

THE MERKEL MAIL

IN THE FRIENDLY TOWN

MERKEL, TEXAS, FRIDAY, JANUARY 9, 1953.

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of America

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Sheriff Ed Powell Will Treat All Alike, He Promises

"We will treat all alike whether we know them or not."

That was the promise made by new Sheriff Ed Powell in his talk before the Lions luncheon Tuesday at the Community Center. Accompanying Sheriff Powell were Chief Deputy Leroy Arnold, Criminal Deputy Harlan Lusk and Court Deputy Austin (Pete) Petty, whom he introduced.

President H. O. Boney presided at the meeting. He appointed a telephone committee: Dr. W. T. Sadler, Fred Starbuck, Dee Grimes and Isadore Mellinger.

Principal C. A. Farley, local campaign director, talked on the March of Dimes. He outlined the plan for the month. "We will depend on voluntary contributions," he stated.

In telling about the hilarious basketball game to be played for the benefit of the March of Dimes Principal Farley introduced the coaches, Chester Collinsworth and Principal Edwin Read, who told what kind of game they would play in a humorous vein.

Supt. Mack Fisher explained that as referee there would be no fouls unless a man was killed. Any man who could run down the gym once was eligible to play.

Program Chairman Starbuck introduced the new sheriff.

"There is no magic or supermen in catching criminals," said Mr. Powell. "We are as good as our information. Law enforcement is hard work."

When you get a lead you must hit hard and fast and continuously.

"We'll try to give you the best sheriff's office you have ever had if hard work will do it," he continued. "The success of any law enforcement agency, especially the sheriff's office, depends on the cooperation it gets from the public, not only in turning in information but also as witnesses and serving as jurymen."

SINGING AT PIONEER

The regular Sunday singing will be held at 2 p. m. Jan. 11 at the Pioneer Memorial Church. Everyone is welcome.

Lester Dorton

Is Ill Of Flu

And Now Home

Lester Dorton, manager of the Taylor Electric Co-op., was in the Sadler Hospital from Saturday to Tuesday of this week. He had flu but is feeling much better.

BOB COOKE HERE

Bob Cooke, the editor of The Waggin' Tongue of the Abilene Reporter-News, was in town Wednesday afternoon and visited The Merkel Mail. Of course, Bob was looking for feature stories.

DOLLAR DAY NOTE

As Jan. 20 is Dollar Day merchants are kindly requested to have their ads ready early next week.

Danger Lurks In Wind Erosion Says S. C. S. Man

The Soil Conservation Service reported that the lands subject to blowing in western Texas and Oklahoma have entered the new wind erosion season in the most perilous condition since the end of the blow years of the 1930s.

Dry weather following wheat plantings and the large acreages in cotton, failure of sorghum crops, and overuse of sorghum stubble and range lands, account for the big increase in unprotected acreage.

Good growing weather to permit new wheat and other winter growing crops could reduce the unprotected acreage greatly. Louis P. Merrill, regional S. C. S. director, Fort Worth, said.

The Panhandle section of Texas has been added to the trouble areas of the Southern High Plains of Texas as a threatened area. Sorghum stubble in the Amarillo area at present is furnishing protection but much of it is being over-grazed. Cotton lands in that area are in poor condition.

In the Lubbock and Big Spring areas mechanically harvested cotton acreage and sorghum land on which the crop was cut for bundle feed plus large areas of bare cultivated and range land account mainly for the blowing conditions.

Mr. Merrill said that in the few dust and sand storms which already have occurred in the blow areas only 83,500 acres have suffered moderate to severe damage. Of this total, 29,500 acres are in the Big Spring area.

"Many farmers in the areas of Oklahoma and Texas threatened by wind erosion are aware of the danger and are doing their best to get ready," he asserted. "They already are busy with emergency tillage operations on the exposed land."

"However, our goal in this fight against wind erosion is the kind of farming being done by soil conservation district cooperators, who are keeping their land protected and making it more productive at the same time. There will be no blowing on their farms this season and on thousands of other farms whose owners are using soil conservation district methods."

The local S. C. S., under Manager Coleman O'Brien, has been working with the farmers to protect their land.

R. N. Mosiers Sell Merkel Courts

Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Mosier have sold the Merkel Courts to Will Hastins of Abilene. Mr. Mosier remarked that they are retiring after owning the courts for 10 years.

Noodle Boys Basketball Steam Roller Flattens Two More

The Noodle Boys Basketball forces started the New Year off right in Noodle Jan. 1, by walloping the McCaulley Eagles 59 to 43.

The game was a rather tight affair up through the first four minutes of the third period. At that time the Noodle charges clung to a slender three point lead. Then the Mustang offensive machine that had sputtered through almost three quarters ineffectively, started rolling. Pouncing on every break, and making a few of their own, Noodle guards Benningfield and Hill started dumping in buckets with monotonous regularity.

In three short minutes, McCaulley's gentlemen found themselves behind 20 points. That sewed it up for Noodle. A McCaulley rally was choked in in the last quarter.

High scorer for Noodle was Wallace Hill with 25 points. Ace for McCaulley was Faught with 14 points. The Goode brothers turned in sterling performances by controlling both backboards for Noodle.

The Noodle Mustangs finally subdued a fighting Lawn team, 40-32, last Friday night for their sixth consecutive triumph.

Noodle jumped in to a six point first quarter lead but the alert Lawn team knotted the count at 17-all shortly after the second period began. However, Noodle regained the lead and was never



ZEDIC G. JOHNSON
to be commissioned officer

Ed Wishcamper Is Appointed As Managing Editor

Ed N. Wishcamper has been appointed managing editor of the Abilene Reporter-News, succeeding Hal Sayles, who has resigned.

Mr. Wishcamper has been a member of the editorial staff of The Reporter-News since 1936. He has been assistant managing editor since last March. He is 35 years old. He will assume his new duties January 17.

Mr. Wishcamper has been a tireless worker, absorbing a great deal of detail himself while at the same time directing the creative work of others.

Oil Activity Continues Brisk Around Merkel

The No. 2 Chambliss, an offset to the No. 1 Chambliss, was being drilled Wednesday morning. It is located 600 feet northeast of the other well, that is one mile south of Trent.

No. 3 G. A. Kagens in the White Flat Field, four miles west of Trent, is in a state of completion and is flowing freely.

R. H. and K. and V. C. Perini, one mile west of Tye, Monday was cleaning itself into pits.

Dee Moore, six miles southeast of here, was down 3,900 feet Monday.

Sojourner Drilling Co., et al was drilling around 3,300 feet three miles southeast of here Tuesday morning.

R. H. and K. Drilling Co., are drilling on the Roy B. Largent about four and half miles northwest of here.

Slim, High Pockets And "Rougharee" In Hilarious Fun

A capacity crowd is expected to witness the two hilarious basketball games for the benefit of the March of Dimes to be held in the local gym next Thursday night.

The first match of the double bill will get underway at 7 p. m. with the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, coached by Mildred "Slim" Winter, meeting the ladies of the school faculty, coached by Betty "High Pockets" Lackey.

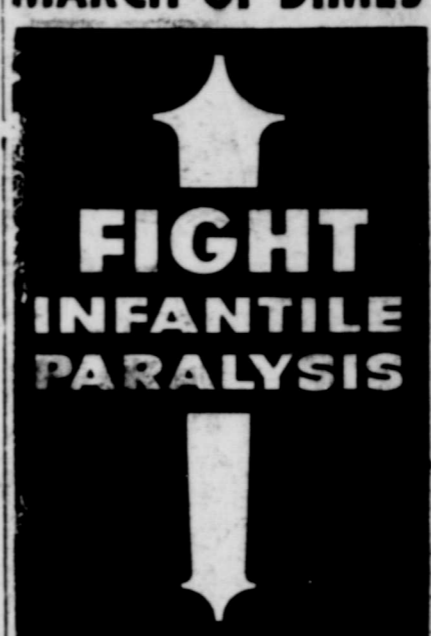
Besides Coach Winter, the sorority girls will be led by Viola Allred, Jo Barnett, Janice Russell, Ruth Horton, Mildred Barnett, Jake Elliott, Lucille Litton, Dorothy Nodge, Opal Malone, Faye Robertson, Sug Springer, Jane Wade and Marie Ely.

