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The new Texas election law, which brought about the indictment of Vernon Sanford, manager of the Texas Press Association at Austin, for placing a couple of ads in a Waco newspaper during the last election without the knowledge of Candidate Ben Ramsey, has caused many a person to raise a suspicious eyebrow.

Long before we came to these parts, we had read in the papers and studied the case which was first filed as a civil suit by a defeated candidate named Johnson from Austin. It seems Johnson sued Ramsey, Sanford and the Texas Press Association for damages because someone had authorized the Texas Press Association to place ads in Texas papers — and paid for them. Generally speaking, the Texas Press Association takes ads on that basis from anyone who is willing to foot the bill in advance. Sanford — months after the election — tossed all the old election ad files in the waste basket during a yearly clean-up. Now some two years after the election he is indicted by a Waco grand jury because he could not produce the records which would reflect who paid for Ramsey's ads, which were not listed in Ramsey's expense account.

But it is our thinking that hundreds of persons throughout Texas — and even some right here in Merkel could be indicted for that section of the election code which brought two true bills against Sanford. In looking back over the files of the Merkel Mail, we found several large ads in there that we weren't listed on the candidate's expense account. And that goes for papers all over Texas.

In most cases, according to the Austin American, it is probable that the violations were in ignorance of the strict revision of the Texas election code adopted by the Legislature in 1951. Because we feel the issue should be revealed to the people, we are reproducing part of the Austin American's account of the grand jury's action.

The revision of the election law, which resulted in the first major changes in approximately 40 years was through a committee of nine members appointed under a resolution adopted in the Legislature in 1949. Dr. A. P. Cagle of Baylor University, former member of the House and long-time Democratic chairman of McLennan County, was in charge of the revision. Dean Abner McCall of the Baylor University Law School was chairman of the revision committee.

The McLennan County grand jury returned two indictments against Sanford, each based on newspaper advertisements placed in McLennan County, in behalf of Lt. Gov. Ben Ramsey, then a candidate for re-election. The complaint was brought by C. T. Johnson of Austin, who was defeated by Ramsey.

The grand jury's interpretation of the alleged violation came from two sections of the code, one dealing with campaign contributions, and the other with political advertising.

AS WE READ the election laws, every candidate for nomination or for election to a state or district office, may designate a campaign manager for the state or district, and an assistant campaign manager for each county. Appointment of the state manager must be filed with the Secretary of State. Appointments of the assistant campaign managers must be certified to the district clerk of that county.

The code defines the purposes for which candidates, their campaign managers and assistant campaign managers can expend money. A full accounting of the expenditures must be made. There is no limit on the total of these expenditures.

The code prohibits corporations from making contributions to candidates. Contributions of an individual, except those made direct to the candidate, his campaign manager or assistant campaign managers, and thus to be included in the report of campaign expenditures, are limited to: (\$25 for telephone, telegrams or mail expense for or against a candidate (2) one's personal services and personal traveling expenses to aid or defeat any candidate.

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## Hundreds See Merkel Homes At Open House

Merkel celebrated the construction of the first five of a group of houses designed to help Merkel grow in future months Sunday.

Open house was held at Badger Heights, with hundreds of persons from this area coming to Merkel to get a glimpse of the project a group of business men developed to make Merkel grow.

Herman O. Carson, president of the Merkel Development Co., said plans are ready for construction of another group of five houses, possibly four or five to start with, but these probably will not get under way for several days until paper work on most of the five new houses are completed.

The homes, located in the southwest part of Merkel, range in prices up to \$15,000. A person may pick his own house plan, if he so desires, and ask for that construction. The shrubbery has been planted at the homes, and two of the houses will be occupied within a short time. Others will be sold and occupied as soon as possible.

## 30 Answer Labor Call In Merkel Area

The Chamber of Commerce announced today it would continue to accept registrations for labor in an industry, should one become available here, throughout the remainder of the week.

Last week 30 persons registered at the Chamber of Commerce office, but more than 100 registrants are needed if Merkel is to supply enough labor for the industry which has made inquiry of the chamber of commerce.

Even if the company now seeking the survey does not accept Merkel, this information can be used for inquiries from other firms. Onis Crawford, manager of the Chamber of Commerce, said.

## Flying Cats On Noodle Program

Douglas Franklin and his "Flying Cats," a tumbling team, will furnish entertainment between two basketball games at the Noodle School Gym Thursday night, March 8, at 7:30.

The first game will feature a girls' team composed of Noodle exes sponsored by Mrs. Billy Maxwell. In the second game there may not be much basketball, but we think there will be plenty of entertainment when the School Board and the male members of the faculty take on a team composed of fathers and fans coached by Billy Maxwell. It is rumored that the men may not wear the usual masculine attire. Admission for this evening of fun and entertainment will be 25c for children and 50c for adults. Proceeds will help pay for jackets for this year's basketball lettermen, both boys and girls.

## Major Benshoff Given BA Degree

Jaj. James John Benshoff, USAF, of Merkel, Texas, was awarded the degree of Bachelor of Arts by the College of General Studies during the annual Winter Convocation of The George Washington University, Washington, D. C., held February 22, in the University's Lisner Auditorium.

Maj. Benshoff's field of study was Business Administration. He is currently assigned to the office of the Air Adjutant General, Headquarters U. S. Air Force, Washington, D. C.

## Kin of Merkel Couple Is Dead

Mrs. Tillman Joe Kingsbury, of Linsdale, Texas, daughter-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Kingsbury, of Merkel, died last weekend, and services were held Saturday.

## STUDY GOLF COURSE

A group of local golf enthusiasts are studying ways and means to construct a golf course for the Merkel area.

Persons interested in forming such a club should let their desires be known to Norman Winter or Howard Carson two of the persons interested in such a project.

Several other golfers are interested in the project, but they would like to know how many people here would be interested in helping with the formation of a golf club in Merkel.

If there is sufficient interest a meeting of golfers will be called at a later date to discuss means of organizing a club here.

## High School Students Act As City Dads

As part of Texas Educational Week, students of Merkel high school acted as officials of the city government this week.

Their first activity was attending the city council meeting. Each student sat next to the official he was representing, and took part in the discussions and voting.

The students were given a first hand insight on how the city government functions.

The students and the positions to which they were elected were Leon Kelson, mayor; Jackie Russell, Jerry Russell, Carl McKeever, Larry Joyce and Miss Johnnie Tipton.

Their teacher, Mrs. Edwin Read, and Supt. Mack Fisher also attended the meeting.

The students of Merkel high school urge all the parents to visit their children's classrooms during this week to help observe the Texas Education Week program.

## Stories Are Needed For Merkel Jubilee

Onis Crawford, general manager of the Merkel Jubilee Corporation, said today that the organization is in dire need of stories concerning the early days of Merkel.

"We need these stories to help form the idea for the pageant which will be produced during the celebration in June," Crawford said.

Tentative plans call for the growing of beards for men of the area beginning April 1.

Any person having stories of the early days should contact Crawford.

## Jackie McAninch On Honor Roll

Jackie McAninch, sophomore at Texas Tech, has been placed on the honor roll at that school for the Fall semester for being in the upper five percent of the class.

There are more than 7,000 students at Tech this year. The number of agriculture students that made the honor roll represent six percent of the total number enrolled in the Division of Agriculture.

Jackie is a member of Pi Kappa Alpha social fraternity.

## Hogan, Jones Win In Guessing

Tom Hogan and Fletcher Jones were winners of the time the clock at West Co. stopped. They missed only 14 minutes.

