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On the "Broadway of America"

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Round-Up and Beauty Pageant To Be Fun For Old and Young

The Roundup and Beauty Pageant sponsored by the Merkel Lions club and scheduled for Monday night, September 4, has reached the almost-completed stage. This assures plenty of fun and entertainment for both young and old and the door prizes and contestant prizes have been secured and will be ready to hand out to the winners.

The beauty pageant, limited to girls of three to nine years of age, will be divided into two sections. The first will feature the tots of

three, four, five and six, and the second section of girls seven, eight and nine years of age. Neither of these classifications is intended to be a bathing revue, but the mothers can choose whatever costume she desires or deems appropriate. Judging will be on action and "cuteness" of the youngsters rather than costume, though this might be considered.

Prizes for the beauty pageant have been secured and for the 3, 4, 5, 6 year group are as follows:

First prize — \$25.00 savings bond, donated by the F. & M. National Bank; Child's Dresser Set, donated by Merkel Drug Co.; Charm Bracelet donated by Wilson Jewelry.

Second prize — 22-inch Horseman Baby Doll donated by Ben Franklin Store; Upholstered Juvenile Rocker, donated by Starbuck Furniture Co.; Pair of Poll Parrot Shoes donated by Mellinger Dry Goods Co.

Prizes for the 7, 8, 9-year group are as follows:

First Prize — \$25.00 Savings Bond donated by F. & M. National Bank; Helen Fenton Dress donated by Bragg Dry Goods Co.; Shampoo and Set donated by Modern Beauty Shop. Second Prize — Necklace donated by Wilson Jewelry; Shampoo and Set donated by Norma Beauty Shop; Fountain Pen donated by City Drug Store.

In addition to the contestant prizes as listed above there will be at least one hundred gate prizes given away.

Mothers are urged to enter their children at once, registering them either with President Starbuck or at the Merkel Mail office. The following youngsters have already signified their willingness to participate: Brenda Jo Doan, Carolyn Sue Cole, Becky Bo Barlow, Carol Ann Johnson, Sue Bond and Carolyn Bond.

It is natural to suppose the Football Stadium will be filled to overflowing as everybody will want a part in paying homage to our football team who will soon be in there fighting for the championship and it will cheer them as well as our two efficient coaches to know we are all with them.

Remember the price of tickets is only \$1.00 and tickets can be secured from any Lion you contact. Yes, we have some at the Mail office. Children under 12 years will be admitted free.

Clarence Melton Aboard Carrier Awarded Battle Efficiency Pennant

Clarence J. Melton, boatswain's mate, third class, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Melton of Route 4, Merkel, was aboard a Navy-escort aircraft carrier in Western Pacific water, which has just been awarded the Battle Efficiency Pennant for outstanding performance of duty during the fiscal year 1950.

The award is based on over-all performance of ships and aircraft squadrons in both the Atlantic and Pacific Fleets in all forms of exercises, in general performance of assigned duties and in administrative material and operational readiness.

Get-Acquainted Party By P. T. A. Next Week

On Friday night, September 1, the P. T. A. will hold a get-acquainted party for all parents and teachers in the Merkel schools. The party will be in the school cafeteria and all are urged to be present.

Goings Comings of Merkelites

Annette Boney is visiting in Winters with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Gray.

Mr. and Mrs. Eiland Hale of Dallas visited in the home of Mrs. Hales' mother, Mrs. E. L. Wilson, last weekend.

Mrs. Otha B. Castle of Perryton visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Pinckley from Tuesday until Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Caton Knox of Dallas visited in the home of Mrs. Knox's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Russell, this past week.

Mrs. Pat Addison, Mrs. Fitzgerald and daughter, Sandra visited this week in Wichita Falls with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Horton.

Mrs. Bob Warren and son, J. W., a daughter, Mrs. Sullinger and children visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Claud Warren Sunday.

Mrs. Ed Gerkey and Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Yancey of Carthage, Mo. visited Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Pinckley for a few days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Wood and young son of Denver, Colo. are guests of Mr. Wood's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Wood, for an extended visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Warren and grandmother Warren attended the funeral of Mr. Warren's aunt, Mrs. Dara Franks at Ira, Texas last Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Miller left Thursday for San Marcos where Mrs. Miller's nephew, Ralph Warrick will receive his degree from Southwest Texas State Teachers College.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Doan, Monahans visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Sampbell. They were accompanied back home by Hugh Campbell for a few days visit.

Gerald West has returned from a weeks vacation spent at Wichita Falls, the guest of his uncle, J. J. Russell. Mr. Russell is visiting his mother, Mrs. J. J. Russell, Sr., this week.

Mrs. H. C. Doan and Ronnie and Mr. and Mrs. Etzel Farmer, all of El Paso, and Mrs. Lynn Patterson and two sons, Kermit were week-end guests of their grandmother, Mrs. Suzy Doan.

