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PERSONAL NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Stanley went to Fort Worth last week-end to visit in the home of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Liles, who have a new daughter, Myrna Lillian. Mrs. Stanley remained for a few days' visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cannon of Chicago, Ill., stopped several days with Mr. Cannon's mother, Mrs. Annie Turner, on their return trip home from Florida where they had been spending their winter vacation. They motored to Lubbock Monday with Mrs. Turner and visited with Dave and family, Mrs. Turner's youngest son. Mr. Cannon says that the weather in Merkel was more enjoyable than what they experienced in Florida. They left Wednesday on their return to Chicago.

Miss Billie Carolyn Chambless, who attends school in Aspermont, spent the week-end at home with her mother, Mrs. Billie Chambless. Coming down to spend Sunday were Mrs. Clyde Dodson and Mrs. E. V. Smith, with whom Billie returned home.

Mrs. W. D. Hutcheson has returned from an extended visit with her son, Jerome, at Shreveport, La., and a son and daughter, Floyd and Mrs. D. L. Holladay, in Houston.

Recent visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Stanley were Mr. and Mrs. Lee Garrison of 1807 N. Mont Clair, Dallas, and G. W. Stanfield of Route 2, Hillsboro. Mr. Stanfield formerly owned the place at Stith which Mr. Stanley bought from him 31 years ago.

Mrs. Norris Lineweaver and two sons, David and Stephen, of Baltimore, Md., after visiting her sister, Mrs. Virgil Patterson, left Sunday for San Francisco, Calif., to take a plane Tuesday for China where they will join her husband, Major Lineweaver. Guests in the Patterson home while her sister was here were another sister, Mrs. Mabel Cooper, and four children, of Dimmitt; their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Alin, of Perryton, and her aunt, Mrs. Claude Blackwell, and son, Jerry, of Lott, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. McMillen, of Catalina, Calif., who spent the winter in Florida and Washington, D. C., were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Sheppard. Also in the party returning to California were Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Harris, of Corona, who visited with old friends here.

Mrs. Royce Eiland and daughter, Cheryl Lynn, left Friday of last week for the W. J. Largent and Son ranch at Folsom, N. M., of which her husband is manager. Her grandfather, Rev. J. W. Saffle, accompanied them and will visit about two weeks.

Mrs. Lewis J. Adams and little daughter, Liane, are visiting in the John and Twyman Collins homes. Her husband, Captain Adams, who came with them, spent Sunday here and went on to El Paso, where he is to be stationed and where his wife and daughter will join him when living quarters are secured.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Woodrum and son, Bobby Lee, flew from Fort Worth Saturday for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Woodrum. Mr. Woodrum flew back Sunday, but Mrs. Woodrum and son remained here to spend the week.

Week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Gregory were Mrs. Gregory's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Pierce, and brother, Lenis Pierce, Jr., of Lindale.

Frank C. McFarland, student in the Baylor Dental school, at Dallas, is spending a week's vacation at home between semesters.

WITH OUR BOYS

Arriving home Tuesday was T-9 William H. Swinney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Swinney, who has received his discharge after 7 months in the service. For the past year he has been with the 43rd Engineer Construction battalion, stationed near Tokyo, Japan.

Vayden H. Horton, Jr., of Route 4, Merkel, Texas, was recently transferred from the Army Air Force Base, San Antonio, for communications specialty training with the Signal Corps school at Monmouth, N. J. It is reported in a news release from the Public Relations office at Monmouth.

Easter Program

The young people of White Church will put on an Easter program Sunday night, Apr. 6, at White Church. Every one is invited to attend and bring some one with you.

REA APPROVES \$330,000 LOAN TO TAYLOR COOP

Telegrams Received Wednesday from Congressmen Announcing Allocation of Funds for Extension of REA Service.

Wednesday morning similar telegrams were received by Supt. Riggs Sheppard of the Taylor County Electric Cooperative, Inc., from Congressman Omar Burleson and United States Senator Tom Connally stating "REA advises that your loan for extension of service in Nolan, Taylor, Jones and Callahan counties was approved today in the amount of \$330,000."

Construction on the new group of extensions, which will add 298 miles of line to serve 584 rural consumers, will go forward within 30 to 90 days, Mr. Sheppard said Wednesday, but may be partially delayed because of the continued shortage of critical electrical materials.

Within 30 to 60 days a contract involving the last REA loan for construction of 205 miles of line serving 450 to 460 consumers, will be completed, he said, unless unexpected transformers and wire fail to arrive on schedule.

The Taylor cooperative supplies electricity to rural consumers throughout Taylor and Callahan counties, the eastern portion of Nolan county, southern half of Jones county and portions of Fisher and Shackelford counties.

Family Together First Time in Sixteen Years

It was the first time in 16 years—and only the third time in the family history—that all the Decker children had been together when all eleven of them gathered on Saturday, Mar. 15, at the Stith school house for a reunion and picnic lunch. A number of friends called in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Decker, who came to this country in the early days and were married Nov. 24, 1887, at the home of Mrs. Decker's late father, "Uncle Jimmy Baker," south of Trent, reared a family of eleven children, all of whom are living and were present at this reunion. They have 39 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren, and death only once—in the case of a great-grandchild—has entered the ranks.

Mr. Decker, who is 78 years old, came in 1884, while Mrs. Decker, whose maiden name was Ellender Baker, came with her father from Goliad. Mr. Decker came from Montgomery county, Texas, and has engaged in farming for the most of his life.

