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## WORDS OF WISDOM

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; but fools despise wisdom and instruction. — Proverbs 1:7.

If you went anywhere, did anything, had visitors, got married, got sick, got well or failed to recover, that's news and your friends would like to know about it. Phone your news to the Merkel Mail, Phone 61, Merkel, Texas.

## POST SCRIPTS

By Uncle Ned

Just browsing about town I notice where Carson's Food Store is giving away a "Jalopy." All a person has to do is go by and register. Now isn't that easy!

He calls it a "Jalopy" but do you . . . some folks would like to have a car that good to bring them to town and back. I say "and back" cause in the old days you had to worry about getting back after you got where you were going!

Kids would just love to own this "Jalopy" cause it's painted three different colors, including black. The other less elaborate colors are orange and purple. Wouldn't that just scramble the eggs!

This is my first column under the new "boss" and he says there's gonna be some changes made around here so I'm changing my column to keep in line with the rest. If you don't like it, there's a good program on TV. If you've read this far, you might as well read on. The rest is just as bad as the first.

School started this week and it kinda gets lonesome around the house without the youngsters. It's like givin' yourself a hot-foot. It feels so good when you stop. But the youngsters are excited, especially those just starting. My, but they have a long way to go. I really thought I was something my first day at school. I came home wondering why I couldn't read and write. That was 29 years ago and I still can't write!

I know mothers hate to see the little darlings go back to school! One reason is because it reminds them of their age. My widow, (I say widow 'cause she says I'm married to a newspaper) and two kids made out alright Tuesday morning. Mama ended up attending school and the little ones stayed home and kept house.

A certain Baptist preacher in Merkel went bird hunting the other day, only he got the worse end of the deal. His arm is black and blue. He said the shotgun threw him down and stomped him. Poor birds! They're sure rough on a feller.

Booth Warren reports only nine doves in his deep freeze. Something is wrong or else something is wrong with his shooting. Ten is the limit and he only has nine to show for his efforts. He didn't mention how many shells it took to bag the nine. If it were me, it would take at least two boxes.

Clyde Eager and friends reported baggin' the limit. Some one asked me if crows, meadow larks and hawks were included in the limit. Of course I don't know. Some times it takes at least one of those for me to make any kind of showing when I go hunting.

That's about like my fishing. If I can't count polly wogs, sun perch and turtles, I couldn't say I caught any.

I gave up to take up fishing. After 12 years of fishing, I wished I'd stayed with golf.

## TRENT

The Trent school system seems to be expanding, what with many building constructions under way, a registration of 200 pupils, with more to register probably, and new credited subjects offered, it is definitely on the up trend.

Of the 200 students registered there are 17 new faces. And of the 200 there are 10 colored students registered at the colored school. Under construction are a new lunch room, 2 dressing rooms, a new concession stand at the football field; a new work shop and V. A. classrooms, besides new sheds for the school buses.

For the first time in the schools history, they will have a band of about 40 members, complete with new West Point styled uniforms, to accompany the football boys everywhere they go this year. The school also has purchased new blonde science room furniture and equipment. This is the first year for them to offer courses in biology.

The school has a staff of 14 teachers.

## Football Contest To Start Next Week

A weekly cash football contest will start in the Merkel Mail in the near future. The contest will be sponsored by local merchants and everyone can take part and enjoy working the contest.

The contest will appear in this paper each week. A cash prize of \$5.00 will be awarded the winner each week. All you have to do is check the team you pick to win from each ad appearing on the page, bring it to that place of business before game time each week.

For a perfect score, a prize of \$15 will be awarded the winners. There's nothing to buy and you will be notified if you win.

In case of a tie, the winners will be awarded according to first entry received, \$3.00; second, \$2.00. Extra copies of this contest will be available at the Merkel Mail office FREE of charge. Watch for these ads!

## Johnson Rites Wednesday

Mrs. S. P. Johnson, 89, mother of J. D. Johnson of Merkel, died at 7:25 p.m. Monday at the home of a daughter, Mrs. H. I. Box of Hamby. Funeral services were held in Elliott's Chapel of Memories in Abilene Wednesday, with Rev. Oemar Fanning, pastor of the Hamby Baptist Church officiating. He was assisted by Rev. Paul Nelson, pastor of the Elm Dale Baptist church. Burial was in Cedar Hill Cemetery.

Mrs. Johnson was a resident of Taylor County since 1906 and for the past 14 years had made her home with her daughter in Hamby. She was born July 3, 1867 in Hancock County, Tenn., and was married there before moving to Taylor County. Her husband preceded her in death in 1942.

Survivors include two daughters Mrs. Box of Hamby and Mrs. T. L. Graham of Dallas; six sons, Joe Bailey Johnson of Vernon, Jack Johnson of Wichita Falls; J. B. and D. G. Johnson of Abilene, J. D. of Merkel and Oscar of Pampa; a sister, Mrs. Ella Presley of Tenn.; 26 grandchildren and 40 great-grandchildren.

## Gift Tea Honors Jane Williams

Honoring June Williams, bride elect of Jerry Estep, both of Trent, a gift tea was given in the home of Mrs. Geta Williamson, Saturday, August 25, from 7 till 9.

