

New Addition To Taylor Electric Is Completed

The new addition to the Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc., has been completed. The two outside parking areas are open. The new building is 70 feet by 86 feet. It is an all-steel construction. The floor is asphalt paving. The new addition will be used for the annual meeting. It will also be used for vehicles daily.

FFA Boys to Show At State Fair Says Collinsworth

Chester Collinsworth, Sr., vocational agriculture teacher, announced that the following FFA boys will show at the State Fair: Chester Collinsworth, Jr., Hereford steer bred by SMS Ranch; Jimmy Neill, two Hampshire lambs bred by Booth Warren, two Shropshire lambs and two South Downs; Bobby Mayfield, Hereford steer bred by Largent and Sadler. Others to show are: Joe Neill, lambs; Farris Neill, lambs; Ronnie Barnett, Hereford steer bred by Dortha Griffin.

Postmaster Reports Receipts For Three Months

The postal receipts here were higher in June and July than last year but lower in August, stated Postmaster Wrenn Durham. In June, 1954 they were \$2,865.49, last year \$1,934.04, an increase of \$931.45; in July, 1954 they were \$1,546.22, last year \$1,532.85, an increase of \$13.37; in August, 1954 they were \$1,261.95, last year \$1,582.02, a decrease of \$320.07.

OVERSEAS XMAS GIFTS

Overseas Christmas Gifts for armed forces and American civilian employees of the armed forces should be mailed between Oct. 15 and Nov. 15. "Pack securely. Address correctly. Mail early. Send no perishables," advised Postmaster Wrenn Durham.

GIRL TO BEN HICKSES

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hicks have a baby girl, named Bethany Ann, born September 3, 1954.



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Ector R. Watson, minister of the Church of Christ, who has been in Chelsea, Okla., has been invited to come here and be minister of the local church. He will preach his first sermon here Sunday morning. Minister Watson has preached in about a dozen different states and in Canada. He has delivered sermons over the radio and has contributed articles to papers. He has a sister in Abilene. He and his wife will arrive here for the Sunday services.

Mrs. J. T. Warren Is Surprised on Her 87th Birthday

A few neighbors and close friends gathered at the home of Mrs. J. T. Warren on Tuesday afternoon, Sept. 28, to help her celebrate her 87th birthday. They began to "drop in" about 5 o'clock. Mrs. Warren greeted each one and enjoyed each visitor, not realizing she was being surprised until a big pink birthday cake was brought out. It was served with delicious homemade ice cream, made by Mrs. W. T. Sadler.

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Will White Gets Appointment as Night Editor

Will White, son of Rev. and Mrs. Aubrey F. White, has been appointed as night editor of the Daily Texan, the paper of the University of Texas. The paper has a circulation of 20,000. He will serve during the entire school year.

EDITOR WILL SPEAK

Editor Hy White will speak on "Freedom of the Press and Freedom of Religion" at 11 a. m. Sunday at the Assembly of God Church. Editor White will also speak on "Freedom of the Press" at Noodle School at 9:15 a. m. today, Friday, at Trent School at 10:30 a. m. today, Friday, and Merkel High School at 9:20 a. m. Tuesday.

Newspaper Week Stresses Freedom As Major Issue

This is National Newspaper Week, from Oct. 1 to Oct. 8. The slogan for the week is "Your Newspaper — Freedom's Forum." The purpose of this week is to show the place of the newspaper in the lives of the people. It aims to stress what freedom of the press means to American Democracy. It shows the relationship of freedom of the press to freedom of speech and freedom of religion.

In a way it asks the questions: What would our town be if it had no paper? What would our nation be if it had no newspapers? What would happen to our freedoms, all of them, speech, press and religion, if we had no newspapers? On the editorial page of the Merkel Mail today there is an editorial showing the place of "Your Home Town Newspaper" in the life of the town, the community and the nation. In the short space in which it is printed no attempt has been made to give a complete reply. Much more could have been stated.

The purpose of that editorial is to make everyone realize that the newspaper is not something to be taken for granted. It lives and breathes and grows as a human document as the town and community grows and lives and breathes.

The relationship of freedom of the press and freedom of religion will be mentioned at the morning services of the First Baptist church by Rev. S. E. Tullock, at the First Methodist Church by Rev. Aubrey F. White, at the Calvary Baptist Church by Rev. George Epperson, at the Assembly of God Church by Rev. H. S. Earp, and at Trent at the Church of Christ by Minister Bill Haynes, at the Baptist Church by Rev. Darwin Welsh and the Methodist Church by Rev. Evan Brian.

RAIN 30 INCH

At 2:30 p. m. Wednesday it rained hard here. It measured 30 inch, according to Harry Woodrum's gauge.

GIRL TO DON DOANS

A girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Don Doan at the Sadler Hospital September 29.

Dr. W. T. Sadler Is Witness at Gaither Trial

Local people testified at the trial of Willard F. (Bill) Gaither in the 104th District Court in Anson for the fatal shooting of Policeman Jimmy Spann at Merkel the night of June 17. They were Dr. W. T. Sadler and Howard Beard. Dr. Sadler testified that "both of Spann's wounds were made by small calibre shots" and that the wounds of Gaither received "were larger." "Gaither fired the first shot. He fired it at Spann," Mr. Beard testified. Gaither was found guilty and sentenced to 99 years in prison.

MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION

Whereas the loss of lives due to fires is a tremendous calamity to our Nation,

Whereas about 8,000 Texas homes will be destroyed by fire this year,

Whereas in 1953 the dwelling fire losses in Texas totaled \$38,021,655, the largest in the states history,

And whereas we should clean up our homes and property,

Therefore, I, as mayor of the City of Merkel, due proclaim October 3 to 9 as National Fire Prevention Week in our city and call upon all citizens to observe it for the protection of our homes, property and lives.

H. C. WEST, Mayor
City of Merkel

Merkel Badgers Tackle Eastland Here Tonight

The Merkel Badgers will tackle the Eastland team here at 8 p. m. tonight, Friday, at the football stadium. This is a non-conference game and the first time that the two teams have tangled. Eastland so far this season has

played three games and lost all of them against Cisco, DeLeon and Grandberry. These are all AA schools however. Eastland has a group of sophomores and juniors and are improving every game, according to the scores.

Coach Carroll Benson's Badgers have played two games and have won both of them, showing improvement also in the second game.

According to the scores of both teams it looks like the game tonight will be a tight ball game.

The probable line-up follows:
LE, Robert McLeod
LT, George English
LG, Carl McKeever
C, Gail O'Brien
RG, Grady Martin
RT, Wesley Martin
RE, Billy Mac Gilbert
QB, Phillip Pursley
LB, Freddie Boone
FB, Larry Joyce
RH, Kermit Rutledge

CUB SCOUTS TO MEET

The Cub Scouts Pack meeting will be held Monday night at 7:30 p. m. at the school cafeteria. All Cub Scouts are urged to be there, accompanied by their parents. Also 8-year-old boys wishing to become Cub Scouts may attend this meeting. Each one is requested to bring sandwiches for his family.

W. J. Largent Has Busy Schedule

W. J. Largent has a busy schedule of judging and exhibiting. Last Monday he judged Angus cattle at the South Plains Fair at Lubbock. On Tuesday he judged Hereford cattle. On Thursday he was judge of Hereford cattle at the Oklahoma State Fair at Oklahoma City, Okla.

On Oct. 4, 5 and 6 he is to judge the All-Hereford Show at Valentine, Nebraska. On Nov. 1 and 2 he is to be a judge at the National Hereford Polled Show at Columbus, Ohio.

