

FESTIVAL SET FOR JUNE 30

If you can't kill a rattler one way or another, Tony Swinney has a new way. Last Sunday Tony met a mad rattler on the Swinney ranch, and he couldn't find any rocks to throw. He picked up a stick, lashed it across the back and knocked off the snake's seven rattlers. The angry snake flashed its head around, bit itself and died seconds later.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Murray are having a good time visiting back east, judging from the notes and cards we at the Mail have received. We miss them at church, because you know there are not many of us at the one we attend. The Murrays are keeping up with their friends through the Mail which follows them wherever they go. They were in Alexandria, Va. June 1, and were heading for Portsmouth, Va. for 10 days.

Lee Cox is not one of the three professional florists in Merkel, but the bouquet he grew and brought down to the drug store the other day was something that looked like no amateur grew. But Mr. and Mrs. Cox have prided themselves in their gladiolas and dahlias, until their flower garden is a show spot. When Mrs. Newt wife of the drug-gist, entered the Sadler Clinic Hospital for an operation, the Cox's sent the nice bouquet on over to her. Where we came from the blooms of tumbleweeds even looked good sometimes.

Talk about freakish weather, they had it on the C. K. Russell ranch north of Merkel Monday afternoon. Sunshine, wind, rain, hail, a flood and sunshine—all in about 20 or 30 minutes. Mrs. Russell says she's never seen anything like it in the many years she's been out there. There was hail on the ground an hour after it fell.

You can't get along without neighbors — and friends. No sooner had the big moving van pulled up into our yard Saturday to unload when Jack Smith our south neighbor came over and offered us his helping hand—and then insisted (boy, and how!) on Bob and me going over for chow—Mrs. Smith's cooking was tops. It wasn't too long after that when Billie and Wattie came rolling in from New Mexico that Mrs. Ken Purser, our north neighbor, held an angel food cake in front of our noses, and man, how that did land in our system! Well, neighbors, I'll just tell you, all them boxes in our yard are just full of waste paper, and all we offered in return is a good appetite.

One of our good subscribers in Beaumont has sent us good tidings through the mail—not the Merkel Mail, but we appreciate the comments forwarded, even if they did send the paper last week. Lorraine Boyce recalled that her great grandfather put up a hotel near the Presbyterian church when Merkel was first started.

You will note, too, that this week we have added another correspondent to our list, and Mrs. Norman Sloan has started sending in the Hodge News. We always are glad to have contributions to the news columns, but we appreciate getting them early in the week as we print the paper Wednesday night, and we have to have some time before that to set the stories in type.

Honor Roll

People who have subscribed to the Merkel Mail during the past week include:

Bryan Dunagin, 821 Ash, J. B. Young, Rt. 3.
Bill Teaff, Rt. 3.
Carl Carey, Rt. 4, Lubbock
Mrs. Jim Boaz, Route 2.
Mrs. W. L. Johnson, 2416 Prospect, Fort Worth.
John Stout, Route 1, Monler, I. P. O.
Earl Lassiter, 1211 S. 3.
B. M. Tipton, Box 173.
Harold Heussner, 2018 Sales, Abilene.
A. R. Washburn, Decatur, Texas.
R. D. Vessels, 621 Birdsell, Houston.
Mrs. Norman Sloan, Rt. 3.
T. J. Neill, Rt. 4.
W. C. Newton, Rt. 2.
E. R. Foster, Rt. 3.
J. L. Hester, 818 Rose.
Troy Sloan, Rt. 2.

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Wind, Hail And Rain Dot Merkel Area

A 35-minute deluge Monday afternoon sent gutters running brim full, rows in the fields flooding, and water flowing over a large section of the Merkel area, with one area north of town completely covered with snowy white hail.

A terrific dust storm of the New Mexico variety blew into Merkel at 3:55 p.m. Wednesday. Visibility at times was only a block. Most of the dirt, however, was surface dust.

Storm warnings went up soon after the dust storm. It was to expire at midnight. Heavy rains started falling in Merkel and about 1.65 inches had fallen during the evening.

Harry Woodrum, local weatherman, reported that his gauge clocked 1.10 inches of moisture in a 35-minute period, and it was accompanied by winds and heavy hail.

This brought to 10.15 inches of rainfall received in this area during the past 35 days, but the amounts will vary up to 12 inches in some parts near Trent. Other areas south-east of here have not had that much.

Rainfall in June totals 2.40 inches.

The good the rain might have done was offset in many areas by heavy damage to the cotton which had already been planted. East of Noodle there was heavy damage to the crops, and several farmers reported they would have to replant their cotton.

The freakish weather of the past month is continuing over the area. Only last Saturday the Mt. Pleasant area received 1.50 inches of rainfall. Last Wednesday night the area north of Merkel received more than an inch of moisture. At that time Merkel received only a shower.

The heavy clouds which rolled in from the north Monday brought a cool front which dropped hailstones about the size of most balls over a wide area. It reached Tye to the east.

At the C. K. Russell ranch, one mile north of Merkel, a 25-minute deluge of rain and hail stripped trees, flooded the row crops, filled the terraces and left the ground covered with the white-like hail for more than an hour afterward, even though the sun came out brightly soon after the rain and hail fell.

Mrs. Russell, who has lived here since 1890, said she had never seen anything like the hail storm.

Her neighbor to the north, Mrs. Roy Largent, called her on the phone and asked what was happening. Mrs. Largent said she could see the white stones falling, but couldn't tell exactly what they were from that point. The Largent ranch received only light hail compared to that which fell on the Russell land.

The rows on Dave Tarpley's farm to the east were completely filled with water in the deluge which left 1.30 inches of rain.

Farmers in the area were fearful that the hard-beating rain might have patted the ground down so tightly that it would be necessary to replant.

Several farmers in the shower area had been busy planting cotton, and others already had planted sudan. In the area, the past several days has been planting time, and farm observers are peased with the prospects at the present time.

However, much more rain will be necessary to make a good fall crop.

DOLLAR DAY JUNE 21

Dollar Day in Merkel will be Tuesday, June 21, and the Dollar Days ad will be published in the Merkel Mail next week. Copy should be ready not later than Tuesday.



G. S. WESTBROOK
Evangelist



BURL McCOY
Song Leader

MEETING AT CHURCH OF CHRIST — G. S. Westbrook, noted evangelist, will deliver the sermons at the Church of Christ meetings June 12 to 22 in Merkel. Burl McCoy will lead the singing. Services will be at 7 a.m. and 8 p.m. daily.

Mrs. Collins Leaves For Holy Land Tour

Mrs. Twyman Collins left Thursday for Denton, Texas, the first leg of a trip to Europe and the Holy Land, and to attend the Baptist World Alliance Golden Jubilee Session in London July 16-22.

At Denton, Mrs. Collins will be joined by her sister, Mrs. Floy Massey, and together they will go to Dallas where they will leave June 15 for Quebec, Canada.

At Quebec, they will go aboard the S. S. Arosa Star for LaHarve, France, which will be the first European port they will hit.

From there they will go to Paris, Rome, the Holy Land, Beirut, Lebanon, Damascus, Syria, Jerico, Jordan, and Jerusalem. They will spend five days there.