The couple will be married Sept. 8, with the Rev. Gene Jorgenson officiating, in the First Baptist Church of Trent. Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Williams, and Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Estep, all of Trent.

Hosting the affair with Mrs. Williamson were Meses. Ronnie Freeman, Frank Carter, Carl Edwards, R. O. Payne, Cecil Taylor, Foy Steadman, Marvin Freeman, H. J. Keagans, L. R. Dudley, Odell Dickerson, Earl Strawn, Percy Scott, Sherman Driggers.

The table was laid with white net over white satin, tied at the corners with gold bows centered with rose buds. Centepiece was in gold, white and chartreuse, the bride's chosen colors, featured with white and gold baby mums, with a miniature parasol of chartreuse frothed underneath with white net.

Punch was served from a crystal punch bowl, plate favors were pictures of the couple with the

## Mrs. Gilbert Arrives in Tripoli

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Gilbert received word last week that their daughter-in-law, Mrs. Bobby Glenn Gilbert, and young son, John Mark, had landed in Tripoli, North Africa. They arrived August 17 to join their husband and father, 1st Lt. Bobby G. Gilbert, who is an Air Force pilot on duty with the 431st Fighter Interceptor Squadron in Tripoli.

## Merkel Student To Enroll At McMurry College

Connie Mac Seymore of Merkel has indicated that she plans to enroll as a new student at McMurry College this fall, according to Jerome Vannoy, McMurry registrar.

Vannoy said that new applications for admission to the Methodist college are coming in daily, and additional new students from Merkel may enroll on or before Sept. 11-14, the fall registration days.

The McMurry registrar said "All indications point to a 10 per cent in regular student enrollment over last year's record of 786 students." The general rise in college enrollments throughout the nation is reflected in McMurry registration figures, which have risen steadily for the past four years, he said.

A new classroom building, now under construction on the McMurry campus will be ready for occupancy in November, and a new girls' dormitory is scheduled for completion in the spring.

## Infant's Rites Held Tuesday

Harvey William Townzen Jr., month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Townzen, 2711 S. 2nd St., Abilene, died Sunday at 10 a.m. at his home. Cause of death was believed to be pneumonia.

An autopsy is being performed on the infant and a ruling is expected to be made soon by Justice of the Peace, H. F. Long. Funeral was held Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. at the Assembly of God, with Rev. H. S. Earp of Abilene and Wm. S. Agnew of Merkel officiating.

Survivors include the parents, a sister, Ramona Ann, the Maternal Grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Augusta LeBleau of Opelousas, La. Also the Paternal Grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Townzen of Merkel. Mrs. Ray Harrison of Merkel is the child's aunt.

## NOODLE

Mr. W. E. Pistole, superintendent of the Noodle Schools reported that 122 students have registered and more are expected. This enrollment exceeds that of last year by about 10 or 12 and is well above normal.

The Noodle classes have elected the following officers for the 1956-1957 school term:

Senior officers: President, Myrna Patterson; Vice President, Robbie Goode; Secretary-Treasurer, Judy Spurgin; Reporter, Sandra Spraberry; Sponsor, Mrs. L. R. Posey.

Junior officers: President, Nancy Hunter; Vice President, Edwin Dixon; Secretary-Treasurer, Karon Irvin; Reporter and Annual Staff Representative, Rex Cox; Sponsor, Mr. W. E. Pistole.

Sophomore officers: President, Shirley Lucas; Vice President, Billy Sloan; Secretary, Wanda Light; Reporter, Delores Hunter; Treasurer, Jerry Goode; and Sponsor, Mrs. Raymona Pinnington.

Freshman officers: President, Nancy Campbell; Vice President, Virginia Mize; Secretary, Joe Grissom; Treasurer, Marilyn Ony; Reporter, Ruby Caldwell, and Sponsor, Mr. Gerald Jennings.

The 7th and 8th grade officers are: President, Ray Rhynes; Vice President, Earl Grissom; Secretary, Paula Skidmore; Treasurer, Louise Rhynes; Reporter, Laura Carter; and Sponsors, Mrs. Robt Pence and Mr. Ernest Tate.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Spence and Buddy visited the W. R. Spence home last Monday.

wedding date engraved.

Willie Pearl Mathews was at the piano thruout the evening. The couple will live in Lubbock, where both will attend Texas Tech.

## Some 2,000 Attend School Open House Here Sunday

Merkel schools got underway for the 1956-57 season Tuesday morning and showed an outstanding increase to enroll in the newly dedicated buildings, according to Mr. Mack Fisher, superintendent.

Classes started Tuesday after registrations Friday and more students enrolled than were previously anticipated. The increase was due to the increase of families from Abilene Air Force Base moving to Merkel.

Mr. Fisher reported 194 enrolled in high school alone which is a slight increase over last year. Mr. C. A. Farley reported a total of 519 enrolled in the elementary schools with 276 in primary and 243 in Elementary.

In addition to Air Force personnel, oil activities in recent months have brought many families to Merkel, as well as construction workers on the new Highway 80 being built through Merkel.

Farm workers in the area are expected to bring a few additional enrollments in the near future.

