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IN THE FRIENDLY TOWN

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# MORE RAINS, MORE BARGAINS

# David Gamble Elected President Of Merkel C of C

ident of the permanent Merkel elected and officers were later Chamber of Commerce Monday named by the directors themnight at the Community Center. Horace Boney was made vice termined by lot. president and Herman Carson

nine directors who were elected work of organizing the Merkel by the entire membership. The Chamber of Commerce. Also a directors are for one-year and

three-year terms. They are: One-year-Dr. W. T. Sadler, Dr. Don Warren, Dr. E. Grady Cox; Two-year-Herman Carson, Booth ganization. Warren, David Gamble:

Three-year-Horace Boney, Earl Hughes, Lester Dorton.

Out of a membership of 72 there were 51 present at the per- GRANVILLE BRAGG manent organization meeting. IN MEN'S DEPARTMENT Temporary Chairman David Gamble opened the meeting and told what had been done.

ed per month, enough money to of Texas at Austin. assure a permanent basis," stated Mr. Gamble.

The group adopted a charter and by-laws. Eighteen names were placed in nomination for direc-

David Gamble was elected pres-, tors. Out of this group nine were selves. Year-term terms were de-

A vote of appreciation was extended to Anna Marie Hewitt for This election was held by the her untiring efforts in the detail vote of thanks was given to the temporary officers for their splendid and determined efforts in bringing about a permanent or-

The judges in the election of directors were Isadore Mellinger, Tommy Odum, H. R. McKeever, Clyde Bartlett and Ernest Joyce.

Granville Bragg, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bragg, is now in the men's department of Bragg's "We have already \$501 subscrib- Granville attended the University

#### TO SING AT PIONEER

There will be singing at he Pioneer Church Sunday at 2 p. m. Everyone is invited.

# Merkel 20 Years Ago

TAKEN FROM THE 1934 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL

SEASON TO CLOSE

cal court opened with a thriller with Ovalo and a concert by the Cowboy Band. The season will close on Feb. 22 with another thriller and a band concert. The game is tentatively scheduled to be Merkel versus Blackwell.

HAS 28TH BIRTHDAY

On Thursday, Feb. 7, Merkel Grove No. 563 celebrated its 28th birthday, which also marked the 40th anniversary of the organization of the Woodmen Circle. Dr. M. Armstrong, Mrs. Pearl Hollingsworth and Mrs. Lila Rea, the remaining charter members, were honored guests for the afternoon.

RAINS 21/2 INCHES! The rainfall for the past eight

days measured 21/2 inches, all of POSTPONE PLAY which soaked into the ground to produce a plenteous winter seawas 3 inches, making the year's Blair School auditorium on Feb. total 27's inches.

W. D. SWANN DIES

News was learned here Friday of last week of the death of W. D. Swann, who for many years made his home here for part of each year, having large farm and oil interests in this section.

TO HOLD TOURNEY

Merkel's new gym will be the setting this weekend for the Tay-Briggs Irvin, coach of Merkel High | er County.

and director of athletics for the The basketball season on the lo- Interscholastic League in this county. /

> DIAGNOSE DISEASE The disease which has invaded

> several related families of Jones and Taylor Counties, bringing death to three and rendering at least three others critically ill. has been established as typhoid fever.

TAYLOR COUNTY SINGERS Taylor County Singers will meet

in called session at Salt Branch. Wade Willis, president, and Buster Horton, secretary, invite all singers and others interested in gospel music to attend. The program will begin at 2 p. m.

The three-act drama that was to have been presented by the 6th, soning. January rainfall figure 7th, 8th and 9th grades at the 12, was postponed until Feb. 19, on account of the unseasonable weather that has prevailed the past week.

RECORD BIRTHS

Born to: Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Barnes a girl on Feb. 8, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. McClain a girl Feb. 9, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Burnett a boy Feb. 12.

NAME COUNTY AGENT

lor County rural school basketball | Effective Friday Taylor County championship. Schedule of games will have a new farm agent, Lenox was announced Wednesday by Pharr, who comes here from Fish-

#### This Happened in Merkel Forty Years Ago TAKEN FROM THE 1914 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL

Ross Jennings of El Paso, who | ter, Mrs. Harry Harris. has been sick in Abilene for several weeks, came here Monday to visit his mother, Mrs. J. W. Jen-

Abilene Saturday.

at Sour Lake for several months, D. Gaither press reporter. returned home Sunday for a short visit with his mother, Mrs. Alice Touchstone,

Mrs. S. S. Harris of Ft. Stock- M. Rainbolt. ton who has been visiting her niece, Mrs. Jno. D. Gaither, has A social hop was enjoyed at the gone to Abilene to visit her daugh- hall Friday night.

A Men's Bible Class was organized at the Presbyterian Church last Sunday with 44 charter members. R. L. Bland was Mrs. A. C. Rose and little daugh- elected president, G. L. Jones vice ter, Ona Fae, visited friends in president, Raymond Touchstone secretary, R. O. Anderson treasurer, Rev. Bullock teacher, Henry Virgil Touchstone, who has been West assistant teacher and John

> Mrs. Chas. Fryer of Abilene came in the first of the week to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H.

#### **BULLETIN!**

Mayor Henry West. Commis-Mellinger met with State Highway Engineer D. C. Greer Tuesday and discussed the proposal location of Highway 80.

Friday 58 to 38

"Mr. Greer was very courteous," said Mayor West. "We have hopes that a satisfactory sonext regular meeting of the be held shortly after Feb. 15."

BULLETIN!

Henry West.

However, Mayor West said Leon Kelos 0. that the job can likely be started by the end of February.

begin getting pipe by the end start receiving water from Abi- of 18 points. lene not later than April," added the Mayor.

LARGENTS TO SHOW

From there they go to San An. Badgers 6, Roby 8. tonio and show on Feb. 18.

Moguls 74-59.

Merkel's two scoring aces, lit- the last minute of play. tle Philip Pursley and big Robbert McLeod, combined their talents to lead the Badgers. Philip topped 21 points head honors, followed by Roberts 19.

TRENT WINS

Trent's Gorilla's captured their 20th cage victory of the season in Trent Tuesday night by defeating Blackwell, 59-32, in a District 15-B contest.

In a girls game the Blackwell sextet took a 43-35 victory. Betty front. Payne led Trent with 15 points. Jerry McWilliams dropped 15 points to lead the Trent boys

with Toliver second with 12.

LICENSE PLATES READY

New license plates are now available in the Taylor County

Courthouse office of Raymond Petree, county tax assesor-collector. Vehicle owners should bring registration receipts and titles when obtaining the new tags, Mr. Petree said.

## Um-Um-Um! Ah! Pancakes, Bacon! Oh! So Good!

The junior pancake supper will be held Saturday from 5:30 p. m. to 10 p. m. at the school cafeteria. The money will be used for the senior banquet.

There will be real chefs: Ernest Joyce, Chester Collinsworth, Hor-Clyde Eager.

Um-um-um, it will be good! Baccoffee. Um-um-um! And that's not all. Oh, no!

Donors are Pillsbury Flour, Domino Sugar, Carson Grocery, Campbell Grocery, Gooch's Pack-

Wholesale. Come out and have a good feed and a good time.

#### CEMETERY FUND

Below are those who recently donated to the Cemetery Mainten ance Fund. Anyone wishing to contribute to this fund may leave BAKE SALE contributions at the Farmers and Merchants National Bank. The donors are:

Mrs. Tom King ... ..... \$5.00 Vernon Horton, Plainview .. \$.00

# sioner Rufe Tittle, Nolan Palmer, David Gamble and Isadore Mellinger met with State High-

Taking it easy as the game started Tommy Ellis' Badgers lution can be worked out at the snapped into action at the beginning of the second quarter to highway commission. That will march steadily to a 58-38 victory over the Roby Lions last Friday night at Roby.

