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NEWS ABOUT TOWN

Visitors Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Phil Diltz were their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wright, and two daughters, Hope and Faith, of Lubbock. Other visitors were their son, P. A. Diltz, Jr., wife and daughter Tommie Lou of San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Williams and children of Abilene were Sunday visitors in the home of Mrs. Lorinda Campbell.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Lige Gamble are her sister, Mrs. Ima Nix, and family, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Nix, and daughters of Longview.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Ryals of Dallas is visiting her daughter, Mrs. David Gamble, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Douglas and sons, C. J. and Gene, were in Big Spring Sunday visiting Mr. and Mrs. James Eason. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Bowen.

Mr. and Mrs. John Perry and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Collier and Edith Perry were in Tempel, Oklahoma, over the weekend visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Stockbridge visited in Breckenridge, Saturday with her mother, Mrs. Nannie Glenn.

Mr. and Mrs. Alf Walla and family and Mrs. J. L. White were in Wichita Falls Sunday, visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jess Walla and family and Mrs. Vera Clark.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Fox over the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Walker and Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Wallis of Lubbock. They took a hike to the mountains.

B. L. Shelton of Cisco visited his sister, Mrs. W. M. Elliott, last Thursday.

Mrs. Golda Malone, Mrs. Ada Mae Johnson and Miss Delia Kuykendall spent Sunday in Rotan visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Rutledge visited in Anson Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Cecil Bennett, and husband.

Mrs. W. M. Dunagin and son, Dane of Jacksboro spent Sunday night and Monday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Bartlett.

Mrs. G. B. McClain of Detroit and her daughter, Mrs. Jerry Peterson, husband and children of Rankin spent the weekend with Mrs. McClain's mother, Mrs. W. J. Higgins.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Horton of Plainview visited over the weekend with friends and relatives.

"Hajja Baba" Is Exciting, Colorful At Queen Theatre

In "The Adventures of Hajji Baba," which comes Friday and Saturday to the Queen Theatre, Walter Wanger aimed the magic eye of the CinemaScope camera at ancient Persia and has come up with an exciting and colorful spectacle of adventure, intrigue, and romance.

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TO HEAD CANCER DRIVE
Joe Polichino, Rosenberg businessman and a longtime leader in the American Cancer Society's Texas Division has been named state chairman of the 1955 Texas Cancer Crusade. As crusade chairman, Mr. Polichino will lead the thousands of volunteers who will conduct the annual educational and fund-raising Crusade next April. Texas' goal for the crusade is \$1,000,000.

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By LORETA ALLEN

Mrs. Edgar Holly, Mrs. Kenneth Drummond and Mrs. J. L. Farr attended a recreation school in Balinger last fall. This was for three women from each county in District 7. Miss Lucille Moore, recreation specialist from College Station, conducted the school.

Feb. 3 these leaders conducted a similar school at Pleasant Hill Community Center for two recreation leaders from each club in the county. Taylor County Home Demonstration Council recreation committee consists of Mrs. Edgar Holly, chairman, Potosi Club; Mrs. Kenneth Drummond, Pleasant Hill Club; and Mrs. C. L. Hardwick, Wylie Club.

This school was to teach the women how to be leaders rather than to teach new games. They told each one that they would be a good leader if they remembered ten points for game leadership. As February is a party month you might like to know what these ten points when you are planning a party.

Ten Points For Game Leadership

1. **SHOW ENTHUSIASM:** Start out with the idea that you and everybody else is going to have the time of their lives and never let them down. Enthusiasm is as contagious as the measles. Make your enthusiasm seem effortless — pep that takes work doesn't go over!

2. **PLAN YOUR PROGRAM:** Know exactly what you are going to do, or know what material you have on hand to use. Start with something familiar or simple. Circle mixers are good to get started with, but be sure you have a way worked out for people to find partners without embarrassment. Save the best game until last.

Alternate active and quieter games, and avoid having more than two active singing games at once, or you'll be breathless. Feel out your group so you sense what kind of games will appeal most. Have more games prepared than you think you will need for the time allotted. Be sure to have plenty of variety in your entire program.

Keep your group moving quickly from one game to another without completely upsetting the formation each time. Be full of surprises!

3. **KEEP YOUR HEAD!** Remember that you are the leader, but not a boss. No matter what happens, don't let the situation get away from your control. The players will have as much confidence in you as you have in yourself.

Don't hesitate; never give up a game that ends in confusion, but continue until it is learned enough to enjoy. It may take a little bluffing some times.

4. **KNOW YOUR GAMES!** Tune, words, directions must be completely yours before you can ever teach them to others. Experiment on the mirror or your family and friends if possible.

Don't refer to notes or written directions while teaching the game. This throws everyone off, and spoils the fun. Remember, you are an expert.

5. **EXPLAIN BRIEFLY — DEMONSTRATE!** Get your players into the correct formation at once. Arrange partners as much as possible to cover any embarrassment backward players may feel about wading in at first. Simplify your directions. Explain only a small part of the action at first. Simply demonstrate.

It's so much easier to do after you see some one else do it. If possible, in teaching folk games, work with a group before hand so they can put on the demonstration.

6. **USE YOUR VOICE!** But don't holler. Speak up so everyone in the room can hear your directions.

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But pitch your voice low and clear. If the group is noisy, wait until they are all quiet before saying a word. They'll come around.

Or try the method of raising your hand which is a signal for all those who are watching to be quiet and raise theirs too. If the group is large you may need a good strong whistle.

7. **OVERLOOK MISTAKES!** Remember the games are being taught for fun, not for perfection. If mistakes are made, stop the action and point out the errors with jovial good humor.

Try to be general about it without mentioning those who are making the mistakes. Some people may need extra help. Give it to them WITHOUT scolding. Use psychology!

8. **HAVE YOUR EQUIPMENT READY!** Prepare and collect everything you will need for each game ahead of time, and have them at your fingertips. Pick helpers from the group to help you organize and distribute material.

9. **DON'T DO IT ALL YOURSELF!** It's a better idea to organize a team of three or four helpers ahead of time to share responsibility with you. One could lead active games, one quiet and one could be in charge of songs, etc.

10. **KNOW WHEN TO STOP!** Play the game until you are all enjoying it, but stop before anyone loses interest. This is the good old rule about leaving a group WANTING MORE rather than HAVING ENOUGH.

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"Action" is the keynote of the rodeo at the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show, opening Friday night with two performances daily thereafter through Sunday, Feb. 6. The wild horse stampede (upper left) calls for

cowboys, on foot, to try to grab a rone and clamber aboard.

Other pictures are: Buddy Heaton and his comedy bucking horse, (upper right); a wild Brahma bull tosses a barrel — and Jimmy

Schumacher, clown — high in the air; and (lower right) Bill Linderman, great bronc rider, roper and steer-wrestler, former all-round world's champion cowboy who will be one of the 400 contestants.

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Unlawful flight to avoid prosecution—armed robbery

DESCRIPTION: Age 44, born July 5, 1910, Pad, W. Va.; height, 5 feet 10 inches; weight, 140 pounds; build, medium; hair, brown; eyes, blue; complexion, fair; race, white; nationality, American; occupations, waiter, cook, bartender, ship fitter, welder, laborer; scars and marks, several small pit scars over face, scars over left eyebrow, blue scar over right eyebrow, small cut scar on right index finger, tattoo of initials "C. D." on right forearm.