In July, they will leave Tel Aviv for London where Mrs. Collins is a delegate to the Baptist World Alliance Golden Jubilee Session.

They will return to Quebec August 8, and Mrs. Collins expects to be back in Merkel about August 15.

Teen Agers Get Break at Shows

Teen agers get a break at the Queen and Pioneer Drive-In Theaters, Robert Hodge announced today.

Beginning Friday, June 10, high school kids between 12 and 17 will be admitted for 35c, a reduction under the regular price.

"This is our summer vacation present to the kids, and will give them a chance to see more good movies," Hodge said.

Davy Crockett Film Comes To Pioneer Drive-In Theater

Davy Crockett is coming to Merkel.

But he's on film and he will be at the Pioneer Drive-In theater June 14, 15 and 16, according to an announcement today by Robert Hodge of the Queen and Pioneer theaters.

Fess Parker, who plays the leading role, is from Abilene.

"Davy Crockett, King of the Wild Frontier" reaches the theater screen as a full length, live-action adventure epic in color by Technicolor and wide screen, produced by Walt Disney and starring Parker and Buddy Ebsen.

Directed by Norman Foster, the historical drama depicts the legendary life story of Davy Crockett from his young manhood in the backwoods of Tennessee, where he fought Indians under the command of General Andrew Jackson, through his political career as a canebreak legislator and U. S. con-

Don Loyd Is New Badger Cage Coach

Don Loyd, a 1949 graduate of McMurry College, has been elected basketball and baseball coach for the Merkel High School. Supt. Mack Fisher announced today.

Loyd, who for the past six years has been head basketball coach at Clarendon College, replaces Tommy Ellis, who recently was named head cage mentor at McMurry.

While attending McMurry, Loyd earned All-Texas Conference basketball honors for four years. In addition, he lettered in baseball and played on the Indian team for three years. He also was a member of the Indian golf team.

Loyd, who is 26 years of age, will take over his duties during the latter part of August and serve as an assistant to Carroll Denson, head coach, and assist in football training. He and his family, Mrs. Loyd and small son, will move to Merkel during the summer.

Fitzgerald Is Promoted to Major in DSA

A former Merkel man, William E. Fitzgerald, has been promoted to the rank of major at the Delaware Storage Activity, formerly the Delaware Ordnance Depot. It was learned today.

Major Fitzgerald formerly lived in Merkel and is a veteran of World War II and the Korean war. Major Fitzgerald has been stationed at the Perkiotown installation for two years, as chief of the ammunition division.

Having seen service in the Infantry and Air Corps in addition to the Ordnance branch, Major Fitzgerald makes his home with his wife and one child on the post.

Mrs. Fitzgerald is the former Louise Addison of Blair. She is Louise Addison of Blair. She is Merkel.

Merkel Firemen Attend Meeting

Several Merkel firemen will attend the 79th annual convention of the State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association of Texas in Dallas at the Baker hotel June 14, 15, and 16.

Governor Shivers has designated the week of June 12-18 as Firemen's Week, in recognition of the high civic duty performed by the thousands of firemen in Texas.

Those planning on attending the convention are Fire Chief and Mrs. Waymon Adcock, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Webber, and F. C. McCue all of the Merkel department, and Jim McAninch, who will be a visitor.

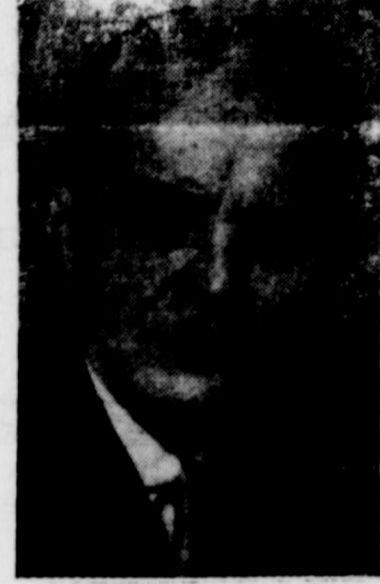
Hospital Notes

Those admitted to the Sadler Hospital-Clinic during the past week are:

Sam McLure, Medical
L. L. Frazier, Medical
Mrs. B. F. Hughes, Medical
Mr. T. R. Winn, Medical
Foz Steadman, Medical
Mrs. Wade Ensminger, Medical
George Cooper, Medical
Mrs. Marvin J. Mayfield, Medical
Gertie L. Davis, Medical
Mrs. J. B. Harris, Medical
Catherine Irwin, Medical
L. W. Lewis, Medical
Mrs. August Waters, Medical
John Mansfield, Medical
Mrs. W. H. Dunlap, Surgery
Mrs. Newt Logan, Surgery
Mary Alice McCallieck, Surgery
Jerry Gardner, Surgery
Mrs. Don Mashburn, Baby Girl
Mrs. Harlan Jones, Baby Boy

Singing Sunday

The second Sunday Pioneer Memorial church singing will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, June 12.



DEMO CHAIRMAN COMING — Paul M. Butler, Democratic National Chairman, will be the honored guest at a luncheon at the Settles Hotel in Big Spring at noon June 15, and those interested may obtain tickets for the affair for \$5 each. Frank Hardesty and W. D. Boyd, Big Spring, are chairmen. Butler also will visit several other Texas points, and party workers from Merkel, Abilene and others points will attend.

Wheelers From Everywhere At Family Reunion

Over 100 people were served dinner at the Wheeler reunion at the Community center, Sunday, June 6.

The reunion started Saturday afternoon and lasted through Sunday. Old time music was furnished by the Jess Anderson family, and Aron Horton and Jack Collier.

Attending were relatives from Tulsa, Lubbock, Meadows, Amarillo, Austin, San Antonio, Stamford, Anson, Ballinger, Bovina, and Merkel. Friends from the surrounding territory visited in the afternoon.

Out of state relatives attending were Mr. and Mrs. Sewell D. Mullinaux and daughter, Mrs. Raymond Fisher, of Miami, Fla., Mrs. LeRoy F. Bennett, Birmingham, Ala., Mrs. E. H. Grayson, Monument, New Mexico, Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Grayson, Hobbs, New Mexico.

From Texas were Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Turner, Ballinger; Mrs. Jim Collins, Ballinger; Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Wheeler, Tulsa; Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Wheeler, Tulsa; Mr. and Mrs. Jack E. Wheeler and son, Tulsa; Mr. and Mrs. Travis Wheeler, Bovina; Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Riley, Tulsa; R. O. Wheeler, Tulsa; Mr. and Mrs. Neil Vandergriff, Lubbock; Mrs. Luyse Prensky, Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Al Durbin, Meadows; Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Seago, Midland; Mrs. Eddie Disney, San Antonio; Mr. and Mrs. Casey Howard, Stanton;

Children of Ben Wheeler who were present were Mrs. Ruby Ward, Stamford; Mrs. Arthur Rogers, Merkel; Andrew Wheeler, Merkel, and Paul Wheeler, Abilene.

The reunion has grown so much during the past few years that it was necessary to establish a set of officers. When it was first started only a few attended, but each year it gets larger and larger.

Officers are Paul Wheeler, president, and E. B. Wallace, secretary. The directors are Bruce Wheeler, Travis Wheeler, M. C. Wheeler, Andrew Wheeler and Edward Wheeler.

