



**NEWS ABOUT TOWN**

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Fowler and son Bobby of Lubbock were weekend visitors of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hobbs.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Tittle and daughter of Sonora spent the weekend with his parents, Commissioner and Mrs. C. L. Tittle, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Coats of Frederick, Okla., visited last week with their daughter, Mrs. J. W. Barbee, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Joyce and Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Lemens and Tommy were in Stanton Sunday

and heard Rev. Hugh Hunt preach. They were the guests of Rev. and Mrs. Hunt.

Mrs. R. T. Gray of Winters is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Horace Boney, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Hutchens of Sweetwater and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bickley of Abilene were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hicks.

Mr. and Mrs. Waymon Adcock and family were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Watts in Abilene Sunday. Mrs. Adcock is a cousin of Mrs. Watts.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Bunch and

family visited in Amarillo over the weekend with her uncle, Tommy Winters, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Davis and family spent the weekend in Pecos with her brother, Billie Sol Estes, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Wilson and children of Ada, Okla., were visitors of his mother, Mrs. E. L. Wilson, over the weekend.

Mrs. H. H. Limmus of Ennis, Mrs. Letha Crowell of Rio Grande and Mrs. Thelma Gage of Circleback spent Sunday night with Mrs. Goldia Malone.

Jerry E. Allen and wife of Los Alamos, New Mexico, visited his grandmother, Mrs. Pick Allen, last week. She accompanied them on their way home as far as Portales, New Mexico, where Mrs. Pick Allen stopped off to visit her granddaughter and husband, Lt. and Mrs. Joe Hutto, for the week. Also her son P. E. Allen and wife met her there. Mrs. Pick Allen returned home Friday.

Mrs. F. C. McCue was here Saturday from Pyote visiting her husband and daughter Benina.

Mr. and Mrs. Ikie Turner and baby of Fort Worth were visitors over the weekend of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Walton.

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- Buy or Build a New Home.
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- Purchase a New Auto.
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STATEMENT OF CONDITION  
**FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK**  
MERKEL, TEXAS

CLOSE OF BUSINESS, APRIL 11, 1955

RESOURCES	
Loans	\$595,639.15
Overdrafts	355.83
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	6,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	2,500.00
<b>AVAILABLE CASH AND QUICK ASSETS:</b>	
Certificates of Interest	\$ 47,172.44
United States Bonds and Securities	1,000,000.00
Other Bonds and Warrants	509,657.38
Cash and Due From Banks	1,416,866.34
	<b>\$2,973,696.16</b>
Total	3,578,191.14
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 100,000.00
Surplus	100,000.00
Undivided Profits	30,248.11
DEPOSITS	3,347,943.03
Total	\$3,578,191.14

The above statement is correct.  
BOOTH WARREN, President.  
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**NEWS**  
County Home  
Demonstration Agent  
Texas A. & M. College  
Extension Service

By LORETA ALLEN  
If you didn't attend the 4-H Share the Fun Festival last Tuesday night at Butterfield School house you missed an evening of fun. In the junior division Ovalo was first with Elmdale second and Trent third. Other clubs entering were Lawn, Butterfield, Wylie, Tye and Buffalo Gap.

Trent group included Linda Tolver, Ruth Ann Christ and Latrelle Bright singing "Open Up

Your Heart and Let The Sunshine In." Tye group included Judy Beth McCartney, Patty McCartney, Mary Alice Roach, Ann Askins and Linda Kay Hickman singing "Spanish Cavalier" and "Soloman Levite."

Curly Hetherington and Darrell Rhodes won the senior division singing "Out Behind the Barn" and "Loose Talk." Wylie 4-H girls were second with their rendition of "Honey Love." Tuscola 4-H

girls tied for second doing "Henry." Other senior clubs were Butterfield, Elmdale and Trent.

Butterfield group included Janice Evans, Warner Ernest, Harold Hohertz, Olene NeSmith and Norma Stephan. Trent girls acting out and singing "Oh, Soldier" were Linda Wilks, Peggy Maberry, June Robinson and Ida Mae King.

Miss Elton Tinsley, Educational Supervisor of Dallas, conducted a slip cover workshop Thursday,

April 14 at Pleasant Hill Community Center for Taylor County Home Demonstration women. She discussed the purpose of a slip cover, materials to use, how to measure, pin, fit, mark, and sew a slip cover.

It was a very interesting meeting attended by club members from Pleasant Hill Club, Hamby, Lake Abilene, Potosi, Tuscola and Wylie. Others attending were Mrs. Roy Thornton of Abilene,

Miss Ollie Chenoweth, Runnels County home demonstration agent, Miss Myra Tankersley, Mrs. Harold Everett, assistant home demonstration agent, and Miss Loreta Allen.

