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R. M. Dulin 56, Retired Cafe Operator, Dies

Funeral for Robert Belvin Dulin, 56-year-old retired cafe operator who died Friday at his home here was held at 2 p. m. Sunday in the Merkel Church of Christ.

Bob Cannon, minister, officiated with burial in Rose Hill Cemetery under direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

Mr. Dulin was born Oct. 28, 1901, in Taylor County, and married the former Effie Cavitt of Fisher County. They had lived in Taylor County most of the time since.

He had operated cafes until about three years ago, when he retired because of ill health.

Survivors are his wife; one daughter, Mrs. James Butman of Merkel; two brothers, W. J. Dulin of Elida, N. M., and Lee Dulin of Phoenix, Ariz.; six sisters, Mrs. W. L. Terrell of Rotan, Mrs. A. P. Sanford of Meridian, Mrs. Ira Cavitt of Hobbs, Mrs. W. R. Sandusky and Mrs. S. R. Scott, both of Merkel, and Mrs. A. Z. Decker of Abilene.

Red Cross Drive Extended; Merkel Exceeds Quota

Merkel has exceeded its quota of \$840 in the Red Cross March campaign by contributing \$900, according to a report from Leon Walker, local chairman.

The total collected in the county up to date is \$1,615.20 out of a quota of \$1,950.

Johnny Cox, county chairman, has announced that the drive will be extended for another week to enable people who have not been contacted to make their contributions. Anyone missed in the drive is urged to contact their local chairman and Join The Red Cross.

Former Trent Resident Dies

Funeral services are pending for Grover Cleveland (Clevie) Freeman, 72, who died at his home at 723 W. 27th, Houston, Tuesday afternoon, April 1, at 4:30 p. m.

Mr. Freeman was a former resident of Trent and White Flat community where he was engaged in farming.

Survivors besides his wife are three sons, Ellis, Henry, and Clinton, two daughters, Mrs. Pearl Clark, and Mrs. Laura Harris all of Houston; four brothers, George, Trent, Chess, Lexington; Arthur, Post; Frank, Ft. Worth.

Urban Renewal - What Is It?

As a matter of broad community relations policy the Merkel Chamber of Commerce recognizes that it and its executives must play a significant part in aiding local efforts to solve the urban renewal problems of this community.

By way of helping discharge these responsibilities the Chamber of Commerce is carrying out a carefully planned program of informing the people of this community of the complex problems in connection with urban renewal and indicating how the people of this community can most effectively contribute towards their solution.

This article explains how the resources of the federal, state and municipal governments can best be utilized in carrying out local problems. It also describes the manner in which citizens can effectively support local urban renewal programs.

In brief, urban renewal deals with the conservation of good housing, rehabilitating blighted housing and removal of slum housing. This article deals with the terms and phases used to describe the techniques for eliminating and preventing slums and blight.

SLUMS — urban sights where neighborhood conditions and dwellings have become detrimental to health, safety and community welfare, and where the social and economic liabilities so greatly outweigh the assets that rehabilitation is neither practical nor feasible.

BLIGHT — poorly planned areas where houses and neighborhoods



YOUNG WRANGLER . . . 16-month-old Mike Hines Jr. is dwarfed (but not scared) by 1,850 lb. champion Hereford bull, entrant in Las Vegas Helldorado Pageant.

Merkel Schools Hold Open House For Fortnightly Study Club

Using the slogan "Children have more need for models than critics," Mrs. Carroll Benson introduced the program for the Fortnightly Study Club members when they met in the Merkel Public School auditorium on Tuesday afternoon, March 25. With her poem "I Am A Teacher Because—" the chairman paved the way for Superintendent Mack Fisher and Principal C. A. Farley who discussed "Education for World Understanding."

In his discussion of "Conservation of Human Resources," Mr. Fisher named the increase of serious minded students as the

possible cure of most of the defects in our educational system. This growing interest on the part of students can be seen in our own school. One half of the Junior Class will take examinations in a few weeks, which may lead to scholarships to our leading colleges and universities. In comparing the American system of education with that of Russia, Mr. Fisher gave poignant statistics concerning the differences in the number of required credits of science and mathematics on the part of high school graduates belonging to the two nations. The speaker pointed out, however, that the United States has never lost a war — a feat accomplished because of her educational system.

Mrs. Robert Wyche Of Noodle Dies

Mrs. Robert Wyche, 40, of Noodle, died at 1:45 p. m. Monday at Hendrick Memorial Hospital in Abilene after an illness of about three months.

Mrs. Wyche was the wife of Robert Wyche, Noodle farmer and oilfield worker.

She was born Lenore Thompson on Nov. 5, 1917, at the Swan's Chapel community in Jones County. She graduated from North Dallas High School and attended Southern Methodist University before her marriage in 1938. The couple moved from Dallas to Noodle in 1942.

Funeral was Wednesday at 2 p. m. in the Merkel Methodist Church, where she was a member. The Rev. Cloy Lyles, pastor, officiated. Burial was in Shilo Cemetery in Jones County under direction of Starbuck Funeral Home of Merkel.

Survivors include her husband, of Noodle; one son, Michael, of the home; one brother, John Thompson of Oklahoma City; and her mother, Mrs. John C. Thompson of Noodle.

Father Of Merkel Woman Dies At 90

Fred Brookreson, 90, father of Mrs. Andrew Baker of Merkel, and Buffalo Gap's oldest resident, died in an Abilene hospital at 4 p. m. Wednesday, March 26.

He had been ill about two weeks and had been hospitalized about a week.

Mr. Brookreson was born Oct. 24, 1867 in San Saba. His father, who traveled from San Saba in a covered wagon, driving over 300 head of hogs and several hundred head of cattle, began ranching in the Buffalo Gap area in 1874. His family followed two years later.

Mr. Brookreson was married to Gertrude Kincaid in 1899 in Buffalo Gap where he was engaged in farming until he retired several years ago. He was a member of the Methodist Church.

Funeral was held at 2 p. m. Friday in Buffalo Gap Methodist Church with the Rev. John Edgar, pastor, officiating, assisted by the Rev. H. T. Reed, pastor of the Tuscola Methodist Church. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery in Merkel under the direction of Fry Funeral Home of Tuscola.

Survivors include his wife; one daughter, Mrs. Baker of Merkel; two sons, Clark of Buffalo Gap and B. K. of Tuscola, Rt. 1; three sisters, Mrs. Bell Morrow of Glendale, Ariz., Mrs. Sudie Ward of Buffalo Gap, and Mrs. Dolly Green of Houston; one brother, D. J. of Seymour, 11 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. One son, Marvin, died several years ago.

