

W. J. Largent, well-known Hereford breeder, left this week for Chicago where he will be a judge in the Shorthorn cattle division of the International Livestock show. It isn't often that you hear of a Hereford breeder judging anything but his own favored lines, but this time the Merkel rancher will be picking out the best Shorthorns at the biggest cattle show of them all.

This spring like weather we're having down here is resembling anything but winter, and we're looking into the old Indian corn sign to predict that within a week, Merkel will be doused with some showers. Crops are drying up pretty fast, and unless we get some rain within a short time, the farmers and ranchers depending upon wheat pasture may be dealt a blow. Winter grasses also need moisture, and we'll settle for 4 inches of rain during the first rainfall we've had in some time.

Despite the predictions that this year's cotton crop would fall shorter than had been expected in August, boll pullers are still busy in the fields, and every gin is doing a good business of ginning cotton. It looks like there will be several thousand more bales of cotton in this year than had been expected. Boll pulling will go on for another two or three weeks at full speed, and the shortage had delayed many fields from being harvested.

In this issue of the Merkel Mail you will find many interesting ads where merchants are offering price advertising on Christmas merchandise. This is one of the most effective means of advertising known to retail merchants, and when they set out the prices and the items they're telling the folks who trade in Merkel that things can be bought here at a right price as well as they can in a larger city. No matter what you do, you must keep telling the people that Merkel is a wonderful place to trade.

I knew that we'd probably go to Oklahoma once too many to prey upon our friends at a late hour to roust them out to borrow a bed; sometimes it all comes back to you. It happened at our house Saturday night when M. M. Grimes, whom we had awakened several times to borrow a bed, came driving in from Oklahoma, but it happened we fooled him. We weren't asleep. He was headed for south Texas where he hoped to pick up a deer.

Nolan Palmer, the Pontiac man, and Mrs. Palmer, are in Austin for thanksgiving to visit her sister, Mrs. Dorothy Loyd, but Nolan put together a business venture to make the trip. He was interested in letting a contract for the construction of the freeway from Trent to Abilene, and he planned to be on hand at the highway department when the contract was let.

The construction of the freeway, a connecting link in Texas highway construction program, will be a big boon to Merkel, for it is expected forty or fifty of the families working on the road will pick Merkel during the year or so it will take to build the road. In addition, the contractors will be buying many items which can be supplied by Merkel folks. For instance, the water bill on the road will be staggering, and we'd like to see the city of Merkel sell the contractor the necessary water to wet down the road.

Mary Collins spent the weekend visiting her brother, J. M. Collins and family in Plainview. Other visitors on Sunday with the J. M. Collins family were Mr. and Mrs. Q. A. Collins of Lamesa, Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Collins of Lubbock, Texas and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Barron of Lamesa. Mrs. J. E. Barron was accompanied to rock by Mrs. Ruth Pangle, visited over the weekend her daughter in Tech, Glen-angle and her sister and family, and Mrs. Buck Moreland of Mesquite, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Patterson have returned from Indianapolis, Indiana, where they visited their son, Mr. and Mrs. Truett Patterson and family. They returned home just before the cold, snowy weather hit. During their stay here, the weather was pleasant, they report.



## SANTA COMING TO MERKEL WEDNESDAY

Christmas season will open in Merkel Wednesday, November 30. That's the day Santa Claus is coming to town, and that is the day Merkel will be set for displaying Christmas merchandise.

The Chamber of Commerce announced that Santa Claus will arrive downtown at 4 p.m. He'll parade up and down the streets with his Alaskan Huskie dogs, and the Merkel Fire Department truck and the Merkel high school band.

Santa Claus will be on hand to greet the little tots that day, but before he comes to town, the merchants are putting on a preview of Christmas merchandise, much of which is advertised in this issue of the Merkel Mail.

Scan the ads, make your shopping list, and then come to Merkel to shop early while the stocks are complete. It makes little difference whether you want to buy an electric refrigerator, a suit of clothes, ladies blouses, hosiery, slippers, petticoats, dresses, toy trucks, after shave lotion, electric razors, cameras, or any kind of toys, furniture, knives, kitchenware, hardware or what have you, the items are listed in this issue, and the stores will be glad to help you make your selections early.

Make this the biggest Christmas opening in Merkel — pack up the family and come to town early.

There will be plenty of entertainment in the way of tight wire acts, performing dogs and several other circus acts.

### Former Merkel Coach Readies McMurry Cagers

Tommy Ellis, new basketball coach at McMurry College, formerly of Merkel, is a shade pessimistic about the coming cage campaign — especially for a man who's won 70 per cent of his games for the past five years.

Ellis, an alumnus of the McMurry quintet he now coaches, is working overtime to get the Indians ready for their Dec. 2 opener here with the University of Corpus Christi.

Since Nov. 1, opening day of basketball practice, he has been holding five nightly workouts per week, after spending the afternoons on the football field as assistant coach for the Indian grid team.

Now that the Tribe has put away its football hatchets until spring, Ellis can devote full time to his No. 1 responsibility, the basketball team.

The young (31) McMurry mentor is holding two-a-day workouts from now on till the Dec. 2 opener, with four days off for Thanksgiving.

Ellis's pessimism about his chance of a winning season in his college coaching debut is not unfounded, for two reasons.

First is the unfortunate fact that the three top Indian basket makers of last year — all-conference Jerry English and Fred Shelton and second teamer Jim Jowell — have graduated and gone.

Main obstacle in the new McMurry coach's path is the high quality of Paleface opposition before the Indians. Ellis sees little chance of breaking even against power-laden Midwestern, Wayland, Trinity, Southwest Texas State, Texas Wesleyan and Abilene Christian, to name a few.

But railbirds at the McMurry Gym, after watching the large Indian squad in workouts the past three weeks, take a brighter view of Ellis's chances than the coach himself.

### MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR HIGHWAY 80 PROJECT TO BRING MANY FAMILIES TO LIVE IN MERKEL

Construction of the multi-million dollar highway 80 project from Trent to Abilene will start within a few weeks, and the Chamber of Commerce issued a call today for persons with rental units to list them.

The contract for the construction of the \$4,000,000 freeway was let in Austin Wednesday.

Contacts in Merkel said inquiries already had been made for rental units, and it is estimated that at least 50 units will be needed if all of the highway workers are housed in Merkel.

The Chamber of Commerce asks that persons having rental units to list them with the office in Merkel.

Merkel was represented at the contract letting in Austin by Nolan Palmer.

