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PERSONAL NEWS NOTES

Miss Ruby and Ruth Stevens, students at Hardin-Simmons university, spent the Easter holidays with Freida Jo and Barbara Bartlett. Also visiting in the F. T. Bartlett home over the week-end were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jeffries of Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Humphreys and son, Jim, from Lubbock, Mrs. L. F. Young and Mrs. Homer Raney, from Hamlin, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Young and family from Boyd's Chapel.

Visiting in the Carl Carey home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Dickerson, Jessie Hatfield, of Lamesa, Mr. and Mrs. Odell Dickerson and children, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Dickerson and son, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Boone and sons, Seminole, Mrs. W. M. Carey, Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Carey and sons, Merkel, Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Carey and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Dickerson and family, and James Cassidy of Trent.

Frank M. Simpson was called to Bastrop Wednesday night of last week by the serious illness of his father, S. D. Simpson.

Mrs. R. E. Neal and daughter, Margaret Rebecca, of McKinney, were Easter holiday visitors with her aunts, Mrs. Adah Heeter and Miss Sadie Wood, etc.

Easter week-end visitors in the L. L. Murray home were Mr. and Mrs. Dean Murray and family from Midland and Mr. and Mrs. James Ben-shoff, of Dallas.

Frank Simpson, Jr., student in Texas Technological college, Lubbock, was home to spend the Easter holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Simpson.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lassiter went to San Antonio last week-end to visit their daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Howard W. Peters, and were met there by their son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lassiter of Austin. Earl Lassiter returned home Sunday night, while Mrs. Lassiter remained for a longer visit.

Mrs. J. T. Blackburn had five of her children in her home for the Easter week-end; Mr. and Mrs. Herman Jeffrey, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Roberts, College Station, Frances Perkins, who is in training at Hendrick Memorial hospital, and Margaret and Billy, also her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Douglas of Comanche.

Seaman 2-C Billy Ray Perry returned to his station at San Diego, Calif., Friday after a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Perry.

Hubert Peterson, freshman student at the University of Houston, was home for the Easter week-end visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Peterson, and other relatives.

Kathleen Bryan, chemistry instructor in Hardin-Simmons, Abilene, was an Easter guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Bryan, of Trent.

Miss Marie Pinckley and Mrs. Loyd Morgan, from Perryton, spent the Easter holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Pinckley.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Collins of Lubbock visited relatives in Merkel during the week-end.

Over the Easter holidays, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Allen, Jr., accompanied by Mrs. Allen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hughes, of Baird, visited relatives and friends in Iraan and Big Spring.

Mrs. Paul Blackaby, of Greenville, who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. E. S. Sandusky, and son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Butman, will return home Saturday.

Easter holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. McAninch were their daughters, Miss Aline McAninch, from Raton, N. M., who was accompanied by her roommate, Miss Martha Henson, and Mrs. Ed Clampitt and Mr. Clampitt, from Fort Worth. Mrs. McAninch returned with Mrs. Clampitt to spend a week in Fort Worth and Dallas.

Jimmy Walker and Bill Tittle, students at the School of Mines, El Paso, were home for the Easter holidays visiting with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Irl Walker and Mr. and Mrs. Rufe Tittle.

After a visit with her mother, Mrs. John Barnes, Sr., of Trent, who has been ill, Mrs. M. E. Parson returned Monday night to her home in Chicago, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Risinger, Jorene and Jimmy, drove to Corpus Christi to spend the Easter week-end holiday with Mr. and Mrs. Warren Higgins and Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Higgins.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Simpson and daughter, Peggy, of Winslow, Ariz., were guests last week in the home of Mr. Simpson's brother, Frank M. Simpson, and family.

HOWELL FAMILY REUNION HELD EASTER SUNDAY

Occasion, Largely Attended by Members of Family Branches, Marks 50th Anniversary Date When Howells Came to Taylor

Members of the Howell reunion met Easter Sunday, on the 50th anniversary of the Howells' coming to Taylor county, at the old home place on the creek for their annual homecoming. The meeting was called to order by Lige Howell of Trent as president.

After a delicious luncheon, a business meeting was held and new officers elected for the coming year. The children enjoyed an egg hunt and every one visited and renewed old memories of days gone by.

Among the amusing events of the day were reading of poetry and a song composed by Mrs. Susie Sorrells of Fort Worth.

Those attending were: Mrs. Jeffie Terry and daughter, Rilla, of Clyde; H. B. Terry, Jr., and wife, of Baird; Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Smith, of Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Howell, Clark Howell, Susie Sorrells and Estelle Norman, of Fort Worth; Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bowers, Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Crumpler and Jackie, Mrs. Eddie Howell, Mrs. Bessie Billings, Mrs. Bea Rutherford and Joe, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Winter and Patricia Clayton, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Hollingshead and Ethel, of Abilene; Tillman Howell, of San Benito; Mr. and Mrs. Woody Howell, of Monahans; Mr. and Mrs. E. Howell, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Howell, Sue and Doyle, of Trent; Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Owens, Bobby, Janie, Glenda, Jean, June, Larry and Richard, of Merkel.

Fifty-Three Seniors Visit Carlsbad Caverns

Fifty-three Seniors of Merkel High school returned Sunday afternoon from a most enjoyable and highly educational trip over the Easter holidays to Carlsbad Caverns.

Leaving here Friday morning, they stopped at Lamesa for lunch and arrived at 2:30 p. m. mountain time at Carlsbad, where they spent the night.

