PERSONAL NEWS NOTES

Capt. and Mrs. W. E. Fitzgerald and daughter, Sandra, have gone to their new home at Camp Carson, Colo. Captain Fitzgerald has received his regular army commission, that of Warrant Officer.

Mr. and Mrs. Price Hargesheiner and two children, Omegene and Kenneth, from Quanah, Bill Clovis, from St. Louis, West Virginia, Tommy Gillentine of Hollis, Okla., and Evie ROSCOE: TAKES and Ann Roberts, students in Abilene Christian college, visited over the LEAD IN LOOP L. Roberts of the Church of Christ and Mrs. Roberts.

Mrs. Walter Tomlinson and son, Walter Ray, Big Spring's first New Year's baby, are visiting in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Reynolds. They plan to spend a month here before returning to their home in Big Spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Grimes returned Wednesday from Dallas where Mr. Grimes attended the Southland Exhibitors Late Spring and Summer Market Buyers show.

Frances Reeder accompanied her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. John Newson, to Comanche for a week-end visit with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Payne, and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Crocknett.

Mrs. Lucy Ford has just returned from a visit with her son, Gray Ford and family in Hobbs, N. M.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Walton left Wednesday for Amarillo, to visit their son-in-law and daughter, Major and Mrs. Frank Quillin, and family. They will return Friday.

Mrs. L. A. Dudley returned Monday from a two-weeks' visit with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Church. at Plainview, who are welcoming a new daughter, named Myra Sue, born Jan. 1.

Friends of Miss Lula Mae Clark will be glad to know that she is improving in a Galveston hospital and was able to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives in Houston. However, the length of her stay in the hospital is undetermined right now, as she still has further surgery to under-

Mrs. Orion Tittle is visiting with her husband's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Tittle. She is accompanied by her two children. Billy and Janie, Also coming with her from McNary rout of the visiting Rotan subs. to Merkel was Weldon Tittle, who

# "Your Home Tor Newspaper" THE MERKEL MAIL MERKEL, TEXAS, FRIDAY, JANUARY 20, 1950. VOL. 60.-NO. 44.

#### On the "Broadway of America"

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#### **VFW Post Donates** Check for \$100 **Fo** Cemetery Fund The Cemetery Maintenance fund was given quite an impetus with the receipt of a check for \$100.00 from

Mer' ' Post 5683, Veterans of Foreigr irs. donations received during the k and not previously acknow-

> \$72.00 Previously reported Merke 'ost VFW 100.00 Mrs. W. A. Wozencraft Mrs. Alta Ingram 25.00 A. J. Canon Jarrett Pinckley Walter Teaff H. H. Anderson Farmers Coop Gin Mrs. Jennie Ely Est. 10.00 G. M. Sharp Est. 10.00 Mrs. George Leeves, Rotan

10.00 Mr. and Mrs rd Butman 5.00 A Frien 3.00 A. F. / 5.00 Total \_ \$274.50 Those wish te ontribute to this fund may leave becks or donations at the teller's windows of the Farmers & Merchants National bank, Bragg

#### Mayor A. J. Canon, according to anofficial family and their wives with For "Uncle Tom" Higgins, Age 76 of last week, served at Woozy's cofe.

Tom Blackburn Higgins, 76, died at 5:50 p.m. Sunday at the home of his nephew, Joe Risinger.

In Merkel and in Tahoka, where he lived for 30 years, he was known as "Uncle Tom." He was born Sept. 1, 1873

After welcoming guests in wholesome Funeral services were at 10 and friendly manner, the invocation a. m. Monday at the Starbu, was given by City Secretary W. M. ruper. al Home chapel, with Rev. W. C. Elliott. Most of the fun was brought Hinds, pastor of the Methodist by County Commissioner Rufe Tittle, church, officiating, assisted by Rev. Wilson G. Estes, pastor of the ing anecdotes told as only he can put sembly of God church of Abile

LAST RITES SET THURSDAY FOR WRECK VICTIM Hubert Peterson, One of Two

Merkel Men Killed in Auto **Collision** Near Sweetwater Wednesday Morning.

Funeral services for Hubert Patterson, 21, who was killed in a two-2.00 car collision on a curve about nine miles east of Sweetwater on Highway 80 about 7:30 Wednesday morning, 10.00 were held at 3 p. m. Thursday from 5.00 5.00 the First Baptist church.

Rev. Joe S. Allen, the pastor, offi-2.50 ciated, and burial was in Rose Hill 7.50 cemetery, under direction of the Starbuck Funeral home.

Hubert, only son of Mr. and Mrs. 2.00 Bill Peterson, was born Sept. 13. 1928, in Merkel. He graduated from the Merkel High school in 1946 and had been a student at the University of Houston until this year. He had been working in the oil fields and had planned to return to college.

Also killed in the same accident was another Merkel man, Elmer R. Roberts, 63. His body was taken to Dry Goods company or The Merkel | Olney Wednesday afternoon by a Mc-Cracken Funeral coach of Olney for burial there.

> Survivors are his wife; one daughter, Mrs. Lee R. Reddin, of Pasadena, Texas, and one son, Leon Roberts of Portland, Texas.

> Two Merkel men, riding in the same car with Peterson and Roberts. were seriously injured, one dangerously. William B. Wade, 24, was considered in critical condition at a late hour Wednesday by attendants in the Sweetwater hospital. Ralph R. Miller, 39, sustained severe head injuries and a fractured left hip. The two occupants of the other car, Eudie H. Morgan, 37, and George Brewer, 39, both of Sweetwater, were also hospitalized for serious injuries.

> Details of the crash, which killed two and injured four others, are not definitely known, but investigating ten T. T. Brady and Jess Reed said both automobiles were demolished when they met on a curve. Peterson, traveling west, was driving a 1949 Chevrolet in which the other three Merkel men were riding. All were en route to Roscoe where they were employed by the Ice and Ice Drilling company. Morgan and Brewer were going east in a Pontiac convertible, driven by Morgan.

#### in Real "Nerve Wrecker" Before Capacity Crowd Here on **Tuesday** Night. The Merkel Badgers took undis-

**MERKEL DEFEATS** 

puted lead in the 6A West basketball chase by downing their traditional rivals, the Roscoe Plowboys, 36-33, here Tuesday night before a capacity crowd.

