

New Postoffice Building Seems Sure For Merkel

A new postoffice building for Merkel now seems assured. If the government officials at Fort Worth give the proposal the green light work on the final plans and blue prints will get under way immediately.

The building will be constructed by Joe Cypert on the lots at North Second and Kent streets, just west of the Campbell Grocery store. The postoffice will occupy a space of approximately 55x100 feet, provided the tentative plans submitted to postoffice officials are approved.

Mr. Cypert says that Architect Billy Joe White, who made the tentative plans, is prepared to immediately start the final plans, waiting only government approval.

The building Mr. Cypert plans to erect will be of brick, tile and steel construction and his lease agreement with the government will be for a long period of years. This new building will be a nice addition to the business section of the town and the larger and improved quarters for the postoffice will be welcomed by Postmaster Durham and his assistants, not to mention the general public.

No time can be set by Mr. Cypert as to when work will start, but it will be within a short time after approval of the tentative plans are received. This could be at any moment.

No Candidates Yet For Council Seats

Mayor H. C. West this week publishes the official notice for a city election to be held in Merkel on April 1. Three city council seats are to be filled.

Only one week remains for one to file for one of these posts. As yet not a man — or woman — has signified an intention of wanting to sit on the Merkel city council. Two of the three councilmen whose terms expire have expressed an intention not to seek re-election.

The matter of the city election was brought to the attention of the Lions club at their Tuesday meeting, but no action was taken.

Bob Ross Resigns; To Make Race For Taylor County Sheriff

R. H. (Bob) Ross is a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Taylor County. He has authorized the Merkel Mail to officially make this announcement to our readers.

In his formal statement to voters, Mr. Ross says:

"I have decided to make the race for the office of Sheriff of Taylor County. I have served as Deputy Sheriff five years, the last year of which I served as Chief Deputy. With this experience, it is my hope that the people of Taylor County will consider me qualified to hold this office and if elected, I will give you an efficient and honest administration.

"I am 46 years of age, married, have two daughters, and am an active member of the Methodist church.

"I stand for strict law enforcement, a fact my friends and acquaintances will verify.

"Since I decided to make the race for Sheriff, I thought it proper to resign when I made my decision to seek the office.

"I will appreciate your vote and influence in the July Democratic Primary."



R. H. (Bob) ROSS
Candidate For Sheriff



REV. RILEY FUGITT
To Hold Revival Here

Live Oak Baptists To Start Revival Here Next Sunday

A revival at the new Live Oak Baptist church is to start next Sunday, according to Rev. Earl Duncan, pastor.

The Rev. Riley Fugitt, pastor at Baird, will do the preaching during the week-long meeting. Rev. Fugitt is well known here as an eloquent and forceful speaker. At one time he was pastor of the Baptist church at Trent.

The Live Oak church was only recently moved to Merkel from its original location near Mulberry Canyon and the building on El Paso street has been completely overhauled.

A cordial invitation is extended to all to visit this church during the coming week. Rev. Duncan will be glad to greet you and you'll enjoy the messages brought by Rev. Fugitt.

Scouts To Bring Radio Stars Here Tuesday, March 4

The local Boy Scouts and Explorers are sponsoring the Bill Mack Show here at the high school auditorium on Tuesday, March 4, at 8:00 p. m.

Tickets may be purchased from any of the members of the Boy Scout Troop or Explorer Post. Proceeds are to help the boys buy some much needed equipment and supplies.

The show features Bill Mack, radio and recording artists, and his Black Mountain Boys from station KWFT, Wichita Falls.

Other outstanding personalities on the show include Mac Mackray, David Dodge and Sandy (Ventriloquist Act), and Cam Yarkum, comedian.

There will be fun for all ages.

Drilling Continues In Area Oil Fields

Drilling & Exploration Company is drilling around 500 feet on the Andy Baker No. 1. Location is one and one-half miles northwest of Blair.

Drilling & Exploration Company have made their No. 1 location on E. J. Orsborn, east offset to the Orsborn No. 2.

R-H-K et al, Herring & Largent No. 7 are drilling ahead at 4,465 feet, slated for 5,250 feet. This is an offset to production.

Woodley Petroleum Company is drilling around 4,000 feet on the No. 2 E. J. Cooley which is slated for 5,000 feet with rotary.

School Census For Merkel Under Way

The school census for the Merkel Independent School District for 1952-53 is now being taken by C. A. Farley, census trustee for the district.

All children who will be at least six years of age and not over seventeen on the first day of September, 1952, regardless of whether they are now in school or not, are to be enumerated. Both white and colored children must be listed.

"We especially want the names of pupils who will be in the first grade this coming September," states Farley. A birth certificate is required for all beginners.

Census Enumerator Farley may be contacted in person at the elementary school or by phone at numbers 110, 112 or 192J.

SINGING AT SHILOH
Don't forget the singing at Shiloh Thursday night, February 28 at 7:30. Everyone is invited to attend.

All In Readiness For Bloodmobile Coming Tuesday

All is in readiness for the coming of the Bloodmobile unit to Merkel next Tuesday, February 26.

The solicitation committee has secured more than 300 signed cards of those willing to be at the Community Center Tuesday and give a pint of blood for the fighting forces in Korea and for any community where a disaster might strike.

The other committees have done their work nobly and those who are to assist during the actual work while the bloodmobile is in operation are ready to report.

It is, as it should be, a matter of pride to all citizens of Merkel, Trent, Noodle, Stith, Blair and all the other communities who are to participate in this great cause, that such generous response has been given to the appeal for blood.

It appears a certainty the unit will be kept busy every moment it is scheduled to be here.

Former Merkel Man Died At Lueders Home Last Week

Funeral service for Robert Bruce Bland, age 62, former resident of Merkel for 13 years, was held Sunday at 2 p. m., at the Methodist Church at Lueders. Rev. Oran D. Smith, pastor, conducted the service and burial was in the Funston cemetery with Kinney Funeral Home in charge.

Mr. Bland died at the family residence three miles east of Lueders last Friday after a year's illness. He and his wife came there from Merkel about two months ago.

Mr. Bland was born in Arkansas March 20, 1889. He married Ethel McNair at Lueders on September 11, 1912. They moved to Jones county from Falls county in 1917 and lived for a long time in the Tuxedo community.

Besides his wife and son, Bobby Joe Bland of Houston, Mr. Bland is survived by four brothers, J. C. and V. F. Bland of Waco, N. E. of Albany and O. W. of Lueders, and a sister, Mrs. Don Brennan of New Jersey.

Pioneer Memorial Chapel Anniversary Services Sunday

The first anniversary of the opening of Pioneer Memorial Chapel will be celebrated Sunday with an all-day meeting at the church.

The anniversary sermon will be delivered by the Rev. R. L. Butler of Munday at 11 o'clock after the welcoming address by Mrs. Tom Russom.

Dinner will be served at noon and the afternoon services will start at 1:30 o'clock.

The pastor, Rev. E. H. Phillips, will give a short review of the accomplishments of the church at the afternoon meeting and the sermon will be brought by Rev. H. Clyde Smith, district superintendent of Abilene.

