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FIRE DESTROYS HOME OF RAYMOND THOMAS

Fire caused an estimated \$4500 damage to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Thomas six miles south of here Tuesday, according to Fire Chief Waymon Adcock.

The house, located on the Tom Seymore farm, was termed a total loss by Adcock. All of the Thomas' personal belongings were destroyed.

The fire was caused by gasoline which was ignited by a hot water heater, Adcock said. The Thomas' 12-year-old son, Gaston, and a cousin, a girl about the same age, were at home alone painting toys about 11:00 a.m. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas were at Starbuck Funeral Home where preparations were underway for the funeral of Thomas' brother, John William Thomas, who died Monday.

Gaston went in the bathroom to wash his hands with gasoline when some of it ran under the hot water heater, igniting. He jumped on his motor scooter and rode a half-mile to the Curley Arnold home. Mrs. Arnold turned in the alarm to the Merkel Volunteer Fire Department.

When firemen arrived, two bedrooms and the bathroom were already in flames. It took an hour and a half to extinguish the fire. Thomas owns a Merkel radiator shop.

John W. Thomas, Longtime Canyon Farmer, Dies

Funeral for John William Thomas, 61, a farmer in the Mulberry Canyon community since 1921, was held Tuesday at 3 p.m. at the First Baptist Church here.

The Rev. Mart Hardin, pastor, officiated, assisted by the Rev. Alvis Cooley, pastor of First Methodist Church. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery with Starbuck Funeral Home in charge.

Mr. Thomas died Monday at Sadler Hospital following a long illness.

Born April 12, 1899 in Arizona, he had farmed since coming here until last December when he became ill.

Survivors include the wife; one son, Leroy of Rt. 2, Merkel; one daughter, Mrs. J. T. Anderson of Merkel; one foster son, John D. Stout of Neperce, Idaho; three brothers, Frank of Fort Worth, Claude of Pecos, and Raymond of Merkel; two sisters, Mrs. M. B. Harris and Mrs. Lester Blair both of Merkel; his mother, Mrs. John W. Thomas of Merkel; seven grandchildren and three foster grandchildren.



HYDRO-THERAPY POOL. — pictured is a patient receiving hydro-therapy from one of the physical therapists at the West Texas Rehabilitation Center in Abilene. The pool and speech educational facilities added to the Center recently, will be dedicated at 2:30 p.m., March 26.

P-TA DISTRICT MEET SCHEDULED AT ROTAN

The sixth annual 18th District P-TA spring conference will be held in the Baptist Church at Rotan Tuesday, March 21, with registration beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Representatives from the 13 counties that comprise the 18th District will be present for the meeting. They are Motley, Cottle, Foard, King, Knox, Kent, Stone, Wall, Haskell, Scurry, Fisher, Jones and Taylor.

Mrs. S. L. Canterbury Jr., Mrs. John F. Weinzler and Mrs. Horace Wood will be principal speakers for the event which will emphasize the theme, "Strong Homes Build a Stronger America."

Mrs. Canterbury of Kilgore, is vice president of the Texas Congress of Parents and Teachers and has been in P-TA work some 22 years. She has held various offices at local, council, district and state level, having served as president of the first three and has been state chairman of home.

Mrs. Weinzler of Riverside is now serving in the capacity of state chairman of legislation of the Texas Congress. She is a former teacher, is active in civic work and was president of District 4 when elected to the present chairmanship.

Mrs. Wood, who is completing her term as president of the 18th District of the Texas Congress, was formerly aide to the district president, and has served as president, vice president, secretary, parliamentarian of local unit, as well as chairman of various committees.

Musical and decorative theme will be "Yellow Rose of Texas." Rotan P-TA Council members who are heading plans for the conference include Mrs. Carroll Murphree, council president, serving as general chairman; Mrs. Horace Carter, registration; and Mrs. Richard Ray, finance.

A coffee is being provided during registration as a courtesy of Aspermont P-TA with Mrs. Thelma Smith, chairman.

Besides the scheduled talks, the program will include officer election, a general business session and workshops.

Merkel Teachers Attend District Meet At Vernon

Delegates from Merkel representing Taylor County at the Oilbelt District VII Teachers Convention in Vernon Friday, March 10, were Mrs. Ellen McReynolds, Mrs. Lola Cox and Mrs. Mrs. Lena Dunagin.

Other Merkel teachers who attended the meeting were Mrs. Linnie Fisher, Mrs. Helen Benson, Mrs. LaNelle Hodge, Leon Walker, Tracy Norris, Buddy McKeever and Mack Fisher.

Highlights of the meeting included addresses by Dr. J. W. Edgar, State Commissioner of Education from Austin, Dr. William R. Ross, president of Colorado State, Greeley, Colo. Dr. James A. Turman, speaker of the House of Representatives, Austin, and Dr. Loren Wicks.

Dr. Edgar discussed proposed curriculum changes which are now being studied by the State Board of Education. Dr. Ross gave a lecture pertaining to the mental and physical growth of children while Dr. Turman discussed problems facing educationally and otherwise. Dr. Wicks told of the importance of history and government in today's modern world.



REV. WILLIAM CARGILL
...Merkel native



RICHARD NANCE
...music director

NATIVE OF MERKEL TO CONDUCT REVIVAL

The Rev. William B. Cargill, pastor of Tabernacle Baptist Church, Wichita Falls, and former resident of the Merkel area, will conduct a one-day revival at Pioneer Memorial Methodist Church March 19.

Accompanying Rev. Cargill from Wichita Falls will be his wife, Edna, and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Nance, who will provide musical numbers for the revival.

Services will be held at 11:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., according to the pastor, the Rev. Joe McCarthy.

Rev. Cargill is the son of Mrs. Lee Cargill of Fort Worth and the late Mr. Cargill, who formerly lived in Mulberry Canyon.

A graduate of Merkel High School, Rev. Cargill has been pastor of Tabernacle Baptist Church since 1958.