Benson's boys now have a conference record of three wins and no losses

Although the Badgers led all the way, the game was a real "nerve wrecker," especially in final canto. Coach Benson couldn't' stand the pressure himself at the very last and received an account by remote control, having his head covered with a towel!

The locals got off to a flying start. leading 10-0 at the end of the first six minutes. Count at the half was 18-13 and 24-22 at the end of the third stanza.

Burl McCoy led the Merkel shooters with 11 points, followed by Douglas and Springer with 10 each and Gregory with 5.

The Plowboys reserves copped a 48. 41 decision over the Merkel subs in a rip-snorting game. Billy Othell Harris collected 13 points to pace the locals' attack.

The Badgers annexed their second Mrs. R. M. Beasley, conference win of the season by down- Pioneer Trent ing the Rotan Yellowhammers, 43-27, here last Friday night. The local Woman, Dies ouintet led all the way: 12-5, 25-11 and 31-18.

Burl McCoy sacked up 14 points to take scoring honors. Douglas got 11, Springer 7, Gregory 7 and Wade 3. Billy Harris, with 19 points, led the Merkel "B" team to an easy 53-26

At Avoca last Thursday night, has been employed in Los Angeles, Calif., and stopped over at El Paso. ivee/throw in the lost tive second is of the Trent quetery under digration. Gaests were seated at foursome Pallbearers were: Irven T.

March of Dimes Gets Under Way in **Merkel Area** 

Outline of the local campaign mapped out for the March of Dimes was given members of the Lions club at Down Traditional Rivals, 36-33 their luncheon Tuesday at the Community Center.

Local Chairman Jim Carter called attention to several sources of income for the fund which it is hoped to be reached, specifically, the coin 7:30 and the first string boys playcards mailed out already to be returned to Booth Warren, treasurer, the coin holders in stores over 'own and the organized drive in the schools. As indicative of the spirit of cooperation for the drive to raise funds

to fight polio, President Booth Warren of the Farmers and Merchants National bank told of a farm couple who had saved up \$37.00 in dimes during the year for the polio fund. Supt. Mack Fisher of the Merkel Public schools cited figures recently given out that the Taylor county goal is only \$20,000, whereas \$24,000 had been spent in the past year in the

county.

The drive was officially opened Monday of this week, one of the earl iest contributions being \$25.10 from the benefit basketball game between Clyde and Merkel Monday night. Ladies who assisted in preparing and serving the luncheon were Mes dames Earl Hughes, Elma McFar land, Pete West, Ben Hicks, Jim Car ter, Clyde Bartlett, Powell Miller Miss Christine Collins.

Trent, Jan. 19 .- Mrs. Sarah Elizabeth Beasley, 75, resident here since 1907, died at her home Thursday, Jan. 12, about 7:15 p. m. She had been ill only a few hours.

Funeral services were held from the Trent Methodist church Sunday whose talk was replete with entertainafternoon, with the pastor, Rev. L.

#### BASKETBALL GAMES APLENTY NEXT WEEK There will be plenty of basketball

activity on the local hardwoods next week, as games are scheduled for Monday, Tuesday and Friday nights. On Monday night the Noodle five will be here for a non-conference fray. The preliminary "B" game will start | past

at 6:30, followed by a girls gam at ledged include: ing at 8:30. The lowly Snyder Tigers will be entertained here Tuesday night in a regular 6A West Conference game. This game will wind up the first half of the 6A round robin schedule. There will be the usual two games, the curtain raiser starting at 7:00 p.m. The second half of the conference campaign will get underway with Colorado City playing here Friday night. If the previous game between these two clubs is any indication, the

Wolves will furnish the locals plenty of opposition. On Friday night of this week the Badgers go to Roby for a conference bout with the cellar-dwelling Lions.

nual custom, entertained the city'

venison supper Thursday evening

There were 31 present for the happy

ecasion, including several of the

hunters of his party and their wives.

known to nearly everybody in these

parts, proved as always a genial host.

"Uncle Jack", as he is familiarly

Vinison Supper for City Officials Mail. And Their Wives

# Services Held Sunday

He will go from here of fashington, play to nudge the Mustangs, 42-42. D. C. where he has accepted employment.

The Marine

#### **Attend Funeral of Relative in Houston**

Mrs. Lois Conley, 26. wife of E. D. Conley, passed away at S a. m. Saturday morning at Houston. She had been ill for several months.

Funeral services were held at Houston at 3 p. m. Sunday.

Survivors include her husband: 3 children, Leon 6, Linda 3, and a baby, 3 months old; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Chancey, Merkel; two brothers, Willie Chancey, Merkel, and H. C. Chancey, Jr., Grand Prairie; 2 sisters, Lena Mae Stovall of Abilene, and Mrs. R. V. Jones, of Delano, Calif.

Those who attended the funeral from Merkel were her brother, Willie Chancey; an aunt, Mrs. Curtis Conley; a cousin, Doyle Conley, and an uncle, Columbus Riggan. Mr. and Mrs Noodle Junior 4-H Elgin Riggan and children of Stanton also attended the funeral. Her parents had been with her since she took ill.

#### **Merkel Women Invited** To Hear President. **Texas Women's Clubs**

Members of the Fortnightly Study club are with a great deal of pride, presenting the president, of Texas Federated Women's clubs, Mrs. J. Howard Hodge of Midland, next Wednesday afternoon at the Community Center at 4 o'clock. She will talk on "Woman's Place in World Citizenship." They urge every one to hear this speaker. She has an inspirational message you can ill afford to miss. Let's make her glad she came with a large and appreciative audience. There will be no meeting of the

Fortnightly Study club Tuesday, Jan.

#### First Veteran Checks **Mailed Monday**

Washington, Jan. 19 .- The first checks were mailed to World War II veterans Monday in distribution of a \$2,800,000,000 insurance refund.

From then on the Veterans Adminstration and the treasury will be turning out 1 million checks a week hoping to have the payments in the hands of 16 million veterans by June

So far as The Merkel Mail has been able to learn, first of the GI dividend checks to reach Merkel was delivered Tuesday to Lewis Farmer, the amount of his check being \$60.50. He was a prisoner of War of the Japs for 3 1-2 years.

