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## Merkel Quota In Polio Drive Set at \$1,200

Merkel's quota in the 1956 March of Dimes is \$1,200 according to C. A. Farley, local campaign director.

Tentative plans for the local drive include balloon sales, benefit basketball game, distribution of coin collectors, peanut sales, March of Dimes cards through the mail, school card distribution, Mother's March on Polio on January 31, and the Polio-Thon over KRBC-TV on Saturday night.

In connection with the campaign Farley made this statement: "Polio is not licked yet. During 1955 the Taylor County Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis provided treatment for 45 polio cases, including 12 new cases, and 33 cases stricken prior to 1955. If Taylor County is fortunate and has no new cases during 1956, treatment must still be provided for some 40 polio victims. Only a small portion of children received the Salk vaccine, and statistics indicate that we must expect at least 10 to 15 new cases during 1956."

"Of every dollar raised in Taylor County for the March of Dimes, 78 cents has been spent in this county for patient care," Farley emphasized.

## Man Fatally Shot in Car

A Blair man found a 47-year-old person shot to death south of here last Friday near the intersection of U. S. 277.

The dead man was Dennis (Ike) Malone, an Abilene business man. He had been discharged from an Abilene hospital only a short time before he was found shot to death.

Herb Swinney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Swinney, of near Blair, found the dead man.

Sheriff Ed Powell said the motor of the car was running wide open and the rear wheels of the car were spinning in the sand when the car was found. The rear tires were badly burned.

Officers told this story: Bert Young, who lives about three miles from the gravel pit reported a rifle stolen from his house about 4:25 p.m. He saw a man leaving his house with a gun and drive off in a 1956 station wagon.

As Young was reporting the incident to the sheriff's office, Swinney broke into the conversation and said he'd found the man dead in the station wagon, and was calling from the gravel company office.

## Population Gain! For Merkel

It was a big day for Merkel this week when Horace Boney, the insurance man, rented the home which he recently occupied. Merkel gained eight in population in one week!

The Robert Gilmer family, consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Gilmer and six little Gilmers, came to Merkel to make their home for several years.

Gilmer is a master sergeant at the air base, east of Merkel, and has four years to go until he retires. He plans to spend that time in Merkel.

Merkel welcomes the airmen — and their families.

Mack Fisher, superintendent of schools, is in Austin this week attending a school administrator's conference on education.

The Merkel school man has been assigned to work on evaluations, school buildings and accreditation of schools.

Fisher plans to return at the end of the week.

## EIGHTH GRADE CLASS ELECTS OFFICERS

Mr. Walker's 8th grade class class elected officers Tuesday, January 3, 1956 for the coming three months. They were elected as follows: President, Betty Bailey, Vice President, Gary Rust, Secretary, Melba Horton, Treasurer, Fernando Moreno, and Reporter, Ferny McKeever.

Dick Wood of Monahans is visiting her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Hull.

## "MORE THAN A SLOGAN"

"OF COURSE" Merkel's merchants want to hold trade of Merkel's citizens, but they don't want your business unless they deserve it. We hear a lot these days about "buy-at-home" campaigns. Maybe such propaganda is all right but we've a hunch it will fall short of the mark unless it's backed up by something more than a slogan — something more than mere words.

Merkel's retail stores deserve your patronage and support because they can furnish you with merchandise that is good clean stock, in a wide variety of styles and assortments, at prices that insure on honest dollar's worth of value. They deserve your support because they offer you courteous, efficient service at the greatest convenience to you. Before you take the trouble to go out of town to buy — have a look at the merchandise in Merkel's stores.

## "SHOP IN MERKEL FIRST"

## Facts Needed By People To Help Hearts

1956 should begin with a determination to let facts — rather than worrisome fears — govern your attitude toward the heart diseases. It has been suggested by the Texas Heart Association.

"If you have any doubt about the condition of your heart, consult your doctor," said the Association. "If he finds that there is nothing wrong with your heart and circulation, needless anxiety can be eliminated. If a disorder is revealed, suitable treatment can be undertaken immediately for the patient's benefit."

As a prelude to the 1956 Heart Fund campaign in February, to be headed in Texas by Sen. Lyndon Johnson as state Heart Fund chairman, the Association proposed that all citizens resolve:

1. To learn the facts about the heart and its diseases, and to avoid needless fears and worry.

2. To shun self-diagnosis in favor of regular heart and health checks by your physician.

3. To guard against excess weight, remembering that overweight overworks your heart.

4. To get the sleep and rest you need, because rest lightens the work your heart has to do.

5. To keep fit by exercising moderately and regularly. But remember act your age and don't try to prove that you have the physical stamina you had 10 or 20 years ago. Strenuous exercise may not harm a healthy heart, but the danger is real if your heart and circulation are not in good order.

6. To be alert to the dangers of respiratory infections which are more common during the winter months, and may place an added strain on the heart. Prompt medical treatment for such infections is important, especially for "strep" throat, which may be the forerunner of rheumatic fever and rheumatic heart disease in children.

## Joseph Washburn, 67, Dies In Breckenridge

Joseph W. Washburn 67, retired miner, died early Thursday in a Breckenridge hospital after suffering a heart attack.

He was born January 6, 1888 in Oklahoma and formerly worked as a miner in Oklahoma. He formerly lived in Merkel before moving to Breckenridge.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Jessie Washburn, two sons, two daughters, three brothers, H. P. Washburn of Trent, L. P. of Louisiana, R. F. of Borger.

Services were held Friday evening at 2:00 o'clock, at Starbuck Funeral Home with the Rev. Sam Tullock, pastor of the Merkel Baptist Church, in charge. Burial was in Trent Cemetery.

Mrs. Hugh Campbell is in Abilene for a few days this week visiting a son who is ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Sledge and son of El Paso were visitors in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sledge during the holidays.

Raymond E. Thane of Harlingen, Texas, is the house guest of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Toliver.

## Rated Business Firms Show An Increase Here

"There are 231 more business concerns in Taylor County today than there were four years ago," says A. J. Hemphill, manager of the Fort Worth office of Dun & Bradstreet. Basing his facts upon the figures in the current January, 1956 Reference Book, Hemphill points out that in 1951, 1471 businesses were listed by Dun & Bradstreet; today there are 1,802 enterprises — a 23 per cent increase.

The Reference Book, incidentally lists only manufacturers, wholesalers, retailers, and some service companies, such as laundries and gasoline service stations.

Hemphill stated that during the past year 103 changes were made in the reference book listings of Taylor County businesses, including 33 new names added, 21 names deleted, and 54 changes in ratings of continuing firms. Hemphill pointed out that for the entire book, covering over 50,000 communities and containing 2,919,296 listings in the U. S. and Canada, there were 277,234 changes during the year.

Using the Dun & Bradstreet Reference Book listings as a guide, it is interesting to review what has happened in the ten principal Taylor County communities during the past four years:

Reference Book Listings in November, 1955	November, 1951	% Increase
Abilene	1656	1320 25
Trent	12	11 10
Merkel	89	76 5
Tuscola	13	16 —
Tye	7	8 —
Ovalo	4	5 —
Bradshaw	5	5 —
Buffalo Gap	3	3 —
Lawn	21	19 10
View	2	1 100

In discussing these figures, Hemphill pointed out that more than 95 per cent of all commercial transactions in the U. S. are made on credit terms. The purpose of credit reports and the huge Reference Book is to assist businessmen in arriving at credit decisions on customers' orders.

A supplier anywhere in the U. S. can loop up the rating of the Taylor County businessman in the Reference Book. In this way, the local concern is known far afield and orders can be approved and shipped promptly.

The credit rating is one of the key factors in approving orders to ship or sell. The rating consists of two symbols. The first, a letter of the alphabet, indicates financial strength or tangible net worth of the business. The second symbol, a numeral, reflects a composite appraisal of the background, operations, financial stability, and payment record.