Following his discharge from the service in 1956, he went into the dry cleaning business in Fort Worth. While in business he attended Bible Baptist Seminary and served as pastor of the Baptist Temple in Fort Worth.

After receiving his Bachelor of Divinity degree, Rev. Cargill sold his business to devote full time to preaching. He started by serving three years as pastor of Mount Pleasant Baptist Church before being recalled to Baptist Temple, which he was instrumental in organizing. He later did two years of evangelistic and radio work. In November of 1958, he accepted the pastorate of the Tabernacle Church, which was then a struggling mission. The church now boasts a brick building with regular attendance of about 150.

Mr. Nance is music director of the Tabernacle Church.

Merkel Man's Father Dies In Santa Anna

Final rites for J. Edd Bartlett, 85, father of Clyde Bartlett of Merkel, were held at 3 p.m. Monday in the First Baptist Church in Santa Anna with burial in Santa Anna Cemetery.

Mr. Bartlett, a retired contractor and cotton gin, died in Santa Anna Hospital about 5 a.m. Sunday after being in failing health for several months and in the hospital for four days.

The Rev. Raymond Jones, pastor of Santa Anna First Baptist Church, officiated.

Born Oct. 17, 1875, in Rice, Mr. Bartlett had lived in Santa Anna since 1898 and married Rita McDaniel there on May 25, 1902.

Survivors include his wife; one son, Clyde of Merkel; one daughter, Mrs. Faytime Allbright of Baton Rouge, La.; four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

NEELY TITTLE NAMED HEAD OF POST 5683

Neely Tittle was elected and installed as Commander of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5683 in ceremonies at the Post home Thursday evening.

Other officers are Eric Anderson, senior vice commander; Alton Doan, junior vice commander; Kenneth Purser, quarter master; John Duran, Jr., chaplain; Tom Morrison, judge advocate; and Lindy Smith, adjutant.

Installing officer was J. W. (Bill) Cole, Abilene, past department commander, and present chairman of the national youth activities committee.

It was voted at the business session following the installation, to have the annual poppy sale, and to place flags on the graves of veterans buried in Rose Hill

BADGER TALES

Last Friday, Merkel held a track tournament here. Because of a lack of officials, Mr. McCoy let his girls' basketball team hold these positions. About nine schools entered and everyone had so much fun — especially the girls. Rule came out on top with Merkel taking second and Hamlin third.

Billy Tittle was top man from Merkel with more points than any one of the last six schools made. He accomplished this with first places in high and low hurdles, a third in broad jump and second in sprint relay with Lester Dorton, Kent Denton and Pedro Ybarro.

Roger Moore took first in the half mile and Mack Mansfield, first in the mile. Incidentally, people are still talking about the way Mack ran the mile. It was one of the most spectacular events of the day.

Several other boys from Merkel placed in different events, helping us to take second place in the tournament.

Junior plays will be at the school auditorium Friday afternoon and night. The juniors are expecting for everyone to come.

The tennis finals were finished Monday afternoon with June Owen, Jo Ann Horton, and myself taking the first three places.

Thursday afternoon the Future Homemakers met to elect state delegates. Sherry Hull and Nancy Teaff were elected with Carol Sue McAninch and Sarah Harris as alternates. Sherry and Nancy will attend the state meeting of the Future Homemakers in Dallas, April 27, 28, 29. Here's hoping that they don't get into too much meanness.

Thursday afternoon the Future Teachers taught in the elementary and primary from 2:30 until 3:30. Most of them just loved it, including the students.

Charge Is Filed On Merkel Affray

Charles Franklin Evans, 21 Merkel Negro, was charged with assault with intent to murder Monday in connection with the weekend stabbing of two other Merkel Negroes.

He was being held in Taylor County jail in lieu of a \$2,500 bond Monday evening on the charge.

Another Negro man held briefly for investigation in connection with the stabbings, was released from jail Monday, a jailer reported.

One of the stabbing victims, Ruby Jefferies, about 29, was described as in "fair" condition at Sadler Clinic Monday evening. One of her lungs has been punctured by a stab wound.

The other victim, Guy Warner, 23, who also suffered a puncture wound of a lung, was released from the hospital during the day, hospital officials said.

The incident happened near a car on an access road near Merkel at about 8:30 p.m. Sunday.

Mrs. Ridens Meets With Jr. 4-H Club

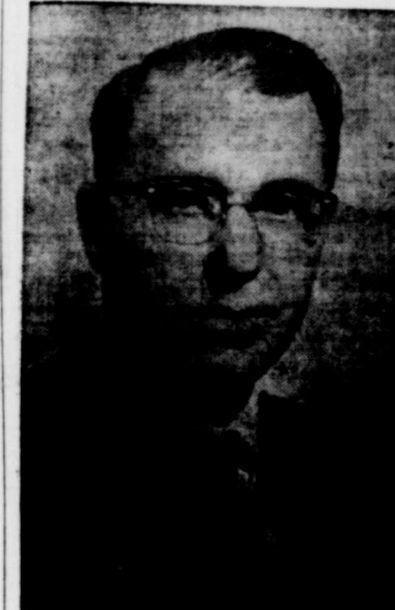
Mrs. Leona Ridens, assistant county home demonstration agent, met with the Merkel Junior 4-H Club girls in the music room of the elementary school March 9.

Mrs. Ridens showed the girls a film on keeping record books. It showed how to put pictures and newspaper clippings in the books correctly.

The meeting opened with the club motto, pledge and a prayer by Ann Whisenant. Lisa Gardner led the members in singing "America."

Mrs. Maurice Johnson, adult leader, and 42 members were present.

Officers of the club are Wynona Doan, president; Rae Lynn Brubaker, vice president; Myrtle Davis, secretary-treasurer; Sue Pinckley, reporter.



THE REV. BENNIE SMITH
...revival speaker

Trent Baptists Slate Revival

The Rev. Bennie Smith, pastor of Hillcrest Baptist Church, Wichita Falls, will be the evangelist for the Trent Baptist Church spring revival to be held March 19-26.