Joe Dell Gregory meshed the nets for 14 points for top scoring honors. Merkel led most of the way: 14-7, 32-19 36-32.

Eob Johnson tallied 15 points to lead the Badger second team to a hard-lought 34-29 triumph over the Avoca subs.

On Monday night of this week the Badgers made practically every mistake in the books and gave a very good demonstration of "how not to play the round ball game" in winning

Clyde Bulldogs. Douglas, Springer and Gregory amassed 11 points each to lead the scoring parade.

The game netted \$25 for the March of Dimes campaign.

Jeff Chancey was "as hot as Roy Roger's pistol on Saturday afterroon," against the Clyde reserve, as he literally scorched the strings for 24 points. Merkel won handily, 47-36.

## **Girls Hold Meeting**

The Noodle Junior 4-H girls met Jan. 11. with the president, Pasty Moore, presiding. Roll was called by the secretary, who also read the minutes.

Some of the girls brought their rugs and scarfs. After the business meeting, members went into the auchtorium and saw a picture show on gardens.

There were twenty present, including three sponsors, Mrs. A. J. Hill, Mrs. H. O. Irvin and Mrs. Ernest Spurgin, and the county agent, Loreta Allen.

of the Starback Funeral nor Pallbearers were: Buster Edwards, John Strawn, Earl Strawn, T. G. Hamner, Leonard Quattlebaum, Hale McRee.

Flower girls were: Betty Jane Tittle, Dean Seago, Mrs. James Strawn, Amelia Fay Martin, Mrs. Clovis McElmurray, Helen Horton. Mrs. Beasley was born Mar. 5, 1872,

in Mississippi. She was married to the late R. M. Beasley in 1888 and they moved to Trent in 1907. Her husband died in 1930.

Survivors include one son. H. L a slipshod 42-24 victory over the Beasley of Trent; two sisters, Mrs. Mittie Canipe and Mrs. Emma Richardson, both of Rosebud, and six grandchildren. One son, Malcolm Beasley of Trent, died in August 1948.

#### Two Farm Sales by **Realtors Here**

Sale of the Kyle Blair farm, seven miles north of town, to Twyman Collins has been announced through the office of Dowdy and Toombs, real estate agents. The farm consists of 142 acres, the sale price being \$100 per acre.

The same firm also completed the sale by Otis Moore of 154.4 acres in Mulberry Canyon to Lloyd Beaird, the first GI farm sale closed by this firm.

#### Light Rain Falls.

Rainfall on Thursday night of last week was gauged at .2 of an inch by Volunteer Weather Observer J. I Ford, only moisture received locally this month.

Present were: Messrs. and Mes-

dames Tye Sublett, John Mansfield. J. L. White, W. M. Elliott, M. B. Bell, A. D. Fulton, Bryan Bradbury of Abilenc, Nolan Palmer, Homer Patterson, Chester Collinsworth, Mrs. Betty Chancey, Messrs. Doyle Seifried, Mack Buzbee and C. R. Tittle, the host and his wife and their daugh-

ters and husbands, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Mashburn and Mr. and Mrs. Weldon McAninch and Jackie.

#### Well Child Clinic to Meet Jan. 20

The January meeting of the Well Child Clinic will be held Friday, Jan. 20. at the office of Mrs. Elma Mc Farland from 2 to 4 p. m., at which time Dr. Houston F. Byrd will be in attendance. These Inferences, which are spon-

sored by the Merkel Parent-Teacher association, are held monthly and are free to all children of school and preschool age.

#### **Open House at Hebron Missionary Baptist**

Every one is cordially invited to attend the open house at the Hebron Missionary Baptist church Friday night, Jan. 20, at 7 o'clock, it is announced by Rev. Richard Lyons, the pastor.

Refreshments will be served.

#### **Noodle Cagers Win Two Out of Three**

Noodle won two out of three games at Wylie Tuesday night. The Noodle boys defeated the Wylie team, 29-25, with Hill of Noodle high point man with 12, but the Noodle "B" boys were beaten by Wylie "B" team 15-18

The Noodle girls won over Wylie. 51-40. Delores Clemmer of Noodle two degrees below zero between 2 and was high point scorer with 25, Kary Dobbie of Wylie, with 22 points. be-4 o'clock Saturday morning it was the coldest here since Feb. 12, 1899, ing a close second. when a mark of six below was regis-

#### **Merkel Women Attend Brother-in-law's** Funeral

days. Mrs. Lucy Ford and Mrs. Daisy Dwiggins attended the funeral of heir brother-in-law, M. H. Jones, Saturday, Jan. 7. at Thalia. Mr. Jones lied Thursday Jan. 5.

Survivors are his wife, four sons nd one daughter. Others attending the funeral from Merkel were Mr. and Mrs. Earl Dwig. recorded was on Jan. 8, 1886, with

gins, Mr. and Mrs. Earle Watts and Mrs. Alvin Wozencraft.

tables, effectively decorated with red | son, Audrey Witcher, Wilbur Thomas, Wilmer Criswell, Paxton Hays, Austin Robertson,

The body was taken overland to Tahoka, where a graveside service was held at 3:30 p. m. Monday. In 1896 Mr. Higgins married the former Lily Davis in Bell county. She died in 1898, and Mr. Higgins moved to Merkel afterwards. He moved to Tahoka in 1900 and then back to

Merkel in 1930. Survivors are a sister, Mrs. Mary Risinger; one niece, Mrs. Ruth Jinkens; the nephew, Joe Risinger, and a first cousin, Joe Higgins, all of Merkel.

#### Named One of Company Leaders in Nation

Guvn M. Pannell, born and reared in Merkel, was named by Republic National Life Insurance company for the third consecutive year as one of the company leaders of the nation for 1949, in life, health, accident and ospital sales.

His production for 1949 gained his membership to the Half-Million Dollar club.

Mr. Pannell and family reside at 297 Mockingbird Lane, Abilene, where they have made their home for the lar meetings are held the first and past three years.

Reached Saturday Morning

When Thermometer Dropped

With the thermometer registering

Three other blizzards have brought

Forty one years ago Jan. 14, a

down on this section sending the

mercury from 27 degrees above to

on Jan. 15, where it stood for two

minus three reading.

days. The earliest sub-zero weather

to Two Below Zero

tered.

