It

Merkel Co-op No. 1 Gives Dividends Totaling \$17,890

urday afternoon to 131 members acreage. of the Merkel Cooperative Society

The money represented earnings on stock in the Merkel Co-op Gin, which turned out 2,442 "dividend" bales during the 1953 cotton season. The checks represented an average of \$7.33 a bale.

The largest amount went to Johnnie Taylor and Homer Patterson. They divided for slightly more than \$1,020. Taylor is the tennant and Patterson the land-

The smallest check went to J. C. Jacobs, "essentially a Merkel cattleman," who ginned one bale and "caught" the seed. His check was for \$3.45.

All officers and directors of the society were re-elected at the meeting. Dee Taff was again named president; M. H. Ely, vice president; L. S. Tipton, Jr., secretarytreasurer.

Directors re-elected were Comer Haynes, V. R. Justice and A. R. Robertson

Following the re-organization, directors rehired Morris B. Smith as manager of the gin.

The society was organized in Second largest check Saturday

100 bales at the plant. At Saturday's meeting, Coleman BOY TO J. A. PAFFORDS

TO STAGE BIG RODEO

On Saturday, May 12, at the

Merkel rodeo and baseball

the west end of town, the first

free rodeo on the program of sum-

mer entertainment, sponsored by

the Merchants Trade Extension

Association of Merkel, will be

presented and on the same date

two ball games between crack

nines of the inter-community leag-

ue, sponsored by the same organ-

The McMurry College Band and

Girls Drum Corps will arrive here

Saturday afternoon. The parade

will start at the depot, go up Ed-

wards Street two blocks and then

return to the southwest corner of

Elm and Lamar Streets, the vac-

A special train bearing Waco

here at 8 a. m. Tuesday, May 8,

ber of Commerce, advised "no

McMURRY CONCERT HERE

ization, will be played.

lar ballads.

890.17 were distributed here Sat- soil building, on some of their

BULLETIN!

The rainfall in the last week measured .70 inch, reported Weatherman J. I. Ford. On Thursday of last week a sprinkle fell at 9 a. m. At 10:15 a .m. rain poured down hard and measured .40 inch. Tuesday noon it sprinkled and there was loud frank Grimes, thunder. At 5 p. m. it rained Frank Grimes. hard and measured .30 inch.

Jerry Cunningham, West Texas Opera Robert McLeod On District Team

Coach Tommy Ellis' Badger Basketball players placed two men on the district team. Jerry Cunningham was one of them. Robert McLeod and Manuel Herrera of Roscoe tied for the fifth posi-

Others chosen were Fred Land of Munday, Borden Worsham of Haskell, Jimmy Mathews of Throckmorton.

The coaches of the district selected the team and no coach was went to John Rister, who ginned allowed to vote for his own boys.

O'Brien, SCS work unit conserva- Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Pafford are tionist, urged the 59 farmers the parents of a baby boy born at present to plant blue panic, for the Sadler Hospital on April 26.

Merkel 20 Years Ago

TAKEN FROM THE 1934 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL

and Saturday.

FRANK GRIMES . . opera writer

R.-N. Editor, Writes

A real West Texas opera, written by two Abilenians, will be presented in two performances in Radford Memorial Auditorium, on the McMurry College campus, May 6 and 7.

The libretto is a story of wind and weather, blistering desert heat and gullywashing rain, mesquites and milkweeds, rattlesnakes and scorpions, and was written by Frank Grimes, editor of the Abilene Reporter-News.

IN SERIOUS CONDITION

Charles Ambrose, Jr., 23, who accidentally shot himself Wednesday of last week, was in a serious but not a critical condition at the Sadler Hospital Wednesday of this week.

Charles was shot in the Chest and Mrs. Charles Ambrose, Sr., who live a half-mile east of Trent.

LEAGUE STARTS PRACTICE public schools was re-elected at the

The Little League has started practice work. The first regular scheduled games will be played May 25. This is the Tuesday after school is out.

ON RED CROSS DRIVE The Blue Bonnet Home Demonstration Club is working on the Red Cross Drive south of town in the Canyon area.

J. E. Touchstone Seeks Full Term Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Irvin. As Commissioner

J. E. Touchstone, who recently assumed the duties of County Commissioner of Precinct 4 afcandidate for a regular term sub- Bill primary in July. His appointment the revival services was for the unexpired term of the late W. O. Rainwater.

will ever know.

"If I can be of service to you

take chances!" That tip was

Tilley of Houston, president of

1952," Col, Tilley said.

Mother's Day stamps, a special

design of the three-cent stamp, businessmen on a trip through printed in purple and bearing a their trade territory will arrive reproduction of James Whistler's painting, "Portrait of My Mother". remaining for 30 minutes. In let- will be on sale at the local postters to Postmaster Adcock and office Saturday of this week, Post-Mayor Effiott, W. V. Crawford, master O. J. Adcock has announc-

entertainment is sought or desir- RECORD BIRTHS

Born to: Mr. and Mrs. Grady Baldwin a boy April 27, Mr. and RE-ELECTS ENTIRE FACULTY Mrs. L. T. Sutphen residing west The entire faculty of the Merkel of town a boy May 2.

TAKEN FROM THE 1914 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL This Happened in Merkel Forty Years Ago

Russell motored to Sweetwater Tuesday morning and returned the same afternoon.

R. O. Anderson, G. E. Comegys, J. D. Gaither and Jno. G. Jackson were prospecting for oil in Moran Worth to attend to business.

Miss Claire Tate of Abilene visited Mesdames J. E. Young and W. tor for the Southwestern Tele-H. Dickson between trains Tues- phone Company here, suffered a

board of trustees Tuesday night grounds, opposite each other in Supt. Burgess had previously been elected for another year. LEAVE FOR STATE FINALS Merkel has two entrants in the

regular monthly meeting of the

State Interscholastic League Meet at Austin this weekend: Milton Shannon, winner of the mile, and Miss Walderin Huskey, winner in essay writing, as determined by regional elimination. They left Thursday noon, accompanied by

IS PRIZE WINNING BABY

In the person of Master Billy George Reid, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Reid, Merkel was represented in the awards of 29 prize winant lot location formerly used for "Second Monday", where they will ners in the Abilene Reporterplay a concert of popular numbers, News West Texas baby show. Billy George received a silver loving including marches, collegiate pep songs, simple overtures and popul cup.

MOTHER'S DAY STAMPS

vice president of the Waco Cham- ed.

Louise Coggins and Messrs. O. M. ton have gone on a business trip cinct, getting you as much for told the story of "The Easter Coggin, H. C. Burroughs and C. K. to the Plains country. Miss Ruby Jones is the guest of share. Miss Ruth Merritt of Abilene this

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Shelton left Wednesday for Thurber to attend DON'T TAKE CHANCES! Thursday. At the same time Ottie the bedside of the latter's father, Coggin and Ed Teaff left for Fort Capt. Ready, who is dangerously

Miss Rose Norris, night operaburned finger Saturday night during the rain storm when an elec-Mrs. M. E. Witt of Abilene vis- tric light wire shortened with a ited T. J. Witt and family Sunday. I telephone wire.

Jacky McAninch Win at State

School attended the state meeting of the Vocational Industrial Club of Texas in Austin last Friday

Local students who attended were: Corky Cox, Billy Fisher, Donald King, Jacky McAninch and

in Technical Information, Job Application, Speed Skill, Parliamentary Procedure and Tool Iden-

Bobby Owen took the first place honors in applying for a job Jacky McIninch received third place in technical information in ouilding trades field.

Tours were conducted for the students through the capitol and governor's mansion, Bergstrom Air Force Base, an automobile body works, a building prefabricator, a commercial printing plant and the local newspaper, a television station, an automobile engine works and The University of Tex-

The shop in the local high school teaches building and metal

James Thomas is the teacher.

Badger Band at Interscholastic **League Contests**

tic League band contest will be held in San Angelo this weekend. Lobos. The majorettes from Merkel when his rifle bounced off a car High School who will enter in the when his thie bounced on a car High School who will enter in the seat and discharged while he twirling contest on April 30 are Red Cross Drive was alone hunting. W. A. Wooz- Barbara Wilson, Peggy Bond, Jane encraft brought him to the hospital. Charles is the son of Mr. Tipton, Paka Newby and Johnnie Tipton. The last two will be majorettes again next year.

