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CHAMBER BANQUET FRIDAY

We are kinda peeved at the state highway department, like many other Merkelites—not that they are giving us good roads and good service in cleaning up after storm, but that Merkel seems to be forgotten when they get ready to paint the highway signs.

We feel that the town has been neglected, maybe through no fault of their's, but we can't find a sign except one, between here and Abilene calling attention that Merkel is the next town. Seems as though they have skipped us for Sweetwater and Roscoe. At the big intersection in Abilene's east side, where highway 20 heads for Fort Worth, nearly every town and city in west Texas is named, but there's no sign of MERKEL. Now it would be nice if the highway department would just put up a sign MERKEL—18 miles there, and then on the west side of Abilene we are again ignored. You can find one that says El Paso is so many miles.

Again at Tye, there's a sign for Anson to the north, and Sweetwater and Roscoe, but no sign of MERKEL. We feel that Merkel should be represented on these signs.

Let's start 1956 out with "More Signs to Merkel."

Friday night the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet will be held at the school cafeteria. We urge everyone interested in the growth and development of Merkel to attend. Merkel has a chance to go forward this year, let's get behind the Chamber of Commerce and move ahead.

Rev. Tullock Delivers Final Sermon Sunday

Rev. Sam Tullock will bring to a close Sunday night his ministry with the First Baptist Church and the community of Merkel.

Bro. Tullock was called to the First Baptist Church in April of 1953 and his ministry here lacked two months rounding out three years. During these 34 months there has been 218 additions to the church with 85 of this number coming forward for baptism.

During this time approximately \$88,317.00 has been contributed by the membership for all causes. The Sunday School, Training Union, and the yearly Vacation Bible School have shown an increase each year. In addition the church purchased additional property that increased the value of the church property by \$5,000. The total value of the First Baptist Church property is now \$220,000.00.

Bro. Tullock stated that the Lord has been good to him and his family and also to the church during his pastorate here. He feels that in a community of this size a minister's ministry is not only to the church that he serves but also to the community as a whole and to this end he gave himself the best that he knew how.

Bro. Tullock's prayer is that the blessings of the Lord will be upon the people that he has served and upon the community that he has called home for the last three years. The entire community is invited to attend the services Sunday evening for Bro. Tullock's last message.

Merkel Man Is Accused of Aiding Break

Morris Lee Smith, 33, of Merkel, who was out on bond on a charge of second offense drunk driving, has been charged in county court with aiding two prisoners to escape Jan. 13 from the county jail.

He is accused of providing transportation for Jay Lee Seamster, 31, and Harris Lee Ausburne, 32, both trustees, after they walked off from a paint detail in the basement of the jail.

BABY SITTER FREE!
The Chamber of Commerce has arranged Free baby sitting for those who desire to attend the banquet at the School Cafeteria Friday night.



Spud McCloud, right, rancher near Trent, and Harold Reynolds, Soil Conservation Service Technician, looking over rangeland with three years deferment. Predominate grasses are vine mesquite, side oats gramma, blue gramma, and buffalo.

McCartney Is Given 5-Year Suspended Term

A 5-year suspended sentence was assessed to Willie P. McCartney, charged with the slaying of a Tye filling station operator after a skuffle, in the 42nd district court.

McCartney, A. W. O. L. from the army, pleaded guilty, and his trial lasted only 45-minutes. The sentence was recommended by Wiley Cafey, district attorney.

McCartney was accused of murder without malice in the death of Ed G. Morris, 77, of Tye, who was found dead outside his filling station following what appeared to be a fight.

McCartney, testifying in his own behalf, said he knocked over an oil drum the night of Jan. 7 when he pulled up to the station to air a low tire. He said he left, but returned and offered to pay for the damage.

McCartney said the two scuffled and Morris threatened to get a gun and shoot him. McCartney said this angered him so he threw a chair or bench through the window of the station.

He said the elderly man fell when he left, and he did not know he died. Dr. Jarrett E. Williams testified Morris died of a heart attack, but also had "wounds about the scalp and face."

The struggle "could have" caused the attack the doctor testified, and that "if probably did." E. L. Sledge of Merkel was one of the jurors.

Pay Your Poll Tax In Merkel

Mrs. Eldon Hicks, 820 Oak St., will accept payment of the poll taxes for 1956 at her home and she can be found there most of the time after 5 p.m.

If you have not paid your poll tax, contact Mrs. Hicks before January 31.

Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Palmer have returned from a trip to Austin, but Palmer came home with the flu and is ill at his home.

"WONDERFUL INSTITUTIONS"

Did you ever stop to think about Herkel retail stores? Wonderful institutions! They assemble goods from countless sources and in endless variety. They arrange them in orderly manner so that you can make selections with ease; at your greatest convenience. They are the outlet through which flows most of the products of farm and factory; all of the vast industrial machinery of the nations is working to supply you, Mr. and Mrs. Consumer, through these stores.

Right here in Merkel, your neighbor merchants are assembling stocks of goods that are fresh and clean, styled according to the latest dictates of fashion, and priced fairly.

They may not have what you want, but chances are about a million to one they can serve you economically to your great satisfaction. Their stores deserve your inspection.

Shop in Merkel stores before you journey to distant places to satisfy your needs. You will buy the best merchandise, saving yourself many dollars.

MERKEL FARMER IS FOND OF NEW GRASS

H. H. "Spud" McCloud, cooperating with the Middle Clear Fork Soil Conservation District, believes that deferment is the answer on closely grazed rangeland.

McCloud realizes that his range has been over-grazed for many years and that he cannot hope to bring it back to a good condition in one or even three years; however results on land with three years deferment are most encouraging.

