

City Financial Situation In Tight Spot.

The City of Merkel today published a financial statement elsewhere in the Merkel Mail which shows the city has been operating in the red for the past four months, and will continue to do so unless emergency steps are taken to remedy the sagging financial situation.

Mayor Fred Starbuck said the statement shows the city has been operating at a loss for four months, and another statement shows what would happen to the city if it continue to operate in that manner.

"This type of condition cannot continue," Starbuck said. "In a very short time we will use up all our credit and will not be in a position to meet our monthly payroll not to mention material cost and future expansion."

The city council has decided to do two things:

1. After this week there will be no more street repair except on an emergency basis.
2. Starting with the next billing there will be a trash hauling charge for every residence and business based on 50 cents a month for residences and \$2.50 a month for businesses. The number of pickups will remain one a month for residences and once a day for businesses, except Sundays and holidays.

The financial statement for the first four months shows an income of \$17,152.31.

The operating expenses for that period amounted to \$29,010.32, or a \$11,034.76 deficit. The detailed statement as to expenditures is shown in the financial statement. The statement shows warrants 1 and 2 from the F. and M. National Bank for \$6,000, making a deficit of \$5,034.76 for the first four months.

If continued from September to April, 1956, the revenue would be \$30,444.80, and the expenses would be \$50,319.61 or a deficit of \$20,874.81, but there are two items of tax collections one in November for \$5,701.51 and another in January for \$5,877.85, plus warrants 1 and 2 payable December, 1955, plus interest, for \$9,000 to the F. and M., leaving a deficit of \$15,295.25.

The statement shows that every department of the city will be operating in the red.

Menus For School Lunch Program Made

Menus for the next few days on the school lunch program have been released by Mrs. Earl Hughes.

In addition Mrs. Hughes released a recipe she said so many people had requested. It is for the Apple Crisp. Here is the recipe:

- 2 cans of pie apples, or fresh apples.
 - 1 tablespoon lemon juice.
 - 1-4 cup of water.
 - 1-2 cups sugar.
 - 1 teaspoon cinamon.
 - 1-2 cup dry milk.
 - 1-4 cup sifted flour.
 - 1-2 cup rolled oats.
 - 1-4 teaspoon salt.
 - 1-2 cup shredded cheese.
- Place apples, lemon juice and water in the bottom of a baking dish. Combine in separate mixing bowl sugar, cinamon, dry milk, four rolled oats, salt, shredded cheese and butter. Mix until you have a crumbly mixture. Then spread on top of apples. Bake in a moderate oven for about 30-35 minutes. Remove from the oven and add this butter frosting, while cake is still hot. Mix and spread this frosting. 3-4 cup powdered sugar, 1-2 cup milk, 1 stick butter or oleo.

Here are the menus for next week.

September 26—Steak, gravy, creamed potatoes, tomato slices, peach halves, rolls, butter, milk.

September 27 — Chicken salad sandwiches, macaroni, cheese, English peas, lemon cake, milk.

September 28 — Meat balls, pinto beans, vegetable salad, jello, marshmallow fluffs, rolls, corn bread, milk.

September 30 — Hamburgers, with cheese if desired, potato chips, cookies, milk.

Onis Crawford, transplanted Hamlinite now manager of the Merkel Chamber of Commerce, has come up with some interesting figures about Merkel which we thought were good enough to pass along to our readers. Onis has made connection with a big sales organization which has made a survey of the Abilene market, and more especially the area of southern Jones county and Taylor county around Merkel. This survey shows that Merkel is the only other town in Taylor county, excepting Abilene, which has shown a population gain over 1950 census. Not only that Merkel is one of three towns under 3,000 population within 100 miles of Abilene which has shown a population increase since the last census was taken.

There are several reasons why Merkel's population has held up, despite the fact that all over the U. S. most small towns are finding themselves losing population, instead of gaining. It's the old story that the smaller towns get smaller and the larger towns get larger. But we may be fortunate in being so close to Abilene, which is one of the fastest growing towns in America. The Strategic Air Command is sending \$70 million right here within six or seven miles of Merkel, and soon will have as many as 6,000 airmen and 2,000 civilians working on the base. This, coupled with the fact that the oil business has provided employment, has kept Merkel on a growing basis. Where most small towns make their mistakes is not taking advantage of opportunities to secure new residents and new business.

It is only logical that if a store depended upon his friends and his regular customers for all of his business he'd soon find himself without any customers. It has been proven that no matter what kind of business you're in, you must keep getting new business to take care of those you lose through death or make mad or for some other reason.

Both Warren, president of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank, is still hopeful that the cotton crop will exceed the yield of last year, despite the drought, bugs and lower acreage. It might take a few more pounds of seed cotton to make a bale, but there's a chance the crop will produce a little more than expected.

The Mail is adding a new feature we're sure you'll like in the way of a farm column written by a farmer-stockman for the rural folks as well as the town readers. It will be a newsy letter each week telling what the farmers and stockmen of the area are doing. It'll tell about cattle sales, sheep sales, conditions of crops, what yields some of them are making, etc. We're glad to have a correspondent in the Canyon who'll do this for the Mail. If you see Tom Russon and know of an interesting item, let him know.

Those of you who rooted for Texas last week, we'll hand our sympathy towel for the Tech boys really had it. Don't reckon we'll have to offer it again this week for the TCUs?

Merkel Folk Inured When Car Overturns

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Huff of Merkel were injured Saturday near Russellville, Ark., when a car in which they were riding overturned and tumbled down a 20-foot embankment.

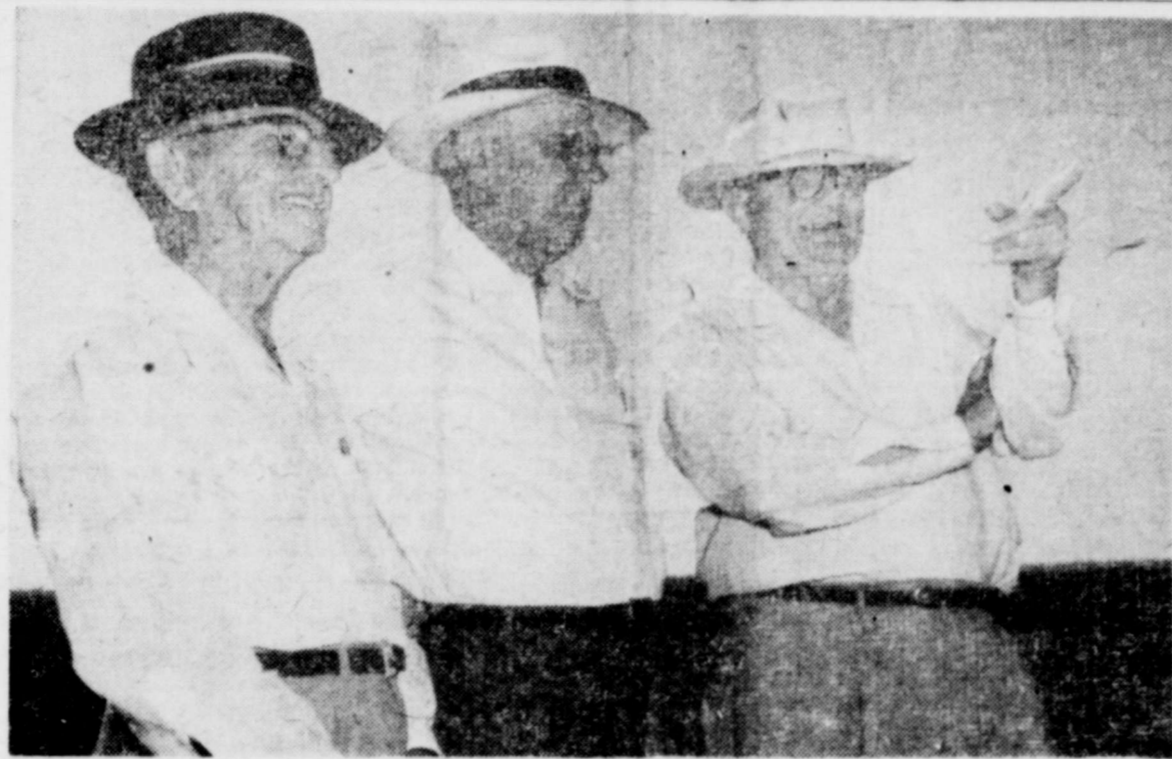
Friends here were notified of the wreck, and reports are that Huff apparently lost control of his machine as he attempted to pass another car. The car was completely demolished.

