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MERCURY DROPS TO 10 DEGREES, SEASON'S LOW

Record low of 10 degrees for the season was recorded locally at 8 a. m. Wednesday, tenth day of the current blizzard which has gripped the entire state.

At the same hour Thursday, the mercury stood at 17 degrees, but changes later in the day indicated that the cold spell was receding, with forecast of "slightly warmer Friday."

Worst conditions of the siege were experienced Monday when a thin ice, no more than a fraction of an inch, coated the streets, highways and sidewalks, making operation of autos extremely hazardous, if attempted at all, and leaving the sidewalks treacherous even to the most careful travelers on foot.

Tuesday's low reading was 14 degrees, ten below the preceding day.

Bull Calf in Roy Largent Herd Brings \$6000 in Auction

Roy R. Largent and Sons exhibited their show herd of 14 head at the National Western Show in Denver, Colo., last week, winning first on junior bull calf, second on junior heifer calf and second on pair of calves, besides placing well up in the money in all classes.

The winning bull calf sold in the auction sale for \$6,000.

The same firm is shipping two head to Fort Worth to enter them in the Southwestern sale, but having sold the show herd in Denver will not exhibit at Fort Worth nor Houston this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Largent, Mr. and Mrs. David Largent and Rust Largent returned first of the week from Denver, and Roy went to Brownwood, where he had two head at the Brownwood show and sale, and according to report Tuesday, he was "ice-o-lated" there.

He is to judge the Arizona Herford show at Tucson, on Feb. 14.

Trent Juniors Sponsor Amateur Show, Feb. 20

Trent, Jan. 29.—The Junior class of Trent high school is sponsoring an amateur show on Feb. 20. The Butane boys of Abilene will furnish the music and be the judges. There is a cash prize and the winner will appear on their Saturday night broadcast.

Every one is eligible to enter: singing, music, dancing, stunts or anything you would like to do.

All entries must be in before Feb. 13. If planning to enter, contestants are requested to write to the Junior Class, Trent, Texas, and tell them what you are going to do.

There will also be a bubble gum contest for the children.

Admission prices are 25 and 40 cents.

Cliffa Jean Estep is class president, and Maurice Spratlen, secretary.

Tells in Letter What To Wear in Alaska

What to wear when assigned to duty in Alaskan woods is told in a letter from Cpl. Billy J. Jaynes, now stationed at Fort Richardson, Alaska, to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Jaynes.

"When I was out in the woods," he said, "I wore a pair of wool socks, one-half inch thick, and a pair of felt shoes, then a pair of rubber boots; also had on a suit of long underclothes, then a pair of heavily lined pants and my Parka and wool cap and wool and silk gloves."

Corporal Jaynes landed in Alaska on Jan. 18, last year. Nearest town to Fort Richardson is Anchorage.

Hospital to Make Cancer Survey in State

Houston, Jan. 30.—The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Hospital for Cancer Research will make a survey in 1948 to determine the extent of cancer in the state and facilities available for combating it.

Harris county will serve as a pilot area, and data obtained will be compared with available cancer treatment facilities of the state as a whole.

The M. D. Anderson hospital was selected to make the survey because it is a state institution functioning as an adjunct to other cancer agencies which will be added by the hospital in establishing facilities required for a complete cancer program in Texas.

COUNTY MARCH OF DIMES DRIVE IS EXTENDED

On Account of Bad Weather Chairman Kennedy Adds Another Week; Locally, Sum of \$160 Turned In To Date.

Because of the bad weather that has prevailed for the last 10 days, Robert E. Kennedy, of Abilene, county campaign chairman for the March of Dimes, stated Wednesday that the campaign would be extended another week at least. It was due to close on Saturday night.

Including the contributions to the wishing well, returns from ticket sales to the benefit party and theatre collections, Mrs. W. T. Sadler, local chairman, reported Wednesday that approximately \$160.00 had been turned in from Merkel activities.

Only the Sunday showing was made of the film, "Time Out for Margaret," at the Queen theatre, as the weather cut attendance Monday and Tuesday nights to a very slim turnout and no collection was taken either night. Manager Norman T. Hodge stated Wednesday that the film would be shown again the coming Sunday, Monday and Tuesday at which presentations a theatre collection will be taken for the March of Dimes cause.

No collection has as yet been made from the March of Dime coin banks placed in stores throughout the business district, and the school drive, with which the weather also interfered, is not completed.

A large number of Merkelites, and several guests from out-of-town gathered Thursday evening of last week for the community-wide benefit party at the Community Center, where games of "42" and bridge featured diversion for the early evening hours and dancing was in order after 10 o'clock.

Assisting Mrs. Sadler in plans for the party were Mrs. Weldon McAninch, Mrs. Grif Barnett, Mrs. David Gamble, Riggs Shepperd, Earl Hughes and E. B. Wallace, and prominent both participant in the games and ardent sponsor of the cause was Colonel James Wallace, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Wallace, who is an infantile paralysis victim making noticeable progress toward recovery.

Colonel James was stricken with poliomyelitis Oct. 26, 1942, and as a result of a series of operations extending through July, 1946, he has been able to attend school this term without missing a day on account of illness.

In connection with the March of Dimes drive, he said:

"Every one should contribute to the March of Dimes, for it is a fine thing for boys and girls who may have had polio, or who might some day have it. Money contributed through other March of Dimes drives has helped me to walk again."

Direct Assignments to Goodfellow Field by Recruiting Station

Captain Wayne Hall of the Abilene U. S. Army and U. S. Air Force Recruiting Main Station has announced that the recruiting office has been granted the authority to process ex-service personnel with skilled or semi-skilled MOSs for direct assignment to Goodfellow Field in San Angelo.

Captain Hall further stated that vacancies existed in numerous fields such as airplane mechanics, cooks, medical technicians, supply clerks, and many others.

One with the necessary prerequisites will be sent directly to Goodfellow Field in order to determine whether or not a vacancy exists in his specialty. In the event a vacancy does exist in his MOS he will then be forwarded to Lackland Field for final processing.

Any one desiring the details of this program may obtain them by inquiring at the Recruiting Station in Abilene located at 233 Cedar Street.

Return From Insurance Meeting in Louisiana

Abilene, Jan. 29.—Mr. and Mrs. Guyn M. Pannell have recently returned from the Republic National Life Insurance Company convention and Sugar Bowl classic in New Orleans, for which Mr. Pannell qualified by being one of the company leaders by his personal production record for the year.

Since their return, they are happily situated in their new home at 207 Mockingbird Lane.

MERKEL SCHOOLS ON SCHEDULE AGAIN THURSDAY

With the rescinding Wednesday night of the restriction cutting off gas for the schools, laundries and industrial meters, in order to conserve the supply for home purposes, the Merkel Public schools resumed sessions Thursday morning.

Only about 50 were present in grade school, while High School attendance numbered about 100. Owing to the small attendance, classes were, however, dismissed before noon.

Definite announcement was made Thursday noon by Supt. R. A. McCollum that regular sessions in both the High and Grade schools will be held Friday.

Attendance Monday was about 80 per cent, he said, but there was such a falling off Tuesday that the schools were dismissed at noon and no sessions were held Wednesday.

Farewell Party for Presbyterian Pastor Moving to Atlanta

Rev. D. S. Neel, pastor of Grace Presbyterian church the past three years, preached his farewell sermon at the morning hour last Sunday. In November he had tendered his resignation, effective Jan. 15, which was reluctantly accepted by members of the congregation. Later he accepted calls to serve a double pastorate—the churches at Atlanta and Jefferson in East Texas.

The family, who had expected to leave the first of the week but were delayed by the bad spell of weather, will make their home in Atlanta.

