

Winds, Dust, Rain Race Wildly Over City of Merkel

Violent winds, sweeping dust and blinding rain hit Merkel Wednesday night of last week when the storm front swept across West Texas.

No damage was reported here. Roscoe had a powerful tornado.

Around 9:30 p. m. the wind started blowing and continued to blow until it reached violent proportions. Folks here who were caught in the light tornado could feel their cars rocking and swaying. People who were in the Pioneer Drive-In Theatre were afraid to get out on the road, not knowing what would happen if they did.

With the terrific wind came sweeping dust. The dust was so thick that it hid the roadway. Then the rain started pouring down. It rained hard for only a few minutes just enough to muddy up the windshields and cars.

Many here rushed to their storm shelters.

IS REGION HOMEMAKER

On May 15 in Federicksburg Mrs. Frank Brnovak will receive an award as champion homemaker of Region 2. Mrs. Brnovak will be given a silver tray at the award dinner 51 counties in the southwest and Far West Texas will be represented.

Mrs. Brnovak will represent California-Creek SCD.

J. I. Ford, weatherman, reported that .85 inch of rain fell. Trent had .90.

RAINS .35 INCH

Rainfall measured .35 inch at noon Tuesday, reported Weatherman J. I. Ford. Strong winds blew Tuesday and Wednesday and visibility was very low.

Merkel Girls Win Second Place At Trent Meet

Merkel Volleyball Girls won second place trophy at the tournament held last week at Trent. Roscoe won first place.

Thursday night of last week Blackwell did not show up and forfeited to Merkel. Friday night the local girls played Trent and won two out of three games.

In the finals Saturday Roscoe defeated Merkel two out of three games, placing the local girls in second place.

Noodle won consolation. Mrs. Betty Lackey is local coach.

Money-Making Chances of Guar To Be Discussed

John A. Esser, plant manager of General Mills, Inc., at Kenedy will speak here at 8 p. m. next Thursday, May 7, at the Community Center on guar.

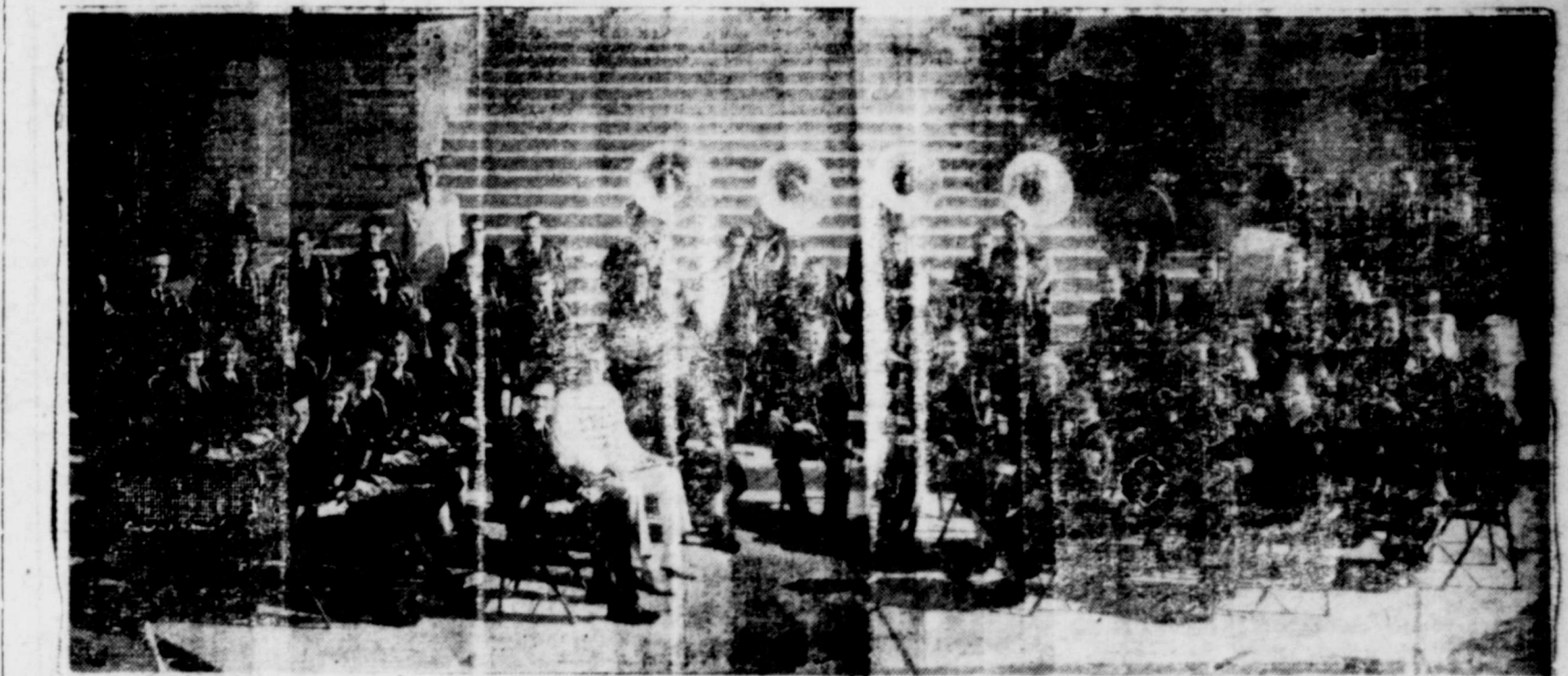
He will discuss the soil building and money-making possibilities of guar.

Mr. Esser wrote Coleman O'Brien local SCS manager, that the company were looking forward to processing as much as 15 million pounds of guar beans from which we extract a vegetable gum contained in the endosperm of the seed. In our milling process we also have a high protein guar meal by-product used for animal feeds.

Several thousand acres of guar have been and are being planted in the Stamford - Knox City - Vernon areas, said Mr. O'Brien. It has proved to be a successful soil building crop and has produced up to 1,000 pounds of beans per acre. It is easily planted with maize planting equipment, it is drought resistant and easily harvested.

Mr. Esser will explain in detail the possibilities of this crop in the Merkel area.

Every farmer and interested person is invited to attend this vital meeting. There will be no charge of any kind.



Wildcat Band To Give Concert At Trent Tuesday

The 66-member Abilene Christian College Wildcat Band will present a concert at 8 p. m. Tuesday, May 5, in Trent High School Gymnasium.

The concert is sponsored by the Trent Community club and all proceeds will go toward providing recreational facilities for Trent young people.

The ACC Band made an 11-concert tour of Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma in March. The group has grown to its present size with Robert E. Holland as director from its beginning in 1912 as seven members and no director.

Crowd Enjoys Fun, Music at Lions Club Minstrel Show

To Stir Emotions Only Is Not Aim Of a Revival

A revival is not merely an occasion to stir up the emotions for a short period of time.

That was the ringing statement of Rev. S. E. Tullock Sunday morning at the First Baptist Church when he began a revival that will last through May 3. Services begin at 10 a. m. and 8 p. m.

Roland Whitley is leading the singing. Mrs. Comer Haynes is the pianist and Mrs. Tommy Odum the organist. Mrs. Don Riney sang a subject of Rev. Tullock's sermon.

"The Call of a Revival" was the special solo Sunday morning. Based on II Chronicles, chapter 7, verse 4.