Then he will show his cattle at Ogden, Utah, on Nov. 12. This is the Ogden Livestock Show with Bill Largent in charge. From Nov. 26 to Dec. 5 he will show at the International Livestock Show at Chicago, Ill.

Trent Gorillas Lead by 7 Points In First Quarter

The Stamford "B" Bullpups spotted Trent Gorillas seven points in the first quarter here Thursday night, then came back in the final three quarters to take a 20-7 victory.

Tailback Melvin Stevenson led the Stamford attack, tallying two touchdowns on gallops of 55 and 20 yards, respectively. His first tally came in the second quarter and the second in the third period.

Fullback Royce West dashed 15 yards in the second quarter for Stamford's only other TD. Quarterback Charles Stenholm passed to end Don Martin for Stamford's two extra points after the first two TDs.

Trent took a 7-0 lead in the first quarter when Quarterback J. B. Swinney ripped through the middle from five yards out. Jimmy Hobbs bulled over for the extra point.

TRENT VS. LORAIN

The Trent Gorillas play the Loraine Bulldogs at Trent at 8 p. m. tonight, Friday. This is Trent's first conference game.

E. M. McDonald Dies Last Friday At Age of 73

Funeral for E. M. McDonald, retired grocer, was held Saturday at the Starbuck Funeral Home with Revs. S. E. Tullock, pastor of the First Baptist Church, and J. W. Saffie, long-time friend, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Mr. McDonald was born September 14, 1881, in Camden, Ark. When a young man he came to Texas. He was associated with his brother J. H. McDonald in an early-day meat market business in Merkel. Later he was a cotton buyer, and still more recently he was engaged in the grocery business. He was a Mason and a Shriner.

He is survived by his wife; a son, J. Alvin McDonald, and a granddaughter, Deberah McDonald, of Canyon; two stepdaughters, Mrs. H. H. Teaff and Mrs. Comer Haynes; a sister, Mrs. Mary Jones, of Little Rock, Ark. Pallbearers were Joe Cypert, Bob Dennis, Forest Gaither, Comer Haynes, Bob McDonald, Claude Tatum of Winters, Holland Teaff and Nathan Wood. Named as honorary pallbearers were all the friends of the family.

Retiring Postman A. C. Terry Is Greatly Honored Last Saturday

Over 100 friends and neighbors gathered at the Trent High School Saturday night to honor A. C. Terry and his wife. Mr. Terry retired Thursday, Sept. 30, from the mail service. His entire postal career covers a period of 41 years and three months. He began as postmaster at Trent July 19, 1910. J. G. Wilks was master of ceremonies at the affair last Saturday night.

The stage was fitted with a mail box in the center and at the right side were two postman carrier's bags. The United States and Texas flags were the background. On the stage were postal workers and former postal workers. Foy Steadman, postmaster, was on the stage with his wife, Buddy Boyd, postal employee, John Strawn and his wife. He is route 2 carrier. Also on the stage were Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bowers, now of Abilene.

Mrs. Sam McLeod was at the piano. Joe Nally of Merkel brought the Terry's. They were to arrive at 7:30 but actually got there at 7:45 p. m. As someone remarked, "The mailman is late once again."

Mrs. Fred Hale read a poem concerning the postman. A sextet of girls from the Trent First Baptist Church sang, "In the Shade of the Old Apple Tree." They were Nelita Hale, Judy Steadman, Karen Hood, Betty Payne, Nelda Heatley and Jane Williams. Mr. Terry sat with his wife in a dignified manner while the program went on. "Memories," an accordion duet, was played by Jane Williams and

H. T. HODGE DIES

Henry Thomas Hodge died early Wednesday morning at the Hendrick Memorial Hospital in Abilene. He became ill Monday morning. He was 85 years old. He is the father of Norman T. Hodge. Funeral was to be held at 2:30 p. m. Thursday, Sept. 30, at the Evangelical Methodist Church in Abilene.

Boy Scout Drive Will Be Held Here October 5

Lester F. Dorton, Sr., has accepted the local community chairman-ship for the Chisholm Trail Council Boy Scout one-day campaign to be held October 5.

Mr. Dorton led the Central District through the drive period as district finance chairman last October for one of its finest finance efforts. Under his leadership successful drives were carried out in Putnam, Clyde, Tuscola and Merkel. Merkel exceeded the previous two years' campaigns. This was credited by R. L. Hurst, district Scout executive, to a strong organization of many men ready and willing to do the job.

Mr. Dorton mentioned that Merkel should raise its sights this year in line with the necessary raise in the council budget. One main factor in the increased budget of \$39,075 was the presence of more boys being served in the council area.

Troop 19, Assembly of God Church, of Merkel is one of the newer units which helped to make this year's financial need larger.

Troop 20, Merkel Lions Club, and one of the older troops, chartered for some 25 years, has continued to turn out boys the community is proud of, said Mr. Dorton. The Lions have always played a major role in the finance drive, he stated.

Judy Steadman Postmaster Under Whom Mr. Terry Worked

Postmaster under whom Mr. Terry worked were present: Joe Nally, 1910-1914; Mrs. Ed Bowers, 1914-1922; Royce Dowdy, 1922-1934; John Strawn, 1934-1942; Foy Steadman, 1942-1953.

Mrs. Bowers told of Mr. Terry's good work and of the roads when the postman had a time getting through. Mr. Bowers spoke of his work with Mr. Terry. Mrs. Storm wished him and his wife well.

Then Mrs. Jack Yarborough sang "Dear Hearts and Gentle People."

"Experiences I Remember" were called for from the audience by Mr. Wilks. Mrs. T. T. Earthman of Merkel played "Lincoln's Centennial March."

Mrs. Steadman wished the honored couple much happiness. Archie Boyd, assistant postmaster, as well as Mr. and Mrs. Nally and all the other former postmasters told of their appreciation of Mr. Terry and his work and helpfulness.

A suitcase was presented by Mrs. Nally from the people on the route. Mr. Nally then sang "Evening Prayer."

Postmaster Steadman presented Mr. Terry with a nice easy chair from the people. With tears in his eyes Mr. Terry expressed his love to his people and humbly stated, "I would take nothing for this hour." Mrs. Terry recalled the years of her work with her husband. The memorable evening closed with the singing of "Blest Be the Tie That Binds."

Merkel 20 Years Ago

TAKEN FROM THE 1934 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL

BADGERS BEAT ANSON

The Badgers opened their conference season with a 19-0 win Friday over Anson. Joyner, right end, making two touchdowns in the first period, accompanied by one from Higgins in the last. Joyner skirted left end for the first marker and a few moments later took a pass from Boaz for the second. Higgins, right half, intercepted an Anson pass late in the fourth quarter and ran 30 yards to score. Boaz made good one of his tries for extra point.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

Mayor W. M. Elliott in his Fire Prevention Week proclamation stated in part: "Fire Prevention Week is again at hand. The object of the occasion is to remind the public of the seriousness of the large fire loss of this country, both as to life and property, and bring to the attention of everyone the fact that nearly all of this destruction could be avoided."

NEARING 6,000 BALES

Ginnings, as reported by The Mail this week, include only five gins in town and the one at Blair, as phone service was out of order to Noodle and Stith. The total for the season, using figures for the latter two gins as tabulated last week, now stands at 5,972, an addition of 446 for the past week's ginnings.

ROS BEASLEY DIES

R. J. (Bob) Beasley of Ropesville, formerly a popular farmer of the Noodle section, died of an acute heart attack. Burial was in

ROSE HILL CEMETERY

Rose Hill Cemetery here. He was 41 years old.

DEATH CLAIMS H. C. FLOYD

H. C. Floyd, 74, who had been a resident of Taylor County since 1890 and of Merkel for the past 26 years, died Wednesday morning at his home here. He was buried in Rose Hill Cemetery. He was born in Jackson County, Ala., July 1, 1860.

