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SUBLETT, WHITE, COATS ELECTED AS COUNCILMEN

B. T. Sublett, J. L. White and Lendon A. Coats were elected aldermen of the city of Merkel in Tuesday's annual election, from a field of seven contestants for the three places to be filled.

Joe Cypert, O. B. Leach and Johnny Hammond, members of the city council whose terms expire this year, did not stand for re-election.

Sublett was high man with a total of 127 votes; White polled 121, and Coats, 110. Vote of the unsuccessful candidates was: Toombs 100, Miller 70, Palmer 54 and Smith, 45.

Holdover aldermen are Earl Hughes and Robert Hicks, while the mayor, A. J. Canon, was elected last April for a two-year term.

Returns of Tuesday's election will be canvassed at the next regular meeting of the city council, to be held Monday night, Apr. 19.

Merkel to Be Host For Annual Meetings Of Two Area Coops

Merkel will be host Friday for members of the Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc., and of the Taylor Refrigeration Cooperative, Inc., in their annual meetings, to be held at the school gym, when directors for both organizations are to be elected.

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

District Governor is Guest of Merkel Lions

Guest speaker for the Tuesday luncheon of the Merkel Lions club was M. C. Culbertson, Vernon attorney, who is district governor of 2E, Lions International, paying his first visit to the Merkel club. He spoke on what it means to be a Lion, stressing that each one should put back his time and work into the community where he lives and has prospered.

The visitor made presentations of 10-year Monarch chevrons to A. J. Canon, E. O. Carson, C. H. Collinsworth, C. F. Curb, Wrenn Durham, Nolan Palmer, Ray Wilson and P. C. Wylie; 20-year charter chevrons to W. O. Boney, Dee Grimes, Dr. W. T. Sadler, A. T. Sheppard, Booth Warren and H. C. West, and a 20-year Monarch chevron to S. D. Gamble.

Only other club visitor was Dr. Houston F. Byrd, who recently joined the staff of the Sadler Clinic Hospital here and was introduced by Dr. W. T. Sadler.

In recognition of Army Day, which fell on the day of the luncheon, Doyle Seifried gave a history of Army Day anniversary date of the United States entry into World War I, citing the present Army strength as: 175,000 in the Pacific, 275,000 in the United States and 100,000 in Europe, totaling 550,000.

On motion of Dee Grimes, the club voted to ask the stores to close during the hour of the funerals of each of the returned soldier dead to be held here. As a committee to visit the merchants and make this request, President Earl Hughes appointed Meyer Mellinger, Ray Wilson and J. L. Fisher.

Trustees Re-Elected, Merkel School Board

Clyde Bartlett and Buster Horton were re-elected as trustees of the Merkel Independent School district, without opposition, in Saturday's election, each receiving all 27 of the votes cast.

Returns of the election were canvassed at a meeting of the board held Tuesday night, and the election of these two trustees certified. At the same meeting, Horton and Bartlett were re-elected president and secretary, respectively, of the board of trustees.

In the election for trustee-at-large, also held Saturday, 23 votes were cast, all for James E. Freeman, the incumbent.

Church Members Visit Mrs. S. M. Reddin

Members of the Assembly of God church of Merkel and their pastor, Rev. H. S. Earp, visited Monday night in the home of Mrs. S. M. Reddin, who is improving after two weeks' illness, rendering a religious program, which was very much enjoyed by all.

MILITARY RITES HELD HERE FOR WAC CORPORAL

Body of Mrs. Ruth Hunter McManus, Who Died at El Paso, Brought Here for Burial Monday Afternoon.

Funeral services, with full military rites, were held at 2:30 Monday afternoon at the chapel of the Barrow-Sheppard Funeral home for WAC Corporal, Mrs. Ruth Hunter McManus, 47, with Rev. R. L. Butler, pastor of the Methodist church, officiating, assisted by Minister Troy Cummings of the Church of Christ.

The remains of Mrs. McManus, who died Friday at William Beaumont General hospital, El Paso, where she had been a patient most of the time since September of last year, arrived here on the eastbound Sunshine Special Sunday morning, with her husband, T-Sgt. McManus, as escort, and was met by an honor guard from Merkel Post 5683, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Burial was in Rose Hill cemetery under direction of the Merkel VFW Post. Body bearers were Harold Reynolds, Howard Carson, Horace Boney, Ralph Tarpley, Leon Walker, Waymon Adcock; honorary pallbearers, Doyle Seifried, Lester Dorton, Vernon Mansfield, L. A. Dudley, Murray Toombs, R. D. Ely, Lloyd Robertson and David Gamble.

The escort, or firing squad, included Powell Miller, Alton Newton, Jesus Moreno, Vincent Barnett, George Reidenbach, Robert Higgins, Marvin DuBose; color guards, E. L. Tarpley, Marvin Perkins; color bearers, Glynn Robertson, J. P. Click; bugler, Forrest Glenn Barnett; chaplain, Rev. R. L. Butler; assistant chaplain, Minister Troy M. Cummings.

Born Ruth T. Hunter, on July 17, 1900, daughter of Mrs. J. H. Hunter, now of Midland, and the late Mr. Hunter, Corporal McManus was reared in Merkel. She enlisted in the Women's Army Corps in 1944 and was on duty most of the time at Camp Barkeley.

Survivors include her husband, T-Sgt. John B. McManus, stationed at William Beaumont General hospital, El Paso, to whom she was married in November, 1946; her mother; two children by a former marriage, Mrs. W. L. Russell, Merkel, and Roy R. Coats, Jr., Chicago, Ill., and 5 grand-children.

Four brothers and three sisters also survive. The brothers are: Emmett Hunter, Alpine, and W. L. Hunter, J. J. Hunter and James Hunter, all of Midland; the sisters, Mrs. Otto Kappelman, South San Antonio, Mrs. Ellsworth Bell, Trent, and Mrs. Grady Baldwin, Fort Worth.

Raymond Fergusons Announce Open House

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond M. Ferguson announce open house hours from 3 to 5 p. m. Sunday, Apr. 11, at their new home, just completed, on the Merkel-Noodle farm-to-market road.

Of frame construction, bungalow-type, this modern home of six rooms and bath will add another to the many substantial residences which have been constructed in Merkel during the past several months.

The interested public is invited to call during open house hours Sunday.

Trent Speech Students Win in Meet Saturday

Trent, Apr. 8.—The speech students of Trent high school, coached by Joe F. Tarpley, won their share of the honors in the Conference B meet held at South Taylor High school last Saturday.

LaNelle Edwards and Billy Reynolds scored first places in girls' and boys' extemporaneous speaking, respectively. W. E. O'Kelly won another first, sweeping the senior boys' declamation laurels. The fourth first was in junior boys' declamation which was won by Tommy Newhouse.

Elsie Healy was awarded second place in senior girls' declamation and Emma Lois Healy placed fourth in the junior girls' declamation contest. In addition to the students mentioned above, the following will receive letter awards in speech: Christine Martin, Billie Joe Surber, Betty Sue Barnes and Ann Singleton.

Edwards, Reynolds, O'Kelly and Newhouse will compete in the Region II meet which will be held at Abilene high school Apr. 24.

BOY SCOUTS TO SPONSOR HOUSE NUMBERING HERE

The local Boy Scouts will start the house numbering project Saturday morning, with the first numbering to be done on Oak street.

The Scouts will number a house correctly with four inch stainless steel numbers for \$1.00, regardless of the number of numbers required. Installation of numbers on a stained mounting board will cost \$1.75.

The project is sponsored by the Lions club and proceeds will go to helping the Scouts fix up their hut.

