

Merkel Makes It 4 Straight Wins Here Last Friday

Merkel won its fourth district game last Friday night here by defeating Munday 52-51. A good crowd of over 300 saw the game and the Merkel Band, under Director Winford Reed, furnished peppy music.

BULLETIN!

It is reported that a dining hall, to cost around \$20,000 will be built at the Butman Encampment. The building committee of the Northwest Conference of the Methodist Church met recently at the Taylor Electric Coop and discussed the Butman Encampment construction program.

Merkel Badgers Clip Throckmorton In Tuesday's Game

A field goal and free throw by Robert McLeod broke a 40-40 deadlock in the final minute of play here Tuesday night to give the Merkel Badgers a 43-42 victory over the Throckmorton Greyhounds and undisputed lead in the 8-A cage race.

C. of C. Getting Members For Lasting Group

The temporary Merkel Chamber of Commerce committee met last Friday afternoon at the Taylor Electric Cooperative. David Gamble presided at the meeting. Others present were Tommy Odum, Nolan Palmer, Herman Carson, George Rowland and Lester Dorton.

Mrs. James F. Cox Buried Wednesday At Age of 88

Funeral for Mrs. James F. Cox, 88, who died Monday at 12:15 p. m. in the family home was held Wednesday at 2 p. m. in the Methodist Church.

More Moisture Falls in This Area The Past Week



ANDREW J. GREENFIELD discharged

More moisture fell here the past week. It measured over one inch, according to Weather Observer Harry Woodrum. It fell Friday night and Saturday morning.

Local Folks May Participate in Telethon Saturday

The highlight of this week in the March of Dimes campaign will be the Telethon over KRBC-TV on Saturday night from 9 p. m. to 2 a. m.

Lions Tourny Will Be Played Fri. and Sat.

The Lions Tournament starts tonight, Friday at 7:30 p. m. It will be held at the high school gymnasium. The double header will be played Friday night. The finals will be played Saturday night, starting at 7:30 p. m.

Rev. Jack Walker Accepts Call To Rising Star

Rex Jack Walker has accepted a call to Rising Star where he is pastor of the Bible Baptist Church.

AMONG THE YOUNGER GENERATION



TOP ROW, left to right — Suzie and Robert, children of Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Wilson; Patricia Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Truman Harwell. SECOND ROW — Andria and Gary, children of Mr. and Mrs. Waymon Adcock; Melvin, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Parker.

snowed and the amount of moisture that fell amounted to three-quarters of an inch. The snow measured about three inches. The total amount of moisture in the one week that fell reached one and three-quarters inches.

Merkel Citizens To Highway Group Tuesday

Citizens of Merkel and all the county commissioners are making plans to appear before the Highway Commission in Austin Tuesday. At that time the commission will listen to whatever they have to say in regard to the placing of the super-highway of No. 80 in Merkel.

The time set for their appearance is 10:30 a. m. The county commissioners said that they would go along with Merkel citizens and already eight of the businessmen are planning to go. More are expected to be with the group.

Robbers Steal Palmer Items, Gamble Pontiac

Taylor County and Merkel law officials spent Saturday investigating the burglary of a residence and a car theft which occurred last Friday night. Deputy Sheriff Pete Petty revealed that there was a possibility that both crimes were committed by the same person. The car was found abandoned near Hardin-Simmons University Saturday morning.

John Deere Day Will Me Held Here January 29

The annual John Deere Day will be held Saturday, Jan. 29, starting at 10 a. m. at the Miller Implement Co. There will be a show and other activities during the day. "All farmers and ranchers are invited," said Jack Miller.

Baptist Members Are Attending Lubbock Meeting

First Baptist Church members are attending the evangelistic conference in Lubbock Thursday and Friday of this week. They are: Rev. Sam E. Tullock, Tommy Odum, Mesdames Lucy Ford, Sam Swann, A. R. Booth, A. Cunningham, W. T. Sadler, Ollie Fox and Mr. and Mrs. Leon McAden.

BOY TO CARL SMITHS

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Smith are the parents of a boy born at the Sadler Hospital January 17.

R. COCHRANS HAVE BOY

A boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Cochran at the Sadler Hospital January 18.

Merkel 20 Years Ago

TAKEN FROM THE 1934 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL

SEE OPENING GAME

True to tradition, where a new stadium, gymnasium or other athletic arena is to be used for the first time, the Badgers lost Tuesday night's basketball game with Ovalle 30 to 27, the opening contest of the home season and the first time Merkel's new \$10,000 combination gymnasium-auditorium was opened to the public.

LIONS MEET

With all members present except two out of the roster of 27, President Charlie Jones presided at the semi-monthly meeting of the Lions Club at the American Cafe Tuesday.

GIFT TO McMURRY

Announcement of a gift of \$7,000 from Mrs. Sallie C. Boyce of Merkel to McMurry College was announced Wednesday by officials of the college. The sum has fund in the department of religion added to the endowment of that institution.

MOTHER DIES

Mrs. W. T. Eldridge, 74, mother of Mrs. E. L. Ash, died Monday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Clardy, at Clyde. Mrs. Ash went to her mother's bedside Sunday, returning home Tuesday night.

IS BURIED HERE

Mrs. Martha L. Barton of Handley died last Saturday and her body was brought to Merkel Sunday for burial in Rose Hill Cemetery. Mrs. Barton, 62, lived in the Merkel community some years ago and several members of the family are at rest in Rose Hill Cemetery.

W. J. OZEE

Mrs. Isabel Josephine Ozee, native Texan, who was 81 years old on June 6, passed away Tuesday at Ft. Worth. Her remains were brought here for burial and funeral services were held Thursday form the residence of Henry West.

RECORD BIRTHS

Born to: Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Hawkins a girl Jan. 17, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Fulton a girl Jan. 18, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Doan a boy Jan. 29, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Stalio a boy Jan. 22.

TO 2-YEAR LOW

The coldest weather in two years struck West Texas Sunday afternoon and by Monday morning the thermometer here had dropped over 40 degrees from the high Sunday to 7 degrees at 6 a. m. Monday, where it ranged until about 9 a. m.

TO METHODIST MEETS

Rev. and Mrs. P. H. Gates and Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Church from the local Methodist Church attended the Missionary Institute of the Abilene District at Abilene Tuesday. For the Educational Day meeting at Sweetwater Friday of last week, Rev. and Mrs. Gates Mesdames A. W. Black, F. E. Church, and Clyde Sears, accompanied by A. C. Sears, represented the Merkel Church.

Calvary Baptist Enjoy Successful 23rd Anniversary

The Calvary Baptist Church had a very successful celebration all day Sunday. The church had its 23rd anniversary. It was organized January 13, 1932. Very good crowds attended the services. There were several out-of-town visitors, coming from Odessa, Abilene, Sweetwater, Coleman and other places.

Program for Living

The Bible contains instructions to teach us the basic principles necessary for abundant, positive living. Come and learn with us. Each Sunday morning — 9 to 9:40 a. m. — TEXAS THEATRE. We dismiss at 9:40 a. m. in order that you may attend the church of YOUR choice.

CEMETERY FUND

Below are those who recently donated to the Cemetery Maintenance Fund. Anyone wishing to contribute to this fund may leave contributions at the Farmers and Merchants National Bank. The donors are: S. G. Tipton \$10.00, Bob McDonald \$10.00, J. D. Ashby, Stephenville \$5.00, Nell Greene \$3.00.

This Happened in Merkel Forty Years Ago

TAKEN FROM THE 1914 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL

46 YEARS AGO

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Smith of Paris are visiting the former's uncle, Capt. J. H. Oliver. While in the city Mr. Smith is looking after the purchase of cotton for a Paris firm he is connected with.

O. A. Cordell, who has been connected with the Universal Studio here, leaves Saturday for Big Spring where he has accepted a similar position. H. F. Groene, owner, will manage the work here.

