

Plans Completed For Observance Of Schools Week



REV. SAM E. TULLOCK

At 7:30 p. m. Tuesday at the cafeteria-auditorium Rev. Sam E. Tullock will speak on "Education Is Your Business." This meeting is sponsored by the Fortnightly Study Club and everyone is urged to attend. This meeting is a part of TEXAS PUBLIC SCHOOLS WEEK program.

Plans for the Fifth Annual Public Schools Week in Merkel, Trent and Noodle have been completed. The week is from March 7 to 12 throughout Texas.

The committee in Merkel in charge of the week here is composed of A. L. Cunningham, chairman, Pinky Cyfert, Buster Hester, Mrs. Leo Harris, Mrs. Nell Miller, Mrs. Charles Sylvester.

From Monday through Thursday, lay teachers will teach high school courses in Merkel. Parents are urged to visit the schools during school hours.

Tuesday at 7:30 p. m. in the school auditorium there will be an open meeting on adult education with Rev. Sam Tullock as speaker and there will be community singing.

Thursday from 7:30 p. m. to 9 p. m. there will be open house at the primary and elementary buildings. Five dollars will be the prize per building for room having largest attendance. All interested persons are urged to visit both buildings to see the exhibits of the students.

Special teachers' certificate will be presented to each visiting lay teacher. The lay teachers are:

Commerce — Isadore Mellinger, Harry Odum, Lester Dorton, Miss Adelle Elkins, Miss Mary Collins; General Trades — Raymond Ferguson, Clyde Bartlett;

Speech — Mrs. Clyde Bartlett; History, American — Rev. Sam Tullock, Dave Gamble; History, World — Minister E. R. Watson, Rev. Aubrey White, Mrs. Clesby Patterson;

Homemaking — Mrs. Dave Gamble, Mrs. Murry Tombs, Mrs. Ben Hicks, Mrs. Dent Gibson; Choral Music — Miss Christine Collins, George Rowland, Mrs. ...

GIRL TO BURFIENDS

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Burfiend of 4611 5th St. N. W., Albuquerque, N. M., are the proud parents of a baby girl born February 3rd. The little miss has been named Brenda Faye. Mrs. Burfiend is the former Dorothy Alexander of Clayton, N. M. Mr. Burfiend formerly lived here.

R. J. MILLER'S BROTHER IS BURIED IN BARSTOW LAST THURSDAY

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Miller attended the funeral of his brother, J. O. Miller, in Barstow last Thursday, returning home Sunday.

CEMETERY FUND

Below are those who recently donated to the Cemetery Maintenance Fund. Anyone wishing to contribute to this fund may leave contributions at the Farmers and Merchants National Bank. The donors are:

- E. Q. Warren, Knox City \$15.00
- Byron Heira 15.00
- Horace O. Boney 10.00
- John R. Collins 10.00
- Mrs. Helen Boney 10.00

Homer Patterson; English — Mrs. Nell Miller, Mrs. Ray Wilson, Mrs. Horace Boney, Bill Woods, Mrs. W. T. Sadler, Mrs. Paul Honeycutt, Fred Starbuck;

Science — Coleman O'Brien (conservation, visiting geologist (rock formation); Vocational Agriculture, Grasses — Coleman O'Brien, Harold Reynolds;

Physical Education, Boys — Dr. Don Warren; And others to be assigned. Trent schools will hold open house throughout the week.

There will be an all-school program at 7:30 p. m. on Thursday of next week.

Each class will have a part on the program. The theme is "Democracy in Action in the School." Noodle schools will also hold open house throughout the week and parents are urged to attend.

There will be a poster contest for both high and grammar schools. A first prize of \$2 will be given to the first place winners in each group. There will also be second and third prizes to each group. The judges will judge the posters by numbers and no name will be on the posters.

TO MEET HERE

A meeting of all cooperative managers and executives of the whole state will be held here at 2 p. m. Thursday, March 3, at the Taylor Electric Coop office. Matters pertaining to cooperatives will be discussed.

TO ISSUE WARRANTS

A special meeting of the Taylor County Commissioners last Friday voted to authorize issuance of \$225,000 in time warrants against the county's credit on March 18 to purchase right-of-way including that for the U. S. 80 freeway from Tye to the west county line.

At a special meeting Monday of last week the court took action to issue \$225,000 in county warrants, which included also a project to build bridges. However, the action was not in conformity with state laws on warrant issuance, so that that item had to be excluded under the new warrant issue.

Commissioner Rufe Tittle, said he always favored warrants for the right-of-way for all the county, but had objected to paying for the bridge work.

FOR FISHERMAN'S ROW

As the fishing season will soon open the fishermen, including Trobe Vaughan, will be interested in the editorial in this issue entitled "Fish Philosophy." What the editor doesn't know about fishing the fish won't tell. Perhaps Trobe will. Anyway, read and be informed!?

Merkel 20 Years Ago

TAKEN FROM THE 1934 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL

FOR SUMMER SPORTS

With the appointment of a committee of three, viz., Booth Warren, Henry West and W. O. Boney, to work with a similar committee of the same number selected from merchants of the city, first steps were started at the Tuesday luncheon of the Lions Club for arranging a program of summer entertainment along the lines of the rodeo and baseball features that proved so popular in Merkel's trade territory last year.

GYM USE RULES

Resolutions concerning the use of its recently completed gymnasium - auditorium were adopted by the school board of the Merkel Independent School District at its regular monthly meeting March 5.

IN BEAUTY SPOT

All told, 112 shrubs and plants were bedded Saturday in the 10 sections of the plot along the railroad right-of-way, west of the Nichols Ice House, augmenting the number of plants and shrubs which last year formed the nucleus for this beauty spot within the city limits.

TO GIVE 3 PLAYS

Three one-act plays enacted by local talent, are to be presented on one bill the latter part of this month, the program to be sponsored by the Merkel Lions Club for the benefit of the fund to beautify the highway within the city limits. Mrs. J. O. Lusby and Mrs. R. O. Pearson are the co-directors.

JUDGE WHEELER DIES

Judge W. W. Wheeler, 78, one of the first mayors of Merkel and whose tenure of office as justice of the peace covered a span of 30 years, passed away Wednesday, victim of a combination of influenza and pneumonia, at his home here. Since 1890 he had been a resident of Merkel.

LIONS ACCEPT CHALLENGE

Jim Cook, manager of the Merkel Lions Basketball Team, reports that he has matched a game with the Breckenridge Lions for one night next week, the exact date yet to be determined.

STUDY HOME HYGIENE

Following a visit made by Mrs. Louis Montgomery of Abilene, county chairman of the child welfare group, and Miss Beulah White, new Red Cross nurse, the latter was to meet here again Thursday afternoon with women from Merkel and the surrounding communities to organize a study class in home hygiene and care of the sick.

MAY BUY LICENSE HERE

Auto owners will have the opportunity of getting their 1935 license plates in Merkel when Comer Patterson, deputy tax collector, will be at the city hall here three days the latter part of this month, March 21, 22 and 23.

ON DISTRICT JURY

On the new grand jury impaneled in the 104th District Court by Judge W. R. Chapman were L. L. Murray of Merkel and Alex Williams of Trent.

This Happened in Merkel Forty Years Ago

TAKEN FROM THE 1914 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL

The social event of the month was the party given Friday evening by Miss Evalyn Williams at her home on North 1st Street. Promptly at 8 o'clock 20 guests had been welcomed into the inner circle of the home.

Those enjoying the games and the Welsh rarebit and roasting peanuts were: Misses Ruby and Elva Payne, Maude Jinkens, Zula Huffaker, Ruby Jones, Duncan Browning, Mabel Collins, Venona Hamblet, Genevieve Rust, Pet, Mossie and Lou Sears, Beulah Burkett, Annie Burnett, Zelma Fletcher, Maude Martin, Lillian McClendon, Mesdames E. M. Rust, Sterling P. Miller, O. W. Williams, J. W. Daniels, W. H. Dickson, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Williams and Little Miss Leona Williams and the hostess.

Sunday morning eight young ladies motored to the Clyde Sears' Ranch in Mulberry Canyon where they enjoyed a ranch-cooked dinner by Messrs. George Ferrier and Clyde Sears. The party included Misses Lou Sears, Zelma Fletcher, Zula Huffaker, Maude Jinkens, Lillian McLindon, Beulah Burkett and Pet and Mossie Sears.

Miss Bertha Boring of Ft. Worth returned to her home Monday night after attending the funeral of her brother, Dean Boring, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Woodroof came in Wednesday from Waxahachie in their Ford auto, as a partner to W. D. Woodroof, his brother.