Friends Aid Sick Neighbor

Neighbors and friends gathered at the Alvin Byrd farm in Stith last Thursday and "put up" his land. Mr. Byrd suffered a slight stroke March 16 and was hospitalized for five days.

When neighbors found out that Mr. Byrd was home but unable to work they left their own fields to help him. There were 12 tractors running.

Those helping were: F. J. McDonald, Paul Bradley, Ben Bingham, Ted Hudson, Leonard McCoy, Jerry Byrd, Hollis Hudson, Walter Vantrees, Eline Berry, Bob Hudson, Odie Fikes and Roy Kelso.

"Stith is a wonderful community with the finest of people living here," said Mrs. Byrd. "They never fail to help a neighbor in distress." Mrs. Byrd said that she and her family will always be grateful for friends and neighbors who expressed her thanks for what they have done for her.

Easter Lily Sale Nets \$147 Here

Merkel was second high in collections for the Easter Lily Parade held in areas around Abilene March 28 and 29. Stamford topped the \$147.02 collected here by seven dollars.

People from Noodle, Trent, Butman, Tye and Stith contributed to the Merkel drive as well as local residents, according to Mrs. Eldon Hicks, chairman for the drive here.

A net total of \$2,502.10 was raised in Abilene and the seven other area towns with all proceeds going to the West Texas Rehabilitation Center.

The Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi sponsored the drive in Merkel. They were assisted by the Girl, Boy and Cub Scouts.

Woodman District Meet Held Here

The Merkel Woodman Circle Grove No. 563 was host to a District convention at the Community Center, Monday, March 31.

Mrs. Laura E. Krebs of Austin National District Committee Woman and State president, gave the instructions for the school.

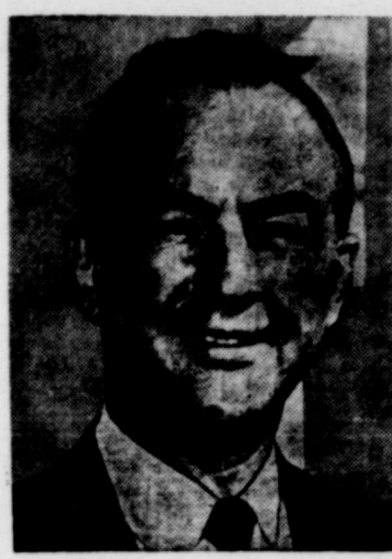
Mrs. Lillian Bagley of Brownwood, district president, presided.

Mrs. Lillian Mathews of Abilene, district drill captain and her drill team from Merkel put on the floor work.

The ladies had dinner at Woosy's cafe.

There were 31 in attendance, among this number being seven national and state officers.

Representatives were here from Austin, Stephenville, Brownwood, Coleman, Abilene and Merkel.



BUDGET BOSS . . . Maurice H. Stans, deputy director of budget bureau, has been named director, succeeding resigned Percival F. Brundage.

Merkel Man's Father Dies

Funeral for J. M. Rust, 83, was held Friday at 2 p. m. in the First Methodist Church in Anson, with the Rev. Aubrey C. Haines, pastor, officiating.

Burial was in Mount Hope Cemetery under direction of Lawrence Funeral Home.

Mr. Rust, a retired farmer, died Wednesday at St. Ann Hospital in Abilene. A former Ranger and Abilene resident, he had lived on a Truby farm since 1930.

Survivors include four sons, Eimer F. of Anson, John F. of Borger, C. B. of Merkel and Charles T. of Anson; two daughters, Mrs. Lorene Hankins of Ft. Worth and Mrs. Noel Bowen of Abilene; one brother, G. W. of San Bernardino, Calif., and a sister, Mrs. Betty Craver of Carlsbad, N. M.

Merkelite's Kin Dies Suddenly

Word was received here by Mrs. W. M. Elliott of the sudden death of her brother, D. I. (Dave) Shelton which occurred at his home in Cisco Tuesday evening, April 1.

Mr. Shelton, a long-time Merkel resident, had resided in Cisco for a number of years where he was engaged in the produce business.

He was a member of the Methodist church.

Survivors include his wife, two sons, C. V. of Seminole, and Lynn, of Walla Walla, Washington; three daughters, Mrs. Lois Dunn, Lovington, N. M.; Mrs. Lola Sheppard, Big Spring; Mrs. Dorna Lee Bradshaw, Midland; the sister, Mrs. Elliott; a nephew, Roy Elliott, Dallas; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Funeral services are pending.

New Corporation Formed Here

Raymond Ferguson was elected president of the Merkel Egg Producers, Inc., a newly formed corporation, at a meeting held in the Taylor Electric building March 25.

Other officers elected to serve until a charter is issued the organization are: Ray Osborn, vice president; Homer Finch, secretary-treasurer; and Dub Reddin, Wilmer Criswell, Elsie Roland and Allen King, directors.

A report on the findings of the steering committee was given and discussed regarding the egg grading station in Merkel. The station was reported possible for this area if producers would increase their flocks. 50,000 hens are needed in the area to make the organization a paying one.

Producers may sign up their flocks by contacting Mr. Ferguson at Higginbotham-Bartlett Co.

Assembly Of God Revival Date Set

The Assembly of God of Merkel, located at North 2nd and Rannels Street, will begin a revival on Monday, April 7.

The Rev. and Mrs. T. B. Barrett of Stamford will be the evangelists.

Services will be held each evening at 7:30 with the exception of Saturday night, according to Rev. William S. Agnew, pastor.

The public is invited to attend the services and hear the singing and preaching.

Second Graders Take Zoo Trip

Second grade students climaxed their study on animals with a trip to the zoo in Abilene last week.

The children went by bus and were accompanied by their teachers, Mrs. Bryan Dunagin, Mrs. Ted Pargament and Mrs. H. C. Reid.

Manley Denton Tops In Class A

Merkel figured prominently in the Class A All-Area basketball team of the Abilene Reporter News with Manley Denton one of the first five, Bud Patterson and Riley Seymore on the third team and Don Loyd, one of two top area coaches named.

Denton was the only junior making the first team. Other choices, all seniors, were Douglas Ricketson of Llano, Eugene White of Santa Anna, Jerry Grable of Throckmorton, and Billy Moore of Roby.

None are repeaters from last year since the 1957 teams was an all senior group headed by Merkel's Robert McLeod.