E. M. McDonald has purchased a new 25 model Buick.

W. E. Britain and Verner Sublett were business visitors in Abilene and Hamby Wednesday, making the trip on motorcycles.

B. F. Cox, who has been sick at his home in South Merkel has suffered a relapse of inflammatory rheumatism.

Mrs. F. A. Polley of Noodle visited here Friday.



# Specials

Friday & Saturday, January 21 - 22

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|----------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|---------------|
| IDAHO                            | Pound           | <b>Spuds</b>     | <b>5¢</b>     |
| TEXAS                            | Pound           | <b>ORANGES</b>   | <b>8¢</b>     |
| TALL KORN SLICED                 | Pound           | <b>BACON</b>     | <b>49¢</b>    |
| CHOICE BEEF CHUCK                | Pound           | <b>ROAST</b>     | <b>49¢</b>    |
| LIBBY'S — SLICED or HALVES       | No. 2½ CAN      | <b>PEACHES</b>   | <b>25¢</b>    |
| IRVINGTON CLUB — Vertical Packed | No. 303 CAN     | <b>Beans</b>     | <b>25¢</b>    |
| LIBBY'S WITH MEAT BALLS          | 1 LB. CAN       | <b>SPAGHETTI</b> | <b>20¢</b>    |
| SKINNER'S MACARONI or            | 7-OZ. PKG.      | <b>SPAGHETTI</b> | <b>10¢</b>    |
| TEXSUN — GRAPEFRUIT              | 46 OZ. CAN      | <b>Juice</b>     | <b>20¢</b>    |
| SHILLING                         | Pound           | <b>Coffee</b>    | <b>95¢</b>    |
| BLUE MAGIC                       | 2 REGULAR PKGS. | <b>CHEER</b>     | <b>55¢</b>    |
| SUN SPUN                         | Package         | <b>Oleo</b>      | <b>20¢</b>    |
| PINTO                            | 1 LB. PKG.      | <b>CRISCO</b>    | <b>\$1.69</b> |
|                                  |                 | <b>Beans</b>     | <b>15¢</b>    |
| <b>WEST COMPANY</b>              |                 |                  |               |

## Personals

Mrs. C. B. Rust was in Odesa over the weekend, visiting her mother, Mrs. M. Kail, who is critically ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Fox were in Lubbock over the weekend visiting their daughter, Mrs. Mitchell Walker, and family, accompanied their son J. D. and family of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee of Stanton, Texas, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Crimm, over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Walters were in Monahans Sunday visiting her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Wells.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob McDonald saw their grandbabies Sunday in Ira when they visited their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Dismuke.

Mr. and Mrs. Dug Chancey of Rockwall were Saturday visitors of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Anderson. On Sunday they all went to Anson and visited his grandmother, Mrs. Crumpler.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Maxwell and baby visited in Abilene Sunday with Mrs. Lloyd Walker of Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. K. S. Beckett of Dallas visited her mother, Mrs. J. T. Warren Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Billie Clyde Haynes and son Bill of Albuquerque, New Mexico spent the weekend with their parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Sadler and Mr. and Mrs. Comer Haynes.

Mrs. Andrew Price of Abilene visited her aunt, Mrs. Callie Price Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Toombs were weekending in San Angelo with their son Stanley and wife.

Willie Hawkins and daughter Faye of Menard visited their daughter and sister, Mrs. John Stevens, and family.

Mrs. Mabel Holder of Abilene visited Mr. and Mrs. Earl Baze Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Britton and children of Dallas are visiting his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. George Denman.

### AUTO INSPECTION

A lot of Texas car owners are apt to be mighty unhappy three months from now, said Col. Homer Garrison, Jr., director of the Texas Department of Public Safety. A review of the motor vehicle inspection figures at the half-way point in the current inspection program showed the two officials that only 1 out of every 5 autos in the State had had their annual safety check as required by law.

### NEWS

*County Home*  
*Demonstration Agent*  
*Texas A. & M. College*  
*Extension Service*

By LORETA ALLEN

I am meeting with the home demonstration clubs this month. The demonstration is on floor coverings. The two main demonstrations the women are working on this year are living room improvement and meat cookery.

One goal all the clubs have this year is to include more recreation. They plan to have some recreation at each meeting.

Visitors are always welcomed at the club meetings. Why don't you visit Union Ridge Club today?

The warm sunny days following cold ones reminds us that spring will soon be here and we want to work outside. Now is a good time to prune some trees and shrubs. There's a reason for pruning any tree or shrub and you should think before you whack.

Are long limbs dragging the house? Want to improve the shape of the tree? Or do you desire more shade?

These are things to consider before you start with the shears.

Ill limbs should be pruned flush with the parent limbs so no stubs will remain to die, decay and harm the tree. A properly made cut seldom needs paint and will heal itself.

Pruning stimulates the growth of new limbs and twigs and more leaves for shade will be the final benefit.

Take the load off of large limbs while pruning, use a support from the ground and cut the branches three or four feet from the main trunk. An undercut on the remaining stub will prevent bark splitting when it is removed from the trunk.

Mesquite, mimosa and other open growing trees will give more shade and protection if the top limbs are cut back three or four feet. This, however, does not mean dehorning.

An application of a complete fertilizer and watering right after pruning will condition the tree for spring growth.

Giving advice is easy — the difficulty is to find people with faith enough to use it.



MRS. HAROLD KIRK HENNIGER  
... the former Ella Dora Eoff of Noodle

### That's A Fact



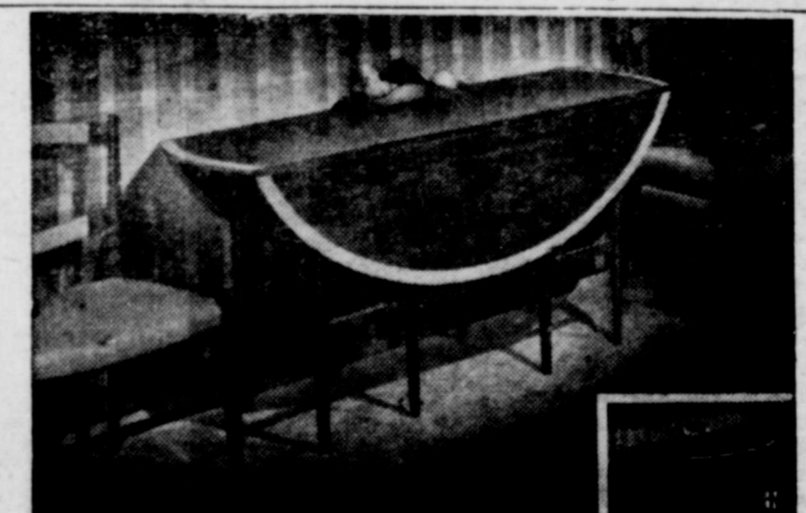
### PIECES OF EIGHT!

IN COLONIAL AMERICA SPANISH MILLED DOLLARS WERE WIDELY DISTRIBUTED. THESE DOLLARS WERE WORTH EIGHT SPANISH COINS CALLED "REALES". THEY SOON BECAME KNOWN AS "PIECES OF EIGHT", AND SINCE THE SLANG FOR "REALES" WAS "BIT", A QUARTER OF A DOLLAR BECAME "TWO BITS".

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Here's leather put to a new and interesting use. Rawhide leather is used as an edging for this walnut Circa 60 dining table. It is part of a new grouping that features leather in new and beautiful uses. (Heritage-Henredon)

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4-Way Hair Shaping

**NORMA'S BEAUTY SHOP**  
PHONE 19

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# Attend The Church of Your Choice

**Merkel First Baptist Church**  
 Sunday School ..... 9:45 a. m.  
 Morning Worship ..... 11:00 a. m.  
 Training Union ..... 6:30 p. m.  
 Evening Worship ..... 7:30 p. m.  
 Wednesday Prayer Service 7:30 p. m.  
 W. M. U. Mon. .... 9:30 a. m.

**Comper Baptist Church**  
 Sunday School ..... 10:00 a. m.  
 Morning Worship, 2nd and 4th Sunday ..... 11 a. m.  
**Merkel Grace Presbyterian Church**  
 Sunday School ..... 10:00 a. m.  
 Worship Service ..... 11 a. m.