In the outward picture of a revival he showed that the church had the evangelist and a song leader for the revival, had given it publicity in papers and circulars in audible prayer.

In the inward picture he stressed the point that new life must be manifested in the church, it must be more than a protracted meeting, it must be a revival for the pastor and the congregation and for the whole community.

A revival, he asserted, must not be centered around a personality, the pastor, but around Jesus Christ, so that His influence would remain after one left the church.

A revival must not be a habit, it must be inspired, he continued. "A revival is for the indifferent, unregenerated many," asserted Rev. Tullock. "It is not just to stir up emotions for a short period of time. After the revival the emotions disappear. Then we have nothing but a pep rally. The church is not the place for a pep rally."

"The purpose of the revival is to refill the soul with the presence of God, it has a spiritual basis. We need to be saved from the human existence of life; then Christianity will be a great adventure."

"A true revival is a challenge, a challenge that will crush atheism, communism, or any other 'ism.'"

WHO'S GOT BUTTON?

Who's got the button? The ladies are having trouble at the Community Center with borrowings of tables — several-gallon aluminum utensil that they made coffee in — table spoons — butcher knives and bowls.

Every week they have to buy more. They urgently request: PLEASE return!

A large crowd came to hear and see the Lions Club Minstrel at the Union Theatre Thursday night of last week and highly enjoyed the fifth annual entertainment.

Folks came early to get seats as the minstrel has been a sell-out each year and many have been turned away.

A few minutes before opening time, 8 o'clock, Director Fred Starbuck took his position in the pit and very shortly thereafter the show started on time.

The minstrel ran smoothly and there was no interruption for intermission, the show lasting one hour and a half. The jokes were given in rapid-fire style and produced gales of laughter. The songs were well rendered and delighted the audience. Mr. Starbuck did a splendid job of directing.

Everyone did well and showed that the years of experience had produced good results in the highest entertainment value.

Lester F. Dorton, as the interlocutor, kept a smiling face that radiated his personality to the audience, and his showmanship was very evident at all times.

The endmen were Leon Walker, Horace Hargrove, Herman Carson, Horace Lange, Cleby Patterson, Billy Largent, who also pleased the audience with his solos.

Special characters were Roy Largent, who won great applause with his singing, Winford Reed, who pleased with his clarinet solo, Gene Estes of Abilene who won favor with his accordion playing and whistling.

Robert Payne, Jesse Yandell, Jerry McWilliams and Jerry Estep, quartet of Trent, who won great applause. Marylyn and Carolyn Teaff who won favor with their trumpet numbers, Betty Jane Tittle and Barbara McLeod who pleased with their solo and duet numbers.

Mrs. Sam McLeod did a fine, professional job of piano accompaniment.

The girls' chorus consisted of Patsy Anderson, Betty Foster, Glenda Smith, Denta Gibson, Vernell McLean, Mary Harris, Tommy Maddox, Shirley Massey, Goldie Leverich, Glenda Pangle, Wanda Bradley, Marilyn Liles, Jan Lemons, Bonnie Cason, Carol Salter, Blanche Hewitt, Iris Verner, Betty Chancey and Pat Floyd.

The men's chorus consisted of Harry Barnett, Cyrus Pee, Raymond Ferguson, Ray Wilson, Earl Watts, Ellis Harris, Carroll Free, Pinky Cybert and Paul Honeycutt.

Ticket sales were in charge of David Gamble and Isadore Melinger, tickets, Principal C. A. Farley; ushers, Wayman Adcock and Ben R. Hicks; stage preparation, Clyde Bartlett and Luther Land; make-up Merkel Drug; pre-show entertainment with records, Holt Vaughn; printed programs, Taylor Electric Coop. office force; publicity, The Merkel Mail.

Next Saturday, May 2, Dr. B. C. Roberson, veterinarian of Abilene, will be in Merkel to vaccinate dogs for rabies. He will be here from 3 to 6 p. m. at the Community Center.

George Starbuck Bobby Mayfield Earn Fine Awards

Bobby Mayfield was given the emergency service award after passing tests at the Explorer Roundtable meeting at the Boy Scout office in Abilene Tuesday night of last week. George Starbuck earned this award last month.

George and Bobby are qualified now to give first aid in any emergency.

Attending the roundtable were: Gene Hargrove, Sessions Hammond, Johnny Hammond, Bobby Mayfield, George Starbuck from Explorer post 20 at Merkel, and Waymon Adcock, Merkel adviser.

James Russell Wins Sunday Over Jack Stricklin

James Russell won over Jack Stricklin of Abilene in match roping at Rodeo Hill, one mile west of town, Sunday afternoon before a crowd of 300 persons. James' time was 150 4-5 seconds on six calves while Jack's was 161 1-5.

In the four-calf average Lester Forrest of Marneal got first with 63 seconds. Tommy Bacon of Cisco second with 111 seconds and PUNCH Olesby of Hillmonds and PUNCH with 120 4-5 seconds.

In the jack pot roping Lester Forrest was again first with 28 3-5 seconds on two calves while Jack Newton of Abilene was second with 33 4-5 and J. B. Stoker of Breckenridge third with 35 3-5 seconds.

This was the first roping of the season here. The next one will be Sunday afternoon, May 10, featuring two top professional calf ropers, Bill Teague of Crane and Jack Newton of Abilene for a \$1,000 purse.

Cramer Reynolds was the announcer and Mrs. E. J. Freeman of Clyde was bookkeeper.

Merkel Fire Alarm To Sound Monday For Mental Health

The fire alarm in Merkel will be sounded at 12 noon Monday, May 4, as it will throughout the land. The alarm will sound for Mental Health Week, proclaimed by Congress and Gov. Allan Shivers as May 3 to 9, said Fire Chief John Mansfield.

While its primary purpose is educational, and efforts are being made to place literature in the hands of a majority of Texans, the campaign will also attempt to raise \$148,796 which will be used to broaden the scope of mental health work at local, state and national levels.

Campaign contributions can be made by anyone by addressing an envelope to "Mental Health", c/o Postmaster of any postoffice in Texas.

Layton Plaster Is Preaching Now In Tulsa, Okla.

Layton Plaster, minister of the Church of Christ, is conducting a gospel meeting at the Sheridan Avenue Church of Christ in Tulsa, Okla., this week.

Local members are filling the pulpit in his absence. He will complete the meeting next Sunday.

Fred Starbuck Is Redecorating His Building

Fred Starbuck is redecorating the outside of his building. The front, side and back are being stuccoed and will be finished in cream color. The work was started last week.

Joy Walker and Doyle Black Win at Regional and Go to State

Merkel had two winners in the Texas Interscholastic League Regional Meet at Brownwood Saturday reported Prof. Mack Fisher, superintendent of schools. They will go to the state meet in Austin May 9.

Joy Walker won first place in senior girls' declamation with Mrs. Comer Haynes as director. Doyle Black won second place in slide rule with Delmar Melton as director.

Merkel had two more winners at the regional but they will not go to the state. They were Bertha

Patterson, speaking in girls' extemporaneous speaking, and Elbert Foster, third in boys' extemporaneous speaking, with Mrs. Comer Haynes as director.

Doyle also placed fourth in discus throw with Carroll Benson as coach. Vernell McLean won fourth place in shorthand with a score of 96 plus with Mrs. Beverly Names as teacher.

