

Water Pipeline Is Being Laid In Merkel Now

The laying of the pipeline for the water started Tuesday morning, announced Mayor Henry West. The point was at the east side of town in the alley between the Texaco and Conoco stations at Second street.

The pipe being set within the city limits is 10-inch cast iron. Outside the pipe will be 14-inch concrete. It was expected the first concrete pipe would be delivered here Wednesday of this week, stated Mayor West. After that 70

joins of pipe a day were to be delivered.

At Abilene construction of the pump house is well under way. Pelphrey Bashan, Inc., of Fort Worth is doing the work of laying the pipe. The job should be finished in about two months, stated Supt. R. Y. Gann.

Annual Trent Rabbit Drive Is Big Success

The annual rabbit drive held by Trent hunters last Friday and Saturday was a big success. There were about 150 hunters. Lots of rabbits were killed, two or three coyotes and several foxes. A barbecue meal was served for lunch both days at the school house.

The school buses were used to take the hunters on the drive, sponsored by the Community Club. John Hamner was chairman of the drive.

The hunters drove out as far as eight miles and rode over about all the pasture land in the Trent vicinity.

"Everyone had a good time, got lots of rabbits and no one got hurt," commented J. G. Wilks.

Dr. W. T. Sadler Attends Meeting Of Hospital Group

Dr. W. T. Sadler attended the executive committee meeting of the Private Clinic and Hospital Association in Austin a week ago Sunday. Dr. Sadler is councillor of the association.

PLENTY OF FISH

M. B. Bell, Rooks and Homer Patterson were at Fort Aransas last week. They caught plenty of fish, from two to four pounds in weight.

Merkel 20 Years Ago

TAKEN FROM THE 1935 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL

FIRST FREE RODEO

Saturday, April 20, will be an important day for the people of Merkel's trade territory. It will mark the first of the 1935 free rodeos sponsored by the Merchants Trade Extension Association of Merkel. Baseball plans contemplate an opening date probably in May.

PLAYS ARE SUCCESS

Three one-act plays on the same program and at a single price of admission is a bargain in any man's country. The benefit performance given at the Queen Theatre Monday night by local talent was something more than a bargain. They were cleverly acted. Merkel has home stage talent in abundance.

WARD SCHOOL WINS

Besides first place in choral singing in Taylor County Inter-scholastic meet Merkel Grammar school won four firsts, two seconds and one third, assuring the local school of county championship in ward schools, regardless in playground ball scheduled the coming Saturday.

NOT MUCH INTEREST

A mayor two aldermen and a city secretary are to be named in the annual city election to be held next Tuesday. The city hall will be the voting place and polls will be open from 8 a. m. to 6 p. m. G. W. Boyce is election judge. The officers whose terms expire said they will accept office if elected, that they were not seeking office.

This Happened in Merkel Forty Years Ago

TAKEN FROM THE 1915 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL

In all probability there are few towns in the state where the streets are congested on Saturdays and other busy days like Merkel has and an absolute disregard prevails about driving customs.

Here, the writer wishes to state that from the time he was able to reach up and grasp the handle bars of the cotton planter his young ideas were taught that it was correct at all time to drive to the right. This rule was respected, along the country lanes of the West 15 years ago far better than it is respected on the streets of Merkel at the present time.

On last Saturday several autos came near colliding with vehicles.

Misses Maude, Myrtle and Em-

WAR ON RATTLESNAKES

In a war on rattlesnakes, the Taylor County commissioners court has voted to pay a bounty for dead snakes, "five cents per rattle up to five rattles and two cents for each additional rattle." The matter was presented by Rex Dillard, commissioner from precinct 3, who told of the necessity to rid his section particularly of these dangerous reptiles.

DONKEY BASEBALL

Donkey baseball had an inning here Saturday when a team from the local fireboys played the Trent Fire Fighters on the high school athletic field, the affair resulting in a victory for the visitors, 23 to 3. In a return game played at Trent Sunday, Trent won again, 10-8.

SCHOOL RATES HIGH

A-1 rating was given the Merkel Public Schools as to efficiency of fire drills after inspection by Miss Olga Junigar, school supervisor for the Texas fire insurance department at Austin.

J. J. FERGUSSON DIES

Jesse James Fergusson, one of this city's most popular young men, died Friday at the home of his father, T. G. Fergusson, in West Merkel. He was born Aug. 25, 1891, and had been in ill health for over 20 years.

RECORD BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Skurlock a boy March 24, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Thomas a boy March 25.

ma Nally of Trent were in Merkel shopping Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Walker, Miss Susie Penn and Mr. Lawrence of Ft. Worth motored to Abilene Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Baxendale of Mingo were Easter guests of Messrs. and Mesdames E. P. McMillen, R. L. Bland and T. L. Grimes.

Will Streamer, formerly of this city but now of Austin, returned here Saturday.

Mrs. Tolbert Robertson and the pupils in her room at Southside School building had a most enjoyable Easter egg hunt and luncheon Friday afternoon in Martin's pasture.



JOHNNY COX
... heads Red Cross drive

The Red Cross is trying to complete its membership drive this week and get the final reports in by the first, announced Chairman Johnny Cox. "I wish to extend my earnest thanks to all those who helped in anyway," stated Chairman Cox.

BULLETIN!

Coach Tommy Ellis will return to McMurry College, his alma mater, June 1 as head basketball coach.

BULLETIN!

A total of .70 inch of rain fell here. Last Friday it measured .40, stated Harry Woodrum, weather observer. Early Sunday morning it rained .30, he said. At Tom and W. J. Largent ranches Sunday it rained .6 inch.

BULLETIN!

H. R. McKeever was rushed to the hospital when he became ill after returning from the fire Wednesday afternoon. He had driven the older truck.

1-ACT PLAYS TONIGHT

The District 11-A Spring Literary Meet starts here at 8 p. m. tonight, Friday, in the Merkel school auditorium. High schools from Rotan and Merkel will participate in one-act plays, Merkel acting first.

This is a part of the District 11-A Spring Literary Meet to be held here April 2 with Principal Edwin E. Read as director. Admission tonight will be 25 cents each.

Dr. M. A. Jenkins Of Abilene Will Preach Here Sun.

Dr. Millard A. Jenkins, pastor emeritus of the First Baptist Church of Abilene, will supply the First Baptist Church pulpit on March 27 and April 3 while Rev. Sam E. Tullock is conducting a revival in Rome, Ga.