**Men's Downtown Bible Class**  
 Sunday ..... 8:45 a. 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.

**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 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.

**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.

**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 Service ..... 7:30 p. m.

**Merkel Calvary Baptist Church**  
 Sunday School ..... 9:45 p. 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.  
 Wednesday:  
 Evening Prayer Services ..... 7:30 p. m.

**Merkel Catholic Church**  
 Sunday Mass ..... 10:30 a. m.  
**Primitive Baptist Church**  
 Meeting time first Sunday in each month ..... 11 a. m.  
 Saturday preceding ..... 8 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.

**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.

**Trent First Baptist Church**  
 Sunday:  
 Sunday School ..... 10:00 a. m.  
 Morning Worship ..... 11:00 a. m.  
 Training Union ..... 6:45 p. m.  
 Evening Services ..... 7:45 p. m.  
 Tuesday:  
 W. M. U. 2:15 p. m., Intermediate G. A.'s Jr. G. A.'s 3:45 p. m.  
 Prayer Services ..... 7:30 p. m.  
 "You are a stranger here but once."

**LIVE TO 150**  
 Scientists hope to prolong life to 150 years before too many years.

**To Relieve Misery of COLDS take 666**  
 LIQUID OR TABLETS - SAME FAST RELIEF  
**HAPPY SNAPPY**  
 LAUNDRY - HELP YOURSELF  
 We have drier. We pick up and deliver. We do wet wash and rough dry.

**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

Some scientists believe man should have a life expectancy of six or seven times his age at maturity, as do animals, and thus should live to about 150.

**TYPEWRITERS**  
**ADDING MACHINES**  
**CASH REGISTERS**  
 Sales, Rentals and Service

**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.

"The fact is that by the time you are 10 years old, you've got your full lifetime supply of neurons (nerve cells) and you won't get any more. If science could figure out a way to prevent losing what you've got, theoretically you might live forever," said Dr. Bortz.

**Cox Typewriter Exchange**  
 133 Cedar, Abilene

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

"For all these common conditions there is generous promise that medical research will discover highly effective measures for their control—or at least for the delay of blood vessel breakdown within the next 25 years; likewise for the early diagnosis and eradication of cancer and control of arthritis and rheumatism.

**WHO IS AT FAULT?**  
 OF course, since you are a careful driver, in case of an accident the "other fellow" is at fault. We feel that way, too, but if the jury disagrees it may cost you plenty. Make sure your automobile insurance is complete. If it is not, better call

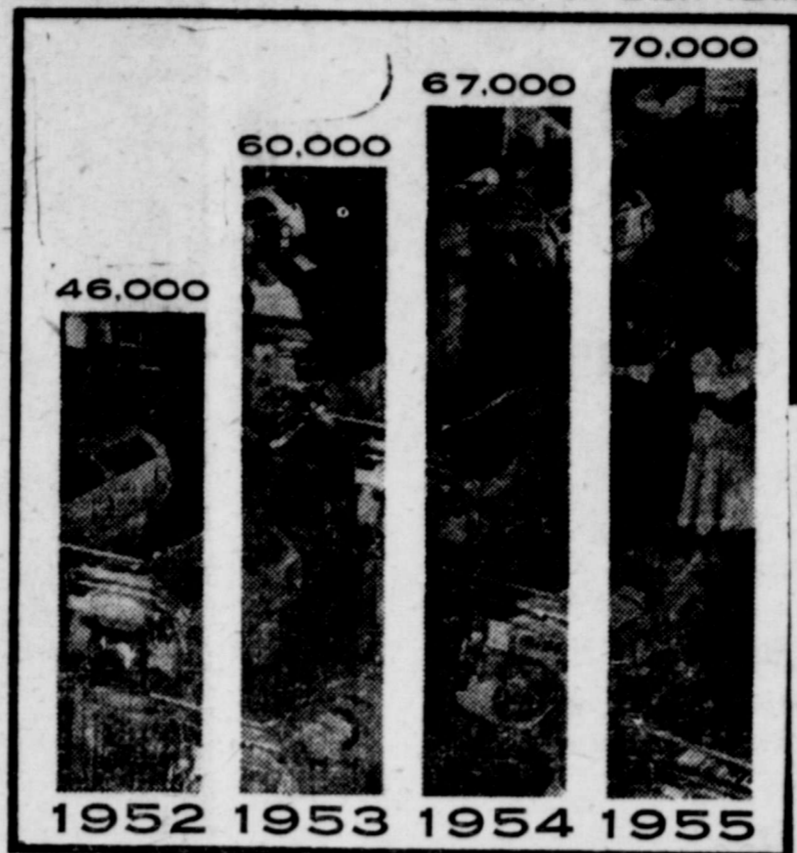
**FOR WEST TEXAS**  
 Officials of Texas A. & M. College and of Texas Technological College agreed this week to study an intensified research effort for solution of wind erosion and related problems of West Texas land.

**Boney Insurance Agency**  
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 Office, 21 -:- PHONES -:- Resident, 21

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**28 POUNDS OF FOOD FOR \$1.00**  
 One dollar from you will deliver two packages of surplus food to a needy family or individual overseas... with your name on each package. Through the cooperation of the FOA, CARE is able to begin this giant FOOD CRUSADE. Each of us can help make more friends for America by helping to distribute our surplus where it will do the most good.  
**JOIN THE FOOD CRUSADE TODAY!**  
 Send your dollars to CARE, New York or CARE, San Francisco.

# POLIO AFTERMATH

## VICTIMS NEEDING AID AT START OF EACH YEAR



### JOIN THE MARCH OF DIMES JAN. 3 TO 31

Each year sees an increased number of polio patients from previous epidemics who can be helped by long-term care paid for by the March of Dimes. As the proportion of deaths decreases, the cost of mending lives for the thousands who survive steadily increases.

## Polio Hit Hardest In Small Counties

In recent years citizens of small counties have been stricken by polio more often than their big-county cousins according to data released by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

Statistics just compiled for the five-year period 1948-52 show the average annual polio attack rate in counties with a population of under 50,000 to be 27.4 cases per 100,000 people, while the average annual rate in counties of 50,000 or larger was 24.0 cases per 100,000 population.

Final incidence figures for 1954 show the average annual attack rate for the entire United States was 22.3 cases per 100,000 population. They also show unusually high attack rates in many small counties. Here are examples of high incidence counties in the 3,500 to 38,000 population range. (Figure following the county is the number of times its attack rate exceeded the national average): Golden Valley, N. D., 13; Washington, Va., 8; Polk, Wis., 8; Avery, N. C., 8; Pope, Minn., 7; Schuyler, N. Y., 7; Del Norte, Calif., 5; and Richland, Va., 4. No one knows just why this pattern exists, the National Foundation reports. Scientists are analyzing data on case rates among different population groups, but have not come up with any answers as yet. Among "guesstimates" advanced is that improvements in sanitation among rural communities may have reduced "silent" infections in infancy, which are believed to give natural long-term immunity.

### More Utility - Same Space



This item epitomizes modern functional furniture. The room divider may be used effectively in many ways, and has as a particular feature, a desk compartment. It is part of a new grouping that has an Oriental aura about it. (Hickory Chair Company)

**Unique Room Divider**  
**Features Two-Way Storage**  
 from SMALL HOMES GUIDE  
 Here's a novel idea for storage and display space dividing dining room and kitchen. It is one of many unique space-saving features presented by Small Homes Guide in a special "space house" design. Two-way cabinets at the base of the unit make linens and dishes accessible from either dining room or kitchen. In addition, shelves provide display space for dinnerware on the dining room side and for knickknacks on the kitchen side, as well as work space.

Above is a view of the unit from the dining room. Drawings at left give details.

**SPRING REGISTRATION**  
 The University of Texas will hold spring semester registration Monday, Jan. 31, through Wednesday, Feb. 2. Wednesday will be last day registration without penalty. Classes will begin Thursday, Feb. 3, and the semester will close officially with commencement Saturday, June 4.

