

Plans Completed For Observance Of Schools Week

Plans are complete for the annual observance of Public Schools Week from March 1 through 7.

though they do not have children in the schools," said the superintendent.

WIN 3 FIRSTS

The LS Hereford Ranches won three first places at the Fort Worth Fat Stock Show.

Merkel 20 Years Ago

SCHOOL CENSUS ON

During the month of March the census for the Merkel School is being taken.

MINSTREL AFFORDS TREAT

Friday night, the curtain at the Cozy Theatre rose on one of the most interesting home-talent plays presented this season in Merkel.

RECORD BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Bow of Mt. Pleasant a boy Feb. 26, to Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Lewis of the Butman Ranch a girl Feb. 28, to Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Steen of Trent a girl.

HELD IN JAIL

Awaiting grand jury action, Paul Frederickson was in custody Wednesday in Abilene facing a complaint lodged against him charging counterfeiting of coins.

TO PRESENT PLAY

The ladies of the Philathea Class of the Methodist Church

This Happened in Merkel Forty Years Ago

The Anchor Hardware Company sold its demonstration car last week to C. M. Largent. Mr. Largent is very proud of his auto and thinks of it in his second thoughts.

MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, our forefathers recognized the importance of education in the function and operation of a democracy, and in their wisdom established the public school system to make education available to all, and

MEN IN SERVICE



PVT. LOYD R. SMITH at Fort Hood

Pvt. Loyd R. Smith just completed eight weeks of military police training with the First Armored Division at North Ft. Hood.



PVT. CHARLES R. WASHBURN completes MP training

Pvt. Charles R. Washburn just completed eight weeks of military police training with the First Armored Division at North Ft. Hood.

O'Brien Portrays Washington As Ideal Citizen

"Washington best portrays those qualities that we would have in the ideal United States citizen."

Taylor Electric To Hold Annual Meeting March 12

The 12th annual meeting of the Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc. is to be held at Merkel Thursday, March 12.

Good Rain Arrives Here Last Monday, Saves Small Grain

The good rain came last Monday night. It measured .40 inch in all.

The rain will do tremendous good. In 67 years, since 1885, the average rainfall in February has been about one inch.

and Tuesday was essential to the small grain because if it gets enough rain now until the seasonal rain in April and May it has a chance to make grain.

Red Cross Drive Here For 1953 Will Start Next Monday

The Red Cross drive for 1953 will start Monday. The campaign in the residential district will be made from 8 to 7 p. m.

the drive is on. All volunteer workers are to meet at the home of Mrs. Brown at 5:30 p. m. to get instructions and assignments.

Prayer of Thanks

Last week we offered up a prayer for rain. On Monday night the rain fell. We feel it only fitting that we offer a prayer of thanks.

Pioneer Church 2nd Anniversary Draws Crowd

A Methodist Camp may come to the Pioneer Community. That was the statement of Dr. H. Clyde Smith, Abilene District Superintendent of the Methodist Church, in his sermon Sunday morning at the second anniversary of the dedication of the Pioneer Memorial Church in the Butman Community.

BOY TO BILL LARGENTS

A baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Largent at the Sadler Hospital February 24.

MR. MRS. LEMENS HAVE BOY

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Lemens have a baby boy born Feb. 22 at the Hendrick Memorial Hospital, named Thomas Gardner.

TOURNAMENT ON!

The Merkel Elementary School is holding its first basketball tournament Feb. 26, 27 and 28. Eight teams are in the tournament.

FALLS AT HIS HOME

Herbert Patterson was admitted to the Sadler Hospital Wednesday morning. He fell at his home at 5:30 a. m.

Ralph Russell Throws Brahma Bull But Operation Throws Him

Ralph Russell is a hardy man, a tough and stocky hombre, but always smiling, even when getting ready for an operation.

chirped Ralph smilingly. "Oh, you!" she returned. "As the time grew near for the operation the question of what kind of anaesthetic to use came up. Janice was willing for him to use any kind that would deaden his pain."

When Janice, his wife, came to see him and brought a pile of magazines for him to read he knitted his brow and spat out, "More reading. Say, I'll tell you what to do?"

"The pain that the knife makes when they operate on you," she returned kindly. "I won't have any pain," he asserted toughly. "Oh, yes you will," she said quickly.

A sumptuous basket dinner was served at noon. There was every kind of food imaginable: chicken, fried, baked, roasted, meat of different kinds, salads, cakes, pies, coffee, tea any everything else.

"Well, if you had been put to sleep you wouldn't have been able to wrestle with him." Ralph just smiled, a good-natured smile.

Rev. Phillips read the Scripture lesson. After the hymn was sung the minister led in responsive reading. The morning prayer followed. After the next hymn a trio composed of Mrs. Tom Russon, Mrs. Ellery Phillips and Mrs. Hollis McLean, sang "Talk It Over With Jesus." The morning offerings taken.

"I'll tell you what let's do," he snapped Ralph shrewdly. "I'd show him!" "You'd show him what?" she asked curiously. "I'd show him my bad knee,"

The closing hymn was sung and Dr. George Steinman, head of the department of religion at McMurry College, delivered the benediction.

After the operation Janice followed him to his room and saw him safely placed in bed. She watched for a while. Finally he began to stir a little. Just as he was ready to open his eyes, he began to murmur. "I'm back in the saddle again," he hummed.

BAKE SALE

Saturday, March 7, beginning at 11 a. m. in front of Mellingers Store, sponsored by the Noodle 4-H Club. Adv. 2156.

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NEWS ABOUT TOWN

Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Adcock spent the weekend in Brownwood, visiting Rufus Adcock and family. Rufus Adcock who has been ill is feeling better.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Masson of Long Branch, N. J., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Allen D. King and

family Mr. Masson is advertising manager of "House Beautiful."

Mrs. G. Glenewinkel of Tye, Route 1, returned to her home recently after spending over a month with her daughter, Mrs. M. O. Myers, and family, of Lubbock, also a new grandson, Royce Allen, born December 9.

Sgt. and Mrs. L. C. Williams of Camp Hood spent Saturday with her mother, Mrs. Ruth Jenkins, and grandmother, Mrs. Mary Risinger.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Reynolds and two daughters of Midland spent Saturday night with their cousin, Mr. and Mrs. Oris Reynolds and son. They all had Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Cramer Reynolds.

Mrs. M. M. Phillips of Corpus Christi and Franklin Deavers of San Antonio were weekend visitors of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Deavers.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Strawn were in Greenville from Wednesday to Friday last week and visited his sister, Mrs. I. B. Koger, who is ill. And it rained up to Fort Worth Mrs. Willard Kelton and son

Roger of Fort Worth were weekend visitors of her sister, Mrs. Paul Honeycutt, and family.

Mrs. Earl Hughes and Mrs. Brandon Wade were in San Antonio this week, visiting Mrs. Wade's husband, who is in the Air Corps.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. McKeever returned Sunday from a trip to Hot Springs, Ark., where they visited his father, R. A. McKeever.

Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Reynolds returned Saturday from an extended visit through Arizona and California with relatives.

Ed Putman with his son Charles of Colorado City visited Sunday with his wife and his daughter Mrs. J. D. Gentry, and family.

W. H. Pogue visited his brother C. M., near Cisco Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sledge and sons visited her relatives, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Norwood, in Clyde Sunday.

