

The Little Mail

By E. S. CHASTAIN

My wife and I were happy to have been invited to attend the church supper held at the pioneer church in the Canyon last Saturday evening.

Besides enjoying the wonderful food, we had the opportunity to meet and talk to a lot of the fine people in that community. Pioneer Church serves four different communities, namely Butman, IXL, White Church and Blair. The area comprises one of the greater farming and ranching districts in Taylor County.

Although the meal and entertainment was delightful, we were happy to meet and talk to the following: Mr. and Mrs. Sam Butman, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Meeks, Mr. and Mrs. Houston Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Martin, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Tombs, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brovak, Mr. and Mrs. Bill McClain, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Seymore, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Parry, Mrs. Horace Miles and daughter, Lynn Boade, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Clemmer, the Rev. and Mrs. Wendell Leach and a host of youngsters.

I HAVE GIVEN up on Tom Russo as being a good prognosticator of the weather. He has been saying for the last three weeks that it was going to rain.

Since his calculations have all failed and nary a drop has dripped, I am going to take over the rains (I mean rains) as chief prophet for the cause and say that we are going to get a rain before this week is over, and I don't mean one of those rains that measures one drop a foot apart.

I have hesitated doing this long enough. Kept thinking Earl Hughes or Booth Warren would realize the need badly enough to kick ole Tom out of the way and get some kind of voodoo working for no other reason but to let some of these 5 or 6 year-olds know what rain is.

I don't know what kind of system Tom uses, but I'm basing my predictions on past history and how the prophets of old calculated rainfall.

Take for instance, Shakespeare, he said, "Beware, the Ides of March are upon us," and went on to predict that rain would come, and it fell in such torrents that it flooded the Apian Way with such force it awakened Liz and Richard smack dab in the middle of "Mid Summer Night's Dream."

According to the ancient Roman calendar the Ides fell on March 15, May, July and October. Since it has already happened for March, and the vernal equinox is on the 21st, rain will come 3 days before or after.

Anyway I feel like I should know because I was born in March and under a wet moon. And, if it doesn't come I'm going to blame Tom for messing it up in the first place. So, get out your raincoats, dam up the creek and plant that spring grass.

Horace Boney is running around with his head so high in the clouds that you can't tell whether he's smoking a cigar or a filter. Reason is he has twin granddaughters. But I say he's ridin' for a fall. Ego, that is. There's nothing quite so devastating to your ego as to have your first grandchild call you grandpa. I know from experience.

AS A PARTING THOUGHT — let me say that a lazy man never works, the average man always works; and the brainy man gets the dough.

P-TA Conference Set for Hamlin

Dates for the annual 18th District Texas Congress of Parents and Teachers Spring Conference was set for Tuesday and Wednesday, April 23-24, at a recent meeting of the district executive committee.

The committee meeting was held in Hamlin which is the site for the annual conference.

Delegates will report April 24 at the First Baptist Church in Hamlin for work sessions under the theme, "Homes Create Community Strength Through Good Citizenship."

District 18 is comprised of Knox, Motley, Scurry, Stonewall, Taylor, Cottle, Dickens, Fisher, Foard, Haskell, Jones Kent and King counties.

MERKEL WINS TITLE AT ROTAN RELAYS

Merkel's Badgers, led by the performance of Roger Moore, raced to the team championship of the Fifth Annual Double Mountain Relays Saturday during the Rotan Relays.

Merkel accumulated 91½ points and Moore scored 20 of the tally. Host Rotan finished second with 80 points and Roby third with 38.

Moore had a part in four first place finishes for the Badgers. He won the broad jump with a record leap of 20-8, took the 440-yard dash with a time of 53.4 and ran on both of Merkel's winning relay teams.

Sprinter Steve Herron and weightman Howard Van Loon were the big men for Rotan. Van Loon swept both weight events, winning the shot with a toss of 52' and the discus with a 150.11 heave. Herron placed in both the 100 and 200-yard dashes and ran on the Rotan relay teams.

Speedy Thomas Hyde of Divide made a clean sweep of the sprints, racing to a record 10 flat in the century and winning the

furlong in a record breaking 23.4.

A Merkel quartet of Jacky Reynolds, Wayne Hester, Moore and Johnny Harris set a record of 45.4 in the 440-yard relay and Wylie's Dean Clark wiped out the low hurdles standard with a 20.1 clocking.

On March 23 Merkel will compete in the Bluebonnet Relays at Brownwood.

Tornado Warning System Sets Up 24-Hour Plan

Texas will meet the 1963 tornado season with one of the world's most complete storm warning systems, and with a well-oiled public health relief organization.

Radar storm warning sets are in operation in 15 of the state's 18 first-order weather bureaus. All state highway patrolmen have been carefully schooled in the wily ways of the weather and are keeping a sharp eye on the sky as they patrol their sectors.

Texas' "local severe weather warning system," the first of its kind established anywhere in the world, is made up of sets operating around the clock in Amarillo, Abilene, Austin, Brownsville, Corpus Christi, Galveston, Fort Worth, Houston, Port Arthur, San Angelo, San Antonio, Victoria, Waco and Wichita Falls.

All stations are connected by teletype and radio. Any station is able to instantly appraise all other stations of a tornado traveling in their direction. When such a storm warning is given, the weather bureau in its line of approach immediately notifies all communities in the area via commercial radio and television station bulletins.

State Health Commissioner Dr. J. E. Peavy says the State Department of Health and local health departments stand ready at all times to provide public health know-how to stem health threats occasioned by weather.

Meanwhile, these precautions are still valid if and when a tornado is sighted.

Cut off gas and water before it strikes. Open windows on the north and east side of the house. If possible, take shelter in a storm cellar or cave. If this is impractical, sit down on the lowest floor of a strongly reinforced building, or against the southwest corner of a house. Stay away from windows.

In open country, move away at right angles to the path of the storm. If there is no time to escape lie flat in a ditch or depression to avoid flying debris.

