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STATE MEETING ELECTRIC COOPS SET JULY 18-19

Governor Jester Proclaims Rural Electrification Week in Texas To Commemorate 12 Years of Progress.

Commemorating 12 years of progress in the electrification of rural areas, the week of July 13-19 has been proclaimed by Governor Beauford Jester as Rural Electrification Week in Texas. A copy of Governor Jester's proclamation was received this week by Riggs Shepperd, manager of the Taylor Electric Cooperative, which serves 2300 rural families in this area with electric lights and power.

The governor's proclamation, issued in Austin, points out that the percentage of rural homes in Texas having electric service has increased from 2.3 per cent to 55 per cent during the past 12 years.

"More than 160,000 farm and ranch families of Texas now enjoy the benefits of electric lights and power through cooperatives which they themselves own and operate," the proclamation stated.

"Each of the 75 rural electric cooperatives operating in Texas is a free and independent, tax-paying business enterprise, owned and controlled by the farmers who receive service along its lines," the governor pointed out.

"The money to build rural power lines is loaned, not given, to the cooperatives by the federal government and is being repaid with interest on or ahead of schedule, thus representing no cost to the taxpayer. Not a single electric cooperative in Texas is delinquent in repayment of its loan to the government, while more than a million dollars has been repaid in advance of date due."

Rural electric cooperatives of Texas will hold their annual statewide meeting in Austin July 18-19.

The Taylor Electric Cooperative will be represented at the state meeting by H. R. Roberts, W. C. Church, Comer Haynes, Sam Butman, Jr., directors, and Manager Riggs Shepperd.

Visits Sister Living In Missouri; Meets Three Brothers There

Mrs. L. A. Watts is at home after doing quite a bit of visiting. First, she went to see a daughter, Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Walden, and family, of Odessa and Notrees, then to Hobbs, N. M., to visit a son, Foster Watts, and family. She also visited Mr. and Mrs. James R. Brown and son, at Fortales, N. M., thence to Clovis, N. M., where a brother, Frank Foster, lives.

Then, after a few days respite, she took a trip to Missouri, having a sister there, Mrs. J. W. Sluster, wife of a late Methodist minister. While there she met three of her brothers, Professors J. A. Foster, Greeley, Colo., J. E. Foster, Linn Creek, Mo., now retired, also Charles Foster, San Pedro, Calif. Numerous nieces were also present and a most enjoyable reunion was spent.

Methodist Pastor is Engaged in Revival

Rev. R. L. Butler is engaged this week in revival services in the Oklahoma Lane Methodist church near Clovis, N. M.

On next Sunday morning, Oliver Bush of McMurry college will speak at the local Methodist church. In the evening Rev. Orion W. Carter, district superintendent of the Abilene district, will preach.

Rev. Mr. Butler expects to return to Merkel on July 21. The board of stewards is to meet in special session on Tuesday evening July 22.

Merkel Women Visit Sisters in El Paso

Mr. and Mrs. Wade Ensminger and Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Patterson have returned from Ruidoso, N. M., and El Paso. While in El Paso they visited with Mrs. Ensminger and Mrs. Patterson's sisters, Mrs. Marvin Frazier and Mrs. Howard Masserang. Mrs. Frazier had received a phone call from her son, Cpl. Clifford Frazier, who had arrived in California by plane from Japan, and was expected home in a few days.

Their little nephew, Weldon Messerang, came with them on their return home.

REUNION HELD BY MASHBURN FAMILY JULY 6

Sweetwater park was the scene of the Mashburn family reunion held Sunday, July 6.

Those attending were Messrs. and Mesdames Bob Mashburn, Euel Mashburn, Josie and Wylie, Willie Mashburn, Bobby and Don, Ray Mashburn, Merkel; Delmon Mashburn, Linda, Lyle, Bobby, Coline, Orvadine and Redah, Abilene; Mrs. Nora Mashburn and Jimmy, of Stanton; Mrs. Aldridge, Sweetwater.

Messrs. and Mesdames Loy Mashburn and Wanda, H. A. Mashburn, Gordon, Joy and Cynthia, Carl Mashburn and Franklin, Fletcher Mashburn and Pete, W. J. Mashburn and Larry James, Weslie Mashburn, Charles and Charline, Roy Mashburn, J. R. and Linda, Merkel; Walter Mashburn, Colton, Calif.; Mrs. Emma Mae Garrison, Abilene; Lloyd Mashburn and J. E. Brinlee, Midland.

Messrs. and Mesdames Paul Mashburn and boys, Coleman; Tom Hogan and Tommy, Robert Gilmore and Barbara, Sam Mashburn, J. Murry Toombs and Tommy, J. H. Cooley, Carolyn and Donna, all of Merkel; Fred Richardson, Nancy and Ginger, Mrs. Sam Burns and Judy, Mrs. Robert Carter, Beverly Sue and Miki, Mrs. Ethel Goodyear, Mrs. Stella Estes, Mrs. Billy Rae Chambers, all of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Church, Earl S. Dwiggin and Linda Merkel, and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Mashburn, of Stanton.

Rites Held Thursday For R. C. Goode, 54

Funeral services for R. C. Goode, 54, who died July 8 in a Veterans hospital at Los Angeles, Calif., were held at 4 p. m. Thursday from the chapel of the Barrow-Sheppard Funeral home, with Rev. L. V. Ratliff, pastor of the Noodle Baptist church, officiating, assisted by Rev. W. C. Ashford, pastor of the South Side Baptist church, Abilene. Burial was in Rose Hill cemetery.

Word of his death was received by telegram Friday by his wife, Mrs. R. C. Goode, who lives at 1350 Sycamore street, Abilene, and the body arrived here on the Wednesday morning train.

Mr. Goode, a veteran of World War I, had been in the California hospital since 1938. He was born in Moody on May 31, 1893, but moved to Jones county in 1904, where he lived until moving to California. He was married in Abilene on Dec. 7, 1916.

Survivors include his wife, two daughters, Mrs. Fred Jackson, Merkel, and Mrs. Foy Tittleton, Abilene; one son, Milton Goode, Fort Worth; his mother, Mrs. T. E. Goode, Merkel; four brothers, Major Lepton T. Goode, Houston, J. K. Goode, Rarona, Okla., J. D. Goode, Ruidoso, N. M., and Morris Goode, Merkel; three sisters, Mrs. R. W. Reik, Odessa, Mrs. E. S. Womack, Fort Stanton, N. M., and Mrs. F. F. Carter, Merkel, and five grandchildren. His father died June 15.

Revival at Hebron Church Begins July 18

A 10-day revival will begin at Hebron Missionary Baptist church Friday, July 18. Rev. J. R. Swindell, Hawley pastor, will bring the messages.

The pastor, Rev. A. S. Watson, will lead the singing, with Joyce Irvin at the piano.

