

THE MERKEL MAIL

PERSONAL NEWS NOTES

Miss Mabel McRee returned Saturday from Lubbock where she visited her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McRee. She also attended the graduation of her niece, Shirley, from Tech.

Jo Ann Moore has as her guest, Betty Wood, of Wellington.

Dinner guests Monday with Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Elliott were her brother, D. I. Shelton, and Mrs. Shelton, and their daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. John M. Dunn, and their granddaughter, Sharon Ann Sage, all of Cisco.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Pursley and family left Tuesday to visit Mr. Pursley's sister in Fort Worth and a brother in Louisiana.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. West of Weatherford were week-end guests of her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Foster. They came after their two sons, Jerry and Rodney, who had been visiting in the Foster home. They were accompanied here by Mrs. West's father, J. H. Roberts, who had been visiting with them.

After a visit with Mrs. Day's grandmother, Mrs. Myrtle Boden, Mr. and Mrs. Ocie Day and daughter, Ann, returned Friday to their home at Chandler, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Essom, of Herlong, Calif., who visited last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Martin, returned home Saturday.

Guests last week of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Huff were their daughter-in-law, Mrs. Leo Huff, and daughter, Diane, of Springer, N. M.

Mr. and Mrs. James Shaver, Mrs. Edwin Shaver and Miss Edwena Shaver, of Fort Worth, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. John Shannon. Also for dinner Sunday were Mrs. J. S. Touchstone of Anson, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Sherrill and Laurel and Mary Criswell.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Higgins were up this week from Corpus Christi to meet their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Palfacio, of Los Angeles, Calif., who are visiting with her here.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Grimes left on Sunday morning for North Hollywood, Calif., where they will visit their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Dean, and little son.

Week-end guest in the J. T. Darsey home was his sister, Miss Willie Darsey, of McGregor, who came to attend the Hutcheson-Paine wedding. Also here for the wedding as guests in the Darsey home were Mr. and Mrs. Ben F. Davis, of Abilene, and Mr. and Mrs. Wade Darsey and family, of San Angelo.

Visiting recently in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bacus were her nephew and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Murrell G. Landreth, of Ballinger. They came to take his cousin, Lula Mae Clark, to Galveston, where she is now a patient in the John Sealy hospital.

Mrs. Earl Stanford returned home Monday after a 10-day sight-seeing tour, having visited Boulder Dam, Grand Canyon and places of interest in Nevada and California. She made the trip with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Corvin Levech, of Odessa.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cleburne Cochran at the B. and B. ranch the past week were her mother, Mrs. Fayne Perry, and sisters, Janell and Glenda, of Asperment. Their other sister, Janice, is employed by the Federal Land Bank Insurance Co. of Clovis, N. M.

Clinton Tarvin of Barnhart spent the past week here with relatives including grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Stout of Route 3 and Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Tarvin of Route 1. He enjoyed several fishing trips to Fort Phantom Hill lake. Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Tarvin, Jr., drove up for the week-end with their parents.

Mrs. Florence Berry returned on Tuesday from an enjoyable vacation visit with her brother, Joe C. Holmes, at Tucson, Ariz. Joined there by her other brother, Roy L. Holmes and family of Phillips, they all toured Old Mexico, and upon their return to Tucson, Mrs. Berry and the Joe Holmes family left for a trip to Grand Canyon.

Mrs. Effie Martin, here from Seligman, Mo., to attend the funeral of her mother, Mrs. N. R. Thornton, will return home Saturday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Demere returned Monday from a visit with their children and grandchildren. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Weston and family of Augustine, N. M.

LAST RITES HELD HERE FOR MRS. E. N. BROWN, 85

Long-Time Resident Passes Away at Home of Son in Clyde; Buried by Grave of Husband in Rose Hill.

Mrs. E. N. Brown, 85, long time resident of Merkel, passed away suddenly at an early hour Tuesday morning at the home of her oldest son, Thomas W. Brown, of Clyde. Mrs. Brown had been for a ride in the car with her son and family Monday evening and was enjoying her usual good health. Death was attributed to a stroke.

Funeral services were held at 5:30 p. m. Wednesday from the First Baptist church, of which she had been a member continuously since moving to Merkel 30 years ago. The pastor, Rev. E. M. Weathers, officiated, assisted by Rev. R. L. Butler, pastor of the Methodist church, and Rev. J. W. Saffle, retired Baptist minister, former pastor here and a former pastor of the Cleburne church, when the Browns lived there. Burial was in Rose Hill cemetery, under direction of the Barrow-Sheppard Funeral home.

Pallbearers were both Warren Comcr Haynes, Billy Largent, Holland Teaff, Howard Carson and Johnny Cox.

Her maiden name was Georgia Ann Alsbrook. She was born Oct. 14, 1862, in Hope, Ark., and was married to Ernest N. Brown, of Homer, La., on Jan. 15, 1884, at Mineral Springs, Ark. The family had lived in Cleburne for 30 years before moving to Merkel in 1917. Her husband passed away while engaged in the dry goods business here on Apr. 16, 1924.

For the past several years Mrs. Brown had been making her home with her children, spending three months with each at a time.

Survivors include two sons, W. S. J. Brown of Merkel and E. Yates Brown, Midland; two daughters, Mrs. Victor P. Tippet, of San Angelo, and Mrs. Melvin J. Evans, of Flossmoor, Ill.; 15 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Barney Alsbrook, both now deceased, moved to Merkel about the turn of the century.

Among those from out-of-town who came for the funeral were Mrs. Albert Ventig, of Fort Worth, a niece of the late Mr. Brown, and Dr. Ventig, retired Baptist minister.

STEPS LISTED FOR FIGHTING FLY MENACE

There are five steps that need to be taken by every individual in this area to assist in the fly control program, if we are to achieve a relatively fly-free condition," according to a report from the Abilene-Taylor County Health Unit furnished to The Merkel Mail.

"The continued use of the fog machine DDT has done much to help curb the fly population here, but it is not a cure-all," the Unit report asserts, following up with suggestions, viz:

First, make a preliminary survey of your premise to find if there is any possible place where flies may breed, keeping in mind that they breed in manure, human excreta, rotted vegetables and animal matter, and in and around damp areas of soils where waste waters are allowed to stagnate.

Second, proceed to eliminate all such breeding places of the fly by cleaning up the entire premise of such waste. Powdered borax may be employed as one of the most effective weapons against the early stages of the development of the fly, namely, the maggot stage.

Third, starve the fly by taking his feeding grounds away from him. One of the most common places where flies feed is from wastes that are carried from the homes and deposited in uncovered garbage and trash containers. It would be such a simple matter to put into use an approved, covered fly-proof container.

Fourth, each family should arm itself against the possibility of the fly entering the home and bringing with it filth and germs. Properly screened homes are the best protection from the fly.

Fifth, keep a constant vigil against the fly and use every means possible to destroy him, as in the final analysis, that would be his aim in life if it were not for increased knowledge in medicine and science in ways to affect cures for his depredations. Keep in mind that the best prevention against the fly is good home sanitation, based on good common sense.

VOTERS IN TWO DISTRICTS FOR SCHOOL MERGER

Consolidation of Butman and Merkel Districts Approved in Saturday's Election; Returns Canvassed and Certified.