Denton, 6-2, has the top scoring average of 17.2 among the players selected to the team. He was Merkel's leading scorer with 429 points, and top rebounder with 265. He hit 40 percent from the floor and 61 percent from the free throw line. In three years he has totaled 735 points for the Badgers and has grabbed 520 rebounds. He is a 3-year letterman and was unanimous all district choice. His high single game total was 27 against Rotan.

Don Loyd and Bill Atchley of Throckmorton were named top area coaches.

Loyd, a McMurry graduate, coached the Badgers to another district title this year with a 22-4 record. During the past three years Merkel has won 68 and lost only 11 games.

Omar Burleson Field Day Guest

Wednesday, April 9, 1958 the Upper Clear Fork and Middle Clear Fork Soil Conservation Districts are sponsoring a joint conservation field day on the J. C. Morris stock farm approximately eight miles east of Sweetwater.

The purpose of the field day is to point out several conservation problems such as, brush control and range seeding, planting dead litter cover and grass seeding, and see how these problems are being met on Mr. Morris' farm.

Congressman Omar Burleson is to be the special guest of the two Soil Conservation districts.

New Residents

New residents in Merkel this week are S.Sgt. Walter K. Metz, his wife, Irene, and their daughter, Doroles Christene, five months.

The new comers, formerly of Tucson, Arizona, are now stationed at Dyess AFB with the 42nd Aviation Depot Squadron.

They reside at 1004 Locust.

Baseball News

J. B. Phillips tossed a two-hitter and struck out 11 batters as Merkel took a 3-1 baseball triumph over Divide Monday.

Beall Orr was the losing pitcher. It was the season opener for Divide.

The linescore: Merkel 001 200 0—3-6-2 Divide 001 000 0—1-2-3

Phillips and Denton; Orr, Hucklebridge (3) and Moore.

Merkel opened the season with an 8-2 trouncing of Cisco here Wednesday on Barry Scott's two-hitter.

Manley Denton hit three singles, Scott slammed out a triple and single, and Lanny Perry blasted a double and single to lead the 11-hit Badger attack.

Cisco was held to a triple and single, both coming off the bat of catcher Schafer. Scott struck out 12 Cisco batters.

Cisco — 000 101 0 — 2-2 Merkel — 200 303 x-8-11

White, Smith (5) and Schafer; Scott and Denton.

Jacky Russell, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Russell, is home for the Easter holidays from Tarleton State College. He ran in the Texas Relay meet at Austin last weekend and won fifth place in the 100 yd. dash for Junior College-Freshman group. He goes to Big Spring this weekend where he is entered in the ABC relay meet.

Merkel Wins District 125 Competition

Merkel schools piled up 111 points to 82 for leading second place Roby and won the Texas Interscholastic League District 125 Literary Meet in Coahoma Saturday.

Coaches of the winning students from Merkel were Mrs. Vincent Barnett, Mrs. Millie Lou Ash and Mrs. Edwin Read.

Merkel won first places in senior girls' declamation, ready writing, shorthand, boy's poetry reading and girls' extemporaneous speaking. Roby was winner of competition on one-act play, girls' debate and boys debate.

Other results by schools: Coahoma, third with 57 points; Rotan fourth, 47 points; Roscoe, fifth, 40 points; and Stanton, sixth, 35 points.

Fred Stalling of Coahoma was director-general of the meet.

Winners listed in 1-2-3-4 order, were:

Senior Girls' Declamation — Kathy Hunter, Merkel; Rosalie Devaney, Coahoma; Jo Ann Doyle of Roby; Peggy Appling, Rotan.

Girls' High School Declamation — Edwina Schneider, Roscoe; Judy Edwards, Rotan; Ruth Corder, Merkel; Joan Davis, Coahoma.

Boys' Junior High School Declamation — E. L. Duncan, Roscoe; Johnny Jackson of Rotan.

Spelling — Jay Etheredge and Pat Stafford, Roscoe; Charles Curb and Bette Smith, Merkel; David Stoker and Glenda Denton, Coahoma; Dale Green and Harvey Morton, Roby.

Ready Writers — Charles Curb, Merkel; Chera Corder, Merkel; Armita Kemp, Roby; Sara Jane Cave, Roby.

Typewriting — Sadie Nixon, Coahoma; Mary Camp, Coahoma; Janice Green, Roby; Virginia Criswell, Merkel.

Shorthand — Bette Smith, Merkel; Darlene Gregg, Coahoma; Peggy Hammit, Rotan; Minta McAninch, Merkel.

Slide rule — Burnell Hargrove, Rotan; Floyd Hurst, Rotan; Roland Smith, Roscoe.

Number Sense — Leta Warren of Roby; Jimmy Hamilton, Stanton; Nita Warren, Roby.

One-act play — Roby.

Girls' debate — Betty Neighbor and Jane Etherede, Roby.

Boys Debate — Jerry Howard and Harvey Morton, Roby.

Girls' Poetry Reading — Burnell Hargrove, Rotan; Sara Black, Roby; Joyce Anderson, Stanton; Sue Alice Beard, Coahoma.

Boys' Poetry Reading — Joe Cunningham, Merkel; Errol Rutledge, Merkel; Roger Tate, Stanton; and Jimmy Hamilton, Stanton.

Girls' Extemporaneous Speaking — Becky Ray, Merkel.

Boys' Extemporaneous Speaking — Carl Wright, Stanton; Mike Farley, Merkel; and Doyle Warren, Coahoma.

Senior Boys' Declamation — John Shields, Roscoe; Lennie Harris, Merkel; Mac Robinson, Coahoma; Alfred Johnson, Stanton.

School Trustee Election April 5

Two places will be filled on the Merkel School Board at an election to be held in the lobby of the high school gymnasium on Saturday, April 5.

Lester Dorton, De Lavern Moore and Joe E. Lassiter have filed for the places to be vacated by M. H. Ely and J. W. Hammond.

Other trustees are Ford Smith Jr., Joe Seymore, Ray Wilson, Wayne Adcock and Ellis Harris.

Tye Baptists Enter Program

The First Baptist Church at Tye is participating in the 1958 Texas Baptist Church Achievement Program sponsored by the Baptist General Convention of Texas, the Rev. Jake Armstrong, pastor, has announced.

Designed to stimulate interest in small-church work, the program recognizes outstanding achievements by pastors and the churches in areas of Church, Community and world improvement.

More than 355 Texas Baptist town and country churches participated in the program last year.

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Mr. and Mrs. Troy Roland and children of Ft. Worth were weekend visitors with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Simpson and Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Roland. Mr. Roland returned to Ft. Worth Sunday and Mrs. Roland and boys remained for a longer visit.



