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## EVENING PROGRAM OF MUSIC WILL FEATURE OUTSTANDING TALENT OF THIS SECTION

In Recognition of "Music Appreciation Week," Local Clubs Sponsor Free Entertainment Tuesday Evening, May 4.

As their contribution to "Music Appreciation Week," the Fortnightly Study club and the Merkel Lions club are jointly sponsoring a musical entertainment at the school, gymnasium on Tuesday evening of next week May 4, beginning at 8 o'clock.

The program arranged for the entertainment of the people of Merkel and surrounding communities will present some of the outstanding talent of West Texas in band, chorus, solo and instrumental numbers and will be free to the interested public. Everybody is invited to come and enjoy the hour and a half of varied, high class musical entertainment.

Some of the program features include: "The Chanters," a mixed chorus; "The Rock Crushers," a novelty band; Joe Dene Propst, soloist for the Cowboy band; Miss Anne Rader, xylophonist; the High School Choral club, directed by Mrs. Comer Haynes, and a possibility of some other numbers yet to be secured.

The program committee consists of: Miss Christine Collins, Mrs. W. S. J. Brown and Mrs. W. T. Sadler for the Fortnightly Study club; Dee Grimes, Booth Warren and Yates Brown from the Lions club.

## Attend Annual High School Senior Day At Hardin-Simmons

Thirteen Merkel High School Seniors went by bus and private cars to attend the annual gathering of high school seniors on the Hardin-Simmons university campus Saturday, Apr. 24. The group was under the sponsorship of the Baptist Women's Missionary Union, and was accompanied by Mesdames O. R. Dye and Joe P. Self. Rex Myers drove the bus.

The group left the school at 9 a. m. and arrived at the campus an hour later. The interval between then and the beginning of the program at 10:30 was spent in visiting and inspecting the buildings on the campus. All buildings on the campus were on exhibit.

At 10:30 the program opened at Parramore field. On entering the stadium, all students were supplied with editions of "The Brand," school paper, and pennants and banners of identification. At the introduction of schools by Dr. Richardson, master of ceremonies, seventy-four schools answered. An entertaining program was furnished by the Cowboy Band, Physical Education Department gymnasts, Speech Department pantomimers and other representatives of school organizations. Welcomes and greetings were extended by representatives of the student body and by the president, Dr. J. D. Sandefer.

At noon, all visitors were guests of the University at a barbecue dinner on the grounds east of the girls' dormitory. All 2,000 students were served in less than thirty minutes.

The afternoon was taken up with visits to various special exhibits, and with an athletic program of soccer, tennis and softball. At 3:30, the main athletic attraction, an intra-squad football game, was played at Parramore field. Local students returned at 5:30.

The Merkel High School Seniors had an enjoyable and profitable day of recreation and entertainment, thanks to the courtesy of the Baptist ladies and Hardin-Simmons university.

## Several Merkel Boys Interested in Work At A. & M. College

Several Merkel boys interested in a course at A. & M. college met Monday night with Leon Ransom, assistant county agent, and Lance Stephenson, of Abilene, chairman of the Taylor County 4-H club, and who recently won a trip to Chicago on cattle judging.

Boys present were: Billie Dunning, Billie Woodrum, Bobby Woodrum, L. B. Gibson, Jack Sublett, Dutton Williamson and Murphy Dye.

Any others interested should see Mrs. W. H. Dunning.

## LIST PARADE PRIZE WINNERS

Half Dozen Indians from Grade 1-B Designated Best Tribesmen; Awarded \$2.50 Cash.

Winners of the cash prizes offered participants in the parade and the amount awarded follow:

Best group of six Indians, (three girls and three boys), in Merkel Grammar school—grade 1-B, taught by Miss Sybil Smith, \$2.50.

Best all-around cowgirl, 15 years or under—Joy Nalley, Trent, \$1.00.

Best all-around cowboy, 15 years or under—Buddie Winter, \$1.00.

Best decorated automobile—Bragg Dry Goods company, \$5.00.

Best team of horses—H. A. Deavers, \$2.50.

Best team of mules—Joe Holmes, \$2.50.

Best clown in parade—Woodmen Circle trio, consisting of Mrs. Flossie Fowler, Miss Norma Patton and Mrs. R. H. Mathews, Jr., \$2.00.

Best decorated bicycle—John R. Dye, \$1.00.

Judges were Clifford Eoff, Sam Butman, Jr., Lee Cox, A. J. Sharp and Paul Douglas.

The following merchants and business firms participated in the parade: Queen theatre, Merkel Drug company, Bragg Dry Goods company, West Texas Utilities company, Magnolia Service station, Liberty Service station, Woody's cafe, Merkel Co-Op Filling station, F. E. Church Motor company, Adeock and Wilcox, W. A. Stockbridge, Magnolia agent, Blake's Dry Cleaners, Max Mellinger, Community Natural Gas company, Queen confectionery, Reid's Variety store, Patterson Grocery and Market, Abilene Laundry, Petty and West's Sani-tary Barber shop, Clesby Patterson, W. F. Golladay, Conoco agent, Economy grocery, Merkel cafe.

Postmaster Wrenn Durham, West company, J. D. Porter, Sinclair agent, Campbell's Grocery and Market, Eli Case and Son, Farmers State Bank, Neill's cafe, Burton-Lingo company, Buck's Shoe Repair shop, Wood's Store in Merkel, C. F. Curb, Gulf agent, Merkel Motor company, Cotton's cafe, Hi-Way Service station, Vick Drug company, Church Motor company, Grable Motor company, Tom's Wrecking yard, Bullock Hardware company, Carson grocery.

## To Be Guest at Annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet at Hillsboro

T. G. Bragg, who was a member of the Hillsboro chamber of Commerce at the time he removed from that city to Merkel 20 years ago, accepting an invitation to attend the annual banquet of that organization, left Wednesday morning to be present for the occasion set for Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Bragg and their daughter, Miss Iva Bragg, accompanied him as far as Glen Rose, where they will visit with Mr. Bragg's mother, Mrs. M. E. Holmes.

## List of Petit Jurors Called Next Week

The jury panel in 42nd district court for next week includes the following names:

W. D. Hutcheson, C. S. Higgins, L. R. Cade, S. M. Hunter, H. B. Robertson, T. C. Jinkens, Merkel; Asa Holt, G. R. Davis, G. W. Duty, J. L. Baker, J. M. Roundtree, E. F. Hill, W. V. Powell, A. M. Beaty, W. O. Kemper, Jr., C. C. Reed, J. D. Hamilton, Gene Moore, W. M. Nelson, E. A. Shert, M. D. Compton, T. O. Mason, J. M. Bell, R. L. Sitton, C. R. Lindsey, W. O. Ansley, Jr., Carl Gainey, Cecil R. Humphrey, Dallas Scarborough, C. O. Savage, D. L. Pittman, Eugene Thomas, (colored.) Jack Parramore, D. D. Parramore, Abilene; P. R. Gerlach, A. L. Howard, Bradshaw; Rex E. Dillard, F. E. Robertson, F. B. Betterton, G. T. Hooker, Lloyd Johnson, Tuscola; J. N. Howard, Buf-Talo Gap; W. M. Nolte, Kieck Parm-elly, Tye; V. A. Childers, Wingate; Bud Patton, L. J. Harris, Roy Dick, Lawns; I. N. Griffing, G. W. Chastain, Ovr.

## THROGS COME TO MERKEL FOR OPENING RODEO

Morning Street Parade First Feature of Day; Eighty-Nine Entries in Rodeo Events Provoke Thrills Aplenty.

An estimated crowd of more than 4,500 witnessed the season's first free rodeo here last Saturday, marking the opening of the fourth annual series of events sponsored by the Merchants Trade Extension association of Merkel.

Indicating popularity with the contestants to equal the response of the people of Merkel's trade territory to the invitation to attend these free shows, there was a total of 89 entries in the various events run through the chutes under the direction of the Malone Brothers, rodeo managers, in the two hours exhibition. This number included 38 in calf roping, 34 in wild cow milking and 13 steer riders, with two exhibition rides on bulls and two on bucking horses.

Long before the show started, the seating capacity of the grandstand was exhausted, but eager spectators found a vantage place any way, and with the aid of the loud speaker purchased by the association this year, were able to keep right up with the show.

Large crowds witnessed the downtown street parade at 10 a. m. Led by State Highway Patrolmen Ernest Daniel and Sam Gaynes on motorcycles, City Marshal D. H. Vaughn, Sheriff Sid McAdams and Deputy Sheriff W. E. Lowe followed on horseback, carrying a United States and a Texas flag, respectively.

The Merkel school band, directed by D. W. Crain, director of the Abilene Christian college band, made its first public appearance in the parade. There were 52 girls and boys in the band, and Miss Jannell Black, High School Junior, is drum major. The band, which has been organized only 3 1-2 months, gave a concert uptown after the parade.

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## 10 Ranking Contestants In Each Event Listed

In the issue following each rodeo, The Mail will print a tabulation of the ten leading contestants in each of the three events: calf roping, wild cow milking and steer riding contests, in the competition for the seasonal prizes of \$25.00 cash in each event.