Woody Northcut, a senior at Hardin-Simmons University, will direct the music.

Weekday Bible study will be at 7:15 a.m. and evening evangelistic services will be at 7:30. There will be a special unified preaching service at 10:00 a.m. March 26.

Nursery facilities will be provided during the services, according to the Rev. B. J. Swindler, pastor.

The revival is open to the public, the pastor said.

Mrs. Dixon, 80, Dies In Abilene

Funeral for Mrs. R. L. Dixon, 80, who died at 5:30 p.m. Friday at Sunshine Rest Home in Abilene after a brief illness, was held at 10 a.m. Monday in Kiker-Warren Chapel.

The Rev. Donald D. Driggers of Abilene, general conference secretary-treasurer of the Evangelical Methodist Church, and the Rev. W. C. Ashford, former minister of South Side Baptist Church, officiated.

Burial was in Cedar Hill Cemetery. Grandsons were pallbearers.

Mrs. Dixon, a Taylor County resident since 1906, was born Jan. 8, 1881, in Coryell County. She married Robert L. Dixon in 1899 at Cold Springs. He died in 1944.

Surviving are four sons, Roy L. of Abilene, J. W. of Brownwood, Ernest of Abilene and Jim of Austin; four daughters, Mrs. Riley Horton of Abilene, Mrs. Clarence Hodge of Rivera, Calif., Mrs. Jack Martin and Mrs. W. M. Rodgers of Farmington, N. M.; two sisters, Mrs. B. L. Whaley of Gatesville and Mrs. J. T. Dodson of Arlington; 17 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Cub Scout Pack To Ride Train

Some 25 boys in Cub Scout Pack 20 will take a train trip to Baird Saturday, according to W. G. Reed, cubmaster.

The trip is being taken in conjunction with the Cub Scout theme for the month, "Railroading."

The boys will board the train in Merkel, get off at Baird where they will have a picnic lunch, and ride the train back to Merkel.

They will be accompanied by Cubmaster Reed and their mothers, Mrs. W. G. Reed, Mrs. J. D. Sandusky Jr., Mrs. Ruth Higgins and Mrs. Woodrow Wade.

Cost of the trip for the boys will be 55 cents each.

Duplicate Club Plans Underway

The possibility of forming a duplicate bridge club in Merkel will be discussed at a meeting to be held at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 16 at the Merkel Country Club.

Roy Dalziel, who will direct the club, said that anyone interested in playing bridge is invited to attend Thursday's meeting. Play will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m. A fee of 50 cents will be charged each person.

Tentative plans are to meet the first and third Thursday nights each month.

If organized, the local club may seek approval of American Contract Bridge League.

Merkelites' Son Gets Promotion

Tillman J. Rutledge, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Rutledge of 488 Manchester St., was one of 11 master sergeants at Randolph Air Force Base recently promoted to senior master sergeant.

The sergeants all assigned to Air Training Command headquarters, were promoted to the super non-commissioned-officer grade after command-wide competition.

Clacks Attend Brother's Rites

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Clack attended the funeral of his brother, W. G. Clack, in Durant, Okla., last week.

Other survivors include his wife; one son, Grady of Oklahoma; a daughter, Mrs. Jack Hasler of Abilene; a brother, W. Clack of Abilene; two sisters, Mrs. Luther Harber, Abilene, and Mrs. Clive Murray of Oklahoma.

Junior Class Slates Plays

The Junior Class of Merkel High School will present the annual class plays in the auditorium at 7:30 p.m. March 17.

The four one-act plays to be presented are "Elmer," "The Mystery Rider," "Eh?" and "An Old Fashioned Picnic."

Admission will be 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for students.

30 To Receive First Aid Cards

A total of 30 persons — 26 men and four women — completed the first aid course conducted here last week, according to Waymon Adcock, fire chief.

Arrangements for the course were made by Miss Ollie Olsen of the Taylor County Chapter of American Red Cross. Sgt. Ray Krauf of Dyess Air Base, and Adcock, instructors.

Instructors for the course were Mrs. Ora Kirkland, Mrs. Bailey, Miss Simmons and Mrs. McKay, all of Abilene.

Some 25 persons have signed up for an advanced course to be set up in the near future, Adcock said.

The first aid is being taught here in conjunction with the organization of a rescue squad for this area.

Masseys Are New Merkel Residents

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Massey and children are new residents of Merkel and are living at 1421 N. 2nd St.

Massey is a representative of Hartco Sales of Abilene. The family just returned to Texas from the West Coast where he was in the same type of work.

The Masseys' children are Kenneth, 9th grade student, Jimmy, 2nd grader, Linda 1st grade, Jean, 17 years of age, and Peggy, 2.

Little League Meet Tonight

Officers for the coming season will be elected when fathers of Merkel Little League Players meet at 7:30 p.m. in Taylor Electric auditorium March 16, according to Newt Logan, temporary chairman.

All dad of eligible Little Leaguers are urged to attend.

Curb To Attend Denton Science Research Meet

Charles Spencer Curb of Merkel will take part in a collegiate science research conference at North Texas State College and Texas Woman's University March 16 and 17. He is a student at McMurry College, Abilene.

The conference is sponsored by the Texas Academy of Science under a grant from the National Science Foundation.

Watts To Speak At P-TA Meet

Earle Watts will be principal speaker for the Merkel P-TA meeting to be held at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 16 in the school auditorium.

Watts will speak on "Reading and Viewing — Good? Bad?" Musical entertainment will be by eighth grade students under direction of Mrs. Norman Winter.

DOLLAR DAY SPECIALS!

Home Demonstration Notes

By LORETA ALLEN

Faylor County Home Demonstration Agent



The Clothing Committee of Taylor County Agricultural Extension Program Building Committee has planned a Consumer Program June 15, on Selecting, Buying and Caring for Men and Boy's Clothing. You might like a preview of men's fashions for this spring. The cool, neat look was favored at the spring and summer clothing session for men held in Chi-

cago recently under the auspices of the American Institute of Men and Boys Wear.

