

WILL WIDEN NO. 80 HERE

Merkel Badgers Reach Finals At Lubbock Sat.

After upsetting the Reagan County Owls, 52-47 in the semifinals, the gallant Badgers scared the highly favored Sundown Roughnecks before bowing in the Class A finals, 66-51 at Lubbock Saturday.

Coach Tommy Ellis' Badgers made a real battle of it holding the potent Plains outfit in check for three and one-half quarters before fading under terrific pressure in the final four minutes.

In the initial quarter the score was tied five times and the lead changed hands on three other occasions before Sundown took a slim 21-18 lead going into the second stanza.

The Roughnecks fired up in the second period and raced to a 26-18 advantage before Merkel pulled within three points with 35 seconds left only to see Sundown take a 32-27 margin at intermission.

Sundown held on to their five point lead throughout the majority of the third frame as the teams swapped shots till the Roughnecks took a 51-42 lead moving into the final period.

Merkel made a gallant try at the Roughnecks, pulling within six points with only 4:35 left in the struggle, but the Plains lads countered with a stall-and-get-fouled game that spelled doom for the Badgers.

Dink Whisenhunt meshed 13 points to pace the Badgers while freshman Robert McLeod and Jack McAninch followed closely with 11 and 10 respectively. Jerry Cunningham tipped in

nine points. Corky Cox turned in seven points while Phillip Pursley placed one.

In this crucial, nerve-tense game all the Badgers played splendid ball, working together as they had all season.

In the semifinals Coach Tommy Ellis' Merkel Badgers turned in the day's first upset, gaining a spot in the Class A finals by whipping the Reagan County Owls, 53-47.

Robert McLeod ripped the nets for 20 points while Jerry Cunningham meshed 18 as the Badgers had little difficulty pulling the upset.

Merkel jumped off to a 15-8 lead at the first quarter's end, held a 24-22 advantage at halftime and went into the final stanza with a 39-34 lead to coast in with their 20th win in 24 starts.

The Badgers led the Owls all the way except for a brief moment in the second and third quarters when the count was tied twice at 22-22 and 24-24.

Jacky McAninch gathered in six points, Dink Whisenhunt and Corky Cox each accounted for four points. Phillip Pursley also played in this semifinal game.



PVT. ELMER SANDUSKY ... at Fort Bliss

Special Election Will Be Held In Jones County

Due to the untimely death of Commissioner W. O. Rainwater of Precinct No. 4 of Jones County a special election has been called by the Commissioners Court to fill the unexpired term.

This action has been taken in order to determine the wishes of the voters. Public notice of this election appears in this issue of the paper.

The election will be held Saturday, March 27.

Tye Schools Fast Outgrowing Present Space

Rev. J. Tempe Lewis and Walter McCartney of Tye who is chairman of the board of trustees of the Tye school, were callers at the Merkel Mail office Monday.

Mr. McCartney reported that at the close of last year the Tye school had only 47 students and because of the construction of the air base there has been an increase. There are now 89 students. They are in need of more desks and more space.

SAME FIRE RECORD

Merkel's bad fire record charge continues to be five per cent, effective April 1. The fire record is based on the preceding five years.

LITTLE LEAGUE MEET

The Little League will hold a general meeting at 7:30 p. m. next Thursday, March 11, at the school cafeteria. All committees and parents of players are urged to be present. A special invitation is given to the Trent parents to attend.

HAS MAJOR SURGERY

A. L. Cunningham underwent major surgery at the Sadler Hospital February 25.

Annual Class Play Will Be Presented Tonight, March 5

"Margie Is Eighteen," a comedy in three acts, will be presented by the Merkel High School seniors on Friday night, March 5, at 8 o'clock. Admission prices will be 50 and 25 cents.

This hilarious comedy of family life tells the trials and tribulations of a group of young people and their parents who belong to a small town named Middlesboro.

The cast includes these characters: Ralph Bartlett as Grant Wilson; Sandra Patterson, his wife Olive; George Starbuck, Junior; Joy Walker, Margie; Gloria West, Florence; Marie Kerns, Grandma Kinney; Barbara Wilson, colored maid Lackawana; Richard Chaney, Margie's beau, Dan Kimberley;

Goldie Leverich, Mrs. Durrow's maid Anastasia; Corky Cox, her boy friend Rocket;

Tessie Warren (Lulu), Jane Tipton (Sara Ann), Neva Cason (Myrt), Wesley Pair (Pee Wee); Jackie McAninch (Hap), Tommy Cutler (Ted), Charles Beard (Jim), Bobby Mayfield, another beau, Billy Clarke;

Peggy Bond, widow, Mrs. Julia Durrow; Jimmy Russell, famous author, Gregory Dean; Billie Moore, Maybelle Zutt who likes Junior; Sessions Hammond, actor Albert Toogey.

Furnishing appropriate music throughout the play are these students who impersonate traveling actors: Patsy Hunter (pianist); Delbert Allred, June Barley, Virginia Bird, DeLois Black, Wanda Bradley, Jerry Cunningham, Troy Deen, Billy Dye,

Eugene Dye, Dorothy Foster, Wyona Foster, Billy Fowler, Bobby Fowler, Johnny Hammond, Don Hewitt, Marcella Hobdy, J. C. Horton, Donald King, Marilyn Liles, Garth McLeod.

Jack Miller, Bobby Pangle, C. T. Smith, Benny Stallo, Colonel Wallace, Dink Whisenhunt, Arlene Wurst, Dale Wurst, Romona Ybarra.

Mrs. Comer Haynes is directing the play. Mrs. Gilbert Oakley, W. G. Reid and J. E. Thomas, all sponsors of the class, are in charge of business arrangements.

Ray Wilson call at Queen Theatre box office on or before play date for free pass to see "Majesty O'Keefe" March 16, 17, 18.—Adv.

Mayor Henry West Says Improvement Scraps By-Pass

U. S. Highway will be widened through Merkel to four lanes and will not be by-passed on North 7th Street. The State Highway Commission at Austin gave its approval to the proposed widening of U. S. Highway 80 to four-lanes through Merkel Wednesday of last week.

Commission approval is contingent upon the City of Merkel furnishing right-of-way, constructing curbing, gutters and utilities adjustments, J. C. (Jake) Roberts,

Merkel Juniors Win Third Place In Tournament

Merkel Junior "A" Basketball Team won third place in its own tournament here last week. Buffalo Gap beat Clairmont 30 to 29 to take first place.

Trophies were given to first, second and consolation places. Clairmont won second place and consolation went to Sweetwater.

Eddie Hobdy won a place on the all-tournament team.

On Thursday's play Merkel "A" beat Wylie 40-20. Friday, Buffalo Gap won from Merkel "A" 36-34. On Saturday Coach Don Estes' Badgers beat Wylie 39-30.

This completes the season for the Juniors.

Those on the Merkel "A" Team were Manly Denton, Eddie Hobdy, Joe Neil, Eddie Higgins, Barry Scott, David Pursley and Riley Seymour.

Those on the Merkel "B" Team were Ronnie Toombs, Errol Rutledge, Jerry McLeod, Johnnie Bryant, Walter Grimm, Pat Patterson, Joe Cunningham and Lanny Perry.

J. E. Touchstone Is Announcing For Commissioner

J. E. Touchstone has authorized the Merkel Mail to announce his candidacy for the office of commissioner of Precinct No. 4 in Jones County as follows:

I wish to announce my candidacy for office of Precinct No. 4, Jones County, special election. I wish to thank all of you for your votes and influence during the last election.

If you see fit to elect me as your commissioner, I assure you that I will carry on the office in a business-like manner with honesty and fairness to all. I will at all times be ready to serve you to my best ability, and give you as much as possible for your tax dollar.

Sincerely, J. E. Touchstone.

Carl Doan Is Commission Agent For Wheat, Sons

Carl Doan has been appointed commission agent by Lewis Wheat and Sons, Abilene, Lewis Wheat and Sons handle butane and diesel fuel.

Jeff Anderson call at Queen Theatre box office on or before play date for free pass to see "Appointment in Honduras" March 14-15.—Adv.

Abilene District highway engineer, said.

Mr. Roberts said the request for the widening originated in the district highway office in Abilene and had the support of Merkel city officials.