## GOODMAN HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB

The Goodman Home Demonstration club honored the men with a chicken barbecue Monday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Karl Bonneau.

Each one sent enough chicken for their family ahead of time and Mrs. Bonneaux had the barbecue ready when every one arrived about 7:30 p.m. The ladies took beans, potato salad, pickles, onions, pies and cakes. Mrs. Frank Carter and Mrs. Grover Blair brought along the home made ice cream.

This was one of the best suppers we have had in some time and are looking forward to Mrs. Bonneaux doing some more barbecuing real soon.

Those present were Mr. Bonneaux, mother from San Antonio, Mrs. W. L. Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Fain Jordan, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Carter, D. L. Butler, H. H. Windham, Dan Butler, and Grover Blair. The Cal McAnich's phoned they were unable to attend at the last minute on account of Cal having sprang his ankle.

## Hospital Notes

The following persons were admitted to the Sadler Clinic during the past week.

Mrs. Lucy Ford, Merkel  
Mrs. Charles Washburn, Merkel  
J. T. Reagan, Wingate  
Bill Winter, Abilene  
T. C. Satterwhite, Merkel  
Mrs. Dee Moore, Merkel  
Billy Mac Gilbert, Merkel  
Mrs. Hugh Grayson, Merkel  
Luther Treadwell, Coiorado City  
Mrs. J. E. McDaniel, Merkel  
Mrs. Bobby Bradford, Midland  
Baby Boy Starks, Kerkel  
Mrs. Jack McCright, Sweetwater  
Betty Cole, Anson  
Robert Harris, Merkel  
Mrs. Paul Baty, Merkel  
Marvin Woodard, Hawley, surgery  
Mrs. J. F. Patterson, Merkel, surgery

## NEW ARRIVALS

A boy to Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Childress, Merkel. He weighs 8 pounds and 12 ounces. He was born September 4.

A boy to Mr. and Mrs. Celestino Garcia, Merkel. He weighs 8 pounds and 12 1/2 ounces. He was born September 4.

## Roy Largent Day Set At State Fair

September 11 has been designated at the 1956 West Texas Fair as "Roy Largent and Hereford Day."

Mr. Largent, who has become known as "Mr. Hereford" throughout the cattle industry of America, will have to work for his honor that day, however, for he is judge of the Hereford show.

## FIRST BAPTIST TO HEAR DALLAS SPEAKER NEXT SUNDAY MORNING

In cooperation with other churches in Merkel and Taylor County in the observance of county wide campaign for education on the liquor question the speaker at the morning service next Sunday will be Rev. R. R. Holton, representative of the Texas Alcohol-Narcotic Education, Inc.

The insidious vipers alcohol and narcotics like best to be let alone. They certainly do not like to have the light of truth turned upon them. The program of the Texas Alcohol-Narcotic organization is to bring the people of the communities up to date on the question. Like a search light the beam will be thrown directly upon the true nature and activities of the greatest single destroyer in our midst, Merkell Baptists need to know the truth and it is the purposes of the pastors of the community thru the use of the visiting speakers next Sunday morning to let us know what is going on and what we can best do to aid in the fight against the enemy that destroys both body and soul of both youth and old age. It promises distinction and gives the dregs of futility in surroundings of want and devastation.

We are happy to have Rev. Holton as our speaker. He did his college work at Wayland and was well known to pastor Sewell of First Baptist who commends him wholeheartedly to his people. Rev. Holton, formerly of Muleshoe, Texas gave up a prosperous business career in that Panhandle city to prepare himself for the ministry after he was a man with a family. Hear him for he is a man with a message.

## Bermuda Short In Style For Editor

Bermuda shorts became quite popular with this editor Wednesday afternoon. Short is the correct term for this particular incident because it only included one leg. I guess you'd call that SHORT wouldn't you?

Here's why. The editor was working around the press when his britches leg became entangled with a rotating shaft. It almost had him pulled into the machine when his pants leg gave way to the strain.

What could have been serious results ended in one pair of pants minus one right leg. The editor wore Bermuda Short the rest of the afternoon.

**CEMETERY FUND**  
Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Perry \$10.00  
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Mrs. G. H. Bullock 5.00  
Charles Williams 25.00  
B. R. Hughes 10.00  
Joe Higgins 5.50

## BERTHA LORITA PATTERSON IS BRIDE OF JARRELL H. SHARP

Bertha Lorita Patterson and Jarrell Howard Sharp exchanged double ring wedding vows in the Merkel Methodist Church at 4:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

Dr. George Steinman, head of the department of religion at McMurry College, was officiant. He was assisted by the Rev. Cloy Lyles, pastor. Ann Bynum of Abilene and Dorothy King of Throckmorton were organist and soloist, respectively.

The altar was draped in white velvet featuring a light cross flanked by burning white tapers. White mums flowed from the choir loft to the base of the cross. Centering the altar was a Swedish steel prie-dieu with a single cathedral taper at each side.

Parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Patterson. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Sharp of Amarillo are parents of the bridegroom.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a dress of French imported hand clipped lace over tulle and white satin. The figurine bodice of lace featured an elongated waistline and long tapering sleeves. The scalloped neckline was embroidered with sed pearls and iridescents and was highlighted by a dainty nylon tulle yoke applique with self designs of lace and re-embroidered with seed pearls. The voluminous carpet length skirt of scalloped lace spread over satin and a pleated nylon tulle flounce. Her fingertip veil of illusion fell from a tiara of seed pearls and paillettes. She carried a bouquet of white roses entwined with strands of pearls.

The bride's sister, Sandra Patterson, was maid of honor.

## Memorial Day Quite In Merkel

Memorial Day was quite and peaceful in Merkel with the exception of one loud crash around 2:00 p.m. Monday.

The stillness of the day was disturbed when a trailer type truck crashed into the porch extending from the Hick's Auto Supply on Main Street.

A Fort Worth electric company truck turned the corner too sharp and the trailer part crashed with the extending roog causing extensive damages to the truck and building.

The truck was driven by Royce Elledge of Fort Worth. No injuries were reported. Otherwise no excitement was reported in Merkel on Memorial Day, 1956.

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About two hundred people attended the formal dedication ceremonies of the new Merkel school buildings and annex, on Sunday, September 2. Dr. Joe Humphrey, academic dean of McMurry College in Abilene, was the dedication speaker.

Dr. Humphrey stated three challenges. First, the challenge of an increasing recognition of the dignity and value of the human personality; second, the challenge of dedicating ourselves to the search for truth and better use of the scientific processes; third, the challenge to increase our faith in the cooperative, team play approach to the identification and solution of our problems. He said, "These properties belong to all the people. They were built in order that all the children of all the people might have better educational opportunities."

The present school board members and the former trustees for thirty-five years back were recognized. Architects and contractors were also recognized.

Fifty-five beautiful floral arrangements which were sent by friends of the school system were on display in the auditorium, the gymnasium, and in the annex and existing high school.

Those responsible for the beautiful flowers which added so much to the pleasure of the occasion were Carson Brothers, Starbuck Company, Adcock Cleaners, 9th Street Barber Shop of George Epperson, Sadler Clinic Hospital, Cyrus Pee Insurance Agency, Mack's Dry Cleaners, Merkel Masonic Lodge, Merkel Cooperative Station, Couden Service Station, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Bartlett, Ayers Grocery, The Merkel Mail, The Mellingers, Hicks Auto Supply, West Company, Misses Floral Company, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil White, Continental Oil Company with Irvin Thompson, agent and the Jack Collier Station and the John Perry Station.

A. L. Shouse, Higginbotham-Bartlett Lumber Co., L. L. Boutwell, Taylor Electric Cooperative, Gil-Mor Chemical Co. of Dallas, Kimbell, Abilene Co., Royal Crown Bottling Co. of Abilene, Foremost Dairies of Abilene, Waldwell Music Co. of Abilene, Holt's Sporting Goods Co. of Wichita Falls, Underwood Chemical Co. of San Angelo.

West Texas Utilities, Meads Bakery of Abilene, Merkel Telephone Co., C. and S. Sporting Goods of Fort Worth, Lion Hardware Co. of Abilene, Carson Plumbing and Heating of Stamford, Hillyard Chemical Co. with Ralph Logan as representative, World Insurance Co. with C. E. Anderson as General Agent of Dallas, Marian B. Webb of Huntington Laboratories, Inc. of Dallas, Prichard and Abbott of Fort Worth, B. H. Horn and Employees of Abilene, The Farmers and Merchants National Bank.

Boney Insurance Agency, Braggs Dry Goods, Bill's Garden Shop, Woogy's Cafe, Wood's Store, Hobbs Electric, Abilene Laundry with Grover Gilbert as representative, John McKinzie Motors, R. S. Smith of Fort Worth, Don Hampton and Thomas Welch of Sweetwater.

About a thousand people attended the open house from four until six o'clock on Sunday afternoon and many came on Monday.

## Swim Pool Stays Open In Merkel

The Merkel swimming pool will remain open until cold weather closes them for the season, was the information handed the Merkel Mail Wednesday afternoon by Dr. Don Warren, president.

"Due to the late start for the season, Dr. Warren said, the swimming pool will remain open as long as folks want to swim."

Merkel's swimming pool was open last month after a group of citizens formed an association and sold stock to finance repairs of an abandoned pool on the Shannon farm southwest of here.

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## IT'S TIME TO FACE FACTS

We shouldn't have to keep reminding adults of their responsibility for keeping children safe in traffic — but we do.

The need is obvious when the National Safety Council reports more than 2,000 children killed and 40,000 injured each year in motor vehicle accidents.

Admittedly, the heedless actions of many child traffic victims thrust them into dangerous situations. But even in such cases, adults must accept the blame.

By their very nature, children are excitable, heedless and unthinking. We, as adults, know this. Yet, somehow, we expect every child to realize instantly that an automobile is a deadly monster if he strays into its path. We expect the child to know more about stopping distances and speed than most drivers know themselves.

If you think that's stretching a point, think back how many times the excuse is used, "I couldn't stop in time" or "I didn't see him soon enough."

Any driver who has run down a child knows the "ifs" that are on his conscience. "If I had been going a little slower!" "If I had been more wide awake." "If . . ."

