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Badgers Block Stampede and Turn It Into Walk

stampede by the Abilene B Team into a steady walk in the game played here last Friday night. Abilene crashed the head of the game with two touchdowns but in the third quarter the Merkel lads held thm scoreless and allowed only one tally in the second and only one in the fourth. The final score was Abilene 27, Merkel 0.

Director Winford Reed led the band in playing the Merkel song as the game started. A strong wind was blowing from the east.

Merkel received. Freddie Boone and Richard Chaney tried and Abilene took over on the Merkel 30. Phillip Bailey raced 30 yards for the D. George English and Billy Fisher tried. Jimmy Russell then carried the ball 8 yards and Boone the other 2 for a first down.

With the ball on the Merkel 40 a fumble was costly and Abilene took over. English stopped them on the 38. After one play Jim Busby flew 25 yards from the 25 for the tally. Sammy Caudle converted.

Outstanding when Merkel got the ball was Fisher's race of 20 yards. from the Merkel 10 to the 30, for a first down. But the flurry faded. Abilene had the ball, fumbled and Billy Dye recovered on the Badger 33. Fisher and Boone tried and the local lads kicked.

Abilene was stopped by Ralph Bartlett, Dye and Bobby Mayfield Abilene fumbled on the Merkel 35 and English recovered. Jimmy Russell carried the pigskin to the GIVE PLEDGE RESULTS 41 and Boone to the 43. Quarter Inded A 13, M. O.

A penalty was costly and Merkel kicked. Abilene on its own 33 was held by Bartfett and Corky Cox. English threw them for a loss. Abilene kicked. Mayfeld, Boone, English tried from their own 45 and finally kicked out.

a steady drive to the Merkel 45 with Cox, Chaney, Wesley Martin, Terry O'Brien, Dye doing the tackling in six plays. When Abilene fumbled on its 42 Chaney recovered the ball.

Russell made a heroic try but the Badgers had to kick out. The Abilene receiver fumbled the bail and Jackie McAninch recovered. Boone and then Jimmy Russell carried the ball to the Abilene 20 and the ball went to Abilene.

Mayfield, Martin and Cox finally stopped them on the 38. Then Walter Campbell scampered 62 PLAY IS PRESENTED yards for the TD and Sammy Caudle converted as the half ended. A 20, M 0.

ceiver on the Abilene 27. Gilbert, Mayfield and Russell held Abilene Blair Baptist Church. on the next three plays. Merkel

took the ball on its own 45. Boone and Fisher tried. Pass from Boone to Fisher was good but not good enough and Merkel kicked. Martin and Gilbert stopped them on the Abilene 45 Fisher heroicly speared a runner on the Merkel 39. When Abilene fumbled on the 32 Chaney got the ball.

Boone, and then a short pass from Englsh to Boone, did not get the Badgers anywhere. Abilene took the ball on Merkel's 29. Bartlett made a fine tackle on the 33, was hurt and taken out. Gilbert and Garth McLeod were thorns in the Abilene's hide and they had to

Merkel was stalled on its own 10 and Coach Carroll Benson sent in Robert McLeod, freshman, to kick. Abilene had the ball on Merkel's 33, fumbled on the next play and Gilbert recovered on the 35 as the Noodle were shopping in our city

quarter ended. A 20, M 0. Abilene soon recovered a Merkel fumble. With the ball on Merkel's 45 Billy Dye slashed a runner as he raced 36 yards. Then Walter daughter, Mrs. Bob Phillips. Campbell went the 9 yards for the

TD and Caudle converted. own 33. Abilene soon took over day evening in the home of Miss sell. Fisher in on the plays.

Near the end of the game Abi-

The sturdy spirited, valiant Bad- recovered on his own 20. Jimmy gers turned what started out as a Russell made a first down. Merkel got to its 38 and kicked out. Abilene had the ball on Merkel 43 as

BULLETIN!

The new Church of Christ will be completed and will be dedicated Sunday, Oct. 11. It is expected that Layton Plaster, former pastor, will preach the opening sermon. A basket lunch will be served at the Community Center at noon. Everybody is invited and asked to bring a full basket.

DEE GRIMES GOES TO TEMPLE SUNDAY FOR CHECKUP

Dee Grimes went to Sunday for a physical checkup. He Dye made the tackle and the game was accompanied by his wife and daughter Sue and baby.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON, October 1, 1953.

TO THE NEWSPAPERS OF THE NATION:

National Newspaper Week prompts us all to renew our awareness of the remarkable national service rendered daily by the newspapers of America.

Our free press does more than stell our people the history of our times. It explains that history, interprets it, and, so doing, often actually helps to create that history.

A free press and a free society are essentially one. As the press can know freedom only in a democratic state, so democracy itself is fortified by a free press. This strengthening of our society is, or course, the anti-thesis of the ignoble service performed by the press of totalitarian countries. The effectiveness of a free press is virtually to be measured by the integrity candor and responsibility of its criticism.

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

Merkel 20 Years Ago

Three hundred and twenty con- FIRE PREVENTION WEEK sumers' pledge cards were turned in by the committees of women volunteer workers under the direction of Mrs. R. A. Burgess in the house to house canvass Monday to From its own 20 Abilene started port and patronize employers and precautions possible to clean up workers who are members of and rid the city of all fire hazards.

MERKEL BEATS ANSON

Let by the brilliant ball-carry ing of Boaz and Durham and blockng of Smith and Gamble, Merkel's Badgers swept to a 6-0 The entire line played a good E. R. Clack, the latter from Tye. B. K. Carson, McAninch and

"The Life of the First American Blly Dye stopped the Abilene re- uel Baptist Church of Abilene, was season's total to date for the same presented Sunday night at the gins is 7,763 bales. Last year up to

ATTENDS SYNOD MEETING

Rev. R. A. Walker, pastor of the RECORD BIRTHS Grace Presbyterian Church, left Born to : Mr. and Mrs. Frank on the early Thursday morni- Wilson, near Trent, Sept. 28 a train for Denton to attend the ses- girl; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Goza Oct. 4 sions of the Synod. He is chairman a girl. of the board of foreign misisons.

IS SERIOUSLY ILL

come to be at his bedside.

8-14 as "Fre Prevention Week" in es Sunday. this city, Mayor W. M. Elliott has issued a proclamation stressing the FOOTBALL SCHEDULE secure signatures to pledge cards mportance of extreme carefulness from consumers agreeing to "sup- in preventing fires and taking all

ATTEND AUXILIARY Those from the Merkel church who attended the annual one-day session of the auxiliary to the Sweetwater Baptist Association in Abilene Wednesday were: Mes-0 victory over the Anson Tigers O. R. Dye, C. R. Joyner, Nan on the latter's gridiron Friday. Causseaux, W. V. Crawford and

REPORT GINNINGS

The week's cotton receipts up to Wednesday afternoon, as tabulated by The Mail from reports of ginnings of the seven plants in Missionaries in India," sponsored Merkel and those at Blair, Stith by the Senor B. Y. P. U. of Imman- and Noodle, were 3,254 bales. The the same time only 1,460 bales had been ginned.