He said the widening was to relieve traffic congestion in the business district, which "is not too bad now, but improvement will be a help."

The present route of U. S. 80 through Merkel "is just a good wide street," Mr. Roberts said.

Commission approval of the plan authorizes and sets up money for the project, according to Mr. Roberts.

"This improvement through town is in lieu of the by-pass that was previously figured on on North 7th Street," stated Mayor Henry C. West.

"Part of the right-of-way will have to be received from the T. & P. Railway," continued Mayor West. "We have agreed to construct curbing, gutters and utilities adjustments."

"This improvement is also contingent on the county getting

McMURRY BAND TO PLAY

The McMurry College Band will play a worship service at 7:30 p. m. Sunday, March 14, at the First Methodist Church. The band is under the direction of Raymond T. Bynum. This program is very unique, stated Rev. Aubrey F. White, pastor. The public is welcome.

TOM KERNS HAVE BOY

A baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kerns at the Sadler Hospital February 27.

GIRL TO C. V. SMITHS

Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Smiths are the parents of a girl born at the Sadler Hospital March 1.

BOY TO L. L. HOPPERS

Mr. and Mrs. Lester L. Hoppers announce the birth of a boy at the Sadler Hospital February 27.

FREE SHOW TICKETS

Again Norman Hodge is offering free show tickets to the Queen Theatre. Those who are lucky this time will find their names on the front page of the Merkel Mail.

KERR DINNER MARCH 6

The Jefferson-Jackson Day Democrat dinner and rally scheduled at Sweetwater for last Friday was postponed until March 6 when Sweetwater Democratic leaders were notified that Sen. Robert Kerr, Oklahoma Democrat, who was to have been the guest speaker, was unable to appear.

How Does a Child Learn Is Wonderfully Shown to Lions

How does a child learn? This was wonderfully revealed in a picture, "Skippy and the 3R's" shown at the Lions Club Tuesday.

Principal C. A. Farley operated the movie machine.

Supt. Mack Fisher, president, presided. Fred Starbuck led the club in singing "The Eyes of Texas" in commemoration of Texas Schools Week.

right-of-way east and west of town for the super highway," added the mayor.

Wayne Adcock, Albert Gregory 1st With Posters

Wayne Adcock won first place in the elementary division in the Merkel school poster contest. He is in Mrs. Paul Orsborn's 6th grade.

Second was Colleen O'Brien, Mrs. Carroll Benson's 5th grade; third, Ruth Lee Carter, same grade; fourth, Lupe Garcia, Miss Lydia Norcross' 5th grade.

Albert Gregory won first in the primary division.

Second was R. J. Bryant and Patsy Farley; third, Wilma Smith and Albert Gregory; fourth, Larry Howard.

The teachers of these winners are of the second grade: Mrs. Bryan Dunagin, Mrs. Josephine Tidwell and Mrs. H. C. Reid.

The first prize winners got \$2 each, second \$1.50, third \$1 and fourth 50c.

The elementary division judges were Mrs. Clyde Bartlett, Mrs. Ben Robert Hicks and Mrs. W. R. Cypert.

Commissioner Walter Rainwater Dies Last Friday

Commissioner Walter Odell Rainwater, 54, prominent carpenter, Gap and Sinclair communities farmer, died at 4 p. m. last Friday of a heart attack while sitting in his pickup truck in front of an Anson garage. He was dead on arrival at Anson General Hospital.

He moved with his parents to Jones County at the age of 7, was active as a farmer, and had held the office of county commissioner of Precinct No. 4. He was a member of the Baptist Church.

He was born Feb. 27, 1900, dying the day before his birthday. He was married to Bessie McLaran on June 5, 1921.

Funeral was held at 2:30 p. m. Sunday at the First Baptist Church in Anson. Rev. J. N. Easterwood, pastor, officiated. Burial was in Mount Hope Cemetery in Anson.

Commissioner Rainwater is survived by his wife; a daughter, Mrs. Jimmie Sue Thompson, Anson; a grandson, Joe Mac Thompson.

DOLLAR DAY NOTE

As next week's issue of The Mail will carry Dollar Day ads the merchants are kindly requested to have their copy ready early.

Mark Williamson call at Queen Theatre box office on or before play date for free pass to see "Appointment in Honduras" March 14-15.—Adv.

Merkel 20 Years Ago

TAKEN FROM THE 1934 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL

TO CLOSE 6 P. M.

Store hours agreed upon this week by the merchants of Merkel provide that beginning Monday, March 12, they will open at 7 a. m. and close at 6 p. m. on week days and on Saturdays open at 7 a. m. and close at 9 p. m., the customary hours in the summer season.

TO TAKE SCHOOL CENSUS

Carl Black is during the month of March taking the census for the Merkel Independent School District. He and the board are anxious to have the cooperation of the public in seeing that every child within school age is enumerated. Supt. Burgess suggests that if any child is missed that someone notify him.

RABBIT DRIVE IS SET

A rabbit drive, with the usual features of a barbecue dinner for everybody at the noon hour, is announced for Comere on Thursday of next week, March 1. Lee Stanley who is in charge of arrangements, emphasized that "all guns must be unloaded before coming on school grounds."

BENEFIT PLAY FOR SCOUTS

"The Man From Nowhere", a three-act comedy, the proceeds of which are to go to the two local Boy Scout troops, will be staged at the Cozy Theatre on Thursday, March 22. Produced by J. Parker Sharp, the cast includes Misses Missie Dye, Vera Ritchie, Mary

This Happened in Merkel Forty Years Ago

TAKEN FROM THE 1914 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Mann of Sweetwater were here last week visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Mann.

Mrs. Jno. G. Jackson and Misses Mabel Collins and Zora Coggin were in Abilene Saturday.

Steve Duckett, who has been in Dallas since his departure from this city, returned home the first part of the week for a visit with his parents.

Mrs. Sam Newberry left Saturday for Waco after spending the past two weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Young.

Collins, Estelle Terry, Mrs. Lola Sheppard, Storty Bird, Spence Bird, Tom Allday and Comer Patterson. Betty Lou Grimes has promised a speciality.

GREYHOUND RACES SUNDAY

Greyhounds will race next Sunday afternoon at the Abilene Racing course. There will be plenty of Kansas rabbits.

LARGENTS SHIP HEREFORDS

To be ready for the opening of the Ft. Worth Fat Stock Show Friday night, Willie Joe Largent left Tuesday for Cowntown. A car of the Largent's Herefords was shipped from here Monday, to be joined at Ft. Worth by those exhibited at the Houston Stock Show.

RECORD BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Will Smith a boy March 2, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Winter a boy March 3.

MERKEL GIRL WINS

Miss Frances Marie Church, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Church, won in the mathematics contest at McMurry College and will represent that college in competition with the different colleges of the state.

MOTHER DIES

R. L. Adcock was informed by long distance telephone Wednesday night of the death of Mrs. Adcock's mother, Mrs. A. A. Williamson, at 9 p. m. Wednesday at Menard.

Miss Armintha Wheeler of Noodle visited friends here last week.

Mrs. E. L. Swafford returned to her home at Abilene Saturday after spending several days with Mr. and Mrs. S. H. L. Swafford.

Mrs. Beatrice Dingle of Trent visited here Saturday.

Mrs. Geo. L. Miller entertained two tables of "500" at her home on Elm Street Monday evening. The players were: Mrs. E. M. Rust, Mrs. J. W. Daniels, Miss Genevieve Rust, Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Anderson, and Mrs. Leighty and Dr. Geo. L. Miller.

"Nig" Rainwater Is Announcing For Commissioner

J. C. (Nig) Rainwater has authorized the Merkel Mail to announce his candidacy for the office of commissioner of Precinct No. 4 in Jones County as follows:

Since the County judge has called a special election to fill the office of commissioner of this precinct, I am announcing my candidacy for the office of commissioner of Precinct No. 4 of Jones County. In asking for the job of commissioner, I do with a keen appreciation of the responsibilities of the office.

It will be my policy to attend to the affairs of the office with utmost attention to detail and at all times to guard against making an error that might reflect against the property or personal rights of any individual.

I have been a resident of the precinct for 47 years, also a voter and taxpayer for 27 years of the precinct. Most of the citizens of the precinct know my background and standing in the community.

