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## PRE-CHRISTMAS GAMES BOOKED FOR HOOPSTERS

Noodle Quintet Here next Tuesday Night for First Home Game of Season; Then Hamlin Comes on Friday, Dec. 10.

Coach Carroll Benson announced this week that pre-Christmas basketball games have been scheduled for his Badger five against Noodle, Hamlin and Trent.

Next Tuesday night the Noodle quintet will be here for the first home game of the season. The Merkel hoopsters opened the season against Hamlin on Thursday night of this week.

Hamlin will be entertained here on Friday night, Dec. 10, and on Tuesday night, Dec. 14, the locals trek to Noodle.

The Badgers will participate in the annual Trent Invitational tournament during the week-end of Dec. 17-18. After the Christmas holidays, Benson's boys will enter the Roby tournament on Jan. 7-8. The conference campaign will get under way on Tuesday night, Jan. 11, with Colorado City playing Merkel at Merkel.

Throughout the basketball season, it will be the custom to have two games each playing night, starting at 6:30 with the B string game, followed by the varsity bout at 7:30.

Coach Benson issued the call early last week for aspirants to the 1948-49 "round ball" squad and was greeted by 28 hopefuls. There are no returning letters from last year's team which won the 5A west championship. At the present all positions on the team are wide open. Probably the most outstanding candidates are: Burl McCoy, center; Roger Bailey, forward; Reuben Horton, forward; Paul Bow, forward; Donald Douglas, guard, and Joe Dell Gregory, guard.

## Re-Burial Services Set For Pfc. W. M. Keener

Re-burial service for Pfc. William Keener, 28, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Keener, Route 3, will be held from the chapel of the Barrow-Sheppard Funeral home at 2:30 p. m. Saturday, with Rev. O. B. Tatum officiating. Burial will take place in the Comper cemetery.

Full military rites will be conducted by Merkel Post 5683, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Private Keener died Jan. 18, 1945, in a hospital in Italy from wounds received in action in France. The Silver Star was among several decorations he won.

He was born Jan. 28, 1917, in Dallas county, and his parents moved to this section in 1932. Volunteering on Feb. 10, 1941, he trained at Camp Bowie and went overseas before Christmas in 1942 with the 36th Division.

Besides his parents, other survivors are a daughter, Wanda Joyce Keener, of Seminole; three brothers, Roy and Tom Keener, Merkel, and Woodrow Keener, at home, who was in the same artillery division with his brother in the Army, and three sisters, Mrs. Myrtle Jones, Vesta, Calif., and Mrs. Jewel Young, and Mrs. R. N. Washburn, both of Merkel.

The body arrived here at 1:30 p. m. Thursday on the westbound T. & T. Eagle from Fort Worth.

## Graveside Rites Held For D. R. Cypert, 64

D. R. Cypert, 64, former resident of Merkel, died at 10:15 p. m. Sunday in a Houston hospital, following an illness of 11 months.

Funeral services were held in Houston Monday, after which the body was shipped to Merkel for burial, arriving here at 1:30 p. m. Tuesday on the westbound T. & T. Eagle. Rev. R. L. Butler, pastor of the Methodist church, officiated for the graveside service at 3 p. m. in Rose Hill cemetery, under direction of the Barrow-Sheppard Funeral home.

Pallbearers were Andy Shouse, Robert Malone, O. D. Cypert, Jr., of San Antonio, Rex Fritz, Jr., of San Antonio, and Pat and Pinky Cypert.

Survivors include his wife; four children by former marriages; one step-son, Clarence Kessler, of Kennard; one brother, L. V. Cypert of Fort Worth, and two sisters, Mrs. E. J. Darby and Mrs. Sam Darby, both of San Angelo. He was buried at the late O. D. Cypert.

## Watch for Arrival of Santa's Sleigh and Shetland Ponies Here Saturday Afternoon.



SANTA'S PONY TEAM—Pictured are Santa's eight miniature Shetland ponies, Dasher, Dancer, Prancer and Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner, Blitzen, named in the same

manner as his reindeer team. These ponies will draw Santa's big red, gold and silver sleigh through the streets of this city, when he makes a pre-holiday visit Saturday at 3 p. m.

## SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN SATURDAY 3 P. M.

Riding in His Huge, Brightly Colored Sleigh, Drawn by 8 Shetland Ponies, Will Distribute Candy to Kiddies.

It is going to be difficult for the kiddies of Merkel and surrounding communities to put out of their minds the vision of a jolly old fellow with flowing white locks and beard and a red uniform, when they go to bed Friday night.

For excitement has grown by leaps and bounds this week among the younger generation, with the knowledge that Santa Claus is going to be in town for that long awaited visit, announced some weeks ago.

The time is 3 p. m. Saturday and the place is the downtown business district, where Santa, riding in his huge red, gold and silver sleigh, will traverse all the principal streets so that every youngster in this city's trade territory, who is in town for the occasion, may see him at close range.

Santa has a dual purpose in his visit to this city. He not only wants to greet every youngster and learn what he or she wants under the Christmas tree this year, but in his roomy sleigh he has a great assortment of candy, hundreds of pounds of it, which he will toss to the kiddies as he rides through the streets, hoping that not a youngster will fail to receive the delicious confection, fresh from Santa's own candy kitchens, operated by scores of elves at the North Pole.