The district meeting of the Texas Home Demonstration Association was held in Kerrville, April 19. Delegates attending from Taylor County were Mrs. R. G. Toombs, Mrs. Edgar Holly and Mrs. P. L. Kendall.

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TUESDAY, APRIL 26

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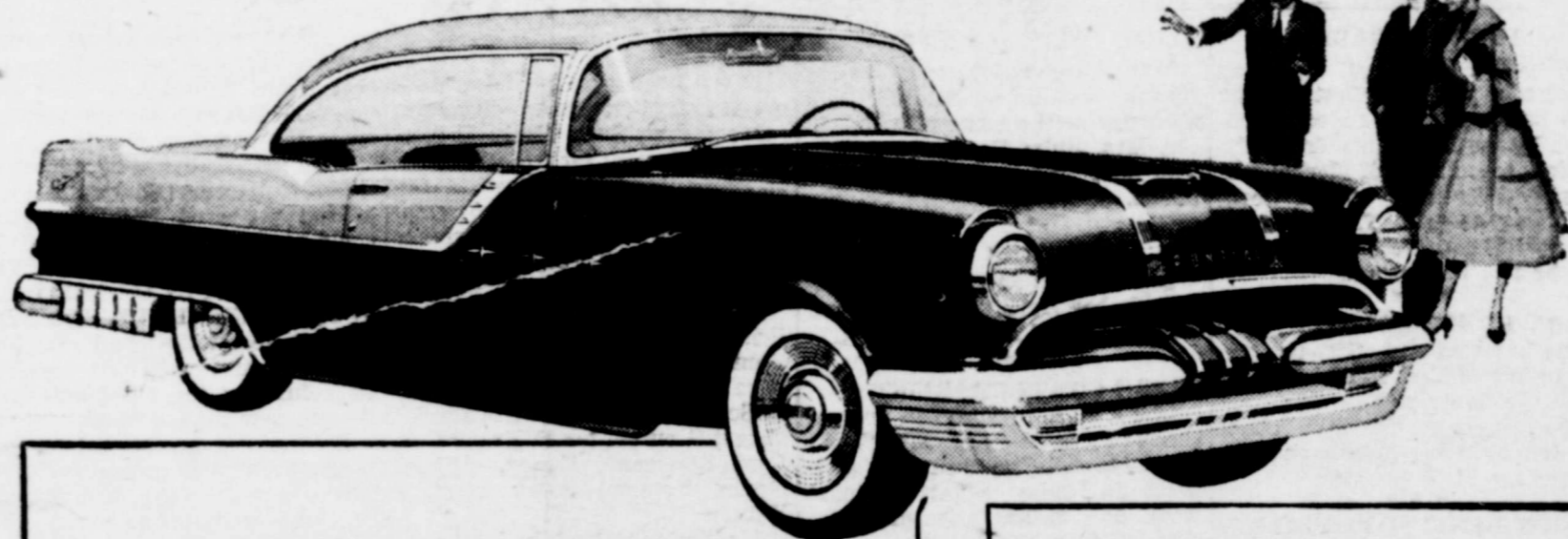
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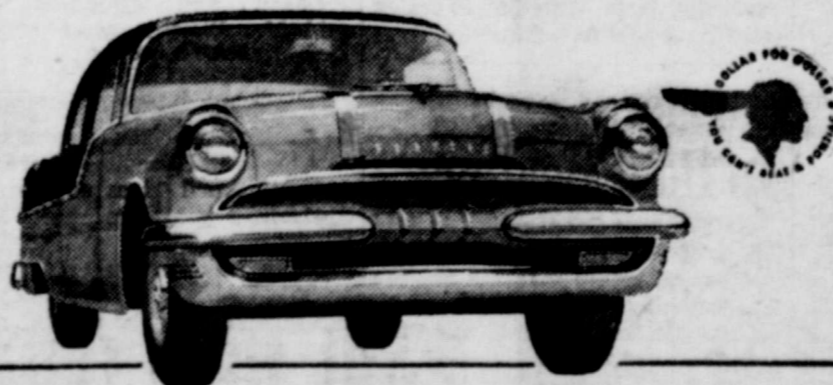


**THE FABULOUS STAR CHIEF**—Here's the beauty that is taking business from the costliest cars—and no wonder! It's luxury-sized. The roomy body is mounted on a 124" wheelbase. It's luxury-powered. The Strato-Streak V-8 with four-barrel carburetor puts 200 horsepower up front. It's luxury-styled. Fabrics and appointments match those of the highest-priced cars. It's beautifully distinctive—way out front for future-fashion smartness. And it's a Pontiac—which means topmost reliability, thrift and resale value, and the easiest price on any big luxury car!