While he was stationed at Camp Barkeley in military service, Rev. Mr. Neel was supply pastor for the Merkel church for one year, and upon his discharge from the service he was called to the pastorate. More recently he has also served as supply pastor for the Tye, Tuscola and Zion Chapel churches in addition to performing his pastoral duties at Merkel.

In saying farewell to their beloved pastor, members of the congregation of Grace Presbyterian church were hosts for a party Friday evening in the church basement. A musical program included two vocal solos by Mrs. Don Riney, "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling" and "Auld Lang Syne"; a vocal duet, "Till We Meet Again," by Mrs. Riney and Mrs. Vincent Barnett; three accordion numbers, "Washington Post March," "Indian Love Call" and "Goodnight, Little Girl of My Dreams," by Mrs. Bernard Clark; a vocal solo, "Beautiful Dreamer," by Mrs. Vincent Barnett, and concluding with two duet numbers, "Santa Lucia" and "Ivory Palaces," by Mrs. Barnett and Mrs. Forrest Barnett.

After the program was finished, W. M. Elliott, clerk of the session, in behalf of the church, presented the Neels a lovely bedspread, to which feeling response was made by the retiring pastor, speaking for each member of his family.

Sandwiches, cakes and hot chocolate were served by the ladies of the church.

Welfare Unit Assists 83 Children From 43 Families Past Month

Abilene-Taylor County Clinic Welfare Unit rendered service in December to 83 children from 43 families, its report reveals.

This included 12 children from seven families added during that month.

At the end of December 52 children from 26 families remained as beneficiaries of the unit.

Maintenance of children cost the organization \$315.97, and administration, \$161.49.

Now the unit provides for 26 children in their homes, eight in relatives' homes and 11 in foster care.

All requests received during the month were acted upon.

The 12 new children that were given aid came to the agency's attention from the following sources: Schools 8, court 2, law enforcement officers, 2.

Taylor county and the City of Abilene contributed jointly \$335.33 to the agency during December.

Twins Enliven Things

Culver, Ind., Jan. 29.—Three sets of identical twins on the football squad of Culver Military Academy kept not only Coach Russ Oliver guessing but the team's opponents as well. The twins were Jim and Jack Beardsley, end and fullback; George and Dick Steiner, ends, and Bob and Bill Barnes, tackles.

DECISIVE GAME TUESDAY NIGHT WITH PLOWBOYS

Badgers Have Opportunity to Even Score with Traditional Foes, Who Bested Merkel Boys in Earlier Contest.

The Merkel High School cagers will entertain their traditional rivals, the Roscoe Plowboys, here next Tuesday night, Feb. 3, in a game which will probably decide the championship of the west sector of District 5A.

At present the Plowboys are undefeated in loop play and the Badgers are close behind with only a lone setback. In their previous encounter at Roscoe earlier in the season the Merkel hoopers dropped a poorly-played 39-32 decision to the Nolan County dribblers. In order to gain at least a tie for the title the Badgers must take the Plowboys Tuesday night. In case Roscoe and Merkel should tie for the crown, a one game playoff would be scheduled to decide the championship of the west half and the right to meet Throckmorton for the full 5A diadem.

The third place Loraine Bulldogs will come to town this Friday night, Jan. 30, to do battle against the Badgers. In a previous skirmish this season the locals were forced to come from behind in the last four minutes of play to down the hard-fighting Bulldogs.

The contest against the Colorado City Wolves at the Mitchell County capital scheduled for Tuesday night was postponed on account of the bad weather.

In the only game played during the past week the Purple and Gold basketballers played just so-so in annexing a 39-28 triumph over the Snyder Tigers at Snyder last Friday night. The Tigers led 8-6 at the end of the first quarter, but the Badgers forged ahead in the second frame to stay ahead during the remainder of the dull contest. Merkel led 20-11 at the half. Robert Sledge turned in a sparkling performance in racking up 19 tallies.

Bill Patterson and Larry Bailey with 14 and 16 points, respectively, led the Merkel "B" squad to an easy 55-20 victory over the Snyder boys. The Badger third stringers, led by Brandon Wade with 8 markers, had their hands full in trimming the Tigers "C" team, 32-27.

Officers of McMurry Board are Re-Elected

Abilene, Jan. 29.—All of the officers of the board of trustees of McMurry college were re-elected and minor changes made in the board's administrative procedure at the annual meeting held Wednesday afternoon at the college.

The following officers were re-elected: S. M. Jay, president; Dr. L. L. Evans, first vice-president; W. J. Fulwiler, second vice-president; H. M. Harrison, third vice-president; Henry James, treasurer; Robert B. Wylie, secretary. All except Evans, an El Pasoan, are Abilene residents.

The board changed the personnel of the executive committee to include four members from the Abilene district of the Northwest conference, and three from outside that district. Members of the committee for the coming year will include Mr. Jay, Mr. Fulwiler, Sterling H. Wooten and Rev. Marvin L. Boyd, all of Abilene; Dr. O. P. Clark, Sweetwater, J. M. Willson, Floydada, and Dr. J. O. Haymes, Lubbock.

Court Pays REA \$308 For Moving of Poles

Payment of \$308 to the Taylor County REA Co-Op was authorized Monday at the final January session of the Taylor County Commissioners' court. The payment to the company was for charges in connection with the moving of poles from the right of way of the market access road to Blair.

The commissioners authorized the payment of the county's part of the monthly salary of the assistant county agent.

The court accepted the bid of M. W. Bradshaw on maintenance of county-owned typewriters.

Tractors to Mexico

Mexico City, Jan. 29.—The National Farm Credit bank said Monday it had agreed to finance the purchase of 352 tractors for agricultural production. The tractors will cost \$9,754,518 pesos (\$1,950,903).

PRE-SET MEETING BUSINESS MEN MONDAY, FEB. 2

On account of the severe cold weather, the meeting of business men, which was scheduled to have been held Monday night to adopt a calendar of fixed holidays for the year, was postponed and re-set for next Monday night, Feb. 2.

All the business firms of the city are urged to be represented at this meeting, those outside of the Lions club roster as well as the club's membership.

Mrs. A. H. Thornton, Pioneer Resident, Dies

Mrs. A. H. Thornton, 72, who had been a resident of Merkel 42 years, died at 5 a. m. Sunday at Sadler hospital. In failing health for two years, she became seriously ill last Friday and was removed to the hospital at 11 p. m. Saturday.

Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Monday from the Church of Christ, with Minister Troy M. Cummings, officiating, assisted by Rev. E. M. Weathers, pastor of the First Baptist church.

Burial, under direction of the Barrow-Sheppard Funeral home, was in Rose Hill cemetery by the side of her husband, Arthur H. Thornton, who died in 1931.

Fallbearers were W. A. McCandless, S. D. Gamble, D. Grimes, Johnny Jacobs, Joe Cyfert and R. D. Mabry, of Kerens.

Her maiden name was Maudine Ione Smith and she was born Sept. 24, 1875, in Blooming Grove and was married there on Aug. 25, 1905. Mrs. Thornton had been a member of the Church of Christ since girlhood. She was also a member of the Eastern Star.

Survivors include one son, Lawrence Thornton, two grandchildren, Lette Thornton of Abilene and Richard Wayne Thornton of Merkel, and three nieces and three nephews. Two nieces, Mrs. Clyde McKee of Abilene and Mrs. J. W. Freeman, of Waco, and a nephew, R. D. Mabry, and wife, of Kerens, were here for the funeral.