Santa will be so busy, in fact, shaking hands with the kiddies, learning what they want for Christmas, and distributing candy, that he has an Eskimo driver from the North Pole along with him, to look after the eight-pony team and drive it to the school.

Spending an hour in each town in visits, Santa expects to cover the country in time to get back to the North Pole and pack his sleigh before he starts his annual Christmas Eve gift distributing mission, which is actually a 24-hour job, in as much as he will constantly be racing against time and the rising of the Christmas morning sun as he circles the globe.

Santa's visit to Merkel was arranged by the Lions club.

## Enroll in Junior Red Cross with Record of \$46.11 in Donations

The nineteen rooms of the local grammar school recently enrolled in the American Junior Red Cross with a record contribution of \$46.11, according to Mrs. Johnny Cox, local Junior Red Cross chairman for the year.

During the year the Grammar School chapter plans to entertain the patients at the Merkel hospital and also help some of the aged and crippled people of the community. Boxes for shipment to boys and girls of Europe will also be filled.

Mrs. Dale Akers, of Abilene, county chairman for the Junior Red Cross, helped the Merkel schools to start their annual organization drive by furnishing a short movie for a special assembly program.

## Long-Time Resident of Noodle Community Dies

Mrs. W. Roundtree, 69, resident of the Noodle community for more than 50 years, died at 6:30 p. m. on Tuesday at Sadler hospital following a week's illness. She had been brought to the hospital Monday after she became critically ill.

Funeral services were held from the Noodle Baptist church at 2 p. m. Thursday, with Rev. Clyde Campbell, of Fort Worth, first pastor of the church, officiating, assisted by Rev. W. K. Horn and Rev. L. D. Crumpler, former pastors. Burial was in Rose Hill cemetery, under direction of the Barrow-Sheppard Funeral home.

She was born Maud Hail on Oct. 31, 1879, in Hunt county and moved to this section in 1901 with her father, the late F. E. Hill, pioneer settler of the Shiloh community, and her brothers and sisters. She was married to Mr. Roundtree Dec. 21, 1902, near Merkel. She had been a member of the Baptist church since childhood.

Besides her husband, other survivors are one daughter, Mrs. Hail Eller; two brothers, M. R. Veit of Abilene and Melvin Hail, of Lamesa, and four sisters, Mrs. Ida Morgan, Greenville, Mrs. Jennings Winter, of Merkel, and Tom Boyd and Mrs. W. H. Derstine, both of Lamesa.

## Lions Club Minstrel Arouses Great Interest

No date has been definitely set for the Lions Minstrel show, but it will probably be the second week in December, David Gamble, chairman of the general committee, stated on Thursday afternoon. The place is also yet to be announced.

Some information, however, has filtered out as to the personnel, etc.:

The interlocutor, (the indispensable hub of any minstrel show), is Tom Keenan, pastor of Grace Presbyterian church, and a tour back stage reveals a galaxy of nine boisterous end men: Lester Darton, Dr. H. F. Byrd, Horace Boney, Cleby Patterson, Fred Starbuck, Cleby Seifried, Herman Carson, Rufin Tittle and none other than Edwin Rgod, Lions club president.

Rehearsals are pretty well advanced on two olio skits: "It Must Be Love," featuring Deck Compton and Cyrus Pee, and "Prison-a-la-Mode," boasting a cast of four. Buster Horton, Milton Case, Dr. Jim Carter and Joe Patterson.

The evening's program will also include several soloists and specialty numbers.

Dr. H. F. Byrd is director of the show, with Riggs Shepperd as assistant.

## Personal News Notes

Guests for Thanksgiving day with Mrs. Chas. West were her cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Fullerton, of Seagraves.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Outlaw of Dublin are visiting their son, Wiley Outlaw, who is ill in Sadler hospital, and family.

Captain and Mrs. Zerk Robertson, and son, Larry, who were here to spend Thanksgiving with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Austin Robertson, returned Sunday to Yuma, Ariz.

Holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Mathews were their daughter and her husband, M-Sgt. and Mrs. Noel D. Addy, and daughter, Patricia, who returned Sunday to the Alamogordo, N. M., Air base.

Here to spend Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Wicknell were her daughter, Mrs. Barnell White, of Houston, and a son, John Steadman, of Los Alamos, N. M., who was accompanied by Miss Lang, also of Los Alamos.

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Baker and Mrs. Pearl Wiggins, of Morgan's Mill, after visiting with their sister, Mrs. A. A. Cole, who is ill, have returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Ferguson, who went to Dallas for the SMU-TCU game Saturday, were accompanied on their return by Mrs. Lizzie Latham, who will spend the winter in the C. K. Russell home. Thanksgiving day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson were their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Walker and daughter, Karen, of Westbrook.

Spending the Thanksgiving holidays in the G. C. Blair home were Mr. and Mrs. Claude Vinson and son, Jimmy, from Ranger, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Lassiter and children, Cecil Richard and Barbara Gayle, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. McCall and twins, Tommy and David, all of Abilene and also Bruno Euckert.

Guests in the home of the J. D. Jaynes for Thanksgiving day included Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Jaynes and family, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Hass and family, Bonnie Jaynes and Billy Joe Jaynes and Mrs. Will Lancy, all of Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hair, Mrs. Jack Vineyard and daughters, all of Comanche, and Mrs. Hille Loudermilk of Snyder. Mrs. Ollie, Mrs. Vineyard and Mrs. Loudermilk are sisters of Mrs. Jaynes.