#### Stith and Tye Church Societies Meet

The Stith W. S. C. S. met Monday afternoon in the home of Mrs. E. S. Dwiggins, when the regular January program was presented. Cokes were served to seven members, two of these being new. The society meets every second and fourth Monday afternoons at 2 o'clock.

The Tye W. S. C. S. met Tuesday afternoon in the church, with eleven present. Chapter 2 of "Women and Scripture" was presented by Mrs. Kincaid. Mrs. Nelson gave the read-. ing, "It Takes a Lot of Living to Make a Home." Mrs. Mauldin and

Mrs. Harrison gave the third chapter of "Women of Scripture." Rcguthird Tuesdays at 2 p. m.



and is now stationed at Marfa.

STUDENTS RIDE "SAFEWAY"

Messrs, J. T. Darsey and Ross Ferrier, Jr., aviation enthusiasts and students of Merkel High school, flew from Abilene to Sweetwater by way of the Southwest Air Fast Express late last Sunday afternoon. The flyers reported an enjoyable yet thrillless flight of twenty-three minutes from airport to airport.

Mr. Darsey spent a great part of sub-zero weather. On Friday, Feb. 10, 1895, the thermometer fell toj the time making snapshots of the terra while Mr. Ferrier acted largefour below, holding that level for two ly as ballast. The pilot was Norton and the mate, Christensen, both transport pilots with more than 2,900 "blue norther" suddenly swooped hours. This was Mr. Ferrier's second flight but Mr. Darsey is an old hand, having made same seventeen two below in less than 24 hours, with the cold striking bottom at five bolow "hops."

> Dave Slope, an old-timer of this hand, having made some seventeen days recently.

under 12 years of age, 50 cents. Seating capacity of approximately 400 will be provided and no more tickets will be sold each night than there are seats, President David Gamble of the Lions club stated in announcing the prices.

Proceeds will be applied to paying the indebtedness on the Community Center building.

Rehearsals show everything in fine trim for the big show, which will include all the standard minstrel fcatures, with a galaxy of burnt-cork artists as end men.

Horton, singing "Missouri Waltz;" Herman Carson, Elbert Dean, Hous-Eill Largent, singing "Don't Cry! ton Byrd and Buster Horton.

school cafeteria-auditorium, went on sale Tuesday. Price of tickets for adults will be \$1.00 and for children

and the other quartet, Elbert Dean Song."

will render a group of songs of the Old South and Negro Spirituals

ter Dorton, these end men will incroduce the fun: Fred Starbuck, Horace Among the soloists will be: Buster | Boney, Doyle Seifried, Bill Largent,

LIONS MINSTREL REPORTED TO BE **BIGGER, BETTER; BILLED TWO NIGHTS** 

Tickets for the Merkel Lions Club | Joe;" Mrs. Sam McLeod, singing "St annual minstrel show, to be present- Louis Blues," and Dr. Houston F

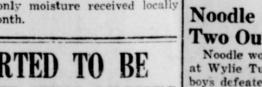
ed two nights, Jan. 26-27, in the Byrd, rendering "Summertime." Ralph Brady, director of the High

School band, will present an instrumental solo; Buddy Hasten will do a tap dance, and two quintets are on the bill. One ouartet, Fred Starbuck Doyle Seifried, Houston F. Byrd and Horace Boney, will do "Some Day,"

Buddy Hasten, Bill Largent and Buster Horton, are due in "The Catfish

A big chorus of well trained voices

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#### **Professor Reveals New** Drug to Reduce Heart Attacks

Pittsburgh, Jan. 19 .- A Cornell University medical professor has revealed a new drug that he says may cut down heart attacks and save more than 70,000 lives a year.

The drug, known as tromexam, was developed in Switzerland.

Dr. Irving S. Wright, one of the nation's leading researchers in disease of the blood vesels, said the drug seems to be the best medicine yet developed for the prevention of blood clots which annually kill 200,000 Americans and disable many more.

Dr. Wright disclosed the drug before the Pittsburgh Academy of Medicine Tuesday night.

Twenty-three per cent of all metalworking efuipment is used in the motor industry.

Please her



#### LOCAL NEWS BRIEFS Trent Social Notes. Bill Hamm, who or the past sever-

FRIENDSHIP CLASS Mrs. Zed Bright and Mrs. Alton Martin were hostesses to the Friendship class of the Baptist church of Trent at their monthly luncheon, in the home of Mrs. Zed Bright. After the covered dish lunch. Mrs.

Othel Jones brought the devotional As he looks around for more per- on "The New Year.' Each member manent employment, W. R. (Bud) told her resolution. The class voted McKeever is employed part time at to clean, repair and refurnish the the Walton Barber shop, adding a "beginners department" of the fourth chair at the rush hours of the church on Wednesday afternoon. Secret pal gifts were exchanged and names drawn for new pals.

Those attending were Mrs. Ora Taylor, Mrs. Theda Hutcheson, Ina Ross, Thelma Hughes, Fay Howell, Beaula Steadman, Beatrice Martin, will be very helpful to persons who Hazel Jones, Veneta Freeman, Opal Freeman, Clydean Brown, Ruby Toombs, Elizabeth Duncan, Evelyn Martin, Eloise Boyd, Anita Bell Rakes, and two visitors, Mrs. Mac Seago of Merkel and Mrs. Earl Strawn of Trent. Seven children were present.

Mrs. Ora Taylor and Mary Evelyn born Sunday at Hendrick Memorial Martin will be hostesses for the February luncheon on the second Thursday of the month.

**Hospital Notes.** 

Entering Sadler Hospital for treatment the past week were the folicwing patients: W. J. Hayes, Jan. 12, W. T. Byrd, Jan. 13; Carolyn Chamments were served to the following bless, W. M. Elliott, Grover Gilbert, Jan. 15: Ernest McCright, Jan. 17: Patsy Swann, Camille Johnson, Pat Johnson. Don Burns, Jan. 18.

> More than 83 per cent of all rubber consumed in the world is used !! 1 automobiles.