More than 200 counties were at the regional meet, stated Prof. Fisher.

Lester E. Hopper, Buried in Anson

Lester E. Hopper of Hobbs, New Mexico, died April 14 and was buried April 16 in the Anson Cemetery. He was born Feb. 15, 1900 and operated a grocery at Noodle in 1947.

The wife of Lester Lee Hopper, his son, is the daughter of Mrs. J. T. Williamson of Merkel.

BORN TO GEORGE MURRAYS Girl to Mr. and Mrs. George Murray of Hayward, Calif., a baby girl, named Leslie Suzanne, April 22. Mrs. Murray is the former Miss Mattie Reynolds, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Reynolds.

Booth Warren Reports Deposits Hold Up Well

In an article in the Abilene Reporter-News about the economic conditions in West Texas it stated that officials of Taylor County banks outside of Abilene expressed satisfaction with conditions in their areas in the face of the drought.

President Booth Warren, it stated, said deposits "have held up wonderfully well." He thought it was because of oil activities "and possibly liquidation of some livestock that have not been replaced."

The latter factor contributed to the bank's decrease in loans, he believed.

The local bank has \$3,186,949 on deposit, as compared to \$3,472,297 a year ago. On Dec. 31st it had \$3,333,533.

Trent's Home State Bank held \$712,234 in deposits, a slight gain over the \$711,134 Dec. 31, and a reduction from the \$782,419 of March 31, 1952.

J. G. Wilks, president, attributed the bank's healthy condition to oil activity near the town.

John Mansfield Is Re-elected Merkel Fire Chief

John Mansfield was re-elected fire chief of the Merkel Volunteer Fire Department at its regular meeting April 13. Other officers elected were:

President, Ollie Fox; vice president, Clyde Wurst; secretary-treasurer, William R. Cybert; sergeant-at-arms, Dale Wurst; assistant chief, Waymon Adcock; captain, hose company No. 1, A. W. Thomas; captain, hose company No. 2, Ray Holmes; hose police, Jim McAninch.

Delegates named to the convention to be held in Austin: John Mansfield, Clyde Wurst and Chester McWilliams; alternates Jim McAninch, Dale Wurst and Boyd Scott.

All donations will be greatly appreciated for this convention. This may be handed to any of the firemen, said Chief Mansfield.

Merkel 20 Years Ago

TAKEN FROM THE 1933 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL

REPORT ON CITY SCHOOL

The report made at the meeting of the Merkel School Board Tuesday evening shows that Merkel Independent School District is among the very few this year that are on a cash basis. During the depression Merkel has been able to pay teachers in cash without the necessity of borrowing as most schools have had to do.

RECORD BIRTH

A girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Clabe Goagins, residing east of town Monday, May 1.

RECORD RAINFALL

Late Wednesday afternoon Merkel had most promising prospects for the much desired rain and, for a few minutes, the prospects materialized. Shortly before 5 o'clock a hard shower fell here and all the way toward the mountains, amounting to three-eighths of an inch.

SHOWS \$400 TRANSIT

On Wednesday of this week, County Agent C. Metz Heald responded to an invitation from Supt. Burgess to visit his class in trigonometry. Mr. Heald had with him his \$400 transit which was used to demonstrate its use in practical measurements.

"OLD FASHIONED MOTHER"

A three-act play, "An Old Fashioned Mother," will be presented by the Shiloh Baptist Sunday School Friday night at the Goodman School House. There are 2 principals in the cast and interesting specialties will be introduced between the acts.

This Happened in Merkel Forty Years Ago

TAKEN FROM THE 1913 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL

The Mail is in receipt of a letter from T. B. Holliday of Buffalo Gap in which he asks that we announce the pro and con discussion here Saturday afternoon between himself and Hon. J. M. Wagstaff of Abilene on whether we move the county seat from Abilene to Buffalo Gap or leave it as it is.

The improvement and making-over modernity of Merkel continues with increasing interest with the contract let this week for the building of a new front for the Burrough's Drug Store.

Mrs. A. A. Baker and daughters, Mesdames J. L. Baker, and J. B. Warnick, baked a large cake this week and sent it to Hugh Baker of Campbell, Calif., as a birthday present to Hugh from his parents.

RE-ELECT ENTIRE STAFF

The faculty of the Merkel Public Schools for 1933-34 were re-elected at the regular monthly meeting of the school board Tuesday night. The superintendent, Roger A. Burgess, had been previously elected for another term at the March meeting of the board.

PUT THROUGH CRIMMAGE

The Badger Team has a few prospects for next year but as Briggs Irvin, coach, says, "not enough to carry off the world championship." The boys had a short scrimmage practice last Friday afternoon. A number of Grammar School boys are coming out and if the coach can work with them and get them started in the right way, the future will look bright for M. H. S.

SALT BRANCH CLUB

The Salt Branch Girls' 4-H Club met at the school house Wednesday, April 26. Marcella Pinckley demonstrated applique work. Each member then worked on her dresser scarf.

SURPRISE PARTY

The many friends of Mrs. J. W. Teaff surprised her on last Thursday evening with a most enjoyable birthday party. Miss Selena Teaff had Mesdames W. C. White, Nim Teaff and Ernest Neff were co-hostesses to more than 40 guests.

DELTA-HAN-AROUN CLUB

The members of Delta-Han-Aroun Club were most graciously entertained April 20 in the home of Mrs. Milton Case.

Rev. and Mrs. A. A. Baker. The cake weighed 10 pounds and required writing of 30 eggs in baking. It was sent by parcel post.

Tully B. Lucas and Forest Gaither were visitors in Dallas Sunday.

Miss Lou Sears of Whitewright is here visiting her brother, Jno. Sears, and family.

Ottis Barnett left Saturday night for Comanche to visit relatives for a few days.

Mrs. Rufus Grisham of Hamlin is here visiting her father, J. T. Howard, and relatives.

Notice, Library Readers — Open from 5 to 6 o'clock on each Monday, Wednesday and Saturday afternoons.

NEWS ABOUT TOWN

Mayor and Mrs. H. C. West were in Midland over the weekend, visiting the children.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Purser and children were in Rotan Sunday, visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gruben.

Mr. and Mrs. Manfred Noster and daughters were in Roscoe Sun-

day, visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Robinson.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Clement and family, Mr. and Mrs. Derrell Wood and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Caldwell and family of Snyder visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Cooper over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl S. Cross and Kaylene of Abilene visited over the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Cross.

Mr. and Mrs. Clovis Harrison of Monahans were here over the weekend, visiting her sister, Mrs. L. J. Renfro, and Mr. Renfro.

Charles Haynes of Colorado City spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Gentry and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Fox were in Dallas last week visiting their son,

J. D., and family. Ollie returned home and Mrs. Fox remained for a longer visit. Saturday she and the children went to Lubbock to visit her daughter, Mrs. Mitchell Walker, and family. Ollie met them there Saturday night. They all had a picnic Sunday at Kinzy Park and returned home that night.

Mr. and Mrs. Irven Thompson and Jocille were in Pecos over the weekend, visiting her sister, Mrs. Joe Risinger, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Doc Vaughn were in Vernon this week, visiting his sister and other relatives. They took in the Santa Rosa Roundup.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Green and daughter were in Sweetwater Sunday night, visiting his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Biddy.

Doyle Jones of the U. of Houston was home last week, visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Odie Jones.