Consolidation of Butman Common School district No. 28 and the Merkel Independent School district was approved in a special election held Saturday.

In the Merkel district there were 50 votes cast, all favorable to the merger. The vote at Butman was: 19 for, 8 against, with a total of 27 cast.

Returns were canvassed at Monday's session of the county commissioners' court, and the merger was officially declared, on the returns, as reported.

Consolidation will add about 20 students from Butman to the Merkel district, which already had 896 scholars, Supt. R. A. McCollum of the Merkel Public schools stated.

With the addition of 27.5 square miles from the Butman district, the Merkel Independent School district, formerly covering 168 square miles, now comprises 195.5 square miles.

Butman had contracted its students to Trent the past two years, but prior to that had contracted them to Merkel.

COMMENDS TWO GROUPS LOCAL WOMEN WORKERS

As retiring president, Earl Hughes presided for the installation of new officers of the Merkel Lions club for the ensuing year at Tuesday's luncheon meeting at the Community Center, and in the absence of Edwin E. Read, principal of Merkel High school, elected new president, who is away on vacation at this time, turned the gavel over to David Gamble, first vice-president.

Other vice-presidents installed were: Norman T. Hodge, second vice-president, and Lester Dorton, third vice-president. Doyle Seifried took office as new secretary-treasurer of the club, and the following other officers were installed: Chester Collinsworth, tall twister; Powell Miller, Lion tamer; Riggs Sheppard and Henry West, new directors. Holdover directors are Jack Miller and Milton Case.

In a farewell speech, President Hughes expressed his appreciation of the privilege of serving as the club's head, adding that it had been a great pleasure to him. He took opportunity at the same time to express his thanks and the thanks of the club to the Youth Project committee from the Fortnightly Study club for their faithfulness in serving "such fine food" and to the members of the Merkel Garden club for their splendid landscaping job.

As the ladies who have been serving the food will have two months vacation, it was decided to schedule only one meeting in the months of July and August, the third Tuesday of each month, with a watermelon feast on one occasion and an ice cream supper, on the other.

Members of the Youth Project committee serving the luncheon were Mesdames Earl Hughes, Wren Durham, Elma McFarland and S. D. Gamble, assisted by Miss Jane Hughes.

FIND GOOD PAY IN COOK SAND PHILLIPS TEST

Reported Drilling Past 2600 Thursday Morning; Test on Farmers Gin Property Has Reached Depth of 2000 Feet.

Rated a good producing well in the Cook sand, the Phillips Petroleum Company No. 1 Craig Humphreys, just east of Rose Hill cemetery, was reported drilling past 2600 feet in the lower Hope section Thursday morning.

While missing the Dothan sand replacement, a good showing had been logged in the Flippin section.

Three different pays have been checked between 91,203 and 2600 feet, and in the present status, operations may be said to be at the stage—drill a little, core a little, then test a little.

The Tom Largent-West Central Drilling Co.'s No. 1 Farmers Gin test, located on the northeast corner of the Farmers Gin property, had reached a depth of 2,000 feet, according to information available Thursday morning.

Operators of the discovery well for the area, the Geochemical Surveys, No. 1 Bird, tested no lower than the Dothan after finding good production in that zone, but will probably include the lower formations in the test on the Hogan tract, which is due to start in about a week.

According to press reports, special permits have been granted by the Texas Railroad commission for the drilling of four wells in the southeast part of town by E. F. Findley et al of Marshall.

All-Stars Loose to Strawn Team, 9-8

Going 11 innings, the Merkel-Trent All-Stars bowed out to the Strawn nine Tuesday night, with final score of 9-8. It was a hard game for the locals to lose, as they started the 9th with a 6-3 lead. With the aid of costly errors, the visitors tied it up in the ninth, and then scored twice in the tenth. The All-Stars evened things up in their half, but Strawn won out with a single tally in the 11th.

Another great game was turned in by Lefty Jones, who held the visitors to five hits and struck out 14 batters, up to the 9th. Hollis Jones led the hitting, with four safeties out of five times up.

Sunday's game between Merkel and Trent was interrupted in the 4th by the sandstorm, with score 4-3 in favor of Merkel.

The Jaycees will play the Abilene Merchants team here Friday night, it is announced by Dennis Walker.

Reject Manager Plan.
Greenville, June 17.—Voters Tuesday rejected a charter change calling for a city manager form of government. The vote was 1221 against the charter to 938 in favor.

Merkel Boy Killed in Nebraska Accident

Funeral services for Curtis Ray Holmes, 23, son of Mrs. Claudia Holmes, who was killed early Sunday morning in an automobile accident near Fairbury, Neb., were held at 3 p. m. Wednesday from the chapel of the Barrow-Sheppard Funeral home, with Rev. E. M. Weathers, pastor of the First Baptist church, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill cemetery.

Pallbearers were Wayne Farr, Jimmy Reid, Johnny Thaxton, Lee Mack Reynolds, J. D. Hughes and Marvin DuBose.

W. P. (Bill) James, formerly employed here by the Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc., who was driving the car at the time of the tragedy, received serious injuries and was taken to the Fairbury hospital. Wayne Farr, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Farr, third occupant of the car, which belonged to him, who escaped with only a few scratches, reached home Tuesday.

The three young men, employed by the Walco Engineering and Construction company, with headquarters in Tulsa, Okla., were en route from Hebron, Neb., to Beatrice in the same state, where they were being transferred. The car, it is reported, left the highway and struck a tree stump or other obstruction in a deep ditch. Young Holmes was killed instantly.

Curtis Ray was in the service of his country from 1943 to 1946, having spent three years in overseas duty.

Surviving are his mother; four brothers, Ray, J. L., Weldon and Billy Holmes, and one sister, Mrs. Mack Fowler, of Port Arkansas, with whom her mother was visiting at the time news of the accident was received. He is also survived by his maternal grandmother, Mrs. I. A. Johnson.

Rites for Allen Leon Coats Set Here Friday

Funeral services for Allen Leon Coats, 34, who died at 9 p. m. Wednesday at a Wichita Falls hospital, will be held from the Methodist church at 3 p. m. Friday, with the pastor, Rev. R. L. Butler, officiating. Burial will be in Rose Hill cemetery, in charge of the Barrow-Sheppard Funeral home.

Leon Coats was born Sept. 20, 1913, in Taylor county and attended the White Church school. He was married Oct. 16, 1932, to Vada Warner, and had been engaged in farming in Mulberry Canyon until a few months ago. He was a member of the Methodist church at White Church.

Survivors include his wife; three daughters, Peggy, Patsy and Oma; two sons, Harold and Ronald; his father, D. D. Coats; two sisters, Mrs. Johnny Barbee of Merkel and Mrs. Margie Moore, of Napa, Calif., and three brothers, Ralph and A. D. Coats, Abilene, and Clayton Coats, Big Spring.

Rites Held Saturday For Mrs. N. R. Thornton

Mrs. N. R. Thornton, 85, who had been a resident of Merkel for more than 40 years, died at 11 p. m. on Thursday of last week at the Sadler hospital, following a 10-day illness. She was moved to the hospital Sunday.