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
 WE, the subscribers, have this day entered into a limited partnership agreeably by the provisions of Revised Statute, Title 105, relating to limited partnership and do hereby certify that the name of the firm under which the said partnership is to be conducted is Armed Forces Guides Publications Company; that the general nature of the business to be transacted is the publishing of booklets and information relative to the Armed Forces and the same will be transacted in the City of Abilene, Texas; that the name of the general partner of the said firm is Joseph C. Meyer, County of Taylor and City of Abilene, and the special partners are Paul E. Wood of Abilene, County of Taylor, State of Texas and R. P. Spears of Abilene, County of Taylor, State of Texas; that the capital contributed by the said Paul E. Wood and R. P. Spears, special partners, is \$500.00 each in cash and materials; that the period for which said partnership is to commence is the 1st day of January, 1955, and that it will terminate on the 1st day of January A. D. 1955.

Joseph C. Meyer  
 Paul E. Wood  
 Rufus P. Spears  
 R. P. Spears, Special Partner  
 Adv. — Jan. 21, 28, Feb. 4, 11.

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION WITH CONTINUANCE**  
 Notice is hereby given that the partnership between Walter R. Balfanz, Edwin C. Balfanz and Robert L. Balfanz, under the firm name of Balfanz Construction Company, was dissolved on the 30th day of June 1954, which was confirmed by written agreement on the 23rd day of December 1954. All debts due to the said partnership are to be paid and those due from the same discharged, at 1001 Chestnut Street, in the City of Abilene, Texas, where the business will be continued by the said Walter R. Balfanz and Edwin C. Balfanz, under the firm name of Balfanz Construction Company.  
 Walter R. Balfanz  
 Edwin C. Balfanz  
 Robert L. Balfanz  
 Adv. — Dec. 31, Jan. 7, 14, 21.

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**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: Mary Sue Moody, 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 21st day of February A. D. 1955, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 17th day of May A. D. 1954, in this cause, numbered 19781-A on the docket of said court and styled Orvel Lee Moody, Plaintiff, vs. Mary Sue Moody, Defendant.  
 A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and defendant were legally married August 31, 1944, and continued to live together until on or about the 10th day of May 1954, at which time they became permanently separated. To this union were born four children, no community property was accumulated. Plaintiff sues for Divorce on grounds of harsh and cruel treatment, Plaintiff also sues for custody of children, 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 4th day of January A. D. 1955.  
 (SEAL)  
 Attest: R. H. Ross Clerk,  
 42nd District Court  
 Taylor County, Texas  
 By Irene Crawford, Deputy.  
 Adv. — Jan. 14, 21, 28, Feb. 4.

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**CONSERVATION FARMERS**—This group of Stith farmers took time out last fall to make a short tour to see what conservation farming practices were in vogue in the Jones County community. They were visiting Leonard McCoy who was busy stubble mulching his

maize land. Front row, left to right, T. W. Vantrees, J. C. Jones, J. H. F. Jones, O. F. (Josh) Cook, and Houston Robertson. Back row, left to right, C. R. Rogers, F. J. McDonald, Jr., McCoy, H. M. Kelso and Roy Kelso.

## Middle Clear Fork Soil Conservation News

Stubble mulch farming being viewed by the above group of Stith farmers has paid off in several ways this winter.

Throughout the fall months the 2,000 or more acres of good ground cover around Stith has helped among other things, in control of wind erosion.

During the December 28th snow and sleet storm these thousands of acres of stubble held snow where it fell so that this land is now much wetter than land that was clear plowed and did not hold the snow.

In a canvas of the area on Jan. 18, Bob and Hollis Hudson said that one-way plowed land only wet about 2 inches from the Dec. 28 snow, but some nearby stubble land wet down to 10 inches. J. C. Jones and H. M. Kelso had similar benefit stories.

A group of farmers gathered at the Stith gin office on Jan. 18, agreed that sweep or chisel plowing of stubble land to leave stubble land to leave stalks on the surface was a conservation practice that would be long continued around Stith.

"The first snow this winter and

the way it stayed put convinced us that stubble pays," several said.

Driving over the Stith area, one sees many fields with large acreages of stubble plowed out with sweeps or chisels and in some cases bedded out with busters. The old feed stalks are set up and anchored in such way as to break the force of the wind along the ground and at the same time there is some cover on the ground which is holding both soil and moisture.

Sam Mashburn has about 60 acres in good milo stubble that is doing an excellent job. This is his first year to sweep plow maize stalks.

J. C. Jones has 50 acres of maize stubble and he intends to stubble plow all feed land hereafter.

O. F. Cook has about 125 acres of stubble plowing this year. He has tried the practice before and found that it anchored the soil and conserved moisture.

Alvin Bird has about 50 acres of bedded stubble land for the first time and it is doing an excellent job of holding both soil and moisture.

E. F. Vantrees has about 50 acres of maize stubble on beds for the first time.

Walter Vantrees has about 60 acres of chiseled stubble land that is doing a good job. He is one of the most enthusiastic supporters of this practice.

C. R. Rogers, Jr., Roy Kelso and Leonard McCoy are three farmers who have practiced stubble mulch farming for two or three years, each having well over a hundred acres of stubble this year. They have said on several occasions that stubble mulch cover is a must in modern conservation farming, particularly in sandier soils such as they farm.

The above farmers are all cooperators in the Middle Clear Fork Soil Conservation District, Merkel area, and go to make up one of the most progressive farming zones in the entire district, having led out in stubble mulching, winter peas and guar, and blue panic grass.

**"GREATEST VIOLINIST" WILL BE SOLOIST WITH SYMPHONY**

Angel Reyes, distinguished Cuban-born violinist, will be guest soloist with the San Antonio Symphony and Conductor Victor Alessandro at the San Antonio municipal auditorium Saturday night.

Reyes, who has been described by Eugene Ormandy, Philadelphia Orchestra conductor, as "one of the greatest violinists living today," will perform the Amreican premiere of the Cuban Concerto by Paul Csonka and the Mozart G Major Concerto.

**ON MURDER JURY**  
P. W. Miller was the 12th juror chosen in the last trial of Ernest Windham, accused in the fatal shooting of John Windham.

**AT SON'S HOME**  
Mrs. Pearl Harris who broke her hip on Christmas Day and was in the hospital at Abilene is now at the home of her son in Sweetwater at 1307 Cypress Street, Box 588.

**GETS 30 DAY SENTENCE**  
Judge Reed Ingalsbe in County Court Wednesday of last week sentenced Cecilio Lujan Hernandez to 30 days in jail after he entered a plea of guilty to driving while intoxicated on Jan. 8.

## Hatfield, Vancil Pace Noodle With 20 Points Each

The Avoca Mustangs racked up their fifth straight District 17-B victory and their 28th in 29 starts over Noodle at Avoca Tuesday night, 90-67.

High for Noodle were Eulan Hatfield and Reynal Vancil with 20 each and Sonny Goode with 17.

Avoca led 26-16 at the end of the first, 50-34 at the half and 66-49 at the three-quarter mark.

Avoca won the girls game, 75-64.

**NOODLE** (Field goals, free throws, fouls, total points) Goode 5-7-4-17; Clift 2-0-2-4; Hatfield 8-4-0-20; B. Hatfield 2-0-1-4; Vancil 11-0-4-20; Totals 28-11-11-67.

**ROY L. LOCKE IS NEW BUTCHER FOR WEST COMPANY**

Roy L. Locke of Abilene is the new butcher for the West Company. Mr. Locke is a bachelor. He is an experienced butcher.

**IS IMPROVING**  
Dr. J. P. Howard, who is ill, was visited by members of his family last week. They were his sisters, Mrs. Frank Hill and Mrs. Harley Henderson of Tahoka, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Crosby of Crosbyton, a brother, Grady Howard of Graham and his sons and wives, Mr. and Mrs. Malvin Howard of Ft. Worth and Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Howard of Abilene. Dr. Howard is improving.