The ten leading contestants in these three events of last Saturday, the opening show of the season follow—(figures in calf roping and cow milking are in seconds, while in steer riding the average is quoted):

CALF ROPING.	
N. A. Pitcock	17 4-5
Wesley Jay	18 4-5
Joe York	20
Alton Whiteaker	21 4-5
Ray Sewalt	25
Sig Faircloth	26 1-5
Wayne Boyd	28 1-5
Leo Huff	30 3-5
Lavega White	30 4-5
Monroe Marburger	31 1-5
COW MILKING.	
Zelma Herrington	12 1-5
Lloyd Jinkens	18
Leo Huff	18 3-5
Joe York	19 1-5
Sig Faircloth	23 1-5
Clem Hodges	25
Lewis Cook	25 3-5
John Boyd	25 4-5
Burl Hitson	26 3-5
Homer Laney	27 3-5
STEER RIDING CONTEST.	
Len Sedberry	83.33
Herbert Straw	83.33
Ray Coldwell	81.33
Raymond Hudson	80.
Gerald Derrick	75.
Chris Wimberly	68.33
Bill Brabbin	68.33
Johnny Downs	46.67
Clesty Hopper	43.33
Bob Miller	41.67
Goldie Corbin	41.67

## Record of Births.

Girl, named Jimmy Nell, to Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Claburn, residing southeast of town, Thursday, April 22, 1937.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Alvis C. Hodges, Goodman, Saturday, April 24, 1937.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. James Beavers, residing east of town, Sunday, April 25, 1937.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Miller, Trent, Route 2, Monday, April 26, 1937.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Turner, Tuesday, April 27, 1937.

## 135 PUPILS ON HONOR ROLL OF PUBLIC SCHOOL

List Includes 101 From Grammar, 34 from High School; Billy Wood Leads High School With Grade of 95.

One hundred and thirty-five pupils in the Merkel Public schools made the honor roll for the last six-weeks period, of whom 101 were in Grammar school and 34 in High school.

Billy Wood, a Junior, led the High school with an average of 95.

The complete list of students on the roll for the last six-weeks period follows:

**GRAMMAR SCHOOL.**  
*First Grade, Mrs. Nash.*  
 Ray Ann Hamm, 95; Joyce Robinson, 95; Billy Morris Baze, 95; Maurice Dunn, 95; Patsy Ruth Daniel, 95; Patricia Douglas, 95; Mattie Lou Bicknell, 94; Leon Floyd, 94; Tommie Allday, 93; T. J. Bird, Jr., 92; Wayne Buchanan, 91; Frank Duran, 91; Jay Greenfield, Jr., 91.  
*Second Grade, Miss Smith.*  
 Betty Joyce Bond, 96; Billy Nash, 96; Lon McDonald, 95; Jimmy Walker, 95; Stanley Stanford, 94; Marvin Jones, 94; Betty Jane Keifer, 94; Willie Bell Hawkins, 92; Wayne Haynes, 91; Flossie T. London, 91.  
*Second Grade, Miss Pogue.*  
 Barbara Brown, 97; George Anne Groene, 97; Geraldine Jinkens, 96; Minor Burns, 93; Alene Earnest, 93; Bonnie Church, 92; Robert Burns, 90.  
*Second Grade, Miss Creighton.*  
 Betty Jo Perry, 96; Martha Rister, 96; Joanna Ramsey, 95; Glenn Toombs, 94; Laverl Stout, 93; Hubert Peterson, 90; Sam Edward Stevens, (Continued on Page Five.)

## Re-Elect All Members Of School Faculty

At a special meeting of the school board held Thursday night of last week, the entire faculty of the Merkel Public schools were re-elected.

The list of teachers, High school and Grammar grades, follows:

**HIGH SCHOOL.**  
 C. H. Collinsworth, vocational agriculture.  
 Mrs. Comer Haynes, history, English, speech.  
 Miss Julia Martin, history.  
 Miss Neida Clements, English.  
 Rex Myers, principal and assistant coach.  
 J. Paul Rudd, commercial.  
 Miss Juanita Stroud, Spanish.  
 J. Lee Coffman, history, mathematics.

**GRAMMAR SCHOOL.**  
 First grade—Miss Sybil Smith, Mrs. Elsie Nash.  
 Second grade—Miss Alzada Pogue, Miss Virginia Creighton.  
 Third grade—Miss Vennie Heizer, Mrs. Spencer Bird.  
 Fourth grade—Miss Imogene Hayes, Miss Emma Joyner.

**INTERMEDIATE GRADES.**  
 Reading and spelling—Mrs. Elmo Collins.  
 Geography—Miss Vera Hayes.  
 Art and penmanship—Miss Ella Mae Hogan.  
 English—Miss Frances Marie Church.  
 History, civics—George W. Wilhite.  
 Mrs. Len Sublett, arithmetic, principal.

## Supt. Covey Speaker Junior-Senior Banquet

Supt. Ross S. Covey of the Sweetwater schools is to be the principal speaker for the Junior-Senior banquet set for Friday evening at the High School gymnasium.

The program for the event, which is one of the highlights of the commencement season, carries a maritime setting. Dick West is to be toastmaster and the invocation will be given by Herbert Patterson.

Toasts will be given to the Seniors '37 by Frances Higgins; response, by Weldon Davis; to the faculty, by Betty Grimes; response, by Supt. R. A. Burgess.

Special program numbers are: "I Do, I Do, I Do," by the Juniors, and songs, "When My Dream Boat Comes Home" and "Shippmates Forever," by Frances Higgins, Pauline Joyner, Hollis Perry, Mildred Humphrey, Louise Richie, Fannelle Gray, with Miss Jannell Black as accompanist.

## PLAY-BY-PLAY REPORT VIA LOUD SPEAKER AS NOODLE AND DIVIDE TEAMS MEET

### KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Jimmie Ragsdale, 37, ex-convict and admitted dope addict, was sentenced at Dallas to 99 years in prison for slaying E. W. Isom, farmer and deputy game warden of Hebron.

Manuel Schaffer, 26, was killed at San Marcos when he fell under a truck in attempting to jump on the running board while it was moving.

Runnels county retained its dry status when its citizens went to the polls Saturday and voted down a proposal to legalize four per cent beer and wines.

President T. O. Walton of A. & M. college has announced that President Roosevelt would visit the college May 10 or 11. Word was received through Elliott Roosevelt, son of the president, who is a member of the board of directors of the college.

Billy Frost Taylor, 9, San Antonio, was killed when he rode his bicycle into a moving truck. The trailer of the truck rolled over the boy's body.

Midland county voted Saturday to remain dry, the vote against legalizing of liquor being 372 to 290. It was the second vote on the issue in 14 months.

Alfred Lamb, serving a 99-year robbery sentence in the penitentiary at Huntsville, picked the lock on a window that hadn't been opened for 19 years at the Tarrant county jail, and escaped from the fifth floor with a rope made of blankets. He had been placed there when officers brought him from Huntsville en route to Hutchinson county for trial on a burglary charge.

Income from legalized liquor has netted the school children and old people of Texas \$7,309,078 in less than a year and a half, according to a statement Monday by Liquor Administrator Bert Ford.

Two men were killed when a Fort Worth and Denver freight train hit a WPA gravel truck at a grade crossing at Newlin, 10 miles east of Memphis. The dead are: Rube Prater, 44, and Curtis Combest, 41, both of Memphis.

E. L. Smith, independent oil operator of Mexia, was unanimously elected president of the East Texas chamber of commerce at the Monday afternoon session of the organization's eleventh annual convention at Dallas.

George W. Cottingham, editor of the Houston Chronicle, has accepted an invitation to be principal speaker at a luncheon to be given for newspaper men and chamber of commerce officials during the West Texas Chamber of Commerce convention at Brownwood May 10, 11 and 12. The luncheon will be held Tuesday, May 11.

## MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, April 27, 1917.)

Dr. and Mrs. Crenshaw, who were called to Merkel by the death of their father and grandfather, J. D. Boring, returned Monday to their home in Fort Worth.

The three days' Chautauqua held in Merkel last week has been branded a failure, and the business men who guaranteed the \$400.00 had the larger part of it to pay.

E. Clyde Garrett left the past week for Genoa, Italy, where he expects to do reporting work. He promised to let us hear from him occasionally. Evidently he does not think our local trouble will be sufficiently interesting and he preferred to get "where there was something doing."

Patriotism reached a high mark in Abilene last Friday afternoon when the whole city turned out in gala attire and pulled off a parade a mile long. Prominent in line were the old soldiers with eyebrows moist from memories of similar occasions of over half a century ago, the remnant of a mighty and valorous host. Out of a large concourse, in line, were the nurses, business men, students and negroes, the last named bringing up the rear.

## Second Game of 1937 Schedule Carded for Saturday; Time of Starting Officially Fixed at 2:30 p. m.

Diamond devotees will be pleased at the innovation of play-by-play reports by loud speaker at Saturday's game between Noodle and Divide in Merkel's Inter-Community league.