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C of C Annual Banquet Set For Thursday Mar. 28

NEW 1963 OFFICERS TO BE INSTALLED



RECEIVES CHEVRONS — Robert M. Touchstone (right) of Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Touchstone of 508 Locust, Merkel, receives his new chevrons upon his advancement to airman second class in the United States Air Force. Airman Touchstone is assigned to the Aerospace Medical Research Laboratory here as a scientific aid. The airman received his bachelor of arts degree from Texas Technological College prior to entering the service. Making the presentation is Captain Evan R. Miles, Headquarters Squadron commander. (U. S. Air Force Photo)

Trent HS Juniors To Present 3 Act Comedy Thursday

"Mail Order Mary," a comedy in three acts will be presented Thursday night, March 21, at 8:00 p.m. in the Trent High School auditorium.

The play is sponsored by the Junior Class of Trent High School under the direction of Mrs. Ruth Higgins.

The cast members are Ira Johnson, Bobby Williams; Elaine Harris, Steve Kiser; Clay Norris, Nee Lanning; Ed Bradley, Mike Curriker; Jane Norris, Brenda Titwe; Kathy Loring, Jackie Guy; Mary Miller, Donna Sharp; Zella Rhodes, Betty McAninch; Vesta Hale, Delores Barnes; and Tilly Dennis, Candy Higgins.

Pie, doughnuts, coffee and lemonade will be served in the cafeteria immediately following the play. Tickets are on sale for 25 and 50 cents and may be purchased at the door.

Junior Class sponsors are Pat Brooks and Ralph Newton.

W. T. Perry Rites Held In Merkel

W. T. Perry, 47, died at 6:10 p.m. Sunday at Sadler Clinic Hospital after a brief illness.

Funeral was held at 3 p.m. Monday at the Merkel Methodist Church with the Rev. Wendell Leech, pastor of Pioneer Memorial Methodist Church, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery with Starbuck Funeral Home in charge.

Born Feb. 12, 1916 in the southwestern part of Taylor County, he had lived at Nolan, attended school at Abilene and lived in Taylor County his entire life.

He was a stock farmer and a member of the Pioneer Memorial Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, two daughters, Mrs. Gary Rust of 1707 S. 8th in Abilene and Diane Perry of the home; one brother, Loyd of Merkel; one sister, Mrs. Owen Hanks of McCombs; his mother, Mrs. Willie Perry of 1042 S. 12th in Abilene. Pallbearers were V. W. Martin, R. G. Tombs, Ray Orsborn, Dewell McLean, Arthur Moore and Leroy Riney.

CEMETERY FUND

Donations to the Merkel Cemetery fund:
R. G. Tombs in memory of W. T. Perry
Mrs. Bertha Anderson, J. J. Anderson lot
Mrs. Ollie R. Tombs
Mrs. Beulah Bullock, Dallas
W. D. Gamble.



Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Campbell, Merkel, announce the birth of a 6 pound 11½ ounce daughter, Vicki Gayle, Friday, March 15, at 4:05 p.m. in Sadler Clinic Hospital. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Hogan Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Campbell, all of Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Felix Flores, Merkel, are parents of a daughter, Rosa Linda De Jesus, born Monday, March 11 at Sadler Clinic Hospital. The baby weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces.

Twin daughters were born to Mr. and Mrs. Benny W. Melton, Merkel, at Sadler Clinic Hospital Friday, March 15. They were named Melynda Jan and Belynda Ann. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Price Melton, Merkel, and Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Boney, Merkel.

A daughter, Linda Sue, was born to Mrs. Ludie Keith, of Abilene in Sadler Clinic Hospital Wednesday, March 13 at 6:05 p.m. The baby weighed 6 pounds 4 ounces. Grandmother is Mrs. C. W. Maddera, Abilene.

HOSPITAL NEWS

Admissions to the hospital for the week of Sunday, March 10 through Saturday, March 16 included:

- Jim Cook
- W. J. Bicknell, Trent
- Miss Lula Hassey, Tye
- Mrs. E. W. King
- S. B. Thomas, Tye
- Mrs. S. E. Rosson
- Beatrice Warren

Dismissals for the same period were:

- Mrs. T. E. Fulton
- Mrs. Joe K. Higgins
- Fred Alyn, Tuscola
- Mrs. Annie Boone, Trent
- Mrs. Ray Reynolds
- Mrs. C. E. Shouse
- Mrs. N. Ribera
- Mrs. Walter Kelso, Hawley
- Mrs. Houston Robertson
- T. E. Morrison
- Mrs. Felix Flores and baby
- Mrs. Carlton King
- Mrs. A. L. Gullely, Abilene
- Don Hodgin
- Jack Benningfield
- Mrs. Jack Benningfield
- Mrs. Tommie Lou Diltz
- Mrs. Ludie Keith and baby, Abilene
- O. S. Everett
- Mrs. J. S. Knight
- Mrs. R. L. Campbell and baby
- Mrs. Andy Pruitt, Abilene.

Dumas Rites Held For Ex-Merkel Resident

Services for James E. Milan, 61, native of Merkel and long-time barber and resident here, were held Monday at Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home with burial in Dumas Cemetery.

Born in Merkel March 24, 1901, Mr. Milan was a veteran of World War I, a Mason and a member of the Baptist Church.

Survivors include one daughter, Mrs. James Ashton of Fremont, Calif.; one half brother, F. A. Childress of Atlanta; four sisters, Mrs. F. W. Bryan of Monahan, Mrs. W. D. Barker of Abilene, Mrs. Lona Hille of Mesa, Ariz., and Mrs. C. A. Hendon of Sweetwater; and four granddaughters.

Mrs Hammond Hosts Club

Mrs. Ruby Hammond was hostess to the Past Matron and Past Patron Club held in her home March 12, with Mrs. Mae Seago, president, in charge.

New members welcomed by the president were Margie Bird, Mrs. Ouida Reid, Mrs. Jewel Dunagin, Mrs. Lena Dunagin and Mrs. Lamoyan Hughes.