Dr. Jenkins was pastor of the Abilene church for over 30 years. He is an outstanding pulpiteer, evangelist and author, stated Rev. Tullock. He is prominently known among the Baptist people of the South. Although he has given up an active pastorate he is constantly in demand as an evangelist, pulpit supply and Bible teacher. Dr. Jenkins will deliver two sermons each Sunday and they will be vitally connected with the revival effort that will start upon the local pastor's return, stated Rev. Tullock.

The local pastor will be preaching at the Selanese Baptist Church in Rome. He will hold a two weeks revival there and will return here on Saturday, April 9. Rev. and Mrs. Tullock and son Samuel Kyle left here Wednesday night for St. Louis where Mrs. Tullock and son will remain with their parents while the pastor continues to Rome.



DR. MILLARD A. JENKENS
... to preach here

School Board Plans Building Expansion Now

In answer to many expressed wishes of school patrons, the Merkel School Board met in a special session on Monday night, March 21, to consider a needed expansion of high school facilities. Representatives of several bonding companies were on hand to present possible schedules for consideration. They reported that their investigations showed that the Merkel Independent School District to be in a strong financial condition and that the building program could be effected without raising additional taxes.

Figures given by the bonding companies showed that the bonded indebtedness of the school district to be far below the figure recognized as safe by the State Education Agency. The present indebtedness of the district is less than 2 per cent whereas 7 per cent of the total valuation is recognized by the State as being a safe and conservative indebtedness for school districts.

According to the information presented the board, all improvements could be made within the safe margin recognized as being financially sound.

According to plans given by Don Smith, the architect employed by the school board to assist in the construction work and in preparing the prospectus for the different bonding companies, the additions would include a gymnasium, an auditorium, modern science and agricultural departments, and a remodeling of the present high school building.

On account of the expected increase in school population and the long felt need for adequate gymnasium and auditorium facilities, the board was of the opinion that the patrons of the school district should be given an opportunity to indicate their desires and wishes by making it possible for them to take immediate action.

Each member of the board will have full information regarding financing the program and will have petition forms for the signatures of interested school patrons who are asked to indicate their support by signing the petitions at their first opportunity.

Norman Winter Made President Of Little League

Norman Winter was elected president of the Little League at a meeting held Tuesday night at the school cafeteria.

Leon Walker was chosen as vice president and Coach Carroll Benson as secretary-treasurer. Chairmen of committees are: Team manager selection, Lester Dorton; field development, Coach Tommy Ellis; finance, Tommy Odum; equipment procurement, Horace Boney.

CEMETERY FUND

Below are those who recently donated to the Cemetery Maintenance Fund. Anyone wishing to contribute to this fund may leave contributions at the Farmers and Merchants National Bank. The donors are:

- Jennie Keny \$5.00
- C. K. Russell 5.00
- Hazel Pargment 5.00
- Mrs. Ross McIlroy, Austin 5.00

FOR DRIVER'S COURSE

The Palmer Motor Company is furnishing a new 1955 Pontiac car for use in the Merkel High School driver's educational training course. The course is for half a term and the student gets a half credit in it.

BARGAINS - SAVE \$1
Saturday Evening Post and Ladies' Home Journal, one year each, regular price \$9.50. Both for only \$8.50. Offer expires April 30, 1955. At the Merkel Mail office. adv.

BARGAINS - SAVE \$4.50
Saturday Evening Post, Ladies' Home Journal and Holiday Magazines, one year each, regular price \$14.50, all 3 for only \$10. Offer expires April 30, 1955. At The Merkel Mail office. adv.

A Loving Tribute Is Paid Sunday To Paul West

A congregation that filled the First Baptist Church paid its respects to Paul Wiman West at his funeral Sunday afternoon. Mr. West died at 5:30 a. m. Saturday. The funeral was conducted at



REV. J. W. FIELDER
... revival evangelist

Trent Methodist Revival Starts Next Monday

The Methodist Church revival at Trent starts Monday, March 28, and continues through Sunday, April 3.

Rev. J. W. Fielder, pastor of the Methodist Church at Richmond, will be evangelist. The morning services will begin at 10 a. m. daily, the evening services at 7:30 p. m. daily.

Rev. Fielder is a graduate of the Southern Methodist University School of Theology and former pastor of the Trent Methodist Church.

Evan V. Brian is the pastor. Everyone is invited to the revival.

C. of C. Members To Support Prices For Local Boys

The Merkel Chamber of Commerce is taking up a collection among its members for a special fund to be used in the support of FFA and 4-H entries in the Taylor County Livestock show in Abilene, stated President David Gamble.

The fund will be handled by Cramer Reynolds who will use it to bid an all entries from the Merkel area. It is hoped that by this method every member from Merkel will receive a fair price for his entry, said Mr. Gamble.

Any money from the fund that is not used at this sale is to be put into a permanent fund to be used for this purpose in the future.

Noodle High Wins Play Contest at District Meet

The Noodle one-act play cast carried off first place honors at the District 17-B One-Act Play Contest held at Aspermont Friday night. A drama, "Dark Wind," by Evelyn Neuenberg was the winning play.

The cast included Jeanette Lucas, who won first place actress honors, Judy Spurgin, who won second place actress honors, Clara Hill, and James Allred, who won third place actor honors.

Mr. Hervey Latham is the director. This marks the third consecutive year that Noodle has won the District Play Contest. The next contest will be the area meet which will be held Thursday, April 14, in the Breckenridge High School Auditorium.

3 p. m. The body lay in state from 2 p. m. to the time of the services in the sanctuary of the church after which time the casket was closed.

During this time the soft strains of organ music of hymns was played by Mrs. Tommy Odum while the church filled up.

A beautiful tribute was paid to Mr. West by the wealth of flowers that filled the church. A mass of them covered the platform while a beautiful arch of roses and lilies swung over the pulpit. The windows were graced with loving tributes of many-colored flowers... a fine demonstration of the love in which he was held.

Rev. Sam E. Tullock beckoned to the congregation to rise while the relatives took their seats. And then in the quiet of the church the organ music played on, softly, reverently, by Mrs. Odum.

"We are here to honor Paul Wiman West," said the pastor, and then continued on to read his obituary.

After an interlude of more organ music Rev. Joe Allen of the Kermit Baptist Church read marked passages from Mr. West's own Bible. These were the 37th and 40th Psalms and lines from Colossians, 3, 12 through 17.

"I'd Rather Have Jesus" was sung by Mrs. Don Riney.

"Let not your heart be troubled," began Rev. Levi Price of the Monahans Baptist Church in his sermon. He preached on love and faith and comfort in God. He closed with a prayer.

The soft strains of the organ music continued as the casket was taken out of the church. The relatives followed.