Kay Lynn Bagby was next, missing 16 minutes. The clock ran 54 days.

## GRIF BARNETT BETTER

Grif Barnett, who was injured in an automobile wreck recently, is recovering nicely in the Hendrick Memorial Hospital at Abilene. He suffered a broken back. He'll be in the hospital another 10 days.

## City Election April 3 Has Four Candidates

The City election April 3 will find four candidates for the three offices which will be filled on the city council.

In addition, there will be a vote on the \$40,000 bond issue for the purpose of fixing up a city park and swimming pool.

Candidates for the offices on the council are Clyde Eager, Odie Griffin, Ben Robert Hicks and Fred C. McCue.

The three high men will be declared elected to the council posts.

A legal notice calling the bond election probably will be ready for next week's Merkel Mail. It will minutely detail facts about the bond issue.

A group of Merkel business people started a petition several months ago asking the city council to call a bond election for the purpose of raising funds to improve park facilities and playground facilities in Merkel.

It has been pointed out that the future growth of Merkel is dependent upon what recreational facilities are available to industry and individuals seeking to make Merkel headquarters.

At the present time there are no facilities whatsoever in Merkel which would or could be classed as recreational facilities, and the growing teen age kid problem is becoming more acute each week. This is mainly because the city has failed to provide proper recreational facilities in the past.

It is pointed out that if a swimming pool is built the proper picnic grounds, Merkel will draw people from other areas.

It is also pointed out that every industrial inquiry has asked what type recreational facilities are here.

## Geraldine McKee Former Merkelite Dies at Temple

Funeral for Mrs. Geraldine McKee, 31, former resident of Merkel, were held Wednesday in the Merkel Methodist Church.

Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Mrs. McKee died at 1:40 p.m. Monday in Scott and White Clinic Hospital at Temple following an illness of several weeks.

She was born Geraldine Cox in Merkel. She attended schools here and was a 1942 graduate of Merkel High School. She married Alvie L. McKee Aug. 20, 1947. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. McKee of Potosi.

She had lived in Abilene most of the time since her marriage, except for a short time in Austin. Six months ago the couple moved to Anson. McKee is employed as a civil engineer for the Texas Highway Department.

Mrs. McKee's father died in 1928. She had been a member of the Methodist Church here since childhood.

Survivors include her husband; one son, James, 6; her mother and step-father, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Murphy of Merkel; two brothers, Elwood Cox of Fort Worth and Harold G. Cox of Merkel; one sister, Mrs. Pete Morgan of Merkel.

## Services Held For Nunnally

Sam J. Nunnally Sr., 57, former resident of Abilene for 28 years and a veteran banking employee, died Wednesday in the Scott and White Clinic at Temple following a heart attack.

He had undergone surgery last week and was doing fine until he suffered a heart attack Tuesday. He suffered a second heart attack Wednesday.

A resident of Roswell, N. M., he had lived in Abilene from 1921 until 1949. He was a long-time employe in Abilene banks, having joined the F&M Bank here in 1921. He was employed in the Abilene State Bank for 14 years and later was a teller for the Citizens National Bank.

He was in the tailor shop business here when he moved to New Mexico.

He was born May 27, 1898 in Rising Star. He married the former Lucille Russell August 1, 1927 in Abilene. Mrs. Russell is a sister to S. G., Jimmy and Ralph Russell of Merkel and Mrs. Leo Harris of Merkel.

Funeral was held Friday at Elliott's Chapel of Memories with the Rev. W. W. Hazel, pastor of the First Methodist Church in Rising Star, officiating. Burial was in Elmwood Memorial Park under the direction of Elliott's Funeral Home.

Survivors include his wife; one son, Sam J. Nunnally Jr. of Roswell; one granddaughter, Kimberly Ann; two brothers, Roy of San Antonio and John of Rising Star and one sister, Mrs. John Roach of Rising Star.

## Merkel Schools Close for Meeting

Merkel schools will close Friday in order that teachers may attend the Oil Belt Teachers association meeting at Sweetwater, Supt. Mack Fisher said today.

This is one of the five holidays observed by the Merkel schools during the year.

Boyce House, of Fort Worth, said to be Texas' No. 1 booster, will speak at a luncheon of vocational agriculture teachers during the convention.

More than 2,000 teachers and administrators are expected to attend the meeting.

House is director of public relations for the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show at Fort Worth. He has written 14 books, including, "I Give You Texas," a best seller.

## Seth Neugent, Trent, Is Dead

Funeral was held Wednesday at the First Methodist Church at Trent for Seth Neugent, 80, who died at 9:15 p.m. Tuesday at his farm home on Rt. 1, Trent.

Burial was in the Trent Cemetery with the Patterson Funeral Home in charge.

Mr. Neugent was born in Williamson County, but had lived almost all of his life near Trent. He had been ill about five years.

Surviving are his wife; two sons, G. M. Neugent of Trent and F. L. Neugent of San Diego, Calif.; two grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

# MERKEL BASEBALLERS PREPARE FOR SEASON

The tough Merkel Badgers, one of the finer high school baseball teams in the region, have opened practice sessions for the spring season which will see them play five exhibition games and 10 conference games.

Coach Don Loyd has been coupling the baseballers with track sessions during the past week, as they get their conditioning started on the right track.

In an effort to promote better interest in high school baseball in Merkel, members of the team will commence a season ticket drive Saturday, and persons who buy the \$4 ducats will get a 50 percent saving over single ticket prices.

The season ticket will enable the buyer to see eight games and take eight guests. Since the single game price is 50 cents, the

**THE SCHEDULE**  
April 12—Hamlin at Merkel  
April 17—At Haskell  
April 20—Rotan at Merkel  
April 24—At Hamlin  
April 27—Colorado City at Merkel  
April 30—At Anson  
May 4—Haskell at Merkel  
May 8—Anson at Merkel  
May 11—At Colorado City  
May 15—At Rotan

season ticket would be worth \$8.00 on that basis.

The tickets will have the 1956 football schedule printed on the back side.

The Badgers were strong contenders for championship honors last year, and they have many of the star players back again this year, although there are some spots that will have to be filled by less experienced players.

Coach Loyd is still seeking practice games which will be played before the season opens.

Here are some of the players who are seeking positions:

Catchers — Tommy Swinney, Manly Denton.  
Pitchers — Barry Scott, Robert McLeod, Tommy Toliver, a left hander, who transferred from Trent, and Loyd Shugart.  
First Basemen — Kermit Rutledge, Lannie Perry and Cannon Bradley.  
Second Basemen — Jerry Miller and Walter Grimmet.  
Shortstops — Philip Pursley and Danny Harris.  
Thirdbasemen — McLeod and Pat Patterson.  
Outfielders — Chester Collinsworth, Jimmy Neill, Lou David Allen, Kenneth Minatra, Arthur Bagby, Jerry McLeod, John Thomas, Benny Melton and Fred Turnipseed.

## WEATHER CONTROL WATCHERS ORGANIZED

Merkel this week became the first town in America to set up a "controlled weather watch" designed to alert people of this area against any violent weather this year, Mayor Fred Starbuck, also director of Civil Defense, revealed today.

A meeting of persons selected for "watchers" has been called for 7:30 p.m. at the REA auditorium, but other persons in civil defense positions who are interested may attend.

The project is a joint effort of the U. S. Weather Bureau, Department of Public Safety and Civil Defense.