Thanksgiving visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Groene were Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Solis and George Groene of Mexico City, Mrs. A. Parker of Abilene and Al Parker of Houston.

Mrs. Myrtle Boden has returned home after a week's visit in Abilene. On Nov. 21 she attended the wedding of her nephew, Billy Joe Toombs, and later visited with her sisters, Mrs. Jewel Haskins and Mrs. Sally Angus, and brothers, Hurley Toombs and family and L. T. Toombs and family.

Robert and Frank Simpson, Jr., students in Texas A. and M. and TexTech, respectively, visited over the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Simpson. They attended the wedding in Amarillo Thanksgiving Day of Virgil Sears where they served as ushers.

Mrs. O. W. Read and Georgie May have returned from Tulsa, Okla., where they spent the Thanksgiving holidays with the former's daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Athol Holder and Jerry.

Mrs. Cayton F. Knox, who came for a Thanksgiving holiday visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Russell, returned Sunday to her home at Norman, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. James Shaver of Fort Worth spent the Thanksgiving holiday with Mrs. Shaver's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Shannon.

Mrs. J. P. Swafford and son, Bobby Joe, of Sweetwater, were week-end visitors with her aunts, Mrs. W. A. Campbell and Mrs. Cynthia Hall. Spending Thanksgiving Day with Mrs. Campbell and Mrs. Hall were their sister, Mrs. Ed Sherman, of Trent.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bridges of Lamesa were holiday visitors with his sister, Mrs. S. R. Dwiggin, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Derstine drove down to Austin Sunday to take their son, Austin, back to school after spending the holidays at home.

Mr. and Mrs. W. U. Shannon moved here this week from Brownwood and are occupying an apartment in the John Shannon home. Mr. Shannon, who has retired from railway mail clerk service, and his wife are receiving a cordial welcome to this community.

Miss Janice Patterson, who was home from Texas Technological college to spend the Thanksgiving holidays, was accompanied by Mrs. Clesby Patterson, who was joined by a collegemate, Miss Joan Pickle, of Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman King and two children, from Lubbock, were Thanksgiving holiday visitors with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley King here and Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bertram in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Riney of Artesia, Colo., and Mrs. G. G. Alexander and children of Berger left Sunday after spending Thanksgiving with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Riney.

Mr. and Mrs. James R. Brown and son, Jimmy Earl, of Portales, N. M., visited during the holidays in the home of his mother, Mrs. L. A. Watts. This is Jimmy Earl's first year in junior college at Portales and he is enrolled in the National Guard.

Mrs. Roy Doan, of Bellflower, Calif., visited last week-end with her mother-in-law, Mrs. Susie Doan, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Horton were hosts for a Thanksgiving Day dinner. Guests included their daughter, Mrs. I. V. Garrett, Jr., and husband and daughter, Vernelle of Pecos; Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Dye and family, of Paducah; Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Alexander and family, of Abilene, and Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Skarlock and family. Mrs. Dye and Mrs. Alexander are sisters of Mrs. Horton, and Mr. Skarlock, a brother.

Holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hickles were her two sisters and their families, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Corn and son, of Roswell, N. M., and Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Knight and son and daughter, of Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen D. King and children, accompanied by three nieces, Misses Ellen Burns, Ida Barbara Wilson and Byrl Healy, of Bloomfield, N. J., went through Carlsbad Caverns Thanksgiving Day, had turkey dinner in Ciudad, Juarez, that evening and returned home Friday by way of White Sands, Nat'l Mon., Mesquero Indian Reservation and Tuloose, N. M.

Mr. and Mrs. John Meeks had all of their children home on Thanksgiving Day. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Meeks of Big Spring; Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Meeks and J. E., Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Patterson, Maxine and Beverly.

## Sale of Fireworks Prohibited Inside City

Sale of fireworks inside the city limits will not be permitted, City Marshal A. D. Fulton stated, calling attention to the city ordinance prohibiting sale of such merchandise.

## Parents to School in Place of Children in First, Second Grades

Parents of first and second graders in the local elementary school are reminded that next Wednesday, Dec. 8, is the date set aside to come to school in the place of their child.

Mothers and fathers may come at any time during this day which may be convenient for them.

At this time the parents will have a chance to see some of the work done by the child during the past six weeks and talk with the teacher about the progress of the child.

Letters to the parents for the second six weeks have already been mailed.

Regular report cards for grades 3-8 were sent home by the pupils on Wednesday, Dec. 1.

## Route Mapped for Old Santa's Parade Here

Headed by the Merkel High School band and Pep Squad, the Santa

parade will start at 3 p. m. Saturday at the school gymnasium and will traverse the following route: East to the Blair highway, north to Highway 80, east to Lamar, north to North Second, west to Edwards, north one block to North Third and doubling back to the intersection of Second, west to Kent street, back to the highway and east to Edwards street, stopping in the block on Edwards between the highway and North Second.

## Public Invited to Attend Safety Program

The public, both men and women, is invited to the Safety Program, to be presented at the meeting of the Fortnightly Study club, Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Community Center, it is announced by Mrs. Weston West, program leader.