Time for Sleep Is Forgotten On Gay Bus Ride

It may be 4 o'clock in the morning but there is no thought of sleep when one travels with the students to a basketball game.

Supt. Mack Fisher chartered a Greyhound Bus for the students to go to the game at Lubbock last Saturday morning. The starting time was set for 4 a. m. Saturday, a time when the wind blows strongly, the temperature is nippy and the sky is dark. And most people are home in bed.

Mr. and Mrs. James Thomas are on hand early to see that everything is clicking. Supt. Fisher makes an appearance to add to the perfection of the schedule though he is not riding with the students.

There is one sponsor missing, Chester Collinsworth, and his wife, "Chester, where is Chester?" asks Mr. Thomas. Shall we phone him, go over for him or what? The minutes are going by . . . 5 minutes, 4 minutes, 3 minutes . . . "There he is!" Chester has arrived.

Nonchalantly and with that customary air of assurance Chester asks, "What's the noise about, what's the matter?" "Time to start," replies James.

"Well, 'draws out' Chester calmly and leisurely, 'It's only five minutes of 4.'

"It's later than that," persists James. Chester looks at his watch.

"It's exactly one minute of 4. I'm here in good time," he assures James.

Chester calls the roll. Some are present, some are not. Last to arrive before the door is closed are Joe Cunningham and Maxwell Carey.

"Anybody not here, speak up," advises Chester sagely. "Good trick if you can do it," whispers James.

There were 36 students in the bus. Besides the adults already mentioned there were Miss Denta Gibson, Mrs. Nim Teaff and Editor Hy White.

Just before the bus started Ross Ferrier, bus agent, arrives to see that everything is O. K. The door is finally closed and the fans are on their way to Lubbock.

At 4:30 they arrived at Sweetwater. They soon pass Roscoe and are on to Snyder where they stop for nourishment and drinks at 5:20. It took a long time to be waited on and the journey was continued at 6.

Before reaching Snyder a few wanted to sleep . . . the adults. But the noise and talk and chatter and giggling were more powerful than the wings of sleep. There was no use bucking the spirit of youth. Sleep was out of the question.

After Snyder with their hunger appeased the students settled down to some serious work . . . reading comic books. BUT they sleep their outloud . . . so no sleep.

The editor was cold and wore a sweater, a suit coat and an overcoat . . . and was still cold. Near him sat Chester who took off his suit coat and rode without it . . . and was still warm!

At Slaton, time 7:20, Chester called the roll again. From there on the bus awakened to new life, books were forgotten and the laughter and the chatter and the giggles grew in intensity. The bus arrived in Lubbock at 7:40 and at Texas Tech at 7:55 where the students joined the other fans who had come by other means.

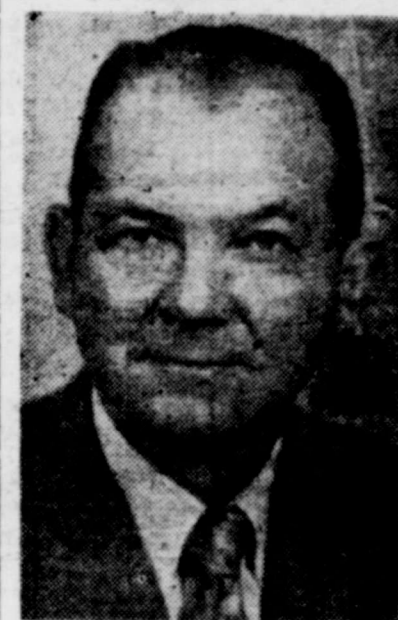
The bus started home at 1:30 p. m. and the tone was quiet. It was only after the students reached Sweetwater that their youthful spirits came to the top again and they burst forth with song.

INFLUENCED HIS LIFE
George T. Brown of Waco, who used to be office boy on the Waco Times-Herald for Editor C. J. Glover, was a visitor in the Merkel Mail office Tuesday. He remarked, "Mr. Glover had a great influence on my life."

DOLLAR DAY NOTE
As next week's issue will carry Dollar Day ads it will be appreciated if the ads are made up early.

Fighting Badgers Put Up Terrific Battle at Lubbock

Fighting valiantly with three starters who had just come out from a siege of flu the Badgers stiffly defended their title at Texas Tech, Lubbock, last Saturday morning and bowed to Hale



CHESTER COLLINSWORTH
... has new 3-year contract

Robert McLeod Makes 1st Team On All-State

Robert McLeod made Class A First All-State Team on the Ft. Worth Star-Telegram poll of all coaches.

Robert also made Second All-State Team on the Texas Sports Writers Association poll.

In addition he was named on the First Team of Region 1-A. Robert's teammates elected him honorary captain for the past year.

Merkelites Travel To Yell for Boys At Regional Game

The Merkel fans went over to Lubbock last Saturday morning to give Coach Tommy Ellis and his bi-regional champions their moral and vociferous support. The game was scheduled for 8:30 a. m. and when that time approached there were around 250 Merkelites sitting and yelling in the west section.

Someone yelled, "Where is Dr. Sadler?" And another replied, "There he is, with the Badgers. That makes the crowd complete."

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hodge of Odessa, former Merkelites, were sitting with the Badger fans and lending their lung power to encourage the boys on. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Fowler, former Merkelites, now of Lubbock, took their seats with the Badger fans.

There was KWKC broadcasting the game for those who could not come. Harless Wade, Abilene Reporter-News sports writer, was in the press box, preparing to give the Badgers a front page story in Saturday afternoon's edition.

Senior Class Play to Be Given On March 18th

The Merkel Senior Class will present a 3-act comedy on Friday, March 18, at 8 p. m. at the school cafeteria-auditorium. It is entitled "Back Home."

It tells about a businessman who goes broke and whose son tries to save the business. But when the rich widow of the town attempts to hinder him things start to happen . . . and how!

Mrs. Comer Haynes is directing the play.

Center 51-66 in the regional semi-finals.

Robert McLeod, who had been in the Sadler Hospital for a week, in spite of his lack of condition and lack of practice gave an excellent account of himself and scored his usual large quota, piling up 27 points.

Phil Pursley who was also weakened by his stay in the hospital accounted for six points. Bill Horton who had been in the hospital turned in five points.

Terry and Gail O'Brien each accounted for four points while Kermit Rutledge made three and Milly Mac Gilbert scored two.

The weakened Robert scored 13 of the 15 points of the first quarter.

The Hale Center Owls began scoring in the first minute of play making two goals. As the minute closed Robert scored a field goal and a free throw. The Owls made two good goals and Robert retaliated with two frees. The Owls scored two goals. Robert was good for another goal.

The score now stood 12-7 in favor of the Owls. Billy Mac Gilbert came in for Phil Pursley who hurt his ankle. Two Owl frees were good. Then Robert made two frees. Again the Owls did the same and Terry shot a goal. After the Owls made a goal and with the score 18 to 11 in favor of the Owls Robert shot in two goals and the Owls one goal to make the final score of the first quarter 20-15.

The Owls pitched in a free. Two goals and Robert made two frees after two minutes of play, making the Badgers 17 against 25.

The Owls tied up five frees and a goal when Billy Mac Gilbert came in for Kermit Rutledge. As the fourth minute flew by the Owls placed two frees and Phil made a goal. Billy a free and Robert two frees, with the Badgers 22 against 34. In the closing minute of the half the Owls scored two more goals and the score stood 38-22 in favor of the Owls.

With the Badgers lagging 16 points Coach Tommy Ellis' boys came out in the third quarter determined to close that gap. Terry crashed a goal and Kermit a free, upping to 25. The Owls turned a free and Philip banged back with two goals, jumping the score to 29 for the Badgers against 39, closing the gap to 10 points.

Before four minutes winded away the Owls pounded in two goals and two frees. Kermit made a goal. Billy Mac came in for Kermit. The Owls cashed two frees.

With three minutes left in the quarter Billy and Robert each paid off with a goal. As the last minute pounded away the Owls' goal was topped with Robert scoring a goal and two frees, making the Badgers 39 to 49 as the quarter finished.

As the last quarter began it could be seen that the flu was taking its toll. But that did not lessen the fighting spirit of the Badgers. After the Owls took a free and a goal Robert pitched in two frees. Gail came in for Billy Horton.

The Owls cashed a free and Robert topped it with a goal. The Owls came back with a goal and Gail topped that with a goal. The score was now 45-55, again with the 10 point gap.

The Owls again cashed a free and Billy Mac cracked the span to 9 points with a goal. Score 47-56 with three minutes left to the game.

