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POST SCRIPTS By Uncle Ned

Things have really been popping around Merkel the past several weeks. First, the Homecoming and the homecoming football game. Second, Thanksgiving and now, Christmas opening. Residents in this area are in for a treat this year for a good place to do their shopping. Merkel merchants are going all out to make it as convenient as possible for you. Watch this paper for further announcements.

The Merkel Mail will carry a supplement the week before the Christmas opening. For this issue, we will run several thousand copies and distribute throughout this trade area that you might see the many values offered this year.

Election is coming up November 6th. What ever you believe, who ever you want in office, be sure and vote! It's the only time when the little man can hire and fire chief executives with the mark of a pencil. He's a big man for one day and he only gets a chance to hire a chief executive once every 4 years. Make a good choice and vote for the many you think best.

Getting back to some of the things happening in and around Merkel, we can't overlook the street paving now in progress. The city is paving several streets with a new synthetic asphalt. All you have to do is add water and it spreads on like oil. It's economical and settles the dust to say the least.

Last Rites Held for Mrs. Ernest Neff

The funeral of Mrs. Ernest Neff was held at the First Baptist Church, Merkel, Sunday October 21, 1956, at 4:30 p.m. Mrs. Neff passed away October 19th in the Providence Memorial Hospital, El Paso, after a three weeks illness.

She is survived by her husband Ernest Neff, a daughter, Mrs. Clinton Rowe, 1323 W. Elmore Street, San Antonio; two sons, Dale of Odessa, and Billy Bob of Tarnillo, Texas. She is also survived by two sisters, Selena Teaff of Merkel and Mrs. Clyde White of Baird; three brothers, Holland, Nim and Bill Teaff, all of Merkel and three grandchildren, Jan, Karen and Donna Howe of San Antonio.

Mrs. Neff graduated from Merkel High School in 1916, and received a degree in Art from Hardin-Simmons in 1921, and a B.A. degree in 1925. She had lived most of her life near Merkel. She taught school for many years and was teaching at Tarnillo at the time of her illness.

She was married to Ernest Neff at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Teaff, June 25, 1925. She had been a member of the Baptist Church ever since the age of 12.

Girl Scout Halloween Carnival

The annual Girl Scout Carnival will be held Halloween night, Wednesday, October 31. The carnival will begin at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to come and have a good time. There will be entertainment for young and old.

MRS. ORSBORN'S SIXTH GRADE ELECTS OFFICERS
Mrs. Orsborn's sixth grade class elected officers Tuesday for the second six weeks. They are as follows: Andria Adcock, president; Frances Collier, vice president; Judy Anderson, secretary-treasurer; and Sherry Hull, reporter.

McCue Loses Coat In Burglary

Fred McCue, owner of Mac's City Drug in Merkel and Pyote Drug in Pyote, reported a burglary in his Pyote store Friday night.

He left here Saturday a.m. to investigate the reported loss. The burglar was apprehended at Pecos, Saturday. The suspect, a 24 year old ex-soldier, had escaped the sheriff on his way to Austin from Arkansas. A statewide search was issued.

Apparently the youth was after guns, McCue said, as I kept many in my Pyote Store. The burglar pryed a hole in the back and came in over the fountain. He struck a couple of boxes of matches in the store took lighters, cigarettes, clothing, etc. A jacket belonging to Mr. McCue was on the suspect when apprehended.

Mr. McCue said the youth had many of the articles in his possession at the time of his arrest in Pecos.

An article in the Odessa American, Thursday, October 18, told of the escape at Monahans. The suspect, Billy Purcell was arrested and transferred to Monahans for questioning in connection with a series of burglaries.

The youth fled the custody of the deputy sheriff who was returning him to jail. He lurched from the right hand door of the car into the darkness. The sheriff, an excellent shot, fired twice over his head. After a three block chase he lost sight of the youth.

While the youth was evading arrest, he apparently entered the Pyote Store and helped himself to the articles.

He was arrested Saturday and placed under \$25,000 bonds in connection with several burglaries in which an estimated \$1,000 in guns and ammunition was taken.

Most of McCue's merchandise was returned.

J. S. PINCKLEY OBSERVES 80TH BIRTHDAY

J. S. Pinckley observed his 80th birthday on Tuesday, October 23, 1956, in the High School Library. The fourteen librarians elected the following officers: President, Joelle Thompson; Vice President, Irene Dishman; Secretary, Elsie Ward; Treasurer, Tywla Moore; Reporter, Don Wilson; and Sergeant-at-arms, Joe Cunningham. The club sponsor is Mrs. Ruth Perkins.

Badgers Beat Rotan 52-0 Before Capacity Crowd

The Badgers, fired to go after taking a licking from the Winters Blizzards last week, literally run the Rotan Yellowhammers off the field before a capacity homecoming crowd of some 2,500 last Friday night with a score of 52-0.