Clyde Richards Named Local T&P Agent

Clyde Richards, telegrapher and cashier, from Pecos, who has been awarded the Texas and Pacific railway agency here to succeed the late A. J. Graham, is expected to arrive and assume his new duties before the end of the week. The position was awarded on seniority merit.

Since the death of his father, June Graham has held the post as station agent here, and he has bid in the third trick telegraph job at Merkel and will remain here, for the present, he said Wednesday.

Head of Safety Panel

Austin, Jan. 29.—President T. S. Painter of the University of Texas accepted Wednesday Gov. Beauford H. Jester's appointment as head of a committee to develop a program of safety education.

SUPPLY OF GAS RESTORED IN MERKEL AREA

Lone Star Gas Company Relaxes Curtailment Order Within Few Hours After Precautionary Steps Had Been Taken.

At 8:30 p. m. Wednesday, Local Manager Frank Breaux of the Lone Star Gas company received orders relaxing the order, which had been earlier in the afternoon, (between 1:30 and 2 o'clock) curtailing natural gas service to all industrial users, thereby cutting off schools, laundries, theatre and other industrial meters.

The Dallas office of Lone Star Gas issued a statement to the effect that the curtailment order had been relaxed when it was determined that reserve supplies of natural gas were greater than estimated earlier on Wednesday.

The original order, it was reported, was made necessary "by demands without precedent in the company's 38-year history, despite a record amount of construction and enlargement of facilities since the war and particularly during the past 12 months."

The decision to curtail service to industrial users came only after the company was unable Tuesday night to regain the pressure necessary in the main line to insure efficient service to household users, as a paralyzing cold wave again gripped all of Texas, it was stated by an official of the company.

Upon receipt of notice that the use of gas was restored, Supt. R. A. McCollum made announcement via the Abilene radio that the schools would re-open Thursday morning, and all other enterprises that had been cut off resumed operation Thursday.

The Queen theatre, which did not open Wednesday night, was to show as usual Thursday night, Manager Hodge said.

Always loyal to duty but at the same time considerate of every consumer of his company, Frank Breaux, local Lone Star Gas manager, asked The Mail to express his appreciation for the co-operation so promptly and willingly rendered by all concerns affected.

Bluebonnet HD Club to Hold Political Rally

The Bluebonnet Home Demonstration club is sponsoring a political rally Friday night, Apr. 16, at the Butman barnacle, 15 miles southwest of Merkel. All candidates are invited.

Mrs. Wade Ensminger, of Route 4, Merkel, is program chairman.

Slight Damage from Fire

Only slight damage to wall paper and the ceiling at the flue opening resulted from a fire about three o'clock Thursday afternoon of last week in the home of Anastasia Palarez in Southwest Merkel. Origin of the fire is thought to have been from an oil heater.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From Files of The Merkel Mail, February 2, 1928.)

This paper is pleased to acknowledge from Mr. Lutie E. Sanders at Sacramento, Calif., the sum of \$2.00 for the Merkel Mail for the next year. Lutie, as he was familiarly known among his many friends here, was for many years in the cafe business in Merkel. We thank you.

FUNERAL FOR MRS. ALSOBROOK

Mrs. Flora Alsobrook, 62, a resident of Merkel for more than 40 years, died at the home of her son, Reed Alsobrook, 817 Sammons street yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

The funeral will be held at 2:30 o'clock Friday afternoon with Elder W. G. Cyfert officiating. Burial will be made in the Merkel cemetery.

Mrs. Alsobrook was one of the pioneer settlers of this section of the state. She settled in this county with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Green, more than 50 years ago. She was born in Texas on November 21, 1865. She married W. E. Alsobrook on September 5, 1886, the ceremony taking place in Merkel. Her husband died in 1923 and was buried at Merkel.

She is survived by three sons, Reed

Alsobrook of Abilene, Joe and J. M. Alsobrook, both of Tucson, Arizona, and two daughters, Mrs. J. T. Stamps of Cisco and Mrs. Willis Fox of Plainview. All of her children will attend the funeral services.

The many friends of Mr. W. I. Cogburn were very glad to see him up and about town last Saturday afternoon. Mr. Cogburn is just recovering from a severe operation for appendicitis. He was looking very well, considering the long illness through which he has just passed.

Dr. M. Armstrong accompanied Dr. W. V. Cranford to Temple first of the week, where the latter went to go through the clinic at the Scott sanitarium. Dr. Cranford has been quite sick for some time and we join his many friends in the sincere hope that he will receive immediate and permanent relief.

Mr. J. T. King, for many years in the blacksmith business in this city, has recently opened a new shop on Kent street in the building formerly occupied by Ben Pilcher. Read his announcement.

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PERSONALS

Doyle Garrett, Waco attorney and business man, was a passing visitor last week with his sister, Mrs. R. J. Miller, en route to Lubbock, where he and a partner are installing a drive-in theatre. Doyle will continue to make his home in Waco and operate a similar theatre there.

While Kenneth Sharp, manager of the City Drug company, is spending a two-weeks' vacation with his wife and daughter, Shirley Ann, at El Paso, Mrs. Mary Carr and her brother, Bob Boules, both of Morahans, owners of the store, are here to relieve him.

Ben Ferguson, of Stephenville, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Ferguson, this week.

Four members of the Merkel Garden club, Mesdames W. S. J. Brown, Wm. Sloman, Earl Lassiter and Jack Miller, attended the luncheon of the 8th district, Texas Garden clubs, at Ballinger on Thursday of last week.

Their many friends will be glad to know that Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Campbell, who have been residing in Abilene since the fall of 1946, have returned to their home at Blair.

First Lt. Bowman Barlow arrived

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JANUARY 15-30

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home last week-end from Camp Hood on 45-day leave, to join his wife and daughter, Becky, in the home of her mother, Mrs. Adah Heeter. He had as his guest, from Sunday until Wednesday, a fellow officer, First Lt. Jack Seda, of the same company at Camp Hood.
Mr. and Mrs. Jack L. Smith and daughter are now residing in Uvalde, where Jack is enrolled in an agricultural course at Southwest Junior college.

Record of Births
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Isenburg, Jr., Thursday, January 22, 1943.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hill, Thursday, January 22, 1943.

The United States had about 18,000 inter-city buses in 1940.

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The Merkel Mail office.

Eleven Models in 3 Series of New 1948 Chevrolet Announced

Detroit, Jan. 29.—The new 1948 Chevrolet models, incorporating design changes dictated by a minimum change-over period in order to insure high production flow, were announced here Jan. 22, and are now on display at Chevrolet dealers throughout the country.

The 11 models in three series all feature a re-designed radiator grille, pleasing new color harmonies in interior upholstery, and engine changes providing a more rigid crankshaft and more durable bearings.

A minimum of time was lost in conversion for the new models, thus enabling the largest builder of motor cars in the world to produce a maximum number of automobiles for the motoring public, which is so greatly in need of new vehicles.

"Chevrolet was determined once more to bring out a new line of motor cars without retarding produc-

RURAL SOCIETY

The Goodman Home Demonstration club met on Friday, Jan. 23, in the home of Mrs. Frank Carter, Miss Loreta Allen, the county agent, gave a very interesting demonstration showing the use of the different sewing machine attachments.

Refreshments were served to the following members: Mesdames J. C. Washburn, Albert Holt, Fletcher Hopper, Karl Bonneaux, Tom Morrison, R. A. Sweeney, Elmer Freeman, Odell Freeman, J. A. St. John, G. C. Blair, B. M. Ueckert, Willie Thomas, D. L. Butler, Gertie Mitchell, D. R. Butler, H. H. Windham, Frank Carter, C. P. Hodges; one new member, Mrs. Henry Ueckert, three visitors: Miss Allen, Mrs. J. W. Spurgin and Miss Ruth Hopper and several children.

