

SOCIETY

PRETTY HOME WEDDING

A wedding of wide social interest in this area was solemnized March 15 when two prominent families were united in the marriage of Miss La Nelle Edwards to Robert Thomas Hodge. The bride is the daughter of C. W. Edwards, well known grocerman of Trent and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. N. T. Hodge and a grandson of H. T. Hodge, Abilene, pioneer theatre magnate of this section.

The home of the bride was decorated with baskets of white glads and the mantle piece was of white stock flanked by white candles. The double ring ceremony was read by Minister T. E. Bonner of the Sweet-water Church of Christ at 5 o'clock p. m. in the presence of close friends and relatives of the two families.

Mrs. Robert Malone, Merkel organist, played traditional wedding music. The bride was given in marriage by her father and matron of honor to the bride was Mrs. Kenneth Duncan of Amarillo. Miss Martha Ann Winn of Trent and Mrs. Mac Springer, Merkel, sister of the groom, were bridesmaids. Best man was Gene Edmondson, Abilene, and Bobby Blen Gilbert and Mac Springer served as ushers.

The bride was very lovely in a ballerina length dress of white imported linen with bead decoration from the wedding dress worn by the groom's mother. A linen hat and a waist length veil fastened with orange blossoms, completed the picture. She carried a white Bible topped with a white orchid and forget-me-nots. Dresses of the bridesmaids were in pastel shades of imported linen.

Mrs. Hodge was graduated from Trent high school and attended Abilene Christian College one year and was attending Texas Tech, Lubbock, the past semester. Her traveling costume suit was navy gabardine with shoulder corsage of white orchids.

The groom was a star athlete in Merkel high school and following graduation he attended McMurry College, Abilene and was attending Texas Tech at the time he enlisted in the Air Corps in January. He is stationed at March Air Force Base, Cal.

After a short wedding trip, the newlyweds will be at home, 3455 Lemon St., Riverside, California.

RECEPTION

The groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. T. Hodge, 112 Oak street, hosted the reception following the wedding, Thursday. A profusion of yellow roses and white glads decorated the entertaining rooms and a tiered wedding cake centered the refreshment table. A heart shaped flower arrangement of yellow roses and white stock surrounded a silver punch bowl from which frosted punch was served with the wedding cake, to guests from Abilene, Odessa, Amarillo, Trent and Merkel.

BLUEBONNET HD CLUB

The Bluebonnet Home Demonstration club met March 20 in the home of Mrs. Tom Russom, with Mrs. Ford Butman presiding.

The meeting opened with the group singing "Home On The Range" and Mrs. Pat Trammel led in prayer. Mrs. E. J. Patterson gave an interesting council report and she also stressed the necessity of lending the 4-H members a hand and encouraging them in their work.

Mrs. Ford Butman and Mrs. Ben Butman brought interesting accounts of a training meeting held on the campus of A. C. C. March 7. Expert training on care of plants and soil was given to Taylor County women that day. Three rules to follow in landscaping are plan, plant and maintain.

A refreshment plate was served to Mesdames Ford Butman, Ben Butman, E. J. Patterson, Pat Trammel, A. R. Toombs, Joe Swinney, A. L. Farmer, A. D. King, F. R. Demere and Tom Russom. Two children were present.

The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. E. J. Patterson on April 3.

COMPERE HD CLUB

The Compere Home Demonstration club met March 14 in the home of Mrs. Jake Bockman for their regular meeting.

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Mrs. Clyde Chancey. Songs were led by Mrs. Bockman and roll call was answered with "My Success With Making Cakes The Quick Mix Way."

The program was on "Designing Clothes Suited to the Individual". Mrs. Bingham discussed hem line and tucks; Mrs. Adkins, sleeves and collars, and Mrs. Ramsey, neck and waist lines.

The next meeting will be March 28 with Mrs. R. G. Bond and the program will be on "Build a Magazine". Secret pals will be revealed at the next meeting.

FIDELIS MATRONS CLASS

The Fidelis Matrons Sunday School class of the First Baptist church met Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the home of Mrs. L. B. Whitaker with Mrs. Charles Sylvester as co-hostess.

Mrs. Nim Teaff brought the devotional on the first commandment and Mrs. J. L. Mullins was in charge of the business meeting. The class members presented the teacher with a pink hyacinth pot flower. The

Easter theme was carried out in refreshments and house decorations.

Those present were Mesdames Davis Hobdy, S. G. Russell, Gordon Pursley, Nim Teaff, J. L. Mullins and the hostesses.

WINTER—McKEEVER

At a simple but pretty wedding Wednesday evening, March 4, at the home of the bride's parents on Treville avenue, Miss Flossie May Winter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Snyder Winter of Brunswick, Ga. was united in marriage to Robert Andrew McKeever, Jr., of Merkel, Texas. The Marriage ceremony, at 7 o'clock was performed by the Rev. C. H. Moss, pastor of the Norwich Street Baptist Church, with prayer being offered by the Rev. Talbert Morgan, rector of St. Mark's Episcopal Church.

The home was decorated with arrangements of spring flowers, the large bay window in the living room before which the ceremony was performed was flanked with potted palms, centered with baskets of white gladioli and burning cathedral tapers in branched holders. Guy T. Hackett played the wedding music at the piano and accompanied Mrs. Carrey Rozier, younger sister of the bride, who sang "I Love You Truly" and "Because" before the ceremony.

Given in marriage by her father

the bride was attractive in her wedding dress of aqua tissue faille, the skirt having draped effect on the side. Her becoming hat was of white straw and flowers, and her other accessories were in Navy. She wore a purple orchid on her shoulder. Mrs. Raymond J. King, sister of the bride, was her matron of honor and only attendant. She wore a powder blue floral silk print dress with white accessories and shoulder corsage of pink carnations. Mr. King served as the groom's best man and little Raymond Julian King, Jr., nephew of the bride, lighted the candles.

The bride's mother was gowned in navy blue crepe with white carnation corsage.

During the reception which followed the ceremony, iced fruit punch was served with the bride's three-tier wedding cake which centered the prettily appointed dining table. Miss Elizabeth Stevens served punch, assisted by Mrs. Bernard Newkirk and Miss Betty Knickerbocker, Miss Sophia Robinson kept the bride's book.

For traveling the bride changed to a navy blue gabardine suit worn with navy accessories and orchid corsage. Mr. McKeever and his bride left during the evening for their home at Merkel, Texas, where he is part owner and operator of Mack's Cleaners.

—From the Brunswick, Ga. News

BIRTHDAY ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Mayhugh of Sweetwater are the proud parents of a baby boy, named David Glenn, and

weighing 7 pounds and 2 oz. The baby was born March 12 in the Sweetwater hospital. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Julius Smith of Merkel.

ANNOUNCE ENGAGEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Irvin are announcing the engagement and approaching marriage of Mrs. Irvin's daughter, Glenna Louise Clifford, to Thomas Allen Campbell of Talpa. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. K. Campbell.

The wedding will be solemnized here at the First Baptist church on Thursday, April 15.

TRENT EASTER PARADE

The Trent homemaking students will style dresses they have made in the department on Friday, March 23, at 7:30 p. m. in the high school gym.

There will be an Easter Parade at the beginning of the show with children, junior misses, families and homemaking girls with their escorts participating.

Dresses will be judged by efficient judges.

The winners from the high school, the general wear costume, and the special occasion dress will be announced.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ray Willoughby of San Angelo and Miss Ima Hogg of Houston have provided the grants.

ATTENDS 50TH ANNIVERSARY AT COLORADO CITY SUNDAY

Those attending the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Snow at Colorado City Sunday afternoon from Merkel were Mr. and Mrs. Powell Miller and children, Mrs. John Hughes and Mr. and Mrs. Wade Ensminger.

Mrs. Hughes and Mr. Snow are brother and sister. Mrs. Miller is a niece of Mr. Snow, and Mrs. Ensminger is a niece of Mrs. Snow.

Mr. and Mrs. Snow were married in Mulberry Canyon in the home of her

parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Edmun Blackburn in 1901. Mrs. Snow is the former Miss Thenia Blackburn.

SINGING AND EASTER EGG HUNT AT COMPERE

The teenagers of Compere Community will have a singing at the Baptist church Sunday, March 25 at 2 p.m. Everyone is invited to come and hear these talented young folks sing for one full hour.

After the singing, an Easter egg hunt will be held at 3 o'clock. So lets all bring our Easter Eggs and be at the church at 2 o'clock to hear the singing first.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Wozencraft have returned home from a business trip to Dallas. They were accompanied by Mrs. Lucy Ford and Miss Vivian Davis. Mrs. Ford remained in Dallas for a few days visit with relatives there and Miss Davis took a plane from Dallas to Orlando, Fla. where she will vacation for a month before returning to her home in Merkel.

Trent Couples Class Honor Baptist Pastor

The Rev. Riley Fugitt and Mrs. Fugitt and the new class members were honorees last Tuesday evening at a fellowship meeting and supper given by the Couples Class of the Trent Baptist Church.

After a prayer by Elmer Freeman an excellent meal was enjoyed and an interesting program was given which had been arranged by Mrs. J. B. Winn, the program chairman.

First the crowd assembled for the singing of several revival songs, then Tommy O'Rear gave the devotional and a special song was given by Ralph Caffey.

At this point the program chairman asked that everyone present give one of their favorite scriptures and tell why they preferred it. This brought out a variety of opinions.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bright sang a duet, "In The Garden".

J. B. Winn, Jr., sang "It Is No Secret."

Mrs. Odell Freeman spoke on "A

Dreadful Disease, or Sunday Sickness."

Rev. Fugitt spoke briefly on "Why Christians Should Fellowship," giving scripture and verse to substantiate his claims.

The meeting and program was dismissed with a prayer from Mrs. Odell Freeman, and all were unanimous in saying the party was a most pleasant and enjoyable one.