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:

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Reid, Merkel \$5
Alice Howell, Trent \$2
J. D. Sheppard, Dallas \$5
Mrs. W. Y. Steen, Trent \$10
Mrs. W. A. Steele, Sweetwater \$5
Luna Johnston, Santo, \$5
Pauline Johnson, Merkel, \$5

Barbecue And Entertainment Are On Program

Thursday, June 30, is the date set for the Merkel Water Festival.

Plans are moving forward to sell tickets for the big barbecue dinner that night for \$1.25 each and more than 4,000 people are expected to be in Merkel for the big celebration, according to Onis Crawford, manager of the chamber of commerce.

"The citizens of Merkel are planning what we think will be a grand show and a day of fellowship for all the people of this territory," he said.

The ticket committee will have tickets available this week end, and everyone is urged to get behind this event by buying some of the tickets. Everyone can attend the barbecue.

Entries are needed in the amateur contest, and further information can be obtained from any of the committee members. They are Lester Dorton, Horace Boney, J. H. Hammond, Bob McDonald, and James Chaney, the amateur rules committee.

Contestants must be sponsored by an organization or business. There is no age limit, but contestants must be 100% amateur.

Application blanks are available at the chamber of commerce office.

Prizes will be \$25 for first, \$15 for second, \$10 for third and 10 prizes of \$5 each.

There will be a queen contest and coronation. Each banquet ticket also is good for a vote for the queen.

The beauty contest will be at the Queen theater at 2 p.m., and the coronation of the queen will be at the football field, starting at 5 p.m., time of the barbecue. The queen will receive a \$100 scholarship to the school of her choice. The contestant must be between 16 and 20, and single.

The beauty contest committee is composed of Margaret Hunter, Betty June Tittle, Mrs. W. T. Saylor, and Mrs. Ernest Joyce.

Reverend Lyles Arrives to Take Over Pastorate

Rev. Cloy Lyles has arrived to take over the pastorate of the First Methodist church in Merkel.

Reverend and Mrs. Lyles and two daughters, Carol Ann, 9, and Teresa Jean, 4, already have established their home here.

He comes to Merkel from the Bunavista Methodist church in Borger.

Reverend Lyles is in his 12th year as a minister. He graduated from McMurry college in 1940 and from S.M.U. in 1945.

He has served churches in Ovalo, Vera, Big Spring, Chillicothe and Borger.

He is a native of Floydada. Mrs. Lyles is from Caps community near Abilene, and she attended McMurry college.

Reverend Lyles will conduct services twice each Sunday at 10:55 a.m. and 8 p.m.

"We urge all Methodists in the community to come to our church, and offer an invitation to those who do not have a church home to worship with us," he said.

Boy Scouts Attend Camp At Tonkawa

The Boy Scouts of Troop 20, Merkel have gone to Camp Tonkawa, just south of Abilene for a week. The boys were accompanied to the camp by the scout leaders, Bob Hodges, Norman Winters, and Dr. Cox.

James Simpson, Eddie Higgins and John Thomas are the Scouts attending. They will spend a lot of time learning swimming, life saving and archery. The Merkel Scouts joined the troop from Abilene while they are at the camp.

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Mr. and Mrs. Wright Dishman are taking a vacation this week and next, and are at Brownwood lake doing a little fishing. They had plans to visit New Mexico also.

Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Wood of Chino, California, visited Tuesday and Wednesday with their daughter and family Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Hull.

**Speaker Says
Cotton Acreage
Quotas Unfair**

Compulsory reduction of cotton production through acreage curtailment is unsatisfactory to the American cotton farmer and to his fellow citizens as well. Not only does the curtailment force cotton farms to operate far below an efficient rate of production, it also keeps cotton prices high for 165 million consumers. Mill people object because they find themselves squeezed between high cotton prices and consumer resistance; and ultimately, taxpayers must foot the bill for a costly government support program for cotton and other crops.

These statements were presented to the 16th annual meeting of the American Cotton Congress in Harlingen, Texas by Lamar Fleming, Jr., chairman of the board of Anderson, Clayton & Co., world's largest cotton merchants. The Congress, headed by Burris Jackson of Hillsboro, Texas, held a three-day meeting to discuss cotton's problems and to hear the latest information on cotton research.

"I suggest that we could save more dollars by producing cotton cheaper than by selling it higher," Mr. Fleming said. "Cheaper production means greater income for the cotton grower and is advantageous for the national consumer and the taxpayer. Also, it is the best way to check and, if possible, reverse the losses of offtake to rayon, jute, paper, and foreign-grown cotton."

The allotment scheme, he continued, was a device to hold prices up by cutting production. "It prevents a man from converting his productive efforts from a fifth-of-a-bale-to-the-acre farm to a two-bale-to-the-acre farm, thus condemning him to high-cost production. By putting the emphasis on price, we have sacrificed the possibility of higher-yield and lower cost of production."

It may not be possible politically to wipe out the acreage allotment and marketing quota scheme overnight, he said. As a practical matter, removal of restriction may have to be gradual, synchronized with a reduction in our present cotton surplus. "But the intelligent people of the cotton states cannot afford to see their cotton production indefinitely to production costs that are higher than they need be and to inefficient rates of operation. Nor can they see business lost to other materials and to foreign cottons, when they themselves could be enjoying the profit."

**Foundation Grant
To Help Research**

A \$34,500 National Science Foundation grant will allow University of Texas scientists to gather genetics research specimens in the Caribbean area and other parts of Latin America.

The three-year award will finance collection of tiny banana flies called *Drosophila* which offer simplified clues to inheritance and evolutionary characteristics in all living organisms. The insects reproduce prolifically and have a short life span, lending themselves to studies that, if performed with human beings, would take many generations and millions of dollars.

University geneticists receiving the grant are: Drs. Wilson S. Stone and Marshall R. Wheeler.

**Estate Provides
Research Funds**

Eleven researchers will receive a total of \$34,200 in 1955-56 Rosalie Hite fellowships for cancer investigations at University of Texas units.

The award winners include scientists from Germany, Japan, Mexico and India as well as this country. The estate of the late Miss Rosalie Hite of Houston provides funds for the fellowships.