Confirms Omar Bradley As Chief of Staff

Washington, Jan. 29.—The nomination of Gen. Omar Bradley as Army chief of staff was confirmed by the Senate Wednesday.

Bradley will take over the post now held by Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower sometime this spring.

It is estimated that the lives of bridges have been increased by as much as 25 years by replacing steel floors with aluminum alloy.



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tion to any great extent," said T. H. Keating, general sales manager. "The change-over to the new models has been accomplished with this in mind, and there has been only a minimum of production delay to those who have placed orders with Chevrolet dealers."

The three series of new models are the superlatively styled Fleetline, in two body types featuring low, sweeping contours; the de luxe Fleetmaster, with five body styles including a cabriolet and a station wagon, and the Stylemaster, offering unusual refinements in the economy price range. All models feature Bodies by Fisher, exclusive in the low-price class.

The re-designed front-end grille has been changed by the addition of a modernistic T-shaped, chrome center bar which extends upward to the base of the Chevrolet name plate on the top horizontal grille bar.

All series feature the time-tested valve-in-head engine, unitized knee-action front wheel suspension, and synchro-mesh transmission with vacuum gearshift, all exclusive with Chevrolet in the low-price field.

So that garage and parking-lot attendants may drive the car with the key removed, a new ignition switch has been introduced, of three-position design. The key may be removed in any position—unlocked off, unlocked on and locked off—and the ignition still may be turned on or off with the switch in either of the first two positions.

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As the cost of newsprint to The Merkel Mail and other small newspapers has reached a figure 105 per cent higher than the pre-war price, 84 per cent of which has been added since the end of the war, it is necessary, in order for the publisher to meet this increased cost as well as similar increases in all other items of publishing, that the subscription price of our paper be increased, (although it is not contemplated to increase it proportionately), and, therefore,

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It is the sincere hope of the publisher that all subscribers will understand the existing conditions and that our mutually pleasant relations will be continued.

THE MERKEL MAIL

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Legal Notice

**CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS.**

TO: Fannie E. Strain, individually, and as survivor in community of the community estate of H. R. Strain, her heirs, unknown heirs and legal representatives and assigns, whose whereabouts are unknown to the plaintiff and S. W. Lackey, his heirs, unknown heirs, assigns and legal representatives, whose whereabouts are unknown to plaintiff and Abe Berash, his heirs, unknown heirs, assigns and legal representatives, whose whereabouts are unknown to plaintiff and W. L. Maddox, (who is sometimes known as Lawrence Maddox), his heirs, unknown heirs and assigns and legal representatives, whose whereabouts are unknown and Pearl McGown, her heirs and unknown heirs, assigns and legal representatives, whose whereabouts are unknown to the plaintiff, 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 8th day of March, A. D., 1948, at or before 10 o'clock A. M., before the Honorable 104th District Court of Taylor County, at the Court House in Abilene, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 19th day of January, 1948. The file number of said suit being No. 5691-B.

The names of the parties in said suit are: Son Green as Plaintiff, and Fannie E. Strain, individually, and as survivor in community of the community estate of H. R. Strain, her heirs, unknown heirs and legal representatives and assigns, whose whereabouts are unknown to the plaintiff and S. W. Lackey, his heirs, unknown heirs, assigns and legal representatives, whose whereabouts are unknown to plaintiff and Abe Berash, his heirs, unknown heirs, assigns and legal representatives, whose whereabouts are unknown to plaintiff and W. L. Maddox, (who is sometimes known as Lawrence Maddox), his heirs, unknown heirs and assigns and legal representatives, whose whereabouts are unknown and Pearl McGown, her heirs and unknown heirs, assigns and legal representatives, whose whereabouts are unknown to the plaintiff, as Defendants.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: that on or about the first day of January, 1948 plaintiff was lawfully seized and possessed of the following described premises situated in Taylor County, Texas, holding and claiming the same, in fee simple, to wit:

Lot 4 in block A of Goldberg's Sub-division of Lot No. 4 Block No. 177 in the city of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas shown by plat and map of said addition now of record in the plat records of Taylor County, Texas.

That on the day and year last aforesaid defendants unlawfully entered upon said premises and ejected plaintiff therefrom and unlawfully withhold from him the possession thereof to his damage in the sum of \$1000.00. That the reasonable annual rental value of said lands and premises is \$600.00 per year. Plaintiff prays judgment for title and possession of said lands and premises, and that writ of restriction issue and for his rents, damages and costs of suit, and such other relief in law and in equity that he may be entitled to.

If this Citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved. Issued this the 19th day of January, A. D., 1948.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 19th day of January, A. D., 1948. J. Neil Daniel, Clerk, District Court, Taylor County, Texas By Thelma Graham, Deputy.

**CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS**

TO: C. C. Crunk, 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 23rd day of February, A. D.,

1948, 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 25th day of Nov., 1947. The file number of said suit being No. 15,569-A.

The names of the parties in said suit are: Marcia Crunk as Plaintiff, and C. C. Crunk as Defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit:

Plaintiff and Defendant were duly and legally married on 21 September 1946, and lived together until 1 August 1947.

They acquired no community property and no children have been born or will be born to said marriage. Plaintiff sues for divorce on the grounds of cruelty.

If this Citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved. Issued this the 7th day of Jan., A. D., 1948.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 7th day of January, A. D., 1948.

(Seal) J. Neil Daniel, Clerk, District Court, Taylor County, Texas By Grace Jenkins, Deputy.

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Lone Star Natural Gas System is fortunately located in that most of its sources of supply in 75 different gas fields form somewhat of a circle around the area served. The transportation system is designed to take advantage of this fact with pipelines criss-crossing the area so gas can be routed from at least two different directions to most communities.

We expect to handle, barring pipeline breaks or wash-out by floods, the fuel needs of homes on Lone Star system, no matter how cold the weather. Should there be any instances of low pressure areas they will be extremely isolated and a result from unusual shortages of material over which we have no control.

Homes have first call on Lone Star Service. On extreme days, as in past years, it may be necessary to discontinue service to large industrial users so all our vast pipeline capacity may be used for supplying fuel to homes. Industries contract for service with this understanding. We sincerely appreciate their cooperation.

Lone Star is in midst of vast expansion and improvement program for the thousands of new customers that are being added each year. \$40 million are being invested in new facilities. Last year, the first of this program, 100 major projects were completed over the system. They greatly strengthened Lone Star Service for the benefit of over 400,000 homes.

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Lovingly, your friend,
T. H. Spears.



MRS. CHESTER HUTCHESON.

Mrs. Chester Hutcheson has authorized The Merkel Mail to announce her candidacy for the office of county clerk of Taylor county, subject to the Democratic primaries this summer.

In her statement to the people of Merkel and West Taylor county, she said:

"For your cooperation and the privilege of serving you as your county clerk the past three years, I am deeply grateful.

"With the assistance of my deputies, I have endeavored to render efficient and courteous service, and to discharge the duties of the office in keeping with the law.

"I believe that the experience I have gained has better qualified me for the office. The office belongs to you and it is only at your hands that I can expect to continue my service. If you feel that I am worthy and that the record I have made merits my continuance in office, I will greatly

To Award Trophy at Fort Worth Stock Show



This trophy, known as the Texas Livestock Marketing Association trophy, will be one of the highly valued prizes won by the boy who shows the champion steer in the Boys' Steer class at the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show at Fort Worth Jan. 30-Feb. 8. The trophy will be presented by the Texas Livestock Marketing association, and all boys who have livestock entries in the show will be guests of the association at a barbecue Friday night, Jan. 30, in the judging arena in the new \$1,500,000 livestock buildings at the show.

appreciate your vote and influence in the coming primary.
"If elected, I will continue to give the very best service of which I am capable."