The new majorettes will also enter the contest. They are Imogene Thomas, Jackie Hogan and Patricia Palmer.

The band will enter the Inter- has ended. scholastic League concert and "Two Moods."

The band will receive a trophy for which they won first place in marching in December and they hope to bring home two more.

Noodle Baptist Church Is Holding Revival Now

The Noodle Baptist Church is day and will continue through lins and Viola Allred.

Sunday. Rev. Leon Marsh of Hardin-Simter winning the appointment in mons University is the evangelist. a special election, has filed as a The meetings start at 8 p. m. Rev. tional Bank. Frazier is pastor of the ject to action of the Democratic church. The public is invited to

Pioneer Memorial Touchstone, who is a resident of the Noodle community and has lived in the county all of his life. **Breaks Record** issued the following statement thanking the voters for their sup-**Easter Morning** port in the special election and pledging his best effort to the

"I do appreciate the vote you The Pioneer Memorial Chapel gave me in the last special elec- had a record breaking number of tion, and the wonderful coopera- 124 present in Sunday School Eastion and understanding you have ter morning. Up to that time 91 given me since, more than you was the most and 80 to 87 was the average attendance.

"I do enjoy the work and if Twenty-one little boys and girls you see fit to elect me in July I of the kindergarten class had an day and burial was at Gladewater. will assure you I will at all times | Easter egg hunt after their teachbe looking after your interest er, Mrs. Ray Osborn, brought a Misses Agnes Hall and Tommie E. M. Brown and grandson Clay- and what is best for your pre- beautiful lesson on Easter. She Dink Whisenhunt your tax dollar as possible and Rabbit."

> in Germany mothers wished to surprise their children but did not feel free to call on me at any have the money for gifts, so they colored eggs and hid them. The children enjoyed the hunt so much and asked where the eggs came from. Just then a brown rabbit "Smart bicycle riders don't came hopping and that is how it came to be told that a rabbit

given to cyclists by Col. E. B. brings the Easter eggs. There was an egg hunt at the the Texas Safety Association. tabernacle. Those bringing eggs "According to National Safety were Phillis Newby, Mary and killed while riding bicycles in an church and his family. There each were 20 present.

Bobby Owen and Sessions Hammond, Barbara Wilson Five students from Merkel High school attended the state meeting of the Vocational Industrial Club of Texas in Austin last Friday

place in senior boys declamation. College. class A, at the regional interschol-These students entered contests atic league meet in Brownwood

Merkel Lobos Win Two Games Here on Sunday

The Merkel Lobos took two games here Sunday. In the first frame the Lobos

defeated Loraine 7 to 4. The local boys took the lead in the first inning and kept it. Frank Duran knocked a home

run with no one on base. Jimmy Floyd pitched and Manuel Ybarra caught. In the second game the Merkel

In the second game the Merkel of Neighborliness Chiefs and won 8 to 6. Again they took the lead in the first inning and kept it. Captain Walter Whisenhunt was the pitcher and Manuel again received.

The Lobos were to go to Sweetwater to play the Chiefs last night. Sunday they will play the Lawn boys here.

Juan Biera is manager of the

\$374.83 Collected

The Red Cross drive in Merkel

The amount collected and desight reading contest on May 1. posited in the F. & M. National The numbers they will play will Bank Tuesday morning was \$734. be "Men in Grey," "Cardinal," and 83. Of this amount \$190 were collected in the business district and \$184.83 in th residential district. Holt Vaughn was residential solicitation chairman.

David Gamble and Lester Dorton did the collecting in the downtown district. The Beta Sigma Phi and the Merkel Garden Club did the soliciting in the residential district. The women who reported returns were:

Mesdames Doyle Seifried, Grif Mesdames Doyle Seifried, Grif Barnett, C. L. Sherrell, Dale Litton, Sammy Doan, Newt Logan, Truett Perry, Norman King, Lester Dorton, E. L. Horton, Jr., Vinholding a revival. It began Thurs- cent Barnett, Misses Christine Col-

Anyone who has been missed may make contributions at the Merkel Drug or the F. &M. Na-

J. W. Barnes Dies After Visiting Here Last Week J. W. Barnes, who visited here

last week, died at 10 a. m. Monday in Dallas. He was recovering from major surgery. He was 74

Mr. Barnes spent his early boyhood here and was the son of the late J. S. Barnes. He was the brother of Mrs. T. G .Bragg and Mrs. E. M. McDonald. The funeral was held Wednes-

giving each community its equal Rabbit." Rabbit." It recalled that a long time ago Hurls 1-Hit Game **Last Tuesday**

Dink Whisenhunt pitched a onehit game Tuesday here against Roby. Coach Tommy Ellis' Badgers beat the visitors 14-0. Billy Fisher was the catcher. The Badgers made four runs in

the first inning. ◆In the district Colorado City leads with 4 won and no losses. Merkel is second with 3 won and Council figures, approximately Daniel Russom, Nancy and Gladys 1 loss, Rotan and Roby are tied 22,000 children were injured or Swinney and the pastor of the Nol- for third with 1 won and 3 losses

Sessions and Barbara Wilson,

George Starbuck won second place in extemporaneous speech, lass A. Joy Walker placed second n declamation, class A, senior girls. Jimmy Jenkins received fourth place in slide rule, class A.

class A, will go to the state inter-

scholastic league meet in Austin

A number of students went along with the idea of working in events next year. "This is an accomplishment as it will help them in next year's meet," said Mrs. Comer Haynes, coach.

Mrs. Haynes and Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Oakley went with the stu-

Pioneer Spirit

The Texas spirit of neighborli ness is a real thing.

Two weeks ago last Friday Ira Community, was feeding his cows when one of them bumped him inwhen one of them bumped him in-to the feed trough and injured Dies Saturday his intestines.

He was rushed to the Sadler Hospital where he underwent a major operation. Wednesday last week he returned home.

Monday, while he was still restricted to his bed, his neighbors surprised him and came over at 1 p. m. with seven tractors and plows and planted 60 acres and plowed 60 more acres. They finished at 6:30 p. m.

Besides these friends other neighbors from far and near have offered to help the Stanleys in any way possible.

'You don't know how much better it makes you feel," remarked

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley. The West Texas pioneer spirit of neighborliness still lives on.

30th Anniversary

Easter Sunday was an extra occasion for the John Olivers of Mulberry Canyon. It was there 30th wedding anniversary.

All their children were home except a son Jimmy of the Navy, stationed at San Diego, Calif. children, and Pasy of the home. | Snyder,

Sessions Hammond won first, last Saturday at Howard Payne; dents to Brownwood. Mrs. Oakley coached Dorothy Foster in shorthand. Bill Baker was slide rule who won second in ready writers,

Local Students Win National Poetry Awards

Merkel High School English classes, directed by Mrs. Clinton Davis and Mrs. Comer Haynes, have recently completed a creative poetry project. The National Poetry Association of Los Angeles, Calif., has accepted poems from the following students for publication in its "Anthology of High

School Poetry": Contia Bagby, Betty Chancey, Jerry Cunningham, Patty Eakin, Dorothy Foster, Sessions Hammand, Carl McKeever, Paka Newby, Wesley Pair, Jimmy Russell, William Stallo, George Starbuck, Gloria Teaff and Jocille Thomp-

Stanley, who lives eight miles northeast of here in the Stith Earnest M. Tarpley At Age of 81

Funeral for Earnest M. Tarpley, 81, was held at 2 p. m. Monday at the Merkel Church of Christ with Roy Gulley, minister, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Ceme tery here under the direction of

Starbuck Funeral Home. Mr. Tarpley, a resident of the Merkel area since 1923, died at 3:45 a. m. Saturday.

Mr. Tarpley was born Oct. 9. 1872, in Tennessee. He was married in 1892 to Annie Anglin and they moved to Oklahoma in 1907. His wife died in 1912 and he was married in 1913 to Miss Simmons Brown who survives him.

