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If you went anywhere, did anything, had visitors, got married, got sick, got well or failed to recover, that's news and your friends would like to know about it. Phone your news to the Merkel Mail, Phone 1, Merkel, Texas.

SCRIPTS By Uncle Ned

This week will be my last week for the Merkel Mail. I have received effective March 1, 1957. Gardner will be the new editor. He is a very capable man and I am sure you will find his work very satisfactory. I have shown me for the last six months. I wish to thank each and every one for the kindnesses extended to me and to myself as long as I have been here. Your confidence placed in me and the newspaper has been an inspiration and I sincerely hope you do not feel let down. The acquaintances I've made while in Merkel are my greatest treasurers and I have enjoyed serving you. Where I have failed, I hope you do not take a personal offense and may we look forward to a better understanding. My plans are undecided at the present. I will devote more time to other interests and have not made definite plans as yet. It is with great regret that an error appeared in the Starbuck Funeral Home ad last week. Two lines of a television repair ad were picked up by mistake and were included in his ad. We assume full responsibility for this error. We also left out a story last week which should have been in the paper. It was placed on a "dead galley" through mistake and did not appear in the paper. The "dead galley" is the type left over after the paper has been filled and usually appears in the week following issue.

Car Accident Near Trent Sunday Fatal To One

Matt Zimmerman, about 61, died in Sadler Clinic-Hospital Tuesday morning of injuries suffered in a three car collision west of Trent Sunday. His home is Ontario, Canada. Eight other persons were injured in the accident. Some were taken to the Sweetwater hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Martin of Van Nuys, Calif. were taken to the Merkel hospital where Mrs. Levine suffered a broken right arm but neither she nor her husband were in serious condition. The accident occurred when Zimmerman's station wagon traveling east, went out of control on a curve and whipped into the path of another car driven by Harry Winston Hull of Midland. Hull hit the rear of the station wagon knocking it into the path of another car driven by Mr. Levine. Zimmerman's body will be taken to Sudbury, Ontario for burial by Starbuck Funeral Home. Mr. and Mrs. Levine were reported in satisfactory condition at Sadler Clinic-Hospital Wednesday.

Hawley Beats Avoca 85-58

The Hawley Bearcats tripped up Avoca's Mustangs, 85-58, here Tuesday night in the first of a best of three series to determine the District 17-B bi-district representative. Jerry Cooley, paced the Bearcats with 16 points, while Milton Martin netted 38 for the Mustangs. Second game of the series is set in Anson Friday. The third is on Saturday night. A two of three series to determine the girls champion of 17-B starts next Monday at Anson between the same two schools. Mrs. Leah Hand, son and daughter and Mrs. Bert Tittleton of Trent visited Mr. and Mrs. Jim Campbell recently. A daughter, Mrs. V. L. Doan of Blair was also a guest in this home. Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Viek and Sandra of Littlefield were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Derstine, also Mrs. T. M. Murdock, mother of Mrs. Derstine.

Badgers Play Abilene In Eagle Gym Friday Night Before Regional Tilt

The Merkel Badgers, District 6A Champs, will take on the Abilene Eagles, District 4 AAAA Champs, in the Eagle gym Friday night at 7:30. This is a warm up game for both teams before entering regional playoffs. Merkel will meet Ropesville in the regional tourney at Big Spring starting at 8:00 p.m. next Tuesday in the first round. Winners of this tourney will enter the quarterfinals in Lubbock.

Fall Fatal To Thomas L. Grimes

Thomas L. Grimes, retired Merkel businessman, died in Sadler Clinic-Hospital Friday after breaking his hip in a fall at his home last week. Mr. Grimes was admitted to the hospital after he fell at his home. He went into shock and never regained consciousness. Funeral services were held in the First Methodist Church Saturday afternoon with Rev. Cloy Lyles, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery with Starbuck Funeral Home directing. Mr. Grimes was in the drug business in Merkel for about 10 years and later went into the real estate and insurance business. He was born March 4, 1870 in Bell County and moved to Merkel in 1905. He was a member of the Methodist Church. Pallbearers were Forrest Gaither, Bob Hicks, Owen Ellis, John West, Stanley King, and Johnny Cox. Survivors include his wife, three sons, Luther and Emmett Grimes, both of Georgetown; and Ennis Grimes of Quanah; one daughter, Mrs. Dick Musser of Arlington. Nine grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren, and a daughter-in-law, Mrs. Mary Grimes of Bragg's Dept. Store.

Tye Couple Open Dairy Bar

Mr. and Mrs. Theo Newton, formerly operators of the Tye Cafe in Tye for the past seven years, has leased the Dairy Bar in Merkel and opened for business today. The Dairy has been closed for several months and is owned by Mrs. Lansford of Merkel. Mr. Newton said he will offer many short order items as well as dairy products. He and Mrs. Newton will run the place and extend invitations to everyone to come in. The Newtons have lived in this area some 51 years. For the past seven years, they devoted their time to operating the Tye Cafe and are thoroughly experienced in preparing and serving high quality food. The Dairy Bar will be open from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. seven days per week.

Methodist Men's Club Receives Charter At 'Ladies Night' Supper

The Methodist Men's Club of the First Methodist Church was presented a charter by A. B. Crowder, Methodist lay leader of Sweetwater, at their Ladies Nite meeting here Tuesday night. Presentation was made to Hubert L. Berry, president with some 32 members present to sign the charter. Guest speaker for the occasion was Eldon Mahon, District Attorney of Sweetwater. He stressed the importance of people getting along with each other before peace and harmony could be obtained throughout the world. Mr. Mahon was a class mate of Rev. Cloy Lyles, pastor of the church. A covered dish supper was served to the 32 members present, their wives and other guests.