**THE FUTURE-FASHIONED 870**—Your favorite body style becomes really exciting when it's an 870. Choice of Vogue Two-Tone colors is as wide as your imagination. And it's just as outstanding in all other ways. Outstanding in performance with exclusive Strato-Streak power. Outstanding in comfort and riding ease with a long wheelbase and big-car stability unmatched at the price. Especially outstanding in the wonderful way it handles in traffic, responds with passing power. For luxurious driving at modest cost you simply can't do better.



**THE SPECTACULAR 860**—Here is the biggest, smartest, highest-powered car ever priced so low—less than many models of the lowest-priced lines and much less than stripped economy models of higher-priced makes. Yet it's a king-sized car with a 122" wheelbase, delivering 200 horsepower. Beauty? Just look! And remember—you can choose from 4 interiors and 36 color combinations. Never has it been so easy to own a truly fine car!



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Every model in every line of Pontiacs has the sensational Strato-Streak V-8 engine, one of the most efficient power plants ever developed. Here's more take-off punch, more passing drive and more years of smooth performance than you have ever enjoyed in any car within hundreds of dollars of Pontiac's low price range. And that applies whether you decide on 180 horsepower or specify the optional power-package which moves you up to a blazing 200 horsepower. Either way you get topmost power per dollar.

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See it today!

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HAVING BEEN RAISED IN THE COUNTRY ... and attended a one-room, one-teacher school, it somewhat grieves me to see the disintegration of a country community.

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**FRIDAY APRIL 22ND**

ONE DAY ONLY PARKING SPACE FOR HUNDREDS OF CARS **CAR PRICES**

The disintegration begins with the consideration of rural schools with the town schools. If the small country church has not already

**LEGAL NOTICE AFFIDAVIT OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP**

We, the subscribers, have this day entered into a limited partnership agreeably to the provision of the Revised Statutes relating to limited partnerships; and do hereby certify that the terms of our said partnership are as follows:

Art Carmichael, as special partner, and John McKinzie, as general partner, on April 6, 1955, entered into a partnership business at Merkel in Taylor County, Texas, known as John McKinzie Motors, for the purpose of buying and selling automobiles, automobile parts, accessories, et cetera, which partnership is to continue for five years.

That Art Carmichael, special partner, contributed \$14700.00 and John McKinzie, general partner, contributed \$15,300.00, all in cash, and the profits and losses, if any, shall be shared proportionately to the investment of each party.

Witness our hands this 6 day of April, 1955.

John McKinzie  
John McKinzie, general partner  
Art Carmichael  
Art Carmichael, special partner  
Adv. - April 22, 29, May 6, 13.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

THE STATE OF TEXAS To the Sheriff or any Constable of Taylor County, Greeting: Thelma Mae Jackson, Guardian of the Estate of N. G. Robinson having filed in our County Court his Final Account of the condition of the Estate of said G. N. Robinson numbered 4015 on the Probate Docket of Taylor County, together with an application to be discharged from said Guardianship.

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED, That by publication of this Writ one time and said publication shall be not less than ten days hereof, May 9, 1955 in Newspaper printed in the County of Taylor you give due notice to all persons interested in the Account for Final Settlement of said Estate, to appear and contest the same if they see proper so to do, on Monday the 9 day of May A. D. 1955, at the Court House of said County, in Abilene, Texas, when said Account and Application will be acted upon by said Court.

Given under by hand and seal of said Court, at my office in the City of Abilene this 12 day of April A. D. 1955. (SEAL)

Mrs. Chester Hutcheson Clerk, County Court Taylor County

By Maxine Hobbs, Deputy I hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Original Writ now in my hands.

Ed Powell Sheriff Taylor County By V. Wolf Deputy Adv. - April 22, 29, May 6, 13.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

We, the subscribers, have this day entered into a limited partnership agreeably to the provision relating to limited partnerships; and do hereby certify that the terms of our said partnership are as follows:

STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF TAYLOR

This is to certify that the undersigned are forming a limited partnership, and the undersigned represent the following:

A. The name under which the partnership is to be conducted is E. M. Bailey, Contractor, Limited.

B. The general nature of the business to be transacted is general concrete contracting.

C. The names of all of the general and special partners interested therein, distinguishing which are general and which are special partners, in their respective places of residence, are:

E. M. Bailey, general partner, of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas; Bobby Gipson Bailey, special partner, of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas;

Mary Earlene Bailey Kent, special partner, of Rollo, Missouri.

D. The amount of capital which each special partner has contributed to such partnership is \$3,000.00 in cash.

E. The period of the partnership is to be from the 1st day of April, 1955 to the 31st day of March, 1975.

/s/ Mary Earlene Bailey Kent  
/s/ Thurman H. Kent, Jr.  
/s/ E. M. Bailey  
/s/ Bobby Gipson Bailey  
Adv. - April 22, 29, May 6, 13.

moved to town, it goes after the school. Then if there is a small fourth-class post office at the crossroads, it is doomed to be discontinued under present policies of the Government.