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al years has been employed at the

Wilson Jewelry, is now associated

Abilene. Friends will be glad to learn

Manday of this week found our

local city police officer, A. D. Fulton.

lem on either side of his car. This

might suddenly find need to locate

New Arrival

11th street, Abilene, are the parents

of a daughter, named Brenda Kay,

hospital, Abilene. Mr. Foil is working

part time as linotype operator in

The Merkel Mail composing room.

al was brought by Mrs. Clyde Bart-

After the business meeting refresh-

members: Mesdames Sam Swann,

Claude Warren, Clarence Perry, T.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Foil, 1217 N.

the street or is passing by.

sporting a new sign and police emb-

Friday, January 20, 1950.

**KING'S famous Brand** 

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J. Bird, E. W. King, J. W. Willing-Christine Collins. ham, E. R. Clack, A. R. Booth, Kel ler Roberts, Earl Baze, Clyde Bart-MERKEL HD CLUB. lett, W. T. Sadler, John F. WElker, The Merkel Home Demonstration Lucy Ford and the hostesses. club met in the home of their new new president, Mrs. John Hughes, on

Friday, Jan. 13. Roll was answered by each memper telling what cutting they would like to have. Club members listed the shrub they could exchange with other members.

Mrs. Hughes read the constitution and by-laws of the club, and they were adopted. Committees for the coming year were named.

SOCIETY

BUNCH-JONES.

Miss Lavonne Jones, daughter of

marriage Friday evening, Jan. 13, at | dence here.

and Clyde Bunch, son of Mrs. C. O.

Olney, with Rev. Mr. Cart, pastor of

the First Baptist church of that city,

Attending the couple were Mr. and

Mrs. R. J. Reeves, brother-in-law

After a short wedding trip to Wich.

ita Falls, the couple returned to Mer-

kel Sunday evening and will make

their home in the Joe Garland apart-

ment. The bridegroom is employed at

mechanic with the Charlie Higgins

ENTERTAIN GAME CLUB.

Robert Hicks on Oak street was open-

ed to members of the Jolly Neighbors

Game club on Thursday evening of

last week. Beautiful cut flowers gra-

ced the rooms where tables were ap-

pointed for games of progressive "84."

sandwiches, fruit cakes, sherry pra-

ines and hot chocolate were served to

buck, late arrivals, and the following

Gaither, Cyrus Pee, Spencer Bird,

Johnny Cox. Andy Shouse, Robert

Hicks, Herbert Patterson, Earl

Hughes, Mrs. R. M. Ferguson and

players: Messrs. and Mesdames F. Y. | lett.

At the refreshment hour delicious

The lovely home of Mr. and Mrs.

and sister of the bridegroom.

officiating.

garage.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Jones of Trent, with the Holly Motors company in

Washburn of Merkel, were united in that he will continue to make his resi-

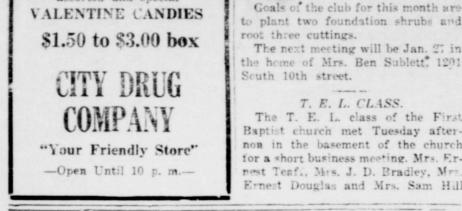
MR. AND MRS. ROBERT HICKS the officer, as the car sets across

Mrs. Ben Hicks and Mrs. Fred Star- served as co-hostesses. The devotion-

week-end.

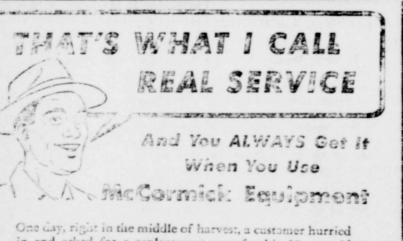
Miss Annie Lucy Lane, County Home Demonstration agent, gave a lecture on "Foundation Shrubs." She llustrated by showing slides of shrubs most adapted to Texas climate and soil and slides on correct landscaping.

Delicious refreshments were served to Miss Lottie Butman; Mesdames Gordon Fursley, L. P. Lyles, Dewey Witcher, Rhett Eidson, Jr., Ray Holmes, J. Ben Campbell, Bob Fowler. Ernest Teaff, Ben Sublett, Bernard Clark, Bob McDonald, Ernest Douglas, and one guest, Mrs. Powell Mil-



to plant two foundation shrubs and The next meeting will be Jan. 27 in the home of Mrs. Ben Sublett, 1201

The T. E. L. class of the First Baptist church met Tuesday afternon in the basement of the church for a short business meeting. Mrs. Ernest Teafi, Mrs. J. D. Bradley, Mrs. Ernest Douglas and Mrs. Sam Hill



in and asked for a replacement part for his 10-year-old combine. I went to the parts bin, and as I came back and plunked the part down on the counter, he grinned and said:

That's what I like about using McCormick equipment. When I do need a part, you always have it or can get it right quick.'

He started to walk out, and I said, "How about letting our service man put that part on for you? Your machine might need a little adjustment here and there, and he can do that at the same time.'

He thought it over for a minute, and laid the part back on the counter. "Go ahead," he grinned. "I've got a couple of other things to take care of here in town anyway. The combine is standing in the field south of the house.

He turned to go, and I mentioned, "If you're not at home by the time he puts on the part, I'll have him try the combine and look it over thoroughly and give you a report. Maybe we can get together and arrange to fix it ahead of time for next season and save you time and trouble."

"Go ahead," he agreed again. "That's what I call real service!

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#### First Showing of 1950 Servel Refrigerator Models on Jan. 20

First public showing of the new 1950 Servel gas refrigerator models —featuring drastic price reductions and advancements in styling, convenience and performance—will be held Friday, January 20, on sales floors of gas refrigerator dealers and the Lone Star Gas Company in this territory, according to gas company representatives.

The new Servel discards the long accepted practice of fitting the food into the space, the representatives point out. This refrigerator is designed to make the space fit the food—with enly a minimum of changes that can be made quickly without rearranging the entire interior and playing checkers with the food items.

The new gas refrigerators were designed by Walter Dorwin Tengue, nationally prominent industrial designer. Mr. Teague and his staff gave particular attention to the new long life design of the refrigerator, both inside and out. First, the exterior follows classic lines that will be attractive through the years as it is today. The second feature is a quick-change interior to manage any food storage requirement.

The gas refrigerator provides silent operation in the freezing compartment and it gives homemakers a chance to take the problem out of refrigerator food storage and minimize the loss of shelf area.

