

NEWS ABOUT TOWN

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Buchanan and Mrs. James E. Farmer spent the 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 improving. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Martin and

Sharon of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Payne of Trent and local relatives were also present.

Miss Lanel Carey of Lubbock recently visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Carey.

Mr. and Mrs. George West and Barbara and Mrs. Jack West and Jackie of Midland visited Mayor and Mrs. Henry C. West over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Bowen of Ft. Worth and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Bowen of Lubbock visited over the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Bowen.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob McDonald visited Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. Kenneth Dismuke, Mr. Dismuke and daughter Debra.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cosel of Houston were here last week, visiting her sister, Mrs. Max Mellinger,

Mr. Max Mellinger, and family.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hicks and son Gary visited her mother, Mrs. J. R. Stratton, over the weekend.

A/3C Bill Butman of Perrin Air Base, near Sherman, visited here for 10 days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Butman.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sledge and family spent Sunday in Clyde, visiting her sister, Mrs. W. E. Norwood, and Mr. Norwood.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Satterly and daughter Kay of Big Spring visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Satterwhite, over the weekend.

SOCIETY

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.



"MISS WOOL" OF 1953. Kathryn E. Gromatzky of Eden was recently named "Miss Wool" of 1953. The 20-year old North Texas State College co-ed will make a nationwide tour under the auspices of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association.

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 co-hostess, Mrs. I. O. Castle brought the devotional and a very interesting story on the Book of Ruth. Eleven members were present. Refreshments of watermelon were served.

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 by Rev. and Mrs. White at the parsonage. Games and a talent show were enjoyed by the fellowship circle. Watermelon was served to the 15 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. L. Cunningham as counselor.

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

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

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 convict rider astride a wild bull, a new sort of chute will open to wait a prison inmate groundward from an airplane 1,500 feet above to a landing in the same arena used for the first show in 1931.

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, October 10-25, will offer an out-

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To take the trip, you enter a brand new planetarium in the auditorium of the Museum of Fine Arts.

The show begins in pitch darkness. Mood music. Pilot announces take-off. Zooming sound effects as the rocket blasts away. Dallas skyline appears as room brightens. On a video screen, glimpses of earth as it disappears.

The pilot begins a painless lesson on astronomy. Triptakers are handed space sickness pills. Powerful optical equipment of the new portable planetarium projects Saturn on a huge sky dome.

A little movie magic makes the moon on the video screen grow larger and larger. Sound effects of the space ship speeding toward the moon, then the landing. Explanation now of the airless, dead planet that is the moon.

More mood music for the return trip. Sound effects of the take-off and landing again on earth. Then boys in space helmets will hand each visitors button saying "I have been to the Moon."

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 Morning Service..... 11:00 a. m.
 Young People's Bible Class 6:30 p. m.
 Evening Services..... 7:30 p. m.

Merkel First Baptist Church
 Sunday School..... 9:45 a. m.
 Morning Worship..... 11:00 a. m.
 Training Union..... 6:30 p. m.
 Evening Worship..... 7:30 p. m.
 Wednesday Prayer Service 7:30 p. m.
 W. M. U. Mon. 9:30 a. m.

Merkel First Methodist Church
 Sunday: Sunday School..... 9:50 a. m.
 Morning Worship..... 10:50 a. m.
 M. Y. F. 6:30 p. m.
 Evening Worship..... 7:30 p. m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

New Live Oak Baptist Church
 Sunday: Sunday School..... 10:00 a. m.
 Morning Worship..... 11 a. m.
 Training Union..... 6:45 p. m.
 Evening Worship..... 7:30 p. m.

Merkel Catholic Church
 Sunday Mass..... 10:30 a. m.

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

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

Noodle Church of Christ
 Sunday: Bible Class..... 10:00 a. m.
 Morning Worship Service 11:00 a. m.
 Young People's Service 6:30 p. m.
 Evening Worship..... 7:30 p. m.

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

Trent First Baptist Church
 Sunday: Sunday school..... 10:00 a. m.
 Morning Worship..... 11:00 a. m.
 Training Union..... 6:45 p. m.
 Evening Services..... 7:30 p. m.

Trent Church of Christ
 Sunday: Sunday..... 11:00 o'clock
 Bible Class..... 10:00 a. m.
 Morning Worship..... 11:00 a. m.
 Evening Services..... 7:30 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: 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.