Holt Vaughan will become director of the filter center

in which all weather calls will come in case of an alert. The local organization is sponsored by the Merkel Civil Defense group, and will be known as the Merkel Sever Weather Group.

The area to be covered by the Merkel group will be an area bounded by Noodle on the North, the county line on the west, the mountains on the south and Ely's crossing on the east. This includes the northwestern part of Taylor county and the southwest part of Jones county.

M. G. Cole, chief radio operator for the Department of Public Safety at Abilene, and C. E. Sitchler, meteorologist for the U. S. Weather Bureau at Abilene, will attend the meeting Friday night, and will outline the plans for the organization.

It will include a film strip, including scene of an actual tornado, explanation of the weather warning system and several pieces of literature.

"Persons who are not on the list selected and have a telephone and are interested in this project are welcome to join," Mayor Starbuck said.

"We understand that this organization is the first of its kind in America and is being set up as an experiment to make tracing of storms and violent weather more accurate," Starbuck added.

The weather watchers will become a part of the vast system to alert people of this area.

It works like this:

The weather bureau will issue an alert, and the watchers will telephone in to the filter center in Merkel any reports of violent weather with all the data necessary. In turn the filter center will notify the central point in Abilene and reports to the public will be made through available media.

The Taylor Electric Cooperative mobile units also will be utilized to "invade" the storm area and in return will use a two-way radio service to the filter center. Vaughan and Horace Hargrove, another REA official, will operate the base stations.

Mobile units will be handled by Vaughan, Horace Childers, Hargrove, Leo Harris, Lonnie Beard, Hollis Mitchell, Truman Harvell, Walter Whisenhunt, Lester Dorton, Earle Watts, and Sam Scroggin.

Those selected as weather watchers include:

H. H. McLeod, Trent; Othel O'Kelly, Trent; C. L. McElmurry, Trent; Tip Carter, Noodle; Earl Bonneaux, Noodle; Bill Brown ranch, Noodle; Douglas Reddin, Trent.

John Crain, Trent; Dow Williamson, Trent; L. P. Halbrook, Trent; Allen King, Nubia; Carl Jackson, Noodle; V. R. Justice, Noodle; Odie Jones, Merkel; Welton McAninch, Merkel; Curtis McAninch, Merkel; Woodrow Patton, Merkel; Roy Green, Nubia; Fort Butman, Nubia; Sam Butman, Nubia.

F. J. McDonald, Merkel; Robert Higgins, Merkel; Johnny Cox, Merkel; T. J. Bird, Merkel; John D. Jones, Merkel; Davis Ranch, Nubia; Rhodes Ranch, Nubia; Butler Horton, Merkel; Royce Dowdy, Merkel, and Robert Riney, Merkel.

## J. R. Hudson, 96, Compere, Dies Monday

Funeral was held Tuesday at the Starbuck Funeral Home here for John Ripley Hudson of the Compere community who died Monday in Lawson Rest Home here. He was 96.

Burial was in the Compere Cemetery.

Mr. Hudson was born Jan. 18, 1860, in Arkansas and was married to Annie Cole in 1879. He moved to Trent in 1917, to Oklahoma the same year and to the Compere community in 1942.

He was a retired farmer and had been in ill health for some time.

Mr. Hudson had been a member of the Baptist Church since he was 18.

Survivors include one son, George Hudson, of Noodle; four daughters, Mrs. Maggie McCaskey of Madeira, Calif.; Mrs. Nancy Tarpley of Gore, Okla.; Mrs. W. B. Tarpley of Merkel and Mrs. Lena Estridge of Healdsburg, Calif.; 32 grandchildren, 53 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

## Morris B. Smith Attends Meeting

Morris M. Smith, manager of the Farmers Coop Gin, of Merkel, has returned from a meeting of the Fourth annual cooperative managers short course at A. and I. college at Kingsville, Texas.

The course was sponsored by the Texas college of arts and industries, Texas A. and M. college, Texas Federation of Cooperatives, and the House Bank for Cooperatives.

Instructors were C. E. Bowles, W. E. Daly and Jack D. Hines of the Houston Bank for Cooperatives, J. K. Stern, president of the American Institute of Cooperation, Washington; J. H. Hickman, Farmers Cooperative Service, Washington, and Otis Weaver, chief cotton and oil seeds branch Farmers Cooperative Service, Washington.

The school was attended by 88 cooperative managers from all over Texas.

Smith was accompanied by Mrs. Smith and son, Sammy, to Corpus her sister, Mrs. J. B. Hendricks, Christi, where she visited with her sister, Mrs. J. B. Hendricks.

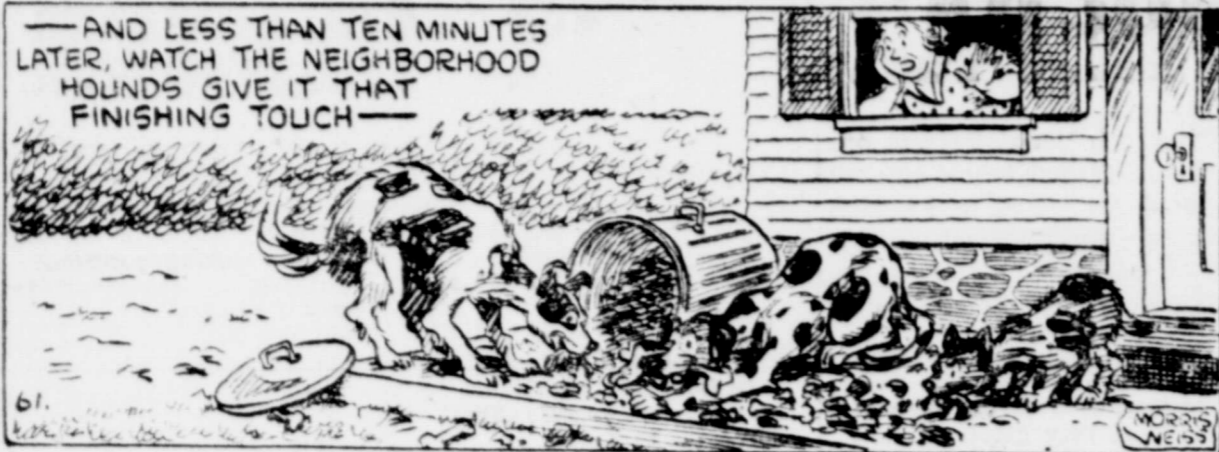
## Landscaping At Cemetery Gates

The Merkel Garden Club this week began putting out shrubbery at the Cemetery entrance, and within a short time the new stone fence there will form the background for the new landscaping project.

## Fire Rates Are Cut 10 Percent

Merkel went from a 5 percent bad fire record to 5 percent good fire record recently, thereby making fire insurance rates 10 percent cheaper beginning April 1.

IT NEVER FAILS



UP THE CANYON

By TOM RUSSOM  
Well, this is corn planting time and no moisture to plant with. People are trying to get the land plowed before it gets too dry.

If, and when it does rain, there will be a big demand for grass seed. As grass seed has already advanced in price and is not too plentiful. It has been suggested that those who are planning to seed grass, be sure to see if the germination test is good. There has been some bad seed purchased and that could be the case if you should buy interested seed.

Riley Jack Seymore returned from the Houston Stock Show this week and reported a fine show. He sold his calf. Riley had planned to bring his calf home but was offered a good price for him and sold.