HERMALEE MELTON DIES Hermalee Melton, 10, son of Mr. After having been able to go for and Mrs. L. M. Melton, died Suna drive Thursday of last week, Ol- day. Besides his parents, he is surlie Sanders was agan taken seri- vived by four sisters: Mrs. Garno ously ill. A daughter, Mrs. J. C. Wortham, Mrs. Lon Johnson and White, of Sacramento, Calif., has Misses Hazel and Frances Melton.

This Happened in Merkel Forty Years Ago TAKEN FROM THE 1913 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL daughters left this week for Dallas

Jim Bryson of Dora attended to business in Merkel Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Wheeler of

Tuesday. Mrs. W. H. Gilliland left Tuesday for Eastland to visit her

Boone returned the ball to his tist Baraca Class was held Tues- Drug Co. when the Badgers kicked. The rest Eva Gaddy. The officers for the of the game was more or less a next quarter are: W. E. Brittain, novement toward the Merkel goal president; Sam Swann, vice pres- Blanca to visit their daughter, Mrs. with Larry Joyce, Jackie Miller, dent; Robert Hicks, Secretary and L. P. Jones. Garth McLeod, Boone, Jimmy Rus- treasurer; Jack Walker, press re-

lene fumbled and Jimmy Russell | Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Jenkins and friends in Abilene Sunday.

where they will make their future

Parker Hendrick and Cecil Humphry were social callers in Merkel

When out for a drive with your girl, don't be deprived of the pleasure of a kodak when you can rent them for 25c a day. (Lady ask A business meeting of the Bap- about Nylo.) Rust and McCauley

> Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Moore left Wednesday afternoon for Sierra

Mrs. G. M. Williams and Mrs. Jno. M. Rice and children visited



REV. E. H. PHILLIPS

Rev. J. Ferguson In Rev. Phillips' Place at Pioneer

neer Memorial Church has been ppointed by Bishop Will C. Mar in and Abilene District Superinor of the Methodist Church at Sparenberg, Rev. John Ferguson of Merkel has been appointed to take his place.

Rev. and Mrs. Phillips Thursday for Sparenberg. Rev. Phillips was surprised Saturday when he was informed of

the appointment. He was not aware that he was being considered for the new place. Rev. Phillips was here 28 months.

When he came to Pioneer the church was not even organized, there was not even one member. Since his coming the church has taken in 94 members. While here he was also appointed to be manager of the new Methodist Youth Camp at Pioneer.

Rev. Ferguson was reared around Caps. His wife is the daughter of College in January.

Both ministers will preach their Designating the week of October | first sermons in their new church-

here tonight. The "B" team was

SET MEETING DATE

CREETINGS

hold its fall meeting Nov. 15 the night to Hobbs' six. will be the evangelist.

For Lonnie Smith Killed in Wreck o Lonnie Smith, 61, at his funeral Lonnie died shortly after a Tex-

Military Honors

held Sunday at the Calvary Baptist Church.

as & Pacific passenger train struck his car at the Oak Street crossing about 5:30 a. m. last Friday.

The church was packed and many were standing outside. Rev. A. D. Smith of Sweetwater officiated, assisted by Rev. H. S. Earp, minster of the Assembly of God. P. W. Miller, acting VFW Post commander, was in charge of the military rites. Twenty-seven veterans, dressed in uniform, performed the last honors. Starbuck Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Dean Higgins who witnessed the accident, said Lonnie was driving tendent H. Clyde Smith to be pas- north and that "it looked like Lon nie's car just blew up.

Lonnie died on arrival at the Sadler Hospital.

Lonnie was a driver for the Merkel school bus on special trips. He was a veteran of World War I. Dean said he had just arrived at saw no signal lights. his barber shop on Main St., and

Gorillas Win From Hobbs, 7-6 Last Friday

Point after touchdown spelled red. Mr. and Mrs. Densil Cox. Rev. Fer- the difference at Hobbs Friday long defensive battle.

Hobbs had taken the lead in the There will be no football game | it for the TD. Try for point failed. Hobbs maintained the margin Thursday, Oct. 1, at 7:30 p. m. aerials started clicking to put the ductor. The game was to be free to the ball on the Hobbs three. From public. The Merkel Juniors were there Quarterback Joe Scott scamto play at the same time at Ros- pered around left end for the score. Scott put the game in the Trent ice box with a pass to Williams, making the score 7-6.

The First Baptist Church will | Trent scored nine first downs for

AUSTIN, TEXAS

through 22, announced Rev. Sam Rob Payne, Trent fullback, spark-Tullock, pastor. Dr. D. D. Tid-led the Gorilla detense Friday well, professor of Bible and night with the offensive leg work Greek at Howard Payne College, being done by halfback Bill Goodwin.

Official Memorandum

ALLAN SHIVERS

Preedom of Information is the inspiring theme for National Newspaper Week this year. Americans are being reminded that "an informed press means an informed people" and that newspapers are important to every community and every individual.

The President of the United States has declared that the journalists of our country "are custodians of a majestic trust, a solemn responsibility: to help are our people with the knowledge and understanding without which free choice, free government, free men could not be."

A free press always has been a part of the tradition of Texas as well as of the rest of the United States. Our State Constitution provides that: "Every person shall be at liberty to speak, write or publish his opinions on any subject, being responsible for the abuse of that privilege; and no law shall ever be passed curtailing the liberty of speech or of the press."

This basic freedom has been lost in so much of the world that it must not be taken for granted here. Once compromised, it would not be easily regained.

THEREFORE I, as Governor of the State of Texas, do esignate the period October 1 - 8, 1953, as

and urge that all citizens give thoughtful attention to the importance of newspapers in the lives of our people, our communi-ties, our State, and our nation.



that his wife was turning their car around to start back home. He related that he heard a whistle as ing system is regarded as second he was getting out of the car but rate by all who work with them.

ber shop he looked back and saw tem. The gate system has been inestimating that it was traveling here? Are the lives of our people about 15 miles per hour. Dean less important than those of Abisaid the train was traveling at "a lene? high rate of speed.'

30 feet down the track and the ear force them to put the gates in and engine was carried about 30 feet to slow down while passing throufarther. The engine of the train gh our town. The railroad comstopped about six city blocks from pany would object, I'm sure. the spot where the accident occur-

guson plans to attend McMurry night as the 7-B Trent Gorillas down about 20 feet north of the to have them. downed 6-B Hobbs, 7-6, in a night- tracks. When found, he was still breathing, but unconscious.

The train, T& P Pasenger No. 7. first quarter when Durwood Hop- was traveling west. It backed up per speared a Trent aerial on the and remained at the scene of the Gorilla 35-yard line and returned accident about 25 minutes before crossed the tracks with the warnproceeding. The engineer was J. M. Simmons of Big Spring and J. to play Anson "B" team here until the third quarter when Trent P. Amaker of Big Spring was con-

> Lonnie was born Aug. 10, 1892, in Bowie County and had lived in Merkel since 1938. He was married Nov. 14. 1920, at Bowie to the former Blanche Martin. He was a

and the VFW. daughters, Mrs. M. J. Shaw of bor? Merkel and Mrs. Howard Mayes. Abilene: four sons, Morris L.,

Boy Scout Fund Drive Plans Are Now Being Made

Plans for the Boy Scout fund drive are now being made, announced Clesby Patterson, general chairman of the Merkel campaign. His asistants are Nolan Palmer and HOGANS HAVE GIRL Ray Wilson. The drive starts Oct.