Funeral services were held at 10 a. m. Saturday from the Methodist church, with the pastor, Rev. R. L. Butler, officiating, assisted by Rev. L. C. Morrison, pastor of Grace Methodist church, Abilene, a nephew of the deceased. Burial was in Rose Hill cemetery by the grave of her husband, who died in 1935.

Pallbearers were Buster Moulder, of Amberst, Dale Burleson, of Slydell, Miller Patton, Woodrow Patton, Ire Stanley and De Witt Campbell, all of Merkel.

The former Nancy Rebecca Stonecipher, she was born in Tennessee on May 6, 1863. She was married to W. A. Thornton at Powell, Ark., on Feb. 14, 1886, and the family moved to Merkel in 1906. She had been a member of the Methodist church since young womanhood.

Surviving her are three sons, Earl, of Pasadena, Calif., W. L. of Portland, Ore., and I. N. Thornton, of Alamogordo, N. M.; three daughters, Mrs. S. O. Patton, of Merkel, and Mrs. C. V. Martin and Mrs. Pearl Kyle, both of Seligman, Mo.; 21 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren, and two brothers, Nest Stonecipher, of Muleshoe, and Frank Stonecipher, of Seligman, Mo.

Shiloh Church Will Observe Home-Coming

Two former pastors, Rev. W. J. Horn and Rev. J. B. Bradford, will preach at the annual home-coming of the Shiloh Baptist church, to be held Sunday, June 20.

All former members and friends are extended a special invitation to attend. It will be an all-day affair, with dinner on the ground.

Sgt. L. C. Boyd Visitor In W. L. Blair Home

Sgt. L. C. Boyd, Columbia, Miss., who is en route to Alaska, is a visitor in the W. L. Blair home. For three years, beginning in 1937, he was stationed at Fort Sam Houston with R. T. Blair, son of Mr. and Mrs. Blair, and visited here several months with R. T. after his discharge and before re-enlistment.

Receives Discharge.
After 18 months in the service, Pfc. E. A. Conley, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Conley, has returned home. He was discharged June 10 at Fort Lewis, Wash.

New Greyhound Bus Schedules Announced

Effective June 15, new schedules were announced by the Southwestern Greyhound Bus lines, as follows:
Eastbound—4:29 a. m., 6:15 a. m., 8:20 a. m., 1:34 p. m., 6:19 p. m., 9:58 p. m. and 11:55 p. m.
Westbound—5:38 a. m., 8:57 a. m., 9:29 a. m., 1:25 p. m., 6:20 p. m., 9:00 p. m., 12:41 a. m. and 2:30 a. m.

Bluebonnet HD Club Sponsors "42" Party

There will be a "42" party at the Futman school house Friday night, June 18, given by the Bluebonnet Home Demonstration club. There also will be a short black-face comedy full of laughs. Come on over and have some free fun.

Members are asked to bring a package of cookies and one-half gallon of punch, also card tables, chairs and dominoes.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From Files of The Merkel Mail, June 22, 1928.)

FUNERAL HELD FOR JOHN GILCHRIST, 72.
John Gilchrist, for many years a citizen of Merkel and surrounding community, following a brief illness of only a few days, died at 7:30 o'clock on the morning of Saturday, June 16, at the home of E. B. Barnes, where he was making his home. His remains were prepared for burial and held until Tuesday morning awaiting the arrival of a nephew from Detroit, Mich., and was then laid to rest in beautiful Rose Hill cemetery, with funeral services being conducted by Rev. R. A. Walker, pastor of the Grace Presbyterian church, the deceased being a devoted member of that denomination.

Born in Lanarshire, Scotland, July, 1855, deceased came to Taylor county direct from Scotland about 45 years ago, being one of the very early settlers in Buffalo Gap, then the county site of Taylor county, and continuously made this county his home, living for many years in Mulberry Canyon and the Merkel community.

Uncle Johnnie, according to those who knew him best, was not a man who talked much, being on the other hand very quiet and reserved. However, he is said to have bound close to him as a friend every one with whom he became well known and intimate, and had no enemies. While it was said that he was not a man after much gold, he was always in comfortable circumstances and, when called by his Lord and Maker, left to his bank credit a handsome sum, an amount that would have been spoken of as a fortune a few years ago.

Being nearly 73 years of age and never having returned to his home land since his departure 45 years ago, he had about finished making plans for a trip to Scotland, intending to leave about July 15. Mr. John Gilchrist, Jr., who arrived here on Tuesday for the burial of his beloved uncle, had planned to come here for a visit with Uncle Johnnie the first of July, and accompany him to New York for his trip to Scotland.

Besides the nephew, who was present for the funeral, deceased is survived by two brothers, Gavin and William Gilchrist, both of whom reside in the homeland, as well as several nieces and nephews. We are informed that when Buffalo Gap built the once well known and famous Presbyterian college, Mr. William Gilchrist, then residing in this country, was among those employed in the erection of the main building of this, one of the first educational institutions in all the West.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Attendance at the seven reporting Sunday Schools last Sunday was 764 as compared with 739 on the previous Sunday. The attendance on the same Sunday a year ago was 667.

FATHER'S DAY PROGRAM.

Don't forget the Father's Day program at the White Church Methodist church Sunday, June 20, at 8 p. m. Every one is invited to make plans to come and be with us.

Reporter.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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

Merle Weathers, Pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Bible School 9:45 a. m. Sunday. Worship 10:50 a. m. and 8:00 p. m. Young People's meeting 7:15 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday, 8:00 p. m.

Troy M. Cummings, Minister.

METHODIST CHURCH

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

R. L. Butler, 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.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 a. m. At the time this notice is furnished the paper, there is no one available to fill the pulpit Sunday.

Reporter.

NAZARENE CHURCH

Sunday School 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Prayer meeting at 8 p. m. Wednesday.

R. T. Smith, 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.



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Out from Fort Worth for a weekend visit with relatives here and at Trent were Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Howell.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Brabbin of California, and two small daughters, Jack Roberts, and two small daughters, of Phoenix, Ariz., have returned to their homes after a short visit with Mrs. Brabbin's mother, Mrs. M. E. Bacus. They came because Mrs. Brabbin's serious illness of Mr. Brabbin's mother of Cisco. They left her very much improved.

Dr. S. C. Tatum, of Centre, Ala., visited his cousin, Mrs. J. S. Blair, on his way to a national Red Cross convention in San Francisco. On his return he will visit Boys' Town in Omaha, Nebr., where he will attend to business requested of him by Father Flanagan before his death.

Record of Parolees.

Austin, June 17.—The Secretary of State's office said Tuesday that only 37 parolees of the 2,491 under supervision in Texas are listed as failing to report.

The first corn, called maize, had two kinds of husks—one over the ear and a husk over each kernel.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

Subscribers to The Mail are requested to notify the publisher of any change in their address promptly. If notice is sent by the post office department of a change in address, newspaper and periodicals must pay postage due on each notice. Besides there is always the possibility that you will miss a copy as second class mail is not forwarded. Best plan is to send the change of address in advance.