They were enroute to Russellville to visit their son, Leo Huff, who was to observe a birthday, and they wanted to surprise him and his wife.

Mrs. Huff is suffering from shock and a fractured leg, which friends here say may keep her in the hospital for many weeks.

Huff received cuts and bruises.

Mrs. Essie Williams and son, Mr. and Mrs. B. N. Williams of Wichita Falls, and daughter Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Sharp of El Paso were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Doan Friday evening.



TRIO OF INTERESTED MERKEL MEN — Watching one of the numerous equipment demonstrations Tuesday at Soil Day was this trio of Merkel business men. Left to right, Henry West, former mayor; Jake Massey, and Lige Gamble.

COACH BENSON LEGENDARY FIGURE, SPORTSWRITER SAYS

By JACK HOLDEN

In Abilene Reporter-News

While he wouldn't think of himself in that vein, Merkel's popular Carroll Benson is becoming more and more of a legendary figure in West Texas coaching circles.

Some coaches establish a far flung reputation by skinning the hides off every team they play, rolling up huge victory records, being unusually tough with their boys or for some peculiarity of personality.

Not Benson. While he has a very record, "Pea Vine" (as hundreds of West Texans call him) can make the unusual claim of coaching 18 years at the same school.

In this day, when coaches are moved about like the men on a chess board, it's quite a compliment to coach and city alike that anybody should hold a job that long.

Ask Benson why he's been in Merkel so long . . . he has had many chances to go elsewhere . . . and he'll tell you it's just a good place to be. "It's a clean town, solid and friendly. And the people here are broadminded. They know you haven't got the material to win district every year." That's how he explains it.

Only once did Benson yield to temptation. He spent the 1945-46 school year at Kermit, and to take that job he did one of the most unexpected things possible — he left a team that had eight returning regulars.

The Kermit job didn't quite suit Benson, who had already spent seven years in Merkel, and when the opportunity presented itself, back he came. His 1946 team won the district title, losing in the bi-district to Monahans, 26-14, and the 1947 team went to the regional finals before bowing to Levelland, 20-19.

That Levelland game probably represents one of Benson's greatest disappointments in coaching. Merkel was ahead 19-13 until the last 30 seconds. You guessed it, Levelland completed a pass that went 80 yards. That Doak Walker feat robbed the Badgers of an almost certain regional crown.

Benson says his 1947 team was the best all-around unit he's ever coached.

Benson had a fine foundation for his long coaching career. He played end for the Hardin-Simmons Cowboys until graduation came in 1937 and is still regarded as one of the finest forwards ever to grace an H-SU basketball court.

He coached both sports at Merkel until 1950 when Tommy Ellis took over the cage duties.

Benson came directly from H-SU to Merkel in the fall of '37, his first job being junior high coach. In 1940 he moved into the head coaching job in the high school, and there's he's been ever since (except for the one year at Kermit).

Now Benson supervised a three-man staff for the Merkel High School and elementary school program: Don Loyd, newly elected basketball coach, is also a football assistant. Don Estes has the grade school football and Leon Walker the grade school basketball.

"If we get the good, fast guards and the other boys to go with them, I wouldn't be surprised if we used the wing formations again some day," Benson said.

What boy was the best all-around player? "Billy Wayne Frazier," he says. Frazier was the leading ground gainer in the state one year, was three-time all-district man and a member of the 1944 regional championship team that defeated Littlefield, 24-12.

Joe Walker, now coaching at Mason, quarterbacked Benson's 1947 team which he regards as his top crew. Another member was Sanford Carr, all-state tackle who later went to the University of Houston. Those two, plus fullback James Land, Benson says were the standouts on that team.

Benson's opposing coaches respect his ability, and the folks at Merkel pitch in behind their mentor 100 per cent. A lot of coaches could well envy Benson's position.

Sixth Grade Election Held

Gayle Harris was elected president of Mrs. Johnny Cox's sixth grade. Other officers are Pat McDonald, vice president; Bobby Shugart, secretary; Kay Lynn Bagby, reporter.

David Riney, student council representative; Tracy Massey, Red Cross representative; Pat McDonald, librarian; Nancy Malone, librarian; Larry Dudley and Edwin Earp, safety patrolmen.

In order that all class members can learn to carry out the duty of the various offices, new pupils are elected each six weeks. The student council representatives, Red Cross representatives and librarians are elected for the year.

Mrs. Daisy Dwigings of Merkel visited Mrs. F. J. McDonald on Sunday.

Hospital Notes

Mrs. Lee Stanley
Mrs. W. B. Butman
Mrs. Howard Laney
Louise Cargill
Mrs. R. G. Bond and baby
Mrs. M. C. Graham
Zori Adair
Mrs. Nellie Sandusky
Don Alan Purser
August Newman
Mrs. Floyd Gardner
Jeanette Smith
Mrs. Dale Dudley
Mrs. F. M. Cordell
L. A. Arnold
Margaret Hunter
C. H. Hobbs
Mrs. Amos Pierce and baby
George Epperson
Venita Quattlebaum
Leon Kelso
Otis Young
Mrs. Leo Harris
C. E. Daniel
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Mrs. C. C. George
J. E. Massey
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Louise Cargill
Mrs. R. G. Bond and baby
Mrs. M. C. Graham
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Mrs. Floyd Gardner
Jeanette Smith
Mrs. Dale Dudley
Mrs. F. M. Cordell
L. A. Arnold
Margaret Hunter

1956 Ford Go On Display In

John McKinzie, owner of John McKinzie Motors, announced today the 1956 Fords will go on display in his showrooms Friday.

Both the 1955 Ford cars and the 1956 Ford trucks will go on display at the same time.

Thus, Ford becomes the first major car manufacturer to introduce the new models. Pictures of them are published elsewhere in this issue of the Mail.

Details of the Fords can be seen in the picture-story and announcement advertising inside.

POSING FOR FAMILY PORTRAIT



TWIN PANDAS, two months old, are shown with their mother at the Fleischacker Zoo in San Francisco. The mother seems to be giving the photographer a "stop, where you are" stare. (International)

BADGERS KNOCK OFF BAIRD, 7-0 ON 73-YARD RUN

It could have been a long night for the Badgers.

