53-36 lead moving into the final stanza and took the win hands down in the final eight minutes.

In a warmup battle the Merkel B team drowned the Haskell B quintet, 71-52, with Philip Pursley leading the way via 19 points.

SCORE BY QUARTERS: Merkel 18-34-53-71 Haskell 13-26-36-55

Thrilling End Gives Victory Over Anson Fri.

In a thrilling finish Coach Tommy Ellis' Merkel Badgers defeated the Anson Tigers in a non-district game last Friday night 53-51.

With four seconds left to play and the score tied 51-51 a Badger shot from the field failed and Jerry Cunningham tipped the ball into the basket for the winning points.

Anson held a 25-21 lead at the half-time but the Badgers trimmed the lead during the final half to win, Jerry, playing center, dropped 20 points through the hoops to lead the Badgers in scoring.

The Anson B team defeated the Merkel B quintet 41-34. Bobby Horton paced Merkel with 10 points.

Velma Haggard Dies Last Friday At Age of 68

Mrs. Velma Inez Haggard, 68, died at 6:45 a. m. Friday at her home.

Funeral services were held at 2:30 p. m. Saturday in the Starbuck Funeral Home Chapel.

Elder Earl Slater of the Clyde Church of Christ officiated assisted by Roy E. Gulley, minister of the Merkel Church of Christ.

Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Mrs. Haggard was born Velma Inez Sharp in Erath County on July 13, 1885. She moved to Merkel in 1900 and married J. A. Haggard on May 19, 1924. The couple moved to Callahan County but returned to this community about a year ago.

Survivors are her husband; one son, John of San Diego, Calif.; a step-son, James Haggard of Redwood, Calif.; one step-daughter, Margaret Nelle Hill of Phoenix, Ariz.; three brothers, Parker Sharp of Merkel, Kenneth and Arl of El Paso; one sister, Mrs. Elsie Nash of Merkel, and her mother, Mrs. J. P. Sharp of Merkel, and four grandchildren.

Pallbearers were George Woodrum, Waymon Adecock, Joe Nalley, Joe Cybert, R. M. Pyeatt and H. C. Cotton.

Chance Now," will continue through April 25, the next Sunday after Easter. Along with and climaxing this crusade will be a revival conducted by Rev. Don Davidson from the Levelland Methodist Church, beginning Wednesday, April 14 and closing Sunday, April 25.

Rain, Snow, Sleet, Freezing and Warm Weather in Merkel

The snow that fell here last week measured 40 inch of moisture. That was the report of Weatherman J. I. Ford.

At 11:30 p. m. Wednesday of last week it began to sleet. At

midnight the rain started falling and there was a thunderstorm. By Thursday morning about two inches of snow lay on the ground. The thermometer hovered around the freezing point and driving was dangerous as the streets were like slabs of glass.

Friday afternoon thawing began and folks were outside shoveling snow off the walks.

The schools were closed Thursday and Friday.

One car last week on Thursday, filled with daring boys, were speeding up the auto and trying to make movie-trick turns. The car slid all over the street.

Other cars got stuck at the curbing and drivers had to dig out or have folks push the autos away from the curb. A little shove did the trick.

By Sunday the weather was

warm and the snow had all disappeared. On Monday the thermometer soared into the 70s.

Barrel of Fun And Laughter Fills Local Gym

Fans and players alike had a barrel of fun at the local gym last Friday night as two round-ball jamborees were unreeling for the benefit of the March of Dimes.

A rather small but enthusiastic crowd filled the till to the extent of \$43 for the polio drive.

In the initial encounter the Lions Club nipped the Beta Sigma Phi sorority, 12-9. Horace Hargrove paced the Lions' attack with 4 points. Horace Boney, Leon Walker, Frank Breaux and Don Estes collected two markers each.

Betty Jane Tittle, with six tallies, was the heroine for the sorority gals. Faytene Perry garnered two points and Mildred Barnett one point.

The curtain raiser was preceded by a very inspiring and a very appropriate "delousing" of the Lions by the sorority high moguls, using fly spray guns filled with DDT. Roy Gulley, local Church of Christ minister, as referee got the game off to a flying (literal) start. He had trouble finding his whistle and was relieved by Don Estes, who was all thumbs, too, for some reason.

Throughout the torrid battle, several members of the female club who were winded had a refill of oxygen via the auto pump method. Waterboys Prof. Mack Fisher and Editor Hy White were really on the ball. They kept the Lions in good physical condition by their frequent trips to the floor with the water-filled coke bottles. When the water failed to revive a "downed" Lion, the "chaser" was used to a good advantage.

In the nightcap contest, the ladies of the school faculty outclassed the men of the faculty to the tune of 13-6. Mrs. Aubrey F. White took scoring honors for the gals with 4 points. Helen Benson made 3 points, Mrs. Bill Baker 3 points, Mrs. Murry Toombs 2 points and Mrs. Jeff Anderson one point.

Bill Baker topped the scoring parade for the outclassed out-fought, out-cheated, and out-lauged gentlemen's aggregation. He got 4 points. Walter Whisenhunt dunked the other two.

Although it couldn't be proved it seemed apparent to both the men and to the rooters that Referee Leon "Blind Tom" Walker was a little partial to the ladies. Fouls were called on the gentlemen for such things as taking too many shots, not bouncing the ball high enough, bouncing the ball too much, and not scoring enough.

When questioned about some of these misdemeanors, Walker swore that every rule violation he called was "in the book."

The men of the faculty are now in the process of purchasing a set of spectacles and a new rule book for the venerable whistle-tooting official!

In both games the men wore boxing gloves. Ladies' rules were played the first half of each game and men's rules the last half.

A feature of the night was "Mommy's Pep Squad," composed of the children of the sorority members. They made plenty of racket on the stage of the gym.

TO SHOW IN FT. WORTH

The Merkel FFA boys will exhibit at the Ft. Worth Fat Stock Show Saturday. Chester Collinsworth is vocational agricultural teacher. The boys are:

Jimmy Russell, heavy weight Hereford steer; Jimmy McAninch, Eddie Sandusky, Payton Scott, Hampshire lambs; Payton Scott, Southdown and Shropshire lambs.



SGT. I.C. BILLY G. SORELLE ... coming to U. S. from Korea

NOTES ON THE ICE

Last Friday morning when the ice was holding cars in place, Postmaster Wrenn Durham and Calvin Peterson used their arms, shoving cars away from the curbing. Pinky Cypert used his head. He gave advice. He told the drivers not to spin their wheels.

REV. TULLOCK CONDUCTS BIBLE STUDY COURSE AT STITH CHURCH

Rev. Sam E. Tullock conducted a Bible study course on the "Book of Psalms" last week and part of this week at the Stith Baptist Church. The class did not meet two days last week due to the weather.

Poll Tax Drive Has Been Planned By Fortnightly

Mrs. Henry West was hostess Tuesday, to members of the Fortnightly Study Club in her home, 204 Yucca St. Guests were served a dainty tea plate with hot spiced tea upon arrival by Mrs. Weston West and Bitsy West.

In the business meeting extensive plans were made to get people to pay their poll tax before Jan. 31, the deadline.

A "Texas Poetry Day" program was introduced by Christine Collins, accompanied by Mrs. C. B. Gardner, who sang "Red Buds" by W. J. March of Ft. Worth and "Petals Drift" by Oscar Fox of San Antonio.