The public address system, owned by the Trade Extension association, which functioned so effectively for the opening rodeo last Saturday, will be hooked up to give a fast and accurate account of the plays as they develop, balls and strikes, scores made, innings played, etc.

As predicted early in the season, when only four clubs were enrolled in the circuit, the summer promises a succession of brilliant exhibitions of baseball. Those who saw the Trent and Hawley-Truby eleven-inning tussle on opening day have talked about nothing else since.

The official hour for starting these games has been set for 2:30 p. m.

**GRANDSTAND SEATS.**  
 All seats in the grandstand are now entirely shaded, guaranteeing complete comfort to fans who avail themselves of this privilege.

Prices for admission to the seats are: 10 cents for children under 12; 10 cents for girls over 12 and ladies; 15 cents for boys over 12 and men.

## Expect Visitor Here From Firemen's Ass'n

Chief Frank Williams, of Brownwood, instructor of the Firemen's Training school at A. & M. college, and representing the State Firemen's and Marshal's association, will be here Friday on an inspection and educational mission.

During his visit in Merkel, he will meet with fireboys and also contact the mayor and members of the city council with respect to department matters.

## Waco Trade Trippers To Be Here May 5th

Representatives of Waco wholesalers, manufacturers, jobbers, educational institutions and professions, leaving home next Tuesday morning on a tour of West Texas, will stop here 20 minutes, from 12:30 p. m. to 12:50 p. m., on Wednesday, May 5. "This is strictly a business trip and no entertainment is sought," is stressed by W. V. Crawford, vice-president and general manager of the Waco commercial organization, in a letter to the editor of The Mail, it being the purpose of the trade trippers to visit and exchange greetings with the business men of this city during their stop here.

## Quite a lot of local patriotism was displayed by the students of our public school last Friday afternoon in the flag raising.

At recess time the Seniors and the presidents of the three other classes accompanied by Principal R. A. Burgess gathered around the flagpole on the roof of the building where, after the bugle call was given by Earl Thornton, fifteen Rabs for Wilson, nine for Texas and three for the Seniors were given. To the strains of "The Star Spangled Banner," sung by the Seniors, their president, Mr. Paul McMurry, slowly raised Old Glory aloft. At the conclusion of their simple but impressive ceremony, led by Mr. Mefford, answering Rabs came from the students assembled on the grounds below.

The new city council was installed Thursday evening and their first official act was to redeem waterworks bonds to the amount of \$2,000.00. We are always glad to know that our city indebtedness is being reduced. The redeemed bonds now amount to \$19,000.00.

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NOODLE NEWS

The farmers are all busy planting cotton.

School is progressing nicely; the pupils are all busy this week, taking tests. We have only two more weeks of school.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Bryson and grandson, Earl Bryson, of Tokio, and Mrs. Pearl McCoy and little Bobbie Nell Jinkens of Merkel spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Jinkens.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Bird and children, Imogene and Sonny, visited relatives in Abilene and Clyde Sunday.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Tarpley Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Dixon, Jim Dixon, Sybil Dixon, Mr. and Mrs. Riley Horton and two sons, Abilene, Mrs. A. C. Sosebee and daughter, Ava Ruth, and Bobbie Nell Bicknell.

Miss Authalia Williams was a dinner guest of Mrs. A. J. Barbee Sunday.

Miss Lenora Thompson of Dallas is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Herring, and other relatives here and at Anson and Stamford.

J. D. Sosebee spent the week-end with friends at Comper.

Miss Johnnie Chadwick was a Merkel visitor Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Jinkens visited Merkel relatives Sunday.

Ted Bicknell and family of Merkel attended singing here Sunday night.

Misses Wanie Tarpley, Dorothy Barbee, Mary Jo Bicknell and Mary Oleta Dixon were dinner guests Sunday of Billie Jean Sosebee.

E. O. Criswell is in the Merkel hospital suffering from a lung infection.

Wilson Williams is suffering from an infection of his arm.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Cox was the scene of a family reunion when six sisters were together, the occasion being in honor of the birthday of Mrs. Cox. The following were among those who enjoyed the delicious dinner of baked chicken and dressing and all the trimmings: Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Eason and son, Leroy, of Noodle; Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Phillips, Trent; Mrs. Jim White and daughter, Jewel Faye, Ovalo; Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Lawlis and children, Marie, W. L. Howard, Margie Ann, Sylvester, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Bicknell and daughters, Bobbie Nell and Peggy Anne, Misses Josephine Winter and Johnnie Arendall, Abilene, and Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Cox and children, James and Louise, Noodle.

The junior class of Noodle school will present a three-act comedy at the high school auditorium Friday night, Apr. 30. The title is "The Night Cry." Admission is 15 and 5 cents.

The Outsiders will present a play, "He's My Pal," on Wednesday night, May 5. Admission, 15 and 5 cents.

BLAIR ITEMS

There will be preaching services at the Baptist church Sunday. Everybody is invited to attend.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. John Sadiner was destroyed by fire shortly before noon Tuesday. Most of the contents also were lost, although some furniture and belongings were saved.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell spent Sunday in Roby as guests of his cousin, County Attorney Gene Campbell and Mrs. Campbell.

Etzel Farmer left Monday for Borger to visit his cousin, Mr. and Mrs. Preston Doan, of that place.

PROGRAM AND CAKE WALK.

The Blue Bonnet club will put on a program and have a cake walk Friday night, Apr. 30, at the Butman tabernacle. Mrs. Wade Ensminger is president of the club.

CARD OF THANKS.

In this manner we extend sincere and heartfelt thanks to each and every one who so kindly and willingly helped us in any way during the illness and after the death of our darling baby, Kenneth Bryan.

We also extend our thanks to Brother Boman, Brother Scott and Dr. Sadler for their services.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Bockman and Wendall.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Bockman, Adelle, Iva Nellie Robert.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Gardner and Eugene.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Beard, Milton, Billy and Charles.

Bradbury Author of Resolution Asking Aid Tenant Farmer

Austin, Apr. 29.—Urging the national congress to take definite steps for the betterment of the tenant farmer's condition, a resolution introduced by J. Bryan Bradbury, of Abilene, was unanimously passed by the house of representatives Tuesday.

In the resolution the national congress is asked "to pass at this session a progressive, far-reaching program to assist the tenant farmer and sharecropper in order that their condition may be bettered and the circumstances around which they rear their families will be improved and that they be given an opportunity to own their own homes."

Merkel Chapter OES In Regular Session

(Omitted Last Week.)

Merkel Chapter 212, Order of the Eastern Star, met in stated session Tuesday night, with Mrs. Bessie Merritt, worthy matron, and Houston Smith, worthy patron, presiding.

Chapter rooms were decorated with pot plants and cut flowers in the five colors, blue, yellow, white, green and red, carrying out the degrees of the order which were given to Miss Pearl Collins.

Three candidates are to be initiated at the next meeting, which will be May 4, and it is hoped that every member will be present on this date. Visitors are cordially invited to attend.

At the conclusion of the evening's program, ice cream and cake were served, the refreshments being furnished by Worthy Patron Smith, Past Patrons Cummins and Halbrook and Associate Patron Eugene Reese.

TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Alvis Cooley, 15, young convert of the Methodist faith who recently responded to call to the ministry, was guest speaker for the Sunday evening service at the M. E. church. He was assisted in the service by Rev. Alsie Carleton, pastor, and Rev. E. O. Bailey.

Messrs. John Hamner, I. M. Burks and Alton Boone, all employed at Burnet, were week-end visitors with home folks here. Mrs. Alton Boone returned with them Sunday to remain here with her husband. Mrs. Aniel Martin and baby, Amelia Faye, also returned with them to visit with her sister, Mrs. Buddie Burks, and Mr. Purks. I. M. Burks was detained here a few days due to illness.

Mrs. Elery Smith and daughters, Misses Viola and Louise, also Elery, Jr., were week-end visitors to Odessa with Mr. and Mrs. Ewell Rutherford and Elery Smith, Sr. Mr. Smith, also Johnny Rutherford, a grandchild, returned home with them to spend a few days.

O. L. Bishop is doing jury service in Abilene this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Cal Hamner, accompanied by their granddaughter, Ouida Murrell Hamner, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Hamner in Mineral Wells.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Y. Steen of Clyde were business visitors here Monday and Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Maraz of Hermleigh spent Sunday here with Mr. and Mrs. Byron Dingle and family.

Mardell Shouse of Abilene was a Tuesday guest of home folks.

Mrs. J. M. Canipe and Mrs. E. B. Richardson of Rosebud are spending a few days with their sister, Mrs. R. M. Beasley.

Frank Allen, railway agent at Cisco, arrived Tuesday for a few days visit with home folks.

WEDDING SOLEMNIZED.

Miss Veneta McDonald and Elmer Freeman were united in marriage on Thursday, Apr. 22, at the Methodist parsonage in Merkel, with Rev. John H. Crow, officiating. The couple will make their home in Nolan county.

CIRCLE TO SPONSOR PLAY.

