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MERKEL, TEXAS, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1947.

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PERSONAL NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harwell left Tuesday for Antioch, Calif., to visit his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Fortner. They will also visit relatives in Phoenix, Ariz., and the Carlsbad Caverns on the way.

Miss Frances Harwell, student at Texas Tech, Lubbock, visited in her home over the week-end.

Miss Mamie Ellis, who teaches in the Abilene school system, spent the week-end with Mrs. Johnny Cox.

Mrs. Rex McLean returned Monday from Houston, where she had been engaged the past two weeks as nurse for Mrs. Jack Patterson, ill in the hospital there with pneumonia. Mrs. Patterson was able to return to her home Thursday of last week.

Mrs. Earl Stanford left Tuesday for Penwell to spend some time with her daughter and son, Mr. and Mrs. Corvin Leverich and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Stanford.

Mr. and Mrs. Fraley of Chicago, Ill., were passing guests of Mrs. Annie Turner, en route to California. The Fraleys are friends of Mrs. Turner's son, Ray Cannon, whose home is in Chicago.

Miss Pauline Cook was home from Ranger to spend the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Artist Cook.

Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Adeock have returned from a round of visits with relatives at Menard, Mason and San Angelo and with friends at Winters and Junction.

Mrs. Jackson Parker of Odessa has been visiting her mother, Mrs. J. S. Blair, here the past few days, having returned from San Antonio where her husband is in Brooke General hospital for a check-up. Their daughter, Jean, is a junior student at the Stephens college, Columbia, Mo.

Feasting guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Reynolds were Mr. and Mrs. Ed Love, parents of Mrs. Lee Mack Reynolds, their daughter, and Mrs. Reynolds' grandmother, all of Sierra Blanca, who had come for the graduation of Mrs. Reynolds from the Hendrick Memorial Hospital nursing school.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Ferguson visited in Stephenville over the week-end with their son, Ben, who is employed with the W-C Manufacturing company.

Mrs. J. A. Kuykendall is reported getting along nicely following surgery at Scott and White sanitarium, Temple.

With Our Boys

Darrell Lee Farmer, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Farmer, who left Jan. 20 for San Diego, Calif., is stationed for three months at the Marine Training station there.

C. J. Melton, basketball's mate, second class, of Route 4, Merkel, is a member of the first division aboard the destroyer USS Collett, according to a Navy press release. The Collett is on duty with the occupational forces in Japan.

Seaman 2-C Orville Kemper recently phoned his mother, Mrs. E. A. Kemper, from San Francisco, Calif. He has sent several souvenirs home from China. When he phoned he was preparing to return to sea duty.

LOCAL NEWS BRIEFS

Pop's Radiator shop is the name of the new enterprise opened by R. L. Russell, corner of Front street and Rannels. He announces that Jack King will be in charge of radiator work.

John Brooks has leased space 20x48 feet west of Woodrum's Service station, from George Woodrum, and plans to put up a building or the concrete area formerly used as a tin shop, to house his domino parlor.

Mrs. R. B. Horton announces the opening of Edna's Beauty shop, located in her home, on Feb. 15. She has acquired the services of Mrs. Hunter, who will operate the shop until a later date.

Ollie Higgins, chairman of the Taylor county AAA committee, has returned from Washington, D. C., where he went as one member of a two-man committee to represent Texas at a crop insurance conference. Other delegates from Texas was Grayson county farmer.

FIRST LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS TO CEMETERY FUND

Chairman T. L. Grimes of Maintenance Committee Reports Total of \$617.39 Contributed Up to Wednesday Afternoon.

At a recent meeting of the board of directors of the Merkel Cemetery association, a cemetery maintenance committee, with T. L. Grimes as chairman, was authorized, which group will have full control of soliciting funds for the upkeep of Rose Hill cemetery and for hiring all labor and supervising all work in connection with the maintenance program. Associated with Mr. Grimes are W. C. Church, Merkel, Dewel McLean, south of town, and Hob Robertson, Salt Branch.

Up to Wednesday afternoon, a total of \$617.39 had been paid in for the 1947 upkeep program, and the committees will continue active in soliciting until enough money has been raised for the purpose.

A complete list of donors to the fund will be printed in The Mail, the first installment of which appears below. Any one, in town or residing away from Merkel, is asked to see one of the committee or mail their check direct to this paper. The first list of subscribers follows:

Cemetery Association	\$100.00
L. A. Dudley	2.00
Herbert Patterson	5.00
Brage Dry Goods Co.	25.00
W. C. Church	5.00
Homer Newby	1.00
Oscar Buford	2.00
M. B. Bell	2.00
Bob McDonald	2.00
Bryan Dunagin	1.00
L. B. Cade	1.00
Sam Butman, Sr.	5.00
Mrs. J. T. Johnson	1.00
Earl Beech	2.00
Mrs. J. H. McDonald	2.00
Woody's Cafe	2.00
W. O. Boney	3.00
J. V. Patterson	2.50
A. E. Higgins	1.00
R. B. Johnston	2.00
James C. Walton	10.00
Tom Maddox	2.00
A. F. Criswell	5.00
Horace O. Boney	2.50
Stanley Toombs	4.50
John Shannon	1.00
Homer Patterson	1.00
A. B. Patterson	1.00
Mrs. Edd Turner	2.00
Bill Skiles	1.00
Nolan Palmer	5.00
W. M. Elliott	1.00
Ross Ferrier	1.00
J. L. Massey	1.00
Mrs. J. T. Warren	10.00
Booth Warren	10.00
J. W. Tiner	5.00
Mrs. G. J. Jones	5.00
Will Curb	5.00
Louis Butman	2.00
Comer Haynes	5.00
E. L. Palmer	2.00
C. F. Curb	5.00
Andy Shouse	2.00
W. L. Phillips	1.00
J. C. Brooks	1.00
S. P. Curb	5.00
O. N. Brewer	1.00
R. L. Denon	2.50
E. M. Dean	1.00
W. P. Cook	1.00
H. B. Finch	1.00
J. W. Hammond	5.00
Max Mellinger	10.00
Mrs. Chester Hutcheson	10.00
Clarence R. Collins	2.00
Price Melton	1.00
W. Wilson	2.00
Sam Martin	5.00
Joe Holmes	1.00
Sam Swann	5.00
J. E. Higgins	2.50
S. L. Scogin	1.00
O. J. Harris	1.00
W. J. Sheppard	1.00