In addition to the fine singing by the congregation, there will be special singing by the Divide Quartet will sing at the afternoon service.

Returns Home From Big Spring Hospital

Mrs. E. H. Phillips has been returned to her home at Pioneer Memorial church parsonage after having undergone surgery at a Big Spring hospital.

Big Spring is the former home of Rev. and Mrs. Phillips and it was to their old family physician they looked when Mrs. Phillips required surgery.

It is pleasing to their friends Mrs. Phillips is making such satisfactory progress.

FORTNIGHTLY STUDY CLUB TO MEET FEB. 25

Due to the coming of the Bloodmobile to Merkel on Tuesday, February 26 the Fortnightly Study club will meet on Monday afternoon, February 25. The club will meet in the home of Mrs. Clyde Bartlett at 4 p. m.

Jimmy C. Keith, formerly of Merkel and son of Mrs. Ollie Berry of Sweetwater, volunteered for the Air Corp last week and is stationed at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio.

Merkel To Observe Public School Week March 2-8

The week of March 2-8 has been designated as Public School Week throughout the entire state of Texas. The governor of our state has

MAYOR ISSUES PROCLAMATION

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Merkel, I, H. C. West, do hereby declare the week of March 2-8, 1952, as Public School Week in the city of Merkel.

It is also further declared that Tuesday, March 4, be designated as Open House day at all Merkel Schools and all citizens urged to visit the schools on this day. There they will see our greatest bulwark of liberty in operation and will lend encouragement to our efficient staff of teachers and officials.

H. C. West.

Trent Stock Show Draws Good Crowd; Winners Named

Under the supervision of O. I. Boyd, Trent, Vocational Agriculture teacher, the PFA and 4-H Club members held a classification project show on the school ground last Monday.

T. C. Blankenship, Vocational Agriculture teacher at Hamlin, was the judge. Animals were classified as red ribbon and blue ribbon winners. Each blue ribbon winner received a prize of \$3.00 and each red ribbon winner, \$2.00.

Prize money was made available by contributions from people in the Trent community. Each exhibitor wishes to thank the individuals and business firms whose support made the show possible.

Attendance at the show was good and much interest shown. Winners were as follows:

Crossbred Lambs—Allen D. King Jr., Sherman Driggers, Jr., 2 blue ribbon lambs each; Leon Dudley, 1 blue ribbon lamb, 1 red ribbon lamb; James L. Wilks, 2 red ribbon lambs.

Rambouillet Lambs — Sherman Driggers, Jr., and Ida May King, each 2 blue ribbon lambs; Allen D. King, Jr., 2 blue ribbon lambs and 1 red ribbon.

Capon — Connie Mack Hodges, 1 blue ribbon capon.

Baby Beef Calf — Ronnie Freeman, 1 blue ribbon calf.

Breeding Boars—Eudell Hodges, Tommy Scott, 1 blue ribbon mature Duroc boar each; W. A. Dennis, 1 blue ribbon Duroc boar pig.

Sow and Litter—Joe Rex McLean, 1 red ribbon sow and litter.

Sow — J. B. Swinney, 1 blue ribbon sow.

Barrows — Weldon Beasley, Joe Scott, Tommy Scott, 1 blue ribbon barrow each; Bill Scott, Eudell Hodges, 1 red ribbon barrow each, Tommy Scott, 3 red ribbon barrows.

Open Gilts, Gilt, Pigs — J. B. Swinney, W. A. Dennis, Van Graham, Lavaughan Freeman, 1 blue ribbon gilt each; Connie Mack Hodges, 1 red ribbon gilt; Benton Vandell, 2 red ribbon gilts.

Bred Gilts — Bill Scott, Jerry McWilliams, Sherman Driggers, Jr., Bill Logan, Jerry Estep, Jimmy Riggan, 1 blue ribbon gilt each.

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Bible Class To Meet February 27

The Wednesday Morning Bible class will meet at 9:30 Wednesday, February 27 in the home of Mrs. John Shannon. Mrs. Keller Roberts is the teacher.

the schools, the pupils, the parents and all citizens generally the observance of this movement will bring.

Not a dissenting vote was noted when the Masons decided to back

to the limit of their power all efforts to promote our public schools and all they stand for. Not one voice was raised in protest when the suggestion was made that every Mason in the Merkel area be

Thousands of Texas adults will go back to school during the week of March 2-8 in observance of the Second Annual Public Schools Week, which has as its theme "Democracy in Action."

Governor Allan Shivers has proclaimed March 2-8 as Public Schools Week in Texas. In his proclamation the Governor said:

"One of the basic institutions upon which we rely for the furtherance of our American ideals is the public school system. Public schools, by enabling every child to gain a liberal education regardless of station in life, promote recognition of the responsibilities of citizenship and constitute a major bulwark against subversive doctrines.

"We in Texas are proud of the school system that has been developed in our state. Its success has been due to many factors — the interest of mothers and fathers in their children, the cooperative efforts of state and local officials, and the energy and determination of those public spirited men and women who are devoting their lives to the teaching of our children.

"The continued progress of our school system requires increased public understanding of the importance of education and the greatest possible encouragement and support of our teachers."

Governor Shivers' proclamation follows a resolution adopted last summer by the Texas State Board of Education designating the week of March 2-8 as Public Schools Week. The resolution urged that every citizen visit a public school during the period to become personally acquainted with the programs and accomplishments of the state's system of public schools.

The Texas Education Agency has requested local public school officials throughout the state to invite the citizens of their respective

Merkel Masons Dine Tonight Honoring George Washington

Members of Merkel Masonic Lodge No. 710 and a number of invited friends are to celebrate Washington's birthday tonight (Friday) with a banquet at the High School cafeteria.

Not only will Masons everywhere celebrate Washington's birthday as the "Father of His Country" but also the fact he was the first worshipful master of a Masonic Lodge in the United States. It is therefore a two-fold honor the Merkel Masons are bestowing upon this great man. A fitting program has been arranged for the event.

Fireman's Auxiliary Hold Annual Banquet

The Fireman's Auxiliary held their annual banquet last Thursday night honoring the fireman and a few guests.

Thirty-six were present to enjoy the bountiful feast the ladies had prepared. Buck Leach was master of ceremonies in his own inimitable way and he introduced the members of the city council and others who were guests of the auxiliary.

After dinner, games of forty-two, cribbage, and canasta were enjoyed.

VISITS FATHER IN HOUSTON HOSPITAL

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Jaynes and Mrs. Gordon Hass have returned from Houston where they have been at the bedside of their father, J. D. Jaynes, in Herman Hospital.

Mr. Jaynes is recovering from surgery and it is hoped that he can be returned to his home at Merkel soon.

ATTENDS TRAINING SCHOOL

Mrs. Virgil Patterson spent last week in Hereford at a Methodist Training school of the Amarillo District. Mrs. Patterson taught a children's course in the nursery and kindergarten unit.

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Merkel 20 Years Ago

TAKEN FROM THE 1931 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL

RAINS BENEFIT GRAINS
Growing grain was greatly benefited by the slow-falling rain the past few days. Up to date this year a total of nearly four inches of rainfall has been gauged in the Merkel area.

