

Coach Walker's Jr. Badgers Win Tournament Sat.

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Robert McLeod Wins Place

Robert McLeod was named on the all-tournament team last Saturday. Selections were made by all eight coaches that participated in the contests.

PHONES FROM GUAM

Sgt. Ernest Reynolds of Guam phoned his parents at 4:30 a. m. Sunday. It was 9:30 a. m. there. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Reynolds.

Cooking Test Is Made Here

A pre-view of the National Jamboree cooking was held Friday through Saturday at the old Dudley Ranch, south of Merkel.

Supt. Mack Fisher's Father Passes Away

Wesley Fisher, 87, father of Supt. Mack Fisher, died at 3:30 p. m. Saturday after an illness of one week. He had pneumonia.

About 100 Guests Enjoy Reading

About 100 guests were highly entertained Tuesday afternoon of last week in the school cafeteria auditorium when members of the Fortnightly Study Club hosted a seated program by David Hamblin of Abilene.

Trent's Juniors Win From Noodle

Tuesday afternoon of last week Noodle Junior teams were defeated by Trent's boys and girls. The girls score was 38 to 34. The boys were defeated 27 to 23.

Homer Freeman, Jr., At North Fort Hood

Pvt. Homer A. Freeman, Jr., has arrived at North Fort Hood where he will be assigned to the famed First Armored Division for basic training.

CUNNINGHAMS MOVE

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Cunningham and family have moved to Crane, where they will make their home. Mr. Cunningham is with the Super Knox Oil and Mineral Co.

HAS SURGERY

Mrs. Gene Burleson underwent surgery at the Sweetwater Hospital March 3. She is doing nicely.

UNDERGOES SURGERY

Mrs. Don Williamson underwent major surgery at the Sadler Hospital Tuesday.

COOKIE SALE

The Girl Scouts will hold a cookie sale from March 9 to 14. Cookies are 50c a box. Buy them and help the Girl Scouts. Adv.

Annual Meeting Is Next Tuesday

The 12th annual meeting of the Taylor Electric Co-operative, Inc., and the Taylor Refrigeration Co-operative, Inc., will be held Thursday, March 12, at the high school gymnasium, starting at 10 a. m.

Besides the report of business and election of directors there will be lots of fun, entertainment and refreshments.

Shorty Underwood and the Brush Cutters of a radio station in Abilene will play from 12:30 p. m. noon to 1:30 p. m.

In the afternoon there will be reports by the president and manager and report from the Telephone Co-op.

Then the nominating committee will report and the election of directors will follow.

At 2:30 p. m. the talent contest finals will take place.

Then the Taylor Refrigeration Co-op will hold its business meeting. The meeting will close with the drawing of 18 valuable attendance prizes.

Kyle Minister To Preach Here

Rev. Samuel Tullock will preach at the First Baptist Church here Sunday morning and evening. Rev. Tullock is being presented by the pulpit committee in view of a call.

Rev. Tullock is from Kyle. He is a graduate of Howard Payne College and is now writing his thesis on the "Book of Romans" for an M. A. degree from Texas University.

The pulpit committee was in Kyle Sunday and extended an invitation to him. The committee is composed of Clyde Bartlett, Wright Dishman, Austin Robertson, Arnold Cunningham, Mesdames Dean Higgins and Ed Sandusky.

Is Money Borrowed From Government And Not a Loan

A recent loan from the government for the use of line construction is not a gift but money borrowed through the REA and "to be paid back, plus interest," said officials of the Taylor County Electric Co-op.

The operation, the executive explained, is the same as borrowing money from the bank. The bank takes a mortgage on land, stock, farm equipment, or other property as security.

The Taylor Electric Co-op's loan for line construction is secured by a mortgage on the line, its transportation equipment, office building and furnishings.

The money was borrowed under terms that the co-op would pay a certain amount of principal, plus interest on specified dates.

Lester Dorton, manager of the Taylor Electric, reported that during 1952, the co-operative made payments on the principal of previous REA loans totaling \$29,616.45 and interest amounting to \$39,412.86, for a monthly average of \$2,468.04 on principal and \$3,284.40 on interest.

"You can see from these figures this operation is not just a government subsidized agency, but a business enterprise locally owned and controlled," Mr. Dorton said.

JOHNSONS HAVE GIRL

A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Johnson at the Sadler Hospital Wednesday.

FUNNY PLAY

The Gleaner Class of the Methodist Church and the Trent P. T. A. are putting on a home talent play, "Country Deings," at 8 p. m. Tuesday, March 10, at the Community Center. Admission: 40c and 15c.—Adv.

More Rain Falls Here Last Saturday And On Tuesday

More of the good rain fell the first of the week. According to Weatherman J. I. Ford .45 inch of rain fell early Tuesday morning with some hail. Saturday night .1 inch fell. On Monday night of last

Board Members To Be Elected

Three school board members for the Trent Independent School will be elected on April 4. Members whose terms will expire are Sherman Driggers, Sr., Odell Freeman and Finus Cade.

About 100 Persons Visit Schools

About 100 persons are expected to visit the high school during Public Schools Week, said Supt. Mack Fisher. By Tuesday night 29 had visited the school and 10 had come in early Wednesday morning.

Tuesday afternoon, Principal C. A. Farley reported 15 persons had visited the elementary school and 27 the primary.

A total of 403 parents visited the local elementary school last Thursday and Friday afternoons for the purpose of conferring with their child's teacher and to see some of the work done since December 19.

In the primary school, 85 per cent of all the families of pupils in the school came to school. In the elementary school, grades 5-8, 64 per cent of the parents came, including 58 dads.

100 per cent of the parents of children in Mrs. Nash's first grade room were in attendance. In the elementary school, Mrs. Johnny Cox's sixth grade room led with 78 per cent of the parents registering.

The next visitation day for parents is April 30-May 1.

De Lois Reese To Broadcast

De Lois Reese, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Reese, will sing and play the piano over the radio station at Big Spring Sunday. All last summer she broadcast at Snyder.

Sam Mashburn Undergoes Surgery

Sam Mashburn underwent surgery at the Hendrick Memorial Hospital last Friday. He is getting along fine.

HAS GREAT GRANDPARENTS

Capt. and Mrs. David Gibson of Sacramento, Calif., are the parents of a baby girl, Debra Lyn, born Feb. 3. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Dent Gibson and Mr. and Mrs. Byron Dingle of LaPorte. The great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. A. J. English of Trent and Mrs. M. L. Ash.

HAS MAJOR SURGERY

Mrs. Clifford Estep had major surgery at the Sadler Hospital.

OLD TIMES RETURN!

Note on the passing scene in Merkel. Place: In front of Starbuck Funeral Home. There is a hole in the sidewalk near the curb where digging has been going on. Fred Starbuck rushes to the Merkel office.

DOLLAR DAY NOTE

As Dollar Day ads will be run next week merchants are kindly requested to have their ads ready early.

week .40 inch fell, making a total of .85 inch.