Suits of worsted synthetic blends, of the wash-and-wear variety, were featured in the showings, according to Rhea Merle Boyles, extension clothing specialist of the A&M College of Texas. Medium hues are favored in spring and summer clothes, but black is returning — especially in lustrous mohair suits and natty gabardine town top coats.

The blues, from faded blue denim to dark blended casts will become the big color, replacing olive green.

But olive green itself it not out of the picture yet. It is seen in rain coats where it replaced the natural tones. It will be worn in plains and plaids, cottons and synthetic blends, in the wash-wear category.

Vests continue growing in popularity especially with young men.

The popularity of vest and of patterned jacket or sports suits has given rise to the newest fashion formula in men's wear, the multimix suits. Reversible vests can match either the jacket or slacks. Often a second pair of pants in the jacket pattern can make the outfit wearable eight ways.

Newest wash 'n' wear fabrics for summer include seersucker crease-holding versions in dacron-cotton blends. They come in muted plaids, stripes and checks, in medium dark town tones.

Light colored shirts, many with matching ties, give a lift to dark clothes.

Much of the newer furniture is cushioned with foam rubber and upholstered with fabric. Women are asking if the fabric can be cleaned at home without damage to the foam rubber.

Extension home management specialists of the A&M College of Texas say, Yes! Just be sure to use a SAFE cleaning agent.

Select your cleaning agent by considering first, the nature of the stain, next the type of fabric, and lastly the effect of the cleaning agent on foam rubber.

Soaps, detergents, glycerine, denatured alcohol, benzene, carbon tetrachloride, sodium hydrosulfite, sodium thiosulfate and a weak solution of ammonia are acceptable cleaning agents as far as the foam rubber is concerned.

Specialists warn that carbon-tetrachloride should be used very sparingly. It is a rubber solvent. Normal rubbing of the outside covering on tight or fixed seats will not harm the foam rubber cushion. Foam rubber is tender when wet but its normal strength returns when dry.

Cleaning agents that DO have a harmful effect on foam rubber are of the bleaching and oxidizing types. The following ARE NOT recommended: vinegar, turpentine, acetone, chlorine, hydrogen peroxide, oxalic acid and sodium perborate.

If the nature of the stain or the type of the fabric calls for the use of one of the above cleaning agents, specialists suggest that the fabric be removed from the foam rubber and cleaned separately.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Jennings of Plainview were overnight guest Thursday in the home of her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Amason.



SENATOR *
Yarborough's Report**

Dear Fellow Texans:
If the Congress passes President Kennedy's School Assistance Act of 1961, which I am co-sponsoring, our Texas school boards will have an option to use \$36,236,000 to strengthen schools for Texas boys and girls by:

- (1) constructing 979 new classrooms, or
- (2) increasing teacher and other instructional staff salaries by \$412 per year, or
- (3) employing 7,768 additional teachers, or use portions of the funds for any of the purposes.

There is no question but what public schools in every state in the union will be substantially strengthened and improved. The proposal specifically safeguards local control of schools.

Under this bill, public schools in Texas would receive in the 1961-62 school year, funds totaling approximately \$40,262,000. Of this amount, 10 percent would be used for educational research projects for either gifted students or handicapped pupils.

The other \$36,236,000 would be utilized in whatever manner the state and local school boards decided was the case of greatest need — for classroom construction, employment of additional teachers and other instructional staff members, or for other purposes.

In the case of Texas, based on current construction costs and average teacher salaries, here is what the various school boards could do with the \$36,236,000 at their discretion. If all this money were used for classroom construction, 970 new school rooms could be built. Our state currently has a shortage of 4,400 classrooms.

If all the money were utilized to increase teachers' salaries (and teacher pay raises for teachers

in Texas are long overdue) it would mean an increase in pay for teachers and other instructional staff members such as librarians and others of \$412 a year. Thoughtful Texans, who believe Texas boys and girls should have schools second to none, are not proud that Texas ranks in 34th place in average salaries paid classroom teachers and ranks in 50th place in percent of salary increase provided teachers since 1950.

The bill provides a priority for use of a greater portion of the money in areas of greatest need that are least able to finance needed improvements.

The need for improving our public schools in Texas and across the nation is so great that we must have action at the local, state and national levels of government. The need is so great that none of these levels of government acting alone is likely to be able to meet the requirements, and all acting together are not likely to do too much.

Robert E. Kuykendall of Abilene and sister, Mrs. Josie Shanks of Merkel visited the latter's daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Rae Klepper, of Roscoe Thursday.

