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Big Minstrel Show Will Be Presented Thursday Night

The Lions Club Minstrel is all ready for its great performance. The minstrel will be presented Thursday night, March 27, at the Queen Theatre. It is promised that the show will be bigger and better and grander than ever before.

To Join Husband In Tokyo, Japan

Mrs. W. E. Fitzgerald and daughter, Sandra of Colorado Springs were visitors in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Addison, last week.

RECORD OF BIRTHS

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Brooks, March 15, 1952.

Merkel 20 Years Ago

BAND IS ORGANIZED The Merkel High School Band has been organized. Ten members attended the first practice.

ATTEND SUNDAY SCHOOL The attendance at the six reporting Sunday Schools Sunday was 691. On the same Sunday a year ago there were 644.

TO ELECT TRUSTEES Four trustees of the Merkel Independent School District are to be elected Saturday.

SAM TOOMBS DIES Sam Toombs, 52, a former resident of Merkel, died at Carrollton, near Dallas.

TO LEVEL SLABS Leveling of the concrete pavement on Highway 1 through Taylor County will start in 10 days.

F. Z. TURNER SUCCUMBS Francis Zacheus Turner, 33, passed away March 9.

ARE MARRIED Mr. Barnum Howell and Miss Juanita Owens were married Saturday.

That the prospects for Merkel are growing better is demonstrated by the fact that a new and up-to-date fire-proof brick hotel is to be erected on the property commonly known as the Stramer place, owned by J. A. Collins and purchased by J. L. Hunter.

Misses Carrie and Maude Shannon of Stith are visiting relatives in Clyde this week.

P. K. Cranford left Monday night for Fort Worth. While in the big city he will attend to business.

Ferrier Bros. have installed a new fountain in their confectionery establishment, which gives their place an effect of "You Are Thirsty" and makes it look much nicer.

talent and everything else that will make for a glorious evening. The committee promises that everyone who sees the show will love the fun and be enamored of the beauty presented and delight in the jokes and music.

The program follows: Interlocutor Lester Dorton; Piano Accompanist: Mrs. Sam McLeod.

End Men: Bones O'Leary, E. L. Horton, Jr., Honey Boy Coen, Keller Roberts, Tambo Elijah White, Leon Walker, Sambo Jackson Mullens.

Chorus: High School Girls Group. Denta Gibson, De Lois Black, Martha Beene, Peggy Scott, Maxine Kerns, Joan Nash, Betty Wylie, Iris Verner, Marie Kerns, Billie Rutledge, Barbara Wilson, Joy Walker and Joan Seymore.

Men's Chorus: Bob Hicks, Joe Nalley, James Bell, Paul Honeycutt, Harry Barnett, Pete West, Cyrus Pee, Irvin Thompson, Roy Largent, Griff Barnett, Ralph Brady, Bud McKeever and James H. Chaney.

Special Characters: "Lightning" Roy Largent "Goodbye" Ralph Brady "Step-an-Fetchit" Cyrus Pee "Manda Mae" Betty Tittle "Liza Jane" Barbara McLeod "Slewfoot" Howard Carson.

Box office opens at 6:30; show time 8:30 p. m. Ticket committee co-chairman are Clyde Bartlett and Nolan Palmer. Property chairman is Isadore Mellinger.

Merkel 20 Years Ago

PASTOR IMPROVES The Rev. J. T. King, pastor of the First Baptist church, who has been ill, is doing nicely.

SELL 700 HEAD Merkel cattlemen have sold more than 700 head of cattle within the past two weeks, destined for the west coast.

FORMER RESIDENT DIES Joseph Madison Johnson, 72, a former resident of Merkel, died at the home of his son, J. H. Madison, in Big Spring.

BABIES ARRIVE Girl babies are born to Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Buchanan, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Carey and Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Holsley.

SOLD AT RECORD PRICE! Superior Mischief 42nd, grand champion of the Fort Worth Fat Stock Show, was bought by the Blackstone Hotel, Fort Worth, for \$1.53 a pound, the nation's record price for a year.

W. I. Burton and Jinks Winters are in the Panther City this week, meeting friends and attending the cattlemen's convention.

Everybody come to see Buster Brown and Tige in person Friday at the Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Company.

Baby, the 12-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Cauthern, suffered a broken arm while playing with her little friends at an old-fashion "Flying-Jenny."

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Tandy and Hugh of Abilene were visitors in our little city Sunday. They made the trip in their car coming up after Miss Margaret, who has been visiting friends here during the past week.

SOCIETY

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

Miss Mona Madolyn Robertson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Bartlett of Merkel, will exchange nuptial vows April 12 with Dwight Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Jones of Merkel.

The ceremony will take place at the First Baptist church of Merkel.

A luncheon at the Wooten Hotel in Abilene, given by the bride-elect's mother, announced the engagement Saturday, March 15.