The "B" Team too defeated Work on the pipeline to Roby "B" 56-21. Merkel "B" led carry water from Abilene to at the quarters 14-2, 33-9 and 43-Merkel has been delayed by the 11. Gene Hargrove was high with contractor's inability to secure 22 points, Jacky Russell 10, Carl needed materials, stated Mayor McKeever 8, George English 8, Gail O'Brien 6, Jimmy Neill 2,

In the "A" game Roby scored 10 points on free throws out of "This means that if they can 14 points in the first quarter. Again at the end of the half Roby of this month, we can hope to had 12 points on free throws out

over Roby had 6 points, all free vited to this night of real pleasure throws. Then Robert McLeod for everyone. smacked in a field goal to put W. J. Largent and Son were Merkel in the running. Roby fol- Club. to show at the Houston Fat lowed with a field goal and Ker-Stock Show Wednesday, Feb. 9. mit Rutledge and then Robert They were to exhibit eight head, each scored, making the tally

Roby made two more points and Terry O'Brien left the game. one is worth over \$10. Roby made a point. Kermit and The Merkel Badgers took and then Robert put the score at 10other big step in their march to 11, Roby leading, Roby added two a second consecutive District 8-A more free throws when Billy Mac cage title in Munday Tuesday Gilbert tipped one in, followed by night by smothering the Munday Robert who put Merkel out in front for the first time,, 14-13 in

> But Roby added a free throw to tie the score, 14-14.

Then as the ending seconds ticked away Billy Mac dropped one in to put Merkel out in front

As the second quarter opened Roby again dropped in two free throws, tying the score. But Phiip Pursley socked one in at the second minute of play to put Merkel out in front, 18-16. And from there on the Badgers stayed in

Again Philip clicked and so did Robert, making it 22. Roby took a field goal but Mill Horton added 1 point, Robert and Kermit two each to end the half with 27-

Before the first minute was over Philip and Robert scored and then Roby made a field goal. Robert retaliated with a score and then

Roby made two free throws: 33-20. At the end of two minutes Kermit made a free throw and Robert socked in a field goal, Roby made two points. Philip put in a field goal and Roby again scored. After four minutes of play Kermit made the score 40-26.

Gail O'Brien and George English replaced Bill Horton and Billy Mac Gilbert.

In the sixth minute of play Robert had four chances at free throws and made them and also scored up another field goal Roby followed with a field goal and a free throw. The third quarter ended 46-29.

Roby made two free throws. Bill ace Boney, Judd McReynolds and and Billy Mac came back in the game for George and Gail. Merkel played a delaying game for on, hot cakes, butter, syrup and hot two minutes to break up Roby's close defense. This session was at mid-point when Kermit made There'll be 42, dominoes and can- free throw and Philip a goal and Robert a free throw. Roby made a goal.

The score stood at 50-33 with three minutes left to play when ing, Pace's Meat, Brook's Meat, Robert tipped a goal in. Roby fol-Foremost Dairies and Kimbell lowed. Kermit made another two points and so did Roby with two minutes left to play.

BADGER SCHEDULE Friday, Feb. 11. Throckmorton

This game will decide the dis trict rating.

Saturday, starting at 10 a. m. in front of Max Mellinger's Store. For orders phone 6142.

# Badgers Romp Dollar Day Will Bring Bigger Values Than Ever

sun flashed.

In less than 24 hours Merkel and, It started at 10 a. m. Thursday rific. Best coffee is being offered area had one good inch of rain, re- of last and by 7:30 p. m. it measur- at 73c a pound as long as supply ported Harry Woodrum, official ed .60. By 8 a. m. last Friday it lasts. weather observer. stood over an inch. By 3 p. m. the

# Night for All

The fun night is Thursday, Feb. 17, at the Community Center. It Before two minutes of play were is "Game Night". The public is in-

There will be an admission charge which will entitle each person to take part in all the games and fun of the evening. The prizes are real nice. Every-

There will be an electric iron. electric clock, electric bedroom clock, electric automatic coffeemaker, Stetson Royal Hat (certificate). Dobb's Hat (certificate), planter, all woolen satin bound blanket, barbecue set (Stainless) and western shirt.

The admission charge will be \$1 each and there will be no charge for the games and the entertainment. It is all free. The money raised will be used

for the Crippled Children's Camp at Kerrville. So, everyone is invited to come out and have lots of fun and at the

same time help helpless children become happy.

## Merkel Boys Place **High at Show**

Merkel boys placed high at the Ft. Worth Fat Stock Show. Jimmy Neill won 5th place and 13th place in the class of Southdowns with 165 lambs showing.

In the group of 15 lambs from any one county Taylor County got 2nd place with the Merkel boys showing 10 of this 15. Joe Neill won 3rd place in the

He displayed five lambs.

fine wool lamb show with 355 lambs in this class. Jimmy McAninch stood 10th in fully deal with matters of that naa class of 55 in the light weight

Hereford steer contest. Most of the Merkel boys brought their livestock back home to show at the Abilene Fat Stock Show

Chester Collinsworth is

And the rains bring greater bargains than ever for Dollar Day, next Tuesday, Feb. 15. This is Mer-There will be unheard of barkel's 32nd Dollar Day. gains. The department stores are

filling station bargain, splendid beauty parlor values. The grocery bargains are ter-

# William C. Lee Dies After Illness At Age of 76

Funeral was held at 3 p. m. Thursday of last week at Starbuck the distribution capacity of its Funeral Home Chapel for William | present system and to extend ser-Clifford Lee, 76, retired Salt vice to an estimated 360 customers. Branch community farmer.

E. R. Watson, minister of the Merkel Church of Christ, officiated, assisted by Rev. J. W. Saffle, retired Baptist minister. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery. Mr. Lee died at 2:15 p. m. Wed-

nesday of last week after an illness of six months. Born Feb. 24, 1878, in Coryell

County, he had been a resident of Taylor County since 1913. He At Fort Worth married Tillie May Derstine of Merkel on Oct. 5, 1913. Mr. Lee had farmed at Salt Branch until his retirement six

months ago. He moved here two months ago. Survivors including his wife; five brothers, Forrest Lee of Fort Worth, Claude and Henry Lee, both of Mexia, John Lee of Bogata and Fred Lee of Teague; four sisters, Mrs. T. O. Sims of Overton, Mrs. Cleo Gaines of Mobile,

#### and several nieces and nephews. **Program for Living**

Mrs. Clyde McFall both of Mexia:

If your problems have become too complicated for you to handle. the Bible contains the instructions on how to get in touch with an expert who will help you to success- day afternoon.

Your minister too will be glad to introduce you to this trouble Funeral Home. Mrs. Newman was

straightening specialist. DOWNTOWN BIBLE CLASS each | charge. Sunday morning: 9 to 9:40, Texas

# AMONG THE YOUNGER GENERATION



TOP ROW, left to right - Ran- Mr. and Mrs. Mack Bigbee. Mrs. Vaughn Doan; Gary, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mack Bigbee.

dy, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Bond; of Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Holloway; Sponsored by Noodle 4-H Club. Sharon Lee, daughter of Mr. and Ronnie and Patricia, children of

Make a date for next Tuesday to be here. The friendly town of Merkel invites you.

# offering merchandise at one-half price and lower. There is a good filling station bargain, splendid

has approved a \$935,000 loan to Taylor Electric Cooperative to be used for system improvements and extension of service to new cus-

The loan money will be used over the next five years to increase Lester Dorton, general manager, was notified of REA's approval of the loan in a telegram from Rep.

# W. J. Largent, Son Win 10 Places

W. J. Largent and Son we 10 places at the Fat Stock Show in Ft. Worth.

They won two first, four seconds, two thirds and two fourths.