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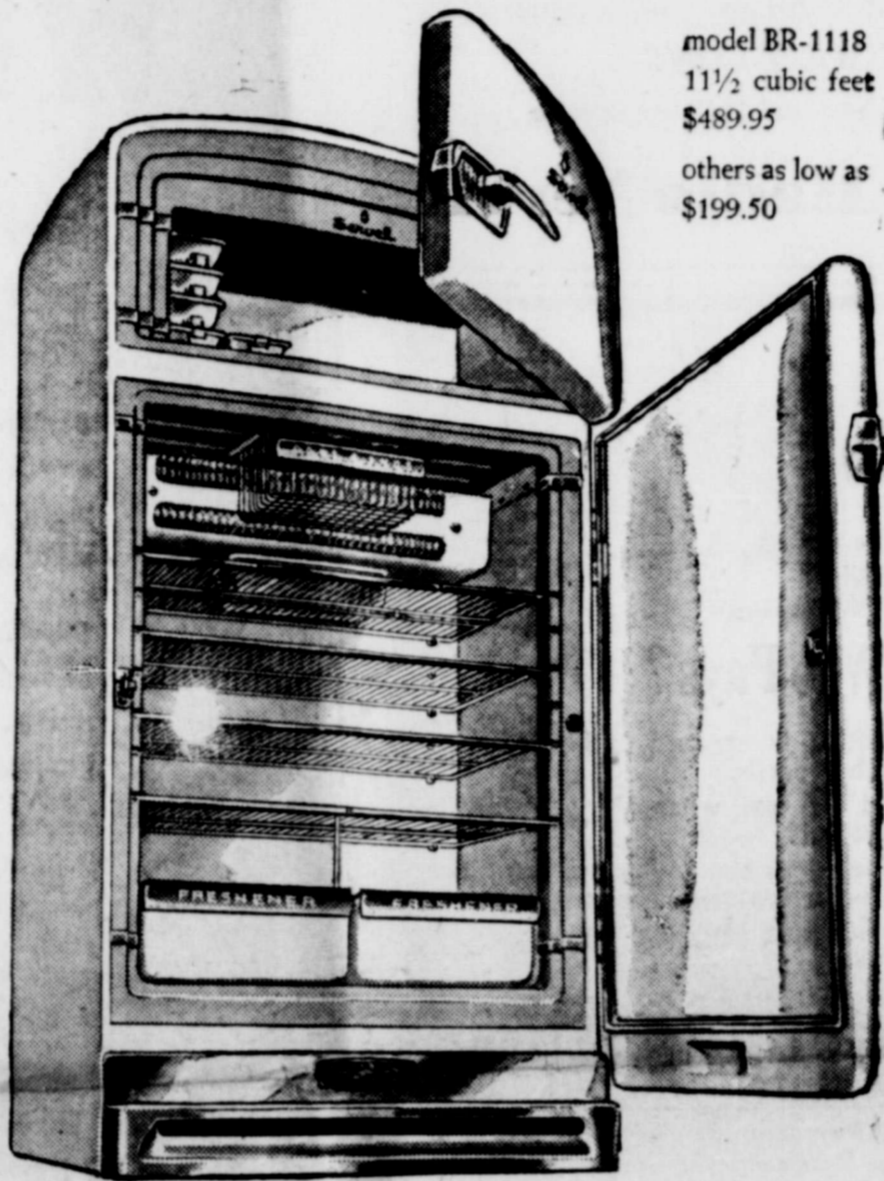
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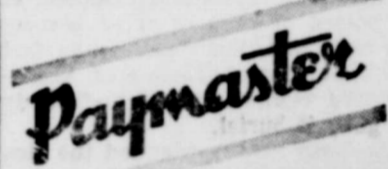
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FOR DEMOCRATIC MEN — BEHOLD JESUS

Abraham Lincoln, Walt Whitman, Henry Ford and Babe Ruth are but a few of the names that are certain to pop up in any discussion on men whose personal lives truly upheld the principles of democracy.

Few stop to realize that Jesus led the most perfectly democratic life. The proof of any man's involvement in a day-to-day life completely free from bias and prejudice is in the company he keeps.

Let us look at the friends of Jesus. The disciples themselves were from fishing boats, customs houses, places of learning and all walks of life. Jesus said of them, "I have not called you servants, for the servant knoweth not what the Lord doeth, but I have called you friends."

But among His friends were also great men in authority, like the Roman centurion, whose faith He commended. There was also Nicodemus, the ruler of the Jews who came to Him by night.

Throughout His life Jesus received invitations to feasts and banquets in the homes of such wealthy personages as Simon, the Pharisee. In fact it was prosperous Joseph of Arimathea who claimed the Master's body and gave it burial.

But Jesus also befriended the sick and the needy, some of whom were unkempt and dressed in rags. And those publicly condemned as sinners also "heard Him gladly." His kindness was such that it brought upon Jesus the reproach of the Pharisee, "this man receiveth sinners and eateth with them."

The rich, poor, sick and strong were the friends of Jesus. And He was a friend to them all.

Can the records of antiquity produce one other life as gloriously democratic?

What more fitting then that Sunday we attend one of Merkel's churches and rejoice and praise with our townspeople His resurrection and hear anew the wonderful promise of eternal life. This will give us the strength and faith needed to face the problems of our troubled world.

Results of the 1950-51 West Texas beef cattle progeny test will be announced at a field day to be held March 31 at the Balmorhea Agricultural Experiment Station.

Safety Conference In San Antonio Monday

The twelfth annual Texas Safety Conference will be held at the Gunter Hotel in San Antonio on March 26 and 27. For the first time a section of the conference program will be devoted to farm and ranch safety. Other sections are industrial and traffic and school safety.

To Attend Wedding Of Son At El Paso

Ed's Cafe will be closed this week so Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Walton can go to El Paso to attend a wedding. Their son, John Turner, is to marry there Thursday and this is an event they could not miss. The Waltons will be accompanied

by Frank Matthews of McMurry College who is to be one of the attendants at the wedding. Mr. and Mrs. Walton will be back at their business Monday.

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Color Cartoon and Current World News by Paramount



Above is pictured the McMurry College Indian Band as they will appear in Merkel next Tuesday night, March 27, at 7:30 o'clock. The band is being sponsored by the Merkel P.T. A. and it would be most pleasing to them to see the High School auditorium filled to overflowing when these musicians appear here. The band is under the per-

sonal direction of Mr. Raymond T. Bynum and the band's versatility is his pride and joy. They present programs of sacred music, popular tunes and Latin-American rhythms with equal ease. Tickets are now on sale for this most worth-while event. Make your plans now to hear these talented young people in concert.

Dinky Roberts is spending the Easter holidays in Artesia, New Mexico with her friend, Ann Walker. Both girls are students at Hardin-Simmons University.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Reece of Stephenville were week-end visitors with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bullock. Mrs. Keller Roberts is leaving Friday for a ten day visit with her little granddaughters at Athens, the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Mashburn and grandson, Tommy, were in Fort Worth Sunday to see their daughter, Mrs. Murry Toombs, who had undergone surgery in a hospital there. They found Mrs. Toombs much im-

proved and brought her to her home in Strawn where she is resting well. Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Bragg and son Granville of Chillicothe spent the week-end with relatives and friends in Merkel.



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1 1/2 cups biscuit mix 1/4 cup Pet Milk

In 8-in. round cake pan melt butter over very low heat. Remove from heat; sprinkle brown sugar over bottom of pan. Put mix into bowl. Stir in with fork a mixture of milk and water. Turn out on lightly floured board. knead 8 to 10 times. Roll into 8-in. square. Cover with well-drained apricots. Roll up like jelly roll. Cut into 12 slices. Put on sugar in pan. Bake in moderately hot oven (400) 30 min., or until brown. Turn out while hot. Serve warm or cold. Makes 8.

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Old Maid's Day To Again Be Celebrated At Denton College

That old maids will have "their day" again this summer is almost certain, since the story of North Texas State College's spinster, Miss Dorothy Babb, appeared in the March Reader's Digest.

Miss Babb of the college's English and Latin departments gained recognition last summer when she estimated that she had spent at least \$1500 on bridal, baby and all types of gift showers—plus weddings—during the last 25 years and decided that old maids should have a day of their own.

As a result, by proclamation of its mayor, Denton, Texas, celebrated Aug. 15 as Old Maid's Day.

Denton opened its heart and treated the lassies to free movies, a tea, corsages and gifts on that day.

The whole celebration went over

with such a bang that a movement is now afoot to make Old Maid's Day a national institution.

Last note of progress was a few months ago when Miss Babb and one of her unmarried colleagues visited Gov. Allan Shivers and asked him to consider a state-wide proclamation this coming August for Texas old maids.

Letters, telegrams, and newspaper comments from throughout the nation, and even from foreign countries, have indicated hearty approval of the idea. More than 1500 communications have reached Miss Babb and her friends, urging that she attempt to get the idea "nationalized".

Statewide Cancer Kick-Off Broadcast

The 1951 Texas Cancer Crusade, which is launched every April throughout the state by the Texas Division of the American Cancer Society, was "kicked-off" with a half-hour broadcast over the Texas Quality Network, Monday, April 2. Geo. E. B. Peddy is the 1951 State Chairman.

The Navy's new, experimental J40 aircraft engine, weighing less than 3,000 pounds, is the most powerful turbo-jet engine to be made available to the armed forces.

TP Diesel Engines Now To Have Chimes

An experiment by the T&P Railway with a new air chime whistle on one of its Diesel freight locomotives recently has proved so successful that the railroad now has installed the smooth, tonal "chime" signals on sixteen more of its Diesels.

In addition to these, twenty-three new Diesels now on order will be similarly equipped—both passenger and freight locomotives.

The new soothing signals will be welcome—many people have complained of the harsh blasts of the original Diesel horns, which have

been compared to the cries of a catamount whose appendix had been taken out without anesthetic.

