

BARGAIN STAMPEDE IS COMING

Three Top Places Won by Merkel In Abilene Show

Merkel placed one champion in the Abilene Fat Stock Show in the district last week and two in the county.

Payton Scott won first in the district with his lamb.

Ronnie Barnett won first in the county with his steer and Jimmy McAninch won first with his lamb.

On Wednesday of last week the auction of the livestock that placed in the show was held at the Abilene Livestock Auction Company. Most of the animals sold at a good price.

Jimmy McAninch showed the champion purebred medium wool Hampshire lamb in the county show and sold for \$1 a pound. The lamb weighed 140 pounds.

Payton Scott showed the champion purebred medium wool lamb (a Shropshire) of the district show. This lamb sold for \$1 a pound and weighed 125 pounds. Payton also showed the first place pen of three Shouthdowns in the district show.

George English showed the reserve champion capon in the county show and sold for \$40 in the sale.

Gary Smith showed the first place pen of three light weight capons in the county show and sold for 50 cents a pound. A price of 50 cents a pound was paid for all capons brought to the show regardless of whether or not they won places in the show.

Jimmy Neill sold a lamb for 33 1/2 cents a pound.

Jerry Miller sold one lamb for

33 cents a pound. These two lambs were purchased by Charles Curb, Merkel Gulf Oil distributor.

Ronnie Barnett won the champion dry lot heavy weight steer in the county show and sold for 80 cents a pound. The steer weighed 1,035 pounds.

Taylor Electric Cooperative paid 40 cents a pound for a 1,000-pound steer shown by Jimmy Russell. Roy Largent paid 36 cents a pound for a 925-pound steer shown by Jacky McAninch. Bobby Mayfield sold his 850-pound steer for 33 cents a pound.

The Merkel F. F. A. boys extend special thanks to Charles Curb, Taylor Electric Cooperative and Roy Largent for their support in the purchase of their livestock.

Chester Collinsworth is vocational agriculture teacher and advisor of the F. F. A. boys here.

Gospel Meetings To Be Held at Church of Christ

A series of gospel meetings will be held at the Church of Christ. Next Sunday, Roy E. Gully, local minister, will begin the series and on Monday Fred Custis, minister of Haskell, will be here to begin his part of the meetings, which will extend through March 24.

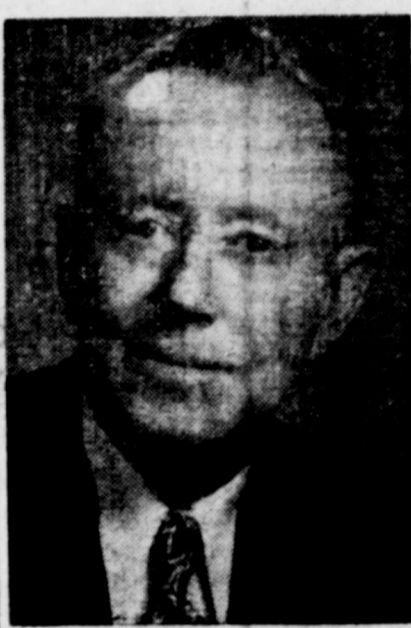
The meetings will start each evening at 7:30 p. m.

"Minister Custis is a popular preacher and has been preaching in this area for a long time," said Mr. Gully. "He is a very good speaker, forceful and challenging."

The public is invited.

EXPRESS HEIFER, BULL

W. J. Largent and Son put a show heifer in a crate, put it in a baggage car and expressed it to Oranburg, South Carolina, last week. This week they sent a 1,000-pound bull by express to Great Falls, Montana.



SENATOR HARLEY SADLER

Harley Sadler Is Announcing For Re-election

Senator Harley Sadler has authorized The Merkel Mail to announce his candidacy for the office of state senator and made the following statement:

In announcing that I will seek re-election for my first full term as state senator from the 24th Senatorial District, subject to the Democratic Primary election to be held July 24 this year, it might be stated that all of the 31 members of the Texas Senate were elected in 1952 for full four year terms. But because of the senatorial re-districting measure passed by the legislature in 1951, it is now necessary that 15 state senators be re-elected this year for a full four-year term as our constitution provides that 15 members of the senate shall be elected at one regular election year (to serve for four years) and the other 16 are up for re-election two years hence.

At the regular session in 1953, by senate resolution, the 31 members drew to determine which would serve two or four years. I was one of the 15 members that drew a two-year term, hence my announcement for re-election this year.

I don't feel that a long announcement is necessary as most of the voters and residents of this district know that I have served eight years in the house of representatives and am now serving a two-year term in the senate.

During my 10 years service in our state legislature I don't think you will find any member of either house that has had a more perfect attendance record, both on the floor and in committee hearings. I have served on major committees in both house and senate. I believe our state department heads, as well as my colleagues in the legislature, will agree that I have rendered conscientious and honest service to the best of my ability.

I have successfully handled much legislation for our various state departments and have sponsored and co-sponsored many measures that were in the interest of the district I represented.

Firstly, I have tried to serve the district from which I was elected; secondly, I have tried to render service to all Texas, more especially West Texas.

If you, the voters, feel that I am worthy of re-election and can see fit to support me during the coming primary, I will promise you that I will show my appreciation by trying to serve all in a fair and efficient manner. I am grateful to you for the past honors that I have received at your hands.

I feel that I owe much, not only to the people of the 24th Senatorial District but to all West Texas. Anything that you can do to help me in the coming election will be appreciated. I am

Gratefully yours,
HARLEY SADLER

RELATIVE DIES

Mrs. Julia Lawson left Monday for Phoenix, Ariz., to attend the funeral Tuesday of her brother-in-law, Virgil Hall.

Prices Are Cut Terrifically Low For Dollar Day

Stampe! That is the one-word picture of the terrific bargains to be offered next Tuesday, March 16, Merkel's 22nd Dollar Day. More stores are listing more bargains and better bargains than ever before.