The rains earlier in the week left the field a little soggy and the night air crisp for perfect homecoming weather. After winning the toss Merkel elected to receive and Bridges kicked for Rotan to McLeod on the 10 yard line. McLeod returns the kick to the 50 where he is downed. Here's how the game went, play by play.

FIRST QUARTER
McLeod keeps and goes through for 4 yds. and on the 46. Rutledge is stopped for 0. Russell goes through the middle for 8 yards and a first down on Rotan's 38. A reverse to Manley Denton is good for six yards and the next play Kermit Rutledge goes all the way from 32 yards out for the first tally of the game. The try for point fails and Merkel is out front 6-0.

McKeever kicks to Edwards who slips on the 33. Waggoner is the man under for Rotan and gives to Bridges for 6 yards. Taylor goes through the middle for 1 yard. Waggoner keeps for 3 and a 1st down on the 44 yard line. Bridges hits left guard for 2 yards. Waggoner pitches out to Allen for 2 yards. (Rotan draws 15 yard penalty for holding). Waggoner keeps, circles left end for 5 yards. Waggoner quick kicks, McLeod takes it and runs to the 46 yard line. McLeod pitches out to Rut-

Merkelites Return From Colorado Hunting Trip

Dr. Don Warren, David Gamble and Robert Higgins returned Monday night from a successful hunting trip in Colorado. A fourth member of the party, P. W. Miller, lives in Tatum, N. M.

According to reports, Dr. Warren killed a near record Royal Bull with antlers measuring 56 inches from the top and 10 1/2 at the bottom. A Royal Bull has six points down the side. His weight is approximately 850 to 900 pounds.

All party members scored 5-pointers before breaking camp. The party left Thursday and rode up to Pagosa Springs where they obtained a string of 8 horses and packed in about 15 miles to the timberline before making camp. They roughed it all the way, wrangled and packed their own horses.

Opening day, October 15, Dr. Warren bagged his trophy. Miller bagged his the day following and the following day, David Gamble and Robert Higgins bagged their's which had five points and weighed between 550 and 600 pounds. Dr. Warren stated that the weather was crisp 4 degrees in the mornings and would rise to a high of 40 degrees in the heat of the day. He said he rode a total of 115 miles on horseback on the trail from camp to the settlement and no telling how much in the brush.

The party experienced no major accidents but Robert Higgins wrenched his knee while loading the pack horse to return home. The horse broke loose and threw him just as they were fixing to leave. They arrived in Merkel Monday night.

LIBRARY CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS

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LARGENT AND SON SELL 132 HEREFORDS FOR \$30,880



MERKEL LAD AIDS AT FAIR — Allen D. King of Merkel, right, was junior superintendent of the sheep and goat show at the Texas State Fair that ended in Dallas last week. At left is Carlos J. Spencer of Presidio who served as an interpreter for Latin American visitors at the exposition. Both are senior agriculture students in Texas Tech, Lubbock. It marks the second time in the last three years that a Taylor County boy has served as junior superintendent of the fairs, the sheep and goat show. Previously, Robert Rankin, son of Bob Rankin, Abilene, has served in the same capacity.

Mrs. Bryan Bradbury Speaks To Fortnightly Club

"The greatest improvement that the need in this 180 year old Democracy is to demand that the candidates in a presidential campaign debate the issues, said Mrs. Bryan Bradbury, in a speech to the Fortnightly Study Club, Tuesday afternoon in the Community Center. "If the candidates debate the issues, three results will obviously come about," continued Mrs. Bradbury. "These are: (1) debates will educate the people, (2) decrease the high financial expenditures, (3) keep the earn-

Dentist To Build Office Here

Dr. William McCard will build an office building in Merkel where he will practice dentistry in the early spring, according to Mr. Onis Crawford, manager of Merkel Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Crawford stated that the doctor has been looking into the possibilities of setting up a practice here for several months and completed the details last week. Dr. McCord is a graduate of Hardin-Simmons University and the Baylor Dental School. His wife is a graduate of Baylor University and the Baylor School of Nursing. Dr. McCord has just completed three years service with the Air Force stationed in Waco.

Former Compere Resident Dies In California

Funeral for Vernie Lee Merritt, 58, former resident of the Compere community north of Merkel was held at 3 p.m. Sunday in the Merkel Methodist Church. Officiating was the Rev. Cloy Lyles, pastor, assisted by the Rev. Melvin Byrd, Abilene Baptist pastor.

Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery here under the direction of Starbuck Funeral Home. Mr. Merritt, who died Tuesday in Oakland, Calif., had been living in South San Francisco since 1948. He was a member of Steamfitters Local Union No. 38, in South San Francisco and the Woodmen of the World in Merkel.