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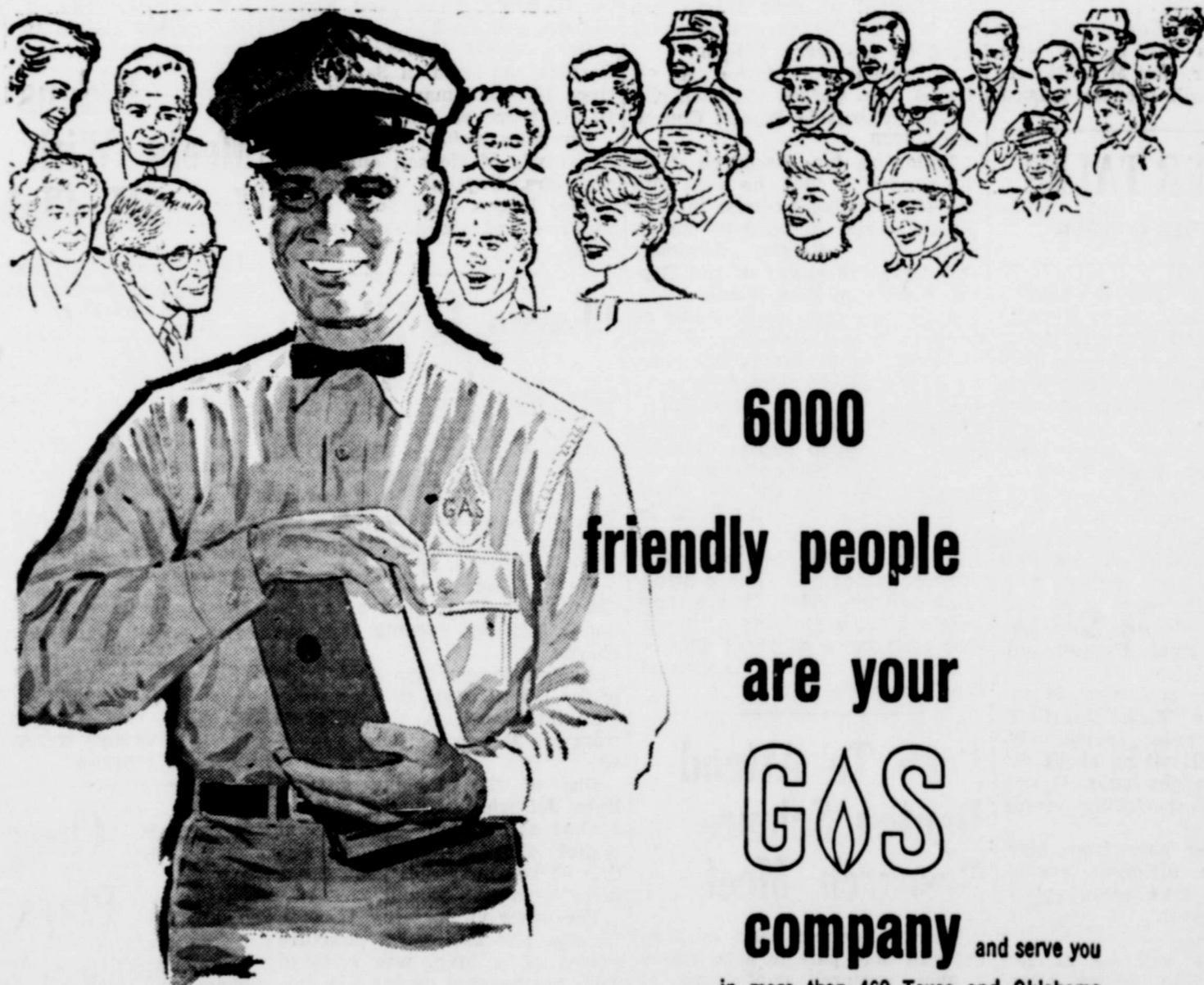
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DEAR MISTER EDITOR: We had a little wind out our way the other night and it blowed all kinds of stuff over my place, including a barrel stave, chicken feathers, a plow line, two empty paint buckets and a newspaper. I didn't pick any of it up because I figured the same wind took a heap of things off the place, leaving me about even. But the reason I mention it is on account of that newspaper the wind blowed up

against my front porch. It was dated in 1939 and must have come off somebody's pantry shelf. I was two-thirds through reading it afore I noticed it wasn't the morning paper. It had about the same things in it that's in the papers today. Trouble all over the world pices going up, income coming down, unemployment, bushfire war everywhere, Congress working on the give-away programs, new weapons fer destruction be-

lag invented. The world is so confused Mister Editor, that it's hard anymore to tell a 1939 newspaper from one in 1961 without looking at the date. It used to be a feller could count on about 20 years between wars and things gitting normal fer a couple year in between when folks could enjoy a little peace of mind. But I'm afeared them good old days has gone forever. Peace is as shaky as the planks in my barn loft, and confusion is gitting to be our normal state of mind.

Even our preacher was talking about it Sunday. He said most wimmen especial live in a constant state of confusion. He give a lot of reasons fer it, but he left out one that struck me while he was preaching. So many of them is plagued with the desire to go dressed and undressed at the same time. They don't know whether to dress to kill or torment.

And between you and me, Mister Editor, I think my preacher is a little confused. Fer instant, he was telling my old lady last week that a certain woman member of his congregation was gitting along fine now that her husband had passed away. He allowed as how she was raising her family, paying off the mortgage, running a good farm and adding modern conveniences to her home. How do you like that? I think maybe our preacher has got to go.

But I was reading in the paper yesterday about one feller in this world that ain't confused. They had this man in court in Georgia fer speeding. He told the Judge he was hurrying home to take his mother-in-law to the movies. The Judge fined him \$10 fer speeding and \$25 fer lying. That Judge ain't confused none, gits the wheat and chaff separated real quick.

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Gleaner Class Elects Officers

The Gleaner Class of the First Methodist Church met in the home of Mrs. Herbert Patterson last week. Co-hostesses were Mrs. D. H. Vaughn, Mrs. Forrest Galtner and Mrs. Mary Clik.

Devotional was brought by Mrs. Dessel Cox. Mrs. Lou Petty led the group in prayer.

During the business session the following officers were elected: Mrs. Tom Largent and Mrs. Jarrett Williams, re-elected teachers; Mrs. A. H. McElmurray, president; Mrs. Herbert Patterson, vice president; Mrs. John Shannon and Mrs. Ross Ferrier, secretaries; Mrs. Sallie Moore, treasurer, and Mrs. Lee Tipton, reporter.

Refreshments were served to 23.

Dorcas Class Meeting Held

The Dorcas Sunday School Class of the First Baptist Church met in the home of Mrs. Dent Gibson Tuesday with Mrs. Lige Harris, president, presiding.

Opening prayer was by Mrs. W. A. McCandless and the devotional was brought by Mrs. Earnest Teaff.

Ice cream, cookies and Easter candy were served to the following members: Mmes. Ada Higgins, Howard Phillips, Blanche Amason, P. L. Harris, C. P. Stephens, A. H. Zolinger, Cordelia Sherer, W. N. Hayes, E. O. Carson, Harris, E. B. Wilburn, McCandless, Lon Stephens.