The children are: Mrs. Lena Kirkpatrick, Silverton, Ore.; Mrs. Florence Levy, Farwell; Mrs. Lily Baldwin, Post; Mrs. Irene Wingo, Silverton, Ore.; Mrs. Ima Moore, Farwell; Jim Decker, Goree; Mrs. Sasie Kelly, Muskogee, Okla.; Mrs. Alto Shouse, Merkel; Bill Decker, Goree; Mrs. Velma McCoy, Merkel, and A. Z. Decker. Merkel in-laws present were Hollis McCoy, Warren Kelly, Elmer Levy, Mrs. Jim Decker, Mrs. Bill Decker and Mrs. A. Z. Decker.

Grandchildren present were Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Kirkpatrick, Jr., and son, Fort Worth; Mrs. Sammie Rankin, Waco; Miss Zazie Kirkpatrick, Austin; Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Balder, Jr., son and daughter, Post; Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Reid and son, Post; Mrs. Dock White and two daughters, Lone Grove, Okla.; Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Shouse, Jr., and daughter, Anson; Aubrey L. (Tag) Shouse, student, Lubbock; Miss Ima Ruth Shouse, Merkel; Gypsy, J. C. and Jean Decker, Goree; Billy, Doris, Tommy and Jerry Decker, Goree; Gerald McCoy, student, Lubbock; Burl McCoy, Gustine Decker, Merkel.

ADULT CLASSES AT TRENT ENTERTAINED

The Ladies' and Men's Adult classes of the Trent Methodist church were entertained in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Strawn, on Mar. 19. A St. Patrick theme was attractively carried out in decorations, favors and delightful refreshments. In a business session conducted by John Strawn, it was voted to invite the Young Married People's class to join in future entertainments.

Games and stunts were directed by Christine Kitchens and Mrs. Hallie Allen. The next social hour will be held Apr. 16 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Williamson.

VOLUNTEERS TO SEEK DONATIONS FOR RC DRIVE

As yet, a concerted local drive for Red Cross funds in the annual national campaign has been interfered with by a number of intervening causes, so much sickness being one of the principal holdbacks.

Chairman Earl Hughes reports \$124.00 has been turned in by one of the committees assigned to business territory, while plans were just initiated this week by Co-Chairmen Mrs. Elma McFarland and C. J. Glover for women volunteers to solicit contributions in the residential parts of town.

Over \$1600 Raised For 1947 Cemetery Maintenance Fund

With several substantial donations from out-of-town residents, nearly \$1000.00 was added the past week to the 1947 upkeep fund for Rose Hill cemetery. As reported Tuesday by Chairman T. L. Grimes, the grand total was \$1,621.50 to date.

During the past week, among those from out-of-town who sent donations were: Mr. and Mrs. Comer Patterson, Lawan, \$5.00; Miss Mamie Ellis, of Abilene, \$2.00; J. D. Sheppard, Dallas, \$5.00; R. L. Grimes, Borger, \$20.00; R. C. Grimes, Crane, \$10.00; Otis Foster, Maljamar, N. M., \$2.00; and Mrs. A. G. McDonald, Iranan, \$5.00.

By error in copying the list the donation of Donnelly Bros. Hatchery was reported last week as \$1.00, when it should have been \$2.50.

Others who have made donations during the current week follow:

Mrs. A. L. Hogue	\$ 6.00
F. E. Church	2.00
C. E. Derrington	2.50
E. B. Barnes	10.00
J. F. Davis	1.00
J. M. Sandusky	5.00
B. H. Bincy	3.00
J. W. Mayfield	2.00
Frank Carr	1.60
W. A. Jones Estate	10.00
W. A. Hogue	5.00
Mrs. N. Causseaux	2.00
H. H. Tittle	1.00

E. C. Brown Surprised With Birthday Dinner

On Sunday, Mar. 16, E. C. Brown, pioneer farmer of the Goodman community, was happily surprised with a birthday dinner, prepared by his wife and children. The bountiful meal was climaxed with the cutting of the two-tiered birthday cake, decorated with 71 pink candles.

Children present were Mr. and Mrs. Efford Brown and daughter, Mary Ellen, and a married daughter, Mrs. Gordon Howell, Doyle and Mary Sue; Mr. and Mrs. Glynn Elliott and daughter, Glynda, of Nolan; Mr. and Mrs. Morris Phillips of Abilene, and Mrs. Buster Brown and Norvell Brown.

LOCAL NEWS BRIEFS

Cyrus Pee, real estate agent, announces the opening of Ensminger addition at the south end of Oak street. Mrs. Bertha Ensminger, the owner has reserved two lots for her home place and the remaining 22 lots are on the market for sale as town lots.

A commodious duplex and also a garage apartment of rock construction are being erected on Yucca street by E. O. Carson on a lot and 15 feet of the adjoining lot which he purchased from Clyde Bartlett. Bob Fowler is contractor for the Carson duplex and garage apartment. Mr. Carson plans to occupy one of the duplex apartments as his family home place. The new Bartlett home is nearing completion.

Fundamentalist Meet Will Begin Apr. 6

A revival meeting will begin at the Fundamentalist Baptist church the first Sunday in next month, Apr. 6. A. T. Suskey, a converted Jew, will preach at each service. Services to begin at 7:30 each night; no morning service. Everybody is cordially invited to attend.

Shower Planned Tuesday

There will be a shower at Mrs. Beaufford Buntin's home Tuesday, Apr. 1, at 2:30 p. m. for Mrs. J. B. Wade, Jr., whose house was destroyed by fire Sunday.

TRIBUTES FOR MRS. C. T. DERRICK HELD MONDAY

Long-Time Member of Baptist Church, Teacher of Adult Class at Noodle Eleven Years, Is Claimed by Death.