The business experience I have had through the years qualify me for the office. I realize there are other duties of a commissioner than road overseer. One big job is seeing after the financial affairs of the county and precinct.

If you elect me your commissioner, I will carry on the affairs of the office in a business like manner and will be ready to help any one at any time.

It is my intention to see each of you personally before the election, but please consider this a personal solicitation of your vote and influence for the position of commissioner of Precinct No. 4.

Thank you, J. C. (Nig) Rainwater.

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SOCIETY

ROBERT WAYNE SLEDGE MARRIES JOHNITA GRIFFITH
Johnita Griffith of Forsan and Robert Wayne Sledge were married Feb. 20 at the home of the Rev. J. Melvin Ray in Carlsbad, New

Mexico. Rev. Ray, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Carlsbad, officiated at the double ring ceremony.
Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Duncan of Big Spring were the attendants. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Griffith of Forsan. She graduated from Forsan High School and Howard County Junior College.
The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Sledge. He is a graduate of Merkel High School and attend-

ed John Tarleton State and Cisco Junior College. He has served three years in the Air Force. The past two years he has been stationed at Webb Air Force Base, Big Spring.
After a short wedding trip to El Paso and Old Mexico they will live at 700 Bell Street, Big Spring.

VERNELL McLEAN MARRIES T. H. RUSSOM FEBRUARY 18

The Calvary Baptist Church was the scene of the wedding of Vernell McLean to T. H. Russom on Feb. 18 with Rev. George Epperson, the pastor, performing the double ring ceremony.
The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar McLean and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Russom.
The cousin of the bride from Sweetwater was maid of honor and Dwayne Maserong of Abernathy cousin of the groom, was best man.
The bride wore a white faille dress. Her corsage was white gardenias. The bride is a graduate of Merkel High School. The groom is employed by the Humble Service Station in Odessa.
After a short trip they will make their home in Odessa.

ABILENE WOMAN TEACHES AT TYE BAPTIST UNION

Mrs. J. W. Wallace of Abilene and a member of the Temple Baptist church taught the mission book "Let's Listen" to the Tye Baptist Women's Missionary Union. Mrs. Temple Lewis presided in the absence of the WMU president Mrs. Bill Mauldin.

MR. MRS. ROBERT MURRAH HOLD FAMILY REUNION

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Murrah held a family reunion at their home, 212 El Paso, Sunday. The children who attended were: Mrs. Lois Boyd and son of Houston, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Morris and son of Cleburne, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Mitchell and children of Ft. Worth, Mrs. L. B. Spradlin and children of Amarillo and Mrs. Floyd Spradlin of Borger. Also her brother, R. N. Mosier, and Mrs. Mosier were present.

RETIRED MISSIONARY TALKS ON HER WORK IN CHINA

Miss Blanche Rose Walker of Dallas was an honoree at a delicious covered dish luncheon in the home of Mrs. J. S. Swann at 10 a. m., Tuesday of last week. In the afternoon Miss Walker, a retired missionary from China after 32 years of work, gave an interesting talk on "Prayer" and her work in China on Bible truth. There were 27 present.

CAROLYN DENMAN HONORED WITH BIRTHDAY PARTY

Mrs. W. S. Townzen of 408 Edward Street honored Carolyn Denman with a party on Tuesday of last week on her 12th birthday. Carolyn received some nice gifts.
Those present were: Mrs. Harvey W. Townzen, Janet Thomas, Elma Townzen, Mrs. Birdie Pippin, Dora Pippin, Miss Billie Denman, Geraldine Pippin.

Refreshments of cold orange juice, cake, cookies, pop cornballs and Boston cream candy were served.

"KITCHEN STORAGE" DEMONSTRATED AT STITH

The Stith Home Demonstration Club met Wednesday Feb. 24, in the home of Mrs. M. E. West. The business session was conducted by the president, Mrs. C. R. Rogers. Roll call was answered with a description of "First Hat You Remember Owning."

The council report was made by Mrs. F. J. McDonald, Jr. Reports of committees included the program chairman's report that Mrs. Bill Dunagin, who was a visitor that day, would give a ceramic demonstration soon. Mrs. Dunagin displayed some of her lovely work for the club to admire and discuss. She also will demonstrate the making of wood fiber flowers.
The recreation chairman report-

ed that the bad dust storm of last Friday greatly interfered with the "Game Night" social and not many families were present.

Miss Jimmie Lou Wainscott, home demonstration leader, presented the program for the afternoon on "Organization of Kitchen Storage." Introducing the movable shelves for kitchen cabinets and the vertical shelves for cake tins and pie plates, etc., the demonstration proved helpful and interesting.

Refreshments of cherry pie and spiced tea were served to 14 members and four visitors. The hostess gift was awarded to Mrs. J. H. F. Jones. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Janes on March 10 and members are reminded to bring material for making cork ties and ear rings.

HAWAIIAN PROGRAM FEATURED AT BLUE BONNET

The Blue Bonnet Home Demonstration Club met Feb. 16 in the home of Mrs. Dewel McLean for a study of Hawaii. The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii sent the program chairman, Mrs. Frank Brnovak, posters, pictures, maps and interesting material.
Mesdames Leroy Riney, R. G. Toombs and Frase Demere presented the Hawaiian program.
The president, Mrs. Allen D. King, presided. Mrs. Riney led the group singing, after which the woman's collect was given. Roll call was answered with "A Foreign Country I Would Like to Visit."
Mrs. Ford Butman was elected as candidate to T. H. D. A. in San Angelo. The club plans to sponsor the Trent 4-H Club Achievement Day contest soon.

Mrs. Brnovak very aptly demonstrated chair upholstery, showing all stages in completely covering the chair from start to finish.

Delicious refreshments were served to visitors, Mesdames A. B. Toombs, John Oliver, Jake Rhodes, R. L. McLean, eight members and one child. The next meeting was to be March 2 with Mrs. James Butman.

CONTROLLING INSECTS

A new Agricultural Extension Service publication, C-341, Guide For Controlling Insects on Ornamental Plants in Texas, is now available at local county extension agents offices or the Agricultural Information Office, College Station. — A. & M.



Dr. Henry A. Holle, internationally-known public health administrator of New York City with a strong Texas background, has been named state health officer for Texas. He will succeed Dr. George W. Cox whose resignation is effective March 1.
Dr. J. B. Copeland of San Antonio, chairman of the State Board of Health, announced the selection and described Dr. Holle born in Brenham, as "one of the foremost public health administrators in North America."

DOUBLE FORAGE YIELDS

Doubled forage yields from pastures and meadows do result when fertilizers and good management practices are used. Soils deficient in vital plant food nutrients produce forage low in essential minerals. — A. & M.



That's the income tax deadline so remember the date... and don't wait until the last minute to complete your returns. If you paid by check in 1953, you'll find it's simpler to classify deductible items from check stub records. And if tax payment times causes a big "money" problem for you, why not stop in and let's see what we can do to help you over the "hump." We always welcome sound loans.

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Morelle McCoy Elected Officer Of Tex. U. Council

Morelle McCoy, University of Texas student, is the new secretary of the Inter-Co-op Council, governing body for all independent co-operative housing units. Miss McCoy, a senior majoring in home economics, is a member of Theodorine Co-op and is vice-president of the Home Economics Club.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McCoy.

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CORKY UNCORKS A TWO-POINTER — Merkel's Corky Cox goes high into the air to sink a layup shot, cutting Ranger's lead to 22-17 late in the second quarter of the Class A regional playoff game. Merkel won the tilt, 47-46, when Cox dropped a free throw after the final buzzer had sounded. Ranger's Dan Mitchell (80) is shown trying to block the shot to no avail. Looking on from behind are Scott Forny (10) of Ranger and Merkel's Jerry Cunningham.

Washington

"As It Looks From Here"

OMAR BURLISON
Congressman
17th District



A strong proposal is before the tax-writing committee of the Congress to increase the personal exemption on income taxes from \$600 to \$700. Thus far, the majority of the committee have turned it down. Such an increase is estimated to lower federal income by approximately two billion dollars.