Guests received by Miss Robertson, Mrs. Bartlett and Mrs. W. T. Sadler were Dinky Roberts, Laurel Sherrell, Ann Booth, Bovey June Riney, Gwen Williams, Carolyn Lassiter, Pat Swann, Barbara Sandusky, Carol Sue Dunagin, Vonceil Rust, Sandra Sadler, Sue Mayfield, Mrs. Mac Springer, Mrs. Elbert Dean and Mrs. Brandon Wade.

A low crystal bowl of white ranunculae centered the table. Blue Miniature messenger boys carrying scrolls inscribed with the couple's names and wedding date served as place cards.

Miss Robertson was graduated from Merkel High school and is a sophomore at Baylor University. Her fiancé was also graduated from Merkel High school, Draughton's Business School and is now employed by the Texas Natural Gas Company.

The bride-to-be has chosen her cousin, Miss Dinky Roberts, as maid-of-honor. Her bridesmaids will be Misses Sandra Sadler and Sue Mayfield of Merkel, and Miss Wanda Stephens of Buckeye, Ariz. Miss Robertson's roommates from Baylor University will give the wedding music. Miss Grace Dossett will play the organ and Miss Jean Hampton will sing. John and Jean Read, twins, children of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Read of Merkel, will

serve as ringbearer and flower girl.

The future bridegroom has named Elbert Dean of Colorado City as best man. Gerald Norton from Texas Tech will serve as groomsmen and Brandon Wade and Ralph Bartlett will be ushers.

GEORGE CROW, SR., HAS BIRTHDAY SURPRISE

George Crow, Sr., celebrated his birthday Sunday, around 10 a. m., his children and grandchildren gathered at his home and surprised him. The morning was spent in Mr. Crow opening the packages of gifts. At noon a large dinner was spread. The afternoon was spent in taking pictures.

Those present at this memorable occasion were: Messrs. and Mesdames Dee Moore, Grover Blair, Laverne Moore, Twyla Gloria, Pat, Miss Mabel McRee, all of Merkel, Mr. and Mrs. Bernell Crow of Petersburg, Mrs. George Crow, Jr., Ray, Jean and Johnnie, Earl Fournier of Lubbock, Mesdames, and Mesdames J. R. Lassiter and Barbara, C. W. McCall, Tommie and David of Abilene.

MRS. HUGH HUNT IN INSPIRING EPISODE

The Gleaner Sunday School Class held one of its most impressive and inspiring meetings March 12 in the parlor of the Methodist Church in its regular social gathering.

Mrs. Wade Ensminger, Mrs. Robert Hicks and Miss Mabel McRee were the gracious hostesses and arranged beautiful decorations of peach blossom and white stock for the church parlor.

Mrs. Dee Grimes, president, presided over a short business meeting. Mrs. George Crow gave the opening prayer. Then all the women assembled in the chapel where the delightful surprise of the meeting took place. Mrs. Hugh Hunt gave an inspiring devotional on "Jesus, the Light of the World."

Mrs. Hunt followed an Easter theme. The table was arranged in a "U" shape, picturing the Last Supper. One large candle was placed to represent Christ and 12 small candles to represent His disciples. First she lit the large candle. Then the narrator told of each disciple and lit a small candle. The beautiful and inspiring episode lasted an hour.

After that Mrs. Homer Patterson and Mrs. Robert Malone sang

"Alone," accompanied by Mr. Jane Hughes Wade. Three high school girls sang a number of Irish songs in keeping with the St. Patrick season.

A dainty refreshment plate of angel squares and lime sherbet was served to the following members:

Mesdames F. Y. Gaither, B. I. Jones, J. W. Jackson, Dee Grimes, W. W. Toombs, Denzel Cox, Ra Baccus, Dee Moore, Kenneth Petty, John Shannon, Carl St. Lee Tipton, Harold Odum, L. J. Petty, John Shannon, Carl St. Lee Tipton, Winnie Cypert, Doc Vaughn, J. R. Ingram, Herbert Patterson, George Crow, W. S. J. Brown, Jack Miller, Earl Hughes, Robert M. lone, Homer Patterson, Jan Hughes Wade, Hugh Hunt and Sallie Moore.

MERKEL HD CLUB

The Merkel Home Demonstration Club held its regular meeting last Friday in the home of Mrs. M. T. Head.

Roll call was answered with "Useful Kitchen Gadget I Have," and Mrs. Ray Holmes gave a demonstration on "How To Streamline Your Medicine Cabinet." The club met in the home of Mrs. Rhett Eidson last week on Wednesday and quitted a quilt for the Boys' Ranch. Each member carried covered dish, which was served buffet style at noon.

Miss Loreta Allen will meet with the club March 28 in the home of Mrs. John Hughes and give a demonstration on "Making Quick M. Cakes and Icings."

Refreshments were served to Mesdames L. P. Lyles, John Hughes, Stella Cutler, J. Be Campbell, Pearl Harris, Ray Holmes, J. W. Bryan, M. T. Head and Rhett Eidson.

INLO GREGORY ENTERTAINED WITH FAREWELL PARTY

Patricia Eidson entertained members of the seventh grad class with a farewell party honoring Inlo Gregory last Saturday night in the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Rhett Eidson.