Aside from its melodious sound, another advantage claimed for the new

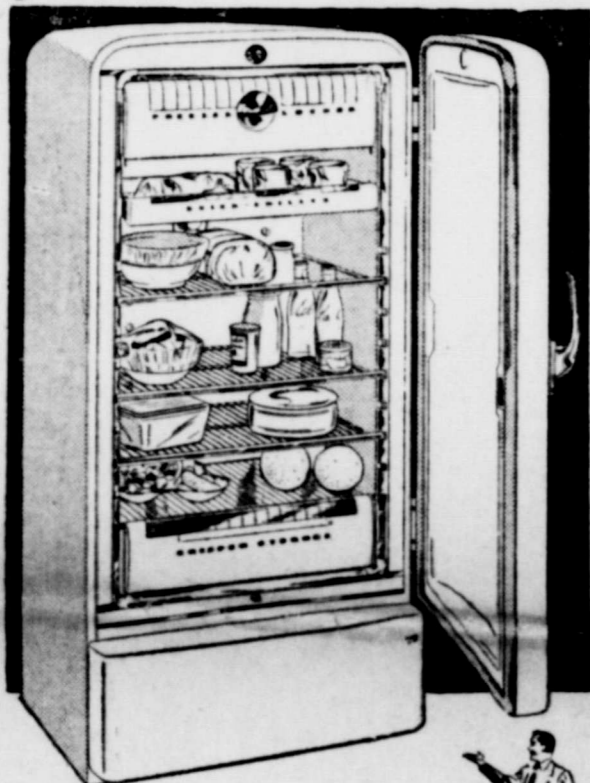
whistles are that their sounds can carry farther through being blown in different tones—one loud for use in the country or at high speed, and another softer one for use in the city.

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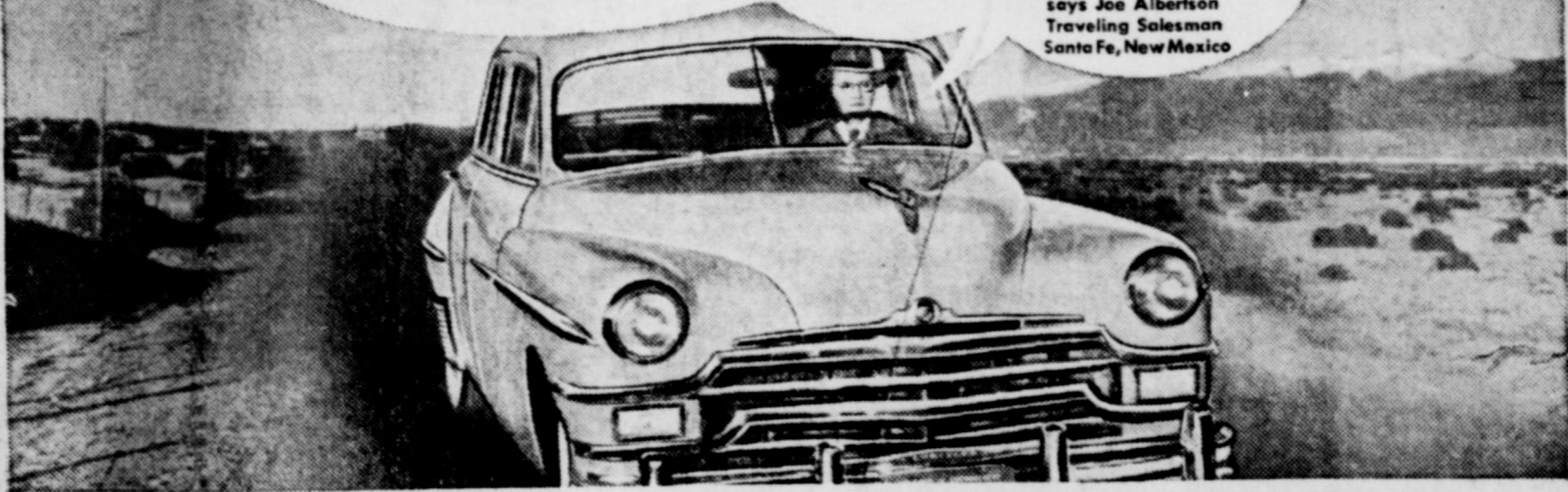
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Closed Terraces Increased Cotton Yield 57 Per cent

Water appears to be the limiting factor in the production of cotton in Western Texas.

Cotton yields were increased 24 percent by contouring and 57 percent by using closed level terraces at the Spur Experiment Station, while the use of commercial fertilizer, barnyard manure and sorghum litter on small test plots failed to increase the yield.

Three fields—with straight rows, contour rows, and contour rows and closed level terraces—have been planted to cotton continuously since 1927. The soils on the fields are largely Abilene clay loam, and the slope averages five-tenths percent.

An average annual yield of 122 pounds of lint per acre for straight row farming was increased to 151 pounds by contouring. Where closed level terraces were used with contour rows, the yield was increased to 192 pounds, an average of 70 pounds more lint per acre annually than from straight rows.

Average annual runoff was reduced from 2.75 inches to 1.95 inches by using contour rows. There was no runoff from the area with closed level terraces.

Progress Report 1340, which gives a summary of 24 years of water conservation tests at Spur, is available from the Publications Office, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, College Station, Texas.

Legal Notices

THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Jewel Opal Kershner

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 30th day of April, A. D., 1951, 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 12 day of February, 1951.

The file number of said suit being No. 17,299-A.

The names of the parties in said suit are: A. R. Kershner as Plaintiff, and Jewel Opal Kershner as Defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: Plaintiff and defendant were legally married on September 9, 1938 and lived together until on or about January 19, 1941. There were no children born to this marriage union and there is no community property to be adjudicated. Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of abandonment.

If this Citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

Issued this the 13th day of March A. D., 1951.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 13th day of March A. D., 1951.

J. Neil Daniel Clerk
42nd District Court
Taylor County, Texas
By Dorothy Smith Deputy

THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Thomas Markley Grissom

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 14th day of May A. D., 1951, at or before 10 o'clock A. M., before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County, at the Court House in Abilene, Tex.

Said Plaintiff's petition was filed on the 1st day of March, 1951.

The file number of said suit being No. 17,329-A.

The names of the parties in said suit are: Thelma Grissom as Plaintiff and Thomas Markley Grissom as Defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: Plaintiff and defendant were legally married December 9, 1950 and lived together until on or about January 16, 1951.

There were no children born to this 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 within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

Issued this the 30th day of March A. D., 1951.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 30th day of March A. D., 1951.

J. Neil Daniel Clerk
42nd District Court
Taylor County, Texas
By Grace Jenkins Deputy

THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: A. D. McNairy, his heirs, his unknown heirs, his legal representatives and assigns, Jasper McCullough and Mrs. Jasper McCullough, his wife, their heirs, unknown heirs, legal representatives, and assigns, D. T. Harkrider and wife, Ibbie R. Harkrider their heirs, unknown heirs, legal representatives and assigns.

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 14th day of May, A. D., 1951, at or before 10 o'clock A. M., before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Tay-

lor County, at the Court House in Abilene, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 26 day of March, 1951.

The file number of said suit being No. 17,370-A.

The names of the parties in said suit are: Bertha Alexander, and her husband, Grover C. Alexander as Plaintiffs, and A. D. McNairy, his heirs, his unknown heirs, his legal representatives and assigns, Jasper McCullough and Mrs. Jasper McCullough, his wife, their heirs, unknown heirs, legal representatives, and assigns, D. T. Harkrider and wife, Ibbie R. Harkrider, their heirs, unknown heirs, legal representatives and assigns, J. E. McCullough as Defendants.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: a suit in trespass to try title as well as for damages on the following described land: being 100 feet North and South by 140 feet East and West, Block B of McNairy's Subdivision Outlot 2, Block 201, City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, and described by metes and bounds as follows: beginning 100 feet North Five degrees East from the Southeast corner of Block B

of McNairy's Subdivision of Outlot 2, Block 201, City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, Thence, North 5 degrees East 100 feet for the Northeast corner; thence, North 85 degrees West 140 feet to an alley; thence, South 5 degrees East 100 feet for the Southwest corner; thence, South 85 degrees East 140 feet to the place of beginning.

If this Citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

Issued this the 30th day of March A. D., 1951.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 30th day of March A. D., 1951.

J. Neil Daniel Clerk
District Court
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Christian Leaders To Meet April 11-13

Although the nations seem to be divided into two worlds, leaders of church children's work in the Southwestern states will meet in San Antonio April 11-13 for a conference on the theme "Learning with Children to Live as Christians in One World."

Held in conjunction with the Convocation of Christian Leaders, the children's work conference is one of 35 to be held throughout the nation this year. Sessions will be held at the Travis Park Methodist Church.

Local church directors of Christian education, weekday, vacation and Sunday church school workers, parents, pastors, community agency workers, and area directors of Christian education and children's work will attend.