The City of Merkel will seek to supply the necessary water for the project.

The contractor is expected to start moving in equipment and material within a short time. He will have approximately one year in which to complete the project.

After the new officers were installed, President Simpson installed the new members, including Jerry Miller, Margaret Chaney, A. Vine Neill, Jimmy McAninch, Carl McKeever, Elsie Ward, and Jocille Thompson, accompanist.

The Rev. Cloy Lyles, of the First Methodist church, gave a brief talk.

This installation service was also put on at the high school assembly Thursday and for the Parent-Teacher association that night.

Sponsors this year are Mrs. McReynolds and Mrs. Bobbie Cooksey.

Chanters to Sing At Church Parley

The Chanters, mixed choral group of McMurry College, will sing at a meeting of the Abilene District Northwest Texas Methodist Conference at 3 p.m. Monday, November 28, in the First Methodist Church of Merkel.

The Chanters are directed by Dr. Richard C. Von Ende. They will sing without accompaniment. Numbers to be heard on the program will be "Go Down Death," "Praise Be To Thee," "Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel," "My God, How Wonderful Thou Art," and "From Grief to Glory."

Miss Conover will go to a responsibility with the Woman's Division of Christian Service, The Methodist Church, effective Jan. 1, 1956. She will be asking to the West Virginia Rural work in the Bluefield district known as the "Methodist Community Worker Project."

Successor to Miss Conover has not been named, but until one is named, Mrs. Virgil Patterson, Merkel, has been appointed to serve "on call" by the executive secretary of the board of education, reported Rev. Charles Lutzrick. Mrs. Patterson is now and has served for several years as district director of children's work in the Abilene district.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Perry and Kay Lynn spent the weekend in Odessa visiting their daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Denison and Mr. and Mrs. Both Ransom.

Mrs. M. G. King and Mrs. Ella K. Neeb were called to Brownfield Tuesday on account of the death of their niece, Mrs. Sam Murphy, who died Monday. The funeral was held Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Barton, of Denton, and Mrs. G. C. Baker and Mrs. Roy Long, of Weatherford, Texas, spent Sunday visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Clyde Reid home.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Steele and sons, Randall and Mike, of Pasadena, are visiting with Mrs. Steele's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Ray and Becky. Mr. Steele recently was selected "Man of the Month" at the First Methodist Church there, where he is president of a Sunday school class of 200 members. While here, they also are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jo Steele, of Sweetwater.

Miss Denta Gibson spent the weekend visiting friends in Stratford.

Druggists Attend Pharmacy Parley

Two from Merkel were among the druggists over this area who attended the Pharmacy Management Conference in Abilene last week. They were W. D. Gamble and Newt Logan of Merkel Drug Co.

The conference was tailored to meet the professional and administrative needs of the attending members. It was sponsored by the University of Texas Pharmacy Extension Service.

### Merkel Woman Gets Appointed

Resignation of Jeanne Conover, Northwest Texas Methodist Conference Director of Children's Work, accepted Oct. 1, by the conference board of education was announced today and will become effective Dec. 1. Miss Conover has been with the conference here since Aug. 1, 1954.

Evangelist E. K. Thompson will preach at the Church of Christ twice daily from November 30 to Dec. 10 as the church starts a revival, it was announced today.

The revival talks will be held at 3:45 p.m. and p.m. daily. Manly Denton will lead the singing.

Church of Christ To Start Revival

Future Teachers Install Officers By Candlelight

The Future Teachers of America held an installation service last Tuesday in the new homecoming department of the high school by candlelight.

Mrs. Ellen McReynolds installed the new officers, including James Simpson, president; Johnnie Tipton, vice president; Clyde Eager, second vice president; Betty Chancey, secretary-treasurer; Barbara Morgan, reporter; Jerry Miller, parliamentarian; Key Toombs and Conita Bagby, historians; Elsie Ward, librarian; and Homer Payne song leader, with Jocille Thompson, accompanist.

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### Merkel Badgers Drop Game In Final Quarter

A stirring last quarter rally which pulled the Mundy Moguls from behind to beat Merkel's Badgers, 19-14, left the Badgers with four losses for the season. The Badgers were victims of a questionable decision in the late stages which gave the Moguls the ball on the 2 yard line after a pass interference penalty was called against Merkel.

Mundy, which had previously upset Haskell's powerful Indians, 20-19, the week before, came out strong, and although they outscored the badgers the Merkel club held a distinct advantage in overall play.

Haskell and Albany played to a 0-0 tie at Haskell Friday night, but the tie gave Albany the title in district 8-AA.

The loss was Merkel's third in a row, losing to Haskell, Throckmorton and Mundy to close out the season. It was the final game for Fullback Larry Joyce, who has played well during the entire season. Philip Pursley, the stellar quarterback whose slipping arm has kept Merkel abreast of other teams, and Tom Swinney, the left tackle who has played a lot of football during the season. Those places will be hard to fill next year, but the Badgers will have a host of promising young men off the B team coming up.

Mundy scored first in the second quarter when they rolled to score when Lee Bruce, right end, took a pass from quarterback Glen Amerson and ran 10 yards to score. Amerson's kick was good.

Behind 0-7 in the third quarter, the Badgers went to work and knotted the score. Kermit Rutledge fired a pass to left end Robert McLeod who tallied the score from midfield. Rutledge's kick was good.

Pursley hit Jackie Russell with a 37-yard pass in the final quarter, and the Badgers took a 14-7 lead.

The Moguls came back quickly when Amerson skirted left end and streaked downfield 85 yards and six points. Amerson's kick was blocked and the Badgers held a 1-point lead.

That lead was wiped out when Amerson handed off to Wyman Tidwell, left half, who went over from the two to rack up the winning touchdown. It was a pass interference play just before that put the Moguls in scoring position.

Pursley was injured late in the game when he suffered a twisted knee in making a tackle attempt and Rutledge reinjured an old leg injury.

### Hospital Notes

These persons were admitted to Sadler Clinic-Hospital during the week:

Lester Dorton Jr., Merkel.  
Tommy Young, Trent.  
Joe Pena, Tye.  
Mrs. R. O. Payne, Trent.  
Mrs. E. W. Wilburn, Abilene.  
R. O. Payne, Trent.  
Romona Townzen, Abilene.  
Mrs. Voncille, Aobertson, Abilene.