Mrs. C. T. Derrick, 60, died at 1:05 a. m. Sunday at her home in the Noodle community, following a five months illness.

Funeral services were held at 2:30 p. m. Monday from the Noodle Baptist church, with Rev. W. R. Murdock, Baptist pastor of McCaulley, conducting the service, assisted by Rev. L. V. Ratliff, Noodle pastor. Burial was in Rose Hill cemetery, under direction of Barrow-Sheppard Funeral home.

Pallbearers were men from the Adult Bible class in the Noodle Baptist church whom she had taught for eleven years: W. Roundtree, L. S. Story, W. J. Cox, Grady Bishop, L. M. Payne and Benny Anderson. The flower girls were women of the Married People's class.

Her maiden name was Maude Jones and she was born Oct. 2, 1886, in Georgia, moving to Collin county, Texas, at the age of 16 with her parents. She taught school several years in Collin county and worked for a number of years in the telephone office at McKinney, where she was night chief operator at the time of her marriage to C. T. Derrick, Noodle stock-farmer, on Feb. 22, 1924. She had been a member of the Baptist church since childhood, descended from a long line of deacons on both sides of the family.

Survivors include her husband; one daughter, Allah Ruth; four step-children, Mrs. Vernie Moore of Post, Gerald Derrick of Merkel, Rodgers Derrick of the U. S. Army in Maryland and Mrs. Ora Tubbs of Abilene; three sisters, Mrs. John Jesse of Bixby, Okla., Mrs. Ernest Hankins of McKinney, Mrs. Floyd Pennell of Denton; one brother, W. C. Jones of Dallas, and three grandchildren.

Relatives Attend W. J. Cox Rites at Lamesa

Walter J. Cox, 72, former resident of Merkel for many years before moving to Lamesa in 1915, died Saturday at his home there.

Funeral services were held at 3 p. m. Sunday from the Nazarene church in Lamesa, and burial was in a Lamesa cemetery.

Walter J. Cox was born in Bremond, Texas, Mar. 16, 1875, and came to Merkel at the age of 15 with his parents. He was married July 4, 1894, to the former Martha Oxford. Until his retirement several years ago he was engaged in farming.

Surviving are his wife; six children, Mrs. L. W. Vardaman, Roy J. Cox and Mrs. M. F. McReynolds, of Lamesa; Otto Cox, Corcoran, Calif.; Mrs. Austin Williams, Ontario, Calif.; and Carl W. Cox, Waco; four brothers, W. T. and L. W. Cox, Merkel; F. Cox, Fabens, and J. M. Cox, Corcoran, Calif.; three sisters, Mrs. H. B. Chambless, Abilene, and Mrs. C. R. Tittle and Mrs. Ira Moore, Merkel, 25 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Among relatives from here attending the funeral were Lee Cox, Mr. and Mrs. Denzel Cox, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Sandusky, Mr. and Mrs. Carlton King, Mrs. Box Murphree, Miss Alma Cox, Mrs. C. R. Tittle, Betty Jane Tittle, Mrs. Billie Chambless and Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Reynolds of Trent.

Canada Resident Visits Cousins in Merkel

A visitor last week with Mrs. Jim Toombs and Mrs. F. T. Hogan was their cousin, Dan Hays, of Calgary, Alberta, Canada, who was accompanied by another cousin, Jimmy Hays, of Monroe City, La.

The former is owner of the Holstein that was world's butterfat producer in 1945 with a record of 1,400 pounds of butterfat. Mr. Hays ships cattle by plane, one recent shipment of 15 head arriving in Cuba within 9 hours from loading time at Ontario. He also uses planes for shipments to other foreign countries.

Box Supper

There is to be a box and pie supper at the Methodist church of White Church Friday night, Apr. 4. Every one is invited to come and bring a box or pie. The evening is sponsored by the church.

VOTERS TO NAME MAYOR OF CITY. TWO ALDERMEN

While the official ballot lists four candidates for mayor, one of the candidates for the mayoralty, L. J. Murray, has withdrawn his name, leaving three in the field for that office in the city election to be held Tuesday, Apr. 1. They are: A. J. Canon, W. A. Harris and Lester F. Dorton.

With two aldermen to be elected, there are four candidates on the ballot: Earl Hughes, Robert Hicks, W. D. Gamble and Marvin B. Higgins.

Voting place will be the city hall. Polls will be open from 8 a. m. to 6 p. m., according to the published election notice. T. L. Grimes is to be election judge.

Sponsoring a ticket headed by Dorton for mayor, with Higgins and Gamble as aldermanic candidates, Merkel Post 5683 Veterans of Foreign Wars has conducted an organized campaign over the past four weeks.

Mayor H. C. West is retiring from the office of mayor which he has held a number of years. Terms of S. D. Gamble and H. W. Lemens expire as aldermen.

"Resurrection" Theme Of Women's Meeting

"The Resurrection" will be the program theme for the meeting of the Inter-Church Council of Women, to be held at Grace Presbyterian church Monday afternoon, Mar. 31, at 3 o'clock.

Mrs. Will Sloman will bring the devotional, "What the Resurrection Means to Me;" special music will be rendered by Mrs. Vincent Barnett, and Mrs. J. D. Roedler, pastor of the Church of the Nazarene, is to bring the inspirational message, "He Is Risen."

Father of Mrs. L. R. Cade Dies in Abilene

Funeral services were held at 9 p. m. Wednesday from the View Baptist church for J. B. (Dad) Morrison, 89, resident of Taylor county for the past 41 years. He died Tuesday night in Hendrick Memorial hospital, Abilene.