Gratified at Results Two-Weeks' Revival

Rev. H. S. Earp, pastor of the Assembly of God church, returned this week from Kansas City, Mo., where he held a two-weeks revival at the Victoria tabernacle, in which conversions totaled between 75 and 100. "It was one of the greatest meetings that I have ever been in," Rev. Mr. Earp said.

Pie Supper Announced

On Feb. 14 a pie supper will be given at the Butman school house for the public. There will also be a contest for women with their own "hot make-up." A 25c charge will be made for all entering. Come and we will have a lot of fun. The pie supper is sponsored by the Bluebonnet club.

YOUTH COUNCIL TO BE HOSTS AT VALENTINE FETE

Special programs are being planned for the entertainment of Teen-Agers at the Community Center. On Saturday night, Feb. 15, the representatives elected by the young people to form the youth council will be hosts at a Valentine party. Games, refreshments and decorations are being planned by the young people.

On Feb. 22, a costume party, a "Colonial Promenade," will be held. Unusual favors, social games and prizes are planned by the youth committee. Each one attending will be expected to wear some sort of costume and the supervisors of the parties will be glad to assist in planning for those who are unable to think of anything to wear.

Attendance at the Center continues at a capacity crowd, each night from 100 to 125 attending.

GI Flight Training To Start Here Soon

With the leasing of a portion of the Burley Bond place, west of town, GI flight training will start in Merkel within two or three weeks. M. B. Higgins said Tuesday. The field, which is approved by Civil Aeronautics Authority, is leased through the Abilene Aviation company, who fill furnish planes and instructors. Two 2,000 foot runways will be provided.

Any GI not going to school under the government program or taking "on-the-job training" is eligible and, if desiring to take flight training, should contact M. B. Higgins.

Workers to Entertain Juniors with Banquet

On Valentine, Feb. 14, at 6 p. m. at the Methodist church the Junior department will be entertained by the workers with a banquet.

The theme of the banquet will be carried out for a typical Valentine festival; however, inasmuch as the Sunday night session for the Juniors has been a course of study on "India," an entertainment will be given in costume by some of the children. At this time, the children will bring forth their small contributions for a Children's Hospital in India.

The Women's Society of Christian Service has just completed this special course of study and have taken a great interest in assisting the teacher, Mrs. Virgil Patterson, in bringing this study.

Workers in the department are: Mrs. Virgil Patterson, general superintendent; Mrs. J. W. Hammond, song leader; Mrs. Ernest Joyce and Miss Lottie Butman, pianists; Miss Lela Patterson, Miss Gladys Newton and Mrs. Roy Berry, teachers.

V. T. Witcher Dies at Home at Honey Grove

V. T. Witcher, 74, brother of our esteemed fellow-townman, J. H. Witcher, died Jan. 23 at his farm home near Honey Grove, only six miles from the old home place, settled by his parents in the Allen's Chapel Community. Had he lived until Feb. 10, he would have been 75 years old.

Surviving are his wife, one granddaughter, Mrs. Naomi Ruth Semosh, and two brothers, J. H. Witcher of Merkel, and Lee Witcher, who lives at the original Witcher home.

During his long and useful life, Mr. Witcher had been an outstanding leader in church and school activities. He had served as a deacon in the church, superintendent of the Sunday School, leader in the BTU, song leader and teacher of the adult Sunday School class.

Hospital Notes

Patients admitted to Sadler Clinic during the week for treatment were: C. R. Rogers, Sr., Feb. 7; the son of Lewis Spratlan, Feb. 8, and Joe Winter, Feb. 8. The O. E. McGhee girl underwent an appendectomy Feb. 8. Ernest McCright was admitted Feb. 9 for a fractured leg injury. Mrs. Marvin Wilson received a tonsillectomy Feb. 7.

Live Display

Saturday afternoon at 5:30 there will be a live display by the Boy Scouts in the show window of Brage Dry Goods company. Kenneth Boyer and Charles Neel will give a demonstration of knot-tying and first aid.

BADGERS DEFEAT SNYDER; CLINCH SECOND PLACE

Wind Up Season with 7 Wins and 3 Losses; To Entertain Hamlin Pied Pipers Here on Monday Night, Feb. 17.

The Merkel High School eagles clinched second place in the final standings of District 5A West by trouncing the Snyder Tigers, 70-54, here Tuesday night.

The Badgers wound up their conference campaign with 7 wins and 3 losses. Rescoe led the loop with 8 wins and 2 defeats. Colorado City took third place with 6 victories and 4 setbacks.

The Purple and Gold five will complete their season's play by participating in the Trent tournament this week-end and entertaining the Hamlin Pied Pipers, runners-up in District 5A West, here Monday night.

Tentative plans were announced Tuesday by Carroll Benson for an invitational tournament at Merkel for the week-end of Feb. 21-22.