F. H. Horton reported his panic grass was nearly ready to graze. He put cows on the grass this week.

Dr. R. W. Varner of Abilene has a 340 acre tract of land in the Canyon. He is having this land terraced now. It is remarkable how much dirt the three machines move in a day. This is the largest project going in the Canyon at this time. Tom Russom, Canyon stockman, is working with Varner on this project.

There were 82 at church Sunday at Pioneer. The Pre-Easter Revival starts this Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m. the meeting will run through Sunday March 11.

Attendance in all churches are up which is a fine thing. Mrs. Ford Butman's mother, Mrs. Jess Ray, of Dallas is spending a while with the Ford Butman's.

J. W. Seymore says the deer

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF ELLIS W. FREEMAN, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original letters of administration upon the estate of Ellis W. Freeman, deceased, were granted to me, the undersigned, on the 20th day of February, 1956, by the County Court of Taylor County. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same to me within the time prescribed by law. My residence and post office address are Trent, County of Taylor, State of Texas.

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are eating his bundle feed in his feed lot. Joe also says that if any of you boys take a shot at them, it will then be between you and the game warden.

The livestock market is very quiet at this time. No sales reported this week. People that would like to buy a few more stock due to having such large acreage to put to grazing are holding off buying them, because of the dry weather. There would be a lot of sudan grass planted early if it should rain. If this should come true. Then we would be faced with another heavy cattle run this summer, as always the case in July and August.

HODGES

We had a "sad event" in our neighborhood Monday when someone ran over "Troubles." Troubles is a, or was a wire haired terrier belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Ed Vantrees. Their daughter, Jewell King of Abilene came out and helped to lay him to rest. On her return trip to Abilene she hit soft dirt and overturned. She wasn't injured and very little damage done to the car. Should the man who ran over the dog read this, would you kindly slow down when passing these farm houses. Some people have small children who sometimes wonder onto the road. We don't have patrols on these farm-to-market roads, but it might be a good idea if we did, don't you think?

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Daniell were in Albany last week-end to visit his sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Dillingham.

John Stokes was painfully burned in an accident last week. He had second degree burns on

his face and neck and is in Hendricks Hospital at Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. John Stephenson of Plainview were down visiting relatives at Hodges and Abilene over the week-end.

The Hawley Bearkittens, coached by Nig Womack, took regional at Brownwood over the week-end. They will be in Austin this week-end trying for State honors. Here's hoping they come home with first place honors.

Visiting in the Loyd Reese home on Sunday were his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rurkel of Albany.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Cook last week were Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Moore and E. A. Rix of Abilene, Cleveland Rix of Huntsville, Mrs. Gwen Cook, Linda and Margaret, Mr. and Mrs. Joel Jones and Patsy of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Austin and boys of Snyder.

Mrs. Dane Vaughn had eye surgery in an Abilene hospital last week. She is doing nicely at this time.

Mrs. Clyde Cook has returned home from the hospital and is doing fair.

Visiting relatives in Hodges Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Crosswell and family of Petersburg.

Mrs. M. F. Bell has returned home after spending the winter with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell McDonald of Maccadoo, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Sneed and family of Sumray, Texas, are weekend guests of their sister, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Lucas.

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WASHINGTON, D. C. — ON JULY 6, 1953 MR. BENSON, Secretary of Agriculture, said, "I did not become Secretary of Agriculture to stand idly by while farmers suffer from high costs and falling prices."

On February 2, 1956, in Portland, Oregon, Mr. Benson said, "I did not become Secretary to stand idly by wringing my hands while our farm families continue to suffer year after year of economic decline."

DURING THE PAST YEAR, CATTLE PRICES . . . have declined 14 percent and hog prices 36 percent.

But the big packers haven't shared the farmer's plight. Profits of the big meat packers are up between 33 percent and 50 percent in 1955 over 1954.

IN 1952 THE REPUBLICANS were saying, "The first thing we intend to do is to take the emphasis off of Washington. Our goal will be sound farmer-run programs that safeguard agriculture, but do not regiment you, do not put the Federal Government in charge of your farms."

Under the Administration's farm bill as submitted to the Congress, the Secretary of Agriculture will be the absolute boss of these-called "soil bank."

IT IS A PECULIAR THING . . . but many of the features for a new farm program now recommended by the Department of Agriculture were vigorously opposed by them just a few months ago.

ADVOCATES OF THE "SOIL BANK" IDEA . . . want to convince people that it will put money into the farmer's pocket. As a matter of fact, it only attempts to pay him a little money for what he will not produce next year. The goal of any agricultural program should be to raise his purchasing power, and this certainly does not do that.

THE BUREAUCRACY OF WASHINGTON . . . has its own language. The following are a few definitions:

Program: An idea that cannot be carried out with one phone call.

Channels: The trail left by inter-office memos.

Committee: A means for evading responsibility.

Reliable source: The guy you just met.

Informed source: The guy who just told the guy you just met.

Unimpeachable source: The guy who started the rumor originally. Search the files: Ask the janitor to look through yesterday's sweepings.

FOR THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS . . . I have felt the Congress was doing more investigating than legislating. Some investigations are of course very necessary, but not to the point of straining at gnat and swallowing a camel.

The serious charges made by retired General Matthew Ridgway certainly justify a closer look at our defense preparedness program.

General Ridgway, writing in The Saturday Evening Post, said, "The decisions of the Defense Department were based on demotions other than clear-cut military needs. They were based on budgetary considerations, on political considerations, on the advantage to be gained in the field of domestic politics by a drastic reduction in military expenditures."

The safety of our Country demands that the accuracy of these statements be determined.

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By "LEON"



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Co-op Station  
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OF BOOKLETS . . . called "Our Capitol," containing 56 pages of pictures and information on points of interest in Washington. If you are interested in having one of these booklets, address me: Omar Burleson, M. C. Room 1531 House Office Bldg. Washington 25, D. C.

GOODMAN H. D. CLUB MEETS WITH MRS. McANINCH

Mrs. Cal McAninch was hostess at the Goodman Community Center for the Goodman Home Demonstration Club Wednesday, February 29. Due to the death in the community the regular meeting date was changed.

Mrs. Fern Windham, president, called the meeting to order. Mrs. Belrie Butler opened the meeting with a prayer. Mrs. McAninch directed two games for recreation. Mrs. Frances Carter gave a Council report.

In the absence of the secretary there were no minutes or roll call. Miss Wainscott, agent, met with us "Why A Living Room." Mrs. McAninch served refreshments to 10 members and one visitor.

The next meeting will be at the center with Mrs. Jordan as hostess on March the 9th.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Carey and family visited their mother, Mrs. H. R. Maxmills, and sister over the weekend in Odonal, Tex.

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By Mary Lee Taylor

#### Chocolate Cream Pie

- 1 pkg. chocolate pudding powder (not "instant kind")
- 2 eggs, separated
- 1 cup Fat Evaporated Milk
- ¼ cup water
- ¼ cup sugar

Put pudding powder and unbeaten egg yolks into a saucepan. Stir in milk and water gradually. Cook and stir until mixture comes to a full, all-over boil and is thick, about 5 minutes. Remove from heat. Cover and cool slightly, about 5 minutes. Put into a cold 8-in. baked pastry shell. Beat egg whites in a quart bowl until stiff. Gradually beat in the sugar. Spread meringue over top to edge of crust to seal in filling. Bake in 325 oven (low moderate) 15 min. or until meringue is light brown. Cool thoroughly before serving.