The trip through the Caverns was begun at 10 a. m. and with a 45-minute lunch period was concluded with the 750 foot climb out of the Caverns at 3 p. m. Each admitted that while he had had a wonderful time he was glad to see daylight again.

After spending Saturday night at the Hermosa courts, the group left at 8:30 a. m. Sunday for home, stopping for lunch at Seminole.

The following Seniors made the trip:

Royce Peterson, Ralph Miller, Jimmy Black, J. R. Dye, Bobby Tom Hodge, Oris Reynolds, Clyan Whisenhunt, G. H. Suber, Miniford McCoy, Glenn Westenhover, Willie Shoemaker, Buddy McKeever, Rayford Ward, Carol Best, Bobby Gilbert, Jackie Brown, Robert Sledge, James Land, Don Dudley, Bill Patterson, Hollis McLean, Jay Greenfield, Balton Dye, Larry Bailey, Douglas Baker, Bobby Criswell, Billy Pat Nash, John English, T. C. Melton, Jerold Salter, Loman Huff, Billy Bowen, Leon Floyd, Billy Baze, Leroy Teaff, Lon McDonald, Kenneth Ward, Becky Seymour, Betty Buchanan, Betty Joan James, Jackie Toombs, Geneva Carr, Billie Seymour, Della Gilmore, Nena Joyce Best, Janice Patterson, Charlotte Harwell, Beatrice Hohbertz, Vivian Gasio, Laverl Stout, Treva Marton, Joyce Irvin, Barbara Sandusky and Doris Cooper.

Chaperones were Messrs. and Mesdames N. T. Hodge, M. Altom, H. Byrd, E. E. Read; Mrs. Annie Derington and Mrs. Elsie Nash.

Bus drivers for the trip were R. E. James and A. McCoy.

Delivery Re-Instated On Route 4, Apr. 1

That part of Rural Route 4 out of Merkel, which was in the Camp Barkeley maneuver area and discontinued on account of government occupation of the area, received its first mail since the war, on Apr. 1.

Re-instatement of the part of the route was brought about through a conference Sam Butman, Jr., had with postal authorities in Washington, D. C.

Each patron of the re-instated territory is urged to put up his mail box, handy to the carrier, and to put his name on the box.

LACK SANITARY FACILITIES AT GRADE SCHOOL

If rated by the standards set by the State Department of Education, practically all of the sanitary conditions of the local grammar school would be rated "poor" according to local authorities.

Principal C. A. Farley has pointed out that the State Department of Education recommends at least one drinking fountain for every 75 pupils. The local grade school has only about one-half as many as are needed for the enrollment of 560. This condition is rated "poor" by the state.

In regard to lavatories, it is revealed that the Merkel elementary school has only two lavatories for the use of 560 pupils and 19 teachers. There should be at least one lavatory for every 80 pupils. Due to the location and number of lavatories, it is practically impossible for all the boys and girls to wash their hands before eating their lunch each day.

The number and condition of commodes in the building is also rated "poor" by the state. There are only 17 commodes in the building and most of these are in very poor working condition. At least 10 more up-to-date commodes are needed. There should be one commode for every six teachers. Merkel has none for 19 teachers.

Also, it is pointed out that the wooden floors of the building are old and thin and very difficult to keep clean and in a state of repair.

Annual Meetings of Two Area Coops to Be Held April 9th

Directors of the Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc., and the Taylor Refrigeration Cooperative, Inc., are to be elected at annual membership meetings of the two organizations to be held Friday, Apr. 9, in the Merkel High School gymnasium.

Registration will begin at 10 a. m. with appliance displays featuring the morning hours. Business meetings will be held at 2 p. m.

During the afternoon a 40-minute program of music and specialties will be furnished from Hardin-Simmons university, and at the close of the business meeting light refreshments will be served.

Also to be submitted to members of the Taylor Refrigeration Cooperative, Inc., is a proposed amendment to the by-laws, required by Sept. 12 of the Internal Revenue code, reading as follows: "No person, firm, association, corporation or body politic or subdivision thereof shall become a member unless he or it is a producer of agriculture products." So far as is known at present, however, this will cause no change in those eligible for membership, according to a member in position to know.

Son of Merkel Man Injured in Waco Wreck

George Edward Linecum, son of Bud Linecum, is in a very critical condition at Hillcrest Hospital, Waco, from injuries sustained when the coupe in which he was riding crashed into the side of a truck at the intersection of Highway 6 and Franklin avenue in Waco last Thursday, Mar. 25.

The two other occupants of the car, Murry Elby Boyd of Snyder and Wanda Beard Brooks of Abilene, were both also critically injured and are still in the Waco hospital.

"Mr. Linecum was caught in the front seat. He had so much steel pinning him down that I thought it was going to take a blowtorch to get him out. He was unconscious. We went to work to drag him out and I guess it took 10 minutes," reported J. L. Baskin, Waco patrolman.

The father of the injured man left immediately for Waco when he learned of the wreck and is still there. George had formerly lived in Merkel but is living in Snyder now.

Body of Pfc. Clarence Harrell Returned Home

The body of one Merkel boy, Pfc. Clarence A. Harrell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Harrell, of Colorado City, formerly long-time residents of Merkel, is in a group of 273 soldiers whose next-of-kin live in Texas, being returned from Europe aboard two U. S. Army transports this week.

The body of the Merkel boy is aboard the Robert F. Burns transport, due to dock in New York on April 2.

A total of 5,342 Americans were aboard the two transports.

ELEVEN TEAMS TO PARTICIPATE IN TRACK MEET

Number of Schools to Compete Also In Girls' Volleyball Division, Boys' Playground Ball and Girls' Playground Ball.