The Scouts and Lions club wish to emphasize that no householder is under any obligation to have his house numbered. It is strictly on a voluntary basis.

Plowboys Pile Up 38 Points to Win District 5A Title

The Roscoe Plowboys, led by the flying heels of Bobby Zetsman, ran away with the District 5A track title here last Saturday night at the local athletic stadium. The sturdy Zetsman garnered 15 of the Farmers' 38 points, to give them a substantial margin over Stamford, which had 26 3-4 points.

Spencer Billington of Stamford was high point man of the meet with 19 points. The bespectacled gridiron warrior of the past season won the 100 and 220 yard dashes and the 220 yard high hurdles and placed third in the broad jump and discus.

Benson's lowly Badgers wound up with a total of 2 points on John Glenwinkel's third place in the one mile run. In view of the fact that Glenwinkel had a freshly spiked foot, he turned in a sparkling performance.

The rest of the team points stacked up thus: Snyder, 23 1-4; Anson, 18; Albany, 15 3-4; Colorado City, 15; Haskell, 9 1-4; Hamlin 3; Loraine, 2, and Throckmorton, 1.

In the junior boys' division, the South Junior High Coyotes of Abilene garnered a total of 20 points to win over a field of 10 other teams.

North Junior High of Abilene won the junior boys' playground ball tournament by downing Hamlin, 4-0, in the final game. The Rotan high school boys ran over Roby, 14-2, to cap the senior boys' division. The Rotan senior girls were the only entrants in this division and won the title by default.

The Albany girls won the volleyball crown by whipping Snyder, 15-8 and 15-8. Merkel won third place by beating Loraine and Roby and losing to Albany, 15-6 and 15-8.

SENIOR DIVISION

Pole Vault, tie first between Dodson of Haskell and Shuler of Roscoe, height 10 ft. 4 in.; High Jump, won by Caffey of Anson, height 5 ft. 7 in.; Broad Jump, won by Barker of Colorado City, distance, 20 ft. 4 in.; 120 Yard High Hurdles, won by Zetsman of Roscoe, time 15.9; 100 Yard Dash, won by Billington of Stamford, time 10.5; 40 Yard Dash, won by Shuler of Roscoe, time 54.3; 220 Yard Low Hurdles, won by Billington of Stamford, time 24.0; Shot Put, won by Zetsman of Roscoe, distance 37 ft. 9 1-2 in.; 440 Yard Relay, won by Snyder, time 46.0; 880 Yard Dash, won by Adams of Roscoe, time 2:04; 220 Yard Dash, won by Billington of Stamford; Discus, won by Miller of Albany, distance 120 feet, 8 in.; One Mile Run, won by Holmes of Snyder, time 4:42; Mile Relay, won by Roscoe, time 3:45.2.

L. L. Murray Attends Presbytery at Lamesa

As delegate from Grace Presbyterian church, L. L. Murray attended the two-day session of the Abilene Presbytery, Presbyterian Church of the U. S. A., held in Lamesa Wednesday and Thursday.

He accompanied Rev. Frank Travis, pastor of Central Presbyterian church, Abilene, Rev. S. P. Collins, also of Abilene, and Rev. E. P. Elder, Presbyterian pastor at Strawn.

Merkel Band Places In Music Festival

The M. H. S. band took a second division rating in marching and 4th in concert playing in the regional music festival in Abilene last Friday.

Wanda Tipton, the only soloist entered from Merkel, made second in twirling. Wanda is the drum major of the band.

MEMORIAL FOR MERKEL MARINE HELD WEDNESDAY

Body of Pfc. H. F. Henington, Jr., Brought Home from Pacific For Burial; VFW Post in Charge of Military Burial.

Memorial service for Pfc. H. F. Henington, Jr., U. S. Marine Corps son of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Henington, of Noodle, whose body was brought back from the Pacific for burial at home, was held at 3 p. m. Wednesday in the chapel of the Barrow-Sheppard Funeral home, with Rev. R. L. Butler, pastor of the Methodist church, conducting the service, assisted by Rev. E. M. Weathers, pastor of the First Baptist church.

The body, which arrived here at 8:09 p. m. Tuesday on the westbound Sunshine Special from Fort Worth, under escort of M-Sgt. John C. Bloodgett, USMC, of Fort Worth, was met by an honor guard from Merkel Post 5683, Veterans of Foreign Wars, with Lester Dorton, junior vice-commander in active command, and the Veterans conducted the burial with full military rites.

The funeral cortege following the flag-draped casket to Rose Hill cemetery for the final resting place of the young Marine killed July 24, 1944, in the service of his country at Guam, was more than a mile long—one of the largest processions for any funeral ever held in Merkel.

Body bearers, six ex-servicemen named at the request of the family, were Donald Cade, Billy Tucker, Billy Tom Hutcheson, Johnny Sloman, Jim Sublett and R. V. Clark. Honorary pallbearers were Harlon Winter, Lee Mack Reynolds, Horace Boney, David Gamble, Lester Dorton, Doyle Seifried, Jack Dawson West and Vernon Mansfield.

Serving as flower girls were Eadames Tillman Rutledge, Pete West, R. V. Clark, J. V. Weaver, Harlon Winter, R. C. Warren, Jr., Misses Jean Pain and Joy Curington.

The escort, or firing squad, included Powell Miller, Alton Newton, Jesus Moreno, Vincent Barnett, George Reidenbach, Robert Higgins and Marvin DuBose; color guard, E. L. Tarpley, Marvin Perkins; color bearers, Glynn Robertson, J. P. Click; bugler, Forrest Glenn Barnett; chaplain, Rev. R. L. Butler.

During the hour of the funeral, all the stores in town remained closed as a mark of respect, and the public schools were dismissed a short while before the hour for the service.

Private First Class Henington, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Henington, of Noodle, was graduated from Merkel High school in mid-term of 1942 and attended Texas Technological college at Lubbock for the last semester that year. At the time of his induction, shortly after he became 18, on Sept. 12, 1943, he was working on the ranch of his uncle, T. E. Parmer, near Cisco. Before going overseas in January following, he trained at Camp Elliott, San Diego, Calif.

Three months after his death, his parents received the Purple Heart, awarded posthumously to their son. The citation read: "For military merit and wounds received in action, resulting in his death, July 24, 1944." Three stars on the award indicated three major battles.

Surviving are the parents, and three sisters, Mrs. Bill Harris, Merkel, Mrs. Hilbert Zellars, Quessa, and Mrs. U. L. Kingsbury, Paducah.

Post Office Lobby Open Until 9 P. M.

Beginning last Sunday, Apr. 4, the post office lobby is now being kept open each day until 9 p. m. instead of closing at 8:30. Due to the change in the schedule of the westbound Sunshine Special, mail is now being dispatched to and received from this train, which is now due at 8:09 p. m. Postmaster Wrenn Durham announced.

Mail for dispatch on this train should be in the post office by 7:50 p. m. All mail received at the post office after that time will be dispatched for the night trains, if received by 8:45 p. m.

Hodges Club to Present Play at Hawley School

The Hodges Community Dramatic club will present a two and one-half hour three-act comedy play entitled "Scarecrow Creeps" on Friday night, Apr. 9, at the Hawley school auditorium. The play will begin at 7:30 p. m.—mission is "

P-TA Speaker



MRS. T. R. ODELL

Mrs. T. R. Odell, assistant professor of education and psychology at McMurry college, Abilene, will speak on "Building of a Sound Mind," when the Merkel Parent-Teacher association meets Friday night at 7:30 in the Grammar School auditorium.