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Home Demonstration Notes

By LORETA ALLEN

Taylor County Home Demonstration Agent



I had a letter from Mss Lottie Butman this week. She was in Seal Beach, California. She is really touring the west coast and reports that she is having a wonderful time. We hope she is home in time to be our delegate to the district Texas Home Demonstration Association meeting in San Angelo, April 16.

I have just received several requests concerning reducing diets. As I began to think of information on this, I thought of some pre-cautions a person should take when going on a diet.

Consult a doctor before beginning a reducing schedule. Beware of fad diets.

Gradual reduction in weight is the only safe method. Eat three well-balanced meals each day.

One basic principle to follow while reducing is to eat slightly less food than the body needs to carry out all its activities. In that way, it will have to call upon other sources of energy—stores of fat in the body. These will be used to provide the rest of the energy needed, and weight loss will result.

This cut in food consumption should not be made indiscriminately. To be safe, eat adequately. The daily diet should include a variety of foods as listed on the Texas Food Standard. A good variety insures a sufficient supply of all the nutrients needed for good health. Since reducing needs to be a fairly long-time project, this variety keeps the diet from becoming tiresome.

Generally avoid all the extras—cream, sugar, salad dressings, cream sauces, fried foods, rich desserts (concentrated calories but minus many other important nutrients.) Each food in a reducing diet should contribute more than calories; it should provide minerals, vitamins and possibly protein. One of the newer reducing plans, based on scientific research, stresses high protein and a larger breakfast. It also allows more fat in the diet. These features seem to help control the appetite during the day. They ward off that hungry, empty

feeling and the lack of pep and tiredness sometimes associated with a reducing period.

The general meal plan in this new diet is:

1. Breakfast
Grapefruit (1/2 medium) or orange juice (1/2 cup)
Eggs (2, cooked any way)
Bread (1 slice)
Butter (1/2 tablespoon)
Milk (3/4 cup)
2. Lunch or Supper
Meat (1/4 pound)
Vegetable (2/3 cup) or salad (1 cup) with small amount of dressing.
Milk (3/4 cup)
3. Dinner
Meat (1/4 pound)
Vegetable (2/3 cup with 1/2 tablespoon butter)
Fruit (1/2 cup, unsweetened or canned in light syrup)
Milk (3/4 cup)

It's important to eat all these foods. Meals should be spaced regularly; none should be skipped.

There is a lot of good information on meal planning in a bulletin B-324, "Good Meals Everyday." If you would like a copy write for one.

UP THE CANYON

By TOM RUSSOM

At last we think spring has come. Farmers are really getting their land in shape for spring.

There is an excellent lamb crop marked up this time in the Canyon. Some sheep are being sheared now.

Frank Brnovak has sheared his flock of sheep.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Toombs visited with Mr. and Mrs. George W. Neil at Rock Springs Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Swinney visited in Notress with their son, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Swinney, in Odessa with Mr. and Mrs. Jess Russom and family and in Big Spring in the J. B. Sloan home.

Cattle are fat and the calves are salty. In case you don't understand the word "salty" mean that when you go to mark them it takes two men to lay the calves on the ground.

Mrs. John Oliver and two daughters, Betty and Pat attended church at Pioneer Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Russom and son attended a supper in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Anderson of Merkel Monday night to honor Mr. and Mrs. Odell Anderson and son, who will leave Saturday for their home in Kansas after a visit of several weeks with their parents and other friends and relatives.

Well you know how the high priced grass seed that farm boys paid \$2 a pound for last year can be purchased for 12 to 15 cents per pound. That is as cheap as Sudan grass seed, and anyone can plant it at that price.

The country is going all out for grass seeding. Then what could happen to the cattle business is anybody's guess. One would be surprised at the number of acres being seeded to grass in our area.

In place of the regular community night program on Saturday night there will be a community wide egg hunt Sunday afternoon at 3:00 p. m. Bring your children and some eggs to the community center. Everyone is invited.

Visitors in the home of Mrs. C. L. Smith Sunday were: Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Freeman and Sandra; Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Hicks, Debbie and Stan; Mr. and Mrs. Bert Hale and Linda of Roby; Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Freeman, Barbara and Jimmy of Trent; Mrs. Richard Alston, her daughter and grandson, Mrs. Dan Smart and Rickey of Houston; Larry and Gary Smith of Roby; Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Smith; and Mrs. Kenneth Smith of Sweetwater.

Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Mashburn of Ft. Worth were weekend visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Brooks Patterson and with other relatives and friends.

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- Mrs. Murry Toombs
- Mrs. C. P. Stephens
- J. J. Anderson, Sr.
- Dan Bradford
- Patricia Moore
- Mrs. E. L. Berry
- Mrs. Clesby Patterson
- Mrs. Goldie Malone
- Mrs. Scott Morris
- Horace Hargrove
- M. L. Jones
- Mrs. L. V. Armstrong
- Mrs. H. Greene
- Kenneth Patton
- Mrs. H. T. Ogletree

DISMISSED:

- Howard Carson
- Lucky Patton
- Mrs. J. W. Hammond
- Mrs. Leroy Benningfield
- Bobby J. Overman
- Mrs. Masi n Shurley
- C. R. Williams
- W. M. Loflin
- Billy Lucas
- George Smith
- J. W. Isenburg
- Bill Springer
- Mrs. Weldon Blackburn and baby girl
- B. W. Woodard
- R. E. Hamilton baby
- Lupe Rivera baby
- Mrs. Murry Toombs
- Mrs. C. P. Stevens
- Patricia Moore
- Mrs. E. L. Berry
- Mrs. Goldie Malone
- Mrs. Scott Morris

Mrs. Myrtle Walker has returned to her home here after a two weeks visit with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Vance of Houston.

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NOTICE

All members of the Grace Presbyterian church are urged to attend services Sunday, April 6, when Rev. Ed Jay will preach. Visitors are cordially invited to attend the Easter service.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Bowen and daughters, Cheryl and Nancy of Fort Worth are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Bowen.

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New Arrivals

Sp. 2c and Mrs. Richard A. Hamilton are announcing the birth of a daughter, Pamela June, on Sunday, March 23, in Tokama, Japan.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Wheeler of Trent, and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Hamilton of Port Crane, New York.

Richard is X-Ray technician with the U. S. Army. Mrs. Hamilton is the former Cleo Wheeler.

Mrs. Bowman Barlow and children of Abilene visited their mother and grandmother, Mrs. Adah Heeter Monday.

