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Earl B. Strawn, Trent Resident, Dies At 62

Earl B. Strawn, 62, Trent service station operator, died Saturday at 11:30 a.m. in Sadler Clinic Hospital after an illness of six months.

Mr. Strawn had resided in Trent since 1934. He was born in Tennessee on Oct. 6, 1895, and came to Texas to settle at Greenville in 1913.

Funeral was held Sunday at 3 p.m. from the Trent Methodist Church with the Rev. Carl Nunn, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Trent Cemetery under the direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

Survivors include his wife, the former Thelma George whom he married Aug. 7, 1920; one son, James of Andrews; his mother, Mrs. J. B. Strawn of Greenville; two brothers, L. E. of Henderson and J. M. of Trent; six sisters, Mrs. Grady Elliott of Estill Springs, Tenn., Mrs. Roy McCool of Denison, Mrs. O. K. Graves of Winfield, La., Mrs. L. C. Johnson of Clarendon, Mrs. Raymond Kettman of Alexandria, La., and Mrs. Aubrey Johnson of San Angelo; and three grandchildren.

Joe Seymore Files For Commissioner

To the voters of Precinct 2: I am announcing my candidacy for County Commissioner of Precinct 2, Taylor County, Texas.

Active in church and civic affairs, I am now serving as Sunday School Superintendent and have served in that capacity for the past 15 years.

I am a member of the Merkel School Board, and having served in the board for a number of years I feel that I know some of the needs of the school, especially the need for good roads. I am also a member of the education committee of the R.E.A.

Being a farmer, I have used a lot of different kinds of machinery and have some knowledge of the use of it. I realize the amount of money that your precinct has tied up in machinery and I know the best of care and proper repair should be given it so that your dollar invested can give the best return and at the same time play an important part in holding down your tax cost.

I propose, if elected your commissioner, to render faithful, courteous service to everyone alike.

I have been a resident of Precinct 2 for 51 years. I am married and have eight children, Riley Jack, Phillip, Malinee, David and Melba of the home; Connie Mae, in service in Germany; Mrs. Becky Nan Knipe, Brownfield; and Mrs. Betty Jo McCoy of Muleshoe.

Joe Seymore

Mr. and Mrs. Dewel McLean of Butman were visitors in the home of Mrs. Twyman Collins Sunday.

Mrs. R. B. Horton of Abilene was a weekend guest of Mrs. Blanche Campbell.

Merkel School Bands To Present Annual Concert Here April 25

The Merkel Instrumental Department will stage their annual spring band concert in the school auditorium at 8 p.m., Friday, April 25.

A varied program, ranging from nursery rhymes to light classical, will be presented under the direction of W. G. Reed, band director.

The six groups who will participate are: 3rd Grade Rhythm Band, 4th Grade Tonette Band, 5th Grade Beginners Band, 6th, 7th and 8th Grade Elementary Band, High School Band and the Merkel Swingsters.

Admission will be 15c for children and 25c for adults.

"We would especially like to have all parents of the band members to attend this concert to see the progress their children have made during the past year," said Mr. Reed.

The band director also said he would like to thank the parents, local merchants and everyone else who helped in the money making campaign staged by the band members the last two weeks.

The campaign, conducted to raise sufficient money to enable members of the band to attend the Buccaneer Band Festival in Corpus Christi on May 1, 2 and 3, was termed successful and it is now almost certain they will make the trip.

In an effort to raise the money needed to charter the busses for the trip, students have been doing odd jobs all over town, the Band Parents Club sponsored a spaghetti supper, and grocers gave them the profit made on certain items sold in their stores



Robert Patterson Files For Senate

Robert R. Patterson, State Representative from Snyder announced Thursday, April 24, 1958 he will seek the Democratic nomination for State Senator of the 24th Senatorial District.

Patterson, 46, and a lawyer, has served two terms in the House of Representatives from the 90th Legislative District. He was chairman of the delegation of the 24th Senatorial District at the Democratic Convention in Fort Worth in 1956.

The incumbent State Senator is David Ratliff of Stamford who was elected in a special election following the death of Harley Sadler.

In making his announcement the candidate for the upper house of the State Legislature said he would make an on-the-ground person-to-person campaign from now until election day.

"Based on my experience in the Capital during the two regular sessions and two special sessions of the Legislature, I am convinced that the best interest of the people of West Texas will be served by a change in this office. During the course of this campaign I will submit the record to substantiate my opinion" the candidate said.

Patterson was born at Rotan, August 18, 1911, the son of Mrs. R. R. Patterson and the late R. R. Patterson, a pioneer family which settled in Fisher County in 1907. He attended the public schools in Rotan, Texas Tech, The University of Texas and graduated with the LL.B. Degree from Cumberland University. Licensed to practice law in 1939 Patterson opened a law office in Snyder. During World War II Patterson was in the Navy aboard a destroyer operating in the Atlantic and Pacific.

Prior to his first term in the house of Representatives in 1955, Patterson had served as Special County Judge of Scurry County during the height of the oil boom there and as City Judge of Snyder.

The 24th Senatorial District of the State Legislature is composed of Dickens, Garza, Kent, Stone, wall, Borden, Scurry, Fisher, Jones, Shackelford, Howard, Mitchell, Nolan and Taylor Counties.

Carol Best Opens Garage In Noodle

Carol Best, who has worked as a mechanic in Abilene for several years, has opened a service garage in Noodle.

The garage has all new equipment to handle all types of mechanical and tune-up work.

A graduate of Merkel High School, Best has lived in this area for about ten years. He is married and has three sons, two, five and seven years of age.

Mayor Proclaims Co-op Day Merchants Welcome Visitors

Mayor Earl Hughes has proclaimed Thursday, April 24, 1958; as "Taylor Electric Cooperative Appreciation Day" in Merkel.

The Mayor's proclamation said in part that whereas: "We the people of Merkel enjoy the fellowship and association of the people of the Taylor Electric Cooperative. And, because we are interested in doing the utmost to cause the day of their annual meeting to be most pleasurable. And because of the active community building spirit of the entire personnel of the Taylor Electric Cooperative.

We the people of Merkel feel it only fitting that we should express our appreciation to this fine group of citizens. We further feel that we as host to the annual stockholder's meeting should do all in our power to make the people of the Taylor Electric Cooperative know that they are welcome to Merkel.

"Therefore, I, Earl Hughes, Mayor of the city of Merkel, do hereby proclaim, Thursday, April 24, 1957, as Taylor Electric Cooperative Day, to recognize in every fitting manner our just debt to these fine citizens, and to express appreciation for the great community work they are doing."

Merkel Gets Program Reservation For 22 Low-Rent Dwelling Units

The Public Housing Administration in Washington, D. C. notified the Housing Authority for the City of Merkel a Program Reservation has been made for 22 units of low-rent dwellings for the city of Merkel.

Merkel's authority started the process in making application for the units last July. Before cities can obtain federal aid, they must have an approved Workable Program. The Housing Authority for the City of Merkel has been working on one since that time and submitted it for approval last month.

The exact number of dwellings Merkel will be eligible for has not been determined. A temporary loan, based on the 22 units will be made to conduct a housing survey and determine the location for the units. The number then can either be raised or lowered.

The following are some questions and answers on low-rent housing in Texas:

Rev. O'Kelly, 53, Dies In Albany

Funeral for the Rev. Walter V. O'Kelly, 53, pastor of the First Methodist Church in Albany, was held there Thursday, April 17 at 3 p.m. with the Rev. Marshall Rhew, district superintendent of Stamford, officiating.

The Rev. O'Kelly died unexpectedly of a heart attack at his home in Albany Wednesday at 1 a.m. He was 53.

A native of Tennessee, he was reared in Taylor County around Trent and Wylie, son of the late E. M. O'Kelly.

Burial was in Elmwood Memorial Park in Abilene.

Survivors include his wife, the former Bernice Farr of Wylie; his mother, Mrs. Willie Etta O'Kelly, who lived at his home in Albany; a son, Wendell V., a theology student at Duke University; a daughter, Mrs. Irvin McLaughlin of Irving; and one sister, Mrs. R. J. Hendricks of Roswell, N. M.

Mrs. Ala Ransone Dies Here At 98

Mrs. Ala Ransone, 98, died at 2:40 p.m. Sunday at the home of her daughter, Reba Ransone, where she had been visiting for six months.

Mrs. Ransone, whose home is Carbon, has made her home there and in Eastland County for 50 years. She was a student at Thorp Springs Christian College in 1880.

