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## ROBERT ELLIS HARRIS SUCCUMBS HERE AT 65

Funeral for Robert Ellis Harris, 65, who died about midnight Saturday of a heart attack, was held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Merkel Methodist Church with the Rev. Alvis Cooley, pastor, officiating, assisted by the Rev. Lynward Harrison of the Goree Methodist Church.

Burial was in Rose Hill Cem-

etry here under direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

Mr. Harris apparently suffered a heart attack while working on one of the Merkel school buses at the school barn, where he was employed as a mechanic and bus driver.

He was pronounced dead on arrival at Sadler Clinic Hospital where he was taken after being found by his wife and grandson. Mr. Harris also farmed north of Merkel.

Born Dec. 27, 1895, in Coryell County, he married Annie Jaymes April 27, 1921, in Merkel.

During World War I he served overseas. He was a member of the Merkel Methodist Church and Merkel Masonic Lodge.

Survivors include his wife; four sons, Francois of Borger, Robert D. of Blackwell, Capt. James L. of Albany, Ore., and Pfc. Danny B. U.S. Army, Germany; a daughter, Mrs. Ralph Miller Jr. of Booneville, Ark.; two brothers, D. H. of Merkel and Charles of Bakersfield, Calif.; five sisters, Ione Harris of Merkel, Mrs. Connie Reese of San Antonio, Mrs. W. T. Harlow of Brownwood; Mrs. Ruth Bloemsa of Long Beach, Calif. and Mrs. Homer Patterson of Merkel, and 13 grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Hob Robertson, Bob Hudson, Wilmer Criswell, Nolan Palmer, Mack Fisher and Booth Warren.

Honorary pallbearers were Johnny Cox, Ray Wilson, Bryan Dunagin, Ford Smith Jr., A. R. Robertson and Joe Seymore.

## First Methodist To Have Special Sunday Services

Special evangelistic services will be held each Sunday evening at 7 o'clock for the rest of April at the First Methodist Church, according to the Rev. J. Alvis Cooley, pastor.

Rev. Cooley will bring messages on "The Meaning of the Christian Life." Special music will be furnished each evening by the choir and the youth. Congregational singing will be emphasized at the services.

The various organizations in the church will work on attendance. Rev. Cooley urges attendance at all four services in order to realize the full significance of the series of messages.

## 3 Hereford Bulls Sold By Swanns

Two representatives from the Michigan Artificial Breeders Co-operative of Lansing, Mich. and an advisor from the agricultural department of Michigan State University visited the Swann Ranch last week and purchased three officially performance tested Polled Hereford bulls.

William Finley, beef specialist at Michigan State University, John Hecker, sire analyst, and Kermit Carey of the breeders co-operative, visited several beef herds on their trip through the southwest and concluded their tour at the Pan-Tech sale at Amarillo. Following their trip, they selected three bulls from the Swann Ranch and one from Ogechee Farms at Fairland, Okla.

The bulls will be delivered to Lansing in the very near future, according to Roy Dalziel of the Swann Ranch, and will be used for breeding beef cattle throughout Michigan and neighboring states.

## Tye Incumbents Win In City Race

Incumbent aldermen retained their posts Tuesday in two contested races in the Tye city election.

T. J. Hinds won place 3 over John Yancy, 46-18.

Place 5 Alderman Homer Laney also kept his position by defeating Bill McCartney, 44-19.

John Davidson, unopposed for Place 1 Alderman, got 61 votes.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Tipton during the Easter holidays were their children and grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. Joe McElmurray, Elaine, Teresa and Bert of Cleburne, and Mrs. Wayne Tipton and sons, Sam and Gary of Sunray.



**SENIOR CITIZENS** — Mrs. Pearl Harris, far right, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Higgins were introduced as having lived the longest in Merkel at a tea honoring senior citizens of the area in the school cafeteria March 28. The tea was sponsored by the Fortnightly Study Club.

## 50 OLDSTERS ATTEND TEA HOSTED BY CLUB

Fifty of Merkel's senior citizens were present for a tea given in their honor by the Fortnightly Study Club in the school cafeteria Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Ray Wilson, president, welcomed guests, paying tribute to their contributions to the community. Mrs. W. T. Sadler proposed a toast to "Our Little Town," praising the neighbors for their friendly "hello" heard at every corner.

Mrs. Homer Patterson sang a medley of favorite old songs, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Buddy Nail. Mrs. Nail played well-known piano and accordion selections.

Mrs. Shouse, who served as chairman for the event, introduced guests, naming Mrs. Pearl Harris and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Higgins as the ones who have lived the longest in Merkel.

Mrs. Nail, Mrs. Patterson, and Mrs. Shouse led the group in singing some of their favorite songs.

Club members served lemonade

## Merkel Voters Favor Wright

Congressman Jim Wright of Fort Worth received 176 votes to top the slate in the special senatorial election Tuesday in Merkel.

A total of 345 votes were cast in the two Merkel boxes with 85 cast on the north side and 259 on the south side.

Senator William Blakley received 79.

Running third in the Merkel boxes was John Tower with 49 votes.

Will Wilson was fourth with 22 votes, Maury Maverick Jr. received 7, George Davison received 3 votes and Henry B. Gonzalez 2.

Total ballots in the state show John G. Tower and William A. Blakley leading the race and appear to be headed for a runoff.

The election is to fill the Senate seat vacated when Lyndon B. Johnson resigned to become vice president.

## Howells Slate Family Reunion

Descendent of the late George and Dave Howell will have a family reunion in the Merkel Community Center April 9.

A picnic lunch at 12 noon will open the day's activities.

A devotional by the Rev. H. B. Terry of Tuscola will be given at 2 p.m.

## Cemetery Work Set At Compere

There will be an all day cemetery working at the Compere Cemetery Tuesday, April 11.

All who are interested in working are asked to bring tools to work with and a basket lunch. The noon meal will be served at the Baptist Church.

If the weather should be bad on the scheduled day, the working will be held the following Tuesday, April 18.

Dewey Ramsey is president and Ross Merritt is secretary-treasurer of the Compere Cemetery association.

## Merkel Totals 208 Points In Track Meet Here

Merkel was high with 208 points in a track meet held here Monday. Roscoe tallied 146 points and Trent, 113.

High point men were Billy Tittle of Merkel with 36, Ronny Shelansky of Roscoe, 34, and Don Jones of Trent, 33.

Events and winners were as follows:

Broad Jump: 1. Ronny Shelansky, Roscoe; 2. Billy Tittle, Merkel; 3. Don Jones, Trent.

High Jump: 1. 3-way tie — Paul Loller, Merkel, Billy Tittle, Merkel and Don Stafford, Roscoe; 2. 3-way tie — Danny Doan, Merkel, Aparcio Carreron, Roscoe and Swinney, Trent.

Pole Vault: 1. Aparcio Carreron, Roscoe; 2. Powell, Roscoe; 3. Johnny Harris, Merkel, and Danny Doan, Merkel.

440 Relay: 1. Merkel; 2. Roscoe; 3. Trent.

Discus: 1. Ronnie Reager, Merkel; 2. Don Jones, Trent; 3. Russell, Merkel.