Committees in charge of arrangements are announcing a play to be given at the school auditorium Tuesday, May 4, at 8:15 o'clock. This entertainment is sponsored by the Trent Circle No. 688. Proceeds will be used to defray expenses of the local drill team. Admission will be 10 cents for adults and 5 cents for children.

CARD OF THANKS.

We take this method of thanking our many friends for their loving deeds during our great sorrow.

May God's richest blessings rest on each and every one.

Mrs. Lucy Blackburn.

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Dunlap and Children.

Mrs. May Cargill and Children.

Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Reynolds and Children.

We fill all doctor's prescriptions. Vick Drug company.

Second sheets for sale at Merkel Mail office.

Merkel Hospital Notes

Mrs. Lee Ponder, Trent, Route 2, and Mrs. Gene Reese, Merkel, Route 2, who underwent surgery at the Merkel sanitarium last week, were released Monday. Both are doing fine.

Miss Addie Morris of Tye, who underwent surgery Tuesday, is reported resting well.

A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Miller, of Trent, Route 2, at the sanitarium Monday.

Mrs. J. T. Newby of Butman is doing nicely after minor surgery on Wednesday.

Bud Criswell of Noodle, who is in the hospital for treatment, is doing nicely.

Opening Rodeo

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Horseback and bicycle riders formed a long string in the line of march, lending atmosphere to the day, some being of the elder generation of cowboys, while the group included many ladies, girls and boys on horseback.

The Merkel Home Demonstration club had a most attractively decorated float, while much attention centered on the Indian groups from the Grammar school grades and the various exhibits of the merchants.

CONTEST WINNERS.

Best time in calf roping was turned in by N. A. Pitcock of Aspermont, who tied his calf in 17 4-5 seconds. Others in the money were: Wesley Jay, second, time 18 4-5 seconds; Joe York, Snyder, third, 20 seconds, and Alton Whiteaker, Dora, fourth, 21 4-5 seconds.

Sensational time of 12 1-5 seconds—and a record for the local arena in this event—won first place in cow milking for Zelma Herrington of Ranger, followed by Lloyd Jinkens of Fort Worth, second, time 18 seconds; Joe Huff of Dora, third, 18 3-5 seconds and Joe York of Snyder, fourth, 19 1-5 seconds.

With averages of \$3.33 each, Len Edberry and Herbert Straw tied for first and second money in steer riding, with Ray Coldwell's average of \$3.33 winning third money, and Raymond Hudson ranking fourth with an average of 80.

In exhibition rides Ray Coldwell and Johnny Downs completed successful rides on horses, and Gerald Derrick stayed on the bull he was assigned to while Charles Thomason was thrown in haste.

ANOTHER DONATION.

Announcement of a donation of a check for \$10.00 from Dr. T. Wald Hedrick of Abilene was made by Booth Warren, chairman of the rodeo committee. Dr. Hedrick has not missed a single show since the merchants started their summer series four years ago.

Second in the series of free rodeos is scheduled Saturday, May 8.

Now Working With Crew in Vermont

Miss Margaret Turner, employed with a crew from the Cosmopolitan studios, writes interestingly of her travels, which have taken her from Duncan, Okla., through Paris, Tenn., to West Point, New York City and Troy, N. Y., with ultimate destination the state of Maine.

The last week she was in Bennington, Vt., and was going from there to Battleboro, Vt.

Small Son of Mr. and Mrs. Bockman Dies

Kenneth Bryan Bockman, small son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Bockman, died at the family home at Stith at 9:05 Thursday night, Apr. 22. Death resulted from pneumonia and other complications. Kenneth Bryan was born Aug. 4, 1935, at Stith.

Funeral services were held from the Stith Baptist church at 3 o'clock Friday afternoon with Rev. Mr. Boman and Rev. Mr. Scott officiating. Burial was made in the Stith cemetery.

Besides his parents, he is survived by one brother, Wendell; his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Bockman of Eula and W. R. Stroope of Denton. A number of other relatives survive.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to take this method of expressing our sincerest appreciation to all those friends who so kindly and lovingly assisted us in our sorrow, especially do we thank the T. E. L. class, the Business Men's Bible class and Mr. Brown for their kindness.

May God's richest blessings be with you all.

The Richie Children.

Build House in Day.

Port Arthur, Apr. 29.—A complete four-room house, built and painted in one day, was the record Saturday of Port Arthur building trade unions. One hundred members of the unions erected the structure for the widow of one of their number killed recently in an automobile accident.

Fine Cast Appears With Will Rogers In "Doctor Bull"

Hilariously typifying the beloved Will Rogers "be-yourself" homospun brand of humor that endeared him to all the world, the American humorist's most natural picture, Twentieth Century-Fox's "Doctor Bull," returns Friday and Saturday to the Queen theatre for a repeat engagement by popular demand.

In the role of an old-fashioned New England medico, Will finds the perfect opportunity to be his shrewd, unassuming self, at which time the cowboy philosopher is at his most glorious best.

Perfect foils for the dry Rogers wit surround Doctor Bull, the cast including such favorites as Rochelle Hudson, Marian Nixon, Ralph Morgan and Andy Devine. Directed by John Ford, the story is based on "The Last Adam," a best-selling novel by James Gould Cozzens.

The friendly, wise and dependable sort of family doctor, Doctor Bull has been practicing his tried-and-true old-fashioned medicine for almost two generations in the tiny New England village of New Winton. He has seen babies whom he attended through measles and mumps grow into young men and women with babies of their own, and in the passage of years has developed a mellow, jocular outlook on life.

The advent into New Winton's affairs of a new physician with a pseudo-scientific jargon mystifying everyone, plus a slick office bristling with chrome-plated gadgets, splits the town into two camps. One, with a socially elite membership, is impressed by the new doctor's manner and instruments; the other sticks by its old friend and mentor.

In a whirlwind finish, involving a town catastrophe and Will's subsequent triumph, America's humorist is seen at the peak of his career.

CARD OF THANKS.

We take this method of expressing our thanks to our friends and neighbors who were so kind and thoughtful to us in the loss of our home by fire.

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### KEEP WORKING.

Yes, spring is here and school will soon be out. There will be all kinds of things to go to but we must not neglect our school work.

It will be hard to study when school is so nearly out because we are looking forward to a vacation. Let's wait and take our vacation when school is out instead of right now. You know our grades might fall down too far at the last minute. Now quit day dreaming and study your old school books.

### PERSONALITIES.

#### Lloyd Vick.

Lloyd has been in Merkel High school four years. In this time he has made many friends.

He has lettered in football and has proved to be a great help to the "Badgers." When Lloyd finishes school, he plans to go to college and there take up boxing and football. Lloyd also plans to study to be a pharmacist. We wish you all the success possible, Lloyd, in your career.

#### Margie Melton.

In the two years Margie has been in Merkel High, she has won many friends. She is a member of the Choral club, Home Economics club and Senior Girls club. In her Junior year in Merkel High she played on the county meet baseball team. When Margie finishes High school, she plans to attend a business college and become a stenographer. In your business career, Margie, we wish you success.

### THRU THE KEYHOLE.

(By "The Peeper.")

Mattie Lou is goin' places—with Lloyd Vick Saturday night and Pete Morgan Sunday evening. But I guess since she's the Junior beauty of 1937 she can afford such luxury.

Sylvan is losing weight. Is he reducing? (He wears lots of powder on his face, too.)

Roy, Mozelle, Sis, Vincent, James and ?????, (she's the mystery lady—I can't seem to find out who she is) all went places Saturday night.

Lloyd Vick's got a dude of a picture of Verne and Rachel. He's got Rachel on the brain—that's all he knows.

Mattie Lou had to break a date with Jack Lowe when mama interfered.

I guess Rebecca didn't mind Phyllis going with Truett; any way, Phyllis, Holt, (ah!) Rebecca, Truett, Fannelle, A. C., Rachel and Billy all went

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to Sweetwater Sunday afternoon. Billy has a new Nash.

I think Fannelle got to go with Horace finally.

Haven't seen Ted and Vernell lately. Wonder what's up.

I bet Robbie is real jealous of Frances—they aren't speaking, I've noticed.

If Leroy would only keep his feet off Opal Palmer's I'm sure there wouldn't be such a row in the family.

Joyce and Wilma got sent from class to the study hall; and were their faces red?

Vincent, please don't get angry, but I know you won't. A boy came through here Saturday sometime to see Sis. Seems she had met him in Austin—and handsome! That's a mild word for it.

Did you see Phyllis' and Mary Helen's boy friends from Tarleton? I couldn't get their names, but one view was enough for me. They might do just as well at home.

Paul, who was that lady with you Saturday night?

Luey Faye, how is Holt?