The program on "Safety," sponsored by the Abilene chamber of commerce, will be given by Miss Eudora Hawkins of the West Texas Utilities company, who will show a "drive safely" film, "Screw Drivers and Screw Jays." There will also be a speaker from the Taylor County tuberculosis association in a short talk.

## MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

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Third grade, (Mrs. Anderson), Betty Grimes, Waymon Adcock, Alta Grayson, Laverne Hughes, Davis Beasley, Vincent Barnett; (Miss Heizer), Marvin Perkins, Laurence Thornton, Morris Wozencraft, De LaVerque Teague, Marguerite Berger, Gail Peterson.

Fourth grade, (Mrs. Cookston), Harold Morgan, Louise Toombs, Mollie Frank Touchston, Florence Nicholson, Aliene Parks, Thelma Patterson, Hattie Vaughn, Billy Woodrum.

The following pupils have been neither absent or tardy, have made at least 90 in deportment, have not made less than 75 on any subject and have made a general average of 90 or more.

First grade, (Miss Russell), W. C. Copeland, Richmond Buford, W. I. Wozencraft, Pearl Mathews; (Mrs. Taaff), Mabel Murray, Joyce Hayes, Barnum Novian.

Second grade, (Miss Pogue), Jannell Black, Leroy Denny, Tally Jr., Holloway, Charles Iddings, Doris Diltz, Lois Addison, Lucile Gilmore; (Miss West), Charles Andy Shouse, Clyde Sears.

Murray Toombs; (Miss Guitar), Horace Jones, Mabel Maddox, Don Brown, Janet Hayes, Preston Chaney, Beth Holloway.

Fifth grade, (Miss Birdwell), Ethelda Tucker, Wanda Owen, A. C. Sears, Alice Russell, Ben Sublett, Modyne Sheppard, Jackie Slater; (Miss Hayes), Billie Bernice Gambill, Laverne Holden, Mary Helen Lancaster, Jack Lowe.

Sixth grade, (Miss Rodden), Annie Lee Owens, Julia Proctor, Mabel Morton, Sarah Sheppard, Harold Reese; (Miss Coates), Waldeline Huskey, Wilma Gardner, Frances Adcock, Laverne Holden, David Gamble, Bessylea Church, Vivian Lasiter, Hail Derstine.

Seventh grade, (Mr. Duke), Fay Vantrees, Mildred Richardson, Joyce Wheeler, Jack Tucker, Margaret Miller, Maurice White, Jim Patterson, Melba Taylor, Roy Robins, Mardell Shouse; (Mrs. Sublett), Imogene Middleton, Opal Huskey, Frances Marie Church, Sandifer Hollingsworth, Howard Johnson, Nadene Field, Meyer Mellinger, Duncan

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**Record of Births.**

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. James W. Doan, Friday, November 26, 1948.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Jacobs, Saturday, November 27, 1948.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. David Gamble, Tuesday, November 30, 1948.

**Return From Teachers' Meeting in Dallas**

Five teachers from the Merkel Public schools attended the annual meeting of the Texas State Teachers association, held in Dallas last week. The group included Edwin Read, principal of Merkel High school, Mrs. Evelyn Read, Mrs. Ellen McReynolds, Mrs. H. C. Reid and Miss Juddie Tyree.

**Services Held for Silas Stevens Infant**

Funeral services were held Friday, Nov. 5, in San Antonio, for the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Silas Stevens, named Janice, who was born dead on Thursday before. Paternal grandparents were Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Stevens of Merkel, and maternal grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. I. H. Flores, of Laredo.

**To Receive Training in Paratroops Division**

Pvt. Billy Joe Jaynes, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Jaynes, Route 2, left Monday morning for Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga., to receive training in the Paratroops division of the Army.

Pvt. Jaynes reached home Oct. 12 from Fort Richardson, Alaska, where he had been stationed with the Army Air Corps since December, 1946.

**Tuberculosis Bangle Sale Now in Progress**

This week from Monday through Friday the sale of Santa Claus buttons, sponsored by the Taylor County Tuberculosis association, has been in progress in the schools of Merkel, Trent and Tye, with Supts. R. A. McCollum, Ben Newhouse and J. H. Fulson, respectively, in charge.

The final day of the bangle sale—Saturday—the campaign will be brought downtown, with bangles on sale on the streets and in business houses in the three towns, it is announced.

**Pen and Pencil Sets On Sale From Seniors**

The class of 1949 of Merkel High school set out last week to raise the needed funds by selling pen and pencil sets and magazine subscriptions. With the proceeds, the class intends to meet the financial necessities of the year.

The writing sets consist of matched pens and pencils. They are the "Executive" brand of the quality Secretary line. These sets are offered at about one-third normal price because of slight constructional defects which make these rated as seconds. There is no defect in performance, and the price is \$3.75.

The magazine being offered by the class is the triple-value, McCall's, which is really three magazines in one. Regular subscription prices are being offered for one, two and three year subscriptions.

The class is currently making a canvass of the town in an effort to obtain the needed sales volume. The time of the canvass is opportune, for both items make ideal Christmas gifts.

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**20 Years Ago.**

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Briggs, Thelma Leach, Gordon Murray.

Eighth grade, (Miss Martin), Ross Ferrier, Lela Patterson, Pauline Salter, Oleta Moore, Alice Church, Ida Mae Derstine.