You may have figured that you can't afford to follow good grassland conservation practices. Have you ever stopped to think that you really can't afford not to follow them?

Controlled grazing, good herd management and other good range management practices are important any time, but many livestock men have learned they are especially important when drouths seem to come nearly every year.

You can't prevent drouth, but

Merkel Student Member of Tech Judging Team

Allen D. King, Jr. student at Texas Tech, was a member of the Texas Tech judging team which won third place in the National Western Shows 50th annual exposition in Denver.

King served on the livestock and wool judging teams.

Kansas State College won the Denver Livestock Exchange. Panhandle A. and M. of Goodwell, Okla., was second and Texas Tech third, with Texas A. and M. fourth. Tech was only six points behind the second place team.

Mrs. Lottie Green had as her guests over the week-end her daughters, Mrs. Pauline O'Donahue of Houston, Mrs. B. P. Strange and daughter, Sharon, of Walnut Springs, Mrs. Ken Groves and daughter Jan, of Lubbock, also Miss Ruth Allbright of Houston. Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Seago and grand-children, Latrelle and Mike Bright of Merkel.

you can reduce the damage it does. Experiences of livestockmen in the Southwest show that grasslands on which good conservation practices are carried out have suffered the least from drouth.

Figures in the table (below) taken from actual records comparing cattle production on nine ranches in Starr County, Texas, show how important this difference can be. Five ranchers, who did not follow recommended range conservation practices, actually lost 21 cents per hour. Four ranchers, who did follow sound conservation practices earned \$1.28 per hour.

Note that the ranchers who practiced good grassland management had a greater investment per cow in their land. They could have grazed more cows on the same number of acres, as the second group of ranchers did. But they would have lost money, instead of producing the good profit they did.

Here's why the conservation ranchers made money, says work unit conservationist Elias Guerrero who works in Starr County:

1. Their cattle had plenty of cheap grass to eat; they stayed in good condition and produced much better calf crops than the others.

2. Cost of supplement feed for these cattle was several times less.

3. Plant cover was better; less water ran off or was evaporated. More moisture remained in the ground.

Ranchers who used no conservation practices

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| Acres of land | 17 |
| per cow | 14 |
| Average investment in land per cow | \$340 |
| Total investment | \$880 |
| per cow, including cost of cattle | \$1,055 |
| Average weight per calf produced | 350 lbs. |
| Pounds of beef produced per acre | 1.4 |
| per cow | 6.4 |
| Pounds beef produced per cow | 110 |
| Total value of beef produced, average | |
| per ranch | \$15,837 |
| Net earnings of each ranch | \$1,409 loss |
| Net earnings per hour labor (average) | \$0.21 loss |
| \$1.28 | |

Merkel Gets Pumping Well

A White (Camp Colorado) Field well has been completed three miles southwest of Merkel.

It is E. F. White Jr. of Abilene No. 5 R. L. Bland, Section 51, Block 19, T. and P. survey.

No. 5 Bland had a daily potential of 75 barrels of 39 gravity oil, plus 10 percent water. It is pumping 18 perforations at 2,505 1-2 to 08 1-2 feet with the casing set at 2,555 feet. Total depth was 2,820 feet, plugged-back to 2,515 1-2 feet.

Trent Lady Plunges Off Capital Bridge

Mrs. Loyd A. Wakeman, 31, wife of an air force major who was being transferred to the Abilene Airforce Base, plunged to her death off a Washington, D. C., bridge last Thursday night, a short time after she arrived by plane from Texas to help her husband pack to move back to this area.

Washington dispatches said it was the third time Mrs. Wakeman had tried to take her life, and the second from that bridge.

She made the fatal leap after she apparently spotted officers moving in on her in an automobile with its lights out. They had been called a short time earlier by a motorist who notified them at 1 a.m. that a woman was standing on the ledge of the bridge.

It was learned that Mrs. Wakeman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. McLeod, of Trent, had suffered a nervous breakdown recently, and that upon advice of physicians she and their son, Douglas, 5, returned to Trent for a visit with the McLeods.

Major Wakeman did not know that his wife was returning to Washington. The first he knew she was in town was when he was notified of the tragedy.

Friends said that Mrs. Wakeman had requested her parents not to call the major that she was coming by plane. Instead, she said she didn't want him to know she was there so that she could surprise him.

The Washington Star reported that Mrs. Wakeman had been rescued from the bridge in November when a passerby took her to the woman's department of the police station.

On one other occasion she had told her husband she had jumped into the Potomac after returning to their apartment dripping wet.

It was after this episode that Major Wakeman followed doctor's advice and sent her to Trent.

Major Wakeman was notified Thursday of his transfer to Abilene airforce base, and had called his wife to tell her of the good news. She insisted on coming back to help him pack, but he insisted that she stay in Trent.

Mrs. Wakeman was born June 7, 1924, and graduated from Sweetwater high school. She attended Abilene Christian College in 1942 and 1943. She and her husband had lived in Washington about three years.

They were married Feb. 15, 1948, in Fort Worth. Major Wakeman was transferred from Tacoma, Wash., to Washington, D. C. three years ago.

Survivors include her husband, son and parents, the maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Adrian, Trent, and paternal grandmother, Mrs. N. L. McLeod, two sisters, Mrs. C. B. Bogle, Jr., Austin, and Mrs. Joe McElroy, San Marcos.

Services for Mrs. Wakeman were held Tuesday afternoon at Sweetwater with Starbuck Funeral home of Merkel in charge.