### PERSONALS.

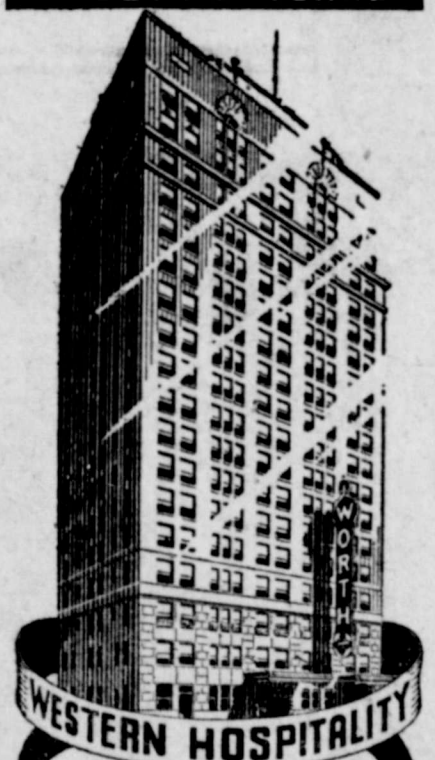
We have found out the reason Oscar Adcock would go with Betty Grimes and now we wonder why Betty wants to go with Oscar.

Boy! Oh! Boy! The cap (or would you say lid) is going to blow off soon. Just wait until Hollis hears about it.

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That music you heard from West's store the other afternoon was Miller Patton, Vincent and Griffin Barnett, John Duran and Winston Polley. Dick West announced, and Norman Bicknell chimed in on the vocal.

### JOKES.

Elwood Cox: "What's that noise downstairs?"

Frank Dye: "It's the Glee club singing, 'On The Road To Mandalay'."

Elwood: "Boy, they certainly must be on a detour."

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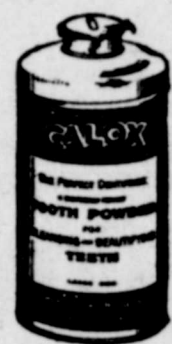
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RURAL SOCIETY

COMPERE CLUB.

The Compere Home Demonstration club met Apr. 22 at Newman store. Mrs. Merritt gave an excellent paper on "Insects."

Members present were Mesdames Chancey, Smith, Adkins, F. Merritt, Ramsey, V. Merritt, Lucas, Marshall, Hayes, Ray, Johnson, Bristow, Newman, and the following guests: Mesdames Loven, Davis and Bennett. Ice cream was served.

Next meeting will be May 6 with Mrs. Oscar Johnson.

WARREN 4-H CLUB.

The Warren 4-H club met Apr. 15 at the home of the sponsor, Mrs. W. H. Kelso, and planned and worked on dresses.

Games were played and every one enjoyed the meeting very much. Next meeting was to be Apr. 29 at 10:45 a. m.

CLUB NOTES.

An old fashioned wooden bed has been remodeled into a modern style bed by Mrs. Harold King, bedroom demonstrator for the Midway Home Demonstration club. Mrs. King used the footboard for the head of the bed. She then sawed off the headboard and replaced the paneling as needed, making a convenient sized bed. The bed will be refinished to match the other furniture in the bedroom.

An all white tufted bedspread is being made by Eloise Clemmer, bedroom demonstrator in the Elmdale 4-H club. The spread is made on heavy unbleached sheeting. The size of spread is 99x108 inches. Eloise also has a new mattress cover and material for a spring cover.

Converting an old kitchen into a bedroom is being done by Nell Snow, bedroom demonstrator for the Wylie 4-H club. An outside door will be closed and a window added to the room. The room will be papered and the woodwork painted ivory. A tufted bedspread and comfort are being made.

BIRTHDAY DINNER.

Mrs. W. R. McBride complimented her husband and grandson with a birthday dinner Sunday at their home four miles south of Merkel. Mr. McBride celebrated his 50th birthday on Apr. 28. The grandson, Bruce Edward, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Deen, celebrated his first birthday on the 24th of April.

Baseball and kodaking were diversions of the day.

Dinner was served to the following grown-ups: Mr. and Mrs. Ross Baker of the Warren community, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Douglas from the Union Ridge community, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Deen of Golan, Misses Dessie Baker, Mary Bell and Faye Douglas. Children present for the dinner were Opal Dale Light of Golan, Patricia and LaVerne Douglas, Bruce Edward Deen, J. R. Baker, James and J. B. McBride.

UNION RIDGE CLUB.

The Union Ridge Home Demonstration club met Friday of last week in the home of Mrs. Kenneth Pee, with Mrs. Lige Harris as co-hostess. With

Mrs. O. E. Harwell, president, in charge of the meeting, a council report was given by Miss Mabel McRee. Miss Peggy Taylor, county agent, gave a talk on "Eggs and Egg Preparations," and then demonstrated several different ways of preparing eggs.

The members also made plans to have a cake walk at the Union Ridge school house on Friday night, May 7.

A refreshment plate of sandwiches, potato chips, cookies and ice tea was served to the following members: Mesdames S. G. Russell, Ruth Bonds, S. O. Patton, Lee Tipton, J. H. Clark, Lige Harris, W. C. Lee, W. A. Harris, S. G. Russell, Jr., Clarence Church, J. L. Douglas, D. Cox, O. R. Douglas, Weldon McAninch, J. L. McRee, M. L. Douglas, O. E. Harwell, Misses Mabel McRee, Norma Patton, Mary Bell Douglas, Miss Taylor and Mrs. L. J. Renfro of the Merkel club. Visitors are welcome to the club for any meetings.

The next meeting will be on May 7 in the Lee Tipton home at which time a delegate to Short Course is to be elected.

A BIRTHDAY DINNER.

Sunday morning, Apr. 25, children and other relatives went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Lucas, carrying well filled baskets, and at noon a bountiful dinner was spread in honor of Mr. Lucas' 65th birthday.

Those enjoying the occasion with Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Lucas and their children, Vennie, Weldon, Newell, Ivy and Edgar, were: Mr. and Mrs. Ben Adkins and children, Raymod and Leon, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Lucas and daughter, Ella Fay, Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Lucas and three children, Bettie Jean, Kenneth Wayne and Juanez, Mrs. J. F. Merritt and two children, Bernice and Ross, Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Merritt and son, Burneal, Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Bigham and son, Harold Dean, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Smith and daughter, Juanda Joyce.

Every one enjoyed the day and each went to their homes wishing for Mr. Lucas many more happy birthdays.

WHITE CHURCH CLUB.

Mrs. Willard Brown was hostess to a few members of the White Church HD club on Apr. 23. Those present were Mesdames E. B. Rutherford, Beryl Brown, M. S. Brown and Willard Brown.

Plans were made for the next meeting to be held in the home of Mrs. E. B. Rutherford on May 5, when the agent will be present to demonstrate "The Principles of Poultry Cookery."

Plans were made for a cake walk to be held at the school house Friday night, May 7, sponsored by the women

of the HD club. The public is cordially invited.

JONES COUNTY COUNCIL.

(Omitted Last Week.)

The Jones county council met Apr. 7 in the court house at Anson, at 2:30 p. m., with Mrs. V. L. Merritt, the chairman, in charge. All clubs gave reports on educational funds, a total of \$47.09 being reported.

The council is to send three delegates-at-large to the Texas Home Demonstration association's dresser scarf and vanity set exhibit to be held in Hamlin June 19.

Miss Gladys Martin, county agent, talked on the subject of programs and asked that each club follow its programs as outlined in year books.

After the meeting closed, the council went in a body to the high school gymnasium for recreational work.

MT. PLEASANT NEWS

Several from our community were Abilene visitors Wednesday.

Billy Joyce Click spent the week-end with her aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Price Floyd, and family, of Merkel.

Most of our people attended the first of the rodeos at Merkel Saturday.

J. E. Gabbert, Jr., of Clyd- was the week-end guest of his sister, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Click, Jr., and family. He also attended the rodeo.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Traylor and family of near Noodle visited one day the past week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rogers and family.

There was singing at the Baptist church Sunday afternoon.

There will be church at the Methodist church Sunday and Sunday night, May 2. Every one be sure to come to the services.

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Hodges Happenings

(Omitted Last Week.)

Planting feed and some few a little cotton kept our farmers busy the latter part of last week.

Josh Cook and Lee Huddleston have purchased new Farmall tractors recently.

Bunyan Newman has a badly sprained ankle, caused by an encounter with a cow a few days ago.

Little Miss Faye Duke is able to be out again after a severe case of the whooping cough.

Carl Bramlett, who teaches school in East Texas, spent the week-end with his wife, Mrs. Evelyn Hook Bramlett, who is one of the teachers in the Mars school.

Miss Gertrude Harris and her mother of Eula visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cranston Sunday.

Two new school trustees were elected recently: Jewell Ward and Charles Walsh. Mr. Strawn, Mr. Walls and Mrs. Mavis Waddle were re-elected as teachers for another term. Mrs. Bramlett did not ask to be re-elected as she wishes to get a school with her husband. She will be greatly missed by every one here, as she has taught in our schools for the past six years and every one has learned to love her.

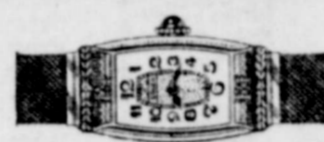
The W. M. S. met at the M. E. church Tuesday and an interesting program was enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. Homan Phenix and children of Anson visited Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Benton Sunday afternoon.