Carl McKeever came in for Terry. The Owls plunged ahead with a goal. And at this point Robert, the Badger top scorer, fouled out. Billy replaced him. The score now stood at 47-58 and less than two minutes remaining.

The Owls cashed in two more frees and with a minute and a half left Jimmy Russell came in for Phil with the score 60-47.

The Owls added a goal and so did Gail. The Owls shoved in

two more goals, score 66-47. With less than half a minute remaining Billy Horton cashed in two free throws and the game was over.

Trent Gorillas Outplay Eagles In Last Quarter

Last Friday night at Canyon the Trent Gorillas bowed to Samnorwood 59-52 at the Region 1-B Tournament at West Texas State Field House.

Coach Nixon's boys opened fast and gained a 14-11 first quarter lead. As the Trent lads continued their long passes the Eagles began to intercept them and made capital of them, ending the half 30-18, in favor of the Eagles. At the end of the third period the Eagles led 53-30.

The Trent boys came back determined to knock down that lead and while the Eagles added only 6 more points the Gorillas outplayed them and added 22 more points.

Jerry McWilliams was top with 22 points, Tommy Toliver netted 14. Jerry Estemp made 8 titles and Sweeney marked up 4 each.

Trent had won 17 games up to the regional.

1st Baptists Plan Program of Prayer For Their Revival

The First Baptist Church of Merkel is making comprehensive plans for its spring revival to be held April 11 to 24 inclusive. In doing this the First Baptist Church is cooperating with other Southern Baptist churches and their missions throughout the Southland, Alaska, Panama and Cuba in a simultaneous effort to reach the lost with the Gospel.

Between now and the revival Rev. Sam E. Tullock will preach sermons leading up to the meeting.

The Merkel First Baptist Church prayer plans have been completed and are as follows:

1. Every organization of the church in their opening assemblies and other meetings will have a definite prayer for the revival.

2. Each member of the church will daily remember the revival effort in their daily devotions.

3. The week before the meeting begins the church will want to have at least 50 cottage prayer services in behalf of the revival.

4. Ten days before the meeting begins the church will have a Ten Day Pentecostal prayer service from 7 a. m. until 5 p. m. April 1 through 10.

5. On the Sundays of April 10, 17 and 24 every officer and teacher will meet at 9:15 a. m. in the main auditorium for prayer.

6. During the revival there will be prayer services for every age group before the services.

Jack Collier Buys Conoco Station on E. 80

T. B. (Jack) Collier has bought the Conoco Station on East Highway 80 from Fletcher Hopper and is now in charge. Jack is offering gasoline, oil, services in washing, greasing, fixing flats and also pickup and delivery.

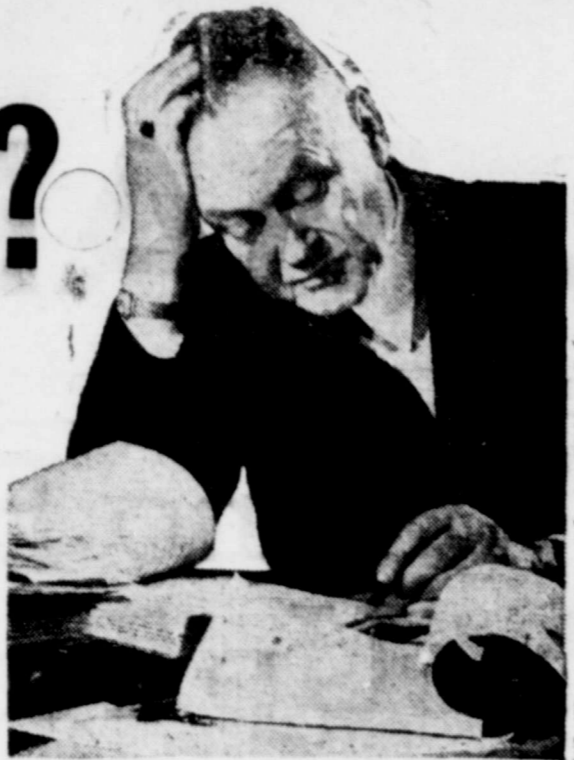
SANDUSKY AT MARKET

J. D. Sandusky was on the Fort Worth market Monday of this week with a load of cattle. Ten steers averaged 742 pounds and brought \$18.50 and five averaged 593 pounds and brought \$18.

GIN REPORT

Noodle Coop 850 bales.

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NEWS ABOUT TOWN

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Collins of Plainview were weekend visitors of Miss Mary Collins.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Crawford and children of Abilene spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Reagan.

Sessions Hammond was home for the weekend from the University of Texas visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hammond.

Visitors in the home of Marshall Davis were his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Davis, Sr., of Abilene and his sister and husband Mr. and Mrs. Odell Barnes of Urbana, Ohio, his sister, Mrs. Joe Rister, of El Paso, his aunt, Mrs. Bell Davis and son, Russell of Hawley and Mr. and Mrs. James Taylor of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. John Young and son Ray were in Lovington, New Mexico, over the weekend visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gaston Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Miller spent from Saturday to Wednesday afternoon of last week in Edgewood visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Hooks. Mr. Miller attended a Chevrolet meeting in Dallas Tuesday and one in Ft. Worth Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Delton of Weatherford visited her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bullock, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Agnew went to Tulia over the weekend and visited his nephew, Russell Agnew, who was injured when he was run over by a truck.

Mrs. Norma Bond and daughters, Sue and Carolyn, were in Big Spring Sunday visiting her daughter, Mrs. Norman English, and family. Her granddaughter, Patsy Ann, was burned by a cup of hot coffee overturning on her face and arms.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Biles and children, Brenda and Bain of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn Doan and daughter Sharon, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Howell and new baby son Gordon Lee of Carrizo Springs spent the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Howell and also celebrated Mr. Howell's birthday with a turkey dinner Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sinclair Phillips of Del Rio visited her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Howell and his father, W. A. Phillips, and her sister, Mrs. Roscoe Owens, and family last week on Wednesday.

Visitors in the home Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Moore were their relatives, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Critz, of Beaumont, Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Moore and Mrs. Eunice Sellers and son Paul of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Omer Bishop and family of Andrews and Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Clyburn and family of Hawley spent the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Walters were in Waco Sunday visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Ferguson of Coleman spent Sunday with their son, Rev. George H. Epperson, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Buchanan visited in Midland over the weekend with their daughter and husband Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Swinney.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Gentry and Patricia were in Colorado City Sunday visiting their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Toombs were in San Angelo over the weekend visiting their son Stanley and wife.

NEWS County Home Demonstration Agent Texas A. & M. College Extension Service

By LORETTA ALLEN
I visited Mrs. Sam Butman, Jr. who is meat demonstrator for Blue Bonnet Club. She keeps her family a good supply of meat in the home freezer. She has been dressing some hens and freezing them. I know they make mighty good eating because she gave me one.

She helps give demonstrations to her club and keeps them informed on meat cookery.

One of her granddaughters Ann Palk of San Angelo was visiting. Ann showed me her very pretty bride doll. Another granddaughter, three month old Jan Brnovak, made her first visit to our office the other day. As time slips by so swiftly, Jan will be a 4-H girl before we realize it.

More club women say this is the hardest time of the year to think of things to cook for their families. One way to keep the grocery bill down is to consider food on the plentiful list. All items on the USDA's March plentiful foods list are in good supply in the Southwest.

Stocks of canned sweet corn and canned snap beans as well as rice are so large that USDA is featuring them during the windy month.

Other plentifuls include such meats as heavy turkeys, beef, pork, frozen haddock and halibut, shrimp and canned tuna.

Also, such high protein content foods as eggs, milk, cheese and other dairy products are in abundant supply.

Only three fruits made the official March list—raisins, fresh and processed oranges and grapefruit.

Pinto beans, lard, vegetable fats and oils round out the USDA's monthly listing for March.

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By PRICE DANIEL, U. S. Senator

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that narcotics law violations constituted the main portion of its business, except for immigration cases. The jurors urged more attention to the subject and better enforcement.

NARCOTICS CRIME RING Former United States District Attorney Charles F. Herring of Austin sent a report which was even stronger. He said that "a deadly, multi-million dollar narcotic business flourishes in the United States as the largest criminal operation in the world." Congressman Homer Thornberry of Austin introduced a resolution in the House calling for a special investigation, and I have offered a similar resolution in the Senate.

It appears now that either a House or Senate committee will be authorized to study the problem so as to devise means for better enforcement of present narcotics laws and to recommend improvements and changes in existing laws and procedures.