A/c Robert Sledge of Webb Air Force Base, Big Spring, was home over the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sledge.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Conley, Helen and W. A. Clemmer visited in Stanton with their children, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Clemmer, and new baby Beverly Jeanette.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Beene of Comanche spent Sunday with his sister, Mrs. W. B. Thomas, and Mr. Thomas.

A 3/c Bill Butman of Perrin Air Force Base, Sherman, spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Butman, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hicks were in Ft. Worth over the weekend on business.

Mrs. D. B. DuBose visited in the

home of her daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Lloyd, of Austin a few days last week. They went out for a picnic and lots of folks were fishing on the river and the beautiful lakes around Austin. Red bud trees were in full bloom. The roses were blooming. And believe it or not, it rained . . . really rained.

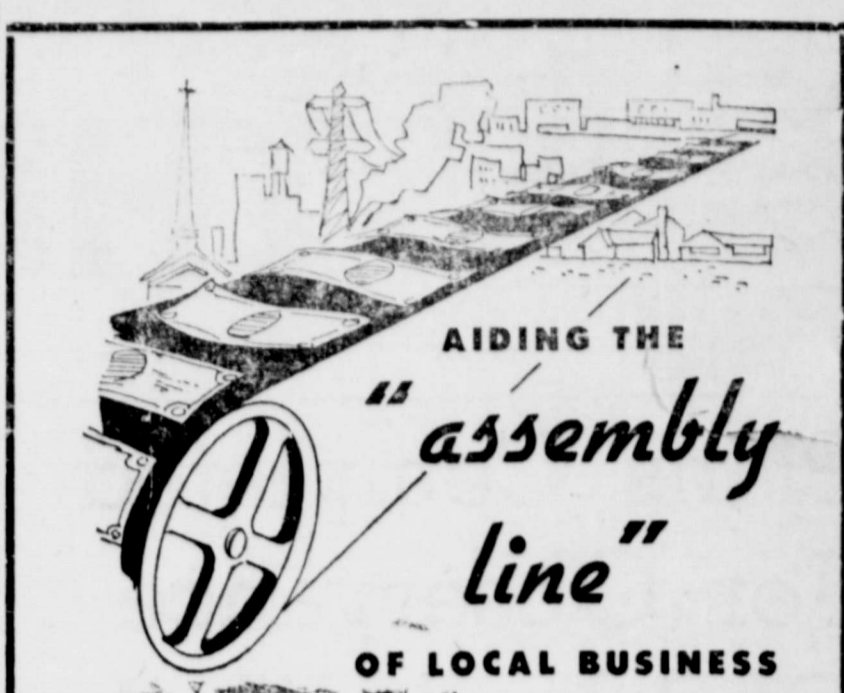
G. W. Hobbs left Saturday for Canton where he has his second farm. While here he broke his land northwest of Merkel. There is plenty of rain at Canton, he reports. When it rains here he will return to work his land. While here Mr. Hobbs bought six suits of clothes . . . and he lives near Dallas!

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harwell of Kermit were visitors over the weekend of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Harwell and Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Sandusky.

Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Burleson were their children, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Burleson and children, Bobby and Beulah of Coleman, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Burleson of Abilene, Mrs. Charles McArthur and children, Billy and Pauline Elaine, of Sweetwater.

Mrs. R. N. Denson and daughter, Mrs. Don Barbee, of Carlsbad, N. Mexico, who has been visiting here left for her home Friday and Mrs. Denson accompanied her as far as Odessa where Mrs. Denson stopped off and visited with her son, M. L. Denson and family for the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Taylor and son Randall of Midland spent the weekend with her grandparents, Mayor and Mrs. H. C. West.



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Highlights and Sidelights
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By VERN SANFORD
Texas Press Association
Abolishing gasoline tax refunds would provide for a perpetual farm-to-market highway fund and give \$4 million a year more for schools. Chairman E. H. Thornton, Jr., of the Texas Highway Commission made that assertion. Mr. Thornton is asking for an additional \$100 million per year to bring Texas highways up to the highest standard and maintain them for the next 10 years.

The highway problem is a foremost one in the Legislature, and many proposals have been made to solve it. Governor Allan Shivers has asked the Legislature to add at least one cent a gallon to the gasoline tax to furnish additional money.

Another plan was put forward by Representative Charles Murphy of Houston, sponsor of a constitutional amendment requiring all highway user taxes to go for road building, maintenance, and policing.

By this plan the schools would lose their share of the gasoline tax revenue. They now get one-fourth of it.

Both Houses of the Legislature struggled with the highly controversial auto inspection law — the one that requires you to have that little yellow sticker on the windshield of your car.

The chances that horse racing will return to Texas seem slight. What regulation should there be about home rule cities annexing adjacent areas.

In the legislative process is a bill by Senator Johnnie B. Rogers of Austin to restrict annexation.

Senators considered the question of whether we should have a preferential presidential primary in Texas — whether we should select delegates to national nominating conventions by vote of the people rather than at state party conventions.

We should, said Senator Jimmy Phillips of Angleton, because "I have never seen anything go wrong with a secret election and a free ballot."

We should not, argued former Senator Joe Hill, because if delegates are elected only the very rich or the stooges of some pressure group could ever go to a convention.

In the Senate is a bill, already passed by the House, that is intended to give stronger control over Communists. The bill would make it easier for officers to enter and search the homes of persons

suspected of being subversive. Opponents of the bill contended that it was a threat to civil rights. Col. Homer Garrison, Jr., director of the Department of Public Safety, says that in 1951 there were 1,062 automobile accidents in Texas caused by livestock roaming the highways. As a consequence, 12 persons were killed and 129 injured.

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Legal Notices

THE STATE OF TEXAS
To any Sheriff or any Constable within the State of Texas — GREETING:

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for four consecutive weeks, the first publication to be at least twenty-eight days before the return day thereof, in a newspaper printed in Taylor County, Texas, the accompanying citation, of which the herein below following is a true copy.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Roy S. Lucas, Defendant, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 8th day of April A. D., 1953, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 15th day of February A. D., 1953, in this cause, numbered 18,642-A on the docket of said court and styled Jenna Lee Lucas, Plaintiff, vs. Roy S. Lucas, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff prays for a judgment of divorce and that the Court grant her full custody and control of child to be born in March, 1953; for costs of suit and for all such other and further relief to which she may be entitled to. No community property has been accumulated. As is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date

of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 17th day of February A. D., 1953.

Attest: J. Neil Daniel, Clerk, 42nd District Court Taylor County, Texas. By C. Bower, Deputy. Adv. Feb. 27, March 6, 13, 20.

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TO: S. G. Reddell, if living, and if dead, then his unknown heirs and legal representatives, if any, and T. N. Branch, if living, and if dead, then his unknown heirs and legal representatives. Also any unknown persons, if any, if living and if dead, of such unknown persons' heir or heirs, that claim or have claimed the hereinafter described land, Defendants, Greeting:

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who claim or have claimed the described land, Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff sues for title and possession of Lots Number 25, 27, and 29 Block Number 39, Town of Buffalo Gap, Texas, in Taylor County, Texas, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 5 day of February, A. D., 1953.

Attest: J. Neil Daniel, Clerk, 42nd District Court Taylor County, Texas. By Irene Crawford, Deputy. Adv. Feb. 13, 20, 27, March 6.