WALKS ON CRUTCHES
 Mrs. E. B. Wallace had a letter from Mrs. Mort Kliman of Los Angeles, Calif. Mrs. Kliman wrote: "I walk about three blocks on crutches, twice a day and take a sun-bath every afternoon." Mrs. Kliman was in the Sadler Hospital for many months after being in a head-on collision here.

TO BROADCAST GAMES
 Texas football fans will be able to hear Humble Oil & Refining Company's broadcasts of six games played by Southwest Conference teams and one game played by Texas Tech this weekend. All games will be played Saturday except for Friday night's tilt between Baylor and Miami in the Orange Bowl, aired at 7:05 p. m. Rice-Cornell at 12:50 p. m. SMU.

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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", LTD.

The general nature of said business is home-building and construction and the buying and selling 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, Lawton, 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. D., 1953.
 Lynn A. Lee
 Lynn A. Lee, general partner
 F. A. Lee
 F. A. Lee, special partner
THE STATE OF TEXAS 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, 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 the capacity therein stated.
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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 and 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 the band forming a treble clef 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 H. O. L. 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 Class 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, treasurer, and Neva Cason, reporter.

Civilian Defense, Disaster Relief To Be Discussed

Several hundred citizens of Abilene and surrounding cities will get together Oct. 8 to talk about the vital problem of civilian defense and disaster relief.

The meeting, to take the form of a Civil Defense Workshop, is being sponsored by the Sixteenth District of Parent-Teachers Association. It will be held in the Rad-

Korean Veteran Sees New Daughter For First Time

Billy R. Browning is home on a month's furlough after being in Korea about 10 months and escaped 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

Mrs. James E. Farmer has received word from her husband, Lt. Farmer, that he is now in Seoul, Korea. Lt. Farmer left the U. S. August 22 from San Francisco, Calif. He flew by plane to Tokyo. From there he went to Korea.

Wendell Tarpley Is Now in Germany With Artillery

From Schwaebisch Hall, Germany comes this report — Pvt. Wendell K. Tarpley, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Tarpley, Merkel, recently joined the 426th Field Artillery Battalion in Germany. Private Tarpley, a cannoneer, entered the Army in November 1952.

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

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McCoy are 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. Mexico.

HAS OPERATION

D. D. Coats of Frederick, Okla., formerly of Merkel has returned to his home after having surgery in a hospital in Oklahoma City.

McAninch Brothers See Each Other After 35 Years

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

Carroll, 62, of Los Angeles, Calif., was unable to come to the reunion but he phoned the brothers. Mrs. 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 of Oklahoma.

Jamboree Hired Hands to Play Here Tonight, Fri.

Friday night, Oct. 2, at 8 p. m. the Jamboree Hired Hands will perform in the Merkel School Auditorium. They come direct from the Big State Jamboree held each Saturday at Abilene Fair Park Auditorium.

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

The Hired Hands will feature the Starlight Sisters, and Little Dedon, better known as DeLois Reese. There will be music laughs and fun for everyone. Everyone is welcome.

Pvt. McKeever Is Now Enrolled In Missiles School

Pvt. Buddy D. McKeever, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. McKeever, is now enrolled in the Antiaircraft and Guided Missiles Branch of The Artillery School at Ft. Bliss. He is spending 33 weeks studying artillery fire control system maintenance.

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

Free Perfume Gift Tubes to Be Given By Lone Star Gas

Perfume gift tubes, each containing a generous sample of the seven basic types of perfumes, and a copy of McCall's Magazine perfume guide will be presented to women visitors at the Lone Star Gas Company exhibit building during the State Fair of Texas in Dallas, October 10-25. Numerous gas appliance displays will depict the exhibit theme: "Gas Works Wonders in the Home."

Eat More Beef Campaign Now Is On In All of Texas

Texans are being asked to eat 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 grass-fed cattle during the period Sept. 15-Oct. 31.

The Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association called on the West Texas Chamber of Commerce to "do something," and a statewide campaign is now underway to encourage greater per-Texan consumption of beef during this period.

SEEDING FALL GRAIN

The most favorable conditions since 1949 exist over much of Texas for seeding fall grain and legume crops and the need has seldom been greater for crops which will produce abundant winter grazing and at same time improve the soil. — A. & M.