Morning services will be held at 10:30, evening services at 8:15. Every one is cordially invited to attend each service.

Hospital Notes

First baby delivered at the new Sadler Clinic-hospital, a girl, was born July 15 to Mr. and Mrs. Ben Stallo.

Patients received during the week were: For surgery, Mrs. H. R. Cox, July 14, Mrs. Lesley Beasley, July 15, and Mrs. Orvin Robinson, July 16; for treatment, Mrs. Rex McLean, July 10, Mrs. Will Sloman, July 11, the Mrs. W. Barley girl, July 12, Mrs. Annie Scott, Mrs. A. W. Cook, July 13, Mrs. W. P. Hood, Mrs. Rerory Green, July 14, and F. Jeffrey, July 15.

Receiving tonsillectomies were Anne Benson, July 12, and Mrs. Smith Ogilvie, July 15.

Birth Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Harlis McEver of Odessa are the proud parents of a son born on July 6. The father is the eldest son of Mrs. Lela McEver of Merkel.

Personal News Notes

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Nance of Paris, Texas, were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stalls.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Ellwood, of San Antonio, were passing guests Saturday in the Earl Lassiter home, on their return trip from Colorado. They are parents of Mrs. Joe Earl Lassiter, of Austin, daughter-in-law of the Lassiters.

Donnie Melton, whose home is in Long Beach, Calif., is here for a month's visit with parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Melton.

Mrs. J. K. Jones has returned from an extended visit with her daughter in Oklahoma City, Okla., and has an apartment with Mrs. Garland.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Largent, accompanied by Mrs. Largent's sister, Mrs. C. J. Howerton, of Alamo, left Saturday for a vacation visit to Buena Vista, Colo.

Mrs. S. G. Russell, Jr., and boys spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Shive in Brownwood and attended the Coleman rodeo.

Dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wade Ensminger Tuesday, July 8, were Mr. and Mrs. Lee Mack Reynolds, of Merkel.

Leaving Tuesday morning, Miss Christine Collins accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Homer Easterwood and son, Homer, Jr., of Taft, for a vacation trip by automobile to Denver, Colo.

Recent visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Burleson were their son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Lois Burleson and son, of Tucson, Ariz., and a sister of Mrs. Burleson from New Mexico and a nephew and niece from Houston. Mrs. Burleson accompanied her sister to Durant, Okla., where they visited a niece, Mrs. Annie McMurtrey, and met another sister and brother that had not been together in some time. Mrs. Burleson's son, Dale, and his wife and two children, from the Flying L ranch, near Davis, Okla., were also there.

Mrs. Paul T. Marr has returned to her home in Stephenville after a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bragg.

A. T. Sheppard of the Barrow-Sheppard company returned Monday night after a buying trip to Chicago, Ill., and other northern furniture markets.

Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Fox and Mrs. Mitchell Walker and son, Dale, visited over the week-end with relatives at Lubbock, where they met Mr. Walker, who is now employed at Muleshoe.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Thomas and children, of Hinton, Okla., are visiting in the home of her brother, W. R. Loper, and family. They were accompanied by Jess Golden, also of Hinton.

Mrs. Guy Darsey and daughter, Jane, of Austin, are visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hamm, while Mr. Darsey is on a trip to the northern furniture markets. This week Jane is visiting with her cousin, Marilyn Petty, in Abilene.

Guests the past week with Mrs. J. T. Johnson and Miss Delia Kuykendall were their brother, N. A. Kuykendall, of Venice, Fla., and two sisters, Mrs. W. P. Billington and Mrs. D. F. Dykes, of Wichita Falls.

Visiting last week with his brother, W. C. Hill, and family, was Ben F. Hill, of El Paso. The two brothers paid a call to the office of The Merkel Mail, with which newspaper the visitor started his printing career in 1896, when Sam Leeman was editor. He has been employed in the composing room of the El Paso Herald-Post the past 25 years.

Visiting in the E. M. Miller home over the week-end were Mr. and Mrs. B. Keck and son and H. T. Preslar, of Seymour, and Bert Presler, of Lawn.

Visitors the past week in the N. C. Palmer home were her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Childers, and their son, and daughter, Victor and Helen, of Cisco, and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Chaney and son, Freddy, of Garden City. Mrs. Mary Bearden and daughter, Mary Evelyn, of Dallas, visited over the week-end with her sisters, Mrs. General Jones and Mrs. Earl Lassiter, en route to California to visit her son, Robert Edward.

Week-end guests in the J. T. Darsey home for the Hutcheson-Phillips nuptials in Abilene were two sisters of Mr. Darsey, Mrs. Mattie Fields and Miss Willie Darsey, of McGregor, Mrs. Ernest Breeden, of Houston, a cousin, and his two sons, Wade and family of San Angelo and J. T. Jr., and family, of Abilene.

Bonnie Ralph Turner from Borger is spending the summer with his grandmother, Mrs. T. D. Compton.

John Thompson of Troy was a guest last week in the homes of Mrs. General Jones and Mrs. Earl Lassiter.

Pfc. Billy Bob Douglas, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Douglas, has been recently discharged from the United States Marine Corps. He received his discharge from the Marine barracks, Naval Air Station, at Corpus Christi.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Griffin, Jr., left Sunday for their home in Oklahoma City after visiting several days in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Griffin, Sr. Accompanying them home was Betty Jane Griffin, who will visit with them for a while.

Miss Marie Pinckley left for Denton Monday after visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Pinckley. Miss Pinckley will enter North Texas State Teachers college to work on an M. A. degree for the last six weeks of the summer term.

Upon their return from a three-weeks' trip to visit relatives in Atlanta, Ga., Birmingham, Ala., and other Southern cities Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Eller were accompanied from Greenville by Mrs. A. R. Benton, who is visiting her brother, Mr. and Mrs. W. Roundtree, and Mrs. Benton's grandson, Larry Hugh Fox, of Longview.

Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Davidson and two daughters, Donna and Susie, of Fort Worth, who have been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Miller, the past two weeks, will return home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Douglass returned Tuesday to their home at Ruidoso, N. M., after a visit of several days with their son, Mr. and Mrs. Barney Douglass and family, and other relatives.

Visiting in the home of Mrs. L. A. Watts and other relatives were a daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Sherman J. Lane, of Weatherford and Fort Worth. Mrs. Lane being a teacher in the Fort Worth schools; also a visitor was Barbara Walden of Odessa and Notrees, a granddaughter, who was accompanied on her return home by Wanda Tipton for a few days visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Farmer spent several days visiting Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Egger and family of Galveston and also Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Farmer of the same city, enjoying sightseeing and ferry rides on the beach.

