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MERKEL, TEXAS, FRIDAY, APRIL 4, 1947.

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## PERSONAL NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cole and daughter, Carolyn Sue, visited this week with friends in Fort Worth and Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard T. Spatz and daughter, Sharon, who have been living in Abilene, have moved to Cleveland, Ohio, where Mr. Spatz is employed by the Thompson Aircraft corporation. Mrs. Spatz is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hughes.

Mr. and Mrs. George Burris and daughter, Jarron, of Breckenridge, who spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. J. L. Tucker, were accompanied home Sunday by Mrs. Tucker, who visited until Tuesday. The Burrises are moving to Waco next week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Bland and daughter, Dianne, of Abilene, spent the week-end with his grandmother, Mrs. Pick Allen.

Mr. and Mrs. Waymon Adeock and son, Wayne, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Renfro, Edwin Renfro and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Tiede attended the state convention of dry cleaners held at Dallas Sunday.

Jerry Warren, station manager for Pioneer Airline at Lamesa, and Mrs. Warren were home to spend the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dee Grimes and Mr. and Mrs. Booth Warren.

Mrs. Clovis Harrison has returned from a visit with three sisters in Los Angeles, Calif.

Herbert Swinney went to Coleman Saturday with Kenneth Ray to visit the Ray family. Mrs. Ray is the former Margie Butman.

Mr. and Mrs. William Sheppard and two sons of Big Spring spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Sheppard.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Seago were week-end visitors with their son, Edward Seago, and family at Crane.

Mrs. Mattie Hunter of Edna's Beauty shop spent the week-end in Fort Worth with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wilkerson, and was accompanied on her return by her daughter for a week's visit here.

Mrs. W. A. Harris has returned from Wichita Falls and Oklahoma City, where she visited relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Greene of Nachitoches, La., visited briefly in Merkel Wednesday morning with Mrs. J. S. Swann. Mrs. Swann accompanied them to Lamesa to visit Mr. Greene's mother, Mrs. Phoebe Greene. Mrs. Swann and Mrs. Greene pioneered together fifty years ago. They will return Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mashburn and family spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Mashburn, of Cross Plains.

Set, and Mrs. Tillman Rutledge and young son, Danny Frank, from Fort Sam Houston, are here to spend 15 days with her grandfather, Frank Golladay, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Rutledge. Mrs. Ruby Johnson, mother of Mrs. Rutledge, is expected home for the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Church will spend Easter with their son, Clarence Church, and family at Wilson, Texas.

Mrs. Ross Ferrier, Jr., and daughter, Roselyn, returned Sunday to their home in Fort Worth after a visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bryan and Mr. and Mrs. Ross Ferrier. Mr. and Mrs. Ferrier visited two days this week with the Ross Ferrier, Jr., family in Fort Worth.

## LOCAL NEWS BRIEFS

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Pinckley have moved their home place into town, located on two lots on Edwards street purchased from V. B. Simpson. Another pioneer farmer who has moved his farm home into town is Lee Cox, who bought the lot from Mrs. W. W. Wheeler just south of her home on Wheeler street.

The La Rue Beauty shop will open for business Tuesday in its new home on Edwards street, third house north of the Eager Grocery and Feed store. Preparatory to moving, the shop will be closed all day Monday, it is announced.

A. J. Graham, local agent for the T. and P., has recently returned greatly improved from the Sealy hospital in Galveston, where he was under treatment five days. Prior to this hospitalization, it was his record of never having been in a hospital or needed a doctor's service for 50 years.

## FARM MEETING SCHEDULED HERE MONDAY NIGHT

First in Series of Meetings of Farmers and Farm Families; Soil Fertility, Other Problems To Be Discussed.

On Monday night, Apr. 7, at 8 o'clock, first of a series of meetings of farmers and farm families, sponsored during next week by the Taylor County Farm Bureau Federation, will be held at the school gymnasium in Merkel.

Buster Horton, who is a director of the county federation, will serve as chairman of the meeting, when soil fertility, beneficial farm legislation and other problems vitally concerning the prosperity of the farm family will be discussed.

The program will include: a motion picture presented by County Agent Elmo Cook on "Soil Fertility," an explanation of AAA soil conservation practices by Alvin H. Jeffries, secretary of the Taylor county AAA; services of the soil conservation district offered farmers will be explained by James F. Dorniny of the Soil Conservation Service; an explanation of the Taylor County Farm Bureau Federation and its operations by Marvin Carter, of the Texas Farm Bureau Federation.

"We are expecting as many farmers from the northwest part of Taylor county as can possibly come to attend this meeting," Director Buster Horton said.

Other meetings scheduled during the week are: Apr. 8, Buffalo Gap and Bradshaw; Apr. 9, Tuscola; Apr. 10, Lawn; Apr. 11, Wylie; Apr. 12, Shep.

## Remains of Former Resident Buried Here

J. L. Barton, 87, a former resident of Merkel, died at Stinnett, in Hutchinson county, Thursday, Mar. 27, and funeral services were held at the Christian church there at 2:30 Saturday afternoon.

Following the service, the body was brought here by Minton's Funeral home of that city for burial in Rose Hill cemetery. A brief graveside service was conducted by Rev. L. M. Brown, pastor of the Methodist church.

Mr. Barton lived here from 1919 to 1922 and was engaged in the carpenter trade. While living here, a daughter died and is buried in Rose Hill, and on Jan. 18, 1935, when his wife died she was brought here for burial in the local cemetery.

Surviving are one son, Gus Barton, of Capetown, Africa; one stepson, Norris Witherspoon, of Overton; two daughters, Mrs. E. L. Davis, of Stinnett, and Mrs. John Stahl, of Dickson, Texas, 11 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Two half-brothers, John Miller of Hollis, Okla., and A. A. Miller of Abilene, and three half-sisters, Mrs. Mattie Surratt, Commerce, Mrs. Lou Rollins, Henrietta, and Mrs. Maud Ship, Lubbock, also survive.