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MARCH 15th, 1948

Every single person having a GROSS income of \$500.00 and every married person having a GROSS income of \$1,000.00 are required to file a return of their 1947 income, on or before MARCH 15th, 1948.

File early and avoid last minute rush—Also salaried persons having a refund due should file early and get quicker returns.

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4. Special Ford Equipment



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Announce Exams for Substitute Clerk at Local Post Office

The Civil Service commission has announced examinations for filling vacancies as substitute clerk in the Merkel post office, according to information furnished The Mail by Weston West, secretary.

To be eligible to take the examination applicants must actually reside within the delivery of the Merkel post office or be bona fide patrons thereof. The entrance salary rate is \$1.04 per hour.

Application forms may be obtained from the post office, or from the Director, 14th U. S. Civil Service Region, 210 South Harwood, Dallas, Texas.

Since June 1, 1946, Murray Toombs has been temporary substitute clerk, filling the vacancy created when O. J. Adecock retired from the service.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks for the love and sympathy shown us in the illness and death of our beloved mother and aunt and for the lovely flowers sent; especially do we wish to thank Dr. Sadler for his services so faithfully rendered.

May God's blessings rest upon all of you, is our prayer
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Richard Wayne Thornton,
Mrs. J. W. Freeman,
Mr. and Mrs. Dare Mabry
Mrs. Clyde McKee.

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1948 Chevrolet is Massive



The over-all simplicity and massiveness of the new, 1948 Chevrolet is well shown in this three-quarter view of the Fleetmaster Sport Sedan. Fenders, hood, body and door panels all blend; and the crease moulding, below the windows, is wider than that used in previous models. Note the new T-shaped chrome center bar on the radiator grille.

Lone Star's Gas Supply is Adequate For Home Demand

The Lone Star Gas company has assured its domestic consumers that it will have sufficient gas to supply all their fuel needs no matter how cold the weather, barring unforeseen mechanical difficulties. This information was contained in a prepared statement issued by officials following current government recommendations for rationing and restrictions in the use of natural gas and other fuels in some sections of the United States.

Lone Star, which serves this territory and 332 other cities and towns in Texas and Oklahoma, pointed out that some of its large industrial consumers may be cut off temporarily at times to protect the gas supply for homes.

"There is no shortage of gas as far as Lone Star Gas Company customers are concerned," the statement said. "We expect to handle, barring pipe line breaks or washouts by floods, the fuel needs of homes on Lone Star system, no matter how cold the weather. Should there be any instance of low pressure areas,

they would be extremely isolated and result from unusual shortages of material over which the company has no control.

"Lone Star Gas Company is in the midst of a forty-million-dollar expansion and improvement program for the thousands of new customers that are being added each year. In 1947, the first year of this program, 100 major projects were completed over the system to protect and to strengthen gas service for more than 400,000 homes."

It was pointed out that Lone Star's pipe line system contains more than 5,000 miles of transmission mains which bring gas from more than 1,200 gas wells in about seventy-five widely scattered fields in Texas and Oklahoma.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to friends and neighbors for their many acts of kindness shown us in our recent bereavement—the loss of our beloved mother—and we are deeply grateful for the lovely flowers sent.

May God's richest blessings abide with you all.
The Gibson Children.

MOVIE CALENDAR

QUEEN

Friday - Saturday — Double feature program: Leo Gorcey, Huntz Hall, Bobby Jordan in "Bowery Buckaroos" and Monte Hale, Adrian Booth in "Along the Oregon Trail"; Jack Armstrong serial and cartoon. Sunday, Monday and Tuesday — Fred MacMurray, Ava Gardner in "Singapore"; Bugs Bunny cartoon and latest News.

Wednesday-Thursday—Joan Crawford, Van Heflin, Raymond Massey, Geraldine Brooks in "Possessed"; Technicolor Adventure and March of Time.

"SINGAPORE"

Torrid love, intrigue, physical combat and a touch of war have been stirred together into an exciting romantic melodrama for Universal-International's "Singapore," co-starring Fred MacMurray and Ava Gardner.

Laid entirely in the Far Eastern metropolis for which it is named, present day Singapore is shown on the screen for the first time. While a section of the picture is devoted to the days and events leading to the Jap attack on the city, the major portion of the story takes place to-

day. It is a stirring tale woven around a determined and reckless pearl smuggler who has only two interests in life—a beautiful woman and the priceless pearls.

Between 1941 and 1943, U. S. auto traffic decreased 40 per cent.

Statistics estimate that the population of the world is increasing more than 12,000,000 daily.

USED CARS

- 1947 Dodge Pickup, Like New
- 1946 Chevrolet Town Sedan
- 1941 Chevrolet 5 passenger coupe
- 1941 Chevrolet Town Sedan,
- 1941 Ford Tudor Sedan
- 1942 Dodge Army 4x4 pickup
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- 1940 De Soto Sedan
- 1941 Mercury Sedan—Like New
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CAMPBELL'S Tomato Soup, 10 1/2 oz. 09c	COMSTOCK Pie Apples, No. 2 can ... 21c
GOBLIN— 16 OUNCE CAN	GORTON Mackerel, 16 oz. can ... 23c
Pork & Beans, 2 for 23c	Red and White—FANCY Catsup, 14 oz. bottle ... 23c
SWEET PICKIN Peas, No. 2 can, 2 for 27c	AUNT JEMIMA Corn Meal, 5 lb. bag ... 55c
Alma—New—WHOLE Potatoes, No. 2 can 15c	KELLOGG All Bran, 10 oz. box ... 16c
Blue Lake—WHOLE Green Beans, No. 2 can ... 27c	THREE MINUTE Oats, large box 29c
Dunbar—CUT Okra, No. 2 can 19c	MORTON'S Salt, 26 oz. box 09c
RED and WHITE Peaches, No. 2 1/2 can ... 29c	GEBHARDT'S Chili Powder, 1 oz. pkg. 14c
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Fresh Pork LOINS,	lb. 54c	
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RING— Smoke SAUSAGE,	lb.	39c
JOWLS,	lb.	29c
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- Judy's (News & Views) 1 Yr.
- Modern Screen 1 Yr.
- Reader's Digest 6 Mo.
- Redbook Magazine 1 Yr.
- Science Pictorial 1 Yr.
- Screen Romances 1 Yr.
- Sports Afield 1 Yr.
- The Homemaker 1 Yr.
- The Woman 1 Yr.
- True Comics 1 Yr.
- Your Life 1 Yr.

GROUP B — Check Two Magazines

- American Fruit Grower 2 Yr.
- American Girl 1 Yr.
- American Poultry Jnl. 2 Yr.
- Breeder's Gazette 1 Yr.
- Christian Herald 6 Mo.
- Country Gentleman 5 Yr.
- Farm Journal and Farmer's Wife 2 Yr.
- National Livestock Producer 2 Yr.
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NEWSPAPER AND MAGAZINES 1 YEAR, UNLESS TERM SHOWN



Farmers cooperating with the Middle Clear Fork Soil Conservation district, as assisted by the Merkel office of the Soil conservation service, made great strides in soil conservation work in 1947. This has been a big year of accomplishments in soil conservation work and those who have done a good job of conserving and improving the soil on their farms can feel justly proud of this accomplishment. The following report shows the extent of new conservation practices applied in 1947 in the Merkel area on district cooperating farms not previously counted or reported:

- Contour planting, 12,152 acres.
- Cover crops (legumes), 1,412 acres.
- Crop residue management, 23,621 acres.
- Strip cropping, 25 acres.
- Range properly stocked, 3,916 acres.
- Seeding range or pasture with adapted grasses, 126 acres.
- Farm ponds, 19 No.
- New terraces, 430 miles.