HONOR FORMER MERKELITE
Thomas A. Johnson has been elected district chairman of the Texas Bankers Association. Mr. Johnson is now vice president of the Collin County National Bank but was formerly a resident of Merkel.

SINGING SCHOOL
The singing school being conducted in Merkel by V. O. Stamps is largely attended. Patrons are here every evening from all surrounding communities to join in the singing and to receive the instructions so capably given by Mr. Stamps.

VALENTINE PARTY
Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Rankin entertained the young people of Blair with a valentine party at their home Saturday evening. Following out the leap year idea the girls brought in the boys with lassoes and rolling pins and a prize was offered to the girl who made the cleverest proposal to one of the boys. Refreshments were served to the thirty young people in attendance.

RETURNS FROM NEW YORK
Taylor Tucker has returned to Merkel after an absence of 13 years in New York. He was for a time on the Vaudeville stage and later an instructor in music at Amberay Studio on Broadway. He is to open a studio in Abilene and will devote one day weekly to Merkel classes.

JOWERS-HOLLER
The wedding of Miss Addie Holler and Ervin H. Jowers was solemnized early Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Pee, with Rev. R. A. Walker officiating.

This Happened in Merkel Forty Years Ago
TAKEN FROM THE 1911 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL

A sparkling debate highlighted the Friday night meeting of the B. O. O. M. Club. "Resolved, that the pen is mightier than the sword," was the subject discussed, with Simpson Christopher having the affirmative side and John Moore the negative.

Three automobile parties made the trip to Abilene last Saturday, the cars being driven by John Daniel, Ross Ferrier and Lanier Brown. All cars had a full load of young people and a lovely time was reported by all.

Thos. Jenkins was in from Diverse buying supplies. He reports the fine rains the past week have practically assured a bumper small grain crop.

John Brandon, an old-timer in this country, was here several days this week shaking hands with his old pioneer friends.

Lester Ellis was in Abilene several days this week, returning Thursday. Some say his visit was purely a social one but Lester says only business called him there.

a committee of one to visit their school during this week, to see democracy in action, to see our biggest business — the schools — working to turn out the citizen of tomorrow. They can see first hand the opportunities afforded our children for a sound basic education second to none by any other method. They will find in Merkel, in Trent, in Noodle and in most all other public schools in Texas a system unexcelled and a training for our youth possible only in a country such as ours.

Tuesday, March 4, has been decided as a fitting day for open house at these schools. On this day every parent, every patron, every tax payer should take time out to visit your school. Go back to school on this day. Visit with your child. Tell the superintendent the principal, the teacher what a swell job they are doing. You'll feel better for having done so. They feel better because you did. And don't forget the trustees. They, too, have many problems and a word of praise, where due, will lighten their load.

Members of the Merkel high school faculty were guests at dinner last Friday evening at the home of Dr. and Mrs. C. B. Gardner. Miss Wilma Gardner presided as hostess as the 3-course turkey menu was served.

Large crowds visited the formal opening Sunday of Missie's Floral Shop. Friends and well-wishes came from all surrounding communities and from Abilene and Sweetwater.

Misses Lillie Claude Barnett and Alice Reeves entertained in the home of Mrs. H. C. Barnett in honor of Novis Barnett and Hail Derstine with a surprise birthday party. Heart-shaped cakes and hot chocolate was served to the many young friends in attendance.

An all-day meeting of the west zone of the Methodist Women's Missionary societies was held at the Trent church last Thursday. Mrs. R. A. Burgess of Merkel was the leader for the meeting and Rev. W. M. Murrell of Abilene was principal speaker. A covered dish luncheon was served by the Trent women to the large crowd who attended.

A most enjoyable singing was held at Golan last Sunday with a large crowd in attendance. Singers were present from Merkel, Trent and Noodle and all helped make the affair so successful.

A large group of Goodman young people gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Truitt Saturday where they were pleasantly entertained. Music was furnished by Algia Hall and Roy Williams for those desiring to dance, while "42" and bridge were played by others.

SOCIETY

DELTA KAPPA GAMMA MEETS FOR ORIENTATION PROGRAM AT ABILENE

The beautiful and elegantly furnished home of Mrs. Jim Shelton, 872 Leggett Drive in Elmwood West, Abilene, was the setting for a beautifully appointed buffet supper and Orientation meeting for new members of the Mu Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, Honor Society for women teachers of Taylor and Jones counties, on Tuesday evening, February 19.

Mrs. Mack Fisher, parliamentarian, was chairman of the program. Mrs. Ada Louise Wolf, president of the Chapter extended greetings to the executive boards of this year and next year, the new members, and transfer members.

Mrs. Edna Earle Beck, president

elect of Anson discussed "Delta Kappa Gamma—a Selective Membership."

"Certification, Tenure, and Retirement" were ably discussed by Miss Arrie Barrett, Anson, who is on the state legislative committee.

Mrs. Mack Fisher conducted a quiz on the Delta Kappa Gamma Constitution.

Miss Aleise Cline, Abilene, gave a report on the "Five Year Plan of program planning for the society."

The charter member of Mu Chapter, Miss Julia Luker, Miss Myrtle Trantham, and Miss Gladys Buttrill, Abilene, discussed "Our Heritage of Delta Kappa Gamma". Many interesting and amusing incidents relating to the early history of the chapter were brought out in the discussion.

Miss Myrtle Trantham led the members in a study of the Greek alphabet.

The buffet supper consisted of tomato juice, hors d'oeuvres, Boston baked bread, beans, garnished baked meat in pineapple rings, tossed salad, cherry pie, and hot punch.

Mrs. Carroll Benson and Mrs. Mack Fisher, members of the Mu Chapter attended from Merkel.

FIDELIS MATRONS CLASS

The Fidelis Matrons Sunday school class of the First Baptist church held its monthly business meeting in the home of Mrs. Gordon Pursley last Tuesday night, with Mrs. Hugh Taylor as co-hostess.

Mrs. David Gamble, president, presided over the business session and Mrs. E. B. Wallace brought the devotional.

Games were enjoyed and refreshments served to two visitors, Mrs. Denzel Cox and Mrs. Bob

Fowler, and the following members: Mesdames S. G. Russell, Oscar McLean, Charlie Sylvester, E. B. Wallace, David Gamble, Raymond Thomas and the hostesses.

DELTA KAPPA GAMMA HONORS FUTURE CLUBS

On Tuesday evening, February 12, the Mu Chapter honored the Future Teacher Clubs of Taylor and Jones counties with a beautifully appointed Valentine Tea and program at Hunter Hall, Hardin Simmons University.

A program on "Unesco" was given by three foreign students of the Abilene Colleges.

Mrs. Edna Earle Beck, president of Mu Chapter, served punch from an elaborately carved silver punch bowl, and tiny sandwiches, heart shaped cookies, and mints were placed on silver trays and compotes.

Mrs. Mack Fisher and Mrs. Carroll Benson assisted in the courtesies of the table.

WEEK DAY WORKERS CLASS

The Week Day Workers Sunday School Class of the First Baptist church enjoyed a Valentine party last week. Mrs. Leon McAden, class teacher, was hostess. The group sang several songs and played a number of games.