A Federal complaint was filed at Akron, Ohio, on November 9, 1951, charging Dye with unlawful flight from the State of Ohio to avoid prosecution for the crime of armed robbery.

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How Does Weather Affect Breeding Livestock Sought

Success of ranchmen in breeding livestock that thrive in warmer climates should spur scientists to learn more about weather effects on animals, a University of Texas zoologist said. Scientists already have found

atmospheric conditions to be the greatest single factor—other than heredity—in determining how an animal develops. Dr. W. Frank Blair declared.

Small, short-lived animals offer clues to how weather differences change animals, he said.

Dr. Blair cited as an example the amazing drought resistance of kangaroo rats which have come to thrive in the arid Southwest while apparently drinking no water at all. The little animals evidently conserve and utilize wa-

HOME modernizing

It's Not Necessary to Tolerate Those Home Heating Headaches

People who have been raised in homes with old-fashioned heating equipment sometimes come to look upon discomfort as the normal situation. They put up with it without realizing, perhaps, that there is something wrong or that something can be done about it.

Something can be done to remedy heating discomfort in any home, according to Home Modernizing magazine, and often at little expense.

Common Problems
The three most common complaints are that the heating plant shuts off while the house is still cold, that it runs so long that the house gets overheated or that it heats the house adequately, but at a large cost in fuel consumption.

The cause, the magazine states, normally lies in the thermostat. Perhaps a more sensitive thermostat is needed, or maybe the

present one should be moved. To properly regulate heat, a thermostat should never be located on an outside wall or in some other spot where it may be affected by heat or cold that isn't general throughout the house, such as over a TV set or lamp.

Another common problem is uneven distribution of heat, which indicates the system is not balanced properly. Have a heating expert study the problem. He may recommend new air vents if you have a steam system. With hot water or warm air systems, he may simply adjust the valves or dampers and solve the problem.

Provide Air
High fuel bills may indicate the heating plant isn't getting enough air for proper combustion. If it is in a closet or small enclosure, make sure it is ventilated—and provide a source for outside air to keep the house from becoming stuffy.

taken as part of their food. "What could breeders do if they knew more about how that drought resistance developed?" Dr. Blair asked.

University of Texas studies show a leopard frog from a warmer climate often produces an abnormal offspring when bred to exactly the same species from a colder climate. That would indicate atmospheric conditions have varied the frogs' physical constitutions in a relatively short time, Dr. Blair pointed out.

Such investigations offer an economical and rapid method of gathering fundamental information about breeding principles.



By **VERN SANFORD**

Texas Press Association

Shepherd Wants 13 Laws

Attorney General John Ben Shepperd asked for legislation "to prevent another Duval County."

Speaking to 200 publishers at a Texas Press Association convention in Austin, Shepperd revealed that his legal skirmishes with Boss George Parr disclosed many shortcomings in Texas laws.

He recommended 13 bills, and asked the editors to help effect passage.

Most of the bills would tighten control over county funds and all for annual published reports of expenditures.

Suggested Taxes
TAX PROPOSALS continue on the penny basis set by Gov. Allan Shivers' bill, the one-cent cigarette levy, good for \$15 million a year.

Rep. Curtis Ford of Corpus Christi offered the familiar penny-a-thousand-foot natural gas dedication tax bill. He figured it would bring in \$33 million a year.

And Rep. Jerry Sadler of Pecos dropped in a penny-a-glass, \$3.30 per barrel, beer tax, estimated to produce \$16 million a year.

All faced an ultra-conservative revenue and taxation committee.

From Rep. Jack Bryan of Buffalo came a proposal to place a three per cent gross receipts tax on establishments engaged in storing or parking motor vehicles.

Bills in the Hopper
APPROVED by the House of Representatives, was a bill to increase the pay of state officials. If acceptable to the senate, the pay scale will go to \$25,000 for the governor; \$20,000 for the attorney

general; secretary of state, \$15,000; and the land commissioner, treasurer and comptroller \$17,500.

Sen. A. M. Aikin, Jr., of Paris and Rep. Barefoot Sanders of Dallas are sponsoring a plan to provide \$45 million for new school building construction. It would let school districts vote higher bond issues, up to 10 per cent of the assessed property values.

Sen. Kilmer Corbin of Lubbock wants to make Democrats out of Democrats. His bill is to prevent Texans from voting in the Democratic primaries and then voting Republican in the general election.

Sen. Carlos Ashley of Llano tossed into the hopper a joint resolution that would permit Texas to go after the tourist trade by advertising. An amendment to the state constitution would be necessary to remove the old, old, ban designed to keep the carpetbaggers out of Texas.

AFFECT OF WATER LAWS

How West Texas interests may be affected by passage of several water law proposals which have been introduced in this session of the State legislature will be discussed in Abilene Feb. 11 in a general meeting of the water resources committee of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce.

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- 2 eggs, beaten
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- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 tablespoons melted butter or margarine
- 1 cup pecan meats

Roll pastry 1/4 inch thick. Line a 9-inch pie pan. Mix remaining ingredients together, adding pecans last. Pour into pastry shell. Bake in hot oven (400° F.) 15 minutes; reduce heat to moderate (350° F.) and bake 30 to 35 minutes longer. *If salted nuts are used omit salt in recipe.

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Membership Drive Is in Progress For Civic Music

The Civic Music Association drive for membership is now on and ends Feb. 9. This group brings famous artists of opera, concert, radio and motion picture to this area.

This group is a subsidiary of the National Concert and Artists Corporation of New York and Chicago.

Folks from here wishing to be-

come members are invited to phone 146 in Merkel and full information will be given. Complimentary tickets for the Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra, to appear at the Rose Field House in Abilene February 9, will be presented to members.

ARE COURTEOUS DRIVERS

"We need all the drivers in Texas to make 'pacts' with themselves to emphasize the fact that Texas drivers are courteous drivers!" asserted R. E. Roaper of Houston, president of the Texas Safety Association, Inc. announced.

UNION RIDGE H. D. CLUB MEETS WITH MRS. HARWELL

The Union Ridge Home Demonstration Club met in the home of Mrs. O. E. Harwell, President, Miss Mabel McRee, opened the meeting with a prayer by the group and read T. H. D. A. creed.

The agent, Miss Loreta Allen, gave a demonstration on floor covering which was enjoyed and also led in some games.

Refreshments were served to two visitors and seven members and six children.

The club will meet in the home of Mrs. J. H. Clark Friday, Feb. 4, at 2 p. m.



Principal Farley To Be Instructor At A. C. College

Principal C. A. Farley has been employed as a special instructor in the Education Department of Abilene Christian College during the last semester of this year.

Mr. Farley will teach a graduate course in Education, "Administration of the Elementary School," each Monday night from 7 to 10 p. m.

Several years ago Principal Farley taught in the ACC summer school.

March of Dimes Games Earn \$125 For Polio Fund

Tommy Odum has been named representative in the Merkel-Abilene area for the Dallas investment banking firm of Eppler, Guerin & Turner. The firm offers a complete banking service of stocks and bonds.

Mr. Odum is president of the Burnet Telephone Co., has served as president of the Federation of Independent Telephone Exchanges and of the Merkel Telephone Co., and as a committeeman of the United States Independent Telephone Association. He is a graduate of TCU.