Ninth grade, (Miss Sloan), Elvis Richardson, Audrey Farris, Louise Booth, Thelma McAninch, Elsie Lasater, Velma T. Holden, Alvin Parrack, Benj. Sheppard, Vera Richie, Jess Higgins, Ola Smith, Mary Turner, Harold Boney, Harold Chaney, Joel Darsey, Lucile Cole, Beth Hamm.

Tenth grade, (Miss Baker), Thad Doty, Frances Frederickson, Odell Hunter, Beryl Hunter, Nina Vantreesse, Lee Darden, Marcella Pinckley, J. T. Darsey.

Eleventh grade, (Miss Young), Vernie Derrick, R. E. Cole, Addie Fae Patterson, Roy Kelson, Ruby Patton, Una Lea Gilmore, Raymond Earthman, Lois Suber.

**Bonnie Jaynes Returns Home After Polio Work**

Miss Bonnie Jaynes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Jaynes, returned home last week to spend some time. For the past six months she has been employed in the Polioneyclitis clinic in Edinburg. Before coming home, Miss Jaynes and her roommate, Miss Mabel Ruth Holland, of Breckenridge, spent a week in Mexico City and surrounding towns.

**Attend Celebration Of Caddo's Founding**

Mr. and Mrs. Alf Walla and little son, Mike, returned home Sunday from Caddo, Okla., after spending the Thanksgiving holiday with Mr. Walla's mother and other relatives.

While in Caddo, they attended the golden jubilee of the founding of the town.

Mrs. Leel White and Mrs. Vera Clark accompanied the Wallas as far as Hastings, Okla., where they spent the holidays with a brother, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Bland and family.

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

**CARL OF THANKS.**

We wish to express our sincere appreciation for the love and sympathy shown us during our recent bereavement. The many kindnesses of our friends will be long remembered. We also want to express our thanks for

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# Legal Notices

## CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS.

TO: Henry Kelly, Jr., 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 27th day of December, 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 8th day of Nov., 1948.  
The file number of said suit being No. 16,022-A.  
The names of the parties in said suit are: Zeola Kelly as Plaintiff, and Henry Kelly, Jr., as Defendant.  
The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: Plaintiff and defendant were legally married in the year 1932 and were separated in the year 1934. There were no children born to said marriage and there is no community property to be adjudicated. 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 8th day of November, A. D., 1948.  
Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 8th day of November, 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: James P. Hagens, 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 3rd day of January, A. D., 1949, 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 18th day of November, 1948.  
The file number of said suit being No. 16,030-A.  
The names of the parties in said suit are: Birdie Hagens as Plaintiff, and James P. Hagens as Defendant.  
The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: Plaintiff and defendant were legally married on April 17, 1948, and lived together until about the 1st day of September, 1948.  
There were no children born to the marriage of plaintiff and defendant and there is no community property to be adjudicated. 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 18th day of November, A. D., 1948.

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## CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Suzanne Parks, Greeting:  
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## MOVIE CALENDAR

### QUEEN

Friday - Saturday - Double feature program: William Boyd, Andy Clyde, Rand Brooks in "The Dead Don't Dream" and Dennis O'Keefe, Claire Trevor in "Raw Deal;" color cartoon and Brick Bradford serial.  
Sunday, Monday and Tuesday - Glenn Ford, William Holden in "The Man From Colorado;" color cartoon and short.  
Wednesday - Thursday - Greer Garson, Robert Mitchum in "Desire Me;" March of Time "The Battle for Germany."

Many persons in Holland kept alive during World War II by eating tulip bulbs.

The file number of said suit being No. 16,031-A.

The names of the parties in said suit are: Paris B. Parks, Jr., as Plaintiff, and Suzanne Parks as Defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: Plaintiff and defendant were legally married on February 26, 1944, and lived together until November, 1947.

No children were born to plaintiff and defendant and there is no community property to be adjudicated. Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of cruel treatment.