The ladies of the faculty will be paced by Mrs. Edwin Read, Billie Faye Ellis, Helen Benson, Mary Bird, Elsie Nash, Norah Foster, Beverly Names, Ellen McReynolds and Alzada Pogue.

The other half of the double header will pit Edwin Read's faculty five against the Lions Club Loafers, tutored by Chester Collinsworth, former star pivot man for the University of Texas (team

of 1903). The faculty club will be headed by Carroll Benson, Tommy Ellis, Leon Walker, Delmar Mel-

MARCH OF DIMES



JANUARY 2-31

MAY PAY TAX HERE

Tax office personnel will be in Merkel Jan. 15 and 16, announced Tax Assessor-Collector Raymond Petree. The personnel will be at Trent Jan. 14. At that time poll taxes may be paid. Poll taxes are \$1.75 each and may be paid in person or by mail. Those paying by check should enclose information about name, term of residence in the state and county, age and address.

Ad valorem taxes will also be collected.

George Havens To Sing and Speak At Local Church

Diminutive, pint-sized George Havens, son of Mrs. Robert Spence, known in the realm of show business as Hollywood's smallest cowboy, spent most of the past eleven years before the glamour town's cameras, falling from wild horses and driving run-a-way wagons while doubling for Hollywood's most famous kid stars is now out to rope and hog-tie the devil in his capacity as one of Youth for Christ's Evangelists.

Havens, four feet and eleven inch former Texan, will sing and speak at the Presbyterian Church at 7 p. m. Sunday.

The 32 year old miniature horse rancher has been vocalist for such well known Western bands as: Pee Wee King, and his Golden West Cowboys, formerly of "Grand Old Opry" fame, and Stuart Hamblen's Lucky Stars of Hollywood.

While a member of Hamblen's radio cast, Havens was asked to sing a Gospel song. "That's what started me on the Glory Road," he said. "I couldn't get that song out of my mind, I couldn't get any rest until I was saved. Since then I have been singing and playing my guitar for the Glory of God."

Havens will play the guitar and sing Gospel songs with a western flavor. There is no charge for admittance. The public is invited.

Herman Carson Is On Grand Jury

Herman Carson was a member of the 42nd District Court Grand Jury Monday. Twelve indictments were returned.

CAMPBELLS HAVE SON

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie H. Campbell are the parents of a new baby boy born Dec. 25 in the Haskell County Hospital. The grandparents are Mrs. C. O. Washburn and Mr. and Mrs. J. Hamp Campbell.

CORRECTION

If in the West Company ad it reads cello Celery, pkg. 15c, it should be 27c.

ton, W. G. Reed and C. A. Farley. The Lions Club aggregation will depend chiefly upon Horace Boney, R. L. Elliott, Ben Hicks, H. B. Hargrove, Clesby Patterson, Lester Dorton, Frank Breaux, W. T. Sadler, Rufe Tittle and Dee Grimes.

Admission will be 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for students. Tickets may be purchased at the Merkel Drug or from any of the school offices.

Incidentally, the two contests will be "roughareed" by Prof. Mack Fisher, former Southwest Conference official, assisted by Constable Luther Land and City Marshal A. D. Fulton.

P. S. Plenty of medical aid will be present when needed!

Attack Of Flu Weakens Team Tuesday Night

The Coleman Bluecats pawed their way into the Badgers' den, scratched the local boys up and slipped out of town, leaving a trail of red.

The felines came when Coach Tommy Ellis was nursing five boys who had flu. The boys who were incapacitated were star Kelton Williamson and first string man Jackie McAninch. The other three were Charles Jennings, Doyle Black and Jimmy Leverich.

But at that the Badgers did not stage a sit-down strike. They piled up 45 points while the Bluecats soared to 80. Note, too, the high point man was one of Coach Ellis' Badgers, Arlan Harris, who topped the list with 21 points, while Kenneth Cleveland of Coleman made only 17 points.

Coleman jumped into a 19-12 first period lead, with Cleveland hitting nine of the points. At the half, the Bluecats held a 30-16 lead and at the third quarter had boosted the margin to 57-27. During this third period Harris scored eight points for the Badgers but Coleman continued the scoring rampage winning handsly.

Coleman won the opener between the "B" teams of the two schools, 61-30 Glen Dun scored 18 for Coleman with Mike Powell hitting 15. English scored 10 for Merkel.

New Chevrolet To Be Shown Here At Badger Today

Expanded to include a third series of cars, and boasting more significant advances than ever incorporated in a model in the low-price field, the widely discussed new Chevrolets make their first public appearance at the Badger Chevrolet Company today, Friday.

For the 1953 market bodies have been completely re-designed. All cars have increased power, with special emphasis on a new power train that includes a new engine and improved automatic transmission. In performance, in economy, in driving and riding qualities, exterior and interior appointments, the latest Chevrolet models contribute importantly to automotive progress.

Features of the new cars range throughout the bodies and chassis. Manager Jack Miller called attention to the entirely new series, known as the Bel Air, Mr. Miller said they are the most luxurious models in Chevrolet history. To be produced as two-and four-door sedans, a convertible and sport coupe, the Bel Airs are included in the choice of 16 Fisher body types. Other passenger car series are designated as the "Two-Ten" and "One-Fifty."

Free gifts will be presented to everyone, man, woman and child, Friday and Saturday, said Mr. Miller.

Merkel 20 Years Ago

TAKEN FROM THE 1932 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL

CUT OWN SALARIES

Taylor County's new commissioners court, holding its first monthly session Monday, moved for a \$2,700 reduction in public expenditures annually, by elimination of two ex-officio county salaries and a 50 per cent reduction of a third.

TO HOLD MASS MEETING

Next Sunday night Merkel is to have a prohibition mass meeting on the order of those that used to be held in the days of the open saloon.

RECORD BIRTH

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Griggs, residing in the Canyon, Thursday, Jan. 12, 1933.

TO MAKE CALLS

Deputies from the tax assessor's office will call on the taxpayers of the county for their renditions this year. C. W. Boyce, tax assessor of Taylor County, has announced in a statement outlining the work of his office.

TO BE STATIONED HERE

For the convenience of the taxpayers in Merkel and west Taylor county, a deputy tax collector, Mrs. L. M. Touchstone, will be stationed at the city hall here, beginning next Monday and continuing for the last two weeks this month, to receive tax payments and register motor vehicles.

RE-ELECT OFFICERS

Officers and directors of the Farmers State Bank in Merkel were re-elected at Tuesday's annual meetings of stockholders and directors.

SECURES EASEMENT

First important step in solving the problem of draining flood waters from Southeast Merkel has been taken in the securing of easement across the 40-acre tract of W. H. Dunning, permitting the city to dig a drainage ditch that will follow the natural lines, unning in a northwesterly direction.

OUTLINE PROGRAMS

Bedroom improvement, yard beautification, wardrobe planning and farm food supply are the major undertakings for Taylor County home demonstration club members this year.

POULTRYMEN TO MEET

Plans for the annual poultry show will be worked out at a meeting of poultry raisers of Merkel and this section, which had been called for Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The meeting is to be held at the Lions Club Hall.

DAN MATTHEWS DIES

Dan Matthews was accidentally killed Saturday morning by a falling tree in Chandler, Ariz. He lived here about five years ago.

This Happened in Merkel Forty Years Ago

TAKEN FROM THE 1912 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL

BBB A pretty wedding was solemnized at 8 o'clock Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Stallings when they gave their daughter, Bera, in marriage to Mr. A. C. McGee of Detroit, Texas, Rev. R. A. Clements performing the ceremony.

marriage that came as a complete surprise to many Merkel was the marriage of Miss Jean to Mr. R. T. Greer at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus in Hamlin at 2 p. m. Sunday. Mrs. Greer is the only sister of Mrs. W. R. Walker, who limits her friends only by her acquaintance, for everyone loves Miss Lucy.