At A. G. Stephan place, close to View, the rain measured .5 inch and more; Mat Ely, between here and Tye, 5 1/2 miles, .7 inch; Trent 1 inch; Stith, good rain with water standing in middles; Joe Swinney, Butman Community, .6 inch.

Another report was that 1 1/2 miles north of here the rain measured .5 inch, south of Tye about .1 inch, between Merkel and Trent

Will Take Part In Band Festival

The Merkel High School Band has been invited to participate in "The Heart of Texas Band Festival," held annually in Brady. Merkel was one of the nine bands chosen to take part in half-time competition Friday, March 6.

Being a regular interscholastic contest trophies will be given. The band students participating in the contest will be housed by the Band Parents Club, Brady.

After playing their contest, concert numbers on March 7, the bands have an opportunity to hear an hour concert by the Fourth Army Band. The Merkel Band will also take part in a parade and mass band concert before coming home.

Grandson Moved To Banger, Maine

Lt. Jack B. Smith returned to Merkel this week to visit his grandmother, Mrs. J. E. Boaz, Sr., at the Boaz Ranch before departing for Banger, Maine. Lt. Smith and his wife, the former Ruth Ann King of Kingsville, have lived in Austin for the past year. Lt. Smith has been stationed at Bergstrom Air Force Base since September, 1951, and is being transferred as a personnel officer to Dow Air Force Base, Maine. Mrs. Smith is a physical education teacher with the Austin Public Schools.

Will Leave Soon For the Far East

Pvt. Joe Acuna, who has been at Camp Chaffee, Ark., since October, has spent a 10-day leave with his brothers, Louis and Jesse, and sisters, Ruby and Anita, in Trent. He left March 3 for Camp Stoneman, Calif. After a few days there he will be sent to the Far East.

Mrs. W. W. Webb Is Seriously Ill

Last week the Roswell, N. Mexico, Daily Record carried the following item:

Mrs. W. W. Webb of Merkel, Texas, became seriously ill last Wednesday while visiting with her daughters, Mrs. Barney Douglas, Mrs. Calvin Bell, Mrs. Bill Brown. She was taken to St. Mary's hospital for treatment.

Bobby Campbell Is Promoted

Pvt. Bobby Campbell, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Campbell, has been promoted to squad leader of his company. He is in Ft. Bliss, El Paso. Bobby has had five months of previous training in the National Guard at Tye.

Thousands May Visit In Years Time If Camp Located Here

It is possible that a Methodist camp may be brought to the Butman Community. That was the statement of Dr. H. Clyde Smith, Abilene District superintendent of the Methodist Church. He made this assertion in his sermon at the Pioneer Memorial Church anniversary.

If the camp is brought here about \$100,000 will be spent on the project, he asserted.

The Methodist Church has an encampment now in Ceta Canyon, about 265 miles north of here, near Canyon, Texas. It has been located there for 30 years. About 150 persons come at a time to the

and north of Trent around 1 inch, Mulberry Creek was flowing Tuesday afternoon at Johnny Jacobs Crossing.

Since 1885 the average rainfall for March has been 1.22 inches.

Robbery Attempt Is Made Sunday

Entry was made at the side door of the office of the Burton-Lingo Lumber Company Sunday night but nothing was taken. This is the third time in eight months that entry has been made.

The safe showed signs of having been tampered with but it was unopened. A light is left burning by the safe all night but the light was off when the office was opened Monday morning.

Joan Lindsey Wins First Place

Joan Lindsey, 7th grade, won first place, \$3, in the Public Schools Week poster contest.

Others who won were: Betsy West, 5th grade, second, \$2; Lupe Garcia, 5th grade, third, \$1.

Lions Club Enjoys Clarinet Numbers

The Lions Club was entertained by a quartet from the Merkel High School Band Tuesday.

President Horace Boney had charge of the meeting and turned the program over to Fred Starbuck, chairman of the program committee. Mr. Starbuck then presented Band Director Winford Reed, who announced the clarinet numbers.

Mrs. W. W. Webb Is Seriously Ill

The quartet, composed of Iris Vermer, Britta Kay Denton, Denta Marie Gibson and Joanne Reddin, played "Sentimental Journey" and "Tenderly."

Principal C. A. Farley reported on Public Schools Week while Lester Dorton made a report on the Red Cross Drive.

Bobby Campbell Is Promoted

President Boney announced that the anniversary party might be a ladies' night on March 23.

Thousands May Visit In Years Time If Camp Located Here

Mr. Webb was in Roswell Thursday of last week and returned to Merkel. He left again Tuesday for Roswell.

BAKE SALE

Saturday, March 7, beginning at 11 a. m., in front of Mellingers Store, sponsored by the Noodle & III Club. Adv. 2150.

Merkel 20 Years Ago

TAKEN FROM THE 1933 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL

W. R. BIGHAM DIES
One of the most colorful characters of the old west is gone; maker of history W. R. Bigham, 86, has left memoirs eventful enough to attract autobiography writers of fiction.

before noon the next day by City Marshal Dickinson and the purse and contents returned to the owner.

DELIVERS SHEEP

W. T. Nichols delivered four carloads of sheep to Kansas City, Mo., from Nichols and Dickinson and another shipment of the same number from Hob Robertson.

AN INADVERTENCE

In last week's issue of the Merkel Mail in these columns an item appeared in regard to Paul Frederickson. This item inadvertently got into these columns and the Merkel Mail regrets that this happened.

RE-ELECT BURGESS

At the monthly meeting of the Merkel School Board Tuesday night, Supt. Roger A. Burgess was re-elected for his 12th total term, the sixth in succession since he returned to the Merkel schools in 1928.

WAITS ON NATIONAL PLAN

The banking situation in this city and state was Thursday afternoon waiting on a plan of action by the national government. This followed orders of Gov. Miriam A. Ferguson and the declaration of President Roosevelt.

RECOVER PURSE

A purse containing \$18 in currency, belonging to Mrs. Leonard Gay and which was taken from her coupe in front of local church last Thursday night, was found

RAIN FALLS

Rainfall over the weekend totaled three-eighths of an inch, bringing the year's figure to one and three-eighths inches to date. The weather since Sunday has been ideal and within two or three days will be dry enough to resume the work of breaking land.

This Happened in Merkel Forty Years Ago

TAKEN FROM THE 1913 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL

Dr. A. J. Adkisson, a prominent Merkel physician, will leave next Thursday for Europe. He will be accompanied by his wife. They will sail for Berlin, Germany, via Liverpool and London, England, and Paris, France.

nesday for Fort Worth to attend the Fat Stock Show. Before leaving Mr. Moore gave us to understand that he was making the trip to see after the other Merkel visitors in the Panther City and escort them back home safely.

John Collins and Dan Coomer returned Wednesday from the Fat Stock Show at Fort Worth.