Mrs. Ransone was the first child born in Cleburne, Tex. She was born there May 6, 1859. Her husband, J. W. Ransone, died 35 years ago in Eastland County.

Funeral was held at the Church of Christ at Carbon Monday at 3 p.m. with Bob Cannon of Merkel officiating. Burial was in the Carbon Cemetery with Starbuck Funeral Home in charge.

Survivors are three daughters, Mrs. L. F. Kingsbury and Reba Ransone of Merkel, and Mrs. E. E. McLaurin of Stephenville; one grandson; two granddaughters and five great-grandchildren.

Riggs Sheppard Will Be Featured Speaker At Taylor Electric Meet

Riggs Sheppard of Hondo, a resident of Merkel for ten years when he was manager of Taylor Electric Cooperative, will be the main speaker at the co-op's annual membership meeting here Thursday.

Sheppard served as manager of Taylor Electric from 1941 until 1951, when he was named assistant administrator of the Rural Electrification Administration in Washington by former Sec. of Agriculture Charles Brannan and former REA Administrator Claude Wickard.

He resigned his national REA post in 1954 to assume management of the Medina Electric Cooperative Inc. of Hondo, one of the largest electric cooperatives in Texas.

Sheppard, a native of Colorado City and a graduate of Hardin-Simmons University, will address the meeting at 2:30 p.m. Thursday.

The meeting, which will be held in the Taylor Electric Annex, will open with registration at 9:30 a.m. Thursday with the first entertainment feature, the Gospelaires, at 10 a.m. A concert by the Merkel High School band at 12:45 p.m. will be followed by the first formal business session at 1:30.

The Rev. Noah Arnpriest, pastor of the Nolan Methodist Church, will give the invocation. Isadore Mellinger, president of the Merkel Chamber of Com-

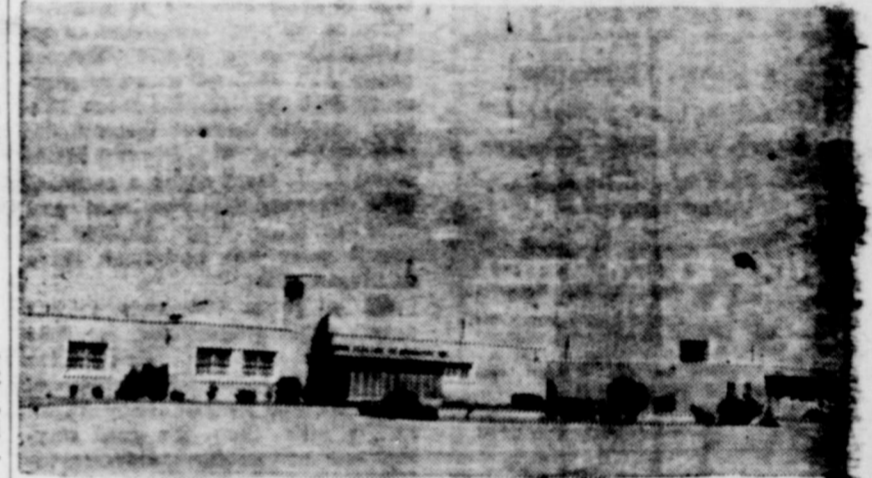


RIGGS SHEPPARD
... former manager

merce, will welcome the co-op members and their guests.

Annual reports by the president, H. R. Roberts, the secretary, Sam Butman Jr., and the manager, Lester Dorton will follow the welcome address.

Sheppard's talk will be followed by the annual election of directors. The Electric Co-op's meeting will be followed by the business session of the Taylor Refrigeration Co-op, which will include reports by the president and secretary and the election of directors.



Taylor Electric Cooperative Office Building and Warehouse ... located on Highway 80 west of Merkel.

Joe Rex McLean Killed In Wreck; Funeral Slated Here Thursday

Funeral for Joe Rex McLean, 24-year-old McMurry College junior killed in a car-truck smash-up Tuesday near Putnam, will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. at the Merkel Methodist Church.

The Rev. Cloy Lyles, pastor, will officiate, assisted by the Rev. C. G. Sewell, Baptist minister. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery under the direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

McLean was born in Merkel and graduated from Merkel High School. His mother, Mrs. Julia Lawson, operated the Starr Rest Home here at one time.

McLean was killed instantly

when his 1958 Ford was in a head-on collision with a six-wheel truck Tuesday noon on a U. S. Highway 80 bridge four miles west of Putnam. Tuesday was his 24th birthday.

He had been to Dallas to apply for a job, and was alone in his auto. The truck driver, David Franklin Kelley of Plant City, Fla., was treated for minor injuries and released, while his partner was not hurt.

Highway Patrolman Don Roberts of Baird, who investigated along with Lester Swain of Eastland, said the vehicles collided about the center of a 44-foot bridge. Neither overturned, but the victim's auto was spun around and knocked against the bridge railing.

McLean spent four years in the Navy before entering McMurry. He was a member of the Merkel Methodist Church.

A sister, Becky Ann McLean, a high school girl at the time, was killed when the car she was driving was struck by a train here Oct. 17, 1952.

Survivors are his mother of Abilene; his father, Rex McLean of Merkel; and a sister, Mrs. Glenn Brown of Merkel.

Pioneer Merkel Resident Dies

Mrs. Kate Childress, 71, died at 7:45 a.m. Monday in Big Spring Hospital following a brief illness.

A longtime Merkel resident, Mrs. Childress came here with her family in 1888. She was born Kate Barnes April 3, 1887 in Louisiana.

She was a member of the Baptist Church since early girlhood.

Funeral was held at 3 p.m. Wednesday in the Starbuck Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. C. G. Sewell, pastor of the First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Survivors include one daughter, Mrs. C. B. Knight of Merkel; one son, J. W. Childress of Gadsden, Ala.; three sisters, Mrs. T. G. Bragg and Mrs. E. M. McDonald, both of Merkel, and Mrs. Matt Tatum of Mart; one brother, Joe Barnes of San Angelo; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. One son, Harold, died in 1952.

Trent To Hold Election May 3

Five persons are seeking place on the Trent City Council at an election to be held on May 3 in the Star Hardware.

Those seeking election for a three year term will be James Canady, J. M. Heatley, and Joe Scott. Those seeking a two year term are Waldon Beasley and Billy Wayne Hamner. W. C. Mathews has been appointed election judge.



MERKEL HIGH SCHOOL BAND

Home Demonstration Notes

By LORETA ALLEN

Taylor County Home Demonstration Agent



Can't you just see things growing since the rain? Our garden is really pretty. The English peas are blooming and the radishes and onions are big enough to eat.

Some of the landscape leaders are going to a training meeting in Coleman Monday. Miss Sadie Hatfield, Specialist in Homestead Improvement, from College Station will conduct the school.

These warm spring days make us realize that winter is over and it is time to store some of the winter woollens. Before storing, be sure they are clean... prespiration weakens wool, grit cuts it, and spots attract moths.

First examine garments carefully and clean or wash as directed on the label.

Before washing, give special treatment to spots and stains. Also measure your knitted garments so they can be pulled back into shape after washing.

Guard against damage from clothes moths. Dry cleaning kills all forms at the time of treatment, but does not insure permanent protection. Garments placed in sealed paper bags immediately after cleaning will be protected indefinitely.

Moth-proof washable woollens when you launder them. Directions for doing this are given in the Extension Leaflet 154 "Clothes Moths." You can get your copy today from my office.

317 Pecan St., Abilene, Texas, by writing me.

Did you ever try cooking English peas and asparagus together? Try this sometime.

- English Peas and Asparagus
- 1 can English peas
- 1 can chopped asparagus
- 2 tablespoons butter or margarine
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- Paprika
- Drain liquid from peas and asparagus. Add seasonings and heat. Garnish with paprika.



by LYN CONNELLY

THE similarities between the original Wyatt Earp and his modern ABC-TV counterpart on "The Life and Legend of Wyatt Earp," are many and striking... Besides resembling the legendary frontier marshall in physical appearance, Hugh has the same quick mind, excellent muscle coordination and sharp sense of humor... As a further coincidence, Hugh O'Brian had no more intention of becoming an actor than Earp had of becoming a peace officer.