SHERIFF'S SALE THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Taylor
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That by virtue of a certain execution No. 10,876 issued out of the Honorable County Court of Taylor County, on the 23 day of January, 1953, by County Clerk of said Taylor County, Texas for the sum of Eight Hundred Ninety Eight Dollars and — 10/100 (\$898.10) Dollars and costs of suit, under a Judgment, in favor of Roy L. Duke in a certain cause in said Court, No. 10,876 and styled Roy L. Duke vs. Claude Gilmore, placed in my hands for service, I Ed E. Powell as Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas, did, on the 9 day of Feb. 1953, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Taylor County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, Block N, Carver Addition to the City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, as shown by Deed recorded in Volume 357, Page 160, Deed Records of Taylor and levied upon as the property of Claude Gilmore and that on the second Tuesday in March 1953, the same being the 10 day of said month at the Court House door, of Taylor County, in the City of Abilene, Texas, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m., by virtue of said levy and said Notice of Sheriff's Sale, I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for each, to the highest bidder, as the property of said Claude Gilmore.

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

Witness my hand, this 9 day of February 1953.
Ed E. Powell, Sheriff Taylor County, Texas. By R. H. Ross, Deputy. Adv. —Feb. 13, 20, 27.

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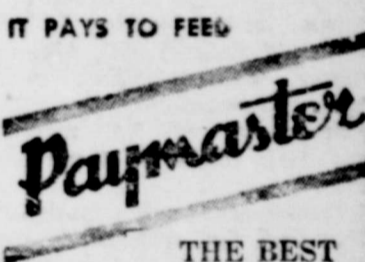
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America's millionth traffic victim has been dead a year. Yet auto wrecks go right on changing our country crossroads into killer corners.

Where's the villain?

Some say "more cars on the road these days." Some point to "reckless youths" ... "lax laws" ... "drunken driving" ... "speeding."

But something else may be more to blame for auto accidents than any of these. Darkness. Plain old darkness.

Look at one case. In a Connecticut area 182 pedestrians were killed at night in two years—179 on poorly lighted streets.

Busy traffic centers are waking up fast, lighting their death-trap streets. Salt Lake City cut night deaths 92% in one area, Grand Rapids 78%, Bridgeport 93%.

Some small communities have been first to pick up the newest in lighting equipment. Oakwood, Ohio, has the largest installation of fluorescent street lamps in the country. And there's a broad-daylight look in Lyndonville, Vermont, even late at night. Fluorescent lighting as developed by General Electric has now been extended to street lighting.

Good street lighting has been a pet project of ours for years. General Electric engineers work with local officials on other community problems, too—traffic control, water shortage, waste disposal, farm and home modernization—wherever electricity can help progress. For progress is our most important product. General Electric Company, Department 2-123, Schenectady, N. Y.

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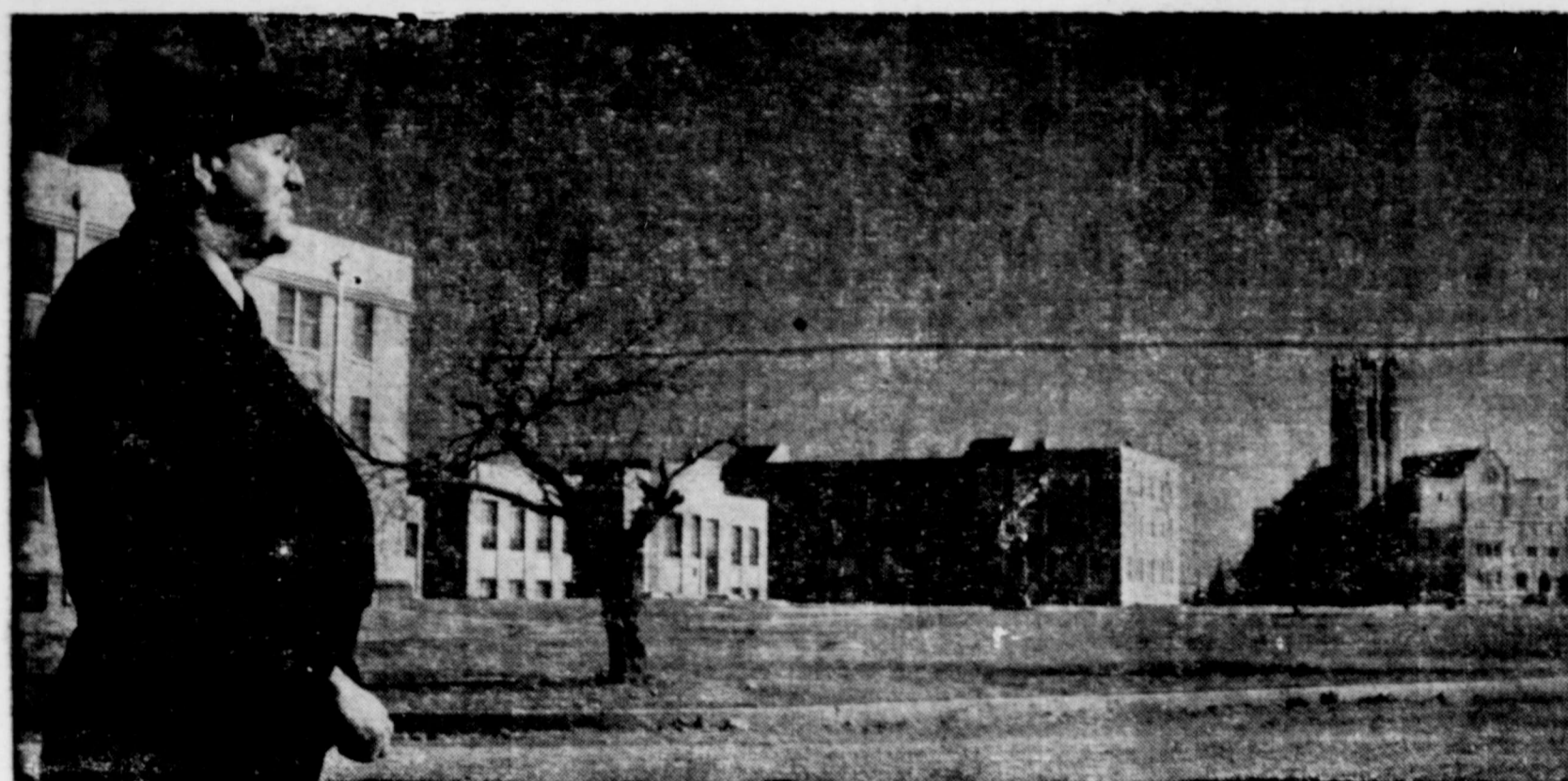
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McMURRY COLLEGE—This single picture reveals partially why McMurry College will pause March 10-14 to celebrate ten years of progress under the administration of Dr. Harold G. Cooke. With the "Builder" President in the foreground, four permanent buildings constructed during his tenure are shown in the background. Beginning at the left are Gold Star Dormitory for Men, Irish Graham Memorial Dining Hall, President Hall Dormitory for Women, and Radford Memorial Student Life Center.

SOCIETY

SANDRA SADLER IS FETED AT TEA LAST FRIDAY

Miss Sandra Sadler, bride-elect of Bill Haynes, was honored at a tea in the home of Mrs. Clyde Bartlett, Friday afternoon, Feb. 20.