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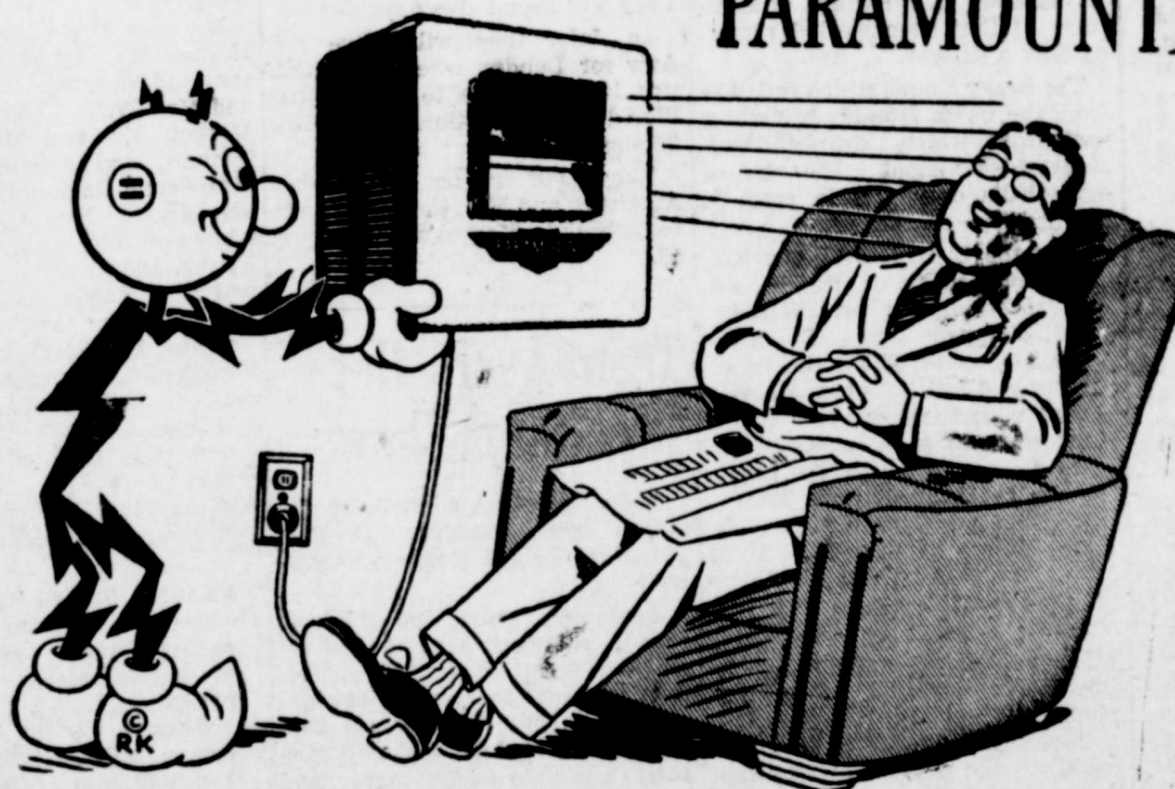


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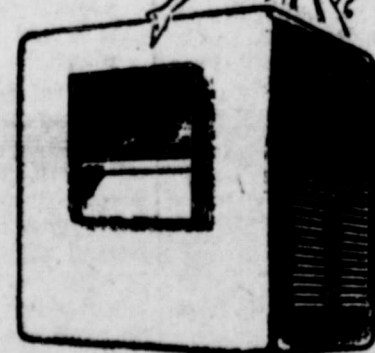
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MRS. ROBERSON HOLDS MARTHA CLASS MEETING
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H. W. Hester, Mrs. Alma Collins, Mrs. M. T. Head, Mrs. T. C. Saterwhite, Mrs. Ernest Teaff, Mrs. H. B. Roberson, Mrs. J. H. Winsley, and one visitor, Mrs. Alta Ingram.
MRS. JOE SWINNEY GETS BIRTHDAY SURPRISE
Mrs. Joe Swinney was greatly surprised Monday evening when the Tom Russon family came in and joined the Swinney family in singing "Happy Birthday." They went to the Tracy tank where they cooked hamburgers and potatoes. A pretty birthday cake was presented, and the group enjoyed cake and ice cream floats. Mrs. Swinney was presented with

several gifts. Those who enjoyed the outing were Mary, Tom and Donnie Russon, Gladys, Herbert, Tony, Joseph and Nancy Swinney. "I hope we all stay well and happy," Mrs. Swinney gasped as she blew out the candles.
IRL WALKER VISITS ENROUTE TO TEXAS U.
Mr. and Mrs. Irl Walker and son, Mike, of Mason, visited relatives here on a return trip from Mexico City, El Paso and Pecos. In El Paso they visited Gaston Walker, formerly of Merkel. Walker will enter the University of Texas at Austin this week where he will study his Ph D. degree.

TWO SETS OF FOUR GENERATIONS VISIT
Mrs. W. M. Elliott spent Saturday entertaining two sets of relatives, each with four generations. It was unusual that each of the families had four generations with them. Her aunt, Mrs. Mary Nelson, and Mrs. Nelson's daughter, Mrs. Ona McCleary, Mrs. McCleary's daughter, Mrs. Bonnie Wilson, and her little daughter, Judy Wilson, 4, all of Fayetteville, Ark., arrived for a brief visit. The other relatives include Mrs. Elliott's brother, B. I. Shelton and Mrs. Shelton, of Cisco, Texas, the Shelton's daughter, Mrs. John Dunn, Mrs. Dunn's daughter, Mrs. Dewey Sage, and her small son, Steve, 8, all of Lubbock.

MR. AND MRS. SIMPSON VISIT SOUTH TEXAS
Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Simpson and son James returned last week from a short vacation spent in College Station, Houston and Galveston. In College Station they attended commencement exercises at A. and M. where their son Robert received a degree in chemical engineering. In Houston they visited their oldest son Frank Jr. and family. Allen D. King Jr., Texas Tech Junior student is home with his family Mr. and Mrs. Allen D. King, Ida May, Buddy and Sue for at least a six weeks vacation. Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Sarver and son, James, of Houston, visited over the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. John Oliver. Mr. and Mrs. Cadmus Brown of

Jayton were at University of Texas last week for a short course. Their children visited their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Irl Walker of Merkel.
Mr. and Mrs. Tye Sublett have returned from Centralia, Ill., where they visited their son Mr. and Mrs. Jim Sublett and family.
Misses Joy and Ann Reed of Texico, New Mexico are visiting their grandmother, Mrs. O. W. Reed and other relatives for two weeks.
Colonel Wallace was home from Austin for the weekend to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Wallace and to attend the Wheeler family reunion. Ben Wheeler, eldest of all Wheelers, is his great grandfather.
Allen D King Jr. and Buddy King joined a group of Texas Tech boys at Stamford Lake last week end for an outing.
Carol Ann Corder accompanied Mr. Joe Winters of Grand Prairie, to Washington D. C. They are going on their way to see Mr. Winters son Willie Joe who is in the Army.
Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bell of Dallas visited his brother, M. B. Bell and Mrs. Bell over the weekend.
Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Fox visited friends in Lubbock over the weekend.
C. S. Higgins visited his family in San Antonio this past weekend. Jimmy accompanied him home for a month's visit. Mrs. Higgins and grandson, Sidney Gershon, are visiting Dr. and Mrs. Robert O. Bennett in Columbus, Ohio, for three weeks.
J. M. Harris and son, Jimmy Lynn, of Amarillo, spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lige Harris.