Visitors were Mrs. Earnest Teaff, Mrs. Pearl Harris and Mrs. Clyde Lindsey and daughter, Tanya.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Dudley and children returned to their home at Earlsville, Md., Sunday after a visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Dudley, and Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Thomas, and other relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Breaux and children of Midland were weekend guests in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Breaux.

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HONORED - Mrs. M. B. Hicks was honored on her 89th birthday, March 10, with a party given by her two daughters-in-law, Mrs. Ethel Hicks and Mrs. Floy Hicks. Presents for the affair, which was held in the home of Mrs. Floy Hicks, 410 Oak St., were Mmes. W. M. Hays, E. B. Wilburn, P. F. Harris, Sam Swann, T. J. Amason, Beryl Brown, W. H. Laney, Ada Higgins, Pearl Ash, W. A. McCandless, A. R. Booth, R. H. Mathews, Lige Harris, E. O. Carson and Eldon Hicks.

Attend FHA Meet
A total of 17 members of the Merkel Chapter of Future Homemakers of America attended the Area 4 FHA meeting held on the campus of Tarleton State College in Stephenville on March 4. Mrs. Dale Gooch, sponsor of the local chapter, accompanied the girls.

Mr. and Mrs. Buster Hester and children visited Friday in the home of her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Joan Rister and children, of Levelland.

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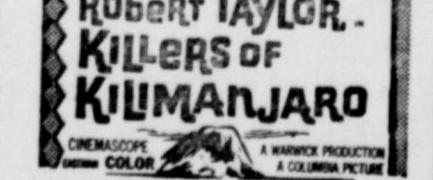


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Several members from the Stith Baptist Church attended a training union meeting at the Noodle Baptist church Wednesday night.

Mrs. Hulian Hill, Mrs. Roy Molsbee and Miss Louise Hudson attended a stanley party at the home of Mrs. J. E. Hudson Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hill of Las Cruces, N. M., Mrs. Ada Newton and Mrs. Della Ellison of Ansonwer Monday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Hale.

Mrs. Paul Bradley visited her brother-in-law, Willie Davis, a patient in Hendrick hospital. He is reported improved after an illness with pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mashburn have added a room and porch to their home.

Mr. and Mrs. John Fort and baby of Rankin spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lenard McCoy.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Stanley hosted a supper in their home Friday for members of the First Baptist church at Benbrook, who attended a choir clinic at H-SU, Abilene, March 10-11. Present were Mrs. C. A. Liles, Merna, Janie and Menyon; the Rev. and Mrs. S. Terry, Carlile, Sonya and

Marilyn Kay; Mr. and Mrs. Gene Stith and Debbie; Lynda Dykes; Susan Calvert; Anita Wyatt; Carolyn Vaughn; Mary Ellen Peacock; Mary York; Phyllis Berry; Susanne Couch; Pat Zoringer; Mrs. Sharon Thomas; Charles Mums; Larry Curry; Larry Wilson; Tommy Allen; Jack Risor; Sora Risor; and Welton Skinner.

Mary Dunagin of Big Lake spent the weekend with Sandra Hale.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cleary of San Angelo were weekend visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Stanley.

Mrs. Ann Powell of Alexander City, Ala., spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Jones. They visited Mr. and Mrs. Truett

Jones of Cross Plains Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Burns visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Burns, Sunday.

Lonnie and Johnie Harris, Pat McDonald and Martha Perry, Stith "Gospel Teens" Quartet, and Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Harris attended St. Paul Methodist church, Abilene Sunday. The Quartet sang for the Men's class, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Harris.

The Stith Home Demonstration club met Wednesday March 8, with Mrs. Hulian Hill hostess. The program was on "Salad." Seven members were present.

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UP THE CANYON

By TOM RUSSOM

Farmers have made wonderful progress in farming the past few days. Winds blowing and sun shining, the ground has really dried.

If the sun continues to shine, the land will all be plowed in the next few days.

At this time, farmers are getting some good grazing out of their wheat fields, however, it is almost time to take stock off the wheat.

Cattle are high and a number of farmers who want to buy are backing up due to the prices.

One stockman told this writer by telephone conversation the other night that he had plenty of good grazing, but due to high price of cattle, he would not buy any at this time.

When grazing is plentiful, stockman want cattle, but when the hot summer months come, everyone wants to sell.

This causes large cattle runs in the summer.

The Taylor County Singing convention will be held at Pioneer church on Sunday afternoon, April 9. Silas Clark of Abilene is president. Mark this date down and make your plans to be with us on that date.

The surveying crew moved in this week to stake lines from the Nolan missile base to Dyess air base for underground telephone cable.

Farmers and ranchers are not too happy over the fact this is crossing their land, however, since it is a defense program,

there is very little opposition. Word has been received here of the death of Willie Thomas, a former resident of this community. We regret to hear of his death.

Ford Butman was in San Angelo this week to buy sheep. Harry Riney sold a load of lambs on the San Angelo market this week.

Mrs. Frazee Demere received word the past week of the death of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Annie Brandon, at Handley. The Brandon's formerly resided in the Canyon. Mr. Brandon was father-in-law of Billy Parker.

T.E.L. Class Meets In Moore Home

The T.E.L. Class of First Baptist Church met in the home of Mrs. Ira Moore Wednesday. Mrs. John Mansfield was co-hostess.

Mrs. Sam Swann opened the meeting with a prayer. Devotional was brought by Mrs. E. W. King and Mrs. R. Y. Buchanan led the closing prayer.

Refreshments of ice cream, coffee and cold drinks were served to Meses. T. J. Byrd, Jim Kuykendall, Houston Robertson, Earl Foster, A. R. Booth, Myrtle Walker, Buchanan, Massey, Swann, King and Miss, Selena Teaff.

Claude Warren has been at the bedside of his brother, R. E. Warren of Big Spring, who underwent eye surgery at a hospital there the past week.