## Farm '47 Income Ahead of Last Year

Austin, Apr. 3.—In terms of dollars and cents income, Texas farmers have started 1947 off with a bang compared to intake in 1946. Farm cash income for February was 11 per cent above the level recorded in February a year ago, according to the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research.

Compared to January, however, farm cash income dropped 3 per cent to place February's seasonally-adjusted index at 241 compared to 217.3 registered in February, 1946. (Base: average month, 1935-39 equal 100). January's index reached 249.4 compared to 223.8 in January a year ago.

Actual income recorded in February was \$54,226,000, which makes a total of \$118,436,000 for the year to date. This leads the January and February total for 1946 by more than \$12,000,000. Largest district income for February was registered in the Lower Rio Grande Valley where a total of \$9,938,000 was turned in.

## To Build and Sell Two New Houses

G. W. Brown and Loy Walker, buyers of a 37x100 foot theatre building in the Camp Berkeley sales, plan to build two houses to be sold on three lots, which they recently purchased in Southland addition.

## NAME GROUP OF TEN TO PROBE A&M WRANGLE

Austin, Apr. 3.—A legislative inquiry into the Texas A. and M. college controversy Wednesday was in the hands of 10 members of the house and senate.

Senate members named to the committee are Fred Harris of Dallas, Dorsey B. Hardeman of San Angelo, Walter Tynan of San Antonio, Geo. Moffett of Chillicothe and Ben Ramsey of San Augustine.

House members are Claud Gilmer of Rocksprings, Edward P. Hughes of Newton, Search Bracewell of Houston, Jack Cox of Breckenridge and Cecil Story of Longview.

Hughes, Bracewell and Moffett are A. and M. ex-students.

## Rites Held Friday for Betty Joyce Stallo

Funeral services were held at 2:30 p. m. Friday in the chapel of the Barrow-Sheppard Funeral home for Betty Joyce Stallo, 16-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Stallo, Route 3, with Rev. L. M. Brown, pastor of the Methodist church, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill cemetery.

The little child died at 6:20 p. m. Thursday at Sadler Clinic of a streptococcal infection. She had been ill since Saturday and was taken to the hospital Wednesday evening.

Survivors include the parents; four brothers, Jerrell, 17, Benny Lee, 12, W. H., 9, and Jackie, 4, and one sister, Minnie Lou, 4. Mrs. W. C. Wilson of Winters is the maternal grandmother.

Palbearers were Leroy Moseley, H. B. Maas, H. W. Higgins and Delma Warren.

## Merkel Firemen Attend Convention at Snyder

Among those expecting to attend the semi-annual convention of the Mid-West Texas Firemen, to be held at Snyder Thursday of this week, were Chief John Mansfield, who is association president, J. Parker Sharp, president of the Merkel Volunteer Firemen's association, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Wurst, Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Fox, Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Walker, Ollie Berry and Jim McAninch.

Principal convention speaker was to be Olin Culberson, chairman of the Texas Railroad commission and long identified with the Texas Firemen's and Fire Marshals' association. Contests for visiting fire teams were scheduled to begin at 4 p. m. and a western-style steak fry was scheduled for 6 p. m. Concluding event was to be a dance at the Legion hut Thursday night.

## Rabbit Drive at Noodle Set for April 11

Friday, Apr. 11, is the date set for the annual rabbit drive at Noodle. A. J. Barbee, Jr., reported to The Mail Wednesday. Free barbecue and all the trimmings will be served at the noon hour.

Participants will assemble at the Noodle store from where the drive will start at 9 o'clock, it is announced.

## Noodle Raises \$199.30 For Red Cross Drive

With a quota of \$103.00, the Noodle community raised \$199.30 for the Red Cross drive, it was reported on Monday by Vessie Justice, community chairman.

The campaign committee at Noodle included Ernest Dixon, Pete Burfeind, Hollis Irvin, Clayton Dillard and Sam Allen.

**Easter Sunrise Service.**  
A sunrise Easter service will be held at the Stith Methodist church Sunday morning, Apr. 6. The public is invited. A meeting will also begin that night, with Rev. Edwin Hall doing the preaching.

## Licensed U. S. Hunters.

Chicago, Ill., Apr. 3.—The ranks of licensed hunters increased by 20 per cent to a record high of 9,584,313 during the fiscal year ended, June 30, 1946, according to the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

## Record of Births.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Peterson, Friday, March 28, 1947.  
Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Clark, Saturday, March 29, 1947.

## LOCATION FOR LIONS PROPOSED CENTER DECIDED

Three Lots on South Front to be Purchased as Site for the Community Center; Trustees Working Out Details.

Purchase of three business lots, fronting 75 feet on South Front street, originally occupied by the Clay Lumber company, at a consideration of \$675, for the site of the proposed Lions Club Community Center, as submitted by the board of trustees through Booth Warren as spokesman, was approved at Tuesday's club luncheon.

The offer of the Merkel Garden club to supervise the landscaping was also accepted.

President Riggs Sheppard presided for the business meeting at which time membership card and pin were presented to P. W. Miller, recently elected into the Lions organization.

The club went on record as favoring Ranger for the 1948 district convention and also voted to instruct the secretary to write the proper legislative committee urging that the proposed legislation for increased teachers' salaries be voted favorably.

As program chairman, Supt. P. A. McCollam introduced P. C. Wylie, work unit conservationist of the Merkel Soil Conservation office, who presented James Dorniny, of Abilene, district conservationist. The latter showed a highly educational talking picture on "Soil Erosion and Soil Conservation." Also present from the local office was Carl Wiechmann.

Other club guests were: J. C. Penrod, member of the Abilene Lions club; W. C. Church, Merkel, and L. L. Petty, with the Burroughs Adding machine company who is soon to make his home in Abilene.

In working out details of the purchase of the lots and removal of the Camp Berkeley building, which has already been purchased as the nucleus for the Community Center, the board of trustees in a meeting with the board of directors of the Lions club, following the luncheon, appointed Booth Warren to look after abstract matters and a committee of three, Riggs Sheppard, Dr. W. T. Sadler and Clyde Bartlett, for considering contracts submitted or to be submitted for removal to the Merkel site.