Parents — Please Note

Because of the nature of the film "Bad Seed, showing Sunday and Monday at the Queen Theatre, children under twelve will not be admitted unless accompanied by a parent. The movie is an adults only feature and your cooperation is deeply appreciated.

Some 200 Hear Former Sooner Governor At Chamber of Commerce Banquet Here

Some 200 people heard Johnston Murray, former governor of Oklahoma and vice president of the Welx Jet Services, Inc. of Ft. Worth, addressed the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet in the high School Cafeteria in Merkel Monday night. Murray stressed the importance of cooperation and coordination in building a better community with each person doing his part. He said, "Our maker gave us three things that he didn't give other creatures of the earth. They are: the ability to stand upright on his two hind legs, spiritually, morally and otherwise; the ability to talk and to reason, and the ability to think and speak to others of the result of his thought, and man by utilization of these three things, has made this great country of ours what it is." Rev. C. G. Sewell, pastor of the First Baptist Church acted as master of ceremonies in place of Mayor Fred Starbuck, who was unable to be present. Rev. Cloy Lyles, pastor of the First Methodist Church, gave the invocation. Entertainment was furnished by "The Five Wings" of Dyess Air Force Base. They sang one of their own compositions, which was well enjoyed by the audience of the National Governor's Board of Managers, Council of

Girl Scouts Invite Families To Movie

All families of Girl Scouts are invited and urged to attend the free showing of a film "The Wider World" at Lincoln Junior High School auditorium February 25th and 26th. There will be two showings daily, one at 4 p.m. and one at 7:30 p.m. During intermission of the film, girls from all Abilene and Merkel Troops will take part in two ceremonies. One in which they will pin mittens on a "mitten tree". These mittens are given by the girls and are intended for cold little hands across the sea. The other ceremony is performed by girls depositing their troops contribution in the "Jubilee Friendship Bank" Miss Lowe was the Founder of Scouting in America. This fund is used to promote scouting in America and around the world. Please try to attend this with your daughter. It will last about one hour and fifteen minutes. If you desire more information contact your daughter's troop leader.

R. L. Proctor, Merkel, Dies

Robert Lee Proctor, retired Merkel area farmer, died at 2 a.m. Wednesday at Anson General Hospital. He was 91. Funeral was held Thursday at the Merkel Church of Christ with Dale King, minister of the Hawley Church of Christ, officiating, assisted by Bob Lawrence, minister. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery with Starbuck Funeral Home in charge. Mr. Proctor was born May 24, 1865, at Belton. He was married to Dacia Bourn Jan. 21, 1906. The couple moved to Merkel from Blackwell in 1917. Mr. Proctor worked for a railroad during his early days and had farmed since. He had been a member of the Church of Christ for 56 years. He became ill while visiting at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Elmer Holland of Hawley. Surviving are his wife, one son, I. L. Proctor of San Angelo; three daughters, Mrs. Elmer Holland of Hawley, Mrs. M. H. Jensen of San Antonio and Mrs. Ed Lancaster of Durant, Okla.; 10 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Pallbearers will be L. S. Kingsberry, Joe Cypert, O. I. Justice, Buford Allen, George Woodrum and Fred Odell. Mr. George Parsons, and Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Parsons and daughters Judy and Kitty visited Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Jones, Sunday.

W. I. Moore, Merkel, Dies

Walter Ira Moore, 61, retired farmer of Merkel, died unexpectedly at his residence at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday. He was a native of Merkel. Funeral will be held at 3 p.m. Friday in the First Baptist Church with the Rev. C. G. Sewell, pastor officiating. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery under the direction of Starbuck Funeral Home. Mr. Moore was born in Merkel in 1896, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. George W. Moore. He was married to Miss Elna Cox in February, 1911. He had lived in the Merkel area all his life, farming until his retirement. Mr. Moore had been a member of the First Baptist Church since 1924. Pallbearers, all nephews of Mr. Moore, will be Elwood Cox, Harold Cox, Max Davis, W. L. Davis, Jack Davis and Pete Morgan. Survivors include two sons, L. V. of Quanah and Boyd of Merkel; three daughters, Mrs. Oleta Darsey of Midland, Yvonne Moore of Big Spring and Verne Terry of Merkel; one sister, Mrs. Box Murphree of Merkel; and six grandchildren. One sister, Mrs. Gerdie Davis, preceded him in death.

Birth Announced

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Deen, Jr. are the proud parents of a boy, T. G. Deen, III, born Feb. 5 in Hendricks Memorial Hospital in Abilene. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Deen, Sr., and the maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Forest Black, all of Merkel.

Wayne Farr Escapes Death As Pipe Hits Hi-Power Lines

Wayne Farr of Merkel, about 24, was seriously injured when day morning when he accidentally touched a live wire with a pipe while working on a transformer and fell about 20 feet to the ground. Wayne is an employee of West Texas Utilities Company working with a sub-station crew when the accident happened. It was reported that the wire carried 3,200 volts and was enough to kill him immediately. Apparently the pipe became grounded and let part of the current pass through his body. Workers said he fell face down head first as soon as he touched the wire. The pipe showed burns where the wire came in contact. Power around the sub-station they were working on was off but a three wire strand ran near by that carried high voltage. Farr was rushed to the Sadler Hospital-Clinic by a Starbuck Funeral Home ambulance. Dr. W. T. Sadler reported that his condition was not thought to be serious and that he received severe burns on his arms and legs and lacerations around the scalp where he apparently hit the ground. Young Farr is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry K. Farr of Merkel. He is a graduate of Merkel High School where he was a star basketball player. He married an Abilene girl and they have one child about two years old. They reside in Abilene.