"It was an unusually good Hereford Show," said Mr. Lar-

#### **Alvin Derrington** Ala., and Mrs. Annie Gatlin and Killed in Wreck Is Buried Here

Alvin C. Derington, 32, of Abilene, who with two other persons was killed in an auto accident in New Braunfels Sunday, was buried here in Rose Hill Cemetery Tues-

His body and that of Mrs. Evie Newman, 30, who was also killed. were brought here by Starbuck buried in Roby Tuesday morning YOU ARE NEEDED AT THE with Starbuck Funeral Home in

Mr. Derington was born at Crowell, Texas, July 14, 1922. He moved to Merkel in 1936 and to Abilene in 1949. He made his home with his sister, Geneva Derington, and his mother at 2209 South 18th St., Abilene.

Survivors include his mother. Mrs. W. P. Derington, five sisters, Geneva Derington, Mrs. Frank Holeton, all of Abilene; Mrs. Joe Lawson, Lovington, N. M.; Mrs. R. B. Boil, Hamlin, and Mrs. Sam. Mannering of California; one brother, A. D. Derington of Abi-

Alfred Derington was his uncle.

# **Bobby Gibson** Is No Relation

The following story was told

by Mrs. Dent Gibson: A few weeks ago a young man, about 20, stated his name was Bobby Gibson and that he was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dent Gibson. He went around here selling magazines and many persons bought them on account of his saying he was their son.

He was no relation of Mr. and

#### NEW SHABIOU THE TON VAN

ter, Mrs. Fran Eiland, and Mrs. Earl Lassiter went to Houston this week where W. J. & Son attended the Fat Stock Show and the ladies visited Mrs. Lassiter's daughter, Mrs. H. W. Peters and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur McCoy re-

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PHONE 19

W. J. Largent, son Bill, daugh- turned from Lordsburg, New Mex.

Mr. and Mrs. Buck Hatfield and son Larry of Snyder spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Webb.

Mrs. W. E. Petty left Sunday for

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Stanton from where she will later go to Odessa, visiting her daughter, Mrs. L. E. Turner, at Stanton and daughter, Mrs. W. L. Frizzell,

Mr.and Mrs. Paul Riney and daughter Paula of Odessa spent the weekend with their parents Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Riney, and sister, Mrs. W. T. Perry and family. Mr. and Mrs. Quannah Dudley and family spent Sunday with her

father, E. M. Dean, in Abilene. Mr. and Mrs. Lester Miller of San Antonio visited here over the weekend with his brother Jack and

Mrs. W. F. Hooks of Edgewood Miller, and Mr. Miller. Mrs. Bart Robinson and daughter Joni of

Edgewood are also guests. Mr. and Mrs. Dean Higgins were in Clifton Monday on busi-

Mr. and Mrs. Ward Berryman of Midland visited her sister, Mrs. Pete Rutledge, and family over the daughter, Mrs. Horace Boney, and that looks appealing. Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Smith of

Sweetwater visited Mrs. Tommie Smith Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Bob McDonald visited Sunday with his daughter, Mrs. Kenneth Dismuke, and fam-

Mrs. Clyde Bartlett has returned from a trip to the West Coas where she visited relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Gentry and daughter Patricia visited in Baird Sunday with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Cramer Reynolds and children spent Friday night in Arlington with her niece, Mrs. H L. Hammond, and family. They attended the Fat Stock and Rodeo in Fort Worth Saturday.

Mrs. Ross Ferrier spent from Thursday to Sunday in Fort Worth with her son, Ross, Jr., and fam-

Jamey and Steve, children of s visiting her daughter, Mrs. Jack Mr. and Mrs. Don Wood, of Edna are visiting their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Nate Wood. Mr. and Mrs. Truett Thompson

and family visited Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. B Thompson Mrs. R. T. Gray of Winters visited over the weekend with her

Mr. and Mrs. Don Dudley and family, Mr. and Mrs. Pinkey Cypert and family spent the weekend with Rev. and Mrs. Hugh H. Hunt. Bob Hicks was in Stanton Tuesday of last week on business. Ben

Friday also on business. Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Neill and family attended the Fat Stock Show in Ft. Worth Friday and Saturday.

Hicks was there Thursday and

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Nerhood of Cortez, Colo., visited Thursday night of last week with her niece, Mrs. H. C. Reid, and Mr. Reid.

Mr. and Mrs. Waymon Adcock and family sent Saturday afternoon and Sunday visiting his brother O. J. and family in Fort

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Castles of Lubbock spent the weekend in the home of his parents, J. O. Castles. Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Foster and Miss Marie McCright of Abilene visited Sunday in the J. O. Castles

Recent visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Baze was her nephew, Leonard N. Boden, who is in the Air Corps and is on his way to North Africa.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Baze and her mother, Mrs. O. B. Boden, spent the weekend in Ft. Worth visiting her brother, O. B. Boden, Jr., and family, her sister, Mrs. Oscar Morris, and family of Wichita Falls, his brother, W. C. Baze, and wife of Lubbock, his sister, Mrs. Beulah Callahan, his sister, Mrs. Vera Brewer, both of Ft. Worth. Earl attended the Fat Stock Show.

Mrs. Ada Mae Johnson and Miss Delia Kuykendall spent Saturday ight and Sunday with Mrs. Golda Malone in the Blair Community.

Mrs. R. L. Denson, Mrs. Don Barbee, Mrs. Bobby Maxwell, Mrs. G. Herron, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bradshaw and Ronnie all visited over the weekend in Big Spring with Mr. and Mrs. Buck Herron also with Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Black well and family. All were celebrat ing Buck's birthday.

#### SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY CLAIMS CAN NOW BE FILED

"We are now ready to accept applications from disabled workers to have their earnings records de-clared frozen under the 1954 Amendments to the Social Security Act" R. R. Tuley, Jr., social security district manager, Abilene

Tuley pointed out that persons who have been totally disabled for 6 months or longer, and who worked in jobs covered by the social security law for as many as five years out of the 10 years before they were disabled should get further information about this new provision in the Social Security Act. By applying to have their social security earnings records frozen while they are disabled, they may prevent loss or reduction of future benefits.

WILL BE SAFER

Very soon now, a dream of more than two years' standing will come true in Texas. Because of that dream, every person in this state will be a bit safer.

By February, "minute men"

from over the state will be learn ing how to perform rescue operations in case of enemy air attacks or natural disasters.

They'll be learning at the Firemen's Training School of the Texas Engineering Extension Service at Texas A. & M. in College Station. Sponsoring the instruction will be the Office of Civil Defense and Disaster Relief in Austin.

# COSDEN **PRODUCTS**

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

By LORETA ALLEN FRYING EGGS IS AN ART How do you fry an egg?

If you have tried to eat some of the leathery food sometimes served as fried eggs, you know that this question deserves considera-

Any good cook will tell you that there is an art to frying eggs. First, you must start with top quality eggs. Such eggs have a large amount of firm white and a wellrounded, upstanding yolk. This is essential to produce a fried egg

Break the eggs into a saucer, one at a time and slip into a frying pan containing melted table fat, preferably butter or margarine. Use one tablespoon for every two eggs. High heat toughens protein, so the skillet should be just hot enough to melt the fat or to

make a drop of water sizzle. Cook the eggs over low heat until the whites are firm. This will take three or four minutes or longer, depending on how firm you want your eggs.

So cook the top of the eggs, dip the fat over them, cover the skillet tightly with a lid, or flip the eggs after they've begun to set.

Sprinkle with salt and pepper and serve at once.

You might like to prepare eggs in the following way.