Coach Carroll Benson, athletic director for the district, announced Wednesday that the following schools of District 5A would participate in the annual district track and field meet here on Saturday: Snyder, Anson, Roscoe, Albany, Colorado City, Hamlin, Haskell, Lorraine, Merkel, Roby, Throckmorton.

Entries in the Junior Boys' Track and Field will include Lorraine, Roby, South Junior High of Abilene, Stamford, Albany, Roscoe, Hamlin, Anson and Haskell.

Nine teams will compete in the girls' volleyball division, two teams in the boys' playground ball and three teams in the girls' playground ball.

Preliminaries in the senior boys' track and field events will start at 2:30 p. m. at the local athletic stadium, with finals at 7:30 p. m. Junior Boys' events will be staged from 9:30 to 11 a. m. Volleyball games will be played in the gym, starting at 10 a. m. and continuing through the day with finals at 7 p. m. Playground ball will be played on the High School campus, from 11 a. m. to 2:30 p. m.

No admission will be charged for the daytime events, but a small charge will be made Saturday night at the stadium for the track and field events.

Coach Benson stated that the following boys will represent the Badgers: 100-yard dash, Land, Wade, Gilbert; 220-yard dash, Land, Wade, Gilbert; 440-yard dash, Reynolds and Westenhover; 880-yard dash, Black, R. Bailey, Suber; one mile run, Glenewinkel, L. Bailey, Miller; 220-yard low hurdles, Hodge, Dudley and McLean; 120-high hurdles, Sledge, Black, Nash; 440-yard relay, Land, Wade, Gilbert and Glenewinkel; mile relay, Westenhover, Reynolds, Hodge, Dudley; discus, Land, Bow, Floyd; shot put, Land, McLean, Boone; broad jump, McLean, Floyd, Glenewinkel; high jump, Nash, Mashburn, Suber; pole vault, Sledge, Nash, Dudley.

Thirty-One Boy Scouts Visit Camp Tonkawa

Thirty-one Boy Scouts of Merkel Troop visited Camp Tonkawa, near Buffalo Gap, over the past week-end, leaving here Thursday afternoon and returning Friday afternoon.

While in camp, they cooked out, slept in tents, played and studied and some of the boys went swimming.

Besides Scoutmaster C. A. Farley and Frank Breaux, troop committee man, the following Boy Scouts enjoyed the camping-out: Dale Doan, Davis Tarpley, J. C. Horton, Richard Chaney, Marvin Mashburn, Elbert Foster, Charles Bowles, Jack Miller, Joe Doan, Johnny Hammond, Bobby Mayfield, Claude Smith, Jackie McAninch, Colonel Wallace, Thomas Bailey, Carmel Moreno, Billy Beaird, Louie Whitaker, Charlie Beaird, Harlon Jones, James Smith, Eddie Breaux, Billy Greenfield, Dale Shuger, Bruce Knight, Johnny Tucker, Dale Dudley, Willie Winter, Kenneth Bowen, Ralph Bartlett and Boyd Moore.

The trip was made in a county truck, furnished by courtesy of County Commissioner Houston Robertson.

MHS Band to Enter Music Festival Apr. 2

The Merkel High School band will go to Abilene to the Regional Music festival on Friday, Apr. 2. The band will enter both concert playing and marching, each in the Class D conference, which is the first year band conference. Other bands entered in this group are: Baird, Winters, Eastland, Ranger, Snyder, San Saba and Cross Plains.

In-concert playing Merkel will play first of all these bands at 8 a. m. Friday at Abilene high school. Again at 8 p. m. Merkel will play first in the marching order at Eagle stadium.

The bandsmen have had very little experience, either in playing or marching, but they are working hard to make a good showing at the Festival, Mrs. Johnnie Allen, the director, reports.

Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock the band had a practice parade in 1941 dress count-down—going through some of the maneuvers they will do on the contest field.

Leads Revival



EVANGELIST HERBERT LAND

The revival meeting, conducted by Evangelist Herbert Land of Abilene, which began Wednesday night, will continue through Apr. 11, it is announced by Rev. R. T. Smith, pastor of the Church of the Nazarene. Services will be held each evening at 7:30.

Prof. A. P. Rule and wife of Abilene will be in charge of the music and singing.

MHS Baseball Nine to Play Hamlin Tuesday

The Merkel Badger baseball nine will open its 1948 conference schedule against the Hamlin Pied Pipers at Hamlin next Tuesday afternoon at 2:30.

The first home game will be next Friday, Apr. 9, probable starting time being 8 p. m. at the local athletic stadium. The opposition will be furnished by the Rotan Yellowhammers.

The remainder of the conference schedule: Apr. 13, Merkel at Roscoe; Apr. 16, Colorado City at Merkel; Apr. 23, Snyder at Merkel; Apr. 27, Hamlin at Merkel; Apr. 30, Merkel at Rotan; May 7, Roscoe at Merkel; May 11, Merkel at Colorado City; May 14, Merkel at Snyder.

Most of the home games are slated to be played at night this year.

At the present time Benson's team is of an unknown quantity and quality, as the boys have practiced very little so far.

Bird Well Gauged at 228 Barrels, 6 Hours

Official gauge of 228 barrels of 42 gravity oil in six hours through half inch choke has been filed for the Geochanical Surveys and Twin Oil Co. No. 1 T. J. Bird discovery well for production from a sand in the Dethan section, located one mile east of town.

The production was from 2,197-2,234 feet, with 35 pounds pressure on casing and 90 on tubing.