Milton Case, Abilene.  
Mrs. Wayne McLean, Trent.  
Mrs. W. C. McCoy, Hawley.  
D. G. Thompson, Tye.  
Mrs. H. A. King, Tye.  
Billy Ray Browning, Merkel.  
Nellie Sandusky, Merkel.  
Gus Jackson, Merkel.  
Mrs. R. L. Newman, Merkel.

Surgery

Seffeno Luna, Merkel.  
Robert Wilson, Merkel.  
Danny Walker, Abilene.  
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Patricia Walker, Abilene.  
Rachel Tarply, Abilene.

### B. B. Reynolds Jr. Returned Home

B. B. Reynolds Jr., who was injured in an accident in Ohio, and his father, B. B. Reynolds, who was called there with Mrs. Reynolds, have returned home. Mrs. Reynolds returned earlier. Reynolds suffered a severe head injury, and must spend some time convalescing.





a pause for Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving Day comes only once each year, but we believe the spirit of thankfulness should be with every American every day. . . thankfulness for the opportunities, privileges, benefits that are ours in this country. And we should match the words with deeds, making sure that we keep alive the American way of life for future generations, doing our part to make our country an even more exciting and enjoyable place to live. Because leaving things a little better than we found them has always been an important part of the American way of life.

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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: Alfred A. Smith and L. C. Lingle d/b/a Smith and Lingle Construction Company, Defendants, 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 2nd day of January A.D. 1956, to Plaintiff's Pe-

tion filed in said court, on the 13th day of July A.D. 1955, in this cause, numbered 20,669-A on the docket of said court and styled Central Texas Machinery Co., a Partnership, Plaintiff, vs. Alfred A. Smith and L. C. Lingle d/b/a Smith and Lingle Construction Company, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit:

This is a suit on an account duly verified against the defendants, jointly and severally, for materials and parts and for

work, labor and services furnished by plaintiffs for the defendants at their special instance and request during the months of June, July and September, 1954, said verified account being attached to plaintiff's petition and plaintiff's suit being for the sum of \$2,313.70: the suit is also for

reasonable attorney's fees in the amount of \$750.00 and for costs of suit; 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 re-

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

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this 17th day of November A. D. 1955. (SEAL)  
Attest: R. H. Ross, Clerk, 42nd District Court, Taylor County, Texas, By C. Bower, Deputy.

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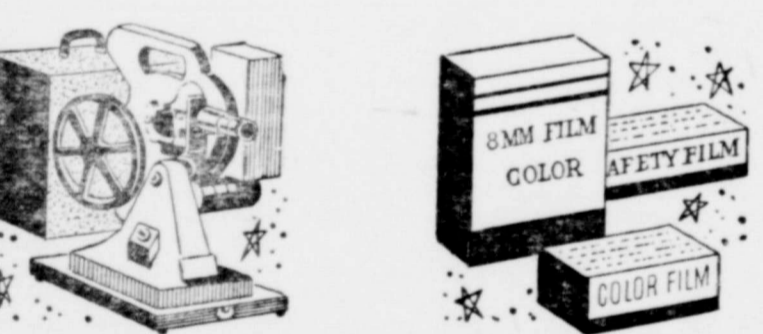
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boxes. Bottles of homemade salad dressing. Gala popcorn balls, wrapped in bright cellophane and tied with ribbon for children. Plum pullings. Wooden bowls with Texas pecans and a nut cracker. A Mexican basket filled with colorful fruits. Canned chicken or other meats from your pantry shelf — home-made sandwich spreads in little pottery jars.

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The first New England newspaper to firmly establish, outside of Boston was the Connecticut Gazette of New Haven, founded in 1755 by James Parker, an associate of Benjamin Franklin.

Only one baby was born at the Sadler Clinic hospital this week. He was Alan Lee Tucker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Tucker, 1104 S. 10, eight pounds, five ounces, born Nov. 22.

### STITH

**MRS. W. M. LOFLIN**  
Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Isenburg Jr. of Postis visited Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Harris and family on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Rogers spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. F. J. McDonald Jr. and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Perry were in Lampasas last week to attend the funeral services of Mr. Ernest Wilson. Mr. Wilson was then brought to Merkel for burial.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Perry visited with Mrs. Perry's sister, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Hynds and family of Tye.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Burns of Jacksborough, Texas visited Mr. Burns sister Mrs. F. J. McDonald, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Burns this week.

Stith has lost another fine couple in Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Walters who have moved to Haskell. We sure hated to see them go. Stith loss is Haskell gain and if they don't treat you right, Lee and Marvin you will always have a place at Stith in our hearts.

Mrs. Nash, Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Buck Leach and Linda, Dick visited with Mr. and Mrs. Elvi Berry Sunday.

Mrs. W. M. Loflin surprised her son, David with a birthday party Sunday. Those attending were, Sherry Hull, Judy Mattingley, Pat Harris, Joanne Reynolds, Johnnye Harris, Janie Hull, Colletta Hull.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Harris and family are moving to Stith from Salt Branch. They will live in the

A. M. Jackson place. We want to say welcome to town.

Mr. and Mrs. Rev. Jessie Swindell was surprised by a pounding Sunday night given by the Stith Baptist church.

A surprise going away party was held for Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Walters on Thursday night. Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Mashburn had the Walters for supper. While they were there the following slipped in the Walters house: Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ray Browning, Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Eakin, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hudson, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Loflin and children. The mashburns then brought the Walters home. When they came in everyone yelled "surprise." Games of 42 and canasta were played and refreshments were served.

### NOODLE

**Mrs. GEORGE COOPER**  
Those attending the Edd Goza reunion at the American Legion hall Sunday were the Naith Maxwells, and Billy Maxwell families.

Mr. and Mrs. George Cooper are at home after spending over two weeks in Merkel with their granddaughter, Mrs. Ted McAninch, helping to entertain their new great granddaughter.

Six young people from Hardin-Simmons took charge of the morning and evening service at the Baptist church Sunday.

Chester Lucas has bought the Mrs. John Thompson store and shop. That means we will soon have another new dwelling in Noodle. The Maxwell house will soon be completed.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Clement of Snyder returned home Sunday. She and the boys spent several days taking care of her mother, Mrs. Bill Caldwell.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Barbee, Mrs. Jim Booz and Mr. and Mrs. Dock Calloway attended a tea given in the home of Mrs. Everett Blover in Anson Saturday evening honoring Miss Leona Sasbee, bride-elect of R. B. Tommer.

Mr. and Mrs. John Doaley and grandma Williams spent Monday afternoon in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Doc Calloway.