Eggs A La King 4 cup butter or margarine 4 cup flour

1 teaspoon onion salt 1/4 teaspoon pepper 2 cups milk

2 tablespoon ketchup 1/2 cup cooked or canned peas 2 tablespoons chopped pimiento

1 cup sliced, canned mushrooms 6 hard-cooked eggs, sliced 6 slices tomato

3 English muffins Melt butter; add flour, onion salt, and pepper; blend until smooth. Gradually add milk, stirring constantly until thickened. Add ketchup, peas, pimento, mushrooms, and sliced eggs. Heat thoroughly. Broil tomato slices 5 minutes. Split English muffins in half;

ture over. Serves six. Timely Tips 1. Eggs should be cooked at low temperature so

toast. On each half place broiled

tomato slice. Pour creamed mix-

the protein. 2. Keep eggs in refrigerator and

away from strong odors. 3. Eggs are a good source of protein and minerals.

4. Serve Eggs a la King on pip-ing hot waffles, plain or whole wheat toast or biscuits. 5. Eggs are on the top of the

plentiful foods list for February.

#### FEB. 12 — A DATE TO REMEMBER

Saturday is Lincoln's Birthday. His

story is one of those we know best

from our nation's history, but well

as we know it, we can still

find in it inspiration for

today and a guide for us to

follow as we build for the

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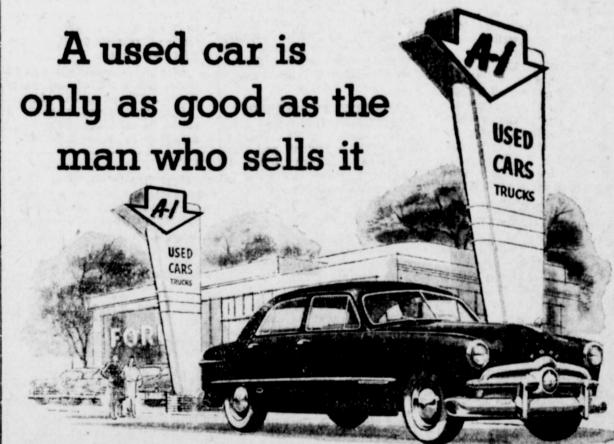
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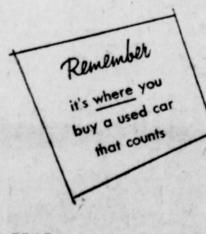
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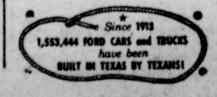
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#### Washington

"As It From



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THE CHINA SITUATION The official position in Washington is that Red China will not fight. Although no one could be certain on this point, this much can be borne in mind to support that position.

Russia is not likely to get herself involved in a war on account of China, Communist China has no navy to speak of; her air force, exstrong enough for a sustained offensive; she has only a few developed resources; little oil and no industry to speak of. Human backs are the main means of transportation in many areas. An army and FROM U.S. ARMY an air force, with no real industry to support them, lack staying

Be this as it may, the Chinese have the largest army in Asia and can be used to intimidate weaker nations in southeast Asia. In fact. it has paid her big dividends thus

The Communists began the fight in Korea under the impression that the Unietd States would not enter the war against them. Presiden Eisenhower and the Congress have now removed any such doubt regarding Formosa. I offered an amendment to the President's request that Congress back up his policy, stating that this action should not set a precedent which would lead either people in this Country or overseas to think that the President had to take such acion every time an emergency oc-

It is my personal belief that the Chinese Communists have their eye more on southeast Asia than on Formosa, and that they may be throwing up a smoke screen as a diversionary tactic.

The existing situation is sensative, to say the least, and there is no need to speculate on what may happen. The Chinese Communists have tasted victory in several instances, which has raised their prestige in Asia and it has caused the Communist leaders to become pretty drunk with power. This is a dangerous thing, and particularly for the Oriental mind, which could result in the worst.

EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES -According to persons who have studied the trends in employment practices, men over forty or fortyfive years of age are finding it difficult to find employment. In the case of women, the age is around thirty-five or even younger.

The practice is said to grow out of the employers' desire to keep down their pension liability, which is increased when older workers are taken on

RESERVE PROGRAM - With the President's program for a fouryear extension of the draft, he has proposed an enlarged Reserve. Much will be heard about the Reserve program in the coming months. In brief, the general plan will allow boys seventen to nineteen years of age to volunteer for six months basis training, to be followed by 91/2 years participation in the military Reserve. In connection with this program, the President made a prediction that we must face the possibility of a 50year period of "cold war."

This has a most pessimistic sound, but it should have been obvious to all of us for several years past that we are probably in a very long period of high tension, with no reasonable expectation that the world, with all the upheavels taking place, can soon settle down to the peaceful status we used to know.

#### SIDNEY J. WILLIAMS HAS BEEN PROMOTED TO CORPORAL GRADE

Sidney James Williams has been promoted from private first class to corporal. He is now stationed at Orlands, France. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Williams. Sidney is with the engineering

Persons aged 72 with at least 11/2 years coverage under Social Security can collect even though not retired, beginning in 1955.

Farm workers paid at least \$100 in a year by one employer are due Social Security credits beginning

Most farm families will begin building Social Security credits in

Claims denied in the 1940's for insufficient credits can be reopened if the deceased had at least 13/2 years coverage under Social Secur**BOB HICKS BUYS** AUTO PARTS BUSINESS AT STANTON, TEXAS

Bob Hicks has bought the auto arts business of the late Art E. Murr in Stanton. The business will be operated as Hicks Auto Supply, Ltd., and Jess Burns of Stanton will be manager.

LOCAL FOLKS CALLED TO GRAND JURY DUTY AT DISTRICT COURT

Mrs. Horace Boney, Arnold Cunningham and Paul Honeycutt were on grand jury duty in the 42nd District Court this week.

ALTON L. WHITEAKER ON FLEET ACTIVITIES IN JAPAN AREA

Un 0,Hr:CsSSetaoin sh sh shu Yokosuka, Jaan (FHTNC) -At the U. S. Fleet Activities here for cept for fighter planes, is not duty is Alton L. Whiteaker, seaman, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence H. Whiteaker.

> PAUL BACCUS HAS RECEIVED DISCHARGE

Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Baccus of Ft. Sill, Okla., visited their parents Mr. and Mrs. Roy Buchanon and

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GEO. A. WEST, Owner

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where he has employment. He was discharged from the Army Jan.

ELDON HICKSES ARE MOVING HERE FROM LOUISVILLE, KY. Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Hicks has moved here from Louisville, Ky.,

#### and is working at the Air Base. 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 partner-

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PHONE 171 and 76

weekend. They left for Kilgore 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 Abi-

lene, County of Taylor, State of

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Baccus, over the ship is to be conducted is Armed that the capital contributed by the said Paul E. Wood and R. Spears, special parnters, 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. 1995.

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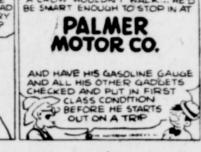
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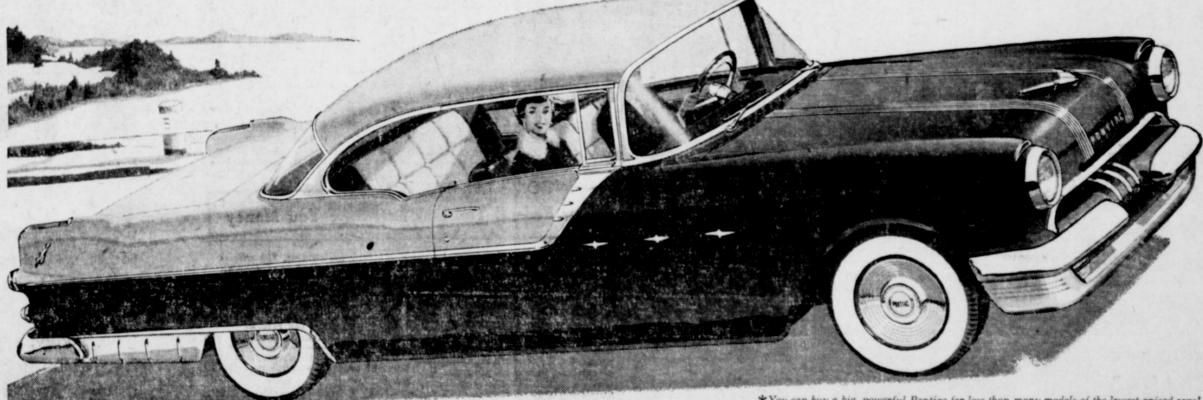
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## Pot Luck Supper **By Girl Scouts** Is Big Success

About 75 persons attended the Girl Scouts annual neighborhood meeting at the cafeteria Monday night. Parents, their daughters, leaders and interested persons were present.