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Mrs. L. A. Watts	2.50
James Russell	2.00
Mrs. Eli Case	2.00
Ollie Higgins	2.50
J. A. McCoy	2.00
B. T. Sublett	5.00
J. F. Walker	5.00
A. J. Wright	1.00
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W. A. Witcher	3.00
A. J. Barbee	10.00
G. N. Cook, Hawley	5.00
T. M. Smith, Abilene	5.00
H. L. Garner, Littlefield	5.00
Clyde Foster, Odessa	5.00

Reunion of Wheeler Brothers, Sisters Held

Two sisters, whom she had not seen for many years, have been recent visitors with Mrs. J. H. Witcher, and they were joined here by a brother, Ben Wheeler, of Wellington, all going to a family reunion at the home of another brother, Jim Wheeler at Lorena, on May 30.

It had been 35 years since Mrs. Witcher saw one of the sisters, Mrs. Sam Kelly, of Bonham, and about 30 years since she had seen the other sister, Mrs. Vivie Jonigin, of Richmond.

Bob Hampton, Former Merkel Resident, Dies

News of the death of his brother-in-law, Bob Hampton, at Hico, was received Saturday by W. L. Burns. Burial took place at Hico Monday. Mr. Hampton formerly lived here and will be remembered by many old-timers.

See **J. W. HAMMOND** at the Ben Franklin store, if you are in the market for lumber.

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LEGAL NOTICE.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: F. A. Helton, 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 15th day of July, A. D., 1948, at or before 10 o'clock A. M., before the Honorable 104th District Court of Taylor County, at the Court House in Abilene, Texas.

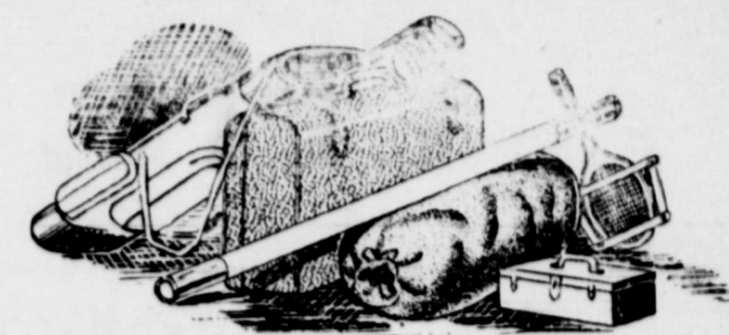
Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 11th day of May, 1948.

The file number of said suit being No. 5791-B.

The names of the parties in said suit are: Beatrice R. Helton as Plaintiff, and F. A. Helton as Defendant.

The nature of the said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: Plaintiff and defendant were legally married on or about the 8th day of March, 1945, and lived together until on or about the 12th day of April, 1947.

There were no children born to the



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marriage of plaintiff and defendant and they acquired no community property.

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 1st day of June, A. D., 1948.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 1st day of June, A. D., 1948.

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

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MOVIE CALENDAR

QUEEN

Friday - Saturday - Double feature program: Charles Starrett, and Smiley Burnette in "Six Gun Law" and Henry Fonda, Dolores Del Rio in "The fugitive"; color cartoon and "Mysterious Mr. M" serial.

Sunday, Monday and Tuesday - Spencer Tracy, Katharine Hepburn, Van Johnson in "State of the Union," color cartoon and latest News events.

Wednesday-Thursday - Katharine Hepburn, Paul Henreid, Robert Walker in "Song of Love;" added: "Sun Valley Fun."

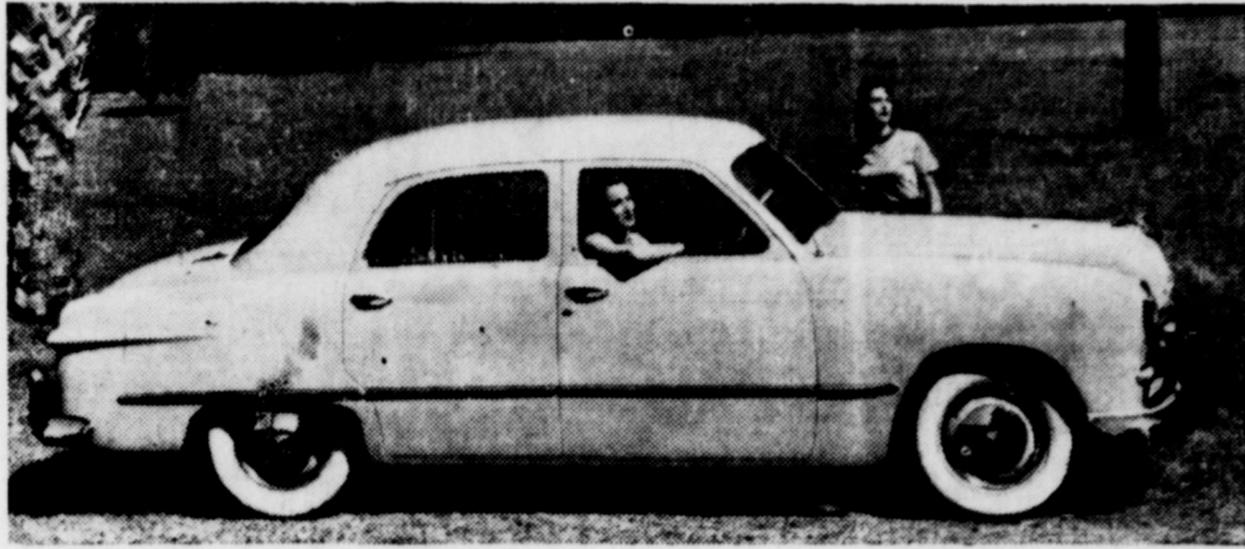
"STATE OF THE UNION."

A noteworthy collection of screen royalty—Spencer Tracy, Katharine Hepburn, Van Johnson and Angela Lansbury — have joined hands to make "State of the Union" for the screen.

Tracy plays a self-made airplane tycoon who becomes a presidential candidate, torn between his ideals and aspirations on one hand and between two women on the other.

Miss Hepburn plays the wife, who is on cool terms with her husband but who is persuaded to accompany her husband on his nationwide tour for the sake of appearances. Miss Lansbury is the shrewd newspaper publisher who is the "other woman."

New Ford Four-Door Sedan for 1949 Pictured



First Display New Models in Merkel at Merkel Motor Saturday

Coming from Mrs. Owen Robertson, owner of the Merkel Motor company, local Ford dealers, is the announcement that the 1949 Ford will be on display in the company's showrooms Friday. They will have two models to exhibit.

Lighter, lower and longer, the new Ford reveals a radical departure from traditional Ford styling and engineering.

To develop and produce the 1949 Ford passenger cars, Ford Motor company has expended more than \$37,400,000 in tools, dies, jigs and fixtures, it is reported.

The modern design has been molded along functional lines, resulting in a long, low, sweeping silhouette. The grill is distinctive, the hood massive but shorter and the body so wide the rear fenders have been eliminated. There are clean unbroken lines from front to rear. Front seat widths have been increased six inches and rear seats nearly eight inches. The 114-inch wheel base is the same as in the 1948 model.