New irrigation systems installed, 1. Diversion terraces, 56,722 linear feet.

This work was performed on 312 cooperating farms. At the present time there are 388 active district co-operators served by the Merkel unit and 105 applications for assistance on file representing farms which have not been reached and assistance not furnished as of this date. A total of 140 new conservation plans was developed in 1947 on 140 farms.

In analyzing the accomplishments for 1947 the most noteworthy progress seems to be in the increased interest and acreage of legume crops. This acreage, though small, is especially significant because 3 to 5 years ago very little legumes of any type were being grown in this area. Today farmers are planting Madrid sweet clover, Hubam clover, hairy vetch, winter peas, crotolaria and cowpeas. An interesting sidelight on legumes is the fact that those who are growing them are beginning to realize their value for soil improvement and economic uses and in most cases they are increasing their acreage of legumes and working them into their crop rotations. Two co-operators in the area have their entire cultivated land in legumes this year. In spite of all the good conservation work which has been done in the past there is much left to do. It can be safely estimated that in the Merkel area of the soil conservation district there remains to be done the following conservation jobs:

- Install and continue use of contour planting on about 200,000 acres annually.
- Seed and continue in crop rotation about 30,000 acres of legumes yearly.
- Follow good crop residue mulehng on about 115,000 acres yearly.
- Strip crop yearly about 5,000 acres of land subject to wind erosion.
- Range property stocked about 125,000 acres annually.
- Seeding depleted range and pasture land and areas to be revegetated, 10,000 acres.
- Eradication of noxious plants from range land such as mesquite, cedar and underbrush, about 90,000 acres.
- Contour furrowing range land on about 15,000 acres.
- Rotation grazing on about 125,000 acres per year.
- Deferred grazing on about 60,000 acres per year.
- Constructing new or correcting old terrace systems about 4000 miles.
- Maintaining new terraces constructed in recent years, about 2000 miles.
- Deep plowing on most of our tight lands at least one year in 4 representing about 40,000 acres per year.
- Constructing diversion terraces about 800 miles.
- Improving and installing irrigation systems on about 30 farms.
- Developing water facilities on about 100 farms.
- Stabilizing roadside ditches, about 500 miles.
- Following good crop rotations on about 200,000 acres annually.
- In addition to these larger items there are many supplemental measures necessary in most cases to accomplish larger objectives.

Uncle Sam Says



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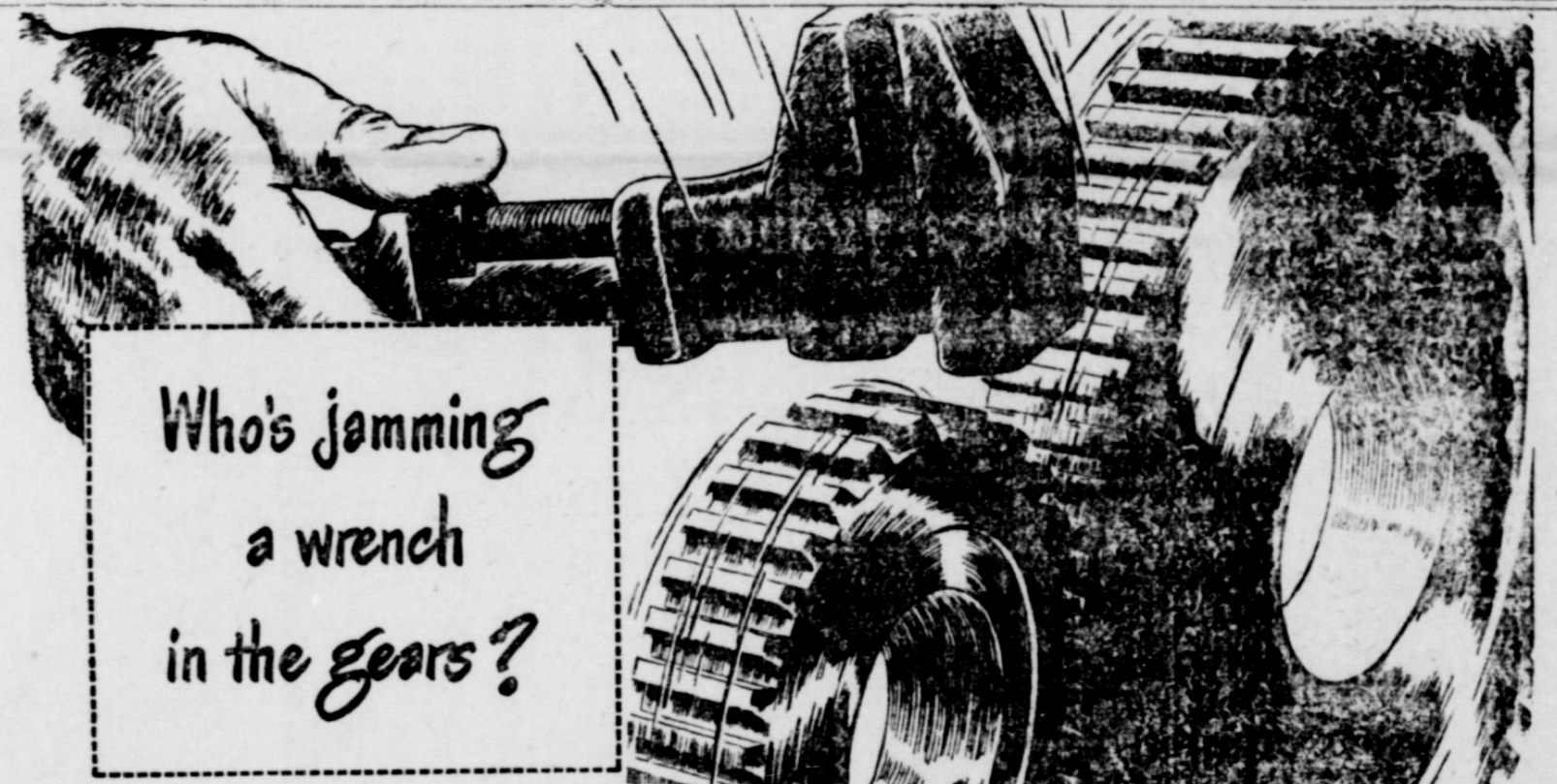
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Who's jamming a wrench in the gears?

3 Unions Block Labor Peace—Refuse Wage Boost Already Accepted by 19 Other Railroad Unions!

The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen and the Switchmen's Union of North America, representing 125,000 railroad employees, have refused to accept the offer of the Railroads of a wage increase of 15 1/2 cents an hour. This is the same increase awarded 1,000,000 non-operating employees by an arbitration board in September, 1947. This is the same increase accepted by 175,000 conductors, trainmen and switchmen by agreement on November 14, 1947. Agreements have been made with 1,175,000 employees, represented by nineteen unions. But these three unions, representing only 125,000 men, are trying to get more. They are demanding also many new working rules not embraced in the settlement with the conductors and trainmen.

Incidentally, the Switchmen's Union of North America represents only about 7% of all railroad switchmen, the other 93% being represented by the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and covered by the settlement with that union.

Strike Threat
The leaders of these three unions spread a strike ballot while negotiations were still in progress. This is not a secret vote but is taken by union leaders and votes are signed by the employees in the presence of union representatives.