## Hospital Notes

Admissions to the Sadler Hospital the past week were:

As medical patients — W. M. Youngblood, Mrs. J. M. Heatley, Mrs. Martha C. Richie, Mrs. O. H. Davis, Lee Tipton, Mrs. Frank Carr, Jerry Miller, Pamela Modlin (baby), Mrs. F. Y. Gaither, Jackie Brown, Tom Bailey, Mrs. Ted McAninch.

For surgery — Mrs. A. J. Armstrong, Helen Conley, Kenneth Wayne Marshall, and for tonsillectomy: Darlene and Dennit Thompson and Ronnie Hagar.

**MRS. T. L. GRIMES' GRANDMOTHER DIES AT AGE OF 105 YEARS**

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Grimes left Thursday of last week for Nevada to attend the funeral services of Mrs. Grimes' grandmother, Mrs. J. E. Davis, who was 105½ years old. Mr. and Mrs. Grimes will also visit their daughter, Mrs. B. T. Musser, and Mr. Musser in Arlington.

**MRS. DEWEY HUTCHINS, MRS. MARY JO CLARK MOVE TO DALLAS**

Mrs. Dewey Hutchins, daughter, Mrs. Mary Jo Clark, and children, Linda and Vicki, are moving to Odessa. They left here Thursday morning.

**WOODY ON JURY**

Woody Wilson served on the jury this week that made history. He was a member of the jury that had the first Negro woman and first white woman in Taylor County history on the 42nd District Court Jury.

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## Teacher Training Course To Be Led by C. A. Farley

Next Tuesday night Principal C. A. Farley will start conducting a teacher training course at the Northside Church of Christ in Abilene. He will teach the course, using colored filmstrips, each third Tuesday night of the month for the next five months.

Mr. Farley recently helped with a training course at the Fourth and Elm St. Church of Christ in Sweetwater.

**LIKES SHOPPING HERE**  
The following note was received by The Merkel Mail: "I would like to get your paper each week and would like to know what it would cost me by mail. We are new here and enjoy shopping in Merkel. Mrs. J. D. Manning, Box 47, Trent."

**NO IMPROVEMENT**  
Mr. and Mrs. Tye Sublet visited Mrs. Len Sublett Kellam last Saturday. Mrs. Kellam had been moved to 1912 — 25th St., Lubbock, but her condition was about as before.

**HATE TO MISS COPY**  
Mrs. O. D. Blair sent in her renewal to The Merkel Mail and added, "I enjoy the paper very much and would hate to miss a copy."

**HAS MAJOR SURGERY**  
A. C. Braune had major surgery at the Sadler Hospital January 13.

**HAS APPENDECTOMY**  
Robert Newton had an appendectomy at the Sadler Hospital January 15.

"Dad," asked the small boy, "Why is a man not allowed to have more than one wife?"  
"My son," replied the father, "when you are older, you will realize that the law protects those incapable of protecting themselves."

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BEN GREEN MARRIES BEVERLY CAROL BOYD

Benjamin Howard Green and Miss Beverly Carol Boyd were married recently in El Paso by Dr. Herschel Ford, pastor of the First Baptist Church there, in the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Boyd.

The bride-groom is the son of Mrs. B. H. Green of Eastland and is director of music at the local First Baptist Church.

The bride wore an original white velvet gown. Of white velvetina le th skirt and with seed pearl trim at the bateau neck-line. Her fingertip veil was caught to a tiara of seed pearls, and she carried American Beauty roses on a white Bible belonging to the bridegroom's grandfather, the Rev. Asa Hoskins of Plainfield, Wis.

The couple are making their home in Abilene where the bride is a junior student at Hardin-Simmons University and the bridegroom is a teacher in Abilene High School.

BRIDAL SHOWER GIVEN FOR MR. AND MRS. BEN GREEN Mr. and Mrs. Ben Green were honored with a bridal shower, church-wide, by the First Baptist Church Choir Wednesday night of last week. Mr. Green is choir leader of the church.

MR. AND MRS. JULIUS SMITH HAVE FAMILY REUNION Mr. and Mrs. Julius Smith of Ft. Worth, formerly of Merkel, had a family reunion and big dinner served buffet style Jan. 1. They had all their children at home. There were 41 present for the occasion.

T. E. L. CLASS MEETS AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH The T. E. L. Class of the First Baptist church met with Fred Baker and Mrs. A. R. Booth as co-hostesses Wednesday of last week. The business meeting was presided over by the president, Mrs. Earl Lassiter.

Opening prayer was by Mrs. W. E. King, devotional by Mrs. A. R. Booth, secretary-treasurer's report by Miss Selina Teaff. A delicious covered dish dinner was served to the following members: Mesdames A. R. Booth, Lige Harris, Hugh Campbell, Pick Allen, E. O. Carson, W. A. McCandless, Homer Shanks, Dollie Jones, E. W. King, Earl Lassiter, E. H. Thompson, Fred Baker and Miss Selina Teaff.

STITH H. D. CLUB SELECT SECRET PALS AT MEETING

The Stith Home Demonstration Club met in the home of Mrs. Johnny Eakin Wednesday, January 12, for its regular meeting. New officers were installed. Roll call was answered with the question, "Have You Paid Your Poll Tax?" Minutes were approved.

The hostess gift was won by Mrs. Chester Fikes. Club voted to buy song books for the group. Secret pals were drawn. Fourteen members and seven children were present.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. Orval Ely on January 27 when a demonstration on baby shoe bronzing will be held, also "How to Select and Care for Your Range."

UNION RIDGE H. D. CLUB MEETS WITH MRS. W. C. LEE

The Union Ridge Home Demonstration Club met in the home of Mrs. W. C. Lee Jan. 7 for the first meeting of the New Year. Miss Mabel McRee, the new president, presided.

Prayer was by the group. Roll call was answered with "A Favorite Winter Dessert." Minutes were approved. Committees appointed: Mrs. M. L. Douglas and Mrs. J. H. Clark flowers; Mrs. Beauford Buntin, Mrs. M. L. Douglas and Mrs. J. H. Clark, program.

The president gave a talk on health. Demonstration on putting out a pot plant was given. The club rules were read. Two dollars were voted for the March of Dimes.

Delicious refreshments were served to one visitor, seven members and two children. The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. O. E. Harwell Jan. 21 at 2 p. m. Miss Loreta Allen, agent, will be present.

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION OBSERVES FOCUS WEEK

The Women's Missionary Union of the First Baptist Church is observing Focus Week, celebrating their 75th year of organization in Texas.

The week has a special event each day, celebrating the diamond jubilee anniversary.

The highlight of the week was guest speaker, Mrs. Jim Carter, of Longview. She spoke on Alaska, showing picturesque slides. Mrs. Carter, formerly of Merkel, lived in Alaska during Dr. Carter's term of service there in the Army.

Guests were served cocoanut ice cream balls, cookies, spiced tea and eskimo pies. Present were 67 young people of the Junior Organization of the church. They were served by Mrs. Sam Swann, Mrs. Coleman O'Brien, Mrs. C. S. Carey and the Y. W. A. girls.

Guests were greeted by Mrs. Bill Largent, Mrs. Ted McAninch and Mrs. Carter who was dressed in Alaskan attire.

There were about 150 guests attending.

COMPERE H. D. CLUB MEETS WITH MRS. AB HUNTER, JR.

The Compere Home Demonstration Club met January 13 in the home of Mrs. Ab Hunter, Jr., for the first meeting of the new year. The chairman, Mrs. Kelso, presided. Mrs. Vernon Stanley led the group in singing "Home on the Range." The club prayer was given in unison.

Roll call was answered with "Have You Paid Your Poll Tax?" Mrs. Vernon Stanley read the minutes and gave the finance report. The new yearbooks were passed out and members filled out each book with the date, place of meeting and program for the year.

The committee appointed were: Program, Mrs. Jess Foy; membership, Mrs. W. D. Ramsey; 3-E, Mrs. Childers and Mrs. Bockman; 4-H, Mrs. J. E. Touchstone; recreation and marketing, Mrs. Vernon Stanley; civil defense and yearbook, Mrs. Kelso; finance, Mrs. J. E. Touchstone and Mrs. Ramsey.