At the residence of Rev. A. A. Baker Sunday afternoon, Dec. 22,

at 5 o'clock Mr. W. E. Diltz and Miss Rufe Compton were married. The evening was picturesque and snow was falling fast, the ground having long ago been covered in a robe of pearly white.

W. R. Bigham and T. J. Coggins have within the past few years all but become citizens of Montezumas where they have been buying and selling Mexican cattle but, as their usual custom, they came home to hang up their socks and eat turkey with the home folks. Mr. Bigham just purchased 30,000 head of cattle although he has had considerable trouble during the revolutionary crimes. Mr. Coggins just bought 2,000 head more.

NEWS ABOUT TOWN

Mr. and Mrs. Odell Anderson and son Billy Don of Ottawa, Kansas, were visitors during the Christmas holidays in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Anderson. Also Mr. and Mrs. Homer Campbell of Wilson and daughters, Mona and Shirley were visitors, Christmas afternoon there.

were visitors from Denning, New Mexico, Houston and Tuscola. Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Pence and Patsy of Monahans visited with her mother, Mrs. J. D. Porter, during the holidays.

Mrs. Pearl McCoy of Abilene visited her long-time friend, Mrs. J. D. Porter, New Year's Day.

Mrs. Gene Greene of Moran, sister of Buford Allen, died Wednesday morning. She was about 60 years old.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Patterson and family of Odessa visited over the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. T. K. Marshall.

T/Sgt. and Mrs. L. C. Whisenhunt and children, Mary Katherine and Don, have returned to their home in Tucson, Ariz., after visiting in their parents' homes, Mrs. Tommie Smith of Merkel and Charlie Whisenhunt of Ballinger.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Seymou had their Christmas celebration, Dec. 29. All the children and their families were there. About 31 were present. Five came from California, two from Big Lake, and three from Avoca. A big turkey dinner with trimmings was served. Also present were Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Smith and grandson.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Martin of Austin spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Martin and sister, Barbara, of near Snyder.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Caffey and two daughters of Pyote were holiday visitors of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Crain. Others visitors were her brother, W. E. Hale, wife of Dallas.

N. A. Dowell and Rex McLean

were in Abernathy, Midland and Hale Center. They visited Mr. McLean's son.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Wood and family left Sunday for Edna after visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Wood, over the holidays. He is supervisor of music in the schools at Edna.

Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Middleton and Bobby of Lamesa were New Year visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Weldon McAninch.

Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Wylie and children of Colorado City spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stalls.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Farmer spent Sunday with Angus Winn, former Prisoner-of-War buddy, in Abilene. Angus was accidentally shot Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Pipes of Comanche visited Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. C. E. Newborn, and family.

Mrs. Pearl Harris spent the Christmas holidays in Sweetwater visiting her son, S. W. Hollingsworth and family.

Dr. W. F. Armstrong of Fort Worth and daughter Mary Jo of Washington, D. C., spent Christmas Day with his mother, Mrs. M. Armstrong and Mrs. Johnny Cox. Other visitors were Mr. and Mrs. William Carnes, Gloria and Ronny of Wichita Falls.

Mrs. Dorothy Lloyd with her daughter Evelyn of Austin were Christmas holiday guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. DuBose, and Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Patterson and children of Fort Worth. Marvin DuBose and family, their youngest son, Bobby DuBose, is still with the Air Force in England.

J. T. Darsey spent the Christmas holiday with his sister, Miss Willie Darsey, at McGregor. On his way there he was rained on for about 150 miles.

Isadore and Meyer Mellinger attended the Cotton Bowl game in Dallas New Year's Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sheppard and boys of Big Spring spent Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Sheppard.

Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Pee saw the Cotton Bowl game in Dallas Jan. 1.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Gentry visited her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith in Baird Sunday.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Bartlett over the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Dunagan and son, Dane of Jacksboro, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Humphreys and son Jimmy of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Red Miers of McCaulley, Mrs. L. F. Young and Mrs. Homer Raey of Hamlin, Mr. and Mrs. Smokey Donaldson of Tye and Carrol Free from Lubbock.

Don Moore of Fort Worth is spending this week with Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Bartlett and Barbara.

All the children of Mr. and Mrs. Lige Harris were home for the Christmas Day except one son, J. M. Harris, of Amarillo.

Visitors in the Price Melton home during the holidays were their children, Mr. and Mrs. Denzel Melton and family of Kermit, S/Sgt. and Mrs. T. C. Melton of Fort Worth, B. M. and John Hall and family of Memphis, Tenn., A/3C Doyle Melton of Randolph Field, Mrs. Melton's parents, brother and sister, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Doan of Hale Center, Mr.

and Mrs. Dub Doan of Plainview, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Patterson of Monahans, also A/3C Al Godsey of Randolph Field and Johnnie Keenum of Cleveland, Miss.

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Dawkins and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Perrin spent the weekend visiting Troy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Dawkins of DeLeon.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kerns and family on Christmas Day were Mr. and Mrs. E. H. McCright and daughters, Jackie of Sweetwater and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ray Watson of Midland.

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Roland of Abilene and Sgt. and Mrs. Gerald Freeman and daughter Vicki of Wichita Falls visited New Year's Day with Mr. and Mrs. Grif Barnett and Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Simpson.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Metz of San Antonio, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Smith of Ada, Okla., Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Brown and family were dinner guests Christmas Day in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Reidenbach.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy McArthur and sons of Spur and I. D. Simpson, Jr., of Corpus Christi, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Kizer of Mission, Kans., Mrs. Maude Simpson of Kansas City, Mo., visited with Mr. and Mrs. Fred O'Dell through the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Miller's guests during Christmas week were Mr. and Mrs. Linda of Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Higgins and girls, Jean and Barbara Ann, and Mrs. Miller's granddaughter, Marletta Steven, all of Tulsa, Okla., Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Smith of Corsicana.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lassiter during the Christmas holidays were their children, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Peters and children, Judy and Pam of Houston, Mr. and Mrs. Joe E. Lassiter and daughters, Jo Ann and Ja Nell of Austin. Also Mrs. Lassiter's sister, Mrs. Mary Beardon of Dallas and Mrs. Dollie Jones of El Paso, were visitors.

STEALS SPOTLIGHT AT ANNUAL FRESHMAN SOCIAL

Dale Hammond, former Merkel boy, stole the spotlight at the annual freshman social at Arlington. When the freshmen had their first high school social, the Forty-Niners, led by Dale, rocked the group with laughter with hilarious imitations of "In the Book."

Dales is also cartoonist for the Arlington Colt, being the first freshman to make the staff in the history of the school. He also presented his act at the Fireman's Ball in Fort Worth where it was well received.

Adventure, Thrills Pack "Whirlwind" At Queen Theatre

Gene Autry teams up with a former sidekick, Smiley Burnette, to blaze a trail of adventure, thrills and suspense in Columbia Pictures' "Whirlwind," which opens Friday and Saturday at the Queen Theatre.

Autry is seen in "Whirlwind" as an ace postal inspector assigned the task of getting to the bottom of a series of robberies of the U. S. mails. Smiley collaborates with Gene on the case and the pair, with Gene handling the strong-arm stuff and Smiley the laughs, come up with more than their usual quota of exciting screen fare.

A visitor found Smith playing chess with his dog. "Mighty smart dog you've got there," said the visitor. "He ain't smart," said Smith. "I beat him three out of four."

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STATEMENT OF CONDITIO

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RESOURCES

Loans	2,939,325.93
Overdrafts	
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	
Furniture and Fixtures	
AVAILABLE CASH AND QUICK ASSETS:	
United States Bonds and Securities	\$ 1,198,100.00
Other Bonds and Warrants	19,445.80
Cash and Due From Banks	1,721,780.13
Total	\$ 3,546,004.97

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 75,000.00
Surplus	75,000.00
Undivided Profits	54,971.24
Dividend Payable Dec. 31, 1952	7,500.00
DEPOSITS	\$ 3,333,533.73
Total	\$ 3,546,004.97

The above statement is correct.