Paul C. Witt, Abilene Christian College professor, officiated. Paulbearers were Howard Linn, of Rosebud, Bill Haynes, of Roscoe, David Elrod Elrod, of Bif Spring, F. H. Duncan, Trent, and Leon Reese and Bill McMichael, both of Abilene.

Six Lambs From Merkel in Show

Six Merkel youths have entered lambs in the junior lamb show for the Texas 4-H clubbers and Future Farmers of America at Fort Worth Fat Stock show Jan. 27 to Feb. 5.

They are Dell Davis, Jimmy Neill, Joe Neill, Aleta Scott, Barry Scott and David Scott. The junior show lambs will be judged Jan. 28.

200 PERSONS EXPECTED TO HEAR WHITE SPEAK

More than 200 members and guests are expected to attend the annual Chamber of Commerce dinner at the School Cafeteria Friday night in what may turn out to be one of the biggest events of its kind held in Merkel recently.

President David Gamble will turn the gavel over to the new president, Horace O. Boney, insurance man and real estate developer, who will handle the reins of the leaders of the Chamber of Commerce for 1956.

Principal speaker of the evening will be John C. White, commissioner of agriculture for the State of Texas.

The Chamber of Commerce will hear a report of the activities of the body during the year, it's first since organizing last January.

Onis Crawford, general manager of the Chamber, will present a report.

Installation of new officers will be one of the highlights of the banquet. Retiring directors are Dr. Don Warren, Dr. Brady Cox and Dr. W. T. Sadler. New directors are Isadore Mellinger, Ray Wilson and Chester Collinsworth.

Holdover directors are H. O. Boney, W. D. Gamble, Lester Dorton, Earl Hughes, Booth Warren and Herman Carson.

Many out-of-town guests have accepted invitation to attend. These include representatives of the Abilene Air Force base, presidents and managers of nearby Chambers of Commerce, bankers and stockmen from other areas.

Here is the program:
Dinner Music

Piano Mrs. Norman Winter
Vocal Solo Noble Canada
Audience, Please Stand America
Invocation Rev. Cloy Lyles
Recognition of out of town guests Mayor Fred Starbuck
Recognition of retiring directors W. D. Gamble
President, Merkel Chamber of Commerce

Introduction of Guest Speaker Rev. Sam Tullock
Speaker John C. White
Texas Commissioner of Agriculture

Introduction of New Directors, Old Directors, and New Officers Rev. Sam Tullock
Presentations Isadore Mellinger
The Lord's Prayer Don Jones

Activities of the Merkel Chamber of Commerce for 1955

CIVIC DEVELOPMENT — One of the first actions of the Merkel Chamber of Commerce was the sponsoring of a home town contest in which the Chamber gave prizes for the best theme concerning "MY HOME TOWN". The high school students were asked to complete a questionnaire giving their opinion concerning the needs of the community. Later a similar questionnaire was presented to other citizen groups. Cooperated with the school in publishing the high school annual. Selected Merkel Day for the Fort Worth Fat Stock Show.

TRADE DEVELOPMENT — Listed vacant houses and apartments and contacted Air Force personnel in an effort to locate more people in Merkel. Studied building of swimming pool and City Park. Cooperated with the Merkel Volunteer Fire Department in playing host to the Mid-West Texas Firemen's Association Convention. Worked with Merkel Ex-Students in organizing the first Merkel Ex-Students Association meeting. Produced a celebration in honor of the completion of the Water Line from Merkel to Abilene. Purchased a Christmas tree, sponsored street lighting for Christmas, arranged for Santa on the street and in the stores. Sponsored a Santa Show and Christmas Opening. Sponsored home decoration contest, and window store decoration contest.

AGRICULTURE: The Merkel Chamber of Commerce in January 1955 supported the F.F.A. and 4-Club sale at Abilene Livestock auction. This support enabled the Merkel Contestants to secure a better gain for their stock sale. In August it sponsored a farmer's meeting to study the feasibility of Braecro Labor to harvest local crops. Several of the farmers used this service. In September the Chamber of Commerce sponsored the prize for the first bale of cotton ginned in Merkel for the 1955 season.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT: In 1955 the Merkel Chamber of Commerce mailed out one hundred and twenty one letters of invitation to as many different concerns inviting them to investigate Merkel as a possible site for a plant location.

Completed an Industrial survey made to the specifications of the Texas Bank and Trust Co. of Dallas.

Completed an industrial survey in cooperation with the West Texas Utilities Co.

Sent representatives to the industrial conferences in West Texas.

HOUSING: Encouraged the organization of a housing development company and the construction of new homes for Merkel.

TRADE DEVELOPMENT: Under this heading will come our contact with Air Base. Bringing in new families and new businesses. The production of plan of welcome for the new persons of the town. This heading will also include the organization of a trades-day promotion, naming of holidays, and the city development of special activities to bring into Merkel the purchasing public. Good will tours and other methods of contact necessary to establish customers.

MEMBERSHIP: This committee has the responsibility of bringing the membership to proper strength. This committee should make an attempt to furnish the program for every club in town. This program should outline the importance and activity of the chamber. They should also welcome any new business people into town, aid them if possible. Contact prospective members and bring them into the organization.

GENERAL ACTIVITIES: This heading will include the activities not planned in the program of work. These committees may be appointed as necessary. No expenditures should be made by this committee without the approval of the board.

BUDGET COMMITTEE: Work with the membership committee and make a careful study of the membership, and submit to the board the amount necessary for a successful program.

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UP THE CANYON

Our entire column this week, will go to one of our very successful stockmen of this area. A boy who we have known all of his life. A boy who we love and appreciate. He is Cramer Reynolds.

