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## Coach Benson Voted 3-year New Contract

Carroll Benson and Chester Collingsworth were voted a three-year contract as head coach and vocational agricultural teacher by the Merkel School Board at its meeting Tuesday night.

This action was taken after the board canvassed the trustee election returns of April 6 and declared Ray Wilson and Waymon Adcock duly elected. In the reorganization J. W. Hammond was elected president of the board, M. H. Ely was named vice president and Ford Smith Jr., secretary.

New contracts were offered the following teachers: Lena Duna-



CARROLL BENSON  
... coach



CHESTER COLLINGSWORTH  
... vocational ag. teacher

gin, Nora Foster, Naomi Holloway, Elsie Nash, Lydia Norcross, Hazel Pargament, Alzada Pogus, Ouida Reid, Josephine Tidwell, Viola Shields, Eula West, Helen Benson, Lola Cox, Don Estes, Linnie Fisher.

Opal McLeod, Elleta Orshorn, Anna B. Shouse, Katherine Shu, Leon Walker, Mildred Win-

Chester Collingsworth, Bobbie Cooksey, Luck Haynes, Don Boyd, Ellen McReynolds, Billy R. Nail, Ruth Perkins, Evelyn Read, Winford G. Reed, Jo Ann Weir, Alfons J. Walla Leatrice Vest.

Contracts with Edwin Read, high school principal, and C. A. Farley, elementary school principal, were extended last year. The contract of Mack Fisher, superintendent of schools, was extended at the April 2 meeting.

## Young Baptists Hold Rally Thurs.

Mr. R. B. Hall, Jr., Quannah and H.S. University is guest speaker.

In preparation for the Baptist revival to start next Sunday the Young People of the Baptist Church are having an Evangelistic rally Thursday evening at 7 o'clock at the church.

The program will include a season of fellowship singing, a message by Mr. R. B. Hall, music and education Director of Quannah First Baptist Church and a season of prayer.

After the program the group will be served an old fashioned "Hot Dog Dinner". In the dining room of the church. Games will be held in the evening.

## Postal Service Curtailments Made Due To Lack Of Funds

Because of factors beyond the control of the Post Office Department, sufficient funds are not available to provide normal services during the final quarter of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1957.

Commencing April 13 the Merkel Post Office will be closed to the Public on all Saturdays and Sundays. All city and rural delivery service will be discontinued on Saturdays.

Effective Monday, April 15 window Service will be restricted to 8½ hrs. from 8:30 A.M. to 5 p. m.

Delivery of Mail to the business district will be restricted to one delivery each day beginning Monday, April 15.

These orders will be changed at anytime that sufficient funds, become available stated Postmaster Wrenn Durham.

## Coach Walker's Juniors Win 2nd Place at Anson

Merkel won second in the Junior High School Conference held at Anson last Saturday. Coach Leon Walker's athletes stacked up 30 1-3 points while Anson won the meet with 69½ points.

Hamlin took third with 29 1-3 points, Albany fourth with 7 and Rotan fifth with 5 5-6 points.

Pedro Ybarra took first in the broad jump and finished second in the 75-yard dash for Merkel. He won second in the 100-yd. dash.

In the football shuttle, 200-yard relay, Merkel came in fifth with Ronnie Reeger, Allen Tittle, James Bible and Eugene Hester running.

Merkel won second place in the 440-yard relay with the runners being Foy Epperson, Lester Dorton, Jr., Hester and Ybarra.

Bobby Gilmer gave Merkel fourth place in chinning.

Reeger tied with Rotan and Hamlin for fifth place in the high jump.

Merkel took the three top places in the shot put; Bible first, Reeger second and James Ayers third.

## Waymon Adcock Is Fire Chief; Newby Re-elected

Fire Chief Waymon Adcock was re-elected at the meeting of Volunteer Fire Dept. Monday night at the Fire Station.

President Homer Newby was re-elected.

Other officers elected were: Vernon Mansfield, vice president; Clyde Wurst, re-elected secretary-treasurer; Ed Sandusky, sergeant-at-arms; Pat Cypert, assistant chief, and Ollie Fox re-elected second assistant.

Roy Buchanan, chief hose police; Pat Cypert, hose captain 1; A. W. Thomas, hose captain 2; Chester McWilliams, chemical foreman; Pat Cypert, assistant chemical foreman; Ed Sandusky, door police; the Rev. George Epperson, re-elected chaplain; Freddie Mewborn, mascot.

## Sunrise Services

The Grace Presbyterian Church will have a sunrise service on Easter morning, April 21, beginning at 7:00. There will be special Easter music with D. A. Compton as soloist. Ed Jay of Abilene will be the speaker with Dr. Harry Saries of the Central Church in Abilene presiding for Communion.

## Clarence Gregory Killed in Crash; Funeral Is Friday

The body of Clarence Gregory, 19, who was killed Saturday in a headon collision, arrived here at 2:30 a.m. Wednesday and the funeral has been tentatively set for 3:30 p.m. Friday, pending the arrival of his brother Owen W., who is in the service in Alaska. The rites will be held in the Assembly of God Church with the Rev. William S. Agnew officiating.

The body was sent by railroad from Corpus Christi Naval Air Base accompanied by A-A Robert Pierce as escort.

Burial will be in the Rose Hill Cemetery with the Starbuck Funeral Home in charge.

Clarence who worked at one time for The Merkel Mail, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Gregory. He was killed when the car he was riding in was in a headon collision with a truck. The crash occurred between Edinburg and Falfurrias.

He was in the Navy and stationed at Kingsville Naval Air Station and had been in the service for about two years, taking his boot training at San Diego, Calif.

He attended Merkel High School and was a member of the Assembly of God Church. He was born April 2, 1938.

Besides his parents he is survived by five brothers, J. H. of Abilene, Owen W., who also worked for The Merkel Mail, Ira D., Leon, Albert; three sisters, Gagleine and Attleine, twins, and Audrey, all of Merkel, and his maternal grandfather, A. O. Gray of Cleburne.

Mrs. Edna Horton accompanied by Mrs. Josie Shanks spent the weekend with her daughter, Mr. & Mrs. Bill Nutt and family of Plainview.

## DAMAGE IS SLIGHT

A fire, originating in the water heater closet of the Kent Satterwhite home at 906 Yucca was extinguished by the local volunteer fire department. Only slight damage was reported.

## Wilson, Adcock Named Saturday To School Board

Two members for the Merkel Independent School District board of trustees were elected for three terms here Saturday.

Ray Wilson, local grocery and motel owner, was re-elected with 153 votes, Waymon Adcock, dry-cleaning business owner and Merkel fire marshal, won with 122 votes. Adcock replaced H. D. Redding, who did not run for re-election.

Others in the race were Joe Cypert, 99 votes, and Jarrett Pinckley, 90 votes. There were 233 votes cast.

Holdover trustees are J. W. Hammond, Ford Smith, Jr., Joe Seymore, Ellis Harris and M. H. Ely.

# 30 Rent Units Planned Here

## Merkel School Superintendent Gets New Contract

At the school board meeting on Tuesday night, April 2, the school extended the contract of Mack Fisher, superintendent of the Merkel schools, for three years. Mr. Fisher expressed his appreciation to the school board and community for the cooperation extended to him during the past eight years. "We are completing one of our most successful years in athletics and in literary activities," Fisher said, "and it is a pleasure to work with

such a fine group of teachers, employees, and students."



MACK FISHER  
... gets new term

Plans to build 30 housing units for rental purposes were discussed at a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce Monday night at the REA auditorium.

This will be a federal rental housing project for Merkel. The property would belong to Merkel when paid for. The homes would rent for less than \$90 per month and would be of brick or masonry or some permanent type construction.

Before anything can be done the City Council will have to vote to ask the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) to make a survey of Merkel to determine the feasibility of this project.

The Chamber of Commerce discussed the industrial survey that has been made.

President Charles Hogsett presided with 24 members present.

# Bouquet of Fashions Is Sensational Show

"Bouquet of Fashions," a style show, was presented Tuesday night by the Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi in the high school auditorium and was a great success.

Guests were welcomed by Mary Hargrove, president of the sorority.

Mrs. Clyde Bartlett was the director of the show and Mrs. W. T. Sadler the Commentator.