When direct negotiations failed, the leaders of these three unions refused to join the railroads in asking the National Mediation Board to attempt to settle the dispute, but the Board took jurisdiction at the request of the carriers and has been earnestly attempting since November 24, 1947, to bring about a settlement. The Board on January 15, 1948, announced its inability to reach a mediation settlement. The leaders of the unions rejected the request of the Mediation Board to arbitrate. The railroads accepted.

What Now?
The Unions having refused to arbitrate, the Railway Labor Act provides for the appointment of a fact-finding board by the President. The railroads feel it is due shippers, passengers, employees, stockholders, and the general public to know that throughout these negotiations and in mediation, they have not only exerted every effort to reach a fair and reasonable settlement, but they have also met every requirement of the Railway Labor Act respecting the negotiation, mediation, and arbitration of labor disputes.

It seems unthinkable that these three unions, representing less than 10 per cent of railroad

employees, and those among the highest paid, can successfully maintain the threat of a paralyzing strike against the interest of the entire country—and against 90 per cent of their fellow employees.

The threat of a strike cannot justify granting more favorable conditions to 125,000 employees than have already been put in effect for 1,175,000, nor will it alter the opposition of the railroads to unwarranted wage increases or to changes in working rules which are not justified.

A glance at the box shows what employees represented by the Engineers and Firemen make. They are among the highest paid in the ranks of labor in the United States, if not the highest.

Compare these wages with what you make!

Type of Employee	1939 Average Annual Earnings	1947 Average Annual Earnings	1947 Average Annual Earnings with 15 1/2% Cost per Hour Added
ENGINEERS			
Road Freight (Local and Way)	\$3,966	\$6,126	\$6,757
Road Passenger	3,632	5,399	6,025
Road Freight (Through)	3,147	4,684	5,169
Yard	2,749	4,051	4,539
FIREMEN			
Road Freight (Local and Way)	2,738	4,663	5,268
Road Passenger	2,732	4,544	5,165
Road Freight (Through)	2,069	3,460	3,891
Yard	1,962	3,136	3,553

Railroad wages computed from Interstate Commerce Commission Statement M-300. Full year 1947 estimated on basis of actual figures for first eight months.

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Problems of Smaller Schools Basis of Study

Austin, Jan. 30.—Problems of Texas' smaller schools will be the basis for a special study sponsored by the University of Texas College of Education, Dean L. D. Haskew announced.

The study will begin Feb. 1, and extend four months. It will operate in a clinic fashion, Dr. Haskew said, with each school leader submitting problems from his own community for group diagnosis and suggested treatment.

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Dresser and bed suite, \$17.50. 5 dressers, \$6.50 to \$10.00. Dressing table, new, \$15.00. 1-2 bed, leather covered ends, \$11.50. New MoreRest springs, \$12.50. Oak buffet, nice, \$15.50.

Dropleaf table, 4 chairs, \$17.50. 7 kitchen cabinets, \$6.50 to \$15.00. 4 oak tables, round, \$4.50 to \$7.50. Gas range, white, \$27.50. Florence oil range, white, \$17.50. Leatherette, in white, red, blue, yellow, offwhite, brown and Spanish brown.

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FOR SALE—1937 GMC pickup, good condition, priced reasonable. Holt Vaughn.

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FOR SALE—Sweet sudan seed, free of Johnson grass. Clyde Chancey, Route 1, Merkel.

CAHILL Gas Heaters, extra heavy, 5 radiants, clayback, special at \$17.95. White Auto Store.

FOR SALE—State-registered Blue Tag Mebane cottonseed; best one can buy; best for this climate. A. J. Canon.

SILVERTONE console radio and record player; practically new; can be seen at Dudley's Radio shop. Mrs. Will Butman.

FOR SALE—Case one-way 7-disk plow, on rubber, \$225; also International 6-disk oneway, \$235. Wilson Williams, Route 2, Merkel.

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POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Subject to action of the Democratic Primary in July.]

For Commissioner, Precinct 2, Taylor County:

D. C. DOAN.
IRVEN THOMPSON.
L. A. DUDLEY.

For Commissioner, Precinct 4, Jones County:

C. H. (Connie) OTTO.
For Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 5:

MRS. DORA T. COBB.
[Re-Election.]

For County Clerk:
MRS. CHESTER HUTCHESON
[Re-Election.]

FOR RENT—4-room house, 5 mi. east Noodle, on REA; with small pasture and sudan patch. Joe Amason, 3149 S. 4th St., Abilene.

LOST AND FOUND

LOST—Brown suit case, containing child's clothing. Please return to Merkel Mail office. Reward.

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WATCH REPAIRS—We have added the services of Quincy Garner in our watch repair department; one week service on repair jobs. Wilson Jewelry.

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NOTICE—Will pay 1c per pound, \$1.00 per hundred or \$20.00 per ton for scrap iron. H. J. Bowles Plumbing Shop.

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LODGE CALLS

NOTICE MASONS
Stated meeting of Merkel lodge No. 710, A. F. and A. M., Thursday, Feb. 5, at 7:30 p. m. All members are urged to be present. Visiting brethren cordially invited.

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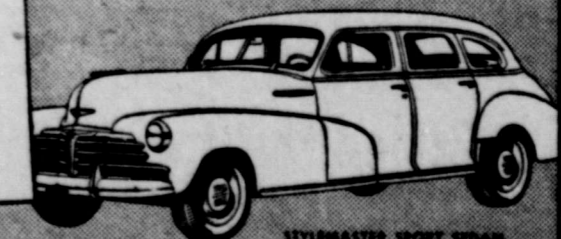
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SURPRISE WEDDING JEANNE PARKER AND MARION KING ANNOUNCED.

Announcement of the surprise wedding on Jan. 5 of Jeanne Parker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jackson Early Parker, of Odessa, and Marion King, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. King, also of Odessa, was made at a tea in the Parker home on Saturday evening, Jan. 17.

Tea hours were from 7 to 9 a. m., guests being received by Mr. and Mrs. Parker, who presented their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. King, and the bridegroom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. King.

Wedding of the couple took place at 7:30 p. m., Monday, Jan. 5, in the home of Rev. C. E. Jamison, pastor of the First Methodist church of Odessa.

The announcement was made at the bridal table, which was laid with a formal white satin skirted cloth and centered with a huge mirrored reflector for the white tiered wedding cake. The ring ceremony was ornamented with huge white blossoms and dotted with red cut roses. On the tip-top were long stemmed red roses spraying from the center.

Crystal appointments were used to hold cathedral tapers and trays of mints, salted nuts and individual white cakes topped with tiny red rosebuds. Napkins, bearing the names—Jeanne-Marion, January 5, 1948—announced the wedding date. Pouring and presiding at the silver service during the reception hours were Mesdames Robert Searis, Jr., Berl Hughes, Alvin Parker and Alma Appleby.

The bride, a student of Odessa Junior college, was graduated from the Odessa high school in the class of 1946, and attended Stephens college in Columbia, Mo. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. J. S. Blair, of this city, and the late Mr. Blair, pioneer Taylor county settler.

The bridegroom, also a student of Odessa Junior college, finished high school in Illinois and attended Castle Heights Military academy in Lebanon, Tenn. During World War II, he served for two years in the Marines. He is now employed by Phillips Petroleum.

MERKEL HD CLUB.

The Merkel Home Demonstration club met Friday afternoon of last week in the home of Mrs. Ollie Fox, with Mrs. Rhett Eidson, Jr., the president, in charge.