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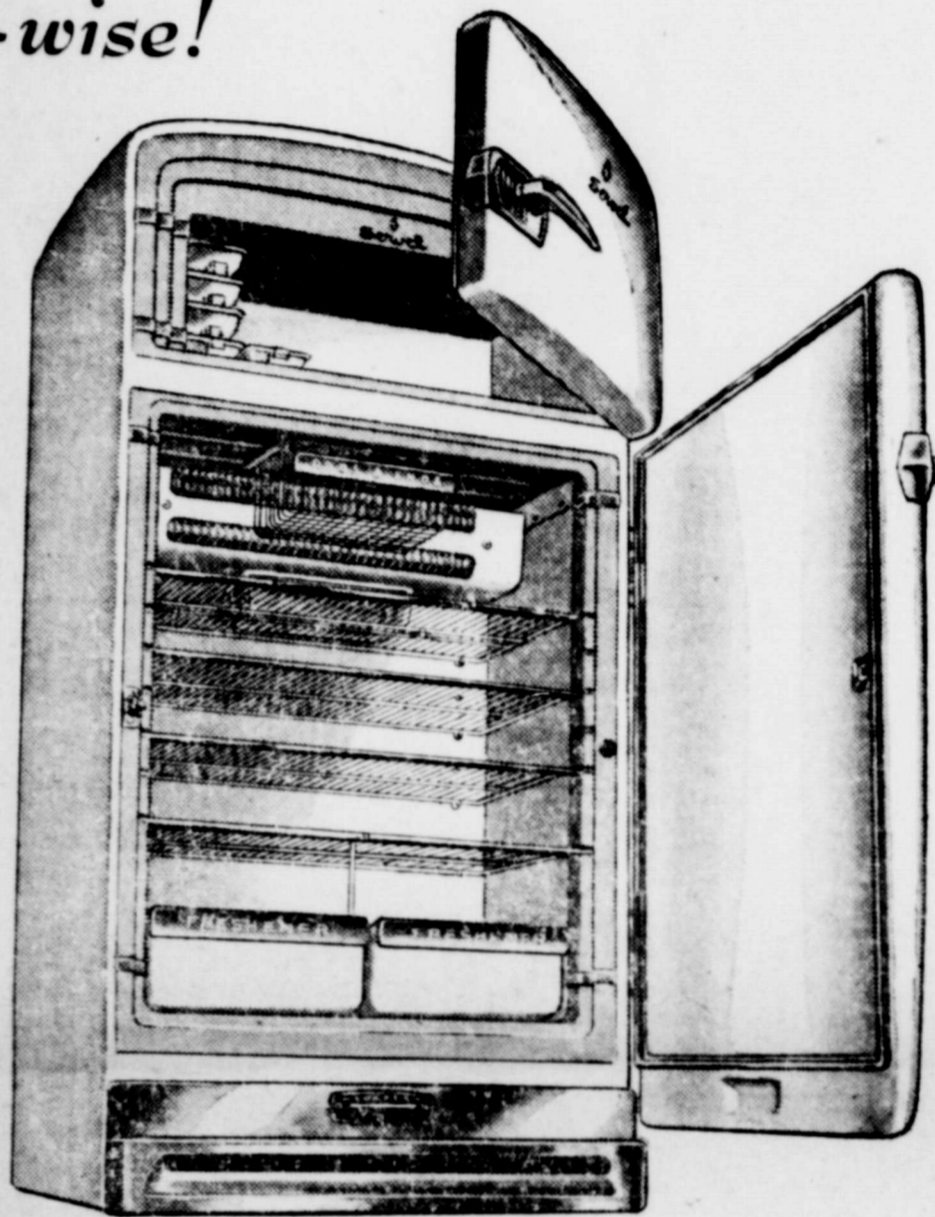
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Model Airplane Meet To Draw Thousands

The 20th Annual National Model Airplane championship meet will be held at the Naval Air Station in Dallas during the week of July 23.

It will be the second straight year for the meet and the fourth consecutive time for the Navy to play host to the model airman.

Officially sanctioned by the Academy of Model Aeronautics and sponsored by the National Exchange Club, the meet will have two Navy events.

All events are staged according to age groups. In last year's meet the youngest contestant was five years old.

The Navy is expecting more than 100,000 model enthusiasts to attend the finals this year. A workshop and hanger facilities for the model airplane builders will be provided. The Navy said it also will furnish living quarters and meals at a nominal cost.

SINGING AT AMITY

You are invited to attend the singing at the Amity Baptist church Thursday night, April 19. If you play some instrument, bring it with you. Refreshments will be served immediately following the singing.

Merkel Boy May Be Ordered To Germany

Ronald Gene Bursleson, the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Bursleson, Route 1, has completed his training at Ft. Hood in the armored division of the U. S. Army. It is believed his division will soon be ordered overseas, probably to Germany, his parents say.

Gene was married last December 9 to Miss Bessie Herring of Noodle. However her parents have moved to Corpus Christi and it is likely she will make her home there if Gene is ordered abroad.



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"Halls of Montezuma" Film Battle Classic Second World War

"Halls of Montezuma," which opens at the Queen Theatre Sunday will be remembered as a classic of the contemporary screen. In size of spectacle Technicolor description of battle action, sensitivity of direction and depth of acting, it is a magnificent piece of work. To all who participated go high honors for the year.

The central role of platoon lieutenant fall to Richard Widmark. With many a fine characterization to the credit of this actor from "Kiss of Death" to "No Way Out," none will rank higher in his book than this one.

No loftier, yet more realistic and incisive screen treatment has ever been given the Marines, or for that matter any other branch of military service, than that awarded the Corps in "Halls of Montezuma." It matches their fine record of achievement with its own undisputable glory. Director Milestone has held the reins on a worthy, memorable project, and had the valuable assistance of a fine cast.

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The Intermediate G. A.'s met on April 9 to choose another name for their organization. The class chose as their new name the "Ida McCandless Intermediate G. A.'s".

After a short devotional given by Mrs. Buster Horton, new officers were elected. They were: Pat Palmer, president; Gloria Teaff, vice-president; Barbara Segrest, secretary; Neva Cason, reporter; Patsy Mullins, program chairman; Elnovia Holmes, community mission chairman; Rachel Tarpley, song leader.

Refreshments of ice cream and

cookies were served to the following members: Barbara Segrest, Elnovia Holmes, Patsy Mullins, Pat Palmer, Gloria Teaff, Glenda Petty, Rachel Tarpley, Neva Cason and Mrs. Buster Horton.

SERVICES AT PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Elder C. L. Casey of Cisco will preach Saturday night at 7:30 o'clock and Sunday morning at 11 o'clock at the Primitive Baptist church.

The general public is cordially invited to attend both services and hear Bro. Casey.

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We wish to extend our sincere thanks to our friends and customers for their patronage of the Winters Laundry while we operated the business.

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YELLOW SQUASH, 2 lbs.	25c	PICKLE & PIMENTO LOAF, pound	44c
FANCY PLOIFILM CARROTS, bag	18c	DRY SALT BACON, pound	31c
FANCY Celery Hearts, pkg.	29c	SKINLESS FRANKS, pound	53c
YELLOW ONIONS, lb.	8c	FRESH PORK ROAST, pound	49c
FRESH GREEN CABBAGE, lb.	7 1/2c	FRESH PORK CHOPS, lb.	49c

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HAPPY VALE Dill Pickles, qt.	23c	OUR VALUE CUT — No. 2 cans Green Beans, 2 for	25c
RED & WHITE CREAM STYLE CORN, 2 No. 303 cans	35c	LIBBY WHOLE BEETS, 1 lb. jar	23c
RED & WHITE No. 3 Sieve PEAS, 2 No. 303 cans	35c	LIBBY'S Fruit Cocktail, no. 2 1/2	35c

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PETER PAN JUMBO PEANUTS, 12 oz. glass	23c	PALMOLIVE SOAP, 3 reg. or 2 bath	27c
AMERICAN SARDINES, 12 cans	\$1.00	CASHMERE BOUQUET SOAP, 3 reg. or 2 bath	29c
DEL VALLE Vienna Sausage, 2 cans	19c	VEL, reg. size	31c
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Rev. F. J. Reynolds Buried Wednesday



REV. F. J. REYNOLDS

After funeral services at Abilene Wednesday afternoon, the body of Rev. Frank J. Reynolds was brought to Merkel for interment in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Rev. Reynolds died late Monday at Hendrick Hospital following a heart attack. He was well known throughout all Taylor County and was a retired Pentecostal minister.

Born Aug. 7, 1859 in Hunt County, he moved to Abilene in 1907 from Indian Territory, now Oklahoma.

Survivors include his widow; a son, Ben, of Abilene; two step-daughters, Mrs. John Frazier, Lawton, Okla., and Mrs. A. J. Cooper, Fort Worth; a step-son, Herman Hicks, Abilene; a sister, Mrs. Ella Wilemon, Glen Rose; a brother, G. W. Reynolds, Cleburne; 24 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

The Rev. T. W. Burk, Odessa Pentecostal minister, conducted the final rites, assisted by the Rev. W. M. Lightfoot. Six nephews were the pallbearers.

Mrs. Hugh Brewster is in Merkel this week visiting with her sister, Mrs. J. A. Milliken and other relatives.

Birth Certificates Required For All First Grade Pupils

Beginning next September, all pupils entering the first grade of the Merkel Public Schools must have a birth certificate, according to a recent announcement by Supt. Mack Fisher.

This new policy was adopted at the last regular meeting of the local school board.

The policy makes it compulsory for parents to present a valid birth certificate before a child can be enrolled in the first grade.

Parents of next fall's beginners who do not already have a birth certificate may obtain one for fifty cents from the Bureau of Vital Statistics, Austin, Texas, if the child was born in the state of Texas. In many other states, a certificate may be obtained from the State Dept. of Health.

Flower School For Garden Lovers At Abilene April 19-21

The garden clubs of District VIII are sponsoring Flower Show School Number II at Abilene on April 19, 20 and 21. Classes will be held at McMurry college each morning and till 3:30 p.m. Mrs. L. P. Johnson of Abilene will teach horticulture and flower show practices on April 19; and Dorothy Biddle of Pleasantville, N. Y., will teach flower arrangements on April 20. The examinations will be held on the morning of April 21.

Mrs. Johnson has served District VIII as counselor during the past two years, and has therefore served on the state executive board of Texas Garden Clubs, Inc. For several years she was the only national judge for flower shows in this district. She is a splendid teacher and lecturer on horticulture and is well qualified for her role of instructor.

Dorothy Biddle is one of the best known nationally of any of the lecturers and teachers of flower arrangement. With her daughter, Dorothea Blom, she has written many books. "Flower Arrangements for Everyone" and "Table Setting for Everyone" are the newest of these. Miss Biddle also serves as garden club editor of "Popular Gardening," one of the newest magazines for gardeners.

The fee for the school is three dollars, with a fee of fifty cents for those taking the examinations. However attendance at the school for one day or both days does not require taking a final examination.

On the afternoon of the 20th, at 3:00 o'clock, Miss Biddle will demonstrate her theories by making different types of flower arrangements. Those who are not registered for the school may attend this part of the program by paying one dollar for the lecture and demonstration; or they may have the entire day's lectures and demonstrations for two dollars.