The food leaders are Mrs. I. B. Ray and Mrs. Ab Hunter, Jr.; kitchen leaders, Mrs. Betty Chaney and Mrs. Vernon Stanley.

There will be an auction sale Feb. 24 when the club meets with Mrs. Touchstone to raise money for the club. Names were drawn for secret pals to be revealed June 23. The hostess gift went to Mrs. Ray.

The hostess served refreshments to one visitor, Mrs. W. S. Allred and members, Mesdames Ray Kelso, Stanley, Ramsey, Touchstone, Hunter and two children. Mrs. Stanley directed a game "describing the minister's cat."

The next meeting will be with Mrs. W. D. Ramsey on January 27. The program will be "Selection, Use and Care of the Kitchen Range" by the kitchen leaders. Each member is urged to make her donation to the polio fund at this meeting.

WHEAT PASTURE POISONING

Research workers at the Pan-Tech Field Laboratory have just released their latest findings on wheat pasture poisoning. The complete report is available from the Agricultural Information Office, College Station, Texas. Ask for Progress Report 1739, "Wheat Pasture Poisoning in Cattle." - A. & M.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our appreciation and thanks to the many friends who helped to make the loss of our dear mother easier to bear. We thank each of you for the food, the lovely floral selections, and the many kind words and expressions of love. God bless you. The J. F. Cox family.

CARD OF THANKS

Words cannot express my thanks and appreciation to the many friends who visited me while in the hospital. I want to thank everyone who sent flowers and cards. Thanks to the doctors and hospital force. May God bless each of you. Mrs. J. Ben Campbell

Names are Wanted Of Boys and Girls To Be 1st Graders

The names of boys and girls who will be first graders in the Merkel Public Schools this coming September are urgently needed by census enumerator Principal C. A. Farley.

Especially desired are the names of beginners who do not now have brothers or sisters in school.

"We need these names on our census rolls in order to make plans for the coming year," said Principal Farley.

personals

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gruben of Rotan were visitors Tuesday of their daughter, Mrs. Kenneth Pursler and family.

Mrs. Jackson Parker of Odessa visited this week with her sisters, Mrs. Dewey Hutchins and Mrs. Harry Riney.

DR. E. BRADY COX ATTENDS FUNERAL OF HIS UNCLE

Dr. and Mrs. E. Brady Cox attended the funeral of his uncle, H. G. Cox, 63 in Fort Worth Saturday. H. G. Cox resided in Fort Worth and was the brother of E. B. Cox, father of Dr. Cox.

OIL NEWS

Completion of an oil discovery from the Upper Canyon sand in Jones County nine miles north of Trent has been reported by E. L. Wilson of Dallas.

Plugged at 4,920 feet was West Central Drilling Co., et al. of Abilene No. 1 Nannie Mae Boyd, wildcat three miles northeast of Noodle in M. Fragos Survey 267.

Location for a proposed 6,00-foot rotary test well has been staked one-half mile west of Tye. The Taylor County venture is Roark, Hooker, Chizum & Perni of Abilene and Fort Worth No. 1 Reese Estate.

Dunigan Brothers and Branahay of Abilene completed No. 4 A. W. Hunter as a new regular field producer six miles southeast of Merkel in Section 14, W. R. Willis League 122.

Grisham - Hunter Corp., of Abilene completed its No. 2 C. A. Cox as a producer in the Truby-Strawn Field 10 miles north of Merkel in Section 7, Block 17, T&P Survey.

Livestock Report

By TED GOULDY

Well finished beef sold higher at Fort Worth Monday, with most steers and steers yearlings strong to 50 cents higher and fed heifers mostly 50 cents higher. Some fed heifers at \$23 were mates to heifers sold late last week at \$22.50. Shortfed cattle sold about steady.

Cows were mostly steady, and bulls drew steady to 50 cents lower prices. Calf trade was generally steady kinds and quality considered, although some creepfed heavyweights sold to better advantage than late last week to top at \$20.

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CLASSIFIED AD SECTION

NOTICE MASONS Stated meeting of Merkel Lodge No. 710, A. F. & A. Saturday, February 5 at 7:30 p. m. All members are urged to attend. Visiting brethren cordially invited. D. R. Butler, W. M. Truett Thompson, Sec'y.

NOTICE Stated meeting of Merkel Chapter No. 212, O.E.S., Tues., Jan. 25, 7:30 p. m. Honor past Matrons and Patrons night. Fern Windham, Sec'y. Una Mae Hays, W. M.

WANTED WANTED - Farm or ranch work by experienced man. Formerly lived here and wants to return. Elmer Britton, 5030 Bronx, Dallas. 3144p.

WANTED - I will do sewing and alterations in my home at Noodle. Mrs. Waldo Cox, Route 2, 3144p.

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FOR RENT - 5-room house and bath, unfurnished, near school. See E. J. Orsborn, Route 4, or Andy Shouse. 3143p.

FOR RENT - 3-room garage apartment, unfurnished. Also 2 room apartment, older person preferred. Several good buys in nice homes. Dowdy & Toombs.

FOR RENT - 3-room furnished south apartment, private entrance. 408 Manchester, Telephone 125W. Mrs. J. C. Comegys. tf30c.

FOR RENT - Duplex apartment, modern, 4 rooms and bath, unfurnished. See Ray Wilson. tf34c.

FOR SALE FOR SALE - Several used refrigerators and home freezers. Palmer Motor Co. tf45c.

FOR SALE - Farmall Tractor-M with new tires, 4 row Tool Bar, 3 row Cultivator, 1933 Chevrolet Bel Air, radio, heater, white tires, low mileage. Priced right. Hollis McCoy, Rt. 4 2 145p.

FOR SALE - 4-room house, good condition. Bargain \$1,000. See Mrs. J. E. McDaniels at Po Po Cafe or at 208 Orange St. 3145p.

FOR SALE - Good 4-room house and bath to be moved. Bath fixtures are new. Robert James, Rt. 3, Merkel. 3145p.

FOR SALE - 3-bedroom home, modern. Garage, servant house, 4 lots, good well of water, cistern. See Calvin Peterson. tf45c.

THIS HEN SHOULD CACKLE

An unidentified White Rock hen in the Texas Tech poultry yard laid a five and one-half ounce egg, believed to be a world record. It is the equivalent in weight to two "large" and one "medium-sized" egg as might be purchased at any grocery store. Circumference of the egg's long axis was nine and one-half inches; short axis, seven and one-quarter inches.

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Audrey is sent to Paris to learn cooking. She returns from France transformed into a drenchingly-

beautiful young lady but still carrying the unrequited torch for Holden.

**GOVERNOR ON HEART DRIVE**

Gov. Allan Shivers again this year will serve as honorary chairman of the annual February Heart Fund Campaign of the Texas Heart Association and Attorney General John Ben Shepperd again will serve as co-chairman.

The Governor and the Attorney General join with Dr. William R. White, president of Baylor University, active campaign chairman, in soliciting the support of all Texans for the voluntary HEART FUND drive.

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**FIRST WOMEN SERVE** — Four women set a precedent serving on a grand jury in Taylor County. Seated from left are Mrs. Stanley Smith of Abilene and Mrs. C. A. Fomby of Ovalo. Standing from left are Mrs. Horace Boney of Merkel and Mrs. W. D. Fagan of Abilene.

**How Much Love Has a Woman for A Man Is Revealed**



By VERN SANFORD  
Texas Press Association

Cigarettes and gasoline are to be the prime targets of the 54th Legislature.

In his message to the Legislature, at a joint Senate and House Session, Gov. Allan Shivers put his finger on those two items as the answers to Texas' financial problem.

He suggested a two cent per gallon boost in gasoline taxes and a one cent per pack increase in the cigarette tax.

The former would add \$45 million to the highway fund and \$14.5 million to the school fund. The latter would bring in an additional \$16.5 million to the general fund.