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The Stith Home Demonstration club met Thursday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Marvin L. Walters to hear a talk on beauty makeup by Mrs. Phillips of Abilene. She went into complete details on how to apply makeup and uses of cosmetics. The ladies of the club gave each other manicures, trimmed hair,
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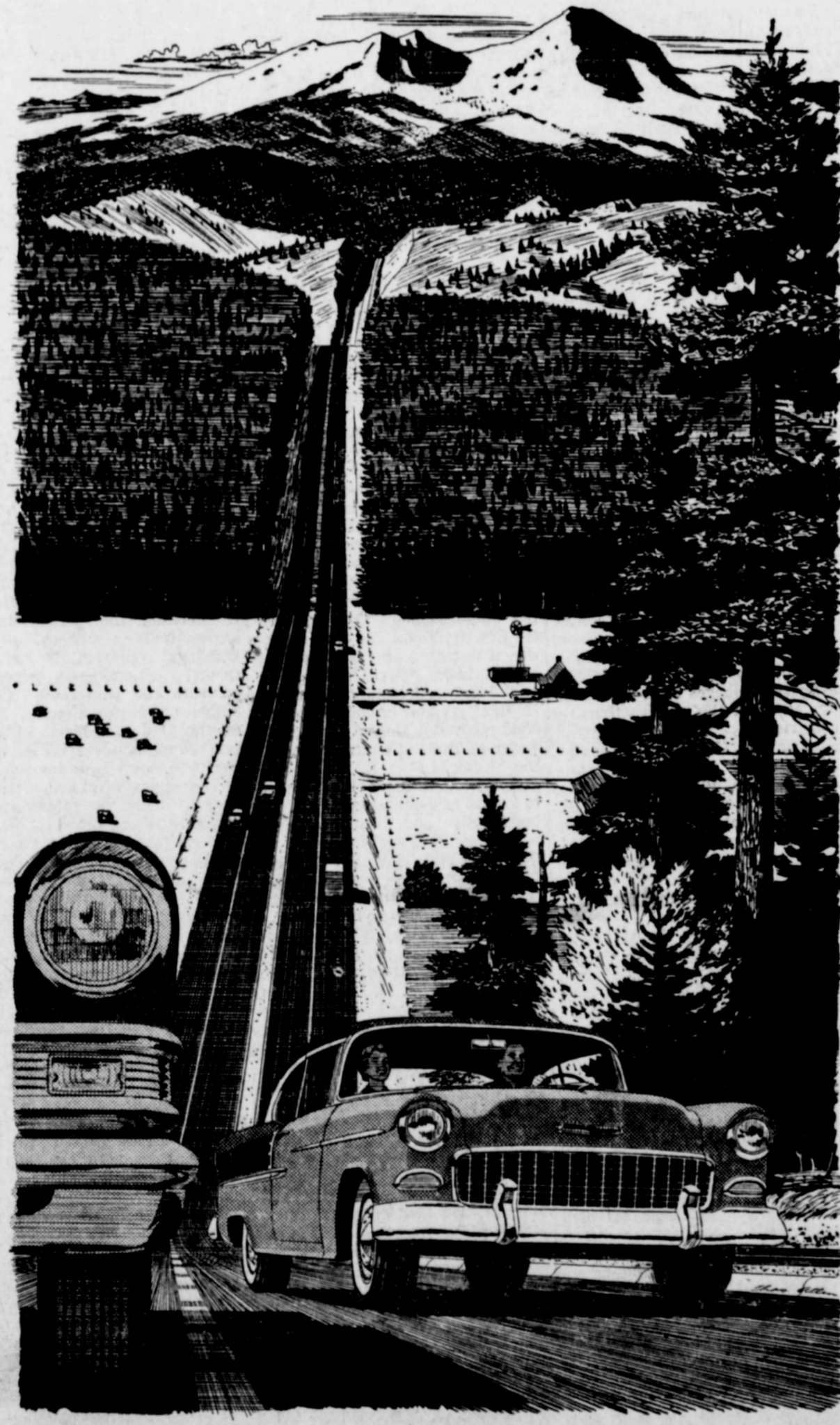
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CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: Lena Decker, and if deceased, the heirs, and unknown heirs, assignees, devisees and legal representatives of Lena Decker, and unknown owners, Defendants, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable Special Commissioners' Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by personal appearance at or before 10 o'clock A.M. August 5, 1955 after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 31st day of May A.D. 1955, in this cause, and styled The State of Texas, Plaintiff, vs. Lena Decker, and if deceased, the heirs, and unknown heirs, assignees, devisees and legal representatives of Lena Decker, and unknown owners, Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Suit for condemnation of land belonging to Lena Decker, and her estate or heirs at law, in Precinct No. 2, Taylor County, Texas, to be used for road and highway purposes of U. S. Highway No. 80, as more fully shown by petition on file herein, and 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 7th day of June A.D. 1955.

Attest: Mrs. Chester Hutcherson, Clerk, Special Commissioners' Court, Taylor County, Texas. (SEAL)

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NOTICE OF INFORMATION TO INCORPORATE A FIRM WITHOUT CHANGING NAME:

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Notice is hereby given that Marilee Bradshaw, R. L. Bradshaw, and Marilee Bradshaw, Trustee, partners composing the firm of Bradshaw Office Equipment Company are incorporating such firm without a change of the firm name after the expiration of thirty (30) days from this date the 27th day of May, 1955.

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COKE PARTY HELD FOR WEDDING PARTY

Members of the wedding party entertained with a gift coke party Saturday morning, June 4, in the home of Mrs. Newt Logan complementing Miss Marka Barnes, bride-elect of George Rowland.

Mrs. Logan greeted the guests as they arrived and presented them to the honoree and her mother, Mrs. Edna McGee. Mrs. David Gamble and Mrs. Truitt Perry registered them in the bride's book.

Mrs. Bill Largent, Mrs. Tommy Odum, Mrs. Don Riney, and Mrs. Horace Boney presided at the refreshment table. Mrs. Gerald Derrick, Mrs. Leon Walker and Mrs. Nolan Palmer were also hosts. Appropriate music recordings were played throughout the party.

Miss Barnes and Mr. Rowland will be married Friday evening, June 10th at 7:00 p.m. in the First Baptist Church. All friends and acquaintances of the couple are cordially invited to attend the wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mashburn and family visited in the Buddy Mashburn home in Robert Lee May 29.

White lies often have to be whitewashed to prevent them from turning black.

Neva Chancey Worthy Matron

Neva Chancey was installed as worthy matron of the Merkel chapter of Eastern Star in the Masonic hall Tuesday night.

The installing officers were Bonnie Vaughn, installing officer; Quida Reid, installing marshal; Estelle Humphreys, installing organist; and Beluie Butler, installing chaplain.

Officers installed were Neva Chancey, worthy matron; Ross Pratt, worthy patron; Sallie Grant, associate matron; A. B. Parham, associate patron; Fern Windham, secretary; Florence Berry, treasurer; Ollie Butman, conductress; Carol Slater, associate conductress; Edith Leach, chaplain; Louise Parham, marshal; Mildred Winter, organist; Bissilue Moore, Ada; Benina McCue, Ruth; Helen Rust, Esther; Dott Castle, Martha; Loretta Morgan, Electa; Murel Thompson, warden; and Ford Butman, Sentinel.

"The Beautiful Garden of Prayer" was written by Una May Hays and dedicated to Neva Chancey. The Junior past matron invited the worthy matron to enter the "Beautiful Garden of Prayer" where the five star points and marshal presented her with a vase of flowers appropriate to their station.

The chaplain then entered the Garden of Prayer where all knelt while the chaplain repeated "The Lord's Prayer."

They remained kneeling while the lights were lowered, and Vickie Joyce sang "The Beautiful Garden of Prayer" under a lighted star.