After the group went to the theatre, they came back to the Eidson home, played several games, and presented the honoree with a number of gifts.

A delicious refreshment plate was served to Inlo Gregory, Janice Rutledge, Robert McLeod, Moll Douglas, Larry Kerns, Minnie Lol Campbell, M. H. Ely, Virgie Williams, Chester Collinsworth, Margaret Chancey, Jerry Wade, Cannon Bradley, Patricia Eidson, Mrs. P. C. Wylie and Mr. and Mrs. Rhett Eidson.

VAUGHNELLE YWA CLASS

The Vaughnelle YWA class met Monday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Horace Boney.

A love offering was taken and a program on foreign missionary work presented.

After the program refreshments were served by Mrs. David Gamble and Mrs. Boney to two visitors Yvonne Farmer, Joan Kerns, and the following members: Glend Perry, Patsy Anderson, Maxine and Marie Kerns, Tessie Hester Denta Gibson, Betty Foster, Mar Criswell, Vonceil Rust, Vernel McLean, Joy Walker and Wand Bradley.

SENIOR CLASS PLAY WINS APPLAUSE WITH GREAT PERFORMANCE FRIDAY

The Merkel High School seniors won great applause during their two performances last Friday of their class play, "Silver Oaks," a three-act comedy written by Gene Neal.

Joan Seymore assumed the role of Lindy Lou Evans, the attractive manager of Silver Oaks, her uncle's Long Island estate, to which she had brought a southern atmosphere. Elmer Lee Sandusky was Dick Barry, a physical education expert, hired by Lindy Lou to train her guests for the beauty contest. He performed some of his best acting during his masquerade as a girl. Joe Frank Warren, known as "Big Boy" Roberts, helped Dick play detective.

Donald Hunt cleverly portrayed the wealthy old widower from Texas, who wanted a chance to flirt with the young pretty girls before marrying the duchess. Emma Jean Ely, as the duchess, added many good laughs by trailing her lover, Maxine Kerns as Patsy, Martha Beene as Patricia and Joy Johnson as Prunella kept the play moving swiftly by their unexpected movements and clever lines.

The audience was relieved to know that each of these lovely girls won a place in the beauty

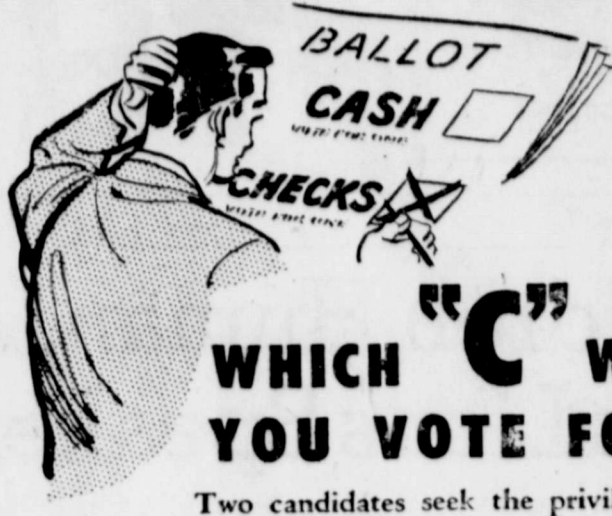
contest. Bobby Shouse was the radio announcer.

An element of mystery was added to the play by the two crooks, Bryan Mundy as Benjamin Blackstone and Connie Mac Seymore as his social secretary, Ethelbert. Wanda Baird as Dolores Del Monte was convincing as a Spanish actress.

Ann Newton and Doyle Jones played the Negro roles of Rachel and Tom. Joan Nash as Aunt Flo added the charm of the Old South. She brought five attractive touring students to Silver Oaks: Mary Criswell, Maybelle; Leona Watson, Julia; Dollye Limer, Molly Ann; Neva Bishop, Emaline; Peggy Scott, Betty Lou. Their taxi driver was Sardines, played by Bobby Campbell.

Billy Greenfield, Billy Harris, Bob Johnson, Merkel McCoy, Clinton Newton and Charles Reddin served as the stage crew. Ushers were Hugh Baker, Billy Baird, Kenneth Bowen, Bobby Dye, Gaylon Johnson, Berton Harris, Franklin Mashburn, Boyd Moore and Sammy Scroggins.

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Pay For Teachers Now At Highest Figure In History

The average American school teacher earned more than \$3,000 for the first time in history during the 1949-50 school year, the U. S. Chamber of Commerce has reported.

The chamber said salaries of teachers in elementary and secondary schools averaged \$3,012 that year, the latest for which complete figures were available. This was a 14 per cent jump over average teachers' pay in 1948.

California teachers enjoyed the highest average income—\$4,268.

Teachers in the District of Columbia followed with \$3,920. Mississippi teachers had the lowest average—\$1,416.

Average state expenditures per pupil, based on average daily attendance, rose to \$221.45 in 1950, compared with \$180 in 1948.