During the business session the by-laws were read and approved and committees were named as follows: Program, Mrs. Una Hays, Mrs. Estelle Humphreys and Mrs. Alfa Miller; Finance, Inez Pratt, Viola Ensminger and Mrs. Wma Robertson; Social, Mrs. Jewel Dunagin, Mrs. Ouida Reid and Mrs. Lamoyan Hughes; Telephone, Mrs. Sallie Gant, Mrs. Lena Dunagin and Margie Bird.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. Viola Ensminger as hostess. A social hour was enjoyed by all attending. Those attending were Fern Windham, Inez Pratt, Una Hays, Mae Seago, Ruby Hammond, Neva Chancey, Sally Gant, Viola Ensminger, Alfa Miller and the five new members.

2 File In Trent Trustee Election

Two have filed for the two positions in the Trent School Trustee Election to be held in the city hall on April 6.

Filing as a candidate to succeed himself, now president of the board, is Mr. J. M. Stowe. Murrel Riggan has filed for the post to be vacant on the expiring term of A. M. Claborn.

Mr. Bill Forester will be the election judge.

Dubose, Directors whose terms do not expire are Jack Smith, Joe Cyfert, Ray Wilson and David Gamble.

Tickets for the banquet may be purchased at Merkel Drug, Wilson's Food Store, Carson's Super-Market and the Chamber Office. Tickets are being sold in advance and you may obtain them at the door.

Program committee consists of Joe Cyfert, David Gamble and Ray Wilson.

Funeral Monday For A. C. Bland Sr. In Wichita Falls

Arthur C. Bland Sr., 64, of Wichita Falls, a former Merkel resident, died at 10:30 p.m. Friday in his home following a heart attack.

A native of Bosque County, he was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bland who moved to Merkel when he was two years old. He attended the Merkel Schools.

Mr. Bland owned and operated Bland's Grocery and Service Station.

He was a Mason and an active member of the Church of Christ. Funeral was held at 10 a.m. Monday at 10th and Broad Street Church of Christ. Burial was under direction of Owens and Brumley Funeral Home.

Survivors are his wife, the former Velma Brown; five sons, Benny of Cleveland, Ohio; Kenneth of Anadarko, Okla., A. C. Jr., of Abilene, and two brothers, J. A. of Sweetwater; Dee of Beaumont. Two sisters, Mrs. R. L. White, Merkel and Mrs. J. R. Clook, Fort Worth, and six grandchildren.

Taylor Co. Judge Talks to 4-H'ers

The Merkel 4-H Club met on March 7 in the Taylor Electric Cooperative Building at 7:30 p.m.

Christie Lucas called the roll and read minutes in the absence of Carl Smith, secretary. There were 19 present.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Suzie Wilson and the 4-H Pledge was given by Cathy Beard.

Finley Barnett introduced the speaker, Judge Roy Seages, who gave a talk on citizenship. His talk bore out 4 points: 1. Citizenship in the home; 2. Citizenship in the Community; 3. Citizenship in the School; 4. Citizenship in the Church.

After the speech, Finley Barnett presented the judge with a gift from the club as a token of friendship. Following the business session of the club, Larry Regen led the group in recreation. There was one new member, Randy Bond.

The 4-H will soon sponsor a talent show, and will work on the record books at their next meeting.

Mrs. Odum Hosts Union Ridge HDC

The Gleaner Sunday School Class of the Methodist Church met Wednesday, April 13, in the home of Mrs. H. N. Odum, with Mrs. Forrest Gaither and Mrs. Herbert Patterson as co-hostesses.

Mrs. Tom Largent gave an inspiring devotional taken from the 128 Psalm. Mrs. W. S. J. Brown led the prayer.

A St. Patrick refreshment plate was served to the following members: Mrs. Dee Grimes, Lilly Pratt Brown, Winnie Cyfert, Velma Largent, Annie Lou Ferrier, Bable McRee, Ann Vaughn, Cleo Douglas, Lola Stockbridge, Mary Click, Stella Tipton, Ruby Grimes, Lou Pety, Mattie Billingsly and Leafa Hall.

Editorial

Right to Independence Rests on Dedication

It takes only ten minutes to read the Declaration of Independence. But some of us have never bothered—either from lack of interest or simple indolence. This is pitiful, for it is the cornerstone of our free way of life, a written bulwark against imperialistic dictators.

Too many Americans think it guarantees them life, liberty, and happiness. NOT AT ALL—only the pursuit of happiness.

Every serviceman should know that no one but a selfish child claims the RIGHT to happiness. That LIFE, that LIBERTY, that HAPPINESS must be deserved—must be earned.

How do we earn them, how are they deserved? Certainly not by "existing" lazily in our hard won freedom. We must contribute and in doing so give more to the world than we take from it.

The worker must produce enough to pay not only for his wage but for the machine that enables him to have a job. The businessman must see that his workers get a fair wage and his stockholders a good return on their investments.

The politician works for the good of his country and places that goal above all others. And the serviceman—he above all others must be willing to pledge the ultimate sacrifice—his life, to defend it.

This is the real way to happiness. If we strive for shortcuts, take the easy way out or let greed take the place of honor, we are most certainly doomed.

True Americanism is earned by dedication and hard work—NOT SHORTCUTS.

COUNTDOWN—578th

Launch Complexes Built To Care for Themselves

By 1st Lt. NORMAN H. KAHN

The 578th Strategic Missile Squadron's twelve launch complexes surround Dyess and Abilene in a rough circle. Each complex is self-sustaining, with no requirement for outside sources of water and electrical power.

The launch site is paved with a flat circular slab of concrete. This concrete slab is the top of the launching silo and it surrounds the silo doors. A surface level entrance vestibule leads into the launch control center (LCC) which is buried below the ground to resist over-pressures and shock that would accompany a surface explosion. The LCC is a circular room, 40 feet in diameter, containing a two-story steel structure called a crib. This crib hangs from the ceiling of the concrete room by

a suspension system that is air-cushioned to absorb ground shock.