In the house party were Mrs. W. T. Sadler, mother of the bride-to-be, Mrs. Comer Haynes, mother of the prospective groom, Mrs. Dwain Jones, Mrs. Robert McKissick, Mrs. Jack Haynes, and Ann Booth, serving; and the hostesses: Mrs. Booth Warren, Mrs. Paul West, Mrs. Earl Hughes, Mrs. Harry Bullock, Mrs. T. J. Bird, Mrs. Homer Patterson, Mrs. Sam Swann, Mrs. Pete West, Mrs. Carroll Benson, Mrs. Lee Tipton, Mrs. Johnnie Cox and Mrs. Horace Boney.

Mrs. Brandon Wade played the piano and Mrs. Homer Patterson sang a group of love songs. Decorations were yellow daffodils and Dutch iris. The tea table was centered with a mass of daffodils surrounded by crystal composites of violets.

Miss Sadler wore a ballerina taffeta of a soft green shade. Her corsage was yellow Dutch iris. Mrs. J. E. Boaz presided at the bride's book and said goodbye to the guests. One hundred forty guests called between the hours of 4:30 and 6:30 p. m.

SANDRA SADLER IS FETED AT LUNCHEON IN ABILENE

Miss Sandra Sadler, bride-elect of Bill Haynes, and daughter of Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Sadler, was feted Thursday of last week at a luncheon hosted by Mrs. W. B. Petty, 2117 Hickory, St., Abilene, and her daughter, Mrs. Tom Adams of Brownfield.

The couple will be married March 11 in the home of her parents.

A bridal scene with miniature couple encircled with candy tuft and greenery decorated the table. Yellow jonquils and acacia were used in other rooms.

The bride-elect wore a trousseau frock of grey and white striped silk taffeta fashioned with a high neck and bouffant skirt. Her hat was grey milan straw. Shoes were black patent. She wore a host corsage of yellow roses.

Guests included Mrs. W. T. Sadler, mother of the bride-elect, Mrs. Clyde Bartlett, Mrs. Lige Gamble, Mrs. Elma McFarland, Mrs. Roy Largent, Mrs. Sam Swann, Mrs. Pete West, Mrs. David Gamble, Mrs. Henry West, and Mrs. Booth Warren, all of Merkel; Mrs. Dwain Jones, Mrs. W. W. Haynes, Mrs. Calvin McIntosh, Dorothy Haynes, Helen Haynes, Ann Booth, all of Abilene; and Mrs. Dick Williams of Lubbock.

MRS. JACK MILLER IS HOSTESS TO GLEANOR S. S. CLASS

The Gleanor Sunday School Class of the Methodist Church held its regular social meeting Wednesday, Feb. 18, in the home of Mrs. Jack Miller with Mrs. O. R. Harwell and Mrs. Louise Hudson as co-hostesses.

Mrs. Tom Largent gave the inspiring devotional on "Tap on the Shoulders" by Peter Marshall. Mrs. W. S. J. Brown led the prayer. Mrs. F. Y. Gaither, president, presided for a short business meeting.

In celebration of George Washington's birthday a miniature tree and hatchet were plate favors and refreshments of cherry pie topped with whipped cream and coffee were served to the following:

Mesdames W. W. Toombs, Ross Ferrier, W. S. J. Brown, Robert Hicks, Tom Largent, Herbert Patterson, Dee Grimes, D. H. Vaughn, Leon Toombs, Sallie Moore, Alta Ingram, Roy Baccus, Winnie Cypert, John Shannon, F. Y. Gaither, Lu Petty, T. L. Grimes, Miss Mabel McFee and guest, Mrs. H. A. Seibert.

60 PERSONS ENJOY PROGRAM BY MERKEL GARDEN CLUB

The Merkel Garden Club met Saturday, Feb. 21, at the Community Center, for a three-course luncheon, served to 60 members and guests.

An interesting program of music and book review followed. The program:

A solo, "An Old Fashioned Garden," by Mrs. Paul Honeycutt a duet, "April Showers," by Mrs. Honeycutt and Mrs. Sammie Doan; piano duet, "God Bless America" and "Parade of the Wooden Soldiers," by Mrs. E. L. Horton, Jr., and Miss Christine Collins.

Mrs. Clyde Bartlett reviewed the book, "Tall Man of the Timbers."

JOWERS FAMILY HOLDS REUNION IN FORT WORTH

The family of Mrs. Mary Jowers of Tye met Sunday in Ft. Worth in the home of Major and Mrs. Joe Jowers for a reunion. All of her children were present except one daughter, Mrs. H. H. Briggs, of Muleshoe. Those attending were Mrs. Nim J. Teaff, Mrs. Jarrett Pinckley of Merkel, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Lollar of Tye, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Jowers and E. H. Jowers of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Jowers of Ranger.

CATHERINE SUE PINCKLEY HONORED WITH PARTY

Mrs. Jarrett Pinckley gave a party in honor of her little daughter Catherine Sue on her fourth birthday Feb. 21. After a number of games were played and pictures made, the gifts were opened. Then the little friends sang "Happy Birthday."

The birthday cake and the cream were served to Carla, Kenneth Hays, Jack Petty, Kay Teaff, Wanda and Brenda Sylvester, Donna Scott, Brown Gamble, Judy Agnew, Misses Gloria Teaff, Glenda Petty, Mesdames David Gamble, Paxton Hays, Austin Petty, Allen Agnew, Nim Teaff and hostess.

FERTILIZERS DISCUSSED BY UNION RIDGE H. D. CLUB

Mrs. Don Riney was hostess for the Feb. 20 H. D. Club of Union Ridge. She led songs of the club and Mrs. J. H. Clack offered a prayer.

Mrs. Buntin, president, presided. Roll call was answered with "My Favorite Pot Plant."

The club will try out for the REA Boy Program Prize.

The program consisted of "Using Fertilizers by Members." The president read the council recommendation for 1953.

Delicious lemon pie and coffee were served to two visitors, Mrs. S. G. Russell and Mrs. Charles Sylvester. Members present were Miss Mabel McRee, Mesdames W. T. McAninch, Clyde Newton, J. G. Clack, M. L. Douglas, Beauford Buntin, Don Riney and O. E. Harwell.

The club meets March 6 with Mrs. Harwell with the program: "Rug Making."

MAKING PATIENT HAPPY IS DISCUSSED AT UNION

Mrs. M. L. Douglas was the hostess for the Feb. 6 meeting of the Union Ridge H. D. Club. Roll call was answered with a joke. The health leader gave a program of interest, "Making a Patient Happy."

Miss Allen, county agent, held the training meeting Jan. 29. Miss Clyde Newton, Mrs. O. E. Harwell and Miss Mabel McRee attended.

Mrs. Mary Bel Ashmore received a birthday shower. She brought the devotional.

A pretty salad plate was passed to Mrs. D. Teaff and Mrs. Ashmore, visitors and daughters of Mrs. M. L. Douglas. Others served were Mesdames O. E. Harwell, Bobbie Dye, E. T. Palmer, Allen Agnew, Clyde Newton, Beauford

Buntin, Kenneth Pee, J. H. Clack, W. T. McAninch, W. C. Lee and Mabel McRee.