Born in Rochester, N. Y. of mixed Irish-German-French descent, Hugh grew up in Chicago, Lancaster, Pa., Long Island and Evanston, Ill. Having expressed an early desire to go to military school, he was first sent to Roosevelt Military Academy in Toledo, O., then to Kemper Military college in Booneville, Mo. Before graduating here, however, he went to the University of Cincinnati — his father's alma mater... At the age of 18, Hugh enlisted in the U. S. Marine Corps and became one of the youngest drill instructors in the history of the marines.

After the war, he decided to study law and applied for admission to Yale but was sidetracked when called upon to replace an actor-friend in a Little Theatre group... This led to an engagement with the famed Lobero Theatre and to movie assignments with Republic, Lippert and MGM studios... Next came a contract with Universal-International and after 18 films, Hugh headed for 20th-Century Fox and from there to "Wyatt Earp."

All of Hugh O'Brian's talents aren't along acting lines... The handsome, six foot, 175-pounder has recently recorded an album of songs entitled "Wyatt Earp Sings"... What's more, it's good singing, one of the few actor-turned-singer we can say this about.



ECONOMIC conditions continue to be the topic for both news and conversation.

The man on the street is concerned with the increasing cost of living—particularly with the cost of food, which represents a big item on the family budget.

The administration in Washington is banking on the fact that the downward trend will be reversed in a few months and is therefore hesitant to undertake any emergency actions which might tend to encourage inflation.

The Democrats are getting on record with proposals as to how to curb the downturn.

For some time, people on both sides of the political fence in Washington have considered some form of tax cuts to be the best way out. The administration has tried to avoid the move; Democrats have been plugging for it, chiefly in the form of individual tax exemptions.

At this time, one thing is certain. Economic conditions in the United States will be a major political issue for the 1958 elections.

The tornado that swept through Mississippi in late February, leaving a dozen or more dead and many injured, recalls to mind the fact that "natural disasters" such as hurricanes and tornadoes were responsible for an increase in the

number of deaths from catastrophes (accidents in which more than five persons are killed) during the year 1957.

Almost 1,700 deaths from catastrophes were recorded during 1957, about 400 more than the previous year. Chiefly responsible for the increase was Hurricane Audrey, which took a "known" toll of 350 when it struck the Louisiana coast.

How are you going to keep 'em down on the farm—when opportunities look more promising elsewhere.

According to a recent survey, only one out of six agricultural college graduates goes back to the farm.

Biggest reason, it is said, is because of the fact that aggie grads are taking advantage of well-paying positions in agriculturally-related industries and professions.

Another reason: the high cost of setting up a modern farm operation today. Some grads get back into farming later on, after acquiring a "nest egg."

Each year some 7,300 graduate with bachelor degrees in some branch of agricultural science. About 1500 receive masters' degrees and some 400 earn doctors' degrees. Advanced degree grads go mainly into teaching or research work.

UP THE CANYON

By TOM RUSSOM

We are getting some growing weather now to go with the good moisture that we received.

The farmers are beginning to think about that seven week out of their fields last year, and they are planning to get into the fields even if it is a little wet to plow.

The weather is just now getting warm enough to get the crops up.

Some of the farmers are "ewing the weeds in their wheat and



ONE fishing season, coming up: check your gear, buy some new lures, sharpen your hooks... brush up on your boating rules if you are not a shore-side fisherman.

The increased popularity of the sport of fishing, combined with the availability of good fishing water in man-made impoundments have made the small boat a necessity for anglers in many parts of the country.

Here are some tips for boat fishermen: Know your boat's capacity—never overload it under any situation.

Always wear a life-jacket. If the water will float your boat, it's deep enough to be dangerous.

Never stand up in a small boat. If it is necessary to move while boat is afloat, keep low, use the gunwales to make your movement steady.

Observe the rules of boating courtesies... and the rights of other boaters.

ODDS 'N' ENDS... Heard it said that the black bass seldom gets more than a few hundred yards from his birthplace? Don't you believe it. In Maryland, such a bass was tagged and released. More than a year later the bass was brought to net by a fisherman... some seven miles from the point where it was released... Do snakes have keen vision? Just how good a snake's vision may be is open to question. Snakes are probably near-sighted, having excellent vision at close range, poor vision of distant objects. Rattlesnakes and copperheads, known as pit vipers, have highly sensitive pits on each side of their faces. These pits detect sound of certain frequencies and the snakes can strike with amazing accuracy, even in total darkness.

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- Button Holes
- Custom Sewing

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again.

Several from the Canyon attended the funeral for Earl Strawn at Trent Sunday afternoon.

Joe Swinney has been working his sheep this week and getting ready to shear.

Plan are underway for the fourth quarterly conference to be held this week at Pioneer church. Dr. Hubert Thomson, District Superintendent of Abilene District will be in charge.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Neill went to Oklahoma last week and purchased six lambs for their boys to feed for show stock this year.

Well the younger set is taking over. A team composed of Farris Neill, David Scott, Steve Johnson and Ronnie Mac Boyer won fourth place in the district 4-H Livestock judging in San Angelo last week. David was the highest scoring boy on the team. Congratulations boys!

Mrs. Amy Johnson of Modesto, D. W. Ashby of Abilene, Mrs. Calif. is visiting her mother, Mr. Johnson was raised in Merkel.

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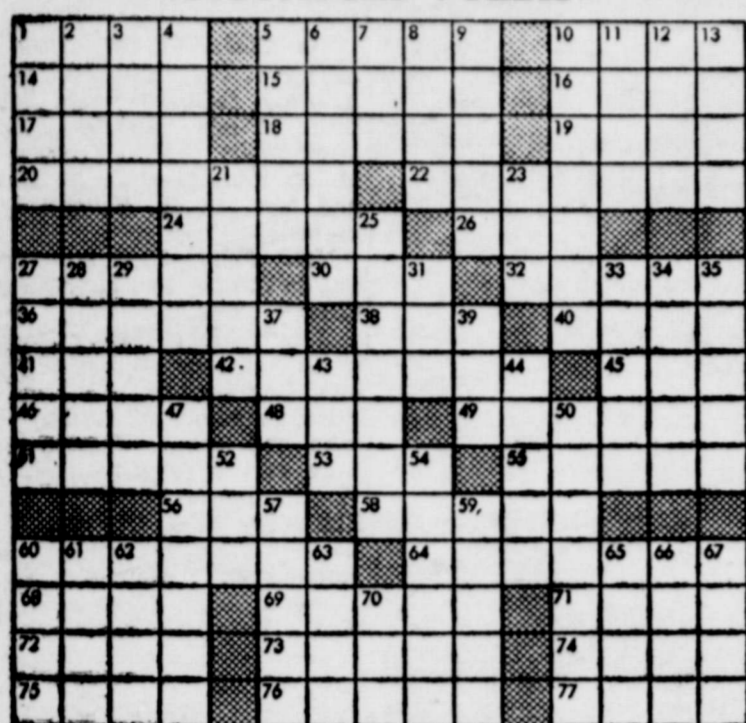
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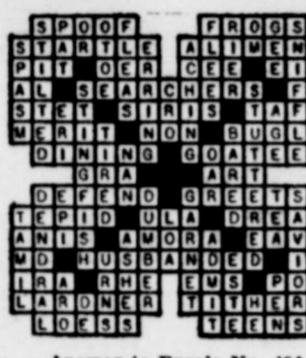


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ACROSS
1 Homeless child
5 Delicacies
10 Not subject to fading
14 Vedic fire god
15 Bay window
16 Singing voice
17 Transgression
18 Theater passage
19 A burden
22 Bird dogs
24 Speak
26 Pedal digit
27 — firma
30 Place
32 South Seas canoes
36 Foreigners
38 Edible seed
40 Satisfy
41 Glove (var.)
42 Accompanies
45 Male offspring
46 River of Germany
48 Scotch for own
49 Protect
51 Genus of clearing moths
53 Greek letter
55 Six for portrait
56 Pair (abbr.)
58 Puritan

DOWN
1 Stinging insect
2 Exchange discount
3 Hotels
4 Geta up
5 Shore line
6 Gets up
7 It is (contr.)
8 Finless fish (pl.)
9 Shower
10 Wavers
11 Succulent plant
12 Asterisk
13 Bushy clumps
21 Tried to mount to heaven on eagle
23 Child's toy

Robert Montgomery
50 Trails
52 Indeed (Anglo-Irish)
54 He present at
57 Gut line attached to fishhook
59 Alleluia
60 Ointment
61 Lamb's pen name
62 Breathe in quick snags
63 Silkworm
65 Arrow poison
66 Heating vessel
67 Drunkards
70 Scotch for John



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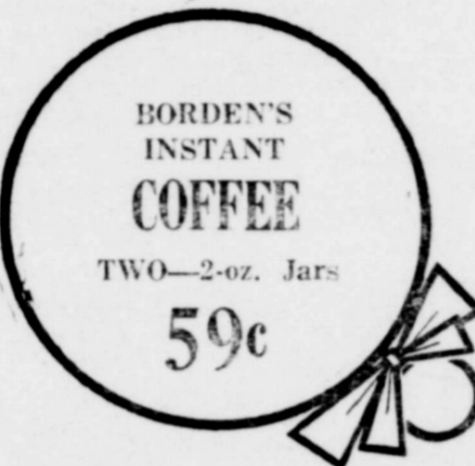
Fresh Pac Broccoli - pkg. 23c

Fresh Pac Limas - pkg. 21c

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Jones County Hail-Aikin Committee Completes Study Of Their Schools

The Jones County Hail-Aikin Committee has turned in their report on recommendations to a special statewide school study committee.