880 Yard Run: Roger Moore, Merkel; 2. Keith Wilson, Merkel; 3. King, Trent.

100 Yard Dash: 1. Ronny Shelansky, Roscoe; 2. Don Jones, Trent; 3. Johnny Harris, Merkel.

120 Yard H.H.: 1. Billy Tittle, Merkel; 2. Wilks, Trent; 3. Hunter, Roscoe.

440 Yard Dash: Kent Denton, Merkel; 2. Hanny, Roscoe; 3. Stanton, Roscoe.

180 Yard L.H.: 1. Billy Tittle, Merkel; 2. Hunter, Roscoe; 3. Wilks, Trent.

220 Yard Dash: 1. Ronnie Shelansky, Roscoe; 2. Ybarra, Merkel; 3. Denton, Merkel.

Mile Run: 1. Mack Mansfield, Merkel; 2. Wilks, Trent; 3. Doan, Merkel.

Mile Relay: 1. Roscoe; 2. Merkel; 3. Trent.

Shot Put: 1. Don Jones, Trent; 2. Reager, Merkel; 3. Martin, Roscoe.

## O'Kelly, McLeod Named To Trent School Board

One incumbent was re-elected and another was defeated in the election Saturday to fill two Trent School Board posts.

Othel O'Kelly, a local farmer, was re-elected with 36 votes, while H. H. McLeod defeated incumbent L. G. Halbrooks, 41 to 16. Both are farmers.

Local banker J. G. Wilks received 36 votes for the Precinct 2 county trustee post. He is unopposed.

## NOTICE

District Track meet will be at Rotan Friday, April 7, according to Burl McCoy, Merkel coach.

## EX-MERKEL RESIDENT HAS BOOK PUBLISHED

George Thomas Rowland, a former Merkel resident who switched from his profession as a commercial artist to writing, is the author of three novels, one published and on the newsstands and two in the printing stage.

"The Klaxon Girls" was published by Monarch Books of New York in February 1961. Two scheduled for April and May releases are "Lupe" written under the pen-name of George McGee and "Lily" (by Clyde Merrick), both by Tower publications.

Rowland first concentrated in the short story field, with his first "When Angels Hover Near A Child" appearing in Modern Romance magazine in 1959. Two others, "I Rebelled Against God" and "My Minister Husband Begged To Die," appeared in Secrets Magazine and Personal Romances, respectively.

Rowland was born in Abilene and attended school there until his junior year when he moved to Monahans where he graduated from high school. He attended Hardin College (now Midwestern University) and North Texas State College before serving two years with the Navy Medical Corps at Charleston, S.C. Following his discharge, he attended Assumption Seminary in San Antonio.

He came to Merkel in 1954 and was co-owner of the Merkel Florist Shop. From 1956-57 he was display supervisor at West Texas Utilities Co. in Abilene and won national recognition in the Reddy Killowat Magazine which featured



GEORGE ROWLAND  
... author of novels

a double page spread of 12 of his window displays and was recipient of the Reddy Killowat Key-note award. He was display manager for Sears Roebuck Co. before he left for New York in September 1953.

While in Merkel, Rowland was active in civic affairs, being a charter member of the Chamber of Commerce, secretary of the Lions Club and precinct chairman of the Republican party in Merkel. He was also active in the Catholic Church.

In June of 1955 he married Marka Barnes, T&P station agent in Merkel for the past 10 years.

## WILLIE JOE CLARK, EX-MERKELITE, DIES

Funeral for Willie Joe Clark, 32, who died Thursday in Hendrick Memorial Hospital, was held Saturday at 2 p.m. in Belmont Baptist Church, Abilene, with burial in Rose Hill Cemetery of Merkel. The Rev. J. Lindell Ferguson, pastor of Belmont Baptist, and the Rev. Melvin Byrd, pastor of Temple Baptist Church, officiated.

Mr. Clark, a Bell Telephone Co. employe for 13 years, entered the hospital Tuesday. He had received treatment for several years.

Born Nov. 25, 1928 in Merkel, Mr. Clark married Betty June Toombs here Nov. 9, 1947. He was a 1946 graduate of Merkel High

School and had lived in Abilene for the past 13 years.

A member of the Belmont Baptist, he was a deacon and president of the Baptist Brotherhood, a men's organization in the church. He was an intermediate Sunday School teacher and active in other church affairs.

Surviving are his wife; two sons, Larry, 9, and Jerry, 6; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Clark of Merkel; three brothers, Bernard of Abilene, Woodrow of Abilene, Kan., and J. A. Jr. of Merkel; and two sisters, Mrs. Joe McElmurray of Merkel and Mrs. Bernice Johnson of Lubbock.

Pallbearers were Bennie Arvoshine, Joe Cooke, Joe Cannon, Rex Packwood, Truett Roberts and J. O. Connel.

Honorary pallbearers were active deacons of the Belmont Baptist Church along with Bell Telephone Co. employes Lawrence Scott, A. B. Cribb, Ed Massie, Jimmy Morgan, Clifford Davis, Jimmy Johnston, Rex Jones, Bud Wilson, Bill Lippman, Dan Deam, Jack Curtis and E. M. Wimsatt.

## Former Merkel Resident Dies In Plainview

The Rev. J. W. Saffle, 93, former resident of Merkel, died Sunday in Plainview at the home of his daughter, Mrs. R. B. C. Howell.

For 16 years Rev. Saffle lived with the W. J. Largent family in Merkel, she being one of his daughters. They now live at Raton, N.M.

Born in Dayton, Tenn., Feb. 14, 1868, Rev. Saffle married Harrett Ann Brady in 1890. They made their home in Plainview from 1913 until her death, 16 years ago.

Services were held in First Baptist Church chapel in Plainview at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday. The pastor, Dr. Roy C. McClung and the Rev. E. S. Weathers, officiated. Burial was in Plainview Cemetery.

Rev. Saffle was financial secretary of Wayland Baptist College during part of the tenure of Dr. I. E. Gates, president. He served College Heights Baptist Church in Plainview as pastor, and also at Muleshoe, Lone Star, Petersburg, and other churches, working in the county under the district association in between.

He is survived by five sons and daughters, Mrs. Howell of Plainview, Mrs. W. J. Largent of Raton, N.M., Mrs. George B. Murphy of Stephenville; John A. B. Saffle and Mrs. D. S. Hicks of Albuquerque; 12 grandchildren and 29 great-grandchildren.

## Kimmey, White Elected At Tye

Incumbent Ira D. Kimmey was re-elected and Malvin White won his first term in the election for two Tye School Board posts Saturday. Kimmey received 38 votes and White 29.

Others in the race and their votes were Orlin Smith, 9; Mrs. Kathy Damm, 12; Mrs. Diane Glidwell, 16; Dennis C. Hammond 2; Dewitt Isom, 3.

The other incumbent up for reelection did not run.

Sam Beam received 33 votes for the Precinct 1 county trustee post and J. G. Wilks received 13 votes for the Precinct 2 county trustee post. Both are unopposed.

There were 55 votes cast in the local school election and 46 in the county voting.

## Thomas Hale, 37, Dies At Carswell

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, March 29 for Capt. Thomas R. Hale, 37, who died of a heart attack at Carswell Air Force Base at 4:20 p.m. March 27.

Officiating were Chaplain C. C. Porter of Carswell and the Rev. J. W. Whitefield, Methodist minister.

Burial was in the Evergreen Cemetery at Lipan. Military services were conducted at the grave.

Captain Hale was born Sept. 28, 1923 at Merkel. He was a veteran of World War II, a member of the Methodist Church and a Mason.

Surviving are two children, Jeffery Hale, 17, and Ginger Hale, 7, both of Mineral Wells; and his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Bishop, also of Mineral Wells.