39th Anniversary Of Wedding Day Celebrated Sunday

Mr. and Mrs. Houston Robertson were surprised on their 39th wedding anniversary Sunday. A big celebration dinner was served to Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Meadow and family, D. J. Hartley of Plainview, Mrs. A. J. Hartley, son Joe and wife, Billie Carolyn Sorrells, Mrs. Lloyd Robertson and son Rodney.

Mr. and Mrs. Houston Robertson were married Feb. 22, 1914, at Sixth, Rev. F. Y. Walker officiated.

personals

Mrs. O. D. Gladden and three children of Morgan City, La., are visiting her mother, Mrs. Sally Ewing.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilber Criswell and family of Petersburg spent Wednesday here on business.

Texas State Fair To Hold Livestock International Show

The first annual Pan-American Livestock Exposition will be presented Oct. 10-21 during the first twelve days of the 1953 State Fair of Texas, Fair President R. L. Thornton has announced.

Aim of the exposition will be to present a complete beef and dairy cattle show along with swine, sheep, Angora goats and quarter horses. Its purpose is to help develop a new market for purebred livestock in the countries of Central and South America.

PLANT 200,000 TREES

Despite the continuing drought homestead improvement demonstrators last year planted nearly 200,000 trees for windbreaks and shade and 50,000 shrubs. More than 3,000 lawns were also sodded, stated Texas A. & M. College.

CONTAGIOUS

"I hear they're starting a new campaign against malaria." "Dear me! What have the Malarians done now?"

So the People May Know

Laws of the State of Texas provide that many county, city, and other officials must publish in the newspaper certain information about their finances and operations.

The lawmakers passed these rules because of their belief in the fundamental principles of democracy that a people can properly govern themselves only when they are adequately informed.

There have been violations of these publication laws.

These have been violations of omission: That is, some officials have neglected to publish information as required by state law.

The people are entitled to know what information their local officials are required to publish. This newspaper, therefore, will print a series of articles, prepared by the Texas Press Association — presenting in plain language, pertinent facts in regard to the publication laws.

Are you, as a citizen, getting

BRYAN DUNAGIN WELL

Joe Josephson, et al, Dallas, and Hack Drilling Co., Abilene, are drilling No. 1 Bryan R. Dunagin as a 5,000-foot wildcat nine miles northeast of Merkel.

By Tuesday noon the drilling had reached 1,800 feet.

Roark, Hooker & V. C. Perini, Jr., of Abilene No. 2 Leslie M. Brown, et al, is to be drilled in the new Tye Homecreek Field, one mile west of Tye.

LITTLE BUSINESSMEN

Include all business income and all business expenses when you prepare that 1952 income and social security tax return is the statement issued jointly by H. C. Broadus, division chief, Bureau of Internal Revenue, and Ralph T. Fisher, manager of the Social Security Administration office in Abilene.

A self-employed person who has two dependents and a gross income of less than \$1200 may not think it important to include all his business expenses, since he obviously will owe no regular income tax. It is important that the amount be figured accurately, though, as he will owe social security tax if his net is as much as 400, and this tax should be paid on the correct amount of earnings.

THE FACE OF EDITOR WHITE IS PURPLE

Editor Hy White saw Ralph Russell in the hospital with his injured knee. Ralph showed him the knee. So, when the editor wrote about the operation he put Ralph was operated on his left leg. That was not so. It was his right! Well, perhaps the editor figured Ralph was ambidextrous — or can legs be that way?

UNCLE DIES

Clarence Sidney Blackwell, 47, died in Coleman and was buried Wednesday of last week. He was the uncle of Miss Norma Green.

HAVE MAJOR SURGERY

The following had major surgery at the Sadler Hospital: Feb. 19 — Larry Gene Carter, Mrs. A. D. Mareno; Feb. 20 — Louise Loudany.

SINGING AT AMITY

There will be singing at Amity Baptist Church Thursday, March 5, at 7:30 p. m. Everyone is invited.

EDITOR IS NO ANGEL!

The editor is no angel. But it seems that the Lions Club wanted to find out. So-o-o at the last luncheon when the editor stepped away from the table for a minute his neighbors piled his plate up with chicken wings. The editor ate them "all!" But he did not sprout wings. When he told his wife about it she remarked, "You poor thing, you didn't have enough to eat." Said the editor, "Oh, yes, I did. You don't know how many wings I had!"

Livestock Report

By TED GOULDY

Trade on most kinds of livestock was slow getting under way at Fort Worth at the outset this week since the blackout of wire service caused by USDA employees taking a day off to celebrate George Washington's birthday, a day late. This slowed the operations until some idea of the numbers at hand around the market circle could be ascertained. Bad weather, and the bad break in prices suffered at northern points last week put a bearish tinge onto the early trade, but at Fort Worth most cattle and calves achieved steady prices, some fed cattle steady to weak. Stockers were in good demand, some heifers and heifer calves unevenly higher.

Hogs topped at \$21 or 25 cents higher. Sows wer 50c higher at \$16 to \$19.

Fat and feeder lambs were weak to 25 cents and spots 50 cents off. Yearlings and older sheep drew strong prices.

Good and choice fed steers and yearlings sold for \$20 to \$23.50 some steers of 1,165-lbs at \$22.75 mates to steers last week at the same price. Common, plain and medium butcher steers and yearlings drew \$13 to \$19, with a few shelly kinds below that range. Fat cows drew \$14 to \$16.00 and some heiferish kinds reached \$18. Canners and cutters sold for \$10 to \$4. Bulls drew \$12 to \$18.25.

Good and choice slaughter calves cleared at \$20 to \$24, and common and medium offerings cashed at \$14 to \$19, with culls from \$10 to \$14.

Good and choice stocker calves sold from \$20 to \$24 and stocker steer yearling moved at \$23 down. Stocker cows cashed at \$12 to \$20, and some carrying small calves at sold with the calves at \$14 to \$24.

Good and choice fat lambs sold from \$18 to \$21 and shorn fat lambs ranged from 50 cents to \$1.50 below woolled kinds according to length of the pelt credit. Fat yearlings and two-year-olds cashed at \$12 to \$17 and old wethers sold at \$12 down. Slaughter ewes sold for \$7 to \$9.50 and old bucks cashed at \$6.50 to \$7.50. Stocker and feeder lambs cashed at \$16 to \$20.50, the higher figure for shearing lambs with a percentage of fat lambs on them.