Refreshments were served to the following guests and members: Vergie Williams, Leon McAden, Glenda Webb, Loretta Henry, Molly Beth Douglas and Imogene Thomas.

UNION RIDGE HD CLUB

The Union Ridge Home Demonstration Club met in the home of Mrs. Don Riney last Friday with Mrs. Gordon Pursley, president presiding.

The Woman's Collect and Club Prayer was led by the county agent, Miss Loretta Allen. Mrs. Don Riney sang "Sing Your Way Home" and roll call was answered with "What My Mother Taught Me." Miss Allen gave an interesting program on "Family Health Today." She showed charts for diets from babyhood to old age.

Refreshments of cherry pie and cookies were served to two visitors, Miss Allen and Mrs. Lige Harris and the following members: Mesdames J. H. Clark, Kenneth Pee, Don Riney, Charles Harwell, W. C. Lee, J. D. Sandusky, Gordon Pursley and E. L. Palmer. The next meeting will be with Mrs. J. E. Jaynes on March 7.

Jimmy D. McKeever, sonarman, third class, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. McKeever and husband of the former Miss Wanda L. Hill

of Abilene, is home from the Far East after serving eight months in the combat zone.

Couple To Celebrate Golden Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. George F. Harris of the McAdoo community are to be honored with a reception in their home by their children Sunday, commemorating their 50th wedding anniversary, which is the following Monday.

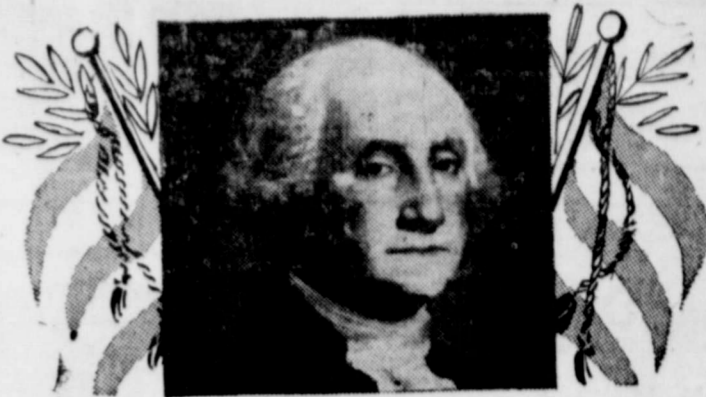
Friends are invited to call between 2 and 5 p. m.

Harris was born in Sulligent, Alabama in 1876 and moved to Texas in 1890. Mrs. Harris, the former Alice Gertrude Stokes, was born near Marlo in Indian Territory in 1884 and with her parents came to Texas in 1889. The couple was married in Comanche county in 1902 and settled in Jones county near Merkel. In 1915 they moved to Dickens county and improved a tract of land 1 1/2 miles south of McAdoo. They are charter members of the McAdoo Methodist Church.

They are parents of two daughters and two sons: Mrs. Vernon Morgan of Amarillo; Mrs. Dewey Clark of Snyder; E. W. Harris of McAdoo and C. L. Harris of Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Anderson spent last week-end in Wilson with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Campbell. They also visited with their grandson, Pvt. Billy Joe Campbell, who was home on a 25-day furlough. He will report to Seattle, Washington where he will be assigned to overseas duty.

Argentina, Brazil and Chile are known as the ABC states.



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Farm Production Goal Set Higher By Business Bureau

Texas and U. S. farmers have the greatest challenge in their history in 1952 production goals, the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research reports.

Feed grain production is being stressed very heavily in order to maintain the high-level output of livestock, dairy products and poultry. Because of its importance to the economic and military strength of the free world, the national cotton crop is again placed at 16 million bales.

If these goals are reached, the Bureau notes, farmers will have turned out a new record total production, almost 50 per cent greater than the pre-war average.

Texas farm output was forced above the apparent trend in 1942, and has increased steadily since then, due to heightened demand. U. S. government contributions toward the supplies of the UN army in Korea represent a large portion of the demand.

Because of the war situation, the market for farm production promises to remain at a high level, the Bureau's forecasters state. Increased government purchases, aid to foreign countries, and increased savings in consumer hands are among factors responsible for farmers' success in 1951.

These factors, the Bureau reports, forced Texas farm income to an all-time high of \$2,148,000, a 22 per cent increase over 1950, despite devastating effects of the drought.

Astounding Drama In Startling Film At Queen Sunday

If the earth is doomed by an impending collision with a runaway star, can science save civilization?

This is the question that film producer George Pal has pondered and answered in Paramount's "When Worlds Collide," opening Sunday at the Queen Theatre. Pal's answer: Yes.

Of course, not everyone will come out unscathed. There will be celestial fireworks such as earth folk — and moviegoers — have never seen before. But a handful of lucky citizens will escape on a space ship to transplant our civilization on another planet.

Fantastic? Not at all. Astronomers admit the possibility of a straying star barging into the earth. They also believe that other planets can support human life. And the construction of space ships capable of blasting out of the earth's gravitational field and skimming through the solar system is not more than a few years away.

Says Drunk Barber Cut Too Much Hair

W. E. Grace, of Williamson, W. Va., charged that John Copley, barber, cut a mole off his head, cut him twice in other places, and took off too much hair while the barber was "in an intoxicated condition."

Grace said he had to get a new haircut and go to a physician to have his wounds treated at a total cost of \$5.

Copley was held in the county jail on charges of appearing in a public place in an intoxicated condition and barbering while under the influence of intoxicants, Patrolman C. E. Jones said.

Former Merkel Girl Wins Hair Contest

Mrs. Dorothy Lloyd of Austin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Dubose of Merkel, recently won first place in the Austin preliminary hair-styling contest to the Texas Lone Star contest in Dallas. She entered the winning coiffure design in the hair style show to benefit the March of Dimes which was held at the All-Texas Beauty Show in Dallas and was

third place winner in this state-wide contest.

Mrs. Lloyd is the owner of the Delwood Beauty Salon in Austin.

Horsemeat Fed To Illinois Jurors

Cook county grand jurors investigating the Illinois horsemeat scandal were served horse flesh in the form of smoked salami.

Since a grand jury's deliberations are secret, there was no report on how it tasted.