Mr. Tarply farmed until 1947 when he retired. He had been a member of the Church of Christ since 1926.

Survivors are his wife: brother, Roy of Oklahoma; one sister, Mrs. Annie Hudson of Merkel; eight sons, Monroe of Arizona, David and Garvis of Merkel, Ralph of Abilene, Ray, with the U. S. Army in South Carolina, Joe, stationed at Maxwell AFB, Ala., Billy of Hondo AFB, and Keith with the U. S. Army in Germany: Six daughters, Mrs. Nellie Merritt of Canada, Mrs. May Chandler Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. of Louisiana, Mrs. Gertrude Wade John D. Oliver and twins, a nep- and Mrs. Leta Dixon of Merkel, hew Don Oliver of Midland, Mr. Mrs. Pearl Van Huss of Wichita and Mrs. Jack Whisenhunt and Falls and Mrs. Oneida Melton of

Uncle Trobe, 20-Year, 40-Year Ago And Women Dressing Like Men

poem, "A Woman's Prophecy," and added:

"I got this clipping from a scrapbook of my mother's father, J. L. Vaughan, Trobe's father, Trobe is my uncle, and all of us enjoyed brow, your and his chat so much in the

"I also enjoy the life histories of other men, the 20-year ago and the 40, although I do not remember the 40 year ago. It takes it all to make a good paper."

The poem, which was written a good many years ago prophesied many things, the airplane, the submarine, the radio, etc., long before they became a reality. Mother Skipton, author of the poem ,was the fear and trembling of our born in Norfolk, England, and time. She told of folks fleeing to died in Clifton, Yorkshire, 1449 A. | the mountains, ending with: D., 43 years before Columbus dis-

covered America. Two of the stanzas read: And now a word in uncouth

Of what shall be in future time: For in these wonderous far-off To dress like men and trousers

And cut off their lovely locks of They'll ride astride with brazen

As witches on a broom stick Then love shall die and mar

riage cease And nations wane as babes d The wives shall fondle cats and

And men live much the same as Mother Skipton went on to propesy the wars of this century,

For storms shall rage and ocean

When Gabriel stands on the sea and shore And as he blows his wond'rous

Old world shall die and new

NEWS ABOUT TOWN

Mrs. V. T. Witchert of Bonham | Brown of Ft. Worth visited recent has been visiting her sister, Mrs. ly in the home of Mrs. J. P. Sharp J. B. Campbell, the last few Ross Ferrier, Jr., of Fort Worth

and daughter Kaylynn visited in had been visiting his grandpar Odessa over the weekend with ents, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Ferrier their children.

her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. Y. Abilene spent the weekend in Ft

business trip to East Texas over Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Fox visited the weekend, leaving here Thurs- Mr. and Mrs. Claud Lane in day of last week.

end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sunday in Comanche. Nathan Wood.

Mrs. O. M. Sharp and Jimmy of Dallas spent part of Sunday



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YELLOW

was here over the weekend and re-Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Perry turned with his son Ronnie who

Mrs. E. D. McGehee, David and Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Palmer and Trezlyn of Del Rio are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Palmer o Worth and Dallas and attended Mr. and Mrs. Jack Miller made a the Ice Capades.

Sweetwater Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Wood and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sledge visited children of Edna spent the week- her mother, Mrs. J. H. Lloyd,

Mr. and Mrs. Billy wozeneraft



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Mrs. W. I. Wozencraft and hree daughters and Monroe Wozraft spent the weekend in Bi: Spring, visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Wozencraft who were celebrat ing their wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Toomb of San Angelo spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Grimes and children of Alice and Luther Grimes of Georgetown visited Mrs. Pete West Wednesday and Thursday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Diltz, Jr. and daughter of San Angelo were weekend guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Diltz, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Higgins and daughter Betty Lou of Corpus Christi visited her mother, Mrs. J. M. Toombs, in the Irving Thompsons home the past weekend. Mrs. Toombs returned with her daughter to Corpus Christi for an indefinite stay.

Mrs. W. A. Harrison spent the weekend with her son, Mr. and Mrs. Levi Harrison, of Ft. Worth. Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Ray had their two daughters, Mrs. Lucian Rudd, Ft. Worth, and Mrs. Horace Steele, Houston, and their two

small sons, David Brenton Rudd and Randall Steele, as guests all last week. This is the first time David Brenton, two months old, had been to visit his grandparents. Little Randall Steele, 20 months old, enjoys coming home to his great grandfather Butman's ranch so he can ride horses, see the sheep, cows and other things.

Miss Gloria West was in China



MRS. JEFF ELY CHANCEY

.... recent bride

J. J. Russell, Jr., of Wichits Falls spent two days the past week visiting his mother, Mrs. J. J. Russell, Sr.

BLUE BONNET H. D. CLUB LEARNS ABOUT "MEAL IN!"

The Blue Bonnet Home Demonstration Club met in the home of Mrs. Frank Brnovak April 20 with with Mrs. Allen D. King presiding. Mrs. Brnovak led in prayer. Roll call was answered with "What at-

tracts me most in a person." Mrs. King gave the council report, stating that 12 clubs of 13 MEETS WITH MRS. SPURGIN in the county gave reports concerning their clubs. She said, "All women interested in making cancer bandages go to the Hendrick Memorial Hospital, ask for Mrs. Odum in the record room and she will give old sheets for bandages. There is a cancer film available and a doctor to explain and answer questions.

Mrs. Ford Butman, Taylor County Home Demonstration agent delegate to San Angelo. gave interesting reports of the

Butman, Jr., and Mrs. Dewell Mcgood casserole dish, using meat jobs on the farm can be profitable balls, onions, carrots, English used on them. — A. & M.

and dessert to visitors, Mesdames vin McCoy, Joe Seymore, John Fergurson, Lavine Butman, nine members and several children.

The next meeting will be May 4 with Mrs. Joe Swinney. Members are asked to have a yearbook suggestion written out and ready to give to the yearbook chairman.

WILLING WORKER CLASS

The Willing Worker Class of Grace Presbyterian Church met Tuesday afternoon in the home of opened with a song. Mrs. L. L Murray gave the devotional, fol-

Eight members and one visitor attended the meeting. The class will meet in the home of Mrs. Etta Tucker on May 11.

TIME TO CLEAN UP

gave a demonstration of a up and paint up jobs should be meal in one, a very attractive and done. Labor not needed for other Charter No. 7481 Reserve District No. 11 REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE

Farmers & Merchants National Bank

of Merkel in the State of Texas, at the close of business on April 15, 1954 published in response to call made by Comptroller of the Currency, under section 5211, U. S. Revised Statutes.

ASSETS

1. Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balance and cash items in process of collection\$1,573,980.74 2. United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed Obligations of States and political subdivisions 4. Other bonds, notes, and debentures NONE 5. Corporate stocks (including \$4,500.00 stock of Federal Reserve bank) 4,500.00 6. Loans and discount (including \$998.41 overdrafts) 871,755.65 7. Furniture and fixtures 2,500.00 TOTAL ASSETS \$3,437,044.57

LIABILITIES 13. Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships 15. Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings) 14,885.30 16. Deposits of State and political subdivisions 83,031.06 18. Other deposits (certified and cashier's checks, etc.) . 1,162.60 TOTAL DEPOSITS \$3,213,383.63 TOTAL LIABILITIES \$3,213,383.63 24. CAPITAL ACCOUNTS 25. Capital Stock: (c) Common stock total par 75,000.00 26. Surplus 75,000.00 27. Undivided profits TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS 223,660.94 brother Gerald last week and reof mushroom soup, sait, Worcesbrother Gerald last week and reof mushroom soup, sait, Worcesand Total Liabilities and Capital Accounts \$3,437,044.57

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This was served with iced tea 31. Assets pledged or assigned to secure liabilities and for other purposes . Harry Riney, E. E. Seymore, Mel- 33. (A) (I) Loans to farmers directly guaranteed and redeemable on demand by the Commodity Credit Cor-

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GEO. T. MOORE, Cashier

CORRECT-ATTEST: H. C. WEST W. S. J. Brown BOOTH WARREN Directors

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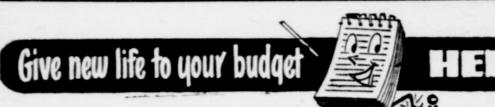


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Extension Service By LORETA ALLEN

National Home Demonstration Week will be observed by 40,000 stration Clubs May 2-8.