Visiting in the home of Mrs. Lena Reeder the past week was her sister-in-law and children of Oakland, California; also Mr. and Mrs. James Cox of Fort Worth and Monette Reeder of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Mashburn and grandson, Tommy Toombs have returned from a weeks vacation spent at Corpus Christi, Texas. Surf fishing on Padre Island was probably the high light of the entire trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Boney and Annette have returned after spending a week's vacation in Houston and Galveston. On their return trip home they visited in San Antonio with S. Sgt. and Mrs. Tillman Rutledge.

Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Alloman and sons, Brian and Bruce of San Angelo visited in the home of Mrs. Alloman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Harris this week-end. Brian remained for a pre-school visit with his grandparents.

Mrs. Jack Miller left Tuesday for a visit in Edgewood with her mother who has been ill. She was accompanied by her three nieces who returned to their home after having spent a week in the Miller home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Judd Sheppard, Merkel and Mr. and Mrs. Kirby Gee, Terry and Judd, Wichita Falls were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sheppard and sons, Rodney and Billy at their cabin at Sweetwater Lake the past week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Glenewinkle, Sr. enjoyed a pleasant visit from Mrs. Glenewinkle's brother, S. S. Lippard, wife and their three children, Wanda, Spencer and Charlie of Alamogordo, N. M. This is the first time Mr. Lippard has ever visited in his sister's home.

Rev. and Mrs. Roy Patterson and Charles of Morse spent last week in Georgetown attending the Town and Country conference. On their way home they visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Pinckley and his mother, Mrs. Lela Patterson and other relatives.

Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Sadler, Sandra Sadler and Sue Mayfield, attended the wedding Tuesday evening of Miss Janice Atkinson at the University Baptist church, Abilene, and later the reception at the home of the bride's uncle and aunt, Dr. and Mrs. V. V. Ramsey.

Mrs. Glenn Abbott and Glenda spent several days visiting her sister, Mrs. W. E. Fitzgerald and Sandra of Colorado Springs, Colo. who returned home with them to stay until Sept. 1. Mr. Fitzgerald was stationed at Camp Carson, Colo., but has recently been assigned to duty in Korea.

Dr. and Mrs. Urban Zee and daughters, Penny and Candy, Lamesa were guests of Mrs. Elma McFarland last week. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sheppard of Dallas met her daughter and family here for the visit. Mr. Jack Pate of Fort Worth drove out with them and together with Cheatem McFarland continued their vacation to Aspen, Colo. where his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Pate have a summer home.

Merkel Saddened by Sudden Death of Mrs. Harland Hobbs

Sympathy, deep and profound, is felt today in the death of a young mother, whose funeral is being held in this paper goes to press.

Mrs. Harland Hobbs, 27, gave birth to a fine baby boy one week ago and despite all that human hands could do she failed to rally and died at 9:40 p. m. Wednesday.

Mrs. Iva Ruth Hobbs was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McWilliams. They moved to Merkel in 1937 where she attended the local schools and graduated in 1942. She was married to Harland Hobbs in 1944. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Hobbs.

Survivors besides the parents of the couple are the husband and son, Clayton; Mrs. W. E. Shouse, maternal grandmother, and two sisters and five brothers: Ward Hobbs, Derwood Hobbs and Shester Hobbs, all of Merkel; Joe Clyde Hobbs of Deming, N. M.; Sherwood Hobbs, member of the Air Force on Guam; Mrs. E. R. Thompson and Miss Susie Bell McWilliams, both of Bib Spring.

Funeral services were from the First Baptist church, with Rev. Joe Allen, assisted by Rev. Hugh Hunt, officiating. Interment was in Rose Hill Cemetery. Pall bearers were Jack Whisenhunt, Sanford Carr, Bernie Harris, Billie Woods, W. A. Lenniger and H. W. Lemons. Starbuck Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Church Services

BAPTIST CHURCH
Joe S. Allen, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.
Prayer Union 7:00 p. m.
Evening Worship 8:00 p. m.

METHODIST CHURCH
Hugh H. Hunt, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
Morning Church Service 11:00 a. m.
Methodist Youth Fellowship 7:15 p. m.
Evening Worship 8:00 p. m.

GRACE PRESBYTERIAN
Tom Keenan, Pastor
Sunday School 10 a. m.
Morning Worship 11 a. m.
Because Rev. Keenan is moving to Lubbock, Sunday night services in the future will be dispensed.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
R. N. Power, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a. m.
Church Service 11:00 a. m.
Prayer Service, Sunday 7:30 p. m.
Evening Worship 8:00 p. m.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD
H. S. Earp, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.
Young People's Service 6:30 p. m.
Evangelistic Service 7:45 p. m.
Mid-week Service, Thursday 8 p. m.

SMITH REUNION
The descendants of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Smith held their reunion at Sweetwater Lake Sunday, August 20. The group enjoyed plenty of good food, fishing and boat riding.