Picnic Honors Roy H. Mathews Family

Mr. and Mrs. Roy H. Mathews, Jean and Roy Kent, who are moving to Monahans, were honored by a group of friends with a picnic at Abilene State park on Friday evening of last week.

Those present, besides the honorees, were Messrs. and Mesdames Karl Bonneaux, Earl Beech and children, Tom Kerns and children, Clyde Wurst and children, Ollie Fox, Bill James and son, Mrs. Mitchell Walker and son and Kenneth Bowen.

Fourth Working of Cemetery Completed

The crew of workers at the cemetery will have completed their fourth time over by Saturday, it was announced this week by T. L. Gaim, chairman of the maintenance committee, and the interested public is invited to drive through the grounds and notice the improved appearance of the lots.

LOCAL NEWS BRIEFS

Thursday morning Earle Watts was moving his Butane and Gas Appliances business from the Hicks building, corner Elm and Edwards street, to another Hicks building, just east of the WTU office, formerly occupied by the Youth Center, on Elm street.

Effective Tuesday of last week, H. P. Crimm became owner of the Gulf Service station on the highway formerly operated by Buster Hester and E. R. Brown. The new proprietor will continue to carry a full line of Gulf products, also tires, tubes and accessories. Messrs. Hester and Brown have not announced their plans.

RINEY FAMILY HOLD REUNION AT STATE PARK

The families of the late Mrs. E. C. Riney met at Abilene State park, on Sunday, July 13, for their annual reunion. Sunday was the birthday of Mrs. J. M. Toombs and Kenneth Hogan and the birthday cakes topped with candles were a surprise for both Mrs. Toombs and Kenneth.

After lunch a number of the young people enjoyed a swim at the swimming pool, the older ones sat in the shade of the big trees and talked.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Roy Riney, Mr. and Mrs. Larence Taylor, Betty, Barbara and Dorothy, of Wilson; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Riney, Mrs. W. A. Riney, Norma and Willetta, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bush and Janice, of San Antonio; Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Perry, Larose and Lanny, Mr. and Mrs. Don Riney and Donna, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Riney, June and Ken, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hogan and Tommy, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Richie and Gerald, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Darden, Joy and Kenny, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hogan and Kenneth, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Riney, Jackie and Gene, Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Alexander, Nelda, Nancy, John and Peggy of Borger; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Riney of Artesia, Colo.; Walter Riney, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Perry, Carole and Dianne, Joe Riney, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Riney, Slaton; Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Hogan, Mrs. F. B. Riney, Jimmy, Bobby and Larry, Mrs. Robert Campbell, Nancy and Bobby, Mr. and Mrs. June Hogan and Jackie, Mrs. N. C. Bush, of Big Spring; Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Toombs, Mrs. Warren Higgins, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Smith, Bettye and Sammy, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Orr and Coleen, Mr. and Mrs. Irven Thompson and Jocille, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Risinger, Jorene and Jimmy and two visitors, Jean Smith and Suzy Beth Bird.

Large crowds continue to be present each week for "Appreciation Day," for which a group of 45 Merkel merchants are sponsors. In charge of the program on Wednesday were three firms, Magnolia Service station, Barrow-Sheppard company and Eager grocery and feed, represented by J. Parker Sharp and Truett Jones.

"Appreciation Day" is held each Wednesday, with the big event scheduled at 4 p. m.

Large Crowds Come For Merchants' Day

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Merkel Fishermen Report Good Catches

Spending a week's vacation at Gorman Falls on the Colorado river were Austin Robertson, Buck Mashburn and Lee Garner. This party was joined later in the week by Warren Higgins and Lloyd Robertson.

They report good catches all around and brought back a big haul of yellow cat caught on trot lines as evidence of their luck. Four, when checked in at the locker plant, weighed, respectively, 23½, 29, 39 and 43 pounds.

Record of Births

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Ben Stallo, Tuesday, July 15, 1947.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From Files of The Merkel Mail, July 15, 1927.)

MASONS INSTALL OFFICERS.
At a stated meeting of Merkel Lodge No. 710, A. F. and A. M., on last Saturday night, July 9, the following officers were installed for the ensuing year: M. C. Graham, Worshipful Master; T. D. Compton, Senior Warden; W. F. Wood, Junior Warden; J. E. Boaz, treasurer, (re-elected); Henry R. Hicks, secretary, (re-elected); J. C. Childress, Senior Deacon; Eli Graham, Junior Deacon; Harry Woodrum, tiler; Marvin Mayfield, Senior Steward; A. A. McGehee, Junior Steward; W. N. Hall acted as installing officer, and W. W. Wheeler as Marshal during the installation ceremonies.

Mrs. Earl Lassiter, Mrs. Rufus Grisham of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Howard of Hamlin are this week enjoying the Lueders entertainment.

Henry Frazier, a member of the city council and one of the best road men in West Texas, was handling

FRIDAY NIGHT'S GAME BETWEEN REA-VFW TEAMS

Games Next Week in VFW Softball League Conclude Schedule; Four Top Teams Meet in Shaughnessy Play-Off.

On Friday night of this week, REA and VFW teams will face each other in the VFW-sponsored softball league, the game to be played at Vet field, starting at 8:15.

Two games are billed for Tuesday night, July 22: Butman vs. VFW and Stith vs. Stout. The regular schedule will be completed the following Friday night with a single game between REA and Trent.

Results of the twin bill, played last Friday night, were: Trent 3, VFW 1; Trent 8, Butman 2. On Tuesday night of this week, Stith defeated Butman, 6-3, and Trent annexed another victory, winning over Stout's, 8-2.

After completion of the schedule, the four top teams will meet in a Shaughnessy play-off, best 5 out of 7 games.

Standing of the teams:

	W	L	Pct.
Trent	4	0	1.000
Stith	3	1	.750
REA	2	1	.667
VFW	1	2	.337
Stout's	1	3	.250
Butman	0	4	.000

County-wide Picnic For HD Clubs July 24

Thursday, July 24, is the date for the county-wide picnic of Home Demonstration clubs of Taylor county. It will be held at the American Legion club house in Abilene. Members are requested to register at 10 a. m. and bring baskets for an old-fashioned picnic lunch.

All members of the Merkel Home Demonstration club are urged to attend and are requested by the president, Mrs. Don Riney, to meet at her house at 9 o'clock Thursday morning, when ways will be provided for every one to go.

Roscoe Beats Jaycees 9-8 in League Game

The Merkel Jaycees-Roscoe game in the Cotton Belt League Sunday was broken up in the 10th inning when a Roscoe triple scored the winning run. Final score was 9-8.

The Jaycees defeated Divide Tuesday, 9-7, in a well played game at Divide. Clark's home run in the 5th scoring a man ahead of him was largely responsible for the victory.

Next Sunday the Jaycees play Sweetwater at Sweetwater.

