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PERSONAL NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Davidson and son, Larry, arrived last Thursday from Standish, Mich., to visit Mrs. Davidson's parents Mr. and Mrs. W. Davidson's parents Mr. and Mrs. W. former Pauline McAninch. Mr. Davidson returned Friday to Standish while Mrs. Davidson will remain for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Manor and children of Houston are visiting here. (Mrs. Manor is the former Joyce Fulton Browning.)

J. M. Lincoln of Tuscola visited Sunday with his daughter, Mrs. Sam Martin, and Mr. Martin and Barbara. Other visitors of the Martins were Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Dowdy of Lamesa.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Matthews and daughter, Miss Willie Pearl, and James Vertis Ross, of Trent, spent last week-end in Fort Worth, attending the Stock show and visiting their son, Lloyd Matthews, and family. They also visited Mrs. Matthews' brother, C. L. Dowdy, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Blackaby, who visited this week with her mother, Mrs. E. S. Sandusky, and their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis F. Butman, returned Tuesday to their home in Greenville.

W. F. Patterson, from San Diego, Calif., where he has been employed the past several years, is spending a few days here. His wife, who is also employed there, visited here recently and so did not come for a visit at this time.

E. O. Carson and son, Herman, went to Eunice, N. M., on Wednesday of last week to attend the funeral of an aunt, Mrs. W. S. Marshall.

Mrs. Eli Case, accompanied by her son, Milton Case, attended the funeral of her sister-in-law, Mrs. J. B. Barrett, which was held in Winters Thursday afternoon. Also going from here were Mrs. and Mrs. W. C. Church.

Those going from Merkel for the 6 o'clock wedding at Sweetwater on Saturday evening of Miss Ada Belle Steele, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Steele, and Jasper Dee Clark, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Clark, were Mr. and Mrs. Troy Sloan and Joanne, Misses Dorothy and Gerrie Jinkens and Lloyd Gilmore.

Spending Saturday night in the Collins home were V. D. Jones and H. I. Jones, of Bagwell, who came to be at the bedside of their brother, H. O. Jones, Winters postmaster, in his last illness. Funeral for Mr. Jones was held at Winters Sunday afternoon.

Assigned to the 41st Armored Infantry battalion, 1st Lt. Bowman Barlow, formerly stationed at Brooke General hospital, San Antonio, spent the week-end with his wife and daughter, Becky, before leaving Sunday for Camp Hood.

LOCAL NEWS BRIEFS

The J. W. Hammond Lumber company, owned and operated by J. W. Hammond, at the Ben Franklin store, is one of Merkel's new enterprises. Mr. Hammond has direct mill connections for East Texas yellow pine lumber.

C. C. Conley and Sons will open a roller skating rink in Merkel, first session to be held Friday night, beginning at 7 p. m. Two sessions will be held each night, and on Friday and Saturday afternoon two sessions will be held. The rink will be closed on Sunday.

C. E. Giles, formerly of Pharr in the Rio Grande valley, is the new owner of the Po-Po cafe. He and his family have moved to Merkel and he assumed management of the business last week-end.

R. E. James has sold his home, the former J. M. Garrett place in Southwest Merkel, to S. A. Kelley, and has bought the W. C. Bryan home to which he is planning to move this week.

Trent Group Plans to Attend Road Hearing

Trent, Mar. 13.—A group of Taylor and Fisher county citizens are expecting to attend the meeting of the State Highway department at Austin, scheduled Tuesday, Mar. 18, when a hearing has been set for discussion of the Sylvester-to-Trent farm-to-market road, sought by Trent area citizens in recent meetings at both Trent and Sylvester.

TO CELEBRATE 50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Watt L. Blair to Be "At Home" to Friends Sunday Afternoon from 3 Until 5 O'Clock

In observance of their fiftieth wedding anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. Watt L. Blair, who came to Taylor county in 1903 and have resided here ever since and for whom the town of Blair, seven miles south of Merkel, was named, will be "at home" to their friends Sunday afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock. They reside in the southeast part of town on the Mt. Pleasant road.

But in reality it is planned for the observance to be an all-day affair, with the morning hours devoted to a family reunion culminating in a family dinner at noon.

All eight of their children are expected to be present, including one son, Doyle Blair, residing in Santa Rosa, Calif., who has not been home for nine years. During the war he worked in the shipyards on the west coast and he is now employed in a feed grinding mill there. Due to the fact that his wife visited home with in recent years, she will not accompany him, but the families of all the others will join in the celebration.

On Mar. 14, 1897, Watt L. Blair and Oris Guin were united in marriage in Center, Ala., and they came to Texas in December following their wedding, settling in Comanche county. Four years later they moved to Taylor county and made their home in what is now the Blair community, so named in honor of the Blair family. In 1905 they moved to Mulberry Canyon, residing there until 1928 when they moved to town, but they still retain large farming interests in the Canyon.