A pot luck supper was served, including a bounteous supply of chicken and everything that goes with it to make a delicious affair. Coffee and soft drinks were serv-

In the business meeting Mrs. P. W. Miller was re-elected as neighborhood chairman. Leaders are: Second grade Brownies - Mrs. Fena Gladden, Mrs. Wallace Doan; Third grade Brownies - Mrs.

Woodrow Patton Fourth grade Brownies - Mrs. Holt Vaughn, Mrs. T. G. Hull: Fifth and Sixth grade Girl Scouts - Mrs. Clarence Reece, Mrs. Wm. Loflin

Seventh and Eighth grade Girl Scouts - Miss Viola Allred. Merkel has 57 registered Brownies and Girl Scouts. It is anticipated that a senior troop will be

formed in the near future. Skills of girl scouting was demonstrated. Program fields were discussed. Folk dances, including Hokey Pokey, were demonstrated. Miss Jean Oates, field director

of the area council, of Abilene showed slides of previous day camps, and also discussed camp-Visitors were Miss Doris Hunka

and Mrs. Wayne Kelly of Abilene.

#### AT BAPTIST BANQUET

Out of town visitors who attended the officers and teachers banquet at the First Baptist Church Monday night were Rev. and Mrs. Don Cozart of Abilene, Mrs. J. S. McAden of Brownwood and Mr. and Mrs. George Leonard and children of Sweetwater.

#### AT LEE FUNERAL

Relatives from out of town attending the funeral of W. C. Lee

From Mexia - Claud Lee, Mr. and Mrs. McFall, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lee and daughter, Mrs. Anne Gatlin and son, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Steele and daughter, Mrs. Fred Franklin.

From Teague - Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lee: from Ft. Worth - Forrest Lee, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hefner: from Lamesa - Mrs. Derstine, Mrs. B. P. Middleton, Mr. and Mrs. Hail Twelve members and one visitor a demonstration on making hot Derstine; from Bogato - Mr. and were served a lovely refreshment tamales, and for refreshments she

## March of Dimes **Total Collections** Now at \$1,238

The last report of the March of Dimes showed that \$1,238 had been collected, stated Principal C. A. Farley, director. The final report from Stith and Warren Brenda Doan, Sandra Thompson, showed \$37 while the Butman Community gathered \$19.60.

## **Truett Perry Is Now Conoco Agent** For This Area

agent in this area. He invites his friends and the public in general to call him for his service.

### **Trent Bounces** Over Highland **Playoff Game**

a best two of three game playoff series, and the Trent victory was the first game. Highland clos- STITH H. D. CLUB MEETS ed out its district play with a 8-0 WITH MRS. ORVAL ELY

record and Trent had 7-0. Trent lacked one game finish-Highland anyway and the teams game counted, as part of the ser- club prayer,

43-32, and a girls game, 50-42. a talk on "The Selection and Care Bright got 16 points for Trent in of Your Kitchen Range," also a the B game. Betty Payne got 19 demonstration on "Baby Shoe points for Trent.

Second game of the boys play- Eakin won the hostess gift. A third game, if necessary, will be arranged.

TRENT: (field goals free throws, fouls, total points) - Mc Williams 6-2-5-14; Toliver 7-0-5-14; Little 2-0-24; Estep 6-4-3-16; talk on polio will be brought. An Swinney 3-1-5-7; Bright 1-0-2-2. Totals 25-7-22-57.

Money will buy almost everything -except how to use it.

#### NEW SHABOUT THOWN

Mrs. John Weathers of Clyde, "SEMANTICS" IS THEME Texas, visited her daughter, Mrs. OF FORTNIGHTLY CLUB Carl Smith and family over the

Fletcher Hopper, Jr., visited February 7, in the Community friends in Palestine and Frankston over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Robertson of Abilene are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Rust, over the

relatives at Snyder Sunday.

Mrs. Carson Miles of San Angelo is visiting her mother, Mrs. J. S. Swann for a few days. Mrs. S. J. McAden of Brownwood

is visiting her son, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. McAden. Mr. and Mrs. George Lenard and children of Sweetwater were visitors Monday. Mrs. Jimmie Nell Nutt and two

children of Plainview were weekend guests of her mother, Mrs. Edna Horton, sister, Sonja Sue and other relatives.

Mrs. W. D. Webber was in Amarillo over the weekend visiting her daughter, Mrs. Bill Orr, and

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Milhorn and family of Kingsport, Tenn., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Truett Perry last week. Roy Elliot of Dallas visited

Tuesday with his mother, Mrs. W. M. Elliott. Sunday visitor was her nephew. Albie Elliott, of Abilene. Miss Charlotte Bickerstaff and John Down of Irvin, Penn., visited Lottie Butman and Sam Butman, Sr., Sunday on their way to Los Angeles, Calif. Miss Bickerstaff is

Miss Lottie's name sake. Mrs. Ollie Dye of San Angelo visited here from Wednesday until Friday with Mrs. Lucy Ford, Mrs. Bob Hicks, Mrs. Alma Collins and

other friends. Mr. and Mrs. Lit Winter of Abi- DEE MOORE HAS BIG lene were Sunday guests of his

sister, Mrs. J. J. Russell. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bickley of Abilene attended church at Pioneer Memorial Sunday and went to the Joe Swinney home for dinner

#### DORCAS CLASS MEETS WITH MRS. HELEN BONEY

The Dorcas Class of the First Baptist Church met in the home of Mrs. Helen Boney. Mrs. Murry, class president, presided. Prayer call was answered with Scripture.

by Mrs. R. H. Mathews. The class enjoyed a social hour. late using the valentine theme I. McNiece as hostesses.

#### PATRICIA BUNCH HONORED WITH BIRTHDAY PARTY

fourth birthday Thursday, Feb. 3, were done in pastel colors accentuated by vellow.

Refreshments were served to FUTURE TEACHERS CLUB Janie Jones, Francis Epperson, and Robert Rives, Billie Jean Pike, and Judy Hendricks, Jan, Sammy Terry and Wayne Ross.

Also present were Mrs. Clemo Jones, Mrs. Cecil Ross, Mrs. Merle Riggins and Mrs. Jack Hendricks.

#### ANN NEWTON HONORED WITH BRIDAL SHOWER

Miss Ann Newton, bride elect of Donald Ray of Abilene, was honored with a bridal shower in the Don Dudley has taken over the home of Mrs. J. H. Clark, Sr., last dealership of the Gulf Station Thursday night. Mrs. Joe Edd Mc-Duff registered the guests. Many beautiful and useful gifts were received and unwrapped by Newton for all to admire.

Others of the host group who helped with the shower were: Mesdames Arch Teaff, Matt Ely, Kenneth Pee, M. L. Douglas, O. E. Harwell, Bernard Clark, Beauford Buntin, Clarence Newton, Deverl land's boys in District 15-B play- Teaff. Refreshments of angel food off series last Friday night, 57-56. squares and frosted punch ladled The two teams are engaged in by Mrs. J. H. Clark, Jr., were served to 48 guests.