A line of cars about six blocks long followed the path to the Rose Hill Cemetery for burial. Rev. Allen read the 23rd Psalm and Rev. Tullock concluded the services with a closing prayer.

Starbuck Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. West, 55, had been ill for about a year. In January he sold his grocery business on account of failing health. About a week ago he became critically ill and was taken to the hospital.

Mr. West was born August 5, 1899, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. George F. West, pioneer residents of Merkel. He married the former Vera Richie June 6, 1943.

Mr. West was a lifetime resident of Merkel. He was an active member of the First Baptist Church until his health failed.

He was a director of the F&M National Bank. Besides his wife he is survived by two brothers, Mayor Henry C.

FROM OUT OF TOWN

Out of town relatives who attended the funeral of Paul West Sunday were:

Mrs. Jack West and son, Mr. and Mrs. George West, Mrs. Tom Lineberry, Miss Marry Anna Mayfield, all of Midland, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Foy and children of Baird, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Beasley of Roswell, N. Mex., Mrs. George Hunter of Lubbock, Mrs. Virgie Campbell, Mrs. Max Randolph, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Warren, all of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Wiman, Tom Wiman, Mr. and Mrs. Talmadge Wiman, Miss Ruth Wiman, all of Roscoe, Mrs. Mary Davenport, John Wiman, Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Wiman, all of Snyder, and a great number of out of town friends.

TO HOLD REVIVAL

Rev. Aubrey White, First Methodist Church pastor, beginning Sunday night through April 3, will hold a revival at the Grace Methodist Church in Abilene.

TO PLAY 3 GAMES

Coach Tommy Ellis' Badgers will journey to Roby today, Friday, to play their first baseball game of the season. On Tuesday Roby comes here. On Thursday Trent will play the Badgers on the local field.

West, John R. West; and one sister, Mrs. Booth Warren, all of Merkel.

Pallbearers are W. S. J. Brown, Vincent Barnett, Tommy Ellis, Charlie Sherrill, Carroll Benson, Horace Boney, Mack Fisher and Norman Winter.

Mrs. H. O. Boney Named Head Of Local P.-T.A.

Mrs. Horace Boney was elected president of the Merkel P.-T. A. for 1955-56 at the March meeting Thursday night of last week. About 150 persons were present.

Mrs. Robert Malone was named vice president. The other officers are: Mrs. Woodrow Patton, secretary; Mrs. Edwin Read, treasurer; Mrs. Curtis McAninch, historian; Mrs. Ray Wilson, parliamentarian.

Mrs. Joe Cypert, chairman, opened the meeting with announcements of the District meeting in Abilene next month. Mrs. Ray Wilson announced the numbers on the program. The theme was "We the People Promote the General Welfare."

The school feature was delivered by the three classes of the 5th grade. The teachers, Mrs. Helen Benson, Miss Nora Foster and Miss Lydia Norcross, directed the little folks in plays and songs.

Mrs. Norman Winter at the piano played "St. Patrick's Day Parade." The playlet, "Our Community Helpers," paid tribute to many of our public servants, such as the town doctor, nurse, policeman, butcher, postman and others. "We the people promote the general welfare of Merkel."

J. Ross Kemp, Abilene, of the Texas Department of Public Safety made a plea for safer driving. "Again, promote the general welfare of our people by safe driving."

Local F. F. A. Boys Will Exhibit In County Show

About 16 Merkel F. F. A. boys will exhibit some of their projects in the Taylor County Stock Show Saturday and in the Central West Texas District show in Abilene Monday and Tuesday, stated Chester Collinsworth, advisor.

The boys who will show in Abilene are: Hereford steer, lambs and capons—Chester Collinsworth, Jr.; Hereford steer and capons—Jimmy McAninch; lambs and capons—Jimmy Neill, Jacky Harris; lambs—Jerry Miller, Tommy Swinney, Joseph Swinney, Lou David Allen, Ronny Toombs, Kenneth Minatra;

Capons—Charles Jacobs, Wesley Martin, Jerry Russell, Jacky Russell, George English, Teddy Byrd. The sale of the livestock will be on Wednesday, March 30, at the Abilene Auction Barn.

GIRL TO G. M. REEVES

A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Reeves at the Sadler Hospital March 21.

BILLIE HASSES HAVE GIRL

Mr. and Mrs. Billie Hass have a baby girl born at the Sadler Hospital March 22.

GIRL TO DICK WESTS

A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Dick West of Washington, D. C., March 17. Dick is the son of Mayor and Mrs. Henry West.

FISH ARE BITING

A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Walters caught 37 fish at the Stamford Lake. They were crappie and perch. The largest weighed one pound.

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Mrs. Milred Barnett is now employed by the Taylor Telephone Coop. She is doing office work.



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NEWS ABOUT TOWN

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Higgins and daughter Ann of Artesia New Mexico, visited over the weekend with his mother, Mrs. W. J. Higgins.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Toombs returned Sunday evening from Houston where they had visited for a week with their daughter, Mrs. James D. Denison, and family.

Mrs. Dewey Hitchins, Mrs. Jo Clark and daughters, Linda and Vicki, of Odessa spent the weekend with Mrs. Hutchins' sister, Mrs. M. H. Riney, and husband.

Constable and Mrs. Luther Land were in Fort Worth Saturday visiting their daughter, Mrs. W. C. Rose, and family. Mrs. Land remained for a longer visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Patterson were in Sweetwater Sunday visiting her sister, Mrs. Billy Campbell, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Massey and children were in Dublin over the weekend visiting Mr. and Mrs. Gene Benningfield.

Eugene Black of Clyde spent Sunday with his sister, Mrs. Coleman O'Brien and family. Eugene has just been discharged from the Navy.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Diltz were in San Angelo over the weekend visiting their son, P. A., Jr., and family.

Mrs. Wayne Boyd of Willcox, Ariz., was visiting over the weekend in Merkel and Trent with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Church of Plainview were weekend guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lem Dudley. They were accompanied by Mrs. W. C. Church who visited her mother, Mrs. Lou Mashburn. Colonel Wallace was home for the weekend from the University of Texas, visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Wallace.

Mr. and Mrs. Othell O'Kelly of Trent, Mrs. Gertie Pee and Mrs. Denzel Cox went to Arlington Friday and returned Sunday after visiting relatives. Mrs. Pee's son met her and she went with him to Bagwell for an extended visit.