But a deadly block by End Robert McLeod which broke Halfback Kermit Rutledge into the open gave the Merkel Badgers a 7-0 victory over the Baird Bulldogs Friday night at Baird.

Rutledge's 73-yard gallop came in the opening quarter, but after that the Badgers were dogged with costly penalties and several fumbles at inopportune times.

His extra point was good, but it took some decision and several minutes later before it actually was posted on the score board. For a time, it looked like that point might mean the difference in the ballgame, and it was only after Coach Carroll Benson inquired of the officials that

the extra point was awarded. There had been a discussion at the point of kick on the play.

The Badgers had other opportunities to score, but it just wasn't their night.

Merkel scored on the third series of plays. The Bulldogs were forced to punt to Quarterback Philip Pursley who returned to the 27 yard line. It was on the next play that Rutledge broke into the open, but was threatened with being downed on the 27 yard line. It was on the next play that Rutledge broke into the open, but was threatened with being downed on the 42 until McLeod came through with the key block.

Just prior to the get-away touchdown, the Badgers had put together a 25-yard drive, but End Gary Gilliland pounced on a Pursley fumble to stop the Badgers on Baird's 40.

The Bulldogs came from their own 10 on the kickoff to the 44 before they were stopped on tackles by Guard Carl McKeever, whose tackling was among the bright spots for the Badgers, and McLeod, who was doing the line backing.

It looked like the scoring magic of the Badgers might be taking a short time later when Jimmy Barnes punt went out on the 23. Halfback Jackie Russell picked up a couple of yards on a fake and then Pursley hit Rutledge with a sharp pass and he broke for 35 yards after McLeod shocked a would-be tackler with a deadly block. But the next time Pursley tried to pass, Barnes slipped in and snared it to stop the Merkel march.

Baird started another drive at the half, coming from their 20 to Merkel's 45 where George Lambert was stopped on a try for a first down by McLeod.

Merkel fans hopes grew higher as the Badgers took over, when Rutledge picked up 15 yards and a first down, Pursley skirted left end for eight, and Fullback Larry Joyce bulled through for a first down. But Russell was thrown for a 10 yard loss when End Bobby Joy took the joy out of the Badgers by breaking through. McLeod took an end-around for 15 yards, picking up the first down on the Baird 16 yard line, but this drive died a natural death when the ball squirted out of Pursley's hands where Guard Gerald Weed recovered for Baird right at the goal line, nullifying what could have been a touchdown.

In the fourth quarter the Badgers again started a march from midfield when Pursley hit McLeod for a 27-yard pass. Baird recovered another fumble on the 23, but they were forced to punt to the Merkel 10.

Joyce, picking a hole in the Baird defenses, streaked 30 yards. Pursley called several running plays and then hit End Jerry Miller for 25 yards through the air. Joyce picked up another six, and McLeod added another 4 on an end-around. But as the Badgers smelled the goal posts only 14 yards away — another fumble.

The next play Pursley intercepted a pass on the 35, but the Badgers drive stopped on the 23 as the final seconds ticked away.

Merkel made 10 first downs, to Baird's 6.

The Badgers have an open date this week, but will go to Eastland next week.

Farmers Look To Saving Of Soil After Talk

Soil conditioning is an expression more farmers are using since the Abilene Reporter-News soil day.

Many farmers heard Clinton Harbors tell about his yield of over a bale of cotton to the acre on conditioned soil in comparison with a bale to every five acres on poor conditioned soil.

Several farmers and others have decided the same principles of conditioning soil will work on their farms as it does for Harbors.

In the Merkel and Trent area several farmers have already started on this conditioning program. They are using soil improving legumes such as guar and peas. All have a good point in mind that this will not be accomplished in one year's operation but is a continuous thing. Some results may be seen after a year. For assistance in starting a soil conditioning program call on your local Soil Conservation Service Personnel.

September and October are the most ideal months in which to seed Austrin Winter Peas. Peas should be inoculated and seeded at the rate of ten to fifteen pounds in rows of twenty to thirty pounds with a grain drill per acre. The soil should contain ample moisture to bring them up. Peas are well adapted to all soils in this area.

Bill Teaff, who farms just north of Merkel has planted fifty-five acres of Austrin Winter Peas and Vetch. They were planted as a soil conditioning crop. He mixed peas and Vetch. They were planted as a soil conditioning crop. He mixed peas and Vetch. They were planted as a soil conditioning crop. He mixed peas and Vetch. They were planted as a soil conditioning crop.

The following farmers have expressed a desire to seed winter peas when moisture is adequate, H. H. McLeod, Holland Teaff, Leonard McCoy, W. D. Ramsey, Joe Hartley, Norman Winter, Loyd Robertson and Others.

The A.S.C. Offices of Taylor and Jones Counties have announced a cost sharing program on winter cover such as peas and vetch or a mixture of either with rye, oats or barley. Contact your local offices for more information.

GLEANERS CLASS TO SERVE ON SATURDAY

The Gleaners Sunday School Class will serve a meal at Edd's Cafe Saturday, and the public is invited to eat with them. The charge will be \$1.00.

Mr. and Mrs. Elzra Barker of Floydada visited in the home of Rev. and Mrs. Cloy Lyles and Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Thompson of Merkel. They also visited with his nephews, Martin Mason and Willie Barker, and they went to Honey Grove, Texas, to visit his sister, Mrs. B. A. James and returned by Wichita Falls to visit a brother, W. A. Barker.

U.S. Mail Put Up An Hour Earlier

Due to the small amount of mail which is received for dispatch in the evenings between 5:45 and 6:45, and to cut expenses, the closing time for dispatch of mail at night was changed to 5:45 p.m. beginning September 16.

It is hoped that this will not inconvenience anyone and that the public will cooperate by mailing as early in the day as possible, the postmaster said.

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UP THE CANYON

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the first of a series of columns of Tom Russom, Mulberry Canyon farmer, who will tell the folks the newsy bits about farming and stock raising in this area. If you have information that is suitable for this column, please contact him. The more items we publish each week, the better reading the Merkel Mail will be to you.

By TOM RUSSOM
Our writing will be on the agricultural and livestock side. The farmers in the Canyon are in full swing of milo harvest. The milo is turning out a higher yield than expected after the high wind two weeks ago blew down so much of it. Most of the grain is going to market, but some is being stored on the farms for feeding use.

The market is bad, due to the fact there are so many acres planted in milo. The canyon is more of a livestock area and many farmers are grazing bundle type feed to save the high cost of harvest.

In our own case we are going to keep changing our program from year to year to stay in business. We are grazing came and hegari fields with cattle and sheep, and are putting lightweight lambs on the fields.

Clemmer Brothers, who bought the Ensminger Estate are grazing a lot of fields with live stock.

Cotton will be light in this area due to dry weather.

The boys in the Canyon are beginning to shape up their cattle and sheep and getting them ready for market. Clearance Milton on the north side of the Canyon is brading his feed fields. Well, that's about it for harvest.

The rattlesnake harvest, too have been good in the Canyon this year. Two of our farmers wives have killed 32 snakes. Mrs. R. G. Toombs 13 and Mrs. LeRoy Riney 19. The bounty on the rattlers at 50 cents is not so bad.