Lambda Betas Hear Program On Sculpture

Mrs. Dale Litton presented a program on "Sculpture" when the Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met in Taylor Electric auditorium Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Litton told how European artists were influenced by Orient art. "Sculpture in Europe was symmetrically balanced until the sculptors saw some of the Orient work. They learned from the Orient to use more curved lines to achieve rhythm, and their sculpture began to flow and seem more realistic," Mrs. Litton said.

She gave a brief history of the Venus de Milo statue which was founded on Melos Island in 1820. The statue was reproduced by a Greek sculptor named Scopas, she said.

Mrs. Litton demonstrated the use of sculpture in a flower arrangement by featuring an Egyptian girl figurine in an arrangement.

Mrs. Glen Robertson and Mrs. Newt Logan were hostesses.

The West Texas Rehabilitation Center, your Easter Seal Society, is one of 1,655 affiliates of the National Society for Crippled Children and Adults in all 50 states, District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. Wherever there are crippled children, there are Easter Seals at work.

Bruce Knight of Midland was a weekend visitor with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charley Knight.

Mrs. Ray Hosts Compere HD Club

Mrs. I. B. Ray and Mrs. Ab Hunter gave a demonstration on "Salads" when the Compere Home Demonstration Club met in Mrs. Ray's home March 9.

Three salads were prepared and served to the group for refreshments.

Plans were made to attend a meeting with the Noodle Home Demonstration Club for a program on flower arrangements to be presented by Mrs. Charlie Sherril of Merkel.

The next meeting will be held on March 23 in the home of Mrs. J. E. Touchstone.

Merkel Students Pledge IHR Club

Two students from Merkel, Jimmie Hargrove and Fernando Moreno, have pledged IHR social club at McMurry College during spring rush week activities at the school.

New pledges of McMurry's ten

clubs will be admitted to full and pledging period. membership after a ten-week period. Hargrove is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Hargrove, Moreno's parents are Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Moreno.

Party Honors Jerry Gibson

A-1c Jerry Gibson, who has just returned from two years of service with the Air Force in England, was honored with a party Saturday night in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dent Gibson.

Gibson's wife and his sister, Mrs. Clyde Lindsey, assisted with the hostess duties.

Guests, all former schoolmates of Gibson's were: Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Cunningham of Westbrook; Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Breaux and Bruce Knight, of Midland; Mr. and Mrs. Dale Dudley, Earlsville, Md.; Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Jones, Tye; Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Owen, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Watson, Mr. and Mrs. Corky Cox, Mrs. Don Clowds

and Wanda McLean, all of Abilene; Mrs. Lawrence Hewitt, Mrs. Jimmy Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Doan, all of Merkel.

Mrs. Mary R. Hines of Brownwood and Mrs. Delia McAllister of Cross Plains visited during weekend in the homes of their sisters and husbands, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Warren and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hill.



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Our heartfelt thanks to all who extended comforting sympathy and help in our recent sorrow at the passing of our loved one, Lora Faye Smith. For the beautiful service, floral offerings, and other kindnesses, we are deeply grateful.
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We wish to express our thanks and appreciation to the many neighbors, friends and relatives who called at our home on our 50th wedding anniversary. This expression helped to make the occasion a very memorable one.
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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 Ray Winterbauer, 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 10th day of April A.D. 1961, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 21st day of February A.D. 1961, in this cause, numbered 25,730-A on the docket of said court and styled Bonnie Joy Winterbauer, Plaintiff, vs. Donald Ray Winterbauer, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff sues defendant for divorce on the grounds of cruel treatment 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 the 23rd day of February A.D. 1961.

Attest: R. H. Ross Clerk, of the District Courts of Taylor County, Texas
By Irene Crawford, Deputy.

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A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were married on or about Aug. 18, 1953 and became separated on or about

June, 1958. Plaintiff sues that Defendant showed Plaintiff harsh & Cruel Treatment and he deserted her and the minor children in June, 1958, 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 the 14th day of February A.D. 1961.

Attest: R. H. Ross Clerk, 42nd District Court Taylor County, Texas
By Mrs. F. N. Carter, Deputy.

50-51-52-1

20 YEARS AGO

Miss Lucille Click, student of Draughon's College, Abilene, has accepted a position as bookkeeper-stenographer with the Southwestern Products Company, Abilene.

Mrs. Dent Gibson, who has been employed the past few months at Woolworth's, Abilene, has rejoined the sales force of Nutt's Variety store, having begun her duties last Monday morning.

M. E. (Elmer) Lowe, former Merkel man, was re-elected county juvenile officer Monday at a joint meeting of the county commissioners' court and city commission of Abilene. The term is for two years, dating from last November.

Top price of \$1,025 was paid for L. S. Publican D. 17th, consigned by Largent and Stevens of Merkel, at the auction ring in the annual Hereford sale at Fort Worth Tuesday afternoon.

For the first time in more than 30 years, W. J. Largent looked on at the Fort Worth show, having dispersed his herd of show cattle around the first of the year. He was re-elected however, as a director of the Texas Hereford association.

At the annual city election to be held Tuesday, April 1, a mayor and two aldermen are to be elected. Terms of Mayor West and two aldermen, S. D. Gamble and Fred A. Baker, expire. Holdover members of the city council are Dee Grimes, John Mansfield and W. O. Boney.

C. H. Collingsworth was elected president of the Merkel Golf Club at the annual meeting of members held at the Lions hall Monday night. Bvers Petty was named vice-president and Dean Higgins was re-elected secretary-treasurer.

Mrs. R. E. Dayton gave a party for her son, Dallas, on his fourth birthday, Thursday, March 2. Games were played and refreshments served to the 11 children present.

Jim Burns was given a surprise birthday dinner at his home Sunday. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Billy Harris and daughter, Mrs. Mamie Hody of Amarillo. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Burns and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Reddin, Mr. and Mrs. Pat McDonald, George and Pat and Mrs. Bernal.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

On March 10, 1961, Mrs. Juanita Moreland Harris and Mrs. Linnie Myrl Moreland Jones were appointed Independent Executrices of the Estate of Henry James Moreland, Deceased in Probate Cause Number 6771 in the County Court of Taylor County, Texas. Anyone having a claim against such estate is requested to present the same within the time prescribed by law to Mrs. Juanita Moreland Harris, 1218 Hickory Street, Abilene, Texas, or to Mrs. Linnie Myrl Moreland Jones, 1601 Lamonte, Houston, Texas.