YOUTH NIGHT AT AMITY

The Young People's class of the Amity Baptist church invites each and everyone to attend their "Youth Night" Saturday, April 14 at 7:30 p.m. Rev. George W. Dooley will do the preaching.

Every Saturday night will be "Youth Night" at the church, so let's all attend these services.

Youth Revival At Trent Baptist Church



JIMMY NAUGHER

"My Decision — Christ" will be the principal theme of the Youth Revival which is to start next Sunday.



SINGER HERB BARKER

April 15, at the Trent Baptist church. The preaching will be featured by talks by Jimmy Naugher and singing by Herb Barker. Morning prayer will be at 8:00 o'clock and evening prayer at 7:30 to which everyone is invited.

Second Grade Pupils Visit Abilene and Merkel Plants

As the culminating activity of a unit of work on Community Helpers, the second grade pupils of Mrs. M. C. Reid visited a number of interesting places in Abilene last Friday.

The group visited the Abilene Candy Co., Longhorn Creamery, Dr. Pepper Bottling Co., Mrs. Baird's Bakery, Woolworth and Fair Park. They had lunch at Fair Park.

Mothers accompanying the party were Mesdames R. T. Blair, Quannah Dudley, J. W. Cole, Griffin Barnett, R. L. Elliott and W. R. Cyert.

Pupils included Dickey Elliott, Bobby Ford, Leon Conley, Walter Harris, Joe Don Massey, Lupe Duran, Ronald Barnett, D. V. Cook, Edward Biera, Henry Duran, Beth Ann Doan, Judy Blair, Patricia Brooks, Carolyn Sue Cole, Sandra Earp, Sharon Cyert, Carolyn Deen, Janie Dudley, Rosa Biera, Leona Garcia.

The class had previously visited the following places in Merkel: REA Frozen Food Locker Plant, Merkel Mail, Fire Station, La Siesta Motel, Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Douglas of Graham were visitors in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Douglas the past week-end.

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All Agricultural Agencies In County Unite in New Set-up

W. O. Higgins, chairman of the P. M. A. Committee for Taylor County and also chairman of the A. M. C., presided over a meeting of farmers and agricultural representatives in Abilene last week.

The meeting was for the purpose of preparing the set-up in this county that is being done on a national, state and county basis and the Abilene meetings was composed of representatives of all county agricultural agencies. These will include the extension services, the R.E.A., Farmers Home Administration, P.M.A. County Committee, Vocational Agriculture Committee, Soil Conservation Service, Production Credit Association, Farm Loan Association and Vocational Schools. H. C. Stanley, County agent, was elected secretary.

At this first meeting some committeemen were chosen to represent some of the above named organizations. Those already named are W. O. Higgins, Clint Stewart, Billie McCasland, Riggs Shepperd, H. C. Stanley, Clarence Symes, Ernest Pitzer, Ralph South and Robert Childress.

Meetings are to be held on the first Tuesday of each month and Mr. Higgins urges all interested parties to come and hear the matters that so vitally concern them discussed.

The main purposes of these meetings will be to assist draft boards in selective service in essential farm workers, to advise with farmers on shortages that might hinder agricultural production—such as labor, insecticides and farm machinery—and to help work out some system of sharing these scarcities.

Attendance at these meetings should be a must and any of the committeemen will be glad to furnish any further information.

Prize Fight Film At Queen Tuesday

What happens to prizefighters when their left hooks lose the old punch? They become movie actors.

Some fifty ex-fighters recently appeared with June Allyson, Dick Powell and Ricardo Montalban in M-G-M's exciting prize-ring drama, "Right Cross," coming to the Queen Theatre next Tuesday.

Probably the best known fight figure working in "Right Cross" was Bob Perry, the man whom Damon Runyon reputedly immortalized in his fight stories. Perry once represented the famous Bill Duffy stable of fighters on the West Coast and in his heyday worked as trainer, advisor and second to Bob Fitzsimmons, Jim Corbett, Jim Jeffries, Dempsey and Primo Carnera.

Legal Notices

THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: A. D. McNairy, his heirs, his unknown heirs, his legal representatives and assigns, Jasper McCullough and Mrs. Jasper McCullough, his wife, their heirs, unknown heirs, legal representatives, and assigns, D. T. Harkrider and wife, Ibbie R. Harkrider, their heirs, unknown heirs, legal representatives and assigns.
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 14th day of May, A. D., 1951, at or before 10 o'clock A. M., before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County, at the Court House in Abilene, Texas.

lor County, at the Court House in Abilene, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 26 day of March, 1951.

The file number of said suit being No. 17,370-A.
The names of the parties in said suit are: Bertha Alexander, and her husband, Grover C. Alexander as Plaintiffs, and A. D. McNairy, his heirs, his unknown heirs, his legal representatives and assigns, Jasper McCullough and Mrs. Jasper McCullough, his wife, their heirs, unknown heirs, legal representatives, and assigns, D. T. Harkrider and wife, Ibbie R. Harkrider, their heirs, unknown heirs, legal representatives and assigns, J. E. McCullough as Defendants.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: a suit in trespass to try title as well as for damages on the following described land: being 100 feet North and South by 140 feet East and West, Block B of McNairy's Subdivision Outlot 2, Block 201, City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, and described by metes and bounds as follows: beginning 100 feet North Five degrees East from the Southeast corner of Block B of McNairy's Subdivision of Outlot 2, Block 201, City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, thence, North 5 degrees East 100 feet for the Northeast corner; thence, North 85 degrees West 140 feet to an alley; thence, South 5 degrees East 100 feet for the Southwest corner; thence, South 85 degrees East 140 feet to the place of beginning.

If this Citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

Issued this the 30th day of March A. D., 1951.
Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 30th day of March A. D., 1951.

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

THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: The heirs and unknown heirs of James A. Lowry, deceased; John F. Lowry, his heirs and unknown heirs, if deceased; Mrs. Mary C. Thom, her heirs and unknown heirs, if deceased, and the unknown husband of Mrs. Mary C. Thom; Mrs. Edith D. Thornton, her heirs and unknown heirs, if deceased, and the unknown husband of Mrs. Edith D. Thornton; Mrs. Docia C. Olney, her heirs and unknown heirs, if deceased, and the unknown husband of Mrs. Docia C. Olney; Quincy A. Lowry and the unknown heirs of Quincy A. Lowry; Walter C. Lowry and the unknown heirs of Walter C. Lowry; George W. Lowry and the unknown heirs of George W. Lowry; Mrs. Lowell D. Johnson, her heirs and unknown heirs, and B. J. Johnson, the husband of Mrs. Lowell D. Johnson, Defendants in the hereinafter styled and numbered cause;

You and each of you are hereby commanded to appear before the Hon. 42nd Judicial Dist. Court of Taylor County, Texas, at the Court House of said county in Abilene, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance hereof, the same being at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of Monday, April 16, 1951, and answer the petition of M. E. Nichols, Plaintiff, in Cause Number 17,333-A styled M. E. Nichols vs. The Unknown Heirs of James A. Lowry Et Al. in which M. E. Nichols is Plaintiff and the following persons are Defendants: The heirs and unknown heirs of James A. Lowry, deceased; John F. Lowry, his heirs and unknown heirs, if deceased; Mrs. Mary C. Thom, her heirs and unknown heirs, if deceased, and the unknown husband of Mrs. Mary C. Thom; Mrs. Edith D. Thornton, her heirs and unknown heirs, if deceased, and the unknown husband of Mrs. Edith D. Thornton; Mrs. Docia C. Olney, her heirs and unknown heirs, if

deceased, and the unknown husband of Mrs. Docia C. Olney; Quincy A. Lowry and the unknown heirs of Quincy A. Lowry; Walter C. Lowry and the unknown heirs of Walter C. Lowry; George W. Lowry and the unknown heirs of George W. Lowry; Mrs. Lowell D. Johnson, her heirs and unknown heirs, and B. J. Johnson, the husband of Mrs. Lowell D. Johnson, which petition was filed in said Court on the 3rd day of March, 1951, and the nature of which said suit is as follows:

This action is brought as well to try title as for damages and to remove cloud from Plaintiff's title to the following described property situated in Taylor County, Texas, to wit:

All that certain Lot Number Four (4), Block Number Three (3), Lakeside Addition to the City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas.

If this citation is not served within 90 days after date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

Issued this 3rd day of March, 1951.
(Signed):
J. Neil Daniel,
Clerk of the 42nd Judicial District Court of Taylor County, Texas.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE this 3rd day of March, 1951.

(Signed):
J. Neil Daniel,
Clerk of the 42nd Judicial District Court of Taylor County, Texas.

(SEAL):
THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Thomas Markley Grissom

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 14th day of May A. D., 1951, 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 1st day of March, 1951.

The file number of said suit being No. 17,329-A.

The names of the parties in said suit are: Thelma Grissom as Plaintiff and Thomas Markley Grissom as Defendant.
The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: Plaintiff and defendant were legally married December 9, 1950 and lived together until on or about January 16, 1951.

There were no children born to this marriage union and there is no community property to be adjudicated.

Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of cruel treatment.