Sunday evening shortly after the arrival of the T. & P. passenger train No. 3, the home of J. A. Hamner in east Merkel was the scene of a quiet home wedding. The contracting parties, John T. Rollo of South Texas was married to Mrs. Effie Hamner Rollins of this place, Rev. W. G. Cyfert performing the ceremony.

Uncle Bill Barbee of Noodle departed Wednesday night for Fort Worth to see the stock show and look after business.

Will Butman of Nubia returned Sunday from the stock show where he went to sell some cattle, some of which brought him 3 cents per pound on foot, one two-year-old past steer weighing 1,710 pounds just before shipping.

Jno. Briggs, Sigh Dennis of the Divide, W. P. Moore, Russell Johnson and Claude Demere of the Canyon left Wed-

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NEWS ABOUT TOWN

Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Palmer have their grandsons visiting them while their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Ficks, and little daughter Debra Jean are visiting in Dallas. C. B. Rust, Calvin Peterson and Weldon McAninch were in Hous-

ton Monday and Tuesday on business.

Mrs. M. M. Phillips of Corpus Christi visited Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Ficks last week. Her son Frank of San Antonio was here from Temple where he had been in McCloskey Veterans Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Sublett of Corpus Christi, former Merkelites, visited all last week with his brother, B. T. Sublett, and Mrs. Sublett, and other relatives and friends.

Mrs. Bill Cain visited recently with her aunt, Mrs. B. T. Sublett and Mr. Sublett. M/Sgt. and Mrs. Cain are moving from Ft. Belvidere, Va., to Ft. Churchill, Canada, where he has been transferred.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Maserang of Abernathy visited recently with her sister, Mrs. Jess Russom, and Mr. Russom.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Carpenter of Abilene spent Saturday night with her sister, Mrs. B. L. Hook, and Mr. Hook.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Tipton of Sweetwater were here Sunday, vis-

iting relatives and friends. Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Elliott spent last Thursday in Stamford visiting his brother, Marvin Elliott, who has been ill since December. They found him improved some.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton, Danny and Sherry Lou of Big Spring, Mr. and Mrs. P. Diltz, Jr., and Tommie Lou of San Angelo were weekend visitors of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Diltz, Sr., and sister Mrs. Mina Winters, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Coats were in Odem last week and in the Valley. They found the corn knee high and cotton ready to chop. It rained every day.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Toombs have moved into the C. K. Russell home, which they bought.

Nolan Palmer and E. B. Herndon of Sweetwater were in Van Horn Friday and Saturday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Berryman and son of Wichita Falls spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Cochrane.

Mr. and Mrs. Vestal Hicks went to Camp Hood Wednesday of last week and with their son Waymon went to Marlin where they visited their son Lanier and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Hicks and Waymon came home Friday.

Miss Margaret Gilmore returned to Merkel last week after an extended visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Gilmore, of Trenton.

Mrs. Mary Pierce of Rankin spent the weekend with her brother, Jim Kuykendall, and Mrs. Kuykendall.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Reynolds and family visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Reynolds, in Rising Star Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Gray of Winters and Mr. and Mrs. C. Sears, Jr., of Wingate were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Boney. Mr. and Mrs. Gray are the parents, and Mrs. Sears is the sister of Mrs. Boney.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Green and daughter have moved to Merkel and are now living in the Cunningham home, 1005 Locust.

Mr. and Mrs. Lucian Rudd of H. S. U., Abilene, were weekend guests of Mrs. Rudd's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Kay.

Mr. and Mrs. K. C. Whiteley and family visited Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Carey in Post Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Carey are former Merkelites.

Washington

"As It Looks From Here"
OMAR BURLISON
Congressman
17th District



Several letters have been received from people back home regarding the so-called McCarran-Walter Immigration Act. The measure was passed in the last Congress. The general purpose was a strengthening of the immigration laws and restricting the admission of undesirables.

Another matter of interest to a great many people is the method of appointing postmasters and rural letter carriers. Until the change in the administration, it was my responsibility to recommend persons to these positions. Since the change in the administration, naturally the party in power reserves this privilege which is commonly referred to as "patronage."

Those interested in such positions when they become vacant must either qualify on a Civil Service examination or be transferred from a position they hold under Civil Service if their status permits.

As vacancies occur in these positions, it is suggested that anyone interested contact the county Republican chairman as to the method to be used in filling the vacancy.

The Civil Service Commission gives an examination for these positions. Regardless of the number who participates in the examination, only three can qualify. From these three, a recommendation can be made, but even so, there are limitations in connection with provisions of law favoring veterans.

It should also be said that neither the congressman nor, as the case is now, the Republican County chairman, has anything to do with the examination or the grading of papers by the Civil Service Commission. If this were not true, there would be no need to hold an examination.

When baking fish, put a piece of cheese cloth in the baking dish and lay the fish on it. When you're ready to take it out of your gas oven, you can turn it over easily onto the platter without the fish breaking.

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	FAB 2 boxes 55c

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FRESH RADISHES 3 bunches 10c	LEAN PORK CHOPS lb. 59c
GREEN CABBAGE lb. 3c	FRESH GROUND Hamburger lb. 49c
FLORIDA ORANGES 5 lb. sack 29c	CHUCK ROAST lb. 49c

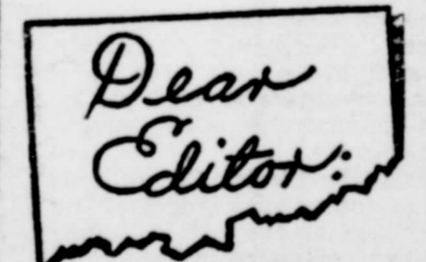
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7th Grade Class Elects Officers For March

The 7th grade class had a meeting Feb. 24. James Bird opened the meeting. Officers were elected for March. The meeting was held in the Elementary Library. The class' teacher, Mrs. Phillips, sat in on the meeting.

The officers elected were: president, Teddy Byrd; vice president, Joe Cunningham; secretary, Linda Winters; parliamentarian, Johnny Martin; policeman, James Bird; reporter, Sue Mewborn. Teddy Byrd closed the meeting.

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**Exciting Story
Of Mounted Police
At Queen Theatre**

"Fangs of the Arctic," one of the exciting stories of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, will play Friday and Saturday at the Queen Theatre. Kirby Grant portrays Corporal Rod Webb and the ferocious white dog, Chinook, himself in one of the most exciting dramas they have ever made. Again the pair is given a dangerous assignment, and again they work it out together, with Chinook playing an almost human part.

Legal Notices

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To any Sheriff or any Constable within the State of Texas — GREETING:
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the accompanying citation, of which the herein following is a true copy.
CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS
To: Roy S. Lucas, 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 6th day of April A. D., 1953, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 15th day of February A. D., 1953, in this cause, numbered 18,642-A on the docket of said court and styled Janna Lee Lucas, Plaintiff, vs. Roy S. Lucas, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff prays for a judgment of divorce and that the Court grant her full custody and control of child to be born in March, 1953, for costs of suit and for all such other and further relief to which she may be entitled to. No community property has been accumulated. 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 17th day of February A. D., 1953.
Attest: J. Neil Daniel, Clerk,
42nd District Court
Taylor County, Texas.
By C. Bower, Deputy.
Adv. Feb. 27, March 6, 13, 20.