Those present for the occasion were: Mr. and Mrs. Jim Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Baccus, Paul, Kenneth and Troy, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Baccus, Gary and Shirley, Coy Baccus and Sandra, all of Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rogers, Kenneth and Rodney, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pedigo, all of Cleburne; Mr. and Mrs. Leland Roger, J. C. and Billy Joe, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Rogers and Mary, all of Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Smith, Jerry Jean and Pat, Mrs. Buleah Smith, all of Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. Jarrett Smith, Robert, John Stewart and Cary Don, Tipton, California.

Charles Simpson, employed by Ben E. Kieth Co., Fort Worth, visited the past week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Simpson. He returned to Fort Worth by Pioneer Airlines Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Jones and Shelia have returned to their home in New Orleans, La., after visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Jones and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Engus Gamin of Midland.

Ready For School, Kids? It's All Ready For You; Opening Day Is Sept. 4

On Next Friday, Sept. 1, all students of the Merkel schools are to be enrolled, says Supt. Mack Fisher. The enrollment is to start at 1 p. m. and all grades from one through twelve are expected to fill in their cards. School buses will be in operation in ample time to get all pupils to their building in time for the registration.

No books will be issued until Monday morning, Sept. 4, when regular work will start in all grades. Supt. Fisher has announced that the new elementary building will not be ready for occupancy for several weeks and that the old grade building will be used for the present.

A general meeting of the faculty will be held Thursday night, August 31, in the high school study hall. At this meeting Dr. Robert Collins, dean of Hardin-Simmons University, will be the principal speaker.

On Friday morning, Sept. 1, at 9 a. m. there will be a faculty meeting in each of three buildings. During the coming school year Dr. Collins will be the coordinator for the faculty's self-evaluation survey and will be in Merkel every other Tuesday night to meet with the committee groups. It is the hope of our school officials to so improve the school system that within the next two years Merkel will become a member of the Southern Association of Secondary Schools.

So far three new members have been added to the faculty for the coming year. They include Tommy Ellis, assistant coach and mathematics teacher. Ellis was graduated from McMurray in 1948 and was head coach at Winters last year. Glover Wright, principal of the new elementary school, grades 5-8; Wright was graduated from Hardin-Simmons in June 1949 and taught history in the Roby High school last year; and Miss Helen Plumlee, commercial teacher. Miss Plumlee is a

graduate of A. C. C. (1950) and her home is at Pioneer, Texas. The only vacancy on the faculty at present is in the homemaking department. The first meal in the cafeteria will be served Monday noon, September 4. This year pupils may buy a meal ticket, good for 20 meals for \$5.00, or pay a quarter at the door each day. Workers in the cafeteria will be Mrs. Earl Hughes, manager; Mrs. Tommy Smith, Mrs. Harry Barnett and Mrs. Grover Gilbert.

HOSPITAL NOTES
Patients admitted to Sadler Hospital during the past week for tonsillectomies were Melba Fay Horton, Margie Skudlock, Aug. 21. Entering the hospital for treatment were Mrs. Clyde Foster, Mrs. H. B. Chambliss, H. E. Farmer, Aug. 17; Reece Madison, Aug. 18; Mrs. Joe Largent, Mrs. Fred Johnson, Aug. 20; J. O. McMinn, Jeanie Robertson, (burn), Aug. 21; Elmer Patterson, Mrs. David Tarpley, Pat Lagrone, (Odessa), S. M. Stevens, (to have surgery later), Aug. 23; J. E. Bagley, Aug. 24.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO
(FROM FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL, AUGUST 29, 1930)

CAMP AT SHANNON'S POOL
Fourteen prospective Badgers under the direction of Briggs Irvin, new MHS coach, went into training camp at Shannon's pool Thursday afternoon. The camp for the football boys is being sponsored by the Lions club and the business men of Merkel, the committee on arrangements consisting of L. B. Scott, chairman, Mitt Dillingham and Supt. Roger A. Burgess.

Those in training at the camp are Terrell Mashburn, Cecil Clark, B. P. Middleton, Eris Ash, Mordell Shouse, Jim Patterson, Lowell Vickers, Gerald Derrick, Howard Carson, Benny Sheppard, Fred Baker, Paul Collins, Milton Shannon and Joel Darsey, Captain.

IOOF CHILDREN GIVE CONCERT ON STREETS
The citizens of Merkel enjoyed a street concert by a party of 30 entertainers from the Odd Fellows home in Corsicana, who stopped over here for a short while Tuesday morning. Traveling by bus, they were en route from Snyder to Abilene, where they were to be guests of Abilene Odd Fellows and Rebekahs at a basket picnic, and later gave a concert at the City Auditorium.

Paul Farmer celebrated his seventh birthday the twelfth with a fishing party. Those present were J. B. Bor-

den, Estel Farmer, Edna Carter, Freda Farmer, Edward, Ira, Darrell Farmer, Mrs. Murray Farmer and Mrs. A. L. Farmer acting as hostesses.