Five women from the Fortnightly Study club serving the luncheon were Mesdames Weldon McAninch, Griffin Barnett, Chester Collinsworth, Elma McFarland and Earl Hughes.

## Three Trustees to Be Elected Saturday

Names of the three trustees whose terms expire this year—Riggs Sheppard, Dewel McLean and Bryan Dunagin—are the only ones filed on the official ballot in the trustee election of the Merkel Independent School district, to be held at the city hall Saturday, Apr. 5.

T. L. Grimes, Earl Baze and J. Parker Sharp are designated as officials to hold the election in the notice posted by the school board.

Holdover members of the board are: Buster Horton and Clyde Bartlett, whose terms expire in 1948, and M. H. Ely and Weldon McAninch, whose terms run to 1949.

## Box Supper at White Church Friday Night

Don't forget the box supper to be held at White Church next Friday night, Apr. 4. Come and bring a box or pie. The ladies will get one foot measured and will be charged one cent an inch. There will be two gifts, one for the longest foot and one for the shortest foot.

The Easter program will be taken to Blair Sunday night instead of White Church.

## Newspaper Lineage Off.

Austin, Apr. 3.—Newspaper advertising lineage in Texas fell 6 per cent in February, following the sharp 16-per-cent slump recorded in January, according to reports from 28 newspapers to the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research.

## Poet Laureate Named.

Austin, Apr. 3.—Mrs. Alice B. Carter of San Antonio was named poet laureate of Texas by a joint committee of senators and representatives with Governor Jester serving as chairman. She succeeds David Russell of Dallas.

## WILL ENDEAVOR TO MEET COUNTY QUOTA FOR RC

To give the citizenship of Merkel and surrounding communities an opportunity to help Taylor county reach its quota in the 1947 Red Cross drive for funds, young ladies will be on hand at the Merkel Drug company all day Saturday to accept donations for this worthy cause.

According to Wednesday night's figures, Taylor county, where 3,793 families were assisted by the Red Cross in 1946, lacks \$6,000 of reaching its quota. The analysis of aid in this county reveals that 1,650 of the families helped were service men and dependents; 1,973 were ex-service men and their dependents, and only 80 families not connected with service men were assisted. A total of \$22,155.51 was expended in this county for these services.

Out of every dollar taken in in this county, 67.2 is kept in the county, the balance going to national headquarters.

In 26 major disasters in Texas in 1946, the Red Cross spent over \$300,000.

The Red Cross has constant contact with the military and the Veterans administration.

## Merkel Contributes \$543.78 to RC Fund

While no quota was set for Merkel in the 1947 Red Cross drive for funds, the Merkel total will probably reach \$600.00, it was stated Wednesday by Chairman Earl Hughes, who reported donations amounting to \$543.78 up to that time.

Included in this figure is the sum of \$67.08, which was raised by women workers in canvassing the residential districts. Women workers were Mesdames David Gamble, Murray Toombs, Horace Boney, Bill Harris, Carroll Benson, H. P. Crippin, Doyle Seifried, Joe Cypert, Mason Gamble and W. J. Skiles.

Solicitation from business houses was made by four committees, including the following workers: Norman T. Hodge, Clyde Eager, A. T. Sheppard, E. L. McLeod, Ben Hicks, Ray Wilson, J. L. Fisher, Jack Miller, David Gamble, W. O. Boney and Dee Grimes.

## Large Numbers Present For "Appreciation Day"

One of the largest mid-week crowds in Merkel for several years was present for the program of the first "Appreciation Day," held Wednesday.

These "Appreciation Days," held each Wednesday, are sponsored by the Junior chamber of commerce, of which David Gamble is president. Other Jaycee directors are Raymond Ferguson, Milton Case, J. W. Hammond, Clyde Bartlett and Waymon Adeock.

The first "Appreciation Day" program was in charge of a committee of three, W. J. Skiles, J. W. Hammond and Howard Carson, and subsequent programs will be supervised by rotating committees of three each from the sponsoring membership.

## MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From Files of The Merkel Mail, April 8, 1927.)

### HENRY WEST ELECTED MAYOR.

In the city election held here on last Tuesday Mr. Henry West was elected to the office of mayor of Merkel for the next two year term, defeating Judge N. D. Cobb who has held the position for the past two years.

Judge Cobb had made a faithful and excellent chief executive of our city and this paper predicts that Mr. West will also give excellent service in this position, which duties will not be altogether foreign to him, as he has served in this position several years ago. However, to make his administration as successful as he no doubt will desire, he must have the co-operation and good will of the majority of the citizenship.

As aldermen for the next two years, Messrs. A. T. Sheppard and H. L. Propst were elected, defeating Messrs. A. J. Canon and J. I. Ford, who had held the positions for the past two years. They are all fine men and serve their town well.

As city secretary, Miss Pauline Johnson was elected without opposi-

## VOTERS ELECT JACK CANON AS MERKEL MAYOR

Earl Hughes and Robert Hicks Chosen as Aldermen in City Election Tuesday; New Officials Take Office in May.

A. J. (Jack) Canon was elected mayor and Earl Hughes and Robert Hicks were chosen aldermen in the annual city election held Tuesday.

Out of 358 votes cast Canon received 245, and his opponents, W. A. Harris, 6, and Lester F. Dorton, 105.

Hughes polled 248 votes in the aldermanic race, and Hicks received 198. The vote for their opponents was: W. D. Gamble, 151, and Marvin B. Higgins, 84.

When the outcome was known, Jack Canon, successful candidate for mayor, made the following statement: "I want to thank the voters of Merkel for the vote you gave me Tuesday. I shall try to administer the duties of the office in a way that will be pleasant to all of you."

Mayor H. C. West, who did not stand for re-election, is completing four consecutive terms (eight years) in the office, and had also served three terms as the city's chief executive in the 1920's, having been elected to the office in 1921, 1923 and 1927.

S. D. Gamble, who was first elected alderman in 1934, is winding up 13 years of continuous service. H. W. Lemens, the other retiring alderman, has served two terms.