Models strolled through a perfect garden setting to display fashions for vacation, Easter and formal wear. Center of attraction in the garden decorations was a huge pink apple tree. A white picket fence covered with pink and red roses and an arch of red roses formed the background. White ornamental wrought iron furniture was used throughout the "garden."

Stores furnishing the clothes were Mellinger's Bragg's and Vera's.

Jan Beasley modeled a party dress from Vera's that was made by Mrs. Fineless Bartlett. The dress was a red dimity with rows of ruffles trimmed in white lace and had its own matching petticoat.

Mrs. John Hamner wore a black sleeveless torso dress from Mellinger's. A cross-stitch embroidered band of white satin ran to the piped torso line where it ended in a large black bow. It also featured a low rounded back and a full shirred skirt.

A black and white checked gingham from Bragg's was worn by Mrs. Gerald Derrick. It was a three-piece dress with a detachable shoulder cape that was lined in red. The dress had a taffeta bow and a white collar.

Jewelry and hair styles were by Ann's Beauty Shop, Nell's Beauty Shop and the Trent Beauty Shop.

Johnny Hardesty at the piano and Mr. Reed and his Swing Band furnished the background music.

Monologues in dialect were given by Lucille Gerber of Abilene during intermission. A special solo, "The False Prophet," was sung by Jane Wade, one of the sorority members.

Passing out programs and ushering were Judy South, Sharon Cypert, Donna McKenzie and Pennie Gardner. They were dressed in pastel formals.

Val Patterson and Jane Wade were in the entertainment committee.

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## C of C Manager Resigns Position

Onis Crawford has resigned as Manager of the Merkel Chamber of Commerce to accept a similar position with the Dalhart C of C, according to Mr. Charles Hogsett, president.

Mr. Crawford's resignation was accepted by the board of directors at a called meeting Wednesday morning. He will leave for his new duties around May 1.

At the same meeting, the board of directors voted to hire Orville D. Roland, former editor of the Merkel Mail, to fill the vacancy left by Crawford. Roland will assume duties here on April 24.



ONIS CRAWFORD  
... tenders resignation

## Rev. Ray Johnson Ends Revival

Rev. R. Johnson ended a week's revival Sunday, April 7, at the First Methodist Church. Bro. Johnson gave very interesting and inspirational messages in both the evening and morning services throughout the week.

Weldon Crowley, a Senior ministerial student at McMurry led the singing and presented special music. He also led a Youth Prayer Meeting held each night before the revival service.

## Merkel Hi. Student Wins DAR Contest

The local school officials have notified that Miss Jocille Thompson, a senior in the Merkel High School, has been declared district winner in the Annual Good Citizens Contest. This contest is sponsored by the Texas Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. In selecting the winner, the judges considered the qualities of dependability, leadership, service, and patriotism. A beautiful Daughters of American Revolution pin and a Good Citizen's Certificate of Award will be presented to Miss Thompson.

Jocille has been a member of the school band for 5 years, was elected senior class favorite, is the senior class reporter, co-editor



JOCILLE THOMPSON  
... DAR winner

of The Badger Annual and has been a member of that staff for 4 years. She is president of the Local Librarian's Club, and officer in the FTA, and parliamentarian in FHA.

Miss Thompson is also active in church work. She is the local president of MYF and president of the Abilene district of MYF. Jocille is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Irven Thompson, 212 Rose St.

## HOSPITAL NOTES

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

Mr. Pete Morris  
Mrs. Myrtle Byrum  
Mr. Frank Carter  
Mr. D. H. Vaughn  
Mrs. Fred Dick  
Mr. E. C. Hendricks  
Mrs. M. G. Holloway  
Mr. Carmen Moreno  
Miss Nancy Hunter  
Mr. M. L. Jones  
Mrs. Marvin Freeman  
Billy Watts  
Mr. Jay McCartney  
Jane Clift  
Mrs. C. E. Quinn  
Mr. R. N. Penticost

# DOLLAR DAY IS TUESDAY FOR EASTER BARGAINS

Easter is fast approaching and Easter finery will be of top consideration. And Dollar Day comes next Tuesday to help you make Easter a most welcome occasion.

The Merkel Merchants are preparing for this outstanding Dollar Day for Easter, featuring the latest styles that will delight the discriminating buyer. There will be styles for the ladies and styles for the men. And all the styles featured in the Beta Sigma Phi Style Show.

The grocers are making special concessions for the Easter season. Also featuring bargains are the beauty parlors and so forth. Look over the bargains listed in the paper today and make a list of what you want and need and note the savings you can make.

Merkel Merchants want you to trade with them. They are offering the best bargains possible for the Easter season to show you exactly what they mean when they invite you to come in. The dollar you spend in Merkel makes Merkel a better town in which to trade and to live, and it saves you money.

The friendly town of Merkel invites you to come and trade in Merkel for bigger and better and latest values. Join the happy buyers in Merkel for bigger and better and latest values. Join the Tuesday on Dollar Day.

PRICE CORRECTION IN BRAGG'S AD  
Price that reads dresses were \$14.95 now \$10.19  
Should Read \$14.95 now \$10.95

## Vera Jinkins, Jack Brooks Wedding Vows Exchanged March 31

In a setting of tall baskets of white gladioli cathedral candelabra entwined with fern and holding bridal tapers and satin bow-marked pews, Miss Vera Jinkins and Jack Brooks pledged their troth.

The double ring ceremony was solemnized by Mr. Joe Brooks, uncle of the groom, Sunday, March 31, at 3 p. m. in the Raymondville Church of Christ.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Jinkins of Raymondville, Mrs. B. J. Norrell of Corpus Christi, and Mr. S. S. Brooks of Houston.

The bride arrived at the church on the arm of her father who gave her in marriage. She wore a formal gown of imported white chantilly French lace over arnel tissue taffeta and net with myriads of lace net ruffles in the back cascading into a brief train. It was styled with long sleeves, fitted bodice embroidered with pearls and sequins and fastened down the back with tiny satin buttons.

A tiered, misty veil of silk cascaded from a tiara of sequins and pearls and she carried a white orchid surrounded by white carnations mounted on a pearl-encrusted Bible.

Mrs. Norman Swanberg was matron of honor. She wore a waltz length dress of purple velvet with orchid taffeta around waist line coming to a bow in back. The bridesmaids were Mrs. Jerry Paul Cobb of Brownville, Miss Martha Richards of Elsa, Miss Nancy Batchelor and Miss Betty Bullion of Raymondville. The bridesmaids wore orchid taffeta dresses trimmed with purple velvet bows. Their ensembles were completed with net ruffled hats and velvet gloves.

Miss Linda Brooks, cousin of the groom, and Miss Joyce Smith

served as candle lighters. They wore identical dresses of orchid brocade antique taffeta and white nylons pearl trimmed gloves.

Miss Robbie Fuller of Houston, niece of the bride was flower girl. She wore an orchid taffeta dress trimmed with purple velvet. Jerry Florence was ring bearer.

Jerry Brooks, cousin of the groom, was best man and the groomsmen were Pat Bullock, Robert Ling, Jerry Veit of Corpus Christi and Bob Smith of Raymondville. The ushers were George Dalton Brooks of Raymondville and Butch Brooks of Sinton both cousin of the groom.

The bride's mother chose for her costume, a dress of beige lace with matching accessories. Her corsage was of white carnations. The groom's mother wore an Elizabeth blue silk sheath dress with white accessories and a white rose corsage.

Mrs. Jack Arnold of George West sang "Because" and members of the church sang "I Love You Truly" and "The Wedding March."

Miss Janice Peeples of Raymondville was at the bride book to register guests.

A reception was held in the home of the groom's uncle Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Freeman Brooks where the bridal couple, their parents and Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Brooks greeted guests.

The brides table was dressed in a white nylon net gathered shirt over white satin, enhanced by a double net ruffle around the table edge. The bouquets of the bride and bridesmaids formed the centerpiece.

The three tiered cake was decorated with pink frosting roses and white swans. A miniature bridal couple standing under an archway graced the top tier. Appearances were in crystal.

Punch was served by Miss Helen Handly and the cake was served by Miss Judy Harbin.

The bride graduated from Raymondville High school and Draughon's Business College in Abilene. The groom graduated from W. B. Ray High School in Corpus Christi. At present he is employed by H. E. B. in Corpus Christi.

After a week honeymoon, the couple will make their home at 1110 Gregg Street, Corpus Christi, Texas.