Former Merkel Man, To Be Honored For Saving Woman's Life Near Merkel

T. E. Morrison, pumper for the Texas Company at Hamlin, whose life-saving act last May 5 has brought him national recognition, was honored at a "family night" safety meeting at Underwood's, 1933 Pine St., at 7 p.m. last Monday. Morrison was presented with the National Safety Council President's Medal and American Petroleum Institute's Meritorious Safeguard Award in recognition of his having saved the life of Mrs. A. B. Barnett, on May 5, 1956, by rendering first aid. Mrs. Barnett suffered a fractured hip, a slight concussion, and severe state of shock in an automobile accident which occurred six miles south of Merkel. When Morrison arrived at the scene, he found Mrs. Barnett lying in a ditch exposed to the hot sun and could find no sign of breathing or pulse. He immediately cleared her mouth and throat of obstructions, rendered the Sylvester method of artificial respiration and then improvised a shade, and began prompt and efficient first aid as accredited with saving Mrs. Barnett's life. The awards were presented to Morrison by W. C. Lenz, general superintendent of drilling and production, and R. C. Gray, safety engineer. E. E. Callaway, division supervisor of industrial relations, will be master of ceremonies. All representatives of the company in Fort Worth. The meeting will be attended by the employees and their wives from the Hamlin area and company representatives from Wichita Falls.

Mrs. N. D. Cobb Dies Sudd

Mrs. N. D. Cobb died at 10:30 a.m. Monday. Born in Robertson County 1880, she married the late N. D. Cobb, Dec. 9, 1900, and they moved to Merkel in the spring of 1904. Mr. Cobb, a justice of the peace at the time, died in March 1945 and Mrs. Cobb succeeded him, serving as JP until 1955. Funeral was held at 10 a.m. Wednesday in the Starbuck Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Cloy Lyles, pastor of the Merkel Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery. Mrs. Cobb was a member of the Merkel Methodist Church and the Merkel Chapter Order of the Eastern Star. She is survived by a son, Billy Cobb of Oklahoma City, Okla.; a daughter, Mrs. George Coker of Fort Worth; two sisters, Mrs. Pearl Stanford of Merkel and Mrs. Arthur Hayes of Houston, four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Merkel Youth Wins Rifle

Steve Butman, RFD 4, Merkel, has just won a genuine Lone Ranger rifle in a contest sponsored by Nestle's chocolate bars. There were 1000 winners in a field of several hundred thousand entries. The winners were chosen out by The Nestle Company, Inc., which presented the prizes, but by an impartial and independent judging agency.

Electric Coops Meet In Merkel

Texas Electric Co-op Association group met in the REA building in Merkel Wednesday for their annual Spring get-together. The meeting was to discuss co-op problems and how they can be solved, according to Lester Dorton, General manager of the Taylor Electric Co-op here. B. C. Broad of Brady is chairman of the group and Bill Parks of Comanche is secretary. Co-op men from all over Texas attended meeting.

Merkel Farmers To Meet Thurs.

Farmers in the Merkel area are invited to attend a meeting Thursday night, beginning at 7:30, in the REA auditorium in Merkel. Max Carriker, Roby, president of the Fisher County Farmers Union and director of the State Farmers Union, will be present to explain his organization program. The meeting is open to everyone.

Dentists To Open Offices Here

Dr. Jon R. Cornish and Dr. Jack Herman will open a dental office in the building next to Wood's Grocery store starting Feb. 26, on part time basis. Dr. Cornish will be in his office Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Dr. Herman will be in his office Wednesday and Saturday afternoons. Mrs. Carrie Washburn visited her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Campbell and family in Haskell over the week end. Mrs. Cecel Ross and children accompanied Mrs. Washburn.

Trent Election Set for April 2

On February 6, the Trent City Council called a meeting for the purpose of deciding to call an election for April 2 when qualified voters will elect two City Councilmen and a Mayor. Candidates names must be filed with T. D. Scott for Councilman or Mayor not later than March 2, at 5:00 p.m.

RAY WILSON HAS SURGERY

Ray Wilson, owner of Wilson's Food Store and LaSiesta Motel, was reported to be resting nicely after undergoing surgery in Sadler-Clinic-Hospital last week. He remained in the hospital for several days but has been removed to his home for recuperation. It will be several days before he will be able to be back at the store.

Hospital Notes

The following persons were admitted to Sadler Clinic-Hospital during the past week: Robert McLeod, Shirley Ann Randall, Mrs. E. R. Moser, Mrs. C. W. Smith, Mrs. Eulon Hatfield, Mrs. Jeanette Turner, Mr. Lonnie Beard, Mr. Leonard Levin, Mrs. Scott Morris, Mrs. D. Gibson, Mrs. J. H. Woodriddle, Mr. L. M. Coward, Mrs. Leonard Levine, Mr. Henry Howard, Mrs. A. E. White



HORACE BONEY—past president of the Merkel Chamber of Commerce, receives a plaque from the new president, Charles Hogsett, at the annual banquet at the school cafeteria here Monday night. — (Staff Photo)

State Governments. He is a member of the Methodist Church in Fort Worth. In his closing speech, Murray stressed the importance in working together, such as the Merkel Chamber of Commerce is now doing, in keeping this nation continuously growing, but he added "Let's not go so fast or do so much that we can't hear the voice of our Creator." In conclusion, he said, it is these things we do that we do not have to do that will help those who inherit our work." The Governor arrived from Ft.