Kansas ranked 24th, spending \$243.23 per pupil. Texas was 26th, \$228.90; Oklahoma 33rd, \$214.66; Missouri 37th, \$189.40; Arkansas 47th, \$120.91.

The state of Delaware has a perfect circular arc for one of its boundaries.

Navy's Long Johns To Be Made of Cotton

The Navy is going to get "Itch-less Woolies." Part of the Navy's line-up of cold weather clothing will be the traditional Long John underwear in cotton, instead of wool.

The new two-piece garment, made of a honey-comb design in plain white cotton, creates a dead air space resulting in higher insulation from the cold — and no "itch".

Great Cattle Drive To Show at Pioneer Sunday and Monday

A great cattle drive from Oregon to Wyoming, climaxing in a wild stampede stopped by cowboys on milling horses at the real risk of their lives, provides the super-thrilling highlight of "The Longhorn," latest Wild Bill Elliott starring picture, in sepia tone, which will play Sunday and Mon-

day at the Pioneer Theatre.

In the picture Wild Bill plays the part of a cattleman discouraged in his efforts to raise Texas longhorns on the Wyoming plains.

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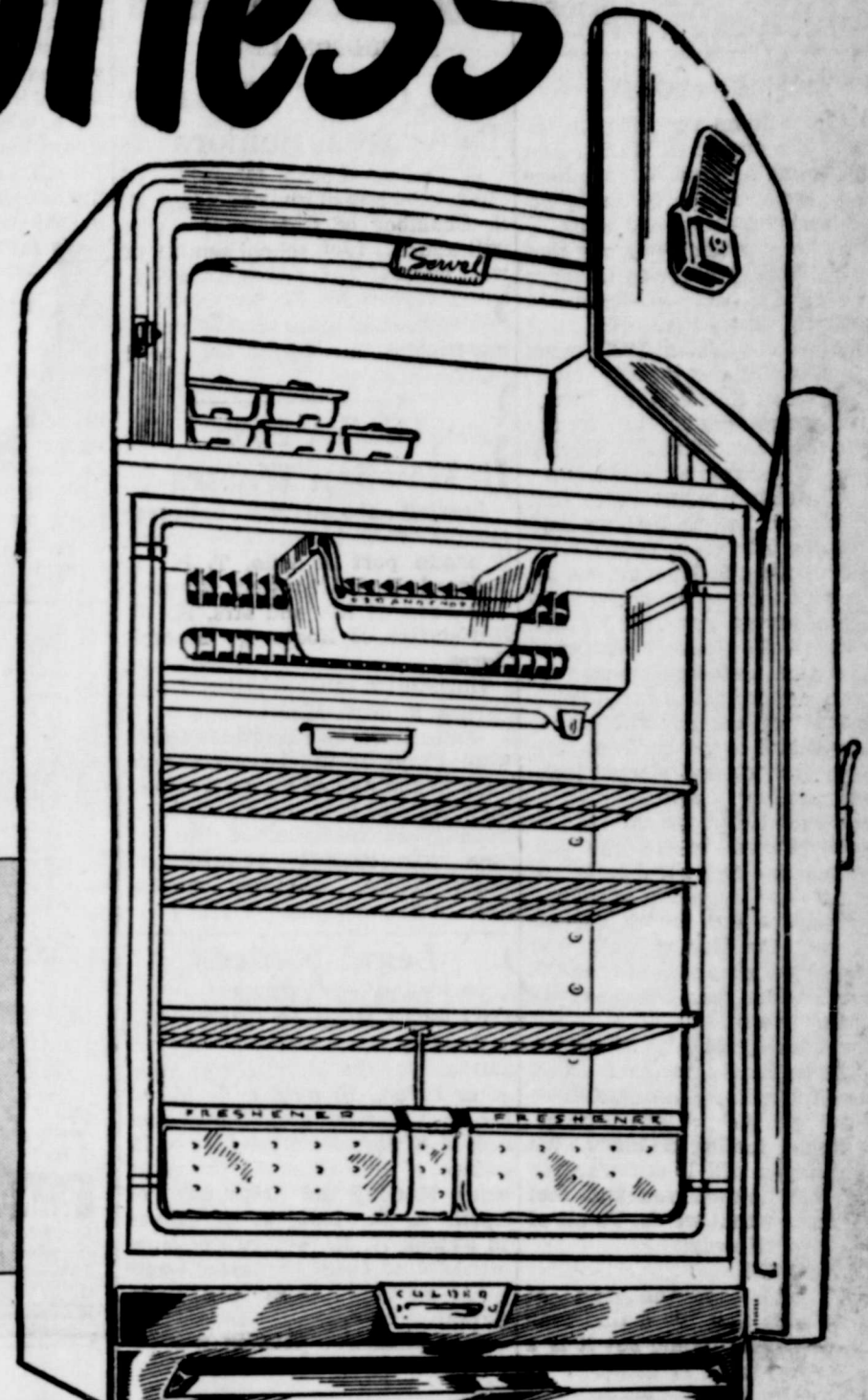
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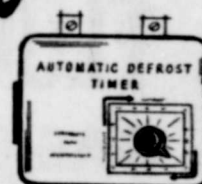
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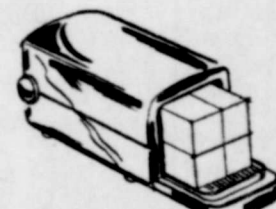
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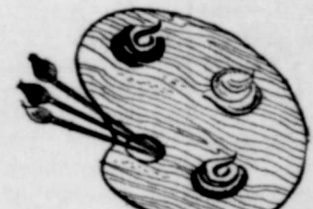
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A PERSONAL WORD