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40 YEARS AGO

Mrs. H. T. Merritt returned yesterday from a visit to her sons, Ben T. Merritt of Handley, Will at Fort Worth and Harry at Arlington. She also attended the Fat Stock Show at Fort Worth.

Messrs. Seth, Hamilton and T. F. Compton left first of the week

for Houston, where they went as delegates to the State Convention of the Woodmen of the World. Mr. J. T. Warren, president of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank, accompanied by J. S. Swann, left Tuesday for Fort Worth to visit the Fat Stock Show. E. D. Teuton, assistant cashier of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank, recently sold his resi-

dence property in Trent and moved to Merkel. Merkel is glad to number Mr. Teuton and family among its citizenship.

The Senior and Sophomore debate Friday on the "Open and Closed Shop" was interesting and exciting. Everyone seemed to enjoy it. The Sophomores are all rejoicing over their victory.

At the home of the bride in this city on the 3rd day of March Mr. Howell Britan and Miss Bernice Rainbolt, two of Merkel's most popular and excellent young people, were happily united in marriage. Rev. W. M. Murrell pronouncing the words that made them man and wife.

L. R. Thompson, cashier of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank, on his return from Kansas City, stopped at Pratt, Kansas, and had a visit with Mr. Thos. A. Johnson. Mr. Thompson reports that Mr. Johnson has a fine business and has made a host of friends in his new home who regard him as a fine banker and gentleman.

Cards are out announcing the marriage on last Monday March 14, of Miss Evelyn Louise Williams, of this city, to Mr. Ellis Q. Warren, of Knox City, but who formerly resided in Merkel. The happy event we are told, took place in the state of Missouri, where the bride had spent some time visiting relatives.

R. L. Bradshaw, member of the popular grocery firm, Bradshaw & Sublett, is preparing to depart Sunday for Waco, where he goes as a delegate to the State Meeting of the Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows, which convenes in that city next week.

Our fellow townsman and splen-

did citizen, G. W. Moore, reports a visit to his splendid ranch and farm interests near here one day this week, and found the grass and weeds coming very fast and that his cattle came through the winter in most excellent condition.

Our good friend and splendid citizen, D. D. Coats, who resides South of Blair, was in the city Tuesday and reported that he and some neighbors had gone out a day or so previous and found and killed 51 rattlesnakes under a big rock upon the mountain side. On Wednesday afternoon another hunt had resulted in killing 30 of the dreaded pest. He said they ranged in size from the tiny baby rattler to the monster

B. F. Cox, splendid citizen and Merkel's Typewriter expert, is having built to his home some extensive improvements which when completed will make of same one among city's most comfortable and attractive in the city.

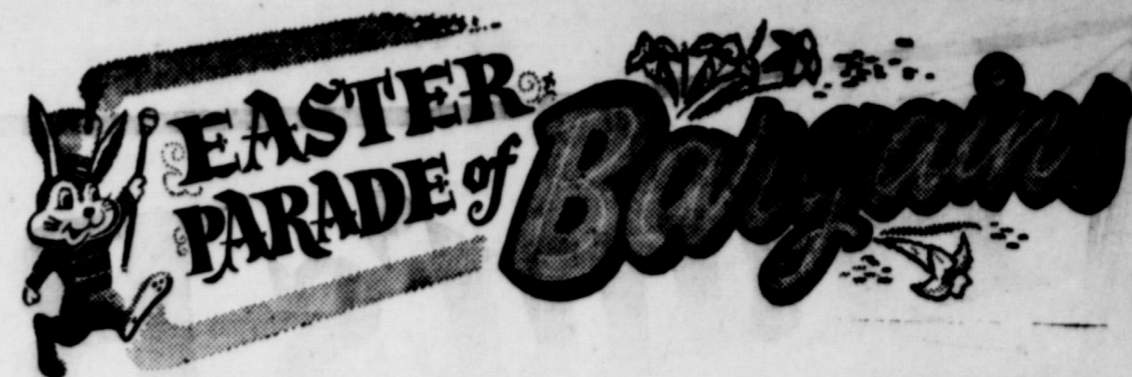
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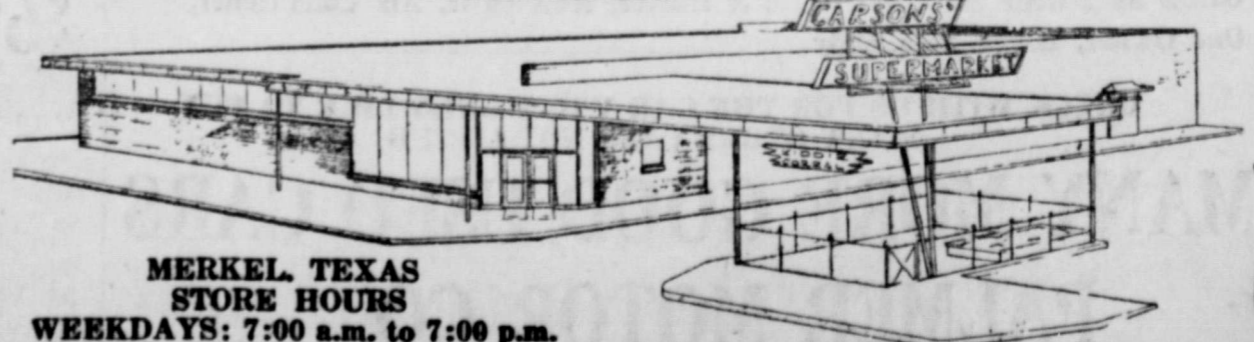
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