Mrs. Powell Miller read excerpts from "Signature of the Sun," a collection of southwest verse compiled by Mabel Troy and T. M. Pearce. Her selections soothed the audience into nostalgic appreciation of our particular Texas heritage.

IST BAPTIST CHURCH SETS REVIVAL DATES FOR SPRING SCHEDULE

The First Baptist Church has completed all the arrangements for its forthcoming revival. The dates that have been set for this revival are March 28 to April 4. Rev. Sam E. Tullock will fill the pulpit on March 28 and the visiting evangelist and song leader will come on March 29.

Rev. Levi Price, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Monahans, will be the evangelist and Rev. C. Melvin Rathael, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Eastland, will be the song leader.

Both of these men are outstanding in ability and consecration and are regarded highly by Baptist leaders all over the state, stated Rev. Tullock.

See A Show ... Paul Honeycutt call at Queen box office Monday night for Free pass to see "Little Boy Lost." - Adv.



CLIVE PIERCE ... announces candidacy

Rev. Aubrey White And Wife to Go To Methodist Meet

Rev. and Mrs. Aubrey F. White will attend the called session of the annual Methodist conference in Lubbock at the First Methodist Church Friday, today.

Merkel 20 Years Ago TAKEN FROM THE 1933 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL

PUSHES COTTON CONTROL

With the time limit extended to February 15 and the minimum lint production requirement reduced to 75 pounds per acre, County Agent C. Metz Heald will push forward anew with the cotton production control campaign in Taylor County. Already 1,494 farmers have signed contracts leasing to the Government 46,111 acres of Taylor County cotton land for 1933-34.

162 ON HONOR ROLL

One hundred sixty-two pupils in the Merkel Schools this six weeks made the honor roll. Of these 107 were from grammar school and 55 from high school. The senior class led the high school with 37 per cent of its number meeting the requirements. Coming next in order were the juniors with 34 per cent, freshmen with 17 per cent and sophomores with 16.

REV. A. L. JOBE DIES

Funeral services for Rev. A. L. Jobe, 82, a former resident of Merkel, were held at the Central Baptist Church of Ranger on Friday, Jan. 26, a number of friends of the family from Merkel and Abilene being present for the funeral.

RECORD BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Searcy a boy Jan. 26. Mr. and Mrs. John F. Frazier of the Canyon a girl Jan. 27. Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Mayfield of Trent a boy Jan. 3.

This Happened in Merkel Forty Years Ago TAKEN FROM THE 1913 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL

Chas. K. Russell left for El Paso Tuesday afternoon for the purpose of shipping some cattle from the border country to the Ft. Worth Market.

Mrs. J. C. Brown and Miss Bertha Hobbs were the weekend guests of Mrs. Mollie Griffith of Abilene.

Miss Artie Cypert is visiting her uncle, Henry Owens, of Trent.

Mrs. Dan Rawlings of Trent visited Mrs. J. E. Hollingsworth the first of the week.

Miss Beatrice Niadever visited

friends in Trent the latter part of last week.

Miss Madge Hale, who is attending high school here, spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hale of Trent.

Mrs. M. J. Whisenhunt and little son left Wednesday morning for Dallas to visit Mrs. Birdie Davis.

Miss Kate Elliott returned to her home at Sweetwater after a few days visit to Mrs. Chas. Loftin.

Mrs. W. C. Ayers has been entertaining her sister, Mrs. T. J. Hinds, of Tye this week.

Give GOD a Chance NOW!
ATTEND CHURCH EVERY SUNDAY

NEWS ABOUT TOWN

R. B. Horton of Abilene visited his mother, Mrs. Hugh Campbell, last Thursday.

Take One Night Off... Be our guest Dean Higgins to see "Little Boy Lost" Monday nite. Your Free pass will be at the Queen box office. —Adv.

M. E. West of Stith was a caller at the Merkel Mail office and subscribed for the paper. Mr. West is in the oil business in Abilene.

Mrs. Annie Woolbright and children of Quanah visited last week with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Canon.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Hagar and children spent Sunday in San Angelo with their son Howard and family.

Wanted... 2,000 people to see "Little Boy Lost," showing Queen, Sunday, Monday, January 31, Feb. 1. —Adv.

Mrs. N. L. McLeod visited in Austin with her son, Dr. N. L.

"Tim" McLeod, and daughter, Mrs. L. K. Mayfield. Mr. and Mrs. Sam McLeod went after her.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Thomas and family were in San Antonio Sunday, visiting their son Roy Wayland who is in the Air Corps.

W. W. Webb visited his daughters in Roswell, New Mexico, last week. It was below zero there.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Walker, Dale and Betsy of Lubbock visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Fox, Sunday. They were accompanied by his sister and husband of California. They all visited J. D. Fox and family in Abilene Sunday night. J. D. and family were here Saturday night.

Airman 1/C Robert Sledge was here over the weekend from Big Spring to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sledge.

Dr. and Mrs. Carlo De Leon, Charles and Carol of New Orleans and Mrs. W. C. Johnston and Sylvia, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Dunning of Fort Worth visited over the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. G. D. McConnell. Mrs. Johnston and Mrs. De Leo are sisters of Mrs. McConnell. The De Leos were returning from California where they saw the tournament of roses.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Johnson of Big Spring spent Sunday with Mrs. J. T. Johnson and Miss Delia Kuykendall.

Mrs. Marie Ely, son Jimmie and Mrs. Earl Stanford visited in San Angelo Sunday with their brother and son Jack and family.

Miss Mary Collins with Mrs. Lucy Ford spent the weekend in Lamesa. Miss Collins visited her brother Q. A. and wife, Mrs. Ford visited her brother, Jim Bridges, and family.

Miss Betty Jane Tittle took her mother, Mrs. Rufe Tittle, to Mineral Wells Saturday where Mrs. Tittle remained for a few weeks.

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

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Priester of Dallas visited over the weekend with her sister, Mrs. Myrtle Walker.

Mrs. A. E. Moore was in Abilene Friday and Saturday to be with her son-in-law, W. D. Vanzant, who is in the hospital and is critically ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Cross and Kaylene of Abilene visited Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Cross.

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ELMER L. SANDUSKY BEGINS EIGHT WEEKS OF BASIC TRAINING

Pvt. Elmer L. Sandusky, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Sandusky, recently began eight weeks of basic training in the Antiaircraft Artillery Replacement Training Center at Ft. Bliss.

NOLEN WOODARD RETURNING TO U. S. FROM PHILIPPINES

Airman First Class Nolen Woodard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Barney W. Woodard, is returning to the United States for reassignment after completing a tour of duty with the Thirteenth Air Force in the Philippines. He is expected to arrive in San Francisco early in February and will be stationed next with the 3650th Military Instruction Wing at Sampson Air Force Base, N. Y.

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Wilford G. Dick, Owner, Dick's Window Washing Co.
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 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.

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.

Merkel Grace Presbyterian Church
 Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
 Worship Service 11 a. m.
 Evening Services 7:30 p. 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.

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

Primitive Baptist Church
 Services held first Sunday of month and Saturday preceding.

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

Merkel Catholic Church
 Sunday Mass 10:30 a. m.

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 Services 7:30 p. 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 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

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

Trent First Baptist Church
 Sunday:
 Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
 Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.
 Training Union 6:30 p. m.
 Evening Services 7:30 p. m.

Trent Church of Christ
 Sunday:
 Sunday School 11:00 o'clock
 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.

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.