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 is a true copy.
CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS
To: S. G. Reddell, if living, and if dead, then his unknown heirs and legal representatives, if any, and T. N. Branch, if living, and if dead, then his unknown heirs and legal representatives. Also any unknown persons, if any, if living and if dead, of such unknown persons' heir or heirs, that claim or have claimed the hereinafter described land, Defendants, Greeting:
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A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff sues for title and possession of Lots Number 25, 27, and 29 Block Number 39, Town of Buffalo Gap, Texas, in Taylor County, Texas, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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TREVA MARTIN MARRIES ALTON REED LAST FRIDAY

Miss Treva Martin was married to Alton Reed at 9 p. m. Friday, Feb. 27, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Martin, Rev. A. D. Smith, officiating. Mrs. Reed is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Reed of Sweetwater.

The bride wore a blue silk dress, trimmed with blue lace, and carried a white Bible, decked with pink carnations.

Miss Mildred Reed, sister of the groom, was the bridesmaid. Wesley Martin, brother of the bride, was the best man.

The groom is an employee of the Natural Gas Company in Sweetwater. The couple will make their home in Merkel.

BETTIE LOUISE JUSTICE TO BE MARRIED MARCH 31

Mr. and Mrs. V. R. Justice of Noodle announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Bettie Louise, to Robert Tylman Mason, 1149 Houston, Mrs. H. B. Mason, 1149 Houston, Abilene.

The wedding ceremony, performed by Minister W. R. Smith of Abilene, will be in the 14th and Vine St. Church of Christ in Abilene at 7:30 p. m., March 31.

The bride-to-be attended Abilene Christian College last year and is now employed by the West Texas Utility Company in Abilene. The future bridegroom will receive his B. S. degree in Agriculture from Abilene Christian College.

MRS. WINTER HONORED ON HER 79TH BIRTHDAY

Mrs. Elen Winter was honored with a surprise party on her 79th birthday Monday in the home of her son, Jennings Winter, and Mrs. Winter.

Games were played, gifts opened and refreshments of ice cream and angel food cake were served to Mesdames J. H. Simpson, R. O. Bailey, Joe Washburn, T. E. Goode, L. L. Murry, S. E. Pomroy, Tessie Mae Walling, W. L. Phillips, Irene Pomroy, Lula Woods of Trent, Mrs. Vera and Ida Rosson of Taft.

Mrs. Winter was assisted in entertaining by Mrs. H. H. Windham, Mrs. Frank Carter and Mrs. Grover Blair.

W. O. W. CIRCLE ENJOYS INTERESTING PROGRAM

The Merkel Grove No. 563 of the Supreme Forrest Woodman Circle held its regular meeting Thursday evening in the home of Mrs. Tom Coats.

Mrs. Sallie Gant, president, presided over a short business meeting. An interesting program followed, including piano selections by Mesdams Alice Wallace, Bertie Carter and Pearl Harris and was enjoyed.

Delicious cake and coffee were served to 12 members. The next meeting will be March 19 with L. J. Renfro.

COMPERE H. D. CLUB HEARS ABOUT GARDENS

The Compere Home Demonstration Club met Feb. 26 in Mrs. Clyde Chaney's home for its regular meeting. Mrs. Adkins led the group in singing "America." Mrs. C. R. Rogers, a visitor from the Hodge's Community, led the prayer.

Mrs. Vernon Stanley, president, had charge of the business session. Mrs. Foy gave the council report. She said that instead of the clubs sending "Pennies for Friendship" this year they are urged to send "Pennies for Bolivia." This is to aid Miss Maurine Hearn, the state home demonstration leader, who has gone to South America to organize extension work in Bolivia. The club voted to help in this work.

Miss Jimmie Lov Waincott, the agent, brought the program on "Let's Grow a Garden."

The club adjourned and Miss Waincott had charge of the auction sale of surprise packages. The sale brought \$25.53 in cash and \$74.47 in fun, a total of \$100. During a drought a hundred dollars is a lot of money in any language.

If you are not a club member and think it really doesn't pay to belong, the members urge you just to join the club nearest you and join in the fun.

Refreshments were served to nine visitors, 10 club members and seven children. The next meeting will be with Mrs. C. S. Childers.

KING'S DAUGHTERS CLASS MEETS WITH MRS. J. R. PEE

The King's Daughters Class of the Methodist Church met Tuesday in the home of Mrs. J. R. Pee.

Mrs. J. M. Collins, president, was in charge. Mrs. J. S. Pinckley gave the devotional. Mrs. L. A. Watts reviewed an interesting story entitled "Sixteen Sticks."

Mrs. R. B. Johnson read some "Quotable Quotes" good jokes Refreshments were served to the following members besides those mentioned above: Mrs. T. G. Bragg, Mrs. C. K. Russell, Mrs. Tom Coats, Mrs. Pearl Harris and one visitor, Mrs. Hallie Burd.

The Mizpah was repeated in unison as a benediction.

TYE RHYTHM BAND ENTERTAINS P. T. A. IN FEB.

The Tye Parent-Teacher Association was entertained at its February meeting with a program by the Rhythm Band, under the direction of Miss Jeffie Lee Stegner, third and fourth grade teacher.

Lynell Phillips was chosen as band sweetheart. Mascot of the band is little 5-year-old Lu Ann Donaldson, who sang, "Don't Let The Stars Get In Your Eyes." After the program refreshments were served in the school cafeteria.

TYE ROOM MOTHERS SERVE COOKIES AND PUNCH

Tye Room Mothers served cookies and punch to the teachers and pupils on Valentine Day. Room mothers are Mesdames Walter McCartney, Ossie Rister, Floyd Kimmey, Raymond Cromer, Aubrey Moore, Jimmy Baker and W. R. McCartney.

FOUR LEAF CLOVER CLUB ELECTS TWO REPORTERS

The Four Leaf Clover Club met Feb. 6. They elected a new reporter and assistant reporter: Danny Harris, reporter, and Bobby Malone, assistant. The club talked about different kinds of grasses, what they did to livestock. They all enjoyed the meeting.

The boys entering projects at the Abilene Stock Show are Jerry Don Reynolds, sheep; Joe Neill, capons; Leslie Whitely, rabbits; and Lanny Perry, sheep.

MRS. RAY HONORS DAUGHTER WITH SLUMBER PARTY

Mrs. E. C. Ray gave a slumber party, honoring her daughter Beey's 13th birthday last Friday in the old Butman Ranch house. A camp fire and a sumptuous meal awaited Beey and her guests as they arrived on the school bus.