Merkel basketballers swept a three-game program for the March of Dimes Thursday night of last week, earning \$125 for the polio campaign and burying Hamlin, 52-24, in the varsity clash.

Merkel's grade schoolers won, 42-17, over Hamlin. In a B game Merkel coasted in, 42-19, with Gail O'Brien getting 19 for Merkel.

Robert McLeod's 16 points was tops for the Badgers in the A game. It was a non-district affair.

Merkel held a 11-6 lead at the first quarter, 26-16 at the half and was 40-18 going into the final period.

MERKEL: (Field goals, free throws, fouls, total points) Pursley 1-2-2-4; G. O'Brien 1-1-10-3; Gilbert 2-0-0-4; Horton 4-1-0-9; McLeod 5-6-4-16; Rutledge 1-0-0-2; T. O'Brien 5-2-3-12; Kelso 1-0-1-2. Totals 20-12-10-52.

personals

Miss Sophia Howard of Abilene was a visitor of Mrs. Sallie Campbell Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Durwood Doan and two children spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Billie D. Doan and family of Odessa.

Mrs. R. C. Lewis, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. Dewayne Baker of Abilene visited Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hughes Sunday. Mrs. Lewis and Mr. Baker are sister and brother of Mrs. Hughes.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Stockbridge spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Nannie Glenn of Breckenridge.

Mrs. C. G. Allred of Abilene was here Tuesday on business.

Recent visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nalley were Minister E. R. Watson, wife and daughter, Miss Lidia, who is a teacher at Fort Stockton public school, Mr. and Mrs. Royce E. Dowdy, Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Earthman, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Terry, Trent, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Clement, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. King and little daughter, Rosemary, of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin McCoy, children, Denny and Dwyllene, of Trent, Mrs. A. R. Toombs, Mrs. Bud Perry, Robert L. Binkley, Trent, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Rutherford of Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Boney and daughter Fanelle of Colorado City spent Monday and Tuesday with his mother, Mrs. Helen Boney, and brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Boney, and family. Fanelle returned to El Paso where she is in college.

A. C. LaCroix of Big Spring, brother of Mrs. G. D. McConnell, visited his sister Wednesday. Mr. LaCroix is superintendent of the western division of the Texas and Pacific Railway.

Mr. and Mrs. Seth D. Sims of Elgin and Chicago are visiting with her sister and husband, Dr. and Mrs. C. B. Gardner. Mr. and Mrs. Sims will go to Pohenix, Ariz., from here.

Mrs. G. McDonald Receives Degree Of Master of Ed.

Mrs. Gerald McDonald of Odessa, daughter of Frank E. Church of Merkel, has received the Master of Education degree from Texas Christian University with the graduating class at mid-term with a major in Guidance.

She is at present Spanish instructor at Odessa Senior High School and her husband is principal of Stephen F. Austin Elementary School. They have one daughter, Gerlyn Bess, age seven.

MR. AND MRS. RHYNES' GRANDDAUGHTER IS BURIED SUNDAY

Deborah Lewis Norton, six-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Rhynes of Woodland Park, Colo., was buried Sunday. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Rhynes of Trent.

Merkel Badgers Make It Eight Straight Games

The Merkel Badgers plastered doormat Roscoe here Tuesday night 75-40 to keep secure their district 8-A basketball lead.

All-State hopeful Robert McLeod paved the way for the Merkel victory with 26 points.

Coach Tommy Ellis, Badgers have won all eight of its district games this year.

The Roscoe girls won 54-34.

MERKEL: (field goals, free throws, fouls, total points) Pursley 5-3-1-13; G. O'Brien 0-1-2-1; Russell 0-0-1-0; Horton 5-4-2-14; Gilbert 1-0-1-2; McLeod 11-4-3-26; Hargrove 1-0-3-2; Rutledge 1-0-1-2; English 1-1-1-3; T. O'Brien 3-2-4-8; McKeever 1-2-2-4; Totals 29-17-21-75.

Cyrus Pee Learns About New Risk Plan at School

Cyrus Pee attended an insurance school at the Windsor Hotel Tuesday of last week. About 160 persons were present.

The new risk plan was discussed.

Noodle Tops Lawn Longhorns Tuesday 59 to 58

Noodle nipped the Lawn Longhorns, 59-58, at Noodle Tuesday night, to gain third place in the District 17-B boys basketball race.

In the girls game, Lawn beat Noodle, 56-41, with Johnny Hardin looping in 17 for Noodle.

NOODLE: (field goals, free throws, fouls, total points): Goode 9-3-3-21; Clift 3-1-2-7; E. Hatfield 1-3-3-5; B. Hatfield 2-1-2-5; Vance 1-3-5-19; Chancey, 1-0-0-2; Totals 24-11-15-59.

Score by Quarters:
LAWN 13-33-44-58
NOODLE 11-25-44-59

CONDITIONS FAVORABLE TO BUILD NEW HOME OR TO MODERNIZE

Families in Merkel & Taylor County desiring to build a new home or modernize an older one this year will find conditions more favorable than at any time in many months, according to Clyde Bartlett of Burton-Lingo Co.

"Building costs have become stabilized, time payment loans can be obtained on the most attractive terms ever offered, and the market offers a greater variety of good materials than ever before," Mr. Bartlett said.

TOOK ONLY ONE

Cyrus Pee placed about 50 old copies of the Readers Digest in front of his office with the note, "Take one." At the end of the day they were all gone. "And no one took more than one," commented Cyrus.

NOTICE!

LOST — Small female Fox Terrier, white with black spots on back.

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1953 Chevrolet 4-Door

Tutone paint, radio, heater, premium tires.

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2—1952 Pontiac Custom

Catalinas. Loaded with extras. Very nice. One owners. Low mileage.

\$195.00 DOWN

1951 Olds 98 4-Door

Radio, heater, hydromatic drive, many other extras. Real nice car. Only 37,000 miles. One owner.

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Catalina. Hydromatic drive, radio and heater. Power steering, electric radio antenna, spot light, tutone paint, many other extras. Like new. At a new low price. Solid leather interior. One owner.

1950 Buick Super

Automatic transmission. Radio, heater, many other extras. Extra nice car.

\$185 DOWN

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4-Door. Radio and heater, over-drive. A good one.

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Cranbrook 4-Door. Radio and heater, over-drive. Extra nice. At a steal.

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Radio, heater, etc. A good one at a real bargain.

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The hostess gift went to Mrs. Jess Foy. The club donated \$3.93 to the March of Dimes.

A refreshment plate was served to one visitor, Mrs. W. S. Allred, and eight members. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Vernon Stanley February 10. The program will be "Polio."