Mrs. Rae Klepper and children were Monday visitors in the home of her mother, Mrs. Josie Shanks.

## Incumbents Win Merkel School Board Places

Two incumbents completing their first terms as Merkel School Board trustees, Lester Dorton and Joe B. Lassiter, won reelection Saturday with 123 and 88 votes, respectively.

There were only two places open on the board.

The third candidate, S. J. McDonald Jr., received 64 votes.

J. G. Wilks, unopposed in Precinct 2 for Taylor County school trustee, got 17 votes.

Dorton is manager of Taylor Electric Cooperative, while Lassiter owns Lassiter Employment Agency.

The total vote was 160. Two write-in candidates, Tom Russon and Mrs. W. M. Loflin, got 4 and 2 votes, respectively.

## PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Burleson had as dinner guests Easter Sunday their children, Mr. and Mrs. Charles McArthur and children of Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Burleson and children, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Burleson and baby, and grandchildren from Coleman, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Burleson of Abilene visited in their parents home Saturday.

Holiday visitors in the home of L. L. Murray were his children and grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Murray and son, Jim, of Pampa, and daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Don McMurray of Lubbock; Mrs. Marvin Johnston of Pampa; and Mayne and Mrs. James Benshoff and children of Ottawa, Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Horton and children of Abilene were dinner guests of his mother, Mrs. Edna Horton, Sunday.

The Rev. and Mrs. Hugh Hunt of Lubbock visited in the home of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Don Dudley and sons during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Veteto of Abilene visited her cousin, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Stockbridge, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Collins of Lubbock were weekend visitors in the home of her mother, Mrs. J. S. Pinckley, and Mr. Collins' sister, Mary Collins.

Mr. and Mrs. John Boyd and children of Wilcox, Arizona, spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fenton Boyd, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. James Shaver and sons, Jimmy and Eddie of Fort Worth were holiday guests in the home of Mrs. Shaver's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Shannon.

## Merkel Woman's Brother Succumbs In Abilene At 54

Keller Roberts, brother of Mrs. Clyde Bartlett of Merkel, died at 10:50 a.m. Sunday at Happy Haven Rest Home in Abilene where he had been a patient since March 22.

Mr. Roberts, 54, first became ill in January of 1959 in San Antonio and later that month underwent brain surgery. He apparently recovered and in February of this year went to visit a daughter, Mrs. Glynn Johnson, in Ponca City, Okla.

There he became ill, entered a Ponca City hospital, then was returned to Abilene March 22 to the rest home.

Born Jan. 3, 1907 in Abilene, he married LaDeene Walker at Enid, Okla. in 1932.

Mr. Roberts was a member of Victory Bible Center, where funeral was held at 3:30 p.m. Monday, with the Rev. Joe Temple, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Elmwood Memorial Park with Elliott's Funeral Home directing.

Surviving are his wife; two daughters, Mrs. Johnson of Ponca City and Mrs. Roy Moore of Longview; his mother, Mrs. Joe Sylvia of California; three sisters, Mrs. Fowler Shaw and Mrs. Al Martinez of California and Mrs. Bartlett of Merkel, and three grandchildren.

## Mrs. Joe Hartley Reelected WWI Auxiliary Head

Mrs. Joe Hartley was re-elected president of the Veterans of World War I Auxiliary at a meeting in the Scout Hut on March 9.

Others reelected were Mrs. W. L. Brown, secretary, and Mrs. John Crain, treasurer.

New members introduced were Mrs. Raymond Ferguson and Mrs. Karl Bonneaux. Mrs. R. L. Reeves of Trent was a guest.

Those eligible for membership in the auxiliary are mothers, widows, sisters, daughters, half-sisters, and foster daughters of World War I veterans.

All eligible persons are invited to attend the meetings.

## F. A. Sanders Dies Here At 83

Funeral for F. A. Sanders, 83, was held at the Merkel Church of Christ at 3:30 p.m. Thursday with Dwight Holland, minister, officiating.

Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery under direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

Mr. Sanders died at 4 a.m. Wednesday, March 29 at Sadler Hospital after an illness of 24 hours.

Born June 2, 1877 in Tennessee, Mr. Sanders married Minnie Orr there in 1897. They came to Merkel in 1900. Mrs. Sanders died in 1924.

He and Lula Morris were married in 1934.

He was a rural mail carrier from 1905 until he retired in 1941.

Survivors are his wife; one daughter, Mrs. Virgil Hassey of Sacramento, Calif.; four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

## Carl Doans Host Family Reunion

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Doan hosted a family reunion in their home Easter Sunday.

Children present were Mr. and Mrs. Warren Shaw and family of Abilene; Mrs. Harold Alderman and children of Texas City; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Doan and family of Amarillo; Mr. and Mrs. Durwood Doan and family and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Doan, all of Merkel.

# STATE CAPITAL Highlights AND Sidelights by Vern Sanford

AUSTIN, Tex. — Texas Senate now has a tax bill—one designed to wipe out about half the deficit that is expected to be about \$63-



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Revenue-raising measures must be passed by the House before they can be considered by the Senate, and the upper chamber has waited with polite impatience for the House to send it something to work on.

Passed 85-to-60 by the House was the so-called "loophole bill" by Rep. Charles Ballman of Borg-

er. It is a sort of catchall bill that (1) plugs up some leaks in the revenue bill passed last session, taxing central air conditioners, juke boxes, etc., (2) provides for a transfer of 1 per cent of the permanent school fund to the available school fund, (3) sets up a two-factor formula for corporate franchise taxes and (4) levies a state gift tax of one-half the federal gift tax.

Captions of the Ballman bill is broad enough that a variety of other money raising plans could be added to it should legislators be able to agree to them.

Meanwhile, the House Revenue and Taxation Committee still has a lot of other tax bills in the mill. Three sales tax bills were sent to subcommittee, as well as a hotly debated proposal to levy a 10 per cent tax on trading stamps.

A trading company spokesman said there is only a three per cent profit on the operation and that a 10 per cent tax would put them out of business.

On the other hand, stamps were attacked as "counterfeit money" and an unnecessary burden on both merchant and consumer.

STRIKE THREE — Texas Supreme Court made short work of a 1959-passed tax law that many lawmakers had hoped would be a potent future revenue raiser.

Without issuing an opinion, the high court agreed with the trial court and civil appeals court that the severance beneficiary tax on gas is unconstitutional.

Although three state courts have turned thumbs down on the gas tax, the last chapter remains to be written by the U.S. Supreme Court. As passed in 1959, the gas tax was low (1½ per cent of market value), but supporters had indicated that if the law survived its court battles, the rate would be raised to bring in more money.

LADIES SCORE IN HOUSE — House has passed and sent to the Senate a proposed constitutional amendment that would automatically erase all statutes that treat women differently from men.

Rep. Ben Atwell's very brief amendment states that "equality under the law shall not be denied or abridged because of sex." It passed the House 135-to-10.

Senators have misgivings about causing such sweeping changes in the law. Some 44 statutes would be affected.

LOAN FIGHT SHAPES UP — House members are coming to grips with one of the session's toughest issues — regulation of small loan companies.

House Committee on Banks and Banking reported to the floor a bill authored by Rep. Criss Cole of Houston. It is being subjected to widespread criticism, but Cole, long-time veteran of the loan regulation effort, declared that no bill was going to satisfy all the interested factions.