New York and Washington, D. C., had their stampede when merchants offered bargains at unheard of low prices on Washington's birthday. Merkel merchants are doing the same on Dollar Day.

Grocery bargains listed in this issue mean tremendous savings to all the housewives.

Department stores are offering

seasonable, spring merchandise in all the wanted fashions and col-

ors and styles at unbelievably low prices. Ladies' apparel is offered at a big saving.

Motor companies are making deep cuts in prices of new and used cars. Accessories are offered at stamped prices: seat covers, tires, refrigerators, etc. Hardware items are offered at a big bargain.

Beauty parlors have joined in the bargain stampede.

Not all the bargains are listed in the ads. Many will be offered in different stores. Ask the merchant for their Dollar Day Stampede Bargains.

Look over the ads carefully, list the bargains you want and shop early. Merkel merchants in this stampede of bargains are showing

in a friendly fashion their friendly spirit. Merkel invites you to come to town next Tuesday to get in on the stampede of bargains.



RAYMOND T. BYNUM
band director

Curtis E. Conley Passes Away Wed. At Age of 50

Curtis E. Conley, 50, died at 12:30 p. m. Wednesday shortly after he had become ill on the job at Paul Honeycutt Motors.

Mr. Conley was born Oct. 18, 1903, in Henderson and had lived most of the time in Merkel since first moving here in 1919. He served as a court deputy with the Taylor County sheriff's department during 1951-52.

Survivors include his wife, the former Leona E. Riggan, whom he married Dec. 6, 1924, at Abilene; a daughter, Helen; two sons, Doyle of Snyder and E. A. of Winters; two granddaughters; his mother, Mrs. J. P. Conley of San Antonio four brothers, F. F. Conley of Elk City, Okla., Melvin Conley of San Antonio, Houston Conley of Fort Worth, and Preston Conley of Houston; and a sister Mrs. Clint Keal of Burnett.

Final rites for Mr. Conley will be conducted at 2 p. m. today in the Church of Christ with the minister Roy Gully, officiating. Burial in Rose Hill Cemetery will be directed by Starbuck Funeral Home of Merkel.

Palbearers will be Bob Campbell, Bill Sledge, Paul Honeycutt, Hollis McCoy, Beauford Allen and Albert Chancey.

Henry E. Stubbs Succumbs Sunday At Age of 67

Henry Eugene Stubbs, 67, retired farmer died at 4:30 a. m. Sunday.

He had been in ill health for approximately a year.

Born in Alabama March 15, 1886 Mr. Stubbs moved to Merkel in 1907. He retired from farming three or four years ago.

Final rites was conducted at 3:30 p. m. Monday in the Methodist Church with Rev. Aubrey White officiating. Burial in Rose Hill Cemetery directed by Starbuck Funeral Home.

Mr. Stubbs' survivors include five sisters, Mrs. Ella Burgess of Alabama, Mrs. Margaret Ervin, Mrs. Lura Doan, and Mrs. Stella Maddox and Mrs. Kattie Cogburn of Fort Worth.

Nephews served as pallbearers: Fred Johnson, J. R. Johnson, and Clayton Doan, Billie D. Doan of McCombs, Cleo Cogburn of Fort Worth and Truman Balenger of Jasper, Ala.

Doyle Jones, who is at the University of Houston, was to enter the sprint relay against the University of Texas and Texas A. & M. at Eldorado March 11. Doyle is the son of Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Jones.

BULLETIN!

W. J. Largent and Son had the reserve champion Hereford bull at the San Antonio Fat Stock Show. They were awarded two first and two seconds.

E. A. (Red) Grice Is Announcing For Commissioner

E. A. (Red) Grice has authorized his announcement as a candidate in the special election for appointment to the office of Commissioner, Precinct 4, Jones County, to fill the unexpired term of the late W. O. Rainwater.

Mr. Grice's statement follows: To the Voters of Precinct No. 4, Jones County:

I wish to take this means of announcing my candidacy for commissioner in the March 27 special election.

I have been a resident of Jones County for 20 years and have worked for the precinct a number of years. I am familiar with the road equipment, road building and maintenance.

I have no other interest, so can devote my entire time to the job as your commissioner.

If, in such a short time, I fail to see you please take this as a personal solicitation of your vote.

Thank you,
E. A. (Red) Grice

F. J. McDonad, Jr. Is Announcing For Commissioner

F. J. (Fat) McDonad, Jr., has authorized the Merkel Mail to announce his candidacy as commissioner for Precinct No. 4 in Jones County. He stated:

I wish to announce my candidacy for office of commissioner of Precinct No. 4, Jones County special election. In asking for the job of commissioner I promise to carry on the office to the best of my ability and try to make the tax dollar go as far as possible.

I have lived in the Stith Community for 34 years and have been a voter and taxpayer for 24 years. If you see fit to elect me I will appreciate it very much and I assure you if I am elected I will work to make you a good commissioner.

I plan to see as many of you personally as possible but please consider this an earnest, sincere solicitation of your vote and influence if I should fail to see you personally.

Thank you,
F. F. (Fat) McDonad, Jr.

McMurry Band Will Play Here For Service Sun.

McMurry College Band, under direction of Raymond T. Bynum, will play a "worship through music" service next Sunday at 7:30 p. m. at the Merkel Methodist Church.

The music worship service is carried out entirely by the McMurry bandmen from the opening hymn to the closing benediction.

The most stirring numbers are two choruses which were originally arranged for the Fred Waring Orchestra and chorus — "Onward Christian Soldiers" and "Battle Hymn of the Republic." The vocal choruses are sung by members of the band.

Other numbers which the band will play include "The Lord's Prayer," vocal solo with band accompaniment, "The Holy City," "Beautiful Garden of Prayer," "My God and I," and a religious version of the Twenty-third Psalm set to the music of "The Bells of St. Mary's."