Other features include a cut out area in the first shelf to allow for the tops of extra tall beverage bottles stored on one side of the shelves below. This is a partial shelf that swings down when additional tall storage space is needed for quarts of milk, baby's formula and other tall containers.

A frozen food storage compartment is placed horizontally across the top of a roomy interior. Two glasscovered food fresheners provide moist cold for storing fresh foods and vegetables. A tray under the frozen food compartment is provided for fresh meat storage.

Extra-Dimension Egg.

A hen's egg that measured \$ 1-4 inches its longest way was gathered Wednesday of last week by F. J. McDonald, Sr., living on Route 1. He has a flock of 332 laying hers---White Leghorns and hybrids--- but does not know which variety of hen laid the egg.



JOHN BEN SHEPPERD, 33year-old Gladewater attorney, has been named one of the 10 outstanding young men in the United States for 1949 by the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce, the first time a Texan has been included on the list since 1936 when James V. Allred was selected. Shepperd gained worldwide fame during 1949 while serving as national president of the Jaycees. This year he won acclaim for originating the "Democracy Beats Communism" idea, known as the Gladewater Plan, which has spread over the country. More recently, he has been conducting a campaign for reorganization of the State government which he has dubbed "Our ox-cart State government with the fringe on top." Shepperd will receive his award at a banquet in Peoria. Ill., on Jan. 21.

Kangaroos are able to leap over fences 11 feet in height.

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#### Larger Per Cent of U. S. Houses Over 30 Years Old

Minneapolis, Jan. 19.—Old houses can be said to be subject to hardening of the arteries. That's the conclusion drawn from

a study of home obsolescence conductof by Tom McDonald, vice-president of the Minneapolis-Honeywell Regulator company. His sampling indicates that 51 per cent of the 42,-COO,000 homes in the U. S. are more than 30 years old. In most cases they are still equipped with lighting and plumbing fixtures, heating plants and other accessories that belonged to a past generation. "This brings about a kind of hard-

ening cf the arteries through increasing maintenance costs and decreasing property values," says Mc-Donald, who was primarily interested in finding that only about 8,000,-000 homes have automatically controlled heating systems.

Make every day in 1950 a safe day on your farm. Birth Announced. Word has been, received of the birth of a daughter, Linda Kay, on Dec. 81, 1949, to Sfc. and Mrs. Phil Skidmore of Nurenberg, Germany. The grandparents are: Mrs. Ollie Skidmore of Merkel and Mr. and Mrs. Price of Brownwood. Sfc. Skidmore has been in Nurenberg for the past 2 years with the Army of Occupation. He served during World



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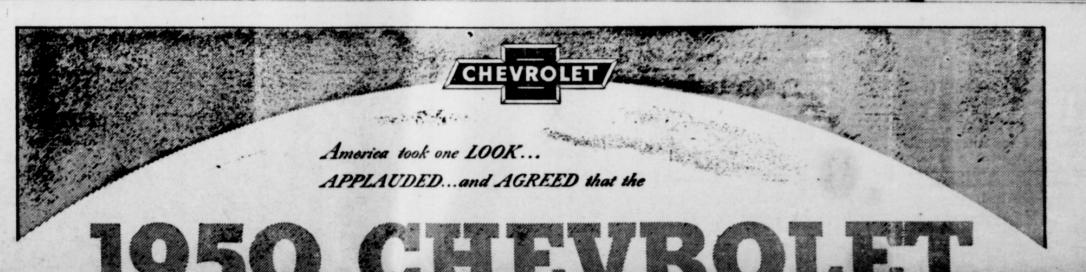
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#### **Report Shows Number Patients in Hospitals** From This County

Austin, Jan. 19 .- Figures that bring home the significance of the special legislative session to each county were released by the State Board for Hospitals and Special Schools.

Commenting on them, Claud Gilmer of Rocksprings, chairman of the board, said, "The problem is not an abstract one." He added:

"It concerns every citizen: No one can say when tragedy can strike or what Texan will be the next to enter one of our institutions

"I call your attention to the accompanying figures, and I suggest that you may want to familiarize yourself further with the situation by discussing it with your state senator or representative."

According to the board's current records, there are 161 patients from Taylor county in the state hospitals and special schools, distributed as follows:

Mental hospitals	93
Epileptic hospitals	37
Mentally deficient	17
Tuberculosis	6
Deaf and blind schools	6
Orphans homes	2

The cost of caring for these patients for the current year is \$124,-936.00.

Appropriations for the institutions will be the business of the state legislature, to be called in special session by Governor Allan Shivers. The last legislature's appropriation for the operation of the hospitals and schools during the next fiscal year was vetoed by the late Governor Beauford H. Jester when it became apparent that revenues to provide for it were not available.

At the time, Governor Jester indicated that a special legislative session would be required to provide the necessary money for operation of the institutions during the second year of the current biennium.

Also to be considered by the legislature is an appropriation to expand the hospitals and schools, which are now, according to several surveys, overcrowded and inadequately staffed.

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#### Initiated into Honorary Fraternity at UT

Marvin Estes Jones, University of Texas student, was initiated into Sigma Delta Chi, honorary journalism fraternity Sunday, Jan. 8. Marvin Estes is the music critic and assistant amusements editor on The Daily Texan staff. He is a junior this year, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Emory A. Jones of 837 Jeanette, Abilene, former residents of Merkel.

#### **Merkel Couple Attends** Funeral In Goldthwaite

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Bond attended the funeral of Mr. Bond's brotherin-law, W. L. Lawrence, Saturday, Jan. 14. in Goldthwaite. Mr. Lawrence died Friday in a Temple hospital.

Survivors are his wife, who is ill at the home of her sister, Mrs. E. W. Reese, in Abilene, where she has been since Christmas Eve, and four daughters.

to visible signs and symptoms suggestive of substandard health. Among these signs and symptoms which should bring children to the attention of teacher or parent are: Failure to gain weight; pallor; peor anpetite; fatigue; frequent colds and sore throats; scarlet fever or any known streptococcal infection; unexplained nosebleeds, unexplained fever; pain in arms, legs and joints: unusual restlessness; history of previous rheumatic fever; behavior changes; decreasing achievements in school by a child who has previously done well.

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#### First in Death3 of School Age Children 4-Way Hair Shaping

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suggests that teachers and others in Rheumatic Fever Rates

daily contact with school children should be aware of early signs and symptoms which may mean acute rheumatic fever.