As a matter of fact, an increase in the personal exemption would mean more to those with modest incomes than any reduction in the rate which could be passed in the Congress. The amount saved those with lower incomes would increase the purchasing power of the nation, and certainly this would be good for business.

Also, a motion was made in the Ways and Means Committee, which handles the tax laws, to put a ceiling of 10 percent on all excise taxes. The Committee Chairman ruled the amendment to be out of order. There will be proposals for adjustment of excise taxes, but it remains to be seen what they will be.

Republican Senators Williams of Delaware and Aiken of Vermont have introduced legislation to cut oil and gas depletion allowances from 27½ percent to 15 percent. The committee of the House of Representatives handling these matters left it alone, but a fight may be made to lower the allowance when the tax bill reaches the Senate.

Many people not familiar with the oil and gas industry, which includes many members of Congress, simply do not understand how vital the 27½ percent depletion allowance is to the industry. It is the only thing which has kept the small independent producer in business, and he is responsible for about 85 percent of all oil discoveries.

On Tuesday of last week my colleague Congressman George Mahon introduced an amendment to a supplemental appropriation bill providing for a 30-million-dollar loan increase for the Farmers Home Administration. The amendment was defeated. This means that the lending power of the FHA may be rather tight.

Like all other things, there may be some mistakes in individual cases, but, all in all, the FHA has done one of the finest jobs of any governmental program in existence. It has saved a lot of farmers from ruin and has put them back on the road to successful operations without cost to the taxpayer. The over-all record of this agency is one of great accomplishment.

Loose talk and irresponsible statements are very old products in Washington, but in the midst of it I am often reminded of the old saying — "As hard as it is to say something, it's often harder to say nothing."

LIFE SENTENCES

The warden of a prison was escorting a party of visitors through the institution. They passed a room where 2 women were sewing. "My, what hard-looking women," said one of the visitors. "What are they in for?"

With ice in his voice the warden replied: "They are here because they have no other home. This is our private living room and these are my wife and mother-in-law."

NEWS ABOUT TOWN

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Morris and girls of Wichita Falls were weekend guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Boden, Sr., and her sister, Mrs. Earl Baze, and Mr. Baze.

Mr. and Mrs. Clovis Chestman of Odessa visited in the home of Mrs. Marie Leverich Sunday.

Visitors Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Adcock were Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Adcock, Jr., and family, Patsy Watson, Milton Harshaw, David Holmes, all of Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Betterton and family of Midland.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Baze of Idalou were visitors over the weekend of his brother, Earl Baze, and Mrs. Baze.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Renfro of Odessa spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Renfro.

W. J. Patterson and niece, Marilyn Liles, were in Rochester, Wednesday evening of last week and heard his brother, Rev. J. V. Patterson, preach at the Methodist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Patterson visited Sunday with her sister, Mrs.

Billie Campbell, and Mr. Campbell in Sweetwater.

Mrs. W. L. Fugat of Abilene, formerly of here, was a visitor in Merkel last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Etzel Hunter and son Carroll of Corpus Christi visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hunter and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nally, last week.

Mr. Bill Cox and Geo. Hunter, both of Lubbock visited his brother, Walter Hunter, and Mrs. Hunter last Thursday.

Mrs. Chas. West was a caller at the Merkel Mail office Monday and renewed her subscription for another year. She has been taking the Merkel Mail since 1901 and has lived here in Merkel 54 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Chancey and daughter Gay of Temple visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Chancey, last weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Smith of Denton visited with Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Earthman last Friday afternoon while en route to Odessa to visit their son and wife who are teachers in the Odessa schools. Mrs. Smith was a pupil of Mrs. Earthman 40 years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Thomas were in San Antonio Sunday to visit their son, Airman Roy Thomas, at Lackland Field.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bullock were in Dallas Monday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Paine spent last week in Ada, Okla., with Mr. and Mrs. Dale West, Mr. Paine is Mrs. West's brother and Mrs. Paine is Mr. West's sister.

Mrs. Betty Lackey of Ballinger visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Truett Thompson.

Mrs. C. E. Rust went to Odessa last week to see her mother, Mrs. M. W. Kail, who is very ill.

Mrs. H. B. Leeton of Odessa was a weekend guest of her sisters, Mrs. Myrtle Wozencraft, Mrs. Bell Kimbrough and Mrs. Nate Wood.

ATTEND OPERA CONCERT

Among those from here who attended the concert of Bidau Sayao famed operatic soprano, at McMurry College Friday night were Dr. and Mrs. C. B. Gardner, Mrs. Homer Patterson, Mrs. Ernest Joyce and Editor and Mrs. Hy White.

William Jennings Bryan was known as the "silver-tongued orator".

Clark E. Stutley Is on Honor Roll At Texas Tech

Clark E. Stutley, a sophomore at Texas Tech, was among the 270 students who made the honor roll, for the fall semester. These students are the upper five per cent of Tech's 5,418 students in the fall who made at least 2.47 grade-point average.

Clark's grade point was 2.56, higher than the average. He is in the Arts and Sciences division.

SPANIARD HAS OWN METHOD

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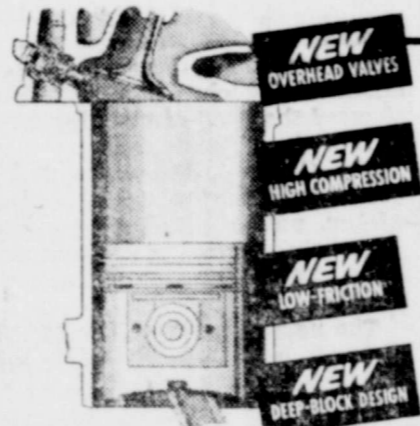
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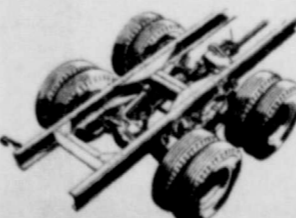


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The Merkel High School has decided to play baseball instead of track. Four schools will be in the conference: Merkel, Rotan, Roby and Colorado City. The season will open here Tuesday, April 13, with merkel playing Colorado City.

YOUR SENATOR REPORTS

By LYNDON B. JOHNSON

Tax Relief? Senator George of Georgia has proposed increasing personal income tax exemption from the present \$600 a year to \$800 this year and \$1,000 next year.

For a married man with two children, this would mean additional personal exemptions this year of \$800 for his family. The income tax rate is roughly 20 per cent. Under Senator George's proposal, the man's 1954 income tax would be reduced by \$160. Next year's saving would be \$320.

Senator George feels his plan is the proper approach to head off a serious downturn in the economy. President Eisenhower has indicated that if employment does not rise in March, it will be a signal for the Government to take steps.

Manpower Saving: When I was serving as chairman of the Senate Preparedness Committee, I brought to light many instances of waste of military manpower.

The Defense Department has just announced, after a review of manpower needs, that about 180,000 military jobs previously authorized have been eliminated. The review eliminated 69,000 personnel and permitted the reassignment of 91,000 personnel from non-combat to combat jobs.

NEWS ABOUT TOWN

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. McElmurray returned home last Tuesday from a two months' vacation trip in Florida. They visited their daughter, Mrs. Russell Snow, and family at Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., also Miami, Key West and did some deep sea fishing while there. On their return trip home they stopped off at New Orleans and attended the Mardi Gras and other points of interest. They spent a week just sightseeing. The McElmurrays left Sunday for Dallas and will return home this weekend.

Mrs. Vera Clark of Wichita Falls and R. V. Clark of Abilene were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. White Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Stevens and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Sandusky, Sr., have just returned from a visit with Elmer Lee Sandusky of Ft. Bliss and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Latimer and girls of Bowie, Ariz. They also visited with the Boyd brothers and Paul Collins of Wilcox, Ariz. Elmer Lee will be through basic training in three weeks and will get a leave home.

Allen D. King, Jr., a student at Texas Tech, was home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen D. King, Ida May, Buddy and Sue for the weekend. He also attended the Taylor County Fat Stock Show where he assisted a number of boys and girls with the showing of their sheep.

Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Holder, Raymond and Jerry of Tulsa, Okla., were recent visitors with Mrs. Holder's mother, Mrs. O. W. Reed, sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Allen D. King, other relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Miller visited in Edgewood over the weekend with her mother, Mrs. W. F. Hooks.