Cole's bill sets up a sliding scale that would allow interest rates of just under 40 per cent on loans of \$100 and dropping gradually to about 11 per cent on a \$3,000 loan. It also allows for "reasonable insurance charges," at rates set by the State Board of Insurance.

Abner McCall of Waco, spokesman of a statewide committee for sound loan laws, said the interest rates were too high and that the limit on credit insurance charges should be clearly defined.

BREWERIES (PRO & CON) — Legal restrictions on breweries and the desirability of having breweries at all came up for spirited discussion before the Senate State Affairs Committee.

Rep. Don Kennard of Fort Worth is author of the House-passed bill that would give brewers of ale the privilege, as beer makers, to continue their operations in a territory after it is voted dry. It would also increase from one year to three years the time allowed a brewery to begin production after it got its license.

A large out-of-state manufacturer of ale is planning to build a \$20,000,000 plant in Tarrant County. Any change would, of course, affect the whole state.

Supporters of the bill emphasized the new jobs and payroll it

would create. Opponents, mostly ministers and church leaders, declared it would contribute to the problems of alcoholism.

PHONE RATES STUDIED — House State Affairs Committee is studying a bill by Rep. Dan Struve of Campbellton that would place regulation of telephone service, within the state's borders, in the hands of the Texas Railroad Commission.

Representative Struve says Texas is one of two states that do not have this sort of regulation and that other states have lower rates.

Other witnesses testified that a long distance call within Texas borders cost more than one of the same distance that crosses the state line.

PRE-PAID FUNERALS DEBATED — Funeral directors and cemetery operators clashed before both House and Senate committee over a bill to restrict pre-paid funeral arrangements.

Funeral directors declared that their only desire was to protect the public by requiring that money paid in advance for funeral expenses be put in a trust fund.

Cemetery and mortuary operators retorted that the funeral directors wanted to discourage pre-paying of funeral expenses. They contend that families who make funeral arrangements at the time of bereavement spend more money than if arrangements are made in advance.

SHORT SNORTS — A test vote in the Senate indicated that Sen. Dorsey Hardeman's proposal to abolish the Court of Criminal Appeals and transfer its duties to the State Supreme Court, is short of enough support for passage. Sen. A. R. Schwartz of Galveston says he will introduce a bill to allow nurses registered in other states to practice in Texas, thus to help alleviate the shortage of registered nurses.

## Noodle HD Club Meeting Held

The Noodle Home Demonstration Club met in the school cafeteria on March 28 with Mrs. Hubert Sullivan, president, presiding.

Roll call was answered with "Women of the Bible."

Mrs. Alma Hill, council delegate, gave the council report. The club members voted to go to the tea in Anson during National Home Demonstration Club Week.

Mrs. Sullivan presented the program on "Salads." She said that salads are important for the following reasons:

- (1) nutrition — vitamins and minerals (2) appetizers — due to color, flavor (3) economy — good way to use leftovers (4) popularity — everyone enjoys salads.

She also told of ways to make salads attractive — "keep the

salad simple, fit it to the rest of your meal, use color and flavor that go together, and keep fruits fresh and bright in color." She served several congealed salads that she had made.

There were 14 members and four children present.

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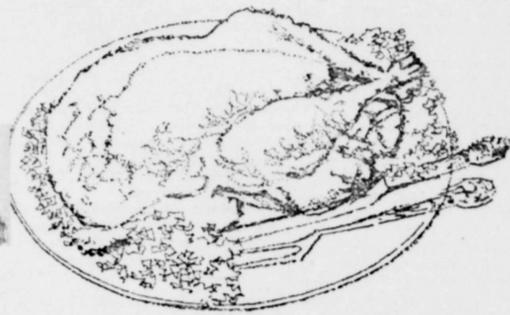
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### Maberry - Ross Vows To Be Read June 3

Mr. and Mrs. Albert A. Maberry are announcing the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Peggy Jo, to Sidney Wayne Ross.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Ross Jr. The Rev. Tommy Beck will perform the marriage ceremony June 3 at 8:30 p.m. at the Trent Methodist Church.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Trent High School and is a junior at McMurry College. She is a member of Delta Beta Epsilon social club.

Ross was graduated from Trent High School and is a senior at Abilene Christian College. He is an employe of Thornton's Department Store.

### Stith News

By MRS. FRITZ HALE

The Rev. Bob Carter, pastor, is doing the preaching for the revival in progress at the Stith Baptist Church. Services are held at 7:30 p.m. each evening. Everyone is invited to attend.

Rev. Carter's mother, brother and sister of Springfield, Mo., spent the weekend in his home and attended church services here Sunday.

Billy Dunagin and daughter, Mary, of Big Lake were visiting in the Stith community Tuesday. Bill ate dinner with Mr. and Mrs.

### Duplicate Club To Meet Tonight

The Merkel Duplicate Bridge Club will meet at the Merkel Country Club Thursday, April 6 at 7:30 p.m.

Anyone interested in playing duplicate bridge is invited to attend, according to Roy Dalziel, director. He urges everyone to arrive prior to 7:30 so that play can begin on time.

### Women's Premium List Now Available

A "shocking pink" cover showing a family having fun at the Fair adorns the front of the Women's Department Premium List for the 1961 State Fair of Texas, October 7-22. A total of \$10,326 in premiums and awards is offered in 770 classifications. The premium list will be sent free on request to Mrs. Leah Jarrett, Women's Department, State Fair of Texas, Dallas 26.

### 20 Years Ago In Merkel

Spring football training got under way Monday afternoon with 35 boys reporting to Coach Carroll Benson for practice. In the group are nine lettermen — Raymond Smith, Elbert Hickam, co-captains, Lee Mac Reynolds, Buddie Derrington, Jerry Warren, Clarence Harrell, De Verle Higgins, James Cox, Buster Jack Melton; eight soundsmen from last year's team who did not letter — Doyle Barrow, E. V. Clark, Junior Graham, J. C. Carson, Waymond Rutledge. The rest of the team is composed of boys who have never before come out for football.

Merkel High School won places in two literary events at the district meet at Sweetwater last weekend. Ruth Bell placed second in girls extemporaneous speech and Dwight Swafford won third in boys extemporaneous speech. Four places were taken in the track meet; Donald Cade won second in the 220-yard dash; Douglas McCoy, third mile run; Elby Frazier, fourth, high jump and shot put.

Miss Erma Faye Boyd and G. W. Hughes were married at Merkel on Saturday evening, April 5. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fenton Boyd, pioneer settlers.

Among the students making the honor roll at John Tarleton Agricultural College for the first preliminary was Mildred Louise McLean of Merkel.

Only 33 votes were cast in the annual city election Tuesday. Mayor H. C. West was re-elected and Fred A. Baker and S. D. Gamble returned as aldermen.

### Mrs. Touchstone Hosts Compere HD

The Compere Home Demonstration Club met March 23 in the home of Mrs. J. E. Touchstone.

Mrs. W. S. Allred opened the meeting with a prayer. Mrs. Vernon Stanley led the group in a game.

Following a council report by Mrs. I. B. Ray, members voted to have the next meeting a week early so that they might attend a tea given by the Noodle FHA girls.

Mrs. Mary Newberry, county agent, presented the program on "Low Calorie Diets."

Refreshments were served to eight members and two children. The next meeting will be on April 6 in the home of Mrs. Vernon Stanley.

Dr. and Mrs. John B. Davidson and daughters, Donna and Suzy, of Waco were guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Miller, during the holidays.