In their last conference game of the season, Benson's hoopsters poured 70 points through the hoop to run roughshod over the outclassed Tigers. Robert Sledge was "as hot as a cowboy's pistol," sacking up 30 points to set some sort of modern scoring record for the locals.

The Merkel "B" string toyed with the "Snyder reserves, 56-23. High scorers of the game were Don Dudley and Larry Bailey with 14 points each.

The local third stringers whipped the visiting third stringers, 52-21, with Odie Jones setting the pace with 22 points.

Billy Pat Nash with 15 points and Robert Sledge with 14 points led the Badgers to an easy 59-19 victory over the tail-end Roby Lions at Roby last Friday night.

The Badger reserves downed the Roby subs, 34-18, with Don Dudley leading the way with 10 tallies.

Spokesmen for Trent Offer Two-Fold Plan

As spokesmen for the four-county Trent business area and school district, Sam Swann, Ben Newhouse, J. C. Wilks and Tom Williamson asked the Taylor county commissioners at Monday's session to take two steps for meeting their area's crucial road problems.

The proposals were: 1. Creation of a road district in the corners of Taylor, Jones, Fisher and Nolan counties so that ad valorem taxes can be levied to obtain money for road construction and maintenance, and 2. Designation of a farm-to-market road from Trent to Spivester in Fisher county.

County Judge Wiley Caffey pointed out that County Auditor S. M. Piller, at Caffey's request, has written to the attorney general in Austin to determine legality of creating such a road district.

Permanent organization of the Trent Road committee was completed at a meeting held in the Trent school study hall last Friday night, with Sam Swann as chairman and J. G. Wilks designated secretary.

Over 200 Register For John Deere Day

More than two hundred men, mostly farmers, registered for the John Deere Day program, held here Tuesday and sponsored by Bullock Hardware. The day's events brought a complete education in newly developed John Deere integral and drawn machines.

Main attraction was the Bob Burns' feature picture, "The Windjammer," which was followed by four other all-talking pictures. At the noon hour, a bountiful lunch was served buffet-style. Mrs. Bullock was assisted by the following ladies: Mesdames H. H. McRee of Trent, Nim Teaff, Ray Muncy, Jarrett Pinekey and Pete Petty.

Out-of-town visitors were Joe J. Ince, of Abilene, territory manager for John Deere, and K. C. Young, of Fort Worth, with a lubricant manufacturing company.

Farm Home Destroyed

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Weston of White Church was completely destroyed by fire last Thursday, and all the contents were a total loss. Both Mr. and Mrs. Weston were away from home, Mrs. Weston being a driver of one of the Trent school buses.

SENIOR SCOUTS MEET MONDAY; ELECT OFFICERS

The Senior Scouts held another meeting Monday night and elected new officers, as follows: Bobby Gilbert, explorer guide; James Bartlett, assistant explorer guide, secretary and treasurer; Don Dudley, outpost leader; Billy G. Bowen, assistant outpost leader; Gaston Walker, reporter; Lon McDonald, chairman of program committee. Other members present were Reuben Horton, Jack Boone, Bobby DuBose and Tommie Webb.

Any young man wishing to take part in the Senior program and who is 15 years or older is invited to come to the next meeting Monday, Feb. 17, at 7 p. m. Meeting place is the Farm and Home Supply.

Blair-Merkel Road Included in Program

The Blair-Merkel farm-to-market road is included in the present three-year program, S. J. Treadaway, of Abilene, district engineer for the state highway department, said in a conversation with Mayor H. C. West early this week, and he stated that the contract can be let as early as July if the rights of way are secured by that time.

Theme of P-TA Meeting Is "Good Citizenship"

"Good Citizenship" will be the theme of the February meeting of the Merkel Parent-Teacher association to be held at 4 p. m. on Wednesday, Feb. 19, in the band house, with Mrs. W. T. Sadler as leader. Founder's Day will also be celebrated. The High School Choral club will be the school feature of the program.

Sons Visit Father On 88th Birthday

Here last week to visit their father, Joe Holmes, and to help him celebrate his 88th birthday, on Feb. 6, were his two sons, Roy and wife and two children, Bonita and Roy Jack, now a student in Texas Tech, of Phillips, and Joe and his wife and two children, Reba and Donald, of Tucson, Ariz. Also present were the daughter, Mrs. Florence Berry, and a granddaughter, Mrs. Edward Miller and daughter, Nancy, of Slaton.

Sgt. Reddell Visits In Home of Sister

Master-Sgt. A. R. Reddell, flight training student at the Roswell Army Air Field, was an overnight guest Tuesday in the home of his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Benson. While circling her home, he dropped a note telling her of his visit, then went to Abilene, landed his plane and returned to spend the night.

Author to Review Book

Trent, Feb. 13.—Miss Genoa Cole of Sweetwater will review her book "God's Peace in This New Era," at the Baptist church in Trent at 7:30 p. m., Feb. 18. Every one is urged to attend.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From Files of The Merkel Mail, February 18, 1927.)

A. L. HOGUE DIES AT SWEETWATER; TO BE BURIED HERE.
The citizens of this city were indeed grieved Wednesday when word came from Sweetwater to the effect that Mr. A. L. Hogue, formerly a pioneer citizen of Merkel, had died at the family home in that city.

The remains will be shipped to Merkel for burial, which will likely take place Friday, the exact time depending upon the arrival of the deceased's daughter, Miss Lois, who formerly was a teacher at McMurry college but for some time an art student in New York City, from which place she is now en route.

LEONARD WILLS BUYS MARKET
Mr. Leonard Wills this week closed a deal for the purchase of the Jasper McCoy Meat market and has assumed charge of same. The market hereafter will be known as the City Meat Market and Mr. Wills states that he will maintain in it employ both Mr. McCoy and Mr. Claude Perry, the former looking after the butchering and the latter

BREAK DIRT FOR FOUNDATIONS AT CITY HALL SITE

Municipal Building and Fire Station to Be Re-located at Corner Elm and Lamar; Contract Let to J. L. White.