On the lower floor of this crib are communications equipment and the launch control console from which the missile launching is controlled. The upper floor contains living facilities for the launch crew and their security guards. An emergency supply of food, medicines, and safety equipment is stored in the LCC, enough to allow for a prolonged stay at the complex by the launch crew, if necessary.

Tunnel to Silo

A tunnel, about 50 feet long, leads from the LCC to the launching silo. This tunnel contains the plumbing and electrical cables required to connect the LCC equipment to



DROP ZONE CONFERENCE—Col. Burl W. McLaughlin, commander, 516th Troop Carrier Wing, discusses jump techniques with CWO Joseph D. Rountree, head of the combat control team of the wing's 1st Aerial Port Squadron. Colonel McLaughlin, on hand to watch another in the current series of personnel drops on the Dyess zone, got last-minute tips from the 300-plus jump veteran before leaving for three-week jump training at Fort Benning, Ga., which will qualify him as an airborne parachutist. (AIR FORCE PHOTO)



WELCOME—Guests for the second Dyess Vendor's Day register at the Vapor Trails Community Center prior to beginning their orientation tour of the base. The civilian-military liaison program is under the sponsorship of the base procurement office. (AIR FORCE PHOTO)

the launching silo equipment.

At the end of the tunnel is the concrete-lined cylindrical hole, 52 feet in diameter and 174 feet deep, called the launching silo. Inside the silo is an octagonal steel crib structure. A "rattle space" is left between the crib and silo walls.

The crib is hung from the silo walls by a suspension system that employs long mechanical springs by mounting systems and plumbing on the crib structure. This equipment will move as an integral unit with the crib in case of ground shock, thus giving a cushion to absorb the effects of a surface explosion. The crib is divided into eight levels on which are mounted the various systems needed to launch the Atlas missile. There are also numerous pipes, cables and ducts which carry electrical power and heating, ventilating, air conditioning, liquids, and gases essential to the weapon system. An elevator serves all levels of the crib; a spiral staircase is used in case of elevator failure. Above the crib are the silo doors and the hydraulic cylinders which open

TAC Power On Display At Library

To assist in the observance of Tactical Air Command's 17th Anniversary the Dyess

STITH NEWS

By MRS. FRITZ HALE



(Omitted Last Week)

Mr. and Mrs. Babe Tarpley and children visited over the week end in Morton with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gaston Gregory.

Mr. and Mrs. Ab Evans and Nancy and Mrs. A. M. Evans had as visitors Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Schwarz, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Vaughn and children, Mrs. Hub Evans and children, all from Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Goddard and children of Fort Worth, Mrs. Tom Graham, Nacogdoches, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Dedman, Tye.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ray Browning and children, Tuscola, were supper guests Saturday night of Mr. and Mrs. John Browning.

Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Hale and Charles attended the funeral of Bryan Goodwin at the Hamner Baptist Church Tuesday, March 5. Burial was in Anson Cemetery.

North Baptist Church hosted the all-day WMU Mission program Thursday, for the Hawley Hedges and Stith WMU Societies. Each lady brought a covered dish that was served at the church. Attending from the Stith Church were Mrs. J. E. Swindle, Paul Bradley, Fletcher Jones, Pick Payne and Truman Holloway.

Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Jones visited her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Howard in De Leon last week.

Hilda Berry of Hawley spent the week end with Brenda Mashburn.

Mr. and Mrs. Pick Payne and

Library will sponsor readings on tactical air power from Mar. 18-24.

Mrs. Velma Roark, base librarian, announced today that special exhibits on Tactical Air Command will be available for inspection during the week. Selected books on subjects relating to air power will be available on special shelves.

All base personnel are encouraged to visit the library during the week of Mar. 18-24 and inspect the special sections as well as the regularly available collection of books and periodicals now totalling over 16,000.

Library hours are from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Homer D. Payne, Lubbock, spent the week end in Guymon, Okla., with Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Payne.

Mr. and Mrs. James Strong and Melinda Lee of Odessa, spent the week end with her mother, Mrs. J. E. Swindle, the Rev. Jesse Swindle, Mrs. J. E. Swindle returned with them for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mashburn, Brenda and Rodney visited Mrs. John Shaw in Hawley Sunday afternoon.

Ethel Canida spent two days in the Sadler Hospital last week with an attack of the flu.

Mr. and Mrs. John Browning and Mildred Harris attended a singing in Colorado City Sunday afternoon.

Sam Mashburn spent the week end in Lubbock with his daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Murry Toombs and Tommy. They all attended the Midland and Lubbock baseball game in Midland Saturday night. Tommy was the pitcher for the Lubbock team.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Berry spent the week end visiting in Littlefield with Mr. and Mrs. Audrian Berry. Mr. and Mrs. Monte Berry, Sudan, and they

also visited the Murry Toombs family in Lubbock.

Sam Burns and Sammy, Abilene, visited Mr. and Mrs. Jim Burns Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Jones, Bob Hudson and Sandra Hale attended the John Deere show at the Merkel Community Center Saturday night sponsored by the Malone Implement Co.

Ted and Bob Hudson spent three days last week at Rising Star, pruning pecan trees on the Rex Hudson farm.

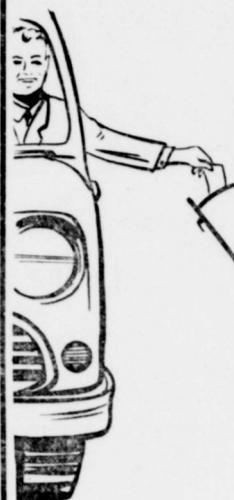
Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hudson, Burns Powell and Mrs. Jessie Lenoir visited Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Powell and children.

Chinese is spoken by more people than any other language.