This is not to argue against progress, because that is what it is. It is a natural result by reason of better roads, better automobiles, and better advantages in the schools.

On the other hand, it is my feeling that the small communities have been the backbone of this Country. From these rural areas have stemmed the stamina and independence which have contributed much to the development of

our Nation. I would not turn back the calendar, but I regret to see the passing of the small community life.

VISIBLE PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE ... by this Administration in getting Government out of business. It is no easy matter. Government did not get into business overnight, nor will it suddenly relinquish its hold on thousands of activities.

A year or more ago the President issued a directive to all Department heads asking them to make an inventory of all commercial and industrial activities now being carried on and to recommend which ones might be turned

over to private business.

For instance, the rope factory operated by the United States Navy for a hundred years has been ordered closed down. The House of Representatives has authorized the sale of Government-owned synthetic rubber plants, and also the Federal barge line. This is only a beginning.

Of course, there are some business operations of the Government which must be carried on by it.

**HAD SURGERY**

Mrs. Calvin Keith of Ozona had surgery last Friday in Sweetwater. She recently moved from here to Ozona.



MAGGIE McKENZIE, popular radio star of KGNC says, "Every woman knows light Karo is best for cooking ... and on the table ..."

it's Karo for me, the best-tasting waffle syrup of 'em all"



Yes, indeed ... biscuits go like hot cakes when you pour on plenty of delicious Karo waffle syrup. There's nothing like it for good eating. Satisfyin' flavor. So rich it stands right up on top of biscuits (keeps 'em light and fluffy). Keep Karo on your table morning, noon and night ... it tops anything!

Ask your grocer for Karo waffle syrup, in pints and quarts

SELL IT THROUGH A MERKEL MAIL WANT AD

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...the instant deodorant!  
big \$1 jar now Limited Time Only **50¢** plus tax

Instantly stops perspiration odor! Checks perspiration moisture! Safe for normal skin, delicate fabrics

1/2 price sale **TUSSY STICK DEODORANT** Large \$1 size now **50¢** plus tax

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Add that extra Bedroom - Bath - Garage - New Roof - Storm Cellar - Repaint - Sidewalks - Fences and etc.

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Ford's worth more when you buy it ... and it's easy to see why! Only Ford brings you the long, low look of the Thunderbird and its "car-of-tomorrow" lines. Only Ford gives you the instant—and reassuring—response of Trigger-Torque power ... power that whisks you up hills or around traffic ... gives you "Go" when you need it for safety's sake! And Ford alone in its field gives you the solid comfort and handling ease of a new and smoother Angle-Poised Ride.

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## GOSPEL MEETING

Will Be Held  
 APRIL 25 THROUGH MAY 1  
 ELDER W. J. C. CHAMBERS  
 of Lampasas will be in charge  
 PUBLIC IS INVITED

## Annual Membership MEETING of the FARMERS CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY NO. 1

MERKEL, TEXAS  
 To be held at gin Saturday, April 23rd, 1955, at 2:00 p. m.  
 Please attend your annual meeting and ask your farmer friends to come.  
 Three directors are to be elected.  
 The annual report will be read.  
 DATE SATURDAY, APRIL 23rd, 1955.  
 DEE TEAFF, President  
 L. S. TIPTON, JR., Secretary-treasurer.

## personals

Mrs. John Barnes of Trent and Mrs. Raymond Thomas visited Mrs. Calvin Keith in Sweetwater Saturday.