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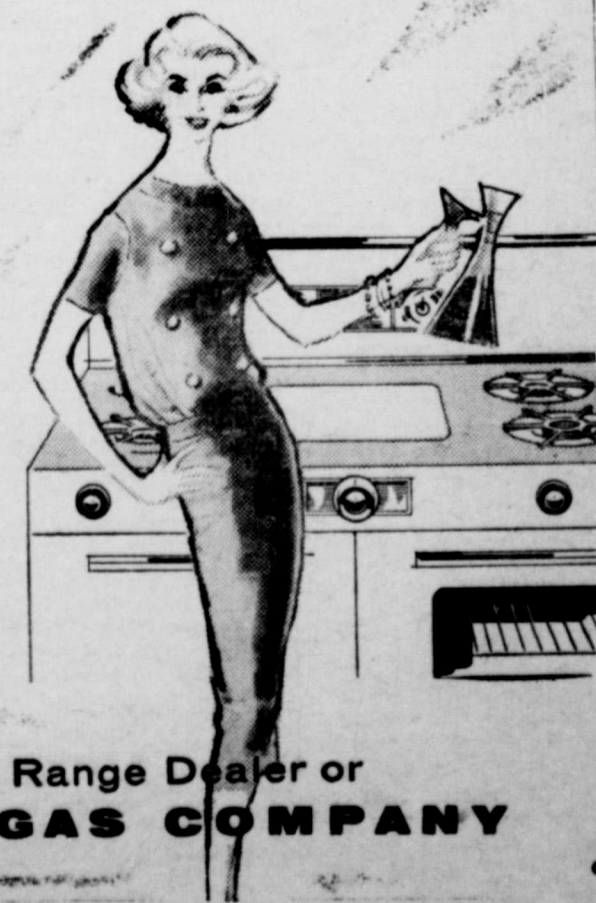


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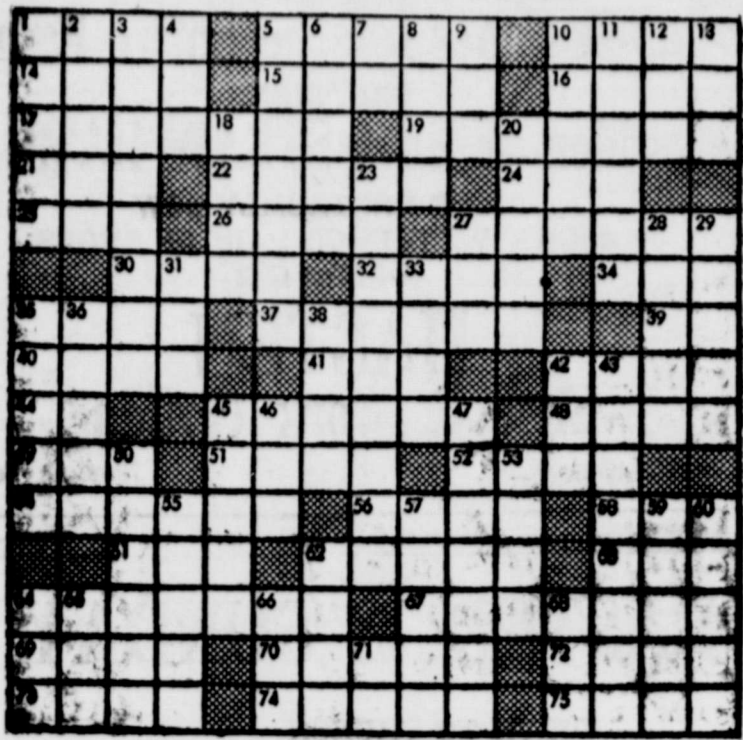
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10 Adjective
14 Opposed to weather
15 Breed of dwarf cattle
16 Lead
17 Name of Detroit pro basketball team
19 Employs
21 Hawaiian wreath
22 Spoon
24 Quilt
25 Abstract being
26 Alleviate
27 Jury list
28 Narrate
29 Contends
34 Period
35 A crystal
37 Restricts
38 River of Italy
40 Youth
41 Cereal grain
42 Warm-weather drink
44 White
45 City in Ohio
46 Fries of dirt
48 Vigor
51 Flap
52 Epic poetry
54 Ship which transported slaves

DOWN
1 Tree
2 Foreigner
3 Opposed
4 Nevertheless
5 Tempera
6 Gets up
7 Sun god
8 The sweetshop
9 Bushmen
10 Killed
11 Furnished with label
12 Fish
13 Thing in law
14 Russian city
18 Green
19 herbage
20 Something
21 Fondle
22 Ran at certain gait
23 Facing di-

ection from which glacier impinges
31 Bitter
32 Growing out
33 Ethiopian title
34 Takes offense at
35 Artist's stand
36 Weight
37 A Negro people in Nigeria
38 Careful
39 Free from dirt
40 Swiss river
41 One who catches fish
42 with a seine (pl.)
43 Analyzes grammatically
44 Rhymester
45 Change direction
46 After awhile
47 American author
48 District of India
49 Anglo-Saxon slave
50 Male sheep
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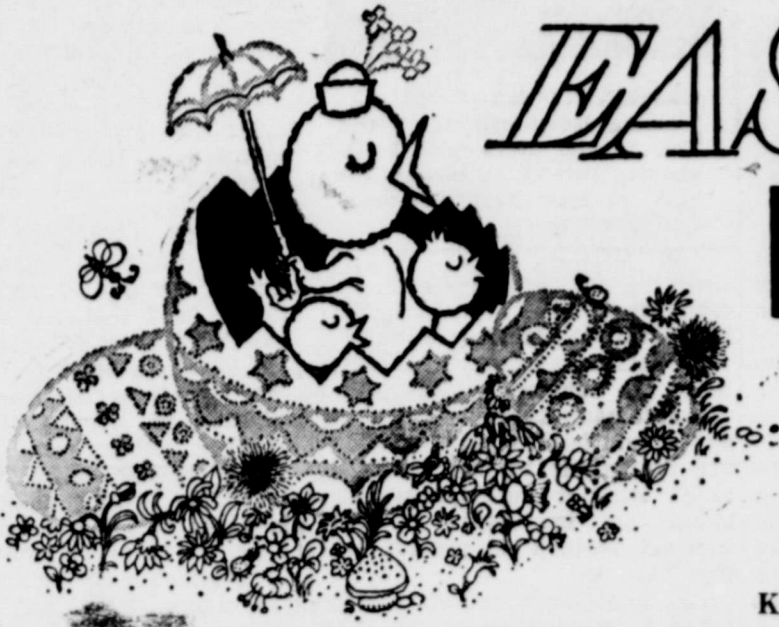
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Lt. Eddie Jones Is Tye Visitor

Second Lt. Eddie H. Jones has returned to Fort Bliss following a visit with his wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Rister, in Tye.