The vibraslap was added to the band's equipment especially for use in the church worship services. Another unusual instrument that the band uses in the program is its cathedral chimes. "The public is invited," said Rev. Aubrey F. White.

Attempt Robbery At Trent Store Last Friday Night

An attempt was made last Friday night to get into the Star Hardware and Furniture Store in Trent but failed.

"During the night the glass was broken out of the front door," stated T. H. Williamson, owner. "They tried to open the lock but the lock opens only with a key. Nothing was taken."

Two years ago a window was broken, entry made and \$500 worth of merchandise was stolen. The men were caught in Las Cruces, New Mexico, said Mr. Williamson. Most all the merchandise was recovered.

Merkel 20 Years Ago

TO START H. D. CLUB

Organization of a home demonstration club here was perfected Wednesday afternoon with 24 charter members. The gathering was in the home of Mrs. George L. White, who was elected president of the club. Other officers were: Mrs. Twyman Collins, vice president; Mrs. Frank Buzbee, secretary-treasurer, and Mrs. Charles H. Jones, reporter.

108 ON HONOR ROLL

One hundred and eight students of the Merkel schools this six weeks period met the requirements of the honor roll. This time the juniors led the high school with 27 per cent of their number making the list. The freshmen had 12 per cent making the requirements, the sophomores 16 per cent and the seniors 22 per cent. Clifton Bellamy and Margaret Miller, a post graduate, led the entire high school with an average of 95 each.

J. E. COSTEPHENS DIES

J. E. Costephens, pioneer West Texan, staunch churman and one of those who voted in the election to organize Taylor County, died at 11:56 p. m. Thursday of last week, following a critical illness of several weeks. He was 86 years old, had lived in North Carolina, Missouri, Georgia, Buffalo Gap, Mulberry Canyon and Merkel. Interment was in the family lot in Rose Hill Cemetery.

TO EXHIBIT FINE PICTURES

On March 20 and 21, beginning at 7:30 o'clock, there will be a showing of fine prints in the Merkel Grammar School auditorium. On Tuesday night the pupils of Miss Morgan's room will present a Negro minstrel in connection with the exhibit and Wednesday night the added feature will be a play by Mrs. Haynes' class, entitled "Just Women."

LARGENTS HOLD REUNION

With nearly all the immediate family present, the house of Largent, one of Texas' oldest cattle-raising families, held a family reunion at Ft. Worth Tuesday and at the same time had the privilege of seeing a bull belonging to C. M. Largent and Sons take the blue ribbon as champion Hereford of the Southwest Exposition and Fat Stock Show, while several others of their Herefords took ribbons in the judging.

This Happened in Merkel Forty Years Ago

An article headed, "HONOR ROLL OF MERKEL SCHOOLS," appear with the notation: "The

TO STAND FOR RE-ELECTION

Due to the resignation of W. D. Hutcheson from the board of aldermen, four members of the city council are to be elected this year, time for the annual election being Tuesday, April 3. C. E. Jacobs, John S. Hughes and J. A. Buford, present aldermen, have consented to run again.

RECORD BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. David Tarpley a girl March 11, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Woodward of Trent a girl March 13, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Beard a girl March 15.

BOY SCOUT BENEFIT

For the benefit of the two local Boy Scout troops, "The Man From Nowhere," a three-act comedy, is to be presented Thursday night, March 22, at the Cozy Theatre, at 8:15. Admission charges will be: Children 10c, adults 25c.

TEACHERS TO MEET

For the fourth annual meeting of the Oil Belt Educational Association which is to be held at Big Spring on Friday and Saturday of this week, 15 members of the faculty of the Merkel Public Schools will be present, including Supt. Roger A. Burgess and Mrs. Len Sublett, principal of the Grammar school.

TRENT NEWS

Miss Bailey, one of the high school teachers, carried the choral club to Blair and rendered a splendid program at chapel Tuesday morning. The club consists of about 30 girls.

Mr. Preston district manager of the telephone company, visited our city Tuesday and was dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Winn. Mrs. Earl Stephens and children, accompanied by little Miss Clara Duncan as their guest, motored to Merkel Sunday and spent the day with Mrs. Stephens' mother, Mrs. L. W. Cox.

Mesdames A. B. Currie, E. H. Burks, George McDonald, A. Williamson and Mattie Stewart attended the Baptist training service meeting at the Southside Baptist Church in Abilene Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Woodward are announcing the arrival of a fine baby girl, taking her abode with them early Tuesday morning. Mother and baby are doing nicely.

following were members of the school honor roll for the month of February: A long list follows this remark.

Herman Steel Is Announcing For Commissioner

Herman Steel will seek the office of Commissioner, District 4, in the special election set for March 27, he announced Wednesday morning. The election called by the Commissioners Court will fill the unexpired term of the late W. O. Rainwater.

Mr. Steel's formal statement follows:

To the voters of Precinct No. 4, Jones County: I have lived in Jones County all my life. I am 43 years old. I ran for commissioner in 1950 and received a good vote which I certainly appreciate.

I will sincerely appreciate your consideration. If you see fit to support me I will be deeply grateful for your vote and influence. I plan to make an intensive campaign and visit each home before the special election on March 27.

If elected, I will do my best to make a good commissioner and to handle the office in a way that will be approved by a majority.

Respectfully,
Herman T. Steel

Four Candidates Announce For Alderman Offices

Four men have announced as candidates for the offices of aldermen. They are Fred Starbuck and Girl Barnett for re-election and Norman T. Hodge and Charlie W. Seago. The election is April 16.

HAS MAJOR SURGERY

Tom Largent underwent major surgery Wednesday of last week. He is at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester, Minn., and is improving.