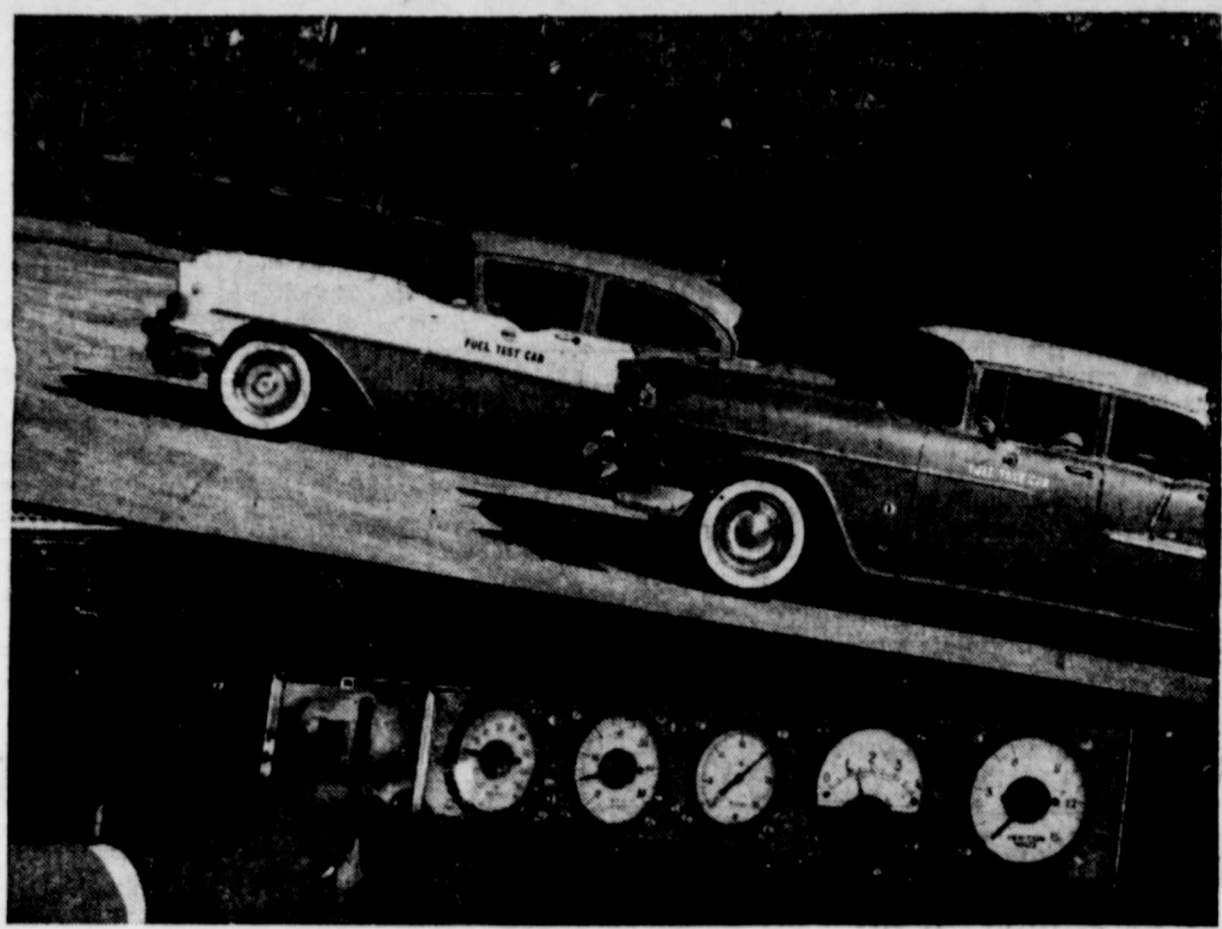
Mrs. Bell Kimbrough returned Saturday from Odessa where she visited H. B. Leeton, her brother-in-law. He was critically ill but is improving.

Pfc. Billy W. Lewis left Saturday for Camp Pendleton, Calif., to rejoin the Marines after visiting for 26 days with his mother, Mrs. Mardi Lewis. Before that he had been in Korea.

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Stevenson of Lamesa visited here last weekend with Mrs. Stevenson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Denman, and family. They also visited in Dallas with Mrs. Stevenson's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Ragsdale. Mrs. Stevenson is the former Billie Ruth Denman.

## Ma and Pa Kettle Are Howling Riot At Queen Theatre

The "Kettles" are boiling hilariously in Hawaii as Marjorie Main and Percy Kilbride go from



WHAT IS THE ROAD OCTANE? Gulf Oil's new fuel test cars are designed to answer just that question about its premium gasoline. In its newspaper advertising Gulf has pledged that no competitor will offer a better gasoline than No-Nox. The automotive engineers in charge of the cars each expect to drive 40,000 miles over Texas roads this year checking the quality of Gulf's gasoline. Instruments on the special panel give a complete picture of the motor's operating efficiency under all load and fuel conditions.

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 SPECIAL FORMULA CAPSULES  
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furor on their farm to a lulu of a riot in Honolulu in "Ma and Pa Kettle At Waikiki," their newest and happiest adventure, which

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If not pleased, your 40¢ back from any druggist. ITCH-ME-NOT deadens itch and burning in minutes, kills germs and fungus on contact. Wonderful for eczema, ringworm, foot itch and other surface rashes. Today at Merkel Drug Co.

opens Sunday and Monday at the Queen Theatre. The picture opens with the fabulous family trying to beat the heat at "Kettle Acres" and ends when Ma and Pa beat a gang of cheats in a wild chase through the jungles of the Aloha Island. And in between is the merriest mirth this favorite pair has yet dished up.

## Romance, Fights Pack "Timberjack"

"Timberjack" hits with tremendous emotional impact as the story of a fascinating, dark haired beauty, (Vera Ralston) owner and singing star of a backwoods cabaret unfolds, which comes to the Queen Theatre Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. A stalwart young engineer, Sterling Hayden, fights to recover his timberland inheritance from a ruthless tycoon, David Brian, and solve the mysterious death of his father. Enraged, Brian orders his husky timberjacks into a series of bloody hand-to-hand combats with Hayden.