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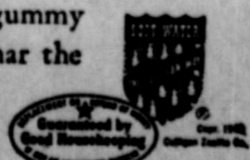
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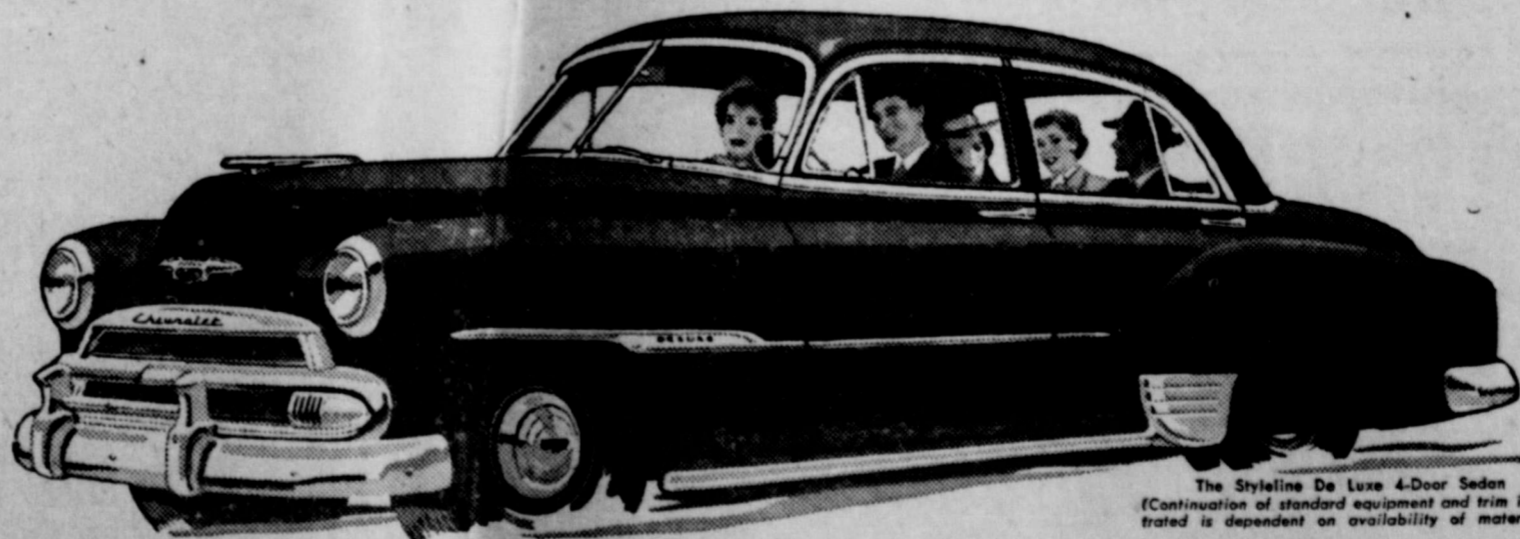


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THE GREAT ILLUSION

Psychiatrists, those physicians who deal with the mysteries of the mind, say that all people live under illusions of one sort or another—principally about themselves. For instance, everybody knows somebody else who has illusions about his own importance. But conceit, as we call this particular type of illusion, is only a starter in the dream world which the psychiatrist has taken as his field.

Somewhere in the learned literature of psychiatry there is undoubtedly a work about the elementary illusions the citizen suffers with regard to taxation (it's title could well be "The Shell Game of Something for Nothing"). Yet it has remained for Senator R. A. Weinert of Seguin, in a recent address in New Braunfels, to point out one such illusion in such a simple, inescapable manner as to make it almost startling.

Speaking on the proposed increase of taxes on the gas and oil industry, Senator Weinert said that people who were advocating such a measure were literally asking for a sales tax to be placed upon themselves—a "sales tax" because the gas, oil, and other petroleum products they bought would have the price of the new taxes simply added to them.

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ly everybody does—realizes that management must collect extra charges from the consumer. It is, in effect, serving as a tax collector. You, the consumer, are the taxpayer. And if a sales tax on petroleum, why not on other products you must buy? Maybe the painful realities of a sales tax would bring us out of our dream world. But by that time it would probably be too late to matter. For once a new tax is imposed, let us not suffer the great illusion that it will be easy to get rid of.

CARD OF THANKS
We wish to thank all our friends and neighbors who fought so valiantly in trying to save our barn and feed from the disastrous fire last Tuesday night. We are indeed grateful.

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Pvt. Bobby DuBose Completes Training At Randolph Field

Pvt. Bobby W. DuBose, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. B. DuBose, 410 Manchester, Merkel, has completed his basic training at Randolph Air Force Base along with some 600 more airmen, and is now learning his job in Randolph's B-29 combat crew training school. Pvt DuBose received the same basic military training that is taught Randolph's famous aviation cadets in their pre-flight schooling.

The group of airmen, of which Pvt. DuBose was a member, will be taught to be mechanics, clerks, medics, air policemen, cooks, drivers and many other jobs vital in keeping the huge B-29's flying and the 11-man aircrews moving to the Strategic Air Command.

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ATTENDING CONFERENCES IN SAN ANTONIO

Mrs. Virgil Patterson, who will represent the Northwest Texas Conference of Women's Society of Christian

Service left Tuesday for San Antonio where she will attend the Regional Conferences. This meeting for church workers and parents will be held April 11- 12 and 13.

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Middle Clear Fork Soil Conservation News

Retention of Dr. Hugh H. Bennett, chief of the Soil Conservation Service, past his retirement date has been announced by Secretary of Agriculture Charles F. Brannan.

Dr. Bennett has been with the U.S. Department of Agriculture since 1903 as soil chemist and soil surveyor, and as chief of the Soil Conservation Service since its establishment in 1935. He was on loan to the Department of Interior from September 1933 until March 1935, where he organized and headed the Soil Erosion Service before its transfer to the Department of Agriculture as the renamed Soil Conservation Service. The veteran of nearly 48 years service in the department will be 70 years old on April 15.

In announcing Dr. Bennett's extension, Secretary Brannan said: "Particularly today, when agricultural production is so important in the mobilization program, Dr. Bennett's long experience is invaluable. His continued services will contribute greatly to the further advancement of soil and water conservation, which is so important in the mobilization of our agricultural resources."

Dr. Bennett has traveled into various parts of the world to consult and advise on soil conservation problems. He is the author of various books and other publications on the subject of his life-long work, and holds many awards for distinguished service in the conservation and related fields.

Henry Ueckert, cooperater in the North West Noodle area, has recently planted 7 acres of King Ranch bluestem grass. This was planted in 20 inch rows with the district owned grass drill at the rate of 2½ pounds of seed per acre. Mr. Ueckert plans on using this grass for conservation purposes and for grazing.

W. A. Daniels, cooperater in the South Trent area, is building a new 400 cubic yard dam this week which will impound water for a large farm pond. This will furnish livestock water for his trap pasture.

A. J. Barbee, Sr., cooperater in North East Noodle area of the district, has recently planted 26 acres to King Ranch bluestem grass on cultivated land. He used some of his own seed hay which he cut and baled last summer from a previous planting of King Ranch bluestem. This seed hay was run through a feed mill and then sowed with the district grass drill in 20 inch rows. This will make a total of 31 acres of King Ranch bluestem on the farm. Mr. Barbee uses this crop for grazing, hay and seed production.

New Order Assures Supplies For Farmers
A government order, M-55, assuring farmers continuing supplies of equipment for essential production of farm products has been issued, according to Ernest L. Tutt, regional director, U. S. Department of Commerce.
NPA Order M-55 provides that manufacturers of farm equipment of most every type may apply ratings on their own certification to obtain materials or component parts at a level equal to the average monthly consumption in the first half of 1950. The new order applies only to requirements for the month of June, 1951, Mr. Tutt explains.



SCULPTURED SHEPHERD— Pablo Picasso, who has had more brickbats and bouquets thrown at him than any other figure in the world of modern art, recently added this surrealist sculpture to his list of imaginative creations. Leaving critics to raise eyebrows, cudgels, or cries of admiration, Picasso has called the work, "The Man With the Sheep."

Cash Register paper now on sale at The Merkel Mail office.

TYE 4-H CLUB

The Tye 4-H girls met Wednesday at 9:20 a.m. in the Tye lunchroom. Peggy Chase, vice-president, presided at the business meeting. The motto and prayer was led by Eva Mattingley and the minutes were read and approved by the secretary, Jane

Rister. The program on "Table Setting" was given by Mrs. Bailey Lollar, Mary Moore and Jo Ann Lollar.

Plans were discussed for the P-T-A program which will be held on Friday, April 13 at 7:30 p.m.

Twelve girls and two mother leaders were present for this meeting.

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LEGISLATOR'S PAY

The people of Texas may have an opportunity next year to vote an increase of from \$10 a day to \$25 a day for their legislators. If the amendment is submitted to the people we hope and believe it will pass. Surely our great state will no longer expect our state senators and representatives to work for them at less than any of us can hire a good mechanic.

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LET'S PRESERVE OUR HERITAGE

Since the days of the Romans, scales have been used in weighing merchandise to be exchanged, in order that both the buyer and the seller would be assured fair treatment. Because scales are honest and impartial, they have come to be the symbol of justice.

When a man is on trial his fate depends in the scale of justice in the form of a jury of 12 persons. It has been said that the choice of the number, twelve, is unquestionably based upon scriptural precedent. Just as there were 12 prophets to foretell the truth, and 12 apostles to teach the truth, 12 Jurymen are chosen to ascertain the truth.

As American citizens, we all have the right to trial by jury. We

have the assurance that we will not be deprived of life or liberty without just cause. Even though we know that the fate of every person who is accused of a crime—large or small as it may be—is dependent upon a jury, it is often difficult to find 12 men who are willing to serve as jurors.

In a survey made recently among district and county judges and attorneys by the American Citizenship Committee of the State Bar of Texas, it was indicated that in some localities, two out of three persons summoned for jury duty offer excuses to be released. Some of the excuses deserve consideration, but more often they do not. It is this lack of interest in the domestic system of justice and in the right of one's fellow man that has prompted the American Citizenship Committee and the Texas Press Association to designate May as "Jury Service Month".

The bar and the press have joined in urging that no Texan ask to be excused from jury service during May. The far-reaching objective of the campaign is that a reawakening among the people of this state to the urgent need for intelligent and willing jurors will help discourage all excuses in the future.



Chances are he's a doctor if he still has his tonsils and appendix.

Anyway, a man can still light a cigar without first offering one to a lady.

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There are two ways to turn a man's head. Just rattle money, or rustle a skirt.

When Texans die with their boots on today, the boots usually are on the accelerator.