A graduate of Hardin-Simmons University, Lt. Jones was on a 35-day leave after completing a 16 weeks AAA-Nike school at Fort Bliss. He has been assigned to the First Brigade at the post.

He also visited with his mother Mrs. Hugh Jones, in Childress while on leave.

Chapel Choir Tours Dallas

The Chapel Choir, composed of intermediates from the First Baptist Church, with its director, R. B. Hall, and sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Nail, went to Dallas Saturday, March 29, on a sight seeing tour of Baptist work there.

Some of the places visited were

the Baptist Book Store, First Baptist Church, the Baptist building, Buckner's Orphan Home and Fair Park. They also stopped in Fort Worth and saw some places of interest.

The party was composed of 23 persons, and the director announced Sunday plans were being made for more such trips.

First Baptist Holds Banquet

The officers and teachers of the First Baptist Sunday School held a banquet at the church Monday evening, March 31.

Perry Davis, president, and R. B. Hall Jr., directed the group in singing with Mrs. C. G. Sewell accompanying at the piano.

B. W. King gave the opening prayer.

Mrs. Lucy Ford talked on "Obedience to the Divine Command," and Mrs. Don Riney, "The Value of an Individual," with scripture taken from Luke 15:4-7.

Sentence prayers were said by the group, followed by the hymn.

"Lord, Send a Revival." Rev. C. G. Sewell offered the closing prayer.

U. S. Savings Bond County Campaign Set

Share-in-America week, a Taylor County campaign to stimulate thrift and stress the patriotic and personal values of regular investment in U. S. Savings Bonds, will be held April 21 to April 26 in Abilene and Taylor County.

The announcement was made by Dan Jones Castles, chairman of the Campaign Committee, after the committee met to make preliminary plans. Members of the committee are: Advertising and Publicity Chairman, Mrs. Cleon Todd; Banking, Fleming James; Civic and Service Clubs, Joe Smith; Payroll Savings, L. A. Lacy; Agricultural, D. H. Jefferson; Schools, A. E. Wells; and Telephone, Mrs. James L. (Curly) Hays.

"Plans are being made," Mr. Castle said, "for an all-out community campaign to focus the spotlight on the Savings Bond as the safe, sure instrument of thrift that has become a vital part of the American way of life. The whole committee," he said, "went on record as endorsing Savings Bonds and urging citizens of Taylor County to take part in the Share-in-America week."

The promotion will be in the form of a one-week campaign, during which intensive efforts will be made to offer the Payroll Savings Plan to every salaried employee in this area.

"Most of the larger business



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Wearing latest coiffure, Gloria Van Deweel poses with heads showing hair styles through the ages at New York's National Antiques Show.

firms in and around Abilene already make the Payroll Savings Plan available to their workers," the chairman said. "However, there are numerous places where the automatic savings plan could and should be in operation. Those are the people we are trying to reach with a message on the value and importance of this painless method of regular savings."

City and County schools will be asked to participate in the long week activity. "One way they can do it," Mr. Castles said, "is through stepping up sales of Savings Stamps; another is by encouraging parents to take part in the Payroll Savings Plan."

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URBAN

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its intent to do the whole job. **WHAT OTHER TOOLS AND FEDERAL HELP ARE AVAILABLE?**

ADVANCE GRANTS of funds for surveys and plans to set up an urban renewal project; this includes programs for voluntary repair and rehabilitation, for enforcement of codes and ordinances for work preliminary to land acquisition.

PROJECT LOANS for financing acquisition of land and structures, demolition of buildings, and the performance of work necessary to make land available for re-use. These loans may be sufficient for all working capital requirements which can only be liquidated from the sale of acquired lands.

CAPITOL GRANTS for urban renewal projects to pay for two-thirds of net cost to the city after sale of land that may be involved. City's third of cost may be paid in whole or in part through cash, donations of land, or installation of streets, sewers, or any other public works.

FUNDS FOR PUBLIC HOUSING required to rehouse people displaced as above, who are unable to pay for standard private housing available, or housing available under FHA mortgage insurance Sections 220 and 221.

SPECIAL PROVISIONS UNDER FHA mortgage insurance aids for all housing affected by the urban renewal program.

SECTION 220 — Specifically designed to assist in financing rehabilitation of existing dwellings and new construction in urban renewal areas.

SECTION 221 specifically designed for new or existing homes to rehouse people displaced by any government action—federal, state or local. This housing may be located outside the renewal area.

DEMONSTRATION FUNDS — special grants for research projects conducted in cities to develop better techniques for urban renewal. FHA will pay up to two-thirds of project cost.

CITY PLANNING GRANTS—Federal grants up to 50% of estimated cost of work for (1) State planning agencies under 25,000 population. (2) State, metropolitan or regional planning agencies to help carry planning beyond city limits.

PUBLIC WORKS PLANNING—non interest bearing loans for planned public works (other than housing) that conform to overall state local or regional plans.

FHA MORTGAGE INSURANCE FOR: FHA Home Repair and Improvement Loans.

OPEN END MORTGAGE ADVANCES—on 1 to 4 family units, FHA authorized to insure advances for improvement or repair under an "open end" provision in the mortgage. This advance is added to the principal amount still outstanding at the same interest rate.

HOME MORTGAGE—1 to 4 family. Maximum mortgage amounts and loan period increased for existing housing bring this financing under FHA programs much more in line with the ton new housing.

LOW COST HOUSING LOANS—maximum mortgage amounts increased making possible a 95% loan on a \$7,000 sale price house. Builders may use deferred payment plan for buyer with no down payment.

RENTAL HOUSING LOANS—multifamily. Specific authority given to use this insurance for mortgages on existing units located in blighted areas.

Those are just some of the advantages that can be made available to you and to your community by putting this plan into action. All you need do is cooperate.