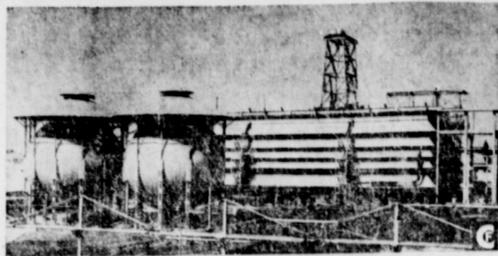
Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Horton of Abilene were dinner guests in the home of his mother, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Amason, Monday.

### UP-TO-THE-MINUTE MEN DEFENDING AMERICA



YOUR NATIONAL GUARD

### Economic Progress Within Democratic Framework



WASHINGTON, D. C.—Ten years of planned endeavor in India—1950-51 to 1960-61—have enabled the people to visualize a marked advance towards self-sustaining growth in the course of the next five years. This means that the country will develop a capacity to produce capital goods and equipment required to support the scale of development envisaged.

Looking back upon this first decade of planning—a unique undertaking within a democratic framework—one notices that the country has made substantial advance on all fronts. An increase of about 42 per cent has been achieved in the national income, at constant prices. Per capita income has gone up by 20 per cent and the consumption has increased by 16 per cent—a significant increase considering that India's population goes on rising at the rate of 2 per cent per year.

In the field of agriculture, which continues to enjoy the primacy of place in the economy, the production has increased by nearly 40 per cent. The output of food-grains has risen from 52.2 million tons at the beginning of the First Plan to about 75 million tons in the current, the last year of the Second Plan.

India's agriculturists have become increasingly conscious of the importance and benefits of fertilizers. Nearly 22 million acres of land have been brought under green manure and the consumption of nitrogenous fertilizers has increased from 55,000 tons to 300,000 tons. The demand for fertilizers is almost insatiable and India is looking toward foreign investors in this field.

In the sphere of industrialization the advance has been more marked and extensive. A record rise of 14 to 15 per cent in the industrial output in the country as compared to the previous year, was the highlight of the year 1960.

In most of the industries, output was distinctly higher in 1960 than in the preceding year. The highest increase was recorded in the manufacture of transport equipment. The production figures show that automobile production in 1960 would be higher by 40 per cent, compared with the previous year.

Steel production which was at the rate of .15 million tons of finished steel per month in the early months of 1960 has now gone up to .25 million tons every month. The annual output in 1960 is expected to be about 2.2 million tons, as against 1.8 million tons in 1959.

### 40 Years Ago In Merkel

Carl Black who for some time has been a valuable employe of the Crown Hardware Company, has resigned that position and accepted a position with the Merkel Lumber Company. He is capable and a hustler, and will no doubt render excellent service for this company.

John West was over last Sunday from Hamlin, where he is managing a grocery and hardware business in that city, which the West Company of Merkel recently purchased. John is a hustling, capable business man, a good mixer and will no doubt secure a splendid share of business for his firm.

Miss Ona Fae Bland returned to Trinity University Monday after spending a few day with home folks.

On last Tuesday evening at eight o'clock, a number of local baseball fans, citizens and business men met at the H. M. Rose Barber Shop for the purpose of organizing a ball team for Merkel for the season at hand. After some enthusiastic remarks by several present, it was decided that the club be organized as follows: Booth Warren, manager; Roy Adams, captain; John Sears, treasurer.

In the trustee election last Saturday Messrs R. O. Anderson and W. O. Boney were re-elected as members of the board and A. R. Booth and Thos. Durham were elected new members, taking the places of Messrs T. J. Toombs and W. D. Hutchenson, who for a number of years have been faithful and efficient members.



### UNDERWATER GARDENER

AQUARENA, San Marcos, Texas — Rollie Caswell, shown here in aquatic attire, holds the extraordinary title of Underwater Gardener. His very unique occupation requires working at depths from 19 to 50 feet. The colorful and crystal clear San Marcos springs are viewed by thousands of Glass Bottom Boat sightseers each year and consequently the surrounding plant-life must be manually landscaped. In addition to a heavy rubber suit, Caswell wears a face plate for vision, swim fins for maneuverability and carries a plastic air tube for breathing in addition to a large machete for trimming. His work can also be classified as rather dangerous for certain complications can always arise when you're fifty feet down under.

farm a short distance southeast of town.

Word has been received in Merkel this week to the effect that Mrs. Hayter, wife of H. C. Hayter of Snyder, died in that city Sunday morning, March 27. We understand Mr. Hayter and family lived in Merkel and that he is now County Clerk of Scurry County.

Mrs. Willis Addington of Dallas was here first of the week visiting her parents, W. F. Hamblett and family.

### VETERANS INFORMATION

Q — I am a 62-year-old World War I veteran. Can I enter a VA Domiciliary when I'm 65?

A — There is no age limit. A veteran must have a disability that incapacitates him from earning a living and must meet certain other medical and legal criteria to be admitted for VA domiciliary care.

Q — Has the War Orphans Ed-

ucation program now been extended to include children of some deceased peacetime veterans?

A — Yes. Children who have lost a veteran parent through death that resulted from a service-connected injury or illness may benefit from the Orphans Education Program, even though the parent concerned served only in peacetime.

Q — What deadlines have been established for the expiration of GI Loan rights for veterans?

A — Applications by World War II veterans for GI loans must be received by the VA form lenders before July 26, 1962. Veterans with service during the Korean Conflict period have until January 31, 1965, to obtain GI loans.

Q — Where should a veteran write regarding mustering out pay?

A — Queries should be directed for the branch of the Armed Services in which the veteran served.

Mrs. Joe Garland of 408 Edwards visited over the Easter holidays with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. V. R. Leverett of Old Glory.

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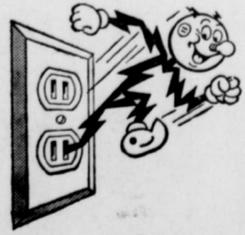
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Home Demonstration Notes

By LORETA ALLEN

Taylor County Home Demonstration Agents



4-H Girls Prove Culinary Ability; Win State Award In Foods Project



Carol Bennett



Patricia Simons

A high school junior and a college freshman were selected for state awards in the 4-H dairy foods demonstration competition. Both winners were presented 19-jewel wrist watches, donated by the Carnation Company of Los Angeles, in recognition of their achievement in the individual and team categories.

Patricia Simons, 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Simons, Burk Burnett, took top honors in the individual dairy foods demonstration. The winning entry, her first in the annual state contest, was a presentation showing the use of Neufchatel cheese in a "Dip to Delight a Teenage Appetite."

Patricia and her family produce their own dairy foods on their wheat farm. She stresses milk and milk products as one of the stable products in the human diet and accomplishes this in her home by the use of cheese dips, sandwiches, frozen milks and soups.

During her six years in 4-H work, Patricia has served as president of her local 4-H Club for four years, been active in community affairs, and has

added many county and district level awards to her record. For their demonstration on "Dairy Foods Party Refreshments," Carol Bennett and her co-worker won the number one spot in the Team division at the county, district and state levels. Included in the demonstration were cottage cheese cookies, a ribbon loaf sandwich and a sour cream dip.

Carol, a freshman at Texas Women's University, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. K. Bennett, Texarkana. She is in her ninth year of 4-H work, and has been enrolled in the dairy foods project for the last four years.

Miss Bennett has participated in many projects during her 4-H career. She is presently coaching a group of younger 4-H members in foods and nutrition, and after encouraging them to enter the junior dairy foods demonstration, they placed first in the county and district contests.