MRS. BONNIE PERKINS MARRIES GAINES SHULTS

Mrs. Bonnie Perkins was married to Gaines Shults of Maryneal Saturday night in the Wylie Baptist Church by Rev. Bobby Vann. They were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Pet Gooch of Abilene. They will make their home in Merkel. Mr. Shults is a rancher.



MRS. CHARLES NEWELL ALVORD
... former Beverly Arlene Wurst

LAUREL SHERRELL TO WED JAMES EUBANKS OF BAIRD

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Sherrell announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Laurel, to James C. Eubanks, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Eubanks of Baird. The wedding will be in April.

Miss Sherrell was graduated from Merkel High School and attended Hardin-Simmons University. She has been employed by Oil Transport Co. of Abilene.

The prospective bridegroom is a 1947 graduate of Baird High School and has been employed by the First National Bank of Baird since that time, except for two years spent in the Armed Service.

HOME ECONOMICS CLASSES STUDY CUTS OF MEAT AT CARSON'S

The two sophomore home economics classes of the Merkel High School visited the Carson Meat Market Monday morning where Claude Mewborn showed them the different cuts of meat. The classes are studying these in their courses now.

There were 19 present. Mrs. Joanne Young is the teacher.

ALVIN BYRD ATTENDS WOODMAN OF WORLD MEET IN SAN ANGELO

Alvin Byrd was a delegate to the Texas state convention of the Woodmen of the World Life Insurance Society, March 17-19, in the

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Cactus Hotel, San Angelo.
Howard M. Lundgren, national secretary, Omana, was the principal speaker.
Exemplification of the Protection degree, with initiation of a class of 65 candidates in honor of the society's 65th Anniversary was held Friday night, followed by a dance. The degree team of Littlefield Camp No. 3871, district champions and competitors for national honors, conducted the initiatory rites.
TWAS SPRING
Monday, March 21, was the first day of spring. And it was like winter. The thermometer skating around 29 degrees. And there was hail. And there was snow.

Captain Lightfoot Is Romantic Show
Universal - International really pulled out all the stops on its lush, romantic Technicolor - CinemaScope production of "Captain Lightfoot," which will play Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at the Queen Theatre starring Rock Hudson, Barbara Rush and Jeff Morrow.
"Captain Lightfoot" abounds with natural charm and the wonderful romantic spirit of turn-of-the-century Ireland, as do Hudson and Miss Rush, perfectly cast as two young lovers caught up in the swirl of the Irish rebellion.

How Much Is a Penny Worth?

It all depends on how you look at it. These are all American pennies. Worth, at face value, only one cent. But to a coin collector, some of these pennies are worth many times more. To him, their real value is high.

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Bertha Patterson On McMurry Band European Tour

Bertha Patterson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Patterson is with the McMurry College Indian Band, on a two-week concert and sight-seeing tour of five European capital cities. Miss Patterson, a sophomore student at McMurry, graduated from Merkel High School in 1953. Thirty-one members of the Mc-

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Murry Band, along with director Raymond T. Bynum, are making the concert tour of London, Paris, Amsterdam, Zurich and Rome, as guest of the Abilene Rotary Club. Free public concerts by the band have been scheduled in each of the cities to be visited to improve international understanding.

REV. GEORGE HAVENS IS HOLDING REVIVAL IN ABILENE CHURCH

George Havens, "the cowboy evangelist" and former hillbilly singer, is preaching at revival at the Abilene Memorial Baptist Church. Time is 7:30 p. m. George is a former singer for Pee Wee King of the "Grand Ole Opry" radio show. He is the son of Mrs. Bob Spence of Trent.

Legal Notices

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To any Sheriff or any Constable within the State of Texas—Greeting:

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

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: W. D. Anderson, his wife, Minnie Louise Anderson, Calude David Anderson, Eunice Pearl Anderson, Della Agnes Anderson, Ethel Clarice Anderson and Edith Clara Anderson; if living and if deceased, their unknown heirs, Defendants, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 2nd day of May A. D. 1955, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 14th day of March A. D. 1955, in this cause, numbered 20,411-A on the docket of said court and styled D. W. Harwell and wife, Lucy Harwell and Wylie Harwell and wife, Barbara Ann Harwell, Plaintiffs, vs. W. D. Anderson, his wife, Minnie Louise Anderson, Claude David Anderson, Eunice Pearl Anderson, Della Agnes Anderson, Ethel Clarice Anderson and Edith Clara Anderson; if living and if deceased, their unknown heirs, Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Trespass to Try Title 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 the 14th day of March A. D. 1955.

(SEAL) Attest: R. H. Ross, Clerk, 42nd District Court Taylor County, Texas By Irene Crawford, Deputy, Adv. — March 18, 25, Apr. 1, 8.

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To any Sheriff or any Constable within the State of Texas—Greet-

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

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

To: May M. Hall, a widow; May M. Hall and husband, if any; or the unknown heirs of May M. Hall, deceased; her heirs, legal representatives assigns or devisees, Defendants, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 104th District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 18th day of April A. D. 1955, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 21st day of April A. D. 1953, in this cause, numbered 7218-B on the docket of said court and styled Ida Blair McNeil et vir Emmitt W. McNeil, Plaintiff, vs. Maud Snyder et vir Edwin Richard Snyder, May M. Hall, a widow, Mary Josephine Eresch and husband Frank R. Eresch, Edmund V. White, Jr., W. L. White, Faye C. Perkins, Leon M. Lyon, Eva Mary Lyon, a feme sole, and Jim Horton, Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Suit to establish the ownership and a partition of the following described property situated in Taylor County, Texas:

Being 78 acres out of the South side of Survey No. 17, Block 18, T&P Ry. Company Land; and 31.7 acres out of the North end of the E. R. Hill Survey No. 12, Block 18, T&P Ry. Co. Land; and 71.5 acres out of the West side of Lot or Subdivision No. 32, League No. 148, Grimes County School Land, being the same property conveyed by Vol Martin to Mary Ella Martin

by Deed, dated November 27, 1928 and recorded in Volume 209, page 572 of the Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas.

The Defendant, May M. Hall, owns no interest in this property; 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 the 5th day of

March A. D. 1955.

(SEAL) Attest: R. H. Ross Clerk, 42nd District Court Taylor County, Texas By Irene Crawford, Deputy Adv. March 18, 25, April 1, 8.