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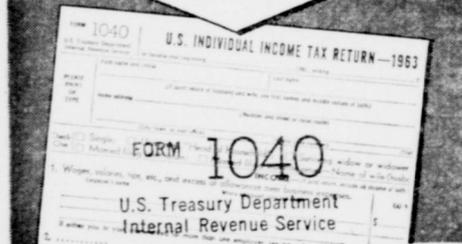
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CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Charles Eugene Laney, 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 31st day of March A.D. 1963, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 15th day of January A.D. 1963, in this cause, numbered 27,838-A on the docket of said court and styled Susie Lee Laney, Plaintiff, vs. Charles Eugene Laney, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and defendant were married on June 14, 1951 and became permanently separated on or about July 1959. Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of harsh and cruel treatment 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 14th day of February A.D. 1963.
(Seal)

Attest: R. H. ROSS Clerk,
42nd District Court
Taylor County, Texas
By Irene Crawford, Deputy.
50 4-1t

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF EXECUTION SALE
THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF TAYLOR

By virtue of an execution issued out of the 42nd District Court of Taylor County, Texas, on a judgment rendered in said court on the 23rd day of January, 1963, in favor of I. A. Parmer against Oleana Christie Bonwit and husband, Seymour Bonwit, in the case of I. A. Parmer vs. Oleana Christie Bonwit and husband, Seymour Bonwit, No. 27831-A in such court, I did on the 22 day of February, 1963, at 10:30 o'clock, a.m., levy upon the following described tract and parcel of land situated in the County of Taylor, State of Texas, as the property of said Oleana Christie Bonwit and husband, Seymour Bonwit, to-wit:

An undivided 6.25 per cent of the hereinafter described oil, gas and mineral lease covering property situated in Taylor County, Texas, to-wit:

Oil and Gas Lease, dated March 31, 1958, from Herbert H. Ballard and wife, Albany Ballard, as lessors, to H. O. Rowland, Jr., as lessee, said lease being recorded in Volume 562, Page 401, of the Deed Records in Taylor County, Texas, and covering (among other tracts of land) the East 40 acres of the land covered by said lease from the surface of the ground to a depth of 5551 feet below the surface of the ground, the land covered by said lease being situated in Taylor County, Texas, and described as follows, to-wit:

All of Lot 17 and 74 acres more or less, out of the East part of Lot 16, all out of the Swenson & Wooten Subdivision of the Chandler Ranch out of the William S. Henry Survey No. 461, reference being here made to the record of such lease for a more perfect description of the land covered hereby.

and on the 2nd day of April, 1963, being the first Tuesday in said month, between the hours of 10 o'clock a.m., and 4 o'clock p.m., on said day, at the courthouse door of said county, I will offer for sale and sell at public auction for cash all of the right, title and interest of the said Oleana Christie Bonwit and husband, Seymour Bonwit, in and to said property.

Dated at Abilene, Texas, this 22 day of February, 1963.
J. D. WOODARD, Sheriff
Taylor County, Texas.
By Deputy

LEGAL NOTICE

SCHOOL BUSES FOR SALE

The Merkel Independent School District is receiving separate bids on the following used school busses marked for sale: 1—1948 Ford, 48 passenger. 1—1952 Chevrolet, 48 passenger. 1—1952 GMC, 48 passenger. 1—1954 Chevrolet, 48 passenger. 1—1957 Ford, 48 passenger.

All bids must be received in the office of Merkel School Superintendent on or before April 5, 1963, 3:30 p.m. The school board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.
MACK FISHER, Supt.

Mr. R. B. Horton, Abilene, was a visitor in the home of his mother, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Amason Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Watson visited with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Amason and children, Rickie and Mike, of Graham, over the week end.

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MRS. JAMES WARNER MARTIN
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Canady-Martin Wedding Vows Read In Trent Church Friday Evening

Barbara Jean Canady, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Canady, became the bride of James (Buddy) Warner Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Martin of Merkel, Friday at 8 p.m. in the Trent Church of Christ.

Robert Fuller of Fort Worth, minister of the Aze Avenue Church of Christ, read the double ring ceremony.

Soloist for the ceremony was Doug Sikes.

Mr. Canady gave his daughter in marriage. She wore a gown of delustered satin. The fitted bodice was fashioned with a scoop neckline and the pleated skirt formed a brief train.

The bride's veil of illusion was

held by a crown of seed pearls. She carried a white Bible arrangement of feathered carnations centered with a white orchid.

Bridal attendants were Sue Modrall of Merkel, maid of honor, and Sherry Martin of Merkel, sister of the bridegroom, and Pat Bigbee, bridesmaids.

Miss Modrall wore rose delustered satin. The dress featured a scoop neckline and softly pleated skirt. Her headress was a large matching bow. She carried a cascade arrangement of pink feathered carnations.

Bridesmaids were dressed in pink crystal peau, designed like the maid of honor's dress. They

carried cascades of rose carnations.

Bobby Jones of Midland was best man and groomsmen were Jimmy Leverich of Merkel and Jimmy Canady, brother of the bride.

Larry Sloan of Abilene and B. Brown of Merkel were ushers.

Wedding tapers were lighted by Kayla Canady, sister of the bride, and Donna Diltz of Merkel. Cindy Beasley was flower girl and John Barbee served as ring bearer.

Carolyn Graham registered wedding guests.

The reception was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Graham.

Mrs. Graham, Mrs. Cecil Taylor, Mrs. Carlton McLeod, Mrs. Frank Olyn, Mrs. Lola Lee O'Kelly, Mrs. Chock Hutcheson, Ann Barnhart and Miss Graham were in the houseparty.

For a trip to San Antonio and Austin, the bride wore a blue silk dress with white patent accessories. The couple will be at home at 602 Locust in Merkel after March 20.

The bride is a 1961 graduate of Trent High School and is employed by West Texas Utilities in Merkel. A 1953 graduate of Merkel High School, the bridegroom is an employe of Wilson Food Store in Merko.