Survivors include his wife: one son, Berneal of San Francisco; his mother Mrs. Fannie Merritt of the Compere community; two brothers, Ross and Frank, both of Compere; two sisters, Mrs. Thelma Bigham of Breckenridge and Mrs. Bernice Hays of Dimmitt; and two grandchildren.

Nolan Palmer Returns From Hunting Trip

Nolan Palmer returned Sunday night from a weeks hunting trip in Colorado. He was with a party of four, N. T. Hodge of Odessa, Paul Douglass of Ruidosa, N. M. and E. C. Tucker also of Ruidosa. The party hunted in the Creede, Colorado area and didn't so much as fire a shot, according to reports. Mr. Palmer stated that the area was dry and most of the deer were feeding in the northern area.

TIRED OF DUSTING??

Give all those trinkets and doodads to the Girl Scouts to use as prizes at their Halloween Carnival Oct. 31st. Get them together. We will be by your home to pick them up Saturday and Monday, October 27th and 29th.

HOSPITAL NOTES

The following were admitted to Sadler Clinic-Hospital during the last week. Mrs. Frances Frederickson Jerry Williams, Trent Lewis Perkins Mrs. W. H. Olson, Abilene, girl Carolyn Sue Campbell Mrs. Ed Burks Mrs. L. W. Pack, boy Mrs. R. L. Newman Mrs. Doris Williamson Mrs. L. M. Ewing Mr. A. E. Derington Mr. L. Quattlebourn, Trent Mrs. Tom Largent Mr. M. G. Goode Mrs. F. D. Mouldin Mrs. E. J. Oates, boy Mr. John Hamner, Trent

Halloween Carnival

It's Halloween time again at Noodle School. The annual P.T.A. sponsored Carnival will be held Saturday at the school beginning with the Coronation at six o'clock. Candidates for King and Queen races are as follows: Karen Sullivan — Bobby Parsons; Nancy Washburn — Barry Oliver; Sharon Grissom — John Sargent; Marie Rhynes — Jimmy Hunter; Linda Hennager — Charles Palmer; Diana Carter — Butch Bacus; Freda Hennager — Richard Carter; Etta Sargent — Tommy Hunter; Hane Clift — Lonnie Ueckert; Dolores Hunter — Jerry Goode; Karen Irvin — Rex Cox; and Larry Olnew — Melba Carter.

There will be games for both young and old. Prizes and surprises: food for fun. Cakes and pies, dominoes, pickles and crackers at the Country Store. Witches and Goblins at the Coronation. Don't miss the biggest and best Carnival in years.

NOODLE BASKETBALL TEAMS TO PLAY A.C.H.H.

The Noodle Basketball boys and girls will play A.C.C. Academy boys and Moran Girls Thursday night at Noodle gym starting at 6:30 for three games. Admission is 20c and 40c.

Rutledge goes through the middle for 8 yards. Rutledge again takes the hand-off and goes through for 3 and a 1st down on the 13. McLeod pitches back to Rutledge who goes all the way for the tally. McKeever's kick is blocked and Merkel leads 18-0.

McKeever kicks to Edwards on the 18 where he is downed. Bridges gets 2 yards, Badgers off-sides gives them 5 more. Waggoner keeps for no gain. Waggoner sneaks through for 3 and a 1st down. Waggoner tries a pitch out, ball too high and the Badgers recover on the 17. Russell tries through the middle for no gain. Rutledge gets the call and takes it over from 17 yards out. Try for point is blocked but Rotan off-sides and the Badgers try again. Rutledge runs it over and Merkel still leads 25-0. McKeever kicks to Bridges on the 5-yard line. Bridges gets good blocking and returns to the 40 yard line. Allen takes it through for 1-yard Bridges is stopped for 0. Waggoner passes incomplete. 4th down and needing 9 yards, Waggoner kicks to Rutledge on his 12. Rutledge returns to the 42 but a question on the play and penalize Rotan 15 yards for roughing. Russell goes through for 1 yd. McLeod passes to Denton good for 20 yards on the Rotan 20. McLeod jump passes to Miller good for a touchdown. Rutledge's kick is good and Merkel is 32-0. McKeever kicks to Edwards, who lets the ball scoot out of his hands and goes out of bounds on the 8 yard line. Taylor goes through for 4 yds. (See BADGERS On Page 5)

By BOB COOKE
Reporter-News Farm Editor
W. J. Largent & Son sold 132 head of registered Herefords, nearly half of them strong in the blood of the highest Register of Merit sire of all time for a total of \$30,880.50 here Wednesday afternoon.