Women in the 1,990 Texas clubs will observe a special theme of "Home - The Cornerstone Of ed States Department Of Agricul three million women in 62,000 tem and county commissioners communities will take part in the courts. The home economics exweek. Taylor County has 13 organ-

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ized home demonstration clubs with an enrollment of 321.

Purpose of the observance is to call attention to the achievement that farm and ranch women have made through organized planning

Women who take part in home demonstration work do whatever seems most important to them in mproving their homes or helping their families. Today, community centers, hospitals, civil defense are profiting from their work. The main demonstrations worked on members of Texas Home Demon- this year in Taylor County are 'Improving The Living Room"

and "Meat in the Family D Diet." Extension work in Texas is carried on cooperatively by the Unit Freedom." On the national scope, ture, Texas A. & M. College Systension program or the home demonstration program is an educational program for adults, which offers a variety of opportunities for learning during everyday living and for leadership in commun-

Texas has a total of 233 county workers helping the women in home demonstration work.

One thing Taylor County is do ing to observe National Home Demonstration Week is to have a style show. I conducted a training school on advanced dress making for a special interest group of

The following women will model in the style show on May 6 at 8 p. m. in the Coco-Calo Building, on North 1st St., Abilene: Mrs. Tom Russom, Blue Bonnett Club; Mrs. Elmer Griffith and Mrs. R. A. May, Elmdale Club;

Mrs. Hodge Winters and Mrs. V. B. Reeves, Hamby Club; Mrs.



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SOIL BUILDERS - K. A. Goza, right, started three years ago planting legumes in rotation with row crops. He's upped the productivity of the land by so doing. He and Coleman O'Brien, SCS Work Unit conservationist at Merkel, check on the growth of Austrian winter peas planted last fall.



Gene Frazier, Hardin-Simmons University junior student from Merkel, is one of the top collegiate cowhands in the nation. Frazier split first place honors in buldogging with Lowie Rice of Texas A. & M. at the recent Sul Ross show. Frazier helped Hardn-Simmons' national championship team compete against top teams from the southwest and western part of the nation when H-SU held its annual rodeo, April 22-24.

DECEASED

Roland McAdams and Mrs. J. T. McMillon, Lawn Club: Mrs. Kenneth Dummonds and Mrs. Melton Roberts, Pleasant Hill Club; Mrs. John Bowles and Mrs. Harry Franklin, Potosi Club;

Mrs. Wayne Smith, Rogers Club; Mrs. W. L. McCormick and Mrs. J. L. Farr and Mrs. Freeman Morgan, Wylie Club; Mrs. J. L. Ohlhausen and Mrs. B. M. Batts, from Ballinger and Mrs. A. B. Spill, Winters.

Some of these women have conclubs and the ones they taught dress is Route 1, Levelland, Texwill also model. The public is invited to attend.

Martin and Lewis at Their Funniest At Both Theatres

When Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis let loose with their inimitable brand of looney antics it is more than enough to please the 'gloomiest gus" in any audience, but when the boys get in front of Neill, asking her to have you send the Technicolor cameras they hit an ultimate in hilarity.

This is the treat that is in store for moviegoers at the Queen Theatre where Dean and Jerry's brand new Paramount comedy, 'Money From Home," opens Sunday and Monday and also at the Pioneer Theatre, Sunday night. The story is based on a Damon Runyon story dealing with

hoodlums and race horses.

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF W. L. BLAIR,

Notice is hereby given that ori ginal Letters of Administration with Will Annexed upon the Estate of W. L. Blair, deceased, were P. L. Kendall, Tuscola Club; Mrs. granted to me, the undersigned on the 31st day of March, 1954, by the County Court of Taylor County, Texas. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same to me within the time preducted similar schools in their scribed by law. My residence adas. My post office address, for the purpose of the presentment of

> 360, Abilene, Texas. John L. Blair, Administrator with will annexed of the Estate of W. L. Blair, deceased. Adv. - April 9, 16, 23, 30.

such claims, is care of Wagstaff,

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FLORENCE RATLIFF HATES VERY MUCH TO MISS MERKEL MAIL

"I enjoy The Merkel Mail very much," wrote Florence Ratliff, 1890 Bay Shore, Palo Alto, Calif. "I wrote my sister, Mrs. W. B. me The Merkel Mail for a year.

"I am the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Sherman of Trent., I was born and reared there. I enjoy reading The Mail very much. "I have moved. I would hate very much to miss a single copy of

"I left Texas in 1930, so you can see why I like to get the paper now. I remain a true subscriber." SPRING EXPRESS



"Spring Express" is the name designer Helen Whiting gives this cotton dress fashioned for spring afternoons. Made of Fisha novelty woven cotton, the frock is designed simply and the spring of the state of the stat simply and smartly with a scoop neckline and full, easy skirt. Nov-elty weaves will be important cotton fashion news this spring and summer, the National Cotton Council reports.

CUPID'S TOUCH



This trim cotton blouse bears Cupid's touch, for the fabric is printed with tiny red hearts. Perfect accent to the Springmaid heart print are small red hearts embroidered on the snow white Peter Pan collar. Designed by Rhoda Lee, the crisp little cotton blouse has three-quarter push-up sleeves and minute pearl buttons.

Forerunner of the Texas Press Association, now in its 75th year, was the Texas Editorial and Press Association organized in 1873 at Sherman. It was discontinued in 1876. Elected president at the first meeting was Charles DeMorse, of the old Clarksville Standard.

LEGAL NOTICE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF TAYLOR

Notice is hereby given that the limited partnerhip of James Wilson Osborne, the general partner and John M. Cook, the special partner, which partnerhip conducted business under the firm name of Osborne's Washette, was dissolved by mutual agreement on the 6th day of April, 1954. All

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debts due to the said partnership are to be paid, and those due from the partnership, discharged, at 150 Grape Street, in the City of Abilene, Texas, where the business will be continued by the said James Wilson Osborne, individual-

John M. Cook James Wilson Osborne Adv. April 9, 16, 23, 30.

Legal Notices NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF JOSEPH H. RINEY, DECEASED.

Notice is hereby given that original letters of administration upon the estate of Joseph H. Riney. deceased, were granted to me, the undersigned, on the 8th day of April, 1934, by the county court of Taylor county. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present same to me within the time prescribed by law. My residence and post office address are R. F. D. No. 4, Merkel, county of Taylor, Texas. Leroy E. Riney

Administrator, Estate of Joseph H. Adv. April 16, 23, 30, May 7.

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Henry Spears appeared last week in the Reporter-News, written by Rev. Hamilton Wright. It was a long article. Part of it follows:

Hoeing stones in Alabama fields became so monotonous to Thomas Henry Spears, 84, now retired here, that he threw down ing Convention. He recalls the ashouse, determined to migrate to 30 years ago. Texas whether his wife did or did not accompany him.

"My wife saw something was wrong, inferred I'd run out of chewing tobacco," he related.

"I'm not out of tobacco," replied. "I'm going to Texas this miles northeast of Noodle. fall, Babe (his pet name for her). I've done my best to provide for you and will keep providing for SHEPPERD FILES AGAIN you. But if you won't go with me, I'm going anyway."

The new immigrant, alone, detrained at Merkel on Dec. 9, 1894. His wife and children joined him primary. In his announcement here several days later after wait- Shepperd pledged continuing war

Hall, who farmed in the Mulberry in Duval County to uncover and miles southwest of Merkel, near have won approval of the people.'

Christmas.

GIFT FOR MOTHER

a low hill known as Blowout Moun-

Spears says the wet 1900 which he country. "They came in flocks", he described. "The Merkel country settled fast and I had many nearby neighbors."