Mr. and Mrs. Mason Pee and his daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Nunn, were Sunday visitors of his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Pee.

O. R. Carey and family of Post visited his mother, Mrs. Mary Carey, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Doan of Abilene visited their daughter, Mrs. Otis Moore, and family, also Mr. and Mrs. Sammy Doan and family Sunday.

Leroy Benningsfield, Joe Ann Watson and Bobby Winham accompanied Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Thomas on their trip to San Antonio Sunday.

Mrs. Ray Harrison and Mrs. W. S. Townzen just returned from Pilot Point where they attended the funeral of Mrs. Townzen's mother and Mrs. Harrison's grandmother, Mrs. W. H. Aaron.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Castles of Lubbock and Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Castles of Houston spent the weekend in the home of the J. O. Castles.

Nolan Palmer and Isadore Melinger were in Dallas over the weekend on business.

Visitors in the home of O. J. Adcock last week during the Abilene Christian College lectures were Minister Hood Wilkins and his wife of the Oaklawn Church of Christ in Ft. Worth. Mrs. Freda Williamson of Sweetwater was a visitor Tuesday.

LYDIA CLASS MEETS WITH MRS. J. O. ARMSTRONG

The Lydia Class of the First Baptist Church met in the home of Mrs. J. O. Armstrong, President. Mrs. P. F. Harrison gave the devotional. After roll call and a short business meeting Mrs. T. E. Collins closed the meeting with a prayer.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. J. O. Castles April 6. Refreshments were served to six members.

MRS. TWYMAN COLLINS IS HOSTESS TO GARDEN CLUB

The Merkel Garden Club met Thursday afternoon, Feb. 18, in

the home of Mrs. Twyman Collins. Roll call was answered with "My most helpful garden tool." Mrs. Jack Miller discussed "Garden Accessories." Mrs. John Hughes spoke on "House Plants." Mrs. Tye Sublett and Miss Christene Collins made arrangements featuring all foliage.

Refreshments of cherry pie, coffee, and mints were served to 16 members and one guest.

GRANDDAUGHTER IS MARRIED IN LOS ALAMOS, N. MEX.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles William Sanford, Jr., are now at home in Las Cruces, New Mexico, where they are attending N. M. A. and M. College. The bride is the former Dale Allen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pick Allen of Los Alamos, N. Mexico, and granddaughter of Mrs. H. P. Allen and Mr. and Mrs. Joe K. Higgins.

Charles Sanford is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sanford, Sr., of Santa Rosa, New Mexico. Rev. Grady Peters of San Angelo conducted the double ring ceremony at the First Baptist Church of Los Alamos, New Mexico, January 29.

LOTTIE BUTMAN IS HOSTESS TO MERKEL H. D. CLUB

The Merkel Home Demonstration Club met Feb. 26 in the home of Lottie Butman.

Mrs. John Hughes presided. The woman's collect was read. Roll call was answered by telling of "What country you would like to visit." Minutes were read and menu planned for the Lions Club.

Mrs. B. W. Foster of Elmdale Home Demonstration Club brought a copper planter box that she made at an instruction class given by Loreta Allen, which she will use to instruct the ladies of the Merkel Club at their all-day meeting March 26 at the Community Center.

A refreshment plate was enjoyed by the members: Mesdames J. Ben Campbell, John Hughes, L. P. Lyles, John Bryan, Boyd Scott, hostess, Lottie Butman and Mrs. Foster.

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

The Goodman Home Demonstration Club met last Friday in the home of Mrs. F. F. Carter. The president, Mrs. Jenning Winter, presided. Mrs. G. C. Blair, recreation chairman, directed two games. One was a quiz game and the answers were the names of fish.

Mrs. Cal McAninch, secretary, called the roll and the members answered with a garden hint. The minutes were approved.

Mrs. Karl Bonneaux gave the council report. She told of the exchange of programs with other clubs. The club approved this.

The delegates to the District 3 meeting at Seymour March 24 will be Mrs. F. F. Carter of the Goodman Club, Mrs. Noel Weaver of Hamlin and Mrs. Joe Balcum of Anson. There is to be a recreation school in Anson March 5 and 6.

Miss Jimmie Lou Wainscott, the home demonstration agent, gave a very interesting program and demonstrated "Kitchen Storage." She stressed the need of planning cabinets before building them.

Mrs. Carter passed a very delicious refreshment plate of sandwiches, potato chips, cookies and iced drinks to Miss Wainscott, Sally and Shirley Carter and nine members.

The next meeting will be March 12 in the home of Mrs. H. J. Jordan and the program will be on "Cancer."

KITCHEN STORAGE STRESSED AT COMPERE H. D. CLUB

The Compere Home Demonstration Club met Feb. 25 in Mrs. I. B. Ray's home for its regular meeting. Mrs. Adkins led the group in singing and the club prayer was given in unison, led by Mrs. Ramsey.

Mrs. Walter Kelso, president, had charge of the business session. Roll call was answered with "The First Hat I Remember Having." Minutes were approved. Mrs. Ray gave the council report.

The club unanimously elected Mrs. Walter Kelso as civil defense chairman. The club recreation leaders will attend the recreation school to be taught at the Anson Ward School March 4-5 at 7 o'clock.

The club will pay 100 per cent THDA funds. Members voted in favor of carrying a program to some other club in the county during the year, then another club will bring a program to it. The club voted to contribute to the magazine fund for the Anson Hospital.

Each member was urged to visit her school during "Public Schools Week," even though she does not have children in school.

Miss Jimmie Lov Wainscott, the county agent, gave a very helpful demonstration on "Organization of Kitchen Storage." She stressed utilizing all storage space and storing like things together to save time, labor and tempers.

Miss Hodge, the district agent, honored the club with her presence. She too gave some very interesting and instructive suggestions concerning kitchen storage.

The meeting adjourned and Miss Wainscott had charge of the club's auction sale. The sale brought \$12.62. Mrs. Ray served refresh-

ments to three visitors, Miss Hodge, Miss Wainscott and Mrs. Todd, and nine members. The next meeting will be March 11 in Mrs. W. D. Ramsey's home.

DAUGHTER HAS SURGERY

Mrs. Gertie Pee and daughter, Mrs. C. W. Guthrie of Big Spring and Mrs. Denzel Cox returned Tuesday from Dallas where they went to be with Mrs. Hallie Burden another daughter, who underwent major surgery on Friday. Mrs. Burden's condition was fair.

TO ATTEND CLINIC

Coach Carroll Benson plans to attend the fourth annual Texas Tech Coaching Clinic March 12 and 13.

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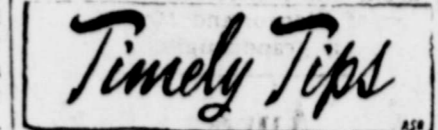
T/Sgt. Charles L. Sands, recruiting sergeant for the 87th Special Infantry Company, U. S. Marine Corps Reserve, Abilene, visited Merkel Tuesday to talk with students and ex-marines about the Marine Corps Reserve. Sgt. Sand will be in Merkel on March 30 and can be contacted between the hours of 9 and 10 at the Post Office.

IS DOWNTOWN SATURDAY

L. B. Renfro who has been ill at home was downtown Saturday.

MRS. BONNIE PERKINS AT TELEPHONE COOP.

Mrs. Bonnie Perkins of Abilene is the new bookkeeper at the Merkel Telephone Cooperative.



It's a wise homemaker who knows the tricks of her trade. Here are a few to add to your collection and help make your chores easier for you.

Separating egg whites from yolks can be done in a jiffy. Just break the egg in a small funnel. The whites will go through... the yolks won't.

Before scalding milk, wipe the bottom and sides of the pan with butter. The milk won't scorch and the pan will be easier to clean.

A folded damp cloth placed under a mixing bowl keeps it from slipping and speeds mixing.

To soften butter quickly, heat an earthenware bowl by filling it with boiling water, then empty it and place it upside down over the butter.

To banish that horrid onion aroma from your hands, rub them with vinegar.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Admissions to the Sadler Hospital the past week were:

As medical patients — Mrs. V. A. Limer, C. C. Boyd, Clesby Patterson, Scott Morris, Mrs. A. B. Parham, A. J. Wright, Mrs. Doc Calloway, Mrs. Ophelia J. Harrison, Mrs. P. R. Savell, Ralph Russell.