Record of Births

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. C. Verner, Wednesday, March 31, 1948.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Merle Mitchell, Tuesday, March 30, 1948.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From Files of The Merkel Mail, March 30, 1928.)

J. H. BAYLESS DEPARTS THIS LIFE.

On Tuesday, March 26, Bro. J. H. Bayless answered the call to go to his eternal home. He was born in Tennessee, Nov. 22, 1844, being past 83 years of age at the time of his departure from the walks of men. On Sept. 3, 1866, he was married to Miss Levitha Permenter at Camden, Ark. To this union 8 children were born, two of them dying in infancy, six living to have families of their own. The surviving children are Mrs. W. A. McCandless of Merkel, Mrs. N. F. Roberts of Anson, Mr. Ewin Bayless of Anson, Mr. Clarence and Mrs. Sam Bayless of Bonham, Fannin county, Texas. Other immediate relatives are 20 grandchildren and 33 great-grandchildren. His faithful companion of more than 50 years preceded him to the better land 7 years ago. Of the grandchildren 6 were left orphans and were reared by Bro. Bayless; they also reared a niece, making 15 children that they reared to be good citizens of our country.

Though he was only a lad when the war between the states broke out he saw more than 3 years service in the Confederate Army. He always re-

SEVEN IN RACE FOR 3 PLACES AS ALDERMAN

Annual City Election to Be Held Next Tuesday, Apr. 6, With Field of Seven Candidates; (Three to Be Elected).

Seven candidates are listed for the office of alderman (three to be elected) on the official ballot for the annual city election to be held on Tuesday, Apr. 6. They are: J. P. Miller, J. L. White, B. T. Sublett, Geo. F. Smith, Leon Toombs, Lendon A. Coats and Nolan Palmer.

Voting place will be, as usual, at the city hall. T. L. Grimes has been appointed election judge. Polls will open at 8 a. m. and close at 6 p. m.

Holdover aldermen are Earl Hughes and Bob Hicks. Mayor A. J. Canon was elected last April for a two-year term.

Two School Trustees To Be Elected Apr. 3

With two trustees to be elected, the names of Clyde Bartlett and Buster Horton have been entered as candidates for re-election to the board of the Independent School district, in the annual election to be held Saturday, Apr. 3.

Voting place will be the County Welfare office on Kent street. T. L. Grimes, Andy Shouse and Parker Sharp were appointed to hold the election.

Holdover trustees and the expiration date of their terms are: Weldon McAninch, M. H. Ely, 1949, and Bryan Dunagin, Riggs Shepperd and Dewel McLean, 1950.

In a separate ballot, Merkel will also vote this year for trustee-at-large to the county school board. James E. Freeman, the present trustee-at-large and board chairman, is a candidate for re-election.

Clean-Up Week Date Changed to Apr. 12-17

In order to conform more nearly with national and state Clean-Up Week, which is the first week in April, Mayor A. J. Canon has re-set the dates for Clean-Up Week in Merkel.

Originally scheduled for May 3-8, dates for the annual clean-up in the city have been designated as April 12-17, during which week the same clean-up program, as originally announced, will be followed, that is, dividing the city into four sections, with the trucks assigned one day to each of the four areas.

Trent Rabbit Drive Scheduled for Tuesday

Trent, Apr. 1.—A rabbit drive, scheduled to start at 8:30 a. m. from the Trent school house, is announced for Tuesday, Apr. 6. Lunch will be served at noon. Everybody is invited to participate.

KILLED BUFFALO HERE YEARS AGO

J. M. Bryson, a pioneer citizen of the Dora community for the past 38 years, was in Merkel first of this week and renewed his subscription to The Merkel Mail. Mr. Bryson will celebrate his 74th birthday on next July 4th. On this date each year since 1889 Mr. Bryson has had as his guest at dinner Mr. A. W. Cook of Dora, who is a son-in-law, excepting one year. Mr. Bryson has lived in the same house at Dora these 38 years. He tells a vivid story of the old West, when buffalo roamed the very ground on which Merkel now stands. While living in Hamilton county, Mr. Bryson with others made a trip to Taylor and Nolan counties to get some buffalo meat. He stated that they killed 37 buffalo west of where Merkel is now located, over on Sweetwater creek. That was before the town of Merkel was even started. The meat was cut from the bone and taken home in five wagons.

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MOVIE CALENDAR

QUEEN

Friday - Saturday - Double feature program: Johnny Mack Brown, Raymond Hatton in "Gun Talk" and Joan Caulfield, Constance Bennett, Claude Rains, Audrey Totter in "The Unsuspected," color cartoon and Vigilante serial.

Sunday, Monday and Tuesday - Cary Grant, Loretta Young, David Niven in "The Bishop's Wife," Goofy cartoon and latest News reel.

Wednesday - Thursday - Margaret O'Brien, Karin Booth, Danny Thomas in "The Unfinished Dance," Sports reel and comedy.

"THE BISHOP'S WIFE"

Dealings with the changes that an engaging guest makes in a disturbed home, Samuel Goldwyn's new RKO Radio release, "The Bishop's Wife," co-stars Cary Grant, Loretta Young and David Niven in one of the year's most unique and gayest offerings.

Miss Young has the title-role of the wife. Niven plays the bishop, a man so harassed by the financial troubles of his office that he has no time for his old friends nor for family. Realizing he is in a spot, he prays for divine aid. The prayer is promptly answered by the appearance of Grant as Dudley, a modest but miracle-working guest in snappy attire, who proceeds to reorganize the household.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hayes accompanied Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Black of Rotan to Denton for a week-end visit with another daughter, Mrs. Luther Allen, and were met there by Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Gheen of Houston for a family reunion.