The 47-member committee included seven from each of the larger independent school districts, Anson, Hamlin, and Stamford; five from each of the four smaller school districts, Avoca, Hawley, Lueders and Noodlehorn; the five county school trustees and the county school superintendent.

Otto Sosebee, county board president, was chairman, Cagle O. Hunt, superintendent of Anson schools, vice chairman, and Everett Beaver, county superintendent, secretary.

The Jones County group authorized a plan of work which began with a study of school program, teacher supply, school construction, and finance in each local district, with the members of the Jones County Hail-Aikin committee from each district furnishing the leadership.

The findings and recommendations of the Jones County committee are summarized below:

SCHOOL PROGRAM

1. The schools of Jones County conform to present legal requirements.

A. Statutes should be revised, deleting some outmoded courses and adding driver education as a requirement if the state will finance such a course.

2. Each school district in Jones County is providing a fully accredited program of twelve grades for its pupils.

3. Elementary grades are combined in only two schools, and this arrangement is satisfactory in these due to a small teacher-pupil load.

4. The elementary curriculum is satisfactory as to scope and content with the exception of science, music, and arts and crafts where most schools need improvement.

5. All high schools conform fully to graduation requirements with content and scope satisfactory, but some feel foreign language and driver education should be added to requirements.

6. All schools conform to standards concerning number of teachers, but with possibility more colored teachers will have to be added in some schools.

7. All schools are using the scientific approach by using standard tests in most areas.

8. All schools have adequate pupil accounting and pupil records.

9. Satisfactory progress is being made in pupil counseling and guidance.

10. Vocational training is adequate to meet the needs.

11. Need improvement in provision for handicapped and gifted children.

12. Administrative and teaching staffs generally adequate as to numbers and competence, with exception of guidance personnel.

13. Textbooks adequate as to quality, but state should allow greater margin for reserve.

14. Whole system of state textbook administration needs elimination with emphasis toward economy.

15. Suggested that elimination of multiple-choice lists would be step in this direction.

16. School laboratories adequate or are being made adequate.

17. Availability and use of films adequate in some schools; need improvement in others.

18. Very little use of television in schools now, but suggested state take lead in exploring and developing this medium of instruction.

19. Maintenance and operation allowance from state inadequate for Jones County Schools.

20. Libraries and other instructional material fairly adequate. Could show improvement.

21. Transportation and lunch facilities reasonably adequate.

Some districts suggest additional funds for both transportation and lunch programs.

TEACHER SUPPLY

The teacher situation in Jones County is probably in much better condition than in most areas of Texas. Facts and figures below indicate present status and future outlook:

1. Total present need for additional teaching personnel—10.

2. Total present need for replacement of teaching personnel—4.

3. Predicted need for next five years to meet larger enrollments, provide replacements, and to meet future instructional program—66.

4. Teacher-pupil ratio (county average) in elementary schools is 1 to 24 and in high schools 1 to 15.

5. Teacher Retirement Program in Texas is adequate to attract some young teachers, but it is recommended that state study some plan making it financially possible for schools to participate also in Social Security program.

6. Higher salaries would do more to attract and hold teachers than any other improvement. Most teachers lost have gone to other professions or to other school systems offering greater financial remuneration. The committee recommends a \$5000 minimum salary and \$7000 maximum for classroom teachers in order to attract and hold the best teachers.

7. It was recommended that in training of teachers, more emphasis be given to subject matter and a well-rounded education and less to methods of teaching. It was further recommended that a committee consisting of representatives of public schools, laymen, and colleges be appointed and meet at least twice yearly to study the problems of, and methods for improving teachers.

SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION

The committee found classroom facilities generally adequate for Jones County schools. One school in the county reported a need for two additional classrooms to meet anticipated enrollment. The total need for the next five years should not exceed twelve additional rooms.

The total cost of these rooms should not exceed \$100,000.

SCHOOL FINANCE

The Jones County Hail-Aikin Committee found the schools of Jones County will be faced with the problem of raising additional revenue for school purposes if costs continue to advance; in fact, some schools are already facing such a problem due to inflationary tendencies.

The study revealed no school in Jones County is at present levying the maximum tax which could be levied for school purposes. Three school districts have a levy of \$1.25 and four levy \$1.50. Levies for maintenance range from a low of .90 to a high of \$1.50. Levies for bonds range from a low of zero in one district to .40 in another. The average is approximately .25.

Bonded indebtedness in the several districts ranges from no indebtedness in one district to 5.37% of assessed valuation in another. The average is 2.98% of assessed valuation, a very low figure when compared to the state average and the legal maximum, 10% of assessed valuation.

With present valuations, all the schools of Jones County could raise only \$119,246 additional revenue for maintenance and \$35,550 for bonds if the legal tax rate limit were voted and levied.

The study revealed a top pupil cost of \$482 in one school and a low of \$285 in another, with an average cost of \$389.

Ratio of state and local support of each school's program costs varies widely the committee found. In one school in the county, 59% of the cost is borne locally and 41% by the state. At

the other extreme another's school program is 67% state financed and 33% locally. The county average is 55% state support and 45% local. The latter figure is well above the state average for local support.

The committee found the county well ahead of most of the state in its consolidation program. School districts in Jones County have been reduced in number from 37 in 1946 to a total of 7 enlarged districts in 1954 due to an effort to reduce cost of operation and to provide better educational opportunity. The committee recommended consolidation remain a prerogative of local districts, specifically with the citizenship and school patrons.

The present ratio of financial support, 80% state and 20% local, of the Foundation School Program is an equitable arrangement, the group thought.

In the opinion of the Jones County group, the State Permanent School Fund should remain an endowment fund, and should be invested with first thought to safety; earnings should have a close secondary consideration.

The Jones County Hail-Aikin Committee definitely went on record in opposition to any increase of Federal funds to school districts. The thought of the committee was additional Federal aid would bring additional Federal control.

In the opinion of the committee, the study was well worth the time and effort since each school district in Jones County was made more aware of its strong and weak points, and in addition, each district became better acquainted with the efforts and problems of all other districts in the county. Of far greater importance, it afforded an opportunity to the schools and citizenship of Jones County to contribute their thinking to present and future plans for education in Jones County and Texas.

A "dawn to dusk" campaign is being organized in Merkel which will give every person the opportunity to share in the financial program of the Boy Scouts of America.

The annual Boy Scout Finance Campaign will be sponsored by the Merkel Lions Club and will be held Wednesday, May 7, under the direction of C. A. Farley, former Scoutmaster here.

Plans are being perfected to recruit a large number of workers who will solicit funds to help maintain the training of youth through the Boy Scout movement. Each citizen will be contacted.

Men, Methods and Money are the three necessary "M's" in extending the program to boys. Once a year money is sought to continue this worthwhile activity in the training of the youth.

Boys may be Cub Scouts from 8 through 10 years; Boy Scouts from 11 through 13 and Explorers from 14 through 16 years of age.

Merkel has two active Scouting units at the present. About 40 boys are members of the local Cub Pack, of which O. H. Griffin is Cubmaster. Joe Earl Lassiter is Scoutmaster for Troop 20, which has about 10 boys now, but is growing rapidly. The Merkel Lions Club sponsors both of these units.

The aim and purpose of Boy Scout training for all boys, is citizenship training and character building. Boys are taught to be physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight.

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T. C. Selman Will Be Guest Speaker At VFW Dist. Meet

Austin, Texas (Spl.) T. C. Selman of Freeport, Department Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U. S., will be a featured speaker at the District 8 spring convention of that organization in Sweetwater on Saturday and Sunday, April 26 and 27.