Attend The Church of Your Choice

Merkel First Baptist Church
Sunday School 9:45 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 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 First Methodist Church
Sunday: Sunday School 9:50 a. m.
Morning Worship 10:50 a. m.
M. Y. F. 6:30 p. m.
Evening Service 7:30 p. m.
Hebron Baptist Church
Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.
Training Union 7:00 p. m.
Evening Worship 7:30 p. m.
Wednesday: Evening Prayer Services
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.
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 7:00 p. m.
Merkel Catholic Church
Sunday Mass 10:30 a. m.
Primitive Baptist Church
Meeting time first Sunday in
each month 11 a. m.
Saturday preceding 8 p. m.
Trent Methodist Church
Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
Evening Worship 7:30 p. m.
Morning Services 11:00 a. m.
M. Y. F. Services 6:30 p. m.
Wednesday: Prayer Services 7:30 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 7:45 p. m.
Tuesday: W. M. U. 2:15 p. m.
Intermediate G. A.'s Jr. G. A.'s 3:45 p. m.
Prayer Services 7:30 p. m.
"You are a stranger here but once."
Pioneer Memorial Chapel
Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
Morning Service 11:00 a. m.
Evening Services 7:30 p. m.
Wednesday: Evening Prayer Service 7:30 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 Services 7:30 p. m.
Trent Church of Christ
Sunday: Bible Class 10:00 a. m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.
Evening Services 7:30 p. m.
Ladies Bible Class 4:00 p. m.
Thursday: Men's Downtown Bible Class
Sunday 8:44 a. m.
New Life Oak Baptist Church
Sunday: Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.
Training Union 6:45 p. m.
Evening Worship 7:30 p. 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.
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.
Noodle Church of Christ
Sunday: Bible Class 10:00 a. m.
Morning Worship Service 11:00 a. m.
Young People's Service 6:30 p. m.
Evening Worship 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.
OMER BISHOPS MOVE TO ANDREWS WHERE HE IS EMPLOYED
Mr. and Mrs. Omer Bishop and family are moving to Andrews where he will be employed by the Texas Company.
FLOYD GREENS MOVE THIS MONTH TO 1405 HERRING DRIVE
Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Green and daughter have moved to 1405 Herring Drive.
OIL NEWS
Location for a proposed 3,250-foot rotary wildcat was staked 2 1/2 miles northeast of Noodle. It is 4,000 feet northwest of the nearest production.

CARD OF THANKS
I wish to thank everyone for their kindness, flowers, cards, gifts and food following my recent accident.
Mrs. Lem Dudley

Terrific Suspense In "Bad Day" Show At Queen Theatre
A show packed with terrific suspense will come to the Queen Theatre Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. It is "Bad Day at Black Rock."

Many Local Folks Will Exhibit At Stock Show
Ronnie Freeman, 4-H Club member, of Trent will exhibit three calves at the Abilene Fat Stock Show in March. He will also show two milk feds and a drylot, all bred by W. J. Largent and Son.

"BEHIND THE SCENES IN AMERICAN BUSINESS"
The three pillars of 1955 prosperity are stout enough to hold the economy on a high level throughout the year—unless a lot of very level-headed people are being over-optimistic. However, a few observers of the economic scene do express doubts.
Automobiles: Heads of the Big Three all forecast a 5.8-million-car year. Smaller automobile companies speak glowingly of a comeback. The forecasts of individual company output, though, add up to 6.5 million vehicles. The difference between the over-all total and the total reached by adding individual expectations may mean that some plants will wind up making fewer cars than they now plan—and that might hurt Detroit employment some time this summer.
Construction: Building materials makers are talking \$40 billion in new construction, and \$20 billion in modernization of existing buildings this year. The pessimists haven't much to say in rebuttal here, since any lull in the home building boom—and there is none in sight—will be more than taken up by the expansion in school and road construction.
The United States Savings and Loan League, fastest-growing of financing agencies concerned with the nation's home building boom, predicts a fast start this spring.
A good summer, and perhaps a little slackening off next fall and winter in residential construction.
Americans are still moving into the suburbs. Mortgage money is still plentiful, both from government and from private savers. Children of the great birthing boom of right after the war are growing up and crowding their parents into bigger homes. More persons have incomes that allow them to own their own homes.
THINGS TO COME—If your zippers stick when they return from the laundry or the cleaner's, a new zipper lubricant, spread on with a little wheel, may be what you need.
FIRE HAZARD ELIMINATED—Carol City, the new Miami suburb where houses are priced "at cost," will be the nation's first major housing development to have 100-ampere wiring throughout.
This innovation means that the homeowner can use any number of electrical appliances he wishes without fear of blowing fuses or starting fires.
Julius Gaines, president of the Gaines Construction Company, builder of the 10,000-home community, says the installation will add \$400,000 to building costs. It's worth it he says, in elimination of future hazards.
MORE COSTLY CREDIT—Every year about this time the New York State Bankers Association holds its midwinter meeting in New York. Just as regularly the New York Federal Reserve Bank buys the members a luncheon. Most times their host, the president of the Reserve Bank, just says he's glad to have them there.
This year the president, Alan Sproul, said the Federal Reserve System meant to let credit tighten up a bit. He said this course was justified by the upturn in business, which no longer needs the stimulation of easy credit.
It's a far piece from the Hotel Commodore in New York to most little businesses and farms scattered over the land, but this news is meant for them too. It's unlikely that any good customer will find he can't borrow for his needs at his local bank. However, he may run into a stricter definition of needs, or even a little higher interest cost.
BITS O' BUSINESS—Commodities rose last week in New York markets on fear of war in the Far East. Steel mills last week operated at 84 per cent of capacity, a yield of 2,019,000 tons of ingots and castings. Farmers' cash receipts in 1954 were 4 per cent under 1953's, said the Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

WANTED
WANTED—Farm or ranch work by experienced man. Formerly lived here and wants to return. Elmer Britton, 5030 Bronx, Dallas. 3t45p.

FOR SERVICE
FOR SERVICE—Duroc male hog at my farm, 4 miles west of Merkel. Alvin Wozencraft or see Wilbur Seals at PO PO Cafe. 4t47c.

TO LEASE
FOR LEASE—160-acre farm, 6 miles north of Trent. Dowdy and Toombs. t446c.

FOR LEASE—126 acres, all in cultivation, 1/2 mile S. E. of Trent, also 2 houses for sale or rent. 1 4-room good bungalow and 1 3-room frame house. See G. N. Reynolds, Trent, Texas. Box 53, Phone 1605F3. 3t43c.

FOR RENT
FOR RENT—Furnished 3-room apartment with private bath, 1006 Oak Street, Merkel. t447c.

FOR RENT—4-room house on south side near 10th Locust. See Floyd Green, White Auto Store. 3t47c.

FOR RENT—Furnished garage apartment, 4-room unfurnished duplex, 3-room unfurnished duplex. E. O. Carson. t447c.

FOR RENT—2-room apartment, furnished and garage. Sallie Moore, 601 Oak. 3t46c.

FOR RENT—5-room house on Oak Street. Very nice. Dowdy and Toombs. t446c.

FOR RENT—3-room furnished south apartment, private entrance, 408 Manchester, Telephone 125W. Mrs. J. C. Comegys. t430c.

FOR RENT—Duplex apartment, modern, 4 rooms and bath, unfurnished. See Ray Wilson. t434c.

FOR SALE
FOR SALE—Several used TV sets. See them while they last. Badger Chevrolet Co. t447c.

FOR SALE—I new Kelvinator 15-ft. deep freeze. Below cost. Make us an offer. Badger Chevrolet Co. t447c.

FOR SALE—We have several new electric ranges to sell below cost. Make us an offer. Badger Chevrolet Co. t447c.

FOR SALE—Typewriters, 1 Underwood portable, like new \$39.95; 1 Remington standard \$35. City Drug. t446c.

Social Security taxes will apply to as much as \$4200 per year beginning in 1955.

CLASSIFIED AD SECTION

NOTICE MASONS
Stated meeting of Merkel lodge No. 710, A. F. & A. M., Saturday, February 5, at 7:30 p. m. All members are urged to attend. Visiting brethren cordially invited.
D. R. Butler, W. M.
Truett Thompson, Sec'y.