Mrs. Odell, who is former health chairman of the Texas Congress of Parents and Teachers and is now state vice-president of Region 7, will be accompanied by Merkel by Mrs. Holland Holt, president of District 16 of the State P-TA.

Mrs. Bud Toombs is program leader, and the 4th and 5th grades will present a program on health and safety.

George W. Crow, Jr., 41, Former Resident, Dies

George W. Crow, Jr., 41, son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Crow, Sr., of Merkel, and a former resident here, died shortly after midnight in a Lubbock hospital, following a heart attack at 6 p. m. Wednesday. He had been living in Lubbock the past 18 months.

Surviving are his wife, the former Opal Dillon, of Lubbock; two sons, Ray and Johnny; one daughter, Mary Jean; his parents; three sisters, Mrs. G. C. Blair, Mrs. Will Toombs and Mrs. Dee Moore, all of Merkel, and two brothers, Odell Crow, of Corpus Christi, and Bernell Crow, of San Antonio.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. Friday from the Methodist church, with the pastor, Rev. R. L. Butler, officiating, assisted by Rev. D. D. Denison, Methodist pastor at Drowell and former pastor here. Burial will be in Rose Hill cemetery, under direction of Barrow-Sheppard Funeral home.

Drilling Starts on New City Water Well

Drilling started Thursday morning for an additional water well for the city of Merkel, located just northeast of the city barn, and three other wells are to be drilled.

Mayor A. J. Canon utilized the services of a "water witch" specialist from Anton for the location of the first well, and the outcome will be experimental in more ways than the main one of securing more water for city use.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From Files of The Merkel Mail, Apr. 6, 1928.)

MRS. SAM WINTER PASSES AWAY

The people of this community were shocked and made very sad when the news spread last Sunday afternoon that Mrs. Sam Winter had passed away at her home in Bettis heights, shortly after one o'clock. Mrs. Winter had been quite ill for some time but for several days previous to the fatal moment she had improved greatly and friends and loved ones really had hopes of her permanent recovery; hence, her sudden death was a shock to the entire community.

Deceased was born in Illinois, August 24, 1855, and was, therefore, 72 years past. Her maiden name was Isabell Simer and she was married to her surviving husband, Mr. Sam Winter, December 20, 1870, and with her husband had resided in this part of the country for the past 42 years. Besides her husband she is survived by ten children, 28 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. The surviving children are: Mrs. H. L. Propst, Mrs. J. J. Russell, Merkel; Mrs. C. S. Walker, Hawley; W. T. Winter, Midland; J. L. Winter, Hamlin; Mrs. A. W. Hampton, Mrs. Arthur Sears

NEXT WEEK SET FOR CITY-WIDE CLEAN-UP HERE

Residence Area Divided Into Four Sections; Trucks Will Collect Trash According to Fixed Schedule.

All plans are completed for Clean-Up Week in Merkel, dates for which were re-set last week by Mayor A. J. Canon as Apr. 12-17 instead of May 3-8, as originally proclaimed. Several have volunteered the use of their trucks and with the city equipment in addition, Mayor Canon stated that collection of trash, broken tree limbs and other rubbish in the alleys can be carried out according to schedule.

All residents of the city are urged to have their trash that is intended to be hauled off, collected and placed in alleys for pickup on the following days:

Monday, Apr. 12.—All the area on the north side and west of Kent street.

Tuesday, Apr. 13.—Area on north side and east of Kent.

Wednesday, Apr. 14.—On south side, east of Oak.

Thursday, Apr. 15.—On south side, west of Oak.

Badger Nine to Play Rotan Here Friday

The Badger baseball nine will open its home conference schedule against the Rotan Yellowhammers at the local athletic stadium this Friday afternoon at 3:00.

The Purple and Gold diamond aggregation was swamped 25-8 by the Hamlin Pied Pipers in their opening fray of the season at Hamlin Tuesday afternoon. The Badgers committed so many errors that the Pipers scored almost at will. The Merkel lads collected 11 hits to 17 for the experienced Pipers. Gilbert, Reynolds, Roger Bailey, Larry Bailey and Westenhover got credit for two safe blows each. Other boys participating in the game were Black, Hodge, J. Floyd, Sledge and Dudley.

To Play Clyde Here At 3 P. M. Sunday

Shortly after noon Thursday, Dennis Walker, manager of the Merkel Jaycees baseball team, announced that a matched game would be played at the school athletic field here Sunday with Clyde, starting at 3 p. m.

The further announcement is made by C. A. Farley, Scoutmaster, that the Merkel Boy Scouts will have the concessions at the hard ball games this year.

Record of Births

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. W. J. McCarty, Saturday, April 3, 1948.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Ira Marshall, Sunday, April 4, 1948.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Owens, Monday, April 5, 1948.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Harris, Wednesday, April 7, 1948.

S. J. Winter and Mrs. Ernest Rogers, all of Abilene. Four brothers also survive her.

Funeral services for this, one of Merkel's best loved citizens, were held Monday afternoon, Apr. 2, at the Church of Christ, conducted by her pastor, Elder W. G. Cypert, assisted by Elder R. R. Brooks of the College Church of Christ, Abilene, attended by a large concourse of sorrowing friends and relatives.

In the city election last Thursday Messrs. R. O. Anderson, Booth Warren and W. H. Frazier were re-elected as councilmen without opposition and will continue to do their "bit" with the assistance of other members of the administration, to push the city's best interests onward and upward. In the election for three members of the Merkel Independent School board Saturday, Messrs. O. J. Adcock, A. J. Canon and Eli Case were elected. The other members on the board are R. O. Anderson, president, W. O. Boney, secretary, S. D. Gamble and Herbert Patterson. These gentlemen are all live, wide-awake men.

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**Whit's Dry Cleaners
In New Location**

Re-opening of Whit's Dry Cleaners in new location on Runnels street, next door north of the H. & H. laundry, is announced by L. B. Whitaker, owner.

Moving of the plant and installation of equipment will be completed this week-end and re-opening will be in readiness for re-opening on Monday, Apr. 12, he reports.

**Electric Service
Shop Opens Here**

The W. G. Richardson Electric Service will open Saturday, Apr. 10, in the building on Kent street, formerly occupied by the Reporter-News agency.

Fluorescent light fixtures, all parts for electric iron repairing, also house numbers that glow in the dark, will be carried in stock, it is announced by the owner, W. G. Richardson, who recently returned with his wife to make their home here.

**Baptist Church Women
Sponsoring Egg Shower**

The women of the First Baptist church are sponsoring an egg shower for Buckner's orphans home, from Monday through Saturday of next week. A crate will be ready at the church for any who wish to bring eggs.

Birth Announced.

Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Pannell, 297 Mockingbird Lane, Abilene, are the parents of a son, named Ronald Lynn, born Mar. 30 at Hendrick Memorial hospital there. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Pannell of Merkel.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank each and every one for their help and loving kindness during the illness of our husband and father.
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In The Churches

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Attendance at the seven reporting Sunday Schools last Sunday was 694 as compared with 896 on the previous Sunday. The attendance on the same Sunday a year ago was 891.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Dr. E. B. Surface, of Abilene, will deliver his lecture on "The Holy City" at the 11 o'clock hour Sunday, Sunday School at 10 a. m., as usual. Reporter.

NAZARENE CHURCH

The revival meeting now in progress and being conducted by Evangelist Herbert Lund of Abilene will continue through Sunday night, Apr. 11, with services each evening at 7:30 o'clock. Every one is cordially invited to attend.
R. T. Smith, Pastor.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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

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 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

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.

**Rites Held at Trent
For W. J. Armour**

Trent, Apr. 8.—W. J. Armour, 76, former resident of Trent, died Sunday, Mar. 28, in Plainview after a short illness.