In attendance at this convention will be representatives of posts and units of their Ladies Auxiliary from Haskell, Throckmorton, Stephens, Comanche, Shackelford, Jones, Fisher, Scary, Mitchell, Nolan, Taylor, Callahan, Eastland and Brown counties.

Sweetwater Post No. 2479 and its Ladies Auxiliary have prepared an excellent program of entertainment for visiting members beginning on Saturday at noon and the plans for the business sessions on Sunday reflect intensive effort from the interested posts and units.

The host organizations anticipate a record attendance.

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LEGAL NOTICE

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION ORDINANCE

An Ordinance creating a Planning and Zoning Commission for the City of Merkel, Texas, and prescribing their powers and duties.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Merkel, Texas:

Section 1.—That there is hereby created and established for the city of Merkel, Texas, a Planning and Zoning Commission, which shall be composed of five (5) members. The members shall be resident citizens, taxpayers and qualified voters of the City, all of whom shall be appointed by the Mayor subject to confirmation by the Governing body, to serve for terms of four (4) years. All vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as provided for the original appointments. All expired terms shall be filled for terms as provided for the original appointments and in the same manner. Members of the Commission shall be removed by the Mayor, with the consent of the Governing body, after public hearing and for cause assigned in writing. The members of the Commission shall serve without compensation. (The five members of the City Council shall serve as ex officio members of this Commission).

Section 2.—The Planning and Zoning Commission shall elect a Chairman and Vice Chairman from its membership and shall have power to employ such qualified persons as may be necessary for the proper conduct and undertakings of the Commission and to pay for their services and such other necessary expenses, provided that the cost of such services and expenses shall not exceed the amount appropriated by the governing body for the use of the Commission. It shall also have the power to make rules, regulations and by-laws for its own government, which shall conform as nearly as possible with those governing the City Council and same shall be subject to approval by such Council. Such by-laws shall include, among other items, provisions for: (a) regular and special meetings, open to the public; (b) records of its proceedings, to be open for inspection by the public (c) reporting to the governing body and the public, from time to time and annually; and (d) for the holding of public hearings on its recommendations.

Section 3.—The Planning and Zoning Commission shall have the power and it shall be its duty to make and recommend for adoption a master plan, as a whole or in parts, for the future development and redevelopment of the municipality and its environs and shall have the power and it shall be its duty to prepare a comprehensive plan and ordinance for zoning the city in accordance with Chapter 283, Acts of the Legislature, 1927, (Arts. 1011a to 1011j, R. C. S.). The Commission shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by ordinances or State Law.

Passed and approved, this the 21 day of April, 1958.

ATTEST:
Flossie W. McKeever
City Secretary

APPROVED:
Earl Hughes, Mayor
(SEAL)

LEGAL NOTICE

INTERIM ZONING ORDINANCE

An ordinance providing that no building permit shall hereafter be issued except with the approval of the City Planning and Zoning Commission or the governing body of the City of Merkel, Texas.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Merkel, Texas:

Section 1. That hereafter, until adoption of a comprehensive Zoning Ordinance by the City of Merkel, all requests for building permits shall be first submitted to the City Planning and Zoning Commission for a report and recommendation before same may be granted by the building inspector.

Section 2. That in case of an adverse report and recommendation by the City Planning and Zoning Commission, same may be overruled by the City Council by a majority vote.

Section 3. That the City Planning and Zoning Commission shall act promptly on all such requests for building permits and in case any such request is not acted upon within ten days, then such requests shall be deemed to have been approved by the City Planning and Zoning Commission, and shall be granted unless denied by the City Council.

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KATY HUNTER
... Merkel Junior



CHARLES CURB
... Merkel Senior

2 Merkel Students Win First At Meet

Merkel students placed first in girls declamation and ready writing in literary events at the Region 8-B Interscholastic League meet in Ozona Saturday.

Katy Hunter was the winner in girls declamation and Charles Curb won the ready writing.

Katy is a junior in high school. She is the daughter of Mrs. Margaret Hunter.

Charles, a senior, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Curb.

Both students will attend the state meet in Austin on May 2 and 3.

Mrs. Clarence Perry has returned to her home here after being at the bedside of her daughter, Mrs. Booth Russom of Denver City, who underwent surgery in the Methodist hospital in Lubbock on Friday. She is reported to be improving satisfactorily according to her physician.

Gleaner Class Has Social

The Gleaner Class of the First Methodist church held its regular monthly social meeting in the home of Mrs. Herbert Patterson Wednesday, April 9, with Mrs. M. R. Hail, Mrs. O. E. Harwell and Mrs. D. H. Vaughn as co-hostesses.

Mrs. John Shannon brought the devotional and Mrs. Lu Petty offered prayer.

Mrs. Forrest Gather presided in the absence of the president, Mrs. Roy Largent.

Refreshments of Angel Food cake and orange frosted punch were served to Meses. W. S. J. Brown, Denzel Cox, E. L. McElmurray, Lee Tipton, M. L. Douglas, Beulah Stamford, Jewel Huddleston, Winnie Cypert, Shannon, Petty, Gaitner, Harwell, Hail, Vaughn, Patterson and Meses Mabel McRee and Lettie Butman.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Largent made a business trip to Oklahoma Wednesday.

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GLENN H. KOTHMANN
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Kothman To Seek Agriculture Post

Glenn H. Kothmann, 30-year-old livestock man and legislator from San Antonio, Monday announced his candidacy for state Agriculture Commissioner.

A native of San Antonio, Kothmann was educated in the San Antonio public schools. He graduated from Texas A&M in 1950 with a degree in agriculture.

He is in the livestock business with his family who have been a well known Texas livestock and ranch family for more than 100 years. The Kothmanns have operated from offices in the San Antonio union stockyards since 1892.

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Merkel Woman's Grandson Wed In Fort Worth

Miss Blanche Anne Wilkinson and Airman Apprentice Larry Ray Cockerell were married at 7 p.m. Friday, April 18, in the chapel of Polytechnic Baptist Church of Fort Worth, Rev. Woodson Armes officiated.



REV. ROBERT H. HARPER CONSISTENCY

IT HAS been interesting and informing, in the course of the author's ministry, to hear the excuses offered for some dereliction of duty and to observe the inconsistency of the excuse-makers. A number of years ago, the newly-appointed pastor of a certain charge was told of Brother Blank as an old-time church member. The young pastor ran across him on the street one day and entered into conversation with him. Finally he remarked that he had not seen the old gentleman at church. "No sir," was the rejoinder, and you won't either.

grandson of Mrs. W. M. Carey of Merkel. Miss Betty Jo Cockerell, sister of the bridegroom, was maid of honor, and Chester Sullivan was best man. Lloyd Swaim of Breckenridge was usher. The bride given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of white organza over taffeta, designed on princess lines with a wide neckline outlined with Chantilly lace. The waltz-length skirt of 12-gores was inset with godelts. The short veil of illusion was attached to a tiara of seed pearls. Her only jewelry was pearl earrings. The bride wore short nylon mitts and she carried a white Bible topped with white carnations and lily of the valley. She carried a silk handkerchief belonging to her grandmother. Miss Cockerell wore blue taffeta with chiffon overskirt. The bodice was designed with a neckline of soft drape of chiffon. She carried a bouquet of white carnations.

Mrs. Paul Boland sang "Because" and Carey Don Cockerell, brother of the bridegroom, sang "The Lord's Prayer." Miss Raeline Stewart was organist. The bride's mother wore a gray suit with white accessories. The bridegroom's mother wore a pink linen sheath with matching jacket and hat, and pink accessories. Both wore corsages of pink gerberas. A reception was held in the church fellowship hall. The bride is a senior at Technical High where the groom was graduated last year. He will return to active duty in the Navy after a short wedding trip. For traveling the bride chose a blue two-piece dress trimmed in white, and white accessories. She wore the corsage from her bridal bouquet. Wedding guests included the bridegroom's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Cockerell of Breckenridge, and Mrs. W. M. Carey of Merkel; Larry Wilkinson of Shawnee, Okla.; Mr. and Mrs. Don Morrison of Stillwater, Okla.; and Aaron Cockerell and son, Curtis, of Breckenridge.

Mrs. Josie Shanks and Mrs. Edna Horton were Sunday visitors of Mrs. Shank's daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Rae Clepper and children of Roscoe. Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Coe visited their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Johnson of Winters Sunday.