In 1942 Spears retired from hard labor, moving to Merkel. He has Congressman lived alone since the death of his 17th District wife, taking his meals with a

Spears was for 16 years president of the Taylor-Jones County Sing-

daughter, who lives in a house next

OIL NEWS

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MAY 9TH

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Texas Attorney General John! re-election to a second term, sub-

Washington

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Streams of visitors are pouring into Washington.

Nation's Capital means to his tool and made for his humble sociation was organized at Blair these strangers. They must feel differently in this city, which all Americans own, than they about most any other place.

However, regardless of where Texas Pacific Coal & Oil Co., one is, people must feel about cit-Fort Worth, No. 1 W. M. Parham ies much as they do about human beings. Their likes and dislike probably originate chiefly from general impressions. Most of us have pleasant or unpleasant mem ories about places we visit, and mostly we form our opinions by Ben Shepperd formally filed for whether our experiences were good or bad. Justified or not, it

In a sense, Washington may ap ism and Corruption. We feel our due in part to the fact that there The incentive for coming to quick action in checking the drive are many people from all parts West Texas was an uncle, his by the Communist Party to take of the country and all parts of the mother's brother, the late W. A. over key Texas ports and our fight world here most of the time Canyon country. Hall lived 71/2 halt the theft of public funds both sometimes it is hard to remember we are strangers together.

People make any place, but aside from just people, Washing ton is always beautiful. At this time especially, as the trees and flowers come into new life, it really has no equal in the Country Even those who may be "mad" at the administration, the Congress, or the bureaucrats, who may petulantly blame "Washington" for all mishaps, have a proud, personal sense of ownership in the city. Some of the monuments may leave some people a little cold. but the capitol Dome, especially

at night, the White House, the Memorials to Lincoln and Jefferson are surely unforgettable when viewed for the first time. After several years' maneuverng, my office is located in such position that I can overlook

these beauties of Washington and point out many of them to my visitors in the office. Incidentally can also look from my fifth floor office window over the green hills of Virginia towards Texas, and do so several times each day

Floyd R. Derrick Has Been Promoted To Captain's Rank

noted to rank of captain at the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.

Captain Derrick is a special veapons officer at headquarters, Air Material Command.

Merkel Badgers Defeat Rotan Saturday 15 to 3

id walloped Rotan 15 to 3. Robrt McLeod and Jerry Cunning am hit home runs.

Gail O'Brien received. The game with Colorado City April 22 was postponed on account

LT. BOBBY GILBERT IS NOW TRAINING

WITH SABER-JET Second Lt. Bobby Gilbert spent several days the past week visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grover Gilbert. Lt. Gilbert is stationed at Hamilton Air Force Base, San Francisco, Calif., with the American Defense Command, 325th Fighter Interceptor Squadron. He will spend three months at Perrin Air Force Base, Sherman, for ad vanced pilot training in the F86D

ALTON WAYNE McLEAN IS CANDIDATE FOR B. S. DEGREE AT TCU

Three hundred and seven students of Texas Christian University are scheduled to receive degrees at the annual spring commencement in Amos Carter Stadium at 8 p. m., May 30. Among them is Alton Wayne McLean, candidate for the degrees of bachelor of science in physical educa-

FOR GOVERNOR Gov. Allan Shivers last week announced that he will be a candidate for re-election as Governor

Mrs. Roy Miller has returned home after a 10-day visit with her daughter, Mrs. Dave Johnson, Rev. Johnson and family of Clarksville. They have a new baby boy weighing 8 pounds 4 ounces named Carroll Ray.



Girl Scouts accompanied by four leaders, Miss Viola Allred, Mrs. breakfast on individual fires call-Mina Winter, Mrs. Doyle Seifried, ed 'buddy burners.' Mrs. P. W. Miller, attended an over-night camp out at Booth Oaks, the West Texas Girl Scout Area coals in the big fire place. Camp for girls in this council.

southwest of Sweetwater. Each girl cooked all her own

food. Friday evening they roasted weiners and marshmallows before the big fire place. They cooked

Lunch was cooked in individual wraps of aluminum foil on the Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Cypert and

This camp is located nine miles Mr. and Mrs. Leon Scott helped transport the girls to and from the camp. Eighteen girls attended the camp.

SINGING AT AMITY

There will be singing at Amity Baptist Church Thursday, May 6, at 7:30 p. m. Everybody



Noodle High School students represented their school at the Region II Interscholastic League Meet at Brownwood. Left to right, from top are: Beth Adkins, Maxine Justice, Cleo Wheeler and Carol Corder.

Don Hunt Elected Officer of Texas College Press

Don Hunt of Abilene Christian College was elected parliamentarian of the Texas Intercollegiate Press Association, meeting in Mexico City, Mexico, last week.

Don is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Hugh Hunt of Stanton, formerly of Merkel. Don attended Merkel High School.

Sound of Rain **Proves Mystery** To Visitor Here

The pitted windshield mystery moved into Merkel from the West Coast Saturday morning.

Earl Callaway of Corpus Christi displayed his Cadillac car that had pits in the windshield. According to Callaway it happened this way:

'Mrs. Callaway and I were driving Friday from Denison to Merkel. Between Dectatur and Weatherford, we drove into heavy clouds above us and we thought we heard

me," Callaway said. 'I stuck out my hand through the window but

"Saturday morning I went to look at my car and saw tiny pits on the windshield. The car as a whole had little dots that looked

lights, though, were pitted. Callaway, a former Noodle resident, is in the oil business in Corpus Christi. He and Mrs. Callaway are guests here of Stanley King, his brother-in-law.

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balance, and cash items in process of collections . . \$231,130.81

Federal Reserve bank) 2,700.00

1. Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve

2. United States Government obligations,

5. Corporate stocks (including \$2,700.00 stock of

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Loans and discounts (including \$594.93 overdrafts) 242,342.64 7. Bank premises owned \$1.00, furniture 2,800.00 and fixtures \$2,799.00 TOTAL ASSETS \$941,709.67 LIABILITIES 13. Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations Deposits of United States Government (including Postal Savings) 4,125.00 Deposits of State and political subdivisions 17,593.61 TOTAL DEPOSITS \$837,550.52 TOTAL LIABILITIES (not including subordinated obligations shown below) \$837,550.52 CAPITAL ACCOUNTS 25,000.00 25. Capital* Surplus Undivided Profits 14,159.15 TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS 104,159.15

> * This bank's capital consists of Common stock with total par value of \$25,000.00.

TOTAL LIABILITIES and CAPITAL ACCOUNTS .. 941,709.67

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STATE OF TEXAS, County of Taylor, ss: Sworn to and subscribed before me this 22nd day of April ,1954. Pearl Matthews, Notary Public Taylor County, Texas (SEAL)



MR. AND MRS. W. T. McANINCH ... observe Golden Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Smith and family accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Jean McCain, of Uvalde who s visiting the Smiths visited their brother, Bob Falkenbury, and wife of Navasota last week.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Smith over the Easter holidays were her mother, Mrs. A. L. La-Peyre, and brother Jesse Edwards

Mrs. Zola Teague has returned home after a week's visit with her daughter, Mrs. John Sheffield, and Mr. Sheffield and family of Hous-

Mr. and Mrs. Preston Henry had as weekend guests their two daughters, Mrs. Billy Durden, Mr. Durden and son Jerry Van of Waxahachie, and Mrs. Charles Bunson, Mr. Bunson and son Timmy of Ft. Smith, Ark.

Rev. and Mrs. Bob Harris and children of Loraine and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Miller and daughter of Abilene visited last Friday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Harris. Rev. Harris is pastor of the Methodist Church at Lo-

TWAS 20 YEARS AGO

In last week's 20 Years Ago gardenias column appeared the note that Mrs. Hugh Campbell. Mrs. Watson poured punch. Campbell recalls that 600 persons came to the show but only 300 could get inside the build- Noodle. ing. The other 300 remained outside and were entertained by MISS VIVIAN DAVIS repeated at the Butman Taber MEET IN SAN ANTONIO

PRINCIPAL FARLEY TELLS SIXTH GRADERS ABOUT VALLEY FORGE

Principal C. A. Farley gave Mrs. Cox's sixth grade room a very interesting talk on "Valley Forge" on April 19. The class is studying MOVE TO S. CAROLINA that part of history. Principal Far ley went to Valley Forge in 1950

for the eighth month: President, was previously stationed at Den-Nita Moore; vice president, Janice Windham; secretary, Jane Tollar: treasurer, Patricia Johnson, and Cramer Reynolds and her mother reporter, Carole Perry.