Funeral services were held here Tuesday with Rev. B. L. Higdon, Baptist pastor, officiating.

Coming to Trent from Limestone county in 1915, he farmed south of Trent for a time before moving into town to operate his own business, a garage and service station.
Surviving are his wife, one son, Stanley, and five grandchildren.

CARD OF THANKS.

We want to express our heartfelt thanks to friends and neighbors for their many acts of kindness and their tender words of sympathy as well as for all assistance rendered in the illness and death of our loved one; especially do we wish to thank the doctors and nurses at the hospital for their nursing care and attention.
May God's richest blessings rest upon all of you.

Mrs. J. R. Ingram
Mrs. Elsie Roland
Mrs. Lee Baker.

R. A. Ensminger, West Texas Pioneer, Dies

R. A. Ensminger, 89, West Texas pioneer, who lived here for many years but removed from this section in 1920, died Mar. 25, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Ethel Wallis, of Lincoln, where he had been ill the past few months.

Mr. Ensminger, a retired farmer and carpenter, was born May 2, 1858, in Virginia, and after having lived in Tennessee, Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Louisiana, was making his home in Dodge City, Kans.

A brother of Jim Ensminger of the Divide and of the late John Ensminger and a brother-in-law of Mrs. Fraze Demere, he is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Wallis and Mrs. Nettie Goree, of Gresham, Ore.; one son, B. W. Ensminger of De Ridder, La., nineteen grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren.

**New Greyhound Busses
Have Comfort, Luxury**

Chicago, Apr. 8.—Revolutionary new design and mechanical features that will bring greater comfort and luxury to bus transportation were disclosed today as an experimental model of the Greyhound Highway Traveler compartment coach began road tests.

The new bus, which has been developed over a period of nearly three years by Greyhound engineers, seats 50 passengers, as compared with 37 passengers in Greyhound busses delivered in 1947. The greater capacity is achieved through an entirely new arrangement of seats in three sectional compartments. The floor space of the bus is increased one-third.

The improved design also provides for wider, roomier seats, deeper and more restful cushions, and more space between seats to allow for greater relaxation. Two short stairways, with illuminated risers, facilitate the movement of passengers between passenger compartments.

A pillow type of radio speaker, which can be heard only by the occupant of the seat, is built into each seat headrest. By means of an individually operated switch the passenger may listen to either one of the two radio programs. In addition, there is a public address system for announcements by the driver. Each passenger also has an individually controlled reading light.

Ollie Fox Sells His Home; Buys Another

Ollie Fox, who sold his house at South 4th and Locust, to T. L. Miller, bought one of the Brown and Walker cottages in Southland addition and has already moved in. The Millers were moving Thursday into their new home.

Sale of the Fox home was handled by Andy Shouse, real estate agent, while Shouse acted jointly with Cyrus Fee, agent, in the sale of the Miller home to Elmer E. Herring.

Butman VA Sponsoring Rabbit Drive, Apr. 12

The Veterans of the Butman VA school are sponsoring a rabbit drive Apr. 12, to start from the Butman school at 8 a. m.

Women are asked to bring lunch to the Butman school at noon. Everybody is invited to participate.

**Well Child Clinic
Apr. 16, 2-4 P. M.**

The April Well Child conference, sponsored by the Merkel Parent-Teacher association, will be held at the office of Mrs. Elma McFarland from 2 to 4 p. m. on Friday, Apr. 16. The clinic is open between these hours for all children, both of school and pre-school age.

Trash Fire Results In Slight Damage

Fire that started from a smoldering trash fire damaged a string of back fence, the back wall of the frame garage and some scrap lumber on the premises of Mrs. R. A. Walker on Cherry street Tuesday afternoon.

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PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Hunter of Lubbock, who came for the funeral of his niece, Mrs. Ruth Hunter McManus, Monday, were visitors with Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Sublett.

Truett Thompson, Route 3, Merkel, has entered the Veterans hospital at McKinney for observation and treatment. He is doing "pretty good" at this time but it is indefinite as to how long he will be there.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Sublett had as their week-end guests, her mother, Mrs. Florence Weyrick, of San Antonio, and her sisters, Mrs. B. G. Campbell and Janice of Corpus Christi and Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Arnes and Carolyn Sue of Lubbock.

Norman L. Windham, student of the College of Mines, El Paso, spent the Easter holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Windham.

Spending the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Dent Gibson were their son, First Lt. David Gibson, and wife, from Randolph Field, San Antonio, where Lieutenant Gibson is training as a pilot instructor.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Campbell accompanied Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mayfield to Midland on the Easter week-end, where they visited, respectively, with their sons, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Campbell and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Mayfield and family.

Week-end visitors with Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Sheppard were their daughter and son, Mr. and Mrs. K. C. Gee and two sons, from Wichita, Falls, and Mr. and Mrs. William Shepard and two sons, from Big Spring.

Out-of-town guests Monday night in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Sublett and Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Sublett were Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Stewart and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Houston of Mineral Wells.

Jim Sublett, student at Texas Tech, Lubbock, was home the first of the week visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Sublett.

Mrs. Adah Heeter received a cable-gram Saturday from her son-in-law and daughter, 1st Lt. and Mrs. Bowman Barlow, telling of their arrival with their daughter, Becky, at Bremerhaven, Germany.

Mrs. W. W. Webb returned Monday from a visit with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Ball, of Dallas.

Hospital Notes.

Patients received during the week at Sadler Clinic-Hospital for treatment were: Mrs. S. O. Patton, C. M. Foster, W. W. Isenberg, Apr. 1; Mrs. Elby Frazier, H. G. Neill, Apr. 2; Mrs. Billie Chambless, Apr. 3; Mrs. Otis Spratlen, the Booth Russoon child, Apr. 5; Charles Butman, Charlie McCurdy, Apr. 6. Admitted for minor surgery were: Mrs. Waiter Kelso, Apr. 4, Mrs. Pat Patterson, Apr. 7. A. Webb entered the hospital Tuesday for treatment of back injury sustained in oil field work. Mrs. Sid Morris received a tonsillectomy, Apr. 5.

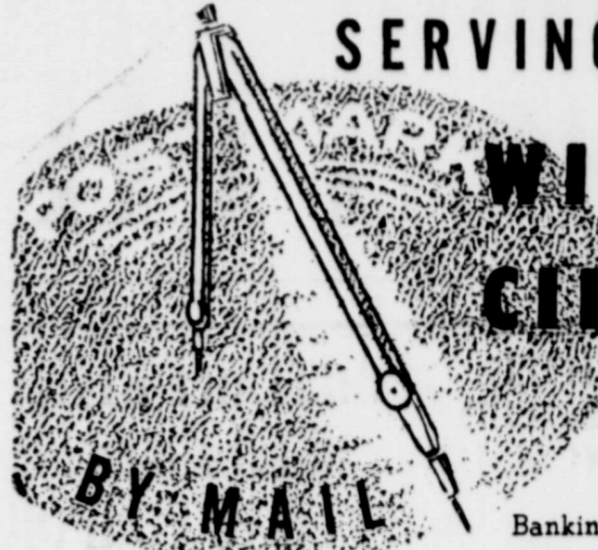
Fifty-two per cent of the airline passengers in the United States are on business trips, 26 per cent are traveling for pleasure, and approximately 14 per cent are combining the two.

**Monthly Statement
of the
CITY OF MERKEL**

For March
Showing Receipts for the month of March, 1948, and expenses for the month of February, 1948, paid in March.