Wheat Harvest in Area Nearing End

The end of the wheat harvest is indicated in the fact that no shipment was made during the past week, although A. J. Graham, agent for the Texas and Pacific, stated Thursday morning that one car was being loaded. A total of 128 cars of the golden grain has been billed out of Merkel this season.

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the grader and superintending the repair of our streets after the rain Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mrs. I. L. Jackson and daughter, Doris, left last week for a visit with relatives in Tennessee. They accompanied Mrs. Jackson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Ozment, of Stamford.

According to announcements, Dr. J. W. Hunt, president of McMurry college, will be the principal speaker at the Taylor County Old Settlers reunion at Buffalo Gap's annual celebration of pioneers, which will be held today.

From present crop prospects, the opportunity for Merkel to hold the best Community Fair ever held in this city's history will present itself in the coming fall. However, if a community fair is to be held in September, plans for holding same should be started at once, as barely two months are left in which to perfect plans. Will we have it?

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SOCIETY

SEWING CLUB.
 The Sewing club met July 9, in the home of Mrs. Griffin Barnett. Club pals were revealed and new names for pals were drawn.

Delicious refreshments were served to the following members: Mesdames Norman S. King, Murry Toombs, David Gamble, Carroll Benson, George T. More, H. P. Crimm, Doyle Seifried, Horace Boney, Bill Skiles, J. E. Boaz, Jr., Pete West, Royce Eiland, Bill Harris, Riggs Shepperd, Hoyle Lemens, Mason Gamble, Earle Watts, Nolan Palmer, Lester Dorton, Jack Dawson West and the hostesses.

The club will meet with Mrs. Carroll Benson on July 23.

CLASS PICNIC.
 The Banner class of the Merkel Methodist church enjoyed a lovely afternoon at Sweetwater Park on Wednesday. Every one went in swimming and then enjoyed a delicious picnic supper. Those who attended the picnic were Mrs. Vernon Hudson, teacher of the class, Mrs. Carl Baccus, Pauline Harriss, Ouida Barbee, Peggy Coats, Fayrene Reynolds, Coleen Harriss, Paul Baccus, Charles Simpson and Kenneth Baccus.

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In The Churches

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.
 Attendance at the seven reporting Sunday Schools last Sunday was 696 as compared with 671 on the previous Sunday and 676 on the same Sunday a year ago.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
 Sunday: Bible School at 9:45 a. m.; preaching 10:50 a. m. and 8:00 p. m. Young Folks class and personal work at 3 p. m. Wednesday prayer meeting at 8:00 p. m.
 Troy M. Cummings, Minister.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
 Sunday School at 10 a. m. Morning sermon at 11. Training Union at 7:00 p. m. Evening sermon at 8:00. Prayer meeting at 8:00 Wednesday evening.
 Merle Weathers, Pastor.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
 Sunday School 10 a. m. Morning sermon at 11. Children meet at 7 p. m. Mid-week prayer meeting at 8 p. m. Wednesday.
 D. S. Neel, Pastor.

NAZARENE CHURCH
 Sunday School 10:00 a. m. Preaching at 11. NYPS at 7:45 p. m. Preaching at 8:15. Prayer meeting at 8:15 p. m. Wednesday.
 Mrs. J. D. Roedler, Pastor.

METHODIST CHURCH
 Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. MYF and juniors meet at 7 p. m.
 R. L. Butler, Pastor.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD.
 Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching services at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Services every Thursday night.
 H. S. Earp, Pastor.

FUNDAMENTALIST BAPTIST CHURCH
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 A. T. Suskey, Pastor.

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Reunion of Slough Family Held at Lake Brownwood

The children of the late Mr. and Mrs. John W. Slough, Sr., pioneer residents of Holder, Brown county, organized a reunion in the year 1926 and continued it annually until in 1942; at that time 16 of the boys had been called into service of World War II, and the reunion was omitted until July, 1945.

There were 23 Slough descendants in World War II, of whom 22 went overseas and all returned home without serious injury. This year's reunion was held at Lake Brownwood—36th Division State Park Mess hall on June 28 and 29.

Relatives present were Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Slough, Sr., and Betty Jo, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Slough, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Norrel, all of Fort Worth; Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Slough, Dreda, Eddie and Jerry of Eola; Merl Slough, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Slough, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Slough, Abilene; Dupree Slough, Houston; Mrs. Maymie Hines, Mrs. F. A. Hines and son, Lonnie, Mrs. C. H. Kemper, Joyce and Kenny, of Albuquerque, N. M.; Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Baker, Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Warren, Brownwood; Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Warren and son, Lloyd, Lampasas; Mrs. Delia McAllister, Cross Plains; J. L. and Clyde McAllister, Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. Sam O. Hill and Wanda, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Forest S. Hill and Forest Lynn, Mr. and Mrs. John D. Hill and Walter Otis, Austin; Mr. and Mrs. Claude Warren, Joe Frank and Tommy Ray, Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Warren, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Martin, Fort Worth.

Visitors calling were Mrs. J. L. Weathers, Snyder; Lucien Warren, Jo Reta and Claudene Gwin, Oplin; Mrs. Lora Warren, Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Sam Smith, Brownwood; Mr.

Local Boy in Cast of "January Thaw," Next at Hilltop

Thinking that friends and acquaintances here of Cecil Rutherford might be interested in his work for the summer with the Hilltop Theatre, Inc., of Baltimore, Md., Mrs. Joe Nalley has handed to The Merkel Mail the following clipping from the Baltimore News-Post of June 27:

"Comedy replaces farce over the holidays as the Hilltop Theatre supplements its successful first play, 'Dream of Fair Women,' with the New York hit, 'January Thaw.' It will open July 1 and run through July 5 at the Lutherville Playhouse.

"Greg Mooney, who was associated with the New York production, will direct its Hilltop performances. Forrest Thayer, resident director, will design the sets. Dreg Henderson, well remembered in Baltimore for his performance in last year's 'Charlie's Aunt,' will be seen for the first time this season in 'January Thaw.'

"Other players in leading parts will be Will Dean, Ilyana Langdon, Bette Ramsey, Hylda Cohn and Elaine Ewald. Also in the cast are Emmett Vogan, Jr., from Hollywood, Robert Carson, Jack Laird, Victor Burgess and Cecil Rutherford."

Cecil did theatrical work while in Japan, working out of the Ernie Pyle theatre, Tokyo.

and Mrs. Claude Brookshire and Lowie, Talpa; Mrs. B. B. Lockett, Mrs. Thelma Wood, Lawn; Mr. and Mrs. Bud Coats, Goldsboro; James Jackoby, Eola; Ruth Henderson, Laura Prouty, Cleo Cash, Robert W. Leftwich, Dallas.