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FOR SALE—Old Conoco Warehouse Building to be moved. Located East Hwy. 80. Bids will be received by Continental Oil Co. Box 1119, Abilene, Texas. 5t46p.

FOR SALE—Several used refrigerators and home freezers. Palmer Motor Co. t445c.

FOR SALE—4-room house, good condition. Bargain \$1,000. See Mrs. J. E. McDaniels at Po Po Cafe or at 208 Orange St. 3t45p.

FOR SALE—Good 4-room house and bath to be moved. Bath fixtures are new. Robert James, Rt. 3, Merkel. t445p.

FOR SALE—3-bedroom home, modern. Garage, servant house, 4 lots, good well of water, cistern. See Calvin Peterson. t435c.

FOR SALE—4 used automatic washing machines. Real bargains. Palmer Motor Co. t445c.

NOTICE: We have government hay coming in daily. Bring us your government certificate. Your Paymaster Dealer, Toombs and Moore. Phone 270. t445c.

WE TAKE subscription for the Ft. Worth Telegram and Abilene Reporter. The Merkel Mail.

FOR SALE—Tractor tires, size 13-24, 1/2 price. Palmer Motor Co. t445c.

FOR SALE—1/2 H. P. Fairbank-Morse Jet Pump and pipe without tank. Paul West. t444c.

FOR SALE—Less than half price! Practically new Philco Electric Range with deep well. Also cabinet radio and breakfast room suite to go cheap. Phone 140 or see at 112 Oak street. t443c.

For Sale or Trade—Pistols of all kinds, shotguns 410-20-12; rifles 22 calibre, all kinds, and 8MM Mauzer Carbine. City Drug. t38c.

IF YOU are going to buy a New Portable Typewriter, we can save you some money. The Merkel Mail.

FOR SALE—30-06 bolt action rifle. Nolan Palmer. 3t36c.

We have Thank You notes and Thank You Cards. See at the Merkel Mail.

FOR SALE—We are now delivering milk on route 7 days a week, 22c per quart. Would like a few more customers. Phone 9011J1, Higgins and Son. t44c.

NEW SHIPMENT—Cash Register Paper and Adding Machine Paper and many other stationery items. See The Merkel Mail.

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MERKEL DRUG
MERKEL, TEXAS

Livestock Report

By TED GOULDY

Stable condition of the cattle values compared with a year ago is revealed by a look at the records this week. Fed steers and yearlings currently are selling about \$1 to \$1.50 above a year ago.

Typical of the prime cattle values at Fort Worth are the sales of sifted steers from the Southwest Exposition and Fat Stock Show at prices of \$27 to \$28.75 in most cases. This compares with a \$26 to \$27 range a year ago. Commercially fed cattle of the good and choice variety sold at Fort Worth Monday at \$20 to \$24.

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compared to sales of similar cattle at \$19 to \$23 a year ago.

Cattle trade Monday was steady with some cows and calves stronger.

Bulls are also levels with a year ago.

Slaughter calves of the good and choice variety sold Monday identical with last year.

Stocker calves and yearlings are selling above a year ago by a couple of dollars.

Fat lambs opened steady to 50 cents lower and feeders and older sheep were steady at Fort Worth Monday. Choice fat lambs sold from \$18 to \$21, the latter figure for fancy woolled lambs and the lower end of the range on extreme heavies. Clipped lambs topped at \$20. A year ago this week fat lambs topped at \$19 to \$20 and our reports carried a notation that something fancy could have sold above that level.

Old ewes, however, were selling well ahead of current prices a year ago. Monday's values of \$6 to \$8 on killers compared with \$6 to \$9 last year and some light-weight fancy ewes were selling to \$10 and above for slaughter.

Feeder lambs at \$17 to \$20.25 Monday brought \$20 and down a year ago this week.

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SCOUTS OBSERVE 45th BIRTHDAY



OFFICIAL BOY SCOUT WEEK POSTER

Boy Scout Week Feb. 6 to 12, marking the 45th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America, will be observed throughout the nation by more than 3,660,000 boys and adult leaders. Since 1910, more than 22,750,000 boys and men have been members.

"Building for a Better Tomorrow" is the birthday theme. Members of 95,000 Units, through demonstrations and exhibits, will dramatize the purpose of Scout-

ing and the rich heritage it has in this country.

Boy Scout Week marks the completion of the first year of the National Conservation Good Turn organization has undertaken at the request of President Eisenhower. Units which have qualified will receive National Conservation Good Turn Certificates of Merit awarded jointly by the Secretaries of Agriculture and the Interior. Ezra Taft Benson and Douglas McKay, respectively.

"WAIT FOR GREEN!"

"Wait for the Green!" advised R. B. Rooper of Houston president of the Texas Safety Association. "Traffic lights are installed to protect pedestrians and motorists and the walker who ignores or flouts them is not asserting his independence, but throwing away his safety."



Dr. William B. White, president of Baylor University at Waco, is chairman of the 1955 Heart Fund campaign in Texas. The appointment marks the second successive year that Dr. White has headed the month-long February drive, which coincides with a nationwide effort against mankind's greatest killer, diseases of the heart system.

BREEDING BEEF CATTLE

"Breeding Beef Cattle for Unfavorable Environments," a symposium of papers presented at the King Ranch centennial conference on that subject, will be published in April by the University of Texas Press. The conference brought together scientists from many parts of the world to discuss the important problem of adapting beef cattle to areas formerly considered unfit to sustain them.

COFFEE DROP SOON

Coffee prices in American markets should drop back to normal levels within six months. At least that is the word from people who should know, at this coffee port of B-21.

In fact, coffee exporters here are somewhat surprised that American retail coffee prices have not dropped yet, because Brazilian prices for coffee have. But the explanation may lie in the fact that American coffee stocks, bought at high Brazilian prices, have not been depleted sufficiently to permit purchase of cheaper coffee and, consequently, sales of coffee at cheaper prices.

The coffee story — so much discussed and told so many times in so many different versions none of which has ever led to tangible clarification — appears to be very simply this:

Coffee production becomes available in five-year cycles. It takes that long from planting to harvesting.

SUFFERS SLIGHT INJURY WHEN CAR CRASH ON HIGHWAY 126

Mrs. Alfreda Agraz suffered bruises on her right leg when her '54 Plymouth car was struck by the '54 Chevrolet driven by R. H. Whitehead. Mr. Agraz and boy were not hurt. She was released from the Sadler Hospital after being treated. Walter Vantreeze of Stith took Mr. and Mrs. Agraz to the hospital.

The Plymouth car was crushed while the Chevrolet after turning over and righting itself was badly damaged. The accident happened one and a half miles north of here on Highway 126.



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1952 Chevrolet 4-Door
Radio, heater, Powerglide.