Parents of the bridegroom hosted the rehearsal dinner Thursday evening at Wyatt's Cafeteria.

1948 Trent Grad On Dean's List

E. W. Reynolds, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Reynolds, Trent, has been named to the Dean's list at Texas Wesleyan College, Fort Worth, for the fall semester of 1962-63.

In order to make the list, students must have a grade point average of 3.00. (4.20 is straight A) or above. Bill's average was 3.50.

A 1948 graduate of Trent High School, Bill previously attended Cisco Junior College.

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MRS. CHARLES EARL JACOBS
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Janda-Jacobs Wedding Vows Read Saturday In Double Ring Ceremony

Charles Earl Jacobs and his bride, the former Mildred Bernice Janda, are on a wedding trip to Clouderot, N.M., following their marriage Saturday at 6:30 p.m. in the chapel of the College Church of Christ.

Jerry Miller, Church of Christ minister, read the double ring vows.

For traveling, the bride select-

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Weldon Bruce, Arthur Messecar and Nora Messecar and Tesla C. Nicola, Defendants.
Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 104th 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 29th day of April A.D. 1963, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 18th day of February A.D. 1963, in this cause, numbered 9559-B on the docket of said court and styled LeClair Operating Company, Inc., a Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Weldon Bruce, Walter Kruse, Amy L. Driskell, joined by her husband, Mr. Driskell, Arthur Messecar and Nora Messecar, C. D. Rush and Tesla C. Nicola, Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Suit on a Written Contract for services performed and materials furnished on oil & gas leases out of the R. Salinas Survey 429; the A. Winter Survey No. 432 and the J. C. Thompson Survey No. 433 wherein Defendants own an undivided interest in what is known as the Atwood West Gardner Unit and said suit being also to foreclose a lien created by the Unit Operating Agreement, a contract in writing; 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 13th day of March A.D. 1963.

(Seal)
Attest: R. H. ROSS Clerk,
104th District Court
Taylor County, Texas.
By Carolyn Johnson, Deputy

Up The Canyon

By TOM RUSSOM



Sadness hovers low over the Canyon this week from the loss of one of our young fathers and church workers, W. T. Perry.

He attended church Sunday, and afterwards was shaking hands with friends and was jolly as ever. He passed away before the day was gone. It was such a shock to both the family and to the community.

People from several counties came for the funeral. Many friends who had known him down through the years were here because they loved and appreciated him. He was only 47 and had gained the love and respect of many friends.

Time, pencil or paper could not express the value of him to his home and community. I think these would be the words to the family from everyone who knew him. As his pastor said in the funeral service, he met the problems of life with no complaining.

After such loss to our community it is hard to think of much news to write about this week.

Up the Canyon this week things are very quiet and very dry. Rain is very badly needed on small grain.

We get the report of it raining in many places and it makes us think surely we will be next to receive it.

Say, have you notice that fine 4-H display down at the F & M Bank at Merkel? Mrs. R. E. Clemmer and Mrs. Maurice Johnson planned it and we want to say thanks to the ones who had any part in getting it up. I know everyone is grateful to Booth Warren for the opportunity of displaying it in his bank. We think it is just grand.

Kyle Blair, Lubbock, was here for the funeral of W. T. Perry this week. He said it is very dry

on the Plains. Kyle has a good irrigated farm at Lubbock. He also added, Tom, I missed that Canyon news last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin McCoy, Norton, were visitors over the week end in Mrs. McCoy's parent's home. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Seymore. They were here to close a land deal. They bought a farm at Hawley.

Mr and Mrs. Govis Harrison from Pyote were here over the week end visiting friends and his mother, Mrs. W. A. Harrison of Merkel.

Mrs. T. H. Russom is slowly improving after being badly burned several months ago. She is at her daughter's home, Mrs. Jess Russom.

Mr. Jim Cook is still in the Sadler Hospital, but some better.

Claude Graham of Oregon, a long time friend to the Cooks, is visiting them this week.

Oswald Everett has been moved from the Sadler Hospital to his home in Merkel. He is doing very well.

Perhaps there will be some pasture dry planted if rain does not come soon. Some may ask why be so concerned about pastures for the stock, well, if you know anything about that drought we had in the 1950s you know what we as farmers and stockmen mean!

Ray Orsborn, Canyon stockman, says grass seed is really going to be high this spring. He has been buying some at \$16.

Ford Butman, Canyon rancher, said some bitter weeds are showing up on his place. That's what the sheep thrive on when active pasture is slow to come, and very often it kills sheep.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Swinney of El Paso and Herbert Swinney of Eastland, visited here in their parents home over the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Swinney.

The Rev. and Mrs. Wendell Leach of Pioneer Church had Mrs. Leach's parents, the Rev. and Mrs. Dorn of Whiteface in their home over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Barry Scott was visiting some friends in San Angelo over the week end.

Down at the San Angelo Stock Show a few days ago, a large number of club lambs died just after the show. It was reported that over eating caused the death of the lambs.

Lambdas Plan Easter Lily Sale

The Merkel Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority held its regular meeting Tuesday, March 5, at the REA Building.

A report was made on the West Texas Rehabilitation Center Workshop by Dorothy Wade and Bonnie Dayton. Sorority members will participate in the Easter Lily sale by selling lilies in downtown Merkel April 6. They will also conduct a pie, cake, sandwich and coffee sale at the West Texas Utilities Co. on the same day.

Mary Boone had the program subject, "You and Your Audience," on which she gave a short talk, then showed the Celanese films.

The nominating committee submitted the following names to be voted on by the members for next year's officers: President, Mary Boone; vice president, Louise Dubose; recording secretary, Lonelle Eaff; corresponding secretary, Mamie Steck; treasurer, Peggy Bowen; extension officer, Wilma Robertson.

Merkel Lambda Beta Chapter held its Preferential Tea for Spring rushees Sunday, March 17 in the home of Mrs. Alameda Bullock.