Each Reference Book listing (which includes the rating) is a condensed summary of the information contained in the Dunn & Bradstreet credit report. The report includes a history of the business (who owns it, who runs it, and how long it has been operating), a description of what the business does and how it operates, a financial section (which usually includes the latest financial statement), and a record of how the concern pays its bills.

Credit reports are also used by insurance underwriters to re-evaluate risks, rates, and coverage for fire and other types of insurance.

## Rev. Tullock, Baptist Pastor, Resigns Post

Rev. Sam Tullock, pastor of the First Baptist church of Merkel for the past 34 months, has turned in his resignation, effective February 1, to enter the University of Texas to study on his doctor's degree.

Reverend Tullock came to Merkel from Kyle, Texas, and has built a wonderful reputation as a pastor throughout this area.

He will preach his last sermon in Merkel's church January 29. The pastor plans to move back to Kyle and establish his home on a ranch. From there he will commute to the University of Texas to work on his PH.D. He already has 16 hours toward the degree.

In the fall he has been offered a position on the staff of one of the Baptist colleges.

Tullock graduated from Howard Payne college with a B.A. Degree. He received his Master's Degree from the University of Texas, and then graduated from the Southern Baptist Theological seminary at Fort Worth.

## Army Reserve Enrollment Is Moved to Feb. 1

Enrollment of Army Reserve Category II personnel in United States Army Reserve School Courses has been extended to February 1, 1956, according to an announcement in Austin this week by Brigadier General Lewis S. Frifling, Chief of the Texas Military District.

In making the announcement, General Frifling explained that the enrollment period has been extended for entry into Command and General Staff and Judge Advocate General courses.

Category II personnel are Army Reserve officers who through geographical location or various other reasons are unable to attend regularly scheduled reserve assemblies. By enrolling as a Category II student, a portion of the USAR school course is completed by the individual in his home. The balance of this course is then completed by attendance at a two-week summer encampment in an active status for which pay is received.

Interested Army Reserve officers who are qualified are encouraged to contact their United States Army Reserve Unit Advisor, P. O. Box 288, San Angelo, Texas.

## Mrs. Pat Arnold Of Merkel Dies

Mrs. Pat Arnold of Merkel, a resident of Taylor County since 1925 died at 10:30 p.m. Friday at the home of her son, C. L. Arnold, 2465 Clinton St., after an illness of several weeks.

Mrs. Arnold was born Sept. 16, 1884 in Whitney, Tex., and on Nov. 18, 1903, married Francis Madison (Pat) Arnold. The family resided in Hill County until 1921, at which time a move was made to Sipes Springs in Comanche County.

Since 1933, Mrs. Arnold had lived on a farm south of Merkel.

Survivors are her husband; one daughter, Mrs. W. B. Hill of Hico; two sons, Kenneth M. Arnold and C. L. Arnold, both of Abilene; one sister, Mrs. R. S. Keeton of Hillsboro.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Tinton and sons, Sammy and Gary, have returned to Briscoe. They were here for the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Tinton and Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Tinton.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Simpson and James spent the Christmas holidays in Lake Charles, La., with their son and his wife, Robert and Joeline Simpson. They also stopped in Houston for a visit with their oldest son, Frank, Jr., and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Dent Gibson spent New Year's with their son, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Gibson in Martin. They were accompanied by their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Lindsey, who returned to their home in Stratford after spending the sign in the back...

G. Morris, 77, didn't abide by it. He died about midnight Sunday. Willie J. McCarty, 77, died about a year ago is being he...

## MAIL CARRIERS HONORED FOR SAFE DRIVING YEARS

Five rural and city mail carriers, all veteran members of the Merkel Post Office Department, were presented safe driving awards at the Lions club Tuesday noon by Ross Kemp, a veteran of 14 years with the Texas State Highway Patrol.

Not one of the veteran carriers had had an accident, in periods ranging from six to 25 years.

Wren Durham, postmaster, was in charge of the program in which his carriers were presented the honored awards.

Durham said it was a distinct honor to be associated with a post office department where employees had established such an inevitable record.

Those receiving awards were: Frank Simpson, rural route 3 carrier, 25 years of accident free service, driving an estimated 487,500 miles.

Stanley E. King, rural route 4, 25 years accident free service, estimated 450,000 miles.

J. I. Nalley, rural route 2, 25 years of accident free service, driving estimated 337,500 miles.

Homer H. Tye, rural route 1, 12 years accident free service, estimated 180,000 miles.

Alvin Wozencraft, city route, six years accident free service. City route miles not estimated.

It was a pleasure for Trooper Kept, the veteran safety officer, to present the awards, although he and other Texas troopers had been on duty 12 or more hours a day patrolling the dangerous highways since Christmas holidays began.

Kemp said he doubted he

should be up in front of the club presenting the award, because of the long hours of strain that had been bestowed upon weary troopers during the holiday season.

It was anything but a holiday for the troopers.

Kemp said the growing accident and death list among accidents on the highway far surpassed the crippledness caused by polio, a drive which is now beginning in Taylor county.

"Those who are killed in a traffic accident are just as dead as those who die of polio," the trooper warned. "Those injured in traffic accidents often times are far more crippled than the after effects of polio."

Yet, he said there is a dread and fear of polio, but people keep on speeding and killing themselves and others on the highways.

"This past Christmas was the roughest of all on enforcement officers," he said. He recalled that only Monday night officers gave 63 speeding tickets "and a great many of them were clocked in excess of 90 miles an hour."

Kemp praised the rural mail carriers for their efforts in preventing accidents, but he warned that it will take a long time to educate drivers the danger of speed on the highways and to practice safety.

American, it has been pointed out, has lost more people on the highway than in all the wars put together.

The Abilene patrol district had only one serious accident, but that one which took five lives took place before the holiday traffic count officially started.

## All Livestock Lost in Price During Past Year

Despite some improvement in many areas of Texas and the Southwest in pasture conditions and a generally better crop of feeds and roughage, these developments were offset to large degree by lower prices on nearly all kinds of livestock.

A bigger decline was avoided because of the somewhat better conditions which enabled livestock producers to hold onto their stock, and demand for restocking purposes created a market for stockers in the Southwest that most of the year was measurably higher than going prices for the stockers in other sections of the country.

The tremendous production of red meat and poultry over the nation was the factor that hammered prices lower and lower. Four times during November and December, the USDA reported new records were established for the production of red meat under federal inspection in the nation's packing plants.

"The deluge of hogs was aggravated by extremely large numbers of fed steers. Feeders in efforts to hold cattle until the market firmed finally tired and went to market with them at weights between 50 and 100 pounds per head earlier, Chicago week after week reported average weights of fed steers marketed there were 60 to 75 pounds above a year earlier. This added tonnage spelled ruinous prices for many feeders.

Every segment of the nation's economy put their shoulders to the wheel in efforts to increase meat consumption to work our from under this bumper crop of meat. The result is that meat and poultry consumption is at an all-time peak! The producers and processors of meat and poultry confidently expect to increase eating meat to double the present amounts. Some say this will be done in a short span of five to ten years and that meat consumption in the United States will one day equal that of countries such as Argentina, Australia and New Zealand.

It appears the United States has the production capacity and the know-how to produce this much meat and poultry. New agricultural plans will gravitate toward more and more meat and poultry production.

An "educated guess" is that 1956 meat production will be pretty much the same as during the past year.

Mrs. F. T. Warren has returned after several weeks visit with her daughters, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Coit and Mr. and Mrs. Kerby Becket and family of Dallas, Texas.

## Banks Show Big Gain In '56 Statement

Deposits in the Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Merkel and the Home State Bank of Trent showed sizeable increases over the final quarter of 1955, a survey of the bank deposits reflected today.

The Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Merkel showed a depository of \$3,440,777 compared to \$2,205,809 in October. The gain was reflected in many farmers paying off loans and the receipts from the cotton crop.