**SUGAR WAS ONCE LUXURY**  
 The sugar which is today a necessity in every household was so rare before the 16th century that only the extremely wealthy could afford it.

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State No. 1398 Reserve District No. 11  
 Report of Condition of

## "HOME STATE BANK"

of Trent, Taylor County, Texas, at the close of business April 11, 1955, a State banking institution organized and operating under the banking laws of this State and a member of the Federal Reserve System. Published in accordance with a call made by the State Banking Authorities and by the Federal Reserve Bank of this District.

ASSETS	
1. Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balance, and cash items in process of collection	\$182,544.14
2. United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed	462,000.00
5. Corporate stocks (including \$2,700.00 stock of Federal Reserve bank)	2,700.00
6. Loans and discounts (including \$709.62 overdrafts)	269,392.83
7. Bank premises owned \$2,250.00, furniture and fixtures \$2,450.00	4,700.00
12. TOTAL ASSETS	\$921,336.97
LIABILITIES	
13. Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	771,481.44
16. Deposits of State and political subdivisions	48,004.86
19. TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$819,486.30
24. TOTAL LIABILITIES (not including subordinated obligations shown below)	\$819,486.30
CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	
25. Capital*	25,000.00
26. Surplus	65,000.00
27. Undivided Profits	11,850.67
29. TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	101,850.67
30. TOTAL LIABILITIES and CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	\$921,336.97
* This bank's capital consists of Common stock with total par value of \$25,000.00.	
MEMORANDUM	
34. (a) (1) Loans to farmers directly guaranteed and redeemable on demand by the Commodity Credit Corporation, and certificates of interest representing ownership thereof	\$107,592.92

I, James V. Ross, Cashier, of the above-named bank, hereby certify that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

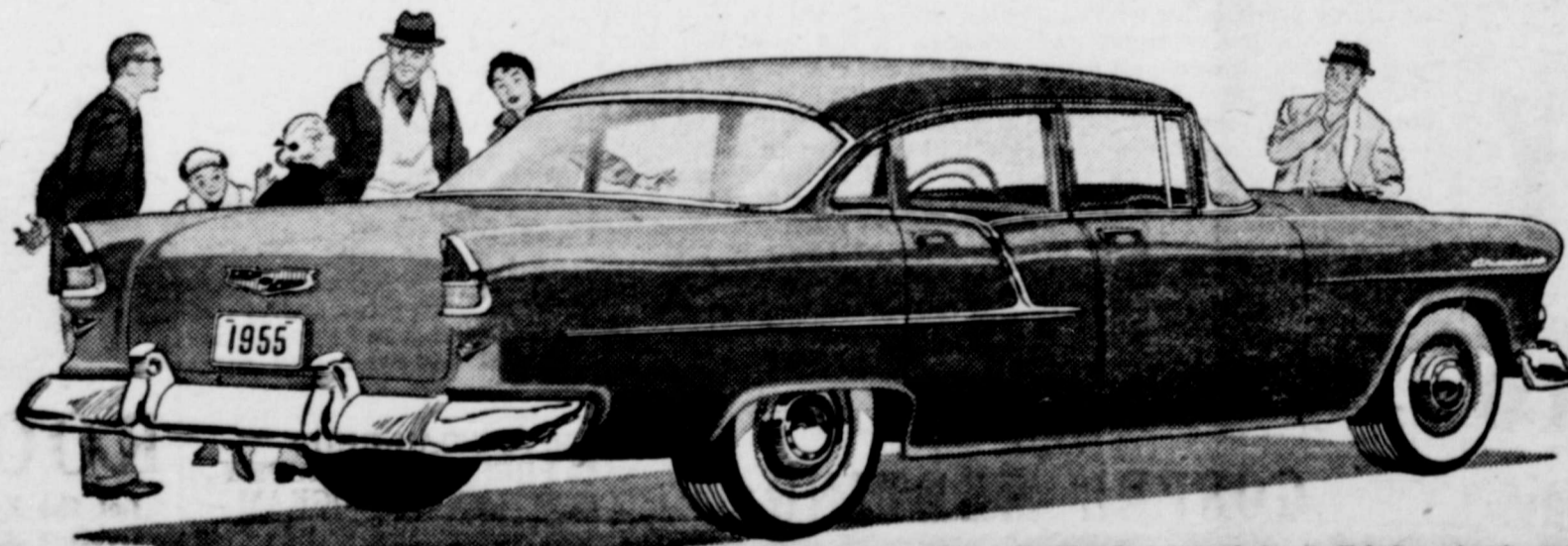
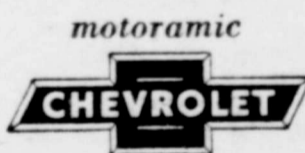
James V. Ross

CORRECT—ATTEST:  
 T. H. WILLIAMSON  
 DOW WILLIAMSON  
 J. C. CRAIN  
 DIRECTORS

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Taylor, ss:  
 Sworn to and subscribed before me this 15th day of April, 1955.  
 Pearl Matthews, Notary Public  
 Taylor County

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These features and advantages are the measure of a truly modern V8 engine . . . and only Chevrolet has them in the low-price field. Most aren't even found in high-priced cars. That's why Chevrolet is stealing everybody's thunder with the most modern V8 on the road!