Mr. Morrison was a member of the View Baptist church and was a retired farmer. Mrs. Morrison died in 1936.

Survivors include two sons, Ernest of Abilene and Leonard Morrison of Corroze; four daughters, Mrs. L. R. Cade of Noodle, Mrs. Davis Beasley of Meadow, Mrs. Tom McGehee of Abilene and Mrs. Grady Petree of View; 14 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Hospital Notes

Patients entering Sadler Clinic during the week for treatment were: E. R. Vinson, A. D. McCain, Mar. 21; Mrs. George F. West, Mar. 23; Mrs. Ellsworth Bell, Mar. 26; the Ben Stallaby baby, Mar. 26. Receiving tonsillectomies during the week were Mrs. Dorothy Lloyd and Mrs. T. G. Gregory.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

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

CELEBRATES GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

On last Sunday Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Cook, prominent and well known citizens of the Noodle community, celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary, having with them the occasion, all of their children and grandchildren, besides a few invited friends and neighbors.

Mr. and Mrs. Cook were born in Giles county, Tenn., he being 74 years of age on the 16th of next June and she, 66 on April 18th.

To this happy union of wedded life twenty children were born, nine of whom survive and are as follows: Hugh Cook and Mrs. Oscar Calloway, Matador; Dock Shaffer, Mrs. Shaffer being dead and children on the Plains; Roy Meeks, Slaton; Sam Cook, Coahoma; George Cook, Stith; Jim, Pete, Radford, Miss Inez and Gussie who live at or near home. Besides the children there are also about 25 grandchildren living. It was a great occasion for this fine old couple and this paper joins their children, grandchildren and a host of friends in wishing for them many more such happy occasions.

FIRST IN SERIES OF APPRECIATION DAYS APRIL 2nd

Group of 45 Merchants of Merkel Have Joined to Express Appreciation with Special Program Each Wednesday.

By way of showing their appreciation to customers for past patronage and in anticipation of their continued patronage, a group of 45 Merkel merchants has joined together in featuring a series of "Appreciation Days," which will be held each Wednesday, beginning next Wednesday, Apr. 2. A special program will be arranged for 4 p. m. each Wednesday.

The "Appreciation Day" program in Merkel is sponsored by the Junior chamber of commerce.

The complete list of participating merchants appears in a full page invitation over their signatures on page 3 of this issue of The Mail.

School Teachers Attend Oil Belt Meeting

Nineteen members of the Merkel school faculty attended the Oil Belt Teachers meeting held at Wichita Falls Friday night and Saturday of last week.

In the party going via school bus driven by Supt. R. A. McCollum were Mesdames Ellen McReynolds, Johnny Cox, Ernest Teaff, Paul Orsborn, H. C. Reid, Elsie Nash, Oleone Humphreys, P. C. Wylie, W. C. Perkins and Opal Yocham; Misses Norah Foster, Lydia Norcross, Judy Tyree; C. A. Farley, principal of the Grade school; Edwin Read, principal of High school, and Mrs. Read and Mrs. McCollum, High School and Grade School teachers, respectively. Mrs. Myrtle Woolley went by private conveyance.

Burial at Shep for Jesse Grant Herron

Jesse Grant Herron, 64, died at 10 p. m. Tuesday at his home as the result of a stroke which he suffered Thursday.

Funeral services were held at 1 p. m. from the chapel of the Barrow-Sheppard Funeral home, with Rev. E. M. Weathers, pastor of the First Baptist church officiating. Following the service the body was taken to Shep for burial.

Mr. Herron was born May 19, 1882, in Collin county and was married Mar. 3, 1901, to the former Ada Freeman at Wingate. The family moved to Merkel about 10 years ago where he had been engaged in farming.

Survivors are his wife; three daughters, Mrs. R. L. Denson and Mrs. O. H. Davis, both of Merkel, and Mrs. R. C. Blackwell of Sweetwater; two sons, Jake Herron of Truby and Jesse Lee Herron of Big Spring; one sister, Mrs. J. J. Self of Sylvester; two brothers, R. F. Herron of Brownfield and A. F. Herron of Aquilla; nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Mr. John Pike of Bagwell, Texas,

is making an extended visit in the home of J. R. Pee and family and her granddaughter, Mrs. Denzel Cox.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

On Tuesday afternoon from four until six o'clock the little folks of the Stith community enjoyed a delightful party at the home of Mrs. W. A. Ford. The occasion was the fifth birthday of little Grovema Ford and the sixth birthday of her sister, Mattie Lou.

After a delightful play hour the little folks assembled in the dining room where refreshments consisting of fruit salad, cream and angel food cake were served to the following: Mary Nell Mashburn, Mildred West, Alice Dunagin, Pauline Bradley, Nell Arnwine, Charlie Williams, Wanda Martin, Toy Lightsey, Anna Lou Church, Helen Bradley, Lucy Fae and Hattie May Dwiggin, Masters Buster Bradley, W. M. Dunagin, Clyde Deavers, Jr., and the hostesses, little Grovema and Mattie Lou Ford.

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RURAL SOCIETY

PATTERSON-ROANE.
 Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Patterson are announcing the marriage of their only son, Elmer J. Patterson, Jr., to Miss Theilma Jean Roane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Roane, of Maryneal. They were married in Fort Worth Mar. 17.

The bride wore an aqua two-piece wool suit with black accessories and her corsage was gardenias. Mrs. Patterson is a graduate of Divide high school. She also attended Western Union at Sweetwater and worked for the telegraph company 3 years.