Narcotics, Liquor, Women, Gambling: They're All Part of the Duval Story

By-FREDERICK HODGSON
SAN DIEGO, TEX.—No self-respecting boss-run barony is complete without its quota of syndicated sin. And Duval County, Texas, is no exception.

For the moment "the heat is on" and the gambling wheels are stilled, night sin-spots like El Rancho are closed, most of the women of easy virtue are in exile and traffic in illegal liquor and narcotics is very much under wraps.

One disgruntled deputy sheriff, raging at the Rangers who put him out of business, moved his house of prostitution, lock, stock and women, all the way to Houston.

The Rangers, armed with injunctions obtained by the Attorney General's office, simply padlocked the town.

"It was just like the good old days of prohibition," said Captain Alfred Allee, regarded by his fellows and by his superiors in Austin as one of the greatest Rangers of them all.

The merchants of sin fumed and fretted, appealed to the courts for injunctions of their own, tried every trick that wily lawyers could dream up. It was no soap. The places stayed closed and the gambling apparatus, the wheels and the dice and the tables, stayed carted away.

Quite naturally Captain Allee, Attorney General John Ben Sheppard, and all the others who had declared war on the Duchy of Duval and on its up-to-then undisputed ruler, Boss Parr, were rumpily cursed by the purveyors of iniquity. The machine went on.

This writer has a long document before him right now, a document revealing plans for the liquidation of Ranger Captain Allee and Ranger Joe Bridge.

If these killings had been carried out, they would not have been the first political murders in that "nothing section of deep South Texas. Several years before Lawyer Jacob Floyd and District Judge Sam Beams had been strangled for death. The pistolero got their signals mixed and killed Floyd's son by mistake. The life of the Attorney General has been threatened three times.

The gambling, the women and the liquor may have departed from Duval, for the time being, but the narcotics are still pretty good.

It is said by those who should know that 90 percent of all the illicit narcotics coming into the State are smuggled in from Mexico, most of it coming through San Diego. And only a small proportion of the total amount of dope brought into Texas, and from here spread all over America, is ever seized.

I checked with the United States Air Force. South Texas is 180 degrees out of phase to the radar screen, concentrated as it is to spot planes coming in from the Atlantic or from the Pacific. Unless I've been badly misinformed, the Mexican border is wide open to any airplane, Russian or smuggler. Besides, a plane coming almost at ground level would be safe from radar in any case.

Previous articles in this series have pointed out that this utterly fantastic county is a product of its isolated geography, its history and its people. But history fades and people change. So in Duval. Democracy is raw, red meat, nourishing stuff on which a man, or a people, can grow strong. In Duval the people are feeding full.

George B. Parr is fighting, and fighting desperately, for his political life and for his physical liberty. There's something magnificent and awesome about a good fighter, even when he's on the opposite side.

According to Attorney General John Ben Sheppard, to District Attorney Sam Burris, to Lawyer Jacob Floyd of Allee, and to half a hundred other Parr opponents I've talked to, the Duke of Duval is fighting his last big fight. The Duke, they say, is through, finished, licked.

According to one of Parr's top attorneys, dapper Luther Jones of Corpus Christi, Sheppard, Burris et al are dripping wet. They couldn't be more wrong. So says Jones.

"Look at it this way," said Jones to me. "This is an election year and the politicians are making hay. All this will blow over. These civil suits and indictments are pure politics and once the shouting is over they'll be allowed to run very quietly. You're a stranger to this part of Texas or you'd know all of this has happened before."

As Luther Jones talked my mind went back to long ago when I was just breaking into newspaper work on the old "Chicago Evening American." In those days Al Capone was running the rackets. I once met the King of the Racketeers and a right charming fellow he was. Nobody ever went to a murder rap on Al. He evaded.

In New York I've met Frank Costello, he of the television hands that Senator Kefauver made so famous. Talking to him at the Vesuvio Restaurant on West 48th Street, one of his favorite haunts, you'd never think he'd ever heard of a slot machine or a gaming table. Charming fellow. Lovely fellow. He's in jail.

"And all this business about political killings in Duval," Jones went on "they've been trying to run a killing on Parr for years. Don't you think he'd have been charged with murder long ago if they could've got something on him?"

Jones, who is nothing if not frank, admits without any quibbles that his client is no saint. He depicts George B. Parr as a man who gets what he wants when he wants it and who isn't overly squeamish about methods. And Jones had admitted as much in open court many times.

The well-dressed little lawyer, who presumably knows what is going on inside the Parr machine, has some interesting ideas about the future of Duval.

Should George B. Parr lose his battle, even be sent to prison, this does not mean the end of the Parr dynasty. Another Parr, the Duke's nephew, Archer Parr II, is ready to take over.

Should this switch happen, Duval history would be repeating itself. George Parr deposed his father just twenty years ago.

Archer Parr is a personable young man, 35, a Marine veteran. A family man, educated, and well schooled in the rough and tumble of Duval politics. He has served as sheriff under his uncle.