The "Two-Ten" 4-Door Sedan. You'll find your favorite model among Chevrolet's complete line of Fisher Body beauties.

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Most Modern in Design—Lowest in Price

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Modern 12-volt electrical system!  
 The only car in the low-price field with the extra energy of 12 volts . . . twice the electrical punch.



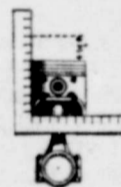
Faster, stronger cranking for cold-weather starts and a "fatter" spark for faultless high-speed operation.

Highest standard compression ratio in its field!  
 Chevrolet's compression ratio is 8 to 1, to wring every possible ounce of power and extra miles out of every gallon.



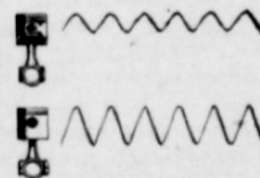
Requires only four quarts of oil!  
 Chevrolet's V8 engines are so efficient they need only four quarts of oil . . . so you save money on every oil change!

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 These great V8's weigh far less than any similar engine in America, top the low-cost field in power per pound!



Shortest piston stroke in the industry!  
 Three-inch stroke reduces cylinder-wall friction, generates less heat, permits more compact design.

The pistons do far less traveling per mile . . . that means less engine wear, lighter loads on bearings, longer life.



It's the valve-in-head V8 as only the valve-in-head leader can build it!

EDITORIALS

TIMELY RAINS
W. W. Toombs said we missed a chance to be a prophet. It came up when we were talking about the rains that fell last week.

MODERN BEAUTY SHOP

It's the cut that makes the hair pretty, so why not a Four-Way Cut today?
SHOP CARE... IS PROFESSIONAL CARE...
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rain that had fallen that week. We went on to say that we could have predicted a rain this year on the basis of that rain.
'That would have made us a prophet,' we remarked.
'Well, why didn't you?' asked Bill. 'You would have guessed correctly.'
Well, why didn't we? Perhaps because we don't like to win that easily, perhaps because we would have felt that that would not be a thing a true prophet would do, perhaps because we felt that would not be fair.

ABOUT MORE RAIN
In this matter of when rains come it might be noted that in the paper of April 26, 1935, 20 years ago, it stated that a rodeo was postponed at this time because of rain. So nature has a way of supplying moisture at a certain time and this seems to be the time.

FREE MAN
Is man free?
There are some folks who state

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that he is not free, that he is bound by unbreakable ties that force him in one direction no matter how he thinks or desires or attempts to change his position.

Rev. Bill Uhlman, who is the evangelist at the First Baptist Church revival, says otherwise. He asserts, 'Man is free.' Then he continues:

'God knows that we know right from wrong. The spirit of God works in the intelligence of man. The Holy Spirit leaves man free. Man has the freedom to choose.'

If a man cannot choose, his thinking is nothing, it is not an asset. Man then is a mere automaton, a robot, a machine. A machine is something that is not free. It has no will of its own. It cannot choose. It can be pushed around.

What distinguishes man from the robot, the machine, what makes man different from the beast of the field is that he has intelligence, that he has the ability to think, that he has the ability to make decisions. And if he can make decisions he is free, free to make a choice.

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NO SUBSIDY
Secretary of Agriculture Benson reports there will be no cotton export subsidy during the 1954-55 marketing season which ends July 31, 1955.—A&M.

LEGAL NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE
THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF TAYLOR
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That by virtue of a certain Writ of Execution issued out of the Honorable County Court of Taylor County, of the 9th day of February 1955, by the County Clerk of said Taylor County for the sum of Seven Hundred-Fifty-seven and 75/100 Dollars and costs of suit, under a Judgment, in favor of Charles L. Smith in a certain cause in said Court, No. 11,654 and styled Charles L. Smith vs. Clark P. Chandler, placed in my hands for service, I, Ed Powell as Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas, did, on the 25th day of March 1955, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Taylor County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: Tract No. 1—Forty (40) acres out of the West 1,000 acres of the Andrew Winter, Survey, Abstract No. 432, Taylor County, Texas, Beginning at a point South 88 Degrees West, 2640 feet from the Southeast corner of the 1,000 acre tract; Thence South 88 Degrees West 1320 feet; Thence North 1320 feet; Thence North 88 Degrees East 1320 feet; Thence South 1320 feet to the place of beginning and containing forty (40) acres.