MERKEL'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO OPEN MONDAY, SEPT. 8
Everything is now ready for the Merkel Public schools to open on Monday, Sept. 8. Beginning on Tuesday, Sept. 2, entrance examinations, registration of seniors, return of summer text books, recording of summer credits other than those taught by Mrs. Young, and all other preliminary matters will be attended to.

On Saturday morning at ten o'clock the faculty will have its first regular meeting of the year in the study hall of the High School building.

REBEKAH SOCIAL
The Rebekahs and Odd Fellows met last Friday evening for a joint social at the I. O. O. F. hall. A program consisting of readings by Misses Thelma Patterson and Dora Garoutte and a talk by Mrs. W. M. Elliott, and a song given by the Rebekah double quartette, were enjoyed by all present. Ford Smith's orchestra rendered music for the occasion. Ice cream and cake were served to about sixty guests.

Merkel And Trent Due To Get Two New Oil Wells Soon
A new well, eight miles north of Trent, is being started this week on the farm known as the Uncle Bill Barbee place. Lewis Drilling Co. of Longview moved in this week.

Another new well being started this week is on Louie Herring, in the Pitzer Field. It is a Phillips lease which has been farmed out to Roark, Hooker and Roark. They moved in Thursday.

Potential on the Texas Company, Louie Herring was being taken Thursday; it is an estimated 75 to 80 barrel well.

The Crown Central, No. 13 Lilly Pratt Brown is at an interesting depth with pay dirt not far in the offing.

J. O. Fox, Jr. is completing the L. R. Stanley, American Trading Co. and it's good, but potential has not officially been taken.

Fred Fiel drilling for Clark-Cowden et al has had some bad luck on the Charlie Williams twin well. He hit a drilling and has lost circulation but activity expects to be resumed today.

The Drilling and Exploration Co. Phillip Diltz missed pay in the Ellengurger but plugged back to the Flippen, having had a show in that sand and will try for development in that pay.

In the Gibson Field the official gauge on the No. 3 Sojourner, D. O. Huddleston, two miles south east of Merkel was 97 barrels.

In the same Gibson Field, the No. 2 Curb was gauged at 65 barrels in 24 hours.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Seago, Yancy and Eddie of Odessa are visiting in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Seago.



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CIGARS! CIGARS!

Congratulations are being sent to Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Shouse this week upon the arrival of a fine boy, Alan Blaine. Tag is an ex-Merkel boy, now staff writer on the Abilene Reporter News and writer of many human interest stories of this section. Maternal grandparents of the young man are Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Pierce of San Angelo and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Shouse, Sr., now of Pyote.

Don't neglect summer orchard cultivation, because the trees need all of the moisture and plant food that is available, particularly during the late summer.



A fellow came in the store the other day and asked, "What's this I've been hearing about the Farmall C tractor and Finger-Tip Farming? I'd like to try it once."
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**Fifty Texas Bands
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Fifty of the best high school musical organizations in Texas will take part Oct. 18 in the mammoth Mid-Century Music Festival of the 1950er. Plans were made for a weiner State Fair of Texas, James H. Stewart, executive vice president and general manager, has announced. The most colorful and tuneful of its kind ever presented in the Southwest, the festival is sponsored jointly by the State Fair and the Texas Music Educators Association. About 4000 young musicians will be on hand.

Twenty choral groups, 20 bands and ten orchestras selected from the ten regions of the TMEA will participate. In addition, three outstanding marching bands from Oklahoma, Louisiana and Arkansas have been invited.

Each individual unit will play or sing a 20-minute concert some time during the day. Concerts will be under way simultaneously at three different places on the 187-acre, \$35,000,000 showgrounds.

Band members will "do the fair" when not performing and will be guests of the State Fair for the evening meal.

A huge massed orchestra will be given at 5:30 p. m. in front of the Hall of State and all bands will march and play in the gigantic Parade of the Decades, which will be a nightly feature of the 1950 Fair. The mile-long parade will begin at 7:30 p. m. on Oct. 18.

In the Cotton Bowl at 8 p. m., the combined choruses, bands and out-of-state units will stage a free massed

band and choral pageant, including playing, singing and marching by the combined musicians.

INTERMEDIATE G. A.'S

Intermediate G. A.'s met Monday at 4 o'clock in the home of Mrs. Buster Horton. After a short business meeting, a very interesting Service program was presented by the girls with Patsy Mullins as leader. Plans were made for a weiner State Fair of Texas, James H. Stewart, executive vice president and general manager, has announced. The most colorful and tuneful of its kind ever presented in the Southwest, the festival is sponsored jointly by the State Fair and the Texas Music Educators Association. About 4000 young musicians will be on hand.

It was also decided to send cards

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Refreshments were served to Gloria Teaff, Glenda Petty, Neva Cason, Patsy Mullins Jean Sylvester, Elnovia Holmes and the sponsors, Mrs. Buster Horton, Nim Teaff and Austin Petty.