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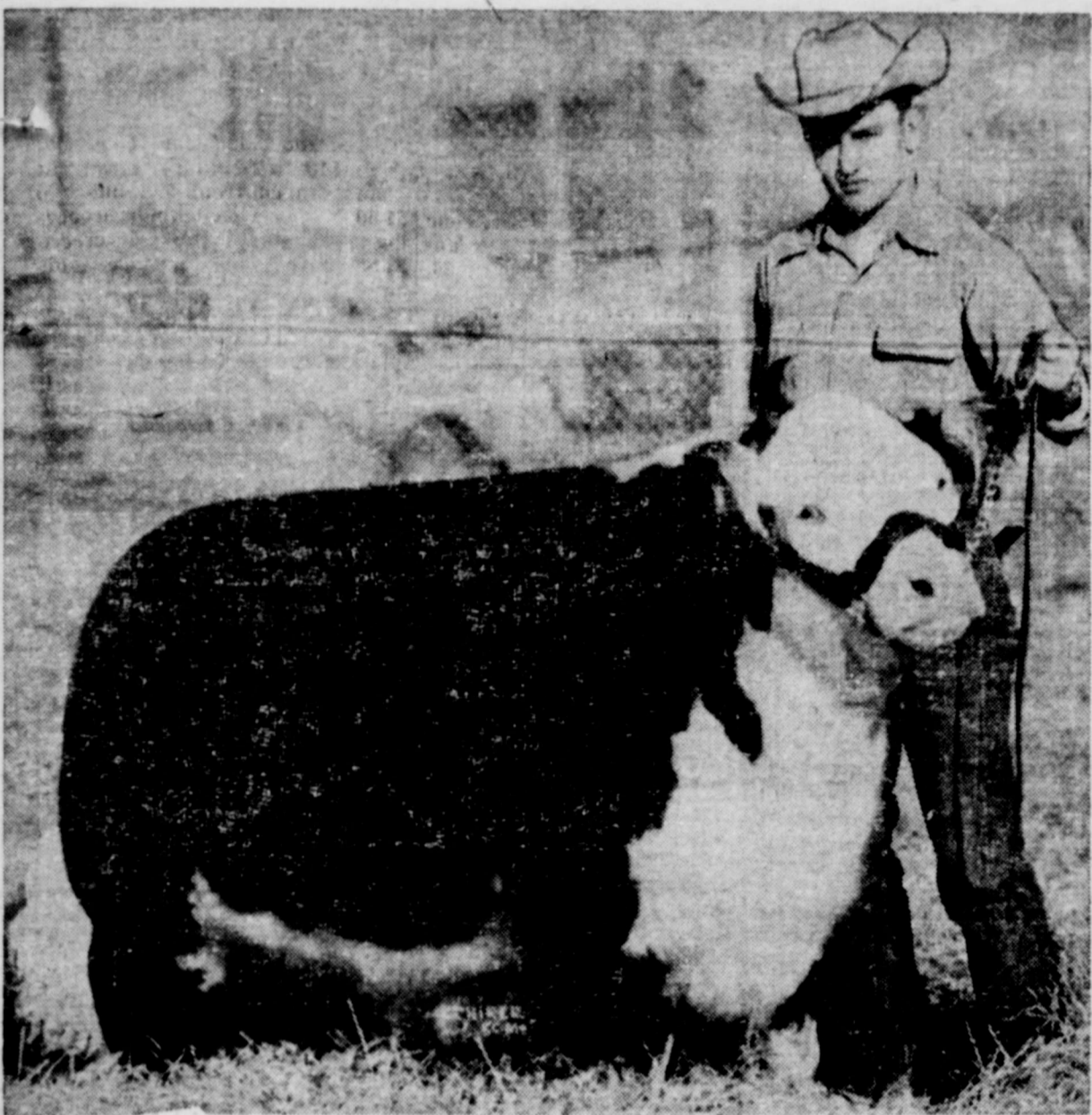
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SENIOR CALF CLASSWINNER—calf class at the Fort Worth Fat Stock Show in competition with college animals. The calf, which won first place in the senior class, was bred by Roy Largent and Dr. W. T. Sadler. Chester Collingsworth is the FFA advisor.

Second Suit Filed On Last Friday Against Merkel

A second suit was filed in 42d District Court last week against the City of Merkel over an ordinance regulating drilling activity inside the city limits. The first suit was filed on Tuesday.

Attorneys for a group of Taylor County property-owners Friday filed a petition for a permanent injunction against the City of Merkel enjoining it from interfering with drilling, producing and operating two oil and gas wells in the Merkel City limits.

Plaintiffs are W. E. Ellis, R. T. Brown and Oscar Murray, all of Dallas, and Ray Jennings and wife Nora Mae Jennings, and Nettie Thomas Milliken, a widow.

A WEATHER PROPHECY!

It is easy to be a weather prophet in West Texas! It can be proved. Just forecast "no rain" for each day and at the end of the year the percentage of correct guesses will be as good as that of Drew Pearson who boasts of being 83 per cent accurate.

Then in measuring rain just say, "Last week on Wednesday noon it rained 12 sprinkles!" That is absolutely accurate. Or if a good rain comes just say, "There was one-half inch rain and 10 inches of thunder!" That too will be correct. And that's how easy it is to be a weather prophet in West Texas.



JAMES E. FARMER

... now lieutenant

Master Sergeant James E. Farmer has received a direct commission as Second Lieutenant in the Medical Service Corps at the Medical Replacement Training Center in Camp Pickett, Va.

The 29-year old veteran of 10 years Army service saw action during World War II in the Asia-Pacific area. Among other decorations he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster.

He has been assigned to the Medical Field Service School, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

Lt. Farmer is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Al Farmer.

HAVE GRANDDAUGHTER

A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Conley in Stanton Thursday of last week. The paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Conley. The maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Clemmer.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Admissions to the Sadler Hospital the past week were:

As medical patients—Mrs. Ann Casper, J. C. Jeffrey, Fred Dick, Katherine Kimmey, Mrs. David Tarpley, Lee Tipton, Mrs. R. N. Camper, auto accident, Ronnie Cade, Jaye Beth Gregory, Leo Harris, Neil Warner.

For surgery—Martha Perry, Bonnie Cason, both tonsillectomy. Calvin Peterson and Mrs. Elmer Eaton.

Drops Atom Bomb In Gripping Story At Queen Theatre

The gripping and moving story of Colonel Paul Tibbets, who piloted the plane which dropped the atom bomb over Hiroshima, is unfolded on the Queen screen in "Above and Beyond," an M-G-M picture packed with dramatic intensity and emotional appeal, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

With Robert Taylor and Eleanor Parker in the starring roles, here is the story, told for the first time of the world's best-kept secret and of the man charged with the lonely responsibility for keeping it. Colonel Paul Tibbets is the man who was chosen from two million men of the United States Army Air Force to carry out "Operation Silerplate." Every move he made from then on had to be Top Secret, even from his wife.

Inevitably, Tibbet's own happiness became forfeit in the months of tension leading to the instant when his B-29 ended a war and opened the atomic age over Hiroshima.

When's Hamburger Hamburger Told By State Law

Spot checks of meat markets by the State Health Department meat inspectors insure Texas housewives that when they buy a pound of hamburger they're getting a product whose contents have been carefully defined by state law, declared Dr. Geo. W. Cox, state health officer.

Food and drug inspectors have been ordered to increase the frequency of their inspections of community butcher shops in an effort to curb the sale of horse meat as hamburger, said Dr. Cox.

By state law, hamburger is defined as "chopped or ground fresh beef and shall contain not more than 30 per cent fat."

That definition, health officials said, makes it unlawful to add chemical preservatives or fillers such as cereals or skim milk.

It prevents unsuspecting housewives from paying ground beef prices for a high-fat content product, or one which has been doctored with inexpensive cereals. It protects the consuming public against a spoiled or adulterated product which could be hazardous to health.

The 30 per cent maximum fat content of hamburger is a standard set by the Bureau of Animal Industry, and except for one or two exceptions is adhered to by all states. A similar maximum has been established for moisture content.

Relative Dies Attend Funeral In Los Angeles

Mrs. Ollie Fox was brought home from Lubbock last Friday by her daughter, Mrs. Mitchell Walker, and Mr. Walker and children. Mr. and Mrs. Walker returned from Los Angeles, Calif., on Wednesday of last week where they attended the funeral of his sister Nora.