SINGING AT PIONEER

There will be singing at the Pioneer Memorial Church Sunday, March 14, at 2 p. m.

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NEWS County Home Demonstration Agent Texas A. & M. College Extension Service By LORETA ALLEN

President Eisenhower and Governor Allen Shivers have issued statements regarding the work of 4-H Clubs. The greetings were made in recognition of the rural youth organization, as its members observe another year of progress during National 4-H Week, March 6-14.

President Eisenhower said, "I am delighted to learn that your national theme for 1954 is 'Working Together For World Understanding.' Working together has long been an important feature of 4-H Club work. As you learn new skills, as you test new ideas and as you find better ways of applying science to agriculture and home economics you are sharing exciting and valuable experiences. 'To all 4-H members,' he con-

Guests of Dr. and Mrs. Gardner over the weekend were their daughter, Mrs. W. P. Ricamore, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Haberle of Abilene.

Mrs. Lee Davis of Elk City, Okla., and Mrs. Wyatt Chandler of Carter, Okla., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. F. Y. Gaither.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Armstrong of Trent and Mrs. J. O. Armstrong visited Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Smith of Rochester Sunday. Mr. Smith is Mrs. Armstrong's brother and was celebrating his 75th birthday.

Mrs. Joe Weston and son John came down from Midland Friday to spend the weekend with Mrs. Weston's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Demere. Mrs. Weston also moved Joe's mother from Tye to Merkel. She now occupies rooms with Mrs. Stephen, next door to Harris Laundry.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Demere Sunday were their granddaughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Roper, son Don and Bud's parents of New Mex.

Gene, Jimmie and Larry Hargrove visited over the weekend with their grandmother, Mrs. Luella Powell, and Mrs. Beula Hargrove both of Abilene.

Pfe, and Mrs. Charles Washburn and daughter Roberta Diane visited his father and sister, H. C. Washburn and Barbara at Trent. The Washburns live in Aberdeen, Maryland, where he is assigned to duty at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds Base.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Hargrove made a business trip over the weekend to Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Ridenhour returned to their home in Charlotte, N. C., after a week's visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Kearns, and to see her new baby brother, Terry Lee.

Visiting Mrs. Mary Carey Monday and Tuesday of last week were her children, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Carey, and their two grandchildren, Youlanda and Alvin Wayne, and Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Junior Car-

tinued, "I send my very best wishes for another year of stimulating, enjoyable work in the 4-H Clubs of America."

Governor Shivers in a special proclamation recognized the 122,000 Texas 4-H Club members. He said, "Among these young people are many of our state's future leaders, not only in agriculture, but also in religion, business, government and citizenship."

"In our state," he continued, "The 4-H program is directed by the Agricultural Extension Service of the Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College System. County extension agents are key people in the organization and work of the 4-H Clubs. They receive invaluable cooperation from thousands of parents, volunteer leaders and other interested citizens, as well as from the young people themselves."

Both leaders urge all citizens to participate in the National 4-H Club Week observance and become more familiar with the work of the organization, which has a national membership of more than two million.

There are 13 Girls 4-H Clubs in Taylor County, with a membership of 350. Most of these clubs meet twice a month. Mrs. Denise Lowry, the assistant home demonstration agent, meets with them once a month and local adult leaders conduct the other meeting.

The main demonstrations the girls are working on this year are dairy foods and clothing. There is a demonstrator for each demonstration in each club. You are invited to attend any of the 4-H meetings to see what the 4-H'ers are actually doing.

Powerful Drama In "Cell Block" At Queen Theatre

Walter Wanger's widely-heralded Allied Artists' production, "Riot in Cell Block 11," which opens at the Queen Theatre Friday and Saturday made stars out of two young actors.

They are Neville Brand, fourth most decorated American soldier in World War II, and Leo Gordon a veteran of the Army Signal Corps in the same conflict.

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NEWS ABOUT TOWN

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Perrien of Anson were dinner guests Sunday evening in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wyche, Mike and Mrs. John C. Thompson of Noodle.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Patterson visited their daughter, and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Kemp Hinch, and two boys in Oklahoma City, Okla., last weekend.

Mrs. Seth D. Sims of Elgin, Ill., visited her sister, Mrs. C. B. Gardner and Dr. Gardner recently for a week. Dr. and Mrs. Gardner and her sister went to visit the daughter, Dr. and Mrs. Gardner, Mrs. L. M. Davis, and family in El Paso. From there they went on a sight-seeing trip to California, visiting San Diego, Los Angeles, Pasadena and other points on the way.

Mrs. J. T. Reagan and daughter Joetta of Abilene were visitors of Mrs. A. A. Reagan the first part of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin McCoy and family visited their grandparents in Anson and other relatives in Lubbock, Snyder, Crosbyton, Muleshoe and Littlefield the first part of this week.

Cowboys call horseshoe pitching "barnyard golf."

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CELO FRANKS lb. 49c

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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-

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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.

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, Tex., the accompanying citation, of which the herein below following is a true copy.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

To: He is Payton Arthur, 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 19th day of April A. D., 1954, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 27th day of February A. D. 1954, in this cause, numbered 7462-B on the docket of said court and styled Laverne L. Arthur, Plaintiff, vs. Horis Payton Arthur, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and defendant were married on or about October 12, 1943 and lived together until on or about December 15, 1949. Plaintiff shows that there is no community property to be adjudicated. Plaintiff and defendant had born to them one child, Mary Leona Arthur, female, aged 9 years. Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of abandonment, for care,

custody and education of said child 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 6th day of March A. D., 1954.

Attest: J. Neil Daniel, Clerk,
104th District Court
Taylor County, Texas
By C. Bower, Deputy.
Adv. — March 12, 19 26, April 2.