The Merkel city hall and fire station, incorporated in a two-story building which has stood for two decades on the south side of North Front street at the point where Kent street ends, are to be moved and rebuilt on city-owned property, corner Elm and Lamar streets.

Contract was let by the city council at a called meeting last Friday to J. L. White, Merkel building contractor, for a consideration of \$7,860.00, subject to adjustment if changes are made in the course of construction. The contractor is privileged to salvage all materials in the old building, which is to be dismantled and re-erected in the new location. Ground for the foundations of the new structure was broken Saturday.

Plans for re-erecting the building provide for the use of concrete tile, with plaster finish inside and out. Brick is used in the first story of the present building, and hollow tile in the second floor.

Highway 80 follows the course of North Front street through the city, and, as the present building abuts the pavement edge, it had been classed by the state highway department as a traffic hazard, the elimination of which was requested by the department.

Temporary quarters of the city secretary and city and school tax collector, W. M. Elliott, are in the local welfare office on Kent street.

Funeral at Anson for Mrs. S. M. Stevens

Funeral services for Mrs. S. M. Stevens, 88, who died at her Breckenridge home at 5 a. m. Thursday, Feb. 6, were held on Friday in the chapel of the Lawrence funeral home, Anson, with Rev. W. K. Horne, officiating. Burial was in Mount Hope cemetery.

Grandsons were pallbearers. Mrs. Stevens was born Eugenia Oliver Gamag in Alabama on Apr. 21, 1858, and was married to Frank Shaw in 1874. The couple moved to Texas in 1878. Following Mr. Shaw's death in 1913, Mrs. Stevens was married in 1925 to S. M. Stevens, and they lived on a farm west of Anson which Mr. Stevens had purchased in 1891, until moving to Breckenridge in 1944. Mrs. Stevens was a member of the Baptist church. Survivors include three daughters: Mrs. J. L. Williams of Brownwood, Mr. J. M. Corley of Breckenridge and Mrs. D. H. Cox of Clyde; two step-sons, Cecil and T. B. Stevens; two step-daughters, Mrs. J. C. Jeffrey and Mrs. W. H. Kennedy; 15 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Record of Births

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Hutcherson of Trent, Tuesday, February 11, 1947.

FRED BIGHAM BURIED HERE

Fred Bigham, son of W. R. Bigham, a former citizen of this city for many years, died last Saturday at Lampasas. After several months of continuous illness, the remains were shipped to this city for funeral and burial which took place on last Sunday week, Feb. 6.

Funeral services were conducted on Sunday afternoon at the home of Mr. S. D. Gamble by Elder W. G. Cypert with burial immediately after in Rose Hill cemetery. Deceased after in Rose Hill cemetery. Deceased after in Rose Hill cemetery. Deceased after in Rose Hill cemetery.

Mrs. George Mount of Orange, Cal., spent the week in Merkel visiting friends. Mrs. Mount will be remembered as Mrs. Ernest Woodroof who made her home in Merkel for many years.

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The death rate among U. S. life insurance policy holders declined almost 10 per cent between 1925 and 1949.

One of the world's few "double-decker" water lanes is at Minden, Germany. It is formed by a high aqueduct carrying the Midland Canal over the Weser river.

A bridge spanning Snake River, Idaho, 345 feet from floor to stream is the highest in America.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.
Subscribers to The Mail are requested to notify the publisher of any change in their address promptly. If notice is sent by the post office department of a change in address, newspapers and periodicals must pay postage due on each notice. Besides there is always the possibility that you will miss a copy as second class mail is not forwarded. Best plan is to send the change of address in advance.

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In The Church

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

There were 684 present at the seven reporting Sunday Schools last Sunday, as compared with 741 on the previous Sunday, and 703 on the same Sunday a year ago.

NAZARENE CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Preaching at 11. NYPS at 6:30 p.m. Preaching at 7. Prayer meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

Mrs. J. D. Roedler, Pastor.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. Morning sermon at 11:00. Training Union at 6:00. Evening sermon at 7:00.

Prayer meeting at 7:00 Wednesday evening.

Merle Weathers, Pastor.

PRIMITIVE BAPTISTS.

Preaching fourth Sunday in each month: Saturday 2 p.m., Sunday at 11 a.m., at the band house. Every one is invited to attend.

Elder B. R. Howze, Pastor.

METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 a.m. Preaching 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. MYF and juniors meet at 6 p.m. Mid-week prayer meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

L. M. Brown, Pastor.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School 10 a.m. Morning sermon at 11. Children meet at 6:15 p.m. No evening service Sunday. Mid-week prayer meeting 7 p.m. on Wednesday.

D. S. Neel, Pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday: Bible School at 9:45 a.m.; preaching 10:50 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Wednesday prayer meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Reporter.

FUNDAMENTALIST BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 a.m. Preaching at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Mid-week prayer meeting at 7:30 Wednesday evening.

B. W. Wallis, Pastor.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD.

Sunday School at 3 p.m. Preaching services at 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. Services every Thursday night.

H. S. Earp, Pastor.

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CLUBS

WIFE CLUB.
The Demonstration in the club house Whiseahunt and ovak as hostesses, called to order by Mrs. W. H. Eusminger. Mrs. J. D. Roedler led the members in the hour, which was enjoyed by each.

Mrs. J. D. Roedler gave a report of the council meeting. The meeting was then turned over to Miss Myra Tankersley, county agent, who gave a very interesting talk on "Price and Quality of Hosiery and Undergarments."