The groom was a Senior in Merkel High school when he enlisted for the U. S. Navy and served 3 years, most of that time being overseas.

The couple will live in Nubia community where Elmer is engaged in farming.

BLUEBONNET CLUB.
 The Bluebonnet Home Demonstration club met on regular meeting day, Mar. 18, at the Butman school house, with Mrs. Artist Cook and Mrs. Arlton Farmer acting as co-hostesses. The meeting was conducted by the vice-president, Mrs. Adrian Farmer.

After the meeting was called to order, Mrs. Artist Cook led the group in a word of prayer and Mrs. F. E. Healer led the club "theme" song, "Beautiful Texas." Mrs. Lewis Farmer, clothing demonstrator, discussed the facts with the club to prepare to make a dress-form. With the council member absent, due to her husband's illness, Mrs. Elmer Patterson, there was no council report. A number of games were directed by Mrs. F. E.

Healer, recreation leader, carrying out "St. Patrick's Day" theme.

Refreshments of sandwiches, olives, cookies, mint candy and cold drinks were served to the following members and their children: Mesdames Tom Russon, Adrian Farmer, Arlton Farmer, Lewis Farmer, Artist Cook and F. E. Healer; Shirley Farmer, Wayne Woodard, James and Marion Healer.

The next meeting day will be April 1, with Mrs. Tom Russon and Mrs. Dewel McLean acting as hostesses. Every one is invited to come and be with us.

GOLAN CLUB.
 Mrs. Cecil Stevens gave a helpful demonstration on "Organizing Work in the Home" for fifteen members of the Golan Home Demonstration club Wednesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. V. P. Byrom. Mrs. W. M. Lawlis had charge of a short recreation.

Mrs. Stevens and Mrs. Lawlis went to Anson Mar. 5 to a Leader Training meeting to prepare for this demonstration.

Those present were: Mesdames I. D. Vancil, B. R. Vancil, J. C. Jeffrey, Cecil Stevens, O. F. Hill, A. L. Cade, H. F. Jeffrey, H. C. Vancil, P. D. Skidmore, V. P. Byrom, O. H. McSpadden, Ollie Skidmore, S. L. Hooper, J. D. Lawlis and S. E. Sipe.

The club will meet with Mrs. S. E. Sipe on Apr. 5.

GOODMAN CLUB.
 The Goodman Home Demonstration club met Mar. 20 in the home of Mrs. B. M. Ueckert for an auction sale.

Guests were taken into a candle-

lighted dining room where they were served punch, cookies and sandwiches. Then all were invited to the living room where several games were played, led by Mrs. Ted Windham, Mrs. H. G. Smith and Mrs. Zed Bright.

Mrs. Bright acted as auctioneer for the sale and a grand time was had by all. The club made over \$25.00 and is very grateful to all their visitors.

The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Irene Pomroy on Mar. 28. The county agent will be present. All members are asked to come and visitors are welcome.

UNION RIDGE CLUB.
 The Union Ridge Home Demonstration club met Wednesday, Mar. 19, in the home of Mrs. O. E. Harwell, with the president, Mrs. Harwell, in charge. Mrs. George Crow led the group in a singsong.

It was decided among members to finish a quilt previously started. Two leaders were appointed to act as demonstrators for the year. They are Mrs. J. D. Jaynes as home improvement and Mrs. Clyde Newton as clothing demonstrator. As the program, members discussed among themselves suggestions for pruning shrubbery, setting out grass for lawns and planting flowers, gardens, etc.

It was decided also to continue revealing "Pals" but by a new method. So every member is urged to attend the next meeting and bring a gift for pals will be revealed on Apr. 4 in the home of Miss Mabel McRee.

Refreshments were served to Mesdames Clyde Newton, J. H. Clark, George Crow, Weldon McAninch, M. L. Douglass, Beauford Buntin, J. F. Jaynes, Miss Mabel McRee and the hostess, Mrs. Harwell.

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MISSION— English Peas, 2 for	No. 2 Can— 35c	WOLF BRAND— Tamales, No. 1 1/2 can	No. 2 Can— 21c
OLD HOE-CAKE— Corn Meal, 5 lb. bag	29c	SPANISH GREEN— Olives, 1 pt. jar	45c
Raisins, 2 lb. pkg.	35c	Cabbage, pound	4c
Carrots, 2 bunches	9c	Yams, pound	8c

MARKET SPECIALS

SLICED BACON, lb.	55c	SEVEN ROAST, lb.	37c
LONGHORN CHEESE, lb.	48c	SALT PORK, lb.	33c

(Hot Barbecue with Sauce)

CARD OF THANKS.
 We wish to express our sincere thanks to our friends for the many acts of kindness and words of sympathy extended us in the illness and death of our brother, also for the beautiful floral offerings and for the food.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Graham.
 Mr. and Mrs. W. T. C. Rains.

CARD OF THANKS.
 To Dr. Sadler and his hospital staff, to Mrs. Rex McLean who worked so faithfully as nurse, and to all the neighbors and friends who helped in any way during the illness and loss of our loved one, we offer our sincere thanks.

The Derrick Family.
 W. C. Jones and Family.
 Mrs. John Jessee and Family.
 Mrs. Ernest Hankins and Family.
 Mrs. Floyd Pennell and Family.

Correction in Address.
 In last week's issue of The Mail reference was made to the address of Miss Loraine Boyce in Beaumont in which the box number was given wrong. The correct address is Route 4, Box 862.