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This Happened in Merkel Forty Years Ago

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George Smith left Tuesday for Georgetown where he will enter Southwestern University.

Oscar "Salty" Pate, one of Merkel's most popular barbers, departed this week for Sweetwater where he accepted a lucrative position at his trade.

Miss Mae Adams entertained at the home of on Elm street. Her members of Mrs. Will's Sunday School Class, and k... were enjoyed sandwiches

Atlanta, Ga., where he will attend dental school. The party was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Pate on Edwards Street. Progressive "42" and various games were played until a late hour when the hostesses served delicious apricot ice and cake to about 30 guests.

Miss Geta Beckham of Trent was shopping in our city Tuesday.

Mrs. John Hamn is enjoying a visit from her mother, Mrs. Cowser, of Anson.

It is reported that several people from here will go to Abilene Saturday to witness the unveiling of the town pump. Some who go will probably see the baby elephant.

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NEWS ABOUT

Aaron Klausner of Dallas visited Max Mellinger Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Karl Bonneaux and Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Seago spent Sunday in Junction where they met Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Sublett and Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Ball of Corpus Christi.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Toombs of San Angelo visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Toombs, Sunday.

Mrs. Earl Stanford visited her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Stanford, in San Angelo Thursday of last week and brought her home Sunday.

Mrs. Rufe Tittle was taken to Mineral Wells Saturday to remain for an indefinite period. She was accompanied by Miss Betty Jane Tittle and Mrs. Levia Fugate of Abilene.

Mrs. L. G. Shafer and daughter Judy of Dallas were guests over the weekend of Miss Mary Collins. She was accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Seth Hamilton, who visited her old friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Collinsworth and son visited over the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Hightower, in Winters. Mr. Hightower is ill.

Mrs. J. R. Stratton of Lubbock came home last week to see her new granddaughter, Bethany Ann. She is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Ben Hicks and family.

Mrs. Norma Bond and daughters spent Sunday with her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Norman D. English, and daughter Patsy in Big Spring.

Mrs. Doris Foreman and Miss Nell Durham over the weekend.

Mrs. Wrenn Durham.

Mrs. Mamie Cook Garne and Mrs. H. A. Garner, Cook of Frankston, Mrs. O. Averyt of Palestine and Clark Cook of Lela Lake, cousins of Mrs. Hugh Campbell and her sister, Mrs. May Horton, of Wichita Falls were guests of Mrs. Hugh Campbell and Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Doan the past weekend and all attended the Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Claud Doan of Abernathy held in the home of their daughter, Mrs. Price Melton, and Mr. Melton of Blair.

Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Wilson and daughter, Johnnie Lee, and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Moore of Seymour and Mrs. Hailey Melton of Odessa were visitors the past week of their sister, Mrs. Edna Horton and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Sie Hamm and son Allen of Colorado City spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Wrenn Durham and Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Hamm.

Mrs. H. B. Leeton of Odessa was here Saturday attending the funeral of her uncle, E. M. McDonald.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Dismuke and Debra of Ira visited over the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob McDonald.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Bailey of Odessa visited Thursday of last week with his mother, Mrs. R. B. Bailey.

Mrs. F. H. Duncan returned from Tulsa, Okla., where she had been visiting her sister, Mrs.

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THE OLD STONE FORT—At this fort in 1813 was distributed the first newspaper known to have been published in Texas—The Gazette de Texas. Public services commemorating this newspaper will be held at the fort on Saturday, October 2—during National Newspaper Week. A bronze plaque will be erected in tribute to the newspaper by Sigma Delta Chi, professional journalistic fraternity, and the Texas Press Association. The Old Stone Fort is located on the campus of Stephen F. Austin College in Nacogdoches.

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TOKAY GRAPES lb. 15c	LONGHORN CHEESE lb. 49c
NEW CROP YAMS lb. 15c	LOIN or T-BONE STEAK lb. 59c
IDAHO SPUDS lb. 5c	ALL MEAT BOLOGNA lb. 35c

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AUSTEX BEEF STEW can 33c

PATIO — 69c Size BAR-B-Q can 55c

SUN SPUN CORN 2 cans 35c

SUN SPUN WHOLE Green Beans 2 cans 39c

GLADIOLA FLOUR 5 lb. bag 49c

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1/4 LB. Pkg. 28¢

SUGAR
10 LB. BAG 89¢

ALL MEAT FRO-ZAN NON FAT FROZEN DESSERT

VANILLA 1/2 Gal. 49¢
CHOCOLATE
STRAWBERRY

SUN SPUN OLEO 2 lbs. 45c

SUN SPUN SOUR or DILL PICKLES qt. 29c

LIBBY'S — No. 2 1/2 CAN PEACHES 3 cans \$1

NORTHERN Toilet Tissue 3 rolls 29c

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Attend The

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

Merkel Church of Christ
 Sunday:
 Bible Study..... 9:45 a. m.
 Morning Service... 11:00 a. m.
 Young People's Bible Class 6:30 p. m.
 Evening Services ... 7:30 p. m.

Merkel Grace Presbyterian Church
 Sunday School..... 10:00 a. m.
 Worship Service 11 a. m.

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

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

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

Merkel Church of Christ
 Sunday Mass 10:30 a. m.

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

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

Trent First Baptist Church
 Sunday:
 Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
 Morning Worship... 11:00 a. m.
 Training Union 6:00 p. m.
 Evening Services 7:30 p. m.
 Monday:
 Intermediate G. A.'s 3:45 p. m.
 Wednesday:
 V. M. U., Brotherhood, Jr. G. A.'s R. A.'s and Sunbeams
 Prayer Services 7:00 p. m.
 Prayer Class 7:50 p. m.
 "You are a stranger here but once."

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

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

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

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

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 Sunday:
 Sunday School 10 a. m.
 M. Y. F. 7:00 p. m.
 Prayer Meeting 7:30 p. m.
 Morning Service... 11:00 a. m.

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

Choice

Church of Christ
 Class 11:00 o'clock
 Morning Worship... 11:00 a. m.
 Evening Services ... 7:30 p. m.
 Ladies Bible Class. 4:00 p. m.
 Thursday:

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

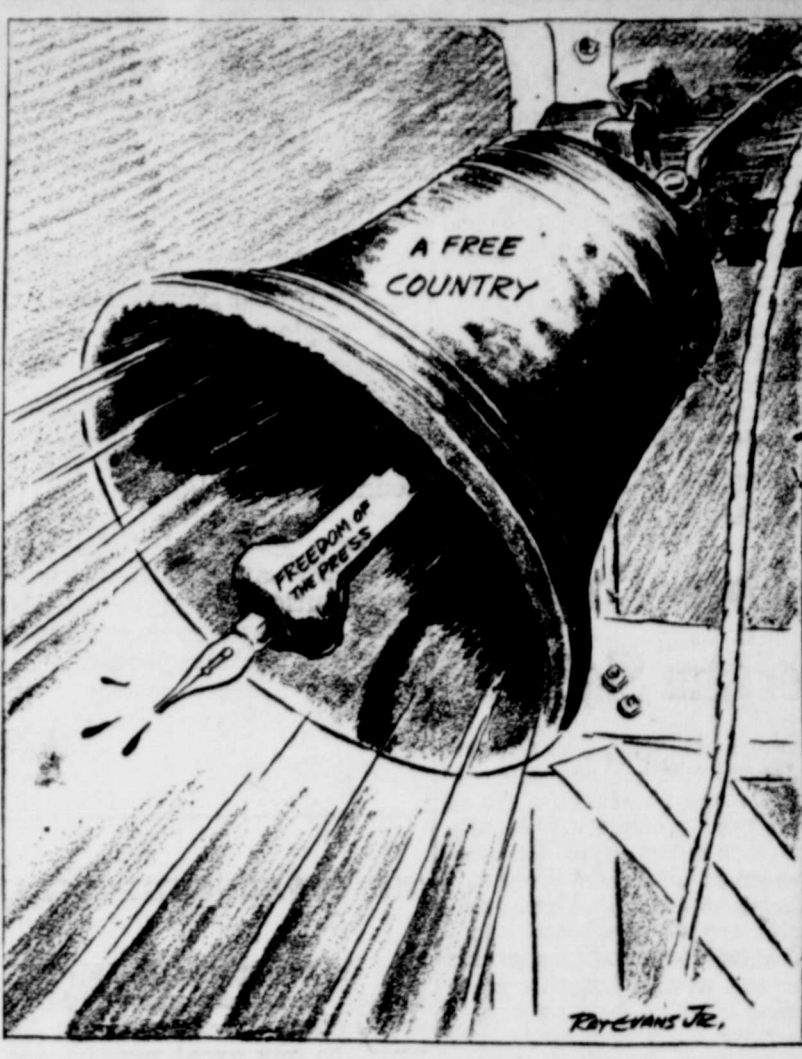
NOODLE P.T.A. HOLDS FIRST MEETING LAST WEEK
 The Noodle P.T.A. held its first meeting of the year Monday evening of last week. The program included a round table discussion led by Mrs. Ernest Spurgin on the value of parent-teacher conference and on evaluation of the P.T.A. by Riley Sprayberry. A report was given by Ida Beth Adkins and Johnnie Horton as delegates to Girls' State in Austin last summer, sponsored by the Noodle P.T.A.

The P.T.A. voted to buy new suits for the basketball team and a new record player for the elementary school.

Future meetings are to be held the second Monday of each month.

DORIS WATSON MARRIES FRANK WELDON PIPPINS
 Doris Watson, 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Watson, was married Saturday, Sept. 18, at 11 a. m. in the office of County Judge Reed Ingalsbe at the court house to Frank Weldon Pippins, Jr., 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Weldon Pippins, Sr. Frank is employed at the Abilene Air Base. The couple will live in Merkel.

Present at the marriage were the bride's parents and Mr. and Mrs. Don Vinson.



ENJOYS PAPER VERY MUCH
 Mrs. Lloyd Dry, 1601 Kipling Ave., Houston, renewed her subscription to The Merkel Mail, and wrote: "We enjoy your paper so very much and look forward to it every Saturday. Will make the check large enough to cover payment on The Merkel Mail until October, 1956."

H.S.U. VS. TRINITY
 After playing their first two games on the road, the Hardin-simmons University Cowboys will play on their own gridiron Saturday, Oct. 2. The Cowboys will meet Trinity of San Antonio.

BETTER SHEEP AND GOATS
 Research which has meant progress in the sheep and goat industry of Texas will be portrayed at the State Fair of Texas, Oct. 9-24, in Dallas, Production of better sheep and goats, through progeny testing; control of internal and external parasites, and toxic weeds, and disease controlling vaccines will be emphasized in the big color "Edward Plateau" exhibit.

FOUR NEW BOOKS
 The University of Texas Press has announced four books for fall publication:
 "Gustav Dresel's Houston Journal," translated by Dr. Max Freund of Houston.
 "Rebel Private Front and Rear," by William Andrew Fletcher, edited by Dr. Bell Wiley of Atlanta, Ga.
 "21 Texas Short Stories," edited by Dr. William Peery of the University of Texas.
 "Sam Houston: The Great Designer," by Dr. Lerena B. Friend of the University of Texas.

Legal Notices
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You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for 4 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: Ora Elizabeth Lackey, 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

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the issuance of this citation, same being the 18th day of October A. D. 1954, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 2 day of September A. D. 1954, in this cause, number 20,043-A on the docket of said court and styled J. B. Lackey, Plaintiff, vs. Ora Elizabeth Lackey, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were married on or about the 5th day of January, 1931, and lived together until on or about the 5th day of March, 1931. Plaintiff and defendant did not have any children and did not acquire any community property. Plaintiff sues for divorce, 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 2nd day of September, A. D., 1954.

Attest: J. Neil Daniel, Clerk,
 42nd District Court
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 By C. Bower, Deputy
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 Adv. Sept. 10, 17, 24, Oct. 1.

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 2 c. diced cooked turkey
 2 c. cooked macaroni or noodles
 2 tbs. chopped parsley
 1 small onion finely chopped
 1 tbs. chopped pimiento
 1 tsp. salt
 1-3 tsp. pepper
 1-2 tsp. mono sodium glutamate (optional)

Melt fat in the hot milk. Combine the remaining ingredients. Pour milk and fat over mixture stirring constantly. Pour into a 2 1/2"x8"x3 1/2" loaf pan. Set in a pan of hot water.

Bake in a moderate oven (350 degrees F.) until a knife inserted halfway between center and outside edge comes out clean, 50 to 60 minutes. Let stand in pan about 5 minutes before inverting on platter. Slice or cut in squares. Serve plain or with mushroom sauce. Serves 8 to 10.

Fear of Cancer Causes Delay

Fear of cancer cannot help its victim and unreasonable fear should be replaced by intelligent action concerning this disease, is the opinion of Dr. Geo. W. Cox, state health officer.

The doctor said that cancer can usually be cured in its earlier stages. This has been demonstrated by the fact that many persons have been treated successfully by surgery, radium, or x-ray and are living now, many years after a definite diagnosis of early cancer was made.

Many people postpone diagnosis when they suspect cancer either because they dread to hear the truth or because they believe that cure is impossible.

"In the treatment of cancer, time is the most important factor," Dr. Cox said. "To produce satisfactory results, treatment must begin early in the course of the disease while the cancer is still confined to a small area. Persons suspecting cancer should consult their physician as soon as they notice an unexplainable lump, unusual discharge, a persistent sore on any part of the body, or any change in the appearance of a mole or wart.

"It is often disastrous to wait for pain since this is a late symptom that usually doesn't occur until the malignant growth has made considerable advance."

The value of early diagnosis cannot be stressed too strongly according to Dr. Cox and that is one reason why regular periodic examinations are recommended particularly for those of middle or old age.

Outstanding Texas Farmer or Rancher Is to Be Selected

The search began today for Texas' outstanding farmer or rancher. Throughout the state five regional committees have begun selecting nominees for the 1954 Hoblitzelle Achievement Award for the Advancement of Texas Rural Life.

The Award consists of \$5,000 in cash and a gold medal.

In West Texas a regional committee headed by Loyan Walker, Manager, Agriculture and Livestock Department, West Texas Chamber of Commerce, Abilene, has been named to receive and to make nominations of candidates for the award which will be presented at the annual meeting and field day of Texas Research Foundation May 19 at Renner.

Anyone who wishes may nominate a farmer or rancher for the award. The nominee may live either within or outside the region in which he is nominated. These nominations are to be forwarded not later than March 15, to the chairman of the regional committee, together with a full description of the achievements of the candidate.

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V. I. C. District Meet Will Be Held Here Saturday

On Saturday, Oct. 2, the Vocational Industrial Club of Texas will hold a district meeting in Merkel. High School students studying trade and industrial courses will elect officers and hold an initiation. Chapters from the area who will be represented stretch from west of Breckenridge El Paso and from McCamey to the north of Snyder.