The Stith Home Demonstration Club met Jan. 26 in the home of ing its season but it was with Mrs. Orval Ely. The meeting opened with a group singing "God were to be in the playoffs. So the Bless America," followed by the

Two games were played. The McWilliams and Toliver had 14 club donated \$5 to the March of points and Estep 16 for Coach Dimes. The council report was read by Mrs. Childers, club alter-Highland won a boys' B game, nate. The kitchen leaders brought Bronzing" was held. Mrs. Johnny

off will be at Trent February 14. Refreshments of fruit pie and coffee were served to 17 members five visitors, 10 children and one

new member, Mrs. O. B. Leach. The next meeting will be Feb. 9 in the O. J. Fike's' home when a auction to raise funds for the club will also be held.

greatest obstacle to progress.

The Fortnightly Study Club met in regular meeting on Tuesday

as hostess. Program theme for the day was "Semantics in Better Reading, Better Listening and Better Looking. The members answered roll call Mr. and Mrs. Sam Swann visited with "An Inspiration from Radio, Television or the Newspaper."

Mrs. David Gamble was leader of the program. Her subject was 'A Survey of the Subject" in which she most ably defined "Se mantics" and gave a fine discussion on the effects of semantics on the reading, listening and viewing we do each day through the medium of newsapers, periodicals radio and television.

Mrs. Gamble introduced Editor Hy White to complete the program with a presentation of Shakespeare. Mr. White delighted the tablished a camp. audience with both his humorous and serious interpretations of Shakespeare. He also commented on several modern presentations of some of Shakespeare's work as well as that of other writers and actors. The forceful climax to his presentation was a selection from Julius Caesar."

Mrs. Ben Hicks, president, preided at a brief business session when plans were completed for a Tea to be held Feb. 22 at the Community Center.

Club members also signed a petition asking our legislators to vote for a bill to start a driver educa-Texas.

There were 22 members present

TURKEY BIRTHDAY DINNER Dee Moore had a big turkey birthday dinner at his home Sunday. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Meeks of Sweetwater, Mr and Mrs. D. L. Moore and family. George Crow and Mr. and Mrs. W B. Toombs and familyy.

#### MRS. SAM BUTMAN, JR., HOSTESS TO BLUE BONNET

The Blue Bonnet Home Demonstration Club met Feb. 1 in the was given by Mrs. McNiece. Roll home of Mrs. Sam Butman, Jr. Roll call was answered by naming Devotional was 23rd Psalm given an economical dish. Council report was by Mrs. Dewel McLean

Food leader, Mrs. Butman, gave The next meeting will be in March | with trimmings to 15 members with Mrs. Ada Higgins and Mrs. J. and Mrs. John Jones, Mrs. Roy Riney and Mrs. Will Butman who were visitors

For recreation Mrs. Jake Rhodes led the group in singing and Mrs. Allen King, Sr., directed a valentine hunt for candy with a party given by her mother, next meeting will be "Family Fun" Mrs. Clyde Bunch. The decorations | February 15 at 2 p. m. with Mrs. Joe Swinney.

#### MEET LAST MONDAY

The Future Teachers Club me Ann, Jane and Tim Riggins, Jim in the high school library, Feb. 7. Plans were discussed concerning Jenifer and Jeffrey Smith, Gary the F. F. T. A. C. Convention which will be held at North Texas State College, Feb. 18-19. About 22 members will attend. Adults sponsoring the trip will be Mrs. Nolan Palmer, Mrs. Fred Starbuck, Mrs. Clyde Eager, Mrs.-Judd McReynolds and F. T. Hogan, Jr.

Highlights of the convention will be the election of officers and a banquet at which Mr. and Miss Future Teacher of Texas will be presented. Last year Sessions Hammond was named Mr. Future

Teacher of Texas. The Merkel Club will also enter a scrapbook in the scrapbook contest. Paka Newby is in charge of its committee.

Six sophomore pledges were also resent at the meeting. Freddie Boone, president, presided.

#### GLENDA PETTY ELECTED PRESIDENT OF YWA

The Vaughnelle YWA met in the home of Mrs. Clyde Bartlett Mon day, Feb. 7, at 3:30 p. m. Mrs. Bartlett gave a book review on "Light in Yumuri," which is about Cuba

Officers elected were: President Glenda Petty; vice president, Lo retta Henry: secretary-treasurer, Gloria Teaff; reporter, Nadine Middlebrook; program chairman, Imogene Thomas; community missions chairman, Barbara Sylvester: historian. Sandra Pursley.

The WMU ladies are sending two of their YWA girls to Baylor Belton for a house party Friday and Saturday, Feb. 11 and 12. These girls are Imogene Thomas, a missionary volunteer and Denta

The next meeting will be a party in the home of Gloria Teaff Mon day night, February 14.

#### FOR HAY, FEED GRAIN

Applications for hay and feed grain assistance under the emergency drouth programs will not be accepted after Feb. 15. Word from the USDA says that should acute drouth continue in an area, the State Drouth Committee can re-Prejudice has always been the quest continued assistance - A. &

#### IS GUEST SPEAKER

Rev. C. Yielding, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church of Abilene was a guest speaker at the officer and teacher banquet Monday night at the First Baptist Church. He gave a talk on Christian Workers and Their Influence."

#### RETURNS TO WORK

Mrs. C. W. Seago returned to Center with Mrs. Murry Toombs work at Max Mellinger's Monday. She is feeling all right after her

#### auto accident.

GIRL SCOUTS SCHEDULE The Girl Scouts have the following schedule, announced Mrs. P. W. Miller, neighborhood chair-

Feb. 22 - Commemorate International Thinking Date.

when they will attend church in a group. March 10 - to attend rally at Rose Field House in Abilene with

their fathers. March 12 - 19-Cooky sale, proceeds to go to finish swimming pool at Boothe Oaks, near Sweetwater, where the Girl Scouts es-

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> ing 21 employes, consists of Sweetwater, the district headquarters,

# Rev. Sam E. Tullock SUCH NICE WEATHER! Weather is the subject **Delivers Lecture** At Howard Payne

Rev. and Mrs. Sam E. Tullock and son Samuel Kyle were in Brownwood Monday of last week when Rev. Tullock delivered lecture at Howard Payne College on "Christian Apologetics."

Monday night they visited friends in Kyle and on Wednesday they went to Austin where Rev. Tullock did research work at the University of Texas.

#### Trent Passes by March 6 - Girl Scout Sunday **Sweetwater Team** Monday 65 to 64

Trent edged Booker T. Washington of Sweetwater, 65-64, at Trent Monday night in a March of Dimes benefit game. High pointer for Trent was Mac Williams with 19. Trent bowed in the girls game, 58-38. High girl for Trent was as Bureau of Business Research

#### WITHOLDING STATEMENTS

Beasley with 11 points.

Now that you've received your withholding statements (W-2) form all of your employers for last year, look them over carefully to be sure that your social security tant crops produced higher income number and your name are right on each of them.

These statements, of course, you turn, but they're also a valuable The Sweetwater District, averag- source of information for you. They'll assure you that each employer has reported you correctly tion for high school students in and Blackwell, Roscoe, Merkel and for social security, or they'll warn you if he's made a mistake.

ter of Mrs. Lois Goodwin and Fund drive.

HEART -Pretty little Lana Good- of four girls and two boys, first win, 7-year old Waco heart disease learned she had rheumatic heart health check of her first-grade class in Waco's Sul Ross School. to the hands of Dr. W. R. White, Since then, she regularly receives Baylor University president and treatment at Waco's Heart Clinic. chairman of the 1955 Texas Heart | The \$2.58 Lana emptied from the Fund, to become the state's first treasure chest into Dr. White's contributor to the February-long hands for the 1955 Heart Fund campaign to raise funds to combat represented her "special savings" heart disease. Little Lana, daugh- since the close of last year's Heart

#### -INCOME TAX FACTS No. I-New Federal Tax Law May Save You Money

(This is one of a series of articles on income tax changes. The articles are based on information provided by the American Institute of Accountonts and the Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants.)