MRS. W. T. SADLER REVIEWS

AUTUMN OF LIBERTY The Fortnightly Study Club met uesday, April 27, at the Comnunity Center with Mrs. Ray Wilson hostess. Mrs. Andy Shouse presided over a short business session. The club voted to buy five lunch tickets for needy school children

Mrs. David Gamble brought houghts from the Bible. Mrs. W. T. Sadler reviewed Paul Harvey's "Autumn of Liberty," which was thoroughly enjoyed by

There were 23 members and one guest, Mrs. Earl Lassiter, present.

JO ANN WATSON MARRIES

LEE ROY BENNINGFIELD Jo Ann Watson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Watson of Merkel, became the bride of Lee Roy Benningfield, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Benningfield of Noodle, April 15. The ceremony took place in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Garden of Abilene a sister of the bridegroom. The double ring cere-

mony was read by Rev. Bill Fraz er of Noodle. Bobby Kennedy was best man and Joyce Watson, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a navy faille suit with white accessories. She carried a white Bible topped with white gardenias and corsage of white

The reception was held in the the Blair P.-T.A. was sponsoring Garden home. The 3-tiered weda home talent play, "George in a ding cake was served by Leona Jam." This play was directed by Amason and Vera Garden. Joyce

Guests attended from Merkel. Mineral Wells, Abilene and

the Merkel Band. The play was ATTENDS STATE X-RAY

Mrs. Alvin Wozencraft, daughter Terry Sue and Miss Vivian Davis were in San Antonio last week Miss Davis attended the State X-Ray Convention. Mrs. Wozencraft visited her sister, Mrs. Russ

ORIS REYNOLDS FAMILY AND STOPS OVER HERE

Lt. and Mrs. Oris Reynolds and when he was a Boy Scout coun- son Mark Ed stopped over here while on their way to Summer Air The class elected new officers Base, S. Carolina, last week. He

His parents are Mr. and Mrs. is Mrs. Helen Mayfield.

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CARD OF THANKS

We are grateful to our friends and neighbors for their help, kindness, thoughtfulness and encouragement during the illness and death of our husband and father

We appreciate the flowers, the food and the many other acts of kindness shown us. Mrs. E. M. Tarpley

And Children CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our neighbors who surprised us Monday and came over and did our plowing and planting. This outward expression of your sympathy is deeply appreciated beyond words. Now we know what really splendid

neighbors we have. Thank you, all of you. May the good Lord bless you with the best crops you have ever had and the best of health. Mr. and Mrs. Ira Stanley.

BADGER SCHEDULE April 30 - Double-header here, Colorado City. May 4 - At Rotan.

TO HAVE SURGERY

Mrs. Lucy Ford left Monday for Greyhill, Wyo., to visit her son Ray and wife for 30 days. Mrs. Ray Ford was to undergo surgery yes-

JAMES I. HARRIS VISITS HIS PARENTS ON WAY TO BRYAN

A/C James I. Harris of Kinston North Carolina, was home a week, visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Harris. He has finished his training at Kinston and is being transferred to the Bryan, Tex., Air Force Base.

Badger Yearbook **Packs Pictures And Activities**

The Badger 1954 yearbook has been distributed. Cover is printed in gold and silver and is soft and felt like. The book is filled with the pictures of all the high school students and covers all activities for the year.

Barbara Wilson is editor of the

CPL. OMAR BISHOP ARRIVES HOME SUNDAY FROM GERMANY

Cpl. Omar Bishop landed in New York on April 20 from Worms, Germany, after 24 months' Army service. He was 18 months in Ger-

He arrived home Sunday morning. He reported Monday at Camp Eastbond Chaffee, Ark., where he was to receive his discharge papers on Tuesday. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Grady Bishop.

SUE McLEOD WENT TO WORK MONDAY IN PETREE'S OFFICE

Sue McLeod went to work in Abilene Monday. She is in Tax Collector Raymond Petree's of

GERALD WEST LEFT TUESDAY TO ENTER MILITARY SERVICE Gerald West was home from

Naval Ordnance Test Station, China Lake Calif., visiting his mother, Mrs. James West. He left Tuesday to enter military service at Lubbock.

SECOND GRADERS VISIT FAIR PARK AND RIDE TRAIN

Thirty-three people from Merkel visited Fair Park and a bakery Monday in Abilene, then rode a train home

The group consisted of 19 second graders, six pre-school children, seven parents and Mrs. H. C. Reid, second grade teacher. Parents were: Mrs. R. E. Harris, Mrs. Carvel

Odum, Mrs. Tommy Odum, Mrs. Henry Howard, Mrs. Vernon Mans field, Mrs. Jack Hendricks and Mrs. Bill Dunagin.

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LODGE CALLS NOTICE MASONS

Stated meeting of Merkel lodge No. 710, A. F. & A. M., Saturday, May 15, 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

LOST AND FOUND

LEFT - At Community Center Navy Blue Coat. Please notify or return to Mrs. J. Ben Campbell or Phone 246. LOST - Hand Diggers, Monday between Noodle Dome and the old Noodle road .Finder contact Loyd Gunter, Route 2. 1t7p. LOST - Parrakeet, yellowish

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green, Reward, Mrs. Zedic John-

son, 910 Rose, Phone 120J. 1t7c.

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FOR FARMERS' DEDUCTION In response to hundreds of let ters and telegrams from Panhandle and West Texas farmers, Senator Price Daniel has asked the Senate Finance Committee to include a provision in the new Income Tax Revision bill to permit farmers a deduction for the installation of underground concrete pipe as a current farm operating

STATE FAIR PREMIUMS

Livestock and poultry premiums at the 1954 State Fair of Texas, Oct. 9 through 24, will total \$85,411, State Fair President R. L. Thorton announced. The State Fair's 1954 Premium List will be off the press early in May. Inquires should be addressed to Ray W. Wilson, livestock manager, State Fair of Texas, Dallas.

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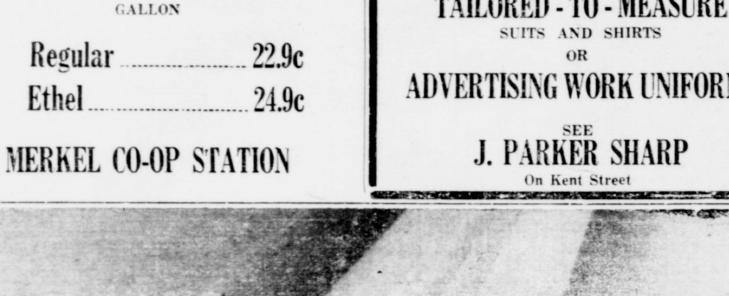
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Lyndon B. Johnson

PEACE THE GOAL: Again last and pray there will be no decision week, I sat in on a conference of which takes our fellow-Americans the utmost gravity to all of us. through the valley of the shado Congressional leaders of both of death. parties met with Secretary of State Dulles just after his return from his journey to England and

The subject of discussion was

WHAT ARE THE ISSUES? It is impossible to exaggerate the seri ousness of the situation.

Indo-China is a rich prize. It is the richest source of tungsten still available to the free world. Tung-

sten is vital to our defense Beneath the soil of Indo-China are rich deposits of tin and manganese. No military machine can operate without those metals.

If this country should be captur ed by the communists, they would be in a commanding position to take over the entire continent of





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land mass. That would be a heavy blow to freedom.

There has been little support on the French home front for the war. (Many of the Legionnaires are professional German soldiers.)

The French have refused to grant full independence to the people of Indo-China.

Many Asians feel they have no choice between French imperial ism and Chinese imperialism They are apathetic.