Wallace Wheeler, of St. John, Newfoundland, where he has been stationed for some time, is spending a 30-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Wheeler.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Allen, of Cisco, visited in the Newell Lucas home recently.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hill of Moran, visited in Noodle Sunday. They also visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Swim at Compere.

### TIME TO BAKE FRUIT CAKES

Fruit cakes need time to age... to develop mellow, spicy flavor and good texture. Extension food and nutrition specialists suggest 4 weeks or longer for the aging process. Start now to gather supplies and plan your baking.

Why not get together with a neighbor and make fruit cake this year? One of you might bake the light kind, and the other the dark, spicy one. Then divide the cakes so each will have variety. Extra ones might make fine Christmas gifts.

Prepare all dried and candied fruits, dates, peels and nuts one day, and make the batter and bake the second day. It's less tedious that way. Long, slow baking is a must to make a fruit cake with a tender crust.

Recipes for light and dark fruit cake, and for uncooked fruit cake are given in the colorful Extension bulletin CHRISTMAS TIME AT HOME. Also, directions for decorating, glazing, canning and storing fruit cakes. This bulletin also contains recipes for candies, cookies, puddings, confections, and beverages. If you want a copy come by my office or write for one.

Then there is the fellow who poured alcohol on his tomato plants so he could raise them stewed.

### BAD WEATHER COMING

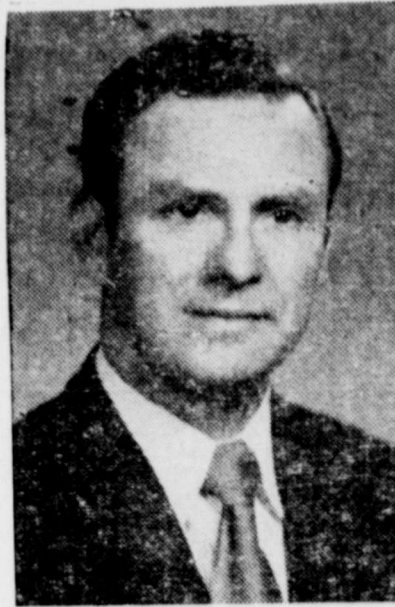
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6.70 x 15	18.70	14.95	7.10 x 15	25.35	20.55
7.10 x 15	20.70	16.60	6.50 x 16	27.25	22.15
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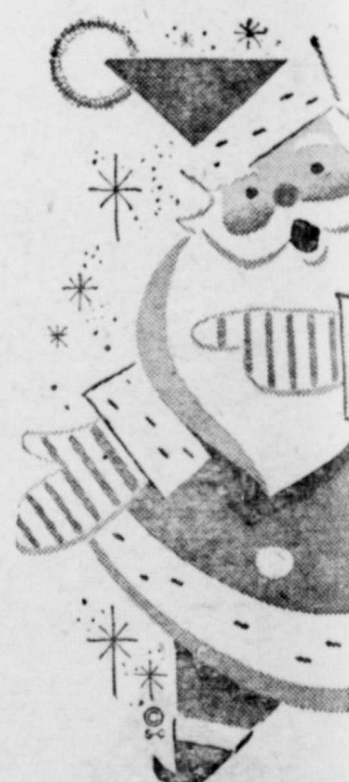
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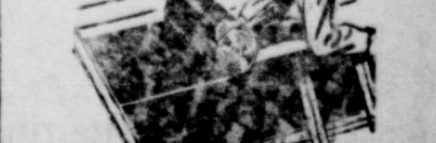
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A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and defendant were separated on or about the 10th day of January, 1955. Plaintiff would show that there have been no children born and no community property accumulated. Plaintiff sues for 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 3rd day of November A.D. 1955.

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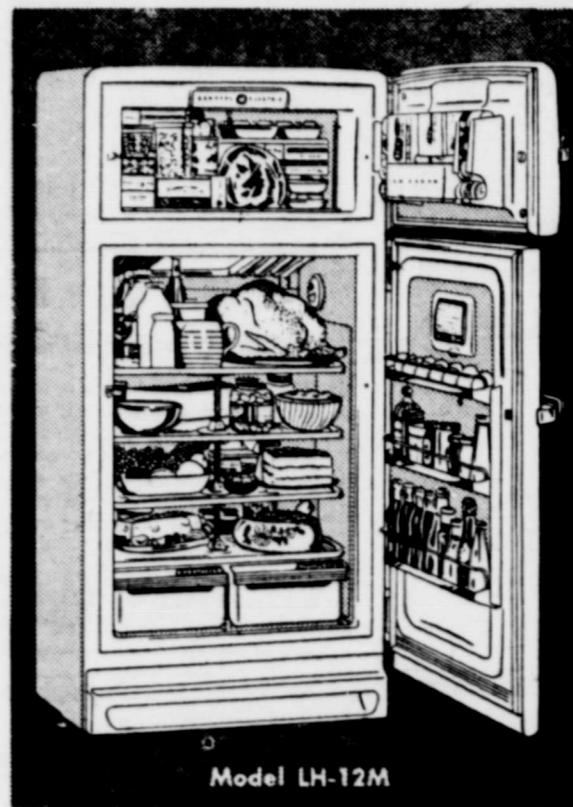
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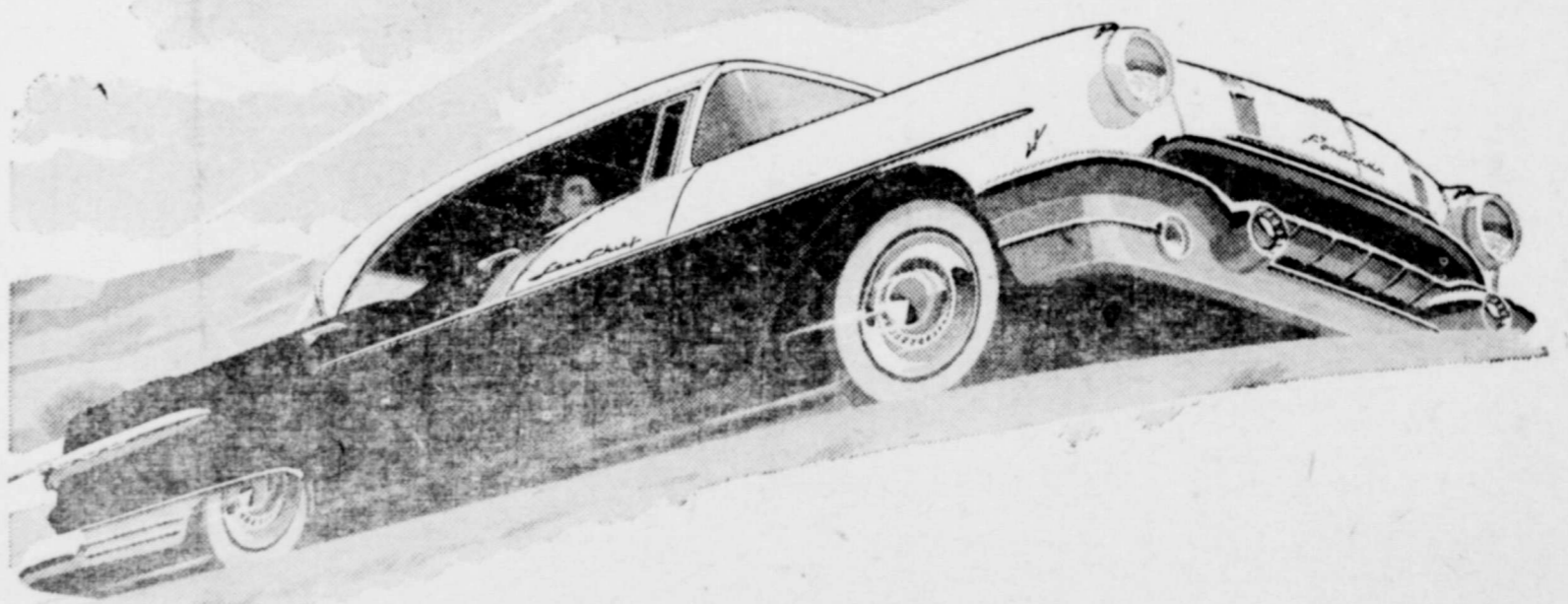