Horseback riding and horseshoe throwing followed until dark and then the group participated in parlor games, story telling and music. The midnight snack consisted of ice cream, cookies and bubble gum.

They were up at an early hour and were soon ready to go hiking, mountain climbing and more horseback riding Saturday morning. The noon hour meal consisted of punch, sandwiches and cake served around a glowing camp fire.

The following guests enjoyed the gala affair Sandra Pursley, Sue Newborn, Linda Ann Winters, Patsy Oliver, Stella Mae Russell, Becky Ray, Karen Ray and Don Ray.

Mrs. G. D. McConnell assisted Mrs. Ray in serving.

Famous Piano Team Will Play Tuesday At Hardin-Simmons

A nationally famous piano team, Whittemore and Lowe, will present a program at Hardin-Simmons University Tuesday night, March 10. The duo-piano team was the only two pianist engaged by the New York Philharmonic Symphony in 1951-52.

JOY JOHNSON IS A PLEDGE OF CAMPUS SOCIAL CLUB

Joy Johnson, freshman student from Merkel, is among the West Texas State College students who is a pledge of one of the campus social clubs. Miss Johnson is pledging the Kappa Tau Phi sorority. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James D. Johnson, recently of Abilene.

Middle Clear Fork Soil Conservation News

Supervisors of the Middle Clear Fork Soil Conservation District recently inventoried equipment purchased from state funds and report of \$6,000 worth of conservation machinery now available to the public.

In the west part of the district, Tom Russom, district supervisor, at Butman has a grass and legume seeder, a combination grain drill and phosphate spreader, hydraulic and tumble fresnos. H. H. McLeod of Trent has a grass and legume drill, but there is a possibility that this and other conversation equipment may be turned over to the Vocational Agriculture Department for rental and supervision.

W. D. Ramsey, who lives in the area between Compere and Stith, has a grass and legume seeder, a two-row grass and legume planter, tumble freso and grass seed stripper. A land leveler belonging to the district is temporarily on lease to the Haskell district.

Drills lease for 50c per acre, hydraulic fresnos for 50c per hour and grass and legume planter at 25c per acre. Proceeds go for maintenance and replacement of equipment, most of which is seldom used by any one person and is generally too expensive for individuals to own.

Supervisors are anxious that anyone leasing equipment be prompt in completing their work, in returning equipment to its basing point and in making payment for use. Supervisors draw no pay and need the cooperation of all farmers and ranchers to make the conservation program work effectively.

To facilitate grass seed planting this spring, supervisors have purchased and placed with the Kimble Milling Company, Merkel, King Ranch bluestem, Indian and blue panicum grass seed. Weeping lovegrass seed is on order. Soil conservation personnel of the Merkel unit are available to advise and suggest on methods and rates of planting.

K. R. bluestem is well proven in this area from plantings over the past years. Indian grass, a native of this part of Texas, grows well, is palatable and is a heavy producer. Blue panic grass, an Australian perennial, grows and looks somewhat like sudan grass, but generally furnishes six weeks to two months more grazing and is a heavier producer. It has been well tested in adjoining counties and districts, particularly in the Nolan Divide, Roscoe, Snyder and Big Spring areas. It is planted in rows at a rate of one pound of seed per acre and cultivated once or twice each year.

The rest of the program follows:

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Benjamin Barlow — The Grandson, James Wilks.
Clara Bell — Old Maid, Anna Zell Bright.

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Daisy Pumpnickle — Mother, Laine McRee.

Mary Rosy, Sopheonia Teaferteller, Matilda — Kids, Ima Grace Williams, Ida May, Graham, Eloise, Boyd, Winnie Dickerson, Bertie, May Halbrook.

Bessie Boulderbottom, Mary Scott.
Ima Washout, Helen Duncan, Tina Ripslinger, Ora Beasley, Dollie Flingdogger, Doris Driggers.

Walter Wee swell — Dry Goods Salesman, Richard Scott.

"SHINDIG WEDDING"
Preacher, Sherman Driggers, Groom, Wray Williams, Bride, Clara Bell.

Harmonica, Jerry Williams, Piano solo, Sue McRee, Piano solo, Kay McWilliams.

Quartet, Jesse Yandell, Robert Payne, Jerry McWilliams and Jerry Estep.

Magic, James Wilks, Accordian Trio, Jane Williams, Sharon Terry and Judy Steadman, Skit, Merkel Ladies, Solo, Jesse Yandell.

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Mrs. E. P. Matthews Passes Away Tues.

Mrs. Eula Pearl Matthews, 67, died at 1:45 a. m. Tuesday at her residence in Trent.

Funeral was at 2:30 p. m. Wednesday at the Trent Baptist Church, with the Rev. G. N. Callaway, pastor, officiating, assisted by Riley Fugett of Baird, Earl Duncan of Pleasant Grove and Bill Haynes, Church of Christ minister at Trent.

Mrs. Matthews was born July 26, 1885 in Robertson County and moved to the Newby community in 1905. She married W. C. Matthews Sept. 30, 1907, in Abilene, and they had lived in the Trent community for the past 12 years.

Mrs. Matthews had operated the telephone exchange for the past seven years in Trent before she became ill. She is a member of the Trent Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband; one son, Lloyd of Houston; one daughter, Pearl of Trent; one brother, C. I. Dowdy of Ft. Worth; and five grandchildren.

Burial was in the Rose Hill Cemetery under direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

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J. R. Gafford Dies At Trent Home

Last rites for J. R. Gafford, 86, resident of Trent since 1906, were held at 10 a. m. Wednesday of last week at the Trent Methodist Church with the Rev. Clifford Trotter, pastor, officiating.

He was assisted by the Calloway, Baptist minister, and William Haynes, Trent Church of Christ minister. Burial was in Trent.

Mr. Gafford died at 3:25 a. m. Tuesday of last week at the family home. He had been ill for several years and in serious condition for the past four months.

He was a farmer. He had been in insurance business for the last 20 years and was partly retired.

Survivors are the wife, four daughters, Mrs. W. J. Bicknell, Merkel Mrs. A. C. Keltz, Vernon; Mrs. G. F. Daniels, Albuquerque, N. M.; and Miss Minnie Gafford, Trent; eight grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

day in the Trent Methodist Church. Burial was in the Trent Cemetery.

Mr. Smith was born Oct. 7, 1893, in Coleman County, moving with his parents to Trent in 1900. He spent his boyhood in Trent and attended Trent Public Schools. He married the former Bonnie Abernathy Sept. 19, 1912.

Survivors are his wife; five brothers, O. N. of Oakland, Calif.; W. J. of Lamesa, C. C. of Denton, H. N. of Ozona and W. I. of Abilene; three sisters, Mrs. Lucy Galoway, Rankin; Mrs. T. H. Williamson, Trent and Mrs. Anna Belle Zander, San Antonio.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our appreciation to all who helped in any way by expressions of sympathy, sending cards, food and flowers and your presence in the time of our recent sorrow. May God bless each of you.