The Cooperative Extension Service of Texas A. and M. College System supervises the 4-H program, and annually selects award winners.

Mrs. Thompson Feted At Party

The children and grandchildren of Mrs. Bersha Thompson hosted a birthday party for her at Fair Park in Abilene Sunday.

Present for the Easter egg hunt and supper were Mr. and Mrs. Mrs. Mason Barker of Abilene; Mr. Mrs. Willie Barker, Anson; Mr. and Mrs. Omer Bishop, Kathy Ann and Gary Lee of Midland; Mr. and Mrs. Truett Thompson and son, Wayne; Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Clyburn, Donnie

Marsha and David Leon of Stith; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Ray, Carol Don, Clifford and Judy of Knox City.

Mrs. Josie Shanks' guests during the Easter holidays were her daughter, and family, Mr. and Mrs. Elvie L. Clemmer and daughters, Myra and Elva of Imperial; a grandson, Lt. Homer K. Shanks Jr., of Fort Bliss, Texas; and a brother-in-law and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Shanks of Laredo.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Campbell and children, Brenda, Katie and Clifford of Haskell were weekend visitors in the homes of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hamp Campbell and Mrs. Carrie Washburn.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Toliver and children, Larry and Galasue of Odessa spent the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Toliver and Mrs. Edna Horton.

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J. D. HAMILTON FEED & GRAIN ABILENE, TEXAS

The 4-H girls, their leaders, and Mrs. Ridens really have been working getting ready for the County Elimination Contests which were held at Abilene Christian College Campus recently. The first place winners in each contest will go to District 7 Elimination Contests which will be held April 22nd in San Angelo. The first and second place senior winners in the district will go on to the state contests which will be held June 7th at College Station.

The contest and winners are as follows:

Junior Dairy Team Demonstration

1st — Phyllis McAdams, Janie Rutland, "Fudge Mallow Ice Cream;" 2nd — Sherry Ann Hefley, Gaytha Ann Walker, "Lime Milk Sherbet;" 3rd — Susan Dean, Nancy Tipton, "Busy Day Cheesecake;" 4th — Janet Story, Nancy Story, "Cherry Ice Box Pie;" 4th — Karen Ann Ray, Ann Smith, "Pudding Cheesecake;" 4th — Beverly Buchanan, Carolyn Moore, "Peach Delight;" 4th — Brook Bennett, Debbie Buchanan, "Banana Milk Shake."

Junior Individual Dairy Demonstrations

1st — Janet Landers, "Instant Pudding;" 2nd — Belinda Kay Knight, "Banana Milk Shake;" 3rd — Barbara Ann Brady, "Philly Party Dip;" 4th — Nancy Richards, "Cottage Cheese and Fruit."

Senior Individual Dairy Demonstrations

1st — Carolyn Ford, "Tasty Sherbet;" 2nd — Carol Lynn Joiner, "Whipping Cream Ice Cream."

Senior and Junior Electric Demonstrations

Junior, 1st — Sandra Hermann, Becky Griffith, "Electrical Ghost;" Senior, 1st — Gayle Dominy, Mary Jane Griffith, "ABC's of Proper Lighting;" 2nd — Aleta Scott, Ann Tipton.

Junior and Senior Poultry Mar-

keting and Utilization Team Demonstrations

Senior, 1st — Linda Smith, Carolyn Moore, "Egg and Mushroom Scramble."

Junior, 1st — Judy Smith, Linda Hampton, "Egg Salad Sandwich Boats."

Senior and Junior Farm and Home Safety Team Demonstration Senior, 1st — Kay Holloway, Rita Wagner, "Fire, Friend, or Foe;" 2nd — Candy Higgins, Barbara McAninch, "Fire Fighting for the Householder."

Junior, 1st — Betsy Orr, Peggy Hermann, "Watch Your Step;" 2nd — Luanne Donaldson, Mary Elaine Joiner, "Careful Clues;" 3rd — Rebecca Ann Grant, Carroll Mayfield, "Home Can Be Safe;" 4th — Connie McCarthy, Ann Holler, "Safety with First Aid."

Junior Share the Fun Demonstrations

1st — Nancy Evans, Cathy Derington, Wynona Doan, Ann Whisenant, Sue Pinkley, Phyllis Newby, Mammie Patterson, Brown Gamble "The Wishing Brown," 1111 Trundy.

Senior Share the Fun Demonstrations

1st — Sue King, "The Hat of Other Days."

Senior and Junior Public Speaking Individual Demonstrations

Senior, 1st — Betty McAninch, "What Junior Leaders Do for 4-H;" 2nd — Linda Kaye Ware, "Twelve Years or Ten Seconds;" Junior, 1st — Jo Ann Black, 2nd — Jo Mabray, "Quarter Horses in 4-H."

Senior and Junior Vegetable Preparation and Use Demonstrations

1st — Myrtle Davis, Mary Johnson, "A Vegetable Delight;" 2nd — Barbara Churchill, Jo Anne Moore, "Texas Sunshine Salad;" 3rd — Patsy Jennings, Darla Wise, "Fixing Your Vegetable Salad;" 4th — Mary Burton, Janie Allen, "Fresh Vegetable Salad;" 4th — Brenda Lewallen, Kay Cochran, "Potato Fluff."

Farm Facts

Planting seed is no little item on the list of production expenses showing up on the U. S. farmer's balance sheet. The amount of seed bought annually in the past few years has averaged about \$530,000,000.

Efficient farmers, however, consider the money spent for high-grade planting seed a sound investment. They realize that plant breeders have spent years developing and improving varieties.

Hybrid corn is a good example. Average retail price paid by farmers for hybrid corn has been about 41¢ a bushel. In 15 years, however, hybrid seed corn jumped U. S. corn yields by 43%.

All of us are reaping the benefits of plant breeding. Good seed, for example, assures vegetable growers of a high quality, uniform product. These vegetables end up in the produce bin at your supermarket.

Commercial vegetable seed growers, according to the U. S. Department of Agriculture, usually account for 85% of the total commercial production

Farmers spend more than \$530,000,000 annually for seed.



of vegetable seeds. Their output in 1958 amounted to more than 128,000,000 pounds of seed—ranging from 20,824,000 pounds of dwarf green bean seed to 1,000 pounds of Chinese cabbage seed.

UP THE CANYON

By TOM RUSSOM

We are needing rain up the Canyon for more than one reason.

First, on the wheat, and too, farmers need rain so the ground can be put in shape to bed up for planting.

The wheat is growing and doing good.

Stockmen are spraying the cattle to rid them of lice.

W. T. Perry, stockman in the Mountain Pass area, said he took no chances during the cold weather with his goats. He gathered them in every night when it was so cold.

Dewell McLean says cool weather is good on wheat, however, rain is needed.

Have you noticed that the days are getting longer. My, try riding a tractor all day. You may feel like square dancing some, but if you are like me, you couldn't get but one foot off the floor at a time. Then you couldn't do much coasting at that.

The saying goes, "There's no bad days, some days are just better than others."

Easter brought relatives and friends to Pioneer church Sunday. The attendance was well over a 100, with many visitors, in the congregation.

Mrs. Dewey Hutchins and daughters of Odessa spent the weekend in the home of Mrs. Hutchins' sister, Mr. and Mrs. Grover Blair.

Mrs. Frazee Demerie of Merkel and niece, the former Nettie Ensminger, of Oregon, attended Sunday services here.