In this column we wish to say hello to the people of Merkel and the surrounding area. We are here because we chose to be here, because Merkel looked good to us.

When we say this, we know that we are literally covering a large territory. We were in Texas a good many years ago. We came to this state back in 1932 when things were at the lowest level. We settled in Karnes City, Texas, 54 miles below San Antonio on the way to Corpus Christi. Having been born and reared in Missouri we had a desire to return to that state. We did and in 1945 we sold the Karnes City, Tex., Citation.

After moving to Missouri we began to feel that we needed a vacation, not having one in 16 years. So we sold the paper in Missouri and for the last four years we have been vacationing and doing a little work on the side. Then we felt the desire to get back into the newspaper work and started looking for another paper.

We decided that we wanted to settle in Texas, where the distances are far and the hearts of the people are large. We examined a few papers and towns and we found that the Merkel Mail was the paper we wanted and that the town of Merkel was the place we wished to live in.

So in coming back to Texas we feel like we have come back home. The good people we have met have made us feel that we are at home. It is a good feeling to have. We hope that you will look toward us as we look toward you and feel the same way that we do. To all of you we say, "Howdy!"

WHITE-ICISM
 That's ALL—and the sage of Figfield adds that it's a fine feeling to be coming home but it is a finer feeling to be at home.

THE TAXPAYER IS A POWER

Probably never before in American history have so many taxpayers come up to March 15 with so much resentment.

Not only are their taxes higher—9 to 17 per cent over last year—but they have been sickened and disgusted by the scandals in the Internal Revenue Bureau, and appalled by the constant evidence of waste and worldwide boondoggling.

Congress, which must stand for election this year, took notice of this state of affairs in two actions this week:

In the Senate, President Truman's plan for reorganizing the Internal Revenue Bureau was approved. Its purposes are to streamline the tax-collecting business and to take 81 key jobs out of the realm of political pap. This organizational reform, long overdue, is a direct result of the scandals in the bureau.

In the House, the Appropriations Committee bravely whacked 25,000 to 30,000 jobs out of the spending bill for some of the Government's independent agencies.

These two items won't provide much cheer for the 60 million taxpayers who have been wrestling with their income returns—and with ways to find the money to pay up. But they are good omens, if Congress intends to follow up with more of the same. Reorganization of the Internal Revenue Bureau won't stamp out corruption. Only administrative integrity can do that. The cuts made by the Appropriations Committee won't balance the budget. Only a meat ax will do that.

While March 15 was the Government's pay day yet the taxpayer is still a power in this country. His day is coming. If any congressman thinks the taxpayer won't remember on November 4 what happened to him on March 15, that congressman is making the mistake of his life.

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D. HODSON LEWIS

U. S. C. of C. Manager To Address Seniors

D. Hodson Lewis, manager of the southwestern division of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, who will address high school seniors of west central Texas at Hardin-Simmons University Friday, April 4, is a veteran of more than 30 years' experience in chamber of commerce work.

Local Sailor Boy In Hawaiian Waters

Serving aboard the destroyer escort USS Nicholas, which recently made port at Hilo, T. H., is Bernard E. Huffstutler, fireman, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Huffstutler of Route 4, Merkel, Texas.

Huffstutler entered the Naval service in Nov. 1930.

While there, two Hawaiian feasts were given by the islanders, who were in the cast of the motion picture "Bird of Paradise." The feasts were given in honor of the 231 men who recently returned to Pearl Harbor after six months duty in Korean area.

Legal Notices

THE STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF TAYLOR.
 TO: Clara J. Hammett 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 April, A. D., 1952, at or before 10 o'clock A. M., before the Honorable 42nd Court of Taylor County, at the Court House in Abilene, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 8th day of February, 1952.

The file number of said suit being No. 18,960-A.

The names of the parties in said suit are:
 Auda Vee Hammett as Plaintiff, and Clara J. Hammett, as Defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: Plaintiff and defendant were legally married on or about May 25, 1944 and lived together until on or about August 1, 1944. That no children have been born or will be born as a result of said marriage and no community property has been acquired. 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 25th day of February, A. D., 1952.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this 25th day of February, A. D., 1952.

J. Neil Daniel, Clerk
 Court Taylor County, Texas.
 By Ann Jones, Deputy.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF TAYLOR.