The Home State Bank at Trent showed deposits of \$870,630, compared to \$699,835 in October, January 21.

Business men in general feel that business in 1956 will far surpass that of 1955.

A statement issued by the F and M bank of Merkel reflected loans of \$650,089.96 with total assets amounting to \$3,691,605.90.

These assets were broken down into certificates of interest \$244,369.41, 1955 CCC producers notes \$347,223.96, United States bonds and securities \$1,000,000, other bonds and warrants \$573,144.63 and cash and due from banks, \$867,937.65.

The bank has a capital stock of \$100,000, surplus \$100,000, and undivided profits of \$40,828.90, not including a \$10,000 dividend shown on the statement.

## J. N. Hass Family Hold Reunion

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Hass of Clyde, formerly of Merkel, held their annual reunion in their home in Clyde during the holidays.

Children and their families attending were, Virgil and Edward Hass of El Paso, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hass and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hass of Baird, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Hass, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Deen of Merkel, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Deen of Gonzales, La. Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Hass of Graham, Mr. and Mrs. Billie Hass, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hass and Miss Charlie Hass of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Reece of Clyde. Unable to attend was airman Stanley Hass who is stationed at Salina, Kansas.

Mrs. C. P. Stevens has returned home from San Antonio where she spent two weeks with her son Silas Stevens and family, during the holidays. Other visitors in their home were their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Boutmon of Kansas City, Mo. The Boutmons were married November 26 and were spending their

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ust ended its first er that it has er of com- ed the mes- to man- a would not have ned. Maybe tangi- the chamber of noticeable to result we believe it er of achievement. It proves that town can work jobs done. True, is a success — that way, we chamber of com- club or anything st let everything run

It has always been said that you can see a lot better in things behind than you can in the future, and that is true enough. But when you look ahead and start to plan for the year 1956, you can't help but look around and see a brighter future for this area.

There have been bad spots, like the drought which has hurt farmers nearly as much as the five or 10 percent reduction in livestock prices. The cotton crop didn't make as much as some had expected due to a dry spell right when a rain would have made thousands of bales of cotton. There wasn't any wheat around here last year, and feed prices didn't bring as much as expected. Funny things happen. A year ago you couldn't buy feed for stock, even if you had the money. Then when farmers make a good crop, the price wasn't as good, and it seemed like everybody had feed to sell. Then, all of a sudden, much of it was sold. Oh, if we could only tell—

There are many things to make the future look somewhat brighter. First of all, contractors for the construction of the million dollar highway 80 project are moving into Merkel, with their crews. This project will last throughout the year, and will lap over into next before the super freeway to Abilene is complete. As we have always said, we are for that good highway because it will give Abilenians easier access to the Merkel market, and they can come here and trade with our stores. Why not, don't Merkel people go to Abilene and shop? Well, there's nothing wrong with us selling the Abilene people that things ARE cheaper and more economical in Merkel. Let them try and see.

What vacant apartments and rooms and houses that are available now will be gobbled up within a short time. New personnel are arriving within the next few weeks at the air base, and Merkel will get a spattering of them. Already we know of a dozen or so air base families who are living in and near Merkel, and more will come, if suitably property is available.

More smaller businesses will be looking for places to open up in Merkel. We believe we'll see the empty buildings now filled with business. There's always the possibility that a small industry might land here.

## Hospital Notes

Patients admitted to the Sadler Clinic Hospital during the week include:

- Hilda Hutcheson
- Robert Jar
- Mrs. Ace
- Mrs. Leroy Armstrong
- Mrs. Jeannette Smith
- Carl Jackson
- Mrs. Ray
- M. Irving, Merkel
- Hulen Hill, Merkel
- Mrs. W. J. Mashburn
- Mrs. Berk Haynes
- R. L. Kemp
- Mrs. C. C. Boyd
- Beverly Jean Hook, Merkel, Surgery
- Mrs. A. E. White, Abilene, Surgery.

New Arrivals  
Victor Garcia Galvan Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Galvan, Lubbock, 7 pounds, 7 ounces, born December 30.

Mrs. W. M. Elliott returned home Tuesday from Dallas. She has been visiting her son, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Elliott.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Miller spent the holidays with their daughter family, Dr. and Mrs. J. Austin, Texas.



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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: Tolbert Arledge, 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 22nd day of January A. D. 1956, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 28th day of November A.D. 1955, in this cause, numbered 20,980-A on the docket of said court and styled Patsy Arledge, Plaintiff, vs. Tolbert Arledge, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff & Defendant were married on or about 1950 and lived together until on or about September, 1953.

Plaintiff shows there is no community property to be adjudicated and that there are 2 children, names of Gerry Hayes and Billy Don Arledge.

Plaintiff sues for Divorce on grounds of cruel treatment and prays that she have custody of two children and defendant pay child support as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

If the 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 by hand and seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 8th day of December A.D. 1955.

(SEAL)  
Attest: R. H. Ross, Clerk,  
42nd District Court,  
Taylor County, Texas.  
By Clayrene Long, Deputy.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: J. H. Phillips and wife, if married, whose name is unknown; A. C. Walker and wife, if married, whose name is unknown; and S. V. Isenhour and wife, if married, whose name is unknown, Defendants, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court 42nd Judicial District of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 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 23rd day of January A.D. 1956, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 7th day of December A.D. 1955, in this cause, numbered 21,008-A on the docket of said court and styled J. A. Jennings & wife, Lora Jennings, Plaintiffs, vs. J. H. Phillips and wife, if married, whose name is unknown; A. C. Walker and wife, if married, whose name is unknown; and S. V. Isenhour and wife, if married, whose name is unknown; if living, and if dead, the legal representatives of each of said named Defendants and the unknown heirs of each of said named Defendants, the legal representatives of the unknown heirs of each of said named Defendants; if the unknown heirs of said names Defendants are dead; the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Suit in trespass to try Title to establish the ownership of the following described property, situated in Taylor County, Texas: All of Lot No. 3 in and to Block No. 131 of the City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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Issued and given under by hand and seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 7th day of December A.D. 1955.

Attest: R. H. Ross, Clerk,  
42nd District Court  
Taylor County, Texas  
By C. Bower, Deputy.

(Published in the Merkel Mail, Dec. 29, 1955, Jan. 6, 13, 20, 1956)

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**CITATION BY PUBLICATION**  
THE STATE OF TEXAS

To Samuel David Blackwell, 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 23rd day of January A.D. 1956, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 7th day of December A.D. 1955, in this cause, numbered 21,008-A on the docket of said court and styled J. A. Jennings & wife, Lora Jennings, Plaintiffs, vs. J. H. Phillips and wife, if married, whose name is unknown; A. C. Walker and wife, if married, whose name is unknown; and S. V. Isenhour and wife, if married, whose name is unknown; if living, and if dead, the legal representatives of each of said named Defendants and the unknown heirs of each of said named Defendants, the legal representatives of the unknown heirs of each of said named Defendants; if the unknown heirs of said names Defendants are dead; the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of Defendants.

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being the 5th day of February A.D. 1956, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 23rd day of December A.D. 1955, in this cause, numbered 21,053-A on the docket of said court and styled Willie E. Blackwell, Plaintiff, vs. Samuel David Blackwell, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were married on or about 1950 and lived together until on or about 1952.

Plaintiff shows there is no community property to be adjudicated and no children born of said marriage.

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.

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Issued and given under my hand and the said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 23rd day of December A.D. 1955.

Attest: R. H. Ross Clerk,  
Taylor County, Texas,  
42nd District Court,  
By Clayrene Long, Deputy.

**GLENER CHRISTMAS PARTY AT CHURCH**

The Gleener Sunday School Class of the First Methodist Church met December 14th in the spacious new building at the church, for their annual luncheon and Christmas party.

The tables were beautifully decorated in keeping with the season.