Cramer was born and reared on a little ranch place on Elm Creek, owned by his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Reynolds. His father and mother were a real pioneer western type couple.

To them were born seven children, two boys and five girls. The girls are: Mrs. Willie Perry, Nolan; Mrs. Lola Wallace, Nolan; Mrs. Cora Pruitt, Abilene; Mrs. Effie Pruitt, Abilene; Mrs. Vance Cotton, Albany. The boys are Forest of Midland and Cramer of Merkel.

Cramer was the youngest of the family. His father died in the early thirties. Cramer stayed with his mother at the ranch. He owned a little herd of livestock, and he gave of his time to see after the stock and tend to the things at the place, still in his boyhood days.

He loved his home and he loved his stock. Perhaps he had heard it said, "Take care of the little things and the big things will take care of themselves."

While still in his teens he began to walk down in the Canyon, to church, and the other gatherings. It was one of these trips to the Canyon that he became known to the former Willie Blair and it was then he began to make his trips more regular.

How well do we remember Cramer's first car. A T. Model Ford, and we are just guessing it could have been, while driving along some of the Canyon roads, that he asked Willie to marry him.

In 1927, they were married. Willie was the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Blair, a pioneer couple of the Canyon.

Cramer and Willie moved to Merkel after their marriage. They have four boys.

Cramer bought the farm where he now lives, from the Burton-Lingo Lumber Co. After moving to Merkel, he would buy cattle in the Merkel area and he bought on Elm Creek.

A few years later he bought 320 acres of land north of Merkel and later he bought 200 acres of land in the Canyon.

About six years ago he bought half interest in the Abilene Live Stock Auction Company. In January, this year he sold his interest to Bob McDaniels of Abilene for \$50,000.

The Canyon felt that Cramer was very worthy of this write up.

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Fast Facts About New '56 Task-Force Trucks

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CHICKEN POT PIE - each 29c
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BACON - Sliced - lb. 38c
 ARMOUR'S MATCHLESS
BACON - Sliced - lb. 29c
PICNIC HAMS - lb. 29c
 PURE (COUNTRY MADE)
SAUSAGE - - - lb. 43c
 LEAN
PORK CHOPS - lb. 45c
 ARMOUR'S STAR
FRYERS - - - lb. 39c
 CHOICE
CHUCK ROAST - lb. 39c

Carnation
MILK
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VEGETABLES
 TEXAS
ORANGES - - - bag 33c
 GOLDEN
BANANAS - - - lb. 15c
 CRISP
CARROTS - cellog bag 10c
 YELLOW
ONIONS - - - lb. 6c
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Train-Car Crash Hurts Trent People

A Trent mother and her 11-year-old daughter were injured slightly about noon Saturday when a Texas and Pacific freight train collided with their stalled automobile on the track at Trent.

Brought to the Sadler Clinic-Hospital were Mrs. James Canady and her 11-year-old daughter, Kayla, who were suffering from shock and minor cuts and bruises.

The third occupant of the car was Paula Dudley, 11, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Dudley of Trent. She was not hurt.

The accident occurred when Mrs. Canady, driving a 1955 Ford, attempted to cross the railroad track at Trent. She apparently didn't see the oncoming train from the east, and proceeded across the track. One of the girls yelled that a train was coming, and in the excitement the engine died, but the car jumped back enough so that it was not pulled into the train, but instead was knocked off the tracks.

The car was badly damaged in the front end.

The T. and P. train stopped and backed up. The car was going south and the train east when the accident occurred.

Father of Merkel Woman Is Dead

John Henry Noggle, 65, father of Mrs. Jolene Goodwin, of Merkel, died in Phoenix, Ariz., and graveside rites were conducted for him at Breckenridge Sunday.

Mr. Noggle was visiting in Arizona at the time of his death.

Services were conducted by Rev. G. W. Thomas, pastor of the Sheldon Ave. Mission Baptist Church of Breckenridge.

Other survivors are his wife, Mrs. Addie Noggle, Breckenridge; two sons, Otha, of Breckenridge, and James, of Denver City, and two other daughters, Mrs. Ila Ricker of Breckenridge, and Mrs. Inez Gazin, of Kingfisher, Okla., and his mother, Mrs. Mary Noggle.

Services Held For Mrs. Martin

Services for Mrs. E. L. Martin, 48, who died at her home in Merkel last Tuesday, were held Thursday at the Calvary Baptist church.

Mrs. Martin had been in ill health about a year.

The Rev. George Epperson, pastor of the Calvary Baptist church, and the Rev. Thomas Young, View Baptist minister, officiated. Burial was in Drummond.

Mrs. Martin had lived in the Merkel area all her life.

Survivors include her husband; two sons, Wesley Joe Martin of Abilene and Winfred Lee Martin of Merkel; a daughter, Mrs. Alton Reed of Sweetwater; two brothers, J. L. Daniels of Abernathy and C. C. Daniels of Abilene; four sisters, Mrs. Lester Rister, Mrs. Helbert Rister, all of Merkel, and Mrs. Garth Odum of Stanton, and one grandchild.

Palbearers were Buster Thompson, E. J. Chapman, S. G. Russell, Leonard Casidy, Jack Richard and Tom Drummond.

Hospital Notes

The following persons were admitted to Sadler Clinic-Hospital during the week:

Mrs. Raymond Lawson, Merkel.
Mrs. Myrtle D. Walker, Merkel.
Karen Kay Kelly, Abilene.
Mrs. T. C. Satterwhite, Merkel.
Darwin Hill, Sylvester.
Buddy Carter, Trent.
Wade Watson, Merkel.
Lula Mundy, Abilene.
Mrs. R. L. Newman, Merkel.
Mrs. Bob Malone, Merkel.
Orville Hill, Sylvester.
Kayla Canady, Trent.
Clark Hammer, Trent.
W. H. Olson, Abilene.
Mrs. Howard Carroll, Abilene.
Mrs. Raymond Stout, Merkel.
Mrs. Ted Lehmann, Merkel.