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## Highlights and Sidelights FROM your State CAPITOL

One thousand education-minded  
 Texans, meeting in Austin, selected  
 "No federal aid, no federal  
 control" as the theme they will  
 take to the White House Conference  
 on Education Nov. 23-Dec. 1.

Texas is one of five states that  
 refuses federal funds for staging  
 state and local education conferences.

Gov. Allan Shivers told the delegates  
 to the conference that Texas did not  
 seek federal aid to education. Further  
 aid to the school system, he said, should  
 come from the state, but without strings  
 of control from the state level up to  
 the local districts.

Rather than federal aid, one leader  
 suggested "relief from the stupendous  
 federal tax burden" to allow states more  
 latitude for school financing. A re-examining  
 of the state's total tax structure in  
 search of additional school revenue was  
 proposed.

Other problems on which the Texas  
 Conference on Education exchanged  
 ideas were: 12-months-a-year or six  
 days-a-week use of buildings; attracting  
 and holding good teachers; keeping  
 curricula up-to-date.

A consensus of their findings will be  
 compiled into a report to be taken to  
 the White House Conference.

**Court Re-Considers**  
 Texas Court of Criminal Appeals is,  
 for the second time, pondering the  
 legality of the Duval Co. grand jury  
 which returned 104 indictments against  
 coun-

This time it also is considering  
 charges by Atty. Gen. John Ben  
 Shepperd that it "misrepresented  
 facts" on its Oct. 5 decision nullifying  
 the grand jury's action.

In a vigorous argument for  
 reversal, Shepperd contended the  
 majority opinion reflected on the  
 "propriety and motives" of himself  
 and Judge A. S. Broadfoot. He  
 referred specifically to state-

ments concerning alleged  
 ion between himself and B  
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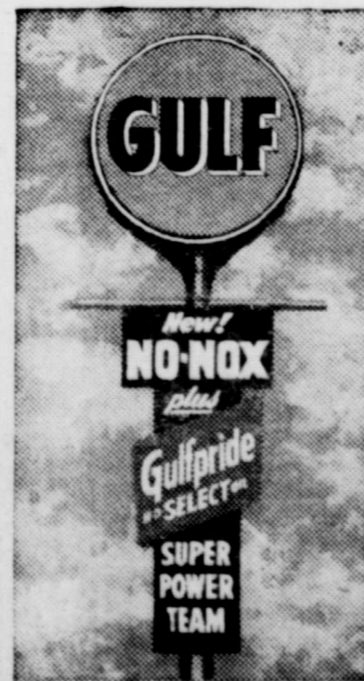
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**GM Parade  
Of Progress  
At Abilene**

A show described as "the largest and most unusual of its type in the world" will roll into Abilene on Thursday, December 1, in preparation for a four-day run. It is the General Motors Parade of Progress, a spectacular free scientific exposition, which will be set up on the Hardin-Simmons Campus.

This will be the only showing in the Abilene area, according to GM officials. Thousands of visitors are expected to tour the colorful "circus of science" during its stay. It will open from Friday, December 2 through Monday, December 5. Show hours will be as follows: Friday 7 to 10 p.m.; Saturday, 1 to 10 p.m.; Sunday, 1 to 6 p.m.; and Monday, 1 to 10 p.m.

Purpose of the Parade of Progress is to promote a better understanding of research and engineering; to give people a deeper faith in the American way of life; and to inspire young people to take up scientific and engineering careers.

The show carries its own "big top", the Aerodome, described as the only one of its type in existence. The huge tent, with a seating capacity of 1,250, has no poles inside to obstruct the vision. It is suspended from arched aluminum girders, and resembles an upside-down umbrella.

The Aerodome will be the scene of a 40 minute stage show which will be presented six times daily on week days, and eight times on weekends.

The audience will see startling displays of many basic principles of science, from synthetic rubber

made in a pop bottle to a demonstration of a motor that runs on sunshine, and a stove that cooks food but never gets hot. A gas turbine engine is demonstrated, and a miniature hydrogen explosion set off.

Around the Aerodome tent will be the midway or "court" exhibits, contained in 12 specially designed 33-foot long vans called Futur liners.

In one of these exhibits called "Miracles of Heat and Cold" a snowball is created in a flame of 5,000 degrees. The "American Crossroads" shows in 11 minutes the 50-year span in which a village becomes a city — complete with moving automobiles.

A full-size jet engine, cut away so that its working parts are exposed, is explained, and actual jet propulsion demonstrated.

For sports car fans, there are two plastic "dream cars" on exhibit. They are the Buick Wildcat II and the Oldsmobile "F-88". By way of contrast, there is also displayed "Old Scout," the first car to set a transcontinental speed record across the United States.