COTTON ALLOTMENTS The bill to provide extra cotton acreage for hardship cases which we mentioned last week, has passed the House of Representatives. This gives hope that final action may be had in time to help during the present planting season. Senator Johnson and I are continuing to press for prompt action by the Senate Committee and it is working on the subject now. It is believed that some type of relief will be enacted to help those whose cuts have been so drastic.

In the meantime, every farmer who will not use his allotment should turn it in to the county committee both to protect himself for future years and

to help someone who needs it this year.

W. F. TURNER CAME TO MERKEL IN 1892, VISITS HERE MONDAY

W. F. Turner and son Frank Kenneth of Eunice, New Mexico, were here Sunday and Monday visiting his sister, Mrs. Vannie Henslee. Mr. Turner came to Merkel in 1892 and left in 1905.

LEGAL NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS To any Sheriff or any Constable within the State of Texas—Greeting:

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

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

To: Claborn McPeak, 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 11th day of April A. D. 1955, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 19 day of January A. D. 1955, in this cause, numbered 2-313-A on the docket of said court and styled Annette McPeak, Plaintiff, vs. Claborn McPeak, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and defendant were married on or about the 7th day of March, 1953 and lived together until on or about the 27th day of October, 1954. Plaintiff shows that there is no community property and that there is one child, David Weldon McPeak whose care, custody and control is requested, also for child support. Plaintiff seeks divorce on the grounds of cruel treatment as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date

of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 25 day of Feb. A. D. 1955.

(SEAL) Attest: R. H. Ross Clerk, 42nd District Court Taylor County, Texas By C. Bower, Deputy. Adv. —March 4, 11, 18, 25.

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TO: Patricia Marie Murray Nuckols, Defendant. Greeting:

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A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were leg-

ally married on or about April 20th, 1947 and separated on or about 1st day of May 1954. To this union two children were born.

Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of harsh and cruel treatment.

Plaintiff also sues for custody of children and for equitable division of community property as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 16th day of February A. D. 1955.

(SEAL)

Attest: R. H. Ross, Clerk 42nd District Court Taylor County, Texas By Irene Crawford, Deputy. Adv. — Feb. 18, 25, March 4, 11.

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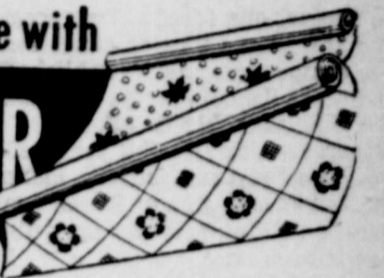
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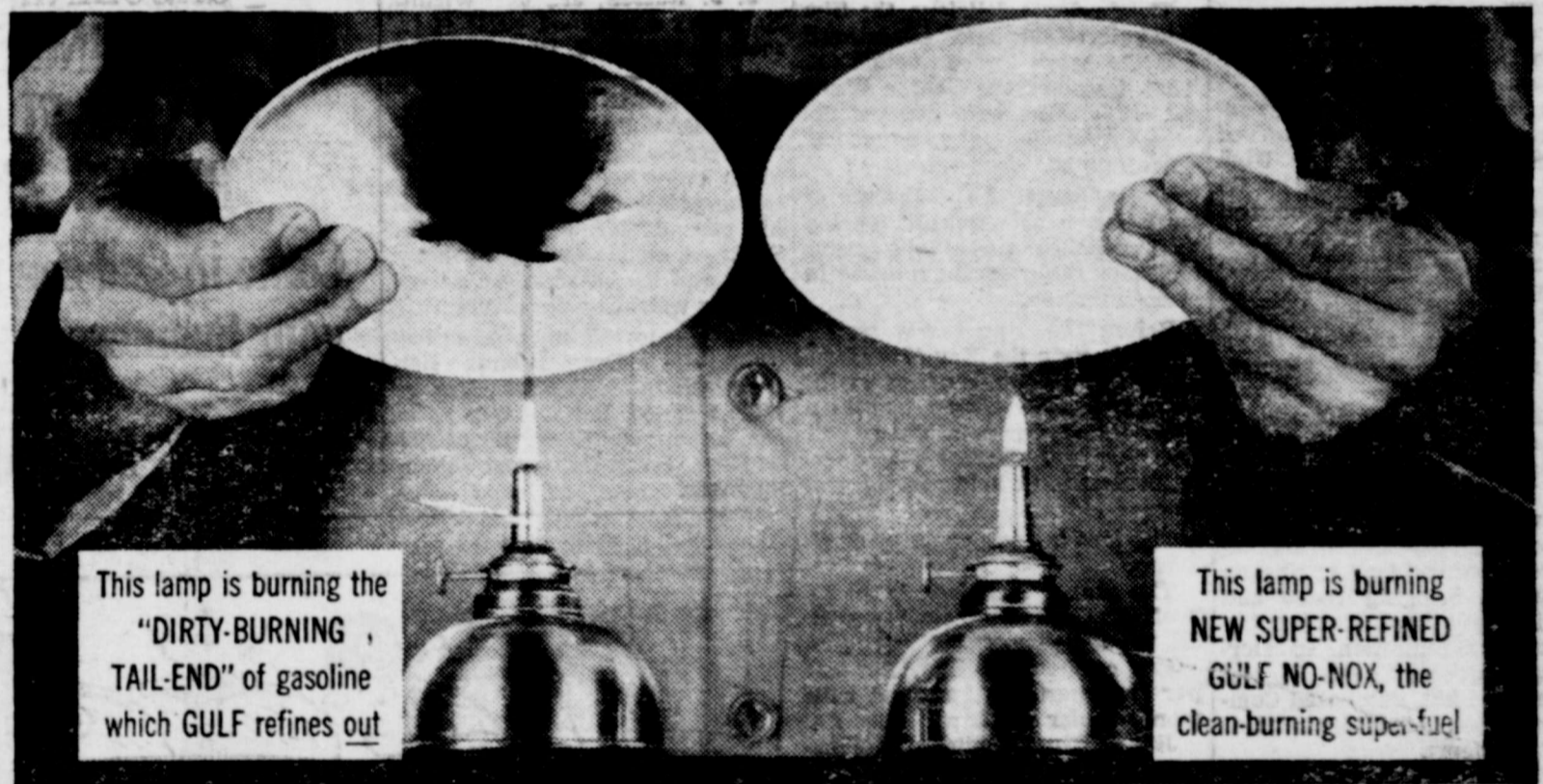
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GOVERNOR'S PROCLAMATION

GREETINGS:

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schools by providing new classrooms, improved methods, and by encouraging loyal, able, qualified men and women to adopt teaching as a lifetime career.

THEREFORE I, as Governor of Texas, do hereby designate the week of March 7 — 12, 1955, as PUBLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

in Texas and urge every citizen to visit at least one public school during this period and to become personally acquainted with the programs and accomplishments of our educational system.

In official recognition whereof, I hereby affix my signature this 10th day of January, 1955.

(SEAL)

ALLAN SHIVERS
Governor of Texas.

MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION

Whereas, our forefathers recognized the importance of education in a democracy, and established the Public School system to make education available to all, and Whereas, through the years efforts have been put forth to make sure that all children of school age share in this opportunity for public education, and

becoming familiar with the problems of the school administrators, teachers, and students.

Ladies Night Is Memorable Lions Affair

"What do we get out of it?" That was the question put and answered by Joe Weaver of Olney, Lion governor of District 2E, at the ladies night banquet given by the local Lions Club at the Community Center Monday night.

Lion President Isadore Mellinger was the excellent toastmaster. There were 85 persons present including visiting Lion dignitaries:

From the Abilene Club — Joe Childers, international counselor; Fred Boydy, president Gordon Benett, second vice president; Joe Williamson, secretary;

Tuscola Club — G. C. Boutle, president, and wife; Edward Graham, secretary, and wife.

Supt. Mack Fisher gave the invocation. The Garden Club served the delicious banquet. The High School Orchestra, directed by W. G. Reed, played popular musical numbers and also sang and received great applause and were enjoyed very much.

Fred Starbuck directed the singing by the entire audience in a lively manner with Mrs. Norman Winter as pianist.

President Mellinger introduced the charter members of the club S. D. Gamble, Dr. W. T. Sadler and Booth Warren. After this he told of the work of the local club.

Among the projects that he noted were: Securing first paving on Oak Street, bringing rodeo and baseball league here, heading Little League organization, sponsoring Boy and Girl Scouts, helping finance scout hut, purchased Community Center, helped settle Highway 80 problems.

Started movement for Chamber of Commerce, staged Christmas tree and program, assisted Boy Scout in attending National Jamboree, staged Negro Minstrels, promoted zone basketball tournament and used the proceeds in Lions charity and community betterment.