It's time for all adults to face up to their full responsibility for our shamefully high child pedestrian toll. It's time for all adults to adjust their driving, increase their alertness when driving in any area where children may be walking or playing. It's time for all drivers to keep a sharp look-out for children and to be ready to protect them from their heedless behavior when necessary.

It's time for every parent to try harder than ever before to prepare his child for the dangers of traffic . . . by teaching and his own example.

Half way measures are not enough; and we still haven't done enough.

We as adults must accept fully and without reservation the fact that we must "be our brother's keeper" when it comes to children in traffic.

The Texas Safety Association says that's not just a high minded goal to strive for. It's an absolute minimum requirement for every adult who wants to be able to live with himself!

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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 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: J. W. FOSTER, Defendant,  
Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 104th District Court of Taylor County at the Court-house 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 this issuance of this citation, same being the 17th day of September A.D. 1956, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the first day of August A.D. 1956, in this cause, numbered 8003-B on the docket of said court and styled BEATRICE FOSTER, Plaintiff, vs. J. W. FOSTER, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and defendant were married on or about April of 1952 and lived together until on or about July of 1952. Plaintiff shows that there is no community property to be adjudicated and no children born of said marriage. Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of abandonment and asks that her maiden name of Efrid be restored to her, 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 this issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

The officer executing this writ

**ANDY SHOUSE**  
- Real Estate -  
115 BENT ST.

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 seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this 1st day of August A.D. 1956.

(SEAL)  
Attest: R. H. ROSS, Clerk  
104th District Court,  
Taylor County, Texas.  
By Mrs. Jesse R. Swindell,  
Deputy.

Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Hasten and daughter, Lou Venie returned recently from a trip to the Ozarks. While gone they visited relatives in Oklahoma and Arkansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Spratlan and family visited Tuesday with his sister, Mrs. U. L. Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Don Doan of Stamford, and the Gray Pope family of Anson.



## TODAY'S THE DAY

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## TODAY'S Meditation



God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. ((Romans 5:8.))

One of the greatest social reformers was Lord Shaftesbury of England. He fought for the emancipation of the factory worker, the miner, and the chimney sweep of the nineteenth century. His concern was for the children who were forced into labor. His heroic fight is one of the noblest chapters in the story of man's struggle for freedom.

He was asked on one occasion in the House of Lords why he was so concerned with such people. He replied, "I have undertaken this task because I regard the objects of it as being created like ourselves, by the same God, redeemed by the same Saviour, and destined for the same immortality."

In saying this, he not only revealed the secret of his own esteem of his fellows, but also made plain the only true basis of reverence for human life. What transformation we would see if all men, everywhere, believed as he did!

### PRAYER

O God, we see how highly Thou dost regard us, for Thou didst make us in Thine own image. When that image was marred by sin, Thou didst send Christ to be our Saviour. We consecrate our energies to overthrow all that disregards the sacredness of human life. In Jesus' name. Amen.

### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

I will remember that Christ died for every man, woman, and child I shall meet today.

M. A. McDowell (New Zealand).

## "Behind Scenes In American Business"

— by Reynolds Knight —

Credit for businessmen is becoming more expensive, and there are no signs that this is a temporary situation. Interest rates are firming all along the line, largely as a result of Federal Reserve Board action in raising the so-called rediscount rate at most member banks.

It has been standard practice for the F.R.D. to take steps like this, to try to prevent money from becoming so easy to borrow that unwise, inflationary tendencies develop. Sometimes such efforts have coincided — sequentially or not — with a letdown in business activity, and then monetary policies have had to be reversed.

Apparently it isn't easy, for the Federal Reserve or anybody, to inject a little more discipline into the use of money and credit without causing businessmen undue anxiety. Many people erroneously assume the government is actually trying to hold down on business activity when it adopts tighter money policies, and this causes expansion plans to be curbed or postponed.

For the average individual with a savings account, however, the firmer money rates are beneficial, because the interest rates on savings accounts keep going up. Not long ago they were paying only 2 per cent; now 3 is quite unusual, and some banks and savings-and-loan associations are moving toward even higher rates. This will help those who are savers rather than borrowers.

SUEZ SEIZURE — The implications of the seizure of the Suez Canal have been serious, of course, but less so than they might have been before World War II when our nation was largely dependent on crude rubber shipped through the Canal from the Far East. Today, in the opinion of John L. Collyer, B. F. Goodrich company chairman, interruption of shipping through the Canal would have little effect available to the United States or

fect on the supplies of rubber at the erst of the world.

He points out that less than 30 per cent of the new rubber used in America this year was natural rubber routed through the Canal. Sixty-one per cent of the rubber used was man-made and about nine per cent of the crude used here arrived via other routes. Fortunately, Collyer says, world inventories of the man-made product are highest since World War II and production capacities are ample enough to allow still further increases of its use. Also, the rubber company executive adds, crude rubber can be shipped by other routes if the Suez is closed or if conditions for using the Canal are not ac-

ceptable to ship operators.