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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: Melvin T. Nation, Defendant, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 19th day of April A. D., 1954, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 1st day of March A. D. 1954, in this cause, numbered 19,621-A on the docket of said court and styled In Re. Donald Lee Nation, a minor.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Petitioner, Charles A. Matlock, and wife Betty Lou Matlock are duly married and white persons. Petitioner is a permanent resident of Taylor County, Texas. Donald Lee Nation is a minor white child of the age of seven years and has lived with petitioner and his wife more than six months. Petitioner's wife is the mother of said minor child and the father of said child is Melvin T. Nation, residence unknown. Said Melvin T. Nation has not contributed to the support of said minor child; that said minor child has been under the exclusive custody and control of the said Betty Lou Matlock. Petitioner states that he will assume respon-

sibility and support of said minor child as though he were his own. Petitioner prays for the adoption of said minor child and further that the name of said minor child be changed from Donald Lee Nation to Donald Lee Matlock 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 1st day of March A. D. 1954.

Attest: J. Neil Daniel, Clerk,
42nd District Court
Taylor County, Texas
By C. Bower, Deputy.
Adv. — March 12, 19 26, April 2.

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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

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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 1952 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.

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Adv. — Feb. 26, March 5, 12, 19.

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Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Toombs were in Cross Plains over the weekend. Mr. and Mrs. Ben Sublett of Austin were here over the weekend.

H. E. Farmer Jr., of Dallas visited his brother Lewis and family and also Walter Hunter.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Rust were in Odessa Sunday visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Kail.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Walker and family of Lubbock were weekend visitors of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Fox, and all spent Sunday visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Fox in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sledge of Big Spring spent the weekend Sunday with the Blairs, Toombs and Moores.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Bryan of Gadsden, Ala., are visiting her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bryan.

Mr. and Mrs. Truett Thompson and son Wayne and Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Thompson were in Dallas Saturday to meet Mrs. Ada Bishop and daughter Kathy Ann who flew in from Frankfort, Germany, after spending seven months with her husband, and father, Cpl. O. Bishop. Cpl. Bishop will return to the U. S. about April 15. Mrs. Bishop is the sister of Truett and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Thompson.

Mrs. Hugh Campbell spent the weekend with her son, R. H. Horton, and family of Abilene.

Gene, Jimmie and Larry Hargrove visited over the weekend with their grandmother, Mrs. Luella Powell and Mrs. Beula Hargrove, both of Abilene.

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stalks were left standing and well anchored to the soil. After standing through mid-winter and furnishing a good protective ground cover, the stalks were brought in to the top of broad beds by a deep bedding operation in February.

Kelso bedded his land to leave a maximum of stalks on the surface and also plowed up cloddy soil for added protection against

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Many other farmers cooperating with the Middle Clear Fork Soil Conservation District have learned how to hold soil against wind erosion. Each year more farmers turn to sweep or chisel methods of tillage and the tendency has been to leave more stalk on the surface, either by cutting higher in harvest or by less intensive grazing.

O. F. Cook and C. R. Rogers, Jr., neighbors of Kelso, have extensive acreage under stubble mulch, which has helped to hold the soil fast during the February dust storms.

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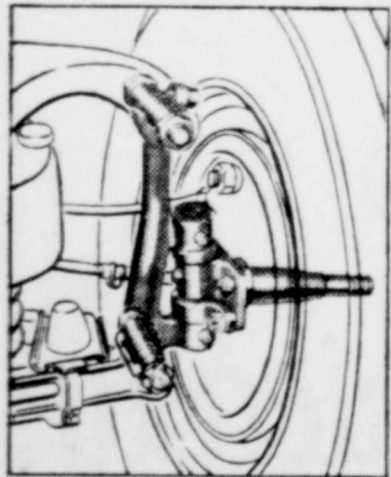
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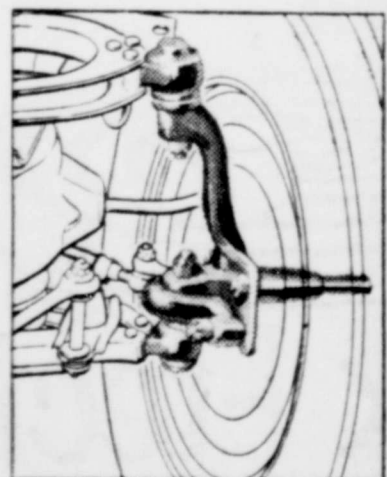
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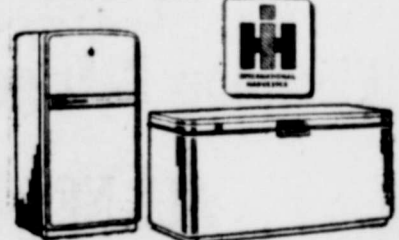
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YOUR SENATOR REPORTS

By LYNDON B. JOHNSON

RE-STATEMENT: As the tempo of congressional activity increases, I would like to state again my idea of the proper role of the Democratic minority in this Congress.

It is the right and responsibility of the majority to present a legislative program. It is the right and responsibility of the minority to point out the weak and the strong points of this program. Both opposition and support must be based in principle — not on partisanship.

FARM PROGRAM: This means that in considering farm legislation, for example, now the subject of committee hearings in both Senate and House, we must work for a program which will protect our farm economy without being unfair to other groups in our national life.

I oppose the sliding scale price support system — not for the sake of opposition, but because I know

farmers already are in trouble and I don't want to see them pushed farther down the economic ladder. We can't get away from the record of history, which shows that the lower farm prices go — the higher farm surpluses rise.

TAXES: This concept of the minority's rightful role means that in considering tax reduction, to take another example, our purpose — during this period of "economic readjustment" — should be to seek the fairest means by which to increase consumer purchasing power.

That is why I favor increasing the personal income tax exemption. A \$200 per year increase would mean an annual saving of about \$160 for a married man with two children. Every family would have proportionately that much more money to spend for goods.

"Texas State Society honored me with a second term as president.