Young Don Ferguson of Abilene gave a humorous reading with sound effects that delighted the people.

"The Lions Clubs are doing more for the community, the state and the nation than any other service organization," began Gov. Weaver. "It is the largest service group in the world."

"Somethings Lions do seems little, like getting glasses for a young boy. But it is big to the boy, it helps him to see things he did not see before, it helps him learn better, it helps him enjoy life better, it helps him grow into a better man. That is a big thing to the boy."

"What do we get out of it?" "We get the satisfaction of doing something to make a better place in which to live, we make it possible for children to see better, we make it possible for crippled children to be healthier and happier."

"When you help others you help yourself. It is great to be a Lion," concluded Gov. Weaver.

The president closed the evening by introducing the committees: Arrangement — Horace Bone, chairman, Horace Hargrove and Lester Dorton; decorations — Tommy Ellis, chairman, Meyer Mellinger and Tommy Odum.

JOHN C. OF C. Twenty-eight individuals have taken out personal memberships in the Merkel Chamber of Commerce. They are: Allen Darrell Glenn, Anna Marie Hewitt, N. W. Durham, Mack Fisher, Betty Jane Tittle, Margaret C. Hunter, Adelle Elkins, Marie Leverich, Ora B. Read, Mrs. W. T. Sadler, Mrs. Anabel Odum, Bonnie Jean Perkins, Bryan Dunagin, Horace Hargrove, Holt Vaughn, Tommy Ellis, Mary Collins, Clyde Wurst, Lloyd Robertson, S. D. Gamble, Viva Lawson, Stanley King, Newt Logan, D. H. Vaughn, S. H. (Jack) Wallace, Earl Hughes, Norman Winter, H. N. Odum.

Masonic Supper Last Friday Night Is Big Success

The food was delicious, the film was entertaining and educational and the songs were delightful. That describes the George Washington annual supper given at the school cafeteria by the Masons last Friday night.

Andy Shouse, in the absence of Buck Leach who was ill, quickly took over the duties of toastmaster and kept the program running in smooth fashion.

Before the supper was served cafeteria style the Key City Quartet of Abilene entertained with popular numbers. They sang in a professional manner. They will take part in the barber shop quartet contest to be held soon in Abilene.

The blessing was given by C. W. Seago.

The supper included barbecue beef, meat loaf and chicken with all the delicious trimmings, pies, cakes, coffee and milk. After supper the quartet entertained with more popular numbers.

Jim Martin of Abilene, past district deputy, spoke on the crippled children work of the Masons and how it is aiding many little folks back to health and enjoyment of a physically fit life.

Coleman O'Brien talked on Texas Public Schools Week.

"We tend to take our schools for granted," stated Mr. O'Brien. "But we must be vigilant to see that our teachers follow the Constitution of the United States and believe in God."

The film, "Texas Size Family," showed the Masonic Home near Fort Worth and the splendid job it is doing of rearing children of Masons. The enjoyable evening ended with prayer by the chaplain, Bill Henager.

BALLET Russe DE MONTE CARLO TO BE PRESENTED

The world-famous Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo, newly re-organized after a two-season sabbatical, will be presented in San Antonio as the Symphony Society of San Antonio's twelfth subscription event, Monday night, March 7, while its orchestra is on its six-state tour.

The distinguished company is headed by America's most brilliant prima ballerina, Maria Tallchief, whose professional debut as a fledgling of the Ballet Russe corps de ballet led her to eventual stardom.

The company carries its own full corps de ballet and symphony orchestra, directed by Ivan Boutnikoff. Mail orders are accepted.

personals

Mrs. Joe Weston of Midland is here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Demere. Mrs. Demere is just home from the hospital, having had a heart attack.

Last week on Thursday Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Callaway, Mrs. Leta Barbee, Mrs. J. E. Touchstone and Christi accompanied Mrs. Garvis Tarpley and Marsha to Westbrook where they visited Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Barbee and family.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Brown of Hedley, Calif., spent Tuesday and Wednesday night of last week with his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Callaway.

Dinner guests Friday in the Garvis Tarpley home were his mother and stepfather, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. (Doc) Callaway, his sisters, Mr. and Mrs. Edd Merritt, Mrs. Pearl Van Huss, and his brothers, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Tarpley and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Tarpley.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Callaway Sunday were their children, Mr. and Mrs. Edd Merritt of Eastland, Sask., Canada, Mrs. Pearl Van Huss, Wichita Falls, Mr. and Mrs. Dois Melton, Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Clement and children, Snyder, and Mr. and Mrs. Garvis Tarpley and children. Local folks called during the day.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nalley have returned from an extended visit. In Austin they visited with their daughter and husband, the Hubert Reeses, and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Howell; in San Antonio the Manford Flowers and in Corpus Christi with their daughter and husband, the Estel Hunters, son Carroll and Mr. Nalley's brother and family, the Roy Nalleys.

Carl Wayne Bradshaw, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Bradshaw of Tulsa, who has been visiting for the past two weeks with Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Townzen and family and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Harrison and family left Tuesday for San Antonio and will spend four years in the Air Force.

Sgt. and Mrs. Leroy Miller of San Antonio visited their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Stockbridge, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Carson and family visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Price Melton of Blair Sunday.

Little Billie Farmer is visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Farmer, for a while.

Mrs. G. O. Walker of Sweetwater was guest of Mrs. Hugh Campbell Friday.

J. J. Russell, Jr., of Wichita Falls was a weekend guest of his mother, Mrs. J. J. Russell, Sr.

TOMMY SPRINGER HAS BIRTHDAY PARTY SUNDAY

Tommy Springer enjoyed a party given in his honor last Sunday afternoon, Feb. 27, at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mac Springer, on his fourth birthday. Cake and ice cream were served and toy watches were favors.

Those enjoying this lovely party were: Vickie Doan, Brenda Barnett, Deborah Ellis, Mike Dudley, Mike McLeod, Pat and Dee Warren, Robert and Susie Wilson, Alan Reed, Terry, Cathy and Tommy Springer.

GORDON PRICE TO MARRY MISS MARY JO JONES

Rev. and Mrs. Jesse Jones, Haskell, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Miss Mary Jo Jones, Hobbs, to Pvt. Gordon Eldon Price Ft. Bliss, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Price.

The wedding will take place sometime in the early spring.

Miss Jones, a fourth grade teacher at Will Rogers School, Hobbs, was graduated from high school in Haskell and attended Hardin-Simmons University, where she was a member of Alpha Psi Omega, drama sorority.

Private Price attended school in Sylvestor and has been in the Army since July, 1954.

MERKEL STUDENTS ARE ENROLLED NOW AT H-S UNIVERSITY

At Hardin-Simmons University from Merkel are: Jerry Gibson, Peggy Bond, Jerry Cunningham, Billy Frazier, Jackie Brown, Virginia Bird, Charles Knight, Kenneth Bacus, Thomas Melton, Ralph Miller, Jack Miller and Bob Pangle.

DOUGLAS ROSS BAKER IS NOW REGISTERED AT SUL ROSS COLLEGE

Douglas Ross Baker is one of the new students registered at Sul Ross State College for the spring semester. Mr. Baker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Baker.

Hospital Notes

Admissions to the Sadler Hospital the past week were:

As medical patients — Willie Mae Derrington, Buster, Thompson, Mrs. M. L. Smith, Ellis Freeman, Donald Harris, Mrs. J. D. Harrison, Mrs. H. A. King and Mae Martin.

Butman's Bred Lambs Place Top Jones Positions

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Butman, Jr., attended the Jones County Stock Show at Anson last Saturday. Two top winners in the fine wool class were Mr. Butman's breeding. They were shown by:

First place, Jigger Rowland, Anson FFA; second place Randy Wilson, Anson FFA.

Jigger will get his next lamb free from Mr. Butman as it is his custom to give a free lamb when the winner of his breed gets first place.

The FFA Chapter at Anson received a free lamb last year, which placed fifth this year.

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 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 11:00 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

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

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

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.

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 Prayer Services 7:30 p. m.
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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:
 Sunday School 11:00 o'clock
 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 8:45 a. 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.

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.

GARY RUST ELECTED PRESIDENT FOR MARCH OF 7TH GRADE CLASS
 Mrs. Andy Shouse's 7th grade class met in regular session in Room 8 on Tuesday. The meeting was called to order by the vice president, Carole Perry, in the absence of the president.

The minutes were approved. The class elected officers for the month of March: President, Gary Rust; vice president, Tommy Hogan; secretary, Raymond Shugart; treasurer, Carole Perry; reporter, Mary McKeever.