All told there will be 26 major exhibits.

This will be the 121st city in which the Parade of Progress has shown since it went on the road in April, 1953. It has been seen by more than 6,500,000 people in the United States and Canada.

The show is operated by 60 young men, mostly college graduates. They drive the trucks on the road, put up the Aerodome tent and exhibits and give the lectures and demonstrations.

The first American newspaper, Public Occurrences Both Foreign and Domestic, published in Boston on September 25, 1690, by Benjamin Harris, was suspended by the royal governor after one issue.

**Farm Exports  
Up 20 Percent  
First Quarter**

United States agricultural exports for the July-August-September quarter of the current fiscal year were 20 percent higher than for the same period last year. Exports were valued at \$720 million, as compared with \$598 million for the corresponding period of 1954-1955.

During the first quarter of the current fiscal year exports in all major commodities, except cotton, showed an increase over the corresponding quarter of 1954-55. The value of cotton exports, amounting to \$40 million, was only 35 percent of the total for the same period of the previous year.

In August, latest month for which official returns are available, farm exports totaled \$222 million, 17 percent above August, 1954.

Expansion of purchasing power available abroad, and an increase in foreign consumption levels for agricultural commodities, particularly in Western Europe, are favorable factors in the foreign market. United States agricultural exports are having to compete against larger foreign output, however, and in the case of a few commodities, against lower prices.

United States agricultural commodities have met a steadily increasing world trade since World War II. United States agriculture, however, has not been participating in the increase. During the Korean conflict, U. S. farm exports increased; but declined thereafter. Foreign exporters on the other hand, have increased their sales. With United States cotton exports off during July, August and September the decline in U. S. exports appears to be continuing into the current fiscal year.

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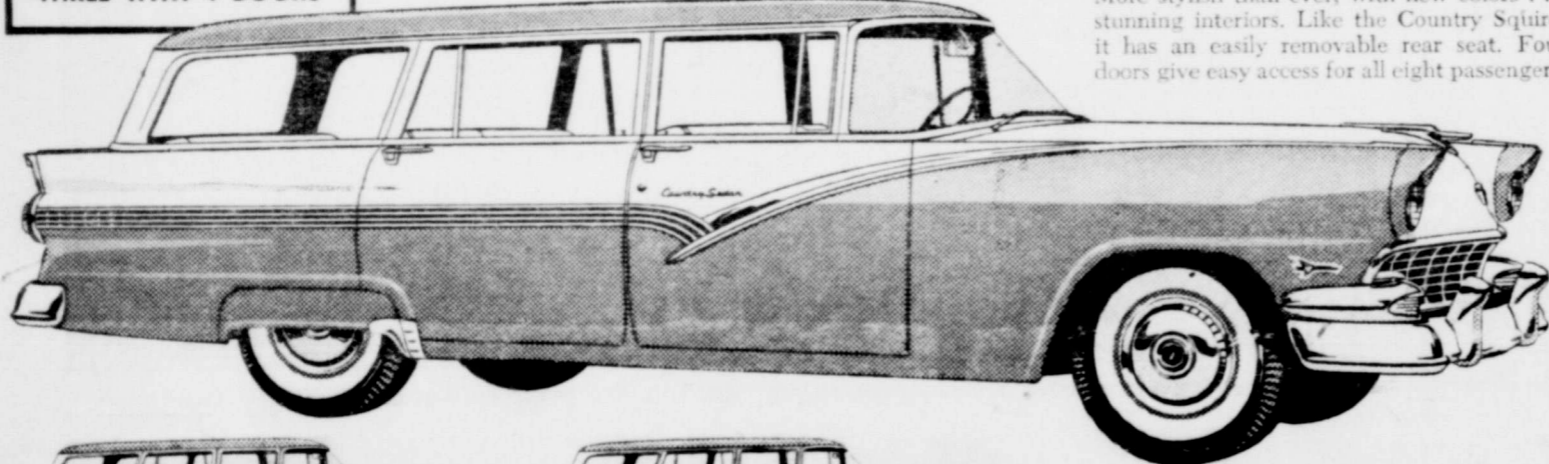
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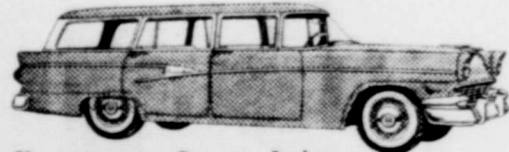
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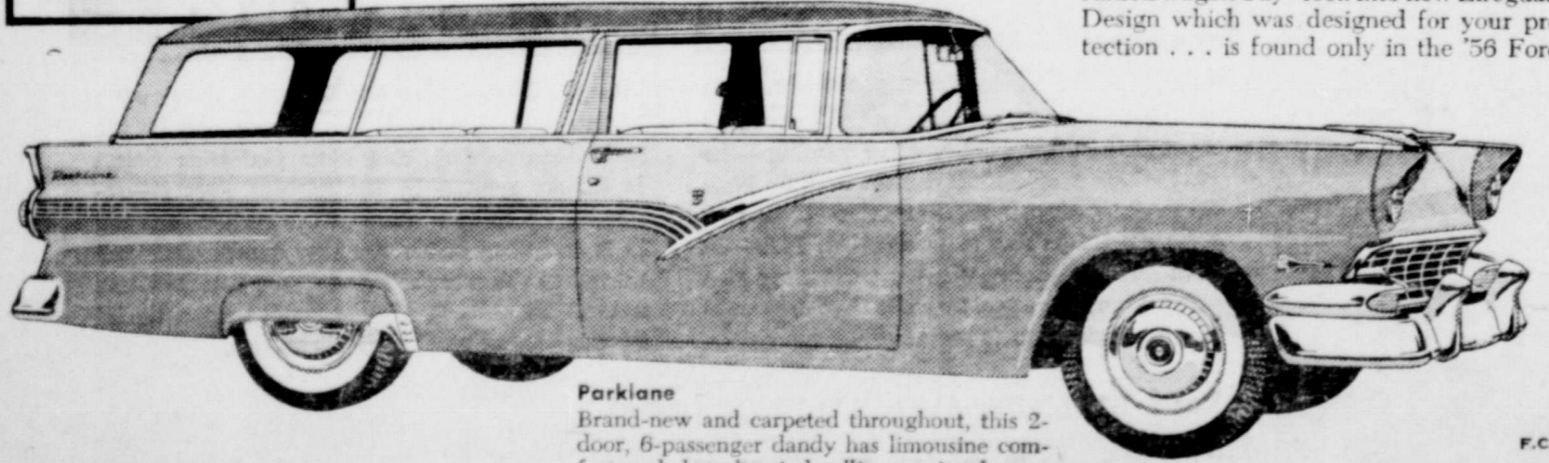