Mrs. Denzel Cox Gives Program At WSCS Meet

The program for the Women's Society of Christian Service was on Christian Social Relations with Mrs. Denzel Cox as leader when it met at the First Methodist Church Tuesday. Mrs. Bud Haley read the scripture from Ephesians 4:9 and Miss Lottie Butman said the prayer. Mrs. Lou Petty talked on the securing of good teachers and keeping the standards of our schools on a high level. Mrs. Cox reviewed several phases of social relations such as civil rights, citizenship, housing, good government, and segregation. She emphasized that the Christian answer can be found in the theme of the program which was "One Lord Over All-Let Us All Proclaim Him."

Mrs. Bea Reeves Hosts Woodman Circle Meeting

Mrs. Bea Reeves of Trent was hostess to members of the Woodman Circle Grove No. 563 in her home Thursday night, April 17, with Mrs. Clara Walla presiding in the absence of the president, Mrs. Maggie Renfro. A report was made that several of the members received certificates of proficiency at the District meeting held in Merkel Monday, March 31. Refreshments of chocolate cake and fruit punch were served to eight members. Mrs. Lillian Matthews of Abilene invited the Grove to meet at her home Thursday, May 15.

Union Ridge HD Club Meet Held

The Union Ridge Home Demonstration club was opened with the club creed and prayer when it met in the home of Mrs. O. E. Harwell Friday, April 18. Roll call was answered with "Garden News," and the minutes were read by Mrs. Clyde Newton, secretary. A report was given in the district THDA meeting held in San Angelo last week which Mrs. Denzel Cox, delegate, Mrs. Harwell and Miss Mabel McRee attended. Miss McRee gave the council report. The next meeting will be an all-day affair on Friday, May 2 when Home Demonstration week will be observed. It will be in the home of Mrs. Wynona Scoggins and a covered dish luncheon will be served.

Mrs. Ina Hunter Hosts SS Class

The Martha Sunday School class of the First Baptist church met in the home of Mrs. Ina Hunter with Mrs. Henry Hester as co-hostess. Mrs. Dent Gibson brought the devotional on "Happiness." Refreshments of home-made ice cream and cake were served to Mrs. Mable Dorton, visitor, Mrs. E. R. Foster, teacher, and Mrs. E. R. Clark, Zola Teague, Jewell Dunagin, Claude Warren, Ester Brown, Earl Baze, Monroe Harris, A. D. Fulton, Gibson, and the hostesses.

Local 4-H'ers Win District Contests

Sherry Hull and June Owen won first place in a co-op method demonstration at the District 7 4-H eliminations held in San Angelo Saturday, April 19. Being first place winners, Miss Hull and Miss Owen qualify for the state 4-H roundup to be held at Texas A&M College on June 9, 10, and 11. The demonstration they gave was on "The Story of Taylor Electric Cooperative and What The Cooperative Means To Us and Our Local Community." Other area winners were a grass identification team composed of David Petree, Douglas Coalsion, Stanley Griffith, and Del Davil. They won second place winners also qualify for the state meet. Two fourth places were won by Taylor County boys, coached by H. C. Stanley, county agent, and Allen Turner, assistant. Members of the teams include: Senior, Lanny Perry, Jim Diminy, Ronnie Keith and Lowell Freeman; Junior, Ronnie Mac Bower, Farris Neal David Scott and Steve Johnson.

Mrs. Joe Swinney Hosts Bluebonnet HD Club Meeting

"An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure," was the theme for the program when the Bluebonnet Home Demonstration club met in the home of Mrs. Joe Swinney Tuesday, April 15. Mrs. Swinney opened the meeting with prayer. Roll call was answered with a "Disaster that I have seen." Mrs. F. R. Demere talked on the preparation before a disaster hits by having a supply of drinking water, matches, first aid equipment and clothing in the family cellar. She warned to guard against depending on electricity in case of storm. Mrs. Allen King Sr. talked on the Merkel exchange service for storm warnings; co-operators in this area being Allen King, Roy Green, Ford Butman, Sam Butman, the Rhodes and Davis ranches. One visitor, Mrs. Muriel Riggard and eight members were present.

Dale Moore Circle Meets

Mrs. Ada Higgins was hostess to the Dale Moore Circle of the First Baptist church in her home Tuesday morning, April 22. Mrs. J. J. McNiece opened the meeting with prayer, and Mrs. G. D. McConnell, Mission Study leader, presented the program. Reports from Circle chairman, Mrs. Josie Shanks, chairman program chairman, Mrs. John Young Stewardship, Mrs. Ada Higgins, and publicity, Mrs. Hugh Campbell, were given. Mrs. Clyde Bartlett said the closing prayer. Three visitors, Mrs. Emma Wheatley, Mrs. W. M. Hays, Mrs. Bartlett, and six members were present. Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Allen of Los Alamos, N. M., and Mrs. Sanford and two daughters Martha and Leisa of Santa Rosa, N. M., are visiting their mother and grandmother, Mrs. Pick Allen and with Mrs. Allen's parents Mr. and Mrs. Joe Higgins. Ronald Westbrook of Ft. Worth's a guest of his grandmother, Mrs. D. W. Ashby.

TRENT NEWS

The farmers are enjoying the rains and sunshine and if it continues to be clear the tractors will really be rolling as everyone is ready to plant. W. R. Scott is at home from the hospital and reported to be recovering nicely. O. E. Taylor was dismissed from the Sadler Clinic Monday. Mrs. R. L. Howard, who underwent surgery in the Sadler hospital, has returned to her home here. Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Estep have returned to their home here and are being welcomed as they were greatly missed. Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Freeman and daughter of Knox City were recent guests of their parents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Payne and Mr. and Mrs. Odell Freeman.

Mr. and Mrs. James Canady visited her brother, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Purser of Mineral Wells. Mrs. Florence Cherry of Houston was a recent visitor in the home of her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Taylor. A birthday dinner was held in the home of Mrs. Odell Dickerson Sunday, April 20, honoring five of her family. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Earl Brooks, Pampa; Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Brooks, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Canady and J. E. Brooks of Merkel. Weekly Meditation:—

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor heights, nor depths, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:35-39

C. A. Cox of Noodle visited T. J. Amason Thursday.

"I REMEMBER" BY THE OLD TIMERS

From Harvey M. Reddick, Glasgow, Montana: I remember . . . when eggs were three dozen for a quarter . . . butter was ten cents a pound, and milk was five cents a quart. The cellar was filled with vegetables and canned fruit every fall; the butcher gave away liver and treated the kids to bologna. The hired girl received two dollars a week, did the washing and helped take care of the babies. And . . . women did not powder (in public), smoke, vote, play poker, or shake the shimmy. The men wore whiskers and boots, chewed tobacco, spit on the sidewalk and cussed. Good whiskey was 15 cents a drink or two for a quarter, beer was five cents and the lunch was free. Laborers worked twelve hours a day for a dollar and a half, were glad they had a job and never went on strike. The big hotels gave you a fine room and three sumptuous meals all for three dollars a day and invited you to come again . . . no tips were given to waiters and the hat check grafter was unknown. A bath in the washtub in the kitchen; horse hair furniture; a kerosene lamp and stereoscope in the parlour were luxuries. The Holy Bible with its sacred records of marriages, births and deaths and the family album were prominently displayed in all well regulated families. No one was ever operated on for appendicitis . . . microbes were unheard of . . . folks lived to a ripe old age and every year walked miles to visit their friends. (Send contributions to this column to The Old Times, Community Press Service, Box 39, Frankfort, Kentucky.)

Trent Students Go To Austin

17 members of the eighth grade of the Trent school with their sponsor, Harold Bankston and four room mothers, Mrs. Odell Dickerson, Mrs. Lonnie Halbrook, Mrs. Zed Bright and Mrs. Faye Burks, went on a sight-seeing trip to Austin Thursday, April 17. Places of interest visited were: the State Capitol, University of Texas, School for the Blind, and the museum. The group also enjoyed movies, picnicking, swimming, water-gun fighting, and golfing. On the way home Sunday they visited Longhorn Caverns and Buchanan Dam.

Seniors To Have Play At Trent

The Senior Class of Trent High school will present a three-act comedy with a hill billy theme entitled, "The Campbells are coming," in the high school auditorium Thursday evening, April 24, at 7:30 p.m. Admission will be 25c for elementary students, 35c for high school and 50c for adults. The public is invited. Rev. and Mrs. Lynward Harrison of Colorado City are visiting their mothers, Mrs. W. A. Harrison and Mrs. H. M. Weston for a few days.