One new member was added to the club roll, Mrs. Jackie Kniffen. The hostess served refreshments of heart-shaped sandwiches, doughnuts and punch to Mesdames Joe Swinney, F. E. Healer, A. R. Toombs, Artist Cook, Lewis Farmer, Bill Wallace, E. J. Patterson, Frank Brnovak, A. L. Farmer, Monroe Whisenant, Ford Butman, W. H. Eusminger, Jackie Kniffen and little son and Miss Tankersley.

The next meeting will be Feb. 18 with Mrs. Bill Wallace and Mrs. E. J. Patterson as hostesses.

UNION RIDGE CLUB.

Next meeting of the Union Ridge Home Demonstration club will be held on Feb. 21, in the home of Mrs. Weldon McAninch.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our thanks for the assistance of all of our friends, during my illness in the hospital and at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Cooper and Family.

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 known heirs, and assigns; Frank A. Martin; Jennie Martin Armstrong, her heirs, unknown heirs and assigns; TO: Patty Martin, her heirs, unknown heirs and assigns; Jim Duncan, his heirs, unknown heirs and assigns; Loretta Duncan Bailey, her heirs, unknown heirs and assigns; Joe Delle Bailey Barrios and husband, Harry A. Barrios; and Flora Martin Johnson, her heirs, unknown heirs and assigns, GREETING:

You are commanded to appear and answer the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday the 3rd day of March, A. D., 1947, at or before 10 o'clock A. M., before the Honorable 104th District Court of Taylor County, at the Court House in Abilene, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 27th day of September, 1946. The file number of said suit being No. 5334-B.

The names of the parties in said suit are A. L. Frazier as Plaintiff, and Patty Martin, her heirs, unknown heirs and assigns; Frank A. Martin, Jennie Martin Armstrong, her heirs, unknown heirs and assigns; Paschall M. Armstrong; Ada Belle Presswood and E. E. Presswood; Ed Martin; Henry Martin; Inez Matlock and husband, A. J. Matlock; Sue Martin Duncan, her heirs, unknown heirs and assigns; Jim Duncan, his heirs, unknown heirs and assigns; Loretta Duncan Bailey, her heirs, unknown heirs and assigns; Joe Delle Bailey Barrios and husband, Harry A. Barrios; Hattie Lou Duncan Key and husband, Charley Key, Max Duncan and Flora Martin Johnson, her heirs, unknown heirs and assigns, as Defendants.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: Plaintiff alleges and says that on or about the 3rd day of February, 1946, he was lawfully seized and possessed of the following described lands and premises situated in Taylor County, Texas, holding and claiming the same in fee simple to-wit: Lot 7 Block A of John M. Blackburn Subdivision of Lot 1 Block 201, City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, as

shown by plat of said subdivision recorded in Volume 28, Page 640 Deed records of Taylor County, Texas, reference to which is here made.

That on the day and year last aforesaid the defendants herein unlawfully entered upon said premises and ejected plaintiff therefrom and unlawfully withhold from his possession thereof to his damage in the sum of \$1000.00. That the reasonable annual rental of said lands and premises is \$200.00 per year.

If this Citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

Issued this the 16th day of January, A. D., 1947.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 16th day of January, A. D., 1947.
 (Seal) J. Neil Daniel, Clerk,
 104th District Court,
 Taylor County, Texas.
 By Thelma Graham, Deputy.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
 THE STATE OF TEXAS.
 TO: Emma Lee Stephens, Greeting:
 You are commanded to appear and answer the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday the 3rd day of March, A. D., 1947, at or before 10 o'clock A. M., before the Honorable 104th District Court of Taylor County, at the Court House in Abilene, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 18th day of January, 1947. The file number of said suit being 5432-B.

The names of the parties in said suit are: Winfred B. Stephens as Plaintiff, and Emma Lee Stephens



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as Defendant. The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were married on or about August 9, 1925, in Alabama, and lived together as husband and wife until on or about July 29, 1936.

No children were born of said marriage and no children adopted. No community rights are to be adjudicated.

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

If this Citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

Issued this the 18th day of January, A. D., 1947.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 18th day of January, A. D., 1947.

(Seal) J. Neil Daniel, Clerk,
 District Court, Taylor County, Texas
 By Thelma Graham, Deputy.

NOTICE OF EXECUTRIX.
 Notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against the estate of J. D. Hilton, deceased, that the undersigned has been duly appointed and qualified as executrix of

said estate on the 4th day of February 1947, by the county court of Taylor County, Texas, and all persons having claims against said estate, are required to present same to the undersigned within the time required by law, whose residence, and post office address is 2146 South 3rd Street, Abilene, Taylor County, Texas.