Mr. and Mrs. Lucien Rudd and son, David, of Fort Worth, visited Mrs. Rudd's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Ray and Becky, over the weekend. Mrs. Rudd is the former Peggy Ray and is teaching the sixth grade in Fort Worth while her husband is attending Seminary. He holds a full time job with the Baptist church.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Wilson and children spent Sunday in Haskell as the guest of her father, Albert English.

NEWS
County Home
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Extension Service

The 4-H Clubs started their regular meeting this week. Mrs. Beth Everett and Mr. Joe Hershey are meeting the clubs and assisting them in the election of officers, giving out year-books, singing some new songs, and discussing special events for the coming 4-H year. This week they met Ovalo, Lawn, Willie and North Park. Next week they will meet with Merkel Jr., and Sr. Clubs, Buffalo Gap, Hamby, Anson Jones, Elmdale, Treng, and Tye.

Mrs. Edgar Holly, Potosi Club, Mrs. J. L. Farr, Willie Club, and Mrs. W. B. Reed, Lawn Club will represent Taylor County Home Demonstration Club Women at a recreation school to be held at Ballinger September 29 and 30th. We will be looking forward to having a lot of fun playing new games and singing new songs they learn at the school. Miss Lucille Moore recreation specialist, from College Station will conduct the meeting in Ballinger.

Quick, "first-aid" treatment can often hide stains or marks and prevent costly damage to furniture.

Wipe up spots of perfume, medicines and beverages containing alcohol as quickly as possible. If the stain is light, try to rub it out with small amount of silver polish or moistened cigar ash.

Another good home remedy is to make a paste of one tablespoon of linseed oil or lemon oil and one



SEDAN IN THREE SERIES—The four-door sedan, traditional American family car, is offered in three series by Ford for 1956—Fairlane, Customline and Mainline. Above is the Customline four-door in one of the 21 two-tone paint combinations offered on models which will be displayed by dealers Friday, September 23. A lower roof line, restyled grille and parking lamps, a new design of body side moldings are among 1956 Ford appearance changes. Thunderbird Y-8 engines in Fairlane models develop 202 horsepower for Fordomatic drive, or 200 hp for overdrive or conventional drive. In the Customline and Mainline, Y-8 engines produce 176 hp for Fordomatic, or 173 hp for overdrive or conventional drive. The 137 hp Ford I-Block six also is available in all models with all transmission types.

tablespoon of rottenstone, which you can get from your paint store. Apply the stain with a soft cloth rubbing with the grain of the wood. Cigarette burns which are not too deep may be treated in the same way.

White blemishes from hot dishes are difficult to remove. Try camphorated oil. Stroke the spot lightly with a soft cloth moistened with the oil. Dry immediately with a dry, nonfluffy cloth. This method can also be used for water rings.

An easy home remedy for scratches on dark woods is the oil from a walnut, pecan, butter-

nut or Brazil nut to stain the scratch. Cut the nut in half and rub well into the scratch.

Mrs. W. M. Elliott had as her guests Sunday her brother-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Elliott and son Mr. and Mrs. Dwaine Elliott, of Stamford.

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DAUGHTER BORN TO EXEHETT McGEHEES
Mr. and Mrs. Everet (McGehee, 331 1/2 North Jackson Avenue, Odessa, Texas, are announcing the birth of a daughter, Meredith, born August 14. The McGehees also have a son, Charles Lawrence 2 1/2 years of age. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jack Spay, 1217 Park, Abilene, Texas. Paternal grandmother is Mrs. Gladys Deutsch-

man McGehee, and great-grandmother, Mrs. Charles Lawrence Deutschman, both of 1942 North Second, Abilene, Texas. Mrs. McGehee and Mrs. Deutschman are former residents of Merkel.

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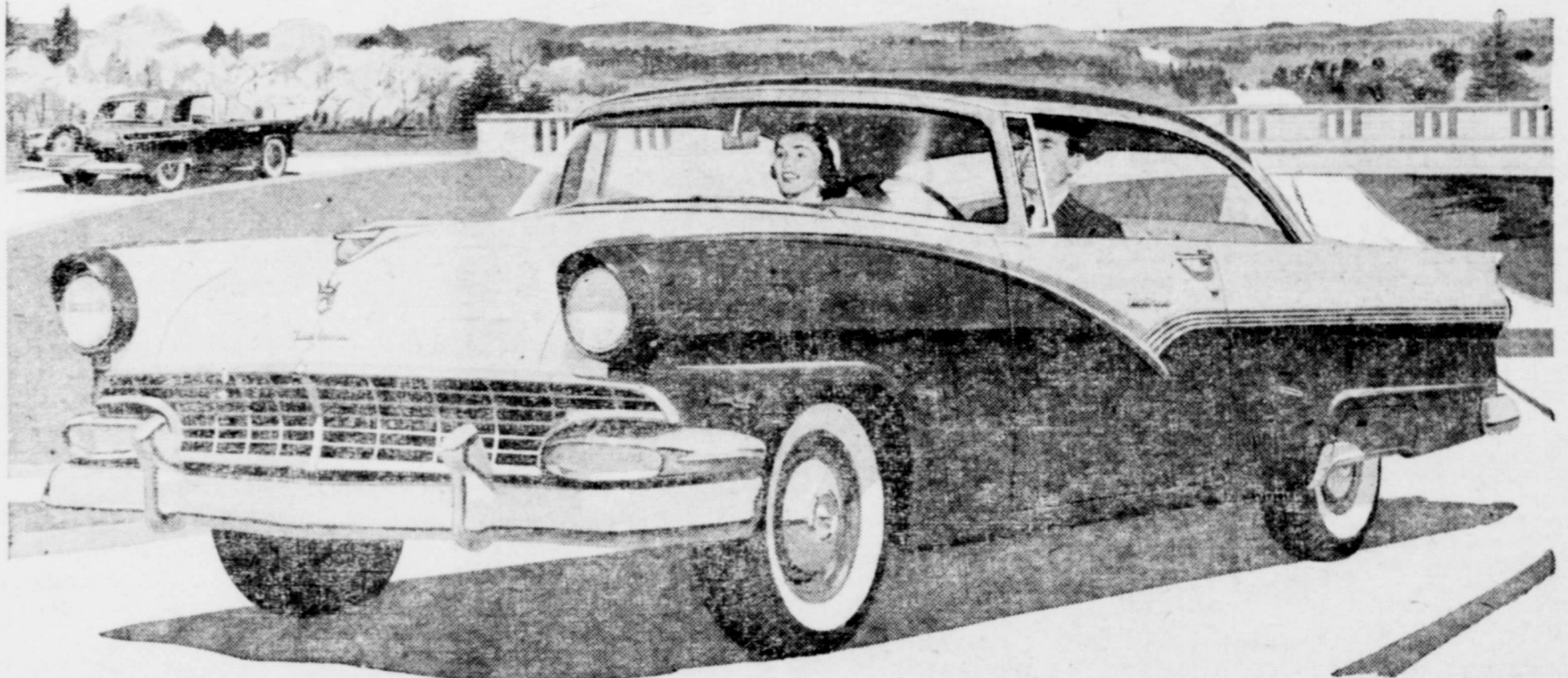


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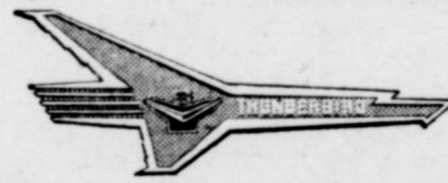
This summer, if teens will just remember to use the telephone sparingly everything will be fine. How? For example, watching TV and talking on the phone at the same time can stretch your conversation too long. So play it fair. Means better service for everyone—including you.