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LOST—Front bumper off car. Please return to Merkel Mail office, or notify S. G. Russell, Sr.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

THE STATE OF TEXAS, To the Sheriff or any Constable of Taylor County—Greetings:

You are hereby commanded to summon C. O. Allen by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, to appear at the next regular term of the 104th District Court of Taylor County, to be held at the Court House thereof, in Abilene, Texas, on the first Monday in June, A. D. 1937, the same being the 7th day of June, A. D. 1937, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 9th day of April, A. D. 1937, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 2847-B, wherein Mrs. Mabel Allen is plaintiff, and C. O. Allen is defendant, and a brief statement of plaintiff's cause of action, being as follows: Plaintiff and Defendant were married on or about February 3, 1920, and separated on or about January 15, 1937; Plaintiff sues for divorce on the grounds of cruel treatment; sues, also, for the custody of five minor children—Vernine, Wanda, Mildred, Alma Jane, and Joan, all of which is fully alleged in plaintiff's original petition to which reference is here made.

Herein fail not but have before said Court at its next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, on this 10th day of April, A. D. 1937.

(Seal) Bell Wellborn, Clerk, District Court, Taylor County, Texas. By Zola McKee, Deputy.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, To the Sheriff or any Constable of Taylor County—Greetings:

You are hereby commanded to summon Leona E. Gates by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, to appear at the next regular term of the 104th District Court of Taylor County, to be held at the Court

House thereof, in Abilene, Texas, on the first Monday in June, A. D. 1937, the same being the 7th day of June, A. D. 1937, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 26th day of April, A. D. 1937, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 2857-B, wherein Robert L. Gates is plaintiff, and Leona E. Gates is Defendant, and a brief statement of plaintiff's cause of action, being as follows: That plaintiff and defendant were married July 15, 1915, and on August 1, 1932, defendant voluntarily left his bed and board with the intention of abandonment. There is no community property. That there are four children, Henry, age 17, Lillie, age 15, Dorothy, age 12, Berlin, age 8, all of whom have continuously lived with and been under the care, control and support of plaintiff since said separation. Wherefore, plaintiff prays for divorce and complete care, custody and control of said minor children.

Herein fail not but have before said Court at its next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed same.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, on this 26th day of April, A. D. 1937.

(Seal) Belle Wellborn, Clerk, District Court, Taylor County, Texas. By Zola McKee, Deputy.

**Honor Roll**

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90; Otis Williams, 90.

Third Grade, Miss Heizer.

Rachel Miller, 97; Jennie Ree Teaff, 96; Geraldine Williams, 96; Dorothy Nell Lee, 95; Foy Westenhover, 94; Bobbie Nell Reagan, 93; Ace Powers, 92; Christine Rhynes, 91; Marvin Rister, 91; A. G. Stout, 91.

Third Grade, Mrs. Bird.

Lora Pearl Haynes, 96; Betty Gilbert, 95; Robbie Barbee, 94; Eulala Floyd, 94; Teddie Joe Bicknell, 91; Billie Gene Dye, 90.

Fourth Grade, Miss Imogene Hayes.

Bonnie Jaynes, 95; Billy Tom Diltz, 94; Ralph Dye, 92; Otis Hagler, 91; Ralph Hardy, 91.

Fourth Grade, Miss Joyner.

JoySue Self, 96; Frances Walker, 95; Della Massey, 95; Joyce Marie Webb, 90; Mary Evelyn Perry, 90.

Fifth Grade, Miss Hogan.

Wanda McCoy, 95; Don Hutcheson, 93; George Mack Owens, 93; Doris Lepard, 93; Matilene London, 91; Gwendolyn Sandusky, 91; Nedra Swafford, 91; Peggy Joyce Toombs, 90; Johnnie McDonald, 90.

Fifth Grade, Miss Church.

Maijorie Jo Fulton, 94; Dorothy Nell Goene, 94; Mary Jo Hutchins, 93; Dorothy Nell Haynes, 93; Clarice Higgins, 92; Glenn Blair, 92; Franklin Deavers, 91; R. V. Clark, 91; Weldon Holmes, 90.

Sixth Grade, Miss Vera Hayes.

Nina Orsborn, 93; Bonnie McAninch, 92; Dwight Swafford, 92; Juanez Holt, 91; Jim Sublett, 91; Aubrey Shouse, 90.

Sixth Grade, Mrs. Collins.

Lavern Douglas, 93; Jack Hester, 93; Glenn Barnes, 90; Elbert Hickam, 90.

Seventh Grade, Mrs. Sublett.

Becky Gardner, 97; Dofa Marie Gaither, 95; Betty Lou Higgins, 94; Mary Lou Higgins, 93; Tommy Evelyn Grime, 92; Alene Cox, 91.

Seventh Grade, Mr. Wilbit.

Louise Patterson, 93; Mildred Smith, 92; O. C. Shouse, 91.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Eighth Grade.

Billy Largent, 94; Vivian Turner, 93; Gay West, 93; Don Wood, 93; Mary Pruitt, 91; Willadean Thornton, 91; Lester Rister, 90.

Ninth Grade.

Billy Wood, 95; Mary Jo Russell, 95; Bernice Lewis, 94; Faye Walker, 94; Kenneth Neill, 92; Archie Farr, 91; Bonnie Lois Campbell, 91; Medford McCoy, 91; Mattie Reynolds, 91; Edith Butman, 90; Mildred Bird, 90; CeVene Daniels, 90; Elva Hughes, 90.

Junior Class.

Jannell Black, 93; Fredia Farmer, 93; O. D. Blair, 92; Mildred Humphrey, 92; Billie G. Grant, 91; Dorothy S. Bird, 90; Marvin Hunter, 90.

Senior Class.

Sylvia Mellinger, 94; Janet Berry, 93; Jane Ferguson, 92; Dutton Williamson, 91; M. C. Church, 90; Nadine Clack, 90; Margie Melton, 90.

**Merkel Women Join In Garden Pilgrimage**

Ten Merkel women were participants in the Abilene Garden club's first pilgrimage, an iris pilgrimage, held Wednesday to visit the gardens of eight Abilene homes.

The group included: Messdames Joe K. Higgins, Mack Buzbee, W. T. Sadler, J. T. Warren, A. R. Booth, W. S. J. Brown, Sam Swann, E. Clyde Smith, W. E. Lowe and J. H. Crow.

**Fashion Casket for Midget.**

Fort Wayne, Ind., Apr. 29.—Casket makers fashioned a tiny coffin Monday to hold the body of Eliza Nestel, 80-year-old midget who once toured the world with a Lilliputian troupe formed by P. T. Barnum.

**PERSONALS**

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hobbs and son, Robert Dean, of Big Spring were Saturday night guests in the home of his mother, Mrs. S. A. Hobbs.

Mrs. Frank Cox and family of Brown county spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. M. F. Reeder.

After having spent two weeks here with her aunts, Mrs. Adah Heeter and Miss Sadie Woodrum, Mrs. Raymond Neal and little daughter, Margaret Rebecca, left Sunday for their home at Hugo, Okla.

Mrs. J. M. Dry returned Tuesday of last week from Clarksville where she had visited for some time. Her grandson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Merton Brewer, has been named Luther Merton Brewer, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Foy of Baird were among the many visitors here for the opening rodeo Saturday, and Sid was one of the contestants in the calf roping event.

Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Campbell and two children of Lamesa were Sunday visitors with his mother, Mrs. W. W. Campbell, and other relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Reese Hale and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Dunn, also of Lamesa, accompanied them on the trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Tippet and two children, Patricia and Maxine, of San Angelo spent the week-end here and enjoyed the rodeo. They brought Mrs. Tippet's mother, Mrs. E. N. Brown, home after an extended visit there. Miss Betty Jane Diltz also made the trip with the Tippetts and visited friends here.

J. D. Ashby of Stephenville spent the week-end here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Ashby.

Miss Alice Bigham of Abilene was a week-end guest of Mrs. Amy Sears and Mrs. DeVerle Johnson.

E. O. Carson, his son, Herman, and Carl Black, are expected back Thursday or Friday from a several days trip to Houston and Galveston.

Miss Velma Walker was here from Stephenville to spend Saturday night and Sunday with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. R. A. Walker.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Johnston of Fresno, Calif., spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. E. Clyde Smith.

Miss Billie Nelson is visiting in Ode this week.

Floyd Dean of Dallas was a visitor this week with his brother, Elbert Dean, and family.

Misses Billie Gardner and Duncan Briggs, who were home from Austin last week-end, were accompanied by Messrs. A. O. Griffin and Bert Bannister of Austin.

Little Miss Wanda Marie Gay, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Gay, is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Potter, at Cross Plains this week.

Mrs. J. L. Richardson arrived Sunday from Adamsville to visit her daughter, Mrs. R. C. Reagh, and son, Garrett Richardson. Other guests Sunday and Monday in the Reagh home were Mrs. Reagh's sister, Mrs. A. R. Whatley, and her son-in-law, Judson Brown, of May, Texas.