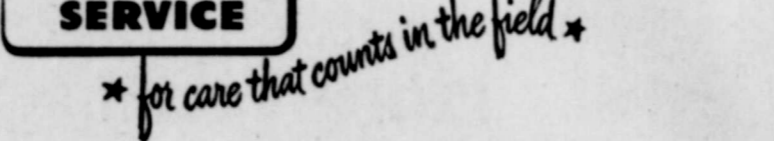
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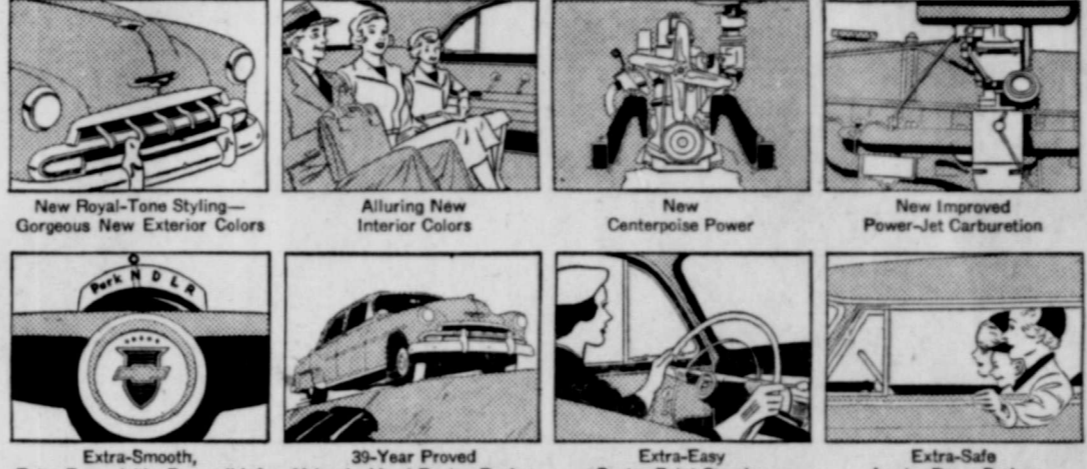
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degree, inspired by the fruits of
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benefits won through the years
have been preserved because the
citizens have been taught to think,
to weigh the values of political
philosophies, in the nation's public
schools.

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A BORING HABIT

We're about ready to throw in
the towel and appeal for a period
to this "period" business. Al-
though the punctuation for em-
phasis catch phrase has only been
going around for a matter of a
year or two, we're pretty weary of
it.

You know—you ask somebody,
for instance, if he's pretty burned
up at Truman or taxes, or the
showing of his favorite football
team, and he replies in a positive
tone that disdains all qualification
—"I'm burned up—period."

The "period" craze was amusing
when it was new, but it has been
overworked to the point of bore-
dom.

Besides its triteness, we think
the "period" fad points up one of
the major human faults of our
times and of our people—a pen-
chant for positive, dogmatic, unal-
terable opinions.

Folks, by and large, have al-
most forgotten the fine and re-
warding art of compromise, of be-
ing able to appreciate and to com-
pensate for the other fellow's dif-
fering viewpoint.

Maybe it's because we almost
all hold strong views on the over-
whelming vital issues of our times
we have lost some of our
philosophical flexibility. No mat-
ter, but it seems every time we
express an opinion by believe so and so—
we further entrenching the habit of
thinking. If we'd give the per-
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May not until the all clear and obey instructions.

Broken Legs Almos Habit With This Louisville Family

Two members of the James A. Elkins family of Louisville are covering from their 20th and 17th leg fractures respectively.

The family score on broken legs alone, arose to 50 Monday when eight-year-old Roger suffered his 20th break as he merely turned to take his shirt off a bed. There have been numerous broken arms and collar bones in the family that have not been counted.

While Roger recuperates in a hospital here, his father sits home with one of his legs in a cast for the 14th time.

"There's always one of us in a cast," James Elkins said.

His latest fracture came Dec 3 while he waited to a hospital to bring home his three-year-old daughter, Nancy, who had just covered from her first fracture.

Doctors said the siege of broken bones comes from a congenital bone structure defect known medically as "osteogenesis imperfecta."

CARD OF THANKS

We thank everyone for all kindnesses to us during the illness and death of our loved one, R. B. Bland. We are grateful for the flowers, food and every expression of sympathy.

May God bless you all.
Mrs. R. B. Bland and Bob & Joe Bland.

Noodle Junior Boys 4-H Club Meet

The Noodle Junior Boys 4-H club met last week for their regular meeting with the president, Bill Tucker, presiding.

Mr. Lemberg, the county agent, showed a film on "Grooming a Pig For A Show," and plans were made for work for the coming year. James Allred will enter a pig in the livestock show at Anson Saturday.

The 4-H girls invited the boys to a tea after the meeting.

Watch Signal Lights At R. R. Crossing, Warns A. D. Fulton

It takes only about fifteen seconds for a train to cross any of Merkel's street crossings whether your automobile is on the track or not. The blinking lights give you ample warning a train is coming.

According to A. D. Fulton, Merkel's guardian of the law, who has the opportunity to observe the chances many of our motorists take every day, says we shouldn't take them.

He says almost every day some motorist dashes over the crossing while lights are flashing and a train coming. So far they have made it. Maybe next time they won't.

The warning lights are there to be obeyed and for safety. So let's be safety-minded and have no serious accident here.

Another Texas Brag; Now Fish Are Prettier

Texas freshwater streams have fish to rival the beauty of any that the state's aquariums may import from the tropics or other faraway places, Dr. Clark Hubbs, University of Texas zoologist, says.

He cites the darter, which has red fins and shoulders on a grey body, and the Sailfin Molly, which has red, orange or blue fins on a

grey body. Both species are finger-length. The closest presidential race ever run occurred in 1876 between Rutherford B. Hayes and Samuel Tilden.

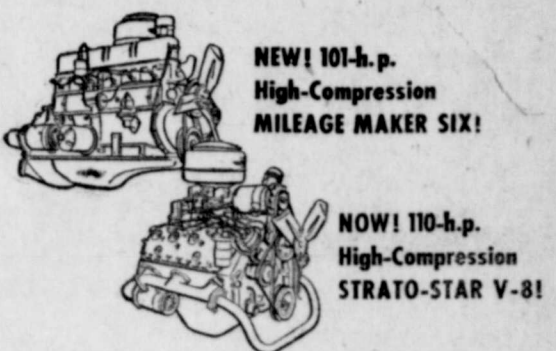
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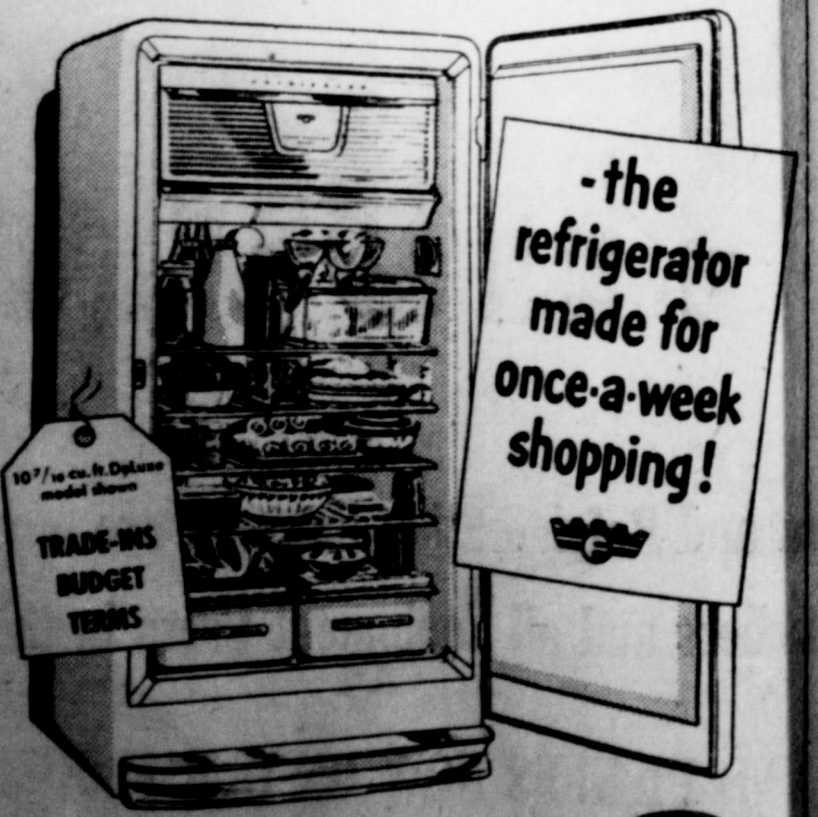
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A return to religion and to the individual freedoms of our founding fathers will make America strong spiritually and morally. Let's reaffirm our faith in God and our faith in the power of prayer. Then our labors will not be in vain. Let's all help by truly practicing day by day the principles of religion.