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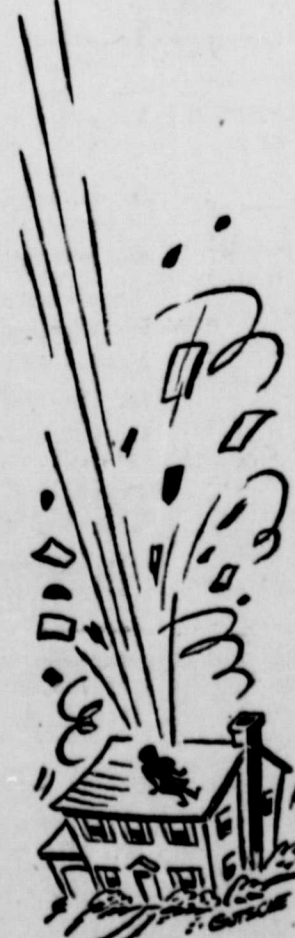
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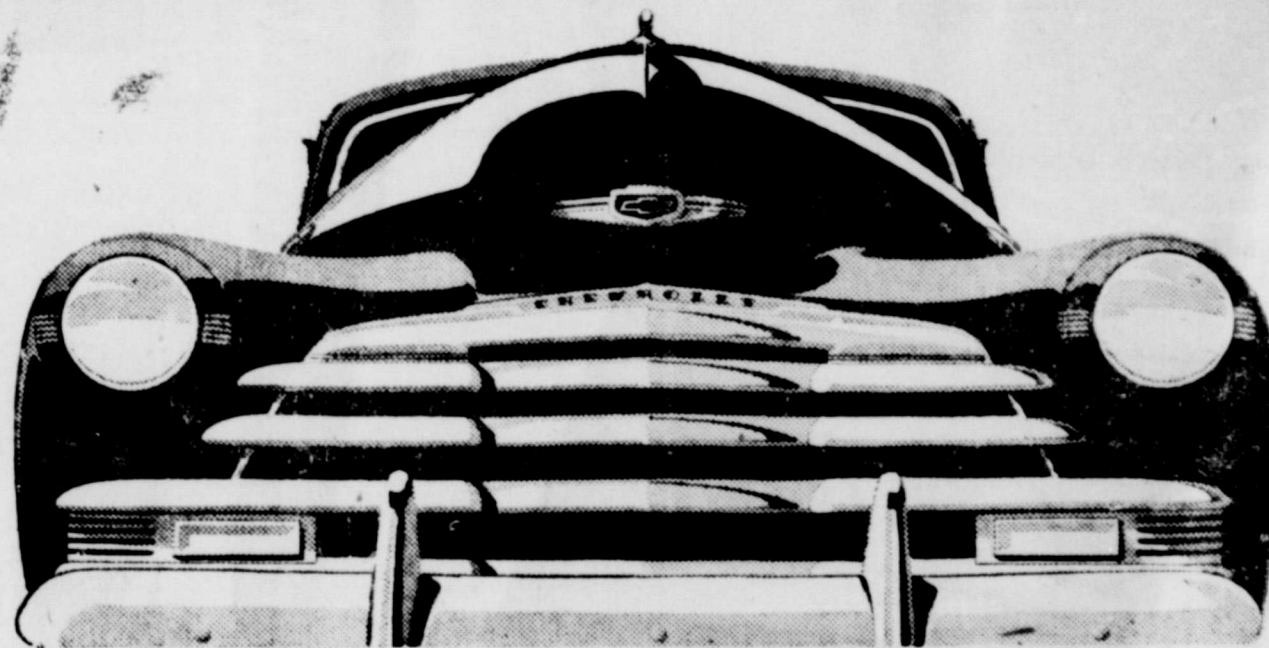
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Taylor county and this section of the state may be expected to benefit by the action of Hon. W. O. Reed, speaker of the House of Representatives, in naming Bill Tippen, our new representative, to membership of committees which deal with subjects of direct interest to this area.

The committee on livestock and stock raising to which Tippen was appointed is perhaps of more vital

concern to West Texas than any of the 43 committees of the lower house, while the committee on motor traffic of which he is also a member, will make recommendations on legislation affecting truck and bus interests whose operations extend over the entire West Texas area.

The committee on congressional and legislative districts is another on which Tippen drew an assignment; and while redistricting will not directly affect the Abilene legislative dis-

trict, the importance of the subject has been greatly enhanced by the interest it aroused in state and district campaigns last year. Tippen has expressed his belief that the constitutional provision on the subject should be complied with, and has indicated that he would favor a mandatory redistricting board in the event the legislature fails to take action.

As a member of the committee on military and veterans affairs, Tip-

pen will be faced with many legislative proposals affecting veterans' interests. His outstanding service in the European theater of war should give him a proper understanding of his responsibilities as a member of this committee.