Arrangements for the 1953-54 budget for the Chishoim Trail Council of Boy Scouts of America were made in Abilene Tuesday night. The council approved a \$36,000 budget for the six-county area. Those present from here were

Clesby Patterson, Isadore Mellinger, nstitutional representative, Tommy Odum, general chairman of Clyde Boy Scout fund campaign. Clesby appointed the following committees: Initial gifts, Fred Starbuck: arrangements and audit, Horace Boney; prospect, Dee

James F., and Harold L., all of Merkel, and John A. Smith with the Marine Corps at Albany, Ga.; three brothers, Ed Smith of Lubbock, Charley of Avery, Texas, and Calvin of Oregon; and four sisters, Mrs. Lena McClanahan of Dallas, Mrs. Evie Upton of California, Mrs. Marlin Keeton of Lubbock and Mrs. Jack Smith of Abilene.

ADVOCATES

In the period of one year two people have been killed at crossings in our city by trains. This is, feel, due to ineffective and insufficient warning systems and gross disregard for the safety of drivers by the T&P Railway Company. Every day trains pass through Merkel at speeds which render safety impossible. The light warn-

The traffic gate system is the As he started toward the bar- only truly effective warning syssignals lights and observed Lon-stalled in Abilene, and been worknie's car approaching the crossing, ing there for some time. Why not

The city council could bring Lonnie's car was dragged about pressure against the railroad to

It would cost them a sum of money to erect these gates, BUT Lonnie was found lying face it is lives that it is costing us not

Can the railroad company's money buy back the lives of Lonnie Smith or Beck McLean? Sure, they were at fault when they ing lights blinkng, but they were human and humans make mistakes. I do not see that it is right to excuse the railroad companies when persons are killed by the frains increly because the persons are human, when there are better warning systems available

It has happened, it is happening member of Calvary Baptist Church and it will happen again. Who will be next? Will it be your child, Survivors include his wife: two your husband or wife, your neigh-

I've heard people talking about the fact that there ought to be better systems installed but nobody seems to be doing anything about it.. Come on; let's demand that the railroad put up the gates.

It may be a matter of money to them but it's people to us, and if we rase a stink big enough and long enough they will have to do something about it. The mayor and city council can put the pressure where it hurts, so lets do it, NOW. Sincerely

Bill Brazzil

A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. June Hogan Sept. 25 at the Sadler Hospital.

TOTAL GINNINGS To Noon Wednesday Farmers Coop Gin Guitar Gin 102

EDITOR TO SPEAK

As this is National Newspaper Week, Editor Hy White will make a talk at 11:10 a. m. Tuesday, Oct. 6, at the high school assembly in the Merkel High School Library. His theme will be "The Freedom of the Press." The public is invited.

Dale Doan Sees Queen Elizabeth **And Takes Her Royal Picture**

got close enough to take a picture | ful gal.'

of her and her husband. on a 15-day leave from NAS marked Dale. The waves pounded Oceana, Va., He returned recently violently against the ship but the from Nova Scotia, Canada. Before Bennington withstood them with that he was on a cruise to England. | very little damage. It was then that he saw the Queen.

Dale Doan, PHAN, saw Queen Naval Air. He remarked about Elizabeth of England recently and Queen Elizabeth, "She is a beauti-

"We ran into a hurricane on the Dale is in the Navy and is home ocean but I did not get sick." re-

Dale is the son of Mr. and Mrs. He visited extensively in London | Carl Doan, Before entering the He saw very little of the fog there. Navy he was plant manager for Dale is a photographer in the The Merkel Mail.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Buchanan and Sharon of Abilene and Mr. Mrs. James E. Farmer spent the Mrs. R. O. Payne of Trent and weekend in Midland with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Jo Swinney and Mrs Paul Baccus. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. Bill Crawford and family Sunday evening before they returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. John Morgan and family of Petersburg visited in the home of Mrs. Morgan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Martin. Mr. Martin has been very ill but is improved. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Martin and



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local relatives were also present.

Mr. and Mrs. George West and Barbara and Mrs. Jack West and Jackie of Midland visited Mayor for 10 days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. West over the and Mrs. Ben Butman.

Bowen of Lubbock visited over the wood, and Mr. Norwood. veekend with Mr. and Mrs. D. B

Mr. and Mrs. Bob McDonald visted Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. Kenneth Dismuke, Mr. Dis-

uke and daughter Debra. er sister, Mrs. Max Mellinger, end.

Mr. Max Mellinger, and family.

Mrs. Lee Campbell of Snyder vised Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Campbell Sunday. Mrs. Charles Roland of Mt. Pleasant was also a visitor.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hicks and son Miss Lanel Carey of Lubbock re- Gary visited her mother, Mrs. J. R. cently visited her parents, Mr. and Stratton, over the weekend.

> A/3C Bill Butman of Perrin Air Base, near Sherman, visited here

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sledge and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Bowen of Ft. family spent Sunday in Clyde, vis-Worth and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth iting her sister, Mrs. W. E. Nor-

> Nolan Palmer and Stanley King were in Dallas on business over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Sattery hite and daughter Kay of Big Spring Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cosel of Hous- visited his parents, Mc and Mrs. on were here last week, visiting R. E. Satterwhite, over the week-

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SUSIE WILSON ENJOYS

FIRST BIRTHDAY PARTY

Susie Wilson had her first birthday Saturday and entertained several relatives and friends. Susie had fun and two birthday cakes.

THREE HONORED SUNDAY WITH BIRTHDAY PARTY

Linda Ann King, Billie W. and Arthur Bertram were honored with a birthday party Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Norman King. Those present were Mrs. Stanley King, Messrs, and Mesdames Norman King, Arthur Bertram, Billie Bertram and Claude Writtenberry.

STORY OF BOOK OF RUTH

INTERESTS ALATHEAN CLASS The Alathean Sunday School Class met in the home of Selena Teaff with Mrs. Earl Lassiter as cothe devotional and a very interesting story on the Book of Ruth. Eleven members were present. Refreshments of watermelon were

J. H. CLARKS, JR., ENTERTAINS KEY SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

The Key Sunday School Class of the Methodist Church met in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Clark, Jr. Mrs. Aubrey F. White brought a very inspiring lesson, after which coffee was served to 14

members and one visitor. Friday night, Sept. 25, the class and four visitors were entertained a new sort of chute will open to by Rev. and Mrs. White at the parsonage. Games and a talent show from an airplane 1,500 feet above were enjoyed by the fellowship cir- to a landing in the same arena us Watermelon was served to the ed for the first show in 1931. members and visitors.

HAROLDENE REYNOLDS HEADS JUNIOR G. A.'s

The Junior G. A.'s met Monday afternoon and elected officers for the new year with Mrs. A. unningham as counselor

The officers are: President, Harldene Reynolds: vice president, Sue Sylvester: program chairman, Colleen O'Brien; secretary, Mary Watson: social chairman, Sara Hunter; assistant, Betty Watson; eporter, Kay Teaff; com. mission,

There were 13 present. Refreshments were served by Mrs. W. T. Sadler and Mrs. Clyde Bartlett and enjoyed by all.