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS.
TO: Amie Wortham, a Widow, — Greeting:

You are commanded to appear and answer the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday the 18th day of August, A. D., 1947, at or before 10 o'clock A. M., before Three Special Commissioners of the Honorable County Court of Taylor County, at the Court House in Abilene, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 3rd day of July, 1947. The file number of said suit being No. 9948.

The names of the parties in said suit are: Taylor County and State of Texas as Plaintiff, and Amie Wortham, a widow as Defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: To condemn and take for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating a public road on the following described property:

All that certain tract or parcel of land, situate in the County of Taylor, State of Texas, and being a part of Lot 6, Block 65, City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, and being described as follows: the center line of a proposed high-

way, said strip of land containing Being a strip of land 10 ft. wide and 50 ft. long off the east side of Lot 6, the west line of said strip being 50 ft. west of and parallel to

500 square feet (0.011 acre) more or less.
Issued this the 3rd day of July, 1947. Given under my hand and seal

Texas, this the 3rd day of July, A. D., 1947.
(Seal) Mrs. Chester Hutcheson, County Clerk, Court, Taylor County, Texas.

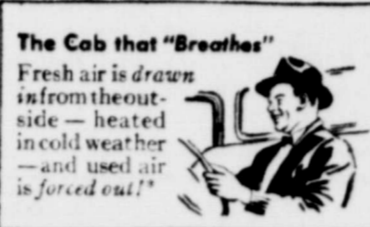


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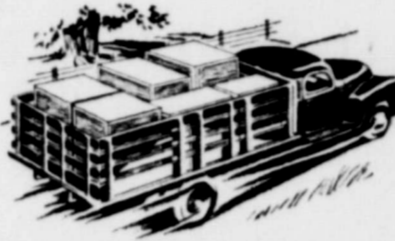


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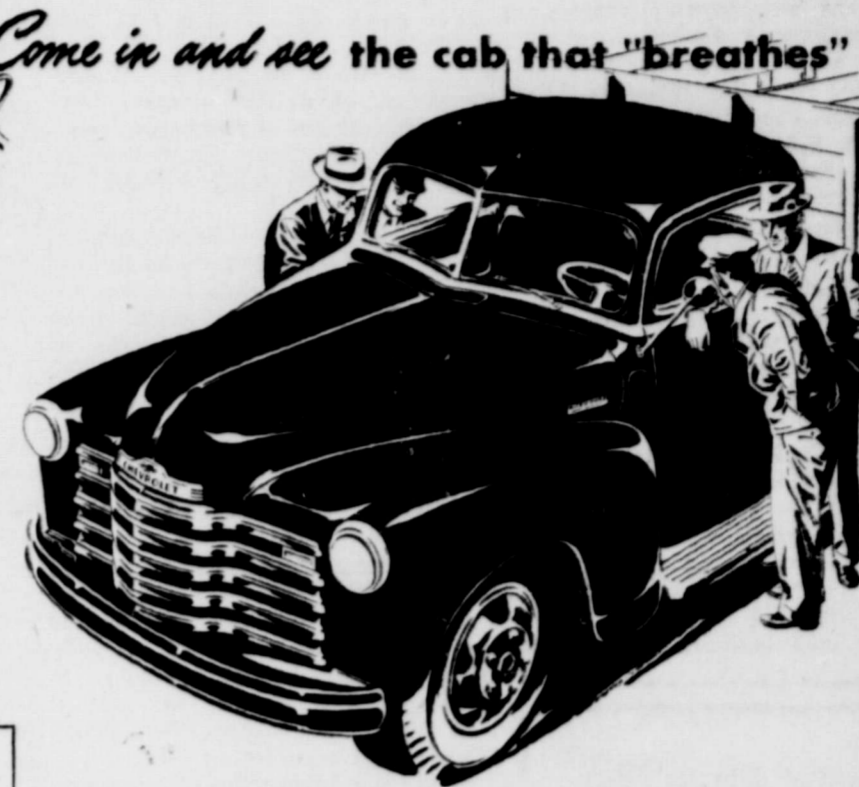
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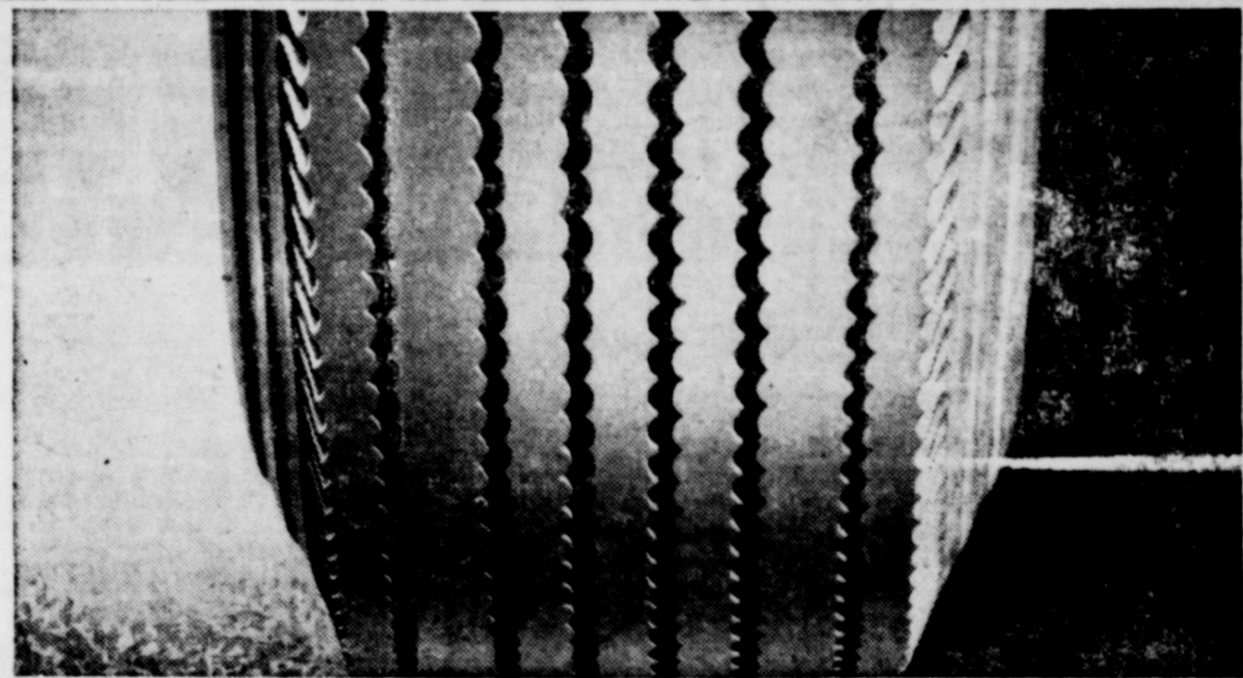
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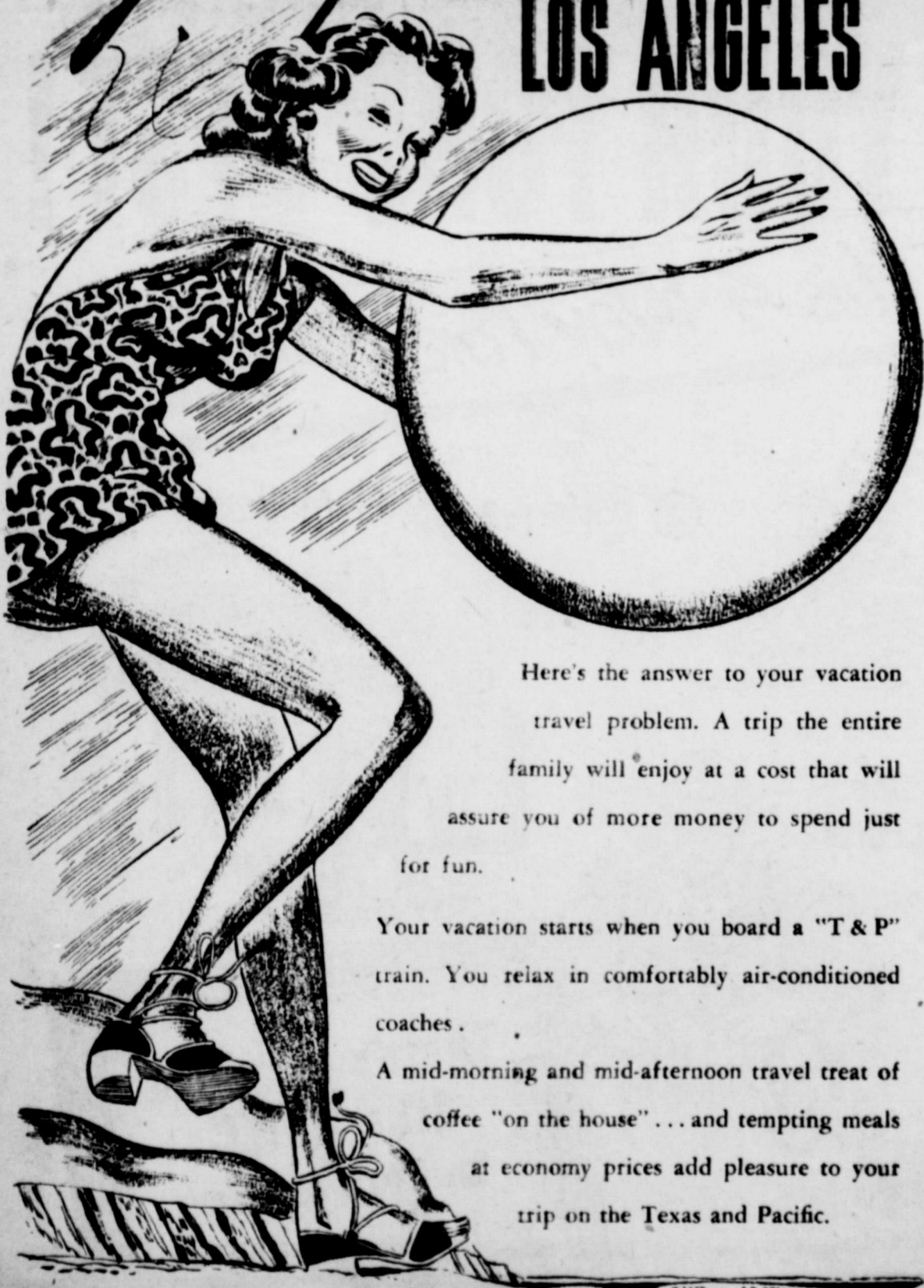
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"This is a beautiful lake situated on one of Hitler's fine highways (four lanes with large strip of grass in the center) called auto-bans. These roads are a contrast to the narrow one-way streets and roads of the villages. At this lake, which was built to attract foreigners, is a lovely hotel. From the patio (not so called here), where meals are served, one can walk down steps right into the water.