Mrs. J. R. Gafford and family.

J. F. Ensminger Dies Last Friday

J. F. Ensminger, 83, resident of the Nolan Divide community, died at 2:20 a. m. Friday in Sweetwater Hospital.

He has been a patient at the hospital since Dec. 31, 1952, when he fell and broke his hip.

Born March 4, 1870 in Tennessee he came to Texas with his parents as a boy. The family settled first at Dora in Nolan County and he later moved to the Nolan Divide community. He was a retired farmer.

In his earlier years, he had been a mail carrier and had carried the mail by buggy from Dora to Merkel.

He married Sarah Alice Brandon Jan. 18, 1896, in Dora.

The couple celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in 1946. Mrs. Ensminger died Aug. 4, 1950.

He was a member of the Baptist Church and was the oldest member of the Masonic Lodge of Hylton.

Masonic funeral service conducted Saturday at the Nolan Baptist Church. Burial in Nolan cemetery.

Survivors are five sons, George of Sweetwater, Oscar of Nona, Ernest of Ireddell, Olan and J. F. Ensminger, Jr., both of Estancia, N. M.; two daughters, Mrs. Ada Heflin and Mrs. N. D. Reeves, both of Sweetwater, one brother, Charles of Rotan, 15 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Those from Merkel attending the funeral were Messrs. and Mesdames Wade Ensminger, Leon Toombs, Frazier Demere and Elmer Patterson. Wade was a cousin of J. F. Ensminger and Mrs. Demere was a sister of Mr. Ensminger's wife, who died in 1950, and Mrs. Toombs was her niece.

Rev. Joe Self, Jr. Speaks Tuesday Before S. S. Workers

Rev. Joe Self, Jr., pastor of the First Baptist Church of Albany, spoke before the Baptist Sunday School workers Tuesday evening. Rev. Self is a former Merkelite. He was accompanied by Mrs. Self daughter Jody and Mr. and Mrs. Al Johnson.

Paul Honeycutt's At Ford Banquet

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Honeycutt attended the Ford dealers banquet at the Century Room of the Adolphus Hotel in Dallas Tuesday night, and Wednesday morning they saw the new '53 Ford truck.

Robert F Smith Is Laid to Rest

Robert Frank Smith, resident of Big Spring for 21 years and a former resident of Trent, died at his Big Spring home at 7 a. m. Tuesday.

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Waymon Hicks Home From Germany

Pfc. Waymon Hicks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vestal Hicks, is home from Germany. He was there nearly a year. He received his discharge last Friday.

Jay Greenfield, Jr. Is At Ft. Rucker For Basic Training

Pvt. Jay Greenfield, Jr., after being inducted into the Army at Ft. Sill, Okla., has been assigned to Ft. Rucker, Ala., for Basic Training. Pvt. Greenfield is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Greenfield, Sr.

GIRL TO CLAMPITTS

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Davidson and sons of Standish, Mich., are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. McAnnieh. Monday they all were in Fort Worth, visiting their daughter and sister, Mrs. Ed Clampitt, Mr. Clampitt and their new baby girl, born Feb. 15.

B. R. Perrys Move To Willcox, Ariz.,

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ray Perry and son Butch have moved to Willcox, Ariz. Mr. Perry will work on the J. T. Williams Ranch.

Korean Veterans To Be Honored March 15 to 22

The American Legion is urging Texas civic, church and school organizations to join the American Legion and its more than 800 posts in observance of "Korean Veterans Appreciation Week," March 15 to 22.

"Our Korean veterans have participated in a bloody and costly war but in the state and national consciousness we have taken that fact too much as a matter of course," the Legion declared. "We owe it to these tens of thousands of Texans to say 'thank you,' and this will be a great opportunity."

Certificates of appreciation will be issued by the American Legion to returned Korean veterans. The certificates will be presented to the families of those who do not return.

CLASSIFIED AD SECTION

LODGE CALLS

NOTICE MASONS

Stated meeting of Merkel Lodge No. 710, A. F. & A. M., Thursday, March 12 at 8 p. m. All members are urged to attend. Visiting brethren cordially invited.

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FOR TRADE on farm land, building in Abilene renting for \$130.00 per month. Write box 294, Tyler, Texas. 4151c.

WANTED — Clean Cotton Rags Badger Chevrolet. 1151c.

WE BUY EGGS. We DO appreciate your business. Patterson Grain. 150c.

WE ARE buying poultry and eggs, paying 41c a dozen for eggs. Toombs and Moore. 1149c.

FOR RENT

FOR RENT — 3-room furnished Apartment. Private bath. See Mrs. Melton, 1412 S. 5th 1151c.

FOR RENT — 3-room house with bath. 4th El Paso, Mrs. Tommy Smith. 3151c.

FOR RENT — Nicely furnished apartment, also large sleeping porch with two beds. See 208 Ash St. 3151p.

FOR RENT — Duplex, unfurnished, 4 rooms and bath. See Ray Wilson at Campbell Grocery. 1141c.

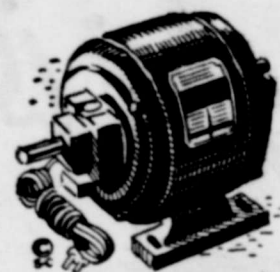
FOR RENT — 2-room furnished apartment modern, private bath. Couple, T. T. Earthman, 211 Ash street. 1142c.

BUS SCHEDULE

Eastward	Westward
4:02 a. m.	7:37 a. m.
4:29 a. m.	5:38 a. m.
7:06 a. m.	8:57 a. m.
11:26 a. m.	1:25 p. m.
11:52 a. m.	5:22 p. m.
3:01 p. m.	6:40 p. m.
8:22 p. m.	11:31 p. m.
9:53 p. m.	12:10 a. m.
11:56 p. m.	



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For the first time in more than 10 years anyone in Taylor County can build or modernize a home and other building without having to worry about their materials shortages or government controls, according to Clyde Bartlett, local lumber and building materials dealer and member of the Public Affairs Committee of the National Retail Lumber Dealers Association.

"As of March 1, anyone can construct any type of building and can use any desired types of materials without securing permission from the federal government, provided the necessary materials can be obtained without priority assistance," Mr. Bartlett said.

"Inasmuch as all types of lumber and other building products are available in full supply, this means that everyone is free to start building without fear of delay due to scarcities or governmental red tape," he asserted.

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FOR SALE — 4 Choice Lots — 2 in Sheppards additions and 2 on the north side. See R. N. Mosier, 401 Taylor St., Merkel. 3151c.

FOR SALE — Black Cocker Pups. See R. H. Whitehead, 508 Lois, Merkel, or Phone 301J. 1151p.

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Sunday:
Sunday School.....9:50 a. m.
Morning Worship.....10:50 a. m.
M. Y. F. 6:30 p. m.
Evening Worship 7:30 p. m.