The mechanical improvements are stressed by Ford engineers who made scores of changes such as rubber engine mountings to reduce vibration, a 10 per cent increase in gasoline mileage in normal operation and a 25 per cent improvement with the optional engine overdrive.

The style change is emphasized by the large windshield and windows, a maximum of 20 square feet of glass. Color choice is wide and vivid in label, such as sea mist green,

Tippen Asks 2nd Term From 116th District In State Legislature



WM. K. (BILL) TIPPEN.

Wm. K. (Bill) Tippen has authorized The Merkel Mail to announce his candidacy for re-election to a second term to the house of representatives from the 116th Legislative district. Tippen, a graduate of Abilene high school and Hardin-Simmons university, in announcing his candidacy issued the following statement:

"As previously indicated, I am taking this opportunity to make known my candidacy for a second term in the Texas legislature. My decision to seek re-election is based on the interest and encouragement of the people of this district and the reasons which will be stated briefly in the following paragraphs.

"As your representative I aided in the passage of certain vital legislation of interest to this district. West Texas and our state during my first term, and with the benefit of experience and additional education it will be possible for me to render a greater service in the future.

"As a member of the Military and Veterans Affairs committee, Congressional and Legislative Districts, Motor Traffic, Federal Relations and Livestock and Stock Raising committees I was able to represent the interests of this locality and obtain valuable experience which will enable me to render more valuable service.

"During the time I have been in Austin as your representative, I have appreciated the opportunity to serve you. I have tried and shall continue to try to better myself in

birch gray, Arabian green and bay-view blue. Interior fabric also departs from tradition with a gray tweed mixture with a blue stripe, green striped broadcloth, or mohair in a green and maroon strip and a green and gray stripe.

The instrument panel of the new Ford has been simplified. All instruments are combined in a single cluster directly in line with the driver's view. Projecting slightly for better visibility, the large figures on a telescoped dial indicate speed, fuel level, rate of battery charge and oil pressure.

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"During this campaign I will discuss with you my record as your legislator. It will be my purpose to stand for re-election on past performance instead of promises and you may be sure that if Bill Tippen is re-elected to a 2nd term the 116th Legislative district will receive the type representation to which it is entitled.

"As I have said many times, 'No representative can properly serve his district without the assistance of the people at home,' and for that reason I am most grateful for your advice and co-operation and will appreciate your support.

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TO: Aaron J. Bondurant, 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 2nd day of August, 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 15th day of June, 1948. The file number of said suit being No. 15,808-A.

The names of the parties in said suit are: Mable Jewell Bondurant as Plaintiff, and Aaron J. Bondurant as Defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were legally married on January 21, 1939, and lived together until May 4, 1946. Two children were born to said

marriage, namely, Bertha Louise and Elvia Louise.

Plaintiff sues for divorce on the grounds of cruel treatment. Plaintiff also sues for custody and control of the minor children and 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 unexecuted. Issued this 15th day of June, A. D., 1948.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this 15th day of June, A. D., 1948.

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

Andy Shouse

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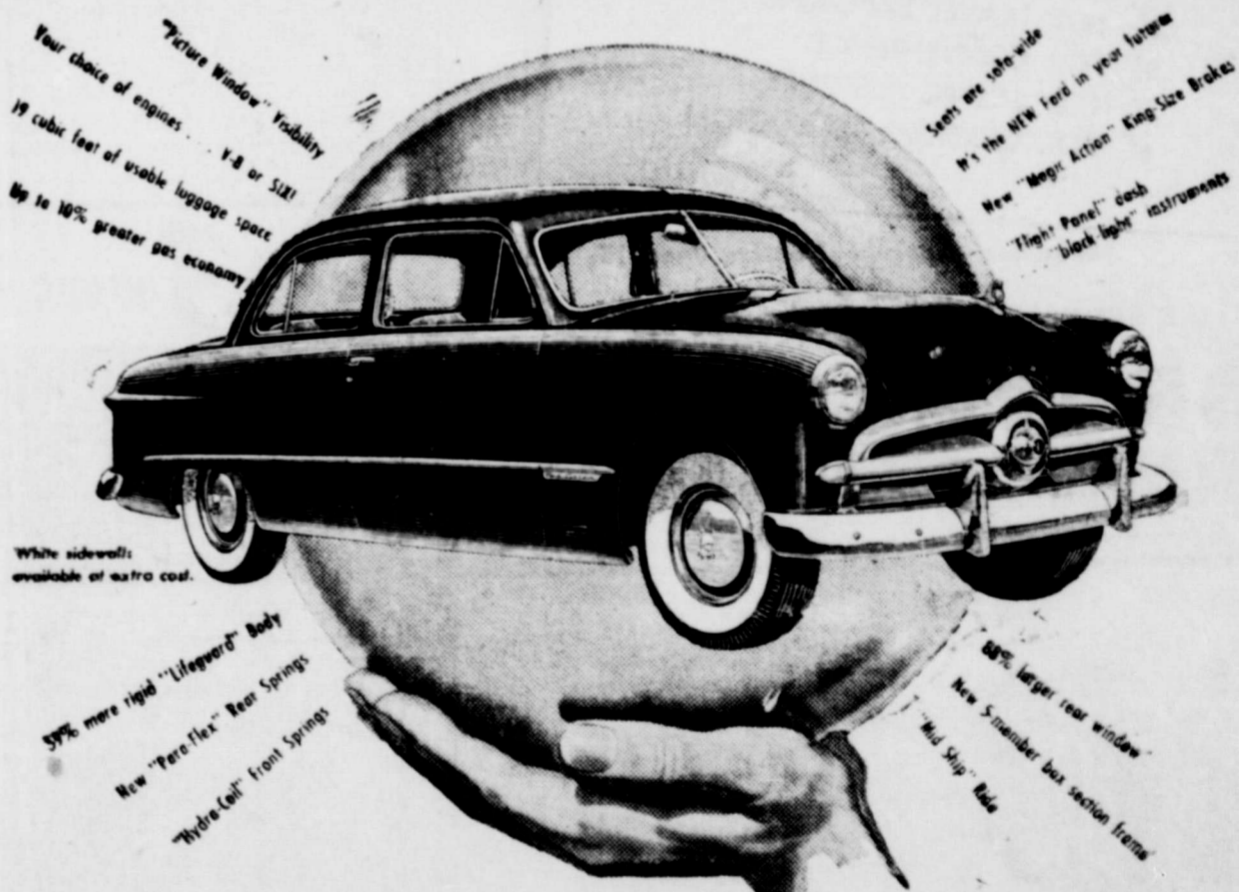
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**Bill Kennedy, 58,
Buried in Cemetery
At Anson, June 7th**

W. H. (Bill) Kennedy, 58, well known Jones county farmer and rancher, died at 10:45 a. m. Saturday, June 5, at the home of his daughter and son-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Shipman, Jr., Abilene. While he had been ill for several days,

his death was unexpected. Funeral services were held from the Lawrence Funeral Home chapel, at Anson, at 3 p. m., Monday, June 7, with Rev. W. H. Jackson, Jr., pastor of the Baptist church of Golan, officiating. Burial was in the Mount Hope cemetery at Anson.