Dr. Cox said, "There should be causes more deaths than any other more and improved examinations of disease in children of school age, de- school children by physicians with clared Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health time enough for the nurse or teacher and parents to plan with the physi

the family can benefit from na. HADACOL ture's vitamins and minerals in and now she For instance, Miss Ethel Guidry, 822 Montgomery St., Port Neches, Texas, only 17 years old, was friends. She, too, like Miss Guidry Mrs. Thompson

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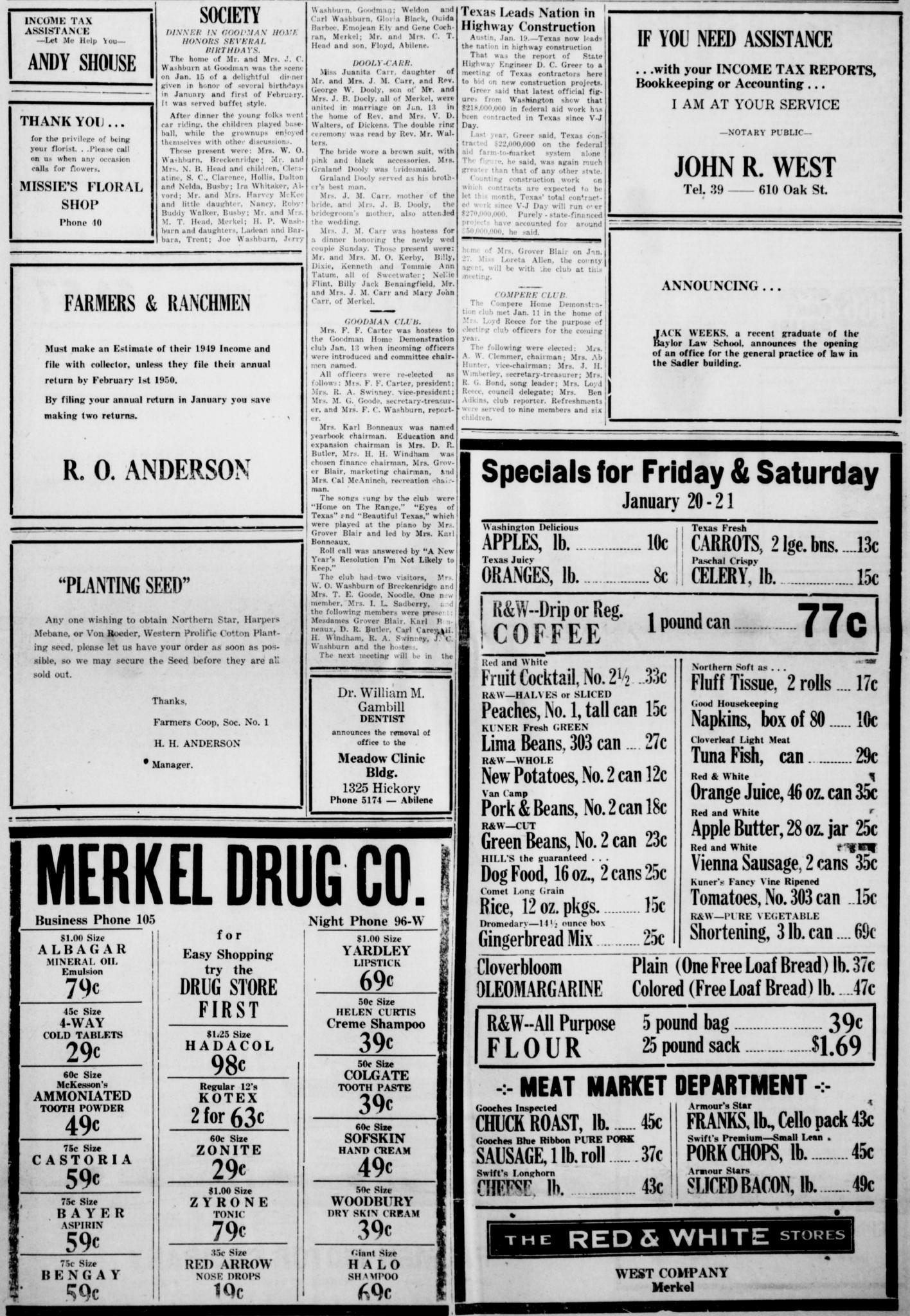


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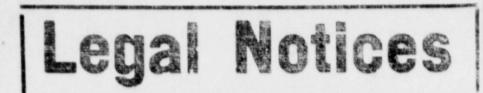
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TO: Pasquel Torres, Greeting: You are commanded to appear and answer the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Mon- A. D., 1950. day the 13th day of March, A. D., 1950, 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 20th day of September, 1949. The file number of said suit being No. 6130-B

The names of the parties in said suit are: Clara Torres as Plaintiff, and Pasquel Torres as Defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: Plaintiff and defendant were married July 10, 1934 and lived together until May 16, 1942.

There were five children born to



#### this marriage union and there was to community property accumulated. Flaintiff sues for divorce on grounds

cruel treatment and abandonment. If this Citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issu-Monday after the expiration of 42 ance, it shall be returned unserved. Issued this the 9th day of January,

> Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 9th day of January, A. D., 1950.

> (SEAL) J. Neil Daniel, Clerk, 104th District Court, Taylor County, Texas.

By Dorothy Smith, Deputy. Jan. 13, 20, 27; Feb. 3

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TO: Joseph Fernandez, 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 February, A. D., 1950, 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 10th day of January, 1950. The file number of said suit being No. 16,656-A. The names of the parties in said

uit are: Billie Fernandez as Plais. tiff. and Joseph Fernandez as Defendant. The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit:

Plaintiff and Defendant were legal married on or about the 9th day May, 1946, and lived together until on or about the 15th day of Ocober, 1949. There were no children born to

his marriage union and there is no community property to be adjudicated. Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of cruel treatment. If this Citation is not served withn 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

Issued this the 12th day of January. A. D., 1950. Given under my hand and seal of said Court. at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 12th day of January, A. D., 1950.