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The Navy has permitted a peek into the future and projected the possibility of an armed "birdman" flying through the air with only a motor and wings strapped to his back.

The navy, although cautious of the wartime uses of this latest means of transportation, unveiled the one-man helicopter at a National Geographic Society display of naval equipment at Constitution Hall.

On display was a "Hoppi-Copter," original model of the bird-like device, that actually has lifted a man in flight.

The engine and gas tank are strapped on the soldier's back in knapsack fashion. His legs are the landing and takeoff "gear."

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Attend the Church of Your Choice

New Live Oak Baptist Church
 Sunday: 10:00 a. m.
 Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.
 Training Union 7:00 p. m.
 Evening Service 7:30 p. m.
 Wednesday: 7:30 p. m.
 Prayer Service 7:30 p. m.

Trent First Baptist Church
 Sunday: 10:00 a. m.
 Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.
 Training Union 6:45 p. m.
 Evening Services 7:30 p. m.
 Tuesday: 9:30 a. m.
 U. M. U. 9:30 a. m.
 Wednesday: 6:30 p. m.
 G. A.'s and R. A.'s 6:30 p. m.
 Prayer Services 7:30 p. m.
 Brotherhood, 1st Thursday of month, "You are a stranger here but once."

Merkel Church of Christ
 Sunday: 9:45 a. m.
 Bible Study 9:45 a. m.
 Morning Service 11:00 a. m.
 Young People's Bible Class 6:30 p. m.
 Evening Services 7:30 p. m.

Tye Baptist Church
 Sunday: 9:45 a. m.
 Sunday School 9:45 a. m.
 Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.
 Training Union 6:45 p. m.
 Evening Services 7:30 p. m.

Trent Church of Christ
 Sunday: 10:00 a. m.
 Bible Class 10:00 a. m.
 Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.
 Evening Services 7:30 p. m.
 Thursday: 4:00 p. m.
 Ladies Bible Class 4:00 p. m.

Merkel First Methodist Church
 Sunday: 9:50 a. m.
 Sunday School 9:50 a. m.
 Morning Worship 10:50 a. m.
 M. Y. F. 6:30 p. m.
 Evening Worship 7:30 p. m.

Pioneer Memorial Chapel
 Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
 Morning Service 11:00 a. m.
 Evening Services 7:30 p. m.
 Wednesday: 7:30 p. m.
 Evening Prayer Service 7:30 p. m.

Trent Methodist Church
 Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
 Evening Worship 7:30 p. m.
 Morning Services 11:00 a. m.
 M. Y. F. Services 6:30 p. m.
 Tuesday: WSCS 3:00 p. m.
 Wednesday: 7:30 p. m.
 Prayer Services 7:30 p. m.

Merkel First Baptist Church
 Sunday School 9:45 a. m.
 Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.
 Training Union 6:30 p. m.
 Evening Worship 7:30 p. m.
 Wednesday: 7:30 p. m.
 Prayer Service 7:30 p. m.

H.-S.U. Instructor To Hold Workshop Here Next June 9-20

The announcement has just been made that a workshop in Education will be held in the local schools from June 9 to June 20.

The course entitled "Elementary Curricular Materials" will be taught by Mrs. Harold Durham of Hardin-Simmons University. Mrs. Durham had charge of a similar workshop here last summer.

The course is extremely practical and is designed to acquaint teachers with materials of instruction at the grade school level. All subject matter fields are included. Consultants from several publishing companies will be available.

The course will provide a daily schedule of five hours each afternoon for two weeks. Either graduate or undergraduate credit of three semester hours will be granted.

Teachers from surrounding schools are invited to participate.

The worth of a state, in the long run, is the worth of the individuals composing it.—John Adams, second President of the United States, taught in the first schoolhouse in Worcester, Mass., from 1755 to 1758.

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Merkel Calvary Baptist Church
 Sunday School 9:45 a. m.
 Morning Service 11:00 a. m.
 Evening Bible Class 6:30 p. m.
 Evening Worship 7:30 p. m.

Merkel Assembly of God Church
 Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
 Morning Service 11:00 a. m.
 C. A.'s 6:30 p. m.
 Evening Worship 7:30 p. m.
 Tuesday: Women's Missionary Council 2:00 p. m.
 Wednesday: 7:30 p. m.
 Prayer Service 7:30 p. m.

Hebron Baptist Church
 Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
 Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.
 Training Union 7:00 p. m.
 Evening Worship 7:30 p. m.
 Wednesday: 7:30 p. m.
 Evening Prayer Services 7:30 p. m.

Noodle Church of Christ
 Sunday: 10:00 a. m.
 Bible Class 10:00 a. m.
 Morning Worship Service 11:00 a. m.
 Young People's Service 6:30 p. m.
 Evening Worship 7:30 p. m.

Noodle Baptist Church
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 Evening Services 7:30 p. m.

Tye Methodist Church
 Sunday: 10:00 a. m.
 Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
 M. Y. F. 6:30 p. m.
 Prayer Meeting 7:30 p. m.
 Morning Service 11:00 a. m.

Compere Baptist Church
 Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
 Morning Worship 2nd and 4th Sunday 11:00 o'clock
 Rev. Ross Merritt, pastor.

Merkel Grace Presbyterian Church
 Sunday School 10:00 a. m.

Baptists To Start Training Courses

For the past several weeks, the First Baptist pastor has been bringing messages on doctrines of faith. Sunday his subjects will be, morning, "What God Says About Sin;" and in the evening, "Is The Believer's Salvation Eternal?"

Beginning Monday, February 25, at 7 p. m., there will be a week of training sponsored by the Training Union with Harold Reynolds, director. The adult course will be taught by the pastor; young people and intermediate courses by Mrs. Glen Braswell; juniors by Mrs. Dean Higgins; and the primary and beginner courses by Mrs. David Hobby.