Their three daughters all live in and around Merkel. They are: Mrs. R. F. Whisenand, Mrs. Roy H. Matthews and Mrs. Cramer Reynolds. Besides the son in California, they have four other sons: John, Hayden and O. C. Blair, all of Levelland, and Capt. Russell T. Blair, U. S. Army, stationed at San Marcos. The next generation numbers 21 grandchildren and there are two great-grandchildren.

This highly respected pioneer couple, the greater part of whose lives has been spent in this immediate area, count their friends by the hundreds, for both husband and wife, long-time members of the Baptist faith, have not only nobly fulfilled their duties as parents but have believed in and practiced a mission of service to their fellow-man, sharing their sorrows and rejoicing in their happiness.

Mr. Blair passed the traditional three score and ten years on his last birthday, Feb. 25, while Mrs. Blair will be 68 next July 25.

Sister of Merkel Man Dies at Sylvester

Funeral services for Mrs. C. W. Williams, 62, wife of a Sylvester physician and sister of P. A. Diltz of Merkel, were held at 2 p. m. Monday from the Sylvester Baptist church, and following the service the body was brought here for burial in Rose Hill cemetery.

Mrs. Williams was the former Elina Diltz, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Diltz. In February, 1904, she was married to Dr. W. C. Williams at Merkel and the couple moved to Sylvester in 1916.

Surviving are her husband, two sons, two daughters, two grandchildren, one other brother, W. L. Diltz, of Abilene, and two sisters Mrs. J. W. Tipton of Sweetwater and Mrs. P. J. Powell of Long Beach, Calif.

Special Training for Vets in Sales, Service

A veterans class in distributive education is being organized in this area for the benefit of any veteran employed by a firm which is engaged in selling of either retail or wholesale merchandise or service selling. This training will cover all phases of general business training as well as specific training in the business in which he is engaged.

A veteran enrolled in this class is entitled to subsistence allowance as prescribed by the Veterans Administration. Any interested veteran may contact either the VA office in the Alexander building in Abilene or Dewey Davis, coordinator for veterans vocational training, whose office is located at Abilene Christian college.

OVER \$1,400 IS CONTRIBUTED TO CEMETERY FUND

During the past week many more residents of Merkel and the surrounding communities and several from out-of-town, who have loved ones buried in Rose Hill cemetery, have made their donations to T. L. Grimes, chairman of the 1947 Cemetery Maintenance committee, or have sent them to The Mail, increasing the total amount of subscriptions for this worthy cause to \$1,417.50, according to the report of Chairman Grimes up to Wednesday night.

Progress of the cemetery work is handicapped by need of a wheelbarrow. The wheelbarrow that the cemetery owned is missing, and its return would be greatly appreciated.

Among out-of-town donors, not previously listed, are: Mrs. Pat Touchstone, \$5.00; Dr. Chas. F. Williams, \$3.00; W. Fred Yandell, \$10.00; W. A. Campbell, \$2.00, all of Abilene; W. L. Fugate, Notrees, \$3.00; Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Shore, Colorado Springs, Colo., \$2.00; Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Dry, Houston, \$25.00; Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Davis, Eastland, \$3.00; Homer Easterwood, Taft, \$10.00; H. H. Hand, \$2.00; Herbert Dennis, \$5.00, and Mrs. V. B. Sublett, \$5.00, all of Corpus Christi.

Noodle Class Presents 3-act Comedy, Mar. 21

The Noodle Junior class is presenting a 3-act comedy entitled "Here Comes Hattie," to be presented Friday, Mar. 21 at 8 p. m. in the Noodle School auditorium.

The cast includes: Clara Green, Geraldine Stanley; Homer Green, Nellie Buff; Ann Green, Glenn Satterwhite; Thomas Green, Willie Lee Spurgin; William Billings, Vernon Burfield; Florence Ryan, Willa Jo Rogers; Hattie King, Joyce Williamson; Velda Wayne, Oretta Sipe; Etta Armstrong, Clea Mae Weeks. Charlene Gregory will appear in a special between-act feature.

Price of admission—adults 40c, children 20; reserved seats, adults 50c, children 25.

Rites Held Here for Charlie Coats, 38

Charlie Coats, 38, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Coats, died at a Big Spring hospital late Thursday of last week.

Funeral services were held at 4 p. m. Saturday from the Methodist church here. Rev. L. M. Brown, the pastor, officiated and burial was in Rose Hill cemetery, with Eberly Funeral home of Big Spring in charge. Pallbearers were Lendon Coats, Denzel Cox, Earl Mashburn, Charlie Barbee, Leon Toombs and Alonzo Peterson.

Charlie Coats was born Feb. 5, 1909, in the White Church community and lived here a greater part of his life. He sustained injuries in an automobile accident in May, 1939, which caused the illness from which he had suffered the past seven years.

Survivors are his parents; four brothers, Ralph B. and A. D., of Abilene, Clayton of Big Spring and Leon of Merkel, and two sisters, Mrs. J. W. Barbee of Merkel and Mrs. Margie Moore of Santa Ana, Calif.

