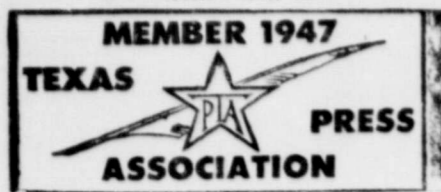


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W. R. Derr, of Abilene, (center), regional director for the Blue Cross plan of hospital service of this area, will have charge of the Community Enrollment campaign. Mrs. Lettie Moorman, (left), manager of the Abilene office for Blue Cross, will assist in the enrollment campaign, and Mrs. June Bowers, (right), enrollment representative from Dallas, will assist in the local drive.

Although there are more than 2,000 known species of orchids, orchid hunters still brave tropical jungles in search of new types and color combinations.

in 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unreserved. Issued this the 10th day of November, A. D. 1947.
Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 10th day of November, A. D. 1947.
(Seal) J. Neil Daniel, Clerk, District Court, Taylor County, Texas
By Thelma Graham, Deputy.

Legal Notice

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS.
TO: Dewitt Young, 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 29th day of December, A. D. 1947, at or before 10 o'clock A. M., before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County, at the Court House in Abilene, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 8th day of November, 1947. The file number of said suit being No. 15,551-A.
The names of the parties in said suit are: Eula Mae Young as Plaintiff, and Dewitt Young as Defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were married on August 15, 1945, and lived together until October 12, 1947.

One child was born to Plaintiff and Defendant. There is no community property.

Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of cruel treatment and asks for custody and support of child and that she be awarded her separate property and court costs.
If this Citation is not served with-

Badgers

(Continued from Page One)

Floyd, was more nearly up to par than in the previous two contests. The Merkel forward wall turned in a good defensive game, holding the Wolves to 48 yards rushing, and not giving up a single 20 yard line penetration.

The game in a nutshell: First downs, Merkel 17, Colorado 8; penetrations, Merkel 6, Colorado 0; yards rushing, Merkel 232, Colorado 48; passing, Merkel completed 6 out of 12 for 201 yards, Colorado completed 5 out of 11 for 50 yards; punting, Merkel one for 40 yards and Colorado 4 for a 47 yard average; penalties, Merkel 5 for 55 yards, Colorado 2 for 10.

Hospital Notes.

Injured in a car accident early Wednesday morning when the pickup he was driving smashed into a light standard on Oak street, Claude Perry is hospitalized at Sadler Clinic-Hospital.

Patients received during the week for treatment were: Mrs. Mamie Allen, T. H. Hellums, M. G. Bryan, Nov. 27; Mrs. Box Murphree, Harold C. Yandell, Mrs. Pearl Massey, Nov. 29; Sesarria Acuna, Nov. 30; Mrs. Willie Mashburn, Mrs. J. T. Gregory, Henry Hale, Dec. 2; Mrs. David Largent, Lige Howell, Dec. 3. The H. O. Irvin child was admitted Nov. 30 for observation, and the H. M. Cooper child, Nov. 28, for an arm cast. Receiving tonsillectomies were the H. G. Russell child, the Tommy Patterson child, Nov. 27; Mrs. Martha C. Richie, Nov. 28; Vada Campbell, Nov. 29.

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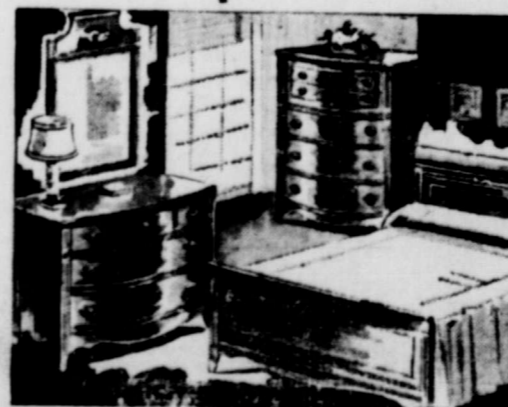
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W. E. Dunnam, cooperator in the South Boyd Chapel Conservation has seeded his entire cultivated area to hairy vetch and rye this year as a winter cover and soil improving crop. Mr. Dunnam is the owner of the Dunnam Orchard consisting of 160 acres of mixed fruit trees which is

one of the larger commercial orchards in Jones county. In the past no uniform orchard management program has been followed except small patches of cow peas, rye and clean tillage. This orchard has suffered a great deal from wind blowing and has a great need for soil improving and winter cover crops. Mr. Dunnam is expecting a great help this year from this hairy vetch and rye not only for soil improving and wind resisting action but for grazing, seed production and for the ultimate increase in fruit yield per acre. This was seeded at the rate of 10 pounds vetch and 30 pounds rye per acre with varying amounts of superphosphate ranging from 100 to 200 pounds per acre.