The worthy matron was escorted to the East by the conductress while her daughters Betty Raye and Kay sang "Star of the East". An angel of light, Sister Inez Pratt entered carrying a lighted candle and presented the worthy matron with a golden key.

Refreshments were served to 30 members and 19 visitors by the refreshment committee.

FORMER MERKEL TEACHER RETIRES AFTER 42 YEARS IN PROFESSION

After 42 years of teaching, a former Merkel school teacher has retired to California to make her home and improve her health.

Mrs. T. A. Kellam, principal of the Central Elementary school at Lamesa, Texas, resigned, effective May 31, to go to California where she has established a home at 3236 Milton St. Pasadena.

She had been in ill health recently. Mrs. Kellam will be remembered also as Mrs. Len Sublett. She taught school in Merkel for many years, resigning in 1939 to go to Lamesa.

The first year she served on the Lamesa faculty she was supervisor for the first eight grades. Two and a half years were spent as Assistant principal of Lamesa Junior High and the remaining three and a half years in the capacity as principal.

Mrs. Kellam went to Lamesa from Merkel in 1939. She taught eighteen years in Merkel serving 15 years as principal of the grade school, two years in the grade school and one year as history teacher in the High School. During the time she was with the Merkel school system she also taught arithmetic and students from her classes won the County Interscholastic League for twelve consecutive years.

She is a graduate of Merkel High School, holds a B. A. Degree, Magna cum Laude, from Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene. She attended McMurry College Abilene, did graduate work at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles and attended Texas Tech in Lubbock.

In connection with her profession as teacher and principal she is a member of the scholarship committee for the five county Gamma Lambda Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, national honor society for women teachers. She is a member of Texas State Teachers Association, West Texas State Teachers Association and was a delegate to the State Association convention in November, 1952.

Mrs. Kellam has always been an enthusiastic worker in the PTA and PTA Council. In recognition of her service in that field she was awarded, last week, a life membership.

In addition to her professional activities she engages in church and club work in Lamesa. She served as president of Lamesa Federation of Church Women in 1942-3 and was president of the Delphian Club for three years. She was awarded a life membership and pin last June by the Wesleyan Service Guild of the First Methodist Church. She was also president of the Guild for three years. A willing Sunday School Class worker she taught the Berean Class for three and one half years, also the Willing Workers Class 6 1/2 years and the Gleaners Class of the First Meth-

odist Church.

Mrs. Kellam is a native of Nacogdoches, the daughter of early-day residents of Lamesa. Her parents Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Christopher came to Lamesa in 1916.

Mrs. Kellam who has been ill for the past few months went by plane to California where she will be under the care of a specialist.

Lions Club Hears Talk On Festival

The Lions club heard a discussion Tuesday about the Water Festival coming up Thursday, June 30, in Merkel.

The talk was made by Onis Crawford, manager of the chamber of commerce.

Mayor Fred Starbuck told the group that engineers had been informed that Abilene should be through with its part of the line by the end of the week, and if this is done, Merkel should be pumping water somewhere between June 20 and July 1.

There is a period in which the lines must be cleaned and the water pumped before it can be pumped for consumer use. This generally takes about six days.

Merkel Student Honored at A&M

Robert Preston Simpson of Merkel has been designated a distinguished student at A. and M. College for the Spring semester of 1955.

Robert received a degree in chemical engineering at commencement exercises May 27, and has accepted a position with the Columbia-Southern Chemical Corporation in Lake Charles, La.

Mr. and Mrs. John Shannon went to Fort Worth Monday to see their new grandson, that was born Sunday night to Mr. and Mrs. James Shaver. Mr. Shannon returned Monday but Mrs. Shannon remained for a longer stay.

DON'T FORGET, BILL STUTS' CAFE SERVES 50c SHOPPERS LUNCH

P. E. Allen and wife from Los Alamos N. M., visited with his mother Mrs. Pick Allen and other relatives last week. Mrs. Allen went with them to Lawton, Okla. where they visited Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sanford a granddaughter, stopping enroute at Wichita Falls and Seymour, and visited with A. C. Bland Jr., of Abilene completing the trip.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Sheppard have returned from a two week vacation in Big Spring, Texas.

C. A. Farley Enroute to Holy Land; Will Return July 14

C. A. Farley, Merkel school principal and treasurer of the Church of Christ, left Sunday on a tour of the Bible Lands and Europe.

The director of the tour is J. T. Marlin, minister of the Church of Christ at Sweetwater.

They departed at 12:28 noon Sunday from Sweetwater on the Continental Airlines. Leaving from there were Mr. Marlin's wife, daughter Sue, son Jerry, Mrs. Glendon Dyer and Farley, principal of the elementary school here.

Mrs. Dyer will stop in Salzburg, Austria to join her husband who is in service there. At Amon Carter field in Fort Worth they were joined by Foy Smith, minister of the North Side Church of Christ in Cleburne, Texas; Paul McClung, minister of the church at 14th and Broad in Wichita Falls, and Mrs. R. L. Bowers of Brownfield, Texas will join the tour as the group travels to New York on the American Airlines.

At the Belmont Plaza Hotel, which is to be tour headquarters, other members of the tour J. C. Choate, minister of the church at East Tupelo, Mississippi; Mr. M. F. McKnight, minister at Abernathy, Texas; Mrs. George Benson, president of Harding College; Mrs. C. D. Brown, Stanwood, Iowa; Mrs. J. N. Givens teacher at the Athens Bible School, Athens, Alabama; Mrs. Robert Porter, Grand Junction, Colorado; Mrs. H. T. Green, Dallas, Texas; and Miss Anita Scott, Nashville, Tennessee.

Monday the group departed from New York's Idlewild International Airport on TWA Airlines for Rome, Italy. After touring Rome they go to Naples, Pompeii, and Capri. Then to Athens, Greece, Corinth, Cairo, Egypt and Beirut, Lebanon. From this point they tour the coast of Lebanon and cross the Mountain Baalbek, then

to Damascus, Syria. By special cars they drive on to Jerusalem by Amman

While in Jordan they have extensive tours of the entire land including trips to Samaria, Bethlehem, Hebron, Jericho, Dead Sea, and "the red rose city of Petra, half as old as time." Crossing into Israel, the state is toured from the south to the north, spending nights on Mt. Carmel and the sea of Galilee, From Telaviv, Israel the group fly to Istanbul, Turkey where a part of the group will tour the wonders and surroundings of this great city, while others visit the sites of the Seven Churches of Asia.

From Istanbul the tour will return to Rome for a tour of Italy, north of Rome, including the Leaning Tower of Pisa, the art galleries of Florence, the romance of Venice and the painting of the Last Supper by Leonard da Vinci in Milan. They move next to Lucerne and Interlaken, Switzerland for an excursion to Jungfrau, before traveling to Germany where they will travel the Rhine River by classic steamer viewing the romantic castles, ripening vineyards, and the labeled Lorelei.

From Coblenz, Germany they go to Amsterdam, Holland and on to Brussels, Belgium where among other things they will visit the "battlefield of Waterloo" before continuing on to Paris to visit the Eiffel Tower, Arch of Triumph, Versailles Castle and other great points of interest.