Surgery
Barbara Nell Burns, Abilene

NEW BABIES CONGRATULATIONS

New babies born at the Sadler Clinic-Hospital are:

Ricky Glen Amason, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Amason, Abilene, 7 pounds, 1 ounce, born Jan. 18.
Norma Kay Holden, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Holden, Trent, 4 pounds, 1 1/4 ounces, born Jan. 18.
Lewis Epperson, son of Rev. and Mrs. George Epperson, Merkel, 7 pounds, 3 ounces, born Jan. 21.
James Huel Allison, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Allison, Merkel, 7 pounds, 15 ounces, born Jan. 21.

Badgers Route Haskell, 62-32, In Loop Game

Dead-eye shooting by Robert McLeod, Merkel's candidate for all-state honors, pushed the Merkel Badgers past Haskell Indians Tuesday night, 62-32, to keep the Badgers in pace for league honors.

McLeod dumped in 29 points, and kept them on the heels of Throckmorton, which defeated Merkel in an upset last week.

David Josselet led Haskell with 24 points, while Philip Pursley had six field goals and a free shot for 13 points.

Haskell put in the first goal to lead 2-0, but it was short lived as the Badgers built up a 21-4 lead early in the game.

Other scorers for Merkel were Jack Russell, 8, points; Manly Denton, 2, points; Kermit Rutledge, 4, points; Carl McKeever, 6, points.

The Badgers play Albany boys and girls Friday night in Merkel.

Bar-None Truck Stop to Open

Mrs. Bob Spence, owner-operator of the Trent Bar-None Cafe and Truck Stop, and Mrs. Julia Lawson, Merkel, have opened a Bar-None Cafe and Truck Stop in the old Po Po Cafe building.

They also will operate cabins behind the cafe, which have been repainted and fixed up.

The cafe will be open at 5:30 a.m. to midnight.

Taylor-Jones To Conduct Singing

The Taylor-Jones county Fifth Sunday singing convention will meet at 2 p.m. Sunday, January 29, at the Pioneer Methodist Church, commonly known as Butman, Joe Nalley, president, announced.

"We believe that these Sunday afternoon community singings are an influence for good and that they merit the encouragement and support of our community leaders," Nalley said. "We are expecting some good singers from neighboring communities and hope to be able to offer a worthwhile program."

The public is invited to attend, Nalley said.

New officers for the year will be elected.

Mrs. Jasper Herndon is secretary-treasurer of the group.

CONGRATULATIONS

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Beaird announce the birth of twin sons, Brent who weighs 4 pounds, 6 ounces, and Brad who weighs 4 pounds. They were born January 19. Maternal grandmother is Mrs. Lima Lansford. Paternal grandmother is Mrs. J. M. Beaird. They also have another son, Craig, who is 5 years old.

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Mother's March, Basketball And Peanuts to Help

Closing events in the March of Dimes campaign will be the benefit basketball games this Friday night, Girl Scout peanut sale Saturday and the Mother's March on Polio next Tuesday night, January 31.

The triple header basketball program will get under way at 7:00 p.m. with the Merkel lassies tangling with the Albany sextet. The Merkel boys and the Albany boys will meet at 8:30 P.M. Both of these contests are conference frays. The headline events pits the Merkel Lions club against the Tuscola Lions club at 9:00 p.m. for the championship of West Texas. All profit will go to the March of Dimes.

The four troops of the Merkel Girl Scouts will sell Polio pennies on the streets all day Saturday, January 28. Any amount of money from ten cents upward will be accepted by the girls. The peanuts actually cost five cents per package and all the proceeds above this amount will go to the Polio Drive.

The Mother's March on Polio is usually the largest money raising event in the local campaign each year. It is expected that the Merkel Room Mothers, under the direction of Mrs. David Gamble, will collect about \$500.00 in the house to house drive, which will start at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday night, January 31. All residents who wish to give are asked to leave their porch lights on or leave a light of some kind in the window.

Recent visitors in the Dock Callaway home were Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Justice, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Proctor, and Mrs. Mary Rose.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Chancey and Ann, Jacky, and Ronnie were Sunday visitors in the Newell Lucas home.

Miss Sarah Wheeler of Sul Ross College spent last weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Wheeler.

Trent Program to Benefit 8th Grade

The Abilene Christian College "Flying Cats," a tumbling team which does tumbling, juggling and balancing, will stage a program at the Trent high school gymnasium at 7:30 Monday night, January 30, to raise funds for the annual eighth grade educational trip.

Admission will be 40 cents and 20 cents. The eighth graders are raising money to make a trip to Austin this spring.

Mrs. J. W. LaVelle is the sponsor and Urban Bright is president of the class.

Mrs. Etta Tucker has returned home from an extended visit to Houston, where she visited with her son, Rev. Charles Tucker, and to Corpus Christi and Kingsville, where she visited her grandson, Charles Fincher Tucker, and her great-granddaughter, Harriett Ann Tucker, who is recovering from polio.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank everyone for the expressions of sympathy during our recent bereavement, the death of Mrs. Ella Shoemaker, our beloved mother. We also want to thank those who brought in food and sent floral offerings. Your kindness was greatly appreciated.

THE SHOEMAKER Family.

NOODLE

Mrs. Bennie Anderson is on the sick list.