"There is a nursery, so mothers can leave their children and go on

tours. The children loved every bit of it and stayed there while Frank and I saw the sights.

"In about the middle of the lake is a beautiful palace built by a mad (insane) Bavarian king. We took a motorboat to this place. It is built as a copy of King Louis XIV's Versailles. Oh! at the ornate gold work's all over—canopy on a bed it took twenty women seven years to make by hand—floors of cherry, sandal, ebony, etc.—beautiful statues, wonderful paintings—fireplaces, chandeliers, vases of the finest Dresden porcelain. It was truly a place of dreams.

"We also went to Berchtesgaden, saw the ruins of Hitler's home, and also visited his Eagle's Nest on the very top of a 6,600-foot peak. Here is a marble fireplace—the gift of Mussolini. That same day we went into salt mines that have been in operation since the fifth century.

"The next day we toured Salzburg, Austria. It is an old church town, and was established before the time of Christ. Oh! how old. By the fifth century there was a fortress built on a high mountain—we walked through and the guide said this is the new part built in 1497. (Daddy and I just looked at each other.)

"We also visited a castle built in 1613 by an archbishop. This ended a wonderful sightseeing tour.

"I am not taking the children any more because in towns like Munich there are still people buried and stinking under the rubble caused by the terrific bombing of the city. The trains are indescribably dirty and without food or water. In the station, children have sores, tuberculosis, etc.

"We are going to see Europe, some way, though, in which I can feel safe to go. It's an opportunity that won't come back again to Frank and me.

"This week is Vacation Bible School week. I am to tell the character story each day—also I am on the cultural committee for the German youth—quite a busy life we women lead, whether we do dishes or not."