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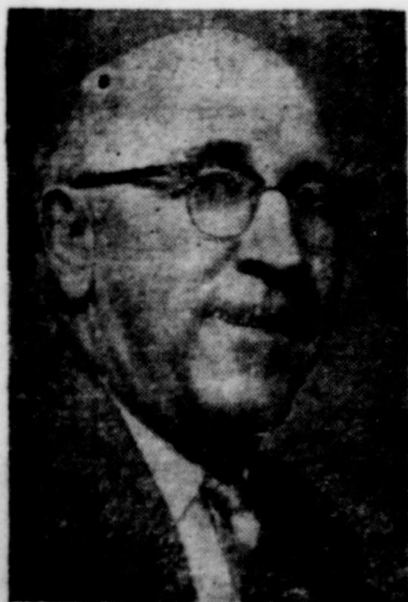
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MERKEL, TEXAS

301 LOCUST STREET

APRIL 6-13

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District 9 Missionary Secretary
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R. B. Hall, Jr.
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HOUSE FOR SALE—Call 357-W 2-1tp

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

(The Merkel Mail is authorized to make the following announcements of candidates, subject to the action of the Democratic party primary, July 26.)

County School Superintendent
Elvie Pierce (re-election)
County Commissioner Precinct 2
Rufe Tittle

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank everyone who extended comforting sympathy and help in our recent loss of our loved one, R. M. Dulin. May God richly bless you, each and everyone.
Mrs. R. M. Dulin
Mrs. James Butman and Paulette
The brothers and sisters.

Legal Column

THE STATE OF TEXAS
To any Sheriff or any Constable within the State of Texas —
GREETINGS:
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.

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Betty Holmes, Defendant.

GREETING:
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County at the Court-house thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 28th day of April A. D. 1958, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 15th day of January A. D. 1958, in this cause, numbered 22,725-A on the docket of said court and styled Sidney Holmes, Plaintiff, vs. Betty Holmes, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and defendant were duly and legally married on or about 1942, and separated on or about Sept. 1956.

Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of harsh and cruel treatment.

Plaintiff alleges that there are no children of this marriage and no community property to be adjudicated 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 11th day of March A. D. 1958.

(SEAL)
Attest: R. H. Ross, Clerk, 42nd District Court Taylor County, Texas.
By Irene Crawford, Deputy.

LEGAL NOTICE

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Vernel Hill, Defendant.

GREETINGS:
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County at the Court-house thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 12th day of May A. D. 1958, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 10th day of January A. D. 1958, in this cause, numbered 22,716-A on the docket of said court and styled Henry A. W. Hill, Plaintiff, vs. Vernel Hill, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and defendant were duly and legally married on or about the 1st day of July, 1952 and became permanently separated on or about March 1954.

Plaintiff alleges that no children were born of this union and no property accumulated, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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

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

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this 19th day of March A. D. 1958

(SEAL)
Attest: R. H. Ross, Clerk, 42nd District Court, Taylor County, Texas.
By Irene Crawford, Deputy.

Mrs. Maud Stalls of Abilene is visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Murray.



REV. ROBERT H. HARPER

ALL FOOLS' DAY

IN CASE you have overlooked it, the first day of April is All Fools' Day. Chances are, someone "sportively imposed upon" you, in the language of the dictionary, and did not allow you to forget the day.

Of all the days men are accustomed to remember, "All Fools' Day" seems the most foolish. But it is rather mild, in comparison with other days that men spend in tragic folly, as it proves in the end. A long list of such days, with no special claim for observance, may be remembered afterward in sorrow and grief.

Such a day may be when one responds to the thrill of speed and presses down too heavily on the accelerator. We may think, too, of the man who gives a ready ear to the insidious whisperings of evil.

So now, with levity aside and with serious things in view, let us determine that the first day of April shall not be made to reach into all the days of the year. Worse than "All Fools' Day" would be "All Days' Fool." And rather let us seek for every day the wisdom that comes through faith in God.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Reid and son Jeff, of Carlestown, Ill., are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Reid this week. Mr. Reid, who teaches business in Eastern Illinois University, is out for the Easter holidays.

CEMETERY FUND

The following persons made contributions to the Merkel Cemetery Fund:
Elmo Collins, et al
Doyle Garrett
B. A. Garrett
Mrs. J. R. Walling
Mrs. Paul W. West

J. S. Pinkley

Hugh F. Jeffrey
Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Middleton Sr.
Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Stockbridge spent the weekend in Breckenridge as guests of her mother, Mrs. Nannie Glenn, and sister, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Collins.

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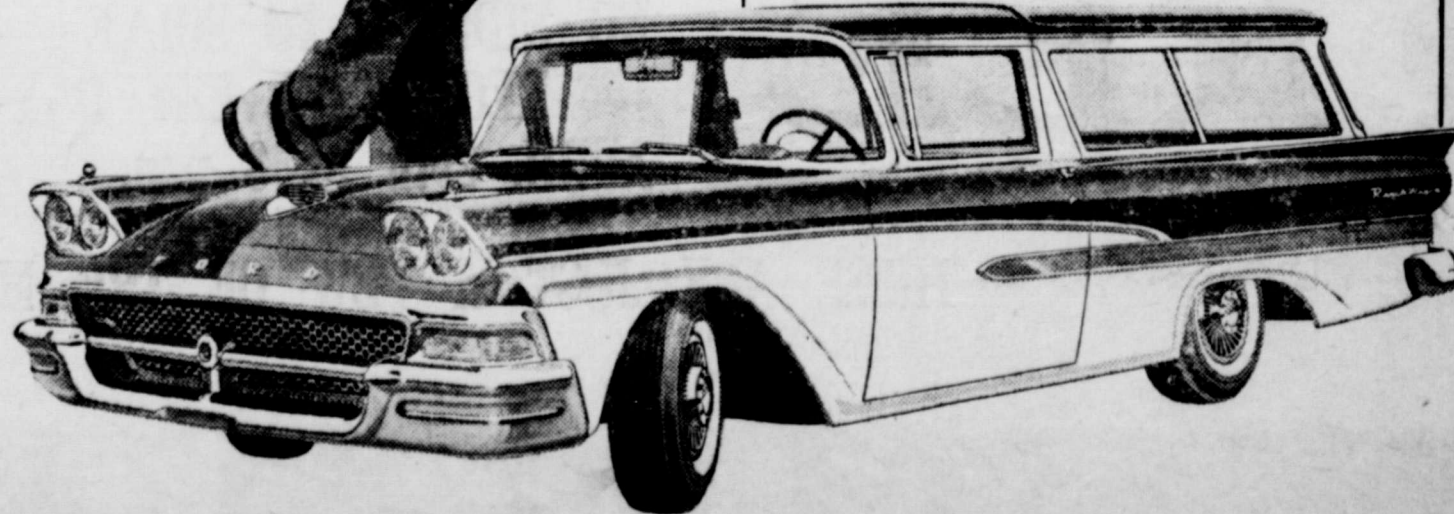


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Compere HD Club News

The Compere Home Demonstration Club met in the home of Mrs. W. D. Ramsey, Thursday, March 27.