"MISS WOOL" OF 1953. Kath ryn E. Gromatzky of Eden was recently named "Miss Wool" of 1953. The 20-year old North Texas State hostess, Mrs. I. O. Castle brought | Colege co-ed will make a nationwide tour under the auspices of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association.

Prison Rodeo Will Feature Convict Parachute Jump

At this year's annual Prison Rodeo, where 22 years ago the first stock chute was opened to eject a ocnvict rider astride a wild bull, waft a prison inmate groundward

Barney Thurman, World War II paratrooper, will make the spectacular leap into the prison stadium arena. He said "parachute jumping isn't nearly as dangerous as riding those wild bulls. A parachute at least won't hook or stomp you once you're on the ground."

Trip to the Moon Will Be Offered At State Fair

The 1953 State Fair of Texas, earth as it disappears. October 10-25, will offer an out-of- The pilot begins a painless les- been to the Moon."

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erful optical equipment of the new portable planetarium projects Saturn on a huge sky dome.

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More mood music for the return as the rocket blasts away. Dallas trip. Sound effects of the take-off and landing again on earth. Then boys in space helmets will hand each visitors button saying "I hav

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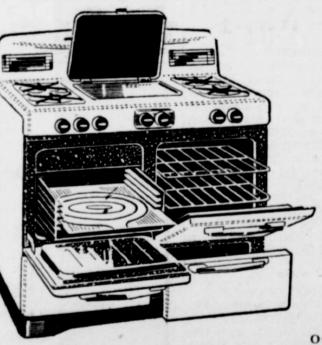
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Noodle Baptist Church

ening Worship ... 7:30 p. m. Sunday School..... 10:00 a. m. Merkel Grace Presbyterian Church Sunday School 10:00 a. m . 11 a. m. Evening Services 7:30 p. m.

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

Worship Service .

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.

erkel Calvary Baptist Church Sunday School.....9:45 a. m. Morning Service 11:00 a. m. but once." Evening Bible Class. 6:30 p. m

Evening Worship 7:30 p.	m
Merkel Assembly of God	
Sunday school 10 a.	m
Morning Service 11 a.	
C. A.'s (Young People) 7 p.	m
Evening Worship 7:30 p.	
Tuesday W. M. C 2 p.	
Wed. Prayer Service7:30 p.	m

Church of the Nazarene Services at the Merkel Church Sunday:

the Nazarene are as follows: Sunday Sunday School 10:00 a. m. Morning Worship 11:00 Training Union7:00 p. m. Evening Services 7:30 p. m. Wednesday: Prayer Service 7:30 p. m.

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

New Live Oak Baptist Church

Sunday Mass 10:30 a.m. Ploneer Memorial Chapel Sunday School.....10:00 a. m. Morning Service....11:00 a. m. Evening Services 7:30 p. m.

Medneoday Evening Prayer Service .. 7:30

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nday: nday School9:45 a.m. rning Worship11:00 a. m. aining Unton6:45 p. m. ening Services7:30 p. m.	blocks on crutches, t and take a sun-bath e noon." Mrs. Kliman Sadler Hospital for m after being in a head-

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G. A. 's and R. A. 's . . . 6:30 p. m Prayer Services 7:30 p. m month, "You are a stranger here

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

..... 7:30 p. m Trent Church et Christ 11:00 o'clock Bible Class......10:00 a. m

Morning Worship. 11:00 a. m Svening Services 7:30 p. m. 'hursday Ladies Bible Class. 4:00 p. 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.

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

Wednesday Prayer Services 7:30 p. m

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

The name under which said partnership is to be conducted is LYNN A. LEE AND COMPANY

The general nature of said business is home-building and construction and the buying and sell ing of real estate.

The names of all the general and special partners interested therein. and their respective places of residence, are as follows, to-wit: Lynn A. Lee, general partner Lawton, Oklahoma

F. A. Lee, special partner, Lav. ton, Oklahoma

The amount of capital which the aforesaid special partner has contributed to the common stock is \$5,000.00 in cash.

Said partnership is to exist for the term of five (5) years from the date of these presents. This 12th day of September, A

Lynn A. Lee Lynn A. Lee, general partner F. A. Lee

F. A. Lee, special partner THE STATE OF TEXAS on collision COUNTY OF TAYLOR

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, a Notary Public in and for the County of Taylor, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared before me Lynn A. Lee, to hear Humble Oil & Refining known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the edged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed and in

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE, this 12th day of September, A. D., 1953.

Ellison F. Gerlach Notary Public in and for Taylor County, Texas THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

COUNTY OF COMANCHE BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, a Notary Public in and for the County of Comanche, State of Oklahoma, on this day persona ly appeared before me F. A. Lee. 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 and in he capacity therein stated. GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE, this 19th day of September, A. D., 1953.

W. C. Capshaw Notary Public, Comanche Coun-

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Merkel Band Puts On Music Show At Half-Time

The half-time show at the football game last Friday featured several sections of the band. The band came on playing "Drums Bugles.

The first formation was a bugle formation by the band. The pep squad made notes coming out of the bell of the bugle. The band played "Drum Major Special," which featured the twirlers.

The second formation saw band forming a treble cleff sign. The pep squad formed the five lines of the music staff. The band played "We're Cheering for the Badgers," featuring the pep squad. singing.

Don Dudley was the announcer for the game over the Taylor Electric loudspeaker with Holt Vaughn as technician. Editor Hy White announced the half-time show

Jerry Russell and Chicho Ribera were spotters for Merkel and Fred Busby for Abilene. About 1,000 persons were present. Albany had spotters at the game.

Ralph Bartlett **Elected President** Of Senior Class

Ralph Bartlett presided over the meeting in which the Senior Class elected its officers and sponsors for the coming year.

Sponsors for the Senior Clas were Director W. G. Reed, J. E Thomas, Mrs. Melba Gooch and Mrs. Lucy Haynes.

The officers elected were: Ralph Bartlett, president: Jacky McAninch, vice president; Barbara Wilson, secretary; Corky Cox, treasur er, and Neva Cason, reporter,

Civilian Defense, Disaster Relief To Be Discussed

lene and surrounding cities will get together Oct. 8 to talk about the vital problem of civilian de- Mexico. fense and disaster relief.

The meeting, to take the form of | HAS OPERATION a Civil Defense Workshop, is be- D. D. Coats of Frederick, Okla., ing sponsored by the Sixteenth formerly of Merkel has returned District of Parent-Teachers Asso- to his home after having surger; ciation. It will be held in the Rad- in a hospital in Oklahoma City.

ford Memorial Student Life Center on the McMurry College campus under direction of Dr. Andre Hunt, civil defense chairman the 16th P-TA district.

The meeting is open to the pub lic. It begins at 8:30 a. m.

Korean Veteran Sees New Daughter For First Time

Billy R. Browning is home on a ed being wounded.

He saw his little girl who is 9 months old for the first time. He thinks she is just wonderful but the little girl has to be given a little more time to get acquainted with daddy.

He will go to Camp Chaffee, Ark., Oct. 29 for reassignment until January 1954.

Lt. James Farmer Arrives in Korea From Tokyo, Japan

ceived word from her husband, Lt. perform in the Merkel School Aud-Farmer, that he is now in Seoul, itorium. They come direct from the ter her operation. She is getting Korea. Lt. Farmer left the U. S. Big State Jamboree held each Sat- along nicely. August 22 from San Francisco, lurday at Abilene Fair Park Audi Calif. He flew by plane to Tokyo. torium. From there he went to Korea.