LEGAL NOTICE
CITATION BY PUBLICATION.
 THE STATE OF TEXAS
 To the Sheriff or any Constable of Taylor County, Greeting:

Mrs. Laura L. Conaway, Administratrix of the Estate of James Weldon Conaway, Deceased, having filed in our County Court his final Account of the condition of the Estate of said James Weldon Conaway, Deceased, numbered 3553 on the Probate Docket of Taylor County, together with an application to be dis-

charged from said Administration.
 You Are Hereby Commanded, that by publication of this Writ for ten days in a Newspaper printed in the County of Taylor, State of Texas, you give due notice to all persons interested in the Account for Final Settlement of said Estate, to appear and contest the same if they see proper so to do, on Monday the 7th day of April, A. D., 1947, at the Court House of said County, in Abilene, Texas, when said Account and application will be acted upon by said Court.

Given Under My Hand and seal of said Court, at my office in the City of Abilene, this 25th day of March, A. D. 1947.
 (Seal) Mrs. Chester Hutcheson, Clerk, County Court, Taylor County.

I hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Original Writ now in my hands.

H. T. Fleming,
 Sheriff, Taylor County
 By R. H. Ross, Deputy.

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The right to vote and be represented in assembly, a privilege our forefathers held to be worthy of a fight to a "Liberty or Death" decision, seems to have lost some of its value to us. At least, at times, it is not appreciated to the extent that we will expend the little energy required to exercise the privilege. Failure to use the right to vote and the other privileges of Democracy that we fought for in the past can lead us to the minority rule systems that have invaded other nations in similar situations of lethargy. Let's all vote, but while voting, let's keep the future of our city in mind.

In planning for the future of Merkel, the first consideration should be for a sound financial program. There are many things that can be done to improve our fiscal operations, only one of which is the segregation of income from the various utilities, in order that each may pay its own way. By so doing, economies can be enacted that will allow improved civic sanitation, streets, fire equipment, and the other essentials to our progress. When you vote, think of these things and the men with the ideas and the drive to initiate them.

For Mayor: LESTER DORTON
 For Alderman: BRYAN HIGGINS
 For Alderman: DAVID GAMBLE

City Election April 1, 1947

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Mrs. J. D. Porter, cooperator in the North Merkel conservation group has recently completed a new terrace system on her farms. She started the terracing program about three years ago, completed about 5 miles last year and practically completed the job on the 500-acre farm this spring. Two of the old terraces had improper outlets when they were built and the outlets ends had caved off and washed out into the field. Drop inlets were constructed for these two terraces to empty this field water into the road ditch which had about 3 feet lower elevation. These drop inlets were made by welding 5 steel drums end to end with the end partitions removed. A sixth steel drum was welded on top side of this tube at one end of tube. This formed an elbow joint in the tubing which when properly placed takes the runoff water in at upright end of elbow joint and carries it out to road ditch through long end of tubing. The terrace is fully closed with earthen fill to force the water to outlet through tubing. This type outlet makes it possible to outlet field water into road ditches or channels without danger of caving action caused by overfall.

Contour furrows are being con-

structed on Mrs. Porter's north pasture to retard runoff and to improve grass cover. Guide lines for these furrows were run at one-half regular terrace intervals and they were run level. Furrows will be plowed following the guide lines on 6-foot centers.

Bob Riney, cooperator in the Mt. Pleasant Conservation group, has planted about 5 acres of hubam clover for soil improvement and for seed production. Mr. Riney planted this sweet clover with a seeding attachment on a cultipacker. This cultipacker is a relatively new piece of equipment for this section of Texas. It is especially adapted for firming the seedbed to plant small seed crops such as clovers, alfalfa and grasses. This equipment is available to all district cooperators at a small rental per acre.

Doyle Siefried, operator of the Lige Gamble farm which is cooperating with the district in the Blair Conservation group, is reseeding some of his native pasture with adapted grasses. He has seeded about 4 acres to buffalo, bluegrama and little blue stem grasses. He hopes to use this area as seed patch to produce seed to reseed entire pasture area. This was seeded with cultipacker seeding attachment. Mr. Siefried has also planted about 10 acres of Madrid sweet clover for soil improvement and for grazing purposes. He seeded this clover at the rate of 2 pounds per acre. He is making a trial planting of weeping lovegrass on about 2 acres. He also planted his orchard to hubam clover for soil improvement.

The following district cooperators are constructing new terraces on their farms; Bob Riney, Mt. Pleasant Conservation group, M. P. Latimer, of IXL group, O. B. Moore of White Church group, J. F. Mayes and J. C. Jones of North Stith group, and J. A. Lollar and Mrs. J. C. Edwards of Sinclair group.

QUEEN THEATRE CALENDAR

Friday - Saturday — Double feature program: Ken Curtis, Joan Barton, Guy Kibbee, Hoosier Hotshots in "Lone Star Moonlight" and Ann Savage, Alan Curtis in "Renegade Girl"; Chick Carter serial and cartoon.

Sunday, Monday and Tuesday — Bing Crosby, Joan Caulfield, Fred Astaire in "Blue Skies"; Pluto Cartoon and latest News.

Wednesday - Thursday — Betty Hutton, Sonny Tufts in "Cross My Heart"; March of Time and Unusual Occupations.

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The Irving Berlin-Bing Crosby-Fred Astaire combination that teamed up a few years back to turn out the highly successful "Holiday Inn" have joined their superlative forces again to present a cavalcade of Berlin hits that dwarfs in spectacle their initial effort. The new film is Paramount's "Blue Skies," with Crosby and Astaire sharing star billing with Joan Caulfield, Billy De Wolfe and Olga San Juan in the principal featured roles.