Out of town guest were Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Norell, Mr. and Mrs. Joe B. Sosebee and family, Mrs. Albert C. Sosebee of Corpus Christi, Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Fuller and family and Jack Ferguson of Houston, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Brooks and children of Sinton, Mrs. Jane Heimke and children of Brownville, Celia Thurman, Fred Cowley and David Robenett of ACC, Abilene.

## Mrs. David Gamble Presents Program

Officers and Teachers Banquet of the First Baptist Church was held on Monday night, April 1, with Supt. Perry Davis, presiding. The opening prayer was offered by Mr. Irl Walker. Mrs. Roy Miller accompanied the congregation in a song. The program was presented by Mrs. David Gamble, "Importance of Officers and Teachers Meeting," Mrs. A. L. McAden, "Preparation for Teaching and Importance of Cradle Roll Work." Mr. Howard Carson closed the meeting with a prayer.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Stockbridge spent the past weekend with their mother, Mrs. Nannie Glenn, of Breckenridge.

## Test Yourself How Safe Do You Drive

1. If you are involved in an accident, you should first: (A) get away as quickly as possible; (B) help anyone that is injured; (C) notify the police; (D) get the other fellow's license number.

2. When driving in a heavy fog, rain, or snow at night, you can increase visibility by: (A) using your "dim" lights; (B) using your "bright" lights; (C) using your parking lights; (D) not using any lights at all.

3. The most frequent cause of a fatal traffic accident is: (A) unsafe speed; (B) poor brakes; (C) poor roads; (D) old jalopies.

4. When you meet or pass a Texas school bus that is stopped to unload or load children you should: (A) honk loudly to warn the kids; (B) slow down and proceed with caution; (C) pull to other side of road and go on by; (D) stop, then pass cautiously at a speed not to exceed 10 mph.

5. The season manufacturers put an emergency brake on a car is to: (A) save wear and tear on foot brake; (B) stop quickly when necessary; (C) keep a parked car from rolling; (D) have a car with all accessories.

6. Most non-fatal traffic accidents are caused by: (A) drunk drivers; (B) errors in judgment; (C) nagging back-seat drivers; (D) mechanical condition of cars.

7. If blinded by an oncoming car's headlights, a driver should: (A) shield his eyes with his hands; (B) show the other driver what bright lights he has too; (C) watch center line of highway; (D) watch right side of road.

8. The legal speed limit for vehicles other than trucks, buses and taxis on open Texas highways is: (A) 65 mph day and 55 night; (B) 60 mph day and 55 mph night; (C) 60 mph day and 50 mph night; (D) as fast as you can get away with.

9. If you are driving at the legal speed limit and a car behind you honks to pass you should: (A) block his path so he won't get arrested for speeding; (B) slow down until he passes then toot your own horn; (C) decrease your speed and give way to him; (D) go a little faster yourself.

10. If you are following a truck downhill you should: (A) keep far enough behind it so that your view ahead isn't blocked; (B) stay close to rear of truck so other cars can't squeeze ahead of you; (C) blow your horn in the daytime or flicker your lights at night so the truck will pull off the road for you; (D) wait until the truck is slowed by next hill before passing.

ANSWERS: 1-B; 2-A; 3-A; 4-D; 5-C; 6-B; 7-D; 8-B; 9-C; 10-A.

Mrs. W. M. Elliott visited her sister-in-law, Mrs. G. W. Elliott, in Abilene, last week. Mrs. G. W. Elliott had been ill in the hospital for five weeks, but had recovered sufficiently to be removed to the home of her daughter, Mrs. Albert Fudge.

Mr. Stanley Sewell delivered an interesting message at the First Baptist church Sunday night March 28. His theme was "Love". Mrs. Stanley Sewell also attended this service both of Sweetwater.

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## Dr. Elliott H-SU Speaker

ABILENE, April 9. (Sp1) — Friends of the Hardin-Simmons University Library will hear Dr. L. R. Elliott, library director for Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, at dinner April 16 at the Abilene Woman's Club.

Miss Mable Willoughby, H-SU librarian, said all alumni and friends of Hardin-Simmons are invited to attend the special dinner. Reservations should be made by April 13 by calling or writing the library, Miss Willoughby said.

The senior class of H-SU will make its presentation of a class gift endowment fund to be given to the library for the purchase of additional volumes each year. David McPherson, senior class president, will make the presentation.

The seniors are currently conducting a drive for the endowment fund from senior class members. They have a goal of \$1,500.

The dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. on April 16. Miss Willoughby emphasized that anyone interested in the H-SU library may attend and she issued a special invitation for out-of-town guests throughout this West Texas area.

## PTA Meeting April, 16

David Gamble will discuss "How Can Citizens Help Their Schools" at the P.T.A. meeting to be held in the school auditorium next Tuesday night, April 16, at 7:30.

"Vocational Opportunities in our High School" will be related by Chester Collinsworth.

A Dress Review will be presented by the local Homemaking Class, under the direction of Mrs. Billy Beard.

Music will be furnished by the High School Girls' Quartet directed by Mrs. Comer Haynes.

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**Cecil Taylor Is Winner at Trent**

Cecil Taylor was elected mayor of Trent Tuesday by a landslide vote, receiving 41 of the 47 votes cast in the mayoral election.

Named aldermen were C. C. Estep, with 42 votes, and L. D. Jones, with 40 votes.

Other candidates for mayor and the votes they received were: Choc Hutcheson and J. G. Wilks, two each; and Bill Forrester and C. W. Edwards, one each.

Aldermen candidates in the election and their votes were: C. H. Hutcheson, 2; and Tom Williamson, Dow Williamson and Earl Strawn, one each.

**FAMILY REUNION**

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Farmer had all of their children at home March 20 for a family reunion.

Attending were: Eddie Farmer, of El Paso, Lt. and Mrs. James Farmer, Fort Sill, Okla., Mr. and Mrs. Travis Farmer and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Hewitt and son, Larry, of Abilene, and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Farmer, two of the grandchildren, Billy Lee and Lelan Farmer. Ralph Eugene is with his grandmother King, Mrs. Eddie Farmer and Ralph Eugene did not attend.

Charter No. 7481 Reserve District No. 11  
REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE

**Farmers and Merchants National Bank OF MERKEL**

IN THE STATE OF TEXAS, AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON MARCH 14, 1957 PUBLISHED IN RESPONSE TO CALL MADE BY COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY, UNDER SECTION 5211, U. S. REVISED STATUTES.

**ASSETS**

1. Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balance and cash items in process of collection	\$983,485.85
2. United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed	967,998.10
3. Obligations of States and political subdivisions	552,301.32
5. Corporate stocks (including \$6,000.00 stock of Federal Reserve bank)	6,000.00
6. Loans and discounts (including \$2,900.17 overdrafts)	624,143.58
7. Bank premises owned (do not own), furniture and fixtures	1,250.00
<b>12. TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$3,135,178.85</b>

**LIABILITIES**

13. Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	\$2,750,392.59
15. Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings)	11,982.07
16. Deposits of States and political subdivisions	128,433.24
18. Other deposits (certified and cashier's checks, etc.)	1,744.68
19. TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$2,892,552.58
<b>24. TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>2,892,552.58</b>

**CAPITAL ACCOUNTS**

25. Capital Stock:	
(c) Common stock, total par	100,000.00
26. Surplus	100,000.00
27. Undivided profits	42,626.27
<b>29. TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS</b>	<b>\$ 242,626.27</b>
<b>30. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS</b>	<b>\$3,135,178.85</b>

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I, Geo. T. Moore, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief

GEO. T. MOORE, Cashier

CORRECT—Attest

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Directors

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Sworn to and subscribed before me this 2nd day of April, 1957 and I hereby certify that I am not an officer or director of this bank. (SEAL).

BETTY JANE TITTLE, Notary Public.

My commission expires June 1, 1957.

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## Former Editor Greeted Warmly By Merkelites

By Hy White

It is wonderful to be back in Merkel and feel the heart-warming greetings of the good people here. Mrs. White and I are here visiting for a few days. I recall the first day I came to Merkel. Mrs. White and I walked down the street and everyone smiled at us and nodded and some said "hello."

"They must know us," I remarked.

"They're just friendly," my wife explained.

So we found it then, so we found it while we lived here publishing the Merkel Mail, and so we have found it now. Merkel is a friendly town, the people are friendly, they make one feel at home. Merkel is a fine place to live in.