Holdover aldermen are Joe Cypert, O. B. Leach and J. W. Hammond.

Returns of Tuesday's election will be canvassed at the regular monthly meeting of the city council next Monday night, and the new officers will be installed, according to custom, at the first meeting in May, Mayor West said Wednesday.

## Parents Urged to Enroll Beginners

The parents of those who will be beginners in the first grade of the Merkel Grammar school next September are requested to contact Principal C. A. Farley as soon as possible, if there are no other children of the family already attending school.

This is for the double purpose of making plans for the next school year and to make sure that every child of school age is on the enumerated census.

If it is not convenient for you to go by school or call on the telephone, drop a card in the mail with the name and birthday of your child thereon.

## Party for Teen-Agers Every Friday Night

Each Friday night, from 7:45 until 10:30, Teen-Age parties, sponsored by the Youth Project committee of the Fortnightly Study club, will be held at the Community Center, it is announced by Mrs. Earl Hughes, committee chairman.

Games of all kinds, bingo and other entertainment will be offered each week.

## PAVING AND WATER BONDS CARRY; PAVING LAW ADOPTED.

In the special election held here Tuesday, the citizenship voted by a majority of more than two to one in favor of "Adopting the General Paving Laws of Texas." The bond issues for \$40,000.00 water works extension and \$20,000.00 for paving carried by more than two to one vote.

While the contest was interesting, there was scarcely any hard feelings and doubtless when the paving has been completed those who opposed the question will be glad it has been accomplished. Such is the case regarding the sewer bonds voted some years ago; we would not be without sewer connections for twice the amount.

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The above is dedicated to T. L. Grimes for the work and time he has given (without financial remuneration) in the interest of our local cemetery. Not in many years, if ever, has such a program been launched. Sincerely,  
A Citizen.

**Shipments of Chickens And Eggs Doubled for Month of February**

Austin, Apr. 3.—Rail shipments of chickens and eggs doubled in February to recover January's sharp decline, according to the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research.

Shipments of eggs were brought upward by the 129 per cent gain in frozen eggs shipped and the 45 per cent increase in shipments of dried eggs. Shell eggs saw shipments rise 25 per cent from January to February.

Compared to February, 1946, however, shipments of poultry and eggs reflect a decline. Only exception was the 119 per cent gain in egg shipments resulting from the 383 per cent hike in shipments of dried eggs over February a year ago.

Instate receipts of eggs by rail at Texas stations slumped in February, as the total dipped 70 per cent below the January level. The 14 carloads received, however, were 139 per cent above receipts in February 1946.

Typewriter paper for sale at Merkel Mail office.

**Cotton Consumption Declines in February**

Austin, Apr. 3.—February cotton consumption slid 12 per cent below January's total to fall almost down to the December level, according to government reports released by the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research.

Consumption of cotton linters, also on the decline, totaled 1,526 running bales in February for a 22 per cent monthly drop.

Cotton consumption was 2 per cent above February of last year and consumption of cotton linters was down 42 per cent.

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**In The Churches**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.**  
There were 760 present at the seven reporting Sunday Schools in Merkel last Sunday, as compared with 823 on the same Sunday a year ago.

**METHODIST CHURCH**  
Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. MYF and juniors meet at 6:30 p. m.  
L. M. Brown, Pastor.

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.**  
Sunday School 10 a. m. Offering for Reynolds home. Morning sermon at 11, followed by Holy Communion. Children meet at 6:15 p. m. No evening service. Mid-week prayer meeting at 7:30 Wednesday evening.  
D. S. Neel, Pastor.

**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.  
Merle Weathers, 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.  
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.

**NUBIA METHODIST CHURCH**  
Nubia church wishes to announce a special program celebrating Easter. At 10:45 Sunday School will begin and following Sunday School a program will be given by students of McMurry college.  
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If a bad storm breaks, Tommy's father detours your electricity, so storm damage won't black out your community. If tomorrow will be colder, or cloudy, you'll need more current... he'll have it ready. Whenever you and your neighbors and the factories in your town are using a lot for lights and heat and appliances, he sends more into the wires. When the town sleeps, he orders less. As a *Load Dispatcher*, he holds one of the most important jobs in your electric company.

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**West Texas Utilities Company**

**QUEEN THEATRE CALENDAR**

Friday - Saturday — Double feature program: Charles Starrett, Smiley Burnette in "Terror Trail" and Jane Frazee, Gail Patrick, Kenny Baker in "Calendar Girl;" Chick Carter serial and cartoon.

Sunday, Monday and Tuesday — Mickey Rooney, Lewis Stone, Sara Haden in "Love Laughs at Andy Hardy;" cartoon and latest News.

Wednesday - Thursday—Laurence Olivier, Joan Fontaine in "Rebecca." Selected Shorts.

**"LOVE LAUGHS AT ANDY HARDY"**

Andy Hardy is back!—which will be good news to the millions of film-goers who have come to depend on Mickey Rooney in his role of the Carvel Lothario whose adventures in love and with his typically American family are one of the bright spots on the movie horizon.

In "Love Laughs at Andy Hardy" first post-war picture of the series, Andy returns from the Army a triumphant Pfc. and immediately explodes a bomb into the midst of his alarmed family with the news that he intends to marry his former campus sweetheart, Kay Wilson (Bonita Granville).

**Cemetery Maintenance Fund Still Growing**

With several more substantial donations from out-of-town residents who have loved ones buried in Rose Hill cemetery, the 1947 upkeep fund has reached nearly \$1,700, according to Chairman T. L. Grimes, who reported that \$1,696.50 in subscriptions had been received up to Tuesday morning.

Included in the list of donors were Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt, Big Spring, \$10.00; Mrs. Sam Darby, San Angelo, \$5.00; C. W. Harris, Corona, Calif., \$10.00, and J. R. Lassiter, Abilene, \$1.50.

Other subscriptions not previously acknowledged are:

Mrs. Dennis Hartley	2.00
Mrs. W. H. Laney	1.00
Nim J. Teaff	2.50
Mrs. Curtis Wilcox	3.00
Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Price	5.00
Thaxton Hayes	1.00
Hob Robertson	1.00
W. E. Petty	5.00
A. M. Conner	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Pat Addison	2.00
R. H. Miller	1.00

Seventy years ago Louisa M. Alcott's "Little Women" was one of the best sellers.