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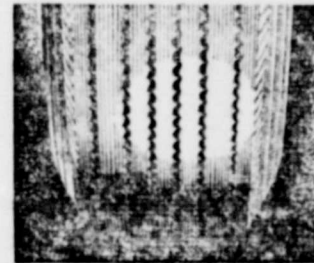
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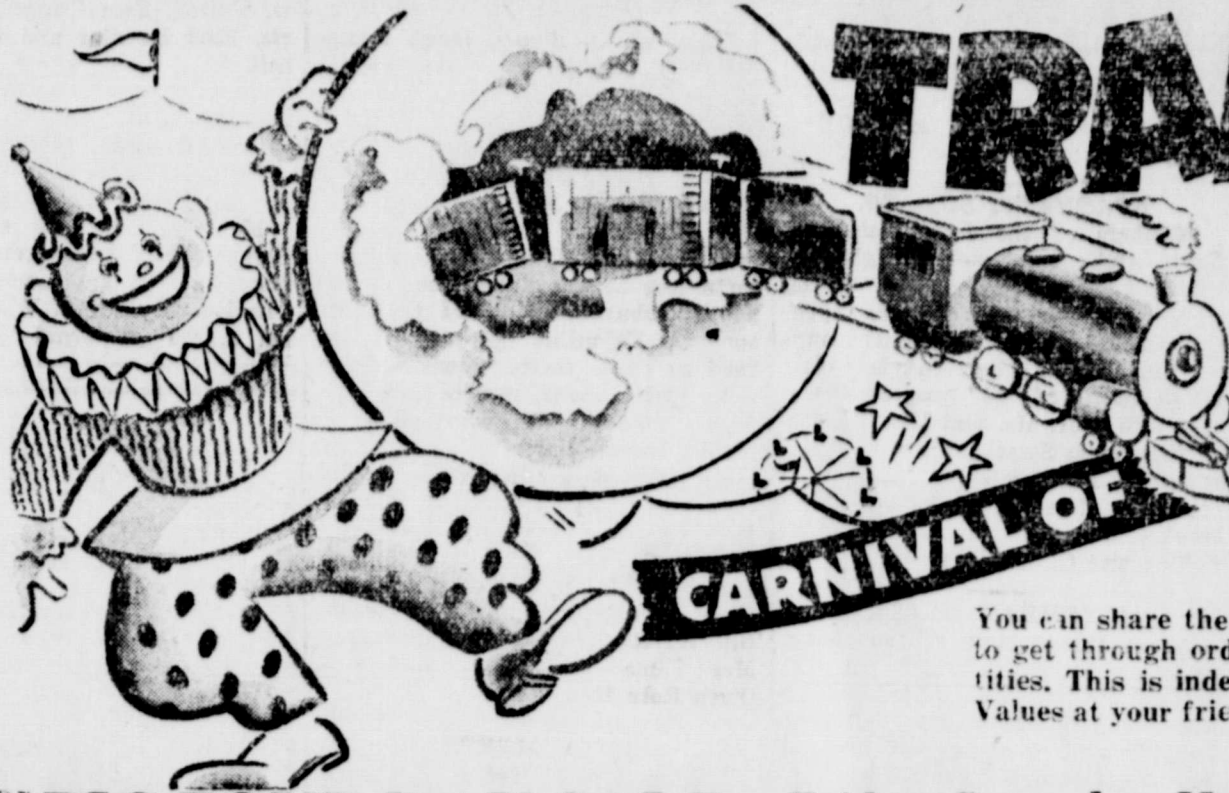
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GRAPEFRUIT, pound 3 1/2c
RUBY RED—
GRAPEFRUIT, lb. 7 1/2c
TOMATOES, lb. 19c
CABBAGE, lb. 5c

C Grade—RED—
DELICIOUS, pound 13c
132's—
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75's LETTUCE, head 8c
CARROTS, bunch 5c

150-200 CALIFORNIA ORANGES, lb. 7c

Aunt Jemima WHITE MEAL 20 Ounces 13c

RED and WHITE—
Coffee, 1 lb. 44c

GOLD BAR—
Catsup, 14 ounce 23c

RED and WHITE—
Luncheon Meat, 12 oz. 39c

WASHO, box 29c

RED and WHITE—
Sausage, 4 oz. 15c

LADY GODIVA—
Soap, bar 9c

Tastest—CHERRY—
Preserves, 1 pound 39c

33 Bleach, qt. 12c

KERN—
Chili Sauce, 12 oz. 23c

RED and WHITE—
Shortening, 1 lb. 42c

CLINTON—
Pudding, box 8c

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Ripe Olives, pint 35c

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Red and White—MEDIUM—
Ripe Olives, pint 39c

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WOLF or IRELAND—
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RED and WHITE—
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Chili Powder, 3 ounces 30c

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Loaf Cheese, lb. 49c

Dry Salt, lb. 33c

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MISS NANCY PUGH AND DON WOOD TAKE VOWS IN DENTON.

A wedding of wide social interest was solemnized in Denton on Sunday, Jan. 26, when Miss Nancy Louise Pugh, daughter of Mrs. H. C. Taylor of Dallas, became the bride of Don Wood, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Wood of this city. The ceremony was read at 4 p. m. in an open church wedding held in the First Presbyterian church, with Oscar Ellison, minister of the Church of Christ in Denton, officiating in an impressive double ring ceremony before an altar decorated with white floor baskets of gladioluses, palms and fernery and white candelabra holding lighted tapers in the background. Miss Helen Havens sang "Ich Liebe Dich," by Greig, and traditional wedding music was played by the organist.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, S. B. Pugh. She was modestly attired in a street-length powder blue dress with accessories in brown and carried a white prayer book, topped with a white orchid. Miss Jimmie Neal of Denton attended as maid of honor. The groom's only brother, Wm. N. Wood, of Hillsboro, served as best man and Edward Bates Smith of Denton served as an usher.

Immediately following the ceremony the couple left for a short honeymoon trip to Ardmore, Okla. They are at home in Gainesville, 318 Andrews street, where Mr. Wood is associated with the high school and junior college as teacher of music.

This romance had its beginning in Denton where the lovely bride was a student in NTSC. The groom attended both Abilene Christian college and NTSC, having received his B. S. degree in June, 1943. Then he went into officers' training school at Notre Dame, where he received his commission as an ensign, being sent direct to service in the Pacific, where he served two years. He received a reserve discharge and reentered NTSC, for work toward his master's degree in music.

Out-of-town guests present for the wedding were Mrs. N. E. Wood, mother of the bridegroom; Mrs. H. C. Taylor, mother of the bride; Mrs. P. S. Hunter, grandmother of the bride, and Mrs. R. B. Nail and Robert Nail and daughter, all of Sherman and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Taylor of Dallas.

VALENTINE PARTY.
Members of the T. E. L. class of the Baptist church were entertained Tuesday in the home of Mrs. Sam Swann. Mrs. W. J. Largent was to have been co-hostess but being out of town, her daughter, Mrs. Royce Eiland, took her place in entertaining with Mrs. Swann.

A colorful Valentine motif was used in house decorations and furnished inspiration for the social hour which followed the business meeting. Delectable sandwiches, angel food squares and spiced tea were served to Mesdames E. R. Clack, Booth Warren, Houston Robertson, Dent Gibson, Lake Renfro, Earl Teague, A. D. Fulton, Irl Walker, John Mansfield, J. D. Bradley, Seth Morgan, T. J. Bird, A. R. Booth, Lucy Ford and Earl Lassiter.