SUPPLY OF FERTILIZERS

The supply of fertilizers for the 1953-54 season is expected to be large enough to take care of demands. However, farmers will be wise to make their purchases early in order to get the grades they want. — A. & M.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

The week of October 4-10 is National Fire Prevention Week and a mighty good time to commence a farm fire prevention program on a farm and community basis. — A. & M.

CATCH BIG FISH

Mr. and Mrs. Royce Dowdy went fishing on the Llano, near Junction, last weekend. The largest fish caught weighed five pounds.

HOME FROM HOSPITAL

Mrs. Henry C. West came home from the Sadler Hospital Sunday. She is improving.

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 17th District Baptist convention at Cisco, which is convening Oct. 1 and 2.

Rev. Mr. Tullock will give the Scripture and prayer for the Friday morning service, which opens at 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 after her operation. She is getting along nicely.

DAUGHTER IN HOSPITAL

Mrs. George Cooper returned from Houston Sunday after a visit with her daughter who was in a hospital in Houston. She is getting along nicely.

H. N. ODUM IS IN HOSPITAL FOR TEN DAYS

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

McCOY CHILDREN ARE ATTENDING THE U. OF TEXAS

Morell McCoy and Merkel McCoy, children of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McCoy, are attending the University of Texas.

J. O. CASTLES VISIT SON WHO SUFFERS 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 Stadium.

CATTLE TO MARKET

The annual run of grass fed cattle to market is on and this means more meat for the family table at comparatively lower prices. It's a good time to fill the family deep freeze or locker box with beef. — A. & M.

Cattle Grubs 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. However, systematic destruction each year of all grubs in the backs of cattle will prevent the pests' multiplying.

In areas where cattle may be examined and treated systematically, grubs may be reduced to a great 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 rotenone, benzene or iodoform ointment. Rotenone is especially effective in treating large cattle herds because it can be applied by 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 backs of infested cattle and should be repeated at 30-day intervals as long as necessary," he pointed out.

Grubs appear as early as August 1 in South Texas and as late as November 1-15 in North Texas.

FARM FIRES

Last year farm fires destroyed a \$133,000,000 worth of property and took 3,000 lives. Records show that approximately 95 per cent of these fires resulted from carelessness and neglect. A. & M.

Merkel Guar Buying Agent Is Announced

Patterson Grain Company has been announced as the guar buying agent for General Mills, Inc., in the Merkel area.

B. M. Hagan, vice-president of General Mills, Inc., of the Minneapolis, Minn., office, accompanied by John A. Esser, plant manager of the Kenedy guar processing plant, was in Merkel for several hours Sept. 23, working out arrangements for purchasing beans grown in this area.

It is anticipated that as much as 200,000 pounds of beans may be purchased by the Merkel agent this fall. This is the first year for the crop in the Merkel-Trent territory. 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

and other inhibitory factors, several fields are expected to produce 600 to 700 pounds per acre. Price is \$4 per hundred, clean basis, f. o. b. Merkel. Ordinary combine run beans average about 98 per cent clean. Moisture content up to 12 per cent will be accepted without dockage.

Mr. Esser, who is remembered for his interesting and informative talk on guar at the Merkel Community Center last May 7, again pointed out the value of growing this crop. He said the greatest benefit was the improved fertility and productivity of the soil following guar. Production of cotton and grain following guar may be increased up to 50 per cent, gradually decreasing over a period of four to five years.

Other advantages given were drought resistance, ease of planting, cultivating and harvesting. He said that guar was quite resistant to root rot and that this serious di-

sease was made almost inactive for a year or more following guar, much as it is inactivated or controlled by hubam and other clovers.

Mr. Esser recommended that in harvesting, alternate reel blades on combines be removed. Where possible the remaining blades should be replaced with small pipe which will break fewer bean pods off the stalk in the harvest operation.

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 attended the funeral of his grandmother, Mrs. Mary Green, 68, in Roswell, New Mexico, Sunday.

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SOCIETY

"SOLVING PROBLEMS" SHOWN AT UNION RIDGE CLUB

The Union Ridge Club held its regular meeting Sept. 18 in the home of Mrs. Don Riney...

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

Mrs. Andy Shouse's 7th grade room had an ice cream party in the backyard of her home Monday night...