Amity Baptist Church
 Morning Service 11:15 a. m.
 Sunday School 10:30 a. m.
 Evening Bible Class 6:30 p. m.
 Evening Services 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 7:00 p. m.

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

Trent Methodist Church
 Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
 Evening Worship 7:30 p. m.
 Morning Services 11:00 a. m.
 M. Y. F. Services 6:30 p. m.
 Wednesday:
 Prayer Services 7:30 p. m.

AUTO TAGS SOON
 Tax Collector Raymond Pree announced that automobile license tags will be put on sale sometime between Feb. 10-15. The legal deadline is March 31.

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 THE STATE OF TEXAS

To: Josephine Thornton, Defendant, Greeting:
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse 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 8th day of March A. D. 1954, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 19th day of January A. D. 1954, in this cause, numbered 19-562-A on the docket of said court and styled C. L. Thornton, Jr., Plaintiff, vs. Josephine Thornton, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and defendant were married November 14, 1946, and lived together until about the 31st day

of October, 1953, at which time they became permanently separated.

Plaintiff further shows that no child has been born as a result of this marriage and no community property acquired.

Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of cruelty which renders their further living together insupportable, 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 19th day of January A. D. 1954.
 Attest: J. Neil Daniel, Clerk, 42nd District Court, Taylor County, Texas.
 By Irene Crawford, Deputy. Adv. Jan. 29, Feb. 5, 12, 19.

LEGAL NOTICE

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP

Notice is hereby given that the partnership lately subsisting between Sam Burns and A. L. Hopkins doing business under the firm name of All-Tex Modernizers in Tarrant County, Texas and in Taylor County, Texas was dissolved by mutual consent and agreement on the 1st day of January, 1954, Sam Burns having bought out the interest of A. L. Hopkins and all debts owing to the partnership are to be received by the said Sam Burns, and all demands on the said partnership are to be presented to him for payment; that from this day hence the business of All-Tex Modernizers will be conducted under the firm name of All-Tex Modernizers, but that A. L. Hopkins will no longer be a partner thereof.

MAURICE V. BROOKS
 Attorney for All-Tex Modernizers. Adv. — Jan. 15, 22, 29, Feb. 5.

SOIL ANALYSIS NOTE

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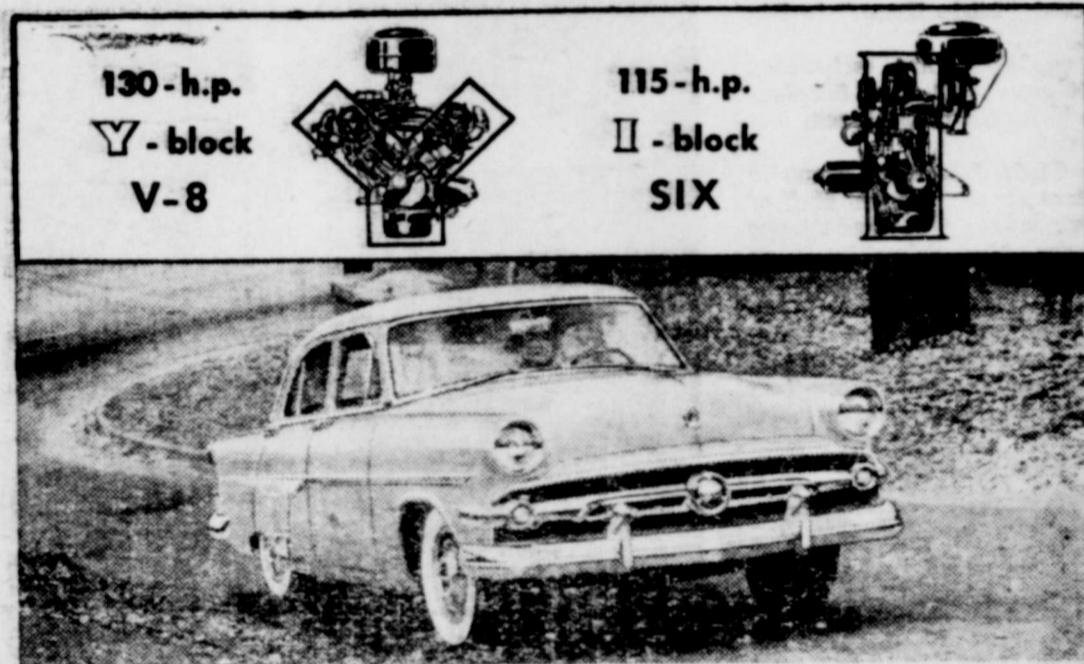
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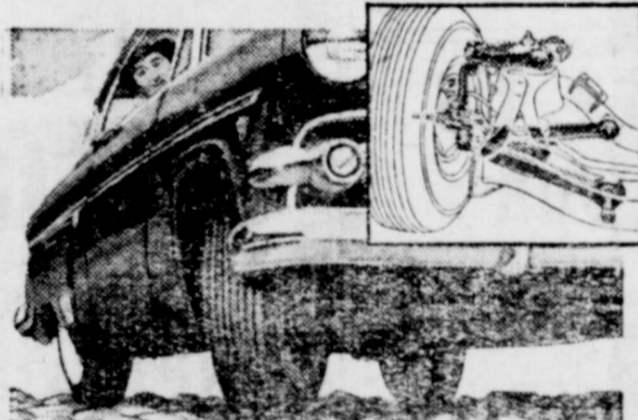
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Merkel F. T. A. Group Wins Honors At District Meet

Mr. Future Teacher is Sessions Hammond, Miss Future Teacher is Joy Walker for District 7, chosen at the F. T. A. district conference Saturday. The subject of the contest was "Operation — Top Notch Teachers" (T.N.T.)

Merkel will send its winners to Denton for the state convention Feb. 18 and 19.

The Abilene F. T. A. sponsored the meeting in Abilene High School. Jimmy Russell and Jacky McAninch were delegates to the house of delegates, that elected officers for the next year, '54-55.

Paka Newby was chosen district vice president, Gloria Teaff was elected to the office of corresponding-secretary with Russell and Jimmy to go to the state convention as Merkel's delegates.

Merkel had 15 members present at the luncheon at the Drake Hotel. Mrs. Ella McReynolds is the Merkel club sponsor. Three Merkel F. T. A. girls will be ushers at the meeting Jan. 28 of the Taylor County Teachers group.

Girl Scouts' Meet Is Scheduled For Feb. 1 and 2

A dramatic workshop for Girl Scouts and Girl Scout Leaders has been scheduled, according to Miss Viola Allred, Merkel organization chairwoman.

Miss Allred pointed out that all Girl Scouts and Girl Scout adult workers are invited to attend the workshop to be conducted at the Girl Scout "Little House" in Big Spring.

The workshops are scheduled from 10 a. m. to 3 p. m. Scouters are to bring their own lunch. The drinks will be free.

Miss Oleda Schrottky, dramatic consultant on the national staff of the Girl Scouts, will conduct the workshops. Miss Schrottky is an authority on creative dramatics for children.

Girl Scouting, she pointed out, offers an opportunity for informal dramatic training to its more than 1,580,000 girl members of all races and creed.

Beginners' Names Urgently Needed By Enumerator

The names of boys and girls who will be beginners in the Merkel Primary School this coming September are urgently needed by the census enumerator, Principal C. A. Farley.

"If you have a child who will be six before the first day of September, 1954, and you are not sure that he has been enumerated, please get in touch with me soon," stated Principal Farley.