The group will cross the North Sea on an over night boat and journey on to London to behold the wonders in the world's largest city. There they are to witness the changing of the Queen's guards at Buckingham Palace with excursions to the "Shakespeare country," Warwick Castle, Hampton Courts, Windsor Castle and other points of interest before returning to New York, July 14.

CLASSIFIED AD SECTION NOTICE MASONS Regular meeting of Merkel lodge No. 710, A.F. & A.M. Thurs. June 16, at 8:00 p. m. All members are urged to attend. Visiting brethren cordially invited.

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FOR SALE - Sealed bids accepted until July 1, 1955 on 1 frame and sheet iron cotton house only at Stith Gin. Successful bidder will have 20 days to remove building.

FOR SALE - National cash register with detail, like new, Reg. \$140 for \$65. Mac's City Drug. 9-14c.

FOR SALE - Second-hand furniture and piano, also car radio, 1937 Ford coupe, cheap. Also white porcelain wringer type washer, almost new with twin tubs. W. B. Toombs, Phone 9014-J-1. 12-3tc.

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MISCELLANEOUS THE GOODMAN HOME DEMONSTRATION club wishes to thank all those who contributed in any manner to the furnishing of the Goodman Community Center. Goodman Home Demonstration Club. 13-1tp

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The Merkel Mail PHONE 61 Merkel Student Wins Scholarship Colonel Wallace sophomore at the University of Texas, was awarded the Will Rogers Memorial Scholarship at the end of his freshman year last month.

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BERNICE LOVE
Correspondent
Mr. and Mrs. Lon Love and daughter Bernice, left on their vacation Saturday June 4, 1955. They will go to Danger Field Lake then on to Longview, Texas and then to Jenk's, Oklahoma. They

will return home the first of July. Neleta Hale has been visiting her brothers Bill Hale and family and Andrew Hale and family in Ft. Worth, Texas. Her niece and nephew, Mrenda and Bill Hale returned with her. Kay Beasley and Thelda Hamner are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Joe Graham in El Paso, Texas.

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Rev. and Mrs. Jene Gorgenson have been visiting relatives in Ft. Worth, Texas for the past few days.

S. Collier Gentry visited his mother Mrs. Zellah Bright over the weekend. She has returned to Denton, Texas with him.

Miss Mathie Scott of Lamesa, Texas has been visiting her brothers here Mr. T. D. Scott and Mrs. Spurgin Scott.

Mrs. J. B. Winn St. has returned home from Houston, Texas, where she has been visiting her children, J. B. Winn, Jr., Mrs. Lib Duncan and Mrs. Harris Taylor.

Mrs. Tommie Hamner and new baby are visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clark Hamner.

Mr. Mike Brannum of Lubbock are visiting her mother Mrs. W. H. Hale and sister and brother-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Lee Rudd.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Edwards had as their week-end guests Mr. and Mrs. Leo Dudley of Monhan, Texas.

Venita Quattlebaum was home with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Quattlebaum.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Scott had as their guest over the week-end Mr. Lee Stockton from Brownfield, Texas.

HODGE

Mrs. NORMAN SLOAN
Correspondent

Farmers are really on the up and go at this time planting cotton or maize. There is ample moisture for which we are thankful.

Mrs. Della Cook and daughter Margaret have just returned from New York where they visited their son and brother, Ralph Cook. They included sight seeing and saw many places of interest. Included was the Roosevelt home and library at Hyde Park.

Hodges "Community Club" meets second and fourth Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock in community center. Visitors welcome. Since we don't have school at Hodges, the school house has been converted into a community center. We have kitchen facilities and anyone needing a place for reunion see Norman Sloan, Fred Danieles or Leonard McCoy.

We regret to announce that the R. W. Reynolds family will soon be leaving our Community. He has accepted a superintendent job at Putman. He formerly taught at Hodges until consolidation with Hawley, then he taught at Hawley. Their family, consisting of four daughters and one son are an asset to any community. Our good wishes go with them.

There are church services at the Hope Church of Christ every Sunday at 10 o'clock a.m. and 7 p.m. Also Bible study at 8 o'clock. Everyone is welcome to attend. James Fullbright is minister.

There are church services at the Hodges Baptist church every Sunday at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. also Wednesday night services. C. S. Parker is minister. They extend a welcome to all.

Mr. Lee of this community suffered a stroke several days ago and is hospitalized at Abilene. He is reported to be improved.

The Maurice Cox family had Sunday dinner with the Norman Sloans.

Bob McCoy who has been in the Army for sometime has been discharged and is at home now.

Derrell Kelso is at home for the summer after attending A.C.C. in Abilene.

Derrell Sloan visited Glen Bicknell Sunday in the Clyde Jones home.

Fred Moore is visiting his parents, the Bud Moore's en route to a Houston hospital for treatment.

Mrs. W. O. Warnes and son Maurice from Mission are here

Merkel 20 Years Ago

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Miss Merkel
Young lady named to represent Merkel at Cowboy Reunion will also receive \$25 cash. Up to noon Thursday, names of eight young ladies had been registered for the sponsor contest. These, with the communities sponsoring their presentation, are:
Erline Kelso, Stith.
Mrs. Will Butman, Butman.
Dorothy Martin, Trent.
Mrs. Ernest Hall, Golan.
Leta Faye Barbee, Noodle.
Clara Frances Largent, Union Ridge.
Bessie Lou Windham, Blair.
Grace (Fuzzy) Huff, Dora.
Rainfall for year touches 20

inches. Following nearly a week of clear weather, rain set in again Tuesday morning with a slow drizzle falling most of the day. Wednesday the precipitation was heavier and came in downpours Wednesday night. Up to Thursday of noon a total fall of two inches had been measured by Volunteer Weather Observer Grover Hale, bringing the total for the year to 20 inches. Mrs. Johnny Cox returned Wednesday to her home at Cisco after a visit with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. M. Armstrong. Miss Carrie Coffey of Electra is the guest of Miss Johnnie Sears.

This Happened in Merkel Forty Years Ago

Burroughs-Huffaker
The marriage of H. C. Burroughs, Jr., and Miss Zula Huffaker came as a complete surprise to their many friends here. Their plans were so completely arranged that even the members of the bridal party were kept guessing until the car stopped at the Methodist parsonage where Rev. and Mrs. Garvin and the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Burroughs, awaited them. After a beautiful ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Burroughs went to the home of Mrs. B. Jenkins, where a party of special friends, armed with pans, buckets and kindred articles, treated them to an old-fashioned charivari. They will be at home at the residence of Mrs. W. H. Dickson on Oak Street.

E. V. White, Jr., of Denton is here visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Vol Martin. From here he will go to Roscoe to visit relatives.

Messrs. H. M. Warren and Fred Guitart went to Dallas Friday of last week and returned home Sunday, making the return trip overland in a new Buick 25 touring

visiting her mother Mrs. C. F. McCoy.

Mrs. Walter Cook visited her daughter and family of Snyder on Saturday.

Mrs. Pat Patterson of Winters is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Keene.

David Coaley, who graduated as valedictorian at Hawley will attend Simmons College this summer.