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RED & WHITE CRUSHED No. 2 Can PINEAPPLE 27c	DURAND No. 3 CAN Sweet Potatoes 29c

SUGAR Pure Cane 5 Lb. Bag 49c

RED & WHITE FLOUR 5 lb. 45c	CAMPBELL No. 1 CAN Tomato Soup 2 cans 25c
WESSON OIL pt. 33c	SCRAPPY Dog Food 6 cans 49c
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Confederate Army, Scott leads a
bloody raid on Union forces in Ne-
vada territory, to capture badly-
needed gold bullion.

When he learns that the Civil
War has ended, he decides to
take the gold South to help in the
rehabilitation of his defeated
homeland, but lunch-law renegade
vigilantes, hiding their lust for
gold under their espousal of a
violent species of law and order,
get after the Major.

LEGAL

THE STATE OF TEXAS
To: William Alfred Thomas Greet-
ing:

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 issu-
ance of this Citation, the same be-
ing Monday the 2nd day of Feb-
ruary, A. D., 1953, at or before 10
o'clock A. M., before the Honora-
ble 42nd District Court of Taylor
County, at the Court House in
Abilene, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed
on the 13th day of Dec., 1952.
The file number of said suit be-
ing No. 18,639-A.

The names of the parties in said
suit are:
Mary Louise Thomas as Plain-
tiff, and William Alfred Thomas
as Defendant.

The nature of said suit being
substantially as follows, to wit:

Plaintiff and Defendant were
duly and legally married on June
7, 1952 and lived together until
June 23, 1952. No children were
born to this marriage and none
will be born and plaintiff and de-
fendant accumulated no commu-
nity property. Plaintiff sues for
divorce on grounds of cruel and
harsh treatment. Plaintiff asks that
her maiden name of Mary Louise
Sturdivant be restored to her.

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

Issued this 15th day of Decem-
ber A. D., 1952.

Given under my hand and seal
of said Court, at office in Abilene,
Texas, this 15th day of Decem-
ber A. D., 1952.

J. NEIL DANIEL, Clerk
42nd District Court Taylor County,
Texas.

By Dorothy Dickerson, Deputy.
Adv. Dec. 19, 26, Jan. 2, 9.

THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: PAUL LEE REMMERS
GREETING: You are commanded
to appear and answer the plain-

tiff'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 26th day of January, A. D.,
1953, at or before 10 o'clock A. M.,
before the Honorable 42nd Dis-
trict Court of Taylor County, at
the Court Houst in Abilene, Tex-
as.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed
on the 14 day of August, 1952.
The file number of said suit be-
ing No. 18,425-A.

The names of the parties in said
suit are; Clydia Mae Remmers as
Plaintiff, and Paul Lee Remmers
as Defendant.

The nature of said suit being
substantially as follows, to wit:

Plaintiff and defendant were
married on or about the 29th day
of July, 1950, and continued to
live together as husband and wife
until on or about 5th day of Feb-
ruary, 1952, when they became
permanently separated.

Plaintiff would show that as a
result of this marriage union one
child was born January 3, 1951, a
male, Bobbie Lee Remmers.

Plaintiff alleges no community
property has been acquired by
plaintiff and defendant.

Plaintiff prays for divorce on
grounds of harsh and cruel treat-
ment, and that she be granted
custody of said minor child and
that the defendant be required to
pay \$15.00 per week toward the
support of said child and attor-
ney's fees.

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

Issued this 10th day of Decem-
ber A. D., 1952.

Given under my hand and seal
of said Court, at office in Abilene,
Texas, this 10th day of Decem-
ber, A. D., 1952.

J. Neil Daniel, Clerk
42nd District Court Taylor County,
Texas.

By Irene Crawford, Deputy
Adv. Dec. 19, 26, Jan. 2, 9

LESTER L. RICE AND SONS,
LTD.

ADVERTISEMENT OF LIMITED
PARTNERSHIP

We, the undersigned subscrib-
ers, have this day entered into a
limited partnership agreeably to
the provisions of the Revised
Statutes relating to limited part-
nerships; and do hereby certify
that the terms of our said part-
nership are as set out in the certi-
ficate of limited partnership as fol-
lows:

CERTIFICATE OF LIMITED
PARTNERSHIP
LESTER L. RICE AND SONS,
LTD.

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF TAYLOR

This is to certify that the unde-
signed Lester L. Rice, Raymond J.
Rice, Bill G. Rice, Jack C. Rice,
and Caleb Reed are forming a
limited partnership and make this
certificate as follows:

1. The name of the firm under
which the partnership is to be
conducted is Lester L. Rice and
Sons, Ltd.

2. The general nature of the busi-
ness intended to be transacted is
to establish and maintain an oil
well drilling business with author-
ity to own and operate drilling
rigs, machinery, tools or appar-
atus necessary to the drilling and
producing oil and gas wells; to
contract for and drill oil and gas
wells for other parties, as well
as for the drilling and exploration
of oil and gas leases owned by the
partnership, and to maintain an
oil business with authority to
lease and purchase and sell oil
and gas mineral leases and oil,
gas and mineral interest in land,
and to prospect and explore and
develop lands for oil, gas and min-
erals.

3. The principal place of business
of the partnership shall be situat-
ed in Abilene, Taylor County,
Texas.

4. The names of all the general
and special partners interested
therein, distinguishing which are
general and which are special
partners, and their respective
places of residence, are as follows:

Partner	Place of Residence
Lester L. Rice,	Abilene, Texas
General Partner	
Raymond J. Rice,	Marysville, Calif.
Special Partner	
Bill G. Rice,	Marysville, Calif.
Special Partner	
Jack C. Rice,	Yuba, Calif.
Special Partner	
Caleb Reed,	Abilene, Texas
Special Partner	

5. The amount of capital which
each special partner has contrib-
uted to the common stock in
cash is as follows:

Raymond J. Rice	\$21,375
Bill G. Rice	\$21,375
Jack C. Rice	\$21,375
Caleb Reed	\$28,500

6. The period at which the part-
nership is to commence is the 15th
day of May, 1952, and the period
at which it is to terminate is the
15th day of May, 1972.

WITNESS OUR HANDS this the
1st day of July, 1952.

LESTER L. RICE
RAYMOND J. RICE
JACK C. RICE

BILL G. RICE
CALEB REED
Filed for record 11 o'clock a. m.
Nov. 24, 1952.

To be published in the "Merkel
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MRS CHESTER HUTCHESON
County Clerk, Taylor County,
Texas.

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF TAYLOR

BEFORE ME, the undersigned,
a Notary Public in and for said
County and State, on this day per-
sonally appeared Lester L. Rice
and Caleb Reed, known to me to
be the persons whose names are
subscribed to the foregoing instru-
ment, and acknowledged to me
that they executed the same for
the purposes and consideration
therein expressed.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND
AND SEAL OF OFFICE this the
4th day of November, 1952.

CHARLOTTE LEWIS
Notary Public in and for Taylor
County, Texas.

THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF YUBA

BEFORE ME, the undersigned,
a Notary Public in and for said
County and State, on this day per-
sonally appeared Raymond J. Rice,
Bill G. Rice, and Jack C. Rice,
known to me to be the per-
sons whose names are subscribed
to the foregoing instrument, and
acknowledged to me that they ex-
ecuted the same for the purposes
and consideration therein express-
ed.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND
AND SEAL OF OFFICE this the
1st day of July.

JEAN K. MOREHEAD
Notary Public in and for Yuba
County, California

DATED this 1st day of Decem-
ber, 1952.

LESTER L. RICE
Lester L. Rice, General Partner
RAYMOND J. RICE
Raymond J. Rice, Special Partner

BILL G. RICE
Bill G. Rice, Special Partner
JACK C. RICE
Jack C. Rice, Special Partner

CALEB REED
Caleb Reed, Special Partner
Adv. Dec. 19, 26, Jan. 2, 9.

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To: Robert D. Warren, 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 expira-
tion of 42 days from the date of
issuance of this Citation, the same
being Monday the 2nd day of Feb-
ruary, A. D., 1953, 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 December,
1952.

The file number of said suit
being No. 18,650-A.