Pallbearers were Marion Stevens, Cisco; Calvin Stevens, Abilene; C. L. Jeffrey, Harold Farmer, I. D. Vancil, Merkel, and Alphas Byrom, Sylvester.

Mr. Kennedy was born at Groveton, Texas, Mar. 17, 1890, and came to Jones county when 17 years of age, and he had resided there continuously since. He was a son of K. K. and Susie Scoggin Kennedy. On Sept. 15, 1912, he was married to Mary Clara (Mamie) Stevens, whose family were pioneer residents of the Golan community, where Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy still maintained the family home.

Survivors are the wife and two daughters, Mrs. I. J. Hail, of Albuquerque, N. M., and Dr. Willie Evelyn Shipman, of Abilene. Mrs. Hail and little son reached the bedside of her father about an hour before his passing. Also surviving are three grandchildren, Kenney and Penny K. Shipman and Jay Hail, two sisters and four brothers. The sisters are: Mrs. W. H. Fountain and Mrs. D. P. Mullins, both of Houston; the brothers, J. D. of Beaumont, G. C., of Houston, L. K., of Merkel, and G. A., of Deridder, La.

Mr. Kennedy was a member of the Baptist church and of the Woodmen of the World.

**Big Spring Judge
Announces Candidacy
For Civil Appeals**



CECIL C. COLLINGS.

Seeking advancement from a district court bench he has occupied for ten years, Cecil C. Collings, of Big Spring, has announced his candidacy for associate justice of the Court of Civil Appeals, 11th judicial district, (Eastland).

Collings already has started a tour of the 22-county district, and he plans to visit all points in the half of his candidacy before the July Democratic primary.

The Big Spring judge is presenting a record of public service that dates back 20 years. He has been a resident of Big Spring since March, 1928. In 1934 he was elected district attorney of the 70th judicial district, and then was elected to the district bench in 1938. He was re-elected in 1942 and in 1946.

Born at Chalk Mountain, Erath county (he thus is a native of the appellate district), Sept. 28, 1899, Collings attended public school at Glen Rose and was graduated from high school there. He attended Meridian Junior college and then the University of Texas, interrupting his education at the latter school to serve a term as county judge of Somervell county. He then returned to the University from which he obtained his law degree in 1927.

He went to Abilene, where he formed a partnership with Charles Coombes and practiced law for a brief period before moving to Big Spring.

Judge Collings has been an active participant in religious and civic affairs during his residence in Big Spring. He is a member of the First Baptist church, and recently assumed the presidency of the local YMCA. A member of the Big Spring Lions club, he was that organization's first president.

Friends throughout the 11th district who solicited Judge Collings to announce present him as a sincere, conscientious and hard-working jurist, whose training, background and record as a trial judge entitle him to advancement to the appellate court on a merit basis.

Nebraska spent \$127.52 per pupil in public elementary and secondary schools for 1944-45.

**Ex-Bell Countians
Will Gather June 20**

The Bell County Ex-Residents association of West Texas will hold its annual reunion with an all-day meeting at the Presbyterian Encampment grounds, Buffalo Gap, on Sunday, June 20.

All Bell County ex-residents, their families and guests are welcome. President E. T. Brooks announces, Mrs. Florence French Clifton is the secretary-treasurer of the association.

A basket lunch is to be spread at 1 p. m., after which will be election of officers and a good program.

**Five from Merkel in
ACC Summer School**

Abilene Christian college, opening the first semester of its 1948 summer school June 8, has enrolled 591 students from 26 states, the District of Columbia, South Africa, Australia, Mexico and India. The second summer semester will open July 20.

Included among the students in Abilene Christian college are five from Merkel. They and their majors are: Frances Johnson, route one, education; Gerald McCoy, route 3, biology; James Winter, journalism; Verle Wylie, education, and Mack Owens, chemistry.

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RUFE 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. N. D. COBB.

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.)

For County Attorney:
GUY W. (Pete) SHAW.
For State Senator, 24th District:
HARLEY SADLER.
PAT BULLOCK. (Re-Election.)

For County Treasurer:
J. R. CLARK. (Re-Election.)

For State Representative, 116th District:
A. C. KYLE.
WM. K. (Bill) TIPPEN. (Re-Election.)

For Associate Justice, 11th Court of Civil Appeals:
CECIL C. COLLINGS.

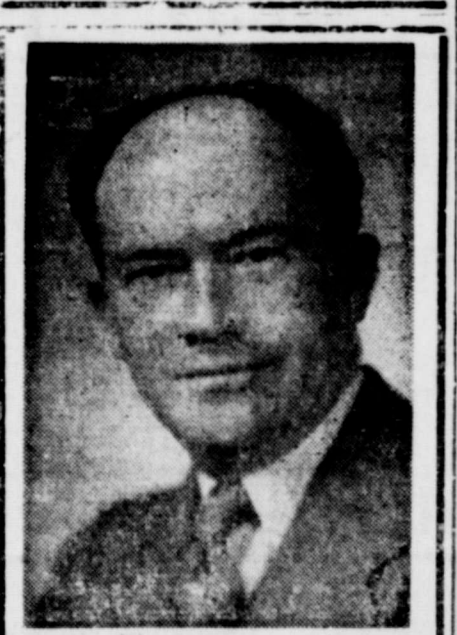
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LODGE CALLS

Stated meeting of Merkel Chapter 212, Order of Eastern Star, will be held, Tuesday, June 22, at 8 p. m. All members are urged to attend. Visiting members cordially invited.

Mrs. Bryan Dunagin, W. M.
Mrs. Howard Carson, Sec'y.

NOTICE MASONS
Stated meeting of Merkel Lodge No. 710, A. F. and A. M., Saturday, June 19, at 7:30 p. m. All members are urged to attend. Visiting brethren cordially invited. Election of officers.
C. E. Post, W. M.
Andy Shouse, Sec'y.



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Texas	GRAPEFRUIT, 2 lbs.	11c	Crystal Wax—White	ONIONS, lb.	10c
Nice Crisp	CELERY, lb.	16c	Green Firm	CABBAGE, 2 lbs.	15c
Crispy Firm	LETTUCE, lg. heads	13c	U. S. No. 1 California	POTATOES, 10 lbs.	49c
Red & White	25 pound sack	\$1.73			
ALL PURPOSE FLOUR	5 lb. sack	39c			

Sun Spun	Salad Dressing, 16 oz. jar	37	Tastit	Vanilla, 2 oz. bottle	13c
Red and White—Apple Cider	Vinegar, pt. bottle	10c	Brimfull Sliced or Halves—Syrup Packed	Peaches, No. 2½ can	25c
Kuner—Mile High	Sour Pickles, qt. jar	29c	Nuzest	Orange Juice, 46 oz. can	25c
Red and White	Ripe Olives, pt. jars	19c	R and W—Apricot or Peach	Nectar, 2, 12 oz. cans	25c
Lady Betty	Potato Salad, 12 oz. jar	23c	Red and White	Fruit Cocktail, No. 2½ can	39
Dove—Mixed	Pickling Spice, 2 pkgs.	17c	Sun Drenched Tree Riped	Peaches, No. 1 can	15c
Red and White	Black Pepper, 2 cans	25c	R and W—Drip or Regular	Coffee, 1 lb. can	49c
Red and White	Salt, 2 boxes	15c	Red and White	Malted Milk, 16 oz. jar	39c
Kuners	Pork & Beans, No. 2 can	16c	Carnation or Pet	Milk, 2 tall cans	31c
Sweet Picken	Peas, 2 No. 2 cans	25c			