Editor Bob Gardner and his charming wife, Maxine, have been kind enough to ask me to tell something about ourselves since we left Merkel over a year and a half ago.

After leaving here we went back to Missouri, our home state, and lazed around for a while. Then we went to New York where we saw my brother whom I had not seen for 12 years and to Boston where we saw my sister whom I had not seen for 26 years!

We returned to Missouri after a few weeks and visited a college professor and his wife who are very close friends of ours. They asked us to stay and live in Columbia where the state university is located.

At the School of Journalism at the university they offered me the position of teaching photography. But not knowing anything about the subject I had to decline. However I did accept work in the editorial of the Columbia Daily Tribune, writing feature stories and editorials and news stories. While there I put out their agriculture edition. In the meantime I sent features to the Kansas City Star and the St. Louis Post-Dispatch that were accepted.

As winter approached Mrs. White proposed that we go to a warm climate so that she would not have to live through the severe winter. We settled on Florida and went down to West Palm Beach, where the "Gold Coast" is. Across the bridge from West Palm Beach is Palm Beach, where the millionaires live in the winter season.

I lost no time in getting work on the Palm Beach Post-Times, writing feature stories and editorials. Also had the experience of writing about an approaching hurricane. I went over to Palm Beach, traveled along Ocean Drive and saw the savage waves of the Atlantic Ocean beat down seawall that cost the town \$18,000 to repair! At the same time on coming back to West Palm Beach in my car I ran into a street near the water that was being flooded by the high waves. I had a fearful feeling pushing along, not knowing when I would be stranded, high but not dry, in the middle of the road. I finally succeeded in turning into a used car lot and breathed easily... then.

Many persons, especially from the East Coast, come to West Palm Beach and Palm Beach. Many come ill and stay to be-

come well. The Florida sunshine has a wonderful healing effect.

We have enjoyed swimming in the Atlantic Ocean, which one can do almost every day of the year as the surf is around 74 degrees all the time. We tried to get our suntan too quickly and got sunburned. And by the way, I wrote that story up, "How to Get a Suntan in Two Easy Lessons," and the St. Louis Post-Dispatch bought the story and gave me a by-line with it.

Merkel looks almost the same to me. The sharp temperature around the upper 40s that I have felt while here have been most exhilarating. I like it.

I miss some of my good friends the ministers. The Rev. Hugh Hunt, the Methodist minister, is gone; the Rev. Tullock, the Baptist minister, is gone; Minister Layton Plaster, the Church of Christ leader, is gone. So is the Rev. Earp, Assembly of God Church minister.

Time brings changes. The long drought seems to be gone for this year as President Booth Warren told me that the prospects at this time look very bright. The air base has helped Merkel greatly.

One thing, however, does not change. It is the friendliness of Merkel. And that is an asset that cannot be bought or sold. It is in the hearts of people. Merkel is very fortunate to have that kind of people, friendly people, people that make a town worth living in.

## First Baptist Holds Revival

Merkel will have an opportunity for one week beginning next Sunday to hear a bible expositor and evangelist of unusual ability in the coming of Dr. Harry A. Marko of Austin, Texas.

There will be two services each day, 10:00 am and 7:30 p.m. Prayer services for various age groups will meet at 7:00 p.m. A junior choir will also meet at 7:00 o'clock and this group will sing a special number each evening of the meeting. Boys and girls of junior age group, in this case ages five thru twelve are invited and urged to attend of all faiths. This group may well be one of the principal singing groups for the week. Don Jones, Church Music Director will have charge of the music for the meeting.

The people of the community are invited to know Dr. Marko for what he really is, an humble man. He is a man of culture in the music and medical field before his conversion which has deepened his love and understanding for everyone he meets. To hear him is to love and respect him not so much for what he knows but for what he is and he is just what he is because of what Christ has done within. Hear him for yourself in the urgent prayer of your neighbor. First Baptist Church.

## Trent Jr. 4-H In County Contest

The Trent Jr. 4-H Club was represented at the Taylor County Demonstration elementation contest by the following girls: Sue Bankston participated in the Individual Jr. Dairy Foods contest and won First Award. Sue King and Betty McAninch entered the Junior Teams Dairy Foods Contest and won Third Award. Barbara McAninch and Kay McWilliams won Fourth award in the Junior Vegetable Team Demonstration.

The girls were accompanied to Abilene by the clubs mother leaders, Mrs. Allen D. King and Mrs. Cal McAninch.

Kermit Rutledge defeated opponents from Roby and Cohoma in tennis but lost to Roscoe in the finals. He came out with second place in the district meet. Carl McKeever and Jerry Miller lost to Roby in first round.

Mr. L. J. Renfro, Edwin Renfro, E. H. Dick and Mrs. Carvel Clark went to Ft. Worth Sunday to see the baseball game between the Milwaukee Braves and the Brooklyn Dodgers.

## Mrs. Sandusky, 90 Dies In Bronte

MERKEL, April 4 (RNS)—Mrs. Nellie Sandusky, 90-year-old Merkel resident, died at noon Thursday in the Bronte Hospital following a long illness.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday in the Merkel Church of Christ with Claud C. Smith, minister of Weatherford, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery here, directed by Starbuck Funeral Home.

She was born Nellie Koger, March 26, 1867, in Kentucky. There she married the late E. S. Sandusky, Aug. 30, 1888. They moved to Hunt County, Tex., in 1892 and lived in Ballinger and Bronte before moving to Merkel in 1915.

Survivors include one brother, Elijah Koger of Kentucky; six sons, Dewey, William and Eddie of Merkel, Jessie of Bromide, Okla., Elmer of Harrison, Ark., and Austin of Bronte; four daughters, Mrs. W. N. Watson of Duncan, Ariz., Mrs. L. W. Beaty of Bronte, Mrs. Annie Blackaby of Greenville, Mrs. Orajie Hines of Coolidge, Ariz.; 21 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren.

## Little League To Hold Tryouts

Little League tryouts will be held starting Monday April 15th through Friday, April 19th at the High school field starting daily at 4 o'clock.

All boys eight years of age and who have not reached the age of thirteen by Aug. 1st, are eligible to play in the Little League.

The Merkel League is affiliated with the National Little League Organization and are eligible to compete in tournament play all the way to national championship.

Regular season play opens May 7th. Each team will play 2 games weekly until season closes about the middle of July.

Fathers are urged to attend tryouts and are asked to bring their hammers and crow bars.

## Walter Frazier Funeral Held

Walter Frazier, 63, died Friday night in the Sadler Clinic Hospital soon after suffering a heart attack.

Mr. Frazier was born Feb. 2, 1894 in Bell County and moved to Taylor County in 1895. He married Tennie Gertrude Pyland Feb. 24, 1916. They farmed near Merkel since 1924.

Funeral was held Sunday at the First Baptist Church with Rev. Alvin Swindell, minister of the Stith church officiating. Assisted by Rev. Saffie of Merkel. Burial was in the Merkel cemetery with Starbuck Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Survivors include his wife; three sons, John of Marlowe, Okla., George of Aspermont, and Gene of 2110 N. 6th St., Abilene; one brother W. H. Frazier of Sweetwater and three sisters.

Attending the funeral in Snyder Thursday, April 4, of F. G. Sears, brother-in-law of Mr. & Mrs. Sam Swann, were the Swanns, their daughter Mrs. R. B. Dalziel of Fort Worth, Miss Christine Collins and Dr. & Mrs. W. T. Sadler. Mr. Sears died of a heart attack Wednesday.

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## Trent 4-H Holds Annual Bake Sale

The Trent Junior 4-H Club held its annual Bake Sale on Friday, March 15. An assortment of cakes, pies, doughnuts, cupcakes and brownies were sold and netted the club a total of \$14.65.

On the sales committee were: Sue Bankston, Betty McAninch, Barbara McAnich, Kaye McWilliams, Sherry Heathy, Anna Griffith, Sue Dickerson and Thelma Hellums.

On the preceding Tuesday the regular club meeting was held in the study hall. Present were 18 members, one mother leader, Mrs. Allen D. King and the agent, Miss Martha Gilliland, asst. H. D. Agent showed slides on bedroom accessories. We discussed our Bake Sale. The president appointed a committee to take orders for cakes and one to sell.