Mrs. T. H. Russom spent Easter with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Patterson and children, in Odessa.

Mr. and Mrs. John Morgan of Petersburg visited last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Martin. Mrs. E. B. Emerson of Evansville, Ala., is a visitor in the home of her brother, F. A. Sanders, and wife, also visiting with her son, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Freeman and family of Abilene.

W. H. Bullock of Bullock Hardware is due to return Saturday from a week's visit in a group of dealers from the western block at the John Deere factories in Moline, Ill., and Waterloo, Iowa.

Mrs. Earl Hughes has returned from an extended visit with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Spatz, of Cleveland, Ohio.

Home for the week-end was Mrs. Lola Mae Higgins Griffith, of Dallas, who was accompanied from Abilene on home by Mrs. Ashburn and daughter, Marv Lou, of Dallas. Also guests for Easter with Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Higgins were their son, H. W. Higgins and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Butman, Jr., accompanied by Mrs. Maye Cargill and Payton Scott, spent the Easter holidays in Grand Falls, in the home of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Powell, where they were joined by two other daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Peck of El Paso and Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Scott and children of Mulberry Canyon.

Mr. and Mrs. James Shaver of Fort Worth spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Shannon.

Mrs. F. M. Simpson returned recently from a 10-day visit with relatives in Knoxville and Lenoir City, Tenn.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson A. Bailey of Dallas were Easter holiday visitors with his mother, Mrs. R. O. Bailey, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Andy Shouse.

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Additional Donors To Cemetery Fund

The following list of additional donors to the Rose Hill maintenance fund, not previously reported, is announced by T. L. Grimes, chairman of the cemetery upkeep committee:

J. D. Jaynes	8 2.50
W. F. Golladay	5.00
Higginbotham Lumber Co.	12.50
Farm & Home Supply	2.50
Pee Brothers	3.00
Mrs. J. H. McDonald and Myrtle	5.00
Overton Patterson	1.00
Mrs. Boyd Scott	1.00
Claude Smith	5.00
J. L. Fisher	1.00
W. J. Largent	20.00
Mrs. Molley E. Wimberly	5.00
Bragg Dry Goods Co.	20.00
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Mrs. S. A. Derstine	5.00
Lawrence Thornton	10.00
J. A. Horton	25.00
Royce Dowdy	5.00
Earl Baze	5.00
Mrs. G. H. Bullock	5.00
Pierce Horton	5.00
Truett Jones	1.00
Mrs. Tom King	3.00
Jennings Winter	10.00
Mrs. S. E. Winter	10.00
E. L. Palmer	2.00
Mrs. Tom Largent	5.00
E. W. King	5.00
W. H. Ensminger	5.00

Former Merkel Pastor Called to Coleman

Rev. Levi W. Price, pastor of the Baptist church at Tahoka the past three years and former pastor of the First Baptist church in Merkel, has accepted a call to the pastorate of the First Baptist church of Coleman. He expects to assume his new charge Apr. 11.

Merkel-Blair Farm Highway Bid Accepted

The State Highway department at Austin Tuesday accepted the bid of \$41,475 by Ted B. Smith of Sweetwater for 5.6 miles of grading structures, flexible base and single asphalt treatment from Merkel to Blair on Farm Highway 615.

The project was one of 32 for road and bridge construction tabulated by the department that day. All bids totaled \$3,649,152.

Joe Holmes Reported Getting Along Nicely

Joe Holmes, who was painfully injured Wednesday afternoon when the calf he was trying to yoke knocked him down in the lot of his farm home, is reported getting along nicely. No bones were broken, his attending physician stated.

Guests from Abilene in Hughes Home Sunday

Mrs. Ida Irvin, of Rule, who was visiting in the home of her sister, Mrs. John S. Hughes, and Mr. Hughes, was joined here by several other members of her family from Abilene for Sunday dinner in the Hughes home.

The other guests included her daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Price, and their son, Lloyd Price, and little daughter, Mildred Ann, all of Abilene.

Virgil Pattersons Building New Home

Construction on the new farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Patterson is under way on their farm southeast of town. The rock structure contains seven rooms and a bath. E. R. Clack is in charge of building operations.

Merkel Baseball Team Plays at Tye Sunday

The Merkel baseball team, which has been going out for workouts, is scheduled to play at Tye Sunday afternoon and a large number of fans will follow the team to the neighboring city.

Dennis Walker, manager of the local nine, would like to have a large crowd go with the boys to Tye and all interested are asked to gather at 1:30 p. m. Sunday at Nolan Palmer's Magnolia station.

Mrs. Sissie G. Vaughan Passes in California

Mrs. Sissie Garoutte Vaughan, wife of Latrobe Vaughan, died Mar. 18, at South Gate, Calif. Funeral services were held Mar. 20 from the Biby and Belyea chapel, with burial in Sunnyside chapel in that city.

Mrs. Vaughan was a sister of the late Misses Olive and Dora Garoutte, while her husband was a brother of the late Mrs. Sam Butman, Sr., both of whom lived here many years ago before moving to California.

Besides the husband, Mrs. Vaughan is survived by three sons.

T. & P. Westbound Sunshine Changes Time

With a change in schedule effective last Sunday, the T. and P. westbound Sunshine now arrives in Merkel at 8:09 p. m., instead of 8:39 p. m. No change was made in the other schedules.

The eastbound Sunshine reaches Merkel at 9:20 a. m.; the eastbound Southern at 1:13 a. m., and the westbound Southern at 3:30 a. m.