THINGS TO COME — "Kiss proof" garlic has been developed by a Brooklyn firm which claims it has no after-odor or after-taste. . . . But even if a burglar had been eating the new garlic, a new electronic alarm system employing infra-red, modulated light will "smell" him out. It sends out and receives an invisible beam. . . . Standee workers will soon have a cure for cold feet — a heated rubber mat.

MID-WEST JUBILEE — Proof that travel has become big business can be seen at the gay but impressive Mid-African Jubilee that St. Louis is offering as the successor to its famed fair of 1904. Travel is the theme of many of the major exhibits at the Mississippi riverfront exposition. Fashion shows under the geodesic dome feature travel clothes. The food building has displays on how and where to eat while traveling. American Car & Foundry is showing a model railway exhibit of its ACF-Talgo lightweight train now running as the Rock Island's Jet Rocket and soon to be seen on other lines. A "we-never-had-it-so-good" gallery display of old-time auto gadgets and driving dilemmas is being shown by Carter Corburetor. Its "Auto-Biography" exhibit also features working models of the latest fuel systems. In addition to these ACF Industries' exhibits there are other that depict travel on water and in the air — including a rocket to the moon.

PLAN FOR COAL — The coal industry has just mapped out a program for handling an increased share of the fuel market and raising its capital needs, according to industry sources.

Two of the giant steps necessary to reach its goals are obtaining by 1961 an adequate supply of hopper cars to transport an additional 100 million tons of coal each year and securing an increase in the tax depletion allowance. Trade sources estimate that the allowance from 10 per cent to 15, industry will need \$1,500,000,000.

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in capital by 1956 and a part of this could come from the increased depletion allowance. But to meet the demands of the increased market, it will be necessary to replace obsolete cars and add a sizeable number. Therefore, the industry's main effort is directed at having 100,000 open-top cars constructed during the next five years.

BITS O' BUSINESS — The val-

ue of U. S. imports during July per cent higher than in the same month last year and \$12,000,000 above the June level. . . . The jewelry industry sees relief from the excise tax on their products next year. . . . As a result of the steel price increase, some major household appliance manufacturers are already announcing price increases on refrigerators, freezers and electric ranges.

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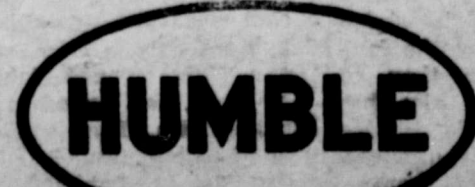
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### Boy Scouts Get a Lesson In Citizenship

The Boy Scouts of America, now numbering 4,175,000 boy members and adult leaders, will have a realistic experience in citizenship this year.

Together with the Freedoms Foundation, Inc., of Valley Forge, they will conduct a Get-Out-the-Vote campaign, strictly nonpartisan in its concept and execution.

First they will promote the registration of all persons eligible to vote. A principal reason for not voting is failure to register. It has been aptly said that bad candidates are elected by good people who do not vote.

Throughout the nation before registration days, Scouts will put in public places one and a quarter million posters bearing the slogan, "Vote as you think — but vote November 6."

The Scouts will encourage registered persons to vote on Election Day. On Saturday, November 3, Scouts will call at 35,000,000 homes across the nation. They will hang on doorknobs a Liberty Bell placard bearing the message, "Heed youth's call. Vote as you think, but vote November 6, 1956. Use your freedom to vote."

Scouting has long had participating citizenship based on good character as one of its principal goals. We are certain that this organized and patriotic group, qualified to render effective service, will roll up another mighty Good Turn to the nation.

The job needs to be done. Should the time ever come when Americans lose their interest in the right to vote, and neglect to make the small effort voting requires, the right to vote would gradually disappear. Self-government endures only when the people support it vigorously. The act of voting is in itself an expression of good citizenship and appreciation of democratic privilege. Who can remain sensibly indifferent to an election, that is choosing the men and women whose acts and decisions effect the lives of all of us?

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Davis are the proud parents of a fine baby girl. She weighs 7 pounds and 2 ounces. Her name is Dracinda Kay Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Angie Glenn and mother, Mrs. Nannie Glenn of Big Springs, Texas were house guests of their sister, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Stockbridge, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Patten and family from Blair were visitors in the home of Mrs. Hugh Campbell, Saturday.

Mrs. T. J. R. Swafford left Monday going to Albany, New York to visit her son Dwight and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon E. Gross from Houston, Texas were visitors of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Bird Sr. for the week end.

Dot Swafford of Fort Worth and Max Swafford and family of San Antonio have been visiting their mother Mrs. T. J. R. Swafford.

Rev. and Mrs. C. G. Sewell vacationed on the Largent Ranch last week near Folsom, New Mexico. Lana Kay visited with her sister, Mrs. Howard Ramsey, in Amarillo, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Griffin and son, Hayden, spent the week-end with his brother and family, G. E. Griffin, in Mt. Pleasant.