Capt. and Mrs. David Gibson and two children stopped off here to see his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dent Gibson, over the weekend. They were on their way to Wichita, Kans., for a 4 months stay, and

then will return to Lake Charles, La.

Mrs. Doyle Seifried and two children of Atlanta, Ga., are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Gamble.

Mrs. Stewart Dean and Larry are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dee Grimes.

Mrs. Lena Ball and baby of Roswell, New Mexico, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Webb; also Mrs. Joyce Brown and two children of Roswell were visitors of her parents for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Farr, Mrs. Dudley Farr and Mrs. Howard Carson and children spent Sunday in Camp Hood with Dudley Farr.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Roberts of Graham were Sunday visitors of his aunt, Mrs. B. T. Sublett, and Mr. Sublett.

Pvt. William D. Watson of Fort Hood was home over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Massey of Dallas were here this week, visiting her father, J. T. Ford.

Miss Lanelle Carey was home over the weekend from the Lubbock Memorial Hospital, where she is in nurses' training, visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Carey.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny E. McDaniel of Uvalde visited his sister, Mrs. J. B. Gregory, and family Sunday.

Miss Dorothy Allen of H. S. U. was a visitor of her aunt, Mrs. Ben Bingham and Mr. Bingham.

Mrs. Flora Mathews of Dallas was here over the weekend visiting her mother, Mrs. Josephine Miller.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Parham Sunday a week ago were her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Driver, of Roby and brother, Joe Driver, and wife and Lou Ann of Rotan.

Mr. and Mrs. Frase Demere accompanied their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Toombs, Sr., to Snyder Sunday a week ago to see C. P. L. Malcom L. Toombs of Ft. Bliss. His wife has been staying with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Randell. She returned with her husband.

ALONZO PETERSON FAMILY HOLDS REUNION SUNDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Peterson entertained at a family reunion at their home Sunday, April 26, with a dinner for 32 relatives. Among those present were her father, J. M. Bird, and brother, Alvin Byrd, and family of Stith; their two sons, Calvin Peterson and family and Lewis Peterson and family of Abilene. Besides the immediate family there were guests from Dallas, Sulphur Springs, Abilene and Stith. All enjoyed the happy occasion and hoped to meet again next year.

COMPERE H. D. LADIES ENTERTAINS 4-H CLUB GIRLS

April 22 at 2 p. m. the Comper Home Demonstration ladies gave a tea at Noodle for the 4-H Club girls. Fifty-eight guests registered. The 4-H Club colors of white and green were carried out in the table setting. The girls gave an interesting program.

Ida Beth Adkins was in charge of the program. Mrs. Hill presented the girls as they modeled their dresses. Dora Eoff will model her lovely dress at Wichita Falls.

The Comper Club met April 23 in Mrs. Hunter's home for its regular meeting. Mrs. Clyde Chancey led the group in singing and Mrs. W. S. Allred led the prayer. Mrs. Vernon Stanley presided over the business session.

Roll call was answered with "What I would like to do to my kitchen." Mrs. Stanley gave the council report.

Suggestions were made for the county-wide tea to be held at Anson May 7, celebrating national home demonstration week. Two suggestions for the New Year's work were also offered.

Miss Wainscott, the agent, had charge of the program, "Home-maker's Workshop," the placing of large kitchen equipment to save steps was stressed.

Mrs. Hunter served refreshments to the agent, seven members and three children. Mrs. Clyde Chancey directed games.

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CRISCO 3 Lb CAN 89¢	
DEEP BROWN BEANS 2 cans 27c	PETER PAN Peanut Butter 12 oz 33c
LIBBY'S Pears 2 No. 303 cans 49c	GERBER'S Baby Food 6 cans 49c
SUN SPUN 2 No. 303 CANS NEW SPUDS 29c	RED & WHITE APPLE BUTTER pint 23c
SUN SPUN CORN 2 No. 303 cans 35c	SUN SPUN Catsup 12 oz. bottle 17c
SUGAR Pure Cane 10 Lb. Bag 89¢	
LAKEWOOD PEACH Preserves 2 lbs. 43c	KARO SYRUP
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RESOURCES

Loans	\$ 574,855.50
Overdrafts	771.11
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	4,500.00
Furniture and Fixtures	2,500.00
AVAILABLE CASH AND QUICK ASSETS:	
United States Bonds and Securities	\$ 1,198,008.00
Other Bonds and Warrants	17,445.80
Cash and Due From Banks	1,601,409.48
	2,816,863.28
Total	\$ 3,399,489.89

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 75,000.00
Surplus	75,000.00
Undivided Profits	62,540.81
DEPOSITS	\$ 3,186,949.08
Total	\$ 3,399,489.89

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RAINED OUT

It was raining torrents as a motorist stepped into a small restaurant and sat down. As the waitress came for the order, he glanced out the window and remarked, "Gee, this certainly looks like the flood."
"The what?" asked the waitress.
"The big flood. Haven't you read about the flood and the ark landing on Mount Ararat?"
"Gee, mister," replied the waitress, "I ain't had time to look at a paper all week."

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: John E. Lane, 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 25th day of May A. D., 1953, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 7th day of April A. D., 1953, in this cause, numbered 18-872-A on the docket of said court and styled Frances Lane, Plaintiff, vs. John E. Lane, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit:

Plaintiff asks for divorce on the grounds of cruelty, for custody of the child of the parties, Donna Renee Lane, Age 6 years, and for such such sum as the court may find should be paid for the use and benefit of plaintiff in supporting said child, and for any other relief in law or in equity to which she might be entitled 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 7th day of April A. D., 1953.

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By C. Bower, Deputy.
Adv. April 17, 24, May 1, 8.

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This is to certify that the undersigned, A. H. Bernstein, H. A. Horwitz, and I. A. Parmer are forming a limited partnership and make this certificate as follows

I. The name under which the partnership is to be conducted is I. A. Parmer Well Service Company, Ltd.

II. The general nature of the business intended to be transacted is to establish and maintain and operate a Spudder Rig and all necessary equipment incident thereto for the purpose of drilling in and cleaning out oil and gas wells; to contract with, or lease to other parties said rig and equipment for such services and purposes in the carrying on of said business.

III. The principal place of business shall be situated in Abilene, Taylor County, Texas.

IV. The names of 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:

Partners Place of Residence
I. A. Parmer, Abilene, Texas
General Partner
A. H. Bernstein, Pueblo, Colorado
Special Partner
H. A. Horwitz, Tulsa, Okla.
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V. The amount of capital stock which each special partner has contributed to the common stock in cash is as follows:
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VI. The period at which the partnership is to commence is the 1st day of February, 1953, and the period at which it is to terminate is the first day of February, 1963.

WITNESS OUR HANDS on this the 23rd day of March, 1953.

I. A. PARMER
A. H. BERNSTEIN
H. A. HORWITZ

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF TAYLOR

Before me, a Notary Public in and for the County of Taylor and State of Texas, on this day personally appeared I. A. Parmer, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office this the 27th day of March, A. D. 1953.

R. C. Grisham
Notary Public, Taylor County, Tex.
THE STATE OF COLORADO
COUNTY OF PUEBLO

Before me, a Notary Public in and for the County of Pueblo and State of Colorado, on this day personally appeared A. H. Bernstein known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office this the 31st day of March, A. D., 1953.