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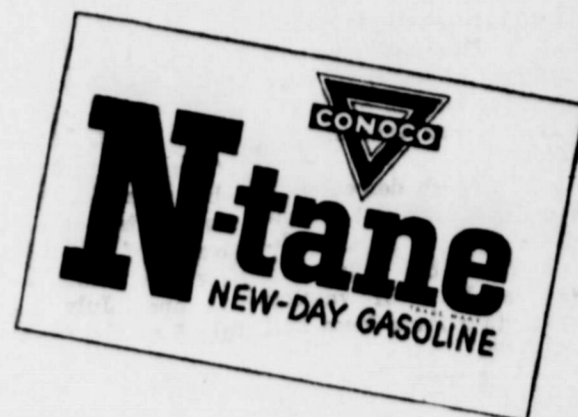
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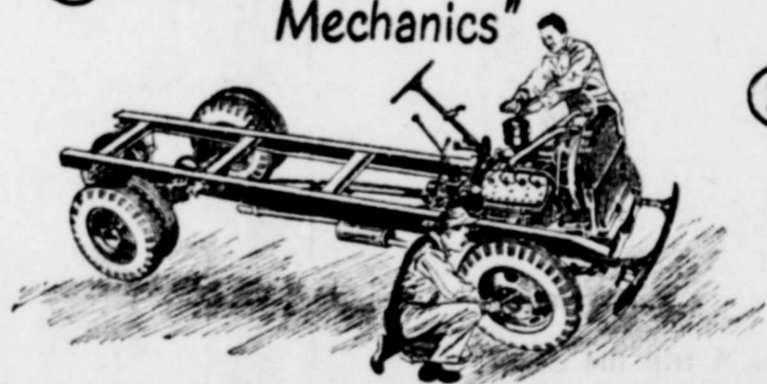


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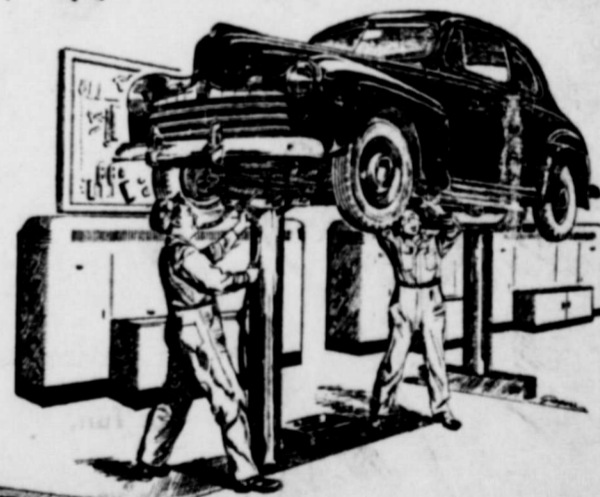
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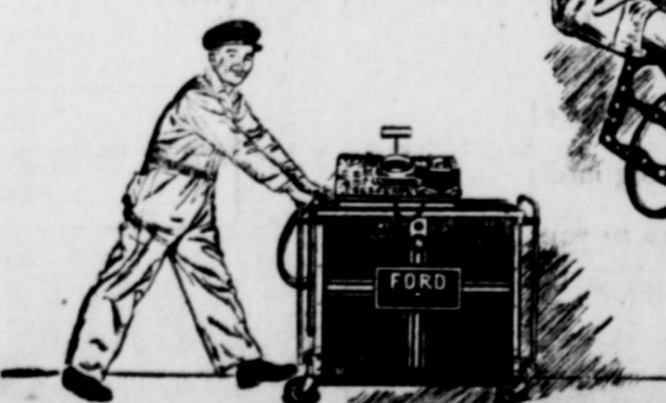
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ASSETS

1. Cash balances with other banks, including reserve balance, and cash items in process of collection	\$684,577.06
2. United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed	119,500.00
5. Corporate stocks (including \$2,100.00 stock of Federal Reserve bank)	2,100.00
6. Loans and discounts (including \$49.33 overdrafts)	237,201.66
7. Bank premises owned \$750.00, furniture and fixtures \$750.00	1,500.00
12. TOTAL ASSETS	\$1,044,678.72

LIABILITIES

13. Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	\$923,336.50
15. Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings)	37.50
16. Deposits of States and political subdivisions	4,998.72
19. TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$928,372.72

24. TOTAL LIABILITIES (not including subordinated obligations shown below) **\$928,372.72**

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

25. Capital*	\$ 25,000.00
26. Surplus	45,000.00
27. Undivided profits	46,366.00
29. TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	\$116,366.00

30. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS **\$1,044,678.72**

*This bank's capital consists of Common stock with total par value of \$25,000.00

I, J. G. Wilks, cashier, of the above-named bank, hereby certify that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. G. WILKS.

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Taylor, ss:

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SMOKED—Salmon, 1/2's	29c	OZARK DINNER—with Green Beans	
RED and WHITE—Sausage, can	15c	New Potatoes, No. 2	13c
RED and WHITE—Potted Meat, can	6c	RED and WHITE—Peas, No. 3 Sv. No. 2	21c
RED and WHITE—Stuffed Olives, No. 5 1/2	33c	Kuner Primrose—WHOLE—Beets, No. 2 can	23c
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FRANCES HARWELL, WILLIAM CAREY ARE WED.

Wedding vows were exchanged at 6 o'clock Sunday evening by Frances Merle Harwell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Harwell, and William Elbert Carey, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Carey of Post, at the Methodist parsonage. The double ring ceremony was read by Rev. R. L. Butler, the pastor, before an altar of gladioluses and double daisies.

Wedding music was played by Mrs. Andy Shouse and Mrs. Edwin Read. Joy Nalley sang "I Love You Truly" and "Love Sends a Little Gift of Roses," and "The Rosary" was played softly during the ceremony.

The bride's sister, Charlotte Harwell, was maid of honor, and the bridegroom's brother, O. R. Carey, Jr., served as best man.

The bride wore a powder blue suit, fashioned with a frock-tail jacket; with it she wore a white felt off-the-face hat, black and white accessories and a corsage of white gardenias. Her sister wore a pink sheer frock with white accessories and white carnations. Both carried white lace handkerchiefs brought from Germany by Charles Harwell, the bride's brother.

The bride is a graduate of Merkel High school and attended Texas Technological college, Lubbock. The bridegroom attended the Southland high school and Texas Technological college. He volunteered for service and served in the European war theatre.

An informal reception at the home of the bride's parents followed the ceremony. Alice Carey and Mrs. Clemons Carey served punch and cake from the Madeira linen laid table.

The young couple left for a wedding trip to Ruidoso, N. M., after which they will live in Abilene for the remainder of the summer.

Wedding guests from out of town were Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Carey and sons, O. R. Jr., and Burl of Post; Mrs. W. M. Carey, Alice Carey, Johnnie Mae Finley, Mrs. E. L. Harwell, Mrs. A. D. Tarrant and Nancy, Abilene.

GWENDOLYN PHILLIPS, DON HUTCHESON MARRY IN SUNDAY SERVICE.

Miss Gwendolyn Phillips, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hart Phillips, ranchers who live near Big Spring, became the bride of Don Hutcheson, younger son of Mrs. Chester Hutcheson, county clerk of Taylor county, in an afternoon ceremony in Abilene Sunday.

The marriage took place at 2:30 in the First Methodist church, with the pastor, Rev. Marvin Boyd, reading the service.

Church decorations included an arch of greenery and baskets of asters and gladioluses in pink, orchid and rose colors.

Wedding music was given by Shirley Jolly, who also played the accompaniment for Ima Ruth Shouse to

sing "I Love You Truly" and "Because."