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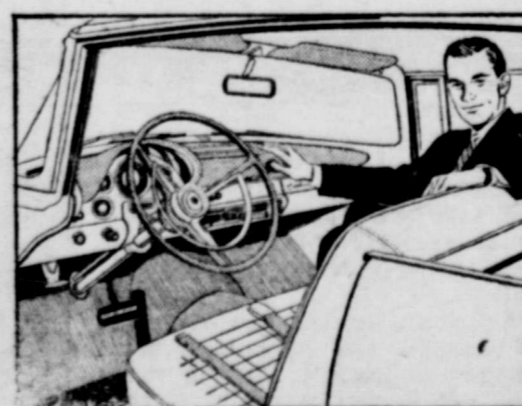
New 202-h.p. Thunderbird Y-8 engine is available in Fordomatic Fairlanes and Station Wagons. In Fordomatic Customlines and Mainlines you can have the 176-h.p. Y-8. And Ford's new 137-h.p. Six is available in all 18 models.

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THOMAS
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THOMAS
FISH STIX pkg. 35c

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LEAN
PORK ROAST lb. 39c

SLICED
BACON lb. 39c

BULK
WIENERS lb. 29c

CHOICE
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DON JONES TO PRESENT SACRED CONCERT

Mr. Don Jones, choir director of the First Baptist Church, will present a sacred concert of music at the First Baptist Church Wednesday September 28th at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Jones has been conducting the music at the First Church for the last two months and his leadership is being felt in many ways. The First Church feels honored in having this young man and want to share with the community his wonderful voice.

Mr. Jones will present a versatile program of songs that will appeal to all age groups and to all types of music tastes. Some of the selections are: "Longing For Jesus," "Nobody Knows The Trouble I've Seen," "Deep River," "The Holy City," "The Lord's Prayer," and selections from "The Messiah."

The First Church cordially invites all in the community to attend this sacred concert. Following the concert a reception will be held honoring Mr. and Mrs. Don Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Steele and sons, Randall and Mike visited with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Ray and Becky over the weekend. Mrs. Steele and two sons remained to spend the week with her parents while Mr. Steele returned to his position with the Humble company where he is a geologist.

Mrs. Etta Tucker has returned from a visit with her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Tucker in Plainview. Her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Mary Glover of Altus, Okla., also visited with Mrs. Tucker while in Plainview.

Trent F.H.A. Elects Officers

Nelda Heatly has been elected president of the Trent Future Homemakers of America.

Other officers elected were Lynda Dudley, vice president; Ruby Jones, secretary; Colleen Stowe, treasurer; Bernice Love, parliamentarian; Julie Acana, reporter.

The F.H.A. also selected the nominees for the year. They are Kenneth Heatly, freshman; Jerrold Duncen, junior; and Morris Claborn, senior.

The outgoing president of the chapter is Kay Beasley who presided at the meeting for election of officers.

Last week members of the chapter went to Abilene to attend the cooking school held in Radford Memorial auditorium at McMurry college.

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By CHARLES BRIGHT
Correspondent

Mrs. Onis Graham and Carolyn spent Sunday with her mother in Orange, Tex.

Mrs. W. R. Darby of Borger spent last Tuesday night with her mother, Mrs. Zillah Bright.

Jerry McWilliams and Tommy Tolliver who are enrolled at Cisco Junior college were home for the weekend. They attend the Merkel-Baird game and saw ACC play Trinity Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Wilks and family attended the ACC-Trinity football game Saturday night.

Mrs. Clifford Esley is in the Merkel hospital.

Willie Pearl Matthews is attending Hardin-Simmons University. Jane Williams is in her second term at H-SU. Shirley Carter is also attending H-SU.

Barbara Edwards is attending Baylor University.

Sherman Driggers Jr. is attending Howard Payne college at Brownwood.

NOODLE

Granma Cade, who is staying with her son, Gene, in Ft. Worth, is very poorly.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Jackson left Friday for Wichita Falls to visit their son, Carl Junior and family. They went from there to Oklahoma to visit his sister and family, the Otis Bernetts. The Bernetts formally lived here.

Mrs. Lula Smith is visiting her mother, Mrs. J. E. Boaz, Sr., this week.

Grandma Williams and Mrs. John Dooley visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Carmon.

Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Irvin of Merkel, visited in the home of their son, Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Irvin, Sunday.

Mrs. Waldo Cox and Mrs. Lile Cade visited in the home of Mr.

HODGES

Mrs. NORMAN SLOAN
Correspondent

The Roy Kelso's killed a rattler with five rattlers and a button last week near their chicken house. They're getting too numerous for comfort around in this part of the county.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Dodge and Miss May Warren made a trip to Galveston last week and carried the Hodges' daughter to enroll in nursing school there.

The J. B. Ray's and Jerry and Eloise Ray fished part of last week at Brownwood lake.

The Reynolds family of Putnam were visitors at the Hope Church of Christ Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cook visited past week with her sister, Vera Wilder and brothers of Wellington.

Mr. and Mrs. L. McCaleb visited Sunday with their son and family the J. E. McCalebs of Abilene. They also visited Bob Mashburn who is ill in an Abilene hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Lyles of Artesia, New Mexico were visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Coaley over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Moore celebrated their birthdays jointly on Sunday in their home. Several of their children were there to help them celebrate.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Barker of Floydada visited the Mason Barkers last week.

On Sunday the Barkers went to Cobb Park on an outing. They were celebrating Mason and Bill Barker's birthdays.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Ash of Hico spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Mattie Ash, his brother Ray Ash of Joaquin, and sisters Mr. and Mrs. Dent Gibson, and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Perry.

STITH

MRS. W. M. LOFLIN
Correspondent

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Evans had as guest Sunday their daughter and family Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Dedmon of Abilene and Mrs. Jewel Dunagin of Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Walters visited their aunt and uncle Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Morgan of Stamford Saturday.

Mrs. Brown of Big Spring is here visiting her son and his family Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Roberson of Abilene visited Mrs. Roberson folks Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Rust.

Funeral for Mrs. Nell Berry was held last Monday the 19th at 1201 Hope St., Los Angeles, California. Mrs. Berry was the sister of Mr. Ted Hudson, Bob, Hollis, and Miss Louise Hudson.

Mrs. Robert Gilmore and children are spending the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Mashburn.

Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Jones had all their children home Saturday. They are Mr. and Mrs. Turett Jones of Winters, Mr. and Mrs. Olin Potts and Sharon Beth of Anson and Mrs. Edgar Berry of Colorado City.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Childress of Rising Star visited his brother Mr. and Mrs. Bill Childress Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Jones spent Monday in DeLeon visiting Mrs. Jones' sister Mrs. Howard.

STITH HD CLUB MEETS WITH MRS. BRADLEY
The Stith Home Demonstration Club met in the home of Mrs. Paul Bradley, September 14, for its regular meeting.

Fifteen members answered roll call, "Count Your Blessings" was sung by the group, with Mrs. Wesley Mashburn leading the prayer. The minutes were read and approved. Mrs. Marvin Walters made a report on the Luaders encampment. A report was also made on the pajamas that were made and sent to T. B. Hospitals, twelve pair of pajamas were sent.