The 132 averaged \$234 a head, with 125 females selling for \$25,285.50 for an average of \$202 and seven head of bulls brought \$5,595 for an average of \$800.

Sale of the W. J. Largent & Son Ranch, part of the original spread established north of Merkel in 1900 by the late C. M. Largent Sr., to W. O. (Dub) Hayter, Abilene bottling company executive and contractor, was verified by Billy Joe Largent.

The Largents, who purchased a ranch near Folsom, N. M., ten years ago and bought an adjoining ranch last year, will give possession of the Merkel ranch May 1, 1957.

The sale includes about 930 acres of the original C. M. Largent Sr. ranch, of which approximately 300 acres are in cultivation. The property is highly improved, including two large houses, a smaller house and three large barns.

Terms of the sale were not disclosed. The Largents, including Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Largent, and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Joe Largent and family, will move to the Folsom, N. M., ranch now being operated by members of the family.

Drought conditions throughout the cattle-growing areas of the southwest were blamed for the low average commanded by both the bulls and females from this famous and long-established registered herd.

The drought and sale of the Texas ranch were assigned by the Largents as reasons for sale of the cattle which included some of top show winning animals and some highly promising show animals. Fifty-five head of females were either daughters or granddaughters of the Largents' C-W Prince Domino 21st, highest Register of Merit sire of all time.

One of the top prices of the sale was a bid of \$2,000 by Friendship Ranch of Chino, Calif., for the Largents' half interest in MW Larry Mixer 66th, winner of first place in his class at both the American Royal and International as a senior calf and the championship of the Tulsa and Dallas shows as a senior yearling. He was reserve champion bull at Ft. Worth and San Antonio and grand champion at Houston.

Ed Simonis, owner of the Friendship Ranch, is now full owner of the bull. M. J. Netherly of Junction paid \$1,000 for WJU Royal Mixer 21st and \$600 for WJU Royal Mixer 22nd. Netherly also paid \$310 for WJU Blue Bonnet 10th, one of the top selling females.

One of the higher prices paid for a female was that of Omer Carson of Alma, Ark., who gave \$435 for WJ Blue Bonnet 8th. Carson was one of the major buyers of the sale.

He paid \$2,572.50 for 17 head of females including 16 senior and junior heifers. Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Barton of Clyde, also, were among the buyers. They paid \$2,237.50 for head, including a group of 13 senior and junior heifers.

Tom Russom, Merkel rancher, paid \$1,165 for seven head of open heifers.

Among Abilene buyers were H. C. Stanley, county agent, who paid \$140 for a bull calf, sired by U Royal Mixer 5th and calved last month. The calf was purchased by the county agent for one of his 4-H Club boys.

Also, C. W. Carter, Abilene, nurseryman, bought two cows and a heifer calf. Among area breeders who made successful bids were R. E. Mullino, Rochester; A. J. Smith, son; Ab Hunter, Hawley; H. Berry, Merkel; Jess Darty, James Turner, Cisco; Hughes, Vera; Homer Eastland; and Horace Merkel.

Star Rest Home

Rev. Smith of the Live Oak Baptist Church brought his group Sunday, October 13. Junior Meeks delivered the message, Mrs. Smith led the song services which were really enjoyed. We invite them back again.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Baker of Winters, Texas, and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Sanders of Abilene visited Mr. R. G. Baker last week.

Mrs. Arch Teaff of Tye visited Mrs. Adcock and Mrs. Cole last week.

Mrs. Willis has been on the sick list, but is better at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Dilor Meeks of Abilene visited in the home Thursday night on account of illness of Mr. Willis.

Mr. Odie Smidley of Baird visited his father, N. A. Smidley Friday.

Mrs. Ruby Jenkins and Bobbie of Abilene visited Mr. Reagan on Sunday.

The Ford Smiths came and played for the patients for an

hour and half and they enjoyed them so much. They do not want them to wait so long next time to come back.

We want to thank the nice children who brought us the sack of nice white rags. Sorry the nurses did not see them when they brought them in.

Some people are wondering who uncle Jim's girl friend is who walks to town with him twice a day. She is the new patient that came from Odessa, Mrs. Milligan, our french harp player.

We are very sorry Mrs. Newman is in the hospital. We wish for her a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Merrick visited her mother, Mrs. Smothers, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Baker of Winters visited his brother, G. R. Baker Sunday. They took Mr. Baker for a drive.

We want to thank Mrs. Mary Childress for the nice bear and deer meat that was given to the old folks. They really had a nice feast.

Rev. Epperson of the Calvary Baptist Church delivered the ser-

mon Sunday, October 20th. Everyone enjoyed his message and invite him to visit again.