School Attendance Back To Normal Monday

When the Merkel Public schools resumed Monday morning, after a week of interrupted sessions due to the prevalence of influenza, only 77 were absent from a total of 200 in the High school. Supt. R. A. McCollum reported, and attendance was also back to normal in the grade school, with only 60 absent from an enrollment of 540.

Re-Elect Merkel Man Hereford President

Fort Worth, Mar. 13.—Roy Largent of Merkel was re-elected president of the Texas Hereford association at the annual membership meeting attended by 315 persons. J. M. North, Jr., of Fort Worth, was named vice-president, and Henry Elder of Fort Worth was re-elected secretary.

Largent and Stevens of Merkel considered the top fender of the sale Willie M., the show heifer that was reserve champion at Brownwood. The heifer sold to W. B. Hamilton of Wichita Falls for \$2,425.

To Hold MYF Meeting Here. The Merkel Methodist church will entertain the sub-district meeting of the Methodist Youth Fellowship on Monday night, Mar. 17.

SERVICES HELD SATURDAY FOR J. R. BAZE, 80

Resident of Taylor County for 31 Years Claimed by Death; Wife, Three Sons and Four Daughters Survive.

Funeral services for J. R. Baze, 80, who died at his home at 2:30 a. m. Thursday of last week, were held at 10:30 Saturday morning from the Church of Christ, with Tommy Williams, minister of the Wilson Avenue Church of Christ in Abilene, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill cemetery, with Garrison Funeral home of Abilene in charge.

Pallbearers were R. A. McCollum, Clyde Bartlett, Joe Stalls, Joe Cybert, George Woodrum and Frank Breaux.

John Robert Baze was born in Bosque county, Texas, on Aug. 27, 1866. He was married Dec. 5, 1889, to the former Florence Jones in McCullough county. From McCullough county the family moved to Concho county and in 1907 came to Taylor county, where Mr. Baze engaged in farming until 20 years ago when he retired and moved to town. He was a long-time member of the Church of Christ and continued active in church work as long as his health permitted.

Surviving are his wife; three sons, Earl of Merkel, W. C. of Idalou and Lloyd, of Phoenix, Ariz.; four daughters, Mrs. L. D. Callihan and Mrs. Paul Brewer, of Fort Worth, and Mrs. E. J. Gravelle and Mrs. Glen Rice, both of North Hollywood, Calif.; nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. A brother, D. T. Baze, of Hico, and a half-sister, Mrs. May Swaine, of Hot Springs, Ark., also survive.

The funeral service, which was at first set for 2:30 p. m. Friday, was postponed until Saturday morning due to the inability of the two daughters from California, Mrs. Gravelle and Rice, to reach Merkel Friday afternoon.

Funeral for George T. Guinn Held at Anson

George T. Guinn, 86, father of Mrs. Charles Davis of Merkel, died at 6 a. m. Sunday at her home where he had lived the past seven years.

Funeral services were held at 9 a. m. Tuesday from the Lawrence Funeral home in Anson, with burial following at Electra.

Mr. Guinn was born Sept. 16, 1861, in Madison county, Ark. Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Davis and Mrs. J. W. Herron of Merkel and Mrs. R. L. Birdwell, of Arkansas; two sons, J. M. Guinn of Freer and C. M. Guinn of Nocona; 25 grandchildren, 51 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Barkeley Buildings Converted into Homes

Among several Merkel citizens who have bought Barkeley buildings to be made into homes were Herbert Patterson, Joe Cybert and Earle Watts. On the lot and a half, south of the Ray Wilson home on Oak street Herbert Patterson is having a medical storage building converted for his home.

Cybert and Watts bought a nurse's mess, which was cut in half and is being made into two respective homes. The Watts home is being erected on lots just south of Mrs. T. J. Toombs, and location of the Cybert home is to be on the lot north of the former Verner Sublett place on Oak street.

On the north side, Miss Alberta La Rue has had moved in a 16x48 plywood hutment, which is being modeled with the intention of using it for her beauty shop and also for living quarters. Location is just north of the former telephone office on Edwards street.

Start Re-modeling of Building for Theatre

Preliminary work to remodeling the Cain building on Front street, purchased several months ago by the H. and H. Theatres, owners of the Queen theatre, as the site for a second theater in Merkel, was started Wednesday, but complete plans are not yet worked out. Manager Norman T. Hodge said.

Auction Sale Mar. 20. The Goodman Home Demonstration club will hold an auction sale at the home of Mrs. B. M. Ueckert at 2 p. m. on Mar. 20.

LIONS BID IN BUILDING FROM CAMP BARKELEY

Bid of the Merkel Lions club for a 37x99 recreation building at Camp Barkeley was accepted. President Riggs Shepperd was advised in a phone call Tuesday from F. N. Shoemaker, acting project manager, Real Estate Project office, War department. The figure of \$1,656.57 was submitted by the local organization in advance of the sale.