## Kings Daughters Class Holds Meet

The King's Daughters Class of the First Methodist Church met Tuesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Genia Graham. Co-hostess was Mrs. Dora Windham.

Mrs. Brooks Patterson gave the devotional and the prayer was by

Mrs. Rinda Campbell. Members present answered the roll call with a passage of scripture.

A delectable plate was served to 15 members and one visitor, Mrs. Lizzie Latham.

The next meeting of the class will be held in the home of Mrs. Bettie Sue Berryman.

## Rites Held For Mrs. Armstrong

The funeral service for Mrs. Ida Armstrong, age 87, Merkel resident since 1905, was held at 4 p. m. Monday at the Merkel Methodist Church with the Rev. Cloy Lyles, pastor, officiating.

He was assisted by the Rev. Joe Norton of Hamlin and the Rev. Harold Morris of Ackerly. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery under direction of Starbuck Funeral Home of Merkel.

Mrs. Armstrong died at 11:45 a.m. Sunday at her home here. She had been in ill health several years.

She was born June 14, 1869 in Huntington, Tenn., and moved with her family to Lampasas at the age of five. She taught school in the Lampasas vicinity before her marriage to Dr. Marvin Armstrong on May 10, 1896 in Adamsville.

The couple moved to Merkel in

1905. Dr. Armstrong died in November, 1942.

Survivors include one son, Dr. W. Frank Armstrong of Fort Worth; one daughter, Mrs. Johnny Cox of Merkel, one granddaughter and two great-granddaughters.

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## Mother, Daughter Injured In Fall From Pickup

Mrs. Freda Ann Townzen 18 years of age, and also her small 21-months-old daughter received minor injuries when they rolled out of their pickup truck as her husband turned a corner north on the Kent Street from N. 4th at 12:05 p.m. Saturday.

The child, Romona Ann, escaped injury as her mother braked the fall.

Mrs. Townzen suffered skinned knees and elbows when she was dragged momentarily on the gravel road. She lost the hold she had on the truck and rolled off the gravel onto the pavement, losing consciousness for about 10 minutes.

She and the child were taken to Sadler Clinic by Starbuck Funeral Home Ambulance where they were treated and released.

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## JUNIOR HIGH VICTORIES

Editorial

The Junior High School has just completed an outstanding season under the leadership of Coach Leon Walker.

The fast Junior Badgers crashed into the open by winning the District Basketball Conference.

When Coach Walker's scrappers led into the front again by taking first place in the District Volleyball meet.

And they closed the season last Saturday by grabbing second place in the track meet at Anson.

This is a record to be proud of. The Junior Badgers show that Merkel will have some good material to keep in mind as they go into the Senior High School. These Juniors have worked hard and

### CARD OF THANKS

We want to express our sincere thanks for the many nice deeds rendered and the comforting words spoken, during the death of our beloved Ruby Cole or "Mama Cole" as ever one knew her.

To Dr. Sadler and Dr. Warren and the entire hospital staff for their excellent care during her stay there.

To her pastor, Rev. George Epperson and the members of the Calvary Baptist Church and to the ministers of this city and other ministers of other places who came by her bedside and prayed with her.

To the staff at the Rest Home who helped in so many ways to try to relieve her suffering.

To the people of this community who offered their help in so many ways, who brought such lovely and appetizing food into our home; who sent flowers and cards to cheer her frail little body, for the beautiful and bountiful floral offering after her death and the ones who arranged them.

To Mr. & Mrs. Fred Starbuck and staff who took such good care of the body.

We do thank each and every one who helped us in this sad hour May God Bless each and every one is our prayer.

Mr. & Mrs. B. W. Outlaw  
Mr. & Mrs. J. W. Cole & Carolyn

Mr. & Mrs. Wallace Doan and Brenda and her sisters, Mrs. Mrs. Pearl Wiggins, Mrs. Pate Baker and Mrs. Edna Lye.

given all they have to make Merkel a school to be reckoned with. We congratulate the Juniors and we congratulate their coach Leon Walker. We are justly proud of them.

## UP THE CANYON

By TOM RUSSOM

Due to the cold weather farmers are working their land, and not planting until later. Perhaps when it rains.

Mr. & Mrs. Harold Swinney, son of Mr. & Mrs. Joe Swinney, are working for a highway construction company. They moved

Mr. & Mrs. Ford Butman took Mrs. Butman's mother, Mrs. Ella Ray to Dallas Sunday to visit her other daughter, Mrs. Homer Ferguson.

This Saturday night at 7 p.m. we are having a chili supper and a program at the Community Center. Come and bring your family. We are planning a good time, reports President R. G. Tombs, and program Chairman, Mrs. Louis Butman.

Some of the boys are getting ready to plow up their winter peas. The peas have made a good growth the last two weeks and are now blooming. Some will plant cotton and feed when they cut their peas and others will wait and sow wheat.

Mrs. J. B. (Abbie) Sloan passed away at her home in Big Spring, March 28. Burial was in Memorial Park there on Saturday. There were fifty-four relatives attended including four sisters and five brothers all of Merkel. Mrs. Sloan was the oldest of the ten Butman children

## Eastern Star To Hold Supper

Members of the Eastern Star will entertain the Masons and their wives at a covered dish supper Friday night April 12 at the school cafeteria.

The group will be entertained with a program following the supper.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherl Taylor and son Rickie of Abilene spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Perry Davis and Cindy, April 7.

## Lamb Choplets Star At Brunch



Sunday Brunch, that happy combination of breakfast and lunch, is a good time to have friends join the family on Easter. Served buffet-style with a warmer to keep foods hot, this menu stars Lamb Choplets with creamed potatoes and peas and bow knot rolls made into little rabbits by pulling the loops into long ears. Eggs, hard-cooked and colored, and posies serve as the centerpiece.

Lamb Choplets combine the virtues of riblets cut from inexpensive lamb breast, with ground lamb, giving a reasonable facsimile of the favorite lamb chop at a most modest price. This is a do-it-yourself creation that calls for lamb riblets—1-inch thick strips of lean streaked with fat, attached to a rib bone. Your meat dealer makes these for you by cutting between the ribs in a breast of lamb. You'll need also some lean ground lamb.

**To make the Lamb Choplets:** With a sharp knife make a slash along the bone starting just above one end of the bone and extending about two-thirds the length of the riblet. Into this slash, stuff ground lamb, patting it flat so that it resembles a rib chop. Better allow 2 to a person.

**To cook the Lamb Choplets:** Place choplets on broiling rack located so that surface of chop is about 3 inches from source of heat. Allow about 10 minutes for broiling time on each side. Turn choplets with tongs or cake turner. Sprinkle with salt and pepper, a dash of thyme or garlic salt if you like. Continue broiling. Serve on very hot plates and on hot plates. Or keep hot on food warmer tray.

## BADGER WINNERS

Editorial

The Merkel High School Badgers are plunging ahead into what looks like a possible perfect season but Coach Carroll Benson and Coach Don Lloyd are keeping tight lipped. They are letting events speak for themselves.

In a four-event sport season the local lads have come out ahead in three events already.

First and foremost Coach Benson's boys went flying high in football, winning the district, winning the bi-district and going on to capture the regional.

Then Coach Lloyd's lads showed their fine form and took first place in the district in basketball.

And now Coach Benson's boys have turned the trick again and have smashed through to take first place in the district track meet.

There is only one more event that faces the Badgers. That is baseball. Coach Lloyd's lads have a great prize ahead of them if they come out victorious. It will mean that the Badgers have won every sport they competed in this school season.

The local fans have something to be proud of in the record the Badgers have set already. They are proud of what the local boys did in football, they are proud of what they did in basketball, they are proud of what they did in track.

And now, if the Badgers win in baseball, the fans will have something to really shout about. The Badgers will have made a perfect score.

Mrs. Hallie Burden & Dewell of Denver City visited here with relatives and friends, Monday & attended the funeral for Mrs. Ida Armstrong. She was accompanied by Mr. & Mrs. J. B. Hunt also of Denver City.

Miss Irene Swann from Roswell, New Mexico, spent the week end here with relatives.

Sunday to attend the service. Dr. E. N. Jones, Tech president, delivered the principal address and James G. Allen, dean of student life, was master of ceremonies. Special music was provided by the Tech Concert Band and a Tech Civic Chorus octet.