Mr. Farley reminded parents who live in other districts nearby and who transfer their children to the Merkel schools that they must make applications for transfers for the coming year by June 1 instead of August 1 as in previous year.

Birth certificates are required of all first graders.

Grade School Teams to Battle In Benefit Games

The local grade school boys and girls basketball teams will host the Lueders junior teams here in a triple header Monday night, Feb. 1.

No admission will be charged. Fans may donate whatever they care to give to the March of Dimes.

The opening game between the two second strings of the two schools will get underway at 6:30 p. m. The girls will play at 7:30 and the varsity contest will be at 8:30.

Last week at Lueders the Merkel teams lost both of their games by two point margins.

Local 4-H Boys Feeding Animals For 1954 Shows

Among those Taylor County 4-H Club boys feeding animals for 1954 shows are:

Lambs — Johnny Heatley, Trent; Buddy King, Farris Neill, Joe Neill, Lanny Perry, Jerry Don Reynolds, Jack Rainey, Barry Scott, David Scott.

Calf feeders — Ronnie Freeman, Trent; Ronnie Barnett, Danny Harris, Wayne Irvin.

Feeders of barrows — Joel Crain, Trent; Harold Hohbertz, Kenneth Mattingly, Tye.

General John J. Pershing was once Governor of the Philippines.

He Gets His Workout in 'Lung'



Although Joe Sidney Row, 6-year-old polio patient of San Antonio, relies on an iron lung to help him breathe, his need for exercise is met by temporarily substituting a chest respirator while his arm and leg muscles get a workout. Here Georgiana Harmon, staff therapist, is ministering to Joe in the Southwestern Polio Myelitis Respiratory Center at Houston's Jefferson Davis Hospital. This center, one of nine throughout the U.S., is made possible through contributions to the March of Dimes of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. Thousands of youngsters like Joe will benefit from prolonged treatment such as this to strengthen polio-weakened muscles. By joining the 1954 March of Dimes you will help to assure that proper care is always ready for every polio patient needing it.

4 Sisters Hit by Polio in 10 Days



Within ten days last May and June these four children of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph H. Hartley were stricken by polio at their farm home near Hudson, N. C. All except one were placed in iron lungs when they arrived at Asheville Orthopedic Hospital where March of Dimes funds paid for care for all four. Five-year-old Beth Hartley was stricken first. Then Mary Sue, 7; Doris Kay, 10; and Peggy Ann, 12. This year's March of Dimes will be held during the entire month of January.

S. M. Reddin Has 82nd Birthday Last Sunday

S. M. Reddin celebrated his 82nd birthday at his home Sunday night with a cake supper. Besides his Merkel relatives there were present his daughter, Mrs. O. A. Winters and family; son Douglas; niece, Mrs. Chester Feitz, and nephew, Rudolph Reddin, all of Abilene.

Mr. Reddin has lived on his present farm 40 years.

FAMED BRAZILIAN COMPOSER, CONDUCTOR TO LEAD SYMPHONY

Heitor Villa-Lobos, famed Brazilian composer and conductor, will be guest conductor of the San Antonio Symphony in the orchestra's last concert before the 1954 Grand Opera Festival at Municipal Auditorium next Saturday night, Jan. 30.

He will conduct a program including two of his own works — *Bachianas Brasileiras*, No. 8, and *Choros*, No. 6.

Also programmed: "King Stephen" Overture (Beethoven), "Maggiennens de la Mer" (Paul Le Flem) and "Bolero" (Ravel).

INSPECTION STICKER NOTE

Capt. G. L. Morahan, commanding officer of District 3 of the Texas Highway Patrol, with headquarters at Abilene, announced that highway patrolmen would begin issuing tickets to persons who operate an auto on the streets and highways after April 15 without a current inspection sticker. Capt. Morahan pointed out that local and county police officers are empowered to enforce the inspection law.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Admissions to the Sadler Hospital the last week were:

As medical patients — Mrs. Le-rol White, Oscar Brewer, Mrs. W. C. Hill, Mrs. W. P. Derrington, Mrs. Harvey Allred, Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Staton, Mrs. Sam Sandusky, H. A. Johnston, Mamie Allen, Deborah Seymore, Georgie May Reed, J. R. Mashburn, Jr., Jean Irvin, Mrs. J. S. Swann.

LOCAL SCHOOL EXECUTIVES ATTEND COUNTY ORGANIZATION

A permanent organization of Taylor County School administrators was formed Saturday looking to betterment of public school conditions of Taylor County. The group will meet monthly.

Among those present were Supt. Mack Fisher, Principal C. A. Farley, Principal Edwin Read, Supt. W. B. Williamson of Trent and Principal Aubrey McAuley of Tye.



By VERN SANFORD
Texas Press Association

Legislators were getting ready this week to tackle again the teacher pay problem as Gov. Shivers put out the word that a special session is coming up soon.

Gov. Shivers' move came quickly after a committee unanimously approved a compromise plan to raise teacher-pay \$402 per year. The committee was appointed by the governor and the Texas State Teachers Association.

Estimated cost of the proposed salary increase is \$23 million per year. The committee's bill, however, does not include a method of financing the cost.

School Superintendent H. W. Stilwell of Texarkana told the committee that the governor had indicated the subject of more tax revenue might be submitted to legislators if the money is not in sight from other sources.

Although the bill provides that the pay increase would not start until the 1954-55 school year, Mr. Stilwell said he is hopeful that



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bonuses for this year might be approved once the Legislature is in session.

Continued high employment levels during 1954 have been predicted by the Texas Employment Commission.

Although some unemployment is expected as a result of reduced

military spending, there will be gains in non-defense industry, the commission said.

Observance of the Centennial of Texas Public Schools will start throughout the state on January 31, the anniversary date.

Climax of activity for the year-long observance will be during

Public Schools Week March 1-6, coinciding with the anniversary of Texas Independence.

Although other cities are planning special events for that week, the capital city as a center of education and government plans a massive celebration with more than 100,000 persons taking part.



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SPECIALS for FRIDAY and SATURDAY JAN. 29 — 30.

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GRANDDAUGHTER OF LOCAL FOLKS MARRIES TODAY

Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Allen of Las Alamos, New Mexico, announce the marriage of their daughter Dorothy Dale to Charles Lanford on Friday, Jan. 29, at 6:30 p. m. at the First Baptist Church of Las Alamos. Dale is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe K. Higgins and also of Mrs. Pick Allen.

"CARING FOR CLOTHING" IS TALK AT TYE 4-H CLUB

Tye 4-H Girls Club heard the assistant county home demonstration agent, Denise Lowry, speak on "Caring for Our Clothing." Patty McCartney conducted the meeting. Sixteen members attended.

Mrs. Lowry demonstrated sewing on buttons and discussed stains and care of clothing.

"PLANNING A GARDEN" DISCUSSED BY GOODMAN H. D.

The Goodman Home Demonstration Club met Friday, Jan. 22, in the home of Mrs. G. C. Blair, The president, Mrs. Jennings Winter, had charge of the meeting. The recreation leader, Mrs. Blair, directed two very interesting games. One was questions on "Your Manners" and the other pertained to boats and ships.

"How I Store My Kitchen Knives" was given to roll call. There was no minutes read as the secretary was absent. The good-will chairman gave a report on flowers bought and the amount of money left in the flower fund.