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a navy blue frock-tail coat suit with white sheer blouse. Her hat was off-the-face white felt, styled with streamers. She wore white gloves and other accessories in navy and a white orchid corsage pinned to the suit lapel. She carried a white Bible.

Following the tradition of something old, she wore three gold shirt studs belonging to her grandfather, B. F. Godwin of Ranger; for something borrowed, she carried a linen handkerchief brought from Japan to her aunt, Mrs. Willard Renfro, of Garden City.

Rusaline Cox of Garden City served as maid of honor, and Billy Tom Hutcheson, brother of the bridegroom, was best man, Ushers were Billy Gamble of Baird and A. L. Shouse of Merkel.

Mary Ruth Hutcheson, the bridegroom's sister, registered wedding guests in the bride's book.

After the ceremony the couple left immediately for a honeymoon trip to Texas points, including San Antonio and Austin, and upon their return to Abilene will be at home at 1521 South Third street.

Mrs. Hutcheson was graduated from Garden City high school and attended McMurry college one year. Born and reared in Merkel, the bridegroom was graduated from Merkel High school and was a student in Texas Technological college, Lubbock, at the time of his entrance into the Army Air Forces. He is now photographer for the Abilene Reporter-News, having taken that position following his discharge from the Air Forces.

Among out-of-town guests for the wedding were: Mrs. W. D. Hutcheson, paternal grandmother, and J. T. Darsey, maternal grandfather, of Merkel; Mrs. Ernest Breeden, Houston; Mrs. Mattie Fields and Miss Willie Darsey, McGregor; Mr. and Mrs. Wade Darsey, San Angelo, and Mrs. Dewey Holland, Houston.

GILMORE-JINKENS.

On Saturday evening, July 12, Miss Dorothy Jinkens, older daughter of Mrs. Ruby Jinkens, and Lloyd Gilmore, son of Mrs. Beulah Gilmore, were united in marriage. The ceremony was read at 8 o'clock by Rev. J. E. Shewbert of Colorado City in his home.

The bride was attractively attired in a white pique suit with a corsage of pink carnations and white accessories.

Present for the wedding were Mrs. Jinkens and Gerrie Jinkens, mother and sister of the bride, and Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Dee Clark, of Sweetwater.

Mrs. Gilmore, who graduated from Merkel High school with the class of 1944, was very popular in all school

activities, having been chosen class favorite in her Freshman year. She is now employed with the Taylor Refrigeration Cooperative, Inc.

The bridegroom was attending Merkel High school when he entered the Army. He was in the service 5 years, of which 31 months was spent overseas, where he was commissioned a lieutenant. Since his release from the Army he has been engaged in farming.

The couple left immediately after the ceremony on a wedding trip to San Angelo and upon their return will be at home three miles south of Merkel.

FORMER MERKEL GIRL WEDS AT MIDLAND.

Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Graham of Midland, formerly of Merkel, announce the marriage of their daughter, Betty Jean, to Travis Barrow, Jr. The wedding took place Friday night July 11, in the home of the bride's parents, with Rev. Mr. McPherson of the Calvary Baptist church of Midland officiating.

After the ceremony the wedding cake was cut and served with punch to twenty-three guests, including the immediate families of both of the contracting parties.

The bride will be happily remembered here as a graduate of the class of 1945 of Merkel High school.

The couple left Saturday morning for a wedding trip to San Antonio and Old Mexico, after which they will make their home in Midland.

GARDNER-BENNINGFIELD.

On Saturday evening, June 28, Vera Benningfield, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Benningfield of Noodle, and Jerry Gardner, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Gardner of Abilene, were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents at Noodle,

with Rev. W. K. Horn of Anson reading the ceremony.

The bride wore an orchid crepe dress trimmed with lace and a corsage of white carnations and white accessories. For something borrowed, she wore a strand of pearls belonging to her aunt, Mrs. Dick Herron. She wore a gold pin which belonged to her grandmother, the late Mrs. Vera Gregory, for something old.

Ima Lee Gardner, sister of the bridegroom, as maid of honor, wore a blue dress and white carnation corsage with black accessories. Grady Carr was best man.

The bride is a 1947 graduate of Noodle high school and the bridegroom is a 1946 graduate of the Avoca high school.

Following the ceremony a reception was held in the home of the bride's parents.

After a few days honeymooning in Turner Falls, Okla., Mr. and Mrs. Gardner returned to Abilene where they now reside.

GAME CLUB ENTERTAINED WITH SUPPER PARTY.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Y. Gaither, formerly of Merkel but removed to Sweetwater the first of the year, entertained members of the Jolly Neighbors club at their beautiful new home on Friday evening. Guests were conducted on a tour of the dairy barn and show of fine Durham cattle by Dr. Earl L. Thomason, owner of the farm, after which they returned to a sumptuous picnic supper, most attractively served on the long back porch of the Gaither home.

Games of "84" were progressed until a late hour and the following reluctantly said adieu to the Gaithers' wonderful hospitality: Messrs. and Mesdames Raymond Ferguson, Robert Hicks, Spencer Bird, Andy Shouse, Johnny Cox, Herbert Patter-

son, Earl Hughes, Miss Christine Collins, C. J. Glover, Dr. and Mrs. Thomason of Sweetwater.

BRIDAL SHOWER.

On Friday night, July 11, Mesdames George Woodrum, B. T. Sublett, D. A. Lee, O. L. Justice and Troy Cummings most graciously entertained guests with a bridal shower for Mrs. J. T. Reagan, the former Jan-

et Smith. Miss Gerrie Jinkens presided over the bride's book. Appropriate songs were sung at intervals by Joy and Roy Garrett and Mrs. Troy Cummings read a poem, "Three of Them." Mrs. B. T. Sublett served dainty refreshments of punch and cheese crackers to approximately 25 guests after which the lovely display of gifts was enjoyed by all.

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Mary Lee Taylor's Creamy Salad Dressing
Broadcast: July 19, 1947

2 tablespoons sugar
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon dry mustard
2 tablespoons flour

1 well-beaten egg
1/4 cup water
1/4 cup vinegar
1/2 cup Pet Milk

Mix together sugar, salt, mustard and flour. Stir in beaten egg. Add water and vinegar. Place over boiling water. Cook and stir 8 min. after water again boils, or until very thick. Cool slightly, then stir in milk. Store in covered jar in refrigerator and use for salads and sandwich fillings. Makes 1 cup.

For Chicken or Ham Salad, mix 2 cups diced, cooked chicken or ham, 1 cup diced celery and 1/4 cup sliced, stuffed olives or sweet pickles with 1/4 cup of this dressing. Makes 4 servings.

For Mock Chicken Salad, substitute lean veal or pork for the chicken.

For Tuna or Salmon Salad, substitute flaked, cooked or canned tuna or salmon for the chicken.

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