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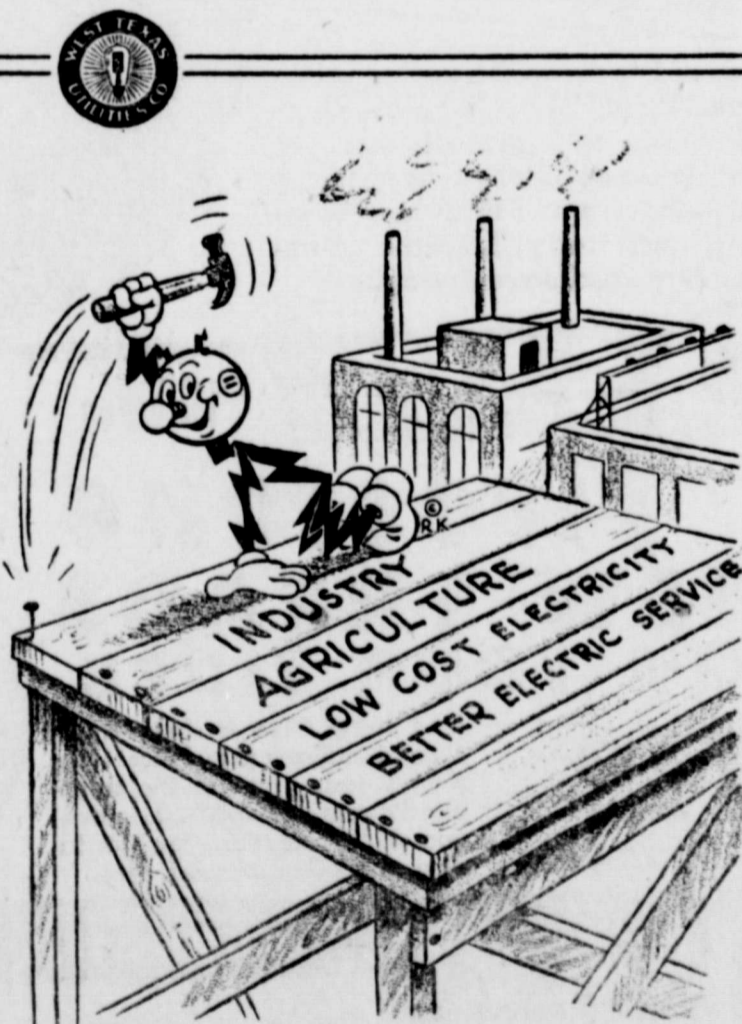
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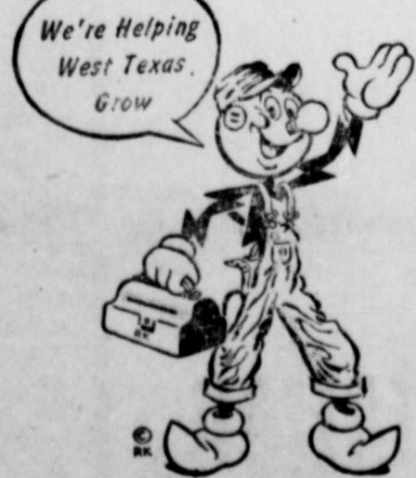
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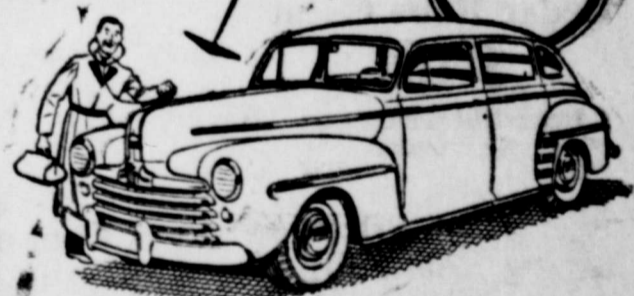
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Mrs. R. L. Alexander, who is cooperating with the Middle Clear Fork and California Creek Soil Conservation district on her two farms located in the Carpenters Gap Conservation group, has recently made some winter cover crop plantings. Her tenants have planted a total of about 92 acres of legumes, about 90 acres being devoted to hairy vetch and abuzzi rye and 2 acres to winter peas. These were planted with combination drill and planted at the rate of 20 pounds of rye with 10 pounds vetch per acre. About 175 pounds of super phosphate was applied per acre. These crops were planted on mixed sandy land following feed on one farm and on deep sand following peanuts on the other farm. They are being grown to prevent wind damage from blowing, to revigorate the soil, and to furnish winter and spring grazing. This is the first winter legume planting made on these two farms.

Mrs. Mary I. Foster, of the Compere Conservation group, has completed a new terrace system on her farm. A syrup pan water spreading system was used on a portion of the field to spread about 50 acres of outside water which entered the farm at that point. This section of the field was nearly level and has a soil which takes up water moderately slow. Clyde Foster, who operates this farm for his grandmother, has planted 4 acres to Madrid sweet clover in his old sudan patch. This was planted with small seed planting attachment in 3 feet rows at the rate of 3 pounds seed per acre. Mr. Foster also planted 4 acres to sweet clover on another farm which he operates. Mr. Foster has watched Madrid sweet clover on neighboring farms this past year and is sold on the merits of this crop for improvement of soil tilth and for grazing.

Clyde Graham, of the Compere group, has completed terracing on his farm. This work was done with the county machinery and involved a diversion terrace and about 2 miles of level ridge type terraces. The diversion terrace was constructed to divert about 40 acres of outside water from the field and was built from the upper side. Terrace lines have recently been run for these district cooperators: Lige Gamble, White Church group; J. J. Neil and Leon Scott, Merkel group; G. C. Russell, North West Trent group, and Carl Carey, Goodman group.

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The deadline for livestock entries, announced by W. A. (Bill) King, general livestock superintendent, is Dec. 13, while horse show exhibitors have until Jan. 5 to enter. Livestock premiums total about \$67,000. Over \$22,000 in premiums will be offered horse show exhibitors, Douglas B. Mitchell, horse show superintendent, stated.

In line with the trend of other major shows, open class fat steers will be judged by age rather than weight, King pointed out.

General Manager Edgar Deen pointed out that more than \$75,000 has been spent paving walks, roads and parking areas and putting covers on the carlot stock sheds. The show plant at the Will Rogers Me-

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FOR SALE—Used Simmons Inner-spring mattress, also Westinghouse sweeper, slightly used. Mrs. Dee Grimes.

5-pc. unfinished dinette suite, \$20.00; 6-ft. unfinished corner cabinet, \$15.00. The Swap Shop.