T. B. Stevens, cooperator in the North Golan group, is thoroughly sold on the merits of hairy vetch and rye as a winter cover and soil improving crop on the mixed lands and deep sands. Mr. Stevens had 12 to 15 acres of vetch and rye last year on his farm. This year he has planted this at the rate of about 10 pounds vetch per acre and 35 pounds rye. He is counting on a great deal of winter and spring grazing and a seed crop along with the greatest value perhaps of all which is winter cover and soil improving.

A. J. Barbee, Sr., has planted his

entire farm to legumes this year. Last year he had 25 acres of alfalfa which yielded about 4 tons per acre and 6 weeks of early spring grazing along with the same amount of grazing this fall. This year he has planted an additional 25 acres to alfalfa at the rate of 20 pounds seed per acre and applied 100 pounds of superphosphate per acre. In addition to this he has planted about 45 acres to oats and vetch at the rate of 10 pounds vetch and 30 pounds oats per acre. Mr. Barbee is planning on using these crops for soil improvement and winter cover, for grazing and for hay.

C. M. Brown, operator of the A. B. Cranston farm and district cooperator in the Comere Conservation group, has planted 11 acres of Dixie Wonder peas as a soil improving crop. These peas were planted on heavy clay soils in 3 feet rows at the rate of 12 pounds seed per acre.

Charles Edwards, cooperator in the Sinclair Conservation group, has recently planted 21 acres of hairy vetch and abuzzi rye as a winter cover and soil improving crop. Mr. Edwards stated this planting was made on his least productive land and that this area was highly susceptible to wind erosion. This is the first time hairy vetch has been planted on this farm and it will be observed closely for adaptability as a winter cover and soil improving crop. About 200 pounds of superphosphate per acre was applied to this planting and a planting rate of 15 pounds of hairy vetch and 30 pounds of abuzzi rye was used per acre; the seeding was made with a combination grain and fertilizer drill.

N. H. Touchstone, cooperator in

the Sinclair Conservation group, is increasing his winter cover crop acreage this fall. Two years ago Mr. Touchstone made his first planting of hairy vetch on his farm which consists mostly of sandy loam soils. This first planting was unfertilized and this fact coupled with extreme dry weather proved somewhat below expectations. This crop did produce sufficient seed to reseed and a volunteer crop was obtained on this 4 acre area. The second year's growth was much improved over the first season's growth even though dry weather prevailed. This year Mr. Touchstone has seeded 12 acres to hairy vetch and rye and 11 acres to winter peas as winter cover and soil improving crops. These crops were seeded on the contour with a combination drill and he used about 110 pounds of superphosphate per acre.

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Legal Notices

NOTICE OF ELECTION FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS.
THE STATE OF TEXAS
CITY OF MERKEL
COUNTY OF TAYLOR
TO ALL QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE CITY OF MERKEL, TEXAS, WHO OWN TAXABLE PROPERTY IN SAID CITY AND WHO HAVE DULY RENDERED THE SAME FOR TAXATION:

TAKE NOTICE that an election will be held in the City of Merkel, Texas, on the 20th day of December, 1947, to determine whether or not the City Council of said City shall be authorized to issue the bonds of said City in the following amounts and for the following purposes:

\$80,000 general obligation tax bonds for the purpose of improving, enlarging, extending and repairing the waterworks system of said City; and

\$20,000 general obligation tax bonds for the purpose of improving, enlarging, extending and repairing the sanitary sewer system of said City;

and which election was duly called and ordered by the order of the City Council of said City, passed on the 25th day of November, 1947, and which election order is made a part of this Notice, and is in words and figures, as follows, to-wit:

ELECTION ORDER
The State of Texas
City of Merkel
County of Taylor

ON THIS the 25th day of November, 1947, the City Council of the City of Merkel, Texas, convened in special session at the regular meeting place thereof in the City Hall, there being present and in attendance the following members, to-wit:

A. J. Canon, Mayor; and the following Aldermen, Joe Cypert, O. B. Leach, J. W. Hammond, Earl Hughes, Robert Hicks, and with the following absent: none; constituting a quorum; when, among other proceedings had, were the following:

Alderman Earl Hughes introduced

an order and moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Alderman O. B. Leach. The motion carrying with it the adoption of the order, prevailed by the following vote:

AYES: Aldermen Cypert, Leach, Hammond, Hughes and Hicks;
NOES: None.

The order is as follows:

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Merkel, Texas, deems it advisable to issue the bonds of said City for the purposes hereinafter mentioned;

BE IT ORDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERKEL, TEXAS:

I. That an election be held on the 20th day of December, 1947, which date is not less than fifteen (15) nor more than thirty (30) days from the date of the adoption of this order, at which election the following propositions shall be submitted to the qualified electors who own taxable property in said City and who have duly rendered the same for taxation:

PROPOSITION NUMBER 1.

"SHALL the City Council of the City of Merkel, Texas, be authorized to issue EIGHTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$80,000) bonds of said City, maturing serially over a period of years not to exceed thirty (30) years, bearing interest at the rate of not to exceed FOUR PER CENTUM (4%) per annum, payable annually or semi-annually, for the purpose of improving, enlarging, extending and repairing the waterworks system of said City; and to provide for the payment of principal of and interest on said bonds by levying a tax sufficient to pay the annual interest and to create a sinking fund sufficient to redeem said bonds as they become due?"

PROPOSITION NUMBER 2.

"SHALL the City Council of the City of Merkel, Texas, be authorized to issue TWENTY-THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$20,000) bonds of said City, maturing serially over a period of years not to exceed thirty (30) years, bearing interest at the rate of not to exceed FOUR PER

CENTUM (4%) per annum, payable annually or semi-annually, for the purpose of improving, enlarging, extending and repairing the sanitary sewer system of said City; and to provide for the payment of principal of and interest on said bonds by levying a tax sufficient to pay the annual interest and to create a sinking fund sufficient to redeem said bonds as they become due?"

II. That said election shall be held at City Hall in the City of Merkel, Texas, and the entire City shall constitute one election precinct.

III. That the following named persons are hereby appointed officers of the election, to-wit:

T. L. Grimes, Presiding Judge,
Parker Sharp, Judge,
Andy Shouse, Clerk,
J. W. Mansfield, Clerk.

IV. That said election shall be held under the provisions of and in accordance with the laws governing the issuance of municipal bonds in cities, as provided in the General Laws of the State of Texas, and only qualified electors, who own taxable property in the City, and who have duly rendered the same for taxation, shall be qualified to vote.

V. That the ballots of said election shall have written or printed thereon the following:

"FOR THE ISSUANCE OF WATER IMPROVEMENT BONDS AND THE LEVY OF A TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF"

"AGAINST THE ISSUANCE OF WATER IMPROVEMENT BONDS AND THE LEVY OF A TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF"

"FOR THE ISSUANCE OF SEWER IMPROVEMENT BONDS AND THE LEVY OF A TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF"

"AGAINST THE ISSUANCE OF SEWER IMPROVEMENT BONDS AND THE LEVY OF A TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF"

As to each of the foregoing propositions, each voter shall mark out with black ink or black pencil one of the above expressions, thus leaving the other as indicating his or her vote on the two propositions, respectively.

VII. That a copy of this order, signed by the Mayor of the City and attested by the City Secretary, shall serve as proper notice of said election.


VIII. That all of the bonds of the two series hereinabove mentioned, if approved by the qualified voters voting at the election herein and hereby ordered, are to be issued as one series to be known as Water and Sewer Improvement Bonds, aggregating the principal sum of \$100,000.

VIII. That said notice of said election shall be given by posting and publication of a copy of this order, at the top of which shall appear the words "NOTICE OF ELECTION FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS". Said notice shall be posted at the City Hall and at two other public places in said City, not less than fourteen (14) days prior to the date on which said election is to be held, and published on the same day in each of two successive weeks in THE MERKEL MAIL, a newspaper of general circulation, published in the City of Merkel, Texas, the first of said publications to be made not less than fourteen (14) days prior to the date set for said election.