Mrs. F. F. Carter and Mrs. Winter gave the council report in the absence of the council delegate, Mrs. Karl Bonneaux. Mrs. Carter read the council committee's recommendations and made a motion that they be adopted. They carried. It was announced that the council was asking each club in the county to donate to the March of Dimes and bring the gift to next council meeting to be turned into the chairman of the March of Dimes.

The family night for the Goodman Club was to be Saturday, Jan. 23, in the home of Mrs. W. L. Phillips. It was voted to pass the hat

during family night for a donation to the March of Dimes.

Mrs. Phillips and Mrs. Winter had attended a training meeting in the agent's office on Jan. 18 and at this time they gave this program to the club. The program was on "Planning a Garden." They said, "Good gardens don't just happen but are the result of careful planning and good cultural care throughout the season." In location for a garden these things should be considered: good soil, the lay of the land, water supply and adequate light.

They emphasized to keep gardens small, plant just what you can care for well. They stressed the importance of having the tools you need to make gardening work easier and more pleasant. They said buy all your seeds at one time.

They told of garden dusts and sprays to use for "Insect Control." Now is the time to start controlling cutworms and wireworms. One good way is to apply 10 per cent chlordane or 10 per cent DDT dust to the open furrow and work into the soil just before setting out plants and planting.

One new member, Mrs. Gordon Howell, was welcomed to the club.

Mrs. Blair served a delicious refreshment plate of jello, whipped cream, cookies and iced drinks to seven members.

3 BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATED AT MRS. CHAS. WEST'S HOME

Three birthdays were celebrated Sunday at the home of Mrs. Charlie West. Visitors in her home were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ed McDuff, Bernard, Erma, Carolyn and Bobby Clark, Mrs. Willie Joe Clark and Mary of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Junior Clark, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Clark.

Those having birthdays in January were Mrs. West, who was 78 years young, Annett Clark and Joe Ed McDuff. Mrs. West received several nice gifts.

MRS. FORD BUTMAN HOSTESS TO BLUE BONNET CLUB

Mrs. Ford Butman was hostess to the Blue Bonnet Home Demonstration Club on Jan. 19. Mrs. Allen King, president, presided.

Roll call was answered by giving a hint on "Helping Make House Cleaning Easier." Mrs. A. L. Farmer gave a most interesting demonstration on "Selection, Use and Care of Vacuum Cleaners."

Recreation was under the direction of Mrs. Dewel McLean. Mrs. Allen King and Mrs. Leroy Riney. Mrs. Riney was elected living room leader and Mrs. Tom Russom demonstrator.



HOUSTON BOUND — Ronnie Freeman, Trent 4-H Club boy, is grooming "Curly" for the Houston Fat Stock Show. The Aberdeen-Angus steer was bred by Carly Hays, Abilene, and his father, Tiny Hays, Tyler, on the Hays' East Texas ranch.

Mrs. Dewel McLean was elected meat demonstrator with Mrs. Sam Butman, Jr., leader.

Delicious refreshments were served Mrs. R. L. McLean, Mrs. Ella Ray, Mrs. Alice Oliver and Mrs. R. E. Clemmer, visitors, 10 members and a number of children.

The next meeting will be Feb. 2 with Mrs. Sam Butman, Jr. All members are urged to attend the meat demonstration by the agent. Visitors are always welcome.

GOODMAN H. D. CLUB ENJOYS "FAMILY NIGHT"

The Goodman Home Demonstration Club had its "Family Night" Saturday, Jan. 23, in the home of Mrs. W. L. Phillips.

It was to be a pot-luck supper and there was lots of food. The meal was served about 7:30 p. m. and it consisted of chicken, dressing, fried chicken, fried ham, several vegetables, salads, pies and cakes, coffee and hot chocolate.

When the meal was over the KRBC-TV program for the March of Dimes had started, so "42" and "84" games were not played as everyone preferred to watch T.V. It was decided to hold out as long as they did, so when it got a little quiet the club had an amateur program of its own and the talent was surprising.

About 1 o'clock it was again time to eat, so the food was put out and everyone enjoyed eating again. A donation was taken for the March of Dimes and the club raised \$12.80. Several of the members were not present and the club is sure they would like to give some, so the club will have a good amount for the Goodman Club to turn in to the March of Dimes.

Those enjoying the affair were: Messrs. and Mesdames F. F. Carter, H. F. Jordan, Jennings Winter, Marion Winter, H. H. Windham, Karl Bonneaux and the hostess, Mrs. Phillips.

personals

Mrs. Jimmie Nutt and daughter, Pamela of Austin spent the weekend with her mother, Mrs. Edna Horton, and family and grandmothers, Mrs. Hugh Campbell and Mrs. Jim Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Rutledge and children, Donna Lee and Rusty, of Abilene dined Sunday with their grandmother, Mrs. W. A. Harrison.

Weekend visitors in the Glenn Robertson home were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hicks and family of Kermit, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Litton of Abilene and Mrs. T. I. Hicks and family of Hamby.

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Awarding of contract for construction of seven dormitories and two mess and administration buildings has brought total contracts to date on Abilene Air Force Base to \$7,219,726.

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OMAR BURLESON, Congressman 17th District

This session of Congress will produce many heated discussions and arguments about the Fifth and Sixth Amendments to the Constitution of the United States.

These two amendments are integrated parts of the Bill of Rights. It would be well for all Americans to acquaint themselves fully with these two amendments, if you have not already done so.

The Fifth Amendment contains the provisions behind which many witnesses before Congressional investigating committees have hidden themselves for a number of years. The Sixth Amendment contains the provision affording an accused the right to be confronted with the witnesses against him.

The spotlight was placed on this particular amendment in the speech made by President Eisenhower before the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League at the Mayflower Hotel recently.

The Washington Post quoted him in an editorial as follows: "In this country if someone dislikes you or accuses you, he must come up in front, he cannot hide behind the shadow, he cannot assassinate you or your character from behind without suffering the penalties an outraged citizenry will impose."

You may not have a copy of the Constitution handy, so I am going to quote these two amendments as they appear in the Constitution:

AMENDMENT (V)
"No person shall be held to answer for a capital, or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a Grand Jury, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces or in the militia, when in actual service in time of war or public danger; nor shall any person be subject for the same offense to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb, nor shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without just compensation."

AMENDMENT (VI)
"In all criminal prosecutions the accused shall enjoy the right of a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the State and district wherein the crime shall have been committed, which district shall have been previously ascertained by law, and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and to have the Assistance of Counsel for his defense."

The whole controversy, of course, will center around the Communist menace. Their tactics have been to employ our Constitution and our laws to protect themselves while they work diligently at the task of trying to overthrow that Constitution and those laws. It will primarily concern employees of the federal government and perhaps many state and local govern-

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks to each one who helped us in so many ways during the illness and death of our husband and father. Your kindness will always be remembered. May God bless each of you.

Mrs. W. T. Cox and Family.

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To those who expressed their sympathy in so many beautiful and practical ways during our recent bereavement, we extend our heartfelt thanks.

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Every American should read our Constitution and weigh every word, phrase, sentence, and paragraph therein very carefully.

Merkel Jr. Badgers Are Nosed Out By Anson Monday

The Merkel Jr., Badger A team were just one goal short of tying Anson here Monday night. The final score was 33-31, in favor of the visitors. The high score boy was Eddie Hobby with 18 points, followed by Manly Denton with 10 points.

The Jr. B team was defeated by Anson 33-26. The high score boy was Joe Cunningham with seven points.