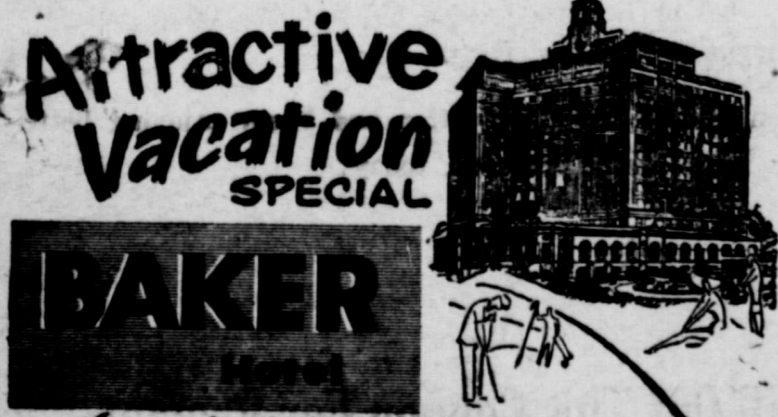
Mrs. Onis Crawford and Mrs. C. G. Sewell attended the W.M.U. House Party in Waco, Texas this week.

Mrs. W. L. Johnson has returned to her home in Fort Worth after visiting with relatives and friends in Anson and Merkel.



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**GREEN BEANS - 303 Size** - - - 2 cans **25c**  
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**TOMATOES - 303 Size** - - - 2 cans **25c**  
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**PEARS - 303 Can** - - - 2 for **45c**

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**SALAD DRESSING** Pint - - - - **31c**  
Peter Pan  
**PEANUT BUTTER** 18-oz. Jar - **49c**  
KIMBELL'S  
**BLACK EYE PEAS - 300 Size** - - - 2 cans **25c**  
RED SEAL  
**POTTED MEAT** - - - - - Can **5c**  
SCHILLING'S  
**BLACK PEPPER** - - - - 4-oz. can **29c**  
LIBBY'S  
**TOMATO JUICE - 46-oz. Can** - - - **29c**

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TOKAY  
**GRAPES** - - - - - lb. **15c**  
GOLDEN  
**BANANAS** - - - - - lb. **12 1/2c**  
JONATHAN  
**APPLES** - - - - - lb. **15c**  
FRESH  
**TOMATOES** - - - - - lb. **15c**  
YELLOW  
**ONIONS** - - - - - lb. **5c**

**MEATS**  
ARMOUR'S STAR DRESSED  
**FRYERS** - - - - - lb. **37c**  
LEAN  
**PORK CHOPS** - - - - - lb. **53c**  
TENDER  
**CHUCK ROAST** - - - - - lb. **37c**  
LONGHORN  
**CHEESE** - - - - - lb. **49c**  
ALL-MEAT  
**WIENERS** - - - - - lb. **39c**  
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**SLICED BACON** - - - - - lb. **39c**

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# NOODLE NEWS

Mrs. John Thompson is visiting in Oklahoma, where she is visiting her son, Johnny and wife who have a new baby.

Ruby and Paula Caldwell visited Mr. and Mrs. Tex Ellis in Sweetwater last week.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Cooper Saturday were Mrs. Ted McAninch and

girls; Mr. Hester Brewster and Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Clement and boys.

Mr. and Mrs. Ches Cox, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Euckert and boys went to Austin last weekend to a family reunion.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Jennings are at home since spending most of the summer elsewhere.

We are glad to have the Goose-tree family in our community.

She will teach here and her husband works at the Air Base.

Mrs. S. L. Hooper underwent an eye operation at the Hendrick hospital last week, the report is that she is doing fine and the operation was a success.

Mrs. J. J. Parson, Francis, Bobby and Virdis spent last week visiting their daughter, sister and family in Waco.

Mr. Bennie Anderson spent a few days at Corpus Christi last week, fishing and visiting his daughter and family.

Mrs. Minnie Newman of Burkett visited Mr. and Mrs. Cleve Jeffery this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Blu McCoy visit-

ed in Hawley Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Jack Benningfield accompanied her son Leroy and family to Dallas last week, where they visited relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Riley Sprayberry and son attended Church at Bethel Sunday.

Reverend and Mrs. John Hamilton and Chas. were dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Herron Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Cox and children attended a family reunion at Haskell Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Story of Sinclair visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Nath Maxwell, Sunday.

A joint meeting of the following W.M.U. organizations is being planned at the Noodle Baptist Church for Sept. 11th. These consist of members from Stith, Truby, Hawley, Hodges and Noodle. A covered dish luncheon will be served.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Pistole took her father R. H. Barnhart home to Mart Friday. He spent 2 or 3 weeks with them.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Callaway visited Monday night of last week in Wichita Falls with Mr. and Mrs. Doc VanHuss, and then they drove on over to Ardmore, Oklahoma where they visited Mrs. Callaway's two sisters, Mrs. J. G. Duke and Mrs. W. M. Billingsley.

A. J. Barbee Sr. and John Carr went up to Colorado last week, returning Sunday night. They report things looking real good in Colorado.

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Warren Jr. and children from Louisiana are visiting their parents Mr. and Mrs. Chester Lucas and Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Warren Sr.

E. C. Ray and Kenneth had a load of lambs on the San Angelo market Saturday. Prices ran 15c per pound.

Ford Butman of the Canyon has sold Drake Commission Co. of San Angelo along load of mixed lambs and ewes.