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Rose Dale — 303 Can

**CORN** - - - - 2 for 33c

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**CRACKERS** 1 lbs. box 25c

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**JELLO** - - - 3 pkgs. 25c

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**PEANUTS** -- 1 lb. bag 39c

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1 Box — TRIX both for 33c

1 Box — CHEERIOS

Fresh Country **EGGS** - - - doz. 39c

## FROZEN FOODS

Libby's — 6-oz. Can

**ORANGE JUICE** ---- 2 for 35c

Libby's Cut

**ASPARAGUS** -- pkg. 39c

Libby's

**FISH STIX** --- pkg. 39c

Thomas — 16-oz. Pkg.

**STRAWBERRIES** ----- 39c

## Many Texas Firms Come Under New Act

Almost 2,800 firms in West Texas — those who hire four, five, six or seven workers — are reminded again by Wayland Krizan, district director of the Texas Employment Commission, that they may have been brought under the Texas Unemployment Compensation program on January 1.

Krizan advises that these West Texas employers heed a recent public statement by Weldon Hart, chairman of the Texas Employment Commission, and contact the state TEC office at once.

Krizan quoted Hart's statement to the effect that "it would be to their advantage to do so immediately, so that penalties and assessments of back taxes can be avoided."

Krizan estimates that some 11,000 West Texas employees gained the benefits of unemployment compensation this year. The TEC district director further quoted Hart as explaining that following amendments to the Federal Unemployment Tax Act last year, the Texas Legislature changed the state unemployment law accordingly. Any business which has as many as four employees on 20 days in 20 different weeks after July 1, 1955 becomes liable for unemployment tax on its payroll during 1956. Beginning January 1 any firm which has 20 such weeks during a calendar year in which four or more persons are employed on any day, will pay unemployment taxes.

"Not only firms which regularly employ as many as four employees will be affected," Hart explained, "but also a small business which has four people working only Saturdays, or one which regularly has two employees during the day and two others at night, will owe the payroll tax at the end of each calendar quarter."

Any employer who has employed four persons in 20 weeks during 1955 should notify the Texas Employment Commission in Austin now, Hart added, so that an explanation of how to comply with the law can be sent to him.

"We have little experience yet with the 35,000 firms that have four to eight employees," Hart said, "but we think that the group includes many, many stable firms that have very low turnover — the drug store, grocery, barber shop, service station and cafe."

This stability suggests that unemployment insurance claims may be made very rarely, and consequently tax rates can be held low.

The opportunity to save taxes through the "experience rating" system in the state law is one of the reasons why the Legislature brought in the smaller firms. Had the Legislature not done so, these employers of four to eight would have had to pay a full 3 per cent federal tax. Under the Texas "experience rating" plan, tax rates after a qualifying period of from 1-12 to 2 years can range from a maximum of 2.7 percent to a minimum of 1-10 of 1 per cent. The TEC collects the State Tax and the Federal Government collects 3-10 of one per cent for ad-

ministrative purposes. This feature of state operation of the unemployment insurance program saves Texas businessmen millions of dollars each year.

## TRENT 4-H CLUB HEARS MRS. KING

The Trent Girls 4-H Club answered roll call with "What I see from my favorite window at home," at the regular meeting Thursday in the Homemaking Rooms in Trent High School. There were 13 members present.

Mrs. Allen D. King gave report of recent committee meeting and announced coming 4-H Club events in the county.

Sue Bankston, president, directed the business. As a project to make money for the club, the girls voted to have a bake sale down town March 31.

Sue King, vegetable leader, was assisted by Sue Bankston in giving the program on "Let's Prepare to Eat Vegetables." They demonstrated the cooking of Savory Panned Carrots and prepared a very attractive fresh relish tray consisting of cucumber petals, green pepper sticks, radish accordians, radish roses, celery curls and green onions.

The girls were sponsored by their teacher leader, Mrs. Buster Horton, and mother leader, Mrs. Allen D. King.

Honolulu, the capital of the Hawaiian Islands is located on the

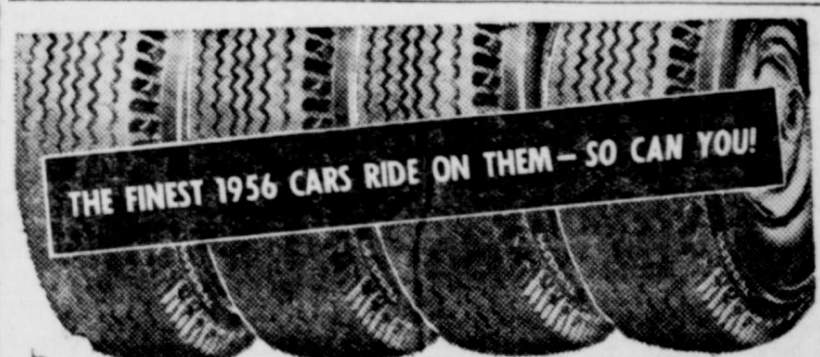
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 vertising, to be lawful, must be made with the authorization of the candidate, his (state) campaign manager, or his assistant (county) campaign managers, and must be reported as part of the campaign expense.

THIS interpretation, which was the McLennan County grand jury's basis for indictment against Sanford, was based on two advertisements allegedly placed in McLennan County, and not reported in the campaign expense of Lt. Gov. Ramsey.

The penalty is placed on the individual originating the advertising. It may be true that a third person purchased the advertising, and that Sanford merely acted as an agent in placing the newspaper ads in Ramsey's behalf in papers throughout the state. Apparently the grand jury held that Sanford must be held responsible unless he identified the source of his advertising fund.

There is no penalty in the election code that prohibits a newspaper from accepting political advertising, if it is not authorized as campaign expenditure by the candidate, his manager or assistant managers.

In Sanford's case, we hazard the guess that the fine point of law will be on a grand jury decision whether the Texas Press Assoc-

iation manager accepted advertising for his member papers as an authorized representative of the publisher; or whether Sanford, as an individual, made an authorized contribution, which the indictments allege.

The fact remains hundreds of persons placed paid advertising in Texas newspapers in the 1954 campaign without knowledge of the candidate, and without realization that he as an individual, was violating provision of the election code.

Miss Thelma Nelson of Eden visited her cousin, Mrs. John Oliver, and family last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley King have returned from Corpus Christi where they were called on account of the illness of her brother, Earl Callaway and Jack Callaway.

### Merkel Lad Gets Houston Publicity

Billy Bob Toombs, 13, had his picture twice in the Houston Post during the stock show there.

A writeup said: Sentiment has no place in ranching.

Thirteen-year-old Billy Bob Toombs, from Merkel, has spent more time with his steer than he has with his best buddies.

### NOODLE

Mrs. Rue Staerwhile of Abilene, Mrs. Bob Lambeth and son, Ricky, of Big Springs were visitors in the Noodle Community, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacky Smith of Austin visited his grandmother, Mrs. J. E. Booz, Sunday.

Carl Jackson and Waldo Cox went to Wichita Falls Sunday.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Hooper, Sunday, were their daughter and family, also the H. C. Vancil family.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Grogen and children of Tahoka, Texas visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ches Cox last weekend. The Henry Eruckerts were also Sunday guests in the Cox home.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Clement and boys of Snyder spent last weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Caldwell.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Criswell and children of Petersberg, also Mrs. Fred Runkle of Comanche were Sunday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hix Goode, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lin Hudson of Big Spring visited recently in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. Y. Hudson.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Eoff and son, Mark, of Hamlin were guests of her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Smith, on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Spurgin and Clinton spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Dock Callaway.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Dixon and boys spent the weekend with the Fred Jackson family in Floydada, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bail from Fort Hood, Texas, spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Sloan. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sloan from Merkel were their Sunday guests.