J. Neil Daniel, Clerk, District Court, Taylor County, Texas By Grace Jenkins, Deputy. Jan. 20, 27; Feb. 3, 10



#### Texas Veterans Asked Le Benderte

#### To "Salt Away" Part Of GI Dividend

Dallas, Jan. 19 .- Texas veterans will be asked to "salt away" part of their national service life insurance dividends in U.S. Savings Bonds, Nathan Adams of Dallas state Savings Bonds chairman, has announced.

Mr. Adams said that principal veterans organizations of the state will participate in the campaign, to urge ex-service men and women to use their dividend money as nest-eggs for the future. A total of \$2.8 billion will be distributed in the next six months, with about \$150,000,000 going to the 700,000 veterans in Texas. State commanders of service organizations "that are taking part in the drive are Joe Spurlock of Fort Worth, American Legion; J. H. Barneburg of Camp Hood, American Veterans of World War II;; E. D. Whitley of Dallas, Disabled American Veterans, and Julian Dickenson of Austin, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

In letters to 1500 posts throughout ! Texas, they have asked local commanders to initiate activities within their own communities and to distribute Savings Bonds literature to all veterans, as well as members.

Mr. Adams said that similar campaigns are being held in all of the states, with cooperation from national commanders of veterans organizations. He said that dividend checks will bear the campaign's slogan "Use It Wisely-Buy U. S. Savings Bonds" on the endorsement side.

"It is not the purpose of this campaign to tell the veteran how to use his dividend money," Mr. Adams said, "It is our purpose, however, to remind him that his NSLI dividend gives him an opportunity to begin. or add to, a sound savings plan to provide future financial security for himself and his family."



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#### LOST AND FOUND

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#### **Three New Members** Join 4-H Club

Mrs. L. P. Lyles, mother-leader, and Anne Egan, assistant county agent, were present when 16 members of the Merkel 4-H club met Jan. 11. Three new members were enrolled. Miss Egan discussed the uses of labels and buying slips. Some of the girls showed the first garment they had made this year.

Study Group Meets Jan. 24. The Parent Study group of the Merkel Parent-Teacher association will meet in its regular meeting at 9:30 on Tuesday morning, Jan. 24, in the home of Mrs. Ben Sublett.





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NUPTIALS SOLEMNIZED FOR

LETTIE MARIE MCELMURRAY The bride was becomingly at ired in aqua blue, with brown accessor AND JOHN HAMNER. Nuptial vows were solemnized Sat- ies. She graduated from Merkel High urday morning, Jan. 14, for Lettle school in 1946 and for the past three Marie McElmurray, daughter of Mr. years has been employed as office and Mrs. Walter McElmurray of assistant for The Merkel Mail, which Trent, and John Edward Hamner, position she has filled both courteousson of Mrs. Ida Hamner and the late | ly and efficiently. Mr. Gillespie attended school at

CRAWFORD-REAGAN.

Miss Bobbie Nell Reagan, of Abi

W. E. Hamner of Trent. Rev. Eldon Wyatt, pastor, read the Albany and has more recently been double ring service in the Trent employed on the ranch of his grandfather, J. T. Gillespie, at Albany Methodist church.

Arrangements of white flowers featured the decorative setting at the altar. Miss Adelle Elkins of Merkel sang "Because" and "O, Promise Me,"

The traditional wedding marches were played for the processional and recessional.

The bride was attired in a two-piece dress of ice blue satin and navy Bible topped with white carnations showered with white ribbon. For some. thing old, she wore the diamond earscrews her mother wore at her wed-

white, with navy blue accessories.

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interest in Texas and New Mexico,

white carnations.

Newman high school, of Sweetwater. She was a member of the Mustang band. She attended Texas Tech and is now employed by the REA at Mer kel.

wedding were: Mrs. L. S. Johnston, Canyon; Mrs. R. W. Johnston, Happy; Mrs. Hol Ed Toles, Happy; Mrs. Herbert Johnston and Jeannine, Hamlin; Mrs. T. P. West, Abilene; Mrs. C. B. Johnston and Marion, Eskots.

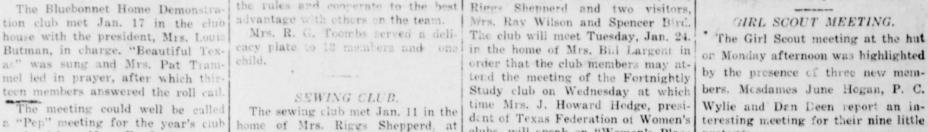
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BLUEBONNET CLUB. The Bluebonnet Home Demonstration club met Jan. 17 in the club nouse with the president, Mrs. Louis was sung and Mrs. Pat Trammel led in prayer, after which thir

teen members answered the roll call The meeting could well be called

a "Pep" meeting for the year's club work. After Mrs. E. J. Patterson read names from the standing committees list, the president read recommendations from the Texas Home Demonstration association, Mrs. W. H. Ensminger gave "Business Forms Women Should Understand" and Mrs Dewel McLean gave an inspiring talk

on the T. H. D. A. "Kick Off." Mrs. McLean brought out the fact that Home Demonstration work is much similar to a football game in-



which time new officers were elected: Mrs. Bill Skiles, president; Mrs. Ben Hicks, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. R. L. Elliott, Jr., reporter.

Delicious refreshments were served to the following members: Mesdames Horace Boney, Ben Hicks, Bill Largent, Bill Skiles, Geo. T. Moore, Pete West, Doyle Seifried, Carroll Benson, Jim Carter, Hoyle Lemens, Grif Barnett, Lester Dorton, Earle Watts, Vernon Mansfield, Nolan Palmer,

asmuch as each player should know | Fred Starbuck, R. L. Elliott, Jr., the rules and cooperate to the best Riggs Shepnerd and two visitors, advantage with others on the team. | Mirs. Ray Wilson and Spencer Bird. Mrs. R. G. Toombs served a deli- The club will meet Tuesday, Jan. 24. Study club on Wednesday at which

Friday, January 20, 1950. in World Citizenship."

GIRL SCOUT MEETING. \* The Girl Scout meeting at the hut order that the club members may at- by the presence of three new members. Mesdames June Hogan, P. C. time Mrs. J. Howard Hodge, presi- Wylie and Dan Deen report an indent of Texas Federation of Women's | teresting meeting for their nine little clubs, will speak on "Women's Place | proteges.