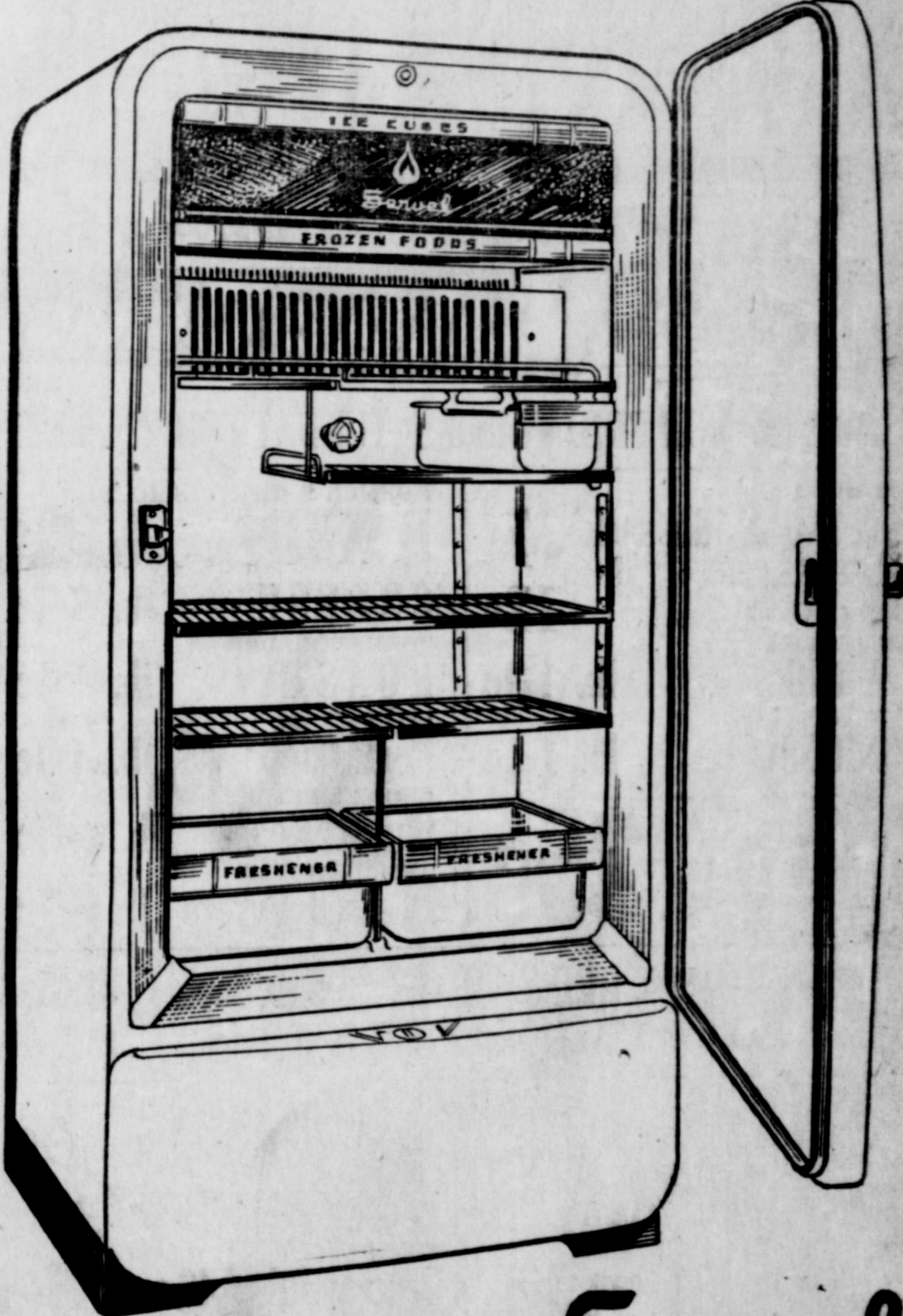
A nursery will be open Monday through Friday for the little ones.

DO GOD'S WILL, DESTROY EVIL, SAY SCIENTISTS

Christ Jesus understood that there is one Mind, who is God, and was thus enabled to do God's will, destroying evil of every nature, according to the Lesson-Sermon to be read at Christian Science services next Sunday. The Golden Text is from Romans (12:2): "Be not conformed to this world: but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."

The infinitude of Mind, God, is expressed in these words from the Bible (Romans 11:33,34): "O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out! for who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counsellor?" Mary Baker Eddy, the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science, says this: "There can be but one Mind, because there is but one God; and if mortals claimed no other Mind and accepted no other, sin would be unknown. We can have but one Mind, if that one is infinite. We bury the sense of infinitude, when we admit that, although God is infinite, evil has a place in this infinity, for evil can have no place, where all space is filled with God" (Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, p. 469).

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Inventor Almost Drowns Testing New Contraption

A dishwasher in New York who wanted to invent "something different" was pulled out of the Hudson river Saturday after trying to pedal across the cold stream on a bicycle equipped with pontoons and bearing the legend, "General MacArthur landwater bike."

Police arrived at a New York City pier after the cyclist had pedaled 150 yards toward Weehawken, N. J. Only the upper part of his body, the bicycle handlebars and two small American flags attached to the pontoons were visible above the water.

Upon the insistence of police, the man headed back to the pier and was taken from the water. He said he was Robert Kising, 52, a Filipino dishwasher.

The bicycle was a conventional model, with metal tanks on top of the front and rear mud guards. A give-inch propeller operated by a chain from the pedals had been mounted behind the rear wheel. There was a rudder behind the propeller.

"I just wanted to invent something that was different," Kising said. "I could have made it, but there were too many icebergs in the water."

Kising was taken to the Bellevue hospital psychopathic ward.

Hardening of the arteries, one of the main causes of heart disease was thought at one time to be a natural result of aging. Physicians today know it can occur at any age but are still seeking why. The 1952 Heart Fund may help them find the answer.

Merkel Boy Among Athletes Winning High Rating at T.W.C.

Texas Western College athletes are also good students, according to fall semester grade averages announced.

Twenty-three members of the football team earned better than C averages in their studies, and semester hours of credit earned by the entire squad averaged 14.

Wade Hedgecoke, freshman half-back from Ruidoso, N. M., had the high scholastic average among the Miner footballers with a mark of 3.45. There was a three-way tie for the runner-up honor with a 3.2 mark among Jimmy Walker, senior end from Merkel and winner of the most valuable player award; Alvin Whaley, senior tackle from Crane, and Bobby Dirmeyer, sophomore center.

GOODMAN HD CLUB

Mrs. B. T. Murfee was hostess to the Goodman Home Demonstration Club last week.

Mrs. Frank Carter led the group in playing several quiz games and Mrs. M. G. Goode presided over the business meeting. Mrs. H. I. Windham gave the report of the flower committee and a collection of \$1.02 was added to the fund at this meeting. A report of the 4-H committee was given by Mrs. B. T. Murfee. Mrs. Frank Carter and Mrs. H. H. Windham gave a very interesting demonstration on "refinishing old furniture."

Mrs. Murfee assisted by her daughters, Ann and Myrna Patterson, served a refreshment plate carrying out the Valentine theme to one visitor, Mrs. Dick Skidmore and the following members: Mesdames Jennings Winter, Cal McAninch, Frank Carter, T. E. Goode, M. G. Goode, H. H. Windham and Velvie Butler.