Mrs. R. B. Dalziel and son, Denny of Fort Worth spent the past week with her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Sam Swann. Mr. Dalziel joined them over the week end.

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**WANTED**: House painting, Repairing, Remodeling, Building, Big or little jobs. Hour or contracts. Lee Ward, Phone 195J, 511 Ash. 2-3tp.

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**FOR RENT**: 2 bedroom furnished apt. Phone 63W-301 Oak. 4-3tc

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**APARTMENT FOR RENT**, furnished 3 rooms, private bath, 1006 Oak. Phone 53 W. 4-tfc

**NOTICE MASONS**  
Stated meeting of Merkel lodge No. 710, A.F. & A.M. Sat. April 13 7:30 p.m. All members are urged to attend. Visiting brethren cordially invited.  
J. F. Butman, W. M.  
C. B. Rust, Secretary.

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FOR RENT—3 room furnished apartment, 408 Manchester. Mrs. Comegy. 3tp

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**FOR SALE** — 117 acres river farm, other farms, stock farms — Homes — Hotel. Listings appreciated. J. A. (Johnnie) Campbell, 860 Mulberry. OR 36033 3TP

**FOR SALE** —Used Refrigerators \$39.95 up. White Auto Store

4000 CFM Air Conditioner \$119.88 Dollar Day Only White Auto Store

**FOR SALE** — Queen's wreath bulbs. \$25. each. T. T. Earthman, 211 Ash Street. 1tp

**FOR SALE**—White leghorn hens easy and good for deep freeze or layers. \$75 each. Elsie Roland, ph. 9008 W1 1tp

**FOR SALE**: Upright Piano. Good condition, Call Helen Conley. Ph. 73-W. 4-8tp

**FOR SALE**: 2 Toy Manchester Puppies. Phone 195 W—Staten. 2-3tc

**FOR SALE** — 1 Car Shed to be moved. Phone 33 or Contact Pete Petty at 1008 Oak. 51-tf

**FOR SALE**: Maytag washer. A-1 condition. Electric motor. Twin tubs. \$75.00. Simmons bed & spring \$10. Pressure Cooker, Canning \$6. R. L. Kemp, Humble Oil Camp, Noodle.

**HOUSE FOR SALE** — 2 large bedroom dwelling with apartment at rear of building. Own water system. Located near high school. Priced to sell. Can be seen by appointment only. Cyrus Pee, Agent. 46-tfc

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**Income Tax Service**

J. W. Vernon Bookkeeping and Tax Service. Open Till 8:00 p.m. for your convenience. 3430 No. 6th St., Abilene Ph. OR. 4-7092

**FOR SALE**

Mrs. J. T. Warren home place, 406 Locust Street, Merkel, 6 rooms, 2 baths, basement, service porch, approximately 2500 square feet floor space, Janitor central heat (new), double garage, servants quarters, cistern on back porch, city water also well, rock fences, concrete porches, walks, etc. Price \$13,500.00 including venetian blinds, drapes, rugs and floor coverings. In addition to central heat, house has wood burning fireplace, gas outlets throughout house. Would sell completely furnished if purchaser preferred, ready to move in. Will finance \$8,500.00. Shown by appointment only.

**BOOTH WARREN**

**CARD OF THANKS**  
Our heartfelt thanks to all who extended comforting sympathy and help in our recent sorrow. For the beautiful service, floral offerings, and other kindnesses, we are deeply grateful.  
Mrs. Walter Frazier,  
John, George and Gene

**CARD OF THANKS**  
The kindness and sympathy of neighbors and friends in our recent sorrow will always remain with us as a precious memory. Our sincere thanks and gratitude for all those comforting acts.  
The family of Mrs. Nellie Sandusky.

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**Compere HD Club Meets**

The Compere Home Demonstration Club met March 28 in the home of Mrs. I. B. Ray for a program on "one dish meals." The food leaders, Mrs. J. E. Touchstone and Mrs. Ray, prepared "Jambalaya", a one dish meal with ground meat, vegetables, and seasonings.

Mrs. Ab Hunter Jr., president, had charge of the business meeting. A song was led by Mrs. Ben Bingham and prayer was offered by Mrs. W. S. Allred as opening exercises of the meeting. Roll call was answered with "my favorite Biblical person."

Council report was given by Mrs. Vernon Stanley. Mrs. Ramsy, yearbook chairman, requested that yearbook suggestions be turned in at the next club meeting.

Mrs. Ray will have club again April 11 when the program will be on fruit pies by the food leaders. Club pals will be revealed at this meeting.

Each club member paid a penny for each inch of waist measurement with the hostess gift going to the one who paid the greatest amount.

Club members present were Mmes: Ramsey, Hunter, Touchstone, Stanley, Allred and Ray. Visitors present were Mmes. Perry, Bingham, and Bailey and children, and Christi Touchstone and Delores Hunter.

**Texas Vs. Cancer**

Since the advent of radioactive isotopes — benign by-products of the atomic bomb — have scientists been tracing the myriad reactions which go on in cells and tissues.

A Texas scientist has traced much of the chemistry of the genes of the lymphatic cell, which normally manufactures blood, and the genes of the leukemic cell which is its cancerous counterpart.

He has found that whereas the normal cell follows a gene chemistry which enables the cell to produce energy for useful work, the leukemic cell pursues a gene chemical course of uselessness.

From chemicals excreted in urine, the chemist can tell with fair accuracy which course the lymphatic cell genes in each person are taking. He is trying to make possible ways of altering the gene chemistry of leukemia as a possible treatment.

Help Texas scientists fight cancer. Address your contribution today to: CANCER, % Postmaster Merkel.

**J. G. Wilks Re-Elected County Trustee**

Merkel, Precinct 2, county trustee votes totaled 43 Saturday when J. G. Wilks was re-elected with 41 votes.

There were two write ins with Ray Wilson and Royce Dowdy receiving one each.

**Noodle-Baptist Youth Day Held**

Youth Day was observed Sunday March 31, 1957 at the Noodle Baptist Church with Jerry Poteet, Hardin-Simmons student as guest speaker. Royce Barnes, also H-SU student & music director of the Noodle church led the singing.

Taking part in the evening services were John Jones, giving his testimony, J. Lynn McDonald at the piano & Nona Little rendering special music. They are also students at Hardin-Simmons University.

Each 5th Sunday the young people have charge of all services. Dr. John Hamilton is pastor of the church.

**Bluebonnet HD Club Meets**

The Bluebonnet Home Demonstration Club met March 26 in the home of Mrs. John Oliver. The group sang the state song and Mrs. Dewell McLean led in prayer.

Roll call was answered by "My favorite hurry up dessert." Miss Loretta Allen gave a demonstration on making a quick & easy dessert. "Many desserts may be prepared in advance & placed in the deep freeze. Using a good quantity of eggs while they are cheap is a good practice," said Miss Allen.

The delicious dessert which Miss Allen prepared was served along with cheese sandwiches and hot coffee to 2 visitors, Mrs. Hester Hughes and Mrs. Hester Martin and nine members.

Mr. and Mrs. John B. Martin and daughter, of Plainview and sister, Mrs. H. F. Bruechner of Sweetwater attended services at the First Baptist Church Sunday night, March 31.

Mr. and Mrs. David Hobby and son Eddie of Walnut Springs were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Preston Henry.

**Legal Notice**

(Published in The Merkel Mail, April 5, 1957.)  
**THE STATE OF TEXAS**  
To any sheriff or any Constable within the State of Texas—  
**GREETING:**

**YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED** to cause to be published once each week for four consecutive weeks, the first publication to be at least twenty-eight days before the return day thereof, in a newspaper printed in Taylor County, Texas, the accompanying citation, of which the herein below following is a true copy.

**CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS**  
TO: Donald Stewart Sellerton, Defendant, Greeting:

**YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED** to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 13th day of May A.D. 1957, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 7th day of February A.D. 1957, in this cause, numbered 21,932-A on the docket of said court and styled Lillian M. Sellerton, Plaintiff, vs. Donald Stewart Sellerton, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were married on November 14, 1955, and continued to live together until July 28, 1956, at which time they became permanently separated.

Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of harsh and cruel treatment and alleges that there were no children born to this union and there is no community property to be adjudicated, 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 28th day of March A.D. 1957.  
(SEAL) Attest: R. H. Ross, Clerk, 42nd District Court Taylor County, Texas. By Irene Crawford, Deputy.