Six rushees were pledged. They are Emma Lois Shugart, Pat Dalziel, Georgia Myrick, Maxine Baccus, Flossie McKeever and Jan Curtis.

Mrs. T. J. Bird Hosts TEL Class

The TEL Class met in the home of Mrs. T. J. Bird with Mrs. A. D. Fulton co-hostess.

Mrs. Lucy Ford brought the devotional program of "Helping Others." Mrs. Mignery led the opening prayer and Miss Selena Teaff said the closing prayer.

A refreshment plate carrying out St. Patrick's theme was served to Mmes. Fulton, Clack, Moore, Mansfield, Foster, Walker, Ford, Massey, Mignery, Bird and Miss Teaff.

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For Use In 516th

'E' Model C-130s Due To Be Delivered Sat.

Col. Paul J. Mascot, acting commander of the 516th Troop Carrier Wing, announced today that the first C-130 E to be delivered to the TAC Wing here will arrive at approximately 2 p.m. Saturday, Mar. 23.

This event is noteworthy for several reasons.

First, this "E" model of the huge jet-prop transport will be the first to be delivered to an operational unit in Tactical Air Command. Prior deliveries of the new aircraft within TAC have been to the training school at Sewart AFB, Tenn.

Secondly, the aircraft is arriving during the period of time set aside for observance of the 17th anniversary of Tactical Air Command.

The aircraft will be delivered from the Lockheed - Marietta, Ga., plant to Dyess by a crew of five commanded by Maj. Richard Darko.

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HOME DEMONSTRATION NOTES

By LORETA ALLEN

(Omitted Last Week)

The 4-H Banquet was a very nice affair last week. It made me feel so good to hear the 4-H boys and girls get up and do such a fine job telling about 4-H work and how it had helped them. Every 4-Her on the program did their part like a professional.

Mrs. Elsie Short, Home Management Specialist, from College Station was in Taylor County for a conference with Mrs. Gene Dobkins and I.

Have you planted any garden yet? We have out onions and cabbage and have planted English peas and spinach. We will plant radishes, lettuce and endive soon. We keep having hopes that it will rain some day and then how things will grow.

The Basic Clothing Workshop at Lawn has one more day. Twelve women have participated in it with only two home demonstration members attending. Most of them are young mothers with children to sew for.

Need to add spice to your meals?

You can help sharpen appetites by using spices in your cooking, points out Mrs. Gwendolyn Clyatt, Extension Service consumer marketing specialist.

Spices lend subtle flavor to foods if they are introduced with a light hand. It is well to

become familiar with the large spice family.

Spices are usually classified as roots, buds or flowers, fruits, barks or seeds of pungent plants. The herbs are the automatic leaves of plants which grow in the temperate zone. Bay leaves and mint are the familiar ones. Marjoram, basil, chervil, oregano and saffron are just a few of the many herbs which may find a place on your pantry shelf.

Some of the "seed" spices that give variety are celery seed, sesame, poppy and caraway seeds.

Among the "berry" spices are the peppercorns from which come both the black and white pepper without which a meal would seem incomplete. Since it is a familiar seasoning on many tables, you may find it interesting to learn how it grows.

Black pepper is the dried fruit or berries of the pepper vine, which is found in tropical climates. The berries are picked while still green and then dried in the sun.

White pepper is the ripened seed of the berry which is fermented, then washed to remove the skin and pulp and spread on mats to dry in the sun. Most of the pepper we use comes

from the Far East. It is a well-liked and well-used spice and may be delicately added to all foods with the exception of sweet desserts.

Visitors attending the Golden Wedding Anniversary open house of Mr. and Mrs. Rex Redell, Tuscola, included Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Jones, Dean Higgins, A. E. Aven, Dale Litton, John Shannon, L. H. Reeger, Bill Scott, Carroll Benson, Mmes. W. T. Sadler, Harry Bullock, Paul West and Bob Benson.

Mr. and Mrs. George D. McConnell were in Fort Worth during the week end visiting her sister, Mrs. C. W. Johnston, and Mr. McConnell's cousin and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Dunning. They

rode on the M&O electric subway train installed for Leonard Bros. Dept. Store. Fun, says Mrs. Mac.

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Pruning Pecan Trees Is Subject For Garden Club

There are several specific reasons for pruning pecan trees, and there is also a proper way to do it.

This valuable information was brought before the Merkel Garden Club during their meeting held at the Elementary School Library on March 7.

The reasons for pruning pecan trees was discussed thoroughly by guest speaker for the meeting, the Rev. E. L. Yeats, of Roby. He was introduced by garden club member, Mrs. Homer Patterson.

Rev. Yeats, in a detailed talk gave six reasons for pecan pruning. They were: 1st — Prune to eliminate the crutch; 2nd — prune to remove dead spots; 3rd — keep a desired form; 4th — increase the flowering; 5th — increase the fruit age; and 6th — rejuvenate the old plants on trees.

During a short business session conducted by Mrs. Mack Fisher, Mrs. W. S. J. Brown reported for the nominating committee giving the list of new officers for the year. They are: President, Mrs. S. D. Gamble; vice president, Christine Collins; 2nd vice president, Mrs. C. Sherrill; 3rd vice president, Mrs. Clyde Bartlett; 4th vice president, Mrs. W. T. Sadler; recording secretary, Mrs. Mack Fisher; corresponding secretary, Nora Foster; treasurer, Mrs. J. Williams; parliamentarian, Mrs. Johnny Cox; press reporter, Mrs. Buck Leach.

Mrs. Charlie Sherrill and Mrs. Dee Grimes were hostesses to the following members: Mmes. Herbert Patterson, Mack Fisher, Johnny Cox, Lucv Ford, Mary Click, Raymond Ferguson, Ernest Teaff, Buck Leach, Charlie Sherrill, Dale Litton, S. D. Gamble, W. T. Sadler, Robert Hicks, Bill Brown, Eunice Mussey, Odell Freeman, W. S. J. Brown, Dee Grimes and Misses Nora Foster and Christine Collins.