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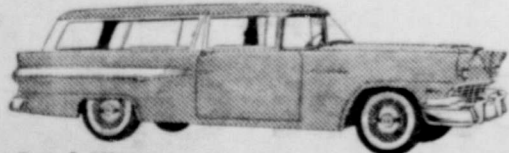


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You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for four consecutive weeks, the first publication to be at least twenty-eight days before the return day thereof, in a newspa-

per 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: W. D. Shaddix, deceased, estate, and Ella Davis, deceased, estate, and known and unknown heirs of W. D. Shaddix and Ella Davis, deceased, Defendants, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable Special Commissioners' Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by personal appearance,

at or before 10 o'clock A.M. January 6, 1956, after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 8th day of August A.D. 1955, in this cause and styled The State of Texas, Plaintiff, vs. W. D. Shaddix, deceased, estate, and Ella Davis, deceased, estate, and known and unknown heirs of W. D. Shaddix and Ella Davis, deceased, Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows to-wit: Suit for condemnation of land for right-of-way purposes for US Highway 83, being a strip or parcel of land out of Lot 26, Stefens Subdivision of the Merchant Pasture of the James R. Shipman Survey No. 86, Taylor County, Texas; 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 7th day of November A.D. 1955. (SEAL)

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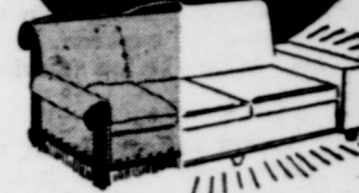
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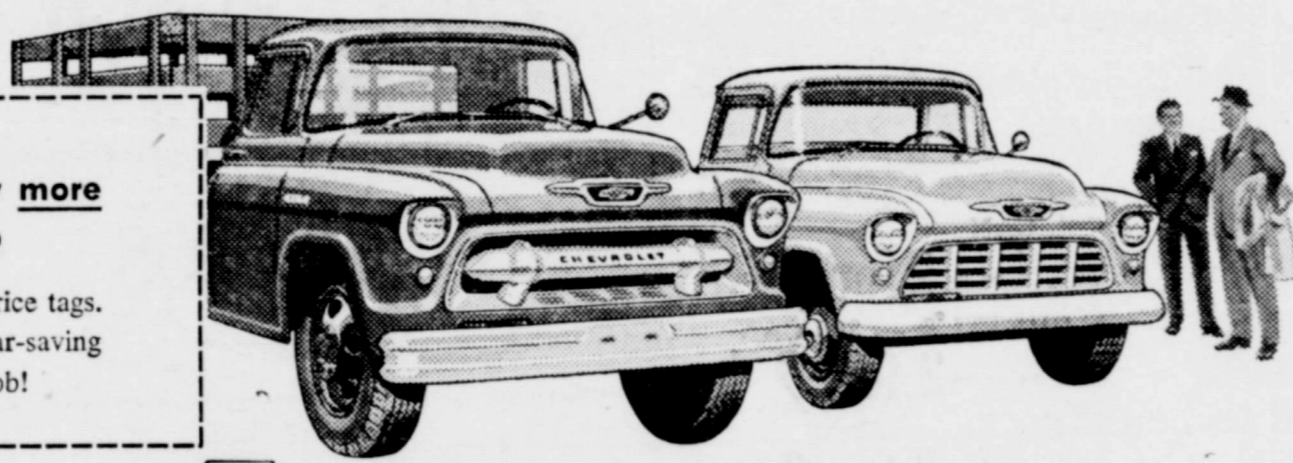
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# UP THE CANYON

By TOM RUSSOM

We sure would like to see that good rain. We have been needing it for so long, and with so much dry weather, it gives us the draggy blues. However, we have had some dews early in the morning which helps feed hauling along.

The live stock market is holding well, considering the dry weather. John Coomer, stockman in the west end of the Canyon, sold his lambs in San Angelo this week for 16 1/2 cents, per pound, which was tops. Most of the calves and lambs have gone to market. Some few left, but they will go to the market in a few days.

The Lord's Acre sale at Pioneer Memorial Church Saturday night went over in a big way. W. T. Perry was auctioneer. Chicken fryers sold as high as \$2.50 per head, eggs sold as high as \$3.25 a dozen. A wool blanket made from lamb's wool was consigned to the sale. It brought \$30. Bundle feed sold for 15 cents a bale. Baled hay at \$1.25 a bale. The sale netted \$275. It will go into the church treasury. Everybody had a good time. Coffee was served with sandwiches.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Perry visited relatives and friends in the Canyon over the weekend. They once lived here.

Horace Miles, stockman in the Canyon, made a business trip to Lorraine over the weekend. That was his home before moving here.

Tom Duncan and son, Jamie, of Fort Worth, were visitors in the Canyon over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Riney visited their daughter, Mrs. Nell Alexander at Borger over the weekend.

Holland Teaff and Tom Russom will go to Austin December 6 to represent the Middle Clear Ford Soil Conservation district. They will meet with the state board of controls on purchasing equipment for the district. They are both directors of the district which covers four counties.

Jim Cook, stockman just on the divide, is selling all of his cattle. He will run sheep only. Jim has run cattle a long time on his place, but he says sheep will be the better investment.

Will Orr who has a place in the Canyon sold all of his cattle last week. He plans to rest his pasture for a good while to give the grass a chance to come back.

### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our many friends for their cards and letters of cheer and their prayers for the recovery of our son B. B. Please let this be a personal thank you to each and every one. May God bless you all.

Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Reynolds.

Mrs. Lottie Green had as her guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Ken Groves and daughter, Jane Foster, of Lubbock, and Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Seago and granddaughter, Latreell Bright.

Judging by the way women drive, most of them want to be an angel.

### WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD HOLDS SUPPER

The Wesleyan Service Guild entertained the Woman's Society of Christian Service Monday night with an Indian supper with 11 visitors and 11 members present.

This ended the Indian American study which has been led by Mrs. Johnny Cox. Mrs. Don Dudley had the program and the group enjoyed a talk by Mrs. Hugh Hunt.

The Indian theme was carried out in all decorations and many of the members and guests wore squaw dresses. Mrs. Dudley wore an Indian dress made by her mother.