Gasoline now carries a state tax of 4c per gallon. Cigarettes are taxed 4c per pack.

Also recommended by the governor was an increase to \$50 in the tuition charge made by state colleges to Texas students. Present fee is \$25, for Texas residents. The \$150 charge assessed out-of-state students would not be changed.

Gov. Shivers also asked for better water laws, insurance laws, crime and juvenile delinquency measures, and congressional and judicial redistricting.

**Opposes Increase**

First signs of opposition to increased taxation have come from Rep. Waggoner Carr of Lubbock.

Carr, who may be voicing the opinion of other conservative legislators, says that much of the needed money could come from trimming present state expenses.

**General Fund Low**

State Comptroller Robert S. Calvert estimates the state's general fund, now slightly more than \$9 million may hit bottom temporarily in February, and put the state on a general fund deficit for a short time.

If the state goes in the red, it will be the first time in 12 years.

Calvert estimates that there will be only \$10,344,000 in the fund by the close of the fiscal year, September 1.

**Women Jurors**

A new law providing for women jurors will be presented the Legislature by Rep. DeWitt Hale of Corpus Christi.

Hale would eliminate the qualification that a juror must be a county householder or state freeholder. He will also ask for exemptions for nurses, expectant mothers, and others of young children.

**Fair Trade Bill**

A "disguised" fair trade bill may be introduced in the Legislature, says a former House member.

It will be masked as a curb to "discount houses" but will basically be a measure to keep merchants from cutting manufacturers' prices.

No state fair-trade bill has ever been enacted in Texas. Unfair competition is barred by Texas' anti-trust law.

**TO CONTROL PARASITES**

External and internal parasites claim one farm animal out of each 20 and cost livestock producers about one billion dollars annually. Much of this loss could be stopped if producers would follow recommended parasite control practices. —A. & M.

carried for a man was the one she carried for Napoleon.

Desiree, portrayed on the screen by vivacious Jean Simmons, distinguishes herself at he start by being jilted at the sensitive age of sixteen by the dashing and ambitious young Napoleon.

**FARM POPULATION LOWER**

Texas' farm population is now lower than at anytime since the 1870's. Only 13.7 percent of the state's total population now resides on farms and ranches. The number of farms has dropped in the last four years from 332,000 in 1950 to 281,000. These are findings of a recent study made by the USDA and Texas A. & M. College System personnel. — A. & M.

Don't depend on luck unless you are willing to work hard to bring it your way.



**Raisin-Pecan Timbales With Hot Lemon Sauce**

You'll want to show off these dessert timbales because they look so clever with the bits of toasted pecans and plump raisins in beautiful color contrast to the snowy white timbales. The lemon sauce is easy to make and oh, so pretty, served hot over the Raisin-Pecan Timbales.

Minute Steaks  
Buttered Carrots  
Lima Beans  
Biscuits

**RAISIN-PECAN TIMBALES WITH HOT LEMON SAUCE**

**Ingredients for Timbales:**

- 2 cups water
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup uncooked white rice
- 1/2 cup beet or cane sugar
- 1/2 cup cooked raisins
- 1/2 cup coarsely chopped toasted pecans
- 1/2 pt. (1 cup) chilled whipping cream
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla

**Ingredients for Lemon Sauce:**

- 1 cup beet or cane sugar
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 1/2 cups boiling water
- 3 tablespoons lemon juice
- 2 teaspoons grated lemon rind

**METHOD FOR MAKING TIMBALES:** Put the water, salt and rice into a 2-quart saucepan and bring to a vigorous boil. Turn the heat as low as possible.

Cover and leave over this low heat for 14 minutes. Turn the heat off. Leave lid on for 10 minutes. Stir the sugar into the hot rice. Chill the rice. Fold in the raisins and the pecans. It is important that the pecans are toasted. Do this by placing the pecans on a greased shallow pan in a 350° oven for 10 minutes, or until browned. Whip the cream and stir in the vanilla. Fold the whipped cream into the chilled rice mixture.

Use a wet custard cup for molding the timbales. Press the rice into the custard cup and then unmold by running a knife around the edge of the custard cup and shaking out the timbales. Cover and store in the refrigerator until time to serve. To serve, garnish the top of each timbale with a toasted pecan and serve with the hot lemon sauce.

This recipe makes 6 timbales if a custard cup holding 2/3 of a cup is used for molding.

**METHOD FOR MAKING THE LEMON SAUCE:** Mix together the sugar, cornstarch and salt in a saucepan. Slowly stir in the boiling water. Cook over a medium heat stirring constantly, until clear and thick. Stir in the lemon juice and lemon rind. If desired, color with yellow food coloring. Serve hot over the Raisin-Pecan Timbales.

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EDITORIALS

BANK PROGRESS

The stability of a community is reflected in the bank that serves it. Merkel is very fortunate in having an institution like the Farmers and Merchants National Bank. At the annual meeting the shareholders approved a capital stock increase from \$75,000 to \$100,000 by the declaration of a stock dividend of \$25,000. Also, at the same time surplus was increased from \$75,000 to \$100,000 by transfer of \$25,000 from the undivided profits account.

The growth of the town is reflected in the growth of the bank.

MARCH OF DIMES

The March of Dimes is now on. It will continue throughout this month. A full program of activities have been planned to make the drive successful.

Principal C. A. Farley, who is chairman of the drive here, reported that the balloon sale was highly successful. More events were to follow.

The trial vaccine developed by Dr. Jonas E. Salk was given last spring to 440,000 children. Now an evaluation of its effectiveness in preventing polio paralysis is being made at the University of Michigan. Health records of 1,280,000 children in the first three grades of 14,000 schools in the 217 trial areas are being studied.

Even if the vaccine is effective, polio still will strike in the years just ahead. It takes time for a preventive to become widely used. We must expect tens of thousands of men, women and children to be stricken and to need March of Dimes aid. That help must be available to them.

Principal Farley is doing a splendid job in directing the work of the drive. It is up to all of us to get behind him and make the campaign a success.

CALVARY BAPTIST

The Calvary Baptist Church observed its 23rd anniversary Sunday with an all-day service.

It was back on Jan. 13, 1932, that the church was organized. It met in a building about where Carsons Grocery is now located. It was called The Fundamentalist Church. There were 20 charter members.

Rev. Ernest Dowell was the first pastor. Rev. George H. Epperson is the present pastor.

We join with everyone else in congratulating the church on the observing of its anniversary and wish it many more to come, en-

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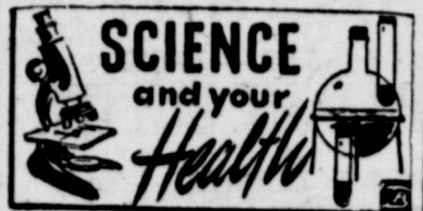
Coming home from the Arizona Livestock Show in Phoenix, Ariz., they brought back with them nine prizes. This is no new achievement for them but the competition was extremely keen, one of the strongest Hereford shows they have ever exhibited at.

There is one thing to remember: when one gets on top one has to keep in top shape to stay there. Heartiest congratulations to W. J. Largent and Son.

"WHITE-ICISM"

That's ALL — and the Sage of Figfield adds that the March of Dimes is a March to Health.

It's mighty hard to convince people who have more money than they need that they don't need more than they have.



TAKING IT EASY

Relaxation in a true sense means doing absolutely nothing. This should be the easiest thing in the world, but psychologists claim that our modern hectic way of living makes relaxation very difficult.

Many people know of the need and spend evenings at home under the impression that they are relaxing. But actually they aren't, as the mind, nerves and muscles remain in constant action through thought and tension. Tension is the contraction of a muscle motivated by a nerve.

Relaxation is really the art of dropping tension.

A series of tests, conducted by Dr. Edmund Jacobson of the University of Chicago, showed that the mind can make muscles work through thoughts alone. By connecting electrical instruments to the muscles of patients who were lying down with their eyes closed, he was able to measure the activity. If told to imagine they were lifting a weight, the muscles of the patient became tense with effort. In the same manner, hate, worry and other thoughts cause activity, and spoil relaxation.