**Welcome Home Dinner For Harold Swinney**

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Swinney gave a welcome home dinner on Mar. 30, for their son, Harold, who is just discharged from the Army after service in Japan. Those enjoying the dinner and afternoon were: Grandma Sam Butman and Miss Lottie Butman, Grandma and Mr. Russom, Mr. and Mrs. Will Butman, Banning and Louine, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Butman, Nell and Frank, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Newby and Paka, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Swinney, J. B. Sarah and Joline, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Butman and Beverly Ann, Mary and Tom Russom, Janice Perry, Foy Smith and Miss Mabel McRee, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Swinney, Harold, Tommy, Joe and Nancy Evelyn.

After dinner pictures were taken and around 4 o'clock the Swinneys took Janice Perry to Aspermont.

**Attend Funeral of Uncle at Zephyr**

J. R. Baker, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Gene McCoy of Hawley attended the funeral of their uncle, Williams Campbell Baker, 64, former resident of Merkel, which was held at Zephyr on Thursday afternoon of last week. Also going from here was a cousin of the deceased, Bill Campbell.

Mr. Baker, who was a native of Tennessee, died in a Brownwood hospital at 5 p. m. Wednesday.

Surviving are one brother, Ross Baker, of Grand Prairie, who was unable to attend the funeral because of illness; two sisters, Mrs. G. D. Wylie of Austin and Mrs. Ernest Locks of Zephyr, five nieces and one nephew.

**CARD OF THANKS.**

We wish to express our thanks to our friends for their kindness and words of sympathy extended us in the death of our father.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Cade and Family.

**Important Meeting of Cotton Growers Apr. 15**

An important meeting for cotton growers of this area will be held on Apr. 15 at 1:30 p. m. at the Wooten hotel, Abilene, and a second meeting on the following day, Apr. 16, probably at the court house, it is announced by Elmo Cook, county agent.

As many cotton growers as can possibly come are urged to attend these meetings.

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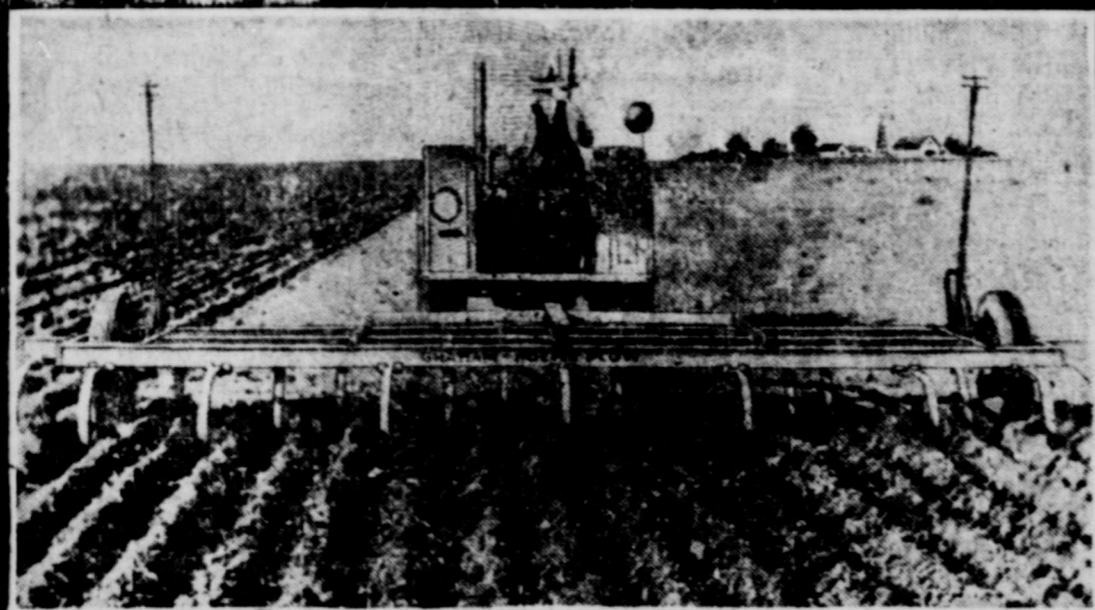
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Paul Collins, cooperater in the North Trent Conservation group, has planted 15 acres to sweet clover. Mr. Collins planted 13 acres of madrid sweet clover which is a biennial clover and 2 acres to hubam clover which is an annual variety. Mr. Collins is making these plantings for grazing, soil improvement, and for seed production. These clovers were planted in 38" rows with the use of small seed planting attachment at the rate of about 3 lbs. of seed per acre.

C. F. Curb, of the North Trent Conservation group, has planted about 15 acres of hubam clover for soil improvement and seed production. This was planted at the rate of 4 lbs. seed per acre. Mr. Curb al-

so has 10 acres of hairy vetch for soil improvement which was planted last fall.

Earl Baze, operator of one of Bob Malone's farms which is cooperating with the district in the Blair Conservation group, has planted 7 acres of madrid sweet clover. This clover was planted on the least productive soil on the farm for the purpose of soil improvement and for grazing. This was planted at the rate of 2 lbs. of seed per acre.

Charles McArthur, operator of the Mrs. W. J. Bicknell farm which is cooperating with the district in the South Trent conservation group, has planted 5 acres of hubam clover for soil improvement and for seed

production. This was planted at the rate of 4 lbs. per acre.

Nathan Wood, cooperater in the North Merkel Conservation group, has planted a terrace outlet waterway to hubam clover for soil improvement and to form a temporary cover for this waterway. This waterway will ultimately be planted to alfalfa for a more permanent vegetative cover for the waterway area and for use as a meadow. This hubam clover was planted broadcast and seeded at the rate of 6 lbs. per acre.