1950 Mercury 4-Door
Radio, heater. A real nice car.

1951 Chevrolet 1/2-Ton Pickup
Like new condition.

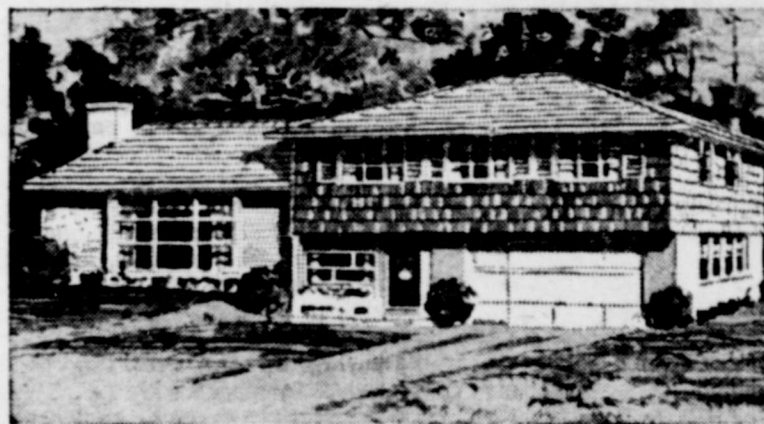
1950 Ford V8 4-Door
Radio, heater, overdrive.

1954 2-Ton Truck
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TERMS AND TRADE

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Unique Split-Level Plan from Small Homes Guide

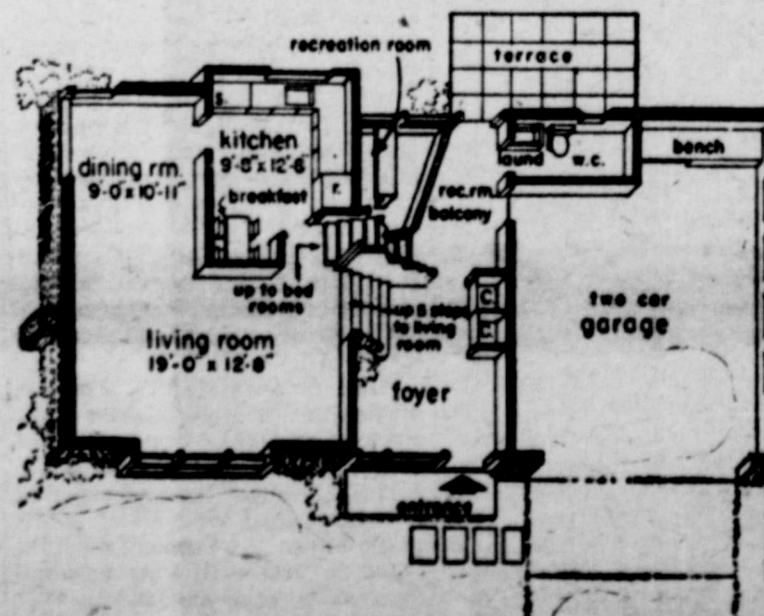
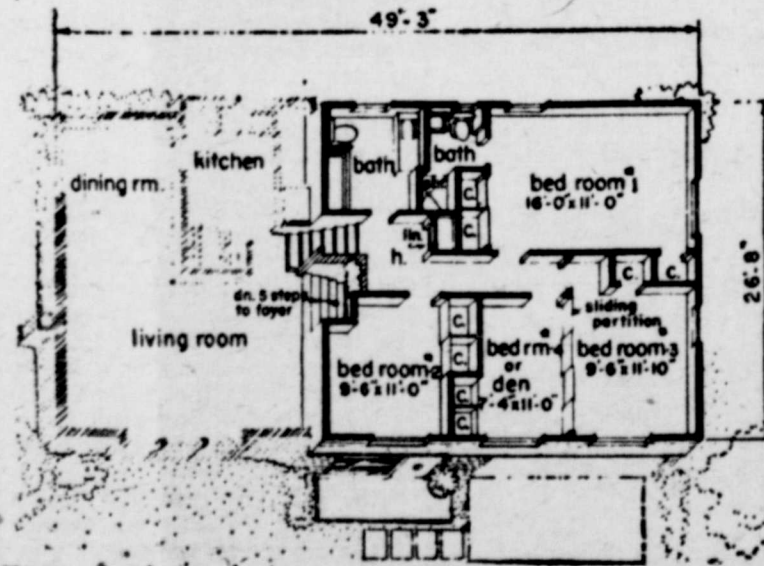


Because it offers just about everything that modern living calls for, the editors of Small Homes Guide created a special award for this split-level house by Architect Rudolph A. Matern. The plan appears in the current edition of the magazine.

Something new and different is the entrance foyer at the garage level, with passage through to the lower recreation-room area without the necessity of passing through other parts of the house. Another exciting touch is the balcony overlooking the recreation room. The balcony doubles as the rear entrance.

Included in the lower level, besides the recreation room, is a large room for heating plant and storage. Area below the garage and foyer is unexcavated.

Almost as handsome from the rear as it is from the front, this house offers a full measure of livability for the building dollar. Area of living-bedroom levels is 1,291 sq. ft. For information on blueprints and their cost, write to Small Homes Guide, Dept. 1510, 621 N. Dearborn Street, Chicago 10, Ill.



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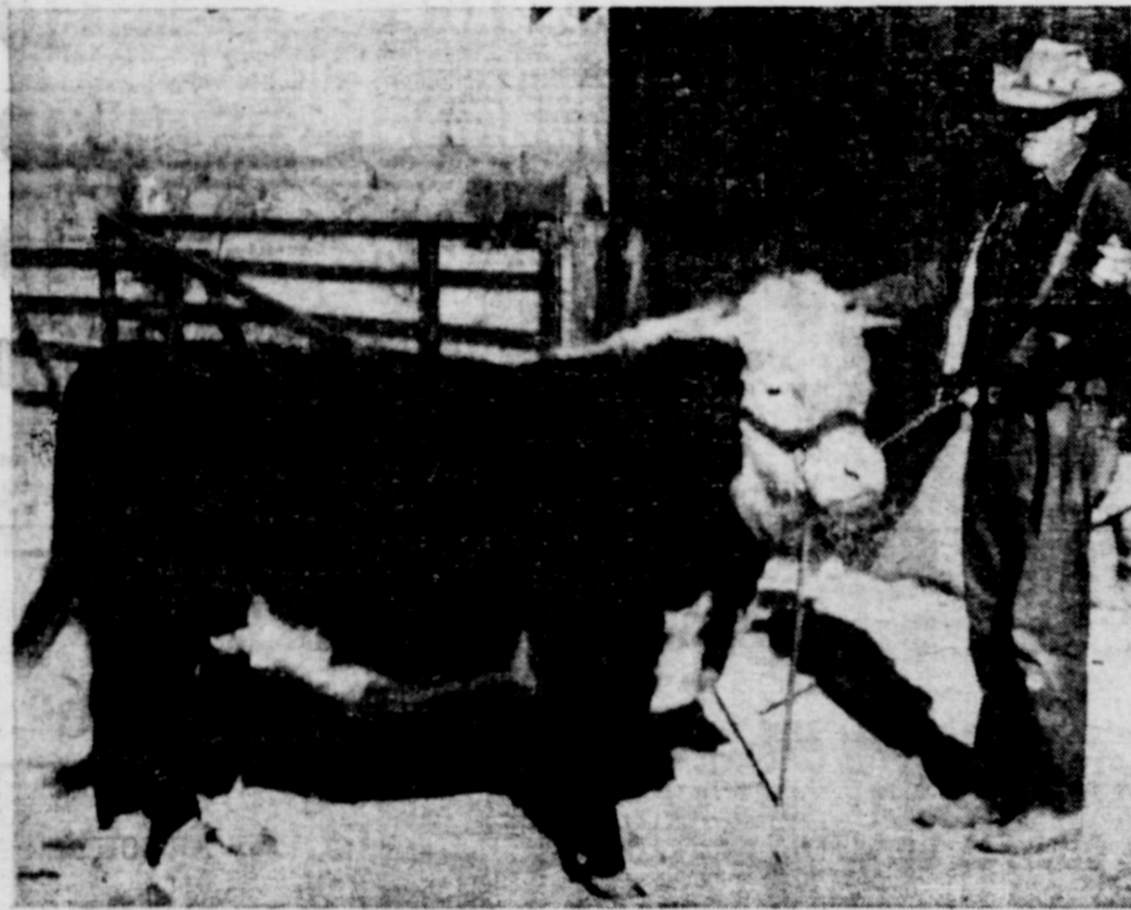
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Each week for 9 years and 8 months, save.....		\$8.80	\$18.75	\$45.00
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"THE 28TH WORTH \$60,000 — George Bible, left, manager of Mountain Cove Ranch, Kennington, Ga., paid Roy Largent & Sons and Dr. W. T. Sadler \$30,000 for a half interest in this bull U Royal Mixer 28th. At hal ter is R. R. (Rusty) Largent, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Largent. The other \$30,000 interest in the bull is owned by Field Land & Cattle Co., Gunnison, Colorado.