Method for financing the cost of the building, moving and re-modeling for use as a community center in Merkel is being worked out by the directors of the Lions club, who state that business and professional men of the city have already underwritten the project, if present plans are realized.

At last week's luncheon of the Lions club, Earl Hughes was appointed local chairman of the Red Cross drive, and he is mapping plans for a campaign to raise funds early next week.

As the entertainment feature, Misses Adelle Elkins and Patsy Pomroy sang three popular numbers, "Melancholy Baby," "Indian Love Call" and "Apple Blossom Time," accompanied by Mrs. Cemer Haynes.

Club Brings Public Health Day Speaker

The Fortnightly Study club will observe Public Health day Tuesday, Mar. 18, when they present Mr. C. P. Ray, supervisor of venereal disease education of Texas, in a lecture at the Community Center building.

Because of the growing need and increasing importance of study in such diseases, the program chairman, Mrs. Paul West and Mrs. Carroll Benson, believe that this noteworthy speaker should deliver an interesting and instructive lecture.

All women who are members of the Parent-Teacher association, mothers of teen-age girls and boys and any others interested are invited to attend the meeting which will begin at 4 p. m. Tuesday.

Rev. W. G. Estes to Speak at Youth Rally

A special young people's rally will be held Friday night at the Assembly of God church. Rev. Wilson G. Estes is to be the main speaker but there will be several other speakers on the program. There will also be special music and singing.

This is the San Angelo section and is composed of young people from the towns of San Angelo, Winters, Abilene, Sweetwater, Coleman, Brownwood, Santa Anna, San Saba and Merkel. The public is cordially invited.

Vets Charter Bus to Attend Stock Show

Approximately 35 veterans from the seven Taylor county vocational training schools will leave Friday by chartered bus for a trip to the Fort Worth Stock show. They will probably return Saturday.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From Files of The Merkel Mail, March 25, 1927.)

"BLAIR ITEMS"

Miss Effie Grayson Entertains

Last Saturday evening the Intermediate grade pupils of Blair school entertained at the home of their teacher, Miss Grayson. The charming Miss Effie Grayson was hostess to a few of her pupils, only a part being present due to the weather conditions. Those present enjoyed many interesting games. Then they passed into the pretty dining room and were served a most delicious refreshment of soda pop and white cake. Those who enjoyed this affair were: Misses Otera Wheeler, Maxie Abbott, Anna Addison, Florence Meeks, Otis Ray Doan, Lucy Moore, Pearl Barnes, Zuma Spears, Neoma Crayson, Alton Grayson; Messrs. H. C. Doan, H. E. Addison, Roy Abbott, Monta J. Moore, Glenn Abbott; chaperones present were Mr. T. H. Spears, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Abbott, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Doan, Mr. Z. V. Moore and Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Grayson.

Several deals have been made recently. Mr. G. A. Wheeler has built

ELECT HAMNER COMMANDER OF LOCAL VFW POST

Merkel Veterans Will Again Sponsor Softball League; with Robert Higgins Named as Director in Charge.

John Hamner was elected post commander of Merkel Post No. 5685, Veterans of Foreign Wars, in the annual meeting held Monday night at the club house for the election of officers. He succeeds J. Parker Sharp. Other officers named are: Robert Higgins, senior vice commander; R. D. Ely, junior vice commander; Vincent Barnett, quartermaster; George T. Moore, post advocate; Lem Dudley, chaplain; David Gamble, surgeon, and N. T. Hodge, trustee for a three-year-term, succeeding Howard Carson.

Barnett and Dudley were re-elected to their respective posts. Holdover trustees are J. D. Witcher, Jr. and Vernon Mansfield.

The post voted to again sponsor a softball league, which is to be under the supervision of Robert Higgins as athletic chairman.

The post will also sponsor a Poppy sale on the Saturday before Memorial Day.

Costume Party Set at Youth Center Saturday

The Costume party that the Youth committee of the Fortnightly Study club are sponsoring for teenagers will be held Saturday night at the Community Center. As the entertainment, games and favors will be very unusual and a lot of fun will be had by all, all Teen-Agers are urged to attend.

The party will be in the form of a promenade, with five groups of games and proms. On the program are "Colonial Cavalcade," "Old South," "Pioneer Fun," "Mardi Gras" and "Patriotic Finale."

Prizes will be given for the best costumes of both boys and girls.

Snowfall Heaviest in History for March

Last week's snowfall, estimated between 5 and 6 inches, represented the heaviest fall in history for the month of March in this area according to the records of the Abilene bureau.

A half-inch of moisture was gauged by Volunteer Weather Observer J. I. Ford, which, added to the precipitation of nine-sixteenths of an inch, produced by the all-time record snowfall in January, brings total rainfall for 1947 to 1 1-16th inches.