Present for services with Mr. and Mrs. Grover Blair were all their children. On nose count, the

Blair descendants present outnumber the Butman descendants present.

Frank Brnovak's sister and family of Temple were weekend visitors here and attended church.

Mr. and Mrs. Odell Anderson of Ottawa, Kansas, and Mr. and Mrs. Dave Anderson of Merkel, were dinner guests in the home of Mrs. Odell Anderson's brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Russom, Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Rust of Cisco spent the weekend in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Perry.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Moore and son, Roger, along with some more of the Merkel track boys, were in San Angelo Friday for a track meet. They brought home some second and third places. Thanks to the boys and Arthur and Bess.

Another cabin is being erected at the Butman youth camp. The Rev. Joe McCarthy, pastor of Pioneer church, is building contractor.

Mrs. Leroy Riney reports that her father, Elbert Dean, suffered a broken arm in a fall from a ladder the past week. Many of us are acquainted with Mr. Dean.

Mrs. Luther Dunn received a good report from a medical check-up this week. She is able to work around her place.

In conversation with Carl Hughes Saturday we learned he is doing well. He remarked that we are just getting a little older.

We regret so very much to hear of the death of Ellis Harris. He was always so jolly, and to those of us who knew him, just one of the boys with us.

The Taylor County singing convention will meet at Pioneer church Sunday afternoon April 9 at 2 p.m. We are expecting a number of good singers to be present. Come be with us.

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**CARD OF THANKS**  
With deepest gratitude we extend this word of thanks for the many kind acts of sympathy, expressed by thoughtful friends at the time of John's death. These kindnesses have meant everything to us.  
The Collins Family

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**THE STATE OF TEXAS**  
To any Sheriff or any Constable within the State of Texas — Greeting:  
You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for four consecutive weeks, the first publication to be at least twenty-eight days before the return day thereof, in a newspaper published in Taylor County, Texas, the accompanying citation, of which the herein below following is a true copy.

**CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS**  
To J. A. Brasher and wife P. Jane Brasher, and the unknown heirs and unknown devisees and unknown legal representatives and unknown assigns of said J. A. Brasher, (if he is dead), and the unknown heirs and unknown devisees and unknown legal representatives and unknown assigns of said P. Jane Brasher (if she is dead), and the unknown wife and unknown husband and unknown heirs and unknown devisees and unknown legal representatives and unknown assigns of each of the hereinbefore mentioned and/or indicated unknown heirs and unknown devisees and unknown assigns, Defendants, Greeting:  
You and each of you are hereby commanded to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in the City of 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 30th day of April, A.D. 1961, to Plaintiff's petition filed in said court on the 10th day of March, A.D. 1961, in this cause, numbered 25,780-A on the civil docket of said court and in which each and all of you are defendants and said M. C. Shaffer is plaintiff, said suit being styled M. C. Shaffer, plaintiff, vs. J. A. Brasher et al, defendants.  
A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: plaintiff sues defendants in trespass to try title and to recover of each and all of the defendants the title and possession of that certain tract or parcel of land situated in Taylor County, Texas, and being a part of Section No. 157 in Block No. 64 of the Houston & Texas Central Railway Company Surveys, and being more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows: Beginning at the Northwest corner of said Section No. 157; Thence Easterly along and with the North line of said Section to a point that is 101 yards Westerly from

the Northeast corner of said Section; Thence in a somewhat Southeasterly direction to a point in the East line of said Section, which last named point is 1177 yards Southerly from the Northeast corner of said Section; Thence South along and with said East line to the Southeast corner of said Section; Thence West along and with the South line of said Section to the Southwest corner of said Section; Thence North along and with the West line of said Section to its Northwest corner, the place of beginning, and containing 628.72 acres of land; plaintiff alleges he and those under whom he claims have had the peaceable and adverse possession of said land for more than twenty-five years next preceding the filing of said suit and for 25 years prior to accrual of any cause of action of defendants in respect thereto, and that plaintiff has good, indefeasible title to said land under each of the three and five and ten and twenty-five years statutes of limitation under the laws of Texas, that defendants unlawfully entered upon said land and committed trespasses thereon and are asserting some kind of title or claim to said land which plaintiff is unable to set forth in detail, that such claims of defendants are a cloud on plaintiff's title and have damaged him in sum of \$30,000.00; plaintiff prays for judgment against defendants jointly and severally for title and possession of said land, for removal of said clouds to his title, for his said damages, for writ of possession and all relief to which he may be entitled.  
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 17th day of March A.D. 1961.  
Attest: R. H. Ross Clerk 42nd District Court Taylor County, Texas By Irene Crawford Deputy. 3-4-56

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF Robert William McKissick, Deceased;**  
Notice is hereby given that original letters testamentary upon the Estate of Robert William McKissick, deceased, were issued to me, the undersigned, on the 22nd day of March, 1961, in the proceeding indicated below my signature hereto, which is still pending, and that I now hold such letters. All persons having claims against said estate, which is being administered, in the county below named, are hereby required to present the same to me respectively, at the address below given, before suit upon same are barred by the general statutes of limitation, before such estate is closed, and within the time prescribed by law. My residence is in Abilene, Taylor County, Texas and my post office address is 823 Mims Building, Abilene, Texas. Dated this 3rd day of April, 1961.  
BEN M. DAVIS  
Executor of the Estate of Robert William McKissick Deceased.  
No. 6825 in the County Court of Taylor County, Texas  
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A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff sues for divorce and custody of the minor children and

support for them as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.  
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**Spring Is Here: Check Snakes, Birds And Boats**  
Spring is here in full bloom. Birds are pairing off, snakes are coming out and boats are being put into the water.  
These things are of especial significance to the Game and Fish Commission, according to Howard Dodgen, executive secretary.  
Concerning the birds, he suggests every person who is interested in bird life get a copy of

the FIELD GUIDE TO THE BIRDS OF TEXAS by Roger Tory Peterson, who prepared this handbook especially for bird lovers of Texas. There are also many color plates. These books are available now from the Game Commission in Austin at the publication price of \$3 each, postpaid. Fewer than 7,000 copies remain of the first printing of 25,000. After they are gone, the book will be published again for retail trade at \$4.95 each. If you are interested in a book on THE MAMMALS OF

TEXAS, the Commission has one for 50 cents postpaid. It was prepared by Dr. William Davis of Texas A&M College.  
The subject of snakes and boats also brings a warning from the secretary. Not all snakes are poisonous, but extreme care should be used when going into the woods. And as to boats, every person getting into a boat should be certain there is an adequate life preserver in it for his personal use. This one bit of caution might save a life.



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**gabby doodle from noodle says:**

DEAR MISTER EDITOR:

Spring ain't arrived real good  
before we got troubles. The fel-  
lers at the country store Satur-  
day night was agreed that April  
is getting to be the most agger-  
vating month in the year.

First off, Ed Doolittle warned  
everybody to be on the lookout  
for the annual Spring cleaning.  
Ed says that in one day a fel-  
ler's old lady can clean up  
around the place in such a man-  
ner as to set the household back  
a whole year. Some of the fel-  
lers was in favor of a law mak-  
ing Spring clearing illegal, un-  
lawful, and a public felony.