"AMERICANISM" IS PROGRAM OF FORTNIGHTLY CLUB

The Fortnightly Study Club met Sept. 22 at the Community Center for a program on "Americanism..."

MAKING FLOWER CONTAINER ENJOYED BY GOODMAN CLUB

The Goodman Home Demonstration Club met Friday in the home of Mrs. Carl Carey...

MRS. JOHN HUGHES ELECTED PRESIDENT MERKEL H. D.

The Merkel Home Demonstration Club met last Friday in the home of Mrs. Boyd Scott...

Poster Winners Are Announced By Fortnightly

Winners in the poster contest sponsored by the Fortnightly Study Club have been announced by Mrs. Mack Fisher...

MR. F. A. DOUGLAS HAS MAJOR SURGERY

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

LEE COX UNDERGOES MAJOR SURGERY

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...

OIL NEWS

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HOSPITAL NOTES

Admissions to the Sadler Hospital the past week were: As medical patients - Bitsy West, Fena Gladden, D. A. Lee...

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CLASSIFIED AD SECTION

LODGE CALLS: NOTICE MASONS Stated meeting of Merkel Lodge No. 710, A. F. & A. M., Saturday, October 17, at 7:30 p. m. All members are urged to attend.

LET'S KNOW OUR BOYS

- No. - Name - Weight - Position 11 - W. Pair, 130 - End 12 - G. Knight, 145 - Guard 13 - J. Neil, 125 - End 14 - K. Rutledge, 130 - Back 15 - G. O'Brien, 155 - Center 16 - C. Jacob, 145 - Center 18 - L. Joyce, 157 - Center 19 - J. Kingsbury, 140 - Guard 23 - G. McLeod, 205 - Tackle 50 - D. L. Bowan, 130 - End 51 - L. Kelso, 128 - Back 53 - J. Byrd, 125 - Guard 54 - J. Russell, 123 - Back 56 - Jerry Miller, 130 - End 58 - C. Riberra, 142 - Back 59 - R. McLeod, 165 - Back 61 - E. O'Brien, 160 - Tackle 63 - C. McKeever, 127 - Guard 64 - G. Hargrove, 153 - Tackle 65 - P. Scott, 155 - Tackle 66 - E. Taylor, 185 - Tackle

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NATIONAL NEWSPAPER WEEK Your Newspaper AN INFORMED PRESS AN INFORMED PEOPLE OCT. 1-8

PLENTY OF PUBLICITY A picture of Editor and Mrs. Hy White was taken at the West Texas Press Association meeting in Abilene. This picture appeared in the Texas Press Magazine and also in the Publishers' Auxiliary, a newspaper for newspapermen that is distributed all over the United States.

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SAVES FARMERS' WORK

Tractor equipment is reported to save farmers an estimated 2-billion man hours a year. Between 1940-1952 farmers bought \$22.2 billion worth of machinery. — A. and M.

NEWS' ODDITIES

In Statesville, N. C., a 10-month-old New Hampshire red hen owned by William Allison was a martyr recently to the egg-laying business. The hen laid a jumbo egg weighing 6 3/4 ounces or about three times as much as an average egg. It contained three yolks and was 10 1/2 inches in circumference. The hen died in her egg-laying effort.

When Dick King of Falls City.

Neb., couldn't land a big fish he hooked, he jumped into the Nema-ha River, and "rode" it to shore. The fish, a yellow catfish, weighed 35 1/2 pounds.

Lillie Bell Wynn of Edenton, N. C., a laundress, knew just what to do when she wound a burglar trying to crawl through a window in her home. She lowered the window on the midsection of the struggling burglar and held him there until the sheriff arrived.

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

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

The American Academy of Allergists booth at the Dallas Health Museum during ragweed season. A count as high as 100 gets most 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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Middle Clear Fork Soil Conservation News

Cover on the land this winter 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 hold 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, sweet-clover and straight plantings of small grains for grazing and dual purpose of ground cover and the dual purpose.

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 barley, oats and wheat. He plans to sow almost all of his cropland to small grains for grazing and cover this year. T. C. Humphreys has 25 acres of early sown wheat for grazing and cover.

Mark Williamson and H. H. McLeod are sowing 110 acres of barley for grazing and cover on the Williamson place southwest of Trent.