W. A. Daniels, in the South Trent acres to weeping love grass for sun-

plemental pasture, erosion control, and for seed production. This grass conservation group, has seeded 3 was planted with a cultipacker seeding attachment and the seed bed was firmed by use of cultipacker. These seeds were planted at rate of 3-4 lbs. per acre. Due to small size of lovegrass seed and the fact that 1-2 lbs. of seed per acre in rows if properly distributed will provide a good stand it is usually advisable to mix this seed with some non-competitive filler, such as ground grain sorghum grain. Mr. Daniels used about 10 lbs. of weevil-eaten maize seed mixed with his love grass seed and sowed the entire mixture over

the 3 acre area.

The following district cooperaters are building new terraces on their farms: E. A. Click, of Mt. Pleasant Conservation group, W. A. Daniels and Rex McLean of South Trent group, Mrs. Pearl Harris of the Blair group, J. D. Sandusky of Castle Peak group, O. E. Harwell of Union Ridge group, Ernest Smith of the Warren group, Dave Tarpley of North Merkel group, and I. D. Crumpler, J. A. Lollar and N. H. Touchstone, of the Sinclair group.

We take orders for egg stamps The Merkel Mail office.

CARD OF THANKS.

We appreciate very much the many words of love and sympathy extended us in the illness and death of our darling daughter and we want to thank every one who assisted in any way; also we want to express our thanks for the lovely flowers.

Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Stallo and Family.

If railway accidents were the only possible cause of death and if a passenger traveled 100 miles a day on American railroads his life expectancy would be 20,000 years.

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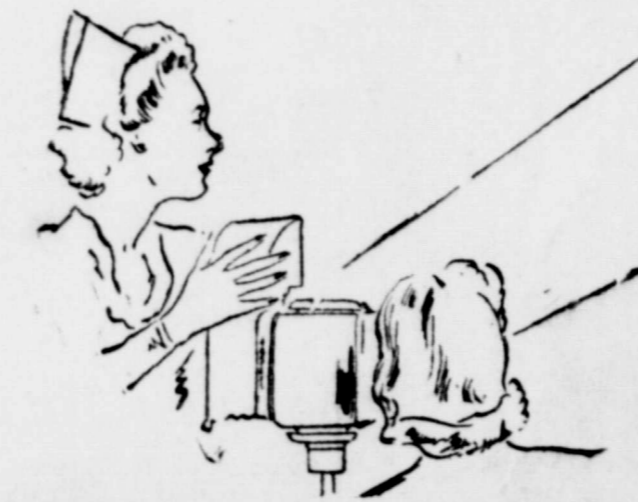
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A MESSAGE FROM  
THE  
SECRETARY OF WAR



**How you  
can help  
YOUR ARMY DO ITS  
PART FOR PEACE**

WITH the President's proposal for the discontinuance of Selective Service on March 31, America will rely on voluntary enlistments for the maintenance of the Regular Army at authorized strength.

In view of world conditions today, this is a step of the gravest importance to every American citizen. Never before in history has any nation raised and maintained a million-man army by the volunteer system alone. Our ideals, our belief in individual freedom, our safety and our duty to promote world peace—all are bound up in this decision.

This is your Army, and voluntary enlistment is your choice. It must not fail. With your help it will not fail. The Army must continue to provide adequate occupation forces overseas, to supply these forces, and to help in keeping America strong and secure.

Your help and understanding can do much to encourage a steady flow of 3-year voluntary enlistments, necessary to sound training and the efficient performance of the Army's task.

When you discuss this subject with your sons, brothers, husbands or friends who may be considering an Army career, bear in mind the advantages offered by a 3-year enlistment. Among them are the choice of branch of service and of overseas theater where openings exist, and the opportunity for thorough training in valuable skills.

A job in the new Regular Army compares favorably with the average in industry, and has more opportunities for promotion than most.

You can help by giving your respect and support to the man who enlists voluntarily—to do his part in carrying out your country's world-wide obligations to build a peace that will endure.

ROBERT P. PATTERSON  
SECRETARY OF WAR

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**FOR SALE**  
FOR SALE—Good Aermotor 8-ft. windmill, pipe, etc. Earl Mashburn.  
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FOR SALE—Cap rock seed maize, \$3.50 per 100; bring your sacks. C. N. Hatfield, Route 2, Merkel.  
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FOR SALE—Good used saddle. Johnny Jacobs, Route 3, Merkel.  
FOR SALE—30x30 galvanized building, two 12-foot doors. Tom's Wrecking Yard.  
FOR SALE—Good Woodstock type-writer, and a good paint saddle horse, just a two-year-old. Buddy Hunter, Route 4, Merkel.

FOR SALE—8-piece walnut living room suite, also 9x12 Wilton velvet rug. See Mrs. W. S. J. Brown. Phone 217.  
64-acre farm near Trent, ideally located; small house, well and windmill; half minerals, \$3,750.00.  
4-room and 3 lots, North side, well located and excellent state of repair, \$2,500.  
SIX room modern house, Oak street; better see this.  
Six room and bath, North side close in, worth the money.  
A number of various size and type buildings, such as tool house, office, ice house fully insulated, 18x32 ft. steel frame garage building, all located old Phillips camp at Noodie. Deane. See me for prices.  
A good 1-ton Spur Gear Yale chain hoist, with eye beam carriage; a bargain.  
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4-room, three lots, gas and lights, outbuildings, good well and windmill, on south side.  
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FOR RENT—Furnished apartment. Mrs. Pick Allen.  
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**LOST AND FOUND**  
LOST—Masonic emblem off top of ring; valuable to owner as keepsake. Reward for return. Ph. 153.  
REWARD of \$25 for one red wolf hound, last seen south of Trent four weeks ago, Phone 3608. Dr. Council, Abilene, Texas, Route 1.