Mrs. Dickie Pocks parents of Asperment visited Mr. and Mrs. Pack last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Clement and boys and Mr. and Mrs. Daryl Wood of Snyder visited their parents Sunday.

Jerry Gardner, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Benningfield, is in Anderson Hospital at Houston is still very ill.

The Clide Mize family have moved into the Griffin place, they have lived here before. The community is glad to have them back.

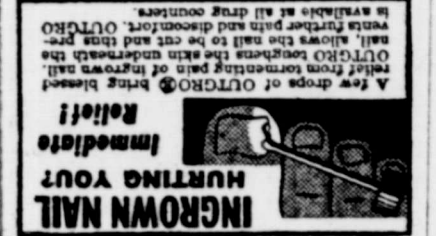
Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Sargent attended the funeral of his nephew Monday.

Dinner guests Sunday in the A. J. Barbee St. home were the following: Mr. and Mrs. Dock Callaway, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Touchstone and children, and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Cleneger and son.

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Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Tarpley had as guests Mrs. Tarpley's parents and brother, Mr. and Mrs. Gaston Gregory of Colorado City, Mr. and Mrs. Joe DeL Gregory of Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Walters of Haskell visited Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Mashburn, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Eakin and family were in Abilene Sunday for a visit with Mrs. Eakin's sister, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Carter of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Dipples and daughters of Dudley and a niece, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Powers of San Antonio, Mr. and Mrs. John Eakin and family visited Mrs. Eakin's father, a resident of Brownwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Perry had as guest Sunday Rev. and Mrs. Jessie Swindell, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Harris and family, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. McDonald, Mr. and Mrs.

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Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Payne had as guest Sunday Mrs. Payne's sister, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Kelso of Anson.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Berry and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bradley visited in Big Spring with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Berry and children.

Bobby Glen Pangle of Hardin-Simmons University is home between semesters.



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Mrs. Bob Matthews of ACC spent the weekend in the home of Jimmy Dan Vick.

Miss Sherry Bicknell of Abilene is visiting in the home of her grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Jones.

A Merle Norman Cosmopolitan was guest at the Community Club on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Cook were guest of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cook on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cothern and son are guests this week of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Cook. They are from Albuquerque.

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que. The Cooks are looking for the arrival of their son, Wayne Cook, who has been overseas the past two years.

Mr. and Mrs. Voy Moore and Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Bagley attended the funeral services of an uncle in San Antonio on Monday.

M. E. Bowen is on the sick list at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Shepperd of Cross Plains spent a week with Mr. and Mrs. Rob Daniel recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Dodge attended a Methodist Church gathering in Plainview on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Woods and family of San Antonio have been visiting in the L. O. Hudleston home.

Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Cypert and daughter of San Angelo were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Pinky Cypert and Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Douglas of Ruidoso, New Mexico, are visiting her sister, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Reagan, for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Mellinger and Sylvan are attending the Ladies Ready-to-Wear Summer Market in Dallas this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lon McDonald and Cindy Lou from Lamesa visited with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Campbell and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Campbell.

Weekend guests of Mrs. Ruth Pangle were her daughter Glenda and Miss Margie Galligher, both students of Texas Tech at Lubbock, Texas.

Former Merkel Resident Is Given Honor

Mrs. Edward C. Reichardt, former Merkel resident and niece of Miss Sally Orr, of Merkel, won the honor of Woman of the Week in San Antonio recently.

She was honored by the San Antonio News. She is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Adkison, former Merkel residents.

Here is the writeup as it appeared in the San Antonio newspaper:

Mrs. Edward C. Reichardt's hands are always busy.

Sometimes they fashion straw bags, clever aprons, knitted baby cloths and various other gifts for friends. Madeline delights in "gift giving" on all special occasions.

But more often her hands are busy with social service problems. She presently is social service chairman of her club—Downtown Optimists. In this leadership role she plans the use of other willing hands in addition to her own.

Activities carried out by Madeline's fellow club members are marked with "personal service" as well as "volunteer service."

Shoes and clothing given to children at Ella Austin Orphanage were chosen by those who would wear them—a privilege for which a number of the orphans expressed appreciation.

Fifteen new and lovely dolls went to Whosoever Community Center.

Packages delivered to the TB Wing at the State Hospital were "wrapped real pretty."

Every week Mrs. Reichardt and many of her co-workers set

cancer bandages, using the Turner Bowling Alley as a sewing room. To say "thank you" the Optimists presented Turners with a check for their charity fund.

Her busy hands are also used in musical expression.

Madeline Reichardt has been a member of Tuesday Musical Club for 24 years, and active with its Piano Ensemble Group. On at least one program a year she "teams" with another club member for a duo-piano presentation.

Her keen sense of humor is brought into play on many occasions. Recently while pinch-hitting on the Optimist Column of the Optimist Bulletin Madeline chose pen names befitting the season.

Such pseudonyms as "Mrs. Nellie D. Funct" and "Mrs. N. Sol Vent" were used.

The Reichardts have a cabin on Medina Lake and both enjoy the fishing and swimming there. Madeline is an excellent cook—also an experimental one.

In fact anything she "turns her hand to" turns out well, according to friends and co-workers.

San Antonio News salutes Mrs. Reichardt for the work she does with her hands, directed by her heart, in a broad field of social service. Allied Florists Assn. will join in the salute with a royal orchid.

VOWS READ FOR FREEMAN AND PAYNE

Betty Payne and Ronnie Freeman, both of Trent, were married Saturday, January 21, in the Trent Baptist Church. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Payne and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Odell Freeman.