George B. Parr "did time" in Federal prison, in El Reno, Oklahoma, back in 1936. The charge was cheating on his income tax. When he got back home to San Diego he was greeted as a hero, as a man who had suffered persecution for the sake of his people. He was met by a brass band and by dancing in the streets.

But he returned to find that wire cutters had been at work on the Parr political fences that his father, Senator Archie Parr, the then reigning Duke of Duval, was unable to ride the range as of old.

George took over the power in Duval. His father went into exile, to live at the Nueces Hotel in Corpus Christi until his death.

Again George Parr is under indictment for income tax cheating, and again his followers say he is being persecuted for their sake. Should he again be convicted, on the tax charge or any one of a number of other Federal or State charges now pending against him, including a charge of using the mails to defraud, anything can happen in the county of Duval.

However, Luther Jones to the contrary, there is a vast difference between the Duval of 1936 and the Duval of 1956. (As a matter of fact, there is a vast difference between the Duval of 1954 and 1956, which will be the subject of the two final articles in this series.)

Twenty years ago the Parr power was solid as the Rocky Mountains, and seemingly as permanent. Men in Austin and Washington fawned upon the Duke, courted his favors, jumped when he crooked his little finger.

Parr could and did deliver 100 to 1 majorities in any election. He could loftily ignore the mundane doings of ordinary politics. He was the puissant prince, after the fashion of the Middle Ages.

But Parr has been projected, head over heels, into the unsympathetic new world of the Twentieth Century. The alchemy of his time has changed his county. George B. Parr was born just 500 years too late.

Actually, it was more than alchemy that changed Parr's county. The last two articles of this series will deal with what radical changes can be made in a boss-ridden county when one Attorney General gets it into his head that feudalism has got to go.



Governor Price Daniel has designated the week of February 16-23 as National Future Farmers of America Week in Texas. Governor Daniel is shown presenting the proclamation to Kenton Harvey, State FFA President and E. C. Weekly, Executive Secretary of the Texas Association of Future Farmers of America.

NOODLE NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Pope and Tommie Lynn, Mr. and Mrs. Frank McCaruh and children of Abilene spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Spurgin.

Mrs. Gladys Dooley and Grandmother Williams of Abilene were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Cooper. Grandmother Williams will be 95 years old next Aug. and weighs 52 lbs. She has very good health.

Mrs. Lula Smith and Mrs. Fannie Richardson of Killeen visited Mrs. Jim Boaz over the week end. Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Cox spent

Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lawlis.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Clement, Maurice and Jackie from Snyder spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell.

Rev. and Mrs. Johnnie Hamilton and son, Charles, and Norman Fugert were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Vallie Cross.

Mrs. Claud Smith visited her sister Mrs. Clifford Eoff.

Geo. Cooper is improving right along. He had a stroke in his left side. Oct. 19 last year. He is always glad to see any of his old friends and is eagerly waiting to celebrate his 72nd birthday Feb. 20.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Clark were made happy last Sunday when all their children were home for the first time in almost two years. They are Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Clark and family. Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Clark and boys, Mrs. Joe Edd, Mrs. Duff and daughter of Abilene. Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Clark, Girard Kansas, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Oleg Petroff of Lubbock. Mr. and Mrs. Junior Clark and son of Merkel and Mrs. Chas. West. Also Mr. and Mrs. Lige Harris visited them.

Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Ueckert of Noodle were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Campbell Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Spirell from Iowa Park, visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Pick Allen, this week.

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Mr. Lamoin Champ of The First Baptist Church, Tyler, delivered an interesting discourse at the Sunday Morning Service and will lead in the program for the week, "For Better Service In the Kingdom Building." The public is cordially invited to attend.

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HD Meeting Held

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Mrs. Karl Bonneaux and Mrs. H. H. Windham explained a demonstration on Buffet Suppers. They will serve food described in the deconstruction at a family night party, February 11.

The club members collected \$57.50 for the March of Dimes at a family night party in Mrs. W. L. Phillips home Jan. 19.

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Mrs. Lucy Ford is back home after a three weeks visit with a niece at De Kalb, a sister in Savan and a sister-in-law in Dallas.

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TO: H. L. TEDDFORD, Defendant, Greeting:

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A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: married on or about Dec. 31, 1955, and became separated on or about July 14, 1956. Plaintiff shows that certain community property has been accumulated but that no children have been born of this marriage. Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of mental cruelty, and asks that her maiden name of Blakley be restored, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this 22nd day of January A.D. 1957.

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(SEAL)
Attest: R. H. Ross, Clerk,
42nd District Court Taylor
County, Texas.
By Mrs. Jesse R. Swindell, Deputy.

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TO: BONNIE OPAL BALDWIN, Defendant, Greeting:

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A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: plaintiff and defendant were legally married on June 1, 1935 and separated 25th day of December 1950. Plaintiff alleges that there were no children born as a result of this marriage and no community property accumulated.

Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of harsh and cruel treatment, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit

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THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF Brick P. Bradshaw, Deceased, No. 5422, County Court, Taylor County, Texas Thelma Bradshaw Ledbetter, Administratrix in the above numbered and entitled estate, filed on the 13 day of February, 1957 her verified account for final settlement of said estate and requests that said estate be settled and closed, and said applicant be discharged from her trust.

Said application will be heard on by said Court at 10 o'clock A.M. on the first Monday next after the expiration of ten days from date of publication of this citation, the same being the 4 day of March, 1957, at the County Courthouse in Abilene, Texas.