For surgery — Carolyn Hanson, Mike Perry, Linda Kay Richey, Julia Largent, Paul Carson, all tonsillectomy, Royce Eiland.

UNION RIDGE TO MEET

The Union Ridge Home Demonstration Club will meet Friday, March 5, with Mrs. O. E. Harwell. All members are urged to come.

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Mrs. H. H. Toombs Succumbs Monday

Mrs. H. H. Toombs, 69, resident of Abilene for 11 years, died Monday at 1:50 a. m. in Hendrick Memorial Hospital after suffering a heart attack at her home, 328 Peach St., Sunday evening.

Mrs. Toombs was born Oct. 10, 1884, in Arkansas, and had lived in Abilene since moving here from Merkel 11 years ago.

She was a member of the Highland Church of Christ.

Survivors include her husband, two daughters, Mrs. Cecil Justice of Arlington and Mrs. Byron Patterson of Greenville; two stepdaughters, Mrs. Eua Pogue of Snyder and Mrs. Pauline Epps of Abilene; two stepsons, Cullen Toombs of Fluvanna and Bud Toombs of Merkel; four grandchildren: one brother, Ross Cochran of Abilene; and one sister, Mrs. Fay Cox of Branson, Mo.

Funeral services were held Tuesday with E. R. Harper, minister of the Highland church officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

S. G. Tipton, 92, Oldest Democrat

S. G. Tipton, 92, is the oldest long-time Democrat in Taylor County. He was one of three from Taylor County to be honored at the Jefferson-Jackson dinner.

Mr. Tipton has been voting a straight Democrat ticket for 71 years — a span from the outdoor speaking days of Grover Cleveland and William Jennings Bryan to the radio fireside chats of Franklin Roosevelt and TV campaigning of Adlai Stevenson.

Laura Alice Aaron Dies Sunday at Daughter's Home

Mrs. Laura Alice Aaron, 83, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. S. Towzen, Sunday. The funeral will be in Pilot Point and burial at Belew.

She was born in Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 2, 1871, and was married to Harvey W. Aaron May 12, 1889. They had six children.

She is survived by two sons, Claud of Celina, Cecil of Tioga; two daughters, Mrs. Ralph Owens, Aubrey, Mrs. W. S. Towzen; 25 grandchildren, 23 great grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Lizzie Watson of Blanco, and Mrs. Ray Harrison, a granddaughter.

Mrs. Aurora Jones Is Buried Here

Funeral for Mrs. Aurora Jones, 85, long time Merkel resident was held at 10 a. m. Tuesday in the Starbuck Chapel.

Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Mrs. Jones died Sunday night in All Saints Hospital, Fort Worth. She had been visiting in Nevada in Collin County with her 105-year-old mother, Mrs. J. E. Davis.

Born in Nevada on Feb. 20, 1869, Mrs. Jones married G. Jefferson Jones in 1887.

They moved to Merkel in 1907. Mr. Jones died here in 1924.

Survivors are her mother; two daughters, Mrs. T. L. Grimes, Mrs. Ruth Huffman of Fort Worth; two sons, Choc C. Jones of Big Spring, Davis Jones of Dallas; one sister, Miss Beatrice Davis of Nevada.

Scout Troop No. 19 Enjoys Overnight Hike at Elm Creek

The Boy Scout Troop No. 19 enjoyed an overnight hike at Elm Creek on Edgar Davis' Ranch. They left Merkel at 2 p. m. Saturday and returned at 8:30 a. m. Sunday.

Those who went on the trip were Bill Wheeler, Johnnie Martin, Clarence and Owen Gregory, and Explorer Leader John Wheeler.

MISS DENTA GIBSON MOVES TO ABILENE TO BE NEAR SCHOOL

Miss Denta Gibson has moved to Abilene where she is attending X-ray technician school at the Hendrick Memorial Hospital.

Trent High School Is Now Teaching Course in Driving

The Trent High School is teaching a course in driving.

This announcement was made by Supt. Wray B. Williams. The course is open to all high school students. There are 23 enrolled now.

The school has just received the loan of a new dual-control Chevrolet 4-door sedan to be used in the course. It allows for "behind the wheel instruction." The instructor can stop the car any time he wants to and sits on the right side.

Some students have never driven a car before, said Supt. Williams, All expect to get driver's license at the end of the course.

"We appreciate very much the loan of the car from the Badger Chevrolet Company," stated Mr. Williams. "We thank Jack Miller for the use of the car which makes this course possible."

H. Barnett Fire Quickly Put Out By Local Firemen

The Fire Department quickly put out the fire at the Harry Barnett home Saturday morning.

A water heater caused the fire. The heater and the closet in which it was confined were damaged.

Crowd Attends Cooking School Put on by W. T. U.

A good crowd attended the cooking school put on by the West Texas Utilities Company on Thursday afternoon of last week at the Community Center.

The cooking of food by electricity was demonstrated and new electrical equipment was displayed. A new feature was the showing of stoves in pastel yellow and refrigerators in pastel blue.

Those who won prizes were: Mrs. R. L. Hav, mixing bowl; Mrs. Harry Barnett, mixing bowl; Imogene Thomas, ham; Mrs. Sallie Gant, fried chicken; Lonecity Teaff tuna rice salad; Elsie Ward, salad; Mrs. Geta Williamson, Sunbeam Iron.

Mrs. A. H. Murphy, steak; Mrs. W. W. Toombs, percolator; Mrs. Ford Smith, Jr., mixing bowl; Mrs. John B. Winn, pie; R. B. Robbins, Telechrome clock; Lorene Horton, cake; Mrs. Odie Bagby, cheese rails.

1,000 CHICKS GIVEN AWAY AT PATTERSON GRAIN LAST WEEK

The Patterson Grain gave away 1,000 chickens on Wednesday of last week. More folks came after the chickens were all gone but orders were taken and so no one was disappointed, said Clesby Patterson.

"We'll keep getting chickens as long as the demand lasts," remarked Mr. Patterson.

JIMMY WAYNE OLIVER ENDS BOOT TRAINING AT SAN DIEGO, CALIF.

Jimmy Wayne Oliver, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Oliver, completed his Navy boot training Jan. 18 at the San Diego, Calif., training center.

Jimmy is in the radio school at San Diego.

TRUCK VAN BURNS

A truck van loaded with new furniture caught fire and burned about midway between Tye and Merkel on U. S. Highway 80 Monday morning at an estimated loss of between \$4,000 and \$5,000. J. M. McKinley, driver, said he stopped when he discovered the van ablaze and hailed passing motorists who called fire trucks from Abilene and Merkel.

TO REGISTER VEHICLES

Motor vehicle owners may register their cars and trucks at the City Hall Thursday and Friday, March 11 and 12, from 3 a. m. to 5 p. m. when a representative of Tax Collector Raymond Peetree will be here. The car owner should bring his 1953 registration receipt with him.

42nd Anniversary Of Girl Scouting Is Next Week

The Girl Scouts of Merkel will join with more than two million members of the organization throughout the country in celebrating Girl Scout Week, March 7-13, and the 42nd anniversary of Girl Scouting in the United States on March 12.

Theme of the week will be "Know Your Neighbor — Know Your Nation." The seven-day observance will open on Girl Scout Sunday when troop members and leaders will attend their churches in uniform.

Friday will be the 42nd anniversary of the founding of Girl Scouting. It was on this day, in 1912, that the late Juliette Gordon Low organized the first Girl Scout troop in her home city, Savannah, Ga., and started what has become the largest organization of its kind for girls in the world.



By VERN SANFORD
Texas Press Association

Plenty of political friction is coming up between now and election time despite the "harmony" convention of young democrats at Mineral Wells. Any harmony at that meeting resulted from the fact that one faction, the liberals, stayed away.

National and state party leaders called the gathering for the purpose of trying to reorganize the Young Democrats and bring both factions together.

Representatives of both camps were placed on the reorganizing committee. Despite these efforts, however, dissension flared up as a prelude to the Mineral Wells conclave.

On the horizon was a special session of the Legislature, called by Gov. Shivers for the purpose of providing a raise in pay for the public school teachers.