THOROUGH
 "How did your wife get on with her reducing diet?"
 "Fine. She disappeared completely last week."

ABOUT 100 GUESTS ATTEND FORTNIGHTLY CLUB TEA

The Fortnightly Study Club entertained with a Friendship Tea at the Community Center on Feb. 22. Guests for the occasion were friends of the members.

Mrs. David Gamble and Mrs. Ben Hicks greeted guests at the door. Mrs. Chester Collinsworth, hospitality chairman, invited them to have tea served from a table carrying out the George Washington theme. Mrs. Andy Shouse played piano selections during tea time.

Mrs. Ben Hicks, president, welcome the guests at the beginning of the program. Mrs. Comer Haynes gave a toast to friendship. Four young girls, Misses Colleen O'Brien, Bitsey West, Marie Foster and Mary McKeever, dressed as George and Martha Washington, danced the minuet.

Mrs. Clyde Bartlett, also dressed in costume, gave a lovely rendition of the love story, "The Legend of the Bleeding Heart," while Mrs. Comer Haynes played background music.

A sextet composed of Mrs. Ben Hicks, Mrs. Norman Winter, Mrs. Andy Shouse, Mrs. Comer Haynes, Mrs. Paul Honeycutt and Miss Christine Collins presented a medley of appropriate love songs. Then everyone sang "Auld Lang Syne." Felicitations were extended to about 100 guests.

The next gathering will be a meeting open to the public. It is to be held at the school cafeteria auditorium with Rev. Sam Tullock speaking on adult education. Everyone is urged to attend since this is a meeting in keeping with Texas Public Schools Week.

GOODMAN H. D. CLUB HAS BREAKFAST IN AFTERNOON

The members of Goodman Home Demonstration Club had the experience of having breakfast in the middle of the afternoon when they met on Friday, Feb. 25, at the home of Mrs. Jennings Winter.

Miss Jimmie Lou Wainscott, Jones County Home Demonstration Agent, gave a demonstration on "Breakfast for the Family." She stressed the fact that breakfast should contain one-third to one-half of one's average daily nutritional requirements and gave as a basic breakfast pattern: Fruit, cereal, egg, meat, bread, butter, milk or coffee. She suggested a surprise breakfast to tempt the children. A sample breakfast was served.

Mrs. Hosea Windham, president, presided. Following two short quiz contests Mrs. Gordon Howell led the group in a prayer for peace. Roll call was answered with "A Household Hint."

Minutes were approved. Mrs. H. H. Windham gave the council report. The delegates elected to the district meeting at Archer City were Mrs. C. M. Latham of Pleasant Valley, Mrs. Glazner of Blue Bonnet and Mrs. Windham of Goodman.

Members were requested to plan activities for National Home Demonstration Week and were asked to bring suggestions for 1956 yearbook at the next meeting, to be March 11 with Mrs. Dennie Butler.

Mrs. D. R. Butler urged every one to visit the schools next week on Texas Public Schools Week. A refreshment plate was served to nine members and one child.

1955 HEART FUND DRIVE WILL BE CONTINUED TO MARCH 15TH

Dr. W. R. White, Baylor University president and chairman of the 1955 Heart Fund of the Texas Heart Association, announced the drive will be continued until March 15 "in order to give all of the local Heart chapters and groups affiliated with the Texas Heart Association an opportunity to complete their work."

In addition to continued solicitations and acceptance of contributions to the 1955 Heart Fund by local groups in Texas communities the state's citizens also may contribute by mail, Dr. White reminded.

Contributions to the 1955 Heart Fund may be mailed by merely addressing them to "Heart" and sending the contributions care of the postmaster of any Texas town the chairman explained.

A circular on uranium prospecting in Texas includes discussions of Texas geological provinces from the prospecting standpoint, information sources and methods of prospecting, assaying and marketing. Known occurrences of radioactive minerals in Texas are described and shown on a map. The circular may be obtained from the University Bureau or State General Land Office without charge.

TEXAS INDEPENDENCE TO BE PRESENTED ON THE AIR MONDAY

When Texas was fighting for independence and it was apparent the state's provisional government would fail, a convention was called at Washington-on-the-Brazos on March 1, 1836. The next day the convention declared Texas independent and a constitution was adopted. A recent re-creation of this important convention was filmed for presentation on The Humble Company's TV program, "Texas in Review," on March 7, KRBC-TV, Abilene, 8 p. m.

FILLERS SOCIAL SECTION

Totally disabled? Five years work under social security just before becoming disabled? If yes, see your social security office about the new Disability Freeze.

The '54 Amendments to the Social Security Act set up the disability freeze provisions to keep benefit rights at highest possible levels.

Persons now getting retirement checks from social security who are still totally disabled from a disability that began before age 65 should inquire about possibly qualifying for higher payments.

To get the facts on disability freeze, ask your social security office for free booklet number four.

In addition to the work requirements, a social security disability freeze must be based on a disability that is medically determinable.

Know someone who's totally disabled and who worked for 5 years on social security jobs before becoming disabled? Tell him to see about the new disability freeze to protect his social security rights.

Your social security office wants everyone to know about the new disability freeze — ask them for free booklet number four.

FOR YOUR PROTECTION

If you don't know the traffic laws, learn them, advises the Texas Farm and Ranch Safety Committee, and then obey them. Traffic laws were passed for your protection.—A&M.



CPL. CHARLES REDDIN
 ... home from Alaska

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express to our kind neighbors and thoughtful friends our heartfelt thanks for their many expressions of sympathy, for the floral offerings, food and other kindnesses. May God's richest blessings, follow each of you.
 Mrs. J. W. Campbell,
 Brother and sisters

Jimmy Walker Signs Up at Mason As Head Coach

Coach Jimmy Walker, his wife and son Mike, Coaches Riley and Alcorn of Mason visited Coach Walker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Irl Walker, over the weekend. The three coaches attended the track clinic at Abilene Christian College Saturday.

Coach Walker has had a good year and has signed a contract as head coach of Mason for 1955-56.

Other guests of Mr. and Mrs. Irl Walker were their daughter, Mrs. C. Brown, Mr. Brown and children of Jayton.



By VERN SANFORD
 Texas Press Association

Insurance bills have lagged. Water conservation measures are embroiled in dispute. And virtually no start has been made on a taxing program in the legislature.

As a result, lawmakers are eyeing a possible special session. Theoretical date of such a session is May 11. On that date the legislators' pay for the regular session stops.

TAX BILL

Rep. Jerry Sadler of Priscilla introduced the biggest tax bill of all.

Promising a lot of controversy, the bill would levy a one-cent per gallon processing tax on all gasoline and distillates produced in Texas. It would: Raise an estimated \$160,000,000 a year, repeal the present four-cent gas sales tax, and head off the administration's two-cents gasoline tax increase.

Sadler said its effect would be to reduce the price of gasoline to Texans three cents a gallon. Sixty per cent of the gasoline is exported, tax-free, he said.

SOME FARED BETTER

Passed by the House were bills outlawing sale of lewd and depraved comic books; permitting women to serve on juries; and regulating leasing for uranium and hard metals.

Amendments to the women's jury service bill narrowed considerably the list of those who may be called to serve.

Furiously debated, the uranium bill was attacked as a "give way," Rep. Walling of Wichita Falls added two amendments. One will limit each lease to 80 acres to prevent one minor development from freezing exploration on large tracts. Another limits the primary term of leases to five years.

EDUCATION

UT President Logan Wilson told the legislative finance appropriations committee the university must have more money, or face the problem of halting its growth or lowering standards.

Requested, for two years for its main establishment, was \$9,700,000. The governor's budget recommendation cut this by \$2,400,000.

University and college students were to gather in protest of a bill by Senator Otis Lock. Hearing was set for March 2. The bill would authorize a compulsory \$20 per semester student activities fee.

TO PRESENT OPERA

"Gianni Schicci," Puccini's comic opera, will be presented by students of the Hardin-Simmons University music department in Behrens Chapel, March 10, 11 at 8:15 p. m. Nena Williams, instructor of voice, is directing the opera, which is centered entirely on fun.

BUS SCHEDULE

Eastbound	Westbound
3:44 a. m.	12:10 a. m.
6:32 a. m.	12:15 a. m.
6:47 a. m.	2:54 a. m.
11:30 a. m.	5:54 a. m.
2:57 p. m.	9:09 a. m.
5:05 p. m.	11:40 a. m.
8:58 p. m.	2:55 p. m.
10:51 p. m.	7:25 p. m.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

NOTICE MASONS
 Stated meeting of Merkel lodge No. 710, A. F. & A. Saturday, March 5, at 7:30 p. m. All members are urged to attend. Visiting brethren cordially invited.
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Some people contend, with substantial argument, that certain tax arrangements for a certain type of operation are a tax loophole. Those who benefit by it contend it is a justified concession.