Record of Births

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. John Stout, Friday, March 7, 1947.
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Neely Tittle, Friday, March 7, 1947.
Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Cleveland, Saturday, March 8, 1947.
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Andy Shouse, Monday, March 10, 1947.
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Mayhew, Tuesday, March 11, 1947.

a new home.

Mr. Pat Addison has bought the pretty home of Mr. C. F. Doan in South Blair. Mr. and Mrs. Doan are remodeling their farm home two miles south of Blair.

Our blacksmith, Mr. Albert Barnes, has moved back to Mr. Jim Moore's house.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Harris have moved to our little village and Mr. Harris has engaged in mattress-making business on north side. Also Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Conley have rooms on the north side and Mr. Conley has gone into the garage business in the Hunter building.

Mrs. Hugh Campbell and son, R. B. Mrs. Alice Wilson, principal of Blair school, and Miss Rosa Cozart, primary teacher, motored to Abilene Monday evening and were accompanied back by Miss Willard Wilson of Belton, the beautiful and accomplished daughter of Mrs. Wilson.

The health of the community is moderate and everybody is invited to come out to our Sunday School at the Baptist church in the morning and Methodist church in the afternoon. —Tulip.

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RURAL SOCIETY

BLUEBONNET CLUB.
The Bluebonnet Home Demonstration club met in the club house on Mar. 4 with Mrs. Joe Swinney and Mrs. A. R. Toombs as co-hostesses. The meeting was in charge of the president, Mrs. W. H. Ensminger.

A real interesting and helpful demonstration was given by Mrs. A. L. Farmer and Mrs. W. C. Hunter on "Accessories." Recreation was led by Mrs. F. E. Healer with several games that every one enjoyed. Mrs. Mary Russom gave a reading and illustration on "Hitler's Chance for Heaven," which was very interesting and nicely done.

Two new members were added to the club roll: Mrs. Leroy Riney and Mrs. Kenneth Ray. Mrs. Elmer J. Patterson is the new council member since Mrs. Allie Butman has accepted the position as bus driver for the Trent school.

Mrs. Artist Cook and Mrs. Arlton Farmer will act as co-hostesses at the next meeting on Mar. 18. Every one is invited to attend.

Refreshments of punch, peppermint candy, cheese spreaded crackers and Graham cracker whipped cream sandwich were served to two visitors, Mrs. John Oliver and Mrs. Frazee Demere, and to the following club members: Mesdames Ben Put-

man, Kenneth Ray, Arlton Farmer, Adrian Farmer, Lewis Farmer, Artist Cook, E. J. Patterson, Bill Wallace, Leroy Riney, W. C. Hunter, Tom Russom, Wade Ensminger, F. E. Healer and the hostesses. Nine children were present.

GOODMAN CLUB.
The Goodman Home Demonstration club met in the home of Mrs. Odell Freeman on Mar. 4. Candle-wicking was done and members were shown how to make tufted rugs. Plans were made for an auction sale to be held on Mar. 20. The next meeting will be Mar. 14 at the home of Mrs. J. C. Washburn.

A plate of sandwiches, cookies and coffee was served to one visitor, Mrs. Murry, and the following members: Mesdames Odell Freeman, G. C. Blair, H. G. Smith, Zed Bright, Tip Carter, Ted Windham, Frank Carter and J. C. Washburn.

All members were urged to meet Mar. 20 at the home of Mrs. F. M. Ueckert.

New Arrival
Mr. and Mrs. Allen Hargrove are parents of a son named Richard Allen, born at Snyder hospital on Feb. 21. He weighed 6 1-2 pounds. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Emmitt Hargrove of Snyder, and Julius Smith of Merkel. Mrs. Smith, who spent ten days with her daughter and the new baby, has returned home.

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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TO the Voters in City Election to Be Held Apr. 1st

Some of my friends, having circulated a petition with the required number of signers, have placed my name on the ballot for City Alderman, and I take this method of expressing my views on what I personally think Merkel needs, if we are to grow up and keep step with other towns the size of Merkel. First, let me state that I have no desire to get into politics, but I am personally interested in the growth of my home town of Merkel as I have always and will as long as I live here be interested in its future.

I wish to state what I am for and what I think can be accomplished through the co-operation of your City Fathers and the Citizens if we get our heads together and then put our shoulders to the wheel and push, not pull back.

The city's business has to be run on a sound basis, as any other business institution is carried on. There must be plans laid out for the future growth and development and work to that goal.

It may take several years to do this but it can be done if we all work together to accomplish what we make up our minds to do.

Merkel needs more pay rolls and in order to secure them we need a permanent water supply, that will induce industries of different kind to locate with us, Merkel is an ideal location for a textile mill, cheese plant and other industries that would bring us a pay roll. We can obtain a federal building if we will try to get it. We might be able to build a lake for a permanent water supply and receive aid from the federal government as a works project if we but try. Well, any way, I will state a few things as I see that we need:

A permanent water supply.
Street and sidewalk improvements.
Clean-up campaign to clean streets, alleys and vacant lots.