The old folks always look forward for Sunday song service at 9 o'clock which Mr. and Mrs. Frank Carr and Sue brings. We want to thank them for coming back Sunday and singing for our old folks.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Outlaw are visiting in the home at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Fowler of Stamford visited his mother, Mrs. Fowler last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Reagan and daughter of Abilene visited Mr. Reagan Sunday.

Mr. Bill Baker and Joe Pace of Abilene visited Mr. Baker on the week end.

Mrs. Milea Fox visited her mother, Mrs. Pannell last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Owens of Anson visited in the home Sunday.

Mrs. Ethel Barnett of McCamery visited her grandfather, uncle Ben Wheeler, Sunday.

Mrs. L. V. Moore of Quanah and Mrs. Bobby Williams of Abilene visited John Mansfield on the week end.

Thanks to Tommie Smith who brought us an unique iron to iron with, our modern steam iron went out of order.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Higgins and Betty Lu were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Irven Thompson and Mrs. J. M. Toombs over the weekend. They attended the Merkel Homecoming on Friday. Mrs. Toombs, the mother of Mrs. Higgins, returned to Corpus Christi with them on Sunday for an indefinite visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Barnes of San Angelo were visitors of his sisters, Mrs. E. McDonald and Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bragg, on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Doc Vaughn visited their son, Holt, and family in Rogers, Arkansas. They returned through Vernon and Wichita where they visited his and her sister, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Borger, and Mrs. Cora King.

Dr. W. Frank Armstrong, of Fort Worth, spent the past weekend with his mother, Mrs. M. Armstrong, and his sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Cox.

Sorghum Hybrids Produce Well

Grain sorghum hybrids produced 10 to 25 per cent more grain per acre than pure varieties in 1955 field demonstrations in 1956 from the Lower Rio Grande Valley to the Panhandle.

The farmer demonstrators operated with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and Texas Agricultural Experiment Station to obtain information on the performance of grain sorghum hybrids under a wide range of growing conditions and how the grain combines.

Twenty-five thousand pounds of seed growers were furnished for the demonstrations by certified seed growers from their crossing blocks in 1955.

Seed of sorghum hybrids were developed and released by the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station in 1954 for increased production in 1955.

"Two types of demonstrations were conducted," Ben Spears, extension agronomist who headed up the tests, said. "The 'package type' included packets of seed of several different hybrids and pure varieties which county agricultural agents distributed to farmers. Both hybrids and pure varieties were grown under the same conditions and harvested by hand to compare yields."

The second type, field demonstrations, was conducted on larger acreages under farmer's growing conditions and the grain was combined.

In general, Texas 610 appeared to have the widest range of adaptation, Spears pointed out. However, where soil moisture conditions were favorable at harvest several farmers reported Texas 610 was slower in drying than Martin, the most widely planted variety in Texas. In most demonstrations farmers reported also

that Texas 610 was as satisfactory as Martin for combining.

In Central Texas, McLennan County Agricultural Agent Edwin N. McKay said, "In our demonstrations hybrids outyielded pure varieties. Texas 660 was definitely the best performer."

Soil moisture conditions were poor in most of the McLennan county demonstrations, and for the State as a whole hybrids gave a better comparative performance under inadequate soil moisture conditions than pure varieties.

In an irrigated demonstration in Central Texas Walter Manske of Route 1, McGregor, harvested 1,480 pounds of Texas 610 an acre compared with 990 of Martin.

Manske commented, Texas 610 was more difficult to combine than Martin as the moisture content was higher at the time of combining. Also 610 had a chaff disagreeable to the combine operator.

He was the only farmer who reported a disagreeable chaff. All hybrids were considered early — time from planting date to blooming stage compared with late varieties such as Plainsman and Caprock which require 70 days or more.

"It's well to point out that under extreme drought conditions mid-season maturing type hybrids such as Texas 650 in several fields produced less grain than an early variety such as Combine 7078," said Spears.

Tests also show that Texas 650 and Texas 660 performed better under irrigated conditions than on dryland, as compared with the other hybrids, he added.

A Williamson county farmer, Raymond W. Maizer, harvested 35 per cent more grain an acre from Texas 610 than Martin, 1,687 pounds compared with 1,098 pounds.

Higher yields from Texas 620 were made than from pure varieties under the same conditions, and it was as easy to combine as

any variety. However, indications were that Texas 620 may lodge or fall worse than other hybrids, especially where soil moisture conditions are favorable for early growth but unfavorable when the grain reaches maturity.

Durwood Miller near Bishop in Nueces county harvested 4,800 pounds of Texas 610, 4,196 pounds of Texas 601 and 3,914 pounds of Texas 650 an acre compared with 4,028 pounds of Martin.

This demonstration compared favorably with other tests made in the Coastal Bend and Lower Rio Grande Valley areas.