Willie Reynolds, who has been attending school in Oklahoma is visiting her parents, the R. W. Reynolds.

car purchased by the latter through the local agent, Mr. Warren. Miss Mamie Rister visited Miss Alice Williams in Abilene Sunday. Jno. W. Briggs and Miss Duncan Browning of Merkel were married at the home of Rev. and Mrs. W. M. Gaddy, yesterday at 3 o'clock. The ceremony was attended by personal friends.

Simian Cut-Up in "Escape to Burma"

There was plenty of monkey business on the set of "Escape to Burma" during the filming of one sequence of this Benedict Bogeaus Technicolor production in Supersee, which comes to the Queen Theater on Sun-Mon., June 12 and 13. Although Barbara Stanwyck, Robert Ryan and David Farrar are the stars of this RKO Radio offering, in this sequence the real star was Neil, 3½-year-old chimpanzee.

He's the ringleader of a monkey troupe in possession of an ancient pagoda, in which the three stars take refuge from the rain.

"He's like a child," explained Howard Bryant, his trainer, "but he'll do anything I tell him."

When Director Allan Dwan turned away, Neil scrambled up a tree and to Dwan's consternation, made a flying leap onto his back.

A few moments later, he grabbed Barbara Stanwyck's hand and started to pull it. "He wants her to chase him," Bryant explained.

Miss Stanwyck chased him a half dozen turns around the camera. Then Neil made off with Ryan's pistol.

"Are you sure he'll do anything you tell him?" inquired Dwan. "Yep," replied Bryant proudly. "Well, then," said Dwan, "tell him to stop monkeying around."

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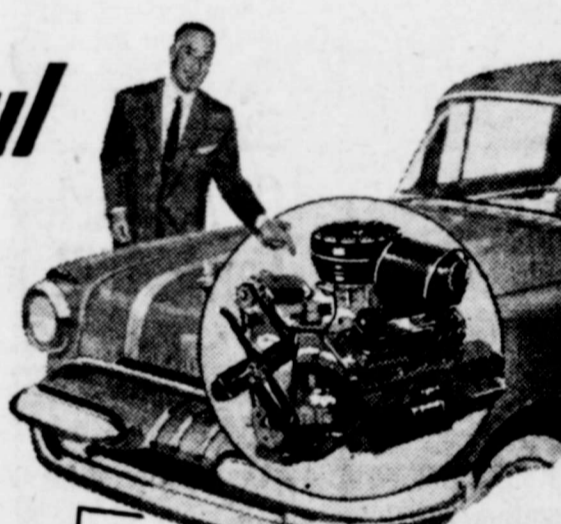
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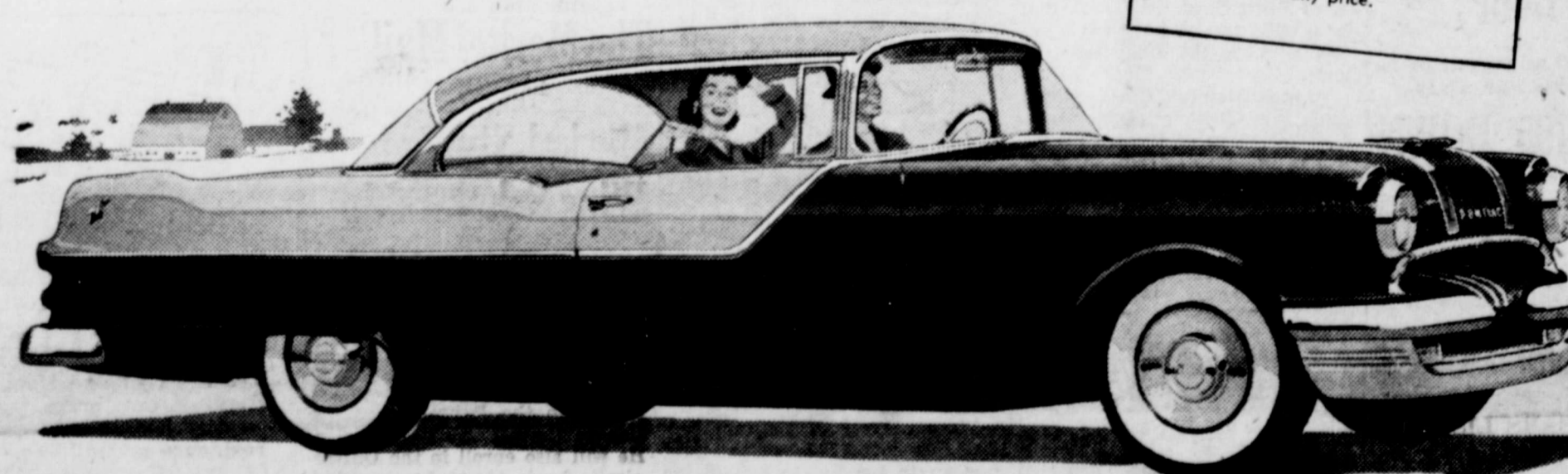
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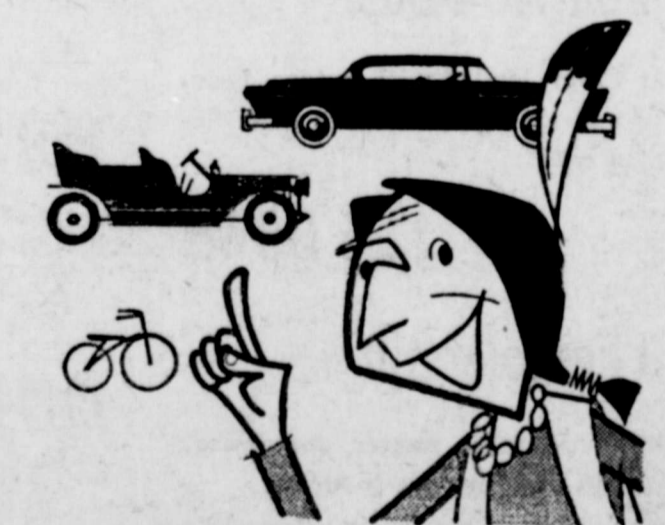
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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q — If a veteran fails to apply for Korean GI term insurance until the last day of his 120-day free coverage, and that final day is a Saturday, does he lose out on his chance to get insurance?

A — Not necessarily. If the final day falls on Saturday, Sunday or a legal holiday, the 120-day period will be extended to cover the next VA workday. With the final day on Saturday, the veteran could obtain his GI term insurance the following Monday.

Q — May a veteran taking Korean GI Bill training also receive GI unemployment allowances at the same time, since he isn't working?

A — No. The law prohibits veterans from receiving GI training allowances and GI unemployment allowances at the same time.

Q — I am a World War II veteran in school under the original GI Bill. At the wind-up of the program on July 25, 1956, I figure that I still will have some unused GI training entitlement. Will I be able to use my entitlement after that date?

A — No. Even though you may

have unused entitlement, your GI Bill training must stop on July 25, 1956. GI training beyond that date will not be permitted, under the law, except in certain rare instances.

Q — I have just entered the armed forces for the first time. Will I be eligible for a GI loan after I am discharged?

A — No. Under the law, servicemen who enter the armed forces for the first time after January 31, 1955, may not be entitled to the GI loan benefit after they leave service.

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