The Labor Committee of the Congress has discovered to its great surprise that some of the big union welfare funds are partly or wholly tax-exempt. The committee now wants to determine if this exemption gives unions the edge on investments. Union investment in business and finance has been on the increase in recent months.

The United Mine Workers has an annual contribution to their welfare fund from employers of more than one-hundred million dollars. Here in Washington the United Mine Workers, which is run by John L. Lewis, has bought the controlling interest in two of the largest banks in the Nation's Capital.

The Brotherhood of Electrical Workers has recently purchased a majority of the stock in a big

Washington insurance company. The Teamsters' Union has recently bought a million dollars' worth of stock in Montgomery-Ward.

What the committee would like to learn is whether these transactions came from regular union funds or from the tax-free or partly taxed welfare funds.

SHIP SUBSIDY

The bill passed by the Congress last year, in which I had considerable responsibility, permitting the sale of surplus farm commodities for foreign currencies, carried a provision that one-half of such shipments must be made in American ships. This provision of the law came as an amendment, which I opposed.

It now turns out that it is costing upwards of ten percent more than it would to use ships available in our ports from other countries. It is also delaying the delivery of these sales of surplus commodities.

When these commodities are exchanged for the currencies of foreign countries, we can then use those currencies to purchase critical materials which we are stockpiling for defense of this country. The end result is that by being forced to subsidize

American shipping, we are failing to deliver the farm commodities to our customers, and we are failing to stockpile strategic defense materials as rapidly as we should.

In addition, the government continues to pay out more than a half-million dollars a day for storage.

LOCAL MASONS ATTEND CELEBRATION AT ROTAN THURSDAY LAST WEEK

Local Masons attended the annual George Washington birthday celebration at Rotan Thursday of last week. They were Harry Woodrum, T. J. Bird, Sr., T. J. Bird, Jr., Craig Humphrey, Omer Bishop, Roy Mashburn and Truett Thompson.

4-H WEEK

America's 2,058,144 4-H club members, working under the theme, "Improving Family and Community Living," will observe their annual 4-H Week during the period from March 5-13. The public is invited to join the local 4-H group in the neighborhood for their observance program.—A&M.

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INCOME TAX FACTS No. 4 Get All Exemptions for Yourself and Dependents

(This is one of a series of articles on income tax changes. The articles are based on information provided by the American Institute of Accountants and the Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants.)

Many taxpayers cheat themselves on their personal exemptions. Of course, there are others who get into trouble by claiming too many exemptions — like the cowboy who claimed an exemption for his horse because he loved him like a brother.

The rules for a taxpayer's own exemptions are the same this year as last year, but the new tax law has made it easier to get exemptions for dependents.

Your Own Exemptions
 Here's how to count your exemptions (each one takes \$600 off your taxable income):
 One exemption for yourself, two if you are 65 or over, two if you are blind, three if you are both 65 and blind. The same applies to your husband or wife.

If your husband or wife died during 1954 you can file a joint return claiming the exemptions including those for age or blindness, to which the deceased would have been entitled at the time of death.

Exemptions for Dependents
 One exemption of \$600 can be taken for each person who fits the definition of a dependent. This \$600 is not doubled for age or blindness, as in the case of your personal exemption.

To count for an exemption, the dependent must:
 1. Have less than \$500 gross income for 1954 (except that under the new law this does not apply to your child if he is under 19 or is a full-time student).
 2. Have received more than half his support from you. (New Law: Do not include scholarships in figuring total cost of support. The dependent may also qualify even though no one person furnished more than half of his support. If a group of persons who would otherwise be able to claim the dependent contributed more than half, any member of the group who contributed at least 10% may claim the dependent if all others who contributed 10% or more have signed a declaration that they will not claim the deduction.)

Children and Disabled Dependents
 Don't forget that a baby born anytime up to midnight December 31 counts as a full exemption.
 A new feature this year is a deduction of as much as \$600 for care of a dependent while the breadwinner is working. This deduction is available to mothers, widowers, divorced and legally separated persons, who are allowed to deduct expenses up to \$600 for the care of a son, daughter, stepson or stepdaughter under 12 (or any dependent who is mentally or physically incapacitated).
 A working wife is entitled to this deduction if her husband is physically or mentally incapable of providing support. Where the husband is not disabled, the working wife may also take a deduction if a joint return is filed, except that the \$600 limit is reduced by the amount the couple's gross income exceeds \$4,500.

Additional Information
 Be sure to read the official instructions. You can also get help from the Internal Revenue Service, which urges you to consult only qualified advisers.

Next article: Tax Eased on Dividends and Retirement Income.

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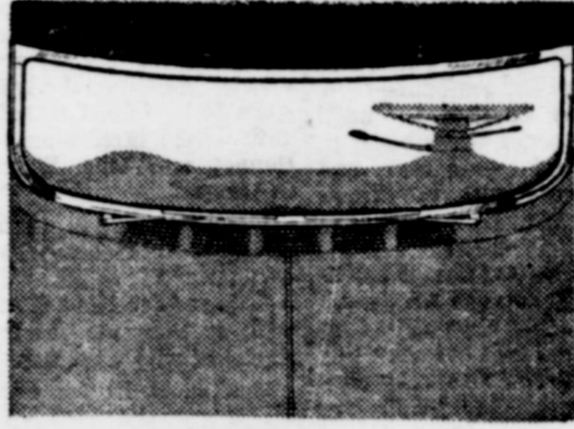
Truly modern lines are shaped by usefulness. You can see what we mean in the deep crystal curve of Chevrolet's Sweep-Sight windshield... a dramatic style note, certainly, but one that stems from the need for wider, safer vision. Or take high-set taillights—they add to the impressive length of line... but they are up there where they can be seen for safety's sake, and as convenient guides in parking. So, too, with the jutting peaks over the headlights.

The smart louvers across the hood aren't just decoration... they mark the intake for the High-Level ventilation system for cleaner, fresher air. And the whole shape of the body—its lowness, the dipped belt line—is merely a reflection of a lowered center of gravity, the added stability.

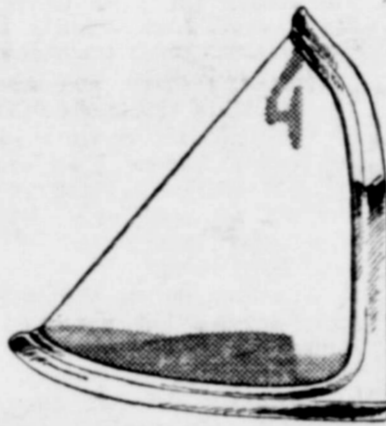
This is truly functional styling that serves you better every mile, and preserves its value against the distant day when you trade. This is Body by Fisher—another Chevrolet exclusive in the low-price field. Come in and let us demonstrate that this new Chevrolet is just as exciting to drive as to look at!