#### NEW ARRIVALS:

Loretta Ann Schultz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Schultz, Merkel. Weighs 8 pounds and 2 ounces. Born March 1.

Marsha Jeanette Thompson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Moure Thompson, Merkel. Weighs 7 pounds and 7 ounces. Born March 2.

Barbara Jean Lehrmann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Lehrmann, Abilene. Weighs 7 pounds and 4 ounces. Born March 5.

**MRS. DON WARREN HOSTESS TO FORTNIGHTLY**  
 The Fortnightly Study Club met in the Community Center, Tuesday, February 28, with Mrs. Don Warren as hostess.

Mrs. Elma McFarland introduced Mrs. F. Joe King of Abilene who gave a very enlightening and interesting discussion of Mental Health. Mrs. King has been active in the Abilene Chapter of Mental Health. Mrs. King gave many pertinent facts about the nation's number 1 health problem and discussed some of the work of the Abilene Chapter.

Mrs. David Gamble, president of the Fortnightly Study Club, stated that the club gave \$55 on the Traffic Light at Fifth and Haynes Street.

Mrs. W. R. Cypert and Mrs. Earl Hughes were elected as delegates to the convention of the Sixth District which meets in San Angelo, Texas, March 26 and 27. The theme of the Convention is "Knowledge Increases Strength."

#### HOSPITAL NOTES:

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

- Mrs. T. E. Goode, Noodle
- Mrs. Harvey Latham, Noodle
- Mrs. Stanley King, Merkel
- Mrs. L. W. Dudley, Trent
- Mrs. T. L. Cagle, Abilene
- Bobby Breaux, Merkel
- Mrs. R. L. Newmana, Merkel
- H. J. Keggans, Trent
- C. L. Sherrill, Merkel
- Mrs. W. C. McCoy Jr., Hawley
- W. W. Shull, Abilene
- M. A. Hufstetler, Tye
- Mrs. R. D. Payne, Merkel
- Carolyn Keys, Tuscola

Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Castles and Sue of Fort Worth spent the weekend in the J. O. Castles home.

Dennis Hartley returned home Friday after a ten day visit with his mother, Mrs. A. J. Hartley.

Carolyn Womack of Abilene, Shelton Crocken of Abilene, Thomas Mosley, of Dallas, Roy Crain of Grand Prairie, Marie Crocken of Dallas attended the services at the First Baptist Church, Sunday. They were also guests in the home of H. A. Deavers and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Womack of Odessa were visitors in the home, also.

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Why don't you join them? Sign up for U. S. Series E Savings Bonds on the Payroll Savings Plan where you work. Or buy Bonds regularly where you bank. Either

way assures you that you and your family will be protected in the future. Your principal invested in Bonds is safe — not subject to market fluctuations. Your returns are sure — Bonds pay an average of 3% per year, when held to maturity. Your Bonds are liquid savings — you can always cash them after 2 months, should any emergency arise.

It's easy and human to get carried away when plenty is coming in. To spend more than you can afford, buy more than you can pay for in a reasonable length of time. But is it wise? The smart citizen today, for his own sake and that of his country, will spend wisely, buy sensibly and save regularly. For as Treasury Secretary Humphrey recently said, "The continued success of our economy depends not so much upon Government, but upon the efforts of all our people."

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#### Political Announcements

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Vic Damone. Showing last time Thursday at the Queen.

STITH H. D. CLUB MEETS IN LEACH HOME

The Stith H. D. Club members answered to roll call with a "Household Hint," at a regular meeting in the home of Mrs. O. B. Leach. There were 16 members present.

Club President, Mrs. Wilburn Loffin, presided for the business session. The club voted to donate \$200 to the Community Center Building Fund.

Mrs. Ted Hudson gave the report from county H. D. Council. Miss Jimmie Low Wainscott, agent, gave a most informative program on "Why a Living Room."

The next meeting will be with Mrs. Loffin, March 14. Our program will be on "Jury Service."

Rayford Cockerell from Fort Worth, Texas and Carl Learey of Lubbock, attended the services at the First Baptist Church, Sunday.

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COMPERE H. D. CLUB MEETS

The Compere Home Demonstration Club met February 23 in Mrs. A. B. Hunter's home for their regular meeting. Mrs. H. R. Chancey St., club president, had charge of the business session.

Mrs. Ray offered the prayer. Mrs. Pistole directed a musical game with scrambled lines of two songs.

Roll call was answered with a "Household Hint". Mrs. Ray, the club secretary, read the minutes and the report of the club part February 14, when 31 members and visitors surprised Mrs. Clyde Chancey with a Valentine Party and a club auction sale. Each member carried home made Valentines and refreshments for her family and packages to be auctioned to raise money for council.

J. E. Touchstone was auctioneer and \$14.10 was taken in. Mrs. Pistole kept the party at a lively pace with her games.

Council report was given by Mrs. Vernon Stanley. Members are urged to bring suggestions for '57 roll call and programs. A training meeting February 27 on Jury Service in the agents office by Judge Andrews. Training meeting March 5 on salads in the agent's office. Each member asked to bring her THDA fee for the next meeting. The National Home Demonstration Week is March 29-April 5.

Miss Wainscott gave the program on "Why a Living Room." "Refinishing and Upholstering Furniture and Making Drapes" was checked by those interested in each type of work and turned in to the agent.

The hostess gift went to Mrs. Ray.

Club members received some joke from their secret pal. Refreshments were served to Miss Wainscott and Mrs. Floyd Akin from Grand Saline, two visitors; and the following members: Mrs. Allred, H.R. Chancey, Childers, Foy, Hunter, Pistole, Ramsey, Ray, Stanley, Touchstone, and Dixon.

Next meeting will be March 8, in Mrs. Dixon's home. The program will be on "Jury Service" by Mrs. Hunter, Pistole and Touchstone.

**CHURCHES**

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

**Merkel Church of Christ**  
 Sunday School . . . . . 9:45 a. m.  
 Morning Service . . . . . 10:45 a. m.  
 Young People's Bible Class 6:30 p. m.  
 Evening Services . . . . . 7:30 p. m.

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

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

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

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

**Merkel Catholic Church**  
 Sunday Mass . . . . . 10:30 a. m.  
 Primitive Baptist Church  
 Meeting time first Sunday in each month . . . . . 11 a. m.  
 Saturday preceding . . . . . 8 p. m.

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

**Noodle Church of Christ**  
 Sunday:  
 Bible Class . . . . . 10:00 a. m.  
 Morning Worship Service 11:00  
 Young People's Service 6:30  
 Evening Worship . . . . . 7:30 p. m.

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

**Wednesday:**  
 Prayer Services . . . . . 7:30 p. m.  
**Trent First Baptist Church**  
 Sunday:  
 Sunday School . . . . . 10:00 a. m.  
 Morning Worship . . . . . 11:00 a. m.  
 Training Union . . . . . 6:45 p. m.  
 Evening Services . . . . . 7:45 p. m.

**W. M. U. 2:15 p. m., Intermediate G. A.'s Jr. G. A.'s 3:45 p. m.**  
 Prayer Services . . . . . 7:30 p. m.  
 "You are a stranger here but since."