Mary Jo Alessandro
Notary Public Pueblo County, Colorado.
My Commission Expires June 2, 1956.

THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA
COUNTY OF TULSA

Before me, a Notary Public in

and for the County of Tulsa and State of Okla., on this day personally appeared H. A. Horwitz, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office this the 31st day of March, A. D., 1953.

A. E. Davidson
Notary Public, Tulsa County, Okla.
My Commission expires Jan. 24, 1955.

I hereby designate the "Merkel Mail" at Merkel, Texas as the newspaper in which this is to be published.

Mrs. Chester Hutcheson,
County Clerk.
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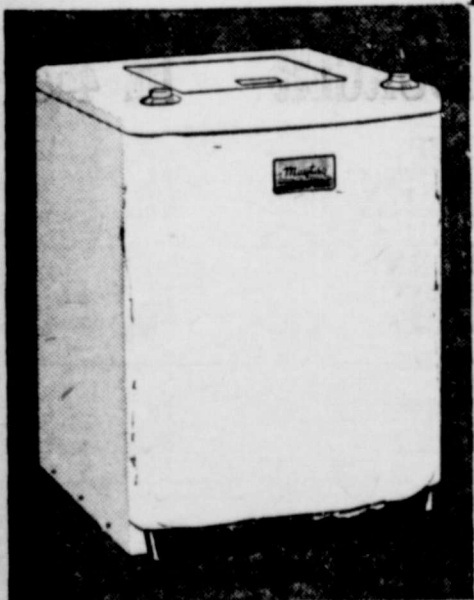
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Donald a freshman, is the son of the Rev. and Mrs. Hugh H. Hunt.



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PUT LIFE INTO COMMUNITY CENTER—This group of women from the Hodges Community Center put life into the activities of the rural families in the Jones County community. They presented a skit in the talent contest at

the annual meeting of the Taylor Electric Coopers' live at Merkel recently consisted of "original hat styles" made of lamp shades, baskets, dollies, collanders, and other knick knacks around the home. Front row, left to right, Mrs. Norman Sloan, Mrs. J. E.

McCaleb, Mrs. Durwood McCoy and Mrs. Leonard McCoy. Back row, left to right, May Warren, Mrs. Gene McCoy, Mrs. Jimmy Cooley, Mrs. C. E. Keene, Mrs. Fred Danell, Mrs. I. B. Ray, and Mrs. Mason Barkeg.

Livestock Report

By TED GOULDY

Fed cattle prices reacted and well-finished steers and yearlings sold strong to 50 cents or more higher at Fort Worth Monday. Three loads of steers scaling 1,064 pounds from Castleberry Bros., Donley County, cashed at \$21.50 appeared fully 50 cents up. Two loads of steers from Post, Texas, averaged 1,166 lbs. and were lot mates to steers sold here last week Monday they brought \$20, against \$19.50 a week ago.

Emphasizing the good outlet for

truly fat young cattle was a shipment of Crossbred Brahma yearlings and heifers from J. B. Jones of Marquez (Lea County, Texas). These young cattle averaged just over 700 pounds and the price was \$20. Creepfeeding of calves to produce beef calves comparable with these is being planned by cattlemen throughout the territory and it looks at present like the best bet since Northern feeders claim they are going into the loan with lots of their corn this year.

Some sources in the Middle West are saying they feel that stocker calves and yearlings should be bought around \$12 to \$15 this fall under present condi-

tions. If such a market as that develops it will be good business for cowmen in this area to figure on selling "beef" calves by creepfeeding this summer.

COUNTY BUYS LAND

Taylor County Commissioners Court Monday okayed purchase of seven tracts of right-of-way for widening of U. S. Highway 83, west of Abilene. The commissioners voted to buy right-of-way tracts from Benjamin S. Butman of Merkel, \$25; E. H. Cordill, Merkel, \$150; M. P. Latimer of Merkel, \$125; D. O. Moore of Merkel, \$1,000.

Highlights and Sidelights FROM Your State CAPITOL

By VERN SANFORD
Texas Press Association

The Legislature seemed ready to boost teachers' salaries last week. Already the Senate has voted a \$800 increase for the teachers. The House moved in the same direction.

Where is the money coming from?

The Legislators have passed a General Appropriations Bill, providing for the expenditures of the state for the next two years.

That bill takes up all the money in sight. If the State is going to spend any more money, there will have to be new taxes to raise it.

The State now guarantees teachers minimum pay of \$2,400 per year. The bill being considered by

the Legislature would give them \$3,000.

To do that, there would have to be additional state revenue of something like \$60 million to \$70 million for the next two years.

If the Legislature passed a pay boost for the teachers without providing the money in some manner it would, as Governor Allan Shivers has said, be an "empty gesture."

Under the Gilmer-Atkin Program, the state guarantees a basic standard of education to every child, regardless of whether he lives in a poor or a rich district.

Burkett's Bill would distribute state money to the schools without regard to the financial status of the various districts. The commit-

tee voted favorably on the bill. Also passed by the House was a Bill authorizing judges to send narcotics addicts to hospitals, to stay there until pronounced cured by their doctors.

Another proposed constitutional amendment had smoother going. The joint resolution calling for it was passed by both Houses and signed by the Governor.

The amendment, if voted by the people, would lengthen the terms of district, county, and precinct elective officers to four years instead of the present two years.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETS

Taylor County School Board Saturday discussed affairs of the vocational school.

Ernest Pate, coordinator of the VS, said retrenchments are being made in the work here because of cut in appropriations.

The entire board was present. Members are James E. Freeman, chairman, Abilene; Sam Beam, Elmdale; Rex Dillard, Tuscola; C. O. "Pat" Patterson, Lawn; J. C. Wilks, Trent, Tom McGehee, county superintendent, secretary.

Excluding the Presidents who were assassinated, three U. S. Presidents have died in office.