FISHERMEN, NOTE! This is the time of year to commence fertilizing the farm pond for top fishing later. The use of fertilizers makes growing fish by the acre possible and profitable. — A. & M.



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THE CHILDREN
Of Mrs. G. J. Jones

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our friends for the many kind deeds extended to us in the passing of our loved one. We thank you for every kind word, the food, the lovely floral offering, and the beautiful service. May God's blessing rest upon each of you.

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- Ray S. Bothwell, Corpus Christi \$10.00
- H. H. Spears, Tucumcari, New Mexico \$5.00
- A. V. Teaff \$5.00
- Mrs. Jos. H. West \$5.00
- Mrs. W. M. Elliott \$5.00
- Mr. and Mrs. Waymon Adcock 3.50

Anyone wishing to contribute to this fund may leave checks or donations at the teller's windows of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank, at Bragg's or at The Merkel Mail office.

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

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LOST — Black Cocker Spaniel. Phone 75J. Don Carson. 1t52c.

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WANTED — Boats, 14 or 16 feet. Lone Star, used. Hollis McCoy. 3t51p.

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FOR RENT — 2-room furnished apartment. See Walker Station and Grocery on East Highway 80. 1t52c.

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POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Merkel Mail is authorized to announce the following candidates for office, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries July 24, 1954.

For State Senator 24th District
HARLEY SADLER (re-election)

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

HERMAN STEEL

E. A. (Red) GRICE

F. J. (Fat) McDONALD, JR.

BUS SCHEDULE

Eastbond	Westbound
2:20 a. m.	12:10 a. m.
3:36 a. m.	12:15 a. m.
5:22 a. m.	1:21 a. m.
6:32 a. m.	2:39 a. m.
6:47 a. m.	5:54 a. m.
11:40 a. m.	7:52 a. m.
11:45 a. m.	9:09 a. m.
2:37 p. m.	11:40 a. m.
3:01 p. m.	1:01 p. m.
5:00 p. m.	1:25 p. m.
7:57 p. m.	4:19 p. m.
11:52 p. m.	8:17 p. m.
9:01 p. m.	4:57 p. m.
	9:07 p. m.

like to have your opinions on this matter. As always, your views will be respected and appreciated.

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FOR SALE — Repressed G-E push bottom range, 9-cu. ft. G-E defroster refrigerator and G-E deluxe automatic washer. Like new, new guarantee, used only four months. 40 per cent discount. Terms to suit. Palmer Motor Co. 1t52c.

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FOR SALE — New Royal Quiet DeLuxe Portable Typewriter at big reduction. See City Drug. 1t49

FOR SALE — Book your orders early. Will have day old White Leghorns and New Hamp March 3. Hearn Hatchery. 3t50p.

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FOR MONUMENTS, see J. T. (Tom) Coats, Phone 131. P. O. Box 314.

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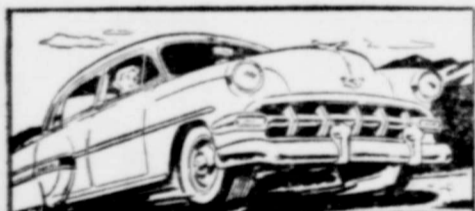
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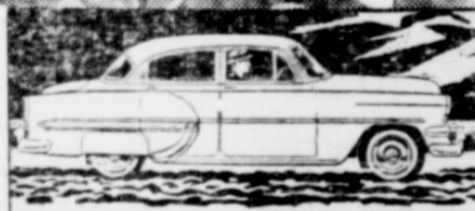
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EDITORIAL

RECORD
 Last week we noted that Merbad fire record charge re- five per cent effective April the fire record is based on the ing five years. Boney explained that

1953 gave us a good record and if 1954 is a good record we may get a neutral record or even a credit next year.
 That is good information.
 And we must ever keep in mind that a good fire record is heavily dependent on a good volunteer fire department. Our fire boys are doing all they can to see that our record is kept good. The city

fathers are cooperating in a splen- did manner by providing the add- ed up-to-date equipment. Now it is up to us to prevent fires in every way possible.
 In this way the neutral record or even a credit can be had next year.
OUR BADGERS
 Our Badgers did it again...

Tommy Ellis' boys won in the conference at Abilene. The Merkel champions went on to Lubbock and won in the semifinals. That gave them the step up to fight the tough Sundown and bowed to them. Even at that the local players piled up a score of 51.
 We are proud of our basketball players and of their coach, Tom- my Ellis. The boys fought a good



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... shows district champion lamb.

Bros. picture which opens on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thurs- day at the Queen Theatre.
 Burt Lancaster is said to top his cinematic career in the title por- trayal Pretty Joan Rise from Eng- land and lissome Tessa Prender- gast, Jamaica-born dancer, are the favors of the "king."
 It was filmed in Technicolor en- tirely on location in the Fiji Is- lands.

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season, playing together in close years ago who was crowned king fashion all through the many games and showing that team by a primitive Pacific tribe, is the title of the colorful new Warner work pays off in victories.

And we would like to add this note from Bill Holmes, publicity director of Texas Tech: "Coach Ellis did a great job and the boys played very well against a highly favored team."
 Again we congratulate our players and our coach.

"MA" WRENCH'S NOTE

We recently received a note from "Ma" Wrench of Columbia, Mo. She is the wife of Prof. J. E. Wrench, historian. Though he has retired, having reached that age though physically good for another 30 years of teaching, they keep in contact with the students.

They believe in a working brotherly love, in a working good neighbor policy and so they keep in touch with the foreigners who go to the University of Missouri. They are active in the Cosmopolitan Club to which most of the foreign students belong.

She stated that they recently gave two Chinese parties, one for a Chinese who was leaving. There is no reckoning of the amount of goodwill that these good folks do for the United States. Many of these same foreign students have become prominent in their country and wielded a great deal of influence.