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

**Wednesday:**  
 Evening Prayer Service . . . . . 7:30

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

**Trent Church of Christ**  
 Sunday:  
 Sunday . . . . . 11:00 o'clock  
 Bible Class . . . . . 10:00 a. m.  
 Morning Worship . . . . . 11:00 a. m.  
 Evening Services . . . . . 7:30 p. m.  
 Ladies Bible Class . . . . . 4:00 p. m.

**Thursday:**  
**Men's Downtown Bible Class**  
 Sunday . . . . . 8:44 a. m.

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

**Tye Baptist Church**  
 Sunday:  
 Sunday School . . . . . 9:45 a. m.  
 Morning Worship . . . . . 11:00 a. m.  
 Training Union . . . . . 6:45 p. m.  
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**Sister of Merkel Man Buried**  
 Mrs. Nan Cotten, of Van Alstine, Texas was buried Monday there. She is the sister of T. T. Earthman, Merkel. Services were held at Van Alstine.

**NOTICE MASONS**  
 Stated meeting of Merkel lodge No. 710, A.F. & A. M. Thurs., Mar. 8th 7:30 p.m. All members are urged to attend. Visiting brethren cordially invited.  
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# NEWS

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## ARNEL FABRICS GAIN PROMINENCE

When you're shopping this spring you'll be seeing many fabrics and fashions that bear the label Arnel. Extension clothing specialists explain that Arnel is a new tri-acetate man-made fiber closely related to the very earliest of synthetics, viscose rayon and acetate.

Arnel's claim to fame is that it combines many of the fine properties of the new synthetic with additional ones at lower cost. Arnel is being made in wash-and-wear fabrics that can be machine-washed and tumble-dried. It resists heat and holds pleats, shape and texture.

Testing and research indicate that Arnel is less static-producing than other man-made fibers. It has a pleasantly soft hand combined with good wrinkle-resistance.

Some fabrics will be featured in 100 per cent Arnel. You will also find it used in combination with other fabrics. It is being made in many different weaves, including faille, jersey, sharkskin, crepe, taffeta and tricot.

**USE PRESSURE SAUCEPAN TO SAVE TIME** . . . Your pressure saucepan can be a real time saver for you. Use it often for cooking a variety of foods.

Cooking in the pressure saucepan is done at about a temperature of 250 degrees F. instead of 212 degrees F. which is the temperature of boiling water. Because of temperature is so high, be sure to follow the manufacturer's directions for proper cooking period. Food value may be lost from over-cooking even a very short period of time.

Save time by cooking a whole meal in the pressure saucepan. Here's a suggestion: Trim tough connective tissue from liver and cut in bite sized pieces. Season with salt and pepper and roll in flour. Brown in a small amount of fat, add 1-4 cup of water. Cook in pressure sauce pan with onions, carrots and potatoes cut in large pieces. . . . Members of the family who ordinarily do not live liver, may eat it cooked this way.

## LEGAL COLUMN

### CHECK YOUR INSURANCE POLICIES

One of the most familiar types of contracts is the insurance policy, as nearly everyone carries some sort of insurance protection. Yet, few people take the trouble to read their policies and lawyers have to answer many questions regarding insurance generally.

Here is a problem frequently presented: "I have a hospitalization insurance policy. Will the company pay all of my hospital bills if I become ill?"

It may or may not. Insurance is a contract between the insurance company and the policy holder. In the usual contract the policy holder agrees to pay a certain sum of money for the policy of insurance, and the insurance company agrees that should the policy holder incur hospital expenses that the insurance company will make payment to the policy holder of stated sums, as out in the policy of insurance.

The insurance policy itself must state the complete contract between the parties. The oral statements of agents not in harmony with the policy are not binding on the company. The company is bound to pay only such sums as are specifically set forth in the policy of insurance.

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Practically all policies have a section called exceptions and exclusions. The policy holder should particularly read this section before purchasing a policy of any kind of insurance. It would be possible for a policy of insurance to have so many exceptions and exclusions as to practically nullify any benefits under this policy.

Another question often asked is: "Can I sue the insurance company which issued a liability policy covering the car of someone who runs into and damages my car?"

For all practical purposes you may not sue the insurance company which carries insurance on the other fellow's car to protect him from suits in case of his negligence. You must look to the owner or driver of the other vehicle for your damages.

If the case goes to trial before the jury, even though you may know that the other party carries insurance, if there arises any discussion of the fact that insurance is carried by the other party, then the courts have held that it is the duty of the trial judge to declare a mistrial.

This means that you will have to start all over again and try your case from the beginning before the jury, at a later date. Your case is not dismissed, and you do not lose your rights to be heard on your case because of the word "insurance" coming into the case, but it does mean that the trial then in progress must

be dismissed and you must start all over again before a new and different jury.

The theory of the appellate courts is that the mere introduction of any evidence or any testimony to the effect that there is an insurance company involved in any way in the case, is highly prejudicial to the Defendant and his cause of action.

The appellate court further says that is reversible error, that is, such error as will set aside the findings of the jury, if the jury in

retiring to consider their verdict discuss whether or not either or both of the parties might or might not have insurance to back them up or protect them.

(This column, based on Texas law, is written to inform — not to advise. No person should ever apply or interpret any law without the aid of an attorney who knows the facts, because the facts may change the application of the law.)

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## Band Leaders Help VFW To Launch Group

The newly formed band of the Clayton Leach VFW post of Abilene is one of the most unusual bands in the nation. It is an organization open to amateur and professional musicians alike, and to members and non-member of the VFW. At the present time the membership of the band includes 18 band directors of this area, local business and professional men and students of the area schools.

This band is organized and operates on the principle of the old-time community band. The music which is played is music which is selected for the pleasure of the listener as well as the players. It is organized for anyone who likes to play or listen to good band music.

The membership at this time includes insurance men, oil men, lawyers, building contractors, students of all the Abilene schools plus the following band directors:

- Merlin Jenkins, Asst. Director of Abilene High School Band.
- Russell J. Griep, Director of Lincoln Jr. High, Abilene
- Fred Steffy, Director of South Jr. High, Abilene
- James Hill, Director of Woodson High, Abilene
- "Pat" Patterson, Director of Sweetwater High School Band.
- Tommy Fry, Director of Sweetwater Jr. High School Band
- Tim Jones, Director of Roby High School Band
- James Alrdidge, Director of Rescoe High School Band
- Gary DeShazo, Director of Balinger High School Band
- Dwight Tombs, Director of Wylie High School Band
- Warren Thaxton, Director of Trent High School Band
- Jess Parrish, Director of Hamlin High School Band
- Charles Thompson, Director of Bangs High School Band
- Dr. Miller of Hardin Simmons University
- Walter Chalcraft, Director of North Jr. High, Abilene
- Charles Bell, Director of Cisco High School Band
- Curtis Baker, Director of Colorado City High School Band.