Mrs. Sally Angus returned Tuesday from Fort Worth where she attended the annual convention of the Texas association of Accredited Beauty Culturists.

Mrs. L. L. Swafford returned Tuesday to her home at Kansas City, Mo., after a three weeks visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Largent.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Largent and two sons and Mrs. W. L. Harkrider of Brownwood were here for the week-end visiting friends and relatives.

Miss Berdelle Adcock, who teaches in the Menard schools, was home to spend the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Adcock. Mrs. W. T. Hancock, also of Menard, came with her to visit her sister, Mrs. Adcock.

Mrs. A. V. Moore, Jr., of Abilene was the guest of her mother, Mrs. Julia Kyle, last week-end.

T. D. Riddle and family were Merkel visitors Sunday.

Rev. Willis P. Gerhart, rector of the Church of the Heavenly Rest, Abilene, administered Holy Eucharist for Miss Dora Garoutte Wednesday afternoon and connected her radio with Abilene for Sunday morning services.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Ferrier, Jr., arrived Wednesday from Lake Charles, La., to spend their vacation here with their parents. Ross has recently been promoted to this post by the Southwestern Greyhound Bus lines.

**Scouts Pay Tribute To Donor of Flag**

The Girl Scouts worked in the yard of Miss Dora Garoutte at their regular meeting Wednesday. All but two of the Scouts were present and all worked industriously and cheerfully.

Miss Garoutte had given the girls a flag, which they appreciated and of which they are very proud. The Scouts also sang before departing.

**Hit Reformatory Condition.**

Austin, Apr. 29.—A special investigating committee told the house Monday that certain conditions at the state boys' reformatory at Gatesville were "virtually a disgrace."

**THE RED & WHITE STORES**

**6th Anniversary Sale**

THESE PRICES GOOD FOR ONE WEEK  
APRIL 30 THROUGH MAY 8

Apples, Winesap, doz. 27c

Lemons, dozen 25c

Lettuce, head 5c

New Spuds, No. 1 Texas  
10 lbs. 25c

Carrots, 3 bunches 10c

Strawberries, 2 pints 25c

Green Beans, 2 pounds 19c

Supreme  
Vanilla Wafers, 14 oz. box 22c

Supreme  
Salad Wafers, 1 lb. box 17c

**RED AND WHITE FLOUR**

6 lbs. 35c—12 lbs. 63c  
24 lbs. \$1.10—48 lbs. \$2.10

Camay  
Soap, perfume free, 3 bars 19c

Red and White  
Pineapple, No. 2 can 17c  
3 cans 50c

Red and White  
Corn, No. 2 can, 2 cans 29c

Red and White  
Peas, No. 2 can, 2 cans 35c

Standard  
Green Beans, No. 2 can 10c

Standard  
Tomatoes, No. 2 can, 3 cans 25c

Prepared  
Spaghetti, per can 10c

Red and White  
Baby Food all flavors, 3 cans 25c

Gallon  
Fresh Prunes, per can 29c

Pure  
Apple Butter, quart 22c

Red and White  
Stuffed Olives, 7 3-4 oz. jar 25c

Red and White  
Sour Pickles, 16 oz. jar 23c

Blue and White  
Oats, with chinaware, pkg. 25c

Vim Pep  
Dog Food, 1 lb. can 7c

Scott  
Paper Towels 2 rolls 25c

Blu Kross  
Toilet Tissue, 3 rolls 23c

Red and White  
Tea, 1-4 pound 19c

Del Dixi  
Pickles, sour or dill quart 17c

Goblin  
Hominy, No. 2 1-2 can 10c

Red and White  
Grape Juice, pint 18c—quart 33c

Red and White  
Mayonnaise, pint 25c

Grapefruit  
Juice, No. 2 can 10c

Pure Cane  
Sugar, cloth bag, 10 pounds 55c

Red and White  
Soap, 6 bars 25c

Red and White  
Milk, 4 small or 2 tall cans 15c

Dried  
Prunes large size, 2 lbs. 29c

Early Riser  
Coffee, pound 17c

Red and White  
Potted Meat, 4 cans 15c

Red and White  
Vienna Sausage, 3 cans 25c

Red and White  
Pancake Flour, pkg. 10c

1 pkg. Kellogg's Whole Wheat  
Biscuit—1 pkg. Kellogg's  
Krumbles 23c  
Water Glass FREE

Sun Spun  
Salad Dressing, pint 23c

Red and White  
Pears, No. 2 1-2 can 19c

Red and White  
Marshmallows, pound 15c

Red and White  
Tomato Juice, 3 cans 23c

Red and White  
Coffee, 1 lb. 27c—2 lbs. 53c

Palmolive  
Soap, 3 bars 19c

Crystal White  
Soap, 5 bars 23c

Concentrated  
Super Suds, large pkg. 19c

Western Club  
Ginger Ale, 24 oz. bottle 10c  
(Plus 4c bottle deposit)

Blue and White  
Tamales, 2 cans 25c

Fresh  
Blackeyed Peas, per can 10c

Kuners  
Peas, No. 2 can 14c

Kuners  
Peas, No. 1 can, 2 cans 19c

Red and White  
Brooms, each 88c

Shortening, 4 lb. carton 55c

Crisco, 3 lb. can 63c

Hams, half or whole, lb. 25c

Cheese, pound 19c

Sliced Bacon, pound 29c

Dry Salt Pork, lb. 19c

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**DRUMMOND-ANDREWS.**  
The marriage of Miss Mildred Andrews was solemnized on Sunday morning when she became the bride of W. G. Drummond of Abilene. The ceremony was read at 10 o'clock in the home of Miss Thelma Kennedy, 882 Hickory, Abilene, the Rev. W. Larry, Baptist minister, officiating. Miss Manila Andrews attended her sister with R. E. McMinn serving as best man. Pre-nuptial music was given by Miss Irene Davenport and Mrs. Leda Dowdy.  
Mrs. Drummond is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Andrews, who reside northeast of Merkel; she is a graduate of Abilene High school and has been employed by the McLellan stores in Abilene since graduation. Mr. Drummond is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Drummond of Abilene. He is employed by the Texas state highway department.  
After the ceremony the couple left for New Mexico visiting El Paso and other points of interest en route. They will make their home in Abilene after May 1.

**Merkel Delegation  
Tops in Percentage**

The Merkel Lions were represented 37 strong at the quarterly district Lions club banquet at Haskell Tuesday night, topping the six clubs in the district in percentage present.  
The unsought distinction of keeping the "district goat" remained with the Albany club, registering the lowest in attendance average. Abilene extended invitation for the next quarterly meeting.  
Merkel's contribution to the program was a novelty in the way of a bazooca band, with instruments in the hands of Nathan Wood, Charlie Jones, Yates Brown, Roy Reid, Carlton Vick, Dr. L. C. Zehnpeffennig and C. P. Church. Miss Iris Garrett was accompanist.  
The personnel of the Merkel group included Miss Iris Garrett, pianist and sweetheart of the Merkel Lions, and the following members:  
Milton Case, Yates Brown, C. H. Collinsworth, Wrenn Durham, Dee Grimes, W. W. Haynes, N. T. Hodges, S. M. Hunter, C. H. Jones, Stanley King, Arthur Lawson, A. A. McGehee, Byers Petty, Herbert Patterson, Byron Patterson, Roy Reid, Joe P. Self, Carlton Vick, Booth Warren, Henry West, Nathan Wood, Dr. L. C. Zehnpeffennig, C. P. Church, W. A. Stockbridge, Dr. R. I. Grimes, John Grabie, L. J. Renfro, A. E. Higgins, Ray Wilson, T. O. Neill, Tom Kerns, O. C. Shouse, Alvin Wozencraft, William Sheppard, Myer Mellinger, Raymond McNiece and Charlie Curb, W. A. Whiteley, Jr., was also a member of the party.

**Trent Commencement  
Schedule Announced**

Dates for graduation exercises of the senior class of Trent high school have been announced.  
Baccalaureate sermon will be delivered by Rev. H. East, pastor of the Baptist church, Sunday evening, May 2, at 8:30 p. m., in the high school auditorium, while commencement exercises will be held Friday, May 7, at the auditorium.  
The class roll includes Hazel Wanda Williamson, Dow Williamson, Gladys Alice Roberts, Samuel E. Armstrong, Jr., Sarah Lucille Howell, Lois Orand and Ola Lavada Martin. Sarah Lucille Howell is valedictorian of the class.

**Texas Theatre**  
Sweetwater

**Friday-Saturday**  
"Good Old Soak"  
With Wallace Beery, Una Merkel

**Sunday-Monday**  
Grace Moore, Cary Grant in  
"When You're in Love"

**Tuesday-Wednesday**  
"A Family Affair"  
With Lionel Barrymore, Cecilia Parker, Eric Linden

**Thursday Only**  
Katharine Hepburn, Fran-  
chot Tone in  
"Quality Street"

**R. & R. PALACE**  
Friday-Saturday  
Tim McCoy in  
"The Lion's Den"

**CHURCH SERVICES**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.**

Attendance at the six reporting Sunday Schools here last Sunday was 637, as compared with 642 on the previous Sunday and 659 on the same Sunday a year ago.