Tract N. 2—Eighty (80) acres out of the West 1,000 acres of the Andrew Winter Survey, Abstract No. 432, Taylor County, Texas, Beginning at the Southeast corner of the said 1,000 acre tract; Thence South 88 Degrees West 2640 feet; Thence North 1380 feet; Thence North 88 Degrees East 2640 feet; Thence South 1320 feet to the place of beginning and containing eighty (80) acres.

Tract No. 3
All of Blocks 3 and 7 in the Borden Havens addition to the town of Lawn, Taylor County, Texas, as shown on the Platt Records of Taylor County, Texas, and levied upon as the property of Clark P. Chandler and that on the first Tuesday in May 1955, the same being the 3rd day of said month at the Court House door, of Taylor County, in the City of Abilene, Texas, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m., by virtue of said levy and said Execution I will sell said above described Real Estate/ at public venue, for each, to the highest bidder, as the property of said Clark P. Chandler.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper published in Taylor County.

Witness my hand, this 4th day of April 1955.

Ed Powell
Sheriff Taylor County, Texas
By V. Wolf Deputy.
Adv. — April 15, 22, 29.

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: Thomas Lopez, 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 16th day of May A. D. 1955, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 29 day of March A. D. 1955, in this cause, numbered 20-447-A on the docket of said court and styled Dana Lopez, Plaintiff, vs. Thomas Lopez, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and defendant were married on or about December 5, 1952 and lived together until on or about July, 1954. Two Children were born, plaintiff asks for custody of children and a reasonable amount of child support. Plaintiff sues for divorce on 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 29 day of March A. D. 1955.

(SEAL)
Attest: R. H. Ross Clerk,
42nd District Court
Taylor County, Texas
By Christine Bower, Deputy.
Adv. — April 8, 15, 22, 28.

Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE
We, the subscribers, have this day entered into a limited partnership agreeably to the provision of

the Revised Statutes relating to limited partnerships; and do hereby certify that the terms of our said partnership are as follows:
'THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF TAYLOR
This is to certify that the undersigned are forming a limited partnership, and that the name of firm under which the partnership is to be conducted is McMurry & Company, Ltd.

The general nature of the business to be transacted is the trade, business and occupation of buying land and erecting residential houses thereon, and selling same or disposing of same in a manner to the best interest of the partnership.

The names of all the general and special partners interested therein, distinguishing which are general and which are special partners, and their respective places of residence, follows:

Landrum W. Stanford, Trustee for the Stanley McMurry Trust, special partner, place of residence, Memphis, Hall County, Texas;

Helen McMurry, a widow, general partner, place of residence, Abilene, Taylor County, Texas.

The amount of capital which each special partner has contributed to the common stock is \$3,000.00, in cash.

The period at which the partnership is to commence is the 22nd day of March, A. D. 1955, and the period at which it is to terminate is the 6th day of June, A. D. 1958.

This 26 day of March, A. D. 1955.
Helen McMurry
Helen McMurry, a widow, General Partner

Landrum W. Stanford
Landrum W. Stanford, Special Partner.
Adv. — April 8, 15, 22, 28.

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### Are First to Get Polio Vaccine

Merkel was the first school in the county to give the Salk Vaccine inoculation, stated Principal C. A. Farley, Tuesday morning 275 students of the first, second, third and fourth grades of Merkel, Tye and Trent were inoculated here.

The second shot will be given two weeks from last Tuesday. Those who received shots last year will get a booster shot at that time. This includes about 50 from Merkel.

Dr. Don Warren and Dr. Hugh Stennis, director of the Taylor County Health Unit, gave the shots.

"Ninety-two per cent of the Merkel students in these grades are getting the shots" said Mr. Farley.

### McMurry Chanters Will Sing Here

The McMurry Chanters will sing at 4 p. m. Sunday at the Methodist Church and this worship service in song will last about an hour, featuring soloists, the Indianaires and

ladies' quartet. The public is invited and there is no admission charge. The Chanters consist of 40 singers. Dr. Richard C. von Ende is director and Prof. Francis Hinkel is accompanist. Chesby Patterson is a member of the Chanters. This group has just completed a tour of North and West Texas and have given 18 performances.

### Trent Wins Easily Against Roby 4-3 In 15-B Opener

Trent easily won its first District 15-B baseball game in Trent Thursday against Roby 4-3.

It was the district opener for both teams and gave the Gorillas a 5-2 season record.

Tommy Tolliver set a blistering pace for Trent, getting a two-run homer in the first and two singles in three trips to bat. Left fielder Jerry McWilliams tripled in the first frame and shortstop Jerry Horton got the other hit, a single.

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