"ROAD RUNNER" HERE

Hamilton Wright, "Road Runner" of Reporter - News, was here Wednesday morning and visited the Mail office and his daughter, Mrs. Paul Honeycutt, and family.

Odis E. Bagby Buys J. T. Darsey Furniture Store

Odis E. Bagby of the Swap Shop has bought the furniture store of the late J. T. Darsey and will combine the two businesses, here he now owns. The location will be at the Darsey store.

Mr. Bagby will continue to carry a line of used furniture and also repair furniture.

Sammy Derstine Opens Up Shop In Cabinet Making

Sammy Derstine has opened up a cabinet shop where the Merkel Plumbing Shop was located. Sammy will make new furniture to specifications or repair furniture.

He has just completed a full course in cabinet making at the Texas School for the Deaf. He has some furniture that he has made now on display. The new store is named Craft Shop. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Derstine.

Thrilling Scenes Packed in 'Gunsmoke' At Queen Theatre

"Gunsmoke" is the thrilling, daring picture that will be shown at the Queen Theatre Sunday and Monday. It stars Audie Murphy and Susan Cabot.

In "Gunsmoke" a man's gun is for hire and the woman pays his price.

Child's Education Cost Less in Texas Than Baby-Sitting

Your child's education in the Texas public schools costs less than the hourly rate charged by the youngest baby-sitters, Charles H. Tennyson, executive secretary of the Texas State Teacher Association, said.

"A lot of people talk about the high cost of education," Mr. Tennyson said. "Actually, during the 1951-52 school year, the actual cost per classroom hour for each child was only 21 cents."

Figures for the 1951-52 school year are the latest available. It shows that \$262 was spent that year for each child.

Watt Blair Is Improving Nicely After Operation

Watt Blair was operated on Monday of last week at the Sadler Hospital. He is improving nicely.

His children were here during the operation: Doyle of Santa Rosa, Calif., Mapor R. T. of San Antonio, O. C. John and Hayden, all of Levelland, and Mrs. R. H. Mathews of Pryor Air Base. John is still here.

Byron Patterson Is Improving Nicely in Hospital

Clesby Patterson, Howard Laney and Bill Stockbridge visited Byron Patterson at the Baylor Hospital in Dallas Thursday of last week. Byron is getting along nicely after his plane accident. He has completed all his operations and expects to be sitting up in a chair in about three weeks.

Jo Dentan Has Accepted Position In Austin Now

Jo Dentan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Brown, has accepted a position with the Public Relations Offices in Austin. Jo attended Wayland College in Plainview the last two and a half years.

Norman L. McLeod Dies at Farm Home At Age of 72

Norman Lee McLeod, 72-year-old Trent farmer, died Wednesday afternoon of last week at his farm home near Trent after a heart attack.

Services were held at 2 p. m. last Friday in the Trent Church of Christ. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery with the arrangements by Starbuck Funeral Home.

Ted Norton of Snyder officiated assisted by Bill Haynes of Trent.

Mr. McLeod, a resident of Nolan county since 1921, was born March 9, 1880 at Ennis. He moved to Robertson County as a child and there married Ella Blackmon in 1900. He moved to West Texas in 1902, then to Nolan County.

He had been a member of the Church of Christ for 46 years.

He is survived by his wife; five daughters, Mrs. Bud Winter, Paris; Mrs. Joe English, Sweetwater; Mrs. Bill Springer and Mrs. Joe Gilstrap of Abilene, and Mrs. T. K. Mayfield, Midland; six sons, C. L. McLeod, Trent; Sam T. and E. L. Merkel; Roscoe and D. W. Lubbock, and Dr. N. L. McLeod, Austin; a brother, W. R., Fairfield; a sister, Mrs. Maggie Walker, Abilene; 34 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

Mashed potatoes on the menu? Try adding a well beaten egg white for a flavor and improved appearance.

ANDY SHOUSE
—Real Estate—
115 Kent St.



WHATZIT? — M. L. Douglas, farmer of Merkel, displays the "weather gadget" he and his wife found near Merkel in a plowed field. The "box" he is holding in his left hand was tied to the bottom of the miniature parachute which dropped on the farm of J. R. Dye, Merkel, from an altitude of about 12 miles.

Charles Webb, Sr., Succumbs Sunday At Niece's Home

Charles Webb, 76, of Dallas, died Sunday at the home of a niece, Mrs. John Coomer, in the Pioneer community, where he had been staying for three months while ill.

Funeral was held Monday in Dallas.

Relatives living in the Pioneer area also include nephews and nieces, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Demere, Mr. and Mrs. Frase Demere and Mrs. O. W. Reed.

Surviving also are a son, Charles Webb, Jr., Dallas, a daughter, Mrs. G. C. Newton of Indianapolis, Ind., a brother, Eli Webb of Mobile, Ala., and two grandsons.

Emma C. Reid Claimed by Death At Age of 85

Mrs. Emma C. Reid, 85, resident of Trent since 1906, died at 11 a. m., Monday in the Lawson Rest Home here.

The funeral was held at 4 p. m. Tuesday in the Trent Methodist Church with the Rev. Clifford Trotter, pastor, officiating. Burial in the Trent Cemetery under the direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

She was born in Mississippi Aug. 23, 1867. She was married to Joe Reid of Potts Camp, Miss., in 1890. The couple moved to Texas in 1900 and to Trent in 1906. Mr. Reid was a farmer.

Mrs. Reid joined the Methodist Church at the age of 13 and was a member of the Trent Methodist Church.

Survivors are three sons, Oakley, Charlie and Melvin, and two granddaughters.

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LODGE CALLS

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FOR RENT — Duplex, unfurnished, 4 rooms and bath. See Ray Wilson at Campbell Grocery. tf41c.

FOR RENT — 2-room furnished apartment modern, private bath. Couple. T. T. Earthman, 211 Ash street. tf42c.

BUS SCHEDULE

| Eastward | Westward |
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| 4:02 a. m. | 7:37 a. m. |
| 4:29 a. m. | 5:38 a. m. |
| 7:06 a. m. | 8:57 a. m. |
| 11:26 a. m. | 1:25 p. m. |
| 11:52 a. m. | 5:22 p. m. |
| 3:01 p. m. | 6:40 p. m. |
| 8:22 p. m. | 11:31 p. m. |
| 9:53 p. m. | 12:10 a. m. |
| 11:56 p. m. | |

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YEARN'S FOR PAPER

Mrs. W. E. Johnston of 512 Higgins Drive, Bakersfield, Calif., wrote: "We thank you for sending the paper on to us. We received it today. Sorry to read of J. T. Darsey's death, a very good friend of ours in by-gone days. We have been away from Merkel 17 years now. Just got a yearning for the home town paper. Thank you again."

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Sunday School10:00 a. m.
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Training Union 7:00 p. m.
Evening Services .. 7:30 p. m.
Wednesday:
Prayer Service 7:30 p. m.

Amity Baptist Church
Morning Service—11:15 a.m.
Sunday School—10:30 a.m.
Evening Bible Class 6:30 p.m.
Evening Services .. 7:30 p. m.

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

Primitive Baptist Church
Saturday Night Service
Sunday Service 11 a. m.

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Sunday:
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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 Grace Presbyterian Church
Sunday School.....10:00 a. m.
Worship Service 11 a. m.
Evening Service7:00 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.

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.