All persons interested in said estate are hereby cited to appear before said Honorable Court at said above mentioned time and place by filing a written answer contesting such application should they desire to do so.

The officer executing this writ

shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF SAID COURT at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 13 day of February, A.D. 1957.

(SEAL)
Mrs. Chester Mutcherson
Clerk of the County Court, Taylor County, Texas,
By Inez Williams, Deputy.

STITH NEWS

A Forty-Two Party will be held at the Community Center, Saturday night February 23, the Ladies are asked to bring cookies. The men card tables and dominoes. Every one is invited.

The People of the Stith community regret losing the C. B. Rust family who are moving to Merkel.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Rust have been wonderful Leaders of the community and are going to be missed immeasurably. The people of Merkel are fortunate in having this family move to their city.

Mrs. J. B. Harris is home and doing nicely after spending several days in the Hospital.

Range Cover Demonstration To Be Given

Root plowing and rain seeding demonstrations are to be shown on the Booth Warren ranch on Highway 80 East 3 miles. Demonstrations are to start at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 26.

The Middle Clear Fork Conservation District is sponsor with Tom Russom in charge.

All farmers, ranchers, and business men from this area are invited.

This demonstration is in connection with the revegetation of rangeland to get much needed cover on ranges.

Mrs. Ed Haney and Mrs. Ruth Pangle spent the week end in Lubbock visiting Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Moreland and Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Buckner.



'QUEEN OF HEARTS' IN THE HEART OF — Dinah Shore, chosen "Queen of Hearts" by the nation's disc jockeys for the 1957 Heart Fund now in progress across the country, is shown being welcomed to Texas and Dallas by Mayor R. L. Thornton, Sr., of Dallas. Miss Shore made her only Texas stop in Dallas on a 10-city tour, appearing in behalf of the 1957 Heart Fund of the American and Texas Heart Associations. In urging generous support of the annual drive for funds with which to fight the nation's Number One killer-disease, the songstress pointed out that "heart disease has touched every one of us in some way." Miss Shore's mother died of coronary thrombosis, one of the forms of heart disease for which medical science still seeks a cure. Funds contributed to the annual Texas and American Heart Funds are used to further research into the causes and cures of heart disease, for medical and lay educational work and for community heart service programs.

UP THE CANYON

By TOM RUSSOM

Farmers are beginning to get in to the fields, but the ground is almost too wet to play. Everyone is feeling good over the fine rains we received.

Mr. and Mrs. Frazee Demerie were at church Sunday after being shut in due to their creek crossing being too muddy to get out.

They are not as young as they once were. The Demeries have a little ranch place back in the west end of the canyon which takes in some mountain country, which makes a fine home for deer and Demerie said the deer are really eating his small grain to the extent that he just didn't like it at all. We don't blame him for feeling that way about it, we think if they are the mountain boys deer they should take care of them, and if they are every body's deer, we will help take care of them.

Buck Baites who has been up in the State of Colorado working, has moved back to his farm in the west end of the canyon. Buck has been pushing cedar on the Boyd ranch. He was operating a cat dozer and got his leg broke. He will be laid up for some time.

The canyon received another 1/2 inch rain Sunday night.

The blue panic grass is beginning to put out now, that means the grass will furnish early grazing.

We are glad to know the feed bill will soon be over.

Tom Russom canyon stockman has taken a grass lease on the A. W. Hunter headquarters, he took the grass land and some farming land in the deal and has already put some cows and calves on it. The deal was made with John Hunter of Merkel.

Some people thought it would take the pastures in this area two or three years to come back in grass. But we don't think so if these good slow rains keep on coming. As one stockman said in twenty days from now we won't know our own county. And there will be more for stock to eat than there has been for several years.

Allen King has put some of his land in the soil bank for the ten year retirement and is now plowing it for seeding grass this Spring, all said if it would be good for five years, it would be better after ten. That is the longest period we know of any boys signing up for.

As King said we will know more about it after ten years.

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Mrs. M. Holloway ----- 15.00

FRIDAY—LOSER

S. O. Owens ----- 20.00

SATURDAY—LOSER

Elsie Roland ----- 25.00

MONDAY—LOSER

C. O. Hall ----- 30.00

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Mr. and Mrs. Trujett Jeffrey and sons Jerry, Jacky, Johnnie and Barbara Henderson visited Truitt Jeffrey's parents Mr. and Mrs. Jim Jeffrey of Electra Sunday.

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Mrs. Homer Patterson and Mrs. John Shannon visited in, Fort Worth last week end.
Mrs. Essie Former and Fred land of Nubia and Mrs. Former's daughter were visitors in the home of her sister Mrs. Blanch Campbell this week end.