**WANTED**  
WANT TO BUY 1 team; 1 planter; 1 cultivator. Mrs. J. A. Bollier, 4 miles southwest Blair or see John Oliver, Route 4.  
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before Apr. 7, if you want to plant during the second week of April, as I will be away from about Apr. 7 to Apr. 11.  
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**LEGAL NOTICE**  
No. 2841  
In the County Court of Taylor County, Texas.  
Guardianship of Della Marie Gilmore, a Minor.  
To All Persons Interested in above Minor or Her Estate: You are notified that I have, on the 28th day of March, 1947, filed with the Judge of the County Court of Taylor County, Texas, an Application for Authority to make to W. W. Harvey, as Lessee, an oil and gas lease covering the following de-

scribed real estate belonging to said minor in all of the right, title and interest of such minor, being:

An undivided one-twelfth (1-12th) interest in and to the following described land in Taylor County, Texas, to-wit: All of Lot or Subdivision No. 7 of League 146, Grimes County School Land, Taylor County, Texas.  
That the honorable Wiley Caffey, Judge of the County Court of Tay-

lor County, Texas, on the 28th day of March, 1947, duly entered his order designating the 15th day of April, 1947, at 10:00 o'clock a. m. in the County Court Room of such county in Abilene, Texas, as the time and place, when and where such application would be heard, and that such application will be heard at such time and place.  
Beulah Gilmore,  
Guardian of the Person and Estate of Della Marie Gilmore, a minor.

**COTTON GROWERS ...**  
There will be a very important meeting concerning cotton growers on Apr. 15, at 1:30 p. m. at the Wooten Hotel, Abilene, also the following day, Apr. 16, probably at the court house.  
As many as possibly can, be sure and  
**Attend These Meetings.**  
**Farmers Coop. Society No. 1**  
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**SPECIALS FOR 4th and 5th: EASTER FOOD SALE**

CALIFORNIA—	RUSSETTS—
Oranges, lb. .... 9c	Potatoes, 5 lb. .... 23c
360 Lemons, pound .... 13c	Cabbage, lb. .... 4c
60's Lettuce, head .... 8c	Carrots, bunch .... 6c
MARSH SEEDLESS GRAPEFRUIT, bag .... 33c	

**R&W—Tomato JUICE**  
No. 2 can 13c; 46 oz. .... 29c

RED and WHITE—	16 Oz. GOBLIN—
Coffee, 1 lb. .... 45c	Pork & Beans, 2 for .... 25c
RED and WHITE—	RED and WHITE—
Malted Milk, 1 lb. .... 29c	Meal, 10 lb. 69c; 5 lbs. .... 39c
RED and WHITE—	RIO STAR
Vanilla Extract, 1 1/2 oz. .... 28c	Blackeyes, No. 2 .... 18c
CUT RITE—	Champion—VEGETABLE
Wax Paper, 125's .... 19c	Soup, No. 1 .... 10c
KUNER—	PICTSWEET—
Sliced Beets, No. 2 .... 15c	Golden Corn, No. 2 .... 19c
Gold Bar—DICED—	PICTSWEET—
Carrots, No. 303 .... 14c	Peas, No. 2 .... 20c
Mt. Pass—MEXICAN STYLE—	RED and WHITE—
Beans, No. 2 .... 17c	Potted Meat, can .... 7c
NO. 2—OUR VALUE—	THRIFT—
Tomatoes, 2 for .... 25c	Chili with Beans No 1 1/2, 23c
NO. 2 SUGARLOAF—	THRIFT—
Tomatoes, can .... 19c	Tamales, No. 1 1/2 can .... 23c
Crustene, 3 lbs. .... \$1.33	OLD DUTCH—
NO. 2 DEL RIO—	Cleanser, 2 for .... 17c
Green Beans 2 for .... 25c	Homemade— PEACH—
WASHO, box .... 33c	Preserves, 2 lbs. .... 59c

Red & White 25 pound sack .... \$1.98  
**FLOUR** 10 pound sack .... 98c

Red and White 12 ounce .... 39c  
**LUNCHEON MEAT**

**MEAT MARKET DEPARTMENT**  
Dry Salt, lb. .... 43c Longhorn Cheese, lb. .... 53c  
HALF OR WHOLE—  
Star Hams, lb. .... 61c Star Sausage, lb. .... 44c  
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Star Picnics, lb. .... 49c MARGARINE, lb. .... 45c  
WHITE LABEL SLICED BACON, pound .... 62c

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**BONNIE WHITE BRIDE OF PHILIP G. HARVEY.**

Miss Bonnie L. White, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. White, formerly of Merkel and now of Sacramento, Calif., and Philip Gilmore Harvey were married at 7 p. m. Saturday, Mar. 8, in Westminster Presbyterian church, Sacramento, Calif. Dr. Clarence A. Kircher officiated for the double-ring candlelight ceremony in the presence of some 200 guests.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a heavy white slipper satin gown with marquisette yoke outlined by rows of lace at the "V" neckline. The long-torso bodice, which buttoned down the back, was scalloped over the full skirt which ended in a long train. The sleeves came to points over the hands and were edged with lace.

Her fingertip veil was held by a crown of stiff net covered with seed pearls. Her only jewelry was a string of pearls. She carried a downshower bouquet of white orchids, gardenias, sweetpeas and bouvardia and a white Bible.

Bettye Hassey was honor maid, and Mrs. Eugene Thompson and Wilmina Palmier were bridesmaids. Marjorie Jean Bell was flower girl, and the ringbearer was Richard Sanders.

James Harvey served as best man for his brother. Ushers were James White, brother of the bride, Eugene Thompson and Griffith Ashurst. Mr. White and Mr. Thompson also served as candlelighters.

Helen Sloan sang "Because" and "Ave Maria," accompanied by Dr. George Barr.

Following the ceremony a reception was held in the home of the bride's parents, 608 Swanston drive. Mrs. White received guests and also in the receiving line were Mrs. Pearl Harvey, of Oakland, mother of the bridegroom, and the bride's aunt, Mrs. Alton H. Moore, who flew from Midland, Texas, to attend the wedding.

Assisting with serving were Mrs. Leah Cattig, Mrs. Jean Taylor and Gerri Conger. Louise Maddox had charge of the guest book.

For going away the bride wore a battleship grey tailored suit with pink blouse and gloves, pink and black hat and black accessories. Her corsage was an orchid.