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SPECIALS at DOAN Grocery & Market

Middle Clear Fork Soil Conservation News

Weldon McAninch, cooperater with the district in the Union Ridge area, has recently completed 5 miles of new terraces on the Penrod Estate farm. He plans to do some deep plowing on a portion of this farm this summer to assist in breaking up the hard pan formation. These terraces were built with a disc belt conveyor type terracing machine and were built to a specification of 15 to 16 inches height above natural ground and 20 to 25 feet base width above natural ground.

Edgar Davis, cooperater with the district in the South Stith area, has been making hay on his farm this past week. He has the entire farm planted to grass and hay crops. He has 12 to 15 acres of sweet sudan grass, 5 acres of german millet, about 65 acres of sweet sorghum, and 5 acres to King Ranch bluestem grass. He bought a new swather machine which cuts and windrows the hay at one operation. It appears that he should harvest better than 200 tons of hay this year. He baled his King Ranch bluestem grass last week and is yielded 93 bales from 5 acres. He plans to run this through a hammer mill and make a seed hay mulch for re-seeding range land. This was the second cutting from the King Ranch bluestem this year. The first cutting was made the last of June. It is highly probable that he will get another good crop from this King Ranch patch in October or November.

T. E. Collins, cooperater in the South Noodle area, has recently completed a new 3000 yard farm pond and a 2000 ft. diversion terrace. This

diversion terrace runs along on the upper side of his cultivated land and outlets into the pond. It will serve 2 purposes in that it will divert the overhead water from the field and secondly, it will supply a portion of the water needed to fill the pond. Mr. Collins plans to relocate his dividing fence between cropland and pasture along this terrace ridge. He has in mind to use a syrup pan water spreading terrace system to spread some outside water which enters the farm at a lower point.

Troy Roland, cooperater with the district in the Castle Peak area, has started a good conservation program on his grandmother's farm. He recently constructed about 1 mile of new terraces and a 1000 foot diversion terrace. He also seeded a 10 acre field to King Ranch bluestem grass. He plans to use this bluestem grass for seed production and for pasture. He plans to build a new farm pond for livestock water this summer. He also plans to plant some winter peas this fall for winter cover and for soil improvement. His native pasture has been rested all summer and the short grasses have made a good recovery. He plans to continue summer deferment of this native grass pasture. He has in mind to rebuild all the old terraces to a larger workable size terrace of 15 inches height and 20 to 25 feet base width.

Lige Gamble, cooperater with the district on his farm in the White Church area, has terraced another field this summer with about 2 miles of lines. He has also had this field chiseled to a depth of 12 inches or better on 3 foot centers. This chiseling was done by use of a special plow constructed for use behind crawler type tractors.

Legal Notice

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THE STATE OF TEXAS:
County of Taylor:
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that by virtue of a certain Order of Sale No. 6385-B issued out of the Honorable 104th District Court of Taylor County, of the 14 day of August, 1950, by District Clerk of said Taylor County, Texas, for the sum of Twelve hundred twenty dollars and 41/100 (\$1220.41) Dollars and costs of suit, under a Judgment, in favor of John H. Ball in a certain cause in said Court, No. 6385-B and styled John H. Ball vs. W. P. Brooks, placed in my hands for service, I H. T. Fleming as Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas, did, on the 9 day of June 1950, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Taylor County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: Lot 2, Block 98, Original Town of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas and buildings on said lot. One Underwood typewriter, one desk, three straight chairs, two revolving chairs, one metal filing cabinet, one small gas heater and one paint gun and motor, and levied upon as the property of W. P. Brooks and that on the second Tuesday in September 1950, the same being the 12 of said month at the Court House door, of Taylor County, in the State of Texas, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m., by virtue of said levy and said Order of Sale and Sheriff's Notice of Sale I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for each, to the highest bidder, as the property of said W. P. Brooks.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper published in Taylor County.

Witness my hand this 14 day of August, 1950.
H. T. Fleming
Sheriff Taylor County, Texas
By R. H. Ross, Deputy

Passion plays are presented at Oberammergau, Germany; Tegelein, Holland; Spearfish, So. Dak., and Lawton, Okla., among other places.

Fishermen, Hunters Must Renew Licenses

Reminder to Texas fishermen and hunters!
It's almost time again to renew your state licenses. Otherwise, you may have a little chat with the game warden, and it probably will be one-sided.

Thirty-one of the 39 types of licenses issued by the Game, Fish and Oyster Commission must be renewed by Sept. 1.
The commission is doing its part. It was readying the 1950-51 licenses for distribution to approximately 2,000 dispersing agencies throughout the state.