We, the subscribers, have this day entered into a limited partnership agreeably to the provision of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas relating to limited partnerships; and do hereby certify that the terms of our said partnership are as follows, to wit:

The name under which said partnership is to be conducted is "Rocky Mountain Engineering Company Limited".

The general nature of said business is oil well log servicing.

The names of all the general and special partners interested therein, and their respective places of residence, are as follows, to wit:

H. P. Lackey, general partner, Abilene, Texas.

W. T. Covey, general partner, Dallas, Texas.

H. R. Hawes, Jr., special partner, Abilene, Texas.

The amount of capital which the aforesaid special partner has contributed to the common stock is \$7,000.00 in cash.

Said partnership is to exist for the term of five (5) years from the date of these presents.

This 18th day of February, A. D., 1952.

(Signed)
 H. P. LACKEY
 H. P. Lackey, General Partner
 W. T. COVEY
 W. T. Covey, General Partner
 H. R. HAWES
 H. R. Hawes, Jr., Special Partner

Derek Has Romantic Role In New Play At Queen Theatre

Handsome young John Derek whose screen appearances have created some of the strongest feminine heart palpitations in the history of Hollywood, finally has been given a chance to prove himself in a truly dramatic role, that of a boy who faces a lifetime of lies after a raging act of violence in a parking lot.

The actor, who will star at the Queen Theatre on Tuesday and Wednesday with Lee J. Cobb and Jody Lawrence in "The Family Secret," has heretofore been cast in either "killer" or "acrobatic" roles.

Now, Derek portrays an average youngster, member of the nice family in town, whose wild impulses on a wine-hot night almost destroy his romance. Miss Lawrance herself a comparative newcomer to the screen, is Derek's girl friend in the film! Cobb portrays the boy's father.

A GOOD IDEA

The Kyle First Methodist church turned to classified advertising to boost attendance when other methods failed. The notice under the heading "sitters wanted," said: "Wanted—Men, women and children to sit in slightly used pews on Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. Kyle First Methodist Church."



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Governor Allan Shivers expressed the hope that Texas cities, counties, organizations, and individuals will contribute to the fund. Abilene citizens recently gave \$1,000 for an examining room to be known as the "City of Abilene Room."

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Farmers should plan to produce adequate feed crops this season, weather permitting, said the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. The use of adapted varieties of crops and liberal applications of fertilizers will aid in getting maximum yields.

14 CATCH MARKED FISH
 The first catches of white bass released in Lake Texoma have been reported to the Chief Aquatic Biologist of the Game & Fish Commission. Three of the marked beauties were recorded through

Aquatic Biologist Ed Bonn at Denison.
 The body of Admiral George Dewey of Spanish-American War

fame, was transferred from Arlington Cemetery to a crypt in the Washington, D. C. Cathedral on March 28, 1925.

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

Tye Methodist Church
 Sunday:
 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.

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 Services at the Merkel Church of the Nazarene are as follows:
 Sunday School.....10:00 a. m.
 Morning Worship.....11:00 a. m.
 Young People's Service.....6:30 p. m.
 Evening Services.....7:30 p. m.
 Wednesday Prayer Service 7:30 p. m.
 W. F. M. S. meets at 2:30 p. m. each first and third Thursday.

Merkel Church of Christ
 Sunday:
 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.

Noodle Baptist Church
 Sunday:
 Sunday School.....10:00 a. m.
 Morning Worship.....11:00 a. m.
 Young People's Class 6:30 p. m.
 Evening Services.....7:30 p. m.

Trent First Baptist Church
 Sunday:
 Sunday School.....10:00 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:
 Bible Class.....10:00 a. m.
 Morning Worship.....11:00 a. m.
 Evening Services.....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.
 Wednesday: WSCS.....3:00 p. m.

Noodle Church of Christ
 Sunday:
 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.

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:
 Prayer Service.....7:30 p. m.

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 Sunday School.....10:00 a. m.
 Morning Worship, 2nd and 4th Sunday.....11:00 o'clock
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Pioneer Memorial Chapel
 Sunday School.....10:00 a. m.
 Morning Service.....11:00 a. m.
 Evening Services.....7:30 p. m.
 Wednesday:
 Evening Prayer Service.....7:30

Hebron Baptist Church
 Sunday School.....10:00 a. m.
 Morning Worship.....11:00 o'clock.
 Training Union.....7:00 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.

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

Merkel First Methodist Church
 Sunday:
 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.

Evening Prayer Services
7:30 o'clock

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Livestock Numbers Lower Than Year Ago

Livestock numbers, except cattle and chickens, on Texas farms and ranches at the beginning of 1952 were lower than a year ago. For the entire nation cattle numbers were 7 per cent larger than on January 1, 1951, while for Texas the increase was only 2 per cent. The severe drought over the state has seriously hampered livestock production and has hit hardest the sheep and goat producing sections, said C. H. Bates, farm management specialist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. This means that livestock numbers have been kept relatively low during a period of favorable returns, because of reduced feed supplies. Even now, Texas farms and ranches have almost 9 million cattle, over 6 million stock sheep and 1.6 million hogs.