Mrs. Tom Largent welcomed the guests. Invocation was given by Mrs. Jack Miller. After the wonderful turkey dinner and a variety of other food were served.

Mrs. B. H. Jones gave the devotional, followed by a prayer.

The group then sang a number of Christmas carols, with Mrs. Brown at the piano.

At this time Santa Claus arrived and distributed gifts from a Christmas tree.

Guests from out of town were Mrs. Hinds, Mrs. Dallas Denison, Miss Ona Johnson of Abilene, Mrs. W. V. Shannon from Anson, other visitors were Mrs. R. B. Johnson and Mrs. Ethel Cox. Members are Miss Babel McCre, Miss Lottie Butman, Mrs. Mabel Dorton, Mrs. Homer Patterson, Mrs. W. S. J. Brown, Mrs. Beulah Stanford, Mrs. Gertrude Mitchell, Mrs. Lou Petty, Mrs. Herbert Patterson, Mrs. Louise Hudson, Mrs. Jack Miller, Mrs. H. N. Odum, Mrs. Mark Hunter, Mrs. Leon Toombs, Mrs. Reece Hail, Mrs. Mossie Hatfield, Mrs. Dee Grimes, Mrs. Sallie Moore, Mrs. Jess Higgins, Mrs. Lee Tipton, Mrs. Winnie Cyert, Mrs. Tom Largent, Mrs. Virginia Adams, Mrs. Pet Touchstone, Mrs. Den-

Dr. Vaughn, M. Dee Moore and  
**CARD OF THANKS**  
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**STATEMENT OF CONDITION**  
**FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK**  
MERKEL, TEXAS

CLOSE OF BUSINESS, December 31, 1955

RESOURCES	
Loans	\$ 650,089.96
Overdrafts	340.29
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	6,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	2,500.00
<b>AVAILABLE CASH AND QUICK ASSETS:</b>	
Certificates of Interest	\$ 244,369.41
1955 CCC Producer's Notes	347,223.96
United States Bonds and Securities	1,000,000.00
Other Bonds & Warrants	573,144.63
Cash and Due From Banks	867,937.65
	3,032,675.65
Total	\$3,691,605.90
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 100,000.00
Surplus	100,000.00
Undivided Profits	40,828.99
Dividend Payable Dec. 31, 1955	10,000.00
DEPOSITS	\$3,440,776.91
Total	\$3,691,605.90

The above statement is correct.  
George T. Moore, Cashier  
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ROSEDALE **CORN** ----- 303 can ---- 2 for **25c**

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FRESH PAK **STRAWBERRIES** ----- pkg. **25c**

CAPE ANN **FISH STIX** ----- pkg. **39c**

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STOKELY'S **BREADED SHRIMP** ----- pkg. **65c**

FRESH FROZEN **HENS** ----- lb. **45c**

**CHOICE MEATS**

CENTER CUT **PORK CHOPS** -- lb. **49c**

BULK **WIENERS** ----- lb. **33c**

CHUCK **ROAST** ----- lb. **39c**

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## Hints Offered On Planning Winter Range

Generally, range conditions in Texas are much better than a year ago. But with winter coming on, it is time to consider management practices which will keep forage production and live-stock numbers in balance, says A. H. Walker, extension range specialist.

He suggests that all horses and mules not needed in operating the ranch be sold. Also that unthrifty and aged animals be marketed along with steers or wethers. He points out that the price is fairly good and it's better to sell now than be forced to do so later in the winter when there will be weight losses or heavy investments for feed. "In most cases buying roughage to get live-stock through the winter is a risky business," says Walker.

The specialist says deferred pastures should not be grazed until after frost and a large supply of bundles, hay and silage as possible should be saved. A protein supplement — one or two pounds for cattle and an eighth to a fourth pound for ewes — should be fed daily to livestock on dry grass. The calf and lamb crops are needed to pay operating costs and they'll be better if their mothers get proper attention. If feed supplies are needed, Walker suggests that purchases be made immediately.

It's just good business to supplement range forage with planted grazing should be planted immediately. Walker also suggests that better livestock distribution and more uniform utilization of range forage can be obtained by shifting salting and supplemental feeding areas on the range.

Finally, he says, controlling brush will increase grass production. Trees can be successfully treated with chemicals during the winter season when labor may be more readily available. He suggests that a copy of B-800, More Grass from Controlling Trees and Brush, be obtained from the local county agent along with C-320, Range Management Versus Drouth. They're free for the asking.

As an aid to stockmen, dairy-men and poultry producers, the extension entomologists have prepared a leaflet, "Guide for Controlling External Parasites of Livestock and Poultry." It is available from the office of your local county agent. Now is the

## January 16 Is Important Date

Taxpayers making quarterly installments on individual estimated income tax should mark January 16 in their date book.

This, according to Mr. Howard O. Nichols of the Abilene, Texas office of the Revenue Service is the deadline for paying the final installment on 1955 estimated tax. January 16 is also the last day to amend a prior declaration of estimated tax return to avoid possible penalties for underestimation.

## NO. 5422 ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING

Notice is Hereby Given:

That the annual meeting of the stockholders of Farmers & Merchants National Bank of Merkel, Texas, will be held at the office of said Bank on Tuesday the 10th day of January 1956, at 7:30 o'clock P.M., for the election of Directors and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

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# UP THE CANYON

Hello to everyone in 1956, when a year ends, we find ourselves asking the question, what have I done this year? How has my business been? What have I done for my community? Have I done my best this year? Then the thought comes to our minds and we want to do better this year. Be better workers for our church and for our community, and to promote things that will make us more happy along the way. Visitors attending church at Pioneer Church Sunday, were Mr. and Mrs. Terrell Ferguson from Caps, Mrs. Lee Cox of Merkel, Devon Blackmon of Ft. Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brnovak and family, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Russom and son, Don, and F. H. Horton. Three boys from college attending church were Errol O'Brien, Payton Scott, and Allen King, Jr.

Several people drove up to the north Dora oil field Sunday afternoon, including the Russoms which was their first trip. It will be worth your time to see the flowing wells. We saw two big cats tearing out the side of a mountain to set up a large rig to start a new well. The rig had just completed a new producer.

They have some very beautiful drives up the Canyons and up the mountains.

Rev. Smith from the Nolan Methodist Church brought our message at Pioneer Church Saturday night as our New Year Eve singing closed. He was preaching when the old year past and the New Year came in. It was a fine service. Mrs. E. H. Cordill, who has been in the hospital is back home and she is able to be up and around some.

Will Butman who ranches just south of the Canyon, up on the divide has worked his cattle. He cuts his calves off the cows, getting the calves ready to sell.

The farmers are about through mowing wheat, and we don't feel too good about the wheat sown

so late and too it being dry sown. We know it is too late to sow wheat.

The new born lambs are doing real well, considering the dry weather. The stockmen are having to feed a little cake to the ewes so they will give milk for the lambs. There has been quite a few calves moved to market from the Canyon the last two

Rev. and Mrs. Dave Johnson and sons, Bruce, Wayne, and Ray of Vivian, La., arrived Monday for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Miller. They returned home Wednesday.

weeks. Herds have been culled and the culls have gone to market, leaving some pretty good cattle in the Canyon.

We hear a lot of farmers say that if the wheat fails they are going to plant the land to blue panic grass and turn the cattle in. Then if the cattle market goes bad they don't know what to plant.

Nearly all of the bundle feed in the Canyon has been stacked, ex-

cept what has been sold. We are ready for winter, but so far we are getting spring weather, which is very good.

Mrs. Arlaie Hines of Coolidge, Ariz., and Austin Sandusky of Bronte, Texas, are visiting their mother, Mrs. Nellie Sandusky who is ill in the Sadler Clinic.

Mr. and Mrs. Powell Miller and children of Tatum, N. M., are visiting their mother, Mrs. John Hughes.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Thornton, of Seymour, were Holiday visitors with their sister, Mrs. Effie Martin.