State-approved methods of burning or disposing of our trash in the business district before being penalized by the State Fire Insurance underwriters.

Support and improvement in our Fire Department's equipment.
Better schools, building and equipment.

A stone fence on the south and west side of our cemetery.
Improvement in traffic and law enforcement system.

100% co-operation with our highway department in the city.
Extensions of sewer, water and gas mains to take care of our new

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TO THE VOTERS OF MERKEL:

A city, like a person, can not remain for long in a static condition. It must progress or recede to a condition of stagnation. Progress consists, among other things, of the establishment of new industries and business opportunities. The youth of the city must be given an opportunity for gainful employment upon the completion of their education. These youths, entering local businesses, are a positive barometer of civic progress.

The things that attract new business and industry are adequate water supplies, effective fire control, good schools, good churches, improved streets, adequate connecting roads, civic sanitation, and a display of youth and aggressiveness in the city management.

These things are all included in the word "Progressive" when it is said that these men can give you PROGRESSIVE city government.

For Mayor: LESTER F. DORTON
For Alderman: BRYAN HIGGINS
For Alderman: WM. DAVID GAMBLE

City election April 1, 1947
Veterans of Foreign Wars
POST NO. 5683, Merkel, Texas

residential sections.
Co-operation with our civic organizations.

Creation of a permanent community center for our youngsters.

Maintenance of our park, also clean up and beautify our highway through Merkel so that the tourists won't form the wrong opinion of our town when passing through.

There are other things that could be done if we work together to accomplish them, but it will take co-operation from the entire community.

If you are interested in the future of Merkel and the things that I advocate then I will appreciate your vote and influence in the election to be held Tuesday, Apr. 1, and your co-operation in trying to make them a reality in Merkel.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Hicks.

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Friday - Saturday — Double feature program: Gene Autry, Lynne Roberts in "Sioux City Sue" and Robert Lowery, Patricia Morrison in "Queen of the Amazons;" final chapter of Crimson Ghost serial and cartoon.

Sunday, Monday and Tuesday — Katharine Hepburn, Robert Taylor, Robert Mitchum in "Undercurrent," cartoon and latest news.

Wednesday - Tuesday — John Hodiak, Lucille Ball in "Two Smart People;" Popular Science and cartoon.

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Birthday Dinner for Two Trent Pioneers

Trent, Mar. 13. — Two pioneers, each 74 years old, were honored in the country home of O. A. Smith with a surprise birthday dinner brought in by friends and hosts on Monday, Mar. 5. Honored were O. A. Smith and Oliver Bright, who have each lived most of their lives in this country.

The large dining table was set and two three-tiered cakes with 74 candies each were lighted. The honorees were called in to dinner as the younger guests sang "Happy Birthday to you, Otha and Oliver." The dinner was served buffet-style. The afternoon was very much enjoyed as the old-timers recalled happy times of long ago.

Those who registered were: Messrs. and Mesdames Fred Hale, M. C. Bryan, Frank Sipes, W. Y. Stern, John Strawn, Hale McRee, Percy Scott, Earl Duncan, Reuben Reeves, John Crain, L. N. McRee, Mr. and Mrs. James Bright and Glenn, Mrs. James Strawn and Garth, Mr. and Mrs. Lesley Beasley, Patricia and Kay Beasley, Mrs. H. J. Kegans and Gene, Mesdames Jeff English, M. L. Jones, W. M. Cooper, Rufus Kitchens, Jack Halbrooks, Lonnie Halbrooks, Ozro Steen, J. E. Halbrooks, N. H. Allen, Earl Strawn, Carl Edwards, J. M. Stowe; LaNelle Edwards, Wanda Kegans, Johnnie Heatley, Sara McRee; Mrs. O. A. Smith and Mrs. Oliver Bright.

Out-of-town guests were Mrs. W. C. Calvert of Sweetwater, Mr. and Mrs. John Calvert of Maryneal, Mrs. Allen Terry and Becky, of Lubbock, and Wilson Bright of Archer City.

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Trent Social Notes.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Child Jean Estep celebrated her 15th birthday with a party in her home, Monday night, Mar. 3. After various games were played a 3-tiered birthday cake and iced drinks were served to: Lonell McElmurray, Jean Redding, Rojean Freeman, Ruby Heatley, Virginia Neill, Betty Neill, Willie Jean O'Rear, Betty Purser, Martha Winn, Delphine Cooper, Ann Singleton, Rosetta Hollaway, Elwee Carey, Ruth Hopper, Wanda Kegans, Glenna Scott, LaNelle Edwards, Edwin Winn, Billy Dalton, W. E. O'Kelley, O. L. Adams, Maurice Spratlin, H. L. McRee, John Woodard, Harold and Robert Frazier, Clinton and Calvin Little, Maxwell May, Andy Merle Beasley, W. J. Grantham, Lydeil Quattlebaum, Mack Bigbee, Jack Boone, Bobby Harris, Harold Lowery, Doyle Howell, Charles Washburn and Billy Reynolds.