Texas Schools Have Birthday During This Year

A century of phenomenal progress will be celebrated by the Texas public schools during 1954, their centennial birthday year.

The 100th birthday of the public school system falls on Jan. 31, but the observance is scheduled to last all year because there is so much to celebrate.

It was on Jan. 23, 1854, that a group of Texans converged on Austin for a mass meeting. "We will not only be the Empire State in point of territory," they solemnly resolved, "but in the number and excellence of our institutions of learning."

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NOTICE MASONS
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For Commissioner Precinct No. 2

RUFE TITTLE (re-election)

For Justice of Peace Pct. 5

O. W. (DONALD) PAINE

Heart Fund Drive For All Texas Starts Monday

Monday will mark the opening of the annual month-long Heart Fund drive of the Texas Heart Association and affiliated local Heart Associations throughout Texas. Gov. Shivers has proclaimed February as Heart Month in Texas and has called upon all Texans "to cooperate wholeheartedly in the activities of American Heart Month."

FOR LOW MODERN HOMES

Low growing ornamentals blend well and are especially desirable around the low modern homes. It is now time to make new plantings and transplant old ones. — A. & M.

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FOR SALE — White Leghorns, day old Feb. 4, and White Leghorns, day old Feb. 7, all straight run at Hearn Hatchery. 1146p.

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FOR SALE — Re-possessed 1954 Model Automatic Washer, big discount. Palmer Motor Co. 1139c.

FOR SALE — Re-possessed Electric Home Clothes Drier, used 3 months. One-half price. Palmer Motor Co. 1139c.

Take One Night Off . . . Be our guest Fred Starbuck Tuesday and see "All the Brothers Were Valiant." Queen Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday. — Adv.

FOR SALE — Small Air Compressor. \$65. Palmer Motor Company. 1139c.

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FOR SALE — Special Late Model used 16-ft. freezer, 3-year guarantee, for limited time, only \$229.50. Palmer Motor Co. 1139c.

See A Show . . . Lige Gamble call at Queen box office Tuesday night for a Free pass to see "All the Brothers Were Valiant," showing Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday. — Adv.

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Terror - Packed Days as Settlers Face Wild Indians

Two terror-packed days are turned into a powerful package of motion picture tension in Universal-International's outdoor Technicolor thriller "The Stand At Apache

River," which plays Friday and Saturday at the Queen Theatre with Stephen McNally, Julia Adams and Hugh Marlowe giving standout performances in the starring roles. An atmosphere of peril dominates every foot of the picture, from the moment the oddly assorted group of eight settlers comes under siege of Cara Blanca and his vengeful Apaches at Hugh O'Brian's wayside Arizona inn.

NEWS *from you*
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 Linda Chase of Tye was elected

'RED CROSS WATER SAFETY 40 YEARS OLD



Only forty years have passed since February 1, 1914, when the first Red Cross Water Safety courses were introduced to the world by the "amiable whale," the late Commodore Wilbert E. Longfellow (on running board). And, though styles in bathing attire have changed drastically in that time, the principles of water safety which the Red Cross has taught to 9,300,000 persons have remained constant. Waterproofing America has paid big dividends; since 1914 the drowning rate per 100,000 population has been cut in half. Water Safety is one of the many Red Cross services you support by your contributions to the annual Red Cross Campaign in March.

secretary of the Tye 4-H Club. She replaced Jo Carol Goza, who moved to Arizona.

Ann Boyd is moving to Arizona in February. The Trent 4-H Club will certainly miss Ann.

Ruby and Norma Stephan visited Butterfield 4-H Club when it met the other night.

Mrs. L. B. Lowry, assistant home demonstration agent, and I attended a foods school in San Angelo

on Jan. 27 and 28. Miss Jimmie Nell Harris, foods specialist from College Station, conducted the school. It was for all home demonstration agents in District 7. The agents came home with some very interesting and valuable information that they will pass on to the home demonstration club women and 4-H girls.

Taylor County home demonstration club women are fortunate to have Mrs. Maynard Gaines of Coleman to conduct a recreation school for all the club recreation leaders. This school will be at Pleasant Hill Community Center on January 29 from 10 a. m. to 3:30 p. m. Mrs. Gaines is state recreation chairman of the Texas Home Demonstration Association. Any leader who fails to attend will miss an opportunity to learn some good songs and games to use at their club meetings.

Mrs. L. B. Lowry, assistant home demonstration agent, recently met with Tye, Merkel and Trent 4-H Clubs. She gave a demonstration on "Regular Repair and Upkeep of Clothing." She gave some very good points on keeping your clothes ready at all times.

She showed the girls how to sew on a button, so that it would have a shank if the button didn't already have one. She said a little time and care every day would keep your clothes ready for wear and save both the 4-H girls and their mothers' nerves.



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"Little Boy Lost" Has Song and Dance At Queen Theatre

A film that appeals to the emotions, one which combines warm wonderful drama and ample amounts of song, is "Little Boy Lost," Paramount's brand new Bing Crosby starrer which opens Sunday and Monday at the Queen Theatre.

Bing Crosby is seen as the foreign correspondent who, while covering France in the late thirties, marries a lovely French girl. He is separated from her and their newly-born son during the Nazi invasion.

After the war, knowing that his wife was killed by the Gestapo, Crosby returns to France to seek the son he hopes is still alive. The many obstacles that obstruct his search provide the poignant story with a pulsating tenseness.