If women's physical charms are their best weapons in the battle

A Neighborly Gesture For Spring



SUNSHINE streaming through your window, a bowlful of yellow-hearted daisies—that's pure magic any spring afternoon! Everybody knows that magic is much more fun if it's shared, so why not invite your favorite neighbors in for an afternoon chat? Make up a plate of cookies, get out your prettiest coffee cups and you're all set to really enjoy an hour or two of springtime leisure.

Of course, you'll need a recipe for magic cookies to match the season and our Magic Chocolate Circles are somehow just right. Moreover, they are a perfect accompaniment for the fragrant, steaming coffee that is such a natural part of any afternoon get-together. The cookies are really two cookies, baked together, with a chocolate rum wafer between. They're so downright delicious that you'll be wise to double the recipe if you want them to last through the day!

Speaking of coffee, there's just nothing like it along about mid-afternoon. As a revolver of the

spirit, it has no equal. Just be sure that you make it fresh and strong, serve it piping hot.

Magic Chocolate Circles

1/2 cup butter or margarine
1 cup sugar
1 egg
2 cups sifted enriched flour
1/2 cup cocoa
1/2 teaspoon salt

1 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 cup cold double-strength coffee
Chocolate rum wafers

Cream butter or margarine; add sugar. Cream until light and fluffy. Add unbeaten egg and beat thoroughly. Mix and sift flour, cocoa, salt, baking powder and baking soda. Add dry ingredients alternately with coffee to creamed mixture. Wrap dough in waxed paper; chill several hours. Roll out on floured board at least 1/4 inch thick. Cut in small circles with cookie cutter. Put one chocolate rum wafer between 2 cookies. Bake in moderate oven, 350°F., 8 minutes. Cool; frost, if desired, with pink-tinted confectioners' sugar frosting. Yield: about 2 dozen.

of love, then they will never be charged with carrying concealed weapons.

"Do Not Pick the Flowers" is a

common sign in America's parks. But in Ireland they read more subtly, "Let it be said of these flowers that they died with their roots on."

Merkel Seniors To Visit H.-S.U.

Students of Merkel high school have been invited to the 27th annual senior day program to be held Saturday on the Hardin-Simmons university campus. Schools within a radius of 200 miles of Abilene are expected to send their seniors for the day of entertainment and education.

Senior Day has been held on the campus for a number of years in order to acquaint graduating high school students with life on a college campus and all training and recreational facilities of the University will be open for their inspection.

Visitors will be conducted on tours through various departments of the University and to view exhibits prepared by the campus organizations and units. Dormitories will also be opened during the day. An intercollegiate rodeo will be staged Saturday afternoon and evening.

The science department will make experiments for the students and the art department will display some of its work that has won acclaim in recent art exhibits. The campus radio station will broadcast all the events of the day.

The formal program will include a welcome by President Rupert N. Richardson, music by the Cowgirl and Cowboy bands, short drama by the University Players club, and the barbecue.

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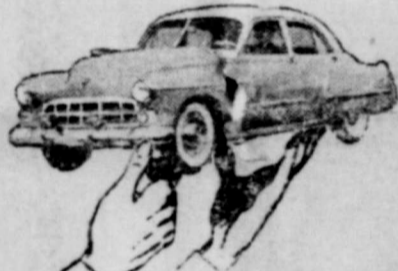


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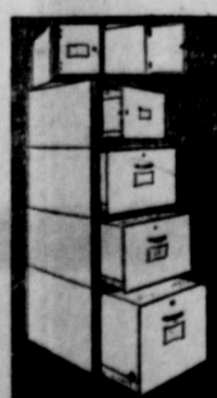
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NEWS ABOUT TOWN

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Miller spent Monday and Tuesday in Dallas on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Miller and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Miller left Friday morning for Dallas to attend a Chevrolet meeting.

Ira Cross and Ernest Smith have returned from a few days fishing on the Concho, south of Ballinger. They report a good catch.

Frank Jeffrey and Mrs. Bessie McClung spent the week-end in Sylvester, visiting relatives and attending a revival meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Hamm and Miss Mildred Hamm spent the week-end in Grand Prairie visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hill and sons.

Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Bowen and sons, Kenneth and D. L. spent Sunday in Big Spring with her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Eason.

Pfc. John W. Washburn, who is stationed at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio was home last week-end visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Washburn.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Swafford of Yoakum visited in the home of their sister-in-law, Mrs. Emma Swafford last Tuesday. They also visited in the home of a friend, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Patterson.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Lemens visited her mother, Mrs. George E. Gardner of Paris, Texas and Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Lemens of Rugby, Texas last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Daniel visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Payne of Blackwell and her aunt, Mrs. Mabel Hanks of San Angelo last week-end.

Mrs. A. C. Sosebee of Oklahoma City and daughter, Mrs. Bill Godfrey and two little daughters, Ruth Ann and Jan of Anson were in Merkel Wednesday visiting with

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old friends. They were Merkel residents for a number of years and always like to come back when in this vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Leeton of Odessa are spending the week in Merkel with their mother, Mrs. J. H. McDonald and other relatives.

Jack Boone, who is attending Odessa Junior college is home this week recuperating from a tonsillectomy which he had Monday in the Sadler hospital.

Pfc. William C. (Pappy) Washburn, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Washburn and Pfc. Beryl Grayson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Grayson who joined the Army together in March are now stationed in Hawaii where they will receive their basic training.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hill and Mr. and Mrs. Forest Hill attended a birthday dinner in Abilene Saturday night given in honor of their daughter and sister Mrs. J. Mack Daniel, at the home of another daughter, Mrs. Jimmy McKeever.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hunter had as their guests Sunday their uncle, George Hunter, Sr., of Mundy, and his son, George Hunter, Jr., of Haskell. George Hunter, Sr. lived in Merkel for 45 years and will be remembered by lots of old timers here. He is 88 years, young and still active.

WASHBURN-FOLKNER
Doris Folkner, daughter of John Graves, Big Spring and Charles Washburn, Trent were united in marriage on April 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the Trent Baptist parsonage. Rev. Riley Fugitt, pastor, read the double-ring ceremony.

The bride wore an aqua two-piece linen dress with white accessories. She carried a white Bible topped with a gardenia. The Bible was loaned by a friend, Miss Delphine Cooper.

LaDean Washburn, sister of the groom was maid-of-honor and Clinton Vandell served as best man.

The bride was a student in Trent High school at the time of her marriage.

The groom is a 1950 graduate of Trent High school.

After a short wedding trip the couple are making their home in Trent.

Fifty-Eight Stars, Comedy and Drama At Queen Tuesday

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SEWING CLUB

The Sewing Club met Wednesday afternoon in the Community Center with Mrs. R. L. Elliott as hostess.

Those present were Mesdames R. T. Blair, Earl Watts, E. L. Horton, Hoyle Lemens, Grif Barnett, Weldon McAninch, Woodrow Wilson, Pete West, Tommy Ellis, Vernon Mansfield, Riggs Shepperd, David Gamble, Lester Dorton and the hostess.

Refreshments of ice cream, cookies and cakes were served. The next meeting will be on May 9 at the home of Mrs. David Gamble.

Legal Notices

THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Frank Edwin Clark

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 4th day of June, A. D. 1951, 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 13th day of April, 1951. The file number of said suit being No. 6605-B.

The names of the parties in said suit are: Maxine Clark as Plaintiff, and Frank Edwin Clark as Defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: Plaintiff and defendant were duly married on or about 24 August, 1945, and continued to live together until the month of May, 1946.

One child was born to this marriage union and the parties accumulated no community property.

Plaintiff sues for divorce on ground of abandonment.

If this Citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

Issued this 16th day of April A. D. 1951.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this 16th day of April A. D. 1951.

J. Neil Daniel Clerk
104th District Court
Taylor County, Texas
By Dorothy Smith Deputy

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF BENJAMIN SCALAPINO, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original letters of Administration upon the Estate of Benjamin Scalapino, deceased, were granted to me the undersigned, on the 27th day of December 1950 by County Court of Taylor County, Texas.

All persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same to me within the time prescribed by law. My residence and Post Office address is 424 Oak Lawn Drive, Kermit, Texas.

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LOST AND FOUND

LOST—Front license plate, number 2478. Mrs. I. W. Hannah, Finder please leave at Premier Service Station. 1tp

LOST—Light tan Poplin zipper jacket, size 10. Lost on Yucca street. Reward—box of candy. Dana Durham. 1tp

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TO: Bonnie Lee Collins

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 11th day of June, A. D. 1951, 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 3rd day of March, 1951. The file number of said suit being No. 17,332-A.

The names of the parties in said suit are: Jim Collins as Plaintiff, and Bonnie Lee Collins as Defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: Plaintiff and defendant were legally married on or about April 18, 1949, and lived together until June 5, 1949.

There were no children born to this 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 within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

Issued this 25th day of April A. D. 1951.
Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this 25th day of April A. D. 1951.
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Sermon Subjects at Nazarene Sunday

Sermon subjects Sunday at the Church of the Nazarene will be "Completeness in Christ" at 11 a. m. and at 7:30 p. m. the subject discussed will be "Faith". The pastor, Rev. Kilgore will be the speaker. Sunday school will begin at 10 a. m.

You are invited to attend Sunday school at the Church of the Nazarene and also hear these interesting messages.

UNION RIDGE HD CLUB

The Union Ridge Home Demonstration club met in the home of Mrs. Gordon Pursley on Friday, April 20 for an all day meeting. The morning was spent quilting and at noon a covered dish luncheon was served buffet style.

At 2 p. m. Mrs. Sam McLeod, president, presided over a short business session. The meeting opened with the group singing several songs, followed by a prayer led by Mrs. J. H. Clark.

Roll call was answered with "My Most Cherished Keepsake". Mrs. Allen Agnew gave the council report and Miss Loretta Allen, agent, gave a demonstration on yeast rolls and variations.