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For Associate Justice of Supreme Court (Place 3):
MEADE F. GRIFFIN of Hale County ← **WEST TEXAS**
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✓ The business-managed electric power and light companies are the second largest taxpayers in the nation. Last year the West Texas Utilities paid \$2,238,634.00 in taxes—an amount equal to the total electric bill for all residential and farm customers for seven months!

✓ Despite all the "whoop-de-doo" over hydroelectric energy, if all the available water power resources in the United States could be completely developed, this would produce only one-fifth of the total energy the nation will need by 1960. In order to insure ample electric power for West Texas, the West Texas Utilities Company began in 1947 a program to more than double its generating capacity!

✓ Since World War II, the business-managed utilities have invested nearly \$2,000,000,000.00 a year in new plants and equipment to serve the people. This is the largest construction program undertaken by any single industry. The West Texas Utilities is now in the midst of a \$200,000,000.00 program expanding facilities to serve West Texas!

✓ Electric service is the one item in the family budget that costs substantially less than in pre-war days. Since 1939—while the cost of living as a whole has risen nearly 70 per cent—the average cost of a kilowatt hour of electric service for West Texas household use has dropped 18 per cent!

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Teaff-Isom Reunion Held at Lubbock

Members of the families of Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Teaff, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Teaff and Mrs. J. W. Isom, held their annual family reunion at Mackenzie State Park, Lubbock, beginning August 11 and continuing through August 13. Mr. Isom, who lived at Idalou, was a brother of Mrs. N. B. Teaff who lived at Tye, and Mrs. Ben Teaff, who lived at Troy.

Mrs. Blanche Teaff and Mrs. Blake Teaff, of Merkel and Mrs. Novice Roming of Lorenzo who were members of the hostess and food committee, planned very delicious menus.

During the business meeting of officers and committees were elected for 1951. Luther Isom of Idalou was elected president, Vernon Roming, Lorenzo, vice-president, Mrs. Clyde Newton, Merkel, re-elected secretary-treasurer. Members of the Hostess and Food Committees for 1951 were Mrs. Henry Teaff, Weinert, Mrs. Deverle Teaff, Merkel, Mrs. Odis Isom and Mrs. Virgil Isom, Idalou.

Two hundred and ten relatives and friends attended the reunion this year.

The twenty-nine towns represented

were as follows: Idalou, Lorenzo, Wichita Falls, Abernathy, Post, Merkel, Eddy, Weinert, Midland, Greenville, Lubbock, Sweetwater, Tye, Houston, Eula, Cooper, Sudan, Ropesville, Guion, Denver City, Abilene, Hamlin, Munday, Lockney, Clyde, Grassland, Levelland, Kress, Texas and Hobbs, New Mexico.

Brooks Confident of Winning Nomination

Pierce Brooks says he is confident of winning the Democratic nomination for lieutenant governor on August 26th.

The Dallas county candidate pointed out the lieutenant governor's office is a business office and that the state's financial affairs, now at their lowest ebb in history, can best be solved by a business man.

Brooks called upon all Texans who believe in free and clean government to go to the polls on August 26th and vote.

The Dallas insurance man will bring his campaign to a close Friday night at Tyler with a statewide radio broadcast over the Texas Quality network.

Knox THDA Worker To Go To World Meet

Mrs. R. M. Almanrode, an outstanding Knox county home demonstration club member of Munday, has been selected at a delegate to the 6th Triennial Conference of the World in Copenhagen, Denmark, Associated Country Women of the September 10 to 16. The trip is sponsored by the Country Gentlewoman League, and Mrs. Almanrode is the only delegate from Texas.

Prior to leaving for Europe, the group of delegates met in New York and attended a session of the United Nations. The delegation then left the United States on August 23. They will stop in England for a two day tour and then proceed to Belgium and Holland and on to Denmark for the conference.

After the conference ends, the group will tour Western Germany, Switzerland, and France, and will leave for the United States on Oct. 6.

For the last two years Mrs. Almanrode has served as state secretary of the Texas Home Demonstration Association. Previously she had served as vice president of the Texas Home Demonstration Association to bring something back to the Texas Home Demonstration Association which will make possible a better understanding of the conditions in other countries.

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IT'S TIME for BROOKS! Because...

Something must be done now about the runaway cost of our state government—a cost which has increased more than 500 percent in the period between 1935 and 1950. Aside from the cost of World War II, the cost of the Federal government did not increase that much during the same period.

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With the State plunging wildly towards a financial crisis, the Lt. Governorship is a business rather than a political office. It needs a business man with a business viewpoint.

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Only by the election of a business man can the people of Texas be assured of a direct and vigorous attack on this runaway cost, useless waste, and needless extravagance in our State government.

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Only a business man who has not been a part of the system which spawned this era of waste and extravagance can give the problem that searching inquiry and impartial analysis needed now. Pierce Brooks is that man.

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The next Lt. Governor of Texas should be above any internal friction, beyond all cross currents of politics, and completely judicial when clashes of personalities arise among members of the Senate. He must be in a position to treat them all alike, to be fair to each, and also to be true to his obligations to the people. Pierce Brooks meets these tests.