Church of the Nazarene
Services at the Merkel Church of the Nazarene are as follows:
Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
Morning Worship 11:00
Training Union 7:00 p. m.
Evening Services .. 7:30 p. m.
Wednesday:
Prayer Service 7:30 p. m.

Amity Baptist Church
Morning Service—11:15 a.m.
Sunday School—10:30 a.m.
Evening Bible Class 6:30 p.m.
Evening Services .. 7:30 p. m.

Merkel Calvary Baptist Church
Sunday School.....9:45 a. m.
Morning Service.....11:00 a. m.
Evening Bible Class . 6:30 p. m.
Evening Worship .. 7:30 p. m.

Primitive Baptist Church
Saturday Night Service
Sunday Service 11 a. m.

Tye Baptist Church
Sunday:
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship.....11:00 a. m.
Training Union.....6:45 p. m.
Evening Services .. 7:30 p. m.

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Sunday School9:45 a. m.
Morning Worship.. 11:00 a. m.
Training Union.....6:30 p. m.
Evening Worship .. 7:30 p. m.
Wednesday Prayer Service 7:30 p. m.
W. M. U. Mon. 9:30 a. m.

Merkel Grace Presbyterian Church
Sunday School.....10:00 a. m.
Worship Service 11 a. m.
Evening Service7:00 p. m.

Merkel Church of Christ
Sunday:
Bible Study.....9:45 a. m.
Morning Service.....11:00 a. m.
Young People's Bible Class 6:30 p. m.
Evening Services .. 7:30 p. m.

Merkel Assembly of God
Sunday school 10 a. m.
Morning Service 11 a. m.
C. A.'s (Young People) .. 7 p. m.
Evening Worship 7:30 p. m.
Tuesday W. M. C. 2 p. m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:30 p. m.

Compere Baptist Church
Sunday School.10:00 a. m.
Morning Worship, 2nd and 4th Sunday 11 a. m.

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

Pioneer Memorial Chapel
Sunday School.....10:00 a. m.
Morning Service.....11:00 a. m.
Evening Services8:00 p. m.
Wednesday:
Evening Prayer Service ..7:30

Trent Church of Christ
Sunday:
Sunday 11:00 o'clock
Bible Class.....10:00 a. m.
Morning Worship..11:00 a. m.
Evening Services8:00 p. m.
Thursday:
Ladies Bible Class. 4:00 p. m.

Noodle Baptist Church
Sunday:
Sunday School..... 10:00 a. m.
Morning Worship.....11:00 a. m.
Young People's Class.6:30 p. m.
Evening Service8:00 p. m.

Trent First Baptist Church
Sunday:
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship.....11:00 a. m.
Training Union.....6:45 p. m.
Evening Services 7:30 p. m.
Tuesday:
U. M. U. 9:30 a. m.
Wednesday:
G. A.'s and R. A.'s... 6:30 p. m.
Prayer Services 7:30 p. m.
Brotherhood, 1st Thursday of month. "You are a stranger here but once."


Trent Methodist Church
Sunday School10:00 a. m.
Evening Worship 8:00 p. m.
Morning Services.....11:00 a. m.
M. Y. F. Services 6:30 p. m.
Wednesday:
Prayer Services 7:30 p. m.

Noodle Church of Christ
Sunday:
Bible Class.....10:00 a. m.
Morning Worship Service 11:00
Young People's Service 6:30
Evening Worship .. 7:30 p. m.

New Live Oak Baptist Church
Sunday:
Sunday School...10:00 a. m.
Morning Worship ...11 a. m.
Training Union 6:45 p. m.
Evening Worship .. 7:30 p. m.

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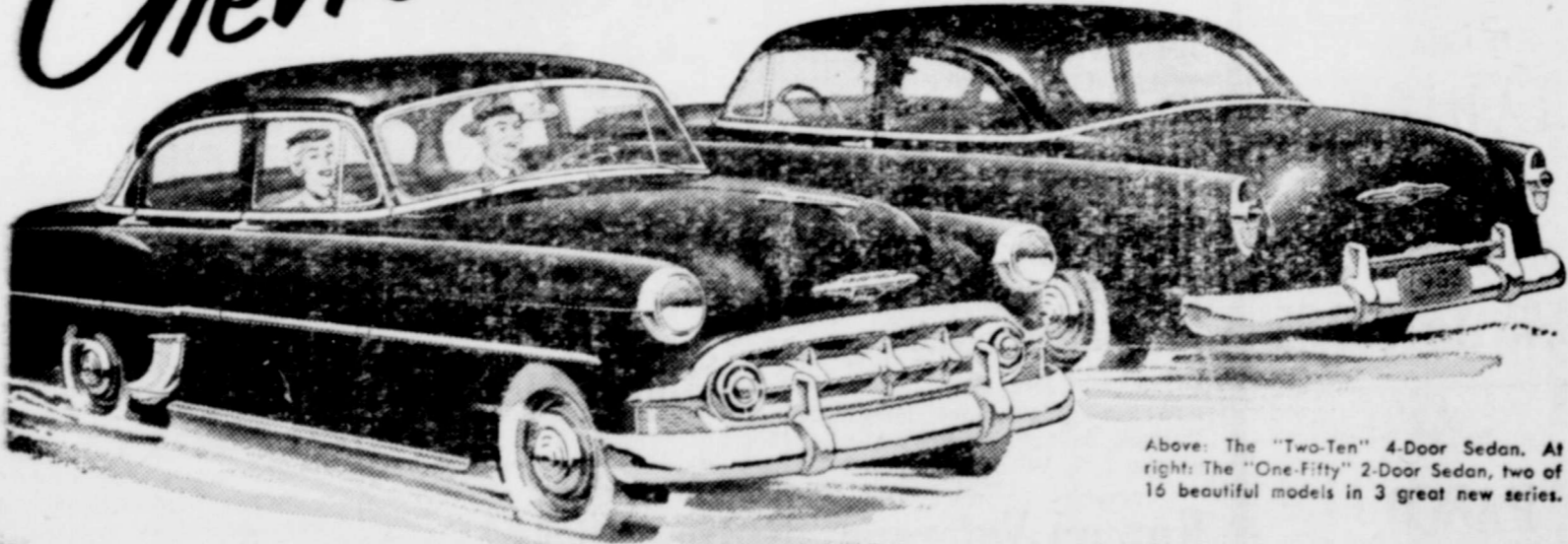

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EDITORIAL

GOOD RAIN

It is a long wait between rains but they come at last. It may take lots of patience to wait it out but the patience pay off

The rain that fell was not an inch it was not half an inch. It was only .4 inch. But that .40

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inch helped a whole lot. It may make possible a crop of small grain.

Life is like that. It depends on small things. But a great number of small things make a big thing. A great number of small rains will make a big crop.