RECEIPTS	
Taxes	\$ 115.42
Water revenue	594.29
Sewer revenue	335.55
Water deposits	45.00
Occupation licenses	35.00
Water main taps	45.00
Candidate fees	7.00
Lone Star Gas Company	581.15
2% Gross Rec. Tax	14.00
Fines	7.40
Pipe line easement	6.45
Miscellaneous	17.86
Total	\$1,786.26
On hand, Mar. 1, 1948	4,560.98
Total	\$6,347.24
DISBURSEMENTS	
Administrative	\$ 206.39
Water department	397.83
Sewer department	176.50
Sanitary department	310.35
Street department	474.83
Fire department	184.67
Police department	270.75
Lights, city hall	12.29
Street lights	142.00
Signal lights	4.48
Relief office expense	76.36
Meter refunds	10.00
Miscellaneous	3.20
Total	\$2,223.65
Cash in general fund, April 1, 1948	\$4,123.59
REFUNDING BOND ACCOUNT	
On hand, Mar. 1, 1948	\$17,853.51
Interest on U. S. Bond	56.00
From taxes in March	76.95
On hand, Apr. 1, 1948	\$17,980.46
W. M. ELLIOTT, City Secretary.	

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Legal Notices

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.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION. THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: E. L. Brown, 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 17th 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 14th day of Jan., 1948. The file number of said suit being No. 15,646-A.

The names of the parties in said suit are: M. E. Brown as Plaintiff, and E. L. Brown as Defendant.

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

Plaintiff and defendant were married on July 28, 1930, and continued to live together until June 3, 1946. No children have or will be born to said marriage. Plaintiff sues for divorce on 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 2nd day of April, A. D., 1948.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 2nd day of April, A. D., 1948.

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

Cpl. Billie B. Brabbin Stationed in Tokyo

Cpl. Billie Bob Brabbin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brabbin of Tye, is serving in the Armed Forces in Tokyo, Japan.

Corporal Brabbin enlisted in the Air Force in November, 1946, for three years and has been in Japan eight months.

He went to technical school in Chanute Field, Ill., where he took parachute rigging and repair, and has been doing same until he was transferred recently. He is now flying as a crew member in C-54 planes, to and from Japan, Guam, Iwo Jima, Okinawa, Philippines and China.

He has been stationed at Goodfellow Field, Fort Sam Houston, Kelly Field, Chanute Field, Ill., Fairfield, Calif., and Honeda Air Base, Tokyo, Japan.

Merkel Firemen Place First in Pumper Race

With time of 34 2-5 seconds, Merkel won the pumper race at the semi-annual Mid-West Texas Firemen's convention held in Baird on Thursday of last week, which was attended by more than 200 firemen from 15 towns.

Albany placed second, time 39 4-5, and Roscoe, third, 42 1-5. Failure to close a valve on a main street fire plug resulted in cancellation of the six man hook-up contest.

J. C. Hall, Jr., of Loraine, second vice-president, was elevated to the presidency; Hugo Zetman, Roscoe, and Cap Whorton, Albany, were made first and second vice-presidents, respectively, and J. Parker Sharp of Merkel was re-elected secretary-treasurer.

Cisco was selected for the October meeting.

Olin Culberson, state railroad commissioner, was the principal speaker. Other speakers included State Senator Pat Bullock, Colorado City; Frank Williams, Austin, firemen's pension commissioner; John Ballew, Childress chief; T. E. (Red) Lewis, Electra, and D. C. Musick, Abilene chief. Report of the treasurer showed a cash balance of \$293.08.

The day's program concluded with a big barbecue prepared by Frank Stanley, and a dance that lasted late into the night.

Attending the convention from Merkel were Chief John Mansfield, J. Parker Sharp, Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Fox, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Wurst, Mr. and Mrs. Rhett Eidson, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Chester McWilliams, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Martin, Mrs. Ed Thorn, Messrs. Lester Dorton, Jim McAninch and Ollie Berry.

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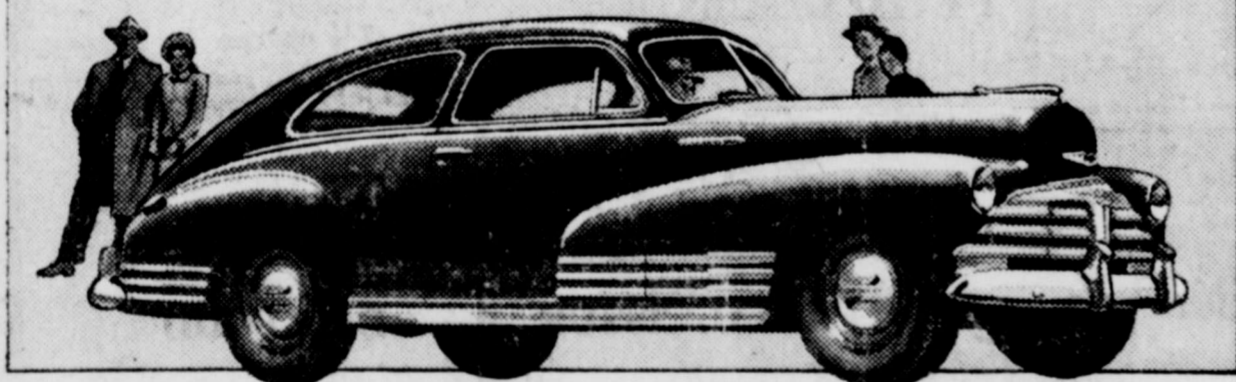
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\$5 Million Bond Issue Sought by WTU Co.

Abilene, Apr. 8.—West Texas Utilities company, a Texas corporation, filed an application with the Securities and Exchange commission, Washington, D. C., for permission to issue and sell \$5,000,000, principal amount, of its First Mortgage Bonds, Series B. It is proposed that the bonds, which will be dated March 1, 1948, and which will mature in 1978, will be sold by competitive bids.

In announcing the filing of the application, Price Campbell, president of the area served by the West Texas Utilities company has been phenomenal, but we think the greatest growth of West Texas is still ahead. The proceeds of the bonds proposed to be issued will provide a portion of the cash required to pay for additional generating capacity and other facilities for supplying the electric service necessary for the industrial and agricultural growth of West Texas.

The proposed \$5,000,000 bond issue is one phase of an \$18,000,000 construction program, Mr. Campbell pointed out. This huge construction program, which is to be completed within the next four years, calls for the installation of additional generating units, construction and rebuilding of major transmission lines, extension of rural lines, and the enlarging of various other existing facilities. Through a system of interconnections and power loop services, additional power will be provided from main generating stations. In most instances, power will be available to communities from two or more sources.

Working at Compere Cemetery Announced

The annual cemetery working at Compere will be held this year on Wednesday, Apr. 14, it is announced by Ross Merritt, secretary-treasurer of the organization. Plans are being made to improve the water system. Every one is invited to attend and bring lunch to be served at noon.

Urges Enumeration of School Age Children

"Every child who is missed in taking the school census this spring means a loss of \$55 to the school for next year," declared C. A. Farley, census enumerator for the Merkel School district.

Every young child who will be at least six and not over 18 years of age on Sept. 1, 1948, should be enumerated regardless of color, marital status, graduation from school, or regardless of whether they are now attending school or not. The only qualifications are that the child is of scholastic age and lives in the Merkel district.

It will mean a lot to the school if every parent of children of scholastic age will make every effort to see that their children are enumerated. Phone 112 or 174 or contact any teacher.

Pioneer Tye Farmer Dies Unexpectedly

W. R. (Bill) McCartney, 64, resident of Tye since 1907 and a prominent farmer of this area, died at his home, about three miles southwest of Tye, at 4:30 p. m. Saturday.