In a South Plains demonstration by G. L. Williams of Garza county, Texas 601 produced 3,133 pounds an acre compared with 2,833 pounds for Combine 7078.

Williams said he noted very little difference in harvesting either sorghum. The hybrid tested 15 percent moisture and the Combine 7078 contained 13.45 percent moisture at harvest. A 12 to 13 percent, or lower, moisture content is desired in sorghum grain for combining and storing.

Mr. and Mrs. Murry Toombs and son, Tommy, of Lubbock were the week end guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Mashburn, and his mother, Mrs. J. M. Toombs, and other relatives and friends.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Preston Henry were their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Derden and son, Gary, of Waxahachi, and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Bruson and Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie of Abilene.

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Mrs. H. M. Bell of Beaumont was week end guest of her uncle, Mr. and Mrs. John Shannon and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Spurgin.
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Janet Wooten and Vernon Ray Honored

Miss Jane Wooten and Vernon Ray were honored with a bridal shower Wednesday night, October 17. There were 25 people present for the occasion. Becky Ray and Ida Mae King furnished piano music continually during the shower. Mrs. Joe Swinney was in charge of the program.

Rev. Hamilton, pastor of Pioneer Memorial made a short talk on marriage and led in prayer. Mrs. Dewell McLean read the poem, "Hon Do I Love Thee" with Mrs. Kenneth Ray accompanying her on the piano. Mrs. Joe Swinney read a beautiful

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poem, "Mother's Bridal Quilt." Games were conducted by Mrs. R. G. Toombs. Miss Jane Wooten, bride elect, was presented with bridal gifts in a little wagon decorated with white satin and ribbon. Karen Ann Ray and Vickie Teaft brought the gifts in.

After the many beautiful gifts were opened by the bride elect they were passed for inspection. Punch, mints, salted nuts were served from a lace table cloth over white satin. Mrs. Tom Russom presided at the punch bowl while Miss Lottie Butman helped with the other refreshments.

Those attending were: Mrs. Tom Russom, Miss Lottie Butman, Mrs. Joe Swinney, Mrs. E. C. Ray, Becky Ray, Mr. and Mrs. Will Butman, Mr. Sam Butman, Rev. and Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. Joe Seymour, Mary Seymore, Connie Mack Seymore, Mrs. R. G. Toombs, Mrs. Allen King, Ida Mae King, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bronovac, Judy Bronovac, Mrs. A. D. Scott, Mrs. Kenneth Ray, Karen Ann Ray, Vickie Teaft, Mrs. H. C. Steele, Mrs. Ford Butman, Patricia Butman, Mrs. Wooten, the bride's mother, Jimmie Wooten, Vernon Ray and the honored, Miss Jane Wooten.

Mrs. Shouse's Seventh Grade Elects Officers

Mrs. Shouse's seventh grade met in room 8 Monday, October 15, for the purpose of electing officers for the second grade period.

Those elected were: President, Jimmy Jacobs; Vice President, Del Davis; Secretary, Kenneth Hogan; Treasurer, Vaudie Smith; and Reporter, Donna Rutledge.

The pupils in this grade enjoyed a trip to the Shrine Circus in Abilene on September 28. This excursion was made possible through the generosity of Mayor Fred Starbuck and Isadore Melinger.

Pupils enjoying this trip were: Kenny Hogan, Donna Rutledge, Sandra Hunter, Brown Higgins, Mary Jane Horton, Vaudie Smith, June Owens, Larry Dudley, Judy Hines, Bobby Gilmer, Nelda Ross, Tommy McAninch, Both Reporter, Nancy Malone, Kenneth Liza, Barbara Whisenant, Kent Denton, Del Davis, Lewis Peck, Jimmy Jacobs, and Debbie Ferguson. Accompanying this group were: Mr. and Mrs. Shouse and Robert, Mrs. Jack Hogan, Mr. and Mrs. Mark L. Malone and Danny, Mr. and Mrs. Quannah Dudley, Jodie Sharron, Mr. Bryant Dunagin and Randy, Mrs. Buster Barton.

George H. Bryant Dies At Home Here Sunday

Funeral was held at 3 p.m. Monday at the Starbuck Funeral Chapel here for George Houston Bryant, retired railroad worker, who died Sunday afternoon at his home here. He was 67.

The Rev. Temple Lewis of the Tye Baptist Church officiated, assisted by the Rev. C. G. Sewell of the Merkel Baptist Church. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Mr. Bryant was born Aug. 10, 1889 at Waco. He moved to Smith County and was married to Della Minshew in 1906. He worked for the I&GN railroad there until 1914 when the couple moved to Rannels County. Mr. Bryant worked for the Santa Fe railroad at Coleman about three years.

The couple came to Taylor County in 1918.