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Pierce Brooks is the only candidate completely free from the entangling alliances, political obligations, cliques, clans and groups which grow up when men stay in office too long.

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The Lt. Governor to be elected in 1950 should not come from the confused atmosphere of the State government, but direct from the people with a program for the people. Pierce Brooks is such a man.

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In these crucial times the next Lieutenant Governor should be answerable to the people of the State and not to any group of special interests that has made millions of dollars off the taxpayers.

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Bridal Shower Honors Mrs. Jimmie Lee Osteen

The lovely home of Miss Barbara Henry was the scene of a bridal shower honoring Mrs. Jimmie Lee Osteen, nee Pauline Harriss, on Thursday evening of last week. The hostess was assisted in her duties by the bride's sister, Colleen Harriss.

Misses Emma Jean Ely and Annette Newton played several popular Mrs. Myrtle Patterson sang "Always" and "Because". Shirley Webb registered the guests in the Bride's book.

During the party hours many friends called and the lovely, useful gifts were viewed. Delicious refreshments of punch and cookies were served at the refreshment hour. Approximately sixty-five invitations were extended.

BROWN REUNION

The Brown family reunion was held August 19 and 20 on the 51st anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Will Brown.

Those present for the occasion were Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Brown, Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Bud Brown and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Howell, Trent; Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Sipes, Snyder; Mrs. Ruby Burris, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Rhyne and Mr. and Mrs. Lonzo Brown all of Lamesa; Mrs. M. Fuller and children, O'Donnell; Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Spears, Crossroads, New Mexico; Willie, Raymond and B. O. Best, Bledsoe, Texas; Mrs. Morris Phillips, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Denver Way, Snyder; Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Brown, Lovington, New Mexico; and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Van Dyke, Lamesa.

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Assembly Of God To Hold Revival Aug. 27



R. F. RAY

The Assembly of God church will begin a revival Sunday, August 27 with Evangelist R. F. Ray of Fort Smith, Arkansas doing the preaching. Services begin at 7:45 p. m. There will be special singing each evening. The public is cordially invited to attend.

ALL-CHURCH PARTY AT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Members of the Presbyterian congregation entertained with a goodbye party Tuesday evening at the church for members of the Tom Keenan family who are leaving this week to make their home in Lubbock. "Leaving and not leaving," sagely quoted Mr. Keenan, in that he will drive back each Sunday to fill the pulpit at the morning service. These return engagements took quite a bit of the sting out of the usual farewell party and adieus were kept on the lighter side.

Mrs. Delma Compton M. C.'d the following program: A coronet duet, "A Perfect Day" was played by Marolyn and Carolyn Teaff. Mrs. Vincent Barnett sang "My Task", accompanied by Mrs. Dub Derstine and Mrs. Bowman Barlow entertained with a piano solo, "Jumping Jack." Peggy and Darlene Bond sang a duet "Neath the Old Olive Tree" with Christine Collins accompanying both duets.

Guest artist for the evening was Mrs. Jim Carter. She delighted everyone present with the so appropriate reading, "Wanted, A Minister's Wife" and followed it up with "Friends." Mrs. Compton had the group in stitches in an original take-off on good natured church members when she ludicrously listed various "Mistakes Which Had Been Made in the Past Two Years." Turning from the ridiculous she presented the Keenans a gift as a gesture of esteem. A flower decked refreshment table was loaded with sandwiches, ice box cookies, olives, potato chips and punch from which a goodly number of guests were served buffet style.

WILEMON REUNION HELD AT BUFFALO GAP

The third annual reunion of the descendants of the late Calvin and Louisa Wilemon and Aaron and Symantia Wilemon, pioneers from Detroit, Alabama, was held at the Buffalo Gap state park, Sunday, August 13.

Guy Wilemon of Odessa was elected president, and Bill Lepard of Anson was elected secretary.

Jet Wilemon, son of Aaron and Symantia Wilemon, was the oldest one present. Leslie Garrett, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Garrett was the youngest one present.

Among the many present for this joyous occasion was Mrs. Rosa Miller of Merkel.

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LODGE CALLS

Stated meeting of Merkel Chapter 212, Order of Eastern Star, will be held Tuesday, Aug. 29 at 8:00 p. m. For a called meeting. All members are urged to attend. Visiting members cordially invited.

Initiation.
Mrs. Craig Humphreys, W. M.
Mrs. E. S. Dwiggin, Sec'y.

NOTICE MASONS

Stated meeting of Merkel Lodge No. 710, A. F. & A. M. Saturday, August 26 at 8:00 p. m. All members are urged to attend. Visiting brethren cordially invited.

Alton Martin, W. M.
C. B. Rust, Sec'y.

LOST AND FOUND

LOST—White gold rhinestone bracelet. Reward if returned to Merkel Mail office, Phillis Farmer.