Heart-Warming Story Coming To Queen Sunday and Monday

Starring Cary Grant and Betsy Drake, "Room For One More," the heart-warming story adapted from the best-seller novel by Anna Perrott Rose, comes to the Queen screen on Sunday and Monday. The story of a happy but zany couple who suddenly becomes involved with a flock of family problems, "Room For One More" is one of Warner Bros.' top productions. As an engineer working for the city, Gary is seen as a happy-go-lucky fellow who tries to maintain peace and harmony among the members of his household. However, due to the over-generosity of his well-meaning spouse, played by Miss Drake. How all this is brought about, including all the attendant laughs and heart tugs of the not-so-aver-

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The mouth is the gateway to the stomach and the organs of digestion and the outlet of the voice box, part of the channel of respiration. As an inlet, the mouth caters to the physical well-being and as an outlet you might consider the mouth an expression of the mental well-being, a reflection of thoughts and personality.

The primary function of the mouth is its capacity to start food on its alimentary canal route. Though it may substitute for the nose as the intake of air for breathing purposes, neither the nose nor the mouth likes that substitution unless it is absolutely necessary, such times as when the nose is stopped up or damaged or the physical exertion of the body is so great that the oxygen needs cannot be met by the nose.

You're supposed to breathe with your nose and eat with your mouth.

The tongue flaps about in conversation and also rolls food up into a ball before helping shove the food down the hatch.

Food travels from the mouth to the pharynx to the gullet (esophagus) into the stomach. There it gets doused with hydrochloric acid, a powerful chemical which causes the solids to disintegrate. From the stomach the food goes into the small intestine where more chemicals are added and the whole thing looks like mush.

This mush is dumped into the

large intestine where the fluids are squeezed out and sent to all parts of the body. The solid matter completes the circuit of the large intestine, goes into the bowels, and is periodically expelled from the body.

The food you eat goes into the stomach and intestines, picking up chemicals and leaving such nourishment as is necessary along the route, and the waste product is eliminated from the body by the bowels.

Below the lungs and above the stomach is a dome-shaped muscle which forms a sliding partition. This muscle, called the diaphragm, works up and down like a butter churn, shoving up against the lungs and pushing out the air, then pushing down against the stomach, possibly to give the stomach contents the impetus to get going on into the intestines. The diaphragm just keeps batting back and forth in pretty good rhythm most of the time; when it gets hung for some reason or other, you usually end up with the hiccups.

It's Almost Time For Fishing Fever

Now is the time to start the fertilization program for the farm fish pond, said the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Such a program makes possible the production of fish by the acre and greatly improves the farm fish pond so far as fishing is concerned. A stocking program plus the fertilization program for farm ponds can solve the question of where to go fishing — right at home.

My Old Kentucky Home, by Stephen Collins Foster, is the state song of Kentucky.

Harley Sadler Announces As Candidate For Senate

Harley Sadler of Abilene authorizes The Mail to announce his candidacy for the Texas senate, from the new 24th Senatorial District, comprising Dickens, Garza, Kent, Stonewall, Borden, Curry, Fisher, Jones, Shackelford, Howard, Mitchell, Nolan and Taylor Counties.

The present district is now represented by Senator Pat Bullock of Colorado City. Senator Bullock has announced that he will not be a candidate for re-election.

Harley Sadler was raised in this District, and has served in the Texas Legislature for four terms, three consecutive terms from the 117th District, comprising Mitchell, Fisher and Nolan Counties; and at the present time is a member of the Legislature from the 118th District — Taylor County.

In announcing his candidacy, Mr. Sadler made the following statement: Since Senator Pat Bullock of Colorado made his announcement that he would definitely not be a candidate for re-election, hundreds of voters from the new 24th Senatorial District have contacted me by personal visits, phone calls, letters, cards and petitions, urging that I make the race for the State Senate. I deeply appreciate these solicitations, many of them coming from voters who did not support me when I sought this place in 1948. After giving the matter serious thought and due consideration, I have decided to enter the race.

During my eight years of service in the Lower House, no member had a more perfect attendance record, nor gave more diligent effort to the work than myself, both on the floor of the House and in Committee work as well.

I served on major committees, either as chairman, vice-chairman, or as a member, on the following committees: two terms on Appropriations committee; two terms on Revenue and Taxation committee; four terms on Oil, Gas and Mining committee; Motor Traffic committee; Commerce and Manufacturers committee; Congressional and Legislative Districts committee; rules committee; Chairman of Live Stock and Stock Raising committee; and several others.

I feel that this experience and my voting record qualifies me to serve the 24th Senatorial District in a creditable manner.