That "Ma" Wrench added a note that West Texans can well appreciate:

"It is sprinkling here or I guess it is. We have not seen a sprinkle in so long; maybe I don't know one when I see it."

Which reminds us of the story of the West Texan who took his little son to New Orleans so he could see what rain looked like.

"WHITE-ICISM"

That's ALL — And the Sage of Figfield adds that a little friend- ship produces a lot of goodwill.

"Majesty O'Keefe"

Is Colorful Film At Queen Theatre

"His Majesty O'Keefe," a fabu- lous American sea captain of some

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Miss Julia Luke To Review Book At Fortnightly

The Fortnightly Study Club met March 9 in the lovely home of Mrs. Norman Winter. Roll call was answered with something about a favorite teacher, in keeping with Public Schools Week.

Mrs. Andy Shouse reminded the group of the March 23 meeting when Miss Julia Luke, teacher from McMurry, will review her book, "The Yeoman's Daughter." She will bring with her the quartet known as "The Indianaires." This will be guest day and it is hoped a large crowd will attend.

Merkel Audience Applauds Senior Play Last Friday

The Merkel High School seniors have received many congratulations for the two successful Friday performances of their class play, "Marge Is Eighteen", by Charles D. Whitman.

SUNDOWN BOWS

In the state semifinals at Austin Saturday Sundown defeated New Boston 62-47. In the finals Sweeney beat Sundown 92-67 for the Class A championship.

HOOK LOTS OF FISH!

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Stockbridge returned Wednesday of last week from Port Aransas. They caught lots of fish. One drum weighed 28 pounds.

Supt. Mack Fisher To Give Report On School Taxes

The Merkel Parent-Teacher Association will meet next Thursday night, March 18, at 7:30 p. m. in the school cafeteria.

Mulberry Canyon Sets July 9th As Homecoming Day

The Mulberry Canyon Community has set July 9 for their first homecoming at the Butman Rodeo-Picnic Ground. It will be an all-day affair with diversified entertainment.

Girl Scout Sale Of Cookies to Be Held March 15-20

The third Girl Scout council-wide cookie sale will be between March 15 and 20.

Harvey Townzen Is With Army Now in Okinawa

Army Sergeant First Class Harvey Townzen, 26, whose wife, Freda Ann, and parents, Mr. and Mrs. William S. Townzen, live here is now serving with the 29th Regimental Combat Team on Okinawa.

ANNOUNCE GRANDDAUGHTER

Mr. and Mrs. Houston Clark announce the arrival of a granddaughter born Saturday, March 6, at the Hendrick Memorial Hospital.

Class in Ceramics Now Being Taught By Mrs. A. F. White

A class in ceramics is now being taught by Mrs. Aubrey F. White at the cafeteria twice monthly. The class was started March 1.

Cowboy Players Will Preach, Sing Friday, March 12

Charles Massagee, Cowboy football player, is to preach at the New Live Oak Baptist Church tonight, Friday. Two other members of the football squad will play and lead in the song service.

PAUL HIGGINS IS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF EIGHTH GRADE

On Feb. 26, Mrs. Barnett's eighth grade held its last meeting for that month. They elected the following officers for the coming month:

JAMES H. CHANEV

Chiropractor
211 Oak St. — Merkel
PHONE 18

Local Methodist Attend Lectures At McMurry

More than 3,000 persons — students of McMurry College, Methodist ministers, and laymen — attended the combined Willson and Denison Lectures last week on the McMurry campus.

UNION RIDGE H. D. CLUB MEETS WITH MRS. HARWELL

The Union Ridge Home Demonstration club met Friday, March 5 in the home of Mrs. O. E. Harwell.

BILLY RAY BROWNING RECEIVES DISCHARGE FROM U. S. ARMY

Billy Ray Browning has received his discharge from the Army and is now at home. He is working at Stith in the oil fields.

TO REGISTER VEHICLES

Motor vehicle owners may register their cars and trucks at the City Hall Friday, March 12, from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m. when a representative of Tax Collector Raymond Pree will be here.

ATTEND FUNERAL

Those from out of town who attended the Henry Eugene Stubbs funeral Monday were:

MRS. CHARLIE HUFF HAS RELATIVES WHO NEVER SAW TEXAS

Mrs. Charlie Huff has had her baby sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Payne, with her on a visit from Feb. 1 to March 1. They are from Myrtle Creek, Ore.

NO COFFEE HERE

Although Texans produce a little of everything, their chances for helping solve the present coffee squeeze are remote. The coffee tree just doesn't adapt itself to the climatic conditions of Texas — A. & M.

ABOUT COTTON

Cotton producers may secure copies of two recent Extension Service publications, "Guide for Controlling Cotton Insects in Texas" and "Ways to Fight the Pink Bollworm", from local county agents or the Agricultural Information Office, College Station, Texas. — A. & M.

PROSPECTIVE CULLS

Cows milking less than 16 pounds daily during the sixth month of lactation should be considered prospective culls or nurse cows. The same goes for cows producing less than 20 pounds in the third month. — A. & M.

NATIONAL H. D. WEEK

National Home Demonstration Week will be observed during the period from May 28. During the week special efforts will be made to acquaint the public with major objectives of home demonstration work and its influence on home, community, state and national life.

FORGET HOME WORK

Hubby—What did you do there play bridge?

IT PAYS TO PERO

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POOR RALPH!

Ralph Russell has all the hard breaks. There he was in the Sadler Hospital last Saturday, undergoing treatment. And so he had his radio on, listening to the Sun-down-Sweeney basketball game. Just as the game was getting real hot the electrician came in and began to work on the wires. The radio stopped. Poor Ralph, he has all the hard breaks.

SIMPSON IS HOME

Frank Simpson, rural mail carrier on Route 2, has returned home after undergoing surgery on Thursday of last week. He is recovering nicely.