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.**

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m., followed by a communion service. Preaching at 8 p. m. Prayer meeting on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

Every one is cordially invited to these services. Strangers welcome.  
R. A. Walker, Pastor.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.**

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m.  
B. T. S. meets at 7 p. m. Sunday. W. M. U. at 5 o'clock Monday afternoon. Prayer meeting at 8 o'clock Wednesday evening.

All are cordially invited to attend these services.

**METHODIST CHURCH.**

Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Herbert Patterson, general superintendent. Sermon by pastor. Evening worship at 8 o'clock. Wednesday evening prayer meeting at 8 o'clock.  
John H. Crow, Pastor.

**Mrs. Earthman's  
Pupils in Recital**

Mrs. T. T. Earthman will present four of her pupils in a program of numbers by outstanding composers at the Merkel gymnasium on Thursday evening, May 6, at 8:15, to which the public is cordially invited. The program follows:

- (a) "Invention No. 4," (Bach),
- (b) "Awakening of Spring," (Haberler), Juanes Jones.
- "The Mill in the Forest," (Eilenberg, op. 52), Mary Jo Russell and Billie Wood.
- "Minuet Waltz," (Chopin), Jannell Black.
- "Ruins of Athens," (Beethoven), Juanes Jones and Mary Jo Russell.
- "Poupee Valsante," (Paldini), Billie Wood.
- "Voices of the Woods," (Rubinstein), by class.
- "Minuet" from Symphony in E flat, (Mozart), Jannell Black and Juanes Jones.
- "Gipsy Rondo," (Haydn), Mary Jo Russell.
- "The Dragon Fighter," (Hoffmann), Juanes Jones and Jannell Black.
- "Polonaise Militaire in A major," (Chopin), Billie Wood and Mary Jo Russell.
- "Valse Styrienne," (Wollenhaupt), Juanes Jones.
- "In the Procession," (Hewitt), Juanes Jones, Billie Wood, Mary Jo Russell and Jannell Black.

**Condition Very Favorable.**  
Reports Thursday morning were very favorable as to the condition of Mrs. George F. West, who underwent surgery at Hendrick Memorial hospital, Abilene, Wednesday.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST.**

Sunday School 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. each Sunday by Brother A. J. Rollings. Young people's program 7 p. m. on Sunday.

A service of song, prayer and preaching for each Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.  
You are cordially invited to attend these services.

The Elders.

**NAZARENE CHURCH**

Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. NYPS at 6:30 p. m. Preaching 7:30 p. m. Midweek prayer services each Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

We appreciate your co-operation in all services.

R. T. Smith, Pastor.

**NORTH SIDE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH.**

Preaching Saturday night at 7:30 o'clock. Sunday School 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. B. T. S. at 6:30 p. m. Wednesday night prayer meeting at 7:30. W. M. S. meets at the church Thursday at 2:30 p. m.  
All are cordially invited to our services.

R. C. Reagh, Supt.

**Texas a Fine State.**

Merkel friends have received cards from A. B. Patterson telling of their arrival in Flint, Mich., where he went with his wife to drive their new Chevrolet home. He writes that they had not seen the sun since they left home and concludes that "Texas is a fine state."

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Added: Color Cartoon and Short Subject; Also "Jungle Jim" No. 4.

**SATURDAY PREVUE 11 P. M., MONDAY and TUESDAY**

Claudette Colbert and Fred MacMurray in

**"MAID OF SALEM"**

With Harvey Stephens and Louise Dresser  
Added: Selected Short Subjects

**WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY**

**"JOHN MEADE'S WOMAN"**

With Edward Arnold and Francine Larrimore  
Also Two-Reel Comedy

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**COMING SOON**

**"SEVENTH HEAVEN"**

**"ONE WAY PASSAGE"**

**"KING AND THE CHORUS GIRL"**

**"Know Your Players"  
—Noodle and Divide**

(Write-ups of the Divide and Noodle teams in the Merkel Inter-Community League follow—previous issues of The Mail having carried introductions to the players on the Trent and Hawley-Truby teams.)

Divide is expected to come out with another strong team this season. As in the past, the club will be in the race all the way. Holdover players from last year are: Jones, H. Barton, Hammonds, Carpenter, McCoy, Latimer and the Seymour boys, Doc Tom, and Joe, McLean and T. J. Neill.

Newer recruits are: Adrian Barton, Vernon and Chester Gosdin, Riney, Koerth, Jeffcys and Hanna. Of the new players, Mark (Lefty) Hanna is perhaps the best known. He pitched for the Mose Simms Oilers of Abilene several seasons ago and later was with a club in the Permian Basin loop.

Although Divide has lost several of last year's players, as usual a hard-hitting, hustling bunch form the ball club, and it will be hard to beat throughout the season.

Perhaps the surprise club of the loop will be Noodle. For several years Noodle has been handicapped by the fact that their territory was too limited, but with a four club loop, this difficulty has been removed, and with the extra strength picked up from other clubs, it will be hard to count Noodle out of the race.

So far this year, this club has played only two games, beating both Divide and Truby.

With Jack Goode as manager, the roster includes Goode, Eason, Cecil Justice, H. Vick, C. Vick, Williams, Sharp, Derrick and Earl Palmer from last year's club, while the addition of Paulam (Union)-Ashford, B. Jowers and W. Jowers (Tye), Nolan Palmer

(Merkel), McDonald (Smith), R. O. Payne (Truby), Horace Black and Lefty Smith gives the club added hitting and fielding strength.

Adding machine rolls 15c or two for 25c; regular retail price everywhere. For Sale at Merkel Mail office.

**Singing at Hodges.**  
There will be sacred harp singing, preaching and dinner on the ground at the Missionary Baptist church at Hodges next Sunday, May 2. L. E. Hodges is president of the association and Mrs. M. E. Bowen, secretary.

**Barrow's  
Weekly Specials**

- GOLD SEAL Congoleum Rug, 9x12 size, First Quality (not seconds) \$6.95**
- PABCO Felt Base Rugs, 9x12 size \$4.45**
- A large showing of Steel Porch and Lawn Chairs \$4.95 and up**
- Maple Frame, Cane Seat Rockers—just the thing for summer use, specially priced this week.**
- Used Oak Diners, with leather seats 75c**
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Merkel, Texas

- FRESH ASPARAGUS, pound 15c**
- GREEN BEANS, 3 pounds 25c**
- NEW POTATOES, fresh dug, lb. 5c**
- STRAWBERRIES, pint boxes, 2 for 25c**
- White or Yellow **SQUASH, 2 lbs. 15c**
- New Crop **ONIONS, lb. 5c**
- Extra Nice **BEETS, bunch 5c**
- Large Yellow Fruit **BANANAS, dozen 15c**
- Extra Fancy **APPLES, 2 dozen 29c**
- California and Full of Juice **ORANGES, dozen 25c**
- TEXAS GRAPEFRUIT, 2 for 15c**
- LIMES, ripe and juicy, dozen 15c**
- SPUDS, No. 1's, 10 pounds 33c**
- SWEET POTATOES, Little Joe's, lb. 7c**
- No. 2 1-2 in Heavy Syrup **PEACHES, 2 for 35c**
- No. 2 1-2 in Heavy Syrup **PEARS, 2 for 39c**
- Pure Cane **SUGAR, 10 lbs. 55c**
- Baby Size Cans **MILK, 7 for 25c**
- Pure Ribbon Cane **SYRUP, gal. 59c**
- Gingham Girl **Tomatoes, 3 for 25c**
- 16 Ounce Cans **Mackerel, 3 for 25c**
- 14 Ounce Bottles **CATSUP, each 10c**
- A-1 Soda **CRACKERS 2 lbs 19**
- 1-2 Gallon Bucket **P. NUT BUTTER 55**
- 2 Pound Quart Jar **P. NUT BUTTER 29**
- Sour or Dill **PICKLES, 26 oz. 15c**

**SUMMER DRINK**

All Flavors, Makes 2 Gal.  
**3 for 25c**

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**8 lb. carton \$1.14**

**COFFEE**

Maxwell House  
**3 lbs. 81c**

Laundry  
**SOAP, 6 bars 25c**

**FRYER'S, dressed and drawn, each 40c**  
**STEAK, per pound 17c**  
**SAUSAGE, per pound 15c**

- T-Bone **STEAK, lb. 20c**
- Kraft's Elkhorn **CHEESE, lb. 19c**
- Half or Whole **HAMS, lb. 29c**
- BOLOGNA lb. 12 1-2**
- All Sweet **OLEO, pound 20c**
- Sugar Cured **BACON, lb. 28c**
- Dry Salt **JOWLS, lb. 14c**
- Hamburger lb 12 1-2**
- Fancy Chuck **ROAST, lb. 15c**
- Frankfurters, lb. 17**
- Armour's Sliced **BACON, lb. 29c**
- Fleischman **YEAST, 3 for 10c**
- Any Cut **PORK, lb. 23c**

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2 pounds 25c