DALLAS BOUND — This promising young bull, LS Prince Domino 204th, is among the last of the 226 animals sold in the Roy Largent & Sons dispersion sale to leave the Largent ranch at Merkel. Mohr Hereford Ranch at Dallas paid \$4,000 for the "204th," a son of the famous CW Prince Domino 21st. Holding the bull is Leonard Austin, herdsman at the Largent Ranch.

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EDITORIALS

RANDY AND BUTTERBALL

Randy is 4 years old. Butterball was his little dog, a rat terrier. We say "was" because she is dead now. She was killed, run over by an auto. Butterball was too lively, too unrestrained, too high strung and she died in the street. It was an accident.

Randy loved Butterball very much and when she died he cried, became depondent and threatened to run away from home. Butterball was carried out into the country, a hole was dug and she was buried there.

No eulogy was said for Butterball. She was only a dog, she was dead and she was buried.

But to Randy Butterball was more than just a dog. She was his friend, his pal, his playmate. We feel for Randy and so we here devote space for a eulogy for Butterball. She deserves it.

Randy is our neighbor, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Smith. We saw him playing with Butterball, saw him pet her and saw him love her. We wished to gain the same regard from Butterball because we liked Randy.

But Butterball had a way about her. She did not squander her affections. Time and again we tried to get near her but she would have none of that. She would run off and yelp and make unfriendly noises. However, as time passed and she saw that we were friendly to Randy, she would come closer and not bark at us. Then finally she allowed us to pet her.

After that she was our friend. And when she was your friend you knew it. Her response to petting was not a meek condescension. Oh, no. She wagged her tail. Her whole body responded to your touch and finally she would lick your hand.

When we left home she would be there to get her love pat and when we arrived back home she would appear for another show of affection.

Butterball was no usual dog. She was very unusual and she was an individualist.

We miss her, just as Randy does. And to Randy we say, "Don't cry anymore, Randy, she was a good friend and a good pal. You can always remember her as a good dog."

P. S. Now Randy has another friend, a black long haired dog. Randy likes him. Randy put his hand on the new friend, looked up and said "We both miss Butterball."

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HUGH ROY CULLEN

As most of our friends know, Hugh Roy Cullen is the richest oil wildcat driller in America and the most fabulous philanthropist in the world. A book has been written about him and we have just finished it. It is entitled "Hugh Roy Cullen, A Story of American Opportunity" by Ed Kilman and Theon Wright.

Off-hand one would think that a story about an oil man would not hold great interest. One would imagine that he leased land, set a rig, drilled a hole, found oil and became a millionaire.

But that is not true in the life of Hugh Roy Cullen. The book holds your interest from start to finish. It brings to life the story of a man who had drive and initiative and opinions and the power to live by his decisions, changing the course of his life when he thought it best.

It was his individualism that made him so successful in the oil business. And when he turned to philanthropy he used the same initiative and individualism, making him outstanding in the lavishness of his giving.

He calls his fabulous philanthropy "selfish." He has given Houston its university and its hospital besides other donations too numerous to mention. Well, if that is selfishness so are all altruistic deeds.

Prentice-Hall published the book. It is worth reading for its interest and its illumination.

"WHITE-ICISM"

That's ALL — and the Sage of Figfield adds that men who dig for oil are themselves strong and they make our country strong.

"FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS" IS SUBJECT FOR COUNTY TEACHERS

The executive committee of the Taylor County Teachers Unit met in Abilene January 25 to plan the next general session. Mrs. Ellen McReynolds is president of the organization and Principle C. A. Farley is treasurer.

"For Such a Time as This" will be the subject for the meeting Feb. 10 at 7:30 p. m. Dr. John Stevens, dean of men at Abilene Christian College, will be the speaker. Merkel Future Teacher Club members are invited.

The music will be furnished by McMurry College.