Bundled cane, six' and seven cents. Patterson Grain.

FOR SALE—5-disk John Deere one-way. Morris B. Smith.

MIDGET SHETLAND pony and saddle for sale. See E. L. McLeod at Merkel Motor Co.

3-mirror vanity dresser, wood bed to match, \$20.00. The Swap Shop.

FOR SALE — Perfection oil stove, table top; practically new. Maurice Thompson.

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Apartment gas range, very nice. \$49.50. The Swap Shop.

2 General Electric washing machines for sale at big discount. West Co.

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NOTICE—Your Firestone Dealer Store since 1915; Tires, Tubes, Batteries, Accessories and Home Supplies. West's Auto Supply Store.

FOR SALE—1940 light six Packard club coupe, \$400; also battery radio. \$5.00 Louis Butman, Rt. 4, Merkel.

New heaters, 5 radiant, 20,000 BTU, \$13.50; trade in your old heater. The Swap Shop.

Good Texas red rustproof oats. Patterson Grain.

New gas range, \$139.50; liberal trade-in for your old stove. The Swap Shop.

YES, WE HAVE ONE—A good 1941 Ford tudor; good condition all the way through; "We know Chevrolet—You know us." Badger Chevrolet Co.

FOR SALE — International truck chassis. See Supt. R. A. McCollum of the Merkel Public schools.

30-30 Winchester rifle, been fired only 15 times.

.38 S. & W. long barrel revolver, perfect condition.

Cleveland trumpet, good student instrument. JAMES H. CHANEY.

GOOD AS NEW—Used 1947 Chevrolet club coupe; "We know Chevrolet—You know us." Badger Chevrolet Co.

PLACE your order with us, at once, if you want any Northern Star, or Harper's Mebane cotton planting seed; also Martin's combine milo. Farmers Coop Society No. 1, Merkel.

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Two 1946 model H Farmall tractors, with skip row cultivators and 4-row toolbar.

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

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Red and White—Tin New Potatoes, No. 2 can 13c	Silver Rapids—Pink Salmon, 16 oz. can ..... 65c
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## BETTY JO SEYMORE, BRIDE OF MELVIN McCOY.

Betty Jo Seymore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Seymore, became the bride of Melvin T. McCoy, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McCoy, in a pretty afternoon ceremony on Thanksgiving Day at the home of the bride's parents.

Rev. R. L. Butler, pastor of the Merkel Methodist church, read the single ring ceremony in the living room decorated with yellow chrysanthemums and greenery. Betty Jane Tittle and Betty Kathrine Smith sang "Always" and "Perfect Day," and Joan Brown played traditional wedding music preceding the ceremony.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a Vogue model winter white wool dress. She wore a brown hat and matching brown accessories. She carried a white Bible belonging to the bridegroom's mother. It was adorned with white gardenias surrounded by white carnations. For something borrowed she wore an antique bracelet belonging to Mrs. Burl Brown and she wore a lucky Indian head penny in her shoe.

Becky Seymore, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. She wore a gold crepe frock, brown accessories, and a corsage of white carnations. Medford McCoy was his brother's best man.

Mrs. Seymore, the bride's mother, wore a soldier blue crepe dress with a corsage of pink carnations. The mother of the bridegroom wore a gray suit with pink carnations.

The bride was a popular graduate of Merkel High school, class of 1946. She later attended Gail Business college. Melvin was graduated from Merkel High school in 1944. After serving in the Army 13 months he attended Texas Technological college, Lubbock, and is now attending the University of Texas, Austin.

A reception followed the ceremony. The table was laid with a lace cloth and centered with a tiered wedding cake topped with a miniature bride and bridegroom. Mrs. R. G. Toombs, aunt of the bride, presided at the crystal punch bowl and Becky Seymore served cake assisted by Betty Tittle and Betty Kathrine Smith.

Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Bill Seymore of Sudan, Rev. and Mrs. E. L. Hall and Donna of Hawley, Mr. and Mrs. Medford McCoy and Mary Viola of Austin, Mr. and Mrs. Dewel McLean, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Seymore, Larry and Janell, Mr. and Mrs. Powell Miller, Mrs. A. R. Toombs, M. E. Perry, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McCoy, Merkel and Merelle, Mrs. E. E. Seymore, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Toombs, Mrs. R. L. Butler, Mary Seymore, Phil Seymore, Riley Seymore and Connie M. Seymore.

After a short honeymoon trip to San Angelo the couple is at home at 1613 Guadalupe street, Austin.

### MISCELLANEOUS SHOWER.

Miss Betty Jo Seymore was a very popular honoree on Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 17, when a group of ladies entertained for her at the Nubia Methodist church with a miscellaneous shower. The hostesses for the pretty party were Mesdames Bill Wallace, Hershel Hammonds, A. D. Scott, B. B. Reynolds, Frank Brno-

vak, Dewel McLean, Leroy Riney, Tom Seymore and Tom Russon and Miss Tommy Whisenhunt.

A color scheme of pink and white was used to decorate the rooms where a delightful program proved happy diversion. Miss Barbara Sandusky played appropriate piano selections and Mrs. Fred Baker sang a group of love songs. Mrs. Grif Barnett read a group of sentimental poems after which Mrs. Leroy Riney presided for a meek radio program, "Ladies Be Seated," and Miss Seymore was the lucky contest winner, "a shower of lovely gifts."