Mr. Bryant retired in 1941 because of poor health and had lived at Merkel since. He was a member of the Baptist Church here.

Survivors are his wife; five sons Park of Toyah, Beuford of Houston, F. H., Chester and Byron Bryant, all of Abilene; one daughter, Mrs. Leroy Sharrer of Eunice, N. M.; three brothers, D. A. Bryant of Whorton, Bob Bryant of San Angelo and Barney Bryant of Winters; four sisters, Mrs. E. E. Fulton and Mrs. W. P. Lanham of Merkel, Mrs. R. A. Lewis of Sweetwater and Mrs. H. B. Poe of San Angelo; 12 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Former Resident Dies In El Paso

Mrs. Osee Neff, 58, died in Providence Hospital at El Paso at 6 p.m. Friday, following an illness of about three weeks.

Mrs. Neff had been teaching school at Tornillo, Texas, when she became ill.

Born in Bell County Dec. 30, 1897, Mrs. Neff came to the Merkel community in 1902. She married Ernest Neff June 20, 1925.

Funeral was held at 4:30 p.m. Sunday at the Merkel Baptist Church with the pastor, the Rev. C. G. Sewell, officiating, assisted by the Rev. Temple Lewis of Tye. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery under the direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

Survivors include her husband; one daughter, Mrs. Clinton Rowe of San Antonio; two sons, Del Neff of Odessa and Billy Bob Neff of the home; three grandchildren; three brothers, Holland Teaft, Nim Teaft and Bill Teaft, all of Merkel; and two sisters, Miss Selena Teaft of Merkel and Mrs. Clyde Waite of Baird.

Merkel Garden Club Meets

Merkel Garden Club met Thursday the 18th at the community center with Mrs. Beauford Allen as hostess.

The president, Mrs. Alma Collins presided. Mrs. Collins distributed schedules for the flower show which is to be held November 10 in the community center.

Plans were also made to present Mrs. Bro Mings in a book review November 29 at the high school auditorium.

Mrs. W. S. J. Brown brought the program giving basic knowledge of flower arrangements using accessories of dried material, flowers and fruits — all members participating.

Refreshments were served to the following members: Mrs. Clyde Bartlett, Carroll Benson, W. S. J. Brown, T. E. Collins,

Bryan Dunagin, Mack Fisher, S. Vaughn, John West, Nothan D. Gamble, John Hughes, B. H. Wood, Dee Grimes, Beauford Al-Jones, Alvin Lemens, Dale Litton, Len, Christine Collins, Norah Foss-Herbert Patterson, Lu Petty, W. Ter and one guest Miss Lydia Nor-T. Sadler, Charlie Sherrill, D. H. Cross.

Doleful Senators Due Shock When Ike Wins, Fears Doc

One of the strongest Eisenhower men in our town is Doc Brown. Doc says he just can't put up with Stevenson's socialized medicine program; there are a lot of other things he doesn't like about Adlai, but that one is enough for him, he says. Doc is a pretty outspoken cuss, but he's a good doctor. At least, he's the best one in town, being the only one, and our people always call him when they get sick whether they like his politics or not.

The other day several of us were standing around in front of the post office, talking politics—some Eisenhower men and some for Stevenson—when Doc walked up looking glum. One of the Stevenson men said: "Hey, Doc, what's the trouble, did Ike just call you in some bad news?"

Doc Brown said no, he hadn't heard from Ike this week, but he was worried.

"Not about Ike, you understand," he told the Stevenson fellow. "Ike has got it made. Even the Stevenson people are beginning to admit that. Poor old Adlai isn't going to get any farther in this race than he could throw Kefauver's coonskin cap with the tail cut off."

"The ones I am worried about are these out-of-state senators who are coming down here to Texas to tell us how to vote. I sure feel sorry for these boys. It must be tough to face life with their attitude."

"To hear them tell it, this country is in a terrible shape. All the farmers are starving, all

the businessmen are going broke, and all the working people are just barely making enough to keep body and soul together. The only reason some little country doesn't step in and whip us tomorrow is that they know they can just wait a few days and the United States will fold up of its own accord. That's what I understand from listening to the visit-ing senators.

"Of course, they know how to correct the situation overnight. Elect Adlai, and let him abolish the draft and do away with the H-bomb, and let Estes establish the Atlantic Union which he has made speeches about all over the country, and everything will be all right."

"These things are too important, of course, for these senators to waste time telling us Texans why they voted against the Texas tidelands bill.

"As a medical man, I am worried about the great shock these senators are going to get, after the election is over and Ike is re-elected and this country keeps on being peaceful, prosperous and progressive. It's liable to put them all in bed."