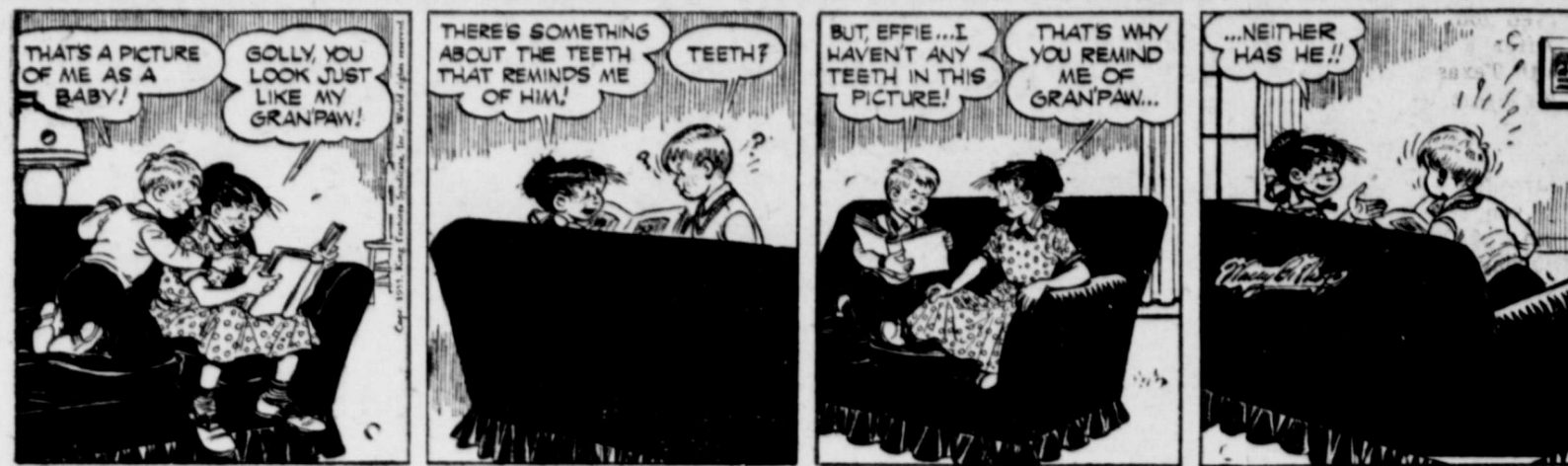
Mrs. A. L. Farmer has returned home after an extended visit with her son, Mr. and Mrs. Estel Farmer and family of El Paso.

Miss Joy Walker, student at the University of Texas at Austin, spent the holidays with her mother, Mrs. John Walker, and her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Walker.

Mary Collins accompanied by her brother, Elmo Collins and wife, Lubbock, Texas, spent Christmas with Paul Collins and family in Wilcox, Arizona. Paul is a brother of Mary and Elmo.

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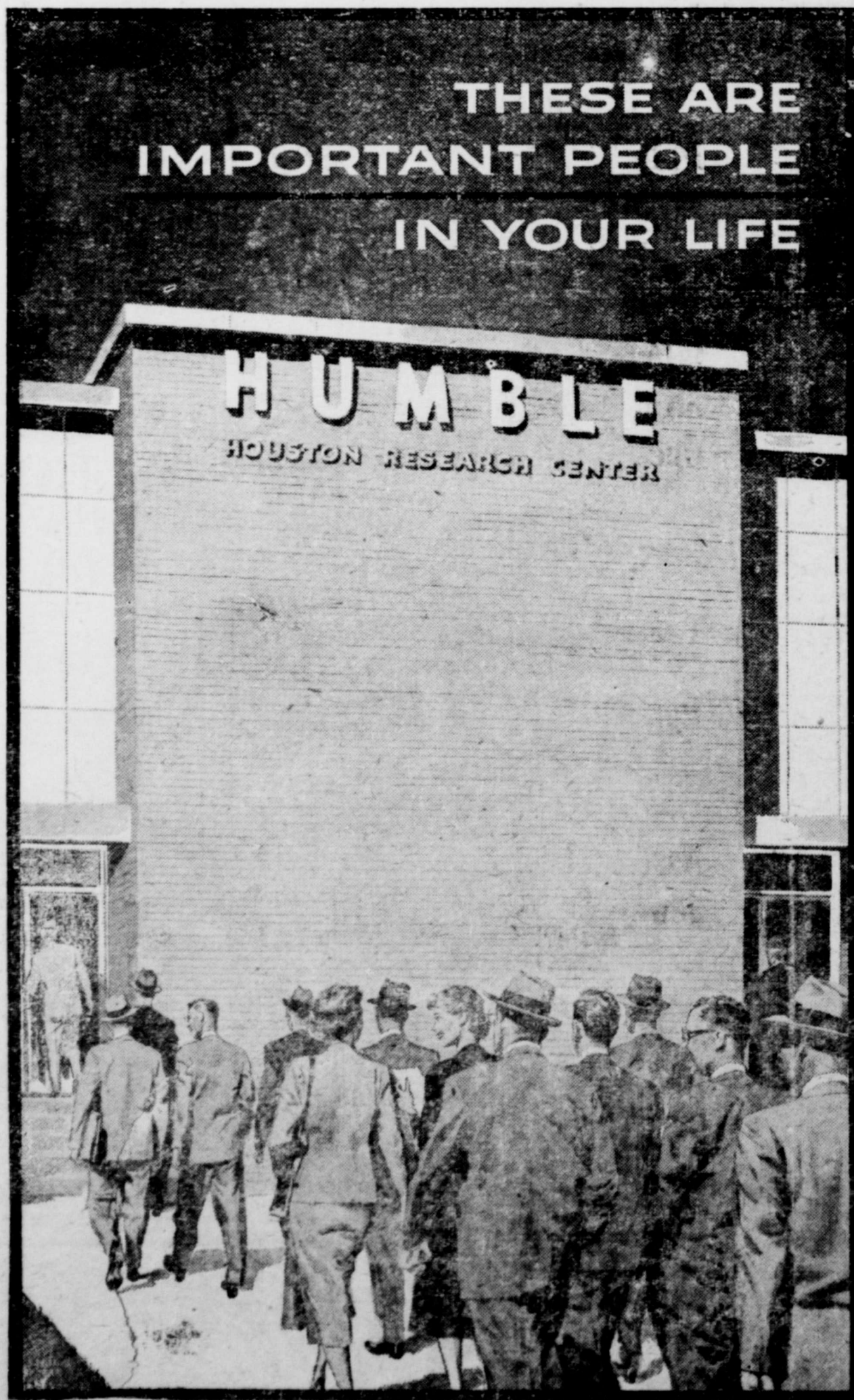
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Worth to visit their daughter, Lo-  
la Gregory and family. They also  
got to visit with their son, Booth,  
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of Haskell, visited their parents  
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The University of Texas has  
chosen three dates and 42 Texas  
cities for required aptitude tests  
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uates who plan to enter the Uni-  
versity next fall.

The dates will be Saturday,  
Feb. 4; Saturday May 12; and  
Friday, August 10.  
Registration for the February  
test date will last until Jan. 23.  
Students may register for the  
May test from March 1 to April  
30. Registration for the August  
test will begin June 1 and last  
until July 30.

After the University has re-  
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testing date.

Authorized by the University's  
Board of Regents in October, the  
aptitude tests are part of the Uni-  
versity effort to continue and im-  
prove the quality of its service  
to students and to the State.

"The aptitude tests will be used  
along with other information in  
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in the University," Dr. H.  
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words, to understand their mean-  
ings, and to see their relations be-  
tween the ideas which they express.  
The second is the ability to work with  
numbers, to do simple mathemat-  
ical operations, and to solve  
problems.

Dr. Manuel cautioned students  
that scores on the required apti-  
tude tests will not be the only  
basis for admission to the Uni-  
versity.