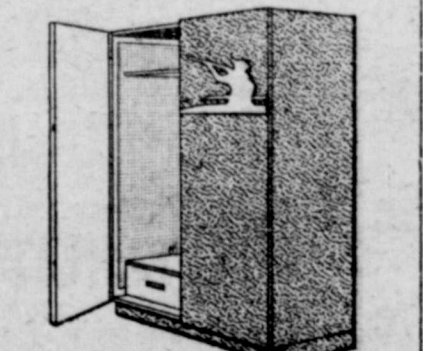
Tense people generally do more work than they have to. They are exhausted at the end of a day, not by their regular chores, but by the energy used in wasted actions. Actually the key to relaxation is economy; don't waste power, movement or thoughts.



'Sportsrobe' for Sportsman

FOR the sportsman, a cabinet designed for guns, fishing rods and other paraphernalia is a necessity. The one shown can be made by the amateur craftsman using ordinary tools.

Commodious and well-designed, the "sportsrobe" has ample room for not only guns and fishing rods but for outdoor clothing, golf clubs



and even a youngster's baseball equipment. There is a drawer space at the bottom (22 by 44 inches) for the storage of tackle boxes, horse-shoes, a croquet set and other items.

There are shelves that pull out, shelves on the door, and two hat shelves. The back and inside lining of the sides is Masonite "Peg-Board" paneling, with hundreds of perforations into which fit metal fasteners. On these, the sportsman suspends a variety of items he wants to store. The perforations provide excellent ventilation, too.

Materials for this good-looking "sportsrobe" are available at lumber yards. The exterior of the cabinet is Masonite Leatherwood, a rich-looking, rugged hardboard that looks like Spanish-grain leather—very masculine.

A free plan giving easy directions for making the sportsrobe may be obtained by writing Home Service Bureau, Suite 2039, 111 West Washington St., Chicago 2, Illinois, and requesting Project No. AE-280.

Washington



Last week's column promised to set forth some of the principal issues likely to be up for consideration in the 84th Congress.

TAXES — The President recommends that the 52% corporate tax be continued and that certain excise taxes due to expire April 1st be continued at present levels.

LABOR — The Administration wants to increase the minimum wage from 75 to 90 cents per hour; with some changes in the Taft-Hartley Law.

DEFENSE — This covers a multitude of problems. The President recommends the continuation of a high defense production.

FOREIGN TRADE — He recommends the continuation of the Reciprocal Trade Agreements for three years.

A Special Message on January 27th will outline his 10-year plan for highway improvement. It is understood that he will propose a total spending program by Federal State, and local governments at about 100 billion dollars over a 10-year period.

AGRICULTURE — The President recommends the continuation of the flexible farm price supports. He wants legislation to strengthen disaster assistance programs and to assist low-income farm families.

The President says Congress should authorize another 35,000 public housing units for 1956.

POSTAL RATES — He asked for postal workers, coupled with higher postal rates on the first three classes of mail.

HEALTH - WELFARE — The President re-proposes his 1954 Health Reinsurance Plan.

ARMED SERVICES — The authority to draft men for two years expires on July 1, and the President has asked that his authority be renewed in this connection.

NATIONAL DEFENSE — The President said the 1956 Defense Budget will emphasize air power and new highly destructive weapons; accelerated continental defense and build-up of a ready reserve force; a vigorous program of stockpiling; improvement and expansion of nuclear weapon supplies.

Opinions from the people whom I represent regarding these issues or on any other which may arise, will always be welcome and respected.

Jack: "They say brunettes have sweeter dispositions than blondes."

Jim: "Well, my wife's been both and I can't see any difference."



The Ranch Girls invitational barrel race will be a new feature of the rodeo of the Southwestern Exposition and a Ft Stock Show in Ft. Worth, Jan. 28 through Feb. 6.

Advertisement for Maytag Dutch Oven Gas Range. Features: BEAUTIFUL! Dutch Oven Efficiency! 3 times as much INSULATION — by actual weight — as any ordinary oven. Keeps heat in!

Advertisement for Two-Color Finish dresser. Features: New from top to bottom is this Caribbean Modern dresser made of ash wood. The colors are prado pink, and charcoal. An interesting texture is added by the use of weld-text wood on the drawers.

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Advertisement for a new garden family hit movie. Features: PLUS A New Garden Family Hit Also, "What's NEW for 1955" "Oddities in Farming" "Power Steering Takes Over," and Added Short Subjects

Advertisement for John Deere Day. Features: The "Day of the Year" for the Man of the Soil and His Entire Family JOHN DEERE DAY Saturday, January 29 Program starts at 10 a.m. MILLER IMPLEMENT CO.



### Bus Station Cafe Is Opened Now By Bill Pikes

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Pike of Lamesa, New Mexico have opened up the cafe at the Greyhound Bus Station. They will be open from 5 a. m. to 9:30 p. m., serving breakfast, dinner, supper and short orders.

Mr. and Mrs. Pike have a 4 year old daughter Billie Jean. They have had many years of experience in the cafe business. Mr. Pike served overseas in the Pacific during World War II and the Korean War.

Mrs. Pike and Mrs. Jack Hendricks are sisters.

### Janie Owen Shoots 32 of 35 Points For Merkel Girls

The Munday girls team last Friday night won from the Merkel girls 76 to 35 in the local gymnasium.

Janie Owen made 32 of the 35 points. The other girls taking part in the game were: Gwen Hagar, Imogene Dye, Darlene Horton, Mary Harris, Mary Robbins, Linda Sue McLean, Lois Campbell and Marilyn Kelso.

Miss Thelma Fry is coach.

### How Insured Are Helped Is Heard By Local Men

Horace Boney and Leon Walker attended the Hartford Fire Insurance Company School in Abilene last Friday.

The new physical loss form was the topic of discussion, showing how it helps the insured. About 48 agents of West Texas were present.

### JERRY MILLER AND JERRY RUSSELL AT F. F. A. BANQUET

Jerry Miller, president and Jerry Russell, vice president of the Merkel F. F. A. Chapter, attended the banquet at which the queen of the district was chosen. They were accompanied by Barbara Reece, sweetheart of the Merkel chapter.

### HOW TO LAND INDUSTRIAL PAYROLLS TO BE DISCUSSED

The annual West Texas Industrial Development Conference will be held in Abilene on January 27. E. L. Buelow of San Angelo, chairman of the industrial committee of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, sponsor of the conference, said that this year's program will be presented by experts.

"The purpose of the conference is to help leaders throughout our 132-county region get more industrial payrolls for their towns," Mr. Buelow said.

Of particular interest, according to Mr. Buelow, will be the "case histories" period on the program which will present industrial representatives of several railroads, utility companies, and chambers of commerce in a round-table session of swapping personal experiences in landing manufacturing payrolls.

The program, to begin at 9:30 a. m. in the Wooten Hotel.

### CAROLYN WINDHAM ELECTED PRESIDENT OF 6TH GRADE CLASS

Mrs. Mack Fisher's sixth grade class met last Friday morning and elected the following officers to serve during the second semester:

President, Carolyn Windham; first vice president, Betty Watson; second vice president, Patricia Mattingley; secretary, Fernin Hernandez; treasurer, Bennie Perry; reporter, Lester Dorton, Jr.; student council representative, Ruth Corder; assistant student council representative, Fernin Hernandez.

### ALBERT CHANCEY ATTENDS SCHOOL OF ADVANCED SERVICE

Albert Chancey all last week attended the General Motors Training Center at Garland to learn advanced automotive service techniques which he will use in his work at the Badger Chevrolet Co.

Jack Miller, head of the company, said he sent Mr. Chancey to the Garland center to give his customers the benefit of improved service techniques taught there.

### BOBBY DuBOSE DISCHARGED FROM AIR FORCE ON JANUARY 5

Bobby DuBose was discharged from the Air Force Jan. 5. Mr. and Mrs. DuBose are now visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Wade and Mr. and Mrs. D. B. DuBose.

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