**REPORT OF CONDITION OF HOME STATE BANK OF TRENT, TEXAS**

at the close of business March 14, 1957, a State banking institution organized and operating under the banking laws of this State and a member of the Federal Reserve System. Published in accordance with a call made by the State Banking Authorities and by the Federal Reserve Bank of this District.

**ASSETS**

- Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balance and cash items in process of collection \$178,157.40
- United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed 412,000.00
- Corporate stocks (including \$2,700.00 stock of Federal Reserve bank) 2,700.00
- Loans and discounts (including \$1,728.91 overdrafts) 267,811.29
- Bank premises owned \$7,750.00
- furniture and fixtures \$6,250.00 14,000.00
- TOTAL ASSETS \$814,671.13**

**LIABILITIES**

- Demand deposits of individuals, Partnerships, and corporations 677,811.30
- Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings) 750.00
- Deposits of States and political subdivisions 24,672.69
- TOTAL DEPOSITS \$703,233.99**
- TOTAL LIABILITIES \$703,233.99**

**CAPITAL ACCOUNTS**

- Capital\* \$25,000.00
- Surplus 65,000.00
- Undivided profits 21,437.14
- TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS \$111,437.14**

**TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS \$814,671.13**  
\*This bank's capital consists of:  
Common stock with total par value of \$25,000.00

**MEMORANDA**

Loans to farmers directly guaranteed and redeemable on demands by the Commodity Credit Corporation, and certificates of interest representing ownership thereof \$10,248.63

I, James V. Ross, Cashier of the above-named bank, hereby certify that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
James V. Ross.

**CORRECT-ATTEST: DIRECTORS**  
JAMES V. ROSS  
T. H. WILLIAMSON  
DOW WILLIAMSON  
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STATE OF TEXAS, County of Taylor, ss:  
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 3rd day of April, 1957,  
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# COACH BENSON'S BOYS WIN IN DISTRICT MEET

The Merkel High School won the District Track Meet at Snyder on Thursday, April 12. The Badgers totaled 55 points. Six schools participated.

Choma was second with 39 points. Roby, third with 35 points.

Robert McLeod of Merkel was high point man of the meet with 16 1/2 points. He was first in high hurdles, first in high jump, second in broad jump, third in shot put and ran a lap on the winning sprint relay team.

Jackie Russell was second high point man with 13 1/4 points. He was first in the hundred-yard dash, first in the 220-yard dash, third in the broad jump and ran a lap on the winning sprint relay team.

Kermit Rutledge scored 11 1/4 points for Merkel. He took first in the broad jump, second in the 100-yard dash, third in the 220-yard dash and ran a lap on the winning sprint relay team.

Manley Denton gathered 5 1/2 points for Merkel. He got first in the discus throw and ran a lap on the second place mile relay team.

Ronnie Toombs took 5 points for Merkel. He placed second in the 440-yard dash, ran a lap on the second place mile relay team.

Other boys who represented the Badgers in the meet were Buddy Tittle, Tokio Moreno, Walter Grimmitt, Douglas Toliver, Larry Seymour, John Thomas, Butch Palmer, Gary Reeger and Barry Scott.

The seven Merkel boys who placed as high as second place in their events will go to Odessa to the Regional Track Meet Saturday, April 13, announced Coach Carroll Benson.

Pea clipping demonstration in preparation for planting of cotton was held Wednesday, April 10, on Buster Warton's farm 8 miles northeast of Merkel.

Eighteen farmers attended the demonstration sponsored by the Middle Clear Fork Soil Conservation District.

Discussion was led by Newt Goodwin of the Local SCS Office, who explained the benefits of peas as a cover crop.

A crop such as Mr. Hortons would put back into the soil the equivalent of 500 lbs per acre of 16-20-0, commercial fertilizer also putting a root system into the soil thereby breaking the soil for better absorption of moisture, plus added organic matter to the soil.

Mr. and Mrs. Pearl Wiggins had as visitors, Miss Katherine Johnson, Mrs. Pernicia Clearley and Mr. Newt Sparks of Cisco.

Mrs. Sipes had as visitors last week, Mrs. Elsie Bicknell, Mrs. Agnes Burks, Mrs. John Barnes and daughter all of Trent.

We want to thank Uncle Tom McIntock for the nice eggs he brought the home. They were greatly appreciated.

Mrs. Eddie Disne and son, San Antonio; Mrs. Delbert C. Ball, Abilene, Mr. & Mrs. Paul Wheeler and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wheeler, Jr., and baby of Abilene visited Uncle Been Wheeler Sunday.

Mr. & Mrs. Lorain Baker and Rev. and Mrs. O. B. Annis of Amarillo visited Mr. R. G. Baker Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Wallace and Mrs. F. M. Elliott of Rotan visited Aunt Aquilla Duross.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Conlee and boys, Mrs. G. R. Baker of Clyde and Mr. Billie Jo Baker of Abilene visited Mr. Baker last week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Pate Baker who has been visiting in the home and helping to care for her sister Ruby Cole, returned home last Wednesday.

Rev. B. W. Wallace and family of Coleman; Rev. and Mrs. A. T. Suskey of Abilene; Rev. and Mrs. A. D. Smith of Sweetwater; and Rev. and Mrs. R. N. Powers of Odessa visited Mrs. Ruby Cole last week. All ministers were at one time pastors of the Calvary Baptist Church here.

We had in our home last week as visitors, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cole and Carolyn, Mrs. Edna Lyle, Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Gene McKay, Mr. and Mrs. Jim McKay, Mr. & Mrs. Virgil Cole, Mr. and Mrs. Flournoy of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. Midford Sparks, Standoff; Mrs. Pernicia Clearley and Sylvia Ford of Cisco. Mrs. Clara Click and son of Odessa, Mrs. Melvin Marshal and son of Odessa and Mrs. Leola Ward of Houston.

Mrs. Muriel Waits, Mrs. Bill Ennis and David of Austin visited Mrs. Waits' father, Mr. Gulley last week.

Louis Cook of Divide visited Bob Reagan, Thursday evening.

Rev. Watson of Tye Methodist Church and a group of his members came and conducted the services Sunday, April 7 at 3 o'clock. We had a nice service and invite them back again.

The Frank Carr's came and sang for the patients Sunday as usual. We are thankful for such good people.

Mrs. Moulton of Abilene and Mother, Mrs. Brown of Sylvester visited Dottie Brown last week.

Mrs. Nettie Cole was indeed glad to see her friends from Tye Sunday who came over to help conduct the services.

We have had lots of visitors and as the writer has had a attack of the Hepatitis and Jaundice, and has been unable to meet the public so please do not be offended if you did not see me for I had orders to stay in bed and that I'm trying to do a little of these days but do come back and visit the old folks for they love company. As I have said before the "Welcome Mat" is always out.

Allen D. King Jr., made a business trip to Longview this week for Pecos Oil Company. He returned to Lubbock Friday, visited Texas Tech friends Friday night and Saturday a.m. Enroute to Rankin he came by here and visited Saturday night and Sunday with his family, Mr & Mrs. Allen D. King, Ida May, Sue and Buddy.

## Home Demonstration Notes

By LORETA ALLEN

Taylor County Home Demonstration Agent



The sand and wind hasn't been very good for my garden, but the English peas are as pretty and green as can be anyway.

Haven't the jonquils been pretty this Spring? Speaking of flowers, you should see my Calendula. The yellow and orange blossoms are beautiful. Spring flowers can brighten family meals and add an extra touch of hospitality to your home everyday.

Flower arranging is fascinating, simple and it is fun. A well-planned flower arrangement is a creative project.

Basic rules for arranging flowers are given in the bulletin by Mr. DeVerth entitled, "Flower Arranging Is Easy." The bulletin also gives suggestions for making cut-flowers last longer. Get a copy from my office.

Canned tuna is on the USDA plentiful foods list for March. Relatively low in cost, tuna comes in a wide variety of packs. It's a protein-rich food that is popular ingredient for both hot and cold dishes. There also is a "dietetic pack" for special diets. I thought perhaps you would like to try this recipe:

**TUNA TRIUMPH**  
4 ounces spaghetti  
2 teaspoons salt  
3 cups boiling water  
1-1/4 cups condensed cream of mushroom soup (10 1/2 oz. can)  
2-3 cup milk  
1 cup chunk-style tuna (7 oz. can)

Mr. and Mrs. Billie Myers accompanied by their aunt, Mrs. Dodie Burnett of Anson were visitors in the home of their cousin, Mrs. Campbell, recently.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Head, Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Dickerson, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Head and family of Abilene and Mrs. Jewel Wheelis were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Head the past week.