Miss Myra Tankersley, county home demonstration agent, was present and brought the program on "Styles and Re-styling Garments." Miss Tankersley also had charge of the recreation hour, after which the hostess served delicious refreshments to two visitors, who became new members, and the following members: Mesdames Bob Fowler, Jack Martin, Chas. Sylvester, W. C. Lee, W. A. Harris, Irl Walker, J. W. Bryan, S. G. Russell, Jr., Harry Barnett, Bernard Clark and Carolin, Bob McDonald, John Hughes, Gordon Pursley, J. Ben Campbell, Don Riney, Mack Tucker, Stella Cutler, W. J. Dirstine, Leon Bigbee, J. A. Kuykendall, J. O. Castles; Misses Lottie Butman, Margaret Eidson, Miss Tankersley

and Mrs. Fox. Mrs. Fox is a very popular hostess and members are looking forward to meeting with her again.

FRIENDSHIP COUPLES CLASS.

The Friendship Couples class of Grace Presbyterian church was entertained with a social on Friday night, Jan. 16, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Elliott. Games of "42" furnished diversion for the evening.

The class presented Rev. and Mrs. D. S. Neel with a presto cooker as a going-away gift.

A delicious refreshment plate was served to Rev. and Mrs. D. S. Neel, Messrs. and Mesdames Vernon Horton, Leo Harris, Vincent Barnett, W. J. Dirstine, Mrs. Jack Dawson West and the hosts.

SEWING CLUB.

The Sewing club will meet in the home of Mrs. Geo. T. Moore on Feb. 11.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Mrs. Ernest Douglas entertained Saturday with a party in honor of her daughter, Mollie Beth's ninth birthday.

After games were played and gifts were opened refreshments of sandwiches, cake and hot chocolate were served to the honoree and the following guests: Pat Graham, Glenda Webb, Charles Mundy, Patsy Beech, Nelda Weathers, Elnovia Holmes, Patricia Eidson, Edward Holmes and George Douglas.

Hospital Notes.

Mrs. A. W. Bailey underwent surgery Monday at Sadler Clinic-Hospital. Mrs. M. L. Smith was admitted last Thursday for minor surgery. Patients received during the week for injuries were: Fenton Boyd, Tuesday, and Mrs. W. B. Moore, also Tuesday. Mrs. J. L. Bailey was admitted on Monday for observation.

Admitted during the week for treatment were: Mrs. J. R. Ingram, the G. D. Bailiff child, Mrs. Garth Odum, Mrs. D. T. Stroud, Jan. 22; Mrs. F. J. Rogers, Mrs. Howard Carson, Mrs. Ruby Clifford, Jan. 23; Mrs. R. I. Jackson, Mrs. R. L. Whetzel, Mike Dorton, the H. W. Higgins baby, the Earl Kidd, Jr., baby of Tyler, Jan. 24; Vivian Gasio, Jan. 25; the H. C. Vaneil child, two children of Ira Marshall, Sarah Harris, Jan. 26; John Malone, Mrs. F. S. Mundy, Jan. 27; Dorothy Jackson, Jan. 28.

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In The Churches

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Attendance at the seven reporting Sunday Schools last Sunday was 483 as compared with 609 on the previous Sunday. The attendance on the same Sunday a year ago was 765.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Morning sermon at 11. Training Union at 6:30 p. m. Evening sermon at 7:30. Prayer meeting at 7:00 Wednesday evening.

Merle Weathers, Pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Bible School 9:45 a. m. Sunday. Worship 10:50 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Young People's meeting 6:45 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday, 7 p. m. Troy M. Cummings, Minister.

NAZARENE CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00 a. m. Preaching at 11. NYPS at 7:00 p. m. Preaching at 8:00. Prayer meeting at 7:00 p. m. Wednesday.

R. T. Smith, Pastor.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Offering for Reynolds home, Christian Endeavor meets at 6 p. m. No preaching Sunday. Mid-week prayer meeting at 6:30 Wednesday evening.

Reporter.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching services at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. Services Thursday 7:45 p. m. H. S. Earp, Pastor.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:00 p. m. Mid-week prayer meeting at 7:00 Wednesday evening.

A. T. Suskey, Pastor.

METHODIST CHURCH

Church School 10 a. m. Morning worship 11. Youth Fellowship 6:30 p. m. Evening worship 7:00. WSCS Mondays, 2 p. m. Mid-week prayer Wednesdays, 7:00 p. m.

R. L. Butler, Pastor

HEBRON CHURCH.

Preaching each Sunday at Hebron Missionary Baptist church, Sunday School at 10 o'clock, preaching at 11 and 7:30 p. m. B.T.U. at 6:30 p. m. Every one is invited to attend each service.

A. S. Watson, Pastor.

SALT BRANCH CHURCH.

Sunday School every Sunday. Preaching every first and third Sundays, morning and night. Every one is cordially invited to attend.

Johnny Ivy, Pastor.

During the first eight months of 1947 the United States exported over 7,000 more barrels of oil and oil products daily than it imported, found in Egyptian writings.

Garden Hints

from
Merkel Garden Club.

If you wish to leave "glads" in for another season of bloom, fertilize, when bloom fades, with enough bone meal to make the ground white. Scratch in top soil lightly and keep watered for several weeks. This procedure stores energy for next season's bloom. When plant begins to yellow, stop watering. It is now resting or dormant.

Most bulbs are planted too shallow. The required depth to set the base of bulb is at least three times its own depth below the soil level. The bulb should rest on a one-inch layer of coarse sand. This should be enriched with humus (peat moss) and plant food. The enriching of the soil below the bulb, where feeding takes place, is of more importance than the condition of the soil above the bulb. The only requirement for the soil above the bulb is that it is light and porous garden soil.

When the soil and peat moss are mixed, it should be about the rate of one pound to each bushel of good earth.

Good drainage is top consideration in all bulb planting. Lack of air in the soil prevents the roots from "breathing." If this happens the bulb will either rot or its growth is so impaired that it fails to flower properly.

LOCAL NEWS

Jesse Loper and Hamp Dye, operating as the Loper and Dye Service station and Repair shop, have reopened the former Reeves Bros. Gulf station and shop on Kent street and will continue to handle a full line of Gulf products. They specialize in general automotive repairs and generator and starter work.

Monday noted the closing of the Merkel Bakery, operated by L. T. Derington, who bought the business on Jan. 19, last year, from Peiree and McGehee. Other than the statement that operation of the bakery was being discontinued, Mr. Derington did not announce his further plans.

Three U. S. farm workers can now produce more than four could before World War II.

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- Phillips Pork and BEANS, No. 2, 13c
- Heart's Delight—Heavy Syrup Peaches, No. 2 1/2 can 29c
- ORANGE and GRAPEFRUIT Juice, 46 oz. can 23c
- Kimbell's—NEW POTATOES, No. 2 can 12c

COFFEE

- Del Monte, 1 lb. 39c
- PURE CANE SUGAR, 10 lbs. 89c
- PURE HONEY, 1/2 gal. 83c
- DUZ, box 35c
- MAGIC WASHER, box 32c



Mary Lee Taylor's
Dinner Pancakes

Broadcast: January 31, 1948

1 1/2 cups prepared pancake mix
1/2 cup Fat Milk
1/2 cup water
Put pancake mix into bowl. Stir in gradually mixture of milk and water. Do not beat until smooth. Lumps are bits of shortening and will disappear in the baking. Fold in meat. Using about 1/4 cup for each, bake on hot, greased griddle until bubbles appear and edges are cooked. Turn and brown other side. Makes about sixteen 4 1/2-inch cakes. If desired, serve with a creamed vegetable.
*Bologna, wieners, frankfurters, canned lunch meat, ham or left-over cooked meat can be used.
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- CHOICE—CRISP—JUMBO—LETTUCE, head 15c
- CRISP TENDER CELERY, stalk 19c
- TEXAS ORANGES, pound 6c
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