The "Ides of March" will no longer hold any terror for the average taxpayer, but the new tax deadline of April 15 can be just as alarming if you don't start early to prepare your federal income tax return. To help you get started this newspaper is publishing a series of

of certified public accountants. Use your pay. these articles, together with the instructions that come with your federal income tax forms, to guide you in making out your return. Most taxpayers report their income for the calendar year on a

cash basis, and the new rules are explained here as they apply to these typical taxpayers. Anyone who uses a different fiscal year or reports on an accrual basis should check the official instructions to see how he is affected.

#### Completely Revised Tax Rules

Last August the Internal Revenue Code was completely overhauled by Congress and thousands of changes were made affecting taxpayers. It is estimated that every year a million taxpayers overpay their income taxes by a total of more than \$100,000,000. More milions of taxpayers pay less tax than is due making them liable for assessments. interest and possible penalties.

With the many changes of the new law there is even greater danger of mistakes this year unless you read the instructions and prepare your tax return with great care. This is a good reason for starting long before April 15. Here's another:

#### You May Get a Refund

If you find that more tax has been withheld from your wages than you actually owe, you will be entitled to a refund of the difference. The sooner you file your return, the sooner you are likely to get your

fund? Well, your tax will probably be less because of the reduction of approximately 10% in tax rates

articles prepared with the help of duction all through the year in the form of reduced withholdings from Many newly authorized deductions, however, may cut down your tax bill below the amount that has been withheld, thus entitling you to

#### New Savings This Year

Here are some of the changes, to be discussed in later articles, which may cut your tax this year: 1. More single persons are en-titled to "head-of-household" status.

2. Medical expenses are deductible to a greater extent. 3. Certain health and accident benefits are not counted as income.

4. The \$600 exemption applies to

various dependents not previously

5. A special deduction of as much as \$600 for child care is now available in some cases to working wives, widowed and divorced persons. 6. Tax may be reduced by new

credits for dividends and retirement 7. Salesmen and other employees who travel may benefit from new rules on expense deductions.

8. New provisions may benefit anyone who bought or sold a home in 1954. 9. Farmers get new deductions for soil and water conservation ex-

#### 10. Businesses are helped by liberalized depreciation rules and other

Additional Information Be sure to read the official instructions. You can also get help from the Internal Revenue Service, which urges you to consult only qualified advisors.

# **Hospital Notes**

Weather is the subject and the

Seaman 3/c and Mrs. Jerrell

Stalle are in Honolulu. They

write about the wonderful weath-

er here compared to Texas. The

lowest temperature there this

winter was 66, the high 75. They

say its just like that all the time

Albert Foster, son of Mr. and

Mrs. Clyde Foster of Winnemuc-

ca, Nev., wrote his parents it has

been 18 degrees below zero

there and that he is enjoying his

work at the Quarter Circle H

Texas farm cash income in 1954

totaled \$1,848,000,000 - lowest of

any year since 1946 and 1 per cent

at the U.S. Department of Agricul-

ture's' annual outlook conference

is that 1955 will be very much like

Most of the commercially impor-

Generally speaking, 1954 farm

cash income from livestock and

livestock products failed to equal

the 1953 total. The only exception

was sheep and lamb income, 14

per cent above the year earlier

Cattle income was off 5 per cent

eggs, 22 per cent, and milk and

milk products, 17 per cent. The

3,920,000 bales of cotton harvested

in Texas during 1954 was well

above the 10-year average but still

The use of hardy trees and

shrubs in the planting plans for

home improvement demonstrators

has become increasingly important

because of the drouth. Many such

plants are native to the areas

where they are used and thus are

available at little or no cost except

below 1953 total production.

HARDY TREES, SHRUBS

for labor. - A. & M.

Texas Farm Cash

Income in 1954

**Is Below 1953** 

1954, the Bureau adds.

in 1954 than in 1953.

and they really enjoy it.

boys away from home are tell-

ing about it.

SO VERY COLD!

Admissions to the Sadler Hospital the past week were:

As medical patients - Janelle Seymore, Ralph Russell, S. O. Allred, Mrs. R. F. Demere, Mrs. W. T. McAninch, J. T. Blackburn, Mrs. Sammy Doan, R. H. Connell, Mrs. Bob Campbell, Larry Seymore, Mrs. D. L. Moore, Mrs. Tommy Fry, Mrs. Don Estes.

For surgery - Mrs. Joe Patterson, Mrs. Homer Shanks, Earl Boyd, who was hurt in a tractortruck accident.

#### CERTIFIED SEED

Certified planting seed may cost slightly more, but the added cost is insurance against poor stands and yields. Certified seed usually are the best seed of a particular variety available. A. & M.

#### 4-H ROUNDUP

The annual Texas 4-H Roundup is scheduled for June 7-9 and will be held on the campus of Texas A. & M. College. - A. & M.

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MEN'S

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These are all Cannon bath towels in size 20x40 in a wide range of colors.

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These anklets are those famous Nationally known "Trimfit" anklets that come in so many colors to choose from, and in sizes ranging from 31/2 to 101/2.

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Men, if you can find your size in these khaki shirts, you will get a real bargain. We do not have all sizes. Out they go this Dollar Day for only

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CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank everyone for their kindness for the flowers, cards and gifts of food following the death of our beloved husband and brother, and special thanks to Dr. Warren for his kindness and service

Mrs. W. O. Lee **Brothers and Sisters** 

CARD OF THANKS

We would like to thank each who gave money and gifts to us when our home was destroyed, and a thank you goes to the men who helped save some of our things. May God bless you all.

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#### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank everyone for their kindness during Mr. Toombs' illness. We especially wish to thank those who plowed our ground and we thank the ladies who brought

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Toombs.

# Filing Date For City Office Closes March 5

All candidates for city offices have until 30 days before the election date to file for office. The election is April 5. The deadline is 12 noon Saturday, March 5.

A mayor and two aldermen will be elected. Up to Tuesday no names had been filed. In order to file applicant must sign a loyalty oath and deposit \$1 with the secretary, Earl Baze.

# **ELECTION**

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Merkel, Texas, notice is hereby given that an election will be held in said City on the first Tuesday in April 1955, same being the fifth day, for the purpose of electing a Mayor and two Aldermen to serve for a period of two years.

The said election will be held in the Welfare Office and the polls shall open at 8:00 a. m. and close at 6:00 p. m.

Said election shall be held so s to conform as nearly as possible to the general election laws of Texas governing such elections. Andy Shouse is hereby appoint ed election judge. Given under my hand and seal

this the Fifth day of February A. D. 1955. Mayor of The City of

Merkel, Texas. LEGAL NOTICE

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

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TO: Patricia Marie Robinson Nuckols, Defendant, Greeting: YOU ARE HEREBY COMMAND-MANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by fil ing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Mon day next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same be ing the 21st of March A. D. 1955, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 4th day of February A. D. 1955, in this cause, numbered 20-344-A on the docket of said court and styled Jack A. Nuckols Plaintiff, vs. Patricia Marie Robin son Nuckols, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were legally married on or about April 1 1946 and separated on or about 1st day of May 1954. To this union two children were

Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of harsh and cruel treat-

Plaintiff also sues for custody of children and for equitable division of community property 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 the 7th day of February A. D. 1955.

Attest: R. H. Ross, Clerk **42nd District Court** Taylor County, Texas By Irene Crawford, Deputy. dv. - Feb. 11, 18, 25, March 4.