LEGAL NOTICE

BIDS WANTED

Bids will be received on 400 to 500 old style school desks and approximately 200 auditorium seats. Contact Supt. Mack Fisher, Merkel Schools, Merkel, Texas. adv. March 11, 18, 25

LEGAL NOTICE

BIDS WANTED 3-STORE SCHOOL BUILDING TO BE DEMOLISHED

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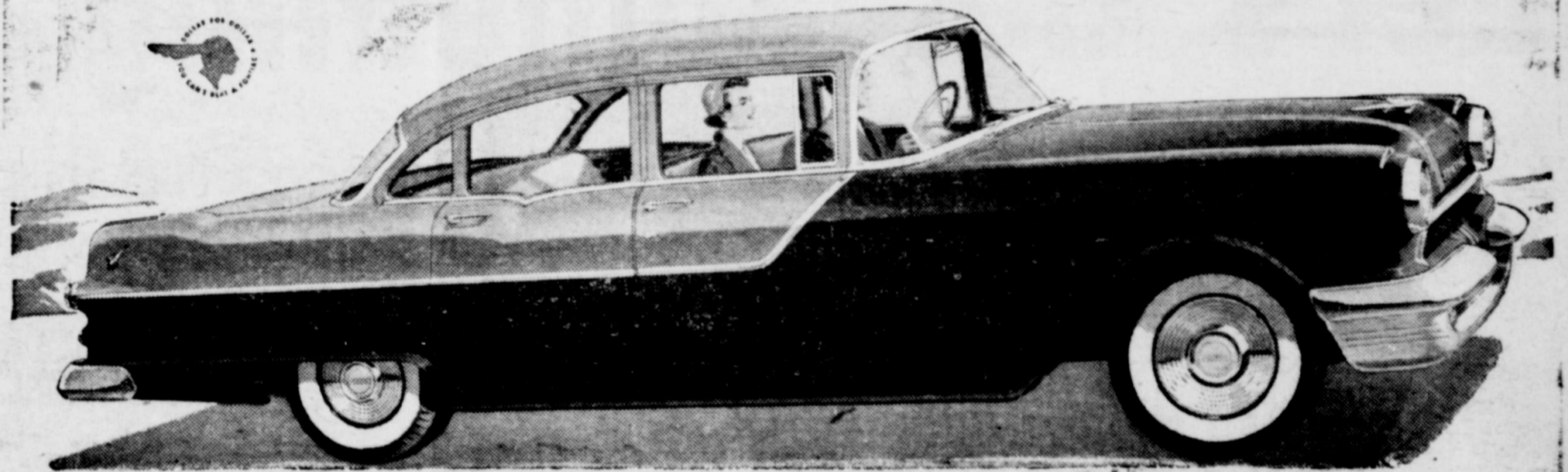
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Trent Gorillas Smash Divide By Score of 10-1

The Trent Gorillas defeated the Divide Trojans, 10-1, in Trent last week on Thursday afternoon in a non-district baseball game.

Tommy Toliver allowed six hits in going the distance for Trent. Trent now has a 3-1 record with Toliver chalking up his second victory against no losses.

Shortstop Jerry Horton rapped a two-run homer for Trent while second baseman J. B. Swinney got three singles in five trips.

J. M. (MONK) STOWE IS SERVICE MANAGER AT PALMER MOTOR CO.

J. M. Stowe, known all over as Monk, is now service and parts manager to the Palmer Motor Co. Mr. Stowe has had 30 years experience in the auto business, having worked for the St. John Motor Co. in Abilene for 25 years and the past few years at Horace Holly Motors in Abilene in the same capacity.

Mr. Stowe will continue living on his ranch south of Trent. He is married and has two children, 15 and 16 years old.

The mechanics working with Monk are Ira Marshall, Bill Coan and John Brown.

"Monk cordially invites all of you to come by to see him," said Nolan Palmer.

Hospital Notes

Admissions to the Sadler Hospital the past week were:

As medical patients — Mrs. George Denman, Ancil Martin, Mrs. Don Williamson, LeAnn Williamson, Mrs. Lee Stanley, Mrs. Lola Ferris, J. R. Johnson, W. A. Alford.

For surgery — Mrs. S. L. Reeves, doing all right.

Mrs. Ben Butman Opens Po Po Cafe Last Monday

The Po Po Cafe has re-opened under the new ownership of Mrs. Ben Butman. The cafe had been closed and Mrs. Butman took over Monday. She extended an invitation for the public to come in.

ALMOST REAL!

No, they were not real, but they looked real. They were life-size self portraits of students in the 5th grade of Mrs. Helen Benson. They were paper cut outs made by the students, and looking as nearly like themselves as youngsters can make them. These greeted visitors during open house. Thursday night of Public Schools Week.

HAS MAJOR SURGERY

Mrs. Ernest Dixon underwent major surgery at the Sadler Hospital March 19. She is getting along nicely.

A BIG PICNIC!

Now is the time to be thinking about family reunions and picnics. How about another big reunion again this year at Mulberry Canyon?

IS SERIOUSLY ILL

Rev. A. T. Suskey, former pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Merkel, is seriously ill in Bogalusa, La.

He entered the hospital Monday for a major operation. He will be in the hospital two weeks then four weeks under daily care of the doctor.

Rev. Melton of the Missionary Baptist Church in Bogalusa has taken the responsibility of the care of him and his family while there.

Rev. Suskey's address there is P. O. Box 592, Bogalusa, La.

Fear is a darkroom where "negatives" are developed.

Let's Get Something Straight!



MANY QUESTIONS ARE
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personals

Buck Nelson of Abilene visited his sister, Mrs. John Oliver and family Saturday.

Leys Burleson of Tucson, Ariz., visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Burleson.

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Harwell spent the weekend in Ft. Worth with Mr. and Mrs. Ike Turner and granddaughter Debra.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. McGuire and children of Houston visited her parents, City Marshal and Mrs. A. D. Fulton.

G. L. McCarthy, vice president of Eppler, Guerin and Turner, investment bankers, visited Tommy Odum Tuesday afternoon.

Dianne and Donna, children of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Bland of Abilene, spent the weekend with their grandmother, Mrs. Pick Allen.

Little Alesia Kay, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Estes, is visiting with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Scott in Snyder.

Mrs. E. N. Snodgrass and little son Robert Michael of Kermit spent the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Melton.

Reuben Horton, Abilene, and Miss Lillian Schmitz, Bernie, spent the weekend with his mother, Mrs. Edna Horton, and sister, Sonja Sue.

Mrs. Ray Spurgin of Dallas is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bicknell, and other relatives this week.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH CHOIR ENJOYS SOCIAL HOUR

The First Baptist Church choir met Wednesday night for a social hour with Ollie Fox, president, presiding. A dainty refreshment was served to 25 present. The meeting was held in the church basement.