PARTY COMPLIMENTS VISITOR FROM OHIO.

Mrs. Nancy Terrell of Xenia, Ohio, who is a guest in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Weston West, was complimented Tuesday afternoon by Mrs. S. D. Gamble who entertained with a "42" party in her honor. A pretty Valentine motif was carried out at tables appointed for progressive "42" and at the refreshment hour a delicious salad plate with tea was served to Mesdames Terrell, Weston West, Jack West, Dee Grimes, Henry West, Fred Greene, L. C. Zee, Tom Largent, Chester Elms, Elma McFarland, Bill Harris, Charles Sego, Sidney Foy, David Gamble, Doyle Seifried and W. T. Sadler.

DINNER PARTY.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Harris extended gracious hospitality to friends at a dinner on Friday evening in the McFarland home. A delicious spaghetti supper was served buffet-style, after which games of "42" furnished happy diversion for the evening. The guest list included: Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Collinsworth, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Benson, Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Gamble, Mr. and Mrs. David Gamble, Weldon McAninch and Mrs. Elma McFarland.

FRIENDSHIP COUPLES CLASS.

The Friendship Couples class of Grace Presbyterian church was entertained Friday night with a "42" party given in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bond. Mrs. Burley Bond with W. J. Der-

ring the evening. A refreshment plate of sandwiches, olives, potato chips, cookies and cakes with little red hearts as plate favors was served to Rev. D. S. Neal, Messrs. and Mesdames Glenn Abbott, Vernon Horton, Jack Gregory, Leo Harris, Jack West, Burley Bond and W. J. Derstine and Mrs. Norma Bond.

FAREWELL PARTY.

Mrs. Elmo Collins of Lubbock, but who was a member of the Grammar School faculty for a number of years, was complimented by the teachers with a farewell party on Friday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Carroll Benson. A Valentine theme was stressed in party appointments by the hostess who arranged table games and contests as diversion. Mrs. Co-

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was presented a pretty make-up box as a remembrance of popular esteem by those present. At the refreshment hour, angel food squares, olives, candy and coffee were served to Miss Nora Foster, Miss Mamie Ellis of Abilene and Miss Abada Pogue. Mesdames Elsie Nash, Judy McReynolds, Spencer Bird, Johnny Cox, Comer Haynes and Delma Compton.

SPAGHETTI SUPPER.

Members of the Jolly Neighbors Game club were most delightfully entertained on last Saturday evening in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Bird. A delicious spaghetti supper was served buffet-style after which games of "84" progressed until a late hour. Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Gaither from Sweetwater were present and Messrs. and Mesdames Robert Hicks, Herbert Patterson, Earl Hughes, Johnny Cox, Miss Christine Collins and C. J. Glover.

ALATHEAN CLASS.

The Alathean class of the First Baptist church met Feb. 5 in the home of Mrs. W. A. McCandless with Mrs. J. Ben Campbell co-hostess. Valentine colors were used in the decorations which featured red and white carnations.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Lige Harris. Mrs. J. O. Castles read several Scriptures with the word "Love" and then led the prayer. After a business session the meeting closed with prayer by Mrs. T. E. Collins. Mrs. Collins led the class in several songs.

The hostess assisted by little Miss Nelda Weathers served a refreshment plate of chicken salad with bread cut in heart-shape and angel food cake topped with red cherries and coffee. Plate favors were Valen-

tines. Members present were Mesdames Lige Harris, H. R. Hicks, W. W. Wheeler, J. M. Stephens, O. B. Tatum, F. A. Baker, F. P. Hamro, W. L. Johnson, J. S. Swann, Chas. West, E. M. McDonald, G. M. Sharp, T. E. Collins, W. O. Boney, Hugh Campbell, J. O. Castles, J. J. McNiece, P. F. Harris, the hostesses, and one visitor, little Nelda Weathers.

BUFFET SUPPER.

Mrs. Weldon McAninch and Mrs. Carroll Benson combined hostess duties on last Friday evening, entertaining at the dinner hour in the pretty suburban home of the Bensons. A Valentine decoration was used as party theme where a delectable spring menu, replete with baked ham to strawberry shortcake, was served buffet-style.

An evening of games in which bridge and "42" progressed was enjoyed by the following: Messrs. and Mesdames Riggs Shepperd, Wren Durham, Chester Collinsworth, Paul West, W. T. Sadler, David Gamble, Bill Harris, Benson and McAninch, Mrs. Elma McFarland and Mrs. Owen Robertson.

W.S.C.S. MEETS.

The W. S. C. S. met at 3 p. m. on Monday at the Methodist church. The meeting was opened with a prayer from Mrs. Tom Largent. Mrs. Vernon Hudson explained "How to Attain Our Goals for 1947."

Mrs. Tom Largent spoke on "How Methodism is Spreading Through Poland." This program was taken from the World Outlook.

The meeting was closed by a prayer from Mrs. Will Sloman.

BAPTIST W. M. S.

The Blanche Rose Walker circle of the First Baptist church met Monday

afternoon in the home of Mrs. Earl Lassiter. Mrs. P. F. Harris directed an interesting Bible lesson.

Present were Mesdames W. T. Sadler, A. R. Booth, General Jones, A. D. Fulton, Sam Swann, P. F. Harris, Earl Lassiter and Hugh Campbell.

The next meeting will be on Monday afternoon, Feb. 17, for a Royal Service program at the church.

Birth Announced.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Story of Stamford are the parents of a son, born Jan. 25 and named William Charles. Mrs. R. A. Walker of Merkel is the maternal grandmother,

while Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Story of Noodle are paternal grandparents.

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