The French might well take a

esson from our own Texas history. At the battle of San Jacinto Texans routed the forces of Mex ico - although Texans were out numbered two to one. They were ighting for freedom. That far nore than made up for the numer ical odds.

I feel very strongly that any action, whatever its nature, must proceed with the full knowledge and consent of the American peo-

Like all other Americans, I hope

THE PEOPLE KNOW: What

ever is necessary to solve our Texas water problem must be done. I know, from the numerous letters I receive on the subject that is how the people of Texas feel about the matter

This alert and intelligent interest by Texans in solving our water problem makes me realize all over again that, generally speaking. the American people, once they are given the facts about a situation, can be depended on to seek for and find the right answers to questions affecting their welfare. Confidence in the judgment of he people is the foundation stone of our system of government.



By VERN SANFORD Texas Press Association

Texas politics started with a rush as Gov. Allan Shivers broke a log jam by announcing that he would ask the voters for an unprecedented third term. Actually, Gov. Shivers is now in

the state's chief executive upon the death of Governor Beauford Jester in July, 1949. When his present term is end-

his third term; he took over as

ed, he will have served longer than any other governor - five years and five months.

Water Is Topic

Water conservation was a prime subject for the political speakers. That problem is one of the state's biggest and influenced him in deciding whether to run for governor again, Gov. Shivers told reporters. He said that in his opinion Tex-

as has sufficient water if the supply is conserved. Senator Lyndon B. Johnson urg-

ed thousands of small dams in the upland areas of Texas for water storage and protection against floods.

Race for Senate

Senator Johnson drew opposition in the person of Representative Dudley T. Dougherty of Bee-

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Teacher Pay Boost

Passed by the special session of he Legislature, a bill to increase Texas public school teachers' pay by \$402 per year was signed by he governor.

Close the Gaps

E. H. Thornton, Jr., chairman of he state highway commission, told a Kaufman County delegation that he commisison's policy is to complete gaps in the farm road system before beginning new routes.

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... faith in Our Fellow Men ... and faith in Freedom. //

By looking to God, by seeking Him in His temple weekly

... by dedicating ourselves to His teachings ... we and our

children will be filled with renewed and strengthened faith.

Thus may we ultimately achieve this glorious ideal -

"on earth, Peace to all men of good will."

So guided, we will best serve America's destiny . . . ;

in time of distress, of thanksgiving . . . with faith!

So sing the youth of America today . . . in spirit

of reverence, of praise . . . with hope!

Uncle Billie And Texas Newspaper Women



REMEMBER WHEN?-80-year-old W. W. (Uncle Billie) Aiken, publisher of the Crockett Courier for the past 56 years, can remember Texas Press Association conventions as far back as 1891. But he didn't attend the one at Corsicana and have his picture made - like the old-timers in the goldenframed photo above. Calling to other TPAers to "come look" - during a recent TPA meeting in Austin, were (left to right) Uncle Billie; Mrs. Texas Press Messenger in June.

L. B. Smith, wife of the publisher of the Brady Standard; Mrs. Arthur H. Kowert, wife of the president of TPA, who publishes the Fredericksburg Standard; and Mrs. Roy M. Craig, whose husband is publisher of the Stamford American. Historical photos of members of the press will be featured in the Diamond Anniversary issue of The

1891 TPA Picture Stirs Memories are owner-publishers in their sole right in Texas today, and many more help their husbands in printing offices. Of Pioneer Texas Newspapermen

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a gifted public speaker and long-time owner of The El Paso Times.

Battleground Discussed

A far cry from the clean-shaven, editorial paragraph. Mitchell died in sports-collared newspapermen of today 1901.

Texas Press Association members were in session for the twelfth time at the 1891 convention. During the business meeting, a committee was appointed to memorialize the legislature in behalf of a movement to be meeting adjourned. They were known to travel as far as California, Mexico City, St. Louis, New Orleans, New Jersey, Denver, and Chicago on special trains. Texas Press Association members Winter meeting of the Texas Press pointed to memorialize the legislature Association held recently in Austin. in behalf of a movement to have the Association held recently in Austin.

The picture was the first reminder of the TPA Diamond Anniversary observance to be celebrated this year. It will be highlighted by a 75th birth-day convention in Fort Worth, June 18-19, and by a Diamond Anniversary edition of The Texas Press Messenger the same month.

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Times, edited by J. S. Hart; Green-

and sometimes mustache-waxed were the press pioneers who attended that TPA convention in Corsicana May 12, 1891.

The interesting picture, arranged in an oval shape, showed some 80 old-time newspaper editors and publishers. In the center was a larger picture of their president lune of their pr of their president, Juan S. Hart.

Hart, who retired later to enter, very successfully, the mining business, was Boren; Center Champion, R. S. Bryarly, Marsball Messenger, W. A. Adair; Dallas News, George M. Bailey; lowa Park Texan, D. C. Kolp; Palo Pinto Star, J. C. Son; Baird Star, W. E. Gil-Speakers at the 1954 convention

Excursion Taken It was common practice in the old days of TPA conventions for the newspapermen to take an excursion after

In 1891 the group of bearded editors took a short trip only, traveling from Corsicana to San Antonio, as guests of the citizenry. From there they visited Rockport and Aransas Harbor, upon special invitation of Governor T. B. Wheeler.

Pleasure trips, such as these exthe TPA conventions today. Meetings are devoted to business discussions and educational speeches. Very few trips are made. Those which are taken are usually to industrial plants, mili-

offered convention goers at the Mid-Winter meeting the day before the convention officially convened. Mem-

Harte interests.

Mitchell was strong for the editorial page, which, in those days, resounded of crusades and fine writing. If there was too much matter for his newspaper, he would leave out the leading ocews item of the week rather than an oews item of the week rather than an oewspapers. Thirty-three women interests.

Just as today, many of the Texas publisher of the Fredericksburg Standard, and Vice-President W. R. Beaumier, general manager of the Lufking Daily News. More than a dozen other thusbands, even then, on the small-town newspapers. Thirty-three women and three pages, he would leave out the leading their husbands, even then, on the small-town newspapers. Thirty-three women and three pages, he would leave out the leading their husbands, even then, on the small-town newspapers. Thirty-three women and three pages, which, in those days, resounded them to the TPA meeting. In the 1891 picture were nine women and three children. Many of the wives helped their husbands, even then, on the small-town newspapermen took an active part in the one-day program held in Austin in January of this year.

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EDITORIAL

LOVE FOR ALL

In an era filled with fear it is good to take earnestly to heart the admonition given by Rev. Don R. Davidson, "Let us not judge everybody, let us love everybody.

It is a good personal advice, it is a good national and international

is to love and be loved. It has Merkel. been said that a child that does not receive love will possibly grow into a problem child. When love is lacking the leaven of life is lack-

Grown-ups who do not have the poisoning of the dogs. love are missing the thing that makes life worthwhile. Success, for the lack of love. Love is as and sleeping.

too freely. We see the mote in the lost their "best friend." other man's eye. A man says somedown the other person.

s prone to judge, we will not done think of judging.

Love lifts the spirit of man, it brings him nearer to the image of

And where there is love there is no fear

The disease of the world today is fear and the lack of love. The international situation is rife with fear. Our President has pointed out what this means. He has asked that we all work together for peace, for a peaceful understandng, for a peaceful world.

And the basis of this is love. If we can love the other man, we will try to understand him. If we can make the other nation understand us we are likely to achieve

We can make a good start for a better world right in our own sphere by following Rev. Davidson's advice, "Let us not judge everybody, let us love everybody.