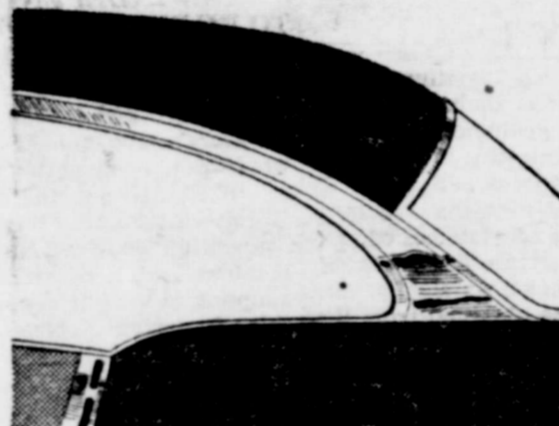
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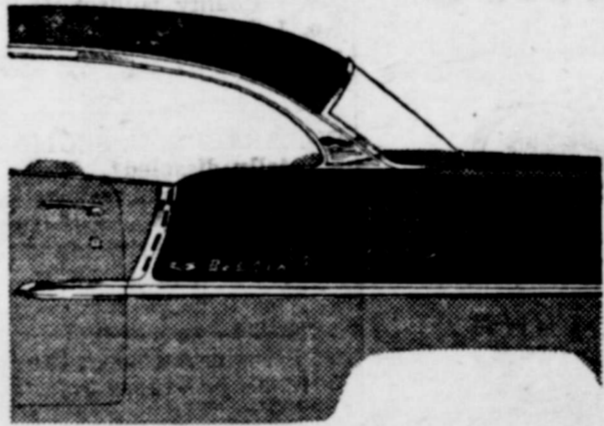
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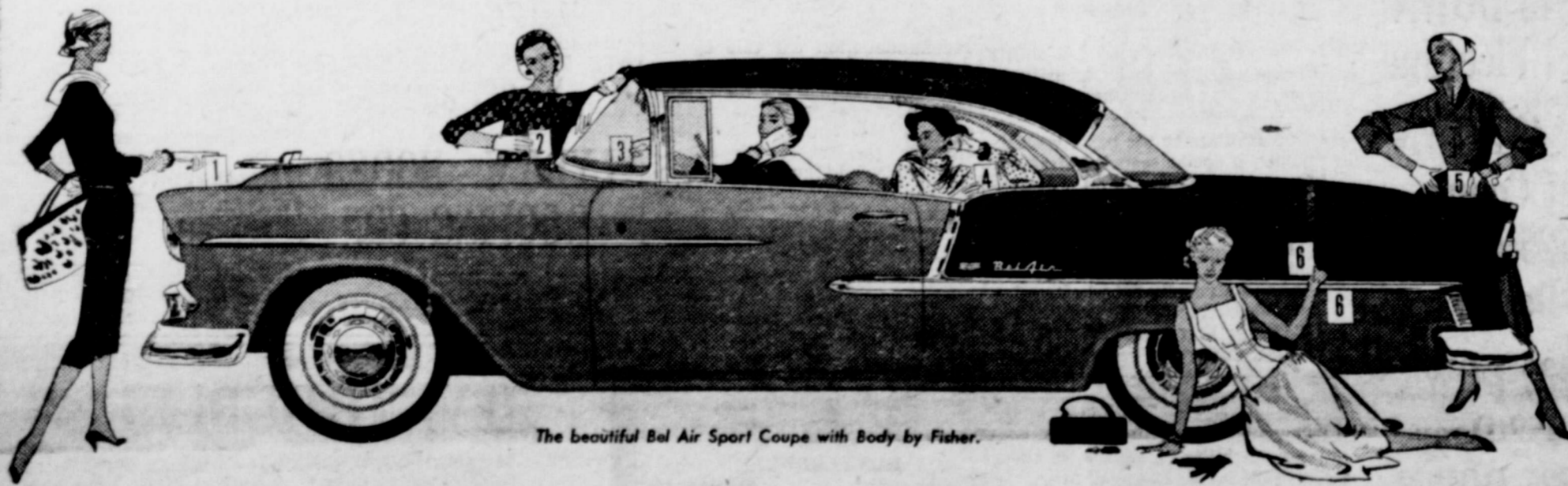


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EDITORIALS

FISH PHILOSOPHY

This editorial is devoted to the men of Fisherman's Row, including Trobe Vaughan, though he

lives far from that exclusive center of piscatorial activity and philosophy.

The inspiration for this illuminating item began on a Saturday afternoon when we met Rev. J. W. Saffle. Though retired from active pastoral labor he is still a minister of good cheer, laddling out the story with a laugh and expounding on the happiness of the fond fisherman.

And it was this latter item that called forth this message flanked with the theme of Rev. Saffle's propensities of the piscatorial art.

On this particular Saturday afternoon he was carrying a long bamboo item, known as a fishing rod. He hailed us as we came down the street.

"It's time to go fishing soon!" he exclaimed.

Having never gone fishing in our life, we proceeded very cautiously and did not get into any discussion with the learned minister of cheer in regard to the schedule of the fishes. However, we did find it expedient to draw him on another matter that popped into our head on seeing the rod.

"We have seen friends of ours who had expensive fishing rods," we began. "Does it make any difference to the fish whether the rod is expensive or not?"

The good minister smiled that wan, charming and disarming smile of his and then laughed. "Yes," he replied, "It does make a difference. The fish take more kindly to the better rod."

We blushed at our ignorance but we persisted to ply the piscatorial philosopher with another question. "We always thought that it was the fisherman and not his rod that made the difference. How about that?"

"Well," smiled Rev. Saffle, "you have something there. But the fish like to be tempted and a good, splendid, expensive rod helps a lot. The fish feel that you really want them to bite."

We swallowed that line, and then we went on.

"When are you going to teach us to fish?" we asked.

"Any time you wish to go," he replied.

"Well, one of these days we'll go for a few hours," we said.

"A few hours?" questioned the minister.

"Yes, a few hours."

"That won't do," he stated quickly.

"Why not?" we asked.

"You've got to go for a whole day."

"For what reason?"

"Fishing is a serious business and if you mean business you've got to go for a whole day," he explained.

"Does that make any difference to the fish?" we persisted.

"Oh, yest it does!" exclaimed our friend.

"The fish . . ."

"Yes, the fish understand quickly," he went on. "When you go out for a whole day, you get a chance to get acquainted with the fish, to get friendly with them and to win their confidence. This hurry-up attitude doesn't take well with the fish."

"Oh, the fish have intelligence?" we asked hesitantly.

"Sure they have," he returned.

"That's why so many get away, the biggest ones."

That's all the questions we asked our piscatorial philosopher, the minister of good cheer. But we had one more question that we didn't ask him. It arose from this.

We had noticed that our friends up north, when they went fishing, always brought along a case of beer. What they did with it, we don't know. Now they might have drunk it themselves or in getting acquainted with the fish they might have given it to the finny friends to imbibe. And wether the latter did them any good we were not in a position to know.

We did notice this however that regardless of whether they brought back many or no fish they always brought back an empty case.

Well, what did they do with the beer? We'll leave that question to our friend Trobe!

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"WHITE-ICISM"

That's ALL — and the Sage of Figfield adds that no matter how old you get you can still ask foolish questions . . . especially the fishy kind!

ON HYBRID CORN

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FUTURE SCHOOLMARS AND MOMS — Future Teachers and their room mothers met at Merkel High School to discuss plan for building good public relations between students, parents and teachers. Among the future teachers attending were, seated left to right, Glenda Petty, Paka Newby, president of District Seven FTA, and Britta Denton, all high school seniors. Standing behind them are, left to right, Mrs. A. L. Cunningham, Mrs. Austin Petty, Mrs. Robert Malone, Mrs. Buster Horton and Mrs. P. W. Miller.

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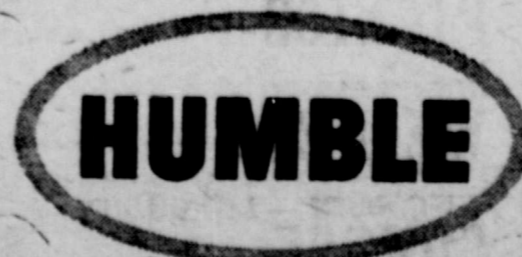
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Firemen's Banquet Has Fine Program Of Music, Talks

Good food, good music and good fellowship made the annual firemen's banquet a successful affair.

Fire Chief Waymon Adcock was toastmaster and kept the program running smoothly and entertainingly at the Community Center Thursday night of last week.

Guests of the firemen were their wives, Mayor and Mrs. Henry West, Aldermen R. O. Anderson and Fred Starbuck and their wives, City Marshal and Mrs. A. D. Fulton and Editor and Mrs. Hy White. A delicious barbecue supper was served.

Mrs. Fred Jenkins and her pupils entertained at the piano with popular numbers. The pupils were 6-year-old Don, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Carson, and Charles, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Curb. The folks enjoyed the numbers very much and gave the players hearty applause.

"This is the best fire department we have ever had," stated Mayor West in his talk. "The new equipment is getting good results."

Alderman Anderson remarked how much he enjoyed the annual affair and always looked forward to it.

Alderman Starbuck talked on

civil defense. "The measures that are being taken in civil defense are drastic and on a large scale," he asserted. He told of the cooperation that is being asked of the firemen in the defense picture.

Editor White stated that the Air Defense Command is planning in the near future to spend from 2 to 4 billion dollars a year on defense when approved by Congress.

Pat Cypert, president of the firemen, showed the new equipment. "We are trying to use this new material," said president Cypert, "and guard the property of the people."

In closing the program Chief Adcock stated that the Fire Department was indebted to the ladies' auxiliary for its splendid cooperation and entertainment, to the city council who "never say no," to the firemen for "without them we would have no fire department" and to God "for without Him nothing is possible."

TOMMY W. SPRATLEN IS IN MAINZ, GERMANY, WHERE IT SNOWS

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