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The Road Out Of Mexico Is A Dangerous Road . . . When It's Lined With Waiting Guns!

Fred MacMurray — Claire Trevor

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Also: Cartoon and Selected Short

SAW ALL THE SIGHTS ON CANAL ZONE SIT

Mrs. J. H. Harris and n. Billy, have returned home after having spent thirty marvelous days in Balboa, Canal Zone. They vied their son and brother, J. H. Fris and his wife, as J. H. is staid there where he is on the U. S. Pe force. In going to the Canal ze, Mrs. Harris and Billy went Houston by bus where they board an airplane which carried them way of Havana, Cuba. While in Pama they took in all the sights, going to both the Atlantic and Pacific oces which required only about one id one-half hours, took a swim Santa Clara beach, went to Godtake on

top of a mountain, took a boat ride up the Pequina river and saw the old King bridge which is more than 300 years old, saw the golden altar at the San Jose church and took kodak pictures of everything worthwhile. All in all a most pleasant vacation and one they'll never forget.

SOCIAL AT HEBRON

There will be the regular monthly social at the Hebron Baptist church Friday night, August 25. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the singing and fun.

Refreshments will be served.

PLENTY of cottonseed meal and cake. Farmers Coop Society Gin.

INTERMEDIATE M. Y. F. ENTERTAINED MONDAY NIGHT

The Intermediate M. Y. F. class was entertained in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Louie Herring Monday night, August 21.

After games were played refreshments were served to the following members and guests: Barbara Wilson, Goldie Leverich, Paka Newby, Bobby Owen, Barbara Morgan, Dale Dudley, Jimmy Russell, Janyce Herring, Beth Thomas, Corky Cox, Jane Tipton, Eddie Breau, Joe Doan, Peggy Bond, Sessions Hammond, Tommy Largent, Darlene Bond, George Starbuck, Johnny Hammond, Creta Case and Jacky Hogan.

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RED DELICIOUS
APPLES, pound **12c**
JUMBO CRISP
LETTUCE, head **10c**
GOLDEN
BANANAS, pound **14c**
SUNKIST
LEMONS, dozen, **23c**

SWIFT JEWEL
SHORTENING, 3 lb. ctn. **65c**

BLUE BONNET
OLEO
Pound
29c

IMPERIAL
SUGAR
10 Pound Sack
89c

EVERLITE
FLOUR
10 Pound Sack
79c

PECOS — JUMBO
CANTALOUPE
Your Pick, each **10c**

PETER PAN
PEANUT BUTTER, glass **29c**

BETTY CROCKER
GINGER CAKE MIX, box .. **19c**

SEEDLESS or RED
GRAPES, pound **15c**
BANANA
SQUASH, pound **9c**
RIPE BARTLETT
PEARS, pound **15c**



FOLGER'S
COFFEE
Pound
83c

EVERLITE
SALAD DRESSING, pint ... **25c**

SKINNER'S
MACARONI or
SPAGHETTI, box **9c**

HEMET
PEACHES, No. 2 1/2 can ... **19c**

CARNATION or
PET MILK, 3 tall cans ... **32c**



- BIG 25c BUYS -

FRENCH — 6 Oz Jar
MUSTARD, 3 for **25c**
DIAMOND
PINTO BEANS, 3 for **25c**
OLD BILL
Vienna Sausage, 3 for **25c**
WHITE SWAN
Tomato Sauce, 3 for .. **25c**
DIAMOND
Pork & Beans, 3 for **25c**
HEINZ — GORBER
BABY FOOD, 3 for **25c**
OUR VALUE
TOMATOES, 3 for **25c**
DIAMOND
LIMA BEANS, 3 for **25c**
GOBLIN
HOMINY, 3 for **25c**
DIAMOND
NAVY BEANS, 3 for **25c**

OXYDOL — DUZ
DREFT, box .. **27c**

DIAMOND
NAPKINS, box **10c**

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

By Mary Lee Taylor
Ranch Style Corn
1/2 cup finely cut
bacon
3 tablespoons finely
cut onion
1 1/2 cups canned,
cream style corn
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 cup grain pepper
2 tablespoons oil
1/4 cup hot milk
Cook bacon slowly until crisp. Drain off fat; save bacon. Put 2 tablesp. fat back into skillet. Add onion and cook slowly 5 min. Add corn, salt and pepper. Heat to boiling. Add all at once the eggs and milk. Cook and stir over low heat about 3 min., or until mixture thickens. Add bacon. Makes 4 servings.



HORMEL'S — SLICED
BACON, pound **49c**
FRESH — DRESSED
FRYERS, pound **59c**
CHOICE — LEAN
PORK CHOPS, lb. **63c**
LONGHORN
CHEESE, pound **43c**
NO. 1 CLEAR — DRY SALT
BACON, pound **33c**
SKINLESS
WEINERS, pound **39c**
FRESH GROUND
Hamburger, lb. **49c**

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