Wendell Tarpley Is Now in Germany With Artillery

many comes this report - Pvt. and fun for everyone. Everyone is Wendell K. Tarpley, son of Mr. and | welcome. Mrs. E. M. Tarpley, Merkel, recent ly joined the 426th Field Artiller Battalion in Germany. Private Tax pley, a cannoneer.. entered Army in November 1952.

J. A. McCOYS LIVE NOW AT ANTON WHERE HE RUNS GIN

now at Anton where Mr. McCoy is running the gin. Mrs. McCoy this week visited her daughter. Mrs. Mrs. W. E. Deal, in Los Alamos, N.

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McAninch Brothers See Each Other After 35 Years

After 35 years W. T. McAninch 75, met his brother George, 67, of from the Sadler Hospital Sunday Cleveland, Okla., here last week. She is improving. He also met three more brothers at the same time: Fred, 59, of Detroit, Mich.: Alex, 55, of Trinidad, Coloa and Jim, 64, of Merkel.

Carrol, 62, of Los Angeles, Calif. was unable to come to the reunion month's furlough after being in but he phoned the brothers. Mrs. Korea about 10 months and escap- J. M. Taylor of Burleson, daughter

of W. T., also attended the reunion George is now retired but he had been an officer in Oklahoma and had been through the wild years of that state. He carried many scars, the results of shots and beatings by the rough men of the early days o

Jamboree Hired Hands to Play Here Tonight, Fri.

Mrs. James E. Farmer has re- the Jamboree Hired Hands will

Members of the band are: J. L. Jones, fiddler; Rex Jones, bass fiddler; Smoky Donaldson, rhythm guitar; James Wood, steel guitar Walter Wood, eleteric guitar, and Mack Fletcher, rhythm guitar. He s also the head of the band.

The Hired Hands will feature the Starlight Sisters, and Little Dedon, better known as DeLois From Schwaebisch Hall, Ger- Reese. There will be music laughs

Pvt. McKeever Is Now Enrolled In Missiles School

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. McKeever, is now enrolled in the Antiaircraft SON WHO SUFFERS and Guided Missiles Branch of The Artillery School at Ft. Bliss. He is spending 33 weeks studying artillery fire control system mainten-

A graduate of McMurry College, Pvt. McKeever entered the r tary service in May 1953.

Free Perfume Gift Tubes to Be Given By Lone Star Gas

taining a generous sample of the comparatively lower prices. It's a seven basic types of perfumes, and good time to fill the family deep a copy of McCall's Magazine per- freeze or locker box with beef. fume guide will be presented to A. & M. women visitors at the Lone Star Gas Company exhibit building during the State Fair of Texas in Dal- Cattle Grubs las, October 10-25. Numerous gaappliance displays will depict that exhibit theme: "Gas Works Won ders in the Home.

Eat More Beef Campaign Now Is On In All of Texas

more beef this fall. With an already low-price picture to stare at, cattlemen have been told by their own industry representatives and by government authorities to expect a heavier-

than-normal marketing of grassfed cattle during the period Sept. Cattle Raisers Association called year of all grubs in the backs of

on the West Texas Chamber of cattle will prevent the pests' multi-Commerce to "do something," and plying. a statewide campaign is now underway to encourage greater per-Texan consumption of beef during grubs may be reduced to a great

SEEDING FALL GRAIN

The most favorable conditions since 1949 exist over much of Texdom been greater for crops which soil. - A. & M.

SUPPLY OF FENTLIBERS

The supply of fertilizers for the large enough to take care of dewise to make their purchases early in order to get the grades they

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

The week of October 4-10 is Na tional Fire Prevention Week and a mighty good time to commence a farm fire prevention program on took 3,000 lives. Records show that a farm and community basis. - A.

CATCH BIG FISH

Mr. and Mrs. Royce Dowd went fishing on the Llano, nea Junction, last weekend. The largest fish caught weighed fiv

HOME FROM HOSPITAL Mrs. Henry C. West came hom

Rev. Sam Tullock Is Taking Part In District Meet

Rev. Sam Tullock, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Merkel, is taking part on the program of the grown in this area. 17th District Baptist convention at Cisco, which is convening Oct.

Rev. Mr. Tullock will give the Scripture and prayer for the Friat 9:30 a. m. The two-day session ends today.

MRS. R. O. ANDERSON IS IMPROVING AFTER OPERATION

Mrs. R. O. Anderson is with her daughter, Mrs. M. C. Alston, in Sweetwater. She is convalescing af-

DAUGHTER IN HOSPITAL

Mrs. George Cooper returned rom Houston Sunday after a visit with her daughter who was in a nospital in Houston. She is gettng along nicely.

H. N. ODUM IS IN HOSPITAL FOR TEN DAYS

H. N. Odum was in the hospital t Temple for a physical checkup he last 10 days.

McCOY CHILDREN ARE ATTENDING THE U. OF TEXAS

Morell McCoy and Merkel Mc Coy, children of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McCoy, are attending the Univer-

J. O. CASTLES VISIT HEART ATTACK

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Carson took Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Castles to Lubbock to the Castles' son, J. B. who had a heart attack.

McMURRY VS. GREYHOUNDS The McMurry College Indians

open their home season Saturday night, Oct. 3, against the Eastern New Mexico Greyhounds at Indian

CATTLE TO MARKET

The annual run of grass fed cattle to market is on and this means more meat for the family table at

Can Be Controlled **States Specialist**

The best way to control cattle grubs is to attack them while they are in the hide of an animal, William J. Sheffield, University of Texas specialist in animal - health pharmacy, reported.

Cattle grubs - also called "wolves" or "warbles" - are the maggot stage of heel flies. The U. S. Department of Agriculture estimates grubs cause an annual loss of \$50,000,000 to \$100,000,000.

Preventive measures so far have been ineffective or impractical. Sheffield writes in the current issue of The Texas Druggist. How-The Texas and Southwestern ever, systematic destruction each

> In areas where cattle may be examined and treated systematically, extent in two or three years, Mr. Sheffield said.

Treatments recommended are squeezing the grubs out of an animal's back by hand, and applying as for seeding fall grain and le- rotenone, benzene or iodoform gume crops and the need has sel- ointment. Rotenone is especially effective in treating large cattle will produce abundant winter graz- herds because it can be applied by ing and at same time improve the the dip method or by spraying, Mr. Sheffield declared.

"Treatment for cattle grubs should be started before the first grubs begin to drop from the be repeated at 30-day intervals as Grubs appear as early as August 1 in South Texas and as late as Noember 1-15 in North Texas.

FARM FIRES

Last year farm fires destroyed a and neglect. A. & M.

Merkel Guar **Buying Agent** Is Announced

been announced as the guar buying agent for General Mills, Inc., in

General Mills, Inc., of the Minnea. benefit was the improved fertility pelis, Minn., office, accompanied and productively of the soil follow by John A. Esser, plant manager ing guar. Production of cotton and of the Kenedy guar processing grain following guar may be inplant, was in Merkel for several creased up to 50 per cent, gradualhours Sept. 23, working out ar- ly decreasing over a period of four rangements for purchasing beans to five years.