Mrs. Bradley told of the trip the group made to the Goodman Club. Refreshments were served to the fifteen members present, nine children, and one guest, Mrs. Truman Holloway.

The next meeting will be September 28, in the home of Mrs. J. C. Brown, at which time Secret Pal's will be revealed, also a demonstration on belt making.

MRS. E. O. CARSON ENTERTAINS T. E. L.
T. E. L. Class met in the home of Mrs. E. O. Carson with Mrs. Bessie McClung and Mrs. A. R. Booth as co-hostess.

The meeting was in charge of the President, Mrs. Earl Lassiter. The devotional was given by Mrs. Lon Stephens, and the prayer by Mrs. Shanks.

The Class voted to send a box to the Buckner Orphans Home. At the close of the meeting refreshments were served to nine members.

Sunday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. Miller were Mr. and Mrs. L. E. A. Dean and son, Ray, of Laure, Mrs. Ora McCoy, of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Buckley Keck and son, Billie Ray of Seymour, and Bent Pureslar of Lawn, and Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Lawless of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Sheppard of Big Spring visited his sister, Mrs. Elma McFarland, over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Henson, of Stanton, Texas, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Douglas Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Stockridge were guests of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Buster Collins in Aldeo, Texas over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Sharp of El Paso were guests of his mother, Mrs. J. P. Sharp, and other relatives over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Campbell and daughter Vaniece Gail, of Wilson, Texas, are spending the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Wilson and daughter, Johnnie Lee, of Seymour, Texas, were visitors of her sister, Mrs. Edna Horton, and daughter Mr. and Mrs. Bobbie Toliver, this week.

Mrs. Ollie Fox has returned home from an extended visit with her father, D. R. Thompson of Lubbock, who is seriously ill.

Mrs. Mattie Ash has returned home from Joaquin, Texas, where she spent several months with her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ash.

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Most Texans are aware of the law which requires a driver to

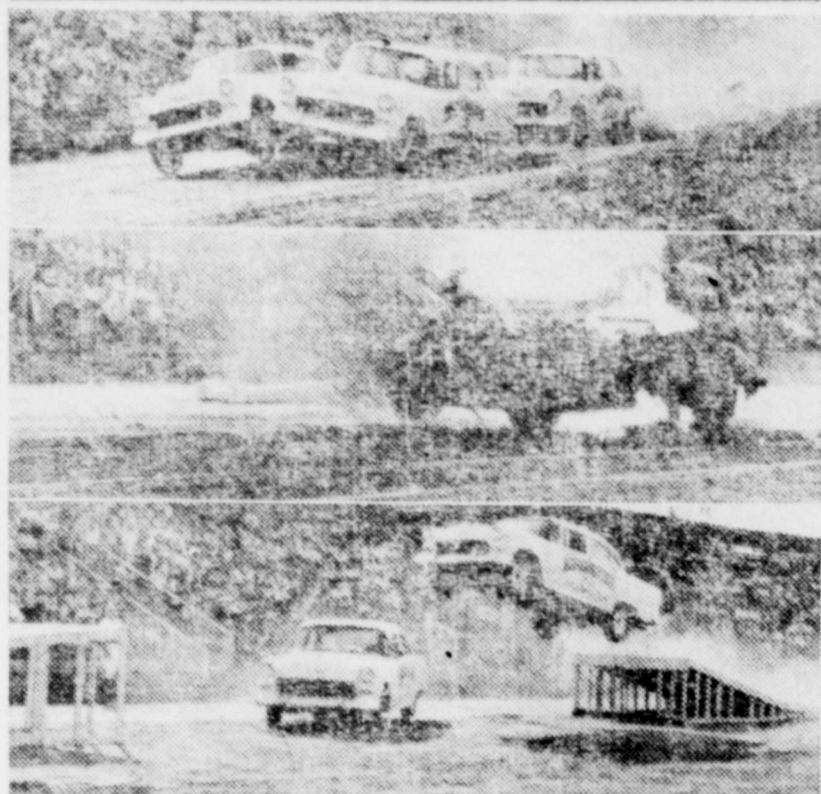
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come to a complete stop when overtaking from the rear a school bus which has stopped to receive or discharge school children. After stopping immediately behind the bus, he is then allowed by law to proceed past same at a speed "which is prudent, not ex-

ceeding ten (10) miles per hour, and with due caution for the safety of such children."

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children, unthinking violators of this simple safety rule greatly outnumber those who comply. Failure to follow the law in this case can lead to fines up to \$200.00 even when no accident occurs. Following an accident in which one child is injured or killed, the penalties are naturally much more serious.

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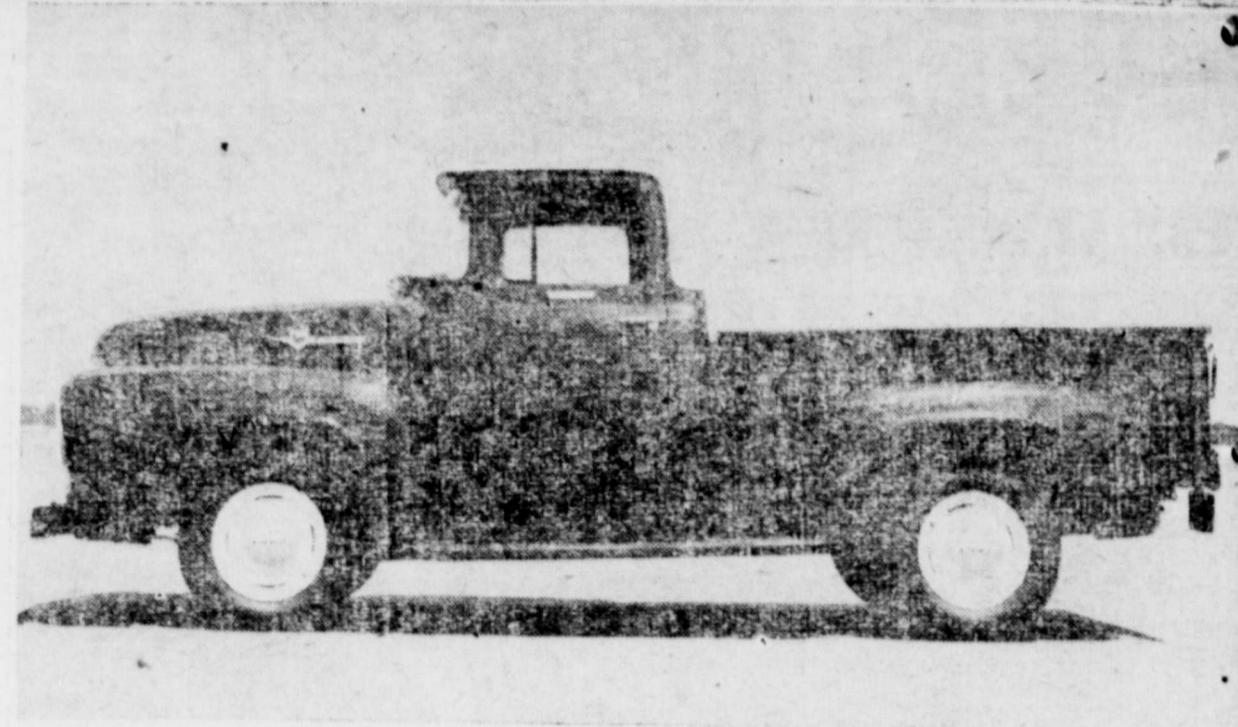
When it comes to overtaking and passing moving vehicles, exercise of ordinary common sense will generally keep a driver within the law. For instance, when passing a car it is only common sense to proceed on past at a safe distance before cutting back to the right side of the highway. Also, any driver would realize the danger of increasing his speed while another is attempting to pass him.