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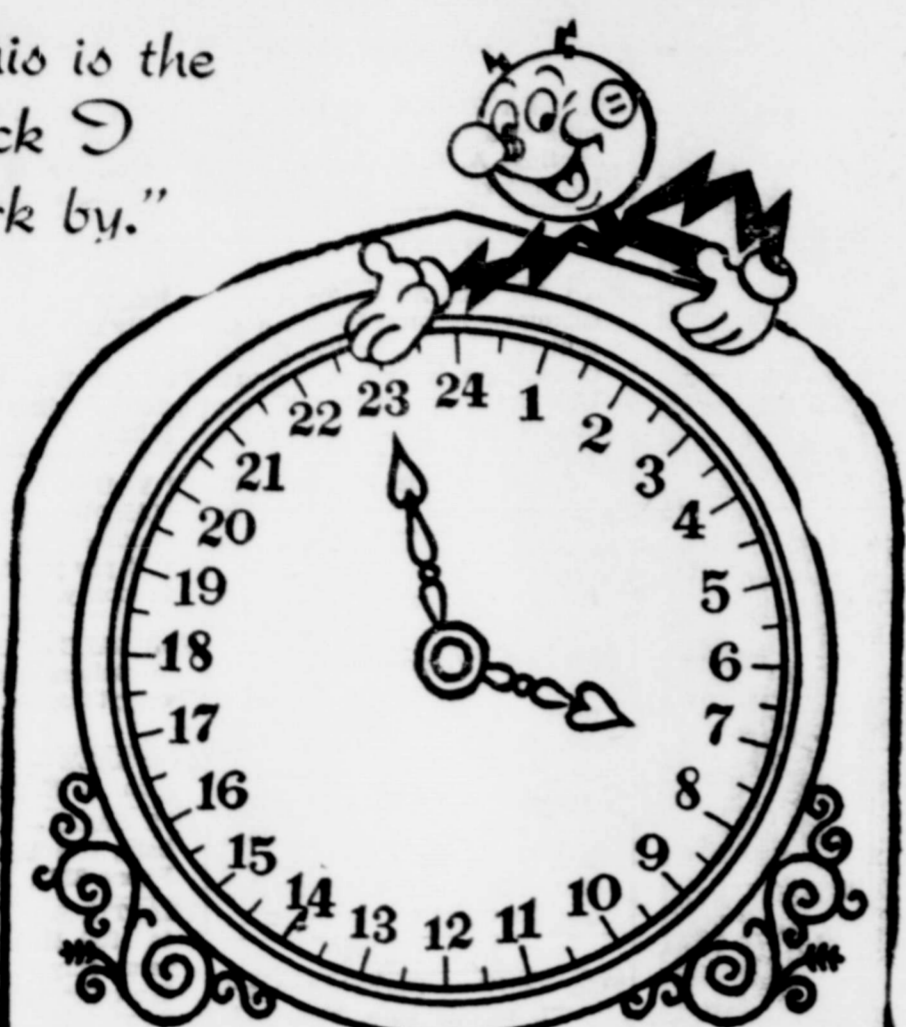
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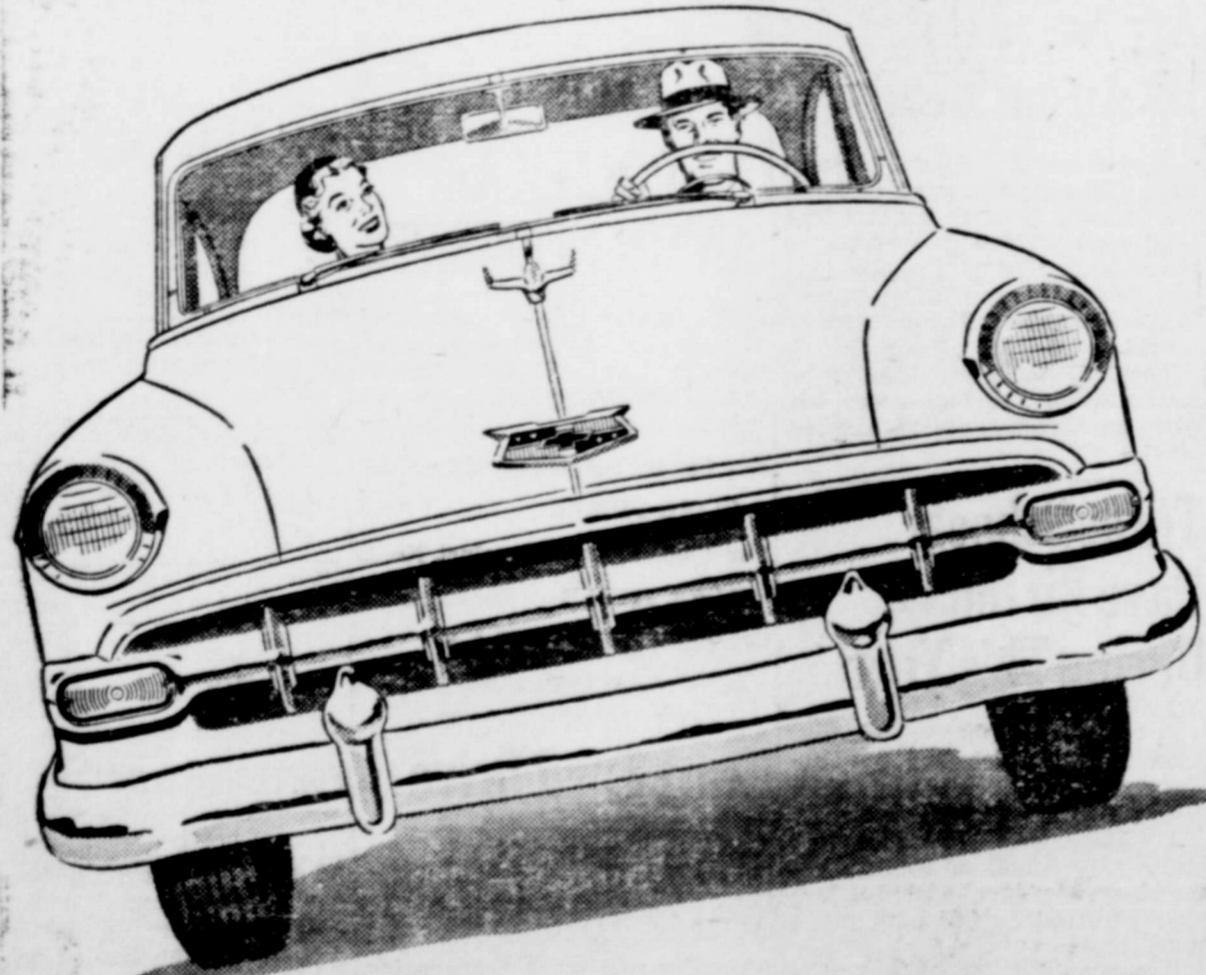
From the time you get up in the morning 'til you flick off the light at night he is there to help you — with the washing, ironing, cooking, cleaning, almost every household chore! And when you go to bed at night Reddy goes steadily on — heating the water, cooling the refrigerator, ready the instant you call on him.

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COMING TO ABILENE — Ronnie Barnett, 10, Merkel 4-H Club boy, is fitting this classy little Hereford, bred by Dorothea Griffin of Lawn, for the Abilene county and district show.

and ourselves. Each one should see to it that the goal is reached.

FISH TALK

What's the matter with Fisherman's Row? That is what H. Latrobe Vaughan, former Merkelite now in California, artist, traveler, story teller extraordinary and great fisherman, asks.

He asks, "Have they gone into hibernation for the winter?"

Well, friend Trobe, Fisherman's Row is not hibernating. It is, at least, awake. Each Monday we go around to visit the members of the row and we find them with their eyes open and their mouths shut. Now, that is not exactly true. They do open their mouths a little, but not to tell any fish stories.

Ross Ferrier reports that there are no fish stories at the present time. Ira Cross states that there is no fishing now. And Vestal Hicks . . . well, he just goes ahead and tells about going fox hunting.

And to be frank, with little or no encouragement, Vestal will make the call for the foxes. And then to prove that he is not bluffing, he takes a friend out in the field, gives the call and the friend kills the fox. And to prove it, Vestal brings the dead fox to The Mail office to show it off.

Well, what we want to know, Trobe, is why Vestal and Ross and Ira don't bring their fish to The Mail to prove the stories they tell. They talk big fish. What we should like to see is a big fish.

Now, we realize, Trobe, that you can't show the big fish to us and that you sent a picture. We will have to ask Fisherman's Row how we are to take pictures. Do pictures prove a story or do they make a story?

It may be necessary to call a public meeting of Fisherman's Row and have them go into the subject.

From the way Ira talks it may be necessary to show more than a picture to prove a point. In fact

we have seen the same fish with different men standing beside them in different pictures. Now what that proved we don't know. We'll have to take that up with Fisherman's Row.

Now, as to Vestal, we believe that he will demand that the fish be brought into The Mail office to prove that they were actually caught. Just see how he brings in the foxes to prove his own stories. "As a man does so thinketh he in his heart" or something.

We are not certain as to what attitude Ross will take. He is usually very modest in telling his fish stories. It may be that he will be satisfied by studying the picture. Anyway, it should be interesting when Fisherman's Row gets together to discuss the matter. And at that, it will prove that the row is awake and not hibernating.