Attends Funeral of Nephew Held at Emory

M. W. Smith, accompanied by his daughter, Loree, and his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Smith, went to Emory last Wednesday to attend the funeral of a nephew, Oscar Smith. They returned Friday.

The deceased, who resided northwest of Merkel in 1924-25, has since lived in Dallas and Emory. He had been ill for four weeks.

Uncle of Merkel Woman Passes Away

While Mrs. Ida Irvin of Rule was here visiting with her sister, Mrs. John S. Hughes, and Mr. Hughes, the sisters received a telephone message last Friday that their uncle, William R. Bours of Mitchell county, had died. Attending the funeral services, which were held Saturday near Colorado City, were Mrs. Irvin, Mrs. Hughes, Dillard Snow, of Abilene, their brother, and John B. Hughes, of Merkel.

Local Firemen Attend Mid-West Convention

Among local firemen expecting to attend the Mid-West Firemen's convention at Baird Thursday were: Chief John Mansfield, J. Parker Sharp, secretary-treasurer of the district association, Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Fox, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Wurst, Mr. and Mrs. Rhett Eidson, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Chester McWilliams, Jim McAninch, Ollie Berry and Lester Dorton.

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In The Churches

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Attendance at the seven reporting Sunday Schools last Sunday was 896 as compared with 786 on the previous Sunday. The attendance on the same Sunday a year ago was 760.

NAZARENE CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. The revival meeting, now in progress and being conducted by Evangelist Herbert Land of Abilene, will continue through Apr. 11, with services each evening at 7:30. Every one is cordially invited to attend.

R. T. Smith, 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, 7:30 p. m.

Troy M. Cummings, Minister.

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.

METHODIST CHURCH

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

R. L. Butler, Pastor

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Offering for Reynolds home. No other service Sunday or during the week.

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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.

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The Carpenter's Gap Conservation group recently held their winter application meeting to discuss 1947 accomplishments and 1948 goals. There were 10 cooperators and their families present for this meeting. A representative of the Soil Conservation Service was present and showed timely films entitled, "Raindrop Erosion" and "Farm Churnery."

This group has made good progress in soil conservation work the past year and greater achievements are expected in 1948. Their major accomplishments for 1947 were 360 acres farmed on the contour, 231 acres of summer and winter legumes, 460 acres of crop residue management, 19 acres seeded to grasses, and 2 miles of new terraces constructed. This year they expect to do considerable terracing, grass seeding, and increase their acreage of winter legumes by 100 per cent. Buck Cook is the leader for this group.

W. D. Ramsey, cooperator in the Compere Conservation group, has recently planted 5 acres to Madrid sweet clover as a grazing crop and for soil conservation purposes. This planting was made with a grass drill in 3 foot rows and seeded at the rate of 2 pounds seed per acre.

H. F. Jeffrey, cooperator in the North Golan Conservation group, has recently seeded a 16 acre field to adapted grasses as a part of his conservation plan. Fourteen acres of this field was seeded to Blue Panic grass and a 2-acre sandy area of the field was seeded to weeping love grass. These plantings were made with a grass drill in 3 foot rows. He used 2 pounds of Blue Panic seed per acre and 1 pound of weeping love grass per acre. Last fall Mr. Jeffrey seeded a 6-acre bottomland field to Crested wheat grass.

District cooperators who have land to be retired from cultivation and to be seeded to adapted grasses in order to stabilize the soil and prevent further erosion should make plans now to secure grass seed. There is plenty of time ahead to make these plantings if seed is secured at once. The job of seeding land to grass and

carrying for this grass until it is ready to graze often requires from 2 to 5 years. The longer this job is delayed the more soil losses that will result. The district has a grass drill available to cooperators at a nominal charge to assist them in making grass plantings. The local office of the Soil Conservation Service has grass seed quotation from a large number of dealers and this information is available to those interested in ordering grass seed. There is a great need for this practice in this area and another year's delay means that much lost time in the use of these areas in many cases.

Many district cooperators are doing terracing work this year. About 75 district cooperators have built about 225 miles of terraces since Jan. 1, 1948. Most of these terraces have been built by terracing contractors using graders or whirlwind machines. Some cooperators who could not obtain the services of a contractor have built terraces with their farm equipment and with disc terracers.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION.
THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Paul Trihey, 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 10th day of May, 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 March, 1948. The file number of said suit being No. 15,708-A.

The names of the parties in said suit are: Martha Trihey as Plaintiff, and Paul Trihey as Defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: Plaintiff and defendant were legally married on September 25, 1946, and lived together until on or about January 1947.

There is no community property involved and no children were born of the marriage.

Plaintiff sues for divorce on the grounds of cruelty and also sues for the restoration of her maiden name.

If this Citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved. Issued this the 25th day of March, A. D., 1948.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 25th day of March, A. D., 1948.

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

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TO: E. W. White, 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 19th day of April, 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 6th day of March 1948. The file number of said suit being No. 15,693-A.

The names of the parties in said suit are Ione H. White as Plaintiff, and E. W. White as Defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were legally married on or about the 15th day of December, 1927, and lived together until on or about August 1, 1947. No child or children were born of said union and no community property was acquired.

Plaintiff sues for divorce on the grounds of cruel treatment. If this Citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved. Issued this the 6th day of March, A. D., 1948.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 6th day of March, A. D., 1948.