POISONED DOGS

It has been said that a man's best friend is his dog. Evidently there is someone who has never One of the urgent needs of man around poisoning dogs here in

It has been reported that about

We wonder what type of person will do this? These dogs that were power, money do not compensate poisoned were valuable dogs, they were not vicious. They were good much a part of life as is eating dogs, they were pets, many of them. Some little boy has lost

had a "best friend" as he is going

20 dogs have been killed. The poison used was strychnine. That means that someone had to go out of his way and deliberately plan

Mrs. J. J. Earthman

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	Pattu's Wooden Shoe Dance (Light)	Carolyn Cole
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ı	Spring Flowers (Rolfe)	Latrelle Bright
ı	Waltz On 32 (Wright)	Gailyn Steadman
Į	Agraniana Stunts (Williams)	Janet Thomas
ļ	March of the Trombones (Richter)	Carolyn Graham
I	C - Cab - Dell (Ealestein)	Nita Moore
١	Bluebells are Ringing (Stairs)	Shirley Carey
i	Tittle Lady (Folstein)	Janie Breaux
į	Sails on a Silvery Sea (Lane)	Shirley Brown
I	Dance of the Woodsprites (Forman)	Carolle Perry
1	Waltz of the Flower Fairies (Crosby) .	Sue Bond
I	The Grasshoppers Frolic (Dority)	Betty Odum
I	Turning Wheels (Tibbits)	Edith Bagby
I	Tarantelle (Heller)	Danny Harris
I	Jolly Darkies (Bechter) Long	nie Harris and Martha Perry
1	Swaving Daffodils (Overlade)	Janie Robinson
i	Sonatina On. 36, No. 2, Allegro (Clemet	nti) Ann Benson
ı	Dancing Cloudlets (Huerter)	Karen Irvin
ı	Arrival of the Brownies (Anthony)	Becky Ray
ı	Blossoms in May (Johnson)	Peggy Greenfield
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	Rippling Waters (Anthony)	
	Cadets on Parade (Ketterer)	Iris Pair
	Stolen Kisses (Rolfe)	Virginia Criswell
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	Camp of Glory (Holst) Minta Lue !	McAninch and Marilyn Kelso

May 11, 1954, 8 p. m.

Dancing Flowers (Moneymaker)	Dick Leach
Skating Lady (Frost)	Johnny Odum
The Ross Drummer (Wright)	David Lotlin
Diding the Clouds (MacLacklin)	Stanley Harris
The Water Sprite (Goodrich)	Katherine Lynn Gamble
A Thin to the Sky (Lloyd)	Nita Williams
Swans on the Lake (Thompson)	Kay Bagby
Fairy Dance (Eidt)	Patricia Pair
The Banjo Picker (Wright)	Freda and Linda Henager
I Heard a Bluebird (Stairs)	Nancy Jack Teaff
The Banjo Player (Blake)	Mary Brown
Vale of Song (Rolfe)	Joan Reynolds
The Water Mill (Spaulding)	Mary Jane Horton
The Drum Major (Erb)	Reth Dunagin
The Singing Bass (Rolseth)	Pater Harris
The Villiage Band (Hopson)	Cayle Harris
Little Boy Blue (Engelmann) Bet	to Smith and Kay Lynn Perry
Little Boy Blue (Engelmann) Bet	Puby Lee Jones
Kiss of Spring (Rolfe)	Incille Thompson
Vivienne (Vanasse)	Kay James
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Shower of Gold (Bohm)	Duby Stanban
Minuet in G. (Paderewski)	Clarie West
The Butterfly (Merkel)	to Wands June Bredley
Theme from Polonaise in A flat (Chop	in) Wanda June Bradley
County Gardens (Grainger)	Peggy Bond
Sonata in D. Allegro-Con Brio (Hayder	n) Judy Steadman
Stars and Stripes Forever (Sousa)	. Jackie Hogan and Suzy Bird

Without love there is an empti- his companion, some grown-up We are prone to judge others be empty without them. They have the lives of children?

There is still another side to thing and we are likely to judge this matter, a more dangerous whether it was a good or a bad act. the dogs. What is to prevent some of love. We look for the things that tear little, unsuspecting innocent child from picking up this food But if we love, we will not be and perhaps eating it? It can be

What manner of man is it that has lost his pet. Their lives will will poison a dog and endanger

That's ALL - and the Sage of what he has to say. A man does side. This poison had to be placed Figfield adds that the more you something and we quickly judge on some kind of food to be fed to give in love the more you receive

> James Whistler signed his correspondence and paintings with small drawing of a butterfly.

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O'Keefe is seen as an American who, living in the tropical city of Papeete, on the island of Tahiti in 1877, agrees to aid the aged Tahitian Queen Pomare in preventing the French from taking possession by smuggling in arms for the islanders.

Excitement Punch Packs Ever Reel At Queen Theatre

From its opening scene, in which Daniel Norson, believing he has killed a man, jumps from the wheel of a Louisiana river boat to escape his pursuers, "Tennessee Champ" packs an excitement punch through every reel of this unusual story of a fighter who uses his remarkable "Sunday Punch" to expiate his guilt in the sight of the Lord.

Filmed by M-G-M in Ansco Color, the new picture at the Queen Theatre Thursday and Friday, May 6, 7, stars Shelley Winters, Keenan Wynn and Dewey Martin. Dewey Martin is Daniel who, convinced that the Lord is in his

corner, battles his way to fame, hoping some day to finish the tabernacle started by his deacon

Pack mules loaded with sacks of seed corn in early day Texas history were believed to have been the first importation project of the state — then a colony of Mexico. The mules brought the seed from

Camille and Patricia Johnson

Dancing Flowers (Moneymaker)	Dick Leach
Skating Lady (Frost)	Johnny Odum
The Ross Drummer (Wright)	David Loflin
Riding the Clouds (MacLacklin)	Stanley Harris
The Water Sprite (Goodrich)	Katherine Lynn Gamble
A Trip to the Sky (Lloyd)	Nita Williams
Swans on the Lake (Thompson)	Kay Bagby
Fairy Dance (Eidt)	Patricia Pair
The Banjo Picker (Wright)	. Freda and Linda Henager
I Heard a Bluebird (Stairs)	Nancy Jack Teaff
The Banie Player (Riske)	Mary Brown
Vale of Song (Rolfe)	Joan Reynolds
The Water Mill (Spaulding)	Mary Jane Horton
The Drum Major (Erb)	Beth Dunagin
The Singing Bass (Rolseth)	Patsy Harris
The Villiage Band (Hopson)	Gayle Harris
Little Boy Blue (Engelmann) Bette	Smith and Kay Lynn Perry
Kiss of Spring (Rolfe)	Ruby Lee Jones
Le Tambourine (Petrie)	Jocille Thompson
Vivienne (Vanasse)	Kay James
Shower of Gold (Bohm)	Paka Newby
Minuet in G. (Paderewski)	Ruby Stephan
The Butterfly (Merkel)	Gloria West
Theme from Polonaise in A flat (Chopin	Wanda June Bradley
County Gardens (Grainger)	Peggy Rond
Sonata in D. Allegro-Con Brio (Hayden)	Judy Steadman
Stars and Stripes Forever (Sousa) J	lackie Hogen and Suzy Bird
Stars and Stripes Polever (Sousa)	ackie Hogan and Sucy Dire



About 250 Persons At Celebration Of New Highway

big celebration last Friday night, terson, Mrs. C. E. Phillips, Mrs. rejoicing in the new highway, nine Jack Tarpley miles long, that connects the farmto-market road from Nolan County to Taylor County.

A number met at Nubia and traveled the new road as far as possible

At 7 p. m. the crowd met at the Pioneer Tabernacle at Mulberry Canyon and ate supper. There was enough food to take care of twice

the number who were present. Rev. Bob Sanders of the Cisco Methodist Church gave the devotional in the church after the sup-

Then there was singing. Singers came from Abilene, Merkel, Trent, Tye, Divide, Blackwell and Bronte. The festivities ended at 11:30 p. m.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Admissions to the Sadler Hospital the past week were: As medical patients - Mrs. J. H. Wimberlyl, Mrs. Elmer Herring, Mrs. T. Hansen, Charles Bright, George Anderson, Mrs. J. About 250 persons attended the E. Touchstone, Mrs. Comer Pat-

HAS MAJOR SURGERY

Fletcher Jones underwent major surgery at the Sadler hospital on April 28.

ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL

Sharon Kay Cypert, 11-yearyear-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Cypert, was admitted April 19 to the Scottish Rite Hospital for Crippled Children n Dallas. The hospital was founded 30 years ago by Texas Masons to provide the best treatment for Texas' crippled children at no extra cost to the pat-



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