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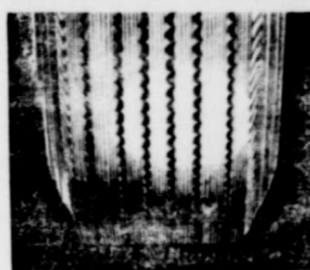
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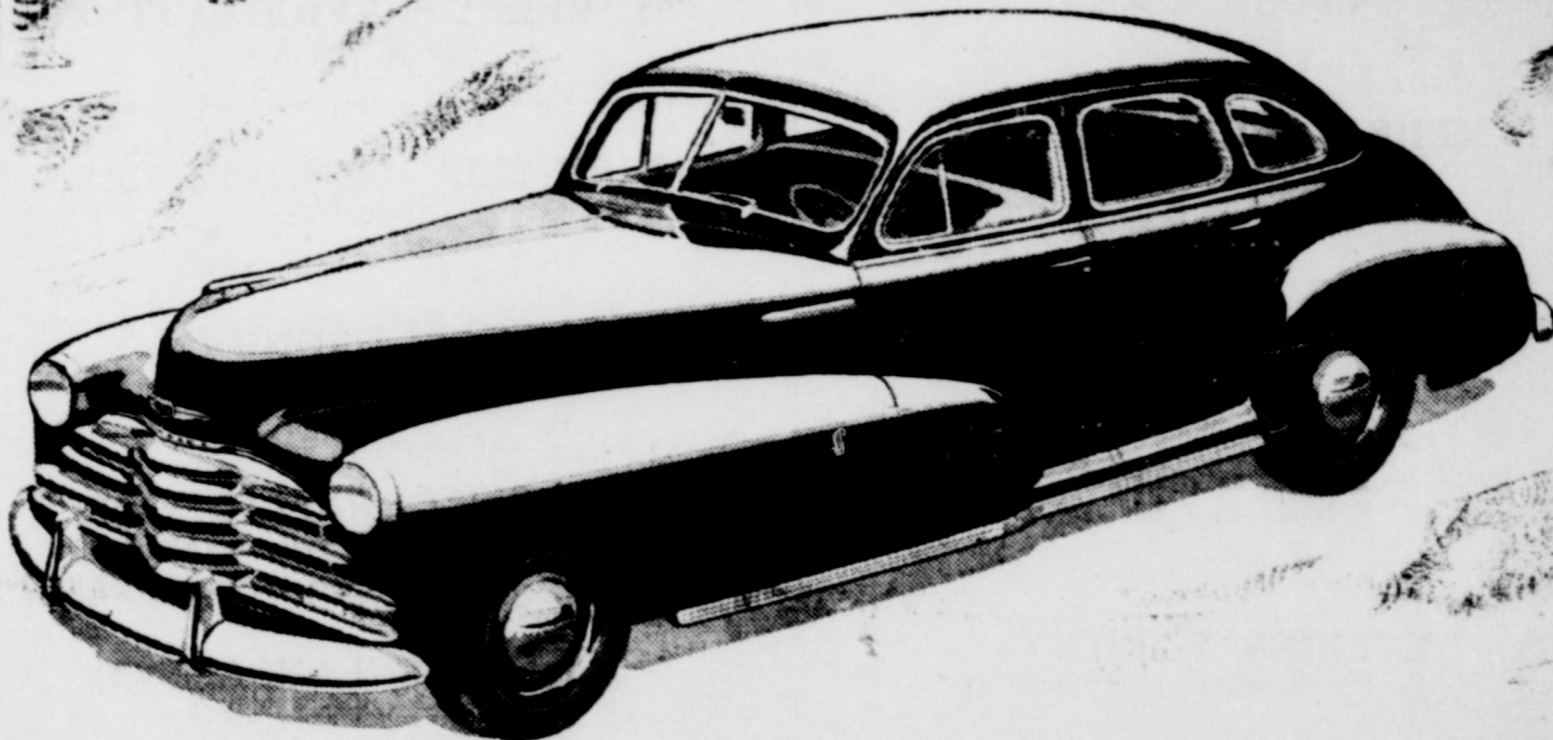


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PRETTY HOME WEDDING FOR ETHEL HOWARD, FORREST GLENN BARNETT.

Miss Ethel Katherine Howard, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Howard, and Forrest Glenn Barnett, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Barnett, were united in marriage at 9 a. m. Thursday of last week in the home of the bridegroom's brother, Mr. and Mrs. Griffin Barnett.

Palms and baskets of calla lilies and stock afforded a lovely setting for the double ring ceremony which was read by Rev. D. S. Neel, pastor of Grace Presbyterian church, in the presence of relatives and a few close friends. The bride was given in marriage by her grandfather, Ben N. Wheeler. Attendants to the couple were Miss Gwendolyn Vaughn and Vincent Barnett, the groom's brother.

Pre-nuptial music was played by Mrs. L. A. Dudley, who also accompanied Mrs. Vincent Barnett in "Because" and "I Love You Truly."

The bride wore a pink wool suit with white and brown accessories and an orchid corsage. She received her education at the Boles home in Quinlan, Texas, and is now employed as bookkeeper by the West company.

The bridegroom, who is a graduate of Merkel High school, served three and one-half years with the Army Air Forces and since his return from the services is in the employ of the West Farm Machinery company.

Miss Annie Howard, sister of the bride, was in charge of the guest register. After the ceremony, the three-tiered wedding cake was cut and served by Mrs. Ruth Deason, another sister. Mrs. Vincent Barnett presided at the punch bowl.

After a short wedding trip, the couple is now at home in the Brooks Patterson apartment on Oak street.