The following were in Merkel over the weekend to attend the rites of Mrs. Ida Armstrong: Dr. and Mrs. Garrison, Dr. & Mrs. R. A. Grammer, Mr. & Mrs. Oliver Shannon, Mr. & Mrs. P. G. Van Cleave, Mrs. Peggy Clevenger, Mrs. George Scott, and Mr. Elmer Nelson all of Fort Worth. Others were W. S. Cox from Levelland, Mrs. Nora Bridges from Bronte.

Mrs. H. C. Rice from Midland, Mrs. Dorothy Davis from Lubbock, Bill Armstrong, Rev. & Mrs. O. B. Annis, and Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Baker from Amarillo, Rev. & Mrs. Joe Norton and Mrs. Elizabeth Norton all from Hamlin.

Mr. and Mrs. Billie Beard spent the week end in Lubbock with her parents.

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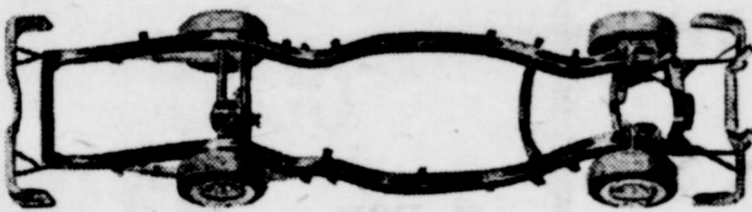
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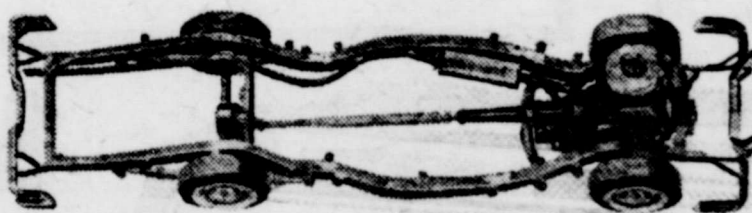
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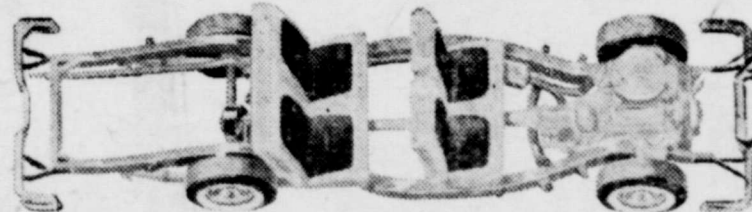
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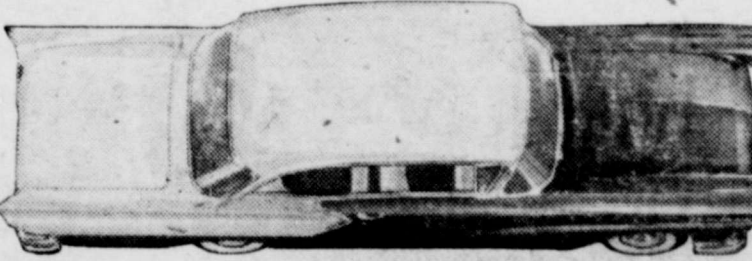
And what a V-8 engine! You can have the kind of Thunderbird power that smashed records at Daytona... set a new stock car mark at Indianapolis... traveled 50,000 miles in just 20 days at Bonneville, Utah!



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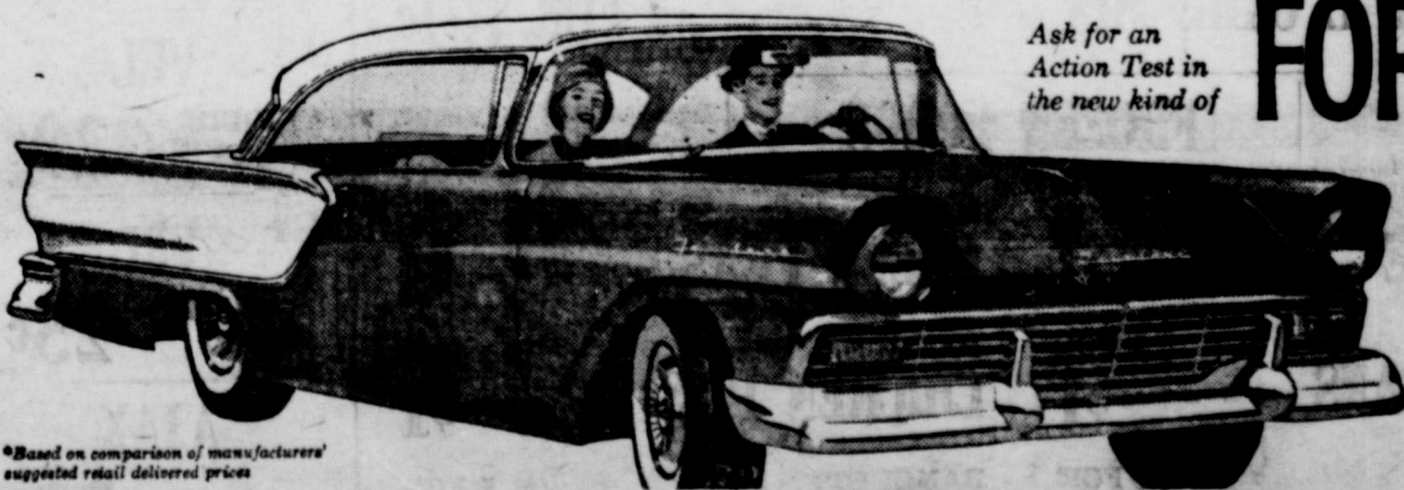


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- KIMBELLS 303 8 FOR **POTATOES \$1**
- KIMBELLS 303 7 FOR **GREEN BEANS \$1**

WILSON  
**OLEO**  
5 FOR **\$1.00**

**Peaches HUNTS 2 1/2 CAN 4 FOR \$1.00**

**FLUFFO GOLDEN 3 LB. CAN 79c**

**TOMATO HUNTS Juice 46-Oz. 4 For \$1.00**

**FLOUR GOLD METAL 10 LB. BAG 83c**

**Catsup HUNTS 14 OZ. BOTTLE 6 FOR \$1.00**

**COFFEE MARYLAND CLUB POUND CAN 95c**

**BORDEN BISCUITS 2 FOR 19c**

**POPCAN SUPREME Pecan Sandies LB. BAG 39c**

**PRODUCE**

- WILSON **CHEESE 2 LBS. 59c**
- WHITE SWAN **TEA 1/4 LB. 29c**
- GOLDEN **BANANAS 2 LBS. 25c**
- WINESAP **APPLES LB. 17c**
- FRESH **ONIONS 2 BNS. 15c**
- SEEDLESS WHITE **GRAPEFRUIT 2 Lbs. 15c**
- FRESH **CAULIFLOWER Lb. 15c**
- SMALL **NEW POTATOES 2 Lbs. 15c**
- FRESH **GREEN BEANS Lb. 23c**
- FRESH **LETTUCE Lb. 10c**

KELLY'S Government Inspected Grade A  
**Homo Milk 1/2 GAL. 37c**

- BAMA APRICOT PRESERVES 20-Oz. Glass 39c**
- MORTONS SALAD DRESSING Quart 39c**
- GOLD METAL CAKE MIX 3 FOR 89c**

**FROZEN FOODS**

- KEITH 6 6OZ. 8 FOR **LEMONADE \$1**
- KEITH 5 FOR **GREEN BEANS \$1**
- KEITH 7 FOR **CUT CORN \$1**
- KEITH 7 FOR **GREEN PEAS \$1**
- BANQUET 5 FOR **CHICKEN PIES \$1**
- BANQUET 5 FOR **BEEF PIES \$1**

- VEL BOX 29c**
- VEL LIQUID CAN 29c**
- VEL BEAUTY BAR 25c**
- AJAX 2 CANS 23c**

- Sunshine **CRACKERS lb. 25c**
- Sunshine **CANDIES cello 29c**

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