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

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

Pioneer Memorial Chapel
Sunday School.....10:00 a. m.
Morning Service.....11:00 a. m.
Evening Services ... 8:00 p. m.
Wednesday:
Evening Prayer Service ..7:30

Trent Church of Christ
Sunday:
Sunday 11:00 o'clock
Bible Class10:00 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 Service8:00 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.
Tuesday:
U. M. U. 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday:
G. A.'s and R. A.'s... 6:30 p. m.
Prayer Services ... 7:30 p. m.
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Trent Methodist Church
Sunday School10:00 a. m.
Evening Worship ... 8:00 p. m.
Morning Services11:00 a. m.
M. Y. F. Services 6:30 p. m.
Wednesday:
Prayer Services 7:30 p. m.

Noodle Church of Christ
Sunday:
Bible Class10:00 a. m.
Morning Worship Service 11:00
Young People's Service 6:30
Evening Worship .. 7:30 p. m.

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Sunday:
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Morning Worship11 a. m.
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EDITORIAL

PUBLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Next week, March 1 through 7, is Public Schools Week.

The purpose is to get the citizens of our country to come to school and see what is going on. To see the schools in action, to see "Democracy in Action."

There is more to this than merely going into a class room and seeing the teacher teach and the pupils learn. On the face of it it appears that the child is adding to his knowledge. Yes, that is true. He is doing that. But he is doing more, much more than that. He is learning a way of life.

And that way is the Democratic Way, the American Way, the Way of Freedom.

Other lands may have no schools of a public nature. Or they may have institutions of a public atmosphere. But the manner in which they conduct these

schools and institutions is the foundation of the whole manner.

Look at Russia. There they have schools of learning just as we do here. BUT the manner of the teaching and what they teach are different things entirely.

There they have one point of view and only one point of view. That is the communistic point of view. To hold any other view, to teach any other view is to court imprisonment or perhaps death.

Here there is freedom of thought, freedom of learning. Our teachers are not held to one political point of view. They can teach anything they desire as long as they do not advocate the overthrow of our government.

In the Russian school you are taught that the government is supreme. That means dictatorship. In our school we are taught that the individual is supreme. That is democracy.

In Russia you are taught that only communism is the right way of governing. In our beloved country we are taught that there can be two or three or more political parties. That is the democratic way.

In Russia you are taught that the party in power, the communistic party, can do only right. Here we are taught that the party in power may do wrong and must be held to account. That is the democratic system.

It is more than words and figures that our children are being taught. It is more than grammar and history. They are being taught what freedom really means: Freedom to think, freedom to speak, freedom to worship and freedom to live as an individual.

Public Schools Week calls upon all of us to open our eyes to the wonders that are taught in our American educational institutions.

SHINNERY SAND

We have been taking a lot of kidding about that shinnery sand story. So to even up the score a little we want to add this postscript.

A friend of our high school days, now teaching writing at Northwestern University, Mrs. Charles Aschmann, Helen, wrote us a nice letter in which she stated:

"I recently read with deep amusement and appreciation of your writing ability, your piece about the shinnery sand. I'd never before HEARD of such a thing, and you've surely added to my general knowledge (and Charley's). I have carefully clipped the story and will read it aloud to my Northwestern University classes as a wonderful example of a human interest story, humor, etc. It was really delightful." And now as a footnote may we add to Joe Cypert it WAS shinnery, not winery!

"WHITE-ICISM"
That's ALL —and the Sage of Figfield adds that a little fun is lots of fun in a lengthy life of lots of worries.

Washington

"As It Looks From Here"



OMAR BURLISON
Congressman
17th District

In a number of letters during my service in the Congress, people have quoted the 14th Verse of the 7th Chapter of II Chronicles.

A few days ago I had a letter from a friend in Cross Plains, who quoted this most monumental sentence. "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sins and will heal their land."

From Genesis to Revelations we are constantly assured that certain things will happen sure as the rising sun if — if — the conditions are fulfilled. "If with all your hearts ye truly seek Me, then ye shall surely find Me." That is not just a nice motto. It is a law of the unseen.

President Eisenhower in his recent address to the Congress said that we must be strong in arms and strong in productivity but above all, strong in our spiritual resources. I am glad that President Eisenhower is opening

his cabinet meetings with prayer. It would be encouraging to people all over these United States to know that on each Thursday morning at 8 o'clock, a group of members of Congress come together in a devotional to admit that the wisdom of man alone is wholly inadequate to meet the responsibilities of running this Government and pray for divine guidance.

Long before Eisenhower was President he said to a great company of religious leaders that "without a spiritual renaissance, America is doomed." The sharpest sword America has is the sword of the spirit. That is the implement which totalitarianism has thrown away and the weapon it

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Part of the letter follows: The storm came up all over the North Sea. It has killed lots of people inland. We are safe because we live on a hill. But friends have drowned. About 40 Americans have drowned in another town.

The sea wall broke. The water flooded the town about 40 miles from here. Only one American so far here in this town was drowned.

It must be awful. I haven't been downtown. Noah doesn't want me to go. So far they have found about 25 here in this town, mostly babies, who were washed from their mothers' arms while they were on tree tops and such. One woman and baby were floating by. The men grabbed the baby but couldn't save the mother. They say it's awful!

Our house is very large and strong. We didn't even know the wind was blowing here inside. The wall broke about 1 o'clock Saturday night. Most people were in bed. Just under the hill here the water was over the house tops.

A friend of ours after saving his family went back and fished out a woman and her babies and saved them.

You can imagine cars, houses, furniture, groceries, people, dogs, cats and things floating all around together. Mostly wood houses washed away. All brick houses did

not go over, but had six or eight feet of water inside.

The tide has gone down and men are going in with boats and are looking in all the houses for people who might not have gotten out. There are two babies missing that they know of. They are looking in debris for them today.

This is the first time the sea wall has ever broken here. It's not only here but all over the coast of England. It caught ships out in the sea and wrecked them. On one ship 133 persons were lost.

We are safe from huge waters. Water just won't reach us unless it gets 5,000 feet. If it got that bad there just wouldn't be any England.

No Drilling Ban In Our City Says Mayor West

The City of Merkel regulates but does not prohibit the drilling of oil and gas wells, Mayor H. C. West emphasized.

Mayor West's statement came as a result of a story in the Reporter-News regarding the filing of a suit in 42d District Court by a group of Dallas men against the City of Merkel.

The Dallas men have challenged the legality of Merkel's incorporation of 1906 in an effort to evade Merkel's ruling that stops them from drilling within the city limits.

Mayor West said Merkel's ordinance regulating townsite drilling permits no more than one well to

each six acres if the land has not been subdivided. Where the land has been subdivided, he said, the ordinance allows only one well to each two city blocks.

The mayor said a person seeking to drill a well in Merkel must own at least 30 per cent of the allotted acreage (of six acres or two city blocks). He contended the Dallas men do not control 30 per cent of the drilling site and are "trying to drill on a similar acreage of land" than that permitted by the ordinance.

The Dallas men contend the land where they seek to drill a well should not have been included

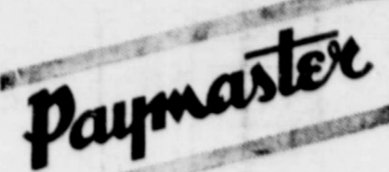
within the Merkel City limits because the land is surrounded by

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