Roy R. Largent and Sons to Show At American Royal

Roy R. Largent and Sons have entered 13 breeding cattle in the Hereford division of the 1954 American Royal Live Stock Show in Kansas City, Mo., according to A. M. (Andy) Paterson, manager. The 1954 American Royal, to be held Oct. 16-23, is expected to be the largest in the fifty-six year history of the event. The offer of approximately \$125,000 in cash prizes, trophies and ribbons is attracting national interest.

Local Girl Scouts Begin Year's Work By Making Plans

The Girl Scouts begin their year's work with a candy sale and big plans for a Halloween Carnival. When a Brownie or a girl Scout asks you to buy Curtiss Candy you can help the Girl Scouting Program by buying from her. This is her opportunity to earn her camping fee for next summer and to add to our local Scouting Equipment.

All troops with one exception has been organized. There are five troops, three Brownies troops and two Girl Scout troops.

Brownie leaders are Mrs. Don Doan and Mrs. Fena Gladden, 2nd grade; Mrs. Jack Smith, 3rd grade; and Mrs. Holt Vaughn and Mrs. T. G. Hull, 4th grade; the 5th and 6th grade Girls Scouts are without a leader; Miss Viola Allred and Mrs. Mina Winters, 7th and 8th grade troops.

During the next year Merkel expects to organize a Senior troop in order for girls who want to be Camp Counselors can train for that work.

Sixty girls have been enrolled in the scouting program. Mrs. P. W. Miller in Merkel's neighborhood chairman.

James I. Harris Is Graduated From Jet Pilot School

Second Lt. James I. Harris was graduated from basic jet pilot school at Bryan Air Force Base Sept. 15 and awarded the silver wings of a United States Air Force pilot.

Lt. Harris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Harris, Route 3, Merkel is a 1947 graduate of Merkel High School.

Entering the USAF pilot training program in October 1953 he was first assigned to Lackland Air Base, for primary pilot training. From there he came to Bryan Air Force Base, located in southeastern Texas for basic single engine (jet) training.

Upon graduation Lt. Harris was granted a delay enroute before he reports to another Air Force base for advanced jet training.

Oscar W. Brewer Returns From Duty In Germany

Pvt. Oscar W. Brewer returned home after one year in Germany. He is the son of H. L. Brewer of Trent. He is now working for Gerald Derrick of Noodle. Mr. and Mrs. Brewer plan to make their home in Noodle.

Bill Horton Is Elected President Of Senior Class

The Senior Class of Merkel High School met Monday, Sept. 20, to elect officers and sponsors. The class elected:

Bill Horton, president; Gene Hargrove, vice president; Patsy Melton, secretary-treasurer; Britta Denton, reporter.

The sponsors are Miss Venita Joy Barnett, Donald E. Bagley and James E. Thomas. The Seniors have charge of the Albany and Roscoe pep rallies. The Seniors rings arrived Wednesday, Sept. 15. They are very proud of them. The class also elected Billy Fisher class "Romeo."

JUNIOR TIE

The Junior Badgers tied the Anson Juniors Tuesday at Anson 13-13. Manley Denton suffered a broken collar bone.

HAS MAJOR SURGERY

Mrs. Eimer Patterson had surgery at the Sadler Hospital Sept. 22 and is getting along nicely.

UNDERGOES SURGERY

Mrs. Monroe Harris underwent major surgery at the Sadler Hospital September 29.

U. S. D. A. Aid On Cover Crop Program Slated

Farmers and ranchers in Taylor and Jones counties may now obtain cost-share assistance up to 80 per cent for seeding and fertilizing various cover crops for the protection of land from erosion.

Officials of the USDA and other agencies are so concerned about the likelihood of wind erosion this winter and next spring that a determined effort is being made to interest and encourage every land owner to plant something on bare cropland which is subject to blowing.

Cover crops on which assistance is being offered varies from county to county, but Jones and Taylor are similar. Assistance will be given on grains, other than wheat, grains and winter peas mixed, and vetch and rye. Assistance on grains alone varies with the county.

Preliminary information is that owners will be limited to 70 acres assistance per farm in Jones county and to \$150 assistance per farm in Taylor county.

Grazing and harvest for hay is permitted but the crop may not be harvested for grain or seed.

Soil Conservation Service employees of the Merkel office, when contacted, did not have the full story on the assistance program but said that it looked very good, and with rain it should help to get diverted acreage into a cover crop for soil protection and should furnish much needed grazing in the months ahead.

A number of Middle Clear Fork Soil Conservation District Cooperators planted grain and winter peas, and vetch and rye with very good results last fall.

Charley Curb planted about 35 acres of barley and Austrian winter peas in October and harvested both barley and winter peas together. Both barley and peas furnished grazing for livestock and cover to the land and the peas added nitrogen to the soil and improved tilth. Peas were inoculated at time of planting.

SCS employees report that peas and grain can be mixed in the drill and sown together.

NATIONAL LETTER WRITING WEEK IS OCTOBER 3 TO 9

National Letter Writing Week, which has become an annual event is to be observed this year from October 3 to 9. The enthusiastic and widespread interest shown in this meritorious event by the public generally has been most inspiring and the universal participation has served to make it progressively successful, said Postmaster Wrenn Durham.

With the hearty cooperation of the public we shall make National Letter Writing Week for 1954 the most successful one in which the Postal Service has participated, stated Postmaster Durham.

ON DAMAGE SUIT JURY

In the \$70,500 personal injury damage suit of Thomas L. Tate against Roy R. Phillips, which resulted from a pickup-truck accident, local men were on the jury. They were W. T. Perry, Joe Seymour and Jesse Chapman of Tye.

Betty Raye Chancy Elected President Of Choral Club

The Choral Club of Merkel High School met on the evening of Sept. 23, to elect the officers for 1954-1955.

The following were elected: Betty Chancy, president; Gloria Teaff, vice president; Mary Robbins, secretary, and Glenda Petty, reporter.

The girls voted to elect a club sweetheart for the year. Plans were also made for an assembly program. Mrs. Comer Haynes is sponsor.

J. L. Holmes Opens Garage At Back Of Texaco Station

J. L. Holmes has opened the garage at the back of the Texaco Station on East Highway 80. He invites everyone to come in.

THE PRESIDENT'S PROCLAMATION

The nation joins the editors, publishers and reporters of this country in observance of National Newspaper Week. No institution is more necessary to our way of life than a free press.

A sign of free government, a free press is a primary source of that government's strength. It informs the people so that they may well discharge their responsibilities as citizens. It provides them and their elected representatives with a wide range of fact and opinion which must be weighed by all who are concerned with the well-being of our country.

Those who struggle to keep American informed can enjoy the satisfaction of knowing that their contribution to the cause of freedom is mighty. They will deserve the respect and gratitude and support of all our people.

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

THE GOVERNOR'S PROCLAMATION

As we approach National Newspaper Week this year it is well to reflect upon the important part of fully informed press plays in our lives. As Americans we are learning to appreciate our great press more and more as we see rigorous governmental control in many other countries suppress the free flow of news, so that public opinion can be fogged with propaganda. Totalitarian governments cannot afford to allow the people freedom to make up their own minds in the light of all the facts.

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

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

Let us, therefore, salute the newspapers both great and small all over this great country, as well as the men and women whose time and talents go to make them the best on earth — owners, publishers, editors, reporters, and writers.

THEREFORE I, as Governor of the State of Texas, do hereby designate the period October 1—8, 1954, as NATIONAL NEWSPAPER WEEK IN TEXAS and urge that all citizens give thoughtful attention to the importance of newspapers in the lives of our people, our communities, our State, and our nation.

ALLAN SHIVERS

Merkel Radio Moves Friday To 109 Kent St.