Forty per cent of the farm land in the nation is in farms of over 1,000 acres.

Beginners for Next Year Should Be Enumerated Now

According to C. A. Farley, census enumerator for the Merkel School district, it is very important that the school have the names of the boys and girls who will be beginners next September.

In order to adequately plan for the school program for next fall, it is important now to know how much room will be needed for the first graders. Plans will be made only for as many children as have been turned in on the census rolls.

It is especially important that the names of those beginners who do not have brothers and sisters in school this year be turned in at the school right away.

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Jones County Singing Convention April 6th

Anson, Mar. 13.—The Jones County Singing convention will hold its annual all-day singing the first Sunday in April, which will be Apr. 6, at the high school auditorium in Anson. The program will begin at 10 a. m. The county convention will, as in the past, be sponsored by the Anson chamber of commerce.

All organized choirs, quartets and individual singers are invited and urged to be present. Out-of-county singers will be the guests of the chamber of commerce for lunch.

County officers of the convention are Fred Bennett, Stamford, president; A. L. Stell, Anson, vice-president; Mrs. Raymond Day, Anson, secretary. Local arrangements will be handled by the Singing Convention committee of the chamber of commerce, with A. L. Stell, chairman, Albert Thompson and Raymond Day as co-workers.

Just say you saw it in The Mail.

Additional List of Donors to Cemetery Maintenance Fund

A further list of donors to the 1947 upkeep fund of Rose Hill cemetery—fifth group to be printed by The Mail—follows, (and all later subscriptions to the cause will also be acknowledged through this newspaper):

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JOHNSON'S—	Carnu, pint	49c	Red and White— Mixed—	Vegetables, No. 2	19c
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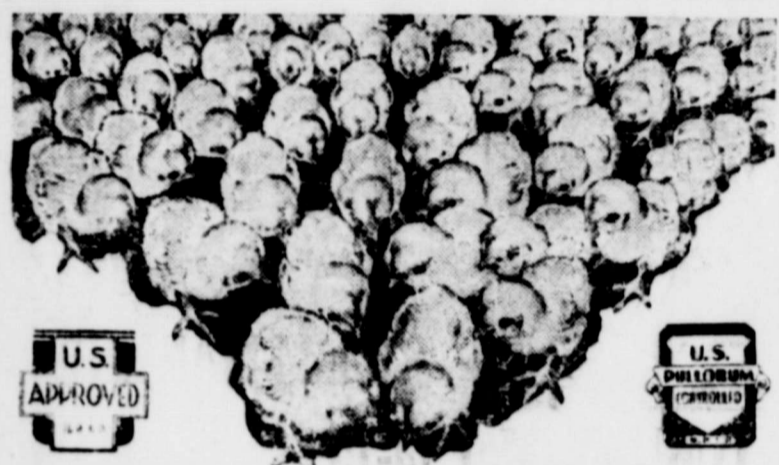
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Merkel's long-felt need of a Garden club was realized last week when a number of enthusiastic horticulturists met in the home of Mrs. S. D. Gamble and perfected such an organization. The meeting was held in the form of a tea on Thursday afternoon with Mesdames W. S. J. Brown, Earl Lassiter and John Shannon co-hostesses with Mrs. Gamble.

Regular meetings will be held on the first and third Thursdays of each month and all interested persons are urged to become a member. Mrs. Carroll Benson will be the next hostess on Mar. 20, at 3 o'clock.

The following officers were elected to serve the ensuing year: President, Mrs. Jack Miller; 1st vice-president, Mrs. W. S. J. Brown; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. Wm. Sloman; 3rd vice-president, Mrs. Earl Lassiter; 4th vice-president, Mrs. S. D. Gamble; corresponding secretary, Mrs. George T. Moore; recording secretary, Mrs. Lue Petty; treasurer, Mrs. Joe B. Toombs; parliamentarian, Mrs. W. T. Sadler; press reporter, Mrs. Dee Grimes. Membership will be limited to thirty members at present.

At the refreshment hour, the hostesses served a dainty tea plate from a lace-laid table centered with an attractive arrangement of sweet peas to the following charter members: Mesdames W. C. Chard, Lue Petty, El. Case, Robert Hibel, Carroll Benson, Doyle Scitried, W. S. J. Brown, Joe B. Toombs, Stacy Bird, Paul

West, Wm. Sloman, Jack Miller, R. M. Ferguson, Dee Grimes, Elma McFarland, S. D. Gamble and John Shannon.

EASTERN STAR.