R. L. Binkley, west of Trent, has planted 40 acres of winter peas. 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 cover crops planted. A new inter-row seeder has arrived in Merkel. This machine can be used for applying phosphate and other fertilizers while planting peas, vetch and rye, clovers and so on in the middles of growing crops. If rain 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.

for lease to area farmers and district cooperators.

District supervisors and SCS employees of the Merkel office are ready and willing to assist farmers planning crops that will build land and help control dust storms.

Washington

"As It Looks From Here"

OMAR BURLESON
Congressman
17th District

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

As previously mentioned, a subcommittee dealing with world trade problems is convening and, as a member, I have promised to participate.

Since the Korean truce conferences are soon to begin, great pressures are being brought by nations which we have been aiding, to expand trade with Communist countries. For instance, at the present time Japan is costing the taxpayers more than a billion dollars a year.

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 question arises as to whether this trade would aid Communist China in building up her war potential. This is just one of the many questions involved.

Finest Picture "Thunder Bay," At Queen Theatre

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

The tony drama takes place in Louisiana when the first oil wells were put down in the Gulf. The people fought the action because they said it would ruin their shrimp fishing. When the oil at last was discovered the people found that they had the Golden Shrimp.

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"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 all their or part of their freedom."

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

A newspaper is essential to a free country.

"WHITE-ICISM" That's ALL — and the Sage of Figfield adds that the power of the press rests on the vigilance of the people.



By VERN SANFORD

Texas Press Association Questions about education, higher and lower, are being studied by a lot of people over Texas.

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 salary increase can be granted to teachers out of present state revenues; whether local tax income for schools has kept up with the rising cost of education, whether a special session of the Legislature should be called before the courts 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 revenue is correspondingly diminished.

Attorney General John Ben Shepperd says there is an organized gang which is operating in Texas and costing the state more than \$1 million a year by evading cigarette taxes.

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 state tax.

During National Fire Prevention Week, October 4-10, Texas housewives are urged to inspect their

homes and remove hazards. Norris W. Parker, manager of the Texas Insurance Advisory Association, said the state's deaths by fire could be reduced by half if proper precautions were taken.

Last year 542 Texans died in fires, and at least 350 of them were trapped in their homes. More than 150 of the victims were children.

Some precautions recommended by Parker: every bedroom should

have two means of exit; the house should be well ventilated at all times; children and old people should never be left alone in the home; open heaters should be protected by screen guards; gas lines and appliances should be inspected annually by an expert; gasoline should never be used except as a fuel; kerosene should be stored out side the house in approved containers.

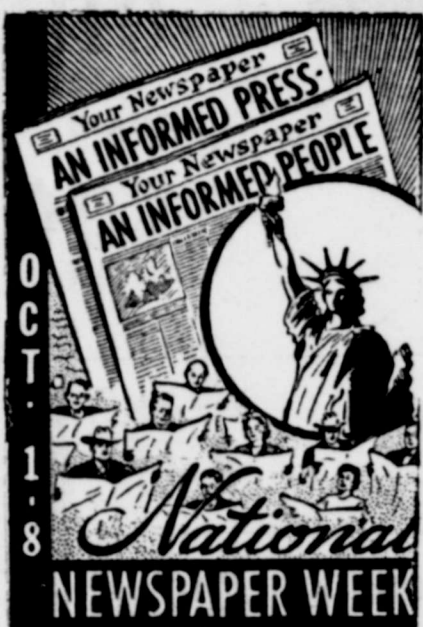
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trope. (2) We as a free people take our free press for granted.

It is not our purpose to state outright that we do not feature catastrophe. We do. This accusation is made by an outstanding author whom we quoted in last week's editorial. We mean H. A. Overstreet in his fine book, "The Mature Mind." He is strong in his statement. He says the newspaper formula is that of featuring catastrophe, emphasizing only one side of life.

Let us look into this. As newspapers 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 survive.

So far, so good. Now let us look a 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 campaign. 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 better.