LITTLE CHARMER — High fashion for the pre-school set is the popover dress, interpreted here in a cotton knit boucle pop-over printed in bold red wildflowers and a classic white dress with bright red accents. From Claire Brooke Originals.

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80 Area Businessmen Attend Vendor's Day

Around 80 Texas businessmen from the Abilene area and other Lone Star cities including Lubbock, Dallas and San Antonio took part in the Vendor's Day program held at Dyess Tuesday.

The visitors included representatives of construction, wholesale, retail and service firms, some of which had participated in the first Vendor's Day held May 15, 1962, and others who Tuesday were attending their first orientation on Air Force purchasing.

Greeting the visitors at the program opening, Col. Richard R. Mitchell, commander, 96th Combat Support Group, presented a brief address at the Vapor Trails Community Center stressing the importance of a sound understanding between base activities and businessmen. During the seven-hour program, arranged by Maj. Robert K. Brockway, base procurement officer, the businessmen learned that purchasing by Dyess would mean an expenditure this year of nearly five million. The figure would remain close to last year's expenditures of \$4.8 million. Commenting on the success of the second Vendor's Day program, Major Brockway stated that the response by the businessmen indicated a cooperative and positive attitude toward the base and the Air Force. "Many of the businessmen," he said, "expressed willingness to expand their support of the base. Their remarks on the program Tuesday were also pleasing in that the comments made ranged from 'good program' to 'well-planned' and 'extremely well carried-out'."

AF History

Dr. Robert Goddard, a member of the faculty at Clark University in Worcester, Mass., launched the world's first liquid-fueled rocket at Auburn, Mass. on March 16, 1926. The vehicle traveled 184 feet in two and one-half seconds at an average speed of 60 m.p.h. Today, rockets, ballistic and guided, provide the United States with a credible deterrent. Huge ICBMs, liquid and solid fueled, have the capability to range over 6,000 miles at speeds in excess of 15,000 m.p.h. and hit a target with accuracy. Other developments of the Goddard experiments have given the United States space capability with powerful boosters providing thrust for space-orbiting vehicles.



COOKE and TAB . . .
Top Army Team

PFC Cooke and 'Tab' Are Army Team of Month

Tab, a German Shepherd sentry dog in the US Army, and his handler, Pfc Raymond D. Cooke, were selected as the Battalion Sentry Dog Team of the Month for March. They are assigned to Battery B of the 5th Nike Missile Battalion, which defends Dyess Air Force Base and the neighboring community of Abilene.

Tab and Private Cooke are graduates of the eight-week sentry dog training course at Lackland AFB in San Antonio, Tex. The German Shepherd and his handler ran through a four-event test,

demonstrating obedience training, agitation and attack drill, running an obstacle course and special tricks. Judges also observed the dog's appearance throughout the test.

Private Cooke, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond D. Cooke of Route 1, Los Lunas, N. M., is a 1959 graduate of Los Lunas High School. He entered the Army May 12, 1961 and took basic training at Fort Hood, Tex., after which he went to eight weeks military police training and then to Sentry Dog Handlers School.

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Mar. 23-24

Kegle Championships Slated at Dyess Bowl

Dyess' bowling enthusiasts will have their chance to earn a slot on the base team Mar. 23-24 at the Second Annual Dyess Match Game Championships get underway at the Dyess Bowl.

The tournament will decide the six men who will represent Dyess in the Fifteenth Air Force tournament to be held at the Dyess lanes May 7-9.

A scratch affair, the tournament will consist of a qualifying round of 10 games across 10 lanes, with the top nine men as determined by total pinfall entering the finals. Last year's tournament winner, Charlie Meredith, will be seeded into the finals. The finals will be held on a Petersen point system of scoring, in which each of the 10 finalists will face each other once in a single-game match. Contestants will receive one point for each 50 pins they topple and an additional point for each game won. Ties will result in each player getting one-half point. The top six kegglers will represent Dyess in the higher headquarters tournament.

The tournament is open to all active military personnel in the Dyess area. Qualifying rounds will be rolled at 1 p.m. Mar. 23 (Saturday) while the



Charlie Meredith . . . defending champ

finals will begin the following day at 1 p.m. Contestants will pay only for their bowling at 35 cents per line.

Any personnel interested in participating may inquire at the desk at the Dyess Bowl or contact the tournament manager, Stan Gifford. Entries close midnight, Mar. 17, by which time entry fees for the qualifying round must be paid.

Mrs. Warford Hosts Circle

Spiritual Life Development was the theme in the mission study of the Dale Moore Circle of the First Baptist Church hosted by Mrs. Charles Warford in her home March 12.

The program was stressed on the hypothesis that religion should not be "forced" upon a child, but to give him freedom to choose his own belief.

Present at the meeting were: Circle chairman, Mrs. Ollie Fox, Mrs. Ted McAninch, Mission Study; Mrs. Lucy Ford, program chairman; Mrs. Eunice Massey, community mission; Mrs. Cordelia Sherer, stewardship; opening prayer by Mrs. Ted McAninch; Mrs. Charles Warford, secretary; Mrs. Blanche Amason publicity and Mrs. T. J. Bird. Visitors were Mrs. P. H. Harris and Mrs. Leona Partain.

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These houses will be open for inspection each day except Sunday, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, and 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. — or by making application to Mr. Tuckey, Church Custodian.

Respectfully submitted:

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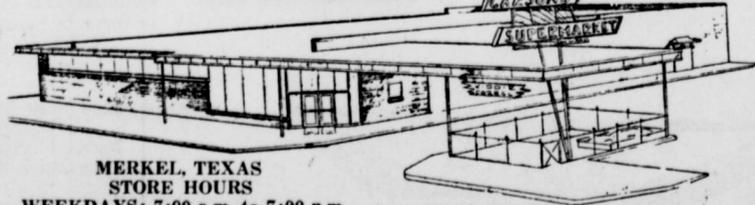
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