The names of the parties in said

suit are: Beulah Warren as Plain-
tiff, and Robert D. Warren as
Defendant.

The nature of said suit being
substantially as follows, to wit:

That plaintiff and defendant
were married January 14th, 1948
and lived together as wife and
husband until the final separation
on or about the 2nd day of Octo-
ber 1951. No children were born to
this union and no community
property acquired.

Plaintiff prays for divorce on
grounds of cruel and unbearable
treatment. Plaintiff also asks that
her name of Wilson be restored to
her.

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

Issued this 17th day of Decem-
ber, A. D., 1952.

Given under my hand and seal
of said Court, at office in Abilene.

Texas, this 17th day of Decem-
ber A. D., 1952.

J. NEIL DANIEL, Clerk
42nd Dist. Court, Taylor County,
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By IRENE CRAWFORD, Deputy
Adv. Dec. 26, Jan. 2, 9, 16.

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"What good is a baby?" countered the researcher.

Babies and new products have to grow up before anyone
knows how important they may be. Quite a lot of infants have
been brought up at General Electric during the past 75 years.
During the bottle stage, nobody could predict their future
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Here are just a few that were first brought to the American
public by General Electric men and women:

- the first electric lamp
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- the first jet plane engine in U.S.
- the first disposer for kitchen food waste
- the first high-voltage x-ray

We don't ordinarily trot out the past like this. But 1953 marks
a birthday. For it was in 1878 that Thomas Edison organized
the first of the companies which, in 1892, became the General
Electric Company. And, like anyone on his birthday, we do
look back over our shoulder.

This is just the beginning, really. Research and engineering
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SOCIETY

ANNUAL YULE LOG PARTY IS GREATLY ENJOYED

The Yule Log Party at the W. S. J. Brown's Noodle Hereford Ranch is the one social occasion of the year looked forward to with great anticipation by the 11 couples who have been enjoying this fellowship for 19 years and held this and last year as a New Year's Eve party.

As a no-host affair the couples meet at the large beautifully decorated lodge. Each couple brings items of food complimenting a large turkey prepared and cooked this year by Mrs. Lige Gamble.

The long table decorated by Mrs. Roy Largent had as a centerpiece a large silver punch bowl filled with white carnations and silver cat tails. On either side was a beautiful silver candelabrum containing three long white tapers. Place cards attached to small silver and green mesh bells completed the New Year color scheme of silver, green and white.

Partners for the log hunt were found by matching numbers on cards. Directions for hunting the log were the most clever and unusual of any year. A long four-wheel trailer with hay covered by a tarpaulin and pulled by a tractor furnished transportation for several miles' ride over the ranch to a huge bonfire after stopping

five times for instructions found attached to trees.

These instructions were in the form of rhymes and based on couple No. 5. From the bonfire to the lodge the log hunt began in earnest. Finders of the log this year were Mrs. Johnny Cox and escort Booth Warren.

Hiding and decorating the log was the work of Mr. and Mrs. E. Yates Brown of Midland. The Yule log that has been used for many years was gaily decorated with red ribbon, pine burs, white styrofoam bells and a wooden bucket full of candy kisses.

Showing of pictures of the travels of Mr. and Mrs. V. P. Tippett to Hawaii and Central America followed finding of the log and was greatly enjoyed. Exchanging gifts from previously drawn names was completed just as the old year came to an end.

The only unpleasant part of the evening was leaving. Visiting with friends of so many years standing is a high point of the party. Signing the "Log Book" with the declaration that this was the most outstanding of all the Yule Log parties were Messrs. and Mesdames W. S. J. Brown, Booth Warren, Lige Gamble, Roy Largent, Tom Largent, Johnny Cox, Dee Grimes, Willie Joe Largent, Dr. W. T. Sadler, E. Yates Brown of Midland and V. P. Tippett of San Angelo.

4-H CLUB STUDIES EVERY PART OF EVERYTHING

The 4-H Club met January 9 at the elementary school. The next meeting will be Feb. 6. The club studies about every part of everything.

The officers are: President, Jerry Dan Reynolds; vice president, Lanny Perry; secretary-treasurer, Joe Shugart; reporter, Lupe Garcia; song leader, Benny Melton.



MRS. CHARLES LESTER REDDIN

DOLLYE FERN MARRIES CHARLES LESTER REDDIN

Mr. and Mrs. V. A. Liner have announced the marriage of their daughter, Dollye Fern, to Charles Lester Reddin, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Reddin. The wedding took place Dec. 9 at the home of the Rev. W. T. Hamor, with Mr. Hamor reading the double ring ceremony in the presence of the immediate families.

Maid of honor was Wanda Baird and best man was Billy Harris, both of Abilene.

For her wedding Mrs. Reddin wore a blue-gray suit with red accessories. Her flowers were gardenias, carried on a white Bi-

ble. The maid of honor wore a brown suit with matching accessories and a corsage of gardenias.

The bride is employed at McClellens in Abilene and the bridegroom is employed by an auto supply company. Both are graduates of Merkel high school. Following a short wedding trip the couple is living in Abilene at 1517 North 14th Street.

EARLE MILLER ATTENDS NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

Mr. and Mrs. Earle Miller were in Fort Worth over the weekend where Mr. Miller attended the business meeting and annual New Year's party of the H. and L. Electronic Company at Hilton Hotel.

NEW YEAR'S EVE SINGING DRAWS 100 PERSONS

The Pioneer Memorial Church New Year's singing drew about 100 persons. It began at 8 p. m. New Year's eve. Coffee, doughnuts, cookies and cakes were served, beginning at 10 p. m. The crowd sang hymns. There were quartets, duets and solos.

Tom Russom was in charge of the affairs which will be made an annual event.

About midnight most of the folks left and the church was emptied by 2 a. m.

W. T. McANINCH HAVE FAMILY REUNION CHRISTMAS

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. McAninch had as their dinner guests for Christmas Day their children from Dallas, Fort Worth and Burleson, all of their boys and families from Merkel and surrounding country. Jim McAninch and Miss Mable McRee and nine grandchildren were present. All had a very enjoyable time.

Mrs. R. L. Earthman of Chicago, Ill., and Mrs. Clark Davidson of Standish, Mich., could not be at home due to the weather conditions. Mrs. W. E. Clampitt spent a few days before and after Christmas holidays having departed on Jan. 1 for her home in Ft. Worth.

MRS. FRANK HAIL HAS CHILDREN HOME HOLIDAYS

Mrs. Frank Hail had eight of her nine children home for the holidays. They were: Messrs. and Mesdames Ernest Hail, Albuquerque, New Mexico; Robert Hail and children, Norris Hail and sons, James C. Davis and children, all of Odessa, Jack Pate of Beaumont; Leo Fields and sons of Dimmitt; Cecil Taylor and daughter, Trent, and I. J. Hail and son. Other visitors for Christmas dinner were: Mrs. W. H. Kennedy, Abilene, Messrs. and Mesdames Tom Boyd, Lamesa, Reese Hail and Jennings Winter of Merkel, Atwell Henderson and A. W. Woods of Trent.

TEEN-AGE GROUP MEET WITH MRS. JUNE HOGAN

The P.T.A. Teen-Age Group met in the home of Mrs. June Hogan Dec. 18. A most enjoyable program was brought by the club president, Mrs. Rayson. Members who attended the meeting were Mesdames Roy Keaso, Pete Morgan, Jeff Chancey Ernest Joyce, Clyde Eager, Frank Breaux, Ray Wilson, Denzil Cox, Otis Bagby, C. F. Swartz, Bud Toombs, Ruth Pangle, C. F. Lindsay and Nolan Palmer.

The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Deverl Toombs, the fourth Thursday in January.

F. T. HOGAN FAMILY HOLDS CHRISTMAS RE-UNION

The F. T. Hogan family met for its annual Christmas dinner, consisting of decorated tables of turkey, dressing and all the trimmings. The grandchildren were entertained with fireworks while the grownups enjoyed playing dominoes. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Bud Hendricks and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Dardin and children Tom Hogan and family, Robert Campbell and family, Jack Hogan and family, M. B. Smith and family, Mrs. E. A. Conley and Kay Lynn, June Hogan and family.