200,000 pounds of beans may be ing, cultivating and harvesting. He purchased by the Merkel agent this said that guar was quite resistant fall. This is the first year for the to root rot and that this serious dicrop in the Merkel-Trent terriday morning service, which opens tory. Supervisors of the Middle Clear Fork Soil Conservation District anticipate plantings up to 10, 000 acres around Merkel next year. and are giving the districts full support to this two-purpose soil building and cash crop.

Despite drought, late planting | 309 RUNNELS, PHONE 116

o. b. Merkel. Ordinary combine run ers. beans average about 98 per cent clean. Moisture content up to 12

talk on guar at the Merkel Com- off the stalk in the harvest operamunity Center last May 7, again tion. pointed out the value of growing B. M. Hagan, vice-president of this crop. He said the greatest

Other advantages given were It is anticipated that as much as drought resistance, ease of plant-

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and other inhibitory factors, sev- sease was made almost inactive eral fields are expected to produce for a year or more following guar, 600 to 700 pounds per acre. Price much as it is inactivated or conis \$4 per hundred, clean basis, f. trolled by hubam and other clov-

Mr. Esser recommended that per cent will be accepted without harvesting, alternate reel blades on combines be removed. possible the remaining blades should be replaced with small pipe for his interesting and informative, which wil break fewer bean pods

> Mr. Esser said that beans in storage are practically immune to insect and rodent damage.

FLOYD GREENS ATTEND FUNERAL OF HIS GRANDMOTHER

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Green atended the funeral of his grandmother, Mrs. Mary Green, 68, in Roswell, New Mexico, Sunday.

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The Union Ridge Club held its regular meeting Sept. 18 in the stration Club met Friday in the home of Mrs. Don Riney. Mrs. Bu- home of Mrs. Carl Carey. The pre-Mrs. Riney led in singing several in charge. songs. Roll was answered by "A Traction In Our Family.'

The program was turned over to Miss Loretta Allen, the agent: "Working things out together. What will your children remember? And a blue rint for solving problems." She showed how to make a blackboard to use in several different ways.

A refreshment plate was served to two visitors and eight members. The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Kenneth Pee Oct. 2 at 2:30 p. m.

MRS. SHOUSE'S 7TH GRADERS ENJOY ICE CREAM PARTY

Mrs. Andy Shouse's 7th grade room had an ice cream party in the night. A game of football was enjoyed until detail was called to turn the freezers.

After everyone had eaten all of the ice cream and cookies that he wanted, home movies were shown of Mrs. Shouse's vacation in the MRS. JOHN HUGHES ELECTED Davis Mountains and in Arkansas. On Tuesday, Sept. 8, Mrs. Shouse's 7th grade room elected

officers. They were: Jerry McLeed, president; Jerry Don Reynolds, vice president; Lyndia Kingsbury, secretary; Pat Patterson, reporter. Officers will serve for a month.

"AMERICANISM" IS PROGRAM OF FORTNIGHLY CLUB

The Fortnightly Study Club met Sept. 22 at the Community Center for a program on "Americanism." In the absence of Mrs. Andy Shouse, president, Mrs. Ray Wilson, vice president, presided.

Miss Christine Collins played appropriate music as the members arrived. Each member was asked to bring a picture of some beauty spot to be found in America. These were pinned to a bulletin

Mrs. Clyde Bartlett read beautifully several poems with the theme tion Council. "This Is America" and closed with two chapters from the book, 'Heaven In Thy Hand."

Firsteen members and one vis- home on Orange Street. s. Fred Groene, were

ENJOYED BY GOODMAN CLUB

The Goodman Home Demonford, Buntin, president, presided, sident, Mrs. Jennings Winter, was

Mrs. Charles Hodges led the We Have In Jesus" and the "Song mittee. The winners were: of Peace." She also directed a quiz game. Roll call was answered with a daily beauty hint. Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Mrs. Fern Windham gave a council report. Mrs. Windham was also elected alternate council delegate. H. F. Jorden and Mrs. Windham gave a demonstration on making

flower containers, using coffee ing them with a crepe paper cement, The containers are very col- the club, had charge of the conorful and durable. The method is test. very simple and easy to do. Every-

one enjoyed the demonstration. At the close of the meeting Mrs. Carey served refreshments to nine backyard of her home Monday members. The club meets Oct. 9 with Mrs. Frank Carter when the members will reveal club pals and draw names for the Christmas

PRESIDENT MERKEL H. D.

The Merkel Home Demonstration Club met last Friday in the home of Mrs. Boyd Scott. The women's collect was read by Mrs. John Hughes. Roll call was answered with "Why I Am Glad I Live MAJOR SURGERY In America.

Council report was given by Mrs. Scot.t Freedom Forum was read by Mrs. Hughes.

Officers elected were: Mrs. John Hughes, president; Mrs. L. P. Lyles, vice president: Mrs. John Bryan, secretary ; terasurer; Mrs. A. H. Hagar, counselor Lottie Butman, reporter; Mrs. John Bryan, bedroom demonstrator; Mrs. M. P. Head, meat demonstrator.

Mrs. L. P. Lyles left Sept. 29 for Galveston. She was elected a delegate to the Texas Home Demonstration Club at Galveston by the Taylor County Home Demonstra-

Mrs. A. H. Hagar of Clyde, a newcomer to Merkel, joined the club. She and her family have bought a

A refreshment plate wa

Poster Winners Are Announced By Fortnightly

Winners in the poster contest ponsored by the Fortnightly Study Club have been announced by Mrs. Mack Fisher and Mrs. group in singing "What a Friend Johnny Cox, chairman of the com-

1st prize: the team of Robert Harris and Tommy Hogan, \$1. 2nd prize: Wayne Adeock, 75c. 3rd prize: the team of Mary Mc-Keever, Kay Teaff and Kay Dish-

man, 50c. 4th prize: the team of George Ann Rister and Beba Ribera, 25c. This contest was sponsored during Americanism Week, Sept. 13cans or any kind of old vase, cover- 19. The posters stressed what it means to be a good American. Mrs. Andy Shouse, president of

IS OUTSTANDING John H. English of Fort Worth was awarded a certificate ern States apprenticeship con- try, Opal Hass. ference held in Ft. Worth. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. English and a 1948 graduate of Randall. Merkel High School.

MR. F. A. DOUGLAS HAS MAJOR SURGERY

Mrs. F. A. Douglas underwent major surgery at the Sadler Hospital September 26.

LEE COX UNDERGOES

Lee Cox had major surgery at the Sadler Hospital September 28.

WIN FIRST PLACE

The pupils of Mrs. Johnnie Cox's room won first in the P.-T.A Sept. 17. More parents came to the P.-T.A. from her room than from any other room in the school. The pupils of Mrs. Cox's room won first also in having the most members in the P.-T.A. September 18.

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Admissions to the Sadler Hospital the past wek were:

As medical patients - Bitsy than 1/8th of the total amount of West, Fena Gladden, D. A. Lee, and pin for outstanding work in Mrs. H. A. Johnston, Tommy Aarcarpentry at the annual South- on, Mrs. A. J. Barbee, J. D. Gen-

> For surgery - Sandra and Jerry English, tonsillectomy, Mrs. W. E.