Other objectives of the session were to raise money for needed state buildings, give pay boosts to state employees, and set heavy penalties, including death, for Communists.

Gov. Shivers had what has been described as a compromise plan to up the income of teachers by \$402 per year, and he said he would specify, when the time comes, the tax measure necessary to raise the necessary funds.

When the legislators convene, they will be greeted by an encampment of old people, gathered at Austin to demand more money in the form of pensions.

Jack Ballard of Wichita Falls, president of the Good Citizens League of Texas, announced that between 10,000 and 40,000 old people will camp on the capitol grounds during the special session pending action on their grievances.

Ernest O. Thompson announced that he will be a candidate for another term as railroad commissioner.

Thompson has been serving on the commission since 1932 and has been re-elected ever since that time.

OIL NEWS

A new wildcat for Jones County is Elm Oil Co., Dallas No. 1 F. Carter, having a proposed depth of 6,000 feet with rotary. Location is 10 miles northwest of Merkel.

LEGAL NOTICE

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

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

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS

To: Thomas O. Young and wife, Ruth Young, Defendants, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED 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 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 5th day of April A. D., 1954, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court on the 19 day of January A. D., 1954, in this cause, numbered 7429-B on the docket of said court and styled ALLEN - PARKER COMPANY, Plaintiff, vs. Thomas O. Young et al, Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Sequestration suit on note and to foreclose chattel mortgage on 1932 model Chevrolet 4-door Sedan, Motor No. KAAJ599542. Plaintiff sues for \$1,556.33 plus interest, attorney's fee and costs of suit as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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

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

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this 19 day of February A. D., 1954.

Attest: J. Neil Daniel, Clerk, 104th District Court Taylor County, Texas
By Jean Teaff, Deputy.
Adv. — Feb. 26, March 5, 12, 19.

Legal Notices

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To: Cromwell B. Bertrand, Defendant, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED 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 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 22nd day of March A. D., 1954, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 3rd day of February A. D., 1954, in this cause, numbered 7435-B on the docket of said court and styled Nellie Gertrude Bertrand, Plaintiff, vs. Cromwell B. Bertrand, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were duly married on Dec. 13, 1952, and lived together until on or about May 22, 1953, at which time they became permanently separated.

Plaintiff alleges that no community property was accumulated and no children were born as issue of this marriage.

Plaintiff prayed for divorce on grounds of harsh and cruel treatment, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this 5th day of February A. D., 1954.

Attest: J. Neil Daniel, Clerk, 104th District Court

Taylor County, Texas
By Irene Crawford, Deputy.
Adv. Feb. 12, 19, 26, March 5.

CLASSIFIED AD SECTION

LODGE CALLS NOTICE MASONS
Stated meeting of Merkel lodge No. 710, A. F. & A. M., Saturday, March 13, at 7:30 p. m. All members are urged to attend. Visiting brethren cordially invited.
A. B. Farham, W. M.
C. B. Rust, Sec'y

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POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS
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For County School Superintendent
CLIVE PIERCE

For Commissioner Precinct No. 2
RUFÉ TITTLE (re-election)

For Justice of Peace Pct. 5
O. W. (DONALD) PAINE

Special Election
Jones County, Com. Pct. No. 4
J. E. TOUCHSTONE
J. C. (Nig) RAINWATER

LEGAL NOTICE
"NOTICE OF ELECTION"

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A SPECIAL ELECTION, TO DETERMINE WHO SHALL BE APPOINTED COMMISSIONER IN AND FOR PRECINCT NUMBER FOUR OF JONES COUNTY, TEXAS, TO FILL THE UN-EXPIRED TERM THAT NOW EXISTS, will be held at the usual voting places in each voting precinct in Commissioners Precinct No. 4 Jones County, Texas, on Saturday, the 27th day of March, 1954. Said polls shall be opened at eight (8 A. M.) o'clock, and close at seven (7 P. M.) o'clock on said date.

If it develops that a run-off election becomes necessary, under the general rules of elections, said run-off election shall be held on Saturday, the 3rd day of April, 1954, in each of the usual voting places, in each voting precinct in Commissioners Precinct No. 4 of Jones County, Texas. Said polls shall be open at 8 A. M. and close at 7 P. M. on said date.

Any person who is legally qualified and desires to be a candidate in the above election, shall file his application in person with the County Clerk of Jones County, Texas, not later than 5 P. M. on the 15th day of March, 1954.

The election judges and clerks heretofore designated by law to hold general and special elections in each of the voting places, hereinabove mentioned, shall hold this election.

All persons who are legally qualified voters of this State, of Jones County, and who are residents of Precinct No. 4 of Jones County, Texas, shall be entitled to vote in said election.

Roger Garrett
County Judge, Jones County, Tex.
Adv. — March 5, 12.

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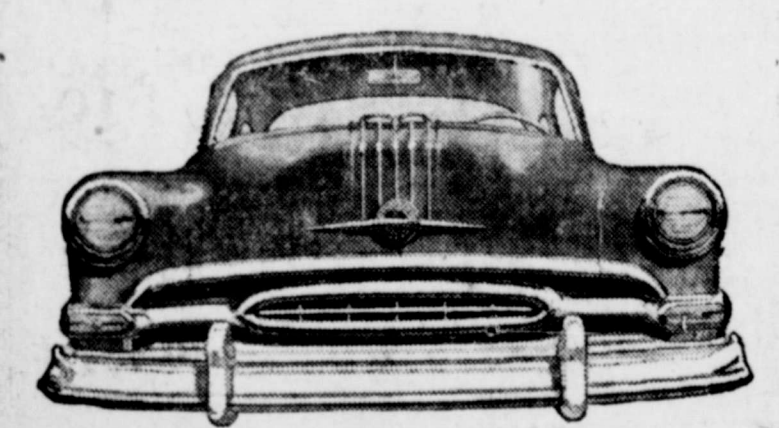
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NEWS

County Home Demonstration Agent Texas A. & M. College Extension Service

By MRS. DENISE LOWRY Assistant H. D. Agent

As Miss Allen had to be out of town, I am "filling in" for her. She was called to Lingleville for the funeral of her uncle, Bill Odom, who died very suddenly.

Runnels County Home Demonstration agent and four of her club members conducted a leader training meeting on planter boxes last week at Pleasant Hill Community Center. The women enjoyed the school very much, and will soon be showing their club members just-how it is done. Myra Tankersley, former Taylor County Home Demonstration Agent and now of San Angelo also attended. We enjoyed having her visit with

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us. Those assisting with the school were Mrs. Obed Fuller and Mrs. Bunn Jefferies, both of Crews, and Mrs. J. L. Ohlhausen and Mrs. Calton Smith of South Ballinger.

We have heard many of the 4-H girls comment on the 4-H Dress Revue, sponsored by Miss Charlotte Ruth Heinzelman of New York. It seems they enjoyed the show very much and went home with a lot of new ideas for their own wardrobes. Some local 4-H Girls, who modeled in the show were Ann Benson, Merkel, Glenda Melton, Merkel, Melda Heatley, Trent, Eva Mattingley, Tye and Norma and Ruby Stephan Tye.

If you are interested in saving money on shoes and how to care for shoes, here are some tips.

The first thing to do is decide what type of shoes you will need and find it in advance of the wearing. Decide what you need, then shop for it. Care begins when you buy. The shoes will retain their good lines, the soles will wear evenly and the heels are not likely to become "run over," if the shoe fits when it is purchased.

Wear socks or hosiery to protect the shoe from perspiration. Keep your shoes on shoe racks, in shoe bags or on shelves away from dust. Watch for signs of wear and have work done on the shoes immediately after seeing signs of "run over" or seam burst. Mud and water ruins the shoe by taking the oil out of the leather.

In using saddle soap for cleaning, make a lather and, apply it with a sponge, rubbing it into the shoe to remove all dust, grease and dirt. Then, with a dry cloth, wipe off the soap. By removing the dirt and grease from the shoe, the leather is kept soft and pliable.

After cleaning the leather, a good shoe cream should be rubbed in. Crumpled paper stuffed in shoes that are drying absorbs some of the moisture and helps to keep them in shape. And remember heat will ruin the leather in shoes, so keep them away from hot stoves.