Trent Seniors Sponsor Dinner

The Senior class of the Trent school will serve a chicken dinner in the Trent High school lunch room Sunday, April 27, between the hours of 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Price of the plates will be 50c for children and 75c for adults. Proceeds will be used for the Senior class fund.

Woman Honored On 82nd Birthday

Mrs. Fannie King was honored on her 82nd birthday Sunday, April 20, when five of her sons and families hosted a dinner at the Dixie Pig in Abilene. Those present for the occasion were: Mr. and Mrs. E. T. King Mr. and Mrs. George King, and W. J. King of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Shelby King of Wichita Falls, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard King, Midland and the honoree. Peggy Sue Harwell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harwell of Odessa, is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Harwell and her aunt, Mrs. Frances Carey and children. Mrs. Dale Litton and Mrs. Charley Sherrill are attending the State convention of Garden Clubs in Ft. Worth this week.

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by LYN CONNELLY DESILU Productions, the Desilu-Arnaz-Lucille Ball company, is about to ink the final papers which will give them two RKO studios, one in Hollywood and the other in Culver City, for a sum over \$6,000,000. This is surely the success story of the century. . . . A Latin-American band leader and a Class B actress who got into television early because they weren't doing anything else of a steady nature at the time and they'll probably wind up ruling Hollywood. . . . ABC-TV is trying to land Kirk Douglas for a video series, and Barbara Stanwyck may succumb to the lure of a television series soon, too. An NBC survey shows that more women stay up late to watch TV than men. . . . And speaking of surveys, one was made to determine the 10 most wanted names for product endorsement on TV. . . . Results: Marilyn Monroe, Greta Garbo, Dr. Jonas Salk, Bernard Baruch, Mary Martin, Marion Brando, Elvis Presley, Rock Hudson, William Holden and Mickey Mantle. . . . We hear that the number one song on the moon these days is "Harvest Earth." . . . It is rumored that "21" wants to boost the money if sponsors will agree to it. . . . Too much competition from Danny Thomas who easily has the best situation comedy show on the air today. PLATTER CHATTER MERCURY: Narvel Felts, a young man who shows versatility in singing, composing and playing on records, comes up with a coupling that should go, go with the youngsters "Dream World", which he sings with warmth, is backed by a smashing instrumental waxing of "Rocket Ride" and you'll feel you've been on one when he's through. . . . Lonnie Donegan does a nice job on "My Dixie Darling" which he backs with a bluesy sort of number, "I'm Just a Rollin' Stone."

TELL US YOUR PROBLEM

AND LET US PASS IT ON TO HELP OTHERS IN SOLVING THEIRS.

BY JOHN and JANE STRICKLAND

TODAY'S PROBLEM: Relying on Prosperity

A COUNTRY has its Ups and Downs as well as individuals. When it is Up, there are plenty of jobs; no use to worry; there's plenty in this land of plenty in this land of Great Resources. So some of the young people who are to graduate from College this coming summer are not going to worry about getting along. Yes, plenty of jobs. Big companies send scouts out to search for employes; employes do not have to bestir themselves. But there are many among us who recall when that was not so; many who realize that those with initiative, courage and go-gettiveness were among the ones who didn't worry in the days of the great depression. A man who had these qualifications was A. E. Giegenback, then living in Rockville Center, N. Y. From a family of printers, he too, became a printer, claiming that Printers' Ink was in his blood. But he had more than Printers' Ink in his blood; he had a Goal, an Ambitious Urge, and a Friendly Approach. He looked with longing eyes toward government printing jobs. He belonged to the Democratic Club—and a Democratic President was in the White House. More, he knew a lot of printers. So he organized a Public Printers' Club and procured endorsements from nearly two hundred men who knew him and his work, and who had had occasion, many of them, to appreciate his Friendly Approach. He printed and bound the recommendations and sent them down to the Head Man at the Capitol. The Head Man, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, was impressed. It wasn't long before Mr. Giegenback was printing the Congressional Record, sometimes running 400 pages; and ten million postcards daily. Those three qualifications mentioned above turned the trick. It might be well for our college boys and girls to remember that the big companies may not always be doing the searching, otherwise in a decade or two they might not be much further along than the year they got started.

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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: Henry Thomas Johnson and if deceased, the heirs and unknown heirs of Henry Thomas Johnson, deceased; and the unknown heirs of Ophelia Washington, deceased; and T. D. Washington, deceased; and the unknown heirs of Leola Washington Robinson, deceased; and J. C. Robinson, deceased; and the unknown heirs of Viola Robinson, deceased and Horace Griffin, and if deceased; the heirs and the unknown heirs of Horace Griffin, deceased; and Andrew Moreland, and if deceased, the heirs and unknown heirs of Andrew Moreland, deceased; and George Hill, and if deceased, the heirs and the unknown heirs of George Hill, deceased. Defendants, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court, of Taylor County at the Court-house 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 19th day of May A. D. 1958, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 3rd day of April, A. D. 1958 in this cause, numbered 22,910-A on the docket of said court, and styled Jesse Griffin, Plaintiff, vs. Henry Thomas Johnson, and if deceased the heirs and unknown heirs of Henry Thomas Johnson, deceased; and the unknown heirs of Ophelia Washington, deceased; and T. D. Washington, deceased; and the unknown heirs of Leola Washington Robinson, deceased; and J. C. Robinson, deceased; and the unknown heirs of Viola Robinson, deceased; and Horace Griffin, and if deceased, the heirs and the unknown heirs of Horace Griffin, deceased; and Andrew Moreland, and if deceased, the heirs and unknown heirs of Andrew Moreland, deceased; and George Hill, and if deceased, the heirs and the unknown heirs of George Hill, deceased.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Suit in Trespass to try title covering the following described property: Being Lot No. 2, Block No. 103, in the City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, and commonly known as 630 North Treadaway Blvd. in Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, 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 3rd day of April A. D. 1958.

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A TALE OF OLD SHOES

By Alice Wernherr

"HEELS, please," the lady said, putting a pair of worn brown shoes on the counter. "Leather?" asked Fred. "Leather," answered the lady. Fred nodded, took the shoes and returned to his workbench.

For a heart throb or two, he sat still and looked out of the window. School was over, boys and girls filled the square, walking and running, swinging their cases with books.

Fred sat on his workbench, pressing the pair of old worn shoes against his heart, and the longing.

He looked at the last girl, who came running out of the building across the square, a dancing red dot against the gray of the houses and the blue of the sky. The skirt of the poppy red dress swirled around her brown knees, the ponytail bounced like a wild little horse's mane.

"Will the shoes be ready soon?" the lady asked. She sat in the booth and wriggled her stockinged toes.

"No time at all," Fred replied. "Shoes—shoes—shoes—downtrodden, worn-out shoes, begging for help. A hospital for ailing shoes, Fred thought. Not that he disliked shoes. He understood that his father wanted him to help with the business, because times were hard and he could not afford hired help. What else could he do than take Fred out of school and put him into the world of heels and soles, leather and rubber?

Personalities

No, he did not mind the shoes, Fred mused, one could come to like shoes and understand them if one lived with them eight hours a day. There were shoes that looked like gentlemen and ladies, slightly impoverished, perhaps, but still of a nobility. Others looked like tramps, shamelessly displaying their defects, a devil-may-care grin in the wrinkles of their never-polished leather. Some looked like

her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Spurgin.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dock Callaway Tuesday night were Mr. Callaway's nieces Mrs. Alice Tierce, Lockney; Mrs. Ruth Carehel, Hereford; Mrs. Ora Bea Tomlinson of Canyon.

Mrs. Fay Fairley and daughter-in-law, Mrs. Billy Fairley and Karen and Mrs. Evelyn Khars all of El Paso were visitors last week with their brother, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Barbee Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Lucas of

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Berningfield visited Mrs. Hattie Thompson Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Blane McCoy spent Sunday in the home of her brother, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Hudson.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Caldwell and Paula were Sunday visitors in Snyder with Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Clement.

Mrs. George Cooper returned to her home here after a visit of several weeks with her sister, Rev. and Mrs. A. F. Robinson.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Tolliver of Cisco were weekend guests of

Ft. Worth spent the weekend with his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Lucas. Miss Jeanette Lucas, student in ACC, Abilene, was also at home with her parents Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dock Callaway were in Snyder Thursday night to visit their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Doris Melton.