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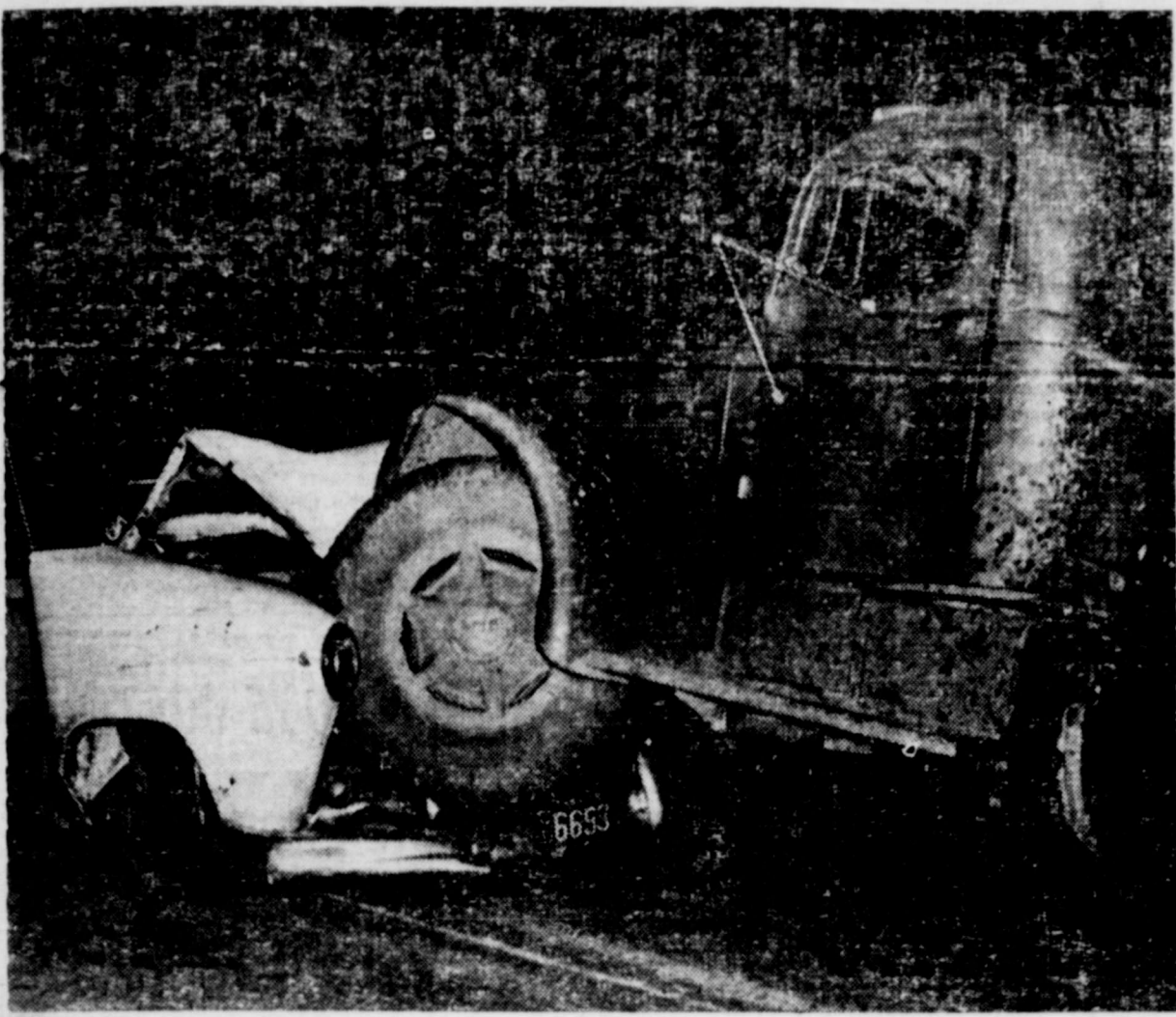
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collided on a one-way bridge nine miles south of Anson. Driver of the car, R. R. Bumpass of Merkel, was hospitalized with minor injuries.

William Sherman Smith, of Abilene was driving the truck which shoved the car some 40 feet. He was unhurt.

David Gamble Heads New Group For Girl Scouts

Merkel Central committee for all Girl Scout activity was organized Monday afternoon at a meeting of Girl Scout officials and local interested people at the Scout Center building with Margaret Adams, area executive, and Jean Oats, field director, in charge of organization. This committee will coordinate all Girl Scout activities in Merkel, working with and through the different troop committees.

Officers for this committee are: Chairman, David Gamble; finance, H. O. Boney; organization, Miss Viola Alford; camping, Mrs. Ford Butman; program, Mrs. Frank Breax; public relations, Fred Starbuck; membership and nominating, Mrs. C. W. Cypert.

At present Merkel has four active Girl Scout Troops with 64 registered members and eight adult leaders. In addition to this each troop has three committee members working with the adult leaders. This represents an area equally as large as the school district since the program is open to all girls in this area.

"A lot of interest is being shown in the Girl Scout work now from both the girls and leaders and it is anticipated that the future will bring one of the greatest scouting programs ever to be had in this area," stated Chairman Gamble.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our deepest appreciation to our many friends the flowers sent, the food brought to the home, and for every act of kindness shown following the loss of our loved one.

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Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Hopper
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SINGING AT AMITY

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

"GAY NINETIES REVIEW"

The "Gay Nineties Review" will be given at 8 p.m. Thursday, May 7, at the Noodle School auditorium by the Noodle High School Choral Clubs under the direction of Mrs. Sam McLeod. Public is invited. There is no admission charge.

personals

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hodge and grandsons Tommy and Terry Springer and Mrs. Hodge's sister, Mrs. Julia Rush, of Sweetwater spent the weekend in Terrell and attended the annual Decoration Day celebration at the College Mound Church. S/Sgt. and Mrs. Robert T. Hodge of Lake Charles, La., also attended the celebration.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Collins of Lubbock visited the past weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Pinckley, and Mrs. J. M. Collins and Mary.

Mrs. Jimmy Walker and son Mike have returned home after a visit here with Mr. and Mrs. Irl Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Cadmus Brown accompanied her home for a weekend visit. Their children remained here with Mr. and Mrs. Walker, their grandparents.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Parham Sunday were Mrs. J. L. Williamson and Kelton and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Lee Hopper and Rosanna of Sweetwater.

MRS. THEO KINCAID HEADS TYE METHODIST SOCIETY

Officers for the 1953-54 year were named recently, re-electing Mrs. Theo Kincaid as president of the Tye Methodist Women's Society of Christian Service.

Other officers include Mrs. M. H. Ely, vice president; Mrs. David Warner, promotion secretary; Mrs. Orval Ely, treasurer; Mrs. Lynward Harrison, spiritual life; Mrs. Kleas Parmely, missionary education; Mrs. Marshall Alvord, literature and publications; Mrs. James Barley, local church activities; Mrs. David Chase, supply secretary; Mrs. Weldon Newton, youth secretary; and Mrs. Luther Askins, student secretary.

GOODMAN H. D. CLUB MEETS WITH MRS. F. CARTER

The Goodman Home Demonstration Club met last Friday with Mrs. Frank Carter. The president, Mrs. Jennings Winter, was in charge of the meeting. Mrs. Charlie Hodges directed recreation.

The meeting opened with the singing of "The Eyes of Texas". Two games were played. Mrs. Hodges and Mrs. Grover Blair gave a special number, "How Beautiful Heaven Must Be."

Roll Call was answered with "What I would like to do to my kitchen." Minutes were approved. Mrs. Fern Windham gave a council report. The district meeting at Vernon was discussed. Some of the members plan to go. They are planning to attend the tea at Anson May 7 as that is H. D. Week.

In the program Miss Wainscott, the agent, showed the different ways to arrange kitchen to save steps and work. She had the 4-H dress that won first place at the dress review at Anson. Dora Eoff of Noodle is the 4-H girl who made the dress.

Mrs. Carter served refreshments to seven members and one visitor. The club will meet May 8 with Mrs. Fern Windham.

Mrs. Bill Largent Has Major Surgery Last Monday

Mrs. Bill Largent underwent major surgery at the Sadler Hospital April 27.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Admissions to the Sadler Hospital the past week were: As medical patients — I. V. Brooks, Lige Gamble, Mrs. J. P. Fuqua, George Cooper, Jimmie Hargrove, Mrs. W. C. Keyes, F. J. McDonald, Jr., Linda Clark, J. G. Ditterline and Watt Blair.

For surgery — Mrs. Elsie Roland, Virginia Reeves, emergency appendectomy, Mrs. T. G. Hamner, Buck Moreland, tonsillectomy, Mrs. F. Y. Gaither.