R&W--Thick Rich	46 Ounce Can	25c
TOMATO JUICE	2 No. 2 cans	25c
R&W--Cream Style	No. 2 Can	22c
WHITE CORN	3 No. 2 Cans	65c

Welch	Grape Jelly, 16 oz. jar	25c	Aunt Ellen	Pi-Do, package	15c
Hill's	Dog Food, 2, 1-lb. cans	23c	Kellogg's	All Bran, 10 oz. pkg.	16c
Joan of Arc	Asparagus, No. 2 can	33c	3 Minute	Oats, 20 ounce package	17c
Veg-All or Red and White	Mixed Vegetable, No. 2 can	17c	Red and White—Super Sparkle	Cleanser, can	5c
Aunt Jemima or Red and White	Meal, 5 pound bag	49c	Matchless—32 ounce bottle	Furniture Polish	25c
Dependable Disinfectant	Lysol, 30c bottle	25c	Camay	Hand Soap, 2 bars	19c
Colgate	Dental Cream, 50c tube	39c	Fleach	Purex, quart bottle	16c
Red and White—Fluffy	Shortening, 3 lb. can	\$1.15	Procter and Gamble New Washday Wonder	Tide, large box	33c

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Swift's Premium	FRANKS, Pure Meat, lb.	53c	Armour's Star Assorted	LUNCH MEATS, lb.	45c
Armour's	VEAL BRAINS, lb.	17c	Armour's Star	SAUSAGE, Celo Bags, lb.	45c
Armour's Star	PICNIC HAMS, lb.	49c	Armour White Label	SLICED BACON, lb.	59c

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CHURCH OF CHRIST SETTING FOR WEDDING OF JEAN PAINE AND BILLY TOM HUTCHESON.

The marriage of Miss Jean Paine and William T. Hutcheson was solemnized Sunday afternoon at three o'clock in the Church of Christ with an elaborate church ceremony before a large assemblage of relatives and friends. The vows were read by Claud C. Smith, Church of Christ minister from Eastland, formerly of Merkel.

The church altar was profusely decorated with white gladioluses, Woodwardia fern and palms. Guests were registered by Mrs. Howard Cunningham. Traditional wedding music was hummed by a sextette of young ladies from McMurry college. Misses Letha and Jenny Hooper, Patty Brittan, Mary Jane Tredda-way and Ra Mona Wright. Letha Hooper sang "Because."

The bride was given in marriage by her father. She was radiantly beautiful in all white with typical wedding veil of illusion. She carried a bouquet of white orchids and stephanotis.

Miss Wilma Paine served as her sister's maid of honor and wore a blue dress in identical style as that of the bride. She wore a white picture hat and shoulder corsage of white carnations. Miss Mary Ruth Hutcheson, sister of the groom, and Miss Vada Campbell, wearing dresses of pink and yellow in matching style and corsages of white carnations, were bridesmaids.

Don Hutcheson attended his brother as best man; Willard Paine, brother of the bride, and Aubrey Shouse, were ushers.

The bride's mother wore a pink crepe suit and the groom's mother was dressed in navy. Both wore gardenia corsages.

The bride is the accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Paine. She was a very popular graduate of Merkel High school and has for the past three years been employed by the Taylor Electric Cooperative in which capacity she has made many friends.

The bridegroom is the son of Mrs. Chester Hutcheson, Taylor County clerk, and the late City Marshal Hutcheson who was killed in 1936. He graduated from Merkel High school in 1942 and attended Texas Technological college at Lubbock before entering the service. He holds an enviable record of more than 2 years service as a first lieutenant in the Army Air Forces. He re-entered Tech and was graduated June 7 to take a position with the Texas company. After a short wedding trip, they will make their home in Houston.

HARRIS-LINDSTROM.
Miss Dolores Lindstrom became the bride of Sgt. John H. Harris in a double ring ceremony read by Rev. B. L. Higdon, pastor of the Trent Baptist church, in the late afternoon of June 12, in the home of an aunt of the bridegroom, Mrs. P. B. Carson, at Houston.

Attendants for the couple were Bobby Joe Harris, brother of the bridegroom, and Miss Sarah Davis. The bride wore a two-piece dress of white faille with corsage of pink carnations, while her attendant wore a pale pink dress and corsage of white carnations.

Mrs. Harris, daughter of Mrs. E. Englebright of Cristobal, Canal zone, and Frank Lindstrom, of Bismarck, N. D., is a graduate of the 1948 class of Cristobal high school.

Sergeant Harris is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harris of Merkel. He has been in the service 5 1/2 years, two years of which was spent in the European theater of war. For the past two years he has been stationed in the Canal zone, where he met his bride. He attended Trent high school and was a student for six months at the Canal Zone Junior college. He is now stationed at Camp Lee, Va.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the aunt's home. The table, laid with a white linen cloth, was centered with a three-tiered wedding cake, which was served with punch by Miss Doris Cooper.

APPROACHING MARRIAGE IS ANNOUNCED.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob McDonald are announcing the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Johnnie, to Kenneth Dismuke, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Dismuke, of Sweetwater.

WEDDING DATE SET FOR JULY FOURTH.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon B. Simpson are announcing the approaching marriage of their daughter, Patsy, to Troy Roland, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elsie Roland.

The ceremony will be read July 4 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Thomas, aunt and uncle of the bride.

MERKEL HD CLUB.

The Merkel Home Demonstration club met Friday afternoon of last week in the home of Mrs. Bernard Clark. Pals were revealed and gifts presented, and new pals were drawn.

Mrs. C. A. Farley was welcomed as a new member. Mrs. Rhett Eldson, Jr., was elected as delegate to go to the county meeting in Abilene, when a delegate to the state meeting at Temple will be elected.

Mrs. Tom Russon and Mrs. J. H. Clark and Patsy were visitors. After the business meeting, club members made a tour of the town, inspecting gardens and yards of other members, returning afterward to Mrs. Clark's home where delicious refreshments were enjoyed.

Mrs. J. O. Castles resigned as reporter, and Mrs. Gordon Pursley was elected in her place.

SEWING CLUB.

Mrs. Weston West was hostess for the meeting of the Sewing club held Wednesday afternoon of last week in the Community Center, when three new members, Mesdames Herman Carson, Jim Carter and Houston Byrd, were voted into the club. Pals will be revealed at the next meeting.

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meeting to be held Wednesday afternoon, June 23, at the Community Center, with Mrs. Jack Dawson West as hostess.

Present for the meeting last Wednesday were Mesdames Jim Carter, Jack Dawson West, David Gamble, Carroll Benson, Murray Toombs, J. E. Boaz, Grif Barnett, Lester Dorson, Riggs Shepperd, Geo. T. Moore, L. V. Moore, Horace Boney, Doyle Seifried, Vernon Mansfield, Earle Watts, Hoyle Lemens and the hostess.