Six candidates were initiated into Merkel Chapter No. 212, Order of the Eastern Star, at a called meeting which was held at the Masonic hall, Mar. 3. Initiated into the order by a very impressive initiatory candle-light service were Mrs. Buck Leach, Mrs. G. R. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Savell and Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Butler. The chapter was indeed glad to receive these fine people and they showed evidence of their desire to become enthusiastic workers in the organization. Two visitors from the Stamford chapter, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Meadows, were welcomed. They also assisted with the initiation.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Smith served refreshments to the following: Messrs. and Mesdames S. E. Meadows, Stamford, J. B. Griffin, Bill Dunagin, D. R. Butler and Elmer Savell; Mesdames H. R. McKeever, Craig Humphreys, Claude Warren, C. O. Harris, G. M. Sharp, C. W. Seago, Bryan Dunagin, Howard Carson, Ed Gant, D. S. Neel, H. C. Reid, F. R. Tarpley, Oscar Johnson, Buck Leach, W. L. Johnson, Melvin Loader, G. R. Smith, Roy Miller and Frank Patterson.

WCSN MEETS

The Women's Society of Christian Service met on Mar. 10 at the Methodist church. Mrs. Vernon Hudson began the meeting with a song, "The Kingdom Is Coming," and Mrs. L. A. Watts said the opening prayer.

Mrs. Ray Wilson brought out the second lesson on "Christianity and Race." Mrs. Carl Wiseman talked on "Sense and Nonsense" about race which was interesting as every one joined in on the discussion of it.

The meeting was closed with a prayer from Mrs. J. M. Collins.

BAPTISTS - W. M. S.

The Blanche Rose Walker Circle of the First Baptist church met on Monday afternoon in the home of Mrs. J. S. Swann.

Mrs. A. R. Booth presided over the business session. Mrs. W. L. Johnson led the opening prayer and Mrs. P. F. Harris taught a very interesting Bible lesson to Mesdames J. O. Castles, Earl Lassiter, E. R. Cleck, Sam Swann, J. J. McNiece and the above mentioned. The meeting was closed with prayer by Mrs. McNiece.

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

In The Churches

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

Absences from sickness held the attendance at the seven reporting Sunday Schools in Merkel to around 500 again last Sunday. On the same Sunday a year ago the attendance was 750.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Morning sermon at 11. Training Union at 6:30 p. m. Evening sermon at 7:50. Prayer meeting at 7:15 Wednesday evening.

PRIMITIVE BAPTISTS.

Preaching fourth Sunday in each month at 11 a. m. Saturday 2:50 p. m. and night, at the band house. Every one is invited to attend.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

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

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.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday: Bible School at 9:45 a. m.; preaching 10:50 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Wednesday prayer meeting at 7:30 p. m.

Reporter.

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.

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.

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. Riedler, Pastor.

Hospital Notes

Mrs. Howard Smith underwent surgery at Sadler Clinic Wednesday. Patients received during the week for treatment were: Mary Gale Coffey, Mar. 8, and Mrs. Charlie Davis, Mar. 11.

Garden Hints

from Merkel Garden Club.

Now is the time to prune rosebush roses to about 20 inches. (By the 15th of March.)

Time to divide Shasta daisies and cannas and re-set.

All early vegetables should be in the ground now as quickly as possible.

Loosen strawberry mulches, but do not remove yet.

Make up the hotbed and sow in it peppers, tomatoes, cucumbers and melons.

Get ground ready for seeds of hardy annuals; also sow in hotbed such hardy annuals as snapdragons, phloxes and verbenas.

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Cartoon—Latest News

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WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY

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JOHN HODIAK -:- LUCILLE BALL

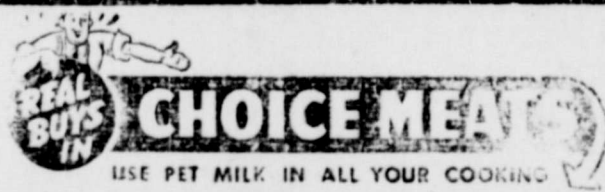
"Two Smart People"

Popular Science—Cartoon



SPECIALS for FRIDAY & SATURDAY, Mar 14-15

VITA BEST BLACKEYED PEAS 19c NO. 2 CAN	CUT FROST BEET 7c NO. 2 CAN	K. B. PEANUT BUTTER 29c Pint Jar	NUBBINS SOUR PICKLES 10c Pint Jar
MARYLAND CLUB— COFFEE lb. 43c 1 Pound Jars—4 Pound Limit	ADAMS— ORANGE JUICE 46 oz. can 25c No. 2 can 10c	WHITON'S PINTO BEANS 15c No. 2 can	FAULTLESS Whole Kernel CORN 15c 12 oz. can
ROMAY TOMATOES 15c No. 2 can	PURE— APPLE JELLY 22c 1 Pound Jar	MARVENE SUDS 25c Box	FAULTLESS GRAPEFRUIT JUICE 9c No. 2 can
EVERLITE— FLOUR sack \$3.25 25 Pound SACK \$1.69	PHILLIPS— PORK & BEANS No. 2 18c	THE SOAP— SUPER SUDS, large box 33c	SUNSHINE— CRACKERS, 2 lb/ box 39c



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