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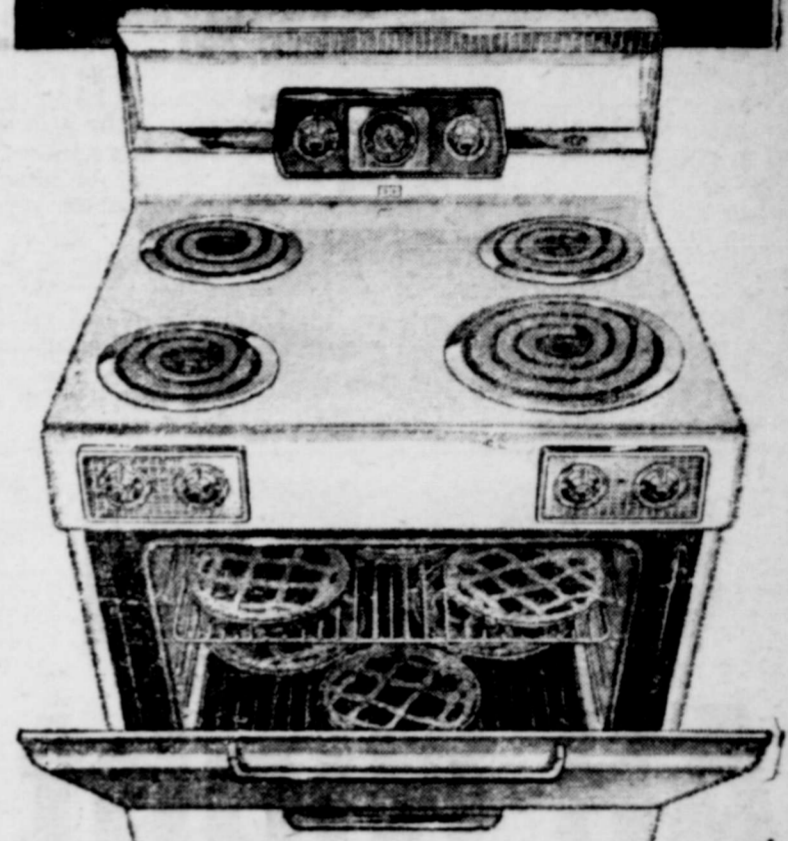
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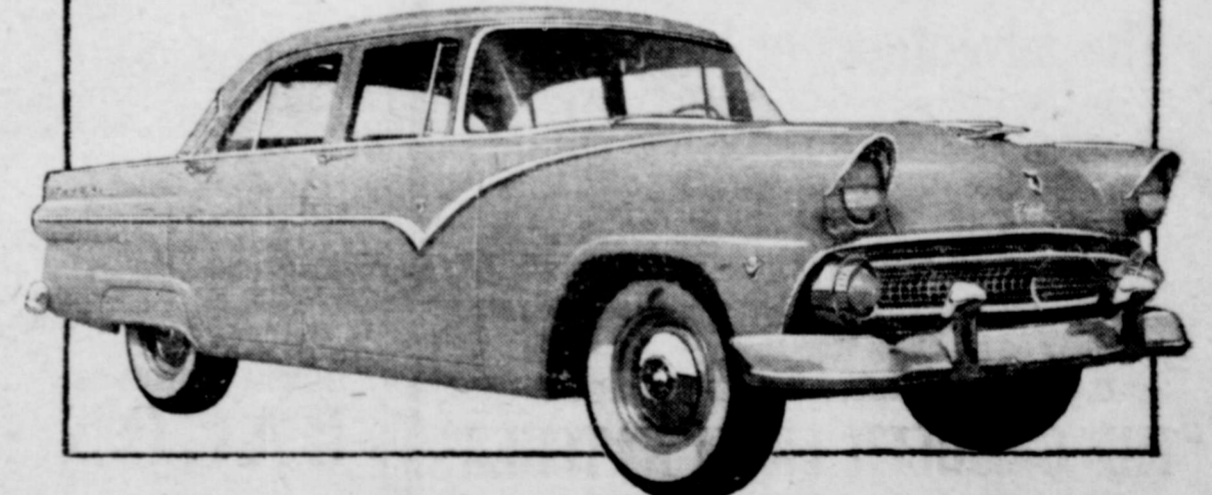
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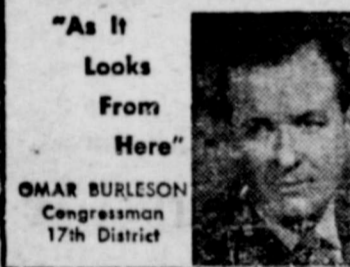
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No segment of our economy stands to benefit more from increased trade with foreign nations than agriculture. Therefore, the farmer must be concerned with the success of President Eisenhower's recommendation for a three-year extension of the Reciprocal Trade Agreements. They provide for a gradual reduction in tariffs.

At least 10 per cent of farm production must be exported if this country is to have a prosperous agriculture. If the farmer is to have reasonable prosperity, we must have export markets, and to have export market, trade has got to work both ways.

Foreign nations cannot buy from us unless we buy from them.

When farmers are prosperous, many other businesses and industries also profit. If farmers buy tractors, shovels, radios, or automobiles from the industrial areas, they have got to have the income to pay the bill.

According to reports of the Texas Bureau of Business Research, farm income increased in 1954. However, there was a decline in many of the individual commodities.

In my judgment the bill which the Congress passed last year, per-

mitting the Government to sell 700 million dollars' worth of surplus commodities for the currency of the foreign country making the purchase, was greatly responsible for some of this increase. It does not mean that the sales at that time had actually been made, but the effect was nevertheless noticeable.

It gives me a great deal of satisfaction that I had something to do with the passage of this law, and I hope that in the next three years the full authority to sell surplus commodities will be exercised.

In addition, we are greatly in need of certain strategic materials which we can purchase with the foreign currencies received from the sale of these commodities.

It looks as if the best we can do may not be good enough for the farmer to maintain a reasonably high income. Aside from the drought, we are not getting a fair share of cotton allotments, which is due in a large part to the administration of the law, rather than the law itself. The result is that our area, although it has not been responsible for surpluses, is paying the penalty for overproduction in other places.

Incidentally, Secretary of Agriculture Benson testified before a Senate Agriculture Committee that "things are looking up on the farm front under Republican leadership." I hope this is true, but at the time it seems to me that if the farmer is "looking up," as Mr. Benson has said, it is on account of being flat on his economic back. This is not recommended as the best place to look up from.

Half the people who preach preparedness don't have a cent laid up for a rainy day.

FBI TO HOLD MEET

William A. Murphy, special agent in charge of the Dallas office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, announced that the FBI Law Enforcement Conference on Bank Robbery will be held on April 5, in Fort Worth. Additional conferences will be held as follows: April 5, Sweetwater; April 6, Lubbock; April 7, Amarillo; April 8, Wichita Falls, and April 12, Texarkana.

FARM LAND DOWN

Prices of farm land in Texas fell two per cent in the four month ending Nov. 1, 1954. This report comes from the USDA. — A. & M.

ABOUT SPRING VEGETABLES

Extension horticulturists advise gardeners to spread their spring vegetable plantings so the harvest season will be extended over the longest possible time and to plant a wide variety of vegetables. — A. & M.

DON'T TAKE CHANCES

Farm and home accidents happen every day. The hazards are increased by winter conditions. Don't take chances, cautions the Texas Farm and Ranch Safety Committee, for '55 is still young and who, they ask, wants to leave early? — A. & M.

CAN CAUSE EROSION

Water allowed to form inside tractor and auto engines during cold weather can cause corrosion and excessive wear. About a gallon of water forms for each gallon of fuel burned and unless it passes from the engine through the exhaust, can cause trouble. — A. & M.

Famous Cowboy Buried Sunday In Seymour

Joseph Benjamin (Cap) Warren, 67, was buried Sunday in River-view Cemetery at Seymour. He was the father of Mrs. Wilburn Loflin, who attended the funeral with her family.

Mr. Warren operated the chuck wagon for the Waggoner Estate Ranch for several years. He was widely known by hundreds of cowmen as well as many notables who had eaten his chuck wagon feed, and was once written up in the Saturday Evening Post for his colorful career.

J. F. CASON IMPROVES

O. R. Douglas and Mrs. D. W. Douglas visited J. F. Cason in the Haskell Hospital Sunday. He is sitting up in a wheel chair and improving.

MRS. DUDLEY IMPROVES

Mrs. Lem Dudley returned to work at the Paul Honeycutt Motors Monday. She is getting along nicely after her auto accident.

Hospital Notes

Admissions to the Sadler Hospital the past week were:

As medical patients — Mrs. Carl Smith, Mrs. W. C. Hunter, M. A. Smith, Sammy Smith, A. V. Dick, Mrs. Earl Stevens, Horace B. Hargrove, Mrs. H. M. Reddin, Virgie Mae Campbell, Leo Harris, Mrs. O. E. Harwell, Mrs. J. R. Baker, Carol Salters, W. C. Lee.

For surgery — Robert L. James, Bobby Martin, tonsillectomy.

ALLEN D. KING, JR., IS NOW MEMBER OF WESTLY PLAYERS

Allen D. King, Jr., was home from Texas Tech College all last week except Thursday; he went to Lubbock accompanied by his father, Allen D. King, to register for next semester at Tech for juniors courses. He has completed seven hours of his work.

At a banquet recently he was made a member of The Westly Players having completed all requirements of his pledgeship last semester.

He returned to Tech Sunday afternoon.

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