FIDELIS MATRONS.

The country home of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Horton was the setting for a "42" party Tuesday evening, June 8, when the members of the Fidelis Matrons Sunday School class of the First Baptist church entertained their husbands.

After games of progressive "42", delicious home-made ice cream and cake was served to the following: Messrs. and Mesdames Buster Horton, Mack Tucker, Geo. T. Moore, Ed Sandusky, Leon Bigbee, Tract Jones and Vernon Horton; Mesdames Nim J. Teaff, Austin Petty, A. V. Moore, Joe Boone, Chas. Knight, Dunning McConnell and Billie Chambless; Miss Barbara Sandusky and several children.

BAPTIST CIRCLE.

The Blanche Rose Walker Circle of the First Baptist church met on Monday morning in the home of Mrs. E. O. Carson for Bible study. Mrs. W. L. Johnson led the opening prayer and Mrs. Nim J. Teaff taught a very interesting lesson on the transference to Mesdames Earl Lassiter, E. R. Clark, A. R. Booth, Irl Walker and Claud Warren and one new member, Mrs. S. O. Hill. The meeting was

closed with prayer by Mrs. Irl Walker. The next meeting will be Monday, June 21, for a Royal Service program at the church.

SOCIAL WELCOMES RETURNED COLLEGE STUDENTS.

The Methodist Young People welcomed the college students home with a social Friday night, June 4. Volleyball and a few other games were played after which sandwiches, potato chips, cookies and cokes were served to the following: Frank, Robert and Charles Simpson, Aubrey Shouse, Betty K. Smith, Fayrene Reynolds, Ann Black, Pauline and Coleen Harris, Charlotte Harwell, Ike Turner, Troy and Roy Roberts, Creta Key Case, Jo Marvayrn Tipton, Betty Jane Tittle, Roy Rust Largent, Annette Newton, Troy Roland and Patsy Simpson.

RURAL SOCIETY

BLUEBONNET CLUB.

The Bluebonnet Home Demonstration club met Tuesday afternoon in the club house with the president, Mrs. E. J. Patterson, presiding. The group sang two songs after roll call. Members present were Mesdames E. J. Patterson, Matt Wallace, Doyal Barnes, Bill Wallace, W. C. Hunter and Arlton Farmer. Four children were present.

Mrs. Teague Returns.

Mrs. Earl Teague has returned home from Waco, where she went to welcome a new grandson, Jimmy Earl, born to Mr. and Mrs. John Sheffield, on May 25.

Attends Funeral of Niece at Fort Worth

Mrs. W. E. Carr returned home Wednesday from Fort Worth where she had gone last Thursday upon receipt of news of the tragic death of Mrs. Clyde Eddins, 45, a niece of her late husband.

Mrs. Eddins was accidentally shot and killed in her sleep in the Eddins home at 6:45 a. m. Thursday when a 20-gauge pump shotgun, in the magazine of which her husband was preparing to put a wooden plug, discharged. The charge struck Mrs. Eddins in the back of the head. She died instantly.

Mr. Eddins was preparing to go on a one-day hunt and had risen early. After a cup of coffee with his wife's mother in the kitchen, he had returned to the bedroom where his wife was still asleep and got the gun, which he had checked and thought was empty.

Birth Announced.

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Harwell are announcing the birth of a granddaughter, Youlinda Marie, born last Friday at Hendrick Memorial hospital in Abilene. The parents are Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Carey of Abilene. Mrs. Carey is the former Frances Harwell.

Hospital Notes.

Jean Kemper entered Sadler hospital Sunday for an appendectomy. J. B. Dooley, of Hamlin, underwent surgery Tuesday. Mrs. E. Martin was admitted Monday for minor surgery. Patients received during the week for treatment were: I. N. Irvin, the Doyle Gray boy, June 10;

Terry Touchstone, June 11; Mrs. Clyde Sears, Sr., of Abilene, Mrs. W. A. Newberry, Mrs. John Boyd, Mrs. J. F. Cox, June 12; Chester Reugh, June 13; Jerry Cade, June 14; Clyde Hogan of Aspermont, Mrs. Fred Johnson, June 15; Mrs. H. C. Allen of Midland, June 16. Mrs. R. E. James was re-admitted Monday. Receiving tonsillectomies during the week were Mrs. John Stock of Albany, Kenneth Mattingly and Gary Rust.


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Heart's Delight TOMATO JUICE 46 Oz. Can 22c	K. B. FLOUR 25 Pound Sack \$1.59	FOR ICE CREAM O. Z. Ready Mix Just Add Water 1-3 price 15c	SOAPS TIDE, box 32c DUZ, box 32c OXYDOL, box 32c DREFT, box 27c
ARMOUR'S PURE LARD, 3 lb. carton 83c PETER PAN PEANUT BUTTER, 12 oz. jar 35c HEART'S DELIGHT FRUIT COCKTAIL, No. 2 1/2 can 33c Betty—SOUR or DILL PICKLES, Full Quart Bottle 23c		CANNED FOOD SALE Sunny—Sweetened CONDENSED MILK, can 23c Pic Sweet SWEET PEAS, No. 2 can 15c Whole Kernel CORN, No. 2 can 13c Kuer's PORK & BEANS, No. 2 can 15c Bartlett PEARS, No. 1 tall can 17c	

—LIVE AND LET LIVE—
MEAT PRICES

Pure Pork SAUSAGES, lb. 37c	Tender—4 to 6 lb. Average PICNIC HAMS, lb. 49c
Fine for Baking or Boiling BEEF SHORT RIBS, lb. 43c	Home Dressed—Drawn FRYERS, pound 79c
Creamy Cottage CHEESE, pound 29c	For Seasoning SALT JOWLS, lb. 29c
SALT PORK, HAM HOCKS and BACON ENDS, pound 39c	

Mary Lee Taylor's
Salisbury Steaks
 Broadcast: June 19, 1948

1 lb. ground beef
 1 cup left-over bread, pulled into crumbs
 1 teaspoon salt
 1/2 teaspoon pepper
 1/2 teaspoon dry mustard

1/2 cup catsup
 1/2 cup Fat Milk
 4 large onion slices, 1/2-in. thick
 3 tablespoons hot shortening

Mix together beef, crumbs, salt, pepper, mustard, catsup and milk. Shape into 4 oblong patties about 3/4 inch thick. Brown onion slices slowly on both sides in hot shortening. Remove from pan. Brown meat patties slowly on one side, then turn and top with onion slices. Continue cooking until meat is brown on under side. Makes 4 servings. Serve with Creamed Peas and stuffed Baked Potatoes.

You Will Need:

PET MILK, can 9c
 Fresh Ground
BEEF, pound 49c

WILSON'S—CORN KING—
SLICED BACON, pound 65c

FRESH FRUITS and VEGETABLES

LETTUCE, head 9c
 California
CARROTS, bunch 10c
 Fresh
BLACKEYE PEAS, lb. 10c
 Surkist
LEMONS, pound 12c
 Large Fresh
CAULIFLOWER, head 32c
 Squash, Cucumbers, Radishes, Bell Peppers, Celery, Beets, Cantaloupes, Green Beans

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