Songs, Dances, Humor In "Sombbrero" At Queen Theatre

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Local Teachers Elected Officers Of County Group

At the annual Taylor County Teachers Banquet held in Abilene Tuesday night of last week, Mrs. Ellen McReynolds, high school teacher, was selected first vice president for the coming year, and Miss Mable Phillips, seventh grade teacher, was elected secretary.

Thirty local teachers were among the 325 who attended the annual affair.

A highlight of the entertainment was singing commercials act presented by the "Five Country Cousins from Possum Crick." This "talented" aggregation is composed of Mrs. Maek Fisher, Mrs. Norman Winter, Mrs. J. F. Nodge, Mrs. Vincent Barnett, Mrs. Elsie Nash and Miss Lydia Norcross.

Principal C. A. Farley has been president of the organization during the current year.

ATTEND FUNERAL

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Riney, son Bob, Mr. and Mrs. John Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Riney attended the funeral of V. T. (Uncle) Jack Tyler at Tuscola Sunday.

INJURED IN CYCLONE

Mr. and Mrs. Irl Walker and Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Whisenunt visited recently in Knox City where Jacob Reeces, formerly of Merkel, is seriously ill. Another relative of Knox City, Mrs. Ida Houston, also a former Merkel resident, was seriously injured in the cyclone there. She has been moved to Plainview and is improving.

Noodle Students To Select Best Boy and Girl

Each year the students of Noodle High School select two students as best all-around boy and girl. They also elect a boy and a girl who best practice good citizenship, stated Supt. A. J. Hill.

Following is a list of qualifications considered in the selections: For best all-around boy or girl — shows consideration for others, keeps up his school work, is a good mixer and a good sport, is friendly toward all, is cleanly in habits and in speech, has pleasing personality.

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ample of conduct in public; is tolerant of others and of their opinions.

METROPOLITAN OPERA TO VISIT DALLAS



Above, Rise Stevens and Robert Merrill. Below, Cesare Siepi and Margaret Harshaw

Dallas' civic-sponsored presentation of the Metropolitan Opera Company May 8 to 10, in State Fair Auditorium, will offer four performances sung by world-famous artists. The schedule will be: Friday evening, May 8, Mozart's "Don Giovanni," with Cesare Siepi, Regina Resnik, Delia Rigal and Salvatore Baccaloni; Saturday matinee, May 9, Verdi's "Rigoletto," with Robert Merrill; Saturday evening, May 9, Strauss' "Der Rosenkavalier," with Rise Stevens, Astrid Varnay, Hilde Gauden, John Brownlee, Lorenzo Alvary and Kurt Baum; Sunday matinee, May 10, Wagner's "Tristan and Isolde," with Margaret Harshaw, Blanche Thebom, Ramon Vinay and Sigurd Bjorling. The Dallas Grand Opera Association has opened offices at 1315 Elm Street for receipt of reservation orders, Arthur L. Kramer, Jr., association president, announced.

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"Desperate Search" Is Thrilling Show At Queen Theatre
Adventure and suspense are combined with an unusual romantic triangle in "Desperate Search," new M-G-M film starring Howard Keel, Jane Greer and Patricia Medina at Queen Theatre Friday and Saturday.
The story concerns bush-flyer Vince Heldon (Keel), divorced from the famous aviatrix, Nora Stead (Patricia Medina) and now happily married to Julie (Jane Greer).

"The Steel Trap" Has Tense Drama At Pioneer Theatre

The reunion of one of the most successful co-star combinations of many years ago is accomplished by the teaming of Joseph Cotten and Teresa Wright in "The Steel Trap," a Thor Production released by Twentieth Century-Fox, which opens Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at the Pioneer Theatre. Taking off from an intriguing and unusual point "The Steel Trap" rapidly develops the drama of a highly respectable junior executive in a Los Angeles bank who suddenly yields to temptation. His foolproof scheme is to make off with a million dollars which won't be missed from the vaults until the end of a long weekend, by which time he and his innocent wife can be in Brazil, from where there is no extradition to the United States.

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SOCIETY

MRS. F. C. McFARLAND, JR. IS INTRODUCED HERE

Mrs. F. C. McFarland, Jr., of Abilene was introduced to Merkel friends on Saturday afternoon a week ago in the home of Mrs. F. C. McFarland, Mrs. Marvin Alston of Sweetwater, Mrs. R. O. Anderson, Mrs. S. D. Gamble and Miss Christine Collins were co-hostesses with Mrs. McFarland.

Mrs. McFarland introduced her daughter-in-law, Jean. Next in line were Mrs. Paul Bohannon, mother of the honoree, and her sister, Mrs. William Grosvenor of Abilene.

Mrs. David Gamble invited guests into the dining room where Mrs. Bill Largent presided at a satin and net covered table which was centered with a bridal bou-

quet. Mrs. Jerry Warren poured coffee. Adieus were said by Miss Kay Alston.

MRS. JIMMY SMITH HONORED WITH GIFT TEA FRIDAY

Mrs. Jimmy Smith, formerly Glenda Perry was honored with a gift tea in the home of Mrs. Norman Hodge, Friday April 10, from 4 to 6 p. m.

Mrs. Hodge greeted the guests at the door and introduced the honoree, her mother, Mrs. John Perry, and the groom's mother, Mrs. Jim Smith.

Denta Gibson was at the registry book, Betty Foster and Patsy Anderson served refreshments, Bertha Patterson and Barbara Wilson furnished the music, Bonnie Cason and Jan Lemons showed the gifts and Barbara Sue McLeod said good bye.

Acting as hostesses with Mrs. Hodge were Mesdames R. D. Ely, Dent Gibson, Otis Foster, Horace Boney and Patsy Anderson.

"HOME SAFETY" IS PROGRAM AT BLUE BONNET H. D. CLUB

"Home Safety" was the program of the Blue Bonnet Home Demonstration Club as they met with Mrs. Adren Farmer April 21 for its regular meeting. Mrs. Allen King, president, presided.

"Home on the Range" was sung and all joined in reading "The Woman's Collect." Roll call was answered by each giving "An accident hazard I could remove." The club was glad to learn that one of their members, Mrs. Frank Brnovak had been chosen for Regional 2 Homemaker of the year. She will go to Fredericksburg for dinner and will be presented with a silver tray award.

A delicious refreshment plate with drinks was served to one visitor, Mrs. John Oliver, and members: Mesdames Ford Butman, King, Brnovak, Kenneth Ray, Dewell McLain, Tom Russom, Frase Demere, Ely Phillips, the hostess and two children.

The next meeting will be May 5 with Mrs. Euel Ray.

SEE "WONDERS OF NATURE"

Visitors to the University of Texas Exposition and Power Show May 7-9 may see some "wonders of nature" never witnessed down on the farm.

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MASHBURN BROTHERS ILL

Sam and Wesley Mashburn were called Wednesday of last week to Winslow, Ariz., on account of the serious illness of their brother, Clyde, who had a heart attack. They returned Sunday and reported Clyde improved.

Clyde Wurst Back To Work After Plastic Surgery

Clyde Wurst has returned from Fort Worth where he was undergoing plastic surgery. He is feeling fine and is back at work.

Move Recently To Wichita Falls

Mr. and Mrs. Brandon Wade of Wichita Falls spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hughes. They moved two weeks ago to Wichita Falls.