ED MARTIN FAMILY REUNION IS HELD CHRISTMAS DAY

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Martin had all their children and families home for Christmas dinner. They were Messrs. and Mesdames Henry Martin, John Morgan of Petersburg, Z. M. Sumpter, Jack Martin, Buss Martin of Abilene, Jake Martin, Bobby Martin, R. O. Payne of Trent, Robert Spurgin of Montana. There were 26 grandchildren.

Refere. four vis more, M. Dye and Lige Harris, O served were Mesdames Palmer, Beauford Buntin, O. E. Harwell, J. H. Clark, W. C. Lee, M. L. Douglas, Don Riney, Virginia Dye and eight children. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Clyde Newton January 16.

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FOR SALE - By sealed bids the Blair Methodist Church Jan. 26 is dead line to get bids in. Mail all bids to any of the following trustees: Tom Russom, Dewell McLean, J. W. Seymore, Sam Butman, Jr., E. C. Ray, trustees of Pioneer Methodist Church. Trustees have the right to accept or reject any or all bids. tf43c

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FOR YOUR HAULING or house moving see or call Pete Harris. Phone 301-W or Red Dickerson, Box 203, Merkel, Texas. tf42p

personals

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Tipton and son Sammy have returned to their home in Amarillo. They spent the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Tipton, and Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Ayers.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Lee spent the Christmas holidays in Glendale, Ariz., with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Lee, in whose home a family reunion was held. Seven brothers and two sisters and other relatives were present. On their return trip they visited with Mrs. Lee's sister, Mrs. R. C. Ivey of El Paso.

Myrtle Boden has returned home after a three-and-a-half month visit with Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Day and family of Chandler, Okla. Mrs. Day is Mrs. Boden's granddaughter.

Bobby Amason who was inducted into the Army left for Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., Dec. 8, where he is in training and will remain for about two months.

Mr. and Mrs. Porter Petty visited Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Mashburn of Fort Worth last weekend. While there they attended the Sonia Henie Ice Review and also visited some of their relatives at Eagle Mountain Lake, near Fort Worth. They return home Sunday night.

Billy Mosier has returned to his air base at Corpus Christi after visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Mosier, of 401 Taylor St.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Wurst and daughter of Fort Worth visited his brother Clyde and family Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Winter and family spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Meester, in Plainview.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dean of Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, were Tuesday night dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dee Grimes, Mr. and Mrs. Dean are the parents of Stewart Dean, husband of Mr. and Mrs. Grimes' daughter Betty.

JAYE BETH GREGORY HONORED WITH PARTY
Mrs. J. T. Gregory gave a birthday party for her daughter Jaye Beth on Thursday of last week. She was 8 years old.

Games were played, gifts were opened and refreshments were served to Elaine Coats, Larry Chrocan, Linda Sue Douglas, Voda Smith, Patsy and Barbara Ann Joann, Raymond Rister and Johnny Smith.

LINDA LEACH IS PRESIDENT OF G. A. S.
The G. A. S. met Monday afternoon to elect officers. Those elected were: Linda Leach, president; Glenda Owen, vice president; Annette Boney, secretary; treasurer; Carla Faye Hayes, song leader; Donna Sue Scott, social chairman; Colleen O'Brien, program chairman; Sue Sylvester, committee on missions; Dixie Wade, to help program chairman; Kay Teaff, to help social chairman and Brenda Sublett, reporter.

Those present were: Carla Faye Hayes, Virginia Creswell, Janet Thomas, Annette Boney, Donna Riney, Kay Teaff, Brenda Sublett, Donna Sue Scott, Dixie Wade, Sue Sylvester, Linda Leach, Colleen O'Brien, Mary Watson, Rose Mary Cromwell, Sue Bond and Glenda Owen.

Premium Books For Stock Show Are Mailed Out
Premium books for the twenty-fourth annual Southwestern Livestock Show, scheduled at El Paso County Coliseum Feb. 9-14, were mailed to 4-H Club and Future Farmers of America chapters throughout the Southwest this week. The El Paso show had a total of 997 animals - calves, swine, and sheep - entered last year, and officials are predicting between 1200 and 1400 entries this year.

Shiver Designates January As Hand Signal Month
Governor Allan Shivers has designated January as Hand Signal Month in Texas to forward his contention that "courtesy at the wheel is a potent weapon in the war against death and destruction on our streets and highways." In his official memorandum of designation, Governor Shivers urges drivers to cooperate in the campaign which has for its theme: "Right turn - hand up. Left turn - hand out. Slow or stop - hand down."

Western Parade Is Being Planned For Stock Show
Plans are being made for the all-Western parade which traditionally signals the opening of the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show, Ernest Allen, vice president of the show, announced. Mr. Allen, for many years parade marshal, will again serve in that capacity.

Soil Conservation Essay Awards Are Offered Again

Cash and plaques will be presented at the eighth annual Texas Soil Conservation awards program on May 2. The program is sponsored by the Fort Worth Press.

The subject for the essays this year will be "Save the Soil and Save Texas."

Last year 32,000 Texas school children wrote conservation essays in this program. Mrs. Doyle F. Moore won the home makers award in this area, No. 2.

This year the winner again will be given an all-expense paid vacation in Colorado. In addition to this top prize, there will be \$250 in cash and 100 medals to the regional winners.

Entries may be made in the local school. Essays may be submitted through the local Soil Conservation District (Middle Clear Fork) or directly to the Fort Worth Press.

Awards will be made to the outstanding soil conservation district: \$1,000 for the best in Texas, \$500 to each of first place winners in the five state conservation regions outstanding group of conservation farmers; \$1,000 for best group of conservation community in the state, \$200 for the first place in the region; best conservation farmer; \$500 to Texas champion, \$200 to each regional champion.

Other prizes will be awarded to home makers of the year, best comeback farmer, non-farmer conservationist, etc.

Lila M. Touchstone Leaves Abilene To Live In Merkel
Mrs. Lila M. Touchstone of Abilene has returned to Merkel where she will make her home.

Louis Butmans Return to Merkel To Make Their Home.
Mr. and Mrs. Louis Butman and family of North Augusta, S. C., have moved back to Merkel where they will make their home.

Rev. W. C. Hinds Is Out of Hospital After Being Ill
Rev. W. C. Hinds entered the Sadler Hospital last Friday. He is getting along nicely and has been discharged from the hospital.

TEXAS LIBRARY MEET
Librarians, library trustees, friends of libraries, press and radio representatives will meet at McMurry College Saturday Jan. 17, to discuss in workshop fashion library development in Texas, and West Texas in particular, and media of communication between libraries and their public. The featured speaker at 11 o'clock will be Fred Folmer, Associate Librarian at The University of Texas.

BOB HICKS TO TOWN
Bob Hicks is feeling better and was downtown for a short while Saturday and Monday.

TO SEEK WATER
Establishment of a statewide Water Research and Information Center on the campus of the A. & M. College of Texas has been authorized by the board of directors of the Texas A. & M. College System with funds appropriated to get this major undertaking underway. The center is designed to bring together and organize the vast amount of scattered information now existing on Texas water problems and to develop research programs needed to answer many problems still unsolved.

groceries and country produce. Jones, F. R., vehicles, harness, laprobes and whips. Leamon Hotel, J. I. Leamon, prop. McDonald Bros., McDonald meat market. Magnes and Diltz, wholesale and retail grain and groceries. Merkel Mail, J. G. Jackson, editor. Merkel Opera House. Merkel Steam Laundry, Clark and Simmons, prop. Pennington, C. J., bicycle, gun and repair shop. Pool Parlor, L. E. Saunders, prop. Pribble, West and Jones, barber shop. Sharp, J. P. and Co., dry goods, clothing, shoes, groceries, furnishing goods, etc. South Side Hotel, J. H. Woodrum, prop. Star Store, Comegys and Hunt, props. Weir, T. C., real estate and insurance, justice of the peace. West Texas Hardware Company, hardware and implements.