The Merkel Radio and Electric has moved to the shop formerly occupied by the N. & N. Appliance at 109 Kent. The Merkel Radio and Electric has bought the test equipment and parts stock of the N. & N. Appliance.

Dewey Phillipse Buy Bakers Cafe At Tye on Highway

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Phillipse have bought the Bakers Cafe at Tye on East Highway 80. They extend an invitation for all their friends to come in.

FIRST TEXAS NEWSPAPER Senator Price Daniel and William B. Ruggles, veteran Texas newspaperman, will be speakers at a ceremony commemorating the first newspaper known to be published in Texas. Under the sponsorship of Sigma Delta Chi, professional journalism fraternity, the ceremony will be held in Nacogdoches, Oct. 2, to pay tribute to Gaceta de Texas, a small newspaper published there in May 1813 in criticism of the Spanish government.

Premier Station Will Be Opened By Pattersons

Bill Patterson and Overton Patterson are opening up a new Premier station at the Tom Kerns Building, east of town.

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- All New 45 R. P. M. 89c Now ---- 69c
- All Used Records 35c now - - - 25c
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- Phono. Needle \$1.00 now ---- 75c
- One Used Firestone Radio and Record Player \$34.95

T. V.

- 21-Inch Zenith Console Reg. \$309.95 Now -\$263
- 21-Inch Admiral Console Reg. \$349.95 Now --\$273
- 17-Inch Admiral Table Reg. 179.95 Now \$139.95
- T. V. COLOR SCREENS
- 17-Inch \$3.95 now \$2.95
- 21-Inch \$4.95 now \$3.95

ELECTRICAL SUPPLIES

- 10½-Inch 300-Watt Floodlight reg. \$4.60 \$3.95
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The Church Will Be Reopened Here Very Soon

The Nazarene Church here is being reopened. Rev. M. S. Pate of Sweetwater, business man and evangelist, has accepted the pastorate.

The local church building and the grounds are being cleaned up and put in order. Plans are being made to start a revival Oct. 11. "We want the church to be an asset and a blessing to Merkel," said Rev. Pate. "We have a good location and fairly good buildings which need some minor repairs, such as painting, papering, etc. Rev. Pate planned to be in Merkel this week to discuss plans for the church with the businessmen of the city.

TO ATTEND WORKSHOP

Three local teachers will attend a leadership workshop Saturday at Haskell. Mrs. Mack Fisher, Miss Viola Allred and Mrs. Judd McReynolds. This workshop is sponsored by the Texas T. S. T. A. officials. Its purpose is to acquaint all officers and committee members with their duties in the local teachers' association.

Mrs. McReynolds, president of Taylor County Teachers, will attend the local presidents' conference. The other two teachers are on the welfare and social committees of Taylor county.

IS CRITICALLY ILL

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Scott were in Midland the first of the week visiting his brother Clarence who is in the hospital. Clarence is critically ill.

TEXAS GINNINGS

It is estimated by the Department of Commerce that in Texas up to Sept. 16, 1,305,381 bales of cotton had been ginned while in 1953 951,752 had been ginned.

ADELLE ELKINS' MOTHER INJURES RIGHT KNEE IN FALL

Adelle Elkins' mother, Mrs. Barclay Martin, 70, fell and broke her knee cap of her right leg Monday night of last week and is in the hospital at Coleman. Miss Elkins visited her over the weekend. Mrs. Martin is now at home.

RAY WILSON SPEAKS TO SIXTH GRADERS ABOUT AIRPLANES

Mrs. Mack Fisher's sixth grade has become very air conscious. The students are learning how an airplane is built, how it stays up in the air and how it can be controlled. Many new concepts have been developed and old ones re-used and extended.

On Thursday morning, Sept. 23, Ray Wilson discussed many phases of the airplane. He demonstrated his interesting talk with a model airplane and instruments from a plane he formerly owned. Everyone was highly pleased with his visit to the class.

The class is planning a visit to the airport in October.

VIRGINIA CRISWELL ELECTED EDITOR OF GRADE ANNUAL

The 1954 grade school annual staff met in Mrs. Mack Fisher's room on Sept. 27 and elected the following officers:

Editor, Virginia Criswell; assistant editor, Dana Durham; assistant editor, Annette Boney; business manager, Ann Benson; art editor, Katy Hunter; boys' sports, Manley Denton; girls' sports, Camille Johnson; activities, Linda Leach; Maxine Patterson; Fern Hernandez; Kay Dishman, Carla Hays; snap shots, Connell Higgins, Charlotte Perkins, Dannie Doan, Glenda Reddin; reporter, Kay Dishman.

The staff will start work on the annual in October.

ON MURDER JURY

B. L. Perkins, Rt. 2, Merkel, was the first venireman questioned in the murder trial of Willard F. Gaither at Anson.

DOWN

When Mrs. Russell went to Falls to visit with her son before returning home. Mrs. Roy Bacus has returned from a visit with her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. James Roy Bacus of Dallas. The wife and little son Danny will spend a few days here while James Roy, who is employed by an independent oil company of Dallas, accompanied his employers on a plane trip to Arizona and Utah.

Mrs. John Oliver accompanied Mr. and Mrs. John D. Oliver and twins of Robert Lee to Ft. Worth Saturday to visit relatives and friends over the weekend.

Mrs. W. J. Thornton of Monahans is visiting friends and relatives here this week.

Visitors in the home of Rev. and Mrs. Aubrey F. White, last week were Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Snider of Olton.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Glenn of Big Spring and Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Collins of Abilene were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Stockbridge.

J. J. Russell, Jr., of Wichita Falls is visiting his mother, Mrs. J. Russell. They went to Lubbock Wednesday to visit her daughter, Mrs. J. S. H. West, and daughter

KARL BONNEAUX ARE HOSTS TO GOODMAN H. D. CLUB

Mr. and Mrs. Karl Bonneaux were hosts to the Goodman Home Demonstration Club for its family night. Everyone went early and watched TV for a while, then moved to the lovely backyard where there was plenty of ice cream, cake and watermelon.

The watermelons were brought from Lubbock by Carl Carey who was at the social. Mr. and Mrs. Carey used to live in the community and she was a member of the club.

Games of '84' were played until a late hour and everyone really enjoyed going to the Bonneauxs.

When the club needs money the members "fool" their husbands in to making a donation at these monthly parties. The hat was passed and the refreshments must have been real good as the members got a good donation from all.

GOODMAN H. D. CLUB MEETS WITH MRS. GORDON HOWELL

The Goodman Home Demonstration Club met with Mrs. Gordon Howell in Trent. Acting as co-hostesses with Mrs. Williamson were: Mesdames Clifford Estep, J. B. Winn, Sr., C. C. Stribling, Mark Williamson, Othell O'Kelly, Lon Love, Sherman Driggers, Sr., Seth Rakes, Percy Scott, Bobby Dudley, Alton Martin.

Greeting the guests were: Mrs. J. B. Winn, Sr. and Mrs. Williamson. Mrs. Estep invited the guests to the dining room where punch was served by Mrs. Love and Mrs. M. Williamson. Mrs. Stribling registered the guests while Mesdames Martin, O'Kelly, Dudley showed the gifts.

The table was laid with a lace cloth and was centered with a ceramic horn of baby mums. Soft music was played during calling hours by Mrs. Jack Yarborough.

CATCH BIG ONE!

Joe Higgins and Walter Johnson caught a 25 3-4-pound yellow catfish Saturday night at Phantom Lake. They also caught a "few little ones."

TOP RODEO TALENT

Added attraction and speciality act presented between convict riding events at this year's 23rd annual Prison Rodeo will feature only the very best professional talent appearing in rodeo today.