I have successfully, during the past eight years, sponsored or cosponsored much important legislation for the welfare of our state, and especially West Texas. Among these measures I might mention the passage of our Legislative Redistricting which gives West Texas equal representation with the other sections of our State; the Predatory Animal law; Auctioning law; Seed law; Insecticide law; Soil Conservation appropriations, and many other measures in the interest and for the protection of our ranchers and farmers; Oil and Gas legislation; Rural Aid and many other measures for the advancement of our public schools. Abolishment of our State Ad Valorem tax which greatly favored West Texas taxpayers; and other legislation in the social and economic interests of this area.

I likewise opposed any legislation which I considered to be non-political or revengeful in its nature.



HARLEY SADLER

I bitterly opposed in committee and on the floor, our present Auto Inspection law. I am not against safety, but I felt then and feel now that the measure imposed too much authority and power in one of our State agencies; and that it would work a financial hardship on the people of our State, especially among those who could least afford it.

I have never been one who has made a great many campaign promises, but I do promise the voters of this district that if elected, my first act will be to ask for repeal of this unreasonable law. I hope the voters will not be lulled to sleep by the temporary holiday that has been granted on the enforcement of this act. It is my belief that after September 6, 1952, you may expect a strict enforcement of this measure.

I feel that I have a personal acquaintance with thousands of voters in this district. Most of you know the things that I stand for, and for more than 35 years while making our living among you we

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the friends and voters as we possibly can.

In the meantime, we ask your continued support and good will. We are deeply grateful for all the nice things that you have done for us down through the years, and will be pleased to hear from you. Box 889, Abilene, Texas.
Harley Sadler.

COTTON PICKING COSTS UP

It cost an average of \$3 per 100 pounds to pick the 1951 cotton crop, according to an estimate by the United States Department of Agriculture. This is a 15 per cent rise over average costs of picking in 1950.

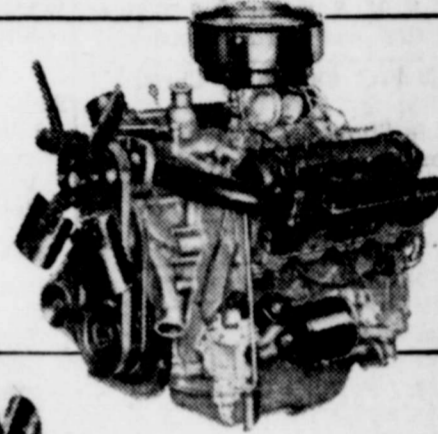
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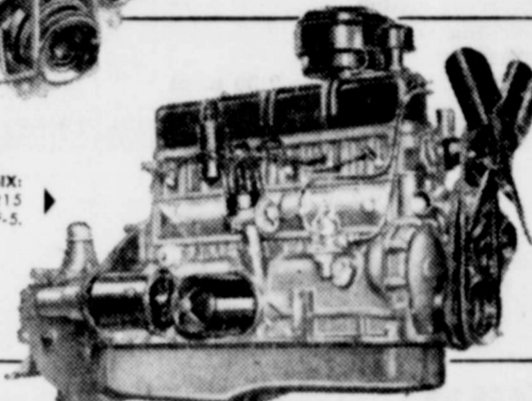


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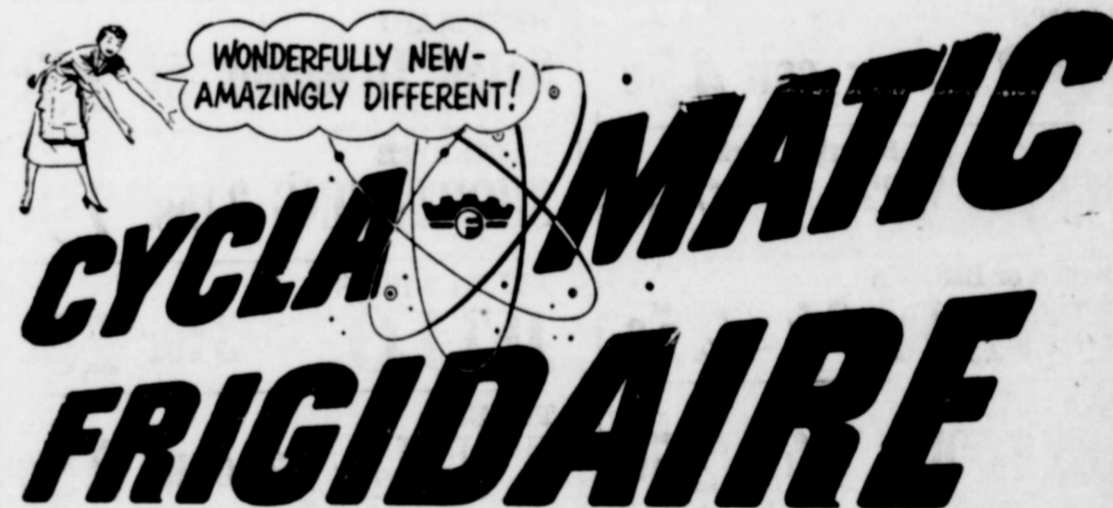
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