LEGAL NOTICE

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Southeast corner of a 61 acre tract deeded to S. H. McAdams by J. E. 1953. Sanders and wife; December thermometer registered 105 de- 1925, Vol. 160, page 52, Deed Recgrees, Monday 102 and Tuesday ords of Taylor County Texas; Thence North 150 vrs., Iron pipe for corner; Thence East 75.5 vrs. to S. E. Line 61 acre tract; Thence THE STATE OF TEXAS Creslenn Oil Co., No. 1 W. 3. South 26 degrees 38' West 168 vrs. argent set pipe Saturday night, to place of beginning. That said within the State of Texas - Greetlease shall be for a primary term

of six months and so long thereaf ter as oil, gas or other minerals may be produced from said land in commercial quantities, and shall provide for a royalty of not less

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A copy of the proposed lease to be executed is on file for inspection at the office of the City Secretary complete in all respects except as to the name of the lease, the amount of the royalty and the amount of the cash bonus.

such minerals.

In making the award of said lease the City Council will consider both the amount of the cash bonus of fered and the amount of royalty to be paid, and the lease will be awarded on the basis of the best advantage to the City, all things considered; but the city expressly reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

All bids received up to 2 o'clock p. m. on the 23rd day of October to make an oil, gas and mineral 1953, will be considered. All bids lease on the following described should be submitted in writing in FOR RENT - Furnished 2-room land situated in Taylor County, sealed envelopes specifying both Texas, owned by the said city and the cash bonus and the royalty offered. The award will be made on the 23rd day of October, 1953, unless all bids are rejected.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF hereunto set my hand and the seal of said City under the authority of Beginning at the most Southerly the City Council of the City of Lawn, this 25th day of September

Evylin L. Hamon City Secretary Adv. -Oct. 2, 9, 16.

To any Sheriff or any Constable

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 re turn day thereof, in a newspaper printed in Taylor County, Texas, the accompanying citation, of

CITATION BY PULICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS To: May M. Hall, Defendant,

YOU ARE HEREBY COM-MANDED to appear before the Honorable 104th District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before forty-two days from the date of the April A. D. 1953, in this cause, numbered 7218-B on the docket of said court and styled Ida Blair Mc-Neil, and husband Emmit W. Mc Neil, Plaintiff, vs. Maud Snyder et vir Edwin Richard Snyder, May M. Hall, a widow, Mary Josephine Eresch and husband Frank Eresch, Edmund V. White, Jr. W L. White, Faye C. Perkins, Leon M. Lyon, Eva Mary Lyon, a feme sole,

and Jim Horton, Defendants. A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: to partition a tract of land situated in Taylor County, Texas, contaning 181.2 acres out of the South side of Survey No. 17, Block 18, Rv. So., Land, 31.7 acres out of the North end of the E. R. Hill Survey No. 12, Block 18, T&P Ry. Co. land: and 71.5 acres out of the 148, Grimes County School Land, and to establish the owner ship of said property and Plaintiffs are claiming that the Defen

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The officer executing this writ shall prompty serve the same ac cording to requirements of law and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law di Issued and given under my hand

and the seal of said court at Abi lene, Texas, this the 24th day of September A. D. 1953. Attest J. Neil Daniel, Clerk,

42nd District Court Taylor County

By Irene Crawford, Deputy Adv. -Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23.

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LODGE CALLS

NOTICE MASONS Stated meeting of Merke! lodge No. 710, A. F. & A. M., Saturday, October 17, at 7:30 p. m. All members are urged to attend. Visiting brethren cordially invited.

A. B. Parham, W. M. C. B. Rust, Sec'y.

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apartment, private bath. 1006 Oak. Mrs. John Ensiminger. tf23 FOR RENT - 4 room house 11/2 mues North East of Merkel. Salt Branch Road. See T. T. Earthman. 211 Ash St.

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FOR SALE

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A picture of Editor and Mrs.

Hy White was taken at the West Texas Press Association meeting in Abilene. This picture appear ed in the Texas Press Magazine and also in the Publishers' Auxiliary, a newspaper for newspapermen that is distributed all over the United States.

Carl Carey ran a classified ad

in the Merkel Mail offering to sell wheat seed. The paper was delivered Thursday morning. By noon of the same day he sold all the seed to a person answering

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65-P. Scott, 155-Tackle

66-E. Taylor, 185-Tackle

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89—G. English, 195—Back

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In Statesville, N. C., a 10-monthold New Hampshire red hen owned by William Allison was a martyr recently to the egg-laying business. The hen layed a jumbo egg do when she wound a burglar tryweighing 634 ounces or about three times as much as an average her home. She lowered the kindow egg. It contained three yolks and on the midsection of the struggling The hen died in her egg-laying ef-

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Neb., couldn't land a big fish he hooked, he jumped into the Nemana River, and 'rode" it to shore. The fish, a yellow catfish, weighed 351/2 pounds.

Lillie Bell Wynn of Edenton, N. C., a laundress, knew just what to ing to crawl through a window in was 1012 inches in circumference. burglar and held hm there until the sheriff arrived.

> Three years after he lost it, a wallot containing \$22 was returned by mail to Christian Oleson, of Portland, Maine. But Oleson said he had only \$18 in the wallot when he lost it. An anonymous letaccompanying the wallet said he finder had intended to return he wallet earlier but misplaced it.

An automobile driven by Howard Johnson of Hamden, Conn., crashed into a house. He was arrested by a policeman Edward Olmstead, owner of the house.

Walter L. Arnold, 59 of Cumberland, Maine, is in the scent busi

The former guide and trapper sells dog scents to 3,000 customers Arnold explained his odd busiess: "The scents are to keep Rover from cutting out after the wrong game. Say you're rabbit hunting and the dog persists in deer scent and put it on Rover. He associates deer scent with a muzzle and - chances are - never hases another deer.

The American Academy of Alergists booth at the Dallas Health Museum sends The News a daily pollen count during ragweed seaon. A count as high as 100 sets nost allergic people to sneezing, and when the count goes up to 700, it means an extra bad time for the hay fever crowd.



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chasing deer. Well, you make a muzzle out of a rag soaked with deer scent and put it on Rover. He Middle Clear Fork Soil Conservation News

Cover on the land this winter trict cooperators. and next spring is still the goal of the Middle Clear Fork Soil Conservation District.

District supervisors, Soil Conservation Service employees, other agricultural agencies, and individuals and firms interested in conservation are joining together all over Texas in a united effort to old the land in place.

Acreage controls will release much land in the Merkel and Trent areas from cash crops. District supervisors and SCS personnel are pushing the planting of vetch and rye, winter peas, sweetclover and straight plantings of small grains for the dual purpose of ground cover and grazing.

A number of district cooperators are already dry seeding small grains for cover and grazing.

Doyle O. Moore on the Divide has about 65 acres planted to barsmall grains for grazing and cover this year. T. C. Humphreys has 25 acres of early sown wheat for grazng and cover.

Mark Williamson and H. H. Mc-Leod are sowing 110 acres of barley for grazing and cover on the pand trade with Communist coun Williamson place southwest of

R. L. Binkley, west of Trent, has planted 40 acres of winter peas. year. With rain in the next two weeks these peas will make good fall growth before hard freezes.