Heading the array of top talent is the fabulous Hendricks Family, who have appeared in every major rodeo from New York to Honolulu — from Calgary to San Antonio.

SPECIAL PREVUE

A special prevue performance of "The King and I" will be given by the State Fair Auditorium, Oct. 8, the night before the opening of the State Fair of Texas especially for out-of-town visitors to the Texas-Oklahoma University football game.

OIL NEWS

Deeper of two new wildcats announced Thursday for Taylor County will be Ard Drilling Co. and David M. Grubbs of Abilene No. 1 J. H. Doan, located six miles southwest of Merkel.

Stroube Central Oil Co., et al. of Abilene No. 2 Sam Swann, deep test in the Noodle West Field area of Jones county seven miles north of Trent, was making hole below 4,797 feet after testing water in the reef.

H.S.U. VS. TRINITY

The Hardin-Simmons University Cowboys who have won their first two starts, something they haven't been able to do since 1946, will go after their third win against the University of Trinity in Abilene Saturday night.

FIRES KILL 3,000

Farm fires last year cost an estimated \$139,000,000 and took some 3,000 human lives. In view of these staggering losses, the week of Oct. 3 through 9 has been proclaimed by President Eisenhower as Fire Prevention Week—A. & M.

SUFFER INJURIES

Mrs. Orilla Trask and Miss Dell Cornelius of Pennsylvania suffered injuries in an auto accident on Highway 80 here in town and were taken to the Sadler Hospital Wednesday afternoon.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Admissions to the Sadler Hospital the past week were:

As medical patients — Frank Breaux, Mrs. Joe Winter, Mrs. C. Boyd, Dorris Schultz (accident at oil rig), Mrs. W. H. Rister, (fractured ribs when she fell on concrete porch), Mrs. J. H. Wren, Mrs. Box Murphy, Mrs. W. M. Elliott, Mrs. W. B. Lollar, Mrs. L. J. Renfro, Mrs. R. O. Payne, Mrs. John Patton.

For surgery — Bill Pointer, tonsillectomy.

ELLIE JO GRIFFIN ELECTED PRESIDENT OF NOODLE CLASS

The Noodle 7th grade class met Tuesday and elected class officers and room mothers:

President, Ellie Jo Griffin; vice president, Lonnie Eckert; secretary, Marilyn Olney; treasurer, Glen Irvin; reporter, Frank Richardson;

Room mothers — Mesdames W. I. Cliff, Chancey, Griffin and Whittaker.

4,101 HEAD AT FAIR

A total of 4,101 head of beef and dairy cattle, swine, sheep and goats have been entered in livestock events of the 1954 State Fair of Texas. The total included 2,109 in the Pan-American Livestock Exposition, Oct. 9-17, and 1,992 for the Junior Livestock Show, Oct. 18-22.

Pesky Cockroaches Can Be Run Off At Little Expense

A dime store paint brush and a few ounces of chlordane are the only tools you need to run off those pesky cockroaches, State Health Officer Geo. W. Cox advises.

But he says keeping them off is a bigger job. Cockroaches are disease carriers from way back, the health officer pointed out. They've been found naturally infected with polio virus. And that alone, is reason enough to declare war against the filthy ridden pests. Here's the way to do it:

First: get a 2 per cent chlordane spray and a two-bit paint brush from the drug store. Then take all the pots, pans, and dishes from the kitchen cabinet and wash them in soapy water.

Now paint the chlordane into all the cracks where shelves join walls, and around the drain and water pipes. That's all — don't paint the whole cabinet. While the spray is drying in the cabinets paint in the corners of baseboards, behind the stove and the hot water heater where water and gas pipes enter the house.

Take off the motor panel of the refrigerator, and treat the floor and corners of the motor compartment. Paint the walls behind the refrigerator, because roaches will hide any place they can find protection. Be sure to paint around cracks before sealing them up.

In older houses it's possible that roaches will be hiding in cracks between the wall boards and door and window frames. So don't pass up a crack because it looks too small to harbor roaches. The young insects are mighty small. This will kill ants, too.

After the spray in the cabinets has dried thoroughly, cover the shelves where dishes and food are stored with paper.

You can get a can of caulking compound for just a few cents, which makes filling cracks permanently an inexpensive process. But run some of the spray into bathroom pipes, too.

All this will help you get rid of roaches. Dr. Cox emphasizes. But if you leave food exposed, they'll soon be back at the same old stand.

CLASSIFIED AD SECTION

LODGE CALLS

NOTICE MASONS

Stated meeting of Merkel lodge No. 710, A. F. & A. M., Saturday, October 9, at 8 p. m. All members are urged to attend. Visiting brethren cordially invited.

D. R. Butler, W. M. Truett Thompson, Sec'y.

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WILL trade carpenter work at \$1 hour for young hens. See Dan Reidenbach, Route 3. 3t29p.

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FOR RENT — The Thornton's home, 4 rooms and bath, nicely furnished. Corner South 5th and Lois. See Mrs. Suber across the street. 3t28p.

FOR RENT — 4-room and bath unfurnished apartment. A. T. Sheppard, 202 Locust. tf29c.

FOR RENT

FOR RENT — 17-inch used table model Admiral TV for less than \$100. Badger Chevrolet tf29c.

FOR SALE — Good windmill and tank. A. T. Sheppard, 202 Locust. tf29c.

FOR SALE — 7-room house, 2 kitchens, bath, own water system. 810 Walnut, S. D. Campbell. 3-27p.

FOR SALE — 2 Standard Typewriters, Remington and Underwood, \$35 each; also guns of all kinds, 25-22-32-38 Calibre. See City Drug tf26c.

FOR SALE — School desks, \$1 each. Also auditorium seats, \$2 each. Contact School Supt.'s office. 4t26c.

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FOR SALE — New 8-foot Bendix Refrigerator \$199.95. Badger Chevrolet Co. tf22c.

FOR SALE — Repossessed Whirlpool Automatic Washer, practically new, \$199.95. Badger Chevrolet Co. tf22c.

FOR SALE — New Crosley Electric Range, 3-burners, deep fry, clock, lamp, etc. \$249.95. Badger Chevrolet Co. tf22c.

FOR SALE — Several used air conditioners. SNO-Breeze, 2500 CFM. See Ray Wilson. tf21c.

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REPOSSESSED Televisions. Take up the payments. We have several real bargains. You make the saving. Badger Chevrolet Co. tf11c.

We have Thank You notes and Thank You Cards. See at the Merkel Mail.

FOR SALE — We are now delivering milk on route 7 days a week, 22c per quart. Would like a few more customers. Phone 9011JL. Higgins and Son. ltf.

STORE FOR SALE or Lease. See Mrs. John C. Thompson in Noodle. tf7c.

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FOR your Stationary and other supplies see The Merkel Mail.

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Ice Battles Age on Screen

In "King of the Khyber Rifles," which opens Sunday and Monday at the Queen Theatre, Twentieth Century-Fox took full advantage of the new CinemaScope process and Technicolor in capturing the scenic beauty and violent action of this Kiplingesque story of India in 1857.

Tyrone Power, Terry Moore and Michael Rennie are triumphant at the head of a cast of thousands.

The fierce battles of British soldiers and wild Afriidi tribes fighting their way up and through the mountains, through In-Khyber Pass and across the mountains provide a tumultuous picture background for a compelling love story beautifully portrayed by Tyrone Power and Terry Moore.