He had been in ill health for several years but had continued active. He was in Tye during the day and his death came unexpectedly after his return home.

Funeral services were held at 3 p. m. Sunday at the family residence with Elliott's Funeral home of Abilene in charge. Rev. W. R. Karkalits, pastor of the Baptist church at Tye, officiated, and burial was in the Tye cemetery beside the grave of his wife who died in 1918.

Survivors were Garland Teaff, Paul Burns, Wesley Rister, Theo Kincaid, A. M. Hinds, Johnny Rister, Pete Morris and Mel Briggs.

Mr. McCartney was born Nov. 28, 1883, in Marion, Ark., and had lived there until coming to Tye.

Surviving are two sons, Billy and Jay, of Tye; three sisters, Mrs. Dee Teaff and Mrs. Ray Perry of Merkel and Lorena McCartney of Abilene; two brothers, Walter and Hubert, of Tye, and two grandsons.

John Adams, second president of the U. S., was father of John Quincy Adams, the sixth president.

Better Lighting Needed In Grammar School

Although there is no positive proof, there are good indications that several elementary school pupils are being forced to wear eye glasses each year because of the poor artificial and natural lighting in the Merkel Grammar school, according to local school administrators.

Experiments with a light meter under various conditions show that many Grammar School students do not have one-half as much natural light on their desks on a normal day as is recommended by lighting authorities. On cloudy days, some of the pupils do not have one-tenth of the light needed, even with the lights on.

In a recent visit to the schools here, Clive Pierce, representative of the State Department of Education, declared that better artificial lighting is badly needed in the classrooms.

Eye tests given each year by the school nurse indicate that more and more children are suffering from deficient vision. This steady increase in eye trouble is thought to be partially at least due to the exposure to poor natural and artificial lighting in the classrooms over a period of several years.

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Thirty Boys Present Trent 4-H Meeting

Trent, Apr. 8.—Thirty members were present for the meeting of the Trent 4-H boys held last Thursday. After business matters were concluded, Cloyce Huckabee, assistant county agent, spoke to the boys about selecting their projects for the coming year. Beef cattle and capons seemed to be the choice of most of the boys.

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Green ONIONS, bn. 9c	46 oz. can (Texsun) 15c	Kimbell's Cut BEANS, No. 2 can 14c
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CARROTS, bunch 9c	1 pound can 52c	CREAM CORN 17c
Monarch—Lime, Strawberry and Raspberry	PINTO BEANS	Heinz— Fresh
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FOR SALE—Four band Stewart-Warner radio, with or without the automatic record changer; priced to sell. See Troy Roberts after 7 p. m. at South 6th and Walnut.

FOR SALE—Serval Electrolux refrigerator. O. E. Harwell, Route 2, Merkel.

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FOR SALE—Two-story brick building 40x80, formerly occupied by Sadler Clinic. W. T. Sadler, M. D.

1946 Chevrolet sedan, new seat covers. Badger Chevrolet Co.

FOR SALE—'45 John Deere "B" tractor. S. D. Gamble.

SEE ME for your Qualla pedigreed cottonseed; can be bought here at the feed store; have a supply on hand. W. A. Stockbridge Feed and Seed store.

HAVE several nice residences for sale in Merkel; take your choice. **ANDY SHOUSE**

COME IN and trade your old car for one of our reconditioned used cars; we'll do our best to give you a good deal. Badger Chevrolet Co.

REGULAR FARMALL Tractor, \$125.00. Patterson Grain.

CLEANEST 1941 Oldsmobile in the town. Badger Chevrolet Co.

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.
RUFÉ TITTLE.

For Commissioner, Precinct 4, Jones County:
C. H. (Connie) OTTO.
W. O. RAINWATER.
A. J. BARBEE, JR.

For Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 5:
MRS. DORA T. COBB.
[Re-Election.]

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

For Sheriff, Taylor County:
H. T. (Flem) FLEMING.
(Re-Election.)

For County Judge:
THEO ASH.
WILEY CAFFEY.
(Re-Election.)

1941 Chevrolet 5-passenger coupe, new seat covers, radio heater. Badger Chevrolet Co.

AVAILABLE NOW—Rubber puncture-sealed tubes and white sidewall tires, in all popular sizes. Magnolia Service Station.

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

GARDEN HOSE SPECIALS.
50-ft. length 9-16 in., good grade hose, brass couplings, \$4.50.
50-ft. length 5-8 in., extra grade Gates red hose, \$7.50.
20-ft. length 5-8 in., good grade hose, brass couplings, \$2.00.
WEST FARM MACHINERY CO.
Phone 30.

FOR SALE—Texas bundled hegari seed, certified last year, free from Johnson grass and weed seeds of any kind, price \$4.95; bring your sacks. C. N. Hatfield, 3 miles north of Noodle.

NEW AUTO BATTERIES. \$9.95 and up. Nolan Palmer, "Your Magnolia Dealer."

UNIVERSAL jet type pumps, with all the pipe, etc. Palmer Tire and Appliance Co., Phone 15.

NEED LUMBER—2x4, 2x6, 1x4, 1x6, 1x8, center match, shiplap, kiln-dried flooring; direct mill shipments on any amount of common yellow pine lumber; inspect our stock; cash and carry. J. W. Hammond Lumber Co., Merkel; located in alley behind Ben Franklin store.

HURRY—If you want to buy thru us, please place your orders at once, for Martin's or Plainsman combine milo, African millet or Northern Star cottonseed. Farmers Coop. Soc. No. 1, Merkel, Texas.

FOR SALE—5 rooms and bath; best location; best built house in town; block south new hospital. Ben Sublett, Box 206, Merkel.

1941 Mercury sedan, ton condition. Badger Chevrolet Co.

FOR RENT

MODERN apartment for rent, to couple; private bath. Phone 247. Mrs. J. M. Collins.

BEDROOM for rent; southern exposure, private entrance; bath. H. F. Groene.

VACUUM CLEANER for rent, 75c per day. Farm and Home Supply.

FOR RENT—Five room house, 4 miles NW town. See J. L. Douglas.

FOR RENT—3-room apartment, modern conveniences; see Dowdy and Toombs Real Estate.

BURROUGHS adding machine for rent, by the month. Inquire at The Merkel Mail office.

LOST AND FOUND

STRAYED—From my place 1 mi. north of Comere, light colored Jersey cow, dehorned, heavy springer. Reward. Wesley Rister, Rt. 1, Merkel.

WANTED

BRING your ironing worries to me for quick service; work guaranteed to please with reasonable prices; shirts our specialty; at my home, North Kent street, Mrs. Oliver A. Webb.

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

WATCH next week's Merkel Mail for notice of the Farmers Cooperative Society No. 1 announcement of their annual stockholders meeting on April 17, 1948.

SEE Lendon A. Coats for water well drilling. Phone 281W.