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#### NOTICE MASONS

Stated meeting of Merkel lodge No. 710, A. F. & A. Thursday, February 17 at 7:30 p. m. All members are urg ed to attend. Visiting brethren cordially invited

D. R. Butler, W. M. Truett Thompson, Sec'y.

#### O. E. S. NOTICE

Called meeting of the Merkel Chapter No. 212 O. E. S. for the official visit of the Deputy Grand Matron Friday night, Feb. 11. All Members urged to be present. Covered dish supper at 6 p. m.

Una Mae Hays, W. M. Fern Windham, sec.

#### HELP WANTED

WANTED - Woman to take care of invalid. See Bob Hicks. tf48e WANTED-Second hand windmill also a horse. W. E. Miller, Route

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FOR SERVICE - Duroc male hog at my farm, 4 miles west of Merkel. Alvin Wozencraft or see Wilbur Seals at PO PO Cafe. 4t47c.

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FOR LEASE - 160-acre ferm. 6 miles north of Trent. Dowdy and Toombs.

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FOR RENT - 5 room house with bath. 106 Locust. See Dan Reidenbach, Route 3, Merkel. 3t48p. FOR RENT - 4-room house with bath, 505 Ash St. See O. W. Dickerson, 604 Rose St. FOR RENT - Garage Apartment, furnished, Bob Hicks. tf48c.

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FOR RENT - 4-room house on south side near 10th Locust. See Floyd Green, White Auto Store. FOR RENT - Furnished garage apartment, 4-room unfurnished

duplex, 3-room unfurnished duplex. E. O. Carson. FOR RENT - 2-room apartment furnished and garage. Sallie FOR RENT- 5-room house on Oak

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

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FOR SALE - 1 Canary bird, Parakeet, 2 wheel trailer at bargain prices. Mrs. Wrenn. t148c. Your Social Security office has free pamphelts explaining the 1954 Amendments to the Social Security Act. Write for yours today.

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Texas Press Association Austin is full of "land-grab" in-

Both houses of the legislature have their own investigating committees. Also peering into the 'land block sale" scandals are grand juries in Travis and DeWitt

Insurance Committee Action Corrective insurance bills have un into slow-down.

Four were heard by a House Committee including one to regulate insurance company securities.

In the Senate the insurance committees moved slowly on a mass of other bills awaiting their action. Several labor bills were heard. One by Sen. George Parkhouse, 517 acres average, or twice that of dealing with "the Port Arthur sit- 1930

tuation", won favorable action. It would permit picketing only by employees representing a majority of the workers of a struck firm. Another bill by Parkhouse would prevent pickets from interfering with common carrier service to a struck plant; and would fine or jail common carrier employes for refusing to cross a picket line.

Water Committees Busy Two committees studied water

Rep. Harold Parish's constitutional amendment for a \$200 milion bond issue and a 1-cent prop-

perty tax, was reviewed by the constitutional amendments committee, and held over for action. Sen. Dorsey B. Hardeman's constitutional amendment for a \$100

million bond issue and a 3-cent tax is awaiting committee action. Legislators are studying an A. &

M. College report that Texas farm population has slumped 47.9 per cent since 1940—as compared with a 28.3 per cent decline for the rest of the nation.

In 1954 the farm population was an estimated 1,126,000. That's 261, 000 less than in 1950 and 1,297,000 under the record year of 1945.

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## "3 Ring Circus" Rings Fun Bell At Queen Theatre

Those funny boys, Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis, are back again in "Three Ring Circus," playing at the Queen Theatre Tuesday Wednesday and Thursday.

It is a fun fest from beginning to end. In it also as stars are Joanne Dru and Zsa Zsa Bagor This "Three Ring Circus" is a real circus plus Martin and Lewis at their best.

#### ROBERT H. WILLIAMS HAS JOINED NAVY AND IS AT SAN DIEGO

Robert Howard Williams has joined the Navy and is now at San Diego, Calif. He is the son Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Williams.

#### JANICE WINDHAM ELECTED PRESIDENT OF 7TH GRADE ROOM

Phillips' seventh grade room elected officers. Results were: President, Janice Windham; vice president, Carlton Pair; secretary Betty Bailey: treasurer, Betty Odum: reporter, Mike Farley; as sistant fire chief, Dewell Burden. The fire chief had been elected

#### JANIS BLACK ELECTED HEAD OF MRS. SHOUSE'S 7TH GRADE STUDENTS

prior to this election.

Mrs. Andy Shouse's' seventh grade met on February 1 to elect officers. The following were elect

Janis Black, rpesident: Carole Perry, vice president; Robert Harris, secretary; Nita Moore, treasurer: Melba Horton, reporter. In connection with their study

of soil conservation Coleman O' soil and water. He showed some pictures and explained them. On Thursday, Feb. 3, Mrs.

Shouse's' seventh grade visited the Taylor Electric Coop plant. Holt Vaughn showed them around and explained to them about electric-

He showed a film about the bad snow in 1949 in which so many wires were torn down. He said they had a safety record of which they were proud. There had been no accident during the past 650

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# **EDITORIALS**

MA'S NOTE

Mrs. J. E. Wrench, "Ma" to many

## **FINANCE**

el, enlarge your house, repair a room, garage or any other kind of improvements. Also will buy vendor's lien note.

W. W. TOOMBS

souri, including foreign students, who is a very dear friend of ours, always has something interesting to say when she writes. Recently ships they have to the community. she wrote about a Japanese dinner she attended. She said:

"Just got home from the Japanese dinner. Liked it fine. It was in that house on Missouri Avenue where we lived. It is made over and so much nicer.

"What memories it had for me. more pleasure than I have ever had in all these long years. Do you remember the parties we had?

The dinner was beef in small chunks, spinach with young onions, noodles, rice, cookies and assorted fruits and tea."

Yes, we remember the parties and the house on Missouri Avenue when we stayed with Prof. and Mrs. Wrench when we attended the University of Missouri. That was a long, long time ago. Verily, we grow older . . or perhaps old.

#### OUR SCHOOLS

What about our schools? That is the question that the school faculty itself is trying to answer. And to do this they are making an intensive study of what is going on in the schools.

How will the schools go about this? In his article last week Supt. Mack Fisher stressed what the job is. The officials and the teachers rough dry.

students at the University of Mis- will study their own work. They these subjects and what relation-

> Then they will have to make conclusions, pass opinions, make tion. judgements. More pointedly the school men will attempt to find out what is good in the school work, what can be improved and ideas for improving the work that needs improving.

The main points to be stressed, questions: "How good a job are we dents in citizenship training. doing in meeting community needs?" and "What areas in the instructional program needs to be

This is a far cry from the three R's: reading, 'riting and 'rithmatic. In the past all the schools had to do was to see that the student learned these three things. Today, something else has been add-

This addition is: Does what the student learns help in community life, how does it adjust him for IN 15 MINUTES,

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will give values to their own sub- help him live a better life, how jects, their methods of teaching does it help him . . in short . . live.

The assignments that have been made to the different teachers carry out this new idea in educa-

Take curriculum planning and development. In plain language it means what kind of subjects are being taught.

Take social skills and attitudes What does that mean? Simply, how to be a good citizen, and the said Prof. Fisher, is to answer these subjects that will help the stu-

In short the school is growing up itself and is deeply interested in what it is doing and how it can better itself and thereby better the products they are producing. It is work worth doing.

#### "WHITE-ICISM"

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Mr. Toombs is up now and feel ing much better.

SPEAKERS FROM FAR AWAY ON PROGRAM

Speakers from as far as Japan and Switzerland will apear on Abilene Christian College's 1955 Bible Lecturship, scheduled Feb. 20-24.

J. D. Thomas, lectureship director, announces the series will include eight mission speeches, two of which will be by Ed Brown, former evangelist in Japan, and Toombs did recently. Here's' the Heinrich Blum of Zurich, Switzerland, now an ACC student.

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