In the same category is the prohibition against passing on the right under most ordinary conditions. Of course, you may legally pass on the right in a few specific instances, such as when the vehicle overtaken is making or about to make a left turn, or upon a one-way street with two or more lanes, or upon a four-lane highway.

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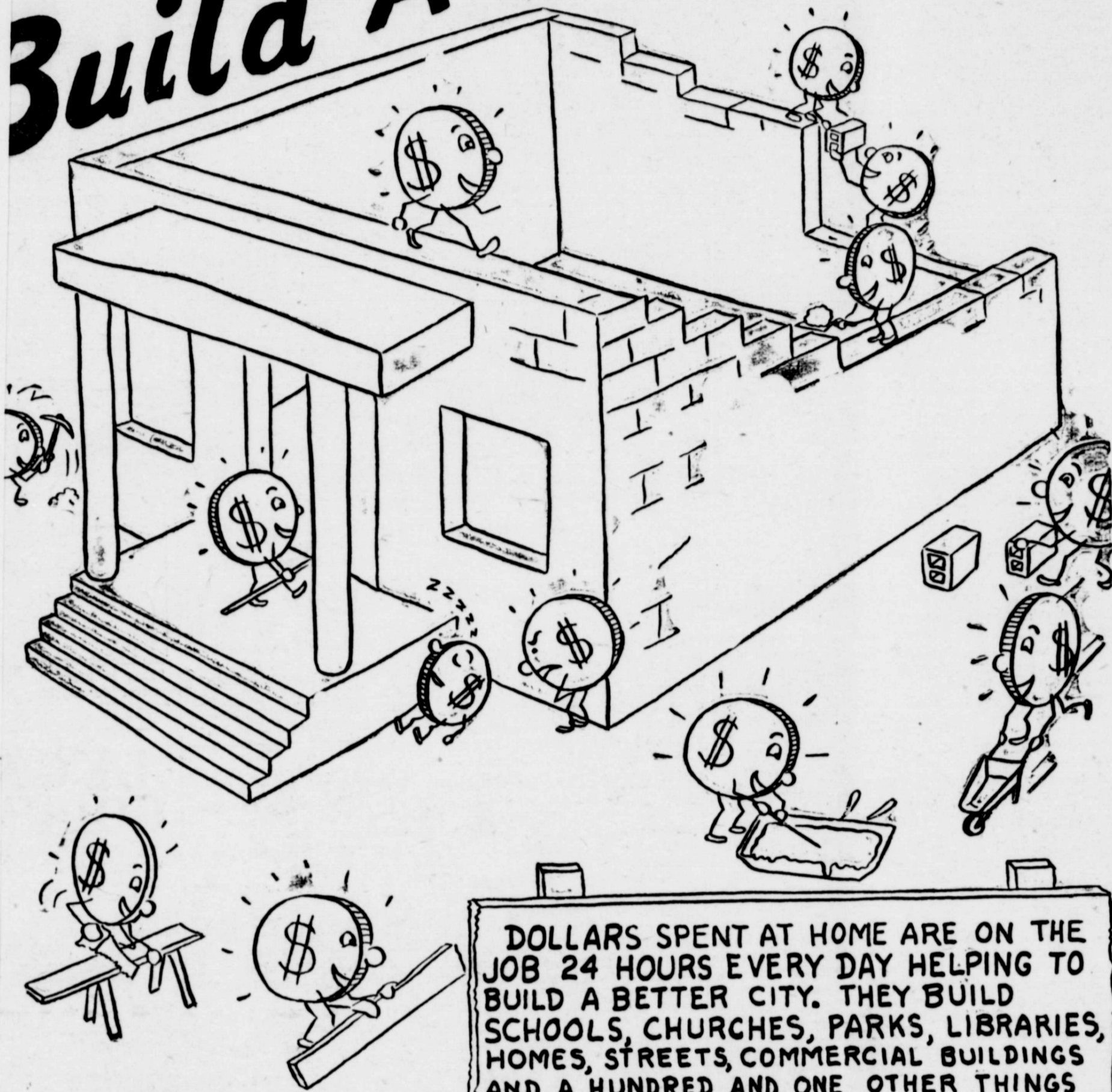
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 Morning Service.....10:45 a. m.
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 Evening Services.....7:30 p. m.

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

Merkel First Methodist Church
 Sunday School.....9:50 a. m.
 Morning Worship...10:50 a. m.
 M. Y. F.6:30 p. m.
 Evening Service.....7:30 p. m.

Hebron Baptist Church
 Sunday School.....10:00 a. m.
 Morning Worship..11:0'clock
 Training Union.....7:00 p. m.
 Evening Worship...7:30 p. m.

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

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

Noodle Baptist Church
 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.

Ice Stars at State Fair



The incomparable Margaret Field and the spectacular Jimmy Lawrence are starred in the Ice Capades international edition being presented Oct. 7-23 at the Dallas Ice Arena during the State Fair of Texas. Mail orders for the big ice extravaganza now are being accepted through Box 7772, Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. John Blanks, of Lafayette, Ala., are visiting his sister, Mrs. J. W. Mayfield. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blanks, their son and daughter-in-law, flew to Merkel Monday for a short visit before driving back to Alabama with the elder Blanks. It was Mrs. John Blanks first visit to West Texas.

F. C. McCue went to Poyote early this week on business, and to visit his wife, Mrs. McCue.

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MELLINGER'S

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.
 Evening Services...7:45 p. m.

Tuesday: W. M. U. 2:15 p. m., Intermediate G. A.'s Jr. G. A.'s 3:45 p. m.
 Prayer Services....7:30 p. m.
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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.....8:44 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
 Young People's Service 6:30
 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.

GLEANERS SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS MEETS

The Gleaner Sunday School class was entertained Wednesday afternoon in the lovely suburban home of Mr. and Mrs. John Shannon.

Mrs. Shannon, Mrs. Kenneth Pee, Mrs. T. L. Grimes were hostesses.

After singing a hymn, Mrs. Herbert Patterson brought the devotional. The president, Mrs. W. W. Toombs, presided for the business meeting.

A gainy refreshment plate was passed. Mrs. Cloy Lyles was a guest.

Members who attended were

Miss Connie Pogue, Miss Lottie Butman, Miss Babel McRhee, Mrs. Lee Tipton, Mrs. Lizzie Latham, Mrs. O. E. Harwell, Mrs. Mabel Dorton, Mrs. Clyde Newton, Mrs. M. L. Douglass, Mrs. F. Y. Gaither, Mrs. Jack Miller, Mrs. Leon Toombs, Mrs. Tom Largent, Mrs. W. S. J. Brown, Mrs. Herbert Patterson, Mrs. Winnie Cypert, Mrs. Doc Vaughn, Mrs. A. H. McMurry, Mrs. W. W. Toombs and Mrs. Dee Moore.

Joe Risinger of Odessa visited in the home of his mother-in-law Mrs. Jim Toombs and his sister-in-law, Mrs. Irvin Thompson, last week.