For **COMMERCIAL ART WORK** See **DICK LINDSEY** 4th and Oak Streets

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**WALKER & SON
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MERKEL, TEXAS

**Specials for Friday & Saturday
APRIL 9th and 10th**

Washington Fancy WINESAP	Texas Valencia
APPLES, pound 11c	ORANGES, 2 pounds 15c
Sun Kist Juicy	White Firm
LEMONS, pound 12c	CAULIFLOWER, lb. 12c
U. S. NO. 1 IDAHO RUSSETT'S SPUDS, 5 pounds 39c	

Nuzest ORANGE JUICE	46 ounce can	24c
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Collins Pure	Chamberlains
Apple Jelly, 12 oz. jar 25c	Hand Lotion, 50c bottle 39c
Red and White	Pepsodent
Tomato Juice, 46 oz. can 25c	Tooth Paste, 50c tube 38c
Red and White—Apple Cider	Rich Creamy
Vinegar, qt. bottle 19c	Crustene, 3 lb. can \$1.07
Red and White	Blue Ribbon Embossed
Flav-R-Jel, 3 pkgs. 23c	Napkins, 80 count 15c
Frenches SALAD	Lipton's Tea
Mustard, 6 oz. jar 10c	Tea, 1/4 lb. pkg. 31c
Betty Sweet	Campbell's
Pickles, 22 oz. jar 37c	Tomato Soup, 10 oz. can 10c
Honor Brand	Red and White
Catsup, 14 oz. bottle 19c	Salt, 26 oz. box 8c
Red and White	Kellogg—Nutty—Crunchy
Fruit Cocktail No 2 1/2 can 39c	Corn-Soya, 8 oz. pkg. 16c
R&W—APRICOT or PEACH	
Nectar, 12 oz. can, 2 for 25c	

Sun Spun SALAD DRESSING	Quart Jar 63c
	Pint Jar 36c
	8 Ounce Jar 19c

MEAT MARKET DEPARTMENT

Armour's Dexter Smoked	Longhorn
SAUSAGE, lb. 37c	CHEESE, lb. 49c
Fresh Small	Armour's—Small Lean
SPARE RIBS, lb. 41c	PORK CHOPS, lb. 49c
Fresh	Swift's Premium
PORK ROAST, lb. 43c	BACON, lb. 69c

THE RED & WHITE STORES

WEST COMPANY MERKEL HAROLD BROWN TRENT Bird's Store NOODLE

Announcing

NEW LOCATION

Whit's Dry Cleaners

NEXT TO H. & H. LAUNDRY IN MERKEL re-opening

Monday, April 12

Come to See Us, Often!

... we are happy to announce that having purchased lease from H. & H. Laundry on April 1st, of the tile-brick building with stucco front, which has for some time been being used as a part of the laundry—located underneath the shade of ye 'ole mesquite tree just between the H. & H. laundry on its south side and the little B. & L. Cafe on its north, in the first block on Runnels street facing east—we have been working early and late to set up this new and permanent home equipping it completely with modern and automatic machinery and other facilities that will enable us to offer you completely modern, first class, quality dry cleaning—the kind that has always come from Whit's shop!

Popular Cash Prices will prevail at all times in keeping with consistent, quality work.

... WE SOLICIT YOUR BUSINESS and will appreciate an early opportunity to do any part or at least some of your dry cleaning. Please remember us kindly and think of us especially when clothes are in need of immediate and careful attention.

"Your Clothes Doctor",

L. B. WHITAKER

-:- Society -:-

BRIDE INTRODUCED AT GIFT TEA.

A twilight tea of beautiful appointments was held in the home of Mrs. J. F. Walker Tuesday evening from 7 until 9 o'clock when Mrs. Herman Carson, the former Connie Norton of Abilene, was complimented with a gift party by the following ladies: Mesdames Sam Swann, W. A. McCandless, Sam Martin, Ollie Fox, E. M. Weathers, Don Riney, Irl Walker, W. L. Johnson, T. E. Collins, Horace Boney, Leon Walker and J. F. Walker.

The receiving line included Mrs. J. F. Walker, the honoree, Mrs. Herman Carson, her sister, Miss Jean Norton, and Mrs. E. O. Carson, mother of the bridegroom. Emphasizing a pretty color scheme of pink and white, the lovely bride was beautifully attired in a pink formal dress and all members of the house party wore white carnation corsages.

Mrs. Leon Walker and Mrs. Horace Boney presided in the dining room, where spiced tea, open-faced sandwiches and sand tarts were served from a tea table centered with pink carnations and snapdragons.

Mrs. Howard Carson presided at the bride's hook, and Mrs. Don Riney and Mrs. E. M. Weathers presided over the gift display.

A delightful musical program was under the direction of Mrs. Comer Haynes. Invitations were extended to 175 guests.

FORTNIGHTLY STUDY CLUB.

Members of the Fortnightly Study club met at the Community Center Tuesday afternoon for a program on "Modern Science." The rooms were decorated with spring flowers where a business meeting was held in which the club voted to send a food shower to an English family recently adopted.

Mrs. Griffin Barnett talked on "Advances in Science," and Mrs. Vincent Barnett gave "Aviation in Today's World," after which Mrs. Edwin Read presented Miss Adelle Elkins, vocalist, in "The Lost Chord," with violin obligato and Mrs. Comer Haynes at the piano, as the inspiration for the afternoon.

Those answering roll call were Mesdames Griffin Barnett, Vincent Barnett, Chester Collinsworth, Johnny Cox, Wrenn Durham, S. D. Gamble, Comer Haynes, Earl Lassiter, Elma McFarland, Edwin Read, Owen Robertson, W. T. Sadler, H. C. West, Paul West, Pete West, Andy Shoase, Geo. T. Moore and Powell Miller and Miss Christine Collins.

NEW OFFICERS ELECTED BY MERKEL GARDEN CLUB.

New officers were elected by members of the Merkel Garden club at their meeting held Thursday afternoon of last week at the Community Center. They are: Mrs. Raymond Ferguson, president; Mrs. Geo. T. Moore, first vice-president; Mrs. Paul W. West, second vice-president; Mrs. B. T. Sublett, third vice-president; Mrs. Chesly Patterson, fourth vice-president; Mrs. W. D. Hutcheson recording secretary; Mrs. Herbert Patterson, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Ben Robert Hicks, treasurer; Mrs. Carroll Benson, parliamentarian.

Mrs. John Shannon, press reporter.

The new officers are to be installed at the end of the current club year. Serving on the nominating committee were Mrs. John Shannon, Mrs. Dee Grimes and Mrs. Lou Petty.

WCS STUDY COURSE TO START MONDAY.

The Women's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist church will have a United Nations luncheon at 1 p. m. Monday, Apr. 12, at the church. The program will consist of the first lecture on the study course, "We the Peoples of the United Nations," which local church women are beginning with Mrs. Wrenn Durham as study leader.

All women of the church and any one else who is interested in this vital and timely subject are urged to attend.

RIGGAN-DAVIS.

Miss Willie Mae Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Davis, and Murray Riggan, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Riggan, were united in marriage Thursday, Mar. 25, at Sweetwater.

The bride wore a light blue dress with white accessories. She is a senior at Trent high school.

The bridegroom attended Merkel High school and served two years in the Navy and since his return from duty has been engaged in farming. They will make their home near Merkel.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Mrs. Carlton King was hostess for a birthday party given last Friday afternoon honoring the fifth birthday of her son, Billy Everett.

Plate favors were all-day suckers and balloons and refreshments of bottled drinks, cheese crackers, and birthday cake were served to: Billy Bob and Freddie Toombs, Maxine Patterson, Sharon Seifried, Farris Neill, Johnny Don Fulton, Barbara Orsborn, Allen Russell Morgan, Jackie and Jean Stallo, Nan King, Barbara Lou Morgan; Mesdames H. C. King, Ben Stallo, Pete Morgan, W. B. Toombs, T. J. Neill, John Fulton, Tommy Patterson, Bill Cox, Box Murphree, Ray Orsborn, Doyle Seifried and Misses Alma Cox, Lena Faye and Nina Orsborn.

CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY.

Tommy Ray Warren was honored on his twelfth birthday anniversary with a party in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Warren, on Monday evening.