The room was decorated in the bright colors of autumn and the Indian items brought by Mrs. Hunt and those gathered up by the decorating committee, composed of Mrs. Ben Hicks, Mrs. Dudley and Mrs. Holt Vaughn. The menu consisted of foods handed down by the Indians, salmon croquettes, beans, hominy, jelly salad in shape of teepees, fried corn bread and baked apples.

Highlights of the program included Indian records, and slides of the Navaho Methodist mission school at Farmington, N. M. and the moccasin ceremonial.

A shadow box or diorama of an Indian village was one of the main attractions. It was made by Mrs. Hunt. The background of mountains and blue sky was done in water colors; the buildings and out door oven in salt and flour clay. A kettle made of a small aeron hung over a cheery fire.

Guests attending were Mrs. W. S. J. Brown, Mrs. Denzil Cox, Mrs. W. R. Cyfert, Mrs. John Shannon, Mrs. R. E. Adams, Mrs. W. D. Hutcheson, Mrs. Mossie Hatfield, Mrs. Lou Petty, Mary Jo Knox and Mrs. Hugh Hunt.

Members attending were Mrs. Holt Vaughn, Mrs. Raymond Ferguson, Mrs. Cyrus Pee, Miss Mary Collins, Mrs. Ben R. Hicks, Mrs. Don Dudley, Mrs. Alvin Lemens, Mrs. Mary Elizabeth West, Mrs. L. M. Touchstone, Mrs. Johnson Cox and Mrs. Hallie Burden.

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The oldest newspaper in America today is the Newport, Rhode Island Mercury, which was founded in 1758 by young James Franklin with the aid of his Uncle Benjamin.



### FESTIVE FRUIT CAKE

- 3/4 cup Pet Evaporated Milk
- 2 dozen marshmallows, finely cut
- 1/2 cup orange juice\*
- 6 dozen 2 1/2-in. graham crackers
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1/4 teaspoon cloves
- 1 1/2 cups seedless raisins (1/2 golden and 1/2 dark are best)
- 3/4 cup finely cut dates
- 1 cup broken walnuts
- 1 1/4 cups ready-mixed, cut-up candied fruit, bulk or canned

Line with waxed paper bottom and sides of a 9-inch tube pan, or 6-cup loaf pan. Put into a bowl the milk, marshmallows and orange juice. Let stand until needed. Roll graham crackers into fine crumbs. Put crumbs into a large bowl with the cinnamon, nutmeg, cloves, raisins, dates and walnuts. Add candied fruit and the milk mixture. Mix with a spoon, then with hands until crumbs are moistened. Press firmly into pan. Top with fruit and nuts. Cover tightly. Chill 2 days before slicing. Keep in cool place. Makes 3 1/2 lbs.

\*Alcoholic flavoring can replace the orange juice if desired.

Sensation of the Season!

# FESTIVE FRUIT CAKE

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DUDE RANCH  
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20 OZ. JAR **39c**

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- PET MILK ----- 2 for 23c
- RAISINS ----- 15 Oz. 25c
- WALNUTS ----- Lb. 63c
- Marshmallows -- 7 Oz. 21c
- Specials - Fri., Sat., Nov. 25 - 26

## VEGETABLES

- TEXAS BAG  
**ORANGES** 5 Lbs. 29c
- FRESH  
**AVOCADOS** Ea. 13c
- FRESH  
**CELERY** --- Lb. 10c
- WINESAP  
**APPLES** ----- Lb. 15c
- SUNKIST  
**LEMONS** ----- Lb. 12c
- YELLOW  
**ONIONS** ----- Lb. 5c
- IDAHO - MESH BAG  
**SPUDS** -- 10 Lbs. 39c

### BLEACH

# Purex

Quart

# 15c

TREND

2 lg. boxes ---- 39c

### ARMOURS

- TREET Chopped Beef  
Can - 37 Can - 32c

### TIDE

2 large - 53c

### CHEER

2 largs - 53c

### NABISCO

RITZS

lb. --- 32c

### BABO

2 tall cans 25c

## SHORTENING

Mrs. Tuckers  
3 Lb. can ----- **63c**

## FLOUR

25 Lb. Print Bag ----- **\$1.79**  
Gold Medal 10 Lb. ----- 79c

## TISSUE

ZEE  
Colored 4 Rolls ----- **29c**

## SYRUP

Pure Ribbon Cane  
1/2 Gal. Heavy Base ----- **69c**

## MIRACLE WHIP

Salad  
Dressing Pt. --- **29c**

KOUNTY KIST - 12 OZ. CAN  
**CORN** 12 oz. can 2 for **25c**

DIAMOND-303 CAN  
**TOMATOES** ----- 2 for **25c**

DIAMOND-303 CAN  
**GREEN BEANS** --- 2 for **25c**

DIAMOND - 24 OZ. CAN  
**PORK & BEANS** -- 2 for **25c**

KIMBELLS - SPAGHETTI & - 300 CAN  
**CHEESE** ----- 2 for **25c**

MISSION - 303 CAN  
**PEAS** ----- 2 for **29c**

TIP TOP - 303 CAN  
**SPINACH** ----- 2 for **23c**

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SERVING SWIFT SAUSAGE FRI. & SAT.

BROWN-N-SERVE  
**SAUSAGE** -- Pkg. **43c**

SWIFT PREMIUM  
**BACON** ----- Lb. **49c**

SWIFT PREMIUM - CELLO  
**FRANKIES** ----- Lb. **39c**

LONGHORN  
**CHEESE** ----- Lb. **49c**

CHOICE HEAVY BEEF  
**SIRLOIN STEAK** ----- Lb. **69c**

CHOICE HEAVY BEEF  
**SHORT RIBS** ----- Lb. **19c**

FRESH  
**FRYERS** ----- Lb. **45c**

CHOICE HEAVY BEEF  
**CLUB STEAK** Lb. **59c**

CHOICE HEAVY BEEF  
**T-BONE STEAK** Lb. **59c**

ARMOUR'S  
**VIENNA SAUSAGE** 2 cans **33c**

PA PA SITO - Sliced  
**PINEAPPLE** 2 No. 2 Cans ... **29c**

HORMEL  
**OLEO** - - - - lb. **19c**

SERRA MISSION  
**PEACHES**  
2 No. 2 1/2 cans --- **49c**

ZEE  
**NAPKINS** 80 Count Pkgs. ... **15c**

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