"A low test score, for example,  
may be offset by a good high  
school record," he said. "Simply,  
a high test score may call atten-  
tion to students, because of hand-  
icaps, have not been under-  
standing their high school work."

Students will be notified of  
their test score and all scores  
will be kept confidential.

In addition to taking the apti-  
tude test, a prospective Universi-  
ty student must also apply for  
admission to the University regis-  
trary, who will use the student's  
test score as one factor in de-  
termining whether the student  
will be admitted.

Dr. Logan Wilson, University  
president, has said, "By appropri-  
ating sums too low to guaran-  
tee respectable standards for a  
greatly increased number of stu-  
dents, the last session of the Leg-  
islature, in effect, gave us a  
mandate to institute selective ad-  
missions.

"We have no desire to limit  
the University's expansion by ar-  
bitrary means, but without prom-  
ise of adequate financial support,  
we simply cannot accommodate  
the 35,000 students we know we  
would get by 1970 if we kept  
our doors open to any and all  
applicants."

Test application blanks and  
bulletins of information concern-  
ing the tests are available now  
from high school principals over  
the state or may be obtained from  
the Testing and Guidance Bureau,  
The University of Texas, Austin  
12.

University of Texas aptitude  
tests near Merkel are scheduled  
for Abilene High School, Feb. 4  
and May 12.

About Our  
Community

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Russom  
were host to the Russom, Swin-  
ney Christmas dinner. Those pres-  
ent were, Mr. and Mrs. Vergie  
Turner and girls, of Abilene, Mr.  
and Mrs. Willie Maserang of Ab-  
ernathy, John Joe, and Pete  
Swinneys and families of Mer-  
kel, Grannie Russom, Mr. and  
Mrs. Tom Russom and Donnie,  
and Mother Harrison.

Mrs. Ford Butman and Patsy,  
went to Dallas to visit Kin.  
The Community were glad to  
see Rev. and Mrs. Philips.

The Joe Swinney's had their  
Christmas program Sunday night.  
Bro. Philips showed slides of  
the Navaho Indian Tribe in Mex-  
ico. After a bountiful supper was  
enjoyed, all sang "Joy to the  
World," poems were read and  
gifts were past to: Grandpa But-  
man, Lottie, Mr. and Mrs. Tom  
Russom and Donnie, Rev. and  
Mrs. Philips and Joe, Gladys,  
Herbert, Tommy, Joseph and  
Nancy.

Thanks to Joe Swinney's high  
Christmas spirit, he was able to  
outrun a Mexican steer with 18  
inch horns, the steer came to the  
Swinney Ranch and began to  
take over. He has J. S. on the  
left him and J. on the left side.  
He saw the same kind of J steer  
on the slides of a Mexican bull  
fight.

Mrs. B. H. Riney and grand-  
daughter, Carole Perry, have re-  
turned home after a week visit  
with her sister, Mrs. Dewey  
Hutchins, of Odessa and her son  
Paul Riney and family of Mid-  
kiff. Carole also visited with her  
uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs.  
Owen Hanks, of McCamey.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to extend our thanks  
and appreciation for the flowers  
and food from our many friends  
during the loss of our husband  
and brother.  
Mrs. Jessie Washburn  
Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Head  
H. P. Washburn and family  
R. F. Washburn

Trent High School. She is em-  
ployed by the West Texas Utili-  
ties Company in Abilene.  
The bridegroom graduated from  
Merkel High School in 1947 and  
served four years in the Navy.  
After a short wedding trip to  
South Texas the couple is making  
their home in Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Stevens  
and son, Terry, Bobby, Del, and  
Ryan, of Wink, returned home  
Saturday after spending the holi-  
days with their parents: Mr. and  
Mrs. Cecil Stevens of Abilene, and  
Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Robertson of  
Merkel. Mr. Stevens is a math  
teacher in the Wink School.

Mrs. H. B. Robertson returned  
Monday to her school at Rotan  
where she is teaching Public  
School Music in the Primary  
Grades.

a pearl necklace and earrings.  
Her bridal bouquet was a white  
orchid carried on a white Bible.  
Miss Shirley Carey, sister of  
the bride, was maid of honor. She  
wore turquoise taffeta sprinkled  
with rhinestones. Mrs. Carlton  
Brooks of Abilene, also a sister  
of the bride, was bridesmaid.  
Their flowers were white carnations.

LaVaggh Carey, cousin of the  
bride, was flower girl. She wore  
blue velvet. She carried a  
basket of baby asters.

Candlelighters were Jimmy  
Carey, brother of the bride, and  
Mike Carey, cousin of the bride.

Harlan McAlpine of San An-  
gelo was best man. Groomsman  
was Gaston Walker of El Paso.

Guests attended from Houston,  
San Antonio, Eldorado, San An-  
gelo, Lubbock, Abilene, and Mer-  
kel.

The bride is a 1951 graduate of

daughter  
and Jr. on Decem-  
bedroom is the son of  
Mrs. T. J. Bird St., Rt. 3,  
v. B. L. Higdon, of Abi-  
read the candlelight  
double ring ceremony in  
home of the bride's aunt and  
uncle, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Carey,  
before a mantel decorated with  
greenery. Other decorations were  
baskets of white gladioluses and  
stock.  
Mrs. Mylan Key and Mrs. Ar-  
lie McMillan of Abilene sang "O  
Prayer," "I Love You Truly,"  
and "Whither Thou Goest."  
The bride given in marriage by  
her uncle, C. S. Carey, wore a  
white brocaded satin dress sprink-  
led with pearls. Her jewelry was

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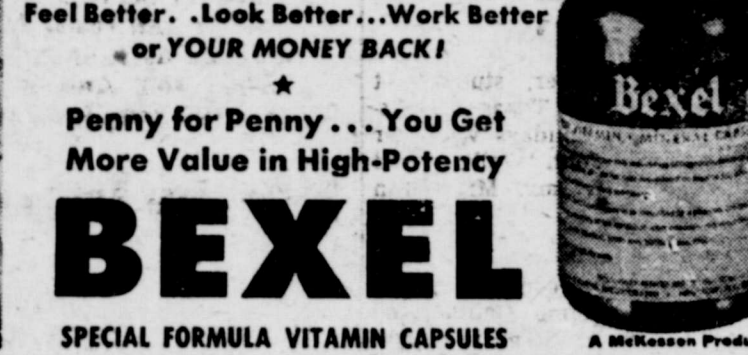
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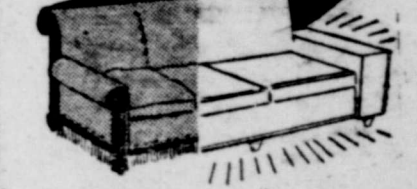
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Scandals, investigations, trials and political upheaval kept Texas news lively in 1955.

Most of the big '55 stories are expected to have even bigger sequels in '56. In them may be answers to now-tense questions, solutions and attempted solutions to a raft of state problems.

Some 1955 stories and topics for their 1956 chapters include:

1. Veterans land grounds were revealed, and former Land Commr. Bascom Giles was convicted. More trials are pending and scandals are a likely summer campaign issue.

2. U. S. Supreme Court decree and follow-up action by Texas Supreme Court wiped out Texas school segregation laws. Desegregation moves also begin in public parks and transportation facilities. But many Texans in areas with large Negro populations formed Citizens Councils that will still be fighting in '56.

3. In an earliest-ever start two candidates, Reuben Senterfitt and Sen. Jimmy Phillips, entered the governor's race. Some half-dozen others jockeyed for position.

4. Wright Morrow was replaced by Lt. Gov. Ben Ramsey as national Democratic committeeman. How successful Ramsey is in uniting the feuding factions of Texas Democratic party will bear directly on these big '56 questions: What candidate will the Texas Delegation support at the national Democratic convention? What party will carry Texas in the presidential election?