At the tea hour, refreshments were served from a table attractively centered with pink and white chrysanthemums in a setting of autumn leaves. Angel food squares and punch with favors of candy candleholders and pink tea napkins were passed to approximately 100 guests.

### MR. AND MRS. EARL HUGHES ENTERTAIN GAME CLUB

Members of the Jolly Neighbors club were delightfully entertained on last Saturday evening in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hughes. Autumn leaves and fall flowers decorated the rooms where games of "84" progressed until a late hour. Salted nuts and party candy were served during the games and at the refreshment hour Mrs. Hughes was assisted by Mrs. Spencer Bird in serving toasted cheese sandwiches, potato chips, olives, individual pumpkin pies and coffee to Messrs. and Mesdames Herbert Patterson, Andy Shouse, Bob Hicks, Johnny Cox, Spencer Bird, Earl Hughes, Miss Christine Collins and C. J. Glover.

### ALBANY COUPLE MARRY IN TOM COATS HOME.

The wedding of Miss Charlie Childers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Childers of Albany, and Keith Stock, son of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Stock, also of Albany, was solemnized at 5 o'clock last Thursday afternoon in the home of the bridegroom's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Coats, of Merkel.

### HOLIDAY GUESTS.

The Claude Warrens were hosts for Thanksgiving dinner on Thursday and Friday. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Kemper, Joyce and Kenny, and Mrs. Mayme Hines, of Santa Fe, N. M.; Mrs. Thelma Baker of Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Hines and son, of Brownwood; Mrs. Dee McAlister, Cross Plains; Mrs. O. H. Warren, Monahans; Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Slough, Fort Worth; Merle Slough, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Warren, Jr., Abilene, and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hill.

### BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Little Miss Linda Sue Patton entertained several young friends Wednesday afternoon with a birthday party. Games were played and enjoyed, and at tea time Linda served cake and Dr. Peppers. The guests sang "Happy Birthday" as Linda blew out the candles on the cake. Those present were Donna Sue Scott, Linda Kay Beard, Linda Kathleen Leach and Janie Breaux.

We take orders for egg stamps The Merkel Mail office.

## In The Churches

### SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Attendance at the seven reporting Sunday Schools last Sunday was 682 as compared with 785 on the previous Sunday. The attendance on the same Sunday a year ago was 786.

### PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Offering for Reynolds home. Preaching services at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Tom Keenan, Pastor.

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Dr. Arthur Travis will fill the pulpit at 11 a. m. and 7:00 p. m. Sunday School at 10 a. m. Training Union at 6:00 p. m. Prayer meeting at 7:00 Wednesday evening. 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.

### CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Bible School 9:45 a. m. Sunday. Worship 10:50 a. m. and 7:00 p. m. Young People's meeting 6:00 p. m. Midweek service Wednesday 7:00 p. m. Troy M. Cummings, Minister.

### PRIMITIVE BAPTISTS.

W. W. Brown of Abilene will fill his regular first Sunday appointment. Every one is cordially invited to attend. Reporter.

### METHODIST CHURCH.

Church School 10 a. m. Morning worship 11. Youth Fellowship 6:30 p. m. Evening worship 7:00. WSCS Mondays, 3 p. m. Mid-week prayer Wednesdays, 7:00 p. m. R. L. Butler, Pastor

### CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Mid-week prayer meeting at 7:30 Wednesday evening. A. T. Suskey, Pastor.

### ASSEMBLY OF GOD.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Services Thursday 7:30 p. m. H. S. Earp, Pastor.

### BLAIR CHARGE.

Nubia Sunday School 10:30, followed by preaching by the pastor, Rev. Douglas Gossett. White Church Sunday School 10:30, and Blair Sunday School at 10 o'clock. Sunday night, a joint service will be held at Butman school house at 7 o'clock. Reporter.

### Hospital Notes.

Mrs. A. D. McCain entered Sadler hospital Sunday for surgery. Myrna Gale Johnson, daughter of Mrs. C. H. Bowen, of Texas City, underwent an appendectomy Saturday. Patients received during the week for treatment were: Mrs. L. J. Renfro, Mrs. Bert Hayes, Nov. 24; Elsie Ward, Mrs. Lee Ward, Ernest Douglas, accident victim, Nov. 25; M. G. Bryan, Mrs. Fred Johnson, Nov. 27; Mrs. Joe Ramsey, of Sweetwater, Nov. 29.

## Grandsons Accompany Mayor on Deer Hunt

Mayor A. J. Canon, who bagged a seven-point buck on his first trip to the Junction area, returned last week, accompanied by his two grandsons, Jackie and Jimmy McAninch, who spent until Sunday with him in camp.

Homer Patterson, who brought back an 8-pointer, was the only other successful hunter in the group of nine in the original party.

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White Swan COFFEE, pound	49c
Kimbell's FLOUR, 25 lb. bag	\$1.59
Wonder Whip Salad Dressing, qt.	37c
Crustene 3 Pound Carton SHORTENING	82c
SOAP BREEZE, box	25c
Wilson Certified OLEO, lb.	29c

### CHOICE MEATS

Hormel Dairy Brand Sliced BACON, lb. 69c

Hormel Tenderized Picnic HAMS, lb. 49c

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