Present for this enjoyable day were six visitors, Miss Loretta Allen, Mesdames Bob Fowler, Buster Hester, Lee Stanley, S. G. Russell, John Rister and the following members: Mesdames J. E. Jaynes, O. R. Douglas, Kenneth Pee, Sam McLeod, Allen Agnew, O. E. Harwell, Don Riney, J. H. Clark, Geo. Crow, M. L. Douglas, Frances Carey, Denzel Cox, Gordon Pursley and Miss Mabel McRee.

MRS. BYRD REVIEWS BOOKS FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Mrs. Hoyt Byrd again delighted the Southwesterners, an organization comprised of English II students. Mrs. Byrd selected "Papa Was a Preacher," by Alyne Porter, and "The Texas Border," by Robert J. Casey.

These three officers were in charge of the program: Vernell McLean, president; Bertha Patterson, secretary; and Barbara Sue McLeod, program chairman. The speech class students were guests.

FIRMAN'S AUXILIARY

The Firemen's Auxiliary met Monday night, April 9 for their regular business meeting. The following officers were elected: Mrs. Rhett Eidson, president; Mrs. Woodbury Hand Soap, vice-president; Mrs. Chester McWilliams, secretary; treasurer; Mrs. Ollie Fox, reporter and Mrs. James Petty, assistant reporter.

Ice cream and cake was served to twelve members and their families. The ice cream was compliments of the Banner Creamery.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks for the love and sympathy shown us in the illness and death of our beloved mother, also for the beautiful floral offerings. May God's richest blessings rest upon all of you.

The Family of Mrs. Mary Evelyn Burton

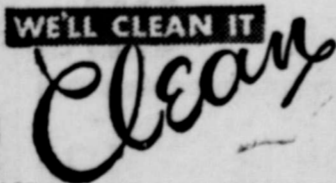
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and family. They will sail from New York on May 2 back to the canal zone.

FLOY HAWKINS CIRCLE

The Floy Hawkins circle of the First Baptist church met Monday, April 23 in the home of Mrs. Bill Hayes.

Mrs. Sam Swann led the opening prayer and mission study was taught by Mrs. Clyde Bartlett, the theme being "Every Christian's Job". The closing prayer was led by Mrs. J. O. Castles.

Members attending the meeting

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HORMEL'S 2 lb. bag SAUSAGE, 2 lbs. 95c

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CHOICE LOIN STEAK, lb. 95c

FRESH GROUND MEAT, lb. 59c

PET Milk, 2 cans .. 27c

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

By Mary Lee Taylor

Vegetable Meat Dinner

Broadcast: April 28, 1951

1 lb. meat, cut for stew 2 1/2 cups boiling water

2 tablespoons flour 4 small potatoes, pared

1 1/2 teaspoons salt 4 medium carrots, cut in half

3 tablespoons medium pepper 1 cup drained peas, cooked or canned

2 tablespoons finely cut onion 1/2 cup Pet Milk

Roll meat in mixture of flour, salt and pepper. Brown slowly in hot shortening. Add onion; cook slowly 5 min. Add water. Cover and cook over low heat 1 hour. Then add potatoes and carrots. Cover; cook 25 min., or until vegetables are tender. (There should be about 1/2 cup liquid left in pan; if not, add water.) Then stir in peas and milk. Heat until steaming hot, but do not boil. Makes 4 servings.

*Beef, veal, lamb or lean pork.

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Individuals Own Most Farm Lands In the Southwest

Who owns the farm lands in the Southwest?

This question was the basis of a recent study conducted by John H. Southern, agricultural economist with the U. S. D. A. Bureau of Agricultural Economics, stationed at the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station. The study covered five states — Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Oklahoma.

Southern found that most of the farm land is owned by individuals. They owned four farms out of five — 83 percent of all farm lands.

Corporations, primarily land and cattle companies, held nearly 11 percent of the land in 1946. Almost 16 percent of the farm land in Texas is held in corporate ownership.

Only 3.6 percent of the farm land was publically owned, and this was confined almost entirely to Texas and Oklahoma.

Of the individual land owners, the farm owner operators account for nearly 50 percent of all the owners in the Southwest. However, they owned only 23 percent of the farm land, with an average of 192 acres each—valued at \$7,674.

Twenty-five percent of the owners in Texas held less than two percent of the land; on the other hand, 20 percent of the owners held 80 percent of the land.



MERKEL HAS A WINNER — This Merkel School FFA chapter livestock judging team whipped 55 other teams from 24 counties in West Texas to win the Abilene Christian College Field Day contest held recently. More teams were entered in the livestock judging event than in grass-identification, dairy cattle, and poultry judging. The boys were required to rate several animals in classes of sheep, swine, and beef cattle. Left to right are Dale Dudley, Doyle Jones, Advisor Chester Collinsworth, Derrell Kelso, and Connie Seymore. Seymore was second and Jones was third high-point individual judge in the contest where 168 boys on judging teams and their alternates competed.

Year-Long Party Needed by Detroit To Celebrate Its 250th Anniversary

Detroit's 250th Birthday Festival, a year-long celebration of the city's founding by Antoine de la Mothe Cadillac, is well on the way to its climax during the week of July 22-29.

Events of national and international importance will take place in Detroit and will be of interest to people from all parts of the country. Four nations — France, Britain, Canada and the United States—will take part in the ceremonies, marking the friendship that has long existed between these countries.

Because of Detroit's position as the largest border city in the world, and the cooperative spirit which has long existed between Detroit and London, is an excellent opportunity to display to the world that can develop between two peoples. One of the active groups in the Festival is the Canadian Partici-

Detroit from all parts of Canada. Two huge International Folk Festivals will be presented July 23 and 25. They will feature the music, dances, costumes, and songs of the nationality groups that have migrated to Detroit during the 250 years of its existence.

Other events of national importance to take place in Detroit during 1951 are varied to say the least. For example, the sports program will be the largest ever presented in one American city. Among the events are the annual major league All-Star Game in Briggs Stadium, the USGA National Open Golf Tournament, the national finals of the American Legion Junior Baseball Championships, and the American Football Championships.

From July 13 to 23, the University of Detroit will present in the University Stadium, a tremendous extravaganza enlisting more than 1,000 participants. Finally, there

will be a tremendous Cavalcade Parade on July 28. Dozens of other events will take place and guarantee that Detroit will be the site of the largest civic celebration in the United States during 1951.

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Radar is no longer a mystery to T. J. Bird, Jr., seaman apprentice, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Bird of Route 3, Merkel, who recently graduated from the U. S. Naval Radarman School at Treasure Island, San Francisco, Calif.

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C. D. Riddle of Paris, president of the Texas Butane Dealers Association, in announcing plans for the program, pointed out that one of the primary objectives will be to familiarize the public with the benefits butane and propane provide for residents of areas beyond the facilities of cities. The campaign will stress the availability of butane and propane to any home regardless of the location, and the fact that residents of rural or semi-urban areas no longer need face periods of waiting to obtain service. "Butane and propane can be had almost immediately any place in Texas that is reachable by a road," Mr. Riddle said. "The supply of butane and propane is entirely adequate to the present and future needs of the people and the fact that users of these gases are not faced with the likelihood of service stoppages because of weather conditions will be brought strongly to the attention of the public. The effort which has long been contemplated by the association will reach into every section of the state and will stress the fact that no one need be without the benefits of this modern fuel for domestic, agricultural and industrial uses."

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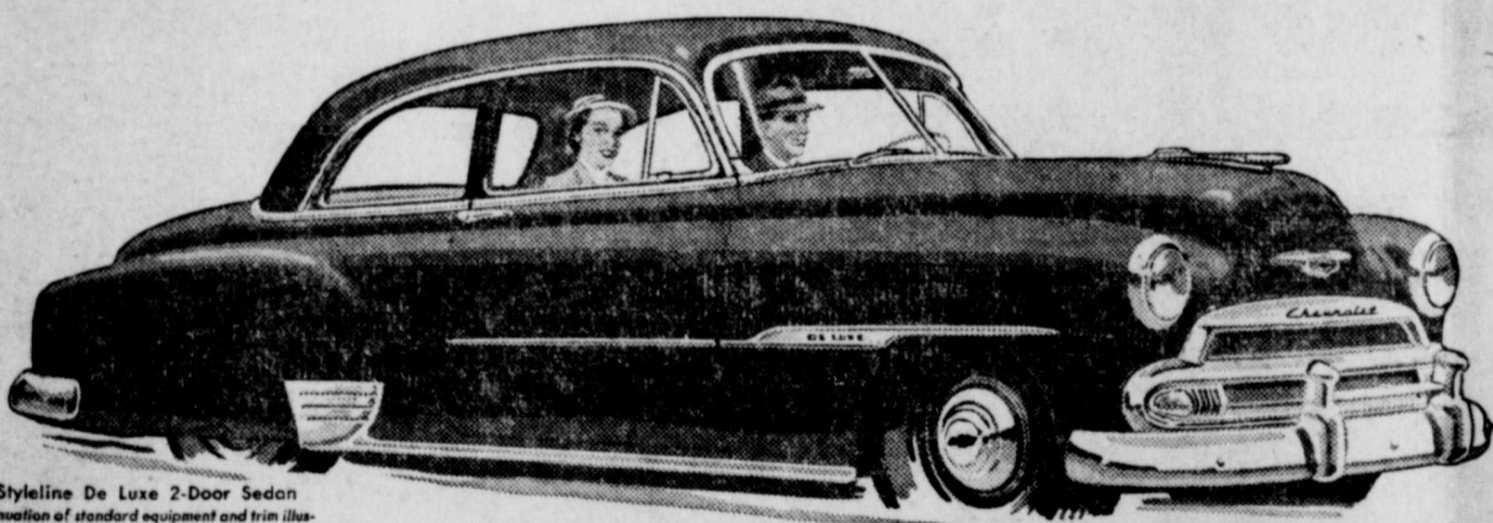
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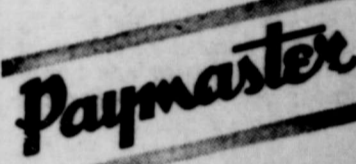
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