Last Savage Raid Of Mighty Sioux At Queen Theatre

The grim fury of the last savage raid of the mighty Sioux nation is depicted with surging excitement in Columbia Pictures' "The Nebraskan", new action drama in color by Technicolor at the Queen Theatre Friday and Saturday. A terror-taut film of the great betrayal that bathed the West in blood, "The Nebraskan" has seldom been exceeded for shock-thrills and sheer blood-tingling adventure.

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Long Long Trailer Packed With Fun At Queen Theatre

Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz, whose comedy adventures in the "I Love Lucy" series have made them the most popular and endearing couple in show business, now join forces on the screen in M-G-M's uproaring Anso Color picture, "The Long, Long Trailer," showing at the Queen Theatre, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Arnaz and Miss Ball again are seen as husband and wife, this time as Nick and Tacy Collini, newlyweds who embark on a cross-country honeymoon in a trailer. Their adventures, comic mishaps, semi-tragedies and countless crises as they start out from California to Nick's engineering job in Colorado.

It begins when Tacy decides that, since her husband's job takes him to all part of the country, it would be more efficient and economical to live on wheels. The young couple are soon disillusioned about the economy part when what starts out as \$1,700 investment proves a \$5,345 one, plus extras. But this is only the beginning of the headaches, backaches and heartaches!

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clamation and by the Mayor's Proclamation.

In 1854 the first law was passed establishing the public school. This then is the 100th anniversary of our public schools in Texas.

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And of course, American democracy would be an impossibility without our public schools. There the ground work is laid for an intelligent voter, there the ground work is laid for better understanding, there the ground work is laid for fair play and the rule by the majority with a regard for the rights of the minority.

The public schools are the foundation of our American Way of Life. It is good to remember that on Public Schools Week, on the centennial celebration of our schools. It is good to remember that every day.

Come to the schools this week and see how our American heritage is protected and passed on to our children, the citizens of tomorrow.

ROSE HILL CEMETERY
The last resting place of our beloved evokes many emotions, many memories. It is natural that we should have a regard for the

place that holds the remains of those who have passed on.

Rose Hill Cemetery is a treasury of memories, of emotions. There lie those who have made our civilization possible. Pioneers lie there. Fathers and mothers lie there. Brothers and sisters lie there. When we walk along the paths of the cemetery we think of what they meant to us, what they meant to others, what they mean today to our town.

It is natural that we should want to keep Rose Hill Cemetery in an atmosphere of beauty and contentment and peace. This is made possible by the contributions that are given each year for the maintenance of the cemetery.

This year there has been a lack of funds and an urgent request is being made that more contributions be given. This may be done at the bank, at Bragg's or at The Merkel Mail office.

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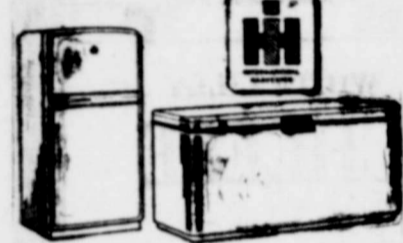
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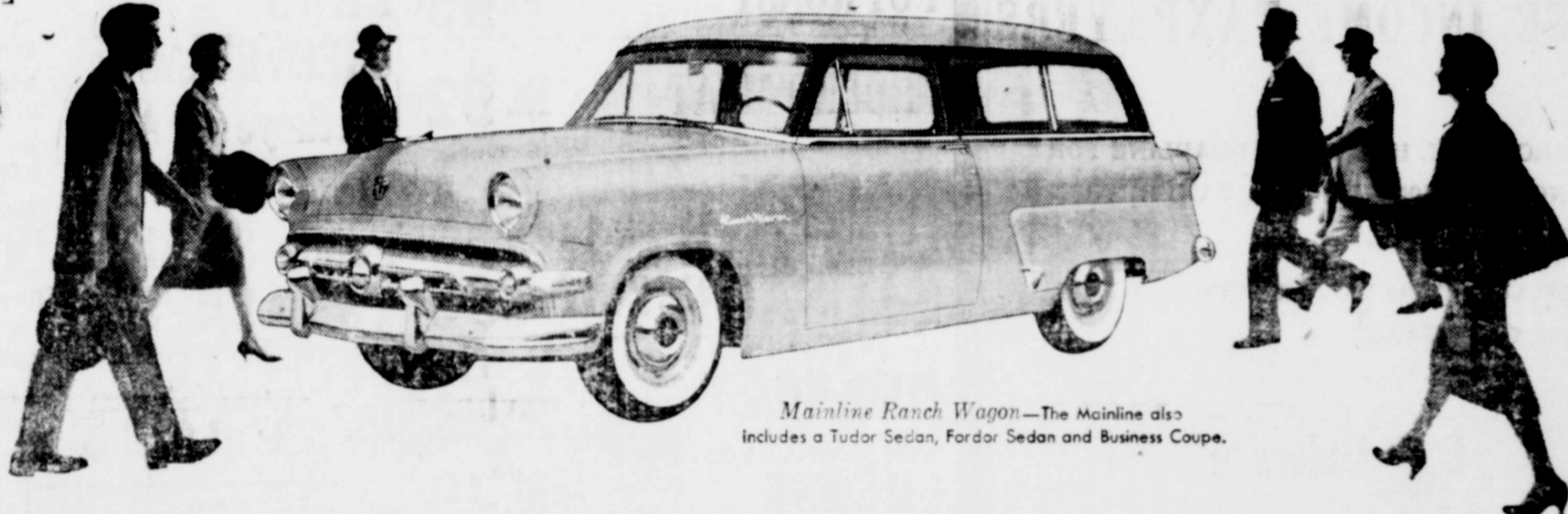
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Mrs. Delmar Hayter from Sweetwater was the speaker. She explained all about the scouting program for girls. Each of the five troops participated in the program.

The second grade Brownie troop told what the nickel dues are used for. The third grade Brownie troop sang a song. The fourth grade Brownie troop told what the dollar that it costs to join Girl Scouts goes for. The fifth grade Intermediate troop gave a skit on why we should contribute to the Area Council.

The older girls from the sixth to the eighth grade told what they had done worth while since they have been scouts.

Miss Jean Oates and Margaret McAdams from Abilene were guests.

Mrs. P. W. Miller was elected neighborhood chairman from Merkel. She is to see that Girl Scouting is carried on in Merkel and to be in charge of the main activities.

About 150 people attended. There was plenty of good food and all enjoyed a fine meal.

MRS. OLLIE SKIDMORE'S SON AND FAMILY RETURN FROM GERMANY

Mrs. Ollie Skidmore of Golan has returned home after a two-month visit with her daughter and family. Mrs. J. M. Harris of Amarillo, and M/Sgt Phil Skidmore and family of Ft. Sill, Okla. Sgt. and Mrs. Skidmore and 4-year-old Linda accompanied his mother home for a weekend visit.

The sergeant and family have recently returned from a 4 1/2 year stay in Germany. Mrs. Skidmore is the former Kay Price of Brownwood.

Herman Carson Builds Modern Trailer Park

Herman Carson has built a modern trailer park at 509 Ash Street. Each unit is modern, having water and sewer connections.

There are eight trailer houses.

About 400 Persons Attend Open House At Floral Shop

About 400 persons attended the open house of the Bill's Garden and Floral Shop Saturday. The people started coming early and continued to arrive all day. Though the open house was to close at 5 p. m. many continued to come until 8 p. m.

Carnations were given to all the ladies. The door prize of a Red Wing Azalea was won by Mrs. E. L. Berry.

LOCAL CHEVROLET MEN ATTEND ZONE MEETING

Jack Miller, Calvin Peterson and Kent Satterwhite attended a zone Chevrolet meeting in Fort Worth last Friday. Mr. Miller also attended a regional meeting in Dallas Saturday.

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Trent Junior Play Is Big Success Last Friday

The play, "Aunt Cathie's Cat," presented last Friday night by the junior class of the Trent High School was a big success in every way. The auditorium was packed and the show was well received.

Everybody knew his part well and did well.

Mrs. Albert Maberry, the director, did a splendid job of keeping

the show running smoothly and speedily to produce the hilarious laughter with which the show was received.

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