GARDEN CLUB FEATURES EASTER THEME.

Mesdames Carroll Benson and John Shannon graciously combined hostess duties on last Thursday afternoon to entertain members of the Garden club. The rooms were beautifully decorated with sweet peas, pansies and baby iris where a program on "Plant-

ing Spring Flowers" was carried out by all present in a round table discussion led by Mrs. Paul West.

Next meeting will be on Apr. 3 at the Youth Center with Mrs. Jack Miller and Mrs. Dee Grimes co-hostesses. Membership is not limited and all interested are invited to come at 3 o'clock, April third, and answer roll call with a "garden hint."

At the refreshment hour Mrs. Benson and Mrs. Shannon invited guests into a pretty tea table centered with an Easter arrangement of rabbits and cut flowers from which punch and cookies were served to Mesdames Licavenia Petty, Earl Lassiter, Carroll Benson, Joe Bailey Tombs, Cleby Patterson, Raymond Ferguson, Homer Patterson, Stacy Bird, Robert Dennis, Dee Grimes, Herbert Patterson, D. H. Vaughn, Jack Miller, Will Sloman, W. S. J. Brown, Ray Wilson, Doyle Siefried, Geo. T. Moore, Paul West, John Shannon and J. W. Bryan.

EASTERN STAR.

Tuesday evening at the Masonic hall the Merkel Chapter No. 212, Order of the Eastern Star, held its regular March meeting. Mrs. Aurra Johnson, secretary, reported that she had had word that the school of instruction will be held in Sweetwater, June 16, and it was urged that as many members as possible make plans to attend. The second Tuesday in each month has been designated study night, sponsored by the Past Matrons and Past Patrons club, at the Masonic hall here, to prepare for this school. It was urged that all members attend these meetings.

At the close of the meeting, Mrs. C. B. Rust and Mrs. Wade Enslinger served refreshments to Mrs. C. E. Giles, visitor from the Pharr chapter and now a resident of Merkel, and the following members: Messrs. and Mesdames H. G. Smith, A. J. Armstrong, J. B. Griffin, Lee Savell, D. R. Butler and Bill Danagin; Mesdames G. M. Sharp, Buck Leach, C. W. Seago, Sallie Gant, T. J. R. Swafford, D. S. Neel, G. R. Smith, Craig Humphreys, Ralph Tarpley, Ross Pratt, Bryan Danagin, Melvin Loader, C. O. Harriss, H. C. Reid and W. L. Johnson.

WCS MEETS.

The Women's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist church met in the home of Mrs. Ray Wilson on Mar. 24 for the executive meeting. A delicious luncheon was served at noon.

The business meeting was called to order at 3 p. m. Mrs. L. A. Watts brought out the devotional and also told about her personal experience on "Race," which proved very interesting. Mrs. Will Sloman talked on an article written by Margaret C. McCulloch called "Know Then Act." Mrs. Wilson concluded the study on "Race."

Besides those on the program others present were Mesdames Tom Largent, W. C. Church, Vernon Hudson, Leroy Brown, Virgil Patterson, Jack Miller, J. M. Collins and Roy Berry; Miss Grace Elizabeth Brown.

The next meeting will be at the Presbyterian church on Mar. 31 at 3 p. m.

BAPTIST CIRCLES.

The Blanche Rose Walker Circle of the First Baptist church met Monday afternoon in the home of Mrs. J. J. McNiece. Opening prayer was

Garden Hints from Merkel Garden Club.

Take no stock in that Old Granny notion that plants grow for some people and not for others. That's a mistaken idea; your plants, trees, shrubs, flowers and vegetables—all will love you, and will grow beautifully for you, if you will just give them the food, water and simple care that they require—so richly deserve. This is a good time to shear evergreen hedges and specimen evergreens; beautiful new growth soon will cover the scars.

Renew the lawn by top dressing with fresh soil and bone meal. Consider St. Augustine grass for shady areas.

led by Mrs. H. R. Hicks, and the devotional was brought by Mrs. Irl Walker. Taking part on the program were Mrs. J. O. Castles and Mrs. Sam Swann. Mrs. Irl Walker gave the closing prayer.

Those present were Mesdames Earl Lassiter, P. F. Harris, R. H. Matthews, Hugh Campbell and W. L. Johnson and the above mentioned.

The Floy Hawkins Circle met in the home of Mrs. L. T. Derrington on Monday afternoon for a program on "Home Mission." The opening prayer was given by Mrs. Danning McConnell, and the devotional from Mal. 3:10 and Matt. 23:23 was led by Mrs. E. M. Weathers. Others taking part on the program were Mrs. Don Riney and Mrs. McConnell. The meeting was brought to a close with sentence prayers, after which delicious cream and cake were served to the following members: Mesdames Don Riney, Arlie Whisenhunt, E. M. Weathers, E. C. Douglas, Ted Heath, Danning McConnell, one visitor, Mrs. W. C. Hillis, and the hostess.

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

Merle Weathers, 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.

I. M. Brown, 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. Roedler, 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.

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

H. S. Earp, Pastor.

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.

D. S. Neel, Pastor.*

LET'S GO TO NOODLE.

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FRUIT COCKTAIL No. 2 1/2 can . . . 37c

Whole SOUR PICKLES . . . 10c	Pint Jar	SALAD WAFERS— 1 lb. box . . . 19c	For Bath JOY SUDS, box . . . 23c
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Fancy— Casco GREEN— No. 2 Can . . . 13c	Gold Bar— PURE TOMATO— 14 oz. Bot. . . 22c	Fancy— MUSTARD— No. 2 can . . . 9c
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