Just Living A Business

Back in pioneer times our forefathers found they could keep track of the family history pretty well with a few notations on the flyleaf of the family Bible. But life's not quite that simple any more. Great-grandpa wasn't covered by social security or workmen's compensation. He didn't have a bank account or safe deposit box, a car and a dozen other home appliances being bought on time payment, or a half-dozen insurance policies. We have taxes great-grandpa never heard of and wouldn't have believed if he had. And had you asked him for a certificate to prove his birth, he'd have thought you'd taken leave of your senses.

The point of this is that the average American today has a good many important papers to keep track of. There are birth certificates, receipts, copies of tax returns, sales contracts, and a host of other papers. With a little tidy record-keeping, you can make life easier for yourself and your family when you are gone.

Here are some suggestions:

1. Get a heavily bound notebook folder or file folder as a central collecting point for all records of your affairs.
2. Put your especially important papers in your safe deposit box, but make a list of those papers and a brief summary of their contents to put in your home file.
3. Get for your files copies of birth certificates for all members of the family, and add them to

the file. Add your marriage license or at least a statement as to when and where you were married and by whom.

4. Insert your will or a copy of it. If your will is kept elsewhere, include a note telling where it may be found.
5. During the year, put into the file your income tax withholding statements and receipts for expenditures which may be deductible. Then keep a copy of each year's tax return in the file.
6. Make a list of all the stocks and bonds you own and where they are.
7. List all the places you have lived and worked and the names of persons there who you know. Include the schools you have attended and the dates you left or were graduated.
8. If you may have benefits coming under a profit-sharing plan where you work, make a note of that too.
9. If you're in doubt about whether an item should be included, put it in.

This takes time initially, but it will save you both time and worry in the long run.

This column, prepared by the State Bar of Texas, is written to inform — not to advise. No person should ever apply or interpret any law without the aid of an attorney who is fully advised concerning the facts involved, because a slight variance in facts may change the application of the law.

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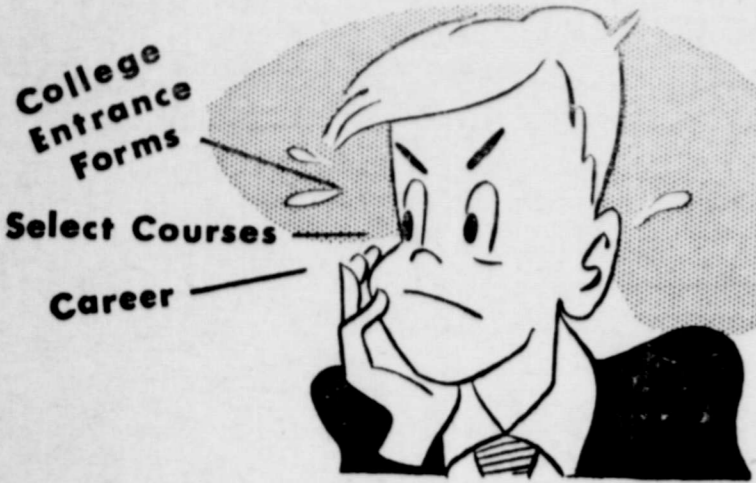
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FOR AND ABOUT TEENAGERS

By Clara D. Smith

Getting Into College Is Not So Easy



RECENTLY I saw several high school teenage juniors, who I thought had nothing more on their minds than the latest basketball scores, seriously examining college entrance forms and course catalogs, all the while carrying on a heated conversation about what they were going to study. After questioning a few of them,

and talking to their teachers, I learned that one doesn't just pack his bags one fine September morning, get on a train and go to the college of his choice. It appears those days are gone forever.

According to my information the nation's colleges are becoming more and more crowded, and by 1960, many youngsters will be un-

able to attend college because of lack of facilities.

Even now, the teenagers report, colleges are getting rather choosy about their students. They want the good students. To get in the college of their choice the average teenager in the last two grades of high school should have his application in months ahead of the entrance date.

This might be a good thing. If colleges are taking the good students first, it puts the pressure on the kids to really buckle down in high school.

Also, I think it tends to make teenagers give some serious thought to careers. At the same time, it definitely discourages "going to college just to be going."

I would like to know what other high school teenagers think about this college problem.

If you have a teenage problem you want discussed, or an observation to make, address your letter to FOR AND ABOUT TEENAGERS, NATIONAL MERKEL NEWS PAPER SERVICE, FRANKFORD, KY.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

To give way to a new rock home, one of the oldest landmarks in Merkel, and probably the oldest house, is being torn down this week—the old Rasberry house on Oak street, now owned by Jas. H. West. According to old timers, the house was built about 55 years ago and for many years was the S. W. Shepard home place. On the site Mr. West plans to build a modern six-room rock house with bath and two porches.

Selection of R. T. Gray as the temporary manager of the Lions soft-ball team was made at meeting of enthusiastic club members and ambitious players held Monday afternoon. Practice will start at once, but no games have been set as yet.

The Merkel High School team consisting of Faye Walker, Billy Wood, Dorris Coats and Joyce Fulton, won first place in the invitation typing tournament held at Colorado last week.

Merkel won first place in the ward division, Taylor county schools choral singing contest held Wednesday night at Abilene High School. Tuscola followed in second place, with Wylie third, Hamby and Shep took first honors in rural divisions. Mrs. Ardy Shouse of Salt Branch was director of the contests.

Interested visitors to the Forth Worth Show on Thursday of last week were W. W. Toombs, Joe P. Sef, Wilbur Thomas and C. P. Church.

MERKEL 40 YEARS AGO

Roy Coats, who has been attending college at Abilene, has been right sick for the past few days at the home of his parents.

Mrs. W. L. Diltz is expected home Monday. Mr. Diltz is hard at work at spring cleaning as a result of months of batching.

John West left Sunday for Ft. Sam Houston where he connected with the quartermaster's department.

James Brown, Z. T. Lamar, Luther and Emmitt Grimes were visitors in Merkel this week. We are always glad when any of our boys come home.

We acknowledge receipt of a letter from C. W. Harris of Corona, Calif. renewing his subscription with the Mail.

Mrs. Henry Prather, age 70 years, died last Thursday after a brief illness.

R. L. Bland took four head of registered Durhams to the Fat Stock Show at Fort Worth this past week, disposing of them at fancy prices. He says he got them well distributed throughout the state.

Mayor Cobb and the city council, with the assistance of the Scoutmaster of Abilene, will meet at the City Hall Monday night at 8:30 for the purpose of

organizing the Boy Scouts of Merkel.

A number of poultry raisers of this section contributed eggs, which were auctioned off last Saturday and the proceeds given to the Red Cross, the net amount being \$35.00. Some parties bought the eggs and put them up again for auction.

Clyde Garrett, who is in the aviation department, is here visiting home folks.



VERSATILE GINGER . . . Perennially popular screen actress Ginger Rogers sings and dances during her first Las Vegas night club engagement.

Baylor Amason of Mineral Wells, Joe Amason of Sweetwater and Mrs. Mae Douglass of Abilene were here the past week at the bedside of their father and brother, T. J. Amason, a patient in the Sadler Clinic.

Driver Training Would Save Many

An Editorial by Frank Grimes of the Reporter-News

The U.S. public school system has been accused of wasting the taxpayers' money teaching such courses as ballroom dancing, "personality adjustment," how to get along with the crowd, and so on.

While some courses of that kind may be of value—but not if they interfere with fundamentals—there is one course set up in some Texas high schools that seems to yield real dividends in a pretty important aspect of modern living: the art of survival.

It is driver education.

Catch 'em young and train 'em good applies in this case. Many high schools carry on this work, but some authorities think it should really start in the junior highs, since some kids under special circumstances start driving legally between 14 and 16, and a great many others start driving illegally under 14.

The Texas Federation of Women's Clubs has been campaigning for high school driving instruction for some years, and the best authority in the state in such matters, the Public Safety Commission, seems to think such training pays off, since it will issue a driving license to any youngster who has completed an approved course

The Federation thinks the time has come to take driver education out of the experimental, haphazard, take-it-or-leave-it stage, and make it a permanent part of our public school system. It would do this by inserting in the upcoming Gilmer-Aikin legislation a provision for driver education teachers. This would enable every boy and girl to learn the art of survival in traffic from qualified teachers, and raise up a new generation of better, safer and more responsible drivers.

This, it seems to us, is about as far from boondoggling as you can get, since experience has shown good driver training in high school really pays off.

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