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

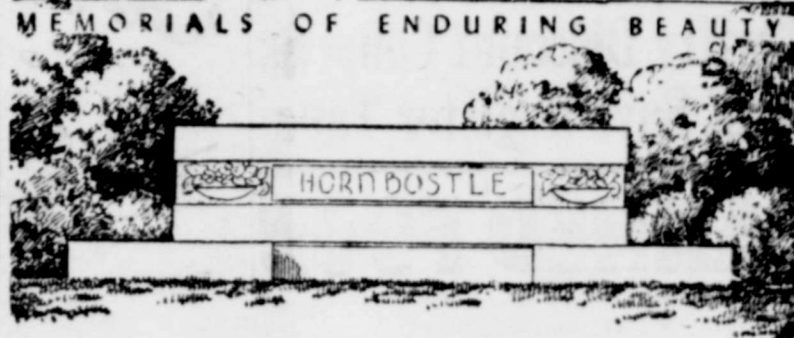
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V-8 Engine! Well, the Ford car has a V-8, too. In fact, it has had a V-8 since 1932, and since that time Ford has built more V-8's — by millions — than all other manufacturers combined. And there's no other builder in Ford's price range that's seen fit to offer one yet!

But the engine, as fine as it is, is only one of many things that make a fine car fine.

Automatic shifting, for example. All the fine cars offer it in one form or another because it's one of the things that make a fine car fine. But if you've never driven a Ford with Fordomatic you've missed one of the finer things of life. This amazing transmission not only does away with clutching and shifting forever — it

gives you exactly the amount of power you want, when you want it — automatically.

Fine car power steering, too. The big, heavy costly cars offer it for the same reason they offer power brakes. It's a man-sized job for a 120 pound woman to handle a car weighing two tons or more without it — especially when parking. Our "Master-Guide" has two distinct benefits.

First, it gives a hydraulic power assist right down at the wheels and just enough to take out the work. You don't relinquish one particle of control — rather your control is more complete and far easier.

Second, being hydraulic, "Master-Guide" power steering absorbs those fatiguing steering wheel tremors caused by ruts and roads in bad repair. And you don't pay a fine car price for "Master-Guide."

But there is another fine car feature — the Ford ride. Books have been written on the subject of riding quality in an automobile, but the payoff comes on the pavement — or lack of it! Many people associate a comfortable ride with excess weight, but it's not weight alone that makes for comfort. If it were, those big five-ton trucks which you see every day

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 half ton.

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.

Visibility is another fine car Ford feature. We say Ford cars offer "full-circle" visibility because they all have huge, curved one-piece windshields and a huge rear window to match . . . plus side windows that mean every passenger gets room with a view!

How beautiful is a Ford? A great English poet, John Keats, once wrote "Beauty is Truth, Truth Beauty" — well, he could have been writing about our car for its beauty comes from honest, clean lines in every dimension. In fact, we think most people agree — even our competitors

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

But what about Ford quality? Does it too match the fine car? Is the sheet metal of the body panels as thick? Is the finish as good? How about the trim and things like that? Well, as far as we can determine, the sheet metal is identical in thickness in practically all instances. As to finish — we believe Ford's baked-on enamel has no equal in any car. Ford upholstery fabrics and trim are less costly, but they're less delicate, too, and if anything, more durable.

How then is it possible to give you this fine car at half the fine car price?

Part of the answer lies in Ford manufacturing skills and knowledge as evidenced by the V-8 engine. Part of it comes from the ever increasing numbers of cars Ford produces and the economies they make possible. And, part of it comes from Ford's willingness to give greater values than might be expected in cars selling in Ford's price range. And that's the Ford idea.

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

Melvin J. (Jack) Ash, 46, son of Mrs. Mattie Ash of Merkel, died at 1 a. m. Tuesday of a heart attack at his home in Albany.

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 Friday, Sept. 18.

Mr. Ash, a veteran of World War II, was born on Nov. 27, 1906 at Merkel and was reared in that community.

He was married to Louise Handrick of Albany on Jan. 7, 1945. In

Breckenridge. The couple had made its home in Albany since that time.

Mr. Ash had been employed in Albany with John Drake's casing crew for several years.

During World War II, he served

in the Army for three years and six months. Two and one-half years of that time was in foreign service.

Survivors include his wife, three children, Lavada, 7, Bill, 5, and Betsy, 4; his mother, and two brothers, Ray Ash of Corpus Chris-

ti, and Dee Ash of Dublin; two sisters, Mrs. Clarence Perry and Mrs. Dent Gibson.



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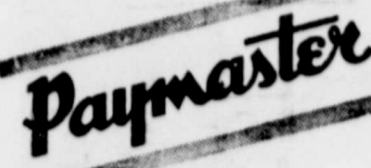
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