The Rev. Gene Jorgenson of the Trent Church performed the double ring ceremony. The church was decorated with two baskets of white gladiolas, two baskets of greenery, banks of 7 blue candles leading up to an arc of candles and greenery.

The bride's father gave her in marriage a white lace over light blue taffeta designed with a high neck and three-quarter length sleeves. Her shoes were of blue brocade and her hat was sequened and had a white veil. She wore a single strand of pearls and pearl ear rings.

For the traditional "something old, and something new, something borrowed, and something blue garter with her mother's wedding ring sewed to it, a borrowed handkerchief, and her gown. She carried a white orchid on a white Bible.

Miss Jane Williams of Trent was maid of honor. She wore a

pink dress with pink accessories, one carried a bouquet of purple orchids. Miss Della Morgan, cousin of the bride, wore orchids with white accessories and also carried a white bouquet.

Mr. and Mrs. Payne, now attending San Angelo Junior College, were best men. Mr. Odell Freeman of Trent was groomsmen.

Ushers were Miss Nancy Jones, Miss Bora Randall, and Miss Bernice Love, they were dressed in yellow and wore blue corsages. The registrar, Miss Corleen Stowe, wore blue with a white corsage.

Ushers were Glyndol Payne and Larry Barnhill.

Ring bearers were Elton Payne and Charles Taibott, and flower girl was Linda Barnhill.

Miss Nancy Jones, Miss Bora Randall, and Mrs. Don Hagar sang "I Love You Truly" and Miss Pearl Matthews sang "The Lord's Prayer." Pianist was Miss Judy Steadman.

The bride and groom graduated from Trent High School in 1955. They will live in Trent.



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Mrs. Patterson To Church School

One of the instructors in the City Wide School for Methodist Church School Teachers being held at University Methodist Church, Tulsa, Okla., this week is Mrs. Virgil Patterson of Merkel.

Next week Mrs. Patterson will join the staff of workers at St. Luke's Methodist Church in Oklahoma City. Mrs. Patterson is well known in the Methodist Texas Conference as a nursery teacher in laboratory schools and a teacher of general courses in the field of working with children.

In recent weeks Mrs. Patterson has taught in schools held in Dalhart, Midland, Floydada, Hamlin, and Miami, Texas. Mrs. Patterson has been appointed to serve "on call" by the executive secretary of the board of education for Northwest Texas Conference.

She is now and has served for several years as District Director of Children's Work in the Abilene District.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to take this means of thanking our many friends for acts of kindness shown during the illness and death of our beloved wife, mother and sister. We thank those who sent floral offerings and we especially want to thank those who brought in food in our time of sorrow.

E. L. MARTIN and family, and brothers and sisters.

PATTY EAKIN HAS PARTY

Miss Patty Eakin was hostess to a party held Saturday night at her home.

Games were played. Sandwiches and cookies were served to Lorene Horton, Betty Reddin, Lois Campbell, Alice Faye Suddreth, Loretta Henry, Barbara Sylvestre, Janell Seymour, Webbie Russell, Terry Woodruff, Gerald Corder, Bobby Garganus, Tommy Corder, Billy Pitts, and Eddie Baxter.

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JUNIOR 4-H CLUB MEETS

The Junior 4-H girls met January 24, in the school library with Mrs. Orshorn, teacher leader, and mother leaders present.

Projects were discussed. Several girls reported having finished pillow slips and waste paper baskets.

The girls will have a candy sale Friday February 3, at 10:00. The proceeds will be used by the club.

Miss Gayle Harris, president, Pat McDonald secretary, Malinee Seymour and Deborah Ferguson attended the monthly meeting of 4-H girls in the Agriculture Building in Abilene Saturday.

Thirty-one members were present at the meeting January 24.

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NOTICE MASONS

Stated meeting of Merkel lodge No. 710, A.F. & A.M. Thurs, Feb. 2, 7:30 p.m. All members are urged to attend. Visiting brethren cordially invited.

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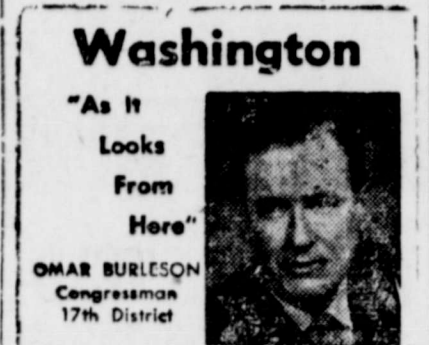
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GREETING:
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TO: Ghenie Wilburn Morris, Jr., sometimes known as G. W. Morris, Jr., and G. W. Morris, Defend-

ants, Greeting:
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court 42nd Judicial District of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 5th day of March A.D. 1956, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 16th day of January A.D. 1956, in this cause, numbered 21,092-A on the docket of said court and styled Merlin R. Clary, Plaintiff, vs. Ghenie Wilburn Morris, Jr., sometimes known as G. W. Morris, Jr., and

G. W. Morris, Defendants.
A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Tresspass to try title suit involving the South 100 feet of 5 acres out of Block No. 28, North Park Addition to the City of Abilene, Texas, which tract is fully described in plaintiff's petition on file in this cause, 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 seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this 16th day of January, A.D. 1956.
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Attest: R. H. Ross, Clerk,
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Taylor County, Texas
By Christine Bower, Deputy.