Two Year Hitches For Conscientious Objectors Coming

Conscientious objectors probably will be forced to start soon their two-year hitches of essential civilian work required by the draft law.

Selective service officials said Draft Director Lewis B. Hershey has approved regulations governing the types of work that the objectors must perform and has sent the proposals to the White House.

In a publication sent to local draft boards, selective service headquarters said the necessary regulations "are in the final stages of preparation and will probably be released in the near future."

Under the draft law passed last year, men who oppose military service are permitted to perform 24 months of work contributing to "the national health, safety or interest" in lieu of induction. Hershey's regulations spell out the kinds of work meeting those requirements.

The regulations proposed by Hershey make an effort to let objectors get into work they like as long as the occupations meet requirements of the law. The rules also would let such registrants receive standard wages paid for the work they perform.

Hershey suggested that registrants who object to military service submit to their local boards three types of work which they are qualified and willing to perform. If the registrant fails to submit such a list or the board finds that none of the types of work meets the requirements, the board would submit to the registrant three approved types of civilian work and he would select one.

Tuneful, Musical Happy Go Lovely Shows Here Tuesday

Three bright stars of the screen combine to make RKO Radio's tuneful musical romance, "Happy Go Lovely," which will open Tuesday at the Queen Theatre, a fast, funny, satisfactory piece of entertainment. They are David Niven, Vera-Ellen and Cesar Romero, and their respective roles are those of a millionaire greeting-card manufacturer, a fast-dancing chorus girl, and a very worried theatrical producer.

It all starts when Vera-Ellen, late for work, thumbs a ride from a chauffeur-driven car belonging to the local tycoon. The manager of the show she's with is in diffi-

culties with local creditors, but staves them off for 48 hours. His troubles increase almost immediately when his leading-lady walks out. However, the appearance of one of the chorus girls in the famous man's car gives him immediate hope. He elevates her to stardom!

Automatic Dimmer Designed For Cars

One automobile has announced the newest wrinkle in automatic driving—a device that dims the headlights when another car approaches.

The auto firm calls it the "autronic eye," and said it will be available as optional equipment on all models of the 1952 car. When the other car has passed, the lights return to high beam.



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Noodle Junior Girls 4-H Club Give Tea

The Noodle Junior 4-H club entertained with a Valentine tea last week in the Home Economics building.

The program was planned by Diana Oden and opened with Myrtle Patterson reading the story "St. Patrick's Day." Chera Jane Corder read the poem "One, Two, And Three," and Delores Hunter told about her sewing for her dolls. The program closed

with Jeanette Lucas and Clara Hill singing "Tell Me Why." Refreshments of sandwiches, mints, peanuts and punch were served to members of the Goodman and Comper Home Demonstration clubs, the Noodle Boys' Club and county agent, Mr. Lehmburg, and the mothers and leaders of the Girls' club.

ELECTION NOTICE

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of The City of Merkel, Texas, notice is hereby given that an election will be held at the City Hall on the first Tuesday in April 1952. The same being the first day of the month, for the purpose of electing three Aldermen to serve for a period of two years.

Said election shall conform as nearly as possible to the State Laws regulating elections and a City Ordinance requiring all candidates to file their name with the City Secretary, naming the office for which they are a candidate, Together with 1.00 filing fee at least 30 days prior to said election.

T. L. Grimes is hereby appointed election Judge.

Poles shall open at 8 a. m., and close at 6 p. m.

Given under my hand and seal this the 15th day of March 1952.

H. C. WEST
Mayor of the City of Merkel, Texas

Flattering Write-Up In Robstown Paper About Odel Crow

Odel Crow, a Merkel boy known to many throughout this area, is really making good in his new home at Robstown. There he is head Mechanic for the Oldsmobile dealer.

In a recent issue of the Robstown Record a two-column story with picture went into detail giving a history of Mr. Crow and his ability as an auto mechanic. You must be good to merit such publicity.

The Record story mentions that Mr. Crow has lived in Robstown only a few months, moving there with his wife and two children from Corpus Christi.

He was formerly in the garage

business in Merkel, leaving here in 1942 and moved to Corpus Christi. Now he is in Robstown. His friends here will be glad to know of his success.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Twyman Collins over the week-end were Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Starr, Tommy and Becky, Mrs. Floy Massey, Kenny and Joyce, all of Denton.

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Stated meeting of Merkel Chapter No. 212 Order of the Eastern Star, Tuesday night, February 26th at 7:30. It's Brother's night and all members are urged to attend. Visitors welcome.

Mrs. Belvie Butler, Worthy Matron.
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JACK COX of Stephens County.

For Sheriff
R. H. (BOB) ROSS

For Commissioner, Precinct No. 2
CHAS. ORR
RUFÉ TITTLE (reelection)

For Justice of the Peace,
Mrs. N. D. COBB.

For Constable, Precinct 5,
LUTHER L. LAND.

For Commissioner Precinct No. 4,
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THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF TAYLOR NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF THOMAS SHORT, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original letters of administration upon the estate of Thomas Short, deceased were granted to me, the undersigned on the 4 day of Feb., 1952, by the County Court of Taylor County. 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 are 893 Cedar Street, Abilene, County of Taylor, state of Texas.

PERCY MAYFIELD
Administrator of Estate of Thomas Short, Deceased.

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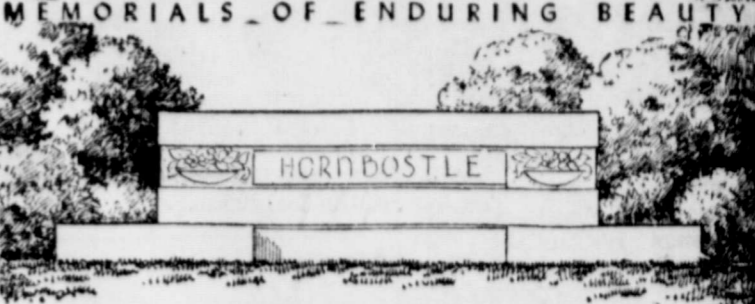
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 1 pkg. vanilla pudding powder 1/2 cup water
 1/2 cup sugar 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla
 2 slightly beaten egg yolks No. 2 can sour pitted cherries
 2 egg whites
 3/4 cup Pet Milk
 Put pudding powder and 1/4 cup sugar into saucepan. Stir in mixture of egg yolks, milk and water. Heat to boiling over low heat, stirring all the time. Cook and stir 30 seconds. Stir in vanilla. Cover and cool thoroughly. Drain cherries, then place on paper towels while custard cools. Put half of custard in bottom of 9-inch cold baked pastry shell made with pie crust mix. Cover with drained cherries. Top with rest of custard. Beat egg whites until stiff. Then beat in 4 tablespoons sugar slowly. Put on custard, spreading to edge of crust to seal in filling. Bake in slow oven (325) 15 minutes, or until light brown. Cool thoroughly before cutting with a wet knife.

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 KRAFT'S LONGHORN CHEESE lb. **53c**
 FRESH DRESSED FRYERS lb. **55c**
 CUDAHY GEM BACON SQUARES lb. **25c**
 CHOICE BEEF CHUCK ROAST lb. **69c**
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