### MERKEL JR. 4-H CLUB OBSERVE NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

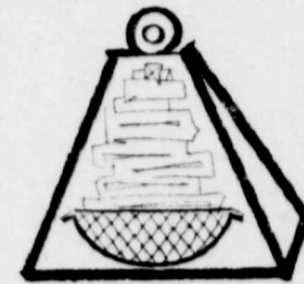
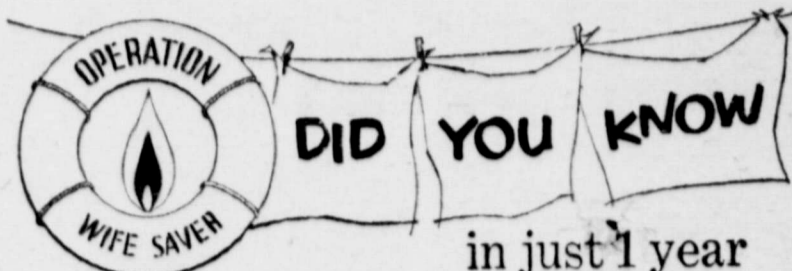
March 3-11 is National 4-H Club Week. The public is invited to view the Merkel Jr. 4-H Club exhibit in the front window of Norma's Beauty Shop. The local club has 29 girls. Gayle Harris is president. At Tuesday's meeting Malinee Seymore gave a good demonstration. The candy sale was a big success.

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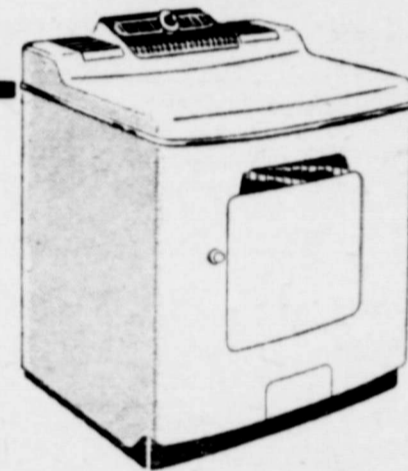


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### Soil-Water Loans Reach \$19 Million

More than \$19,800,000 has been borrowed by farmers for soil and water conservation since this type of credit was made available a little more than a year ago, Walter T. McKay, Farmers Home Administration State Director for Texas said today.

Farmers used the loans to improve their farms and increase the efficiency of their operations.

A report recently made by Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson shows that about 79 percent of the funds were used for irrigation, including the purchase of pumps and piping, the drilling of wells and the construction and repair of irrigation ditches and laterals. Irrigation systems were developed or improved for about 282,000 acres.

In Texas, through December 31, 1955, 85 percent of the \$2,290,000 loaned was used for irrigation. Irrigation systems were developed or improved for more than 34,

000 acres. The remainder of the funds was used for such soil conservation measures as terracing and pasture improvement, and developing water systems for household use and farm livestock.

"We expect that during the coming months, and particularly in the Great Plains Area, farmers will use a larger portion of the funds they borrow to finance soil conservation measures," McKay said. "We have held a number of meetings in cooperation with Extension Service, Soil Conservation Service and other agricultural agencies to make certain that all farmers know that funds are available for soil and water conservation loans."

"Increased yields from this type loan are already apparent, but not, of course, to the extent they will be after the changed system of farming is in full operation," McKay said. For example, in Dawson County, an \$11,200 loan for irrigation was made in May of 1955. This was too late for the farmer to pre-irrigate much of his cotton land. He irrigated 62 acres and harvested 63 bales of cotton without using any fertilizer this year. Dryland cotton in this area on similar land made about 13 of a bale per acre. He pre-watered approximately 60 acres of land planted to milo and applied water one time after planting. It yielded 2500 pounds, whereas his dry land milo yielded only 500 pounds per acre. In addition to watering his soy crops, he seeded a 2 acre plot to alfalfa which provided a good hog and cow pasture. He seeded an 8 acre plot to vetch and oats and now has a good pasture. At the time the loan was made, the farmers had 10 head of livestock and 2 brood sows. He now has 30 head of livestock and 21 hogs and has sufficient pasture and feed to take care of them. He has a good poultry program. By having the winter pasture and vetch, this farmer is utilizing his irrigation system year-round, and is successful in his farming operation where other farmers in the area, hard hit by drought, are going deeper into debt to continue their operations."

In Paraguay there is a firefly called the railway beetle which flashes a red light at the ends of

### STITH NEWS

By MR. W. M. LOFLIN  
Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Brown and Mrs. Brown's sister, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Walker of Clovis, New Mexico.

Mrs. C. O. Willingham of Gregton, Texas, spent Saturday with her sister and mother, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hudson and Mrs. Jessie Lenior. She was on her way to Lubbock to visit a son.

Nancy Malone of Merkel spent the weekend with Pat McDonald.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Rust had as guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Mathis of Anson.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Rogers visited in Clyde, Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Otis Rogers.

Truett Jones of Winters visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Jones, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Perry visited with Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Hinds of Tye, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Harris had as guests Sunday, Rev. and Mrs. Jessie Swindell, Mr. and Mrs. John Browning, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Perry, Martha and Billy Joe Rogers.

Miss Louise Hudson, Bob and Hollis, visited in San Angelo Sunday with a niece, Mrs. N. C. Whisenhunt, and a cousin, Cowan Hudson.

### GROUP TRAINING

#### AT BAPTIST CHURCH

Group training school of the First Baptist Church for the week was taught as follows:  
Rev. Truett Sheriff of Abilene: "The Baptist Deacon."  
Rev. Gene Jorgenson of Trent, "To Win and to Develop."  
Norman Bethany of Trent, "A

Faith to Live By."  
Mrs. A. L. Cunningham, "Sunday Hours."  
Mrs. Gene Jorgenson, "Cultures of Bible History."  
Mrs. Lucy Haynes, "Teaching Win and Develop."  
Mrs. Cramer Reynolds, "The Baptist Deacon."  
Rev. Truett Sheriff, "The Baptist Deacon."

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Rev. Elton Britton of Abilene attended services at the First Baptist Church, Wednesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Rhodes and Debras of Haskell were house guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Toliver, Tuesday.

Mrs. Houston Robinson are spending the week with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Hartley, of Plainview, Texas.

Mrs. Weidon Davis and daughter, Shirley, of Abilene visited their relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Don Hendrix, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Laster and

family of Austin, Texas, were weekend guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Laster.

Mrs. Ollie Skidmore is visiting her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Harris, of Amarillo, Texas.

J. F. Russell Jr from Wichita Falls spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs. J. J. Russell, Sr., and sisters, Mrs. J. H. West and family and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hughes.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Doan made a pleasure trip to their daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Moore and family, of White face, Texas, and also attended services at the First Baptist Church there.

**Spiritual Singers to Present Program**



the nationally known "Spiritual Singers", from Southwestern Christian College of Terrell, Texas make an appearance at the

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**

at 3:00 P.M. on March 11th

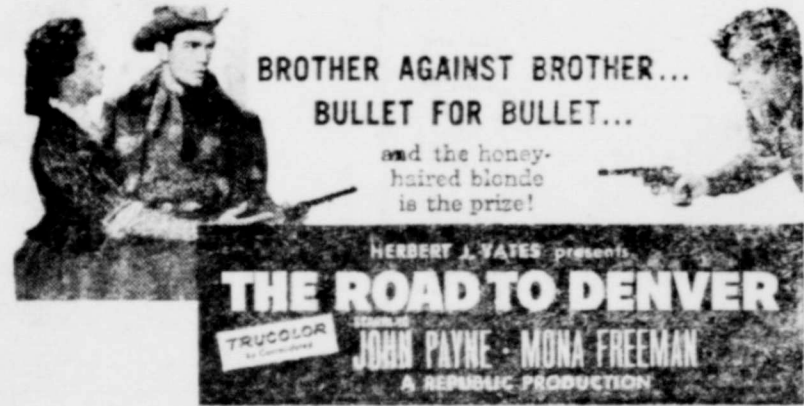
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