And Doc Brown walked on off, shaking his head. Of course, the Stevenson man caught on that Doc was hurrahing him, and he didn't like it much, but he'll still have to call him the next time one of the kids gets the crump, because like I said he's the only doctor in town.

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Friday: Confessions 7:00 pm
Friday: Rosary Service 7:30 p. m.

Tye Methodist Church
Sunday: 11 a. m.

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

Tuesday:
W. M. U. 2:15 p. m., Intermed-
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Pioneer Memorial Chapel
Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
Morning Services 11:00 a. m.
Evening Services 7:30 p. m.

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

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

UP THE CANYON

By TOM RUSSOM

The farmers up the Canyon are sowing some oats since the showers.

The moisture is very light, we do not know if we can get the grain up or not. The rain ranged from an inch to one and a half inches.

There were quite a few from Merkel and some from the Canyon attended the Nolan County singing convention at Blackwell Sunday afternoon. We noticed around Blackwell the stock tanks had caught full of water after the rains there, and water was still around the terraces.

Some of the farmers are getting ready to plant winter peas.

Tommy Whienhunt and son attended church at Pioneer Sunday and visited in her parents home.

The norther Saturday night cooled things off and too it probably will cause us to increase the feed on our livestock. One stockman said cattle are shrinking faster than he had ever seen them this time of the year.

F. H. Horton said his blue panic grass has done real well this summer to be as dry as it has been, and the cows thrive on it real well.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Martin moved to the Baird farm in the west end of the Canyon this week. They have lived on the W. A. Hunter place for several years.

Monday, ladies of Pioneer W.S. C.S. attended a luncheon and a lesson session on South East Asia, in the home of Mrs. Joe Seymore. A very nice time was reported.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim McKeever and children Dona and Rustie of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Warren and children Pam and Wayne of San Angelo were Sunday guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Warren.

Mrs. Zola Teague has returned home from a weeks visit with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John R. Walling of Big Spring. The Wallings have a new son who was born October 17, and whose name is Gary.

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Jones County Home Demonstration Club Council Meets

Annual reports took most of the time at this Jones County Home Demonstration Council's October meeting. Each club present gave a brief report of her club's activities this year. Each Council officer and committee chairman also gave a report of her work.

New officers elected were Mrs. Vernon Stanley, chairman; Mrs. J. E. Hudson, vice chairman; Mrs. H. H. Windham, treasurer; and Mrs. Howard Roberts, secretary.

The Council Christmas party will be a covered dish luncheon on December 11. Gifts will be exchanged and gifts will be collected for patients at the Abilene State Hospital.

T. U. BAND DAY HIGH SCHOOL BAND ATTENDS

The Merkel High School Band under the direction of W. G. Reed attended the 21st Annual Texas University Band Day in Austin on Saturday, October 20.

The Merkel Band was one of one hundred and twenty-five bands who attended this event. The bands were from three different classes, A, and B.

All the bands paraded in down town Austin at 2:30 and then were allowed time to tour the Texas State Capital Building.

George Starbuck, an ex Merkel High Band student is now attending Texas University and is a member of the Longhorn Band was the guide for the section of

the parade in which the Merkel band marched. After a chicken dinner at one of Austin's parks the band attended the Texas vs. Arkansas football game.

The Texas University Longhorn band gave a pre-game performance and a half time show. The parade winners in each of the three classes from last year also gave a half time performance. After the performances all the bands consisting of some seven thousand High school musicians joined the Longhorn Band in a mass band concert.

This is the first time that the Merkel Band has attended this affair and it was enjoyed by everyone.

Mrs. Ora Harris of Abilene and Mrs. Lena King and Mrs. Ella Neef of Merkel visited Saturday night in Gainesville, Texas, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Rairless. They spent Sunday in Denton visiting their aunt, Mrs. Martha Jane Aisleton. All her children and friends gathered at the Woman's Club from 3 to 5:30 p.m. in honor of her 90th birthday.

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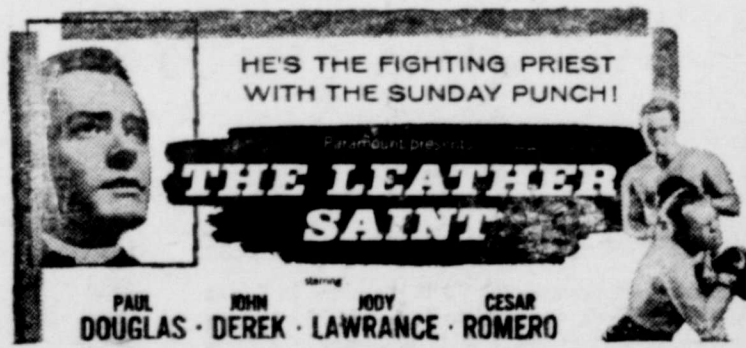
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