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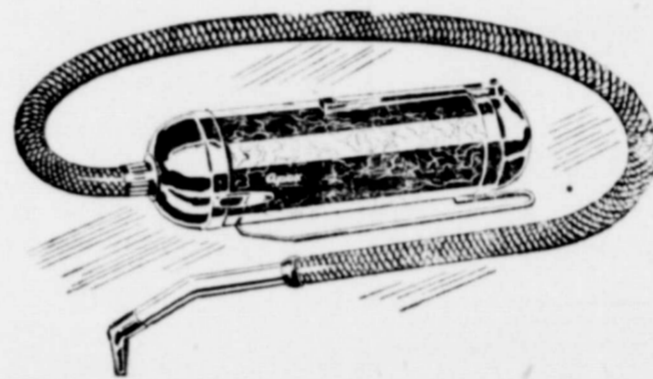
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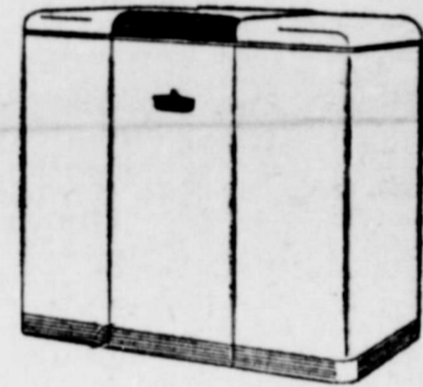
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For Commissioner, Precinct 4, Jones County:

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For Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 5:

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

For County Clerk:

MRS. CHESTER HUTCHESON
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Delecting her book review of "The Question," by Dana Barnes, to Our Boys in Merkel and surrounding communities who gave their lives in the World War II, Mrs. Owen Robertson stressed the sober, serious thoughts of the author centering on the question, "Why do our American boys have to be killed to keep God's World in order?"

Mrs. W. D. Hutcheson, the president, presided for the meeting. After the opening song, "Love Divine," led by Mrs. Don Riney, the devotional was brought by Mrs. Henry West and opening prayer was led by Rev. R. L. Butler, pastor of the Methodist church. Special music was brought by the High School Choral club, directed by Mrs. Comer Haynes. Mrs. Sam Swann gave the closing prayer.

STEAK SUPPER.

Members of the Sadler Hospital-Clinic staff went for a most enjoyable outing on Wednesday evening of last week at the Warren cabin on Mulberry. Dr. and Mrs. Houston F. Byrd were being welcomed as new members of the organization and Mrs. Ruth Pangle's return from a two-months' stay in Chicago was also cause for celebration.

A most delectable steak menu was served after which games of "42" and bridge were played. Those present were Dr. and Mrs. Byrd, Dr. and Mrs. Sadler, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Allen, Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Horton, Mr. and Mrs. Paul West; Mesdames Ruth Pangle, R. T. Smith, Helen Mayfield, Alvin Wozeneraft; Misses Vivian Davis, Sandra Sadler, Sue Mayfield, Dr. Jim Carter, Corky Land and Robert Wayne Sledge.

ERGEAL BROWN WEDS NEW MEXICO GIRL.

In a double ring ceremony at St. Paul's Lutheran church in Albuquerque, N. M., Miss Jean Burt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Burt, of Albuquerque, and Ergeal Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. William P. Brown of Fort Stanton, N. M., were united in marriage on Saturday, Mar. 20, at 7:30 p. m.

The couple is at home at 314 W. Coal, Albuquerque, after a week's wedding trip to Carlsbad.

The bride is an IBM operator at the First National bank of that city. The groom, a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Brown of Goodman and Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Ely, of Hamlin, spent his early years in the Merkel community, moving with his parents to New Mexico at the age of seven. He has spent a part of each summer visiting here with relatives and old friends and plans to bring his bride for a visit this summer. He will continue his physical education studies at the University of New Mexico.

BELL-HOLLOWAY.

Mr. and Mrs. George Holloway of Trent are announcing the marriage of their daughter, Rosetta, to Jimmy Bell, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Bell, also of Trent.

Justice of the Peace W. A. Ward of Abilene performed the ceremony in his office on Thursday of last week. Attending the couple were Bonnie Holloway, sister of the bride, and Bernard Bell, brother of the bridegroom.

Mrs. Bell was attending school at Trent at the time of her marriage. The bridegroom formerly lived at Merkel and attended school here. He was discharged Feb. 2, after 22 months in Navy service, and is now employed with the Texas Electric Service at Sweetwater, where the couple is at home.

BARBECUE SUPPER.

A unique feature of the regular meeting of the Eastern Star on Tuesday evening of last week was the fact that the men took over the refreshments and served a delicious barbecue meal to the ladies. The supper came at the close of an initiation for Mr. and Mrs. Weldon McAninch and Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Fisher. A special number was sung by Mrs. Buck Leach, "Have I Grieved Thy Holy Spirit."

SURPRISE DINNER.

Mrs. C. L. Sherrell was surprised Sunday at her home with a sumptuous dinner and many lovely gifts. Those present were her mother, Mrs. J. S. Touchstone of Anson, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Touchstone, Mr. and Mrs. James Shaver of Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Tucker, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Touchstone and son, Terry Jim, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard McCoy and daughters, Eldora and Charlene, Mr. and Mrs. John Shannon, Charlie Sherrell and Laurel.

MERKEL HD CLUB.

The Merkel Home Demonstration club met Friday afternoon of last week in the home of Mrs. J. O. Castles, with Mrs. Rhett Eldson, Jr., the president, in charge.

The meeting opened with members singing the new club song and "Beautiful Texas." "The Women's Collect" was given, after which a short business meeting was held. Then Miss Myra Tankersley, county demonstrator, gave some very useful information explaining the importance and describing type of materials in foundations and underpinning, also house planning.