Mrs. Mary Risinger has returned from Odessa where she visited her son, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Risinger and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Derrick have moved from their home at 209 Oak St. to their new residence on Sunset Drive.

Mr. and Mrs. Waymon Adcock and family visited his sister Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Betterton in Big Spring and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Rodgers in Odessa over the weekend.

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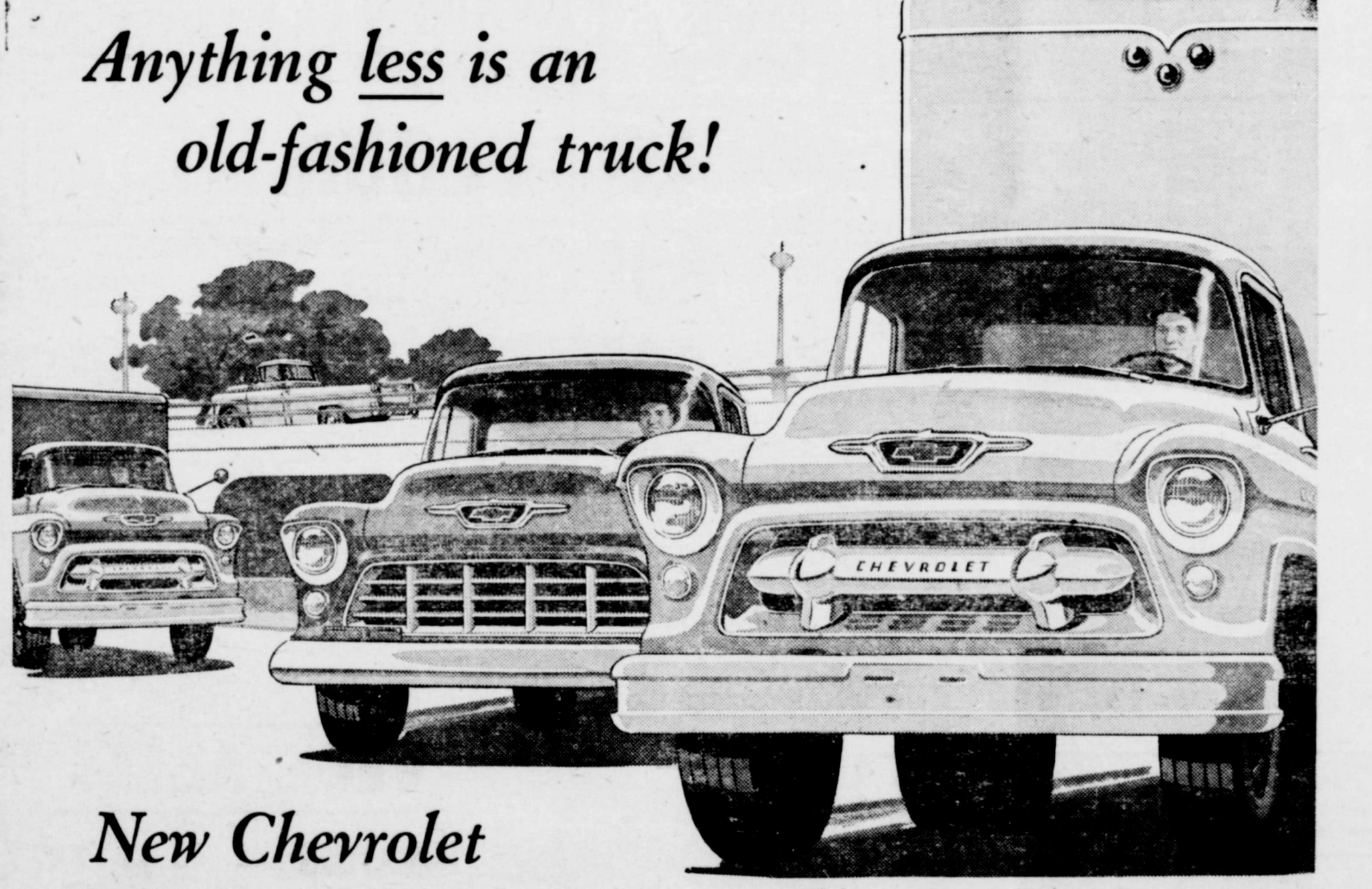
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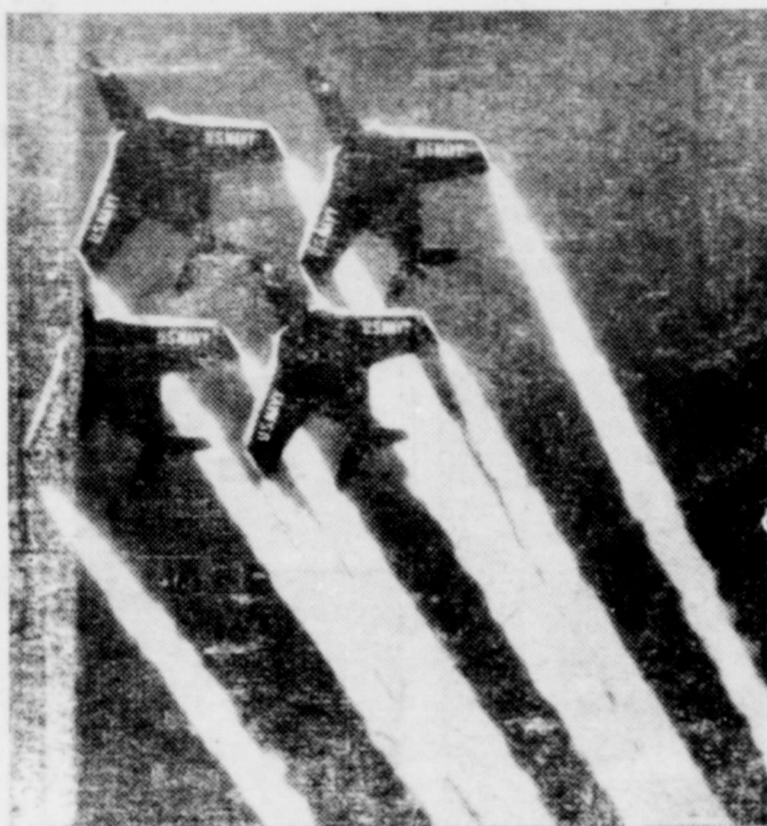
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AIRMAN DANIEL C. SCHMIDT arrives at Travis Air Force Base, Calif., after almost three years in a Red Chinese prison to ponder a picture of the remarried bride he left behind and the son he has never seen. He refused to discuss his wife's situation saying, "I don't want any publicity." Una Schmidt Fine, allegedly believing herself a widow and left alone with Daniel, Jr., 2 1/2, married a lumberman last September. Schmidt arrived in the U. S. with 10 other freed airmen.

BLUE ANGELS IN SKY SPECTACLE



WHIRLING BREEZES OF VAPOR, these F9F-8 jet fighters of the U. S. Navy's Blue Angels Squadron make a spectacular photo as they fly over New York. The picture was taken by Lt. Ed McKeller on a plane piloted by Lt. H. A. Reidl. (International Exclusive)

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DILYN GREEN, 21, of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., emerges from the pool in Philadelphia after she won the 1,500-meter free style title at the Women's National A.A.U. swimming and diving championships. It marked the fourth straight time that the American Olympic swimmer star won the event. Miss Green covered the distance in 15 minutes 15.04. She is a student at the University of Miami.

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