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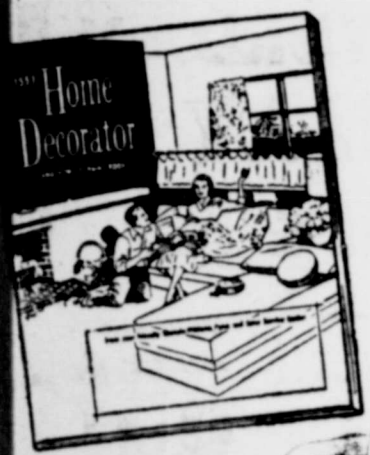
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EDITORIAL

THE COMMUNISTS

What are the Communists up to?
That is the question. And that is
the question we asked Congress-
man Omar Burleson when he was
here on a visit. His answer was
divided into two parts.

In the first he gave the short
range view. It was that if Russia
really wanted to have peace we
would "play ball" with them and
have peace.

In the second part he gave the
long range view. It was that we
have never been able to trust the
Russians in the past and there was
no reason at present to feel that
they meant what they were saying.

There is one point to be empha-
sized. We have learned that we
must get along with all kinds of
people in the world in which we
live. We may not like what they
are doing, we may not like what
they are thinking, we may not like

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the kind of government they have
but we must get along with them.
Russia has not yet, as far as we
know, learned this. Their idea in
the past has been, and still may be,
that if you don't like the opposi-
tion, kill them, destroy them, wipe
them off the face of the earth.

Russia has been doing this inside
of its own land. Mass murder is
rampant there. Whenever anyone
stands in the way of a leader he is
killed. Their thought, as far as we
have been able to learn, is the same
thing when it comes to nations
that oppose them.

Their philosophy has been, and
still may be, "Kill or be killed."
What can we do with a nation
that has that kind of idea?

The answer is not simple.
It is so easy to say, "Let's go
ahead and fight it out with Russia
now! Let's drop a few atomic
bombs on them now! Let's get it
over with!"

The solution is not that easy.
First of all a democracy does
not begin a war. Countries like
France and England and the United
States must be attacked first.
Then we strike back. Of course, by
that time it may be too late. BUT
there is no other way out when
arms are uppermost in the minds
of men.

The problem is a difficult one.
However, Russia does under-
stand one thing — and one thing
only. It understands force. Make
ourselves strong and Russia will
know that we mean business, that
we will fight back, that we are pre-
pared to strike when attacked.

We will meet Russia's peace
overtures with peaceful advances of
our own. We will speak as nicely
and as sweetly as it does. BUT we
will not let down our guard. We
will keep our guard up. We will be
prepared to fight, not tomorrow or
the next day or next month but
NOW. That and that only — is the
safe way, the way of life.

ROPING SEASON

The announcement last week
that roping was to begin here was
a sign that a new season of the
year had arrived, the roping sea-
son.

Publicity was given out that rop-
ings would be held at different
places, including Merkel. And it
looks at this writing, before the
first roping has been held here,
that an entertaining season is
ahead with the finest ropers taking
part.

"WHITE-ICISM"

That's ALL — and the Sage of
Figfield adds that the "roping sea-
son" of today does not mean the
"necktie party" of yesteryear.

Washington

"As It
Looks
From
Here"

OMAR BURLESON
Congressman
17th District



"Give me your tired, your poor,
"Your huddled masses, yearning
to breathe free,
"The wretched refuse of your
teeming shore,
"Send these, the homeless, tem-
pest-tossed, to me,
"I lift my lamp beside the golden
door."

This is a part of the inscription
on the Statue of Liberty given to
this country by the French Gov-
ernment in 1886.

These words were probably
wholly appropriate in 1886. I
wish, however, the Statue of Lib-
erty had been placed on a revol-
ving base so that in 1953 the old girl
could be turned around and let her
gaze at the United States instead
of looking continuously across the
Atlantic Ocean towards Europe.

In 1948, the Congress voted to
allow 205,000 Displaced Persons
(DPs) to enter this country. An-
other Bill in 1950 increased this
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(1952), President Truman asked
for the admission of an additional
300,000 "refugees" from Eastern
Europe. This was denied by the
Congress.

Now President Eisenhower has
just sent a Message to the Congress
asking that 240,000 Eastern Europe
"refugees" be admitted to this
country during the next two years.

I opposed the so-called DP Bills
and opposed Mr. Truman's request
for the 300,000. Likewise, I expect
to oppose with every ounce of my
energy the present request of Mr.
Eisenhower.

Senator Lyndon Johnson tells
me that the Post Office Depart-
ment has advised him, "There is
no intention of removing from of-
fice any of the Postmasters ap-
pointed during the previous Ad-
ministration, if they are now per-
forming and continue to perform
satisfactory service."

My recent visit back in my dis-
trict was one of the most gratify-
ing I have had in the last two or
three years. In most places, the
crop outlook is not favorable be-
cause of dry weather, but people

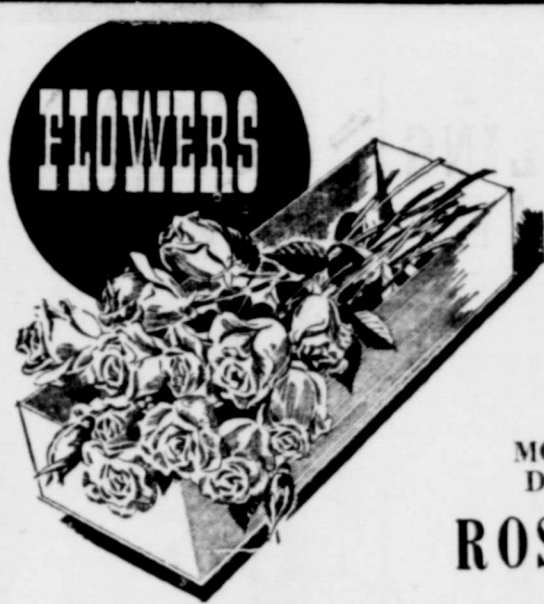
generally are seemingly more en-
couraged politically.

It's a huge joke that, with a
possible exception or two, the
same Senators who have opposed
filibustering when it was used
to prevent the enactment of so-
called Civil Rights legislation,
have used the same methods
against the Tidelands. It is like
some elements in this country
who cry in the name of Liberty
and Freedom, but who use it
against the god of the country.

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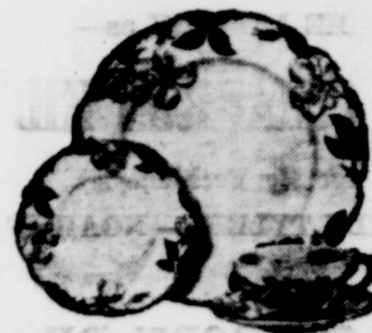
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visions of this Act shall not apply to counties having a population of more than three hundred fifty thousand (350,000) inhabitants according to the last preceding or any future Federal Census. "Given by Price Daniel in his book, "Texas Publication Laws" are a number of opinions by the attorney general, to the effect that contracts have been invalidated by failure of county and city officials to publish notice that contracts were to be let. "Price Daniel's book of Texas Publication Laws, page 108, 109.

Gammar School Band Elects Officers Monday

The Grammar School Band met Monday afternoon and elected officers for the school year 1953 and 1954. They are: Katy Hunter, president; Bobby Malone, vice president; Joe Neil secretary and treasurer and Janie Breaux, reporter.

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