RI LOUDEST!
Steward Wrenn Durham eyes that a public office could be a bright place. At this outward show reveals this. What's it all about? Shirts! Pinky Cypert, Wrenn's cheerful assistant, sports a green nylon shirt... a deep green. The postmaster himself displays a gaberdrine shirt that is tan in color and a necktie to match. They brighten up the whole post office. Editor's note: Here's to color! Long may it rave!

GIRL TO BUTLERS
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Butler a baby girl at the Sadler Hospital January 3.

Explorer Scouts To Winter Camping Last Week

Eleven Explorer Scouts and their scoutmaster have returned from three days of winter camp. The scouts left Monday morning and came back Wednesday afternoon of last week.

They cooked seven meals in the open. The main food in each meal was potatoes, being as 50 pounds of potatoes were taken. Also taken was a 13-pound ham.

The main activity while there was mountain climbing and exploring, although the boys did rig up a game of horseshoes with material found in and around camp.

The boys making the trip to Will Butman's ranch were: Freddie Boone, Grady Knight, Johnny Hammond, Sessions Hammond, George Starbuck, Billy Gilbert, Gene Hargrove, Bobby Elliot, James Simpson, Kenneth Moore, Carrol Hays and Scoutmaster Way-

You Can't See It, Can't Smell It, But Can Kill You!

"You can't see it... you can't smell it... you can't taste it and yet it can kill you," said Dr. Geo. W. Cox, state health officer, referring to carbon monoxide. A silent enemy, it strikes its victims in closed rooms, garages and cars where wood, coal, gasoline, or natural gas is burning.

Some victims of this silent poisoner never knew their life was in danger. As others died, they may have realized that the killer was at hand, but were helpless to do anything about it. They were so numb that they could not get out into the fresh air; they couldn't walk or even stand up. Those who escape death, once this killer permeates a closed room, garage or automobile, are rescued by someone who discovers their plight.

Carbon monoxide is given off when wood, coal, gasoline or natural gas is burning, but not all the gas is burned. Its danger is greatest in cold weather because people tend to close their houses and cars so tight that no fresh air can circulate. When this happens, carbon monoxide accumulates to a dangerous concentration. It kills because it prevents the victim from getting enough oxygen.

To help prevent such deaths all stoves should be vented, keep heated rooms ventilated, do not leave gas heaters burning while you and your family are asleep, do not entirely close all the windows in your car and do not run your car in a closed garage.

It Was Back In the Days of 1908 That These Businesses Flourished Here

In a business and professional directory, published in 1908, Merkel had 108 firms and individuals listed. Abilene had only 288 firms and individuals listed.

Some of the names listed, which have been selected as being of particular interest are: Armstrong, M., physician and surgeon. Burton-Lingo Co., J. S. Barnes, manager. Christopher Bros., wholesale and retail grain, feed and hay. City Livery Stable, W. O. Bonney, prop. Dennis, J. T., general merchandise.

Farmers and Merchants National Bank, J. T. Warren, president. First National Bank, George S. Berry, president. Fitts, Coggins Co., Inc., Austin Pitts, president and manager. Gaither, B. C. & Sons, groceries and feed. Haas, T. H., lunch room. Harris and Harkrider, dry goods and groceries. Hogue-Hamilton Company, Inc., dry goods, shoes, clothing, hats.

Who Is Ill
Mrs. L. F. Bookman's mother of Eastland is ill and Mr. and Mrs. Bookman have been with her for the last three weeks. They left here Monday again for Eastland. Her mother is about 85 years old.

Mrs. J. N. Russell Back to Hospital On January 1
Mrs. J. N. Russell entered the Sadler Hospital again January 1. She is the wife of Rev. John N. Russell, the Presbyterian minister.

Wiley Massey Accidentally Shoots Self in Ankle
Wiley Massey accidentally shot himself in the ankle with a gun when he got out of his car. He entered the Sadler Hospital Sunday.

Clyde Reid Had Major Surgery Last Saturday
Clyde Reid, 75, entered the Sadler Hospital and had major surgery Saturday.

Lise Harris At Brother's Funeral In Lubbock Sunday
Mr. and Mrs. Leo Harris and Mr. and Mrs. Lige Harris left at noon Saturday for Lubbock when informed of the accident of Mr. and Mrs. K. B. Harris. He passed away at 5 p. m. Saturday.

Pvt. Jarlan Jones Washington Overseas' Duty
Jarlan Jones spent the holidays with his parents and Mrs. Charlie Jones. Jones has recently finished his basic training in the Army Engineers at Ft. Belvoir, Va., and left the first of Jan. for Fort Lawton, Wash., for overseas' assignment.

Sullivans Attend Funeral of Cousin Killed in Accident
Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Sullivan and children of Noodle returned home Saturday from Marlow, Oklahoma, where they attended the funeral of a cousin. He was killed in an auto accident while vacationing in Old Mexico.

A WARMER WORLD
Few people will be surprised that meteorologists believe the world's temperature is rising. We have already heard from folks who say (almost regretfully) there are no blizzards today like that of '88 and from those who feel that the heat - and hate - of the cold war must affect even the weather. So it is not strange to hear of actual changes in climate.

Striking evidence of this is given in Harper's Magazine by Dr. C. E. P. Brooks, a distinguished British meteorologist. Glaciers are melting at a more rapid rate - enough to raise all the oceans by an inch in this century. Fish and birds are ranging farther north. Agriculture has been finding steady success in formerly barren tundras of Canada and Asia.

Cod, practically unknown in Greenland 50 years ago has become a principal food of the Eskimos. Spitzbergen harbors once free of ice only three months of the year are now open seven. Dr. Brooks believes the rate of warming up has been mounting. It is easy to see that such changes in climate can, if continued, work transformations in food supplies, industrial and social life, and the relative importance of vast areas.

For 100 years the glaciers have been retreating. Some theories trace these variations to changes in the sun. Dr. Brooks believes they are due also if not primarily to wind and water currents. He says the process could go on until melted ice raised the oceans 200 feet.

That would be serious. But just taking a layman's look at the map the seven seas look too big to be so drastically affected. For today at least we are more concerned about the damage mankind can do.

Christian Science Monitor.

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 Morning Service 11:00 a.m.
 Evening Bible Class 6:30 p.m.
 Evening Worship 7:30 p.m.

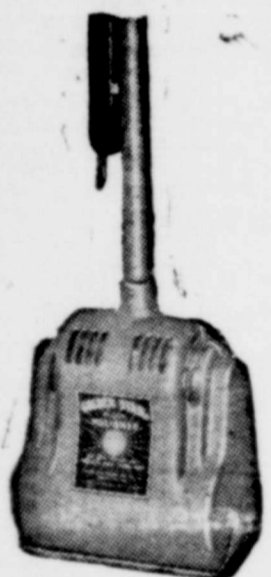
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 Morning Service 11:00 a.m.

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 Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
 Morning Service 11:00 a.m.
 Evening Services 8:00 p.m.

Trent Church of Christ
 Sunday:
 Sunday 11:00 o'clock
 Bible Class 10:00 a.m.
 Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
 Evening Services 8:00 p.m.
 Thursday:
 Ladies Bible Class 4:00 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 Service 8:00 p.m.

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.

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.

Hebron Baptist Church
 Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
 Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
 Training Union 7:00 p.m.
 Evening Worship 8:00 p.m.

Merkel Assembly of God
 Sunday school 10 a.m.
 Morning Service 11 a.m.
 C. A.'s (Young People) 7 p.m.
 Evening Worship 7:30 p.m.
 Tuesday W. M. C. 2 p.m.
 Wed. Prayer Service 7:30 p.m.

Church of the Nazarene
 Services at the Merkel Church of the Nazarene are as follows:
 Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
 Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
 Training Union 7:00 p.m.
 Evening Services 7:30 p.m.
 Wednesday:
 Prayer Service 7:30 p.m.

Merkel Grace Presbyterian Church
 Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
 Worship Service 11 a.m.
 Evening Service 7:00 p.m.

Comper Baptist Church
 Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
 Morning Worship, 2nd and 4th Sunday 11 a.m.