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MIKE McLEOD HAS PARTY ON HIS BIRTHDAY

Mike McLeod celebrated his fourth birthday Feb. 25. Mrs. E. L. McLeod, his mother and Goldie Ann Leverich entertaining his friends.

KING'S DAUGHTERS ENJOY MUSICAL PROGRAM TUESDAY

The King's Daughters Sunday School Class met in the home of Rev. and Mrs. Aubrey F. White Tuesday afternoon with 16 members and one visitor present. The meeting was opened by the president.

REVIVAL AT HEBRON

Spring revival will begin at Hebron Baptist Church Wednesday night, March 17, through Sunday, March 21. Rev. Earl Duncan, formerly of Merkel, will preach.

HAS MAJOR SURGERY

Sam McLeod underwent major surgery on March 3. He is getting along very well.

WALL FLOWER

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HAPPY SNAPPY

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HOSPITAL NOTES

Admissions to the Sadler Hospital the past week were: As medical patients — Mrs. Bill Merritt, Wayne Lewallen, Gene Rister, Mrs. Clark Hamner, W. E. O'Kelley, Mrs. Marvin Freeman, J. T. Blackburn, Odie Jones, Mrs. V. Garner, Mrs. Fred A. Baker, Mrs. Glenn Elliott, Adelle Elkins.



By VERN SANFORD Texas Press Association

Political tension tightens as the March 15 convening date of the Texas legislature draws nearer.

There are three aspects: (1) the special session to raise money for teacher and state employee salary increases and other purposes; (2) the conservative-liberal conflict within the Democratic Party of Texas; and (3) the jockeying for position by candidates for public office.

As to the special session, there are a variety of proposals for collecting the money for teacher-pay. Some advocate a tax on beer. Others say gas should pay the way. And still others think an increase in the present omnibus tax law would do the trick.

Also mentioned is the possibility of a sales tax.

Opinions differ as to how much the teachers should get. Governor Allan Shivers proposes \$402 more per year. But House Speaker Reuben Senterfitt thinks the increase should be based on how much money the legislature can raise, plus some other considerations.

Russell Jack Ballard of Wichita Falls called off a march of old folks on the capitol, planned to camp on the grounds and seek increased assistance. Ballard explained that there had been a mistake, and Governor Allan Shivers and the Texas Legislature are helping the old folks.

SCIENCE and your Health

COLD MYSTERY by Science Features

The common cold may be a simple illness to many people, but it is a complex problem for medical research. Scientists have made tremendous progress in developing drugs that cure and prevent serious maladies, but they are still trying to solve the mystery of the common cold.

The cold, as well as other respiratory diseases such as influenza, "strep throat" and pneumonia is caused by some of the countless viruses that float in the air. The smallest living creature is a virus. As you are known, they are drawn into the nose, throat and lungs by the air we breathe, and multiply in the cell linings.

Many of the viruses have been isolated and classified in the laboratories, but the common cold germ, thought to be the smallest of all, cannot be kept alive for study.

Statistics show that the average person has two colds a year that cause half of the absences from work, and are responsible for a 120 million dollar annual loss in wages.

It is paradoxical that there is no cure for this time-wasting annoying illness while serious respiratory diseases like pneumonia can be arrested with such new drugs as tetracycline.

It's reassuring to know, however, that extensive research continues — by the National Institute of Health, universities and pharmaceutical laboratories — so soon the common cold may go the way of other conquered diseases.

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James E. Harris Gets M. A. Degree At Washington U. Mr. James Edgar Harris, son of Mrs. P. F. Harris of Merkel, received a Master of Arts degree in Foreign Affairs during the Winter Convocation Exercises of the George Washington University, Washington, D. C. held February 22, 1954 in Lisner Auditorium of the University. Mr. Harris also received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Texas, in 1940. He is currently associated with the University of Texas. FLIES TO BROWNSVILLE Dr. C. B. Gardner flew to Brownsville Thursday to attend a meeting of the State Medical Board. Dr. Gardner is a member of the board.

FRED CUSTIS HASKELL, TEXAS EACH EVENING AT 7:30 O'CLOCK IN A SERIES OF GOSPEL SERMONS MARCH 15th THROUGH MARCH 24th AT THE CHURCH OF CHRIST YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED

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Nook Grocery Enlarges Store And Redecorates The Nook Grocery is enlarging its present store. It will occupy a space about twice as large as it had previously. It is also redecorating. Senator Kerr Pionts Out Lower Texas Farm Income "Right here in Texas, according to the Department of Agriculture itself, income from Texas agriculture declined \$250 million in the first eight months of 1953, compared to the first eight months of 1952. This was the statement made by Senator Robert S. Kerr of Oklahoma in Sweetwater last Saturday night at the Jefferson-Jackson Day \$10-a-plate dinner. Emcee for the dinner was Bryan Bradbury, Abilene attorney. Concerning McCarthyism Senator Kerr said, "The great majority of Americans are a lot more interested in cheek-mating and overcoming the danger created by the live Communists in the Kremlin — than they are in resurrecting all the dead Communists of the last 25 years."

OIL NEWS Lands Oil Co., of Dallas No. 1 J. E. Bowers was spotted one mile south of Trent. Henson Drilling Co., Abilene, No. 1 Carl Jackson is located three miles east of Noodle. West Central Drilling Co., Abilene, No. 1 C. G. Irvin is spotted nine miles north of here. H. Bryan Poff, Ft. Worth, No. 1 J. C. Jones is located five miles south of Truby. C. U. Bay, et al, Abilene, staked two projects 2 1/2 miles north of Stith. No. 5-A B. B. Dunagin was spotted in the Mead Southeast Third Swastika Field. No. 6-A B. B. Dunagin is to be drilled in the Mead Southeast Gansight Field.

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