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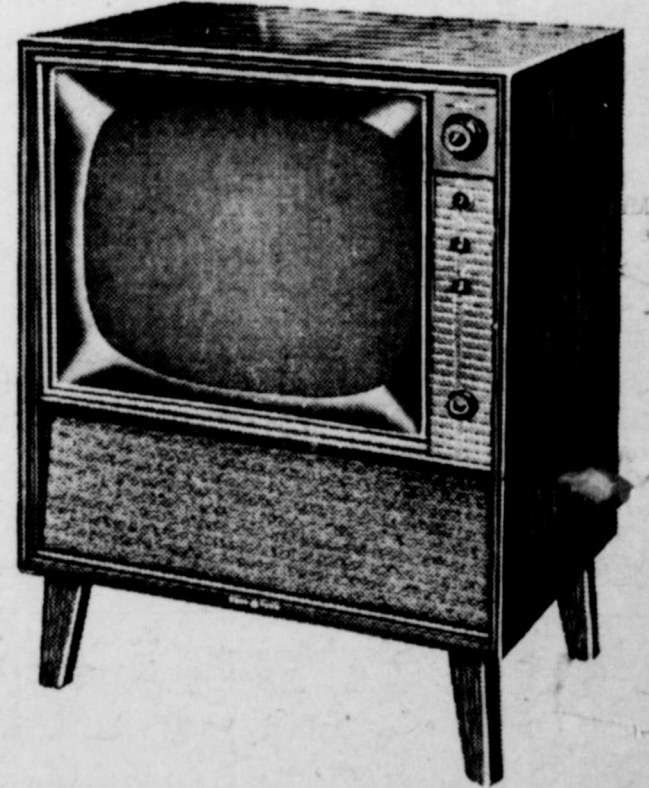
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SOCIETY

Mrs. Frank Grimes Reviews Book at Merkel Fortnightly Study Club Tea

Mrs. Frank Grimes of Abilene was guest reviewer at the annual Friendship Tea of the Fortnightly Study Club of Merkel Tuesday afternoon.

Lambda Betas Hold Tuesday Meet In REA Building

Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met at the R.E.A. Building Tuesday night, February 19, with Jean Goldstein as hostess.

Two programs were held. Mary Hargrove gave a very different and delightful program on The Dance by inviting some outside talent to our meeting.

Refreshments were served to Mary Hargrove, Gloria Dorton, Billye South, Rojean Hicks, Jane Wade, Mary Priscilla Hogsett, Lucille Litton, Eddis Lee Hardesty, Bonnie Dayton, Ruth McKinzie, Jean Goldstein and Viola Shields.

Bluebonnet HD Club Meets In Tom Russom Home

The Bluebonnet H. D. Club met February 19 in the home of Mrs. Tom Russom.

Mrs. Allen King, 4H mother leader gave tips on making a seed bed for growing young plants.

Mrs. Tom Russom gave a demonstration on Repair and care of electrical equipment and cords.

The next meeting will be March 5 with Mrs. Ford Butman, Miss Loretta Allen will give the lesson on Plain and Fancy Desserts.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Jones spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Homer Jones in Colbert, Arkansas.

Those attending a party in the home of Mrs. Russell Kidd Feb. 12th were: Mrs. Melvin Thompson, Mrs. Dan Kidd, Mrs. Homer Pursley, Mrs. Lee Sanders, Mrs. Deltie Davis, Mrs. Hugh Jeffrey, M. M. Lawlis, Mrs. E. F. Lawlis, Mrs. J. H. Lawlis, Mrs. W. T. Lawlis, Mrs. Adair, and Mrs. Childers.

Tyler Minister Speaks Here

Those who are taking advantage of the inspiring message of Bro. Champ this week are surely enriching their lives for daily living and Christian service.

Stith HD News

The Stith H. D. Club met Feb. 13th at the community center for their regular meeting.

God Bless America was led by our President Mrs. Edith Leach. Members repeated the club prayer in the absence of our club chaplain Mrs. Paul Bradley.

Hostess Gift was won by Mrs. John Gleneurk. The program was on Buffet Suppers by the food leaders.

Club members bought cards and had a Gift sale to add to our club fund.

Mrs. Estelle Hudson was appointed game chairman in the absence of Mrs. J. C. Brown.

Refreshments were served to twelve members seven children.

The next meeting will be Feb. 27th. Hostess will be Mrs. Billie Ray Browning. Program will be on selecting Furniture by agent.

Compere HD Club

The first meeting in February of the Compere Home Demonstration Club was held February 11 in the home of Mrs. J. C. Touchstone, when members met for a luncheon.

Mrs. Touchstone and Mrs. I. B. Ray, food leaders, prepared the luncheon as a demonstration for club members. The menu consisted of Chicken, Spaghetti, Garlie beans, a tossed salad and chocolate delight.

Mrs. Ab Hunter Jr., president, presided over the business meeting held in the afternoon.

Mrs. Hunter was elected to represent the Compere Club as nominee for delegate to the District 3 Home Demonstration meeting in Vernon, April 5.

The next club meeting will be February 28 in the home of Mrs. Vernon Stanley when the program on "selection of furniture" will be given by the agent, Mrs. Newberry.

Christi Touchstone was a visitor and club members present were Meses: Ray, Hunter, Pistole, Stanley and Touchstone.

Compere Club Has Valentine Party

The Club members of the Compere Home Demonstration Club surprised Mrs. Ernest Dixon with a valentine party Friday night February 15 in her home.

Union Ridge HD

The Union Ridge H. D. Club met Feb. 15th in the home of Miss Mabel McRee.

Mrs. Beauford Buntin led a prayer Little Valerie Buntin Sang songs.

Mrs. J. H. Clark presided for the business meeting. Mrs. Clyde Newton called Roll which was answered with One way I use aluminum foil. Miss McRee gave Treas. report.

Two programs were: Mrs. Buntin. The Care of Upholstery and Rugs. Mrs. M. L. Douglas, Guarding Our Family Happiness.

Mrs. Denzil Cox received gifts as our council delegate.

Visitors from Abilene were Mrs. Sam Cheek and Mrs. Odessa Barber.