NEWS

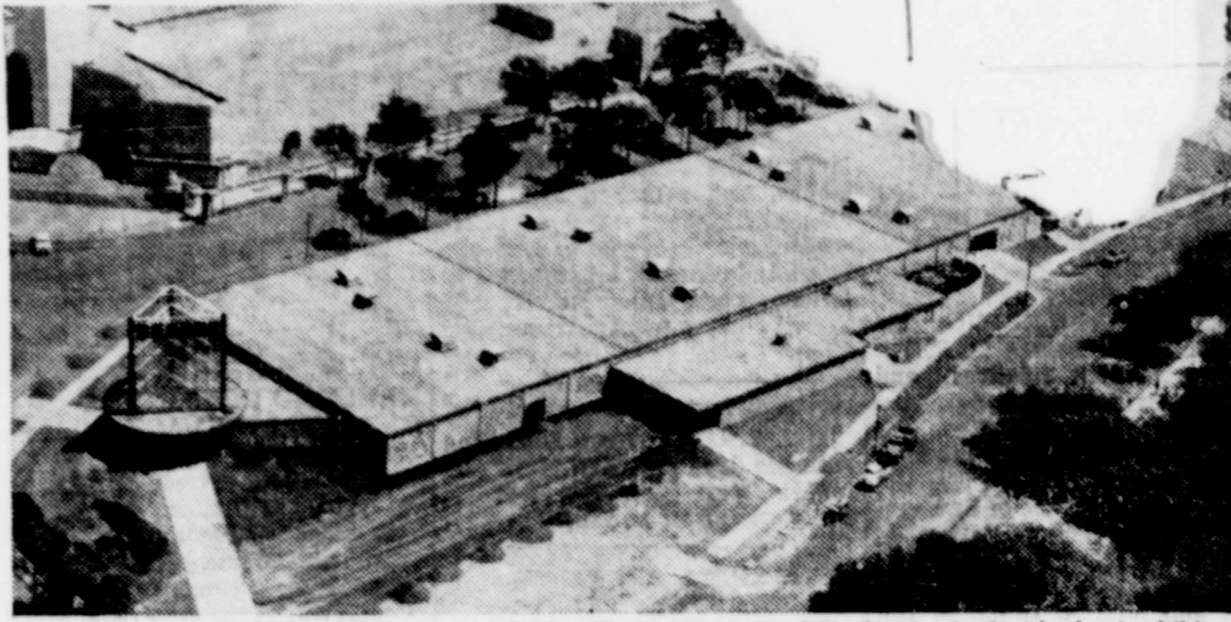
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By LORETA ALLEN

Recently I visited Mrs. Clyde Newton. Wish you could see her pretty lawn. Believe it or not she has a beautiful lawn instead of the yellow ones that are so common now. I also visited Mrs. O. E. Harwell and she also has a pretty lawn. They are neighbors.

Wonder what their secret is? If you ask either of them, they would probably say, "Lots of water and hard work."

Breakfast is an important meal all the time, but it is especially important now that the children

STATE FAIR'S GRAND



A swanky new \$500,000 Women's Building will make its bow at the 1954 State Fair of Texas, Oct. 9-24. Largest air-conditioned exhibit hall on any fairgrounds anywhere, the structure will house a tearoom with catering by one of Dallas' most exclusive restaurants, an auditorium-in-the-round and 50,000 square feet of space for hundreds of exhibits. The building during the fair will house a glamorous galaxy of high-fashion exhibits, free daily style shows and more of the traditional exhibits of prize-winning, homemaking skills than ever before.

The Museum of Fine Arts will feature an exhibition of "The Fabulous West."

"The Seven Wonders of the Universe" will be featured by the museum Planetarium several times daily.

The art museum will hold its 16th annual State Fair Art Exhibition.

The Health Museum will feature four new animated exhibits on heart disease, tuberculosis, the digestive system and mental hygiene.

The imposing Hall of State will house historical relics of pioneer Texas schoolrooms.

A new and realistic-appearing exhibit in the Museum of Na-

tion will feature two cubs displaying typical of East.

The Aquarium fourth in the nation will add rare American lung fish to the more than 4,000 fish and amphibians in its titanic tanks.

DAVID G. REIDENBACH IS NOW IN NAVY AT GREAT LAKES, ILL.

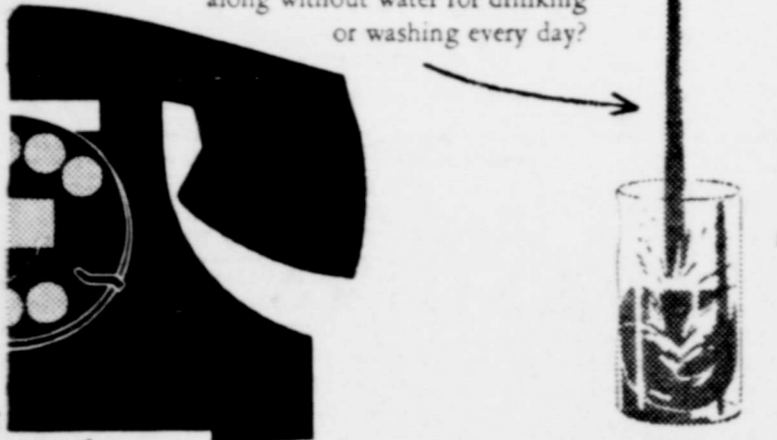
Serving at the Sixth Naval District headquarters at Great Lakes, Ill., is David G. Reidenbach, yeoman second class, USN. He is serving in the Public Works Department.

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are going to school. If you want to change breakfast from a mad dash and a bite of toast to something easy and fun, here's how. If the family is willing to try, these five ideas will make breakfast pleasant and nourishing.

Plan ahead. This saves time, simplifies preparation, lightens grocery shopping, is economical. Advance preparation saves time and energy. This may mean setting the table the night before, squeezing fruit juice, cooking dried fruits. Minutes saved in advance add to morning bliss.

One secret is that the family works together. Everybody helps prepare and serve breakfast and then eat together. This is so much more pleasant than four or five breakfasts on the run that it might easily become a habit.

Organize your kitchen so everything is conveniently located near its point of use.

Use all the short cuts you can in preparation. Trays and rolling utility tables save steps. Serve plates at the range.

Eat a good breakfast and feel good all day.

State Capitol NEWS

Texas Press Association
By VERN SANFORD

Texas insurance activity has boomed back into the news. This time it's a feud between the Board of Insurance Commissioners and Attorney Renne Allred, Jr. And it's destined for court action.

Laughlin

C. Woodrow Laughlin, 79th District Judge removed by the Supreme Court and later voted back in the July primary, faces a suit attempting to disbar him.

Negro Sues

A 17-year-old Houston Negro, denied entrance at the University of Texas, has taken his case to Federal Court.

John Winfred Walker filed his case on behalf of other Negro students in the same situation.

Walker was turned down by the University on the basis of a policy that permits entrance of Negro undergraduates only when their academic course cannot be pursued in the state's Negro colleges.

Six Negroes have been turned down by the University this month. They planned to study engineering or agricultural courses.

State Colleges

Texas colleges need \$8 million more next year to provide first class education for students, recommendations of a state com-

mittee warn.

The money is needed to raise the quality of education during the school year 1955-56. The commission also recommended \$15 million more for major repairs during the period.

At present the colleges are raising \$7 million per school year through tuition and other sources, the commission said.

Cultural Treat To Be Presented At State Fair

Tasty fare to whet the cultural appetites of visitors to the 1954 State Fair of Texas will be offered by the five museums located on the Dallas fairgrounds.



PLENTY OF BULL



Here in Texas where everything is done on a big scale convict cowboys are no exception when it comes to bull riding in the annual Prison Rodeo's opening event. They ride 'em in bunches of ten at a time and call it the "Mad Scramble." This unique event will open each of the five bigger, better and wilder performances of this year's 23rd Annual Prison Rodeo at Huntsville each Sunday afternoon in October.



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