Raised in Merkel, the bride is a graduate of Merkel High school where she was very popular in all student activities. After moving to California she attended Sacramento college and continued her education at Texas Technological college, Lubbock.

The couple will reside in Davis, where the bridegroom is attending University of California College of Agriculture. He had attended Santa Clara Junior college before enrolling at Davis, where he is a member of Phi Alpha Iota fraternity. During the war he served two and a half years overseas with the Navy.

**EASTER PROGRAM THEME FOR WOMEN'S MEETING.**

The Inter-Church Council of Women met Monday afternoon with the Presbyterian ladies, when a very interesting Easter theme was brought. Mrs. Don Riney led group singing of "The Old Rugged Cross" and "Low in the Grave," with prayer by Mrs. L. M. Brown. The devotional was given by Mrs. Wm. Sloman on "What Resurrection Means to Me," which

was followed by a vocal solo, "He Lives on High," by Mrs. Vincent Barnett.

"He Is Risen" was the theme of the inspirational message brought by Mrs. J. D. Roedler, pastor of the Church of the Nazarene, and Mrs. A. R. Booth said the benediction for the afternoon program.

A business meeting presided over by Mrs. W. S. J. Brown, followed, when new officers for next year were elected; Mrs. W. D. Hutcheson, president; Mrs. Lem Dudley, vice-president; Mrs. Joe Cypert, secretary; Mrs. Nim Teaff, treasurer, and Mrs. Don Riney, reporter.

A colorful Easter plate was served to 46 ladies.

The next meeting will be with the Methodist ladies.

**CLUB TEA WILL HONOR PAST PRESIDENTS.**

Harriet T. Kane's book, "Plantation Parade," will be reviewed by Mrs. Clarence Bailey Apr. 8 when the Fortnightly Study club honors the past presidents with a tea in the home of Mrs. Henry West. Helen Floyd, vocalist, and Erey Fullbright, accompanist, both of Abilene, will entertain members and their guests with southern melodies.

Mrs. Bailey is club instructor at Abilene Christian college. She is the author of several magazine articles, a member of the Abilene branch of the American Association of University Women and a member of the Mu Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma.

**MERKEL HD CLUB**

The Merkel Home Demonstration club met on Friday afternoon of last week in the home of Mrs. Bob McDonald, with Mrs. Don Riney, club president, presiding.

After several songs, the Club Women's report was read by the council delegate, Mrs. Riney gave the club report. Mrs. Harry Barnett and Mrs. J. O. Castles led the discussion on "Spring Accessories." They displayed a sailor hat made of checked taffeta, a child's dress made from a man's scarf, several blouses, handbags and a pair of hand-made white gloves bought in a foreign country. They also showed the way to drape a square scarf to be worn as a dicker.

Mrs. S. G. Russell talked on "Growing Roses and Shrubs," and Mrs. Mack Tucker on "Planning Rural Landscapes."

Refreshments were served to four

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**RURAL SOCIETY**

**GOODMAN CLUB.**

The Goodman Home Demonstration club met Mar. 28 at the home of Mrs. Irene Pomroy. Eleven women were present and also the county agent, Miss Loretta Allen. "Window Treatment and Curtains" was her topic. Many interesting points were discussed.

Refreshments were served the following: Mesdames Ted Windham, Odell Freeman, H. G. Smith, D. R. Butler, J. A. St. John, J. W. Thomas, Grover Blair, Zed Bright, Fred Barnes, J. C. Washburn and the hostess. Four children were present.

The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Truman Carey. Every one is asked to come and be on hand when a rug is to be given away.

**Garden Hints**

from  
Merkel Garden Club.

Just before planting, soak gladiolus bulbs in 1-2 per cent solution of lysol (1 1-4 tablespoonful of lysol to one gallon of water) for three hours at room temperature, allow to drip, plant without rinsing. This solution has been found effective in killing diseases, and does not retard blooming or damage bulbs.

Prune and train honeysuckles. Loosen protection over bulbs and perennials.

Climbing roses lend themselves exceptionally well to any beautification plan.

Most roses are given too much water.

**Noodle Junior Class Presents Comedy Here**

The Noodle junior class will present a 3-act comedy, "Here Comes Hattie," Apr. 4 at 8 p. m. at Merkel High school. The Merkel Junior class is sponsoring this play and will receive one-half of the proceeds.

Admission prices will be: Adults 30 cents and 15 cents for children.

**Hospital Notes.**

Mrs. Leroy Martin underwent surgery at Sadler clinic Tuesday. O. F. Copeland was admitted Saturday for first aid and treatment. Patients received during the week for treatment were: Foy Steadman, Mar. 29; Mrs. J. R. Clark, Mar. 30; Mrs. John Lee Stout, Apr. 1; Mrs. Vernon Hudson, Apr. 2. Urban Bright received a tonsillectomy Thursday.

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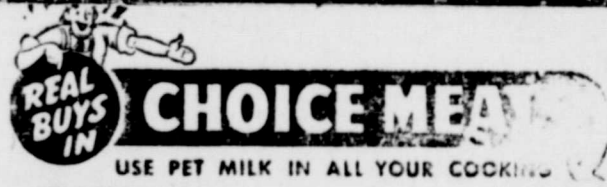
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<b>FANCY PACK</b> <b>TOMATOES</b> No. 2 can		<b>13c</b>	<b>STARR—In Syrup—</b> <b>PRUNES</b> 15 oz. jar 15c
Maryland Club <b>COFFEE</b> Pound	Drip or Regular	<b>43c</b>	Brown Beauty— <b>BEANS</b> 15 oz. can 9c
<b>EVERLITE—</b> 50 Pound sack		<b>\$3.65</b>	<b>HEINZ</b> <b>BABY FOOD</b> Can 8c
<b>FLOUR</b>			<b>OXYDOL</b> <b>DUZ</b> box 35c
25 Pound Sack \$1.85			
10 Pound Sack 85c			
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<b>LIPTON'S TEA</b> 1/2 pound		<b>55c</b>	
<b>SUNSHINE—ASS'T.</b> <b>CHOCOLATES</b> for EASTER lb. box 69c			
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