New Live Oak Baptist Church
 Sunday:
 Sunday School 10 a.m.
 Morning Worship 11 a.m.
 Training Union 6:45 p.m.
 Evening Worship 7:30 p.m.

Trent Methodist Church
 Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
 Evening Worship 8:00 p.m.
 Morning Services 11:00 a.m.
 M. Y. F. Services 6:30 p.m.
 Wednesday:
 Prayer Services 7:30 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.
 W. M. U. Mon. 9:30 a.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.

**Texas' Diarrhea
 Infant Death Rate
 Increases Reported**

Texas, diarrhea death rate for infants increased from 1941-48, while the national rate decreased, University of Texas Medical Branch researchers report.
 In 1941, about 10 per cent of the diarrhea deaths in the country occurred among Texas infants, but, in 1948, 25 per cent were Texas children, they add.
 Research indicates there is no need for the death rate of Texas infants to be so high. Death can be prevented by emergency treatment if a physician finds out about the case in time and has proper facilities for treatment.

Never Discouraged
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 She: "You must see Mother first."
 He: "I have seen her. But I'll marry you just the same!"
Stands Corrected
 "Wife, dear, if I had to do it all over, do you know who I would marry?"
 "No, who?"
 "You, of course."



Bishop William C. Martin

Of the Methodist Church, Dallas-Fort Worth Area, was elected president of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA at the General Assembly which closed at Denver, Colo.

APPRECIATES GIFT

J. M. Hampton of Fort Arthur wrote The Merkel Mail:

Have just received my first issue of a Christmas present of one year subscription to The Merkel Mail, presented to me by the W. P. Power's family of Route 1, Abilene.

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sician's directions, you serve your physical assets—avoid an accumulation of liabilities.

Everyone starts with a certain amount of physical capital and a personal business proposition is worthwhile to preserve. In fancy and childhood our physical resources, as a rule, are safeguards for us. As we grow older, the responsibility for doing so rests upon the individual. The critical period for many comes in middle life with the sudden realization that the physical capital is yielding diminishing returns in the way of physical well being. The records of health department

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EDITORIAL

NO PICNIC
The boy who wrote that it is no picnic in the Korea theatre of war is at home and he still believes that what he wrote is true. Well, General Sherman put it in stronger language.

The boy is Cpl. Walton D. Lively, 19-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Lively.

When Walton says that war is no picnic he knows what he is talking about. For 11 months, off and on, he was in the front line in Korea, seeing the devastation that war claims in human lives.

But that does not mean that Walton talks all about these things. As a matter of fact he is very closed mouth about them. He will not tell of the wounded he saw and of the boys who were slaughtered up in front.

When we talked to him at the hospital last week he was very reluctant to tell of his experiences. Finally we did get him to tell about his buddy who was killed and about having two radio antennae shot off six inches from his head. But he told about these things in a calm manner.

That's what war does. It leaves one silent about things that touched one very closely. It makes injuries and wounds and deaths commonplace things, things that can be talked about calmly.

But this is a deception. Underneath they have their effect upon the minds of these boys. No experience leaves one untouched. And the experiences of war are powerful emotional daggers and they dig deep into the soul of those warriors.

The boys who go through war are the ones who pay for the war not in money but in emotional scars.

TON, D. C.
like in Washington.

the home town boys
it is like. He is Dick
West, son of Mayor and Mrs.
Henry West.

That it is expensive is to be expected. What interested us was that though housing was high, food and clothing were not so high. (Of course, we are not talking about mink coats!)

What interested us most, though the women may have a different slant, was what Dick had to say about the President and his work. We had always wondered why the news would come quite often that the President had gone on a boat trip. Now we know why. He needs it.

As Dick explained, the work of the President is one of terrific strain. He works not only during the day but also in the early morning hours before going to work and after he comes home at night. That is a drag on the vitality of any man.

On top of all that he has to be acquainted with so many things. And then to overload the whole thing the President has decisions to make, decisions that not only affect our nation but also affects the lives of the people of almost the whole earth.

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E. Vanlandingham Is Held Up On New Year's Eve

Edwin Vanlandingham was held up and robbed of about \$100 New Year's Eve. While he was attending the Humble Service Station of Kenneth Purser, the theft took place. The man was about 30 years old and drew a revolver on Edwin.

Austin Petty Has New Job As Deputy Sheriff

Austin (Pete) Petty has been appointed deputy sheriff by Sheriff

Ed Powell and took office the first of the year. Deputy Sheriff Petty has sold back his interest in the Petty Filling Station to Grif Barnett, the former owner. Grif will continue also as wholesale Corden dealer.

Small Iron Lungs To Help Win Funds In March of Dimes

Local citizens who wish to contribute to the March of Dimes may place their contributions in any of the miniature iron lungs which have been placed in 25 business firms, announced Principal C. A. Farley, campaign director. The Boy Scouts placed the iron lungs. On Thursday night, Jan. 29, the

local Mothers' March on Polio, sponsored by the Room Mothers of the P.T.A., will be conducted from 7 to 8 p. m. During the last four nights of the month, local Boy Scouts will pass the hat at the Queen Theatre. All school pupils will have an opportunity to contribute by using the regular coin holders.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Admissions to the Sadler Hospital the past week were: As medical patients — Don Parmerly, Mrs. T. L. Holloway, Clifton Morris, Mrs. Thelma Morton.

Karen Kay Kelly, Mrs. R. O. Payne, Sue Case, D. E. Lively, Jackie McWatson, J. M. Dean and A. Logan.

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WEEKDAY WINDOW SPECIALS
PET MILK
2 cans 27c

AUSTEX
BEEF STEW
Can 29c

GOLD MEDAL
FLOUR
10 lbs. 89c

DOMINO
SUGAR
10 lbs. 89c

FOLGERS COFFEE Pound **79c**

SHORTENING KIMBELL'S 3 Lb. Crtn. **59c**

NU-MAID
OLEO
lb. 22c

MIRACLE WHIP Salad Dressing pint **29c**

KIMBELL'S
CHILI
No. 2 can 53c

DIAMOND
PICKLES
22 Oz. 21c

RED HEART
DOG FOOD
2 cans 25c

DREFT — CHEER
OR
TIDE
2 Boxes 55c

GARDEN FRESH VEGETABLES

JUMBO CRISP
LETTUCE head 10c

FRESH
CELERY
Stalk 19c

FLORIDA
ORANGES
Lb. 8c

RED DELICIOUS
APPLES lb. 15c

WHITE
GRAPES
Lb. 15c

CALIFORNIA
AVOCADOS
Each 17c

FRESH
TURNIPS & TOPS bunch 10c

MUSTARD — COLLARDS or
GREEN ONIONS bunch 8c

MISSION GREEN — 303
LIMA BEANS 2 for 29c

BROWN BEAUTY CREOLE — 303
MACARONI 2 for 29c

DEL MONTE — No. 2
SPINACH 2 for 29c

MISSION — 303
GREEN BEANS 2 for 29c

DEL MONTE — 303
SOUR KRAUT 2 for 29c

KOUNTY KIST — 12 Oz.
CORN 2 for 29c

LIBBY'S DEEP BROWN
BEANS 2 for 29c

SPECIALS
FRIDAY and SATURDAY
JANUARY
9th. and 10th.

BEAUTY BAR
VEL bar 2 for 39c

HEINZ or GERBER'S
BABY FOOD 6 cans 49c

CAMPBELL SOUP
TOMATO can 10c

SUPREME
CRACKERS lb. 23c

BETTY CROCKER
Party Cake Mix or DEVILS FOOD
box 33c

MARKET
FRESH DRESSED
FRYERS
Pound 53c

CUDAHY — PURE PORK
SAUSAGE
1 Lb. Cello 39c

GOLD COIN
BACON
2 lbs. 89c

CHOICE — U. S. GOOD
CHUCK ROAST
Pound 49c

ALL MEAT
BOLOGNA
Pound 39c

FRESH PORK
LIVER
Pound 29c

LONGHORN
CHEESE
Pound 49c

SKINLESS
WEINERS
Pound 39c

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