GLEANNERS SUNDAY CLASS MEETS
The regular social meeting of the Gleanners Sunday Class of the Methodist Church met Wednesday, January the 11th, in the lovely home of Mrs. A. H. McElmurry, with Mrs. O. R. Harwell and Miss Mabel McRee as co-hostesses.
Mrs. D. H. Vaughn led the group in singing "Help Somebody Today." Mrs. R. B. Johnson led in prayer. Mrs. Danzel Cox gave devotional from the 5th chapter of Ecclesiastes, giving many thoughts for New Year Resolutions.
Mrs. W. W. Toombs, president, presided for a short business meeting.
Miss Mabel McRee directed several games. Refreshment plates were served of angel food cake,

orange lime sherbet and mints, to Mrs. W. S. J. Brown, Ross Ferrer, Jack Miller, O. N. Odum, Denzel Cox, Herbert Patterson, B. H. Jones, Tom Largent, D. H. Vaughn, T. L. Grimes, Sallie Gant, Kenneth Pee, Leon Toombs, Beulah Stanford, Mary Grimes, Winnie Cyfert, Lizzie Latham, F. Y. Gaither, M. L. Douglas, John Shannon, A. H. McElmurry, O. R. Harwell, W. W. Toombs, Miss Mabel McRee and two visitors, Mrs. R. B. Johnson and Mrs. North Jackson.



OMAR BURLESON, M. C.
17th District, Texas
WASHINGTON, D. C. — It is not often that I have the time to listen to debates in the Senate, but this week I spent most of two afternoons listening to speeches on the Natural Gas Bill. (Going to the Senate is a little like a bus driver taking a ride on his day off.)
As everyone will recall, the House of Representatives passed the bill last year removing the production and gathering of natural gas from the jurisdiction of the Federal Power Commission. It came under the FPC's authority by a decision of the Supreme Court.
The bill is now in the Senate and under heavy attack from many Senators from the States where gas is consumed but not produced. They contend it will raise the price to the consumer. As a matter of fact, there is good

chance that the price of natural gas to the consumer may be increased regardless of any legislation. But unless the authority of the Federal Government is removed, and if the Federal Government regulates and fixes prices at the well-head, the big cities are going to have less gas and it is certain to eventually increase the price far beyond what it is today. Many members of both the House and the Senate were against us on this proposition who would ordinarily be expected to vote against the Federal Government's encroaching upon private industry. In other words, there were many "conservatives" who otherwise would have been expected to vote with us but did not do so for fear that some increase in natural gas would come to the people they represented.
Under such conditions, they concluded they would be accused of being responsible for the increase.

The Administration's recommendation that the base of support on cotton be changed from 7-8 inch to one inch staple is a dangerous proposal. It will have the effect of lowering the support on all cotton. It is very doubtful it would encourage anyone to grow better cotton.
The present support price of middling 7-8 inch cotton is 31.70 cents per pound. This is at 90 per cent of parity. The support on middling one inch cotton is 34.65 cents. If the proposal should be adopted, one inch cotton will be supported at only 31.70 cents per pound. This would automatically reduce the returns of all cotton growers approximately as much as if the support price of cotton were reduced to 81 or 82 percent of parity.
A pretty accurate estimate indicates that it would cost the cotton farmers of his country approximately \$200 million if such a provision were written into law. If this provision had been in operation in 1955, it would have cost Texas farmers approximately \$12.50 per bale or an average of about 2 1/2 cents per pound.
If anything else in the Administration's supposedly new farm program was to benefit the farmer, this gadget would immediately take it away from him.
We are going to try to see that no such provision is made a part of the law.

Federation of Women's Clubs, meeting here in Washington the past few days. Mrs. L. E. Dudley of Abilene, the Texas State President, and Mrs. Joseph M. Perkins, Past President, of Eastland, were in attendance, and we enjoyed very much having them here.

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Feeding dry hay to stock running on lush winter pasture will give them needed dry matter and help overcome bloat troubles. Dry forage can be supplied, says Trew, by mowing strips through the pasture. The livestock will pick up the cured hay as they need it. Top dressing with 30 to 40 pounds of nitrogen in January or February if moisture conditions are favorable will pay big

Winter pastures should be grazed down rapidly and evenly, says Trew, and by rotation move the livestock to another area in order to let the plants make their regrowth. Rotation grazing is a must for getting top production, and Trew says four or more pastures are needed. Rotation grazing will permit taking silage or hay growth not needed for grazing and electric fences can be used for cutting a large pasture into smaller areas.

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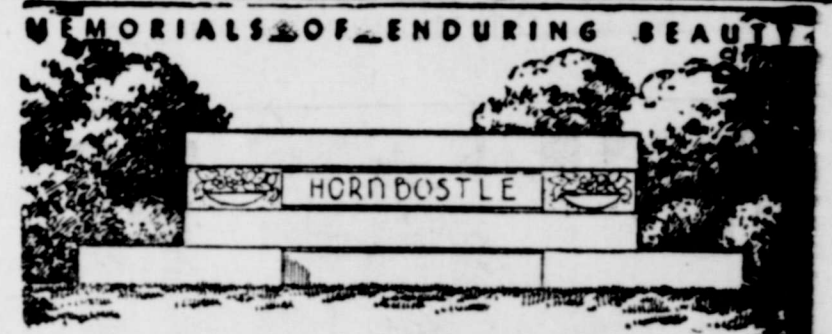
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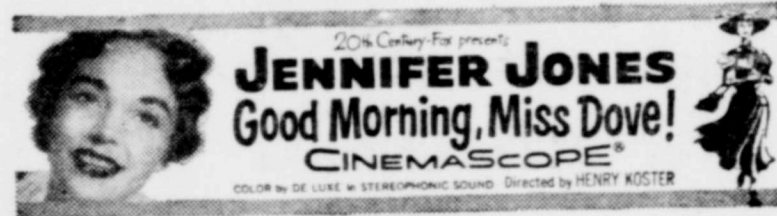
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