Attest:
W. M. Elliott, City Secretary,
City of Merkel, Texas.
(City Seal)

THIS NOTICE of election is issued and given by the undersigned, pursuant to authority conferred by virtue of the above and foregoing order of the City Council of the City of Merkel, Texas, and under authority of law.
WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF THE CITY OF MERKEL, TEXAS, this the 25th day of November, 1947.
A. J. Canon, Mayor,
City of Merkel, Texas.
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President Truman opened the 41st annual Christmas Seal Sale of the National Tuberculosis Association and its 3,000 affiliates by accepting the first sheet of the 1947 Seals from Secretary of Commerce W. Averill Harriman at the White House.

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MOVIE CALENDAR

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Sunday, Monday and Tuesday — Bud Abbott, Lou Costello, Marjorie (Calamity) Main in "Wistful Widow of Wagon Gap;" latest News reel and color cartoon.

Wednesday - Thursday — Joan Bennett, Robert Ryan, Charles Bickford in "The Woman on the Beach;" latest March of Time "T-Men in Action."

TEXAS

Friday - Saturday — Double feature program: Eddie Dean, Roscoe Ates in "Driftin' River" and George Sanders, Angela Lansbury, Ann Dvorak in "Private Affairs of Bel Ami;" Jesse James serial and color cartoon.

VA Offices No Longer Open on Saturdays

Veterans administration contact offices will no longer be open for business on Saturdays after the thirtieth of December, according to an announcement by Robert W. Sisson, Manager, West Texas VA region.

VA contact offices in this region are located at Borger, Amarillo, Lubbock, Childress, Abilene, San Angelo, Big Spring, Odessa and El Paso.

Veterans and their dependents are invited to contact the office any day from Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a. m. to 4:45 p. m.

"It is deeply regretted that it has become necessary to close the VA contact offices on Saturdays, but under Civil Service regulations our work-week has been limited to 40 hours," Sisson said.

"WISTFUL WIDOW OF WAGON GAP"

"The Wistful Widow of Wagon Gap" is the funniest of all the 20 comedies made so far by those stellar laugh artists, Bud Abbott and Lou Costello. It comes to the Queen screen Sunday matinee, Monday and Tuesday nights.

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"THE PRIVATE AFFAIRS OF BEL AMI"

The distinguished 19th Century

novelist and short story writer, Guy de Maupassant, will be making 20th Century headlines these days when the Loew-Lewin production of his novel "Bel Ami," now called "The Private Affairs of Bel Ami," arrives on the screens of the country, with handsome George Sanders in the title role. Co-starring with Sanders are Angela Lansbury and Ann Dvorak.

The film is being released by United Artists and is slated to bow in at the Texas theatre Friday and Saturday.

The story of this highly entertaining film is set in Paris during the early '80s, with Sanders playing the role of an ambitious French journalist who uses his audacious charm, wit and matchless arrogance with women to further his career.

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Baked Potatoes
Apple Crumb

Place 4 cups pared, sliced apples in greased baking dish. Mix 1 cup brown sugar, 1/2 cup butter, 1/2 cup flour until crumbly. Sprinkle mixture over apples. Bake covered. Oven temperature 350°, time 1 hour. Set clock for Time On and Time Off.

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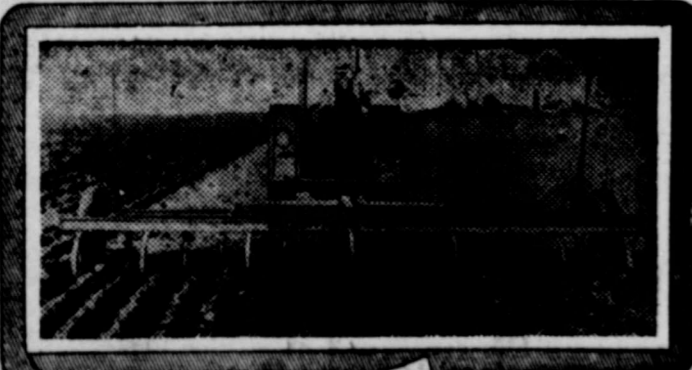
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