GOODMAN COMMUNITY ENJOYS FAMILY NIGHT

On Saturday evening the Goodman Community held its monthly family night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jennings Winter. After an enjoyable evening of 84, cake and ice cream were served to Messrs. and Mesdames Hosea Windham, Dennie Butler, Douglas Reddin, Carl Bonneau, Marion Winter, Carl McAninch and Jennings Winter.

BLUE BONNET CLUB MEETS WITH MRS. FORD BUTMAN

The Blue Bonnet Club met Tuesday, March 15, at Mrs. Ford Butman's.

The members discussed health personalities, and roll call was answered with each giving the best personality traits they liked.

Mrs. Allen King leader of 4-H Club at Trent gave a 4-H Club report after which the Blue Bonnet Club voted to sponsor the 4-H Club Girls Achievement Day by having a tea. The club also sponsored the Red Cross drive.

Meeting was then turned over to the program leader. Cancer-badges will be made at the next meeting to be held at Mrs. Frazee Demere's home April 5.

Refreshments were served to three visitors, Mrs. John Ferguson, Mrs. Rosa McLean and Mrs. Ella Ray, and 14 members.

MRS. CHARLES ALVORD HONORED WITH SHOWER

Marilyn Liles, along with other friends, were hostesses at a bridal shower honoring Mrs. Charles Alvord, the former Arlene Wurst. The shower was held in the Lecil White home at 1408 Sunset Drive March 17 from 7 to 9 p. m.

Miss Maurine White, Mrs. Clyde Wurst, Mrs. Charles Alvord, Mrs. Marshall Alvord and Jean Alvord received the guests. Each guest was registered in a shower book on a table decorated with blue Iris and white Daisies.

The table was laid with a white embroidered cloth, centered with a wedding ring encircled with blue carnations and a bride in front of it, streamers of blue with the names of the bride and groom fell from the centerpiece. The mantel had a lovely arrangement of white carnations and blue daisies on it. The guests were served angel

food squares topped with a blue flower and pineapple-ginger ale punch.

GOODMAN H. D. CLUB MEETS WITH MRS. DENNIS BUTLER

The Goodman Home Demonstration Club met Friday, March 11, at the home of Mrs. Dennis Butler. Mrs. Hosea Windham, president, presided.

Two games were conducted by Mrs. Gordon Howell. Mrs. J. M. Walling led in prayer. Roll call was answered with "Women in the News." Minutes were approved. Suggestions for the 1956 yearbook were given to the yearbook chairman to be sent to the March council meeting.

The club decided to do something in its community for National Home Demonstration Week. A demonstration of three new ways to prepare eggs was given by the food leaders, Mrs. Frank Carter and Mrs. Gordon Howell. They prepared creamed eggs, an omelet and eggs poached in milk.

A refreshment plate of cookies and punch was served to 12 members, two visitors, Mrs. Joe Winter and Mrs. H. F. Jordan and three children.

WERE YOU MISSED?

"Anyone in town or the area who are missed in the Red Cross drive may sign up and turn his membership over to Mrs. Elma McFarland at the welfare office," stated Chairman Johnny Cox. "We do not want to overlook anyone."

MISSIONARY SPEAKS HERE

Rev. L. L. Trott of Abilene, district No. 17 Missionary of the Baptist Church, attended the Sunday night service here at the First Baptist Church. He spoke on "Building a bigger and better district to help local church to promote a program of Texas Baptists."

7TH GRADE CLASS GOES ON FIELD TRIP

Mrs. Andy Shouse's 7th grade class went to Abilene on a field trip last Friday to further their study on subjects which they have been having in class. They visited McMurry Museum and Library, Reporter-News, Bell Telephone Co., a bottling plant, radio and TV station. The class ate dinner at the Chicken Shack.

They were accompanied by Mrs. C. B. Rust and Mrs. Shouse. Mr. Thaxton drove the bus. There were 31 in the class who made the trip.

Many a woman has discovered that once she buys a "Dior" dress she's flat-busted.

W. J. Bicknell Is Honored Sunday On 76th Birthday

The children of W. J. Bicknell honored their father with a dinner on his 76th birthday Sunday at his home in Trent.

Those present were Otto Bicknell, Kilgore, Mrs. Ray Spurgin, Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Bicknell, Odessa, Mr. and Mrs. Odell Eaff and son Naylor, Merkel, Mrs. Norman Bicknell and children, Abilene; granddaughters, Mrs. Ernie Sprattling and husband, Big Spring, Mrs. Buddy Hough and son Joe, Odessa.

TO HAVE HEART SURGERY

Mr. and Mrs. Buster Hester, Mrs. Leroy Riney and Miss Dorothy Foster visited Sunday in Big Lake with their sister, Mrs. R. E. Brown, and family. Mrs. Riney remained for a few days with Mrs. Brown who is now in the San Angelo Clinic but will soon go to Houston for heart surgery. Mrs. Brown is the former Miss Rena Mae Dean.

MRS. IRL WALKER'S COUSIN IS BURIED

Mr. and Mrs. Irl Walker attended the funeral of the latter's cousin, Ralph Houston, of Knox City. Mr. Houston's parents were early settlers of Taylor County. He died after being ill for over a year.

Climbs Another Mountain Sunday

Scout Troop No. 19 again climbed a mountain near Trent Sunday afternoon. They were accompanied by Dr. James H. Chaney, scoutmaster, Pat Cyert, assistant scoutmaster, and John Wheeler, committee man, and his brother, Ben Wheeler, of Trent. Eight scouts made the climb.

NEWS

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

Mrs. Orville Black conducted the meeting of the Texas Home Demonstration Association held in the Agriculture Building March 17. Mrs. Morgan Freeman was elected secretary and Mrs. Edgar Holly of Potosi Club was elected the new County Texas Home Demonstration Association chairman.

OIL NEWS

Second producer looms for a new Flippen Sand area 10 miles northwest of Merkel in southwestern Jones County. It is Dugger & Herring, Abilene, No. 2 Johnny Sears Snyder, Sub-division 1, DeWitt CSL Survey 150. Five miles west of Merkel. Sojourner Drilling Corp., of Abilene staked No. 1 W. A. Daniels as a 5,000-foot rotary test. Dugger and Herring of Abilene completed their No. 2 Johnny Sears as the second well in a new Flippen sand producing area 10 miles northwest of Merkel.

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Ben A. Walters
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hicks
Mr. and Mrs. Ben R. Hicks

NOTICE MASONS
Stated meeting of Merkel lodge No. 710, A. F. & A. Saturday, April 2, at 7:30 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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WANTED - Yard work to do, cleaning up and cut your grass. C. A. Smith, 904 North First St. Merkel. 312p.