5. Seven-million-dollar collapse of U. S. Trust and Guaranty Company left thousands of depositors and policy-holders with potentially heavy losses. For '56 it meant more investigations, a hot new campaign issue and possibly new laws.

**Auditor's Answers Awaited**  
Answers to two big questions resulting from the bankruptcy of U. S. Trust and Guaranty Company of Waco hang on the auditing of the company's tangled financial accounts.

What the public wants to know is: (1) What percentage of their money will depositors get back? (2) What did the company do with all its money?

Estimates of depositor's recoveries range from 15 to 100 cents on the dollar. State Auditor C. H. Cavness said he is hopeful investors will recover 50 per cent or more, but added "enough may not be known for a month or two to make a good guess."

Cavness, at the request of the Senate investigating committee, also is trying to find out who got the money from checks totaling \$25,000. They were issued by the company payable to "cash" during a period that coincided with the last legislative session.

Liquidation proceedings are expected to take one to two years. Garland Smith, chairman of the Insurance Commission, said and the commission does not have enough staff to carry on the receivership work.

State Sen. Searcy Bracewell of Houston has advocated a special session if necessary to provide the commission with more examiners to enforce new laws passed last session.

**Depositors Map Strategy**  
A statewide meeting of Houston sometime this month is planned by depositors in the defunct U. S. Trust and Guaranty Company.

At separate meetings last week in Waco, Dallas and Houston several hundred of the 5,600 holders of "certified drafts" kicked off their campaign to recoup losses.

They have hired legal counsel, and enlisted the aid of state officials and legislators.

Depositor's chances for substantial recovery are based on hopes that (1) they will be made "preferred creditors" and (2) assets of subsidiary companies will partially offset liabilities of the parent firm.

**Right To Work Laws**  
Atty. Gen. John Ben Shepperd has taken steps to fight for Texas "right to work" law.

Shepperd petitioned the U. S. Supreme Court last week for permission to present oral argument in a case involving a similar Nebraska law.

Pending the federal judges' decision, the Texas Supreme Court has delayed action on a suit by railway workers to prevent a closed shop agreement between Santa Fe Railway and the unions.

A Texas law passed in 1947 provides that no person shall be denied employment as a result of membership or non-membership in a union.

To be  
Shepperd

### FORTNIGHTLY CLUB REVIEWS THE YEAR

The Fortnightly Study Club held their meeting in the beautifully decorated home of Mrs. W. T. Sadler last month.

The music was given by Mrs. Norman Winter and her Elementary Choral Group composed of Janis Black, Mary McKeever, Marie Foster, Locetta Smith, Joan Bird, and Melba Horton.

Mrs. Ray Wilson gave a most interesting and informative review of The Book of Ruth by Frang G. Slaughter.

Mrs. David Gamble, president, reported that she had written an article for the Abilene Reporter-News on Safe Driving. Mrs. Gamble spoke to the Elementary School pupils on December 1 on the subject of Safe Driving. Safe Driving signs were placed in the store windows and on the menus of cafes and drug stores.

Delicious and festive refreshments were served to Mrs. Norman Winter, Janis Black, Mary McKeever, Marie Foster, Lovetta Smith, Joan Bird, Melba Horton, Christine Collins, Mesdames Clyde Bartlett, Carroll Benson, Chester Collinsworth, Johnny Cox, W. R. Cypert, Mack Fisher, David Gamble, Comer Haynes, Ben R. Hicks, Earl Hughes, Dale Little, George T. Moore, Homer Patterson, Andy Shouse, Don Warren, Ray Wilson, John Hardesty, S. D. Gamble.

With Mrs. Johnny Cox as hostess the Fortnightly Study Club met in the REA Building for their late November meeting.

Due to the illness of the REA Economist the scheduled demonstration and lecture were not given.

Mrs. David Gamble, president, discussed plans for Safe Driving Day in December.

Mrs. Homer Patterson, treasurer reported that in addition to the pleasure of being hostess to the Annual Turkey Dinner given

in the school cafeteria for the town, the club had made a net profit of \$108.45.

Fifteen club members attended the meeting.

### Merkel Marine In Big Maneuvers

Jackie Whisenhunt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Whisenhunt, was honored with a surprise birthday party, November 25, celebrating his fourth birthday.

Guests sharing the birthday cake and the opening of gifts with Jackie were, Sandra and Randy Rister, Johnnie, Jeannie and Barbara Whisenhunt, and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Rister, and the host, Mr. and Mrs. Whisenhunt.

### UNION RIDGE HD MEET WITH MRS. BUNTIN

The Union Ridge H. D. Club met in the home of Mrs. Beauford Buntin, December 16, for the Christmas Party.

Miss Mabel McRee, President, was in charge. After a short business session, Mrs. Alma Collins brought a wonderful program on the birth of Christ. She also showed slides telling of her trip to the Holy Land. Mrs. Don Riney sang several Christmas songs.

After the program gifts were exchanged. Refreshments were served to three visitors, Mrs. Alma Collins, Mrs. Lige Harris and Mrs. Don Riney. Seven members and six children were present.

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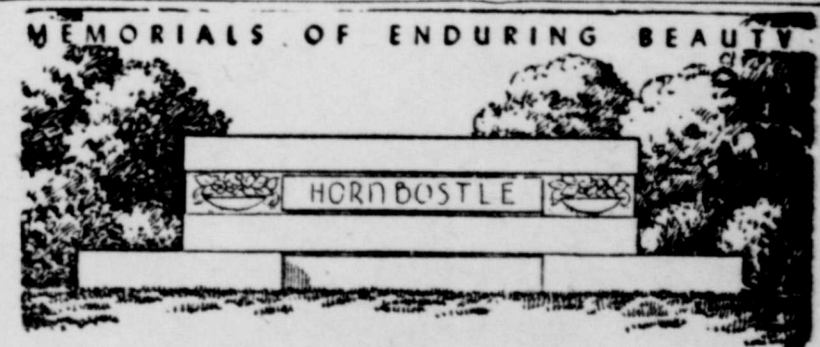
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# HODGES

Derrell Sloan spent the week-end with his cousin, Billy Sloan, of Noodle.

Uncle John Green who lived at Hodges a long time and moved to Anson, passed away and was buried at Mid-way Cemetery Sunday. He leaves a host of friends at Hodges.

Miss Durlene McCoy of Hodges has rheumatic fever in the first stages. She can continue to go to school, but can't play ball. We're sorry to lose her on the ball team, as she was one of the main guards but we want her to hurry and get well so she can play ball again.

We are starting a New Year and a good twelve inch snow or four inch rain would be new around here. It would be a good way to start things off for the farmers. Maybe that's what is in store for us, here's hoping.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Dillingham have a new girl. This is their second girl.

Darrin Wilson of Lamesa has been visiting his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Harp.

Miss Mae Warren, Gertie Harris have been visiting in O'Donnell with Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Grogan.

# NOODLE

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Adkins of Anson, and Mr. D. Lucas visited in our community Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Callwell visited their daughters and families at Snyder Sunday. Ruby and Paul returned with them after visiting a few days.

Bob Ross was discharged from the Army, and arrived here Friday he and his family left Sunday for Corpus Christi where Mr. Ross has his old job waiting for him.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Pack have moved in the Thompson house, that is located by Mrs. Ross.

Visiting in the home of the Hubert Sullivans are his mother from Oklahoma, also her mother, Mrs. Taylor.

Carl Jackson is in the hospital. He will be there several days.

Mr. and Mrs. James Cox and girls of Velasco, Texas visited in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Cox, other visitors were Rev. and Mrs. Bill Murdock of Odessa, Bernell Crow of Lubbock, and John Winter and Mrs. Winter of Abilene.

Mrs. Earnest Spurgeon, Judy and Carol attended a family reunion at her sisters, Mr. and Mrs. Dyer at Anson Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleve Jefferies had as week-end guests their grand-daughter, Nelda Farmer, and a friend, Kay Jones of Abilene.