Mrs. Don Riney will be sent as a delegate from this club to the district meeting in Sweetwater April 20. All members of Taylor county are urged to attend and support Mrs. L. A. Greene, candidate for next vice-president of District 7.

The social hour was enjoyed by all and a lovely refreshment plate of chicken salad sandwiches, potato chips, pickles and iced punch was served by the hostess. Three visitors, Mrs. Paul Blackaby, Mrs. Boyd Scott and Miss Tankersley, and the following members were present: Mesdames J. Ben Campbell, W. C. Lee, Bernard Clark, Leo Harris, S. G. Russell, Jr., Don Riney, Odis Bagby, W.

A. Harris, J. O. Castles, Bob McDonald, Harry Barnett, Stella Carter, J. A. Engkorniall, John Hughes, Bill Henager and Miss Margaret Eldson.

The club will meet at the Youth Center, Apr. 9, in an all-day meeting and covered dish luncheon. The program for the day will bring a demonstration on sewing and cleaning sewing machines. The hour 9 a. m.

EASTER PARTY.

Ruby Lee Harris was hostess to a lovely Easter party given in her home Thursday after school last week. Her guests included nineteen classmates.

Games were played while the eggs were being hidden, and, after the eggs were found, refreshments were served to: Gloria Teaff, Kaye Denton, Owen Gregory, Kay Loper, Dwain Higgins, Alton Kilpatrick, Shirley Beard, George Beard, Bertha Isenberg, Jennie Smith, George English, Kenneth Allen, Carol Ann Deen, James Byrd, Jerry Rogers, Imogene Dye, Billy Mack Gilbert, Mary Alice Walker, Eddie Glenn Sandusky, Georgie Ellen Harris and the hostess.

Hospital Notes.

Mrs. Floyd Huber underwent surgery Tuesday at Sadler hospital. Patients received during the week for treatment were: Lula Mae Clark, Mrs. Bill Springer, Mar. 26; Mrs. J. R. Little, Mrs. E. H. Bulks, Lee Rogers, Mar. 28; Mrs. Wayne Boyd, Mrs. R. L. Denson, George Benning, field, Mrs. Odell Eoff, Mar. 29; Mrs. M. G. King, J. W. Dye, Mar. 30; J. W. Cole, Abilene, Mar. 31.

RURAL SOCIETY

BLUEBONNET CLUB.

The Bluebonnet Home Demonstration club met Tuesday, Mar. 16, in the club house with the president, Mrs. E. J. Patterson, presiding.

After roll call, two songs were sung. Mrs. E. J. Patterson read a letter from the county agent, Miss Myra Tankersley, concerning pecan trees and budding. Mrs. W. C. Hunter gave the life of two Bible wives.

The group discussed correct sitting posture. After adjournment refreshments were served to 11 members and one visitor, Mrs. R. L. McLean.

Miss Tankersley will be present for the next meeting.

GOODMAN CLUB.

The Goodman Home Demonstration club met Mar. 26 in the home of Mrs. C. P. Hodges, with the president, Mrs. H. H. Windham, in charge of business, and the county agent, Miss Loreta Allen, present.

The meeting was opened by Easter songs sung by all, led by the recreation leader, Mrs. Grover Blair, with Mrs. C. P. Hodges at the piano.

Mrs. Willie Thomas gave a report on the auction sale. After the council report, the agent gave a demonstration on pruning shrubs, which was very interesting. Then every one went to the yard and each was given an opportunity to prune a shrub.

Two new members, Mrs. Carl Carey and Mrs. Shafer, were welcomed.

The Easter theme was carried out in decoration and refreshments were served to 14 members and 2 visitors, from McMurry college.

The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Shafer Thursday, Apr. 8. Every one is urged to come.

Use The Mail Want Ads.

Birth Announced.
Mr. and Mrs. John S. Hughes received a telegram Tuesday from their son, Wayne Hughes, of Warren, Ohio, announcing the arrival of a son.

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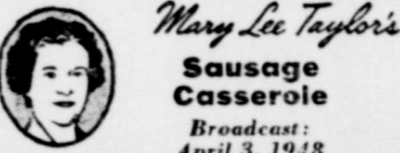
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Mary Lee Taylor's Sausage Casserole
Broadcast: April 3, 1948

1 cup Fat Milk
1 cup water
1/2 cup corn meal
1 teaspoon salt
1 cup chopped, pared apples

1/2 lb. link pork sausage
2 1/2 tablespoons cold water

Turn on oven; set at hot (425° F.). Heat milk and water to boiling. Stir in corn meal and salt so slowly that boiling does not stop. Add apples. Boil and stir 5 min. Pour into greased 8-in. baking dish. Put sausage and cold water into skillet. Cover; steam 5 min. Arrange sausages on top of corn meal mixture. Bake 15 min., or until sausages are brown. Serve with fried apple slices, if desired. Makes 4 servings.

You Will Need:
PET MILK, can 15c
CORN MEAL, box 21c
PORK SAUSAGE, lb. 43c
APPLES, lb. 14c

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OXYDOL, box 33c
VEL, box 29c
DUZ, box 33c
CRISCO, 3 lb. cans \$1.19
SPIC and SPAN, box 23c

Libby's
TOMATO JUICE, gallon 52c
Texsun
GRAPEFRUIT JUICE, 46 oz. can 15c
Apl.-Fresh
APPLE JUICE, 46 oz. can 19c
Orange Blended
GRAPEFRUIT JUICE, 46 oz. ca n 23c

DEL MONTE—(in cans)
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