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WANTED - Will do quilting by hand. Price \$2 per quilt. Good work. Estelle Hannah Route 3. 112p.

WANTED - Plain Sewing, children's and house dresses, belts, button holes, alterations. Esther Lukes, 202 Manchester, Phone 257W. 311p.

WANTED - Wet wash and rough dry. We pickup and deliver. Phone 231, DeLuxe Laundry. 3152p.

WOMEN wanted. Temporary, six months. Mail postcards. Good handwriting or typewriter. Box 47, Watertown, Mass. 4152p.

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LOST - PARAKEET. Light green, named Chipper, can talk some. Belongs to Mrs. Iye Sublett. Phone 162, Bill's Garden Shop. 312c.

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FOR SALE - Typewriters, 1 Underwood portable, like new \$39.95; 1 Remington standard \$35. City Drug. t146c.

FOR SALE - Several used refrigerators and home freezers. Palmer Motor Co. t145c.

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The big debate in Washington this week has been about taxes. It arose over the bill to extend present corporate and excise tax rates for another year as recommended by the President. Everyone realized the necessity for this extension, but the House added a tax reduction amendment effective Jan. 1, 1956, in the form of a \$20 tax credit for each taxpayer and dependent. Democrats in the Senate supported a similar type of tax credit but with a "balance the budget" feature added. The Administration cried "politics" at the Democratic effort to provide now for future tax relief. It is true that "politics" has been at the root of this fight, but it has not been all on the Democratic side. The Republicans clearly indicated that they would offer some type of attractive tax reduction proposal next year just before the elections. That is one of the main reasons that the House Democrats decided to sponsor their type of tax reduction now even though it would not be effective until next year.

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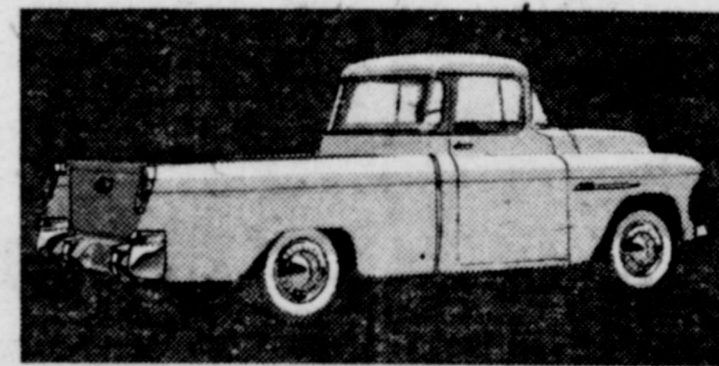
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EDITORIALS

NO ONE KNOWS

When will you need the Red Cross?
No one knows.

When disaster strikes the Red Cross is there, lending a helping hand, saving arms and legs and bodies and lives.

When will you need the Red Cross?
No one knows.

Whenever there is devastation by storms, by floods, by fires, by disaster of any kind, the Red Cross is there, an angel of mercy to those who are in distress, who suffer, who are in distress.

When will you need the Red Cross?
No one knows.

The Red Cross reaches across the street to your neighbor, it reaches across the nation to other states, it reaches across the world to help those in foreign lands. The Red Cross is a humanitarian organization, giving relief, helping the unfortunate, aiding those who are suffering due to the ravages of outraged nature.

Wherever soldiers, sailors, air-men and marines, war veterans, disaster victims or others in physical distress are to be found the life-giving blood of the Red Cross helps to make them well.

Yes, it is a most humanitarian organization.

When will you need the Red Cross?
No one knows.

The Red Cross is doing herculean work right in Taylor County. It prevents loss of lives by its "Learn to Swim" program, by its "First Aid" classes, by its "Home Care of Sick" lessons.

Right here in Taylor County it is doing gigantic work among enlisted men. And this program will be expanded to take care of the additional 7,000 persons to be stationed at the New Air Base.

It was our experience to see the Red Cross in action in a great disaster. This was the mighty flood that rushed across Kansas a few years ago. We were in Kansas City at the time.

Our sister is a member of the Red Cross staff in that area and we saw her at work. She and the others around her worked night and day, going without rest, going without sleep, to keep the help going out to those in need.

No questions were asked. Those in need were taken care of. The Red Cross did not wait to be asked step in. The Red Cross was THERE. Everything possible that could be done to lessen the suffering of those in pain, to help those in need, to save lives was done.

As Johnny Cox, chairman of the Merkel area drive, stated, the Red Cross is the "most far-reaching of our charitable and humanitarian organizations."

When will you need the Red Cross?
No one knows.

The Red Cross drive for members ends March 31. If you are not reached by those working in the drive, you may become a member by signing up and turning in your membership to Mrs. Elma McFarland at the welfare office.

When will you need the Red Cross? Who knows?

COACH TOMMY ELLIS

The acclaim that has come to our Coach Tommy Ellis as West Texas' outstanding Class A coach of the year is well merited. Our basketball teams have done well under his expert guidance. We congratulate Tommy and take pride in the fine publicity he has gained for himself and for Merkel.