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a program on "The Care Of The Convalescent." She suggested that a box with odd pieces of string, card board, papers and pictures be kept on hand for the "stay in bed" days.

Mrs. I. B. Ray spoke on "Planning A Wardrobe." Mrs. Ray explained that a beautiful wardrobe is within the reach of everyone if purchases are planned carefully.

Roll call was answered with "My Helping Hand," with each member naming someone that had helped them.

Mrs. Ray offered prayer and Mrs. Ramsey directed two games. Name drawn for an electric skillet was Mrs. Kenneth Carmen of Anson, daughter of Mrs. I. B. Ray.

A council report was given by Mrs. Ray and secret pals were revealed.

Visitors for the meeting were Mrs. Harvey Allred, and Mrs. C. S. Childers and three children.

Club members present were Mmes: Ray, Allred, East, Dixon, Hunter, Touchstone, Crumpler, Stanley and Ramsey.

Trent Baptists Attend Clinic In Sweetwater

Nine persons from the First Baptist Church, Trent, attended the Associational Vacation Bible School Clinic which was held at the Lamar Street Baptist Church, Sweetwater, Monday, March 31.

The Clinic was designed to help each church to have a better Vacation Bible School, and consisted of demonstrations as well as verbal information.

Those attending were Mmes: Geta Williamson, A. H. Williams, Dwayne Watson, Yates Sipes, H. L. Guess, Odell Dickerson, S. A. Driggers, W. P. Hood, Charles Hogan and the pastor, A. H. Williams.

The First Baptist Church of Trent plans to have their V.B.S. May 26 through June 4.

Party Honors Trent Sophs

Robert Williams entertained members of the Sophomore class of Trent in the home of Mrs. Goldie Malone, Rt. 3, Thursday night, March 27.

The group enjoyed music and games until a late hour when refreshments of cookies and 'pops' were served.

Those present were Ida Mae King, Sue Payne, Gailyn Steadman, Syra Swinney, Nelson Reed, Urban Bright, Andy Wheeler, Kenneth Douglas, Jim Lanning, Mrs. Malone and the host.

The officers and teachers of the First Baptist Sunday School held a banquet at the church Monday evening, March 31.

Perry Davis, president, and R. B. Hall Jr., directed the group in singing with Mrs. C. G. Sewell accompanying at the piano.

B. W. King gave the opening prayer. Mrs. Lucy Fird talked on "Obedience to the Divine Command," and Mrs. Don Riney, "The Value of an Individual," with scripture taken from Luke 15:4-7.

Sentence prayers were said by the group, followed by the hymn, "Lord, Send a Revival."

Rev. C. G. Sewell offered the closing prayer.

Mrs. Josie Shanks is in Abilene for an indefinite visit with her sister, Dessie Kuykendall.

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TRENT NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Terry and daughter, Becky, of Ft. Worth were recent visitors with Mrs. Terry's parents and sister, Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Lesley Beasley.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Hail and son, Mrs. Cecil Taylor and Mrs. Frank Hail visited Mrs. E. J. Pate, who underwent surgery in the Spur hospital Friday. She is reported to be improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Tinner of Eastland were visitors in Trent Sunday.

The farmers are taking advantage of the sunshine and getting their land ready to plant.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Estep were here over the weekend visiting friends and taking part in the rabbit drive.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Estep of Lubbock were Trent visitors the past weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Rennie Freeman have been transferred to Knox City. Mrs. Freeman was employed by the Home State Bank here.

Several thousand rabbits were reported killed in the drive Friday and Saturday with many taking part in the event.

Mrs. Billy Wayne Homer is now employed by the Home State Bank.

Mrs. Henry Lee Tittle is now at home from the hospital and reported to be improved.

All three churches reported a good attendance Sunday.

The young people have charge of the song service at the Baptist church.

Mr. and Mrs. James Strawn visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Strawn, Sunday.

Hail McRee of Abilene, former-

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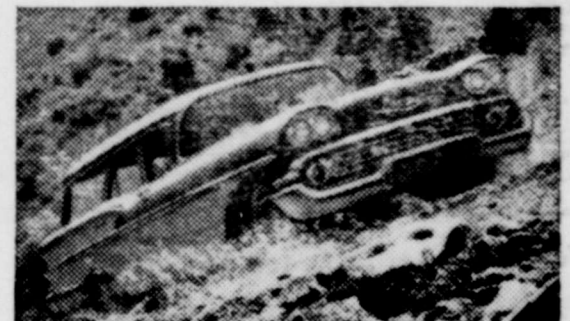
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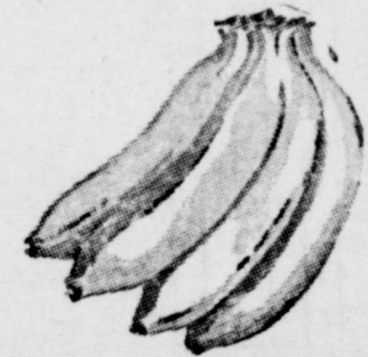
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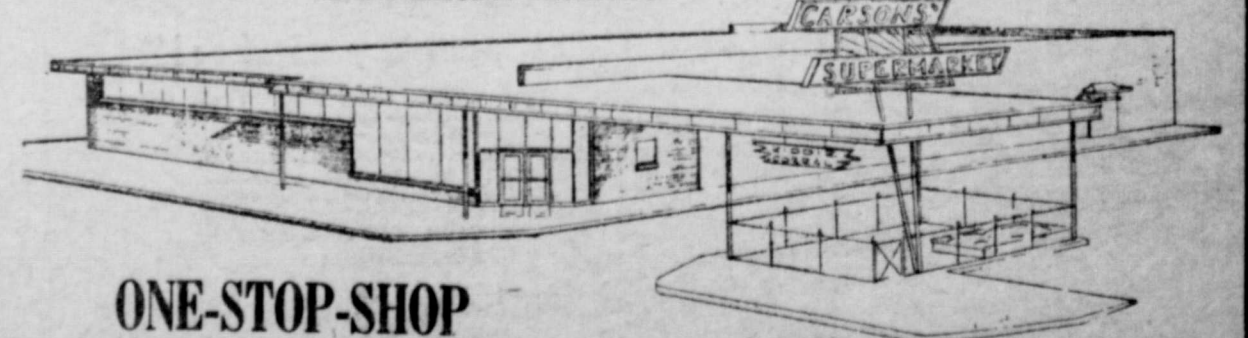
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