A table decorated with spring flowers was centered with a white birthday cake topped with twelve glowing candles. Games were played and refreshments of ice cream and cake were enjoyed by Betty Wylie, Marie Kerns, Arlene Wurst, Joy Walker, Rachel Tarpley, Barbara Wilson, Billye Joyce Rutledge, Gloria West, Jane Tipton, Bobby Mayfield, Jackie McAninch, Bobby Pangle, Marvin Mashburn, Corky Cox, Jimmy Russell, Billie Fowler and Sessions Hammond.

BAPTIST W. M. S.

The Woman's Missionary society of the First Baptist church met Monday

afternoon for a business meeting. As the opening song, "Ready" was sung. Mrs. Preston Henry led the opening prayer. Mrs. Irl Walker, president, brought the devotional and also presided over the business session. Mrs. T. E. Collins closed with prayer.

Present were Mesdames P. F. Harris, J. O. Castles, J. S. Swann, A. R. Booth, Mack Tucker, Sam Swann, W. T. Sadler, Don Riney, E. M. Weathers, Owen Robertson, W. L. Johnson and the above mentioned.

The next meeting will be by Circle Monday afternoon at 2:30. Blanche Rose Walker Circle will meet with Mrs. W. T. Sadler and Floy Hawkins will meet with Mrs. Don Riney for Bible study.

RURAL SOCIETY

GOLAN CLUB.

Mrs. H. H. Windham, Mrs. C. P. Hodges, Mrs. F. F. Carter and Mrs. J. A. St. John, members of the Goodman Home Demonstration club, presented a guest program at the meeting of the Golan HD club in the home of Mrs. B. R. Vancil. Program theme was "Good Grooming."

It is announced that the next meeting will be Apr. 15 in the home of Mrs. F. E. Sipe. Loreta Allen, county home demonstration agent, will discuss pruning shrubs.

UNION RIDGE CLUB.

The Union Ridge Home Demonstration club will meet in the home of Mrs. O. R. Douglas on Apr. 16.

Potatoes are tubers, radishes are roots, onions are bulbs, tomatoes are fruits, cabbages are leaves, and beans are seeds.

Garden Hints

from
Merkel Garden Club.

WHAT TO PLANT THIS MONTH—Most all seed should be in the ground by the 20th of April. It is also bulb-planting time, as amaryllis, tube rose and gladioluses.

Divide dahlia clumps into sections containing two or three tubes and one or more buds.

Plant annual vines such as balsamvine, moonflowers and morning glory, to cover fences and stumps, or hide unsightly views.

MOVIE CALENDAR

QUEEN

Friday - Saturday - Double feature program: Charles Starrett, Smiley Burnette, "Buckaroo From Powder River" and Rosalind Russell, Melvyn Douglas in "The Guilt of Janet Ames;" color cartoon and "The Vigilante" serial.

Sunday, Monday and Tuesday - Dennis Morgan, George Tobias, Andrea King in "My Wild Irish Rose;" Bugs Bunny color cartoon and latest News reel.

Wednesday - Thursday - Rod Cameron, Cathy Downs, Lone Gwynne in "Panhandle;" technicolor special "Hollywood Wonderland;" color cartoon.

"MY WILD IRISH ROSE"

American vaudeville, when the minstrel show was the top form of entertainment, highlights Warner Bros.' scintillating musical, "My Wild Irish Rose," with color by technicolor. Dennis Morgan is starred as the immortal Chauncey Olcott of

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Wilson Jewelry

Bill Teaffs Now Occupying New Home

The Bill Teaffs, since Mar. 24, are occupying their modern new home, recently constructed on the site of their former farm home. The new structure contains six rooms, two baths and a sun porch.

Tom Moran of Abilene was in charge of construction operations.

Watch Next Week's Merkel Mail
for notice of the

Farmer's Cooperative Society No. 1

announcement of their annual

STOCKHOLDERS MEETING

On April 17, 1948



SPECIALS

Fri. and Sat.
April 9 and 10



Mary Lee Taylor's
Top Stove Dinner
Broadcast:
April 10, 1948

1 1/2 cups medium noodles,* broken in pieces
2 cups boiling water
2 teaspoons salt
1/4 cup canned, condensed chicken soup
1/2 cup Pet Milk
3 tablespoons water
1 1/2 teaspoons grated onion

1/2 cup drained, cooked, diced celery
1/2 cup drained peas,** cooked or canned
few grains paprika
1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
(can omit)
1/2 cup diced American Cheese

Cook noodles tender in boiling water and 1 1/2 teasps. salt. Drain. Mix together soup, milk, water and onion. Add cooked noodles, celery, peas, remaining 1/2 teasps. salt, the pepper and Worcestershire sauce. Heat slowly about 2 min., or until thickened. Add cheese and stir until melted. Do not boil. Makes 4 servings.
*1 cup macaroni or spaghetti can replace noodles.
**Diced carrots, whole kernel corn or cut-up green beans can replace peas.

You Will Need:
PET MILK, tall can 15c

COFFEE FOLGERS
pound **49c**

Large
DREFT, box 29c

Del Monte—CRYSTAL
PLUM or PEACH
Preserves, 1 lb. jar ... **19c**

DUZ or
OXYDOL, box 33c

Pure Cane
SUGAR, 10 lb. 83c

Mrs. Tucker's
SHORTENING
3 Pound Carton **93c**



FOR CREAMING VEGETABLES—USE PET MILK
No. 303 can

Fancy—
Blackeye Peas, 10c
Clark's WHOLE
Green Beans, No. 2 can 15c
Town Talker—Whole Kernel
Golden Corn, No. 2 can 13c
Mission
Peas, No. 2 can 15c
Bartlett, Heavy Syrup
Pears, No. 303 can 19c
Hunt's—(In Heavy Syrup)
Peaches, No. 2 1/2 can 27c
Hunt's
Plum Prunes No 2 1/2 can 15c

QUEEN Theatre

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Box Office Opens: Nights 7:00; Sunday Matinee 2:00

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2 BIG SHOWS FOR THE PRICE OF 1
CHARLES STARRETT as the DURANGO KID
SMILEY BURNETTE as the West's No. 1 Comic
"Buckaroo From Powder River"

— PLUS —
Is the Sin of Janet Ames in Your Secret Heart, Too?
ROSALIND RUSSELL -:- MELVYN DOUGLAS

"The Guilt of Janet Ames"
Color Cartoon—Vigilante Serial

Sunday, Monday and Tuesday

Features Sun. at 2:25—4:25
Mon. and Tues. 7:30 and 9:30
You May Look Everywhere—But None Can Compare—with

"My Wild Irish Rose"

(Color by Technicolor)

Dennis Morgan -:- George Tobias -:- Andrea King
Bugs Bunny Color Cartoon—Latest News Reel

\$\$ **WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY** \$\$

Features at 7:45 and 9:45
The Spectacular Story of Texas Rip-Roaring Road
From the Border to the Badlands!
Rod Cameron -:- Cathy Downs -:- Anne Gwynne

"PANHANDLE"

(In Color)

Technicolor Special "Hollywood Wonderland", Color Cartoon



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Pure Pork
SAUSAGE, lb. 49c

Fresh—Bulk—Creamy
COTTAGE CHEESE, lb. 29c

Dressed and Drawn
FAT HENS, pound 52c

Tall Korn
SLICED BACON, lb. 65c

Beef Brisket
ROAST, lb. 38c

Baker's
Premium
COCONUT
4 Oz. Box
19c

KUNER'S
PORK & BEANS
21 Oz. Can
19c



Texas
ORANGES, lb. 9c
Crisp
LETTUCE, head 9c
Large Crispy
CELERY, stalk 18c

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