The country just south of Merkel on out to the mountains, has always been more of a live stock country, and is usually last to sell out their livestock. But the stock has really gone to market the last two weeks, and we think the move will continue until it rains, or the stock are all sold.

Ray Osborn sold a long load of cattle this week on the Abilene market.

CeVene Neill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Neill has left for Oklahoma this week to attend college. We have she will have a good year in her work.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Toombs Jr. of Farmington, New Mexico and Mrs. Toombs' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Randall, and Mrs. Derrell Randall all visited Mr. and Mrs. Leon Toombs Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Demere over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Swinney had all eight of their children home over the week end.

A four day revival meeting is under way at Pioneer Church. The pastor, Rev. John Ferguson doing the preaching.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Meeks are visiting Mrs. Meeks' relatives in Alabama this week.

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**FOR RENT**—New two bed-room furnished house. Call 113 or contact Mrs. Patterson at 911 South 2nd.

**FOR RENT**—Furnished cottage in Noodle. See Mrs. John C. Thompson in Noodle. 22-tfn.

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We had a fine crowd Saturday night at the Community Club meeting. It was our first Amateur Program, and the turn out was good, with quite a few from Merkel attending. Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Patterson Jr. were present from Ft. Worth.

The Ford Smith string band and the Anderson and Horton string band furnished our music which we all enjoyed very much. The audience was impressed with the two bands playing the "Old Time Religion" with Ford Smith singing, and then the entire audience pointing in.

Little Robert Clemmer, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Clemmer, won first place singing "Jesus Loves Me". Sue King won second and Renea Ferguson took third.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Swinney made a business trip to Lubbock over the week end. They plan to enter Texas Tech.

Allen King, stockman of the Canyon, had a load of ewes on the Ft. Worth market last week.

# Pioneer

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# FACT AND FANCY

by *Lucas H. Richter*

(Wherein the director of public relations at the Gonzales Warm Springs Foundation tells of Texas' own physical rehab center and also throws in a little tongue-in-cheek palaver for which, incidentally, the management is not responsible.)

The Gonzales Warm Springs Foundation for Crippled Children, built by Texans to take care of their own in typical Texas style, has been deterred somewhat in attaining its maximum in growth and usefulness.

The deterrents: lack of adequate information for the public and, on the other hand, a modicum of misinformation. To tell this store adequately is a big and difficult job.

Withal, the Foundation has done and is doing a tremendous job. And that we way serve the citizens of the state even more, the publishers of the Merkel Mail have graciously agreed to permit the publication of this column which will, bit by bit, attempt to tell the Warm Spring story.

That will be the "FACT" portion of this effort. A sample of the "FANCY," which is apt to cover many diverse subjects with emphasis on the fanciful, frivolous, and foolish, follows.

When we had a sold snap in Gonzales recently (the temperature dropped from 104 to 96), it put me in mind for some unknown reason of Percy Shelly's lines; "If winter comes, can spring be far behind."

As I said, I don't know why I had thought and I'm sure no one really cares, but I did want to make it clear that it is not the customary thing for me to have thoughts like that. Likely it has something to do with the change in weather — which, as you know, affects different people different ways.

Some people get rheumatism, others get hay fever. You know how it is.

Another reason I should probably never have brought this thing up in the first place is that someone will think that I'm a name-dropper and a high-brow student of literature. Actually, I have never had much truck with poet-type people, especially when they are named Percy Bysshe.

Shelly's lines on winter leaves me somewhat cold. He assumes that winter is going to be something pretty horrible and that spring is something glorious that we can look forward to now that winter is approaching. In the first place, winter might not be bad at all, especially if it would start raining.

And if it doesn't rain then spring certainly ain't gonna be no great shakes, either.

Besides, I think Percy belabors this business of looking on the bright side. Nobody's going to get very excited on Labor Day about picking colored eggs next Easter.



ANSTIN, Tex. — Instead of simmering down at summer's end, Texas' political pot is boiling more furiously than ever.

New significance has been added to the already-controversial State Democratic Convention next week. Monday the executive committee must certify a winner in one of the most breathtakingly close gubernatorial races in Texas history.

Unofficial counts showed Price Daniel leading Ralph Yarborough by some 3,000 votes. But each side regarded returns in certain areas as questionable.

It promises to be an even closer finish than in 1932 when Mrs. Miriam Ferguson edged out Ross Sterling by 3,798 votes.

Decision of the executive committee apparently is all-important. In the Ferguson-Sterling contest courts refused to interfere with the committee ruling. They said it would delay the general election.

SENATE CANDIDATES JUMP IN — Would-be successors to Price Daniel didn't wait for the vacancy to develop to start scrambling for his U. S. Senate

post. Political observers predict a "real horse race" if Daniel resign in time for a special election.

First formal announcement came from State Sen. Searcy Bracewell of Houston. Bracewell promised to vote with Democrats in organizing the Senate, but made it clear he voted for Ike in '52, and would do so again.

He is a major threat to the Texas GOP's official endorsee, Thad Hutcheson, a young Houston attorney. Hutcheson promised "no token fight."

James P. Hart, former Supreme Court justice and University of Texas chancellor, also has announced.

Congressman-at-Large Martin Dies indicated early in the summer that he would run.