"WHITE-ICISM"

That's ALL — and the Sage of Figfield adds that all fish and no talk makes a dull dinner.

Brother Fights Brother in Strong Drama at Queen

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Star Acts At Fort Worth Rodeo



Grace, skill and action will characterize the specialty acts at the world's greatest indoor rodeo in Will Rogers Memorial Coliseum in Fort Worth at the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show, Jan. 29 through Feb. 7. Little Wanda Lou McCush will ride a whole row of ponies at the same time (upper photo); one of the five daring and skillful trick riders is shown at right and (left) Jimmy Schumacher.

a spectacular whale hunt in which a boat is crushed like a match box, an attack by island savages, the devotion of a native girl to a white man — these are the action highlights of M-G-M's turbulent and excitement-packed Technicolor drama, "All the Brothers Were Valiant," playing Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at the Queen Theatre.

Robert Taylor, Stewart Granger and Ann Blyth are the stars of

this compelling film. With much of the picture filmed on location in Jamaica in the British West Indies, its breathtaking beauty of tropical settings in Technicolor offers striking contrast to the tumultuous action which takes place as the story unfolds from its beginning in the New Bedford harbor of 1857 and continues through the whaling thrills and the curious romance on a tropical island to the powder-charged mutiny

H.S.U. SUMMER SESSION

The 1954 summer session at Hardin-Simmons University will be designed especially for teachers, Alton B. Lee, registrar, announced. The summer session will be divided into convenient periods so that the graduate students may attend three weeks, six weeks, nine weeks or 12 weeks. The undergraduate program will be arranged on the traditional six-week period basis, Mr. Lee said.

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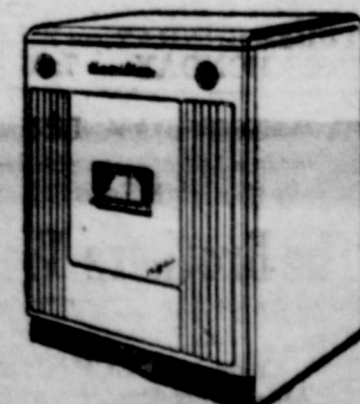
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John Deere Day Being Planned by Miller Implement

The Miller Implement Company will hold open house Saturday, Feb. 6. A big program is being planned for this occasion, John Deere Day.

"Mr. Christmas," a full-length, full-color entertainment feature, will highlight the John Deere program planned for farmers and their families by the Miller Implement Company, local John Deere dealer. The features are scheduled for 10 a. m. and 2 p. m.

The picture, "Mr. Christmas," filmed especially for John Deere Day, is the story of a small community's centennial celebration and how it affects the lives of the people who live there.

The program is free for farmers and their families but admission is by ticket only. Children with parents will be admitted.

A free dinner will be served at the noon hour, said Jack Miller. Tickets may be had at the company office.

Jerry Robinson Becomes President Of Student Union

Jerry Robinson was installed as president of the Baptist Student Union of Sam Houston State Teacher College at its annual banquet recently. Jerry, a junior vocational agricultural major, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Orvin Robinson of Trent.

The banquet was semi-formal with about 40 attending. It was held in the lower auditorium of the First Baptist Church of Huntsville.

'Hard Luck' Terry



Since he got polio in October, 1952, Terry Piedicalizzi of Madison, Wis., has had measles, pneumonia, influenza and chicken pox. Then he broke his leg. But he can still point to his record on the blackboard at Georgia Warm Springs and smile. The only good luck Terry's had is that there is a March of Dimes to pay for his care. The 1954 March of Dimes is from January 2 to 31.

SEE GRANDCHILD

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Tarpley accompanied their son Garvis and family to Snyder Monday and spent the day with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dois Melton. They saw the elder Tarpley's new great grandson, Norman Clements, Jr., for the first time. He was born Sunday, Jan. 17. He is the first great grandchild of Mrs. Tarpley and a great great grandchild of Mrs. Betty Williams of Route 2, Merkel. He is the first grandchild of the Dois Meltons.

MR. MRS. HOLMES HAVE BOY

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Holmes announces the birth of boy at the Sadler Hospital January 22.

GIRL TO WILLIAMSON

A baby girl was born at the Sadler Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Williamson January 24.

TOMMY NIELLS HAVE BOY

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Niell a baby boy at the Sadler Hospital January 26.

SINGING AT STITH

The Taylor-Jones County fifth Sunday singing, all-day, will be held at the Stith Baptist Church this Sunday, beginning at 10:30 a. m. Everyone is invited and requested to bring a basket lunch.

PUT OUT FIRE TUESDAY

The fire department made a run at 8 p. m. Tuesday to the City Drug and quickly put out a fire that scorched a desk.

COMES TO TOWN

Dee Grimes has improved so quickly that he was able to be down to the store for a short while this week.

MOTHER HAS OPERATION

W. D. Webber went to San Antonio to be with his mother, Mrs. L. S. Low, who was operated on Sunday.

JAMES H. CHANEV

Chiropractor

211 Oak St. — Merkel

PHONE 18

P-T.A. MEETING OFF

The P-T.A. meeting that was to have been held on Thursday night of last week and at which Bryan Bradbury, well-known Abilene attorney, was to speak was postponed on account of the freezing weather.

The Dominion of Canada was established in 1876.



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SINGING AT AMITY

There will be singing at Amity Baptist Church Thursday, Feb. 4, at 7:30 p. m. Everyone is invited.

MOVES TO PHOENIX

J. A. Haggard left Tuesday night for Phoenix, Ariz., where he will be with his daughter, Mrs. Otis Hill, and family.

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NOT EVEN SICK!

Notes on the passing Merkel scene. The editor enters a man's place of business. He asks, "Did you go anywhere over the weekend?" "No," replies the man. "Did anyone come to visit you?" continues the editor. "No," returns the man. "I haven't even been sick."

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January 31st 1954 is your deadline for filing your 1953 Income Tax without filing an Estimate; no need to file two returns. If you want my service in making your return call on or before January 31st, 1954, and avoid having to file an Estimate.

R. O. ANDERSON

QUEEN THEATRE

MOVIES ARE BETTER THAN EVER!

BOX OFFICE OPENING TIME 7 P. M. SHOW STARTS 7:15 P. M.

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, JANUARY 29, 30 Eight guns against the Knives, the Arrow and the Hate of the war-crazed Apache!

"THE STAND AT APACHE RIVER"

STEPHEN McNALLY — JULIA ADAMS Color by TECHNICOLOR Also Color Cartoon, Comedy and First Chapter of: JUNGLE DRUMS OF AFRICA

SUNDAY, MONDAY, JANUARY 31, FEBRUARY 1 Out of man's search for his brave, beautiful wife — and a boy's hunger for his mother's arms... out of their wondrous adventures in the city called Paris — comes a motion picture you will never forget.

"LITTLE BOY LOST"

BING CROSBY — CLAUDE DAUPHIN Also Color Cartoon and News FEATURES SUNDAY — 2:28 — 4:23 FEATURES MONDAY — 7:28 — 9:23

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FEB. 2, 3, 4 Spectacular Whale Hunt! Hidden Treasure! Meeting on the High Seas!

"All The Brothers Were Valiant"

ROBERT TAYLOR — STEWART GRANGER — ANN BLYTH Color by TECHNICOLOR Also Color Cartoon and Shorts FEATURES — 7:15 — 9:19

NEXT WEEK PREMIER SHOWING "BOY FROM OKLAHOMA"