And Clem Webster reported  
he'd saw in the papers where one  
school has already named their  
Commencement speaker. This  
was received as mighty bad news  
on account of it has took most  
of us all Summer and Winter to  
git over some of the Commence-  
ment speeches we read in the  
paper last Spring. Clem claims  
it'd be a heap better for the  
graduates if they'd git turned  
out a couple hours earlier so's  
they could get a running start  
in life. They ain't got a second  
to lose in adjusting themselves  
to a country where a plumber's  
helper makes more money than  
the school principal, where  
prices is so high they'll probably  
have to wear their caps and

gowns to work, and where the  
only blessing of finishing one war  
is to git ready for the next one.

And when the Government set  
April aside for the Revenue folks  
it just about put the stopper in  
the jug. Zeke Grubb allowed us  
how it used to be a feller could  
do a little twisting and turning  
with them income tax forms but  
now, claims Zeke, if you do more  
subtracting than adding, you got  
to send the records along for  
proof. This'll be bad for Zeke  
on account of him subtracting a  
heap better'n he adds. And I hap-  
pen to know that Zeke keeps his  
records writ on the barn door  
and gitting that barn door mailed  
to the Income Tax folks is going  
to be a problem for Zeke.

Of course, April has a few  
good points. For instant, Thomas  
Jefferson was born in April. But  
we even got a little arguement  
from the fellers about ole Tom.  
Most of the fellers was agreed  
that Jefferson done a heap of fine  
things in his life, but Bug  
Hookum was lamenting about ole  
Tom invented the swivel chair.  
Bug allowed as how inventing that  
contraption for them bureau-  
crats in Washington just about  
offset all the good things he done  
in life.

Taking everthing in consider-  
ation, threats of Spring cleaning  
and Commencement speeches, in-  
come tax, and swivel chairs, it  
was voted by all that April ain't  
one of our best months. Ed Doo-  
little went so far as to say we  
could run the country pritty good  
with just eleven months and give  
April to Khrushchev.

Yours truly,  
Gabby

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**PLUMBING NEEDS**  
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**VETERANS  
INFORMATION**

Q—What kind of prosthetic ap-  
pliances may eligible veterans re-  
ceive from the VA?

A — These include artificial  
limbs and eyes, braces, trusses,  
orthopedic shoes, crutches, cans,  
eyeglasses, hearing aids, wheel-  
chairs, and special clothing. Blind  
veterans entitled to disability com-  
pensation may receive a guide

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dog and special mechanical and  
electronic equipment. Veterans re-  
ceiving regular aid and attend-  
ance support from the VA are  
entitled to an invalid lift, if med-  
ically indicated.

Q—Under the old pension law,  
an eligible veteran's monthly pay-  
ment is increased from \$66.15 to  
\$78.75 after he has been on the  
rolls for 10 years, or upon reach-  
ing age 65. Does the rate change  
under the new law?

A — Not because of age or  
length of time on the pension  
rolls. The rate may change be-  
cause of change in the veteran's  
income, his net worth, or the num-  
ber of his dependents.

Q—Once I have designated a  
relative as beneficiary of my GI  
insurance policy, do I have to  
keep this person as beneficiary?

A—The GI policyholder may  
change his beneficiary at any  
time. However, the VA must be  
notified of the change. You may  
write directly to your VA in-  
surance office or you may call  
at the nearest VA office and get  
a blank form which may be sent.

Q—My sister, a widow of a vet-  
eran, is planning to remarry. Will  
she forfeit her pension payments?

A—The law requires that pen-  
sion payments be stopped when  
the recipient widow remarries.

**Merkel Student  
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51 members of the McMurry Col-  
lege Indian Band of Abilene mak-  
ing a concert tour of ten West  
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13.

The band will play in two  
churches and eight high schools  
during the five-day trip.

Included in the itinerary are  
Winters, Ballinger, San Angelo,  
Robert Lee, Colorado City, Big  
Lake, Fort Stockton, Monahans,  
Wink, and Odessa.

Director of the group is Dr.  
Raymond T. Bynum.

**Rose Mary Jones  
Is SGA Officer**

Plainview, (spl.): — In cere-  
monies conducted by Wayland  
Baptist College President A. Hope  
Owen, Rose Mary Jones, daughter  
of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Jones,  
Trent, was installed as the 1961-  
62 Student Government Associa-  
tion secretary of women's athlet-  
ics of Wayland.

Ceremonies were conducted at  
the annual SGA Banquet in March  
amid a setting of gay spring flow-  
ers and decorations.

Miss Jones will assume her  
duties as a leader of the Wayland  
student body in September, 1961.  
She and other recently-elected  
SGA officers attended a planning  
conference with faculty advisors  
and out-going student leaders  
where they received a briefing

on their duties and responsibili-  
ties.

Miss Jones, a physical educa-  
tion major at Wayland, is treas-  
urer of the sophomore class. An  
Honor List student, she is a mem-  
ber of the Flying Queens, inter-  
nationally-known women's basket-  
ball team at Wayland, and is a

member of the Athletes for Christ.

Visiting in the Andrew Barbes  
Sr. home Monday afternoon were  
Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Justice and  
Mrs. Modell Eoff of Merkle, Mrs.  
Eoff's father, W. J. Bicknell of  
Trent, Mrs. Karl Bonneaux and  
Mr. and Mrs. Dock Callaway of  
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  - **Table of Jarman Shoes**  
Reg. 8.95 ..... now **\$4.99**  
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White Swan 300 Can  
**PORK & BEANS** 3 for 29c  
**TUNA** Chicken o Sea Flat Can 29c  
**Pineapple** Libby's 32 oz. Grapefruit Can 23c  
**CHILI** Wolf—300 can With Beans 29c  
**PINTO BEANS** 4 Lb. Bag 49c  
**CHIFFON** Liquid Soap 25 oz. 53c  
**DOG FOOD** Hi-VI 26 oz. Can 2 for 39c

**NABISCO VANILLA WAFERS**  
12 oz. Box 29c  
**BAKER'S CHOCOLATE CHIPS**  
6 oz. Bag 19c  
**REYNOLDS WRAP FOIL**  
25 Ft. Roll 29c  
**PILLSBURY PANCAKE MIX**  
2 Lb. Box 39c  
**BREER RABBIT BLUE SYRUP**  
1/2 Gal. Can 53c  
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5 Lb. Bag 39c

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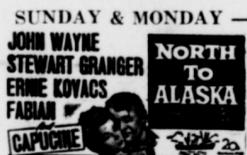
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FREE FAMILY NITE TICKETS EACH THURSDAY AT CARSON'S WITH \$7.50 IN PURCHASES OR MORE  
THE WINNER MRS. T. J. BIRD JR. FOR THE PICK OF NEW CATALOGUE PRIZE

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KEITH'S CUT **CORN** 5 FOR 99¢  
KEITH'S **SPINACH**  
KEITH'S CUT **OKRA**  
KEITH'S CUT **GREEN BEANS**

**FRESH FRUITS & VEGETABLES**

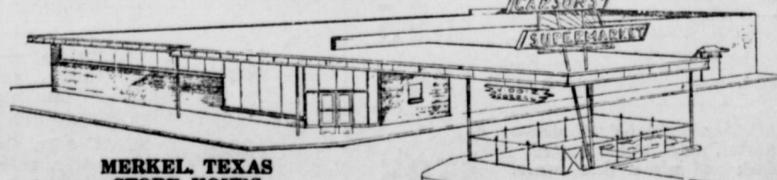
**RUBY RED GRAPEFRUIT** Pound 5¢  
**SUNKIST LEMONS** Lb. 12c  
**GOLDEN BANANAS** Lb. 10c  
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Fresh **LETTUCE** Lb. 10c  
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