The local soil conservation district has several items of equipment for helping cooperators get question arises as to whether this cover crops planted. A new interrow seeder has arrived in Merkel. in building up her war potential This machine can be used for ap. This is just one of the many quesplying phosphate and other fertilizers while planting peas, vetch and rye, clovers and so on in the and rye, clovers and so on in the middles of growing crops. If rain Finest Picture is received in the next month, several cooperators plan to plant peas in the middles of cotton and feed. A combination phosphate spreader and grain drill is also available

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OMAR BURLESON Congressmon 17th District

It becomes necessary that I re turn to Washington, where I will likely remain during October.

As previously mentioned, a supley, oats and wheat. He plans to trade problems is convening and, committee dealing with world participate.

Since the Korean truce confer ences are soon to begin, great pres sures are being brought by nations which we have been aiding, to extries. For instance, at the present time Japan is costing the taxpay ers more than a billion dollars :

Japan wishes to re-establish her trade with the mainland of China which is now Communist. She either must do so or we continue to pour out our dollars to her. A trade would aid Communist China tions involved.

"Thunder Bay," At Queen Theatre

"Thunder Bay" is one of the finest pictures to play here, stated N. T. Hodge. It will be shown a the Queen Theatre Sunday and

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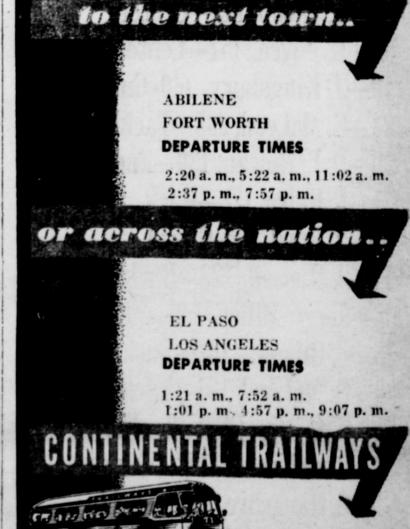


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trope. (2) We as a free people take our free press for granted.

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Let us look into this. As newspapermen we do take people as they are. And the people of today do want to read about things that are different, things that are not in the usual run of everyday, humdrum life. When we feature the unusual, the catastrophe, if you please, people buy papers. And publishers must sell papers to

So far, so good. Now let us look little farther.

The majority of newspapers in their editorial columns and in their feature stories do stress things that are not necessarily tragic. Its comments on the American scene are often conducive to a better outlook on life as it is lived here in the U.S. A.

And newspapers get behind the better things, the humanitarian things. Last year the press as a whole sponsored the Register and vote camgain. It got behind the campaign to secure Blood for the Armed Forces.

Furthermore, it got behind the campaigns for Better Schools, Economic Education. Religion in American Life, Safety on the Highways, Forest Fire Prevention and other worthwhile activities.

May we add that your local paper got behind the Free Chest X-Ray campaign here. May we add too that your local paper in its editorials tries to point out the good things of life as well as the darker aspects.

A paper should lead. But, as 1 English publisher has well stated, if you get too far ahead of your readers you are likely to lose them. Newspapers take their readers as they are and try to give them what they want and at the same time attempt to show them something

Now we come to our second thought at this time. That is that free people take a free press for

Dr. Alberto Gainza Paz, former



publisher of the now famous Argentinian newspaper, La Prensa, knows well what this means. At one time his paper was free. Now it has been put out of business. The press of Argentina is no long-

er free. He wrote: "Those who truly love freedom must cherish it before they begin to lose it. Years ago when we saw freedom disappearing in faraway lands, I thought with mistaken confidence; 'That can't happen in my country.' But afterwards, the long night fell on us also. News from an oppressed and terrified country teaches a bitter lesson to other countries which still have all their or part of their free-

John R. Burrows, president of the Iowa Press Association, stated, 'A newspaper is essential to any a lot of people over Texas. community; when it loses the newspaper it loses the town's mouthpiece.

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By VERN SANFORD

Texas Press Association Questions about education, high-

A statewide committee on public school teachers' pay met here, reached no definite conclusions, and agreed that further study will be made by a subcommittee.

Some of the issues before the subcommittee will be: whether a teachers out of present state rev- wives are urged to inspect their

enues; whether local tax income homes and remove hazards. schools has kept up with the ising cost of education, whether decide on a natural gas tax.

Immediate prospects for increased state revenues darkened when the Railroad Commission cut the state's oil production quota to 2,-904,409 barrels per day, 237,397 barrels below the August figure.

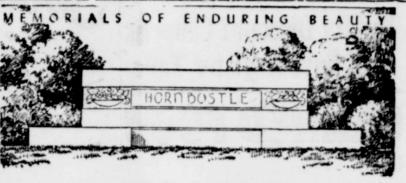
A great part of the state's income is from taxes on oil - when the production goes down that evenue is correspondingly dimin-

Attorney General John Ben Shepperd says there is an organized gang which is operating in Texas and costing the state more than er and lower, are being studied by \$1 million a year by evading cigar-

He cited that wholesalers, retailers, and vending machine operators are among offenders who buy cigarettes outside of Texas and sell them without paying the four-cent

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have two means of exist: the ! Norris W. Parker, manager of should be well ventilated at all the Texas Insurance Advisory As- times; children and old peor special session of the Legislature sociation, said the state's deaths should never be left alone in the should be called before the courts by fire could be reduced by half if home; open heaters should be protected by screen guards; gas lines Last year 542 Texans died in and appliances should be inspect fires, and at least 350 of them were ed annually by an expert; gasoline trapped in their homes. More than should never be used except as a 150 of the victims were children. | fuel; kerosene should be stored Some precautions recommended out side the house in approved con-

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would be the most comfortable vehicles on the road.

Without being technical we can tell you that what's been done with the suspension and springing system gives the Ford a softer ride, a smoother ride than many cars which tip the scales at better than an added

What about room? Here's an interesting point. If you've felt that only a costly car offered enough room, you just ought to sit down in a Ford even if you're out-size and six feet four! The so-called big car is bigger on the outside, but unless you buy a limousine with those little jump seats, it's not one passenger bigger inside.

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-that the appearance of a Ford Car leaves very little to be desired. It is "at home" wherever it goes and it goes everywhere.

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Melvin J. Ash, 46, Former Merkelite Dies at Albany

drs. Mattie Ash of Merkel, died at a. m. Tuesday of a heart attack

Mr. Ash was the second member of his family to die of a heart ailment within less than two weeks A brother, Paul Ash, died on Fri

was born on Nov. 27, 1906 at holstering. Merkel and was reared in that

He was married to Louise Hanrick of Albany on Jan. 7, 1945, in

Mr. Ash had been employed in rew for several years. During World War II, he served



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made its home in Albany since six months. Two and one-half years of that time was in foreign service.

Albany with John Drake's casing children, Lavada, 7, Bill, 5, and Betsy, 4: his mother, and two brothers, Ray Ash of Corpus Chris-

JAMES H. CHANEY

Chiropractor

211 Oak St. - Merkel

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Breckenridge. The couple had in the Army for three years and ti, and Dee Ash of Dublin; two sisters, Mrs. Clarence Perry and Mrs.

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