Barbara Ann and Brenda Kay Dooley of Abilene visited their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Dooley last week.

Rev. E. L. Reddin preached at the Baptist Church Sunday, as the church is without a pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Owens and Ronnie and Jan of Ft. Worth spent the weekend in the Dick Pack home. Mr. Owens and Mrs. Pack are sister and brother.

Mr. and Mrs. Reager of the Humble Camp visited in Rule over the week-end.

Mrs. Lum Gilbreth and Geneva spent Christmas at their home at Noodle. They are staying in Anson for a while with Joe Northcutt, father of Mrs. Gilbreth who is ill.

Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Genager from Abilene spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Odell Eoff.

Bruno Veckert went to Lamesa Sunday to spend several days with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Lon McDonald and the little new niece Cynda Lou, born December 28.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dillard spent a while Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Dixon.

Mr. and Mrs. Buck Cook visited a while Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Barbee.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace A. McFarland of Ft. Worth visited his mother, Mrs. Althea Davis of Wichita Falls. Were guests in the homes of their mother, Mrs. Mabel Dorton, and brothers, Bill and Lester Dorton, during the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Gustaf of Abilene were guests of Mabel Dorton.

# STITH

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. McDonald Jr. and family went to Brady for a visit with Mr. McDonald's father, Mr. F. J. McDonald Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Harris had as guests for the holidays, Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Tatum of Merkel, Mrs. Ona Spense of Abilene, Rev. and Mrs. Troy Walker of Clovis, N. Mexico, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Brown and girls, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Browning, and Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Browning and children.

Radeen Perry spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Perry.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Ray and girls, Mr. and Mrs. Byron Powell and sons of Ralls were weekend guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Rogers.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Bird visited their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Jones and sons of Hamlin.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Payne had their daughters home for the weekend. They also visited in Big Lake with their son for two days.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Gaines and son, George, from Seminole spent Christmas with Mrs. Gaines parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. John Eakin had as guests over the holidays, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Carter of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Powers from San Antonio, Mrs. Vera Suddreth and daughter of Rising Star, Mr. Harold Hambrick of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Dunagin had as guests Mr. and Mrs. Mickey Allison of Ft. Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Childress of Philly's visited with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Childress for two days.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Rust and boys visited with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph D. Herring of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ray Browning and Children spent the week-end in Oklahoma visiting Mrs. Browning's mother.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Evans had all their children home for Christmas except one daughter-in-law, Mr. Clyde Evans of Houston, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Evans and children of Caps, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Dedmon of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Evans and Nancy. They also had a great grandson there. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hub Evans of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Powell and daughters, Terest and Vickie from Hoags, N. M., Mr. and Mrs. Burnes Powell and daughters, Chyrell and Cynthia of Odessa spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hudson, also Mrs. Huson's brother, Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Lenoir and children from Woodson.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Munday and sons of Ft. Worth, Louise, Bob, Hollis Hudson was guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hudson Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Mashburn had all their children home except one. Mr. and Mrs. Frew Richardson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Carter all of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hogan and family, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gilmore and family of Merkel, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Brinlee and family of Midland, Mr. and Mrs. Whitby Bates and sons of California, and Charles who was home on leave from the Navy.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Loflin and family spent Christmas in Seymour with Mrs. Loflin's mother, Mrs. J. B. Warren. They had as guests New Year's Eve, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Mashburn and son of Robert Lee, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Mashburn and son, Mr. and Mrs. Don Mashburn of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Mashburn of Albany, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Humphries of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brooks of Manchester, N. H., Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Brook and Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Whitfield all of Borger, Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Greech and Joe Don Brooks of Graham and Charles Mashburn.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ray Browning spent the weekend in Oklahoma with Mrs. Browning's mother.

Rev. and Mrs. Jessie Swindell spent Christmas with his parents in Wichita Falls.

Mr. Hulen Hill is in the hospital after being hurt while working on a pulling unit.

**CONGRATULATIONS**  
Mr. and Mrs. Lon McDonald of Lamesa, Texas announced the birth of a daughter, Cindy Lou, born December 28 and weighed 9 pounds.  
Maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Carney and grandparent, Mrs. McDonald.



## FROZEN FOODS

THOMAS — 10-oz.  
Strawberries -- 2 for 49c

DONALD DUCK — 6-oz.  
Orange Juice --- 2 for 33c

DONALD DUCK  
Brussels Sprouts - box 23c

DONALD DUCK  
Green Peas ----- box 19c

KEITH'S  
Broccole Spears -- box 23c

KEITH'S  
Whole Okra ---- box 23c

MORTON — 9-In.  
Fruit Pies ----- each 49c

THOMAS  
Fish Stecks ----- each 33c

THURSDAY  
FRI. & SAT.

STORE HOURS:  
Weekday 7:00 to 6:30  
SATURDAY 7:00 to 9:30

**SPECIALS**  
JAN 28  
THURS. 5-6

**CHERRIES** Sturgeon Bay RSP 303 2 for 39c

**Purple Prunes** Hunt's No. 2 1/2 Can 2 for 49c

**PINEAPPLE -** Papa Seita Crushed - 303 2 for 39c

**PEAS -----** Mission 303 Can 2 for 29c

**Green BEANS** Our Value 303 Can 2 for 29c

**CORN -----** Del Monte Golden - 303 2 for 29c

**SOUR KRAUT** Del Monte 303 Can 2 for 29c

**Pork & Beans** Van Camp's No. 2 Can 2 for 33c

**PUMPKIN --** Del Monte 303 Can 2 for 29c

## SPRY RED PLUM FLOUR COFFEE PEACHES

Shortening 3-Lb. Can 59c

BAMA 20-oz. Glass 29c

Gladiola 10-Lb. Bag 73c

Ranch Style Pound 79c

Serra Mission No. 2 1/2 Can, 2 for 49c

SALAD DRESSING  
**MIRACLE WHIP**  
PINT 29c  
JAR

## VEGETABLES

FRESH LETTUCE ----- lb. 12c

FLORIDA ORANGES ----- lb. 7c

SUNKIST LEMONS ----- lb. 12c

FRESH SQUASH ----- lb. 12c

WINESAP APPLES ----- lb. 15c

FRESH CAULIFLOWER ----- lb. 10c

IDAHO NO. 1 SPUDS ----- lb. 5c

FRESH TOMATOES -- ctn. 15c

Betty Crocker 2-In-One  
CAKE MIX ----- Deal  
FROSTING ----- 49c

3-MINUTE  
POP CORN -- 2 cans 29c

ARMOUR'S DOG FOOD  
DASH --- 3 cans 39c

NABISCO  
CRACKERS ----- lb. 23c

MILK  
PET ----- 2 tall 23c

WOLF  
TAMALES --- 2 Cans 39c

KUNER'S JUICE — 46-oz. Can  
TOMATO ----- 2 for 49c

*Finest Quality* **MEATS**

CHOICE HEAVY BEEF  
CHUCK Roast Lb. 37c

CHOICE HEAVY BEEF  
T-BONE Steak Lb. 49c

HORMEL MIDWEST  
Bacon --- lb. 35c

READY TO EAT PICNIC HAM --- lb. 35c

SKINLESS GOOCH WEINERS --- lb. 29c

FRESH GROUND BEEF --- lb. 29c

KRAFT LONGHORN CHEESE --- lb. 49c

PURE PORK — Cello — Wilson --- lb. 29c

CHARMIN <b>TISSUE</b> 4 Rolls --- 29c		CHARMIN <b>NAPKINS</b> --- 2 for 23c	
LIFEBUOY 2 BATH 1 REG. ALL FOR <b>23c</b>		BREEZE PRIZE SOAP GIANT BOX <b>63c</b>	
LUX GOLD SEAL SOAP 3 BARS <b>23c</b>		BREEZE PRIZE SOAP LARGE BOX <b>29c</b>	

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