Seven members and 1 child were served a refreshment plate.

Mr. and Mrs. Irl Walker went to Rosebud last week to attend the funeral of the latter's aunt Mrs. Bennie Davis. They were accompanied by Mrs. Lea Dickerson of Sylveser.

Univ. of Texas Student Wins 4th Scholarship Award

Colonel Wallace, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Wallace of 2810 S. 3rd Street, Abilene, formerly ofof Merkel, received his fourth one hundred dollar scholarship from the University of Texas for scholastic achievement and service to the school.

Colonel Wallace is a Senior pre-med majoring in zoology and minoring in chemistry. He is a member of Alpha Phi-Omega, the ex-scouting fraternity on the campus. This semester he was appointed community projects chairman. This branch of the APO takes time out each Friday to go to the Austin Cerebral Palsy Center and work there at various tasks.

He was appointed chairman of the "Ugly Man" contest. This is a contest to determine the ugliest man on the campus. Votes are sold and all proceeds go to charity. Last year they collected over \$4000 in this contest and are hoping for the same or more this year.

Gason Walker Attends School In Fort Worth


Gason Walker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Irl Walker has gone to Fort Worth to attend college. Gason received his B. A. Degree at Texas Western, at El Paso. After serving two years in the Army. He returned to El Paso and has been employed by the El Paso National Gas Company. He will remain in school until September. He is working on his Master's Degree. His brother Jimmy is football coach at Mason and he is studying on his Doctor's Degree. At Texas University his sister, Mrs. Cadmus Brown will be in H.S.U. at Abilene this summer her husband is V. A. teacher at Jayton.

Mrs. Levai Fugett and Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Ribby of Abilene were visitors in the home of Mrs. Florence Berry Sunday and attended the Sunday morning service at the First Baptist church.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Partain of Stamford were week end guests of their sister Mrs. P. E. Harris. Mr. and Mrs. A. H. McMurray are in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, visiting their daughter, Mrs. Russell Snow and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Stockbridge visited Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Vettoo of Abilene Sunday.

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Starr Rest Home

We are glad to welcome Mrs. R. L. Newman back from the Hospital. The patients were also happy to have her back home again.
 We had a good singing service Sunday morning when the Carr's came to sing for the patients. Their daughter Sue and husband and Marilyn Shoemaker and Mr. Darlin and Mr. Tarpley helped them sing.
 Uncle Jim Smith had surgery Tuesday morning in the Sadler Clinic. He is improving nicely at this time.
 We have a new patient, she is Mrs. Lina Sipe of Trent. We hope she will be very happy here in our home.
 Thanks to Mrs. Otis Altman of Abilene who brought Uncle Ben Wheeler and the home a big pound cake (Home made)
 Thanks to Mr. Martin, the night watchman for the nice bananas he brought to the Rest Home. We appreciated them very much.
 Mr. Spears came here in 1894 and lived here until 1914. He has lived in North Texas and New Mexico.
 He has served 17 years with the U. S. Civil Service. He retired in January. Mr. Spears likes to fish and hunt in Wyoming.
 They will return in about three weeks.
 Mr. and Mrs. Odie Williams of Trent and Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Williams of Post City visited friends in the home Sunday.
 Mr. J. W. and daughter Carolyn visited the home Sunday.
 Mr. Hollie Simpson and Mrs. Alva Starr of Sweetwater visited the Rest Home Sunday. We always welcome these nice people into our home, with out them there would have been no Starr Rest Home.
 Mr. and Mrs. Miller came Sunday afternoon and played the piano Sunday. We do appreciate these nice folks.
 Mrs. Mauldin of Abilene visited her sister Dottie Brown Sunday, with her was her mother Mrs. Brown of Hamlin.
 We enjoy Billie and R. G. Bond visiting in our home. Billie always plays the Piano for the patients. The patients always look forward to their visits.
 Mrs. Fields of Trent visited our home Saturday evening.
 Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Outlaw of Dublin are visiting in the home.
 We want to thank Mr. Fred Hughes and Mr. Joe Cypert for the nice street light that was placed in front of the Rest Home. The Staff as well as the owner appreciate the light.
 We appreciate the calls we get about hogs for sale. We got results from the ad in the Merkel Mail.

SYLVESTER NEWS

The Sylvester people have been asking for rain for a long time. Six inches fell last week. There has been no complaint of how it came either even though the Clear Fork river and creeks flooded lowlands and isolated some farm homes. Washed out bridges caused many people to be unable to get to work, and many children were unable to get to school.
 The Herbert McHaneys who live one mile north of Sylvester and teach in Roby Schools, were unable to get to school for four days. Mrs. James Beck who lives in Sylvester and teaches school in McCauley could not get to school for four days.
 Mrs. Charles Scott had to drive to Roby in order to get to Hamlin where she teaches.
 Mrs. Earnest Kiser is in the hospital at Rotan.
 Mr. Jim Lanning was notified that his father Dr. Lee Lanning had died with a heart attack Saturday while sitting in a chair at his home in DeQueen, Arkansas.
 Mrs. Vernon Tapp and Mrs. Winston Moore of Port Arthur, Texas visited their mother, Mrs. Mennie Combest Saturday and Sunday.
 Latrelle Bright of Trent spent Saturday night and Sunday with Francis Skipworth visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Pursley Jr. Sunday.

MISCELLANEOUS

SLATED Meeting for Eastern Star Chapter 212 will be Feb. 26, 7:30 p.m.
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