RED CROSS DRIVE

The Red Cross Drive is on. The purpose of the drive is one of mercy. Upon the funds collected by those on the drive depends the work that the Red Cross will be able to do.

Come storm, flood, fire, disaster of any kind, the Red Cross will be on the job almost instantly and will bring relief from suffering of the victims.

To point out the work of the Red Cross is to point a finger at all the misfortunes with which man is heir to. We know from personal observation how it works. We happened to be in Kansas City, Mo., when the flood struck there in recent years. Without the work that the Red Cross did many lives would not be in existence today.

Its work is a work of mercy. To give to the Red Cross is a merciful act.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Public Schools Week is now on. The parents of children and the public in general are invited and urged to come to the schools and sit in and see what is going on. Seeing is believing.

It is well while "seeing" to remember what Prof. Mack Fisher, superintendent of schools said, "We want the public to see democracy at work as presented in our public schools."

An informed public is an intelligent public. And it takes intelligence to keep democracy working.

"WHITE-ICISM"

That's ALL and the —Sage of Figfield adds that a community is no greater than its ideals.

Women and Club Can Win Awards In Safety Programs

The Carol Lane Awards for Traffic Safety — first awards to recognize and reward women's achievements in traffic accident prevention — have been expanded for 1953 to include women's organizations as well as individuals, the National Safety Council announced.

First award consists of a \$1,000 defense bond. Complete information about the Carol Lane Awards can be obtained by writing to Alice C. Mills, director of woman's activities, National Safety Council, 425 North Michigan Ave., Chicago, Ill.

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personals

Mr. and Mrs. Billie Joe Bowers and Bobbie of Pyote spent several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Strawn and with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bowers of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Allen and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Allen of Abilene visited J. E. Wheat and children of Coleman Sunday afternoon. Miss Betty Jane Tittle, Mrs. Neely Tittle, son Weldon and Rev.

and Mrs. R. L. Butler of Sweet water were in Fort Worth from Saturday to Monday, visiting relatives and friends.

Mrs. Aurora Kammann and Mrs. Dennie Crawford of Dallas were here Wednesday on business.

Mrs. C. P. Rosson of Taft is visiting her mother, Mrs. S. E. Pomroy, also her niece, Mrs. Ellis Rosson, of Robstown is a visitor. Libby Green of Midland visited Carolyn Sue Campbell last week-end.

Pruett Patterson of Indianapolis, Ind., visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Patterson, last week-end.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Admissions to the Sadler Hospital the past week were:
As medical patients — Howard Laney, Cecil Ross, Jean Irvin, Mrs. Louise Dunagin.
For surgery — Mrs. J. R. Dye.

OUT TO LUNCH

Man: "There's a fellow who's going places."
Friend: "Ambitious?"
Man: "No, his wife is out of town."

VISIT IN ALABAMA

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bryan returned the middle of last week

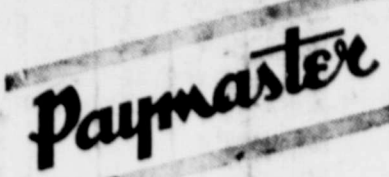
from a two weeks' visit among friends and relatives in Northeast

Alabama. They visited in Oneonta, Alabama City, Albertville and De-

cator and various other points. They had a wonderful time, saw many beautiful green pastures, fat

cattle and lots of running water and plenty of rain. But they were very glad to be back home again

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FEATURES SUNDAY 2:25 — 4:25

MONDAY — 7:30 — 9:30

TUES., WED., THURS., March 10-11-12

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FEATURES 7:30 — 9:25

WATCH THIS SPACE FOR RE-OPENING of PIONEER DRIVE-IN Next Week!

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CAMPBELL'S
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MARCH 6th and 7th
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SPAM
12 oz. Can 43c

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OLEO
Lb. 28c

WITH YOUR
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SAVE 10¢
WESSON OIL
WITH COUPON
QUART 53c

SAVE 10¢
SNOWDRIFT
THE WESSON OIL
SHORTENING 73c
WITH COUPON
3-LB. CAN

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CORN	2 for 38c
TENDER SWEET — 303	
PEAS	2 for 25c
DIAMOND	
SPINACH	2 for 25c
DIAMOND — No. 2 GOLDEN	
HOMINY	3 for 25c
WHITE SWAN	
PORK & BEANS	3 for 29c
WHITE SWAN JUICE — No. 2	
ORANGE	2 cans 25c

CAMPBELL'S Tomato Soup	2 cans 25c
SALAD WAFERS	
Pound Box	23c
WILSON'S PURE LARD	3 lb. ctn. 39c

COFFEE	White Swan Pound	79¢
SERVING COFFEE & CAKE ALL DAY SATURDAY — TRY IT.		
SUGAR	IMPERIAL 10 Pounds	79¢
KIMBELL'S PEANUT BUTTER	20 oz. 43c	
CRACKER JACK Pop Corn	11 oz. box 10c	
BETTY CROCKER — VALUE 66c		
Pie Crust	3 boxes 25c	
KIX AND — VALUE 57c		
Cheerios	both for 25c	
FROZEN FOODS		
FRYONOR COD FISH	lb. 29c	
DONALD DUCK CUT CORN	box 19c	
DONALD DUCK ORANGE JUICE	2 cans 33c	
DONALD DUCK CUT OKRA	box 23c	
BORDEN'S 1/2 Gallon		
Charlotte Freeze	59c	

CHOICE MEATS

CHOICE BEEF CHUCK ROAST	lb. 49c
SKINLESS WEINERS	lb. 39c
CHOICE BEEF CLUB STEAK	lb. 69c
FRESH DRESSED FRYERS	lb. 51c
CHOICE BEEF LOIN STEAK	lb. 79c
FRESH COUNTRY BUTTER	lb. 69c
GOOCH BLUE RIBBON HAM	Butend lb. 59c Shankend lb. 55c
CHOICE BEEF POT ROAST	lb. 55c

REFEREE PINK SALMON	can 43c
DIAMOND PICKLES	22 oz. jar 19c
SERRA MISSION PEACHES	No. 2 1/2 can 25c
SUNSPUN CATSUP	2 bottles 29c
PUREASNOW — FREE BOWL FLOUR	25 lb. print \$1.98
LAWOOD PRESERVES PEACH	2 lb. jar 39c
CHARMIN TISSUE	4 rolls 33c
CLEANSER Ajax	with Coupon 2 cans 19c
Beauty Bar VEL	2 Boxes EACH 55c
Beauty Bar VEL	EACH 19c

GARDEN FRESH VEGETABLES

IDAHO MESH BAG SPUDS	10 lbs. 49c
JUMBO CRISP LETTUCE	head 15c
SUNKIST ORANGES	lb. 10c
ROME BEAUTY APPLES	lb. 10c
FLORIDA NEW POTATOES	lb. 7c
FRESH CORN on COB	2 ears 12c
FRESH CARROTS	cello 8c
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