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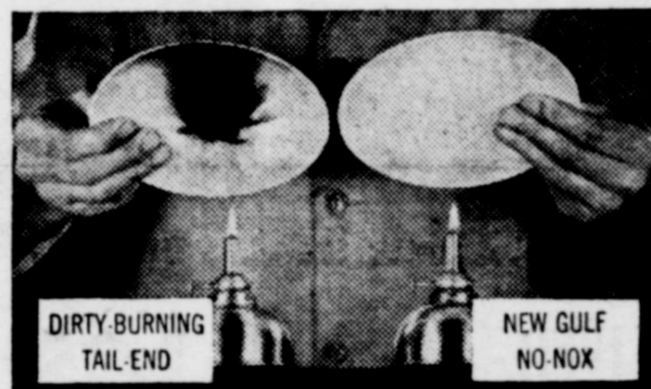
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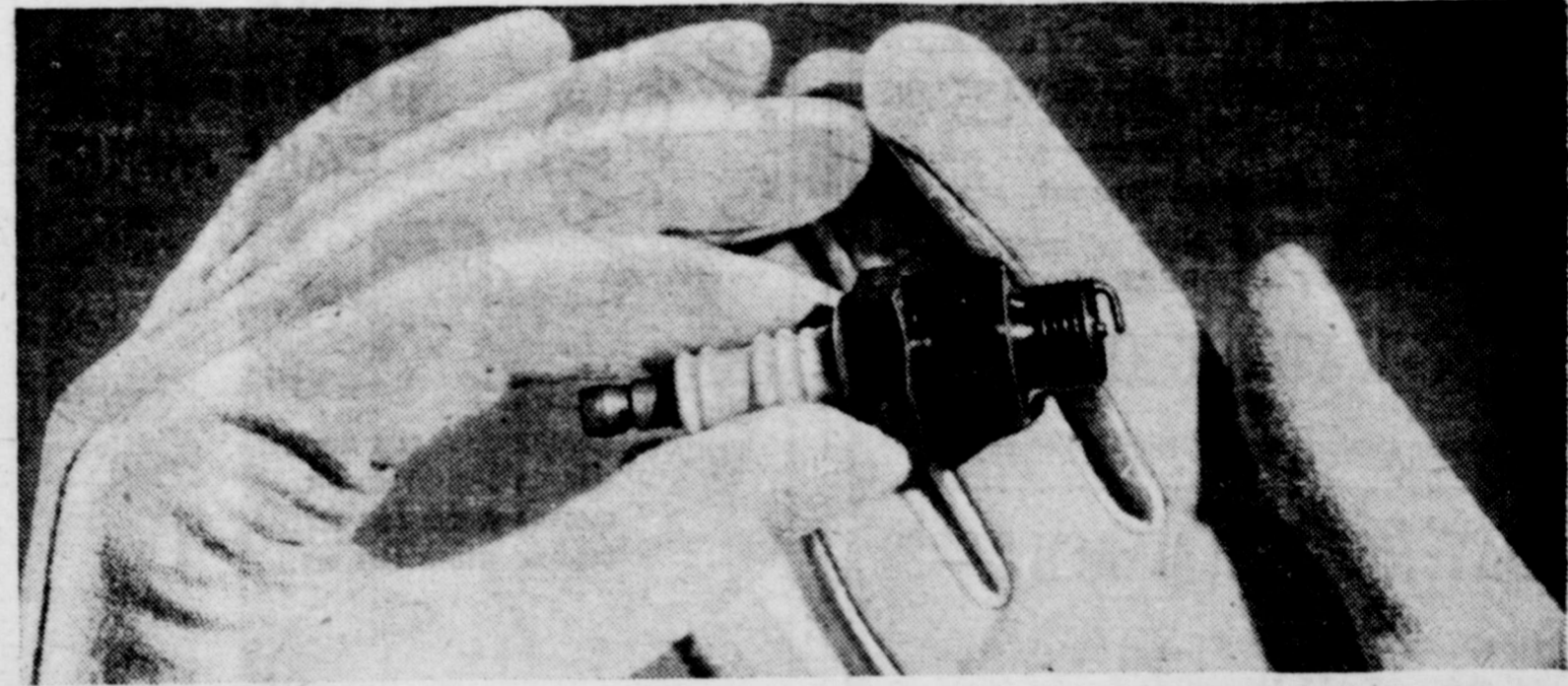
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Merkel F.F.A. Boys Place in Upper 10 At ACC Field Day

With from 50 to 60 teams participating Monday, the Merkel F. F. A. boys placed in the upper ten of the livestock and dairy judging teams at the annual Abilene Christian College field day. Chester Collinsworth, Sr., is the adviser.

Those on the livestock team were: Chester Collinsworth, Jr., Jerry Miller, Jimmy Neill, Robert McLeod and Jacky Russell, alternate.

Those on the dairy team were: Jimmy McAninch, Gail O'Brien, Canon Bradley, Jerry Russell and Edwin Mewborn, alternate.

Mrs. N. D. Holston Of Trent Dies At Age of 74

Funeral services for Mrs. N. D. Holston, 74, who died Wednesday of last week was held in the Trent Methodist Church at 10 a. m. Thursday of last week.

Rev. Evans Brian, pastor, officiated. Burial was in Trent Cemetery under the direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

Mrs. Holston was born in Alabama July 10, 1880. After her marriage, she moved with her husband to Abilene in 1919. She had been living in Trent for about six months.

Survivors include: her husband; three sons, Noel Lester Holston, Wichita Falls, Morris L. Holston, Abilene, and Bill Holston, Long Beach, Calif.; three daughters, Mrs. George Hike, Omaha, Neb., Mrs. L. E. Halbrooks, Trent, and Mrs. Louise Roberts, Las Cruces, N. M.; one brother, Givens Giles, Winnsboro, Miss.; 18 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

GORILLAS BOW

The South Taylor Flying Tigers took an 8th-inning 7-6 non-district baseball triumph from the Trent Gorillas in Trent Tuesday.

J. B. Swinney yielded eight hits. He collected a double and a pair of singles in five trips, a feat duplicated by Trent catcher Jerry Estep.

PUT OUT 2 FIRES

The Merkel Fire Department put out two fires Tuesday. In the morning an oil transport truck ran into the guard rail one mile west of Trent near the overpass. The driver was burned and taken to the Sweetwater Hospital. The truck was a total loss.

At 4:05 p. m. the two-room house at 1607 South 2nd Street, occupied by Lena Andrews, a blind colored woman, caught fire and was a total loss.

Senior Play Is Well Received Last Friday

Merkel High School senior play was well received last Friday in their two performances of "Back Home" by Ruth Lorac.

Those in the play were Patsy Melton, Gene Hargrove, Glenda Pangle, Mary Robbins, Payton Scott, Mary Harris, Paka Newby, Imogene Dye, Grady Knight, Billy Gilbert, Bill Horton, Kay James, Gloria Teaff, Glenda Petty, Nadine Middlebrook, Patricia Palmer, Jackie Hogan, Glenn Sandusky, Carroll Hays, Jimmy Doan, Erall O'Brien, Gwen Hagar, Kenneth Moore and Britta Benton.

Ushers were Jeanne Irvin, Ann Baker, Ruby Stephan, Phyllis Killpatrick, Raedeen Perry, Billy Fisher, Kenneth Collier, and Leonard Jackson. Freddie Boone was in charge of make-up. Miss Joy Barnett, Mr. Gene Bagley and Mr. J. E. Thomas, class sponsors, were in charge of business arrangements. Mrs. Comer Haynes was play director.

Tommy Odum Is Re-elected Pres. Of Exchange Group

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Odum and Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Odum were in San Antonio Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of last week attending the annual Texas Independent Telephone convention.

On Wednesday they attended the regional small telephone company meeting and on the same day Tommy Odum presided at the annual stockholders meeting of the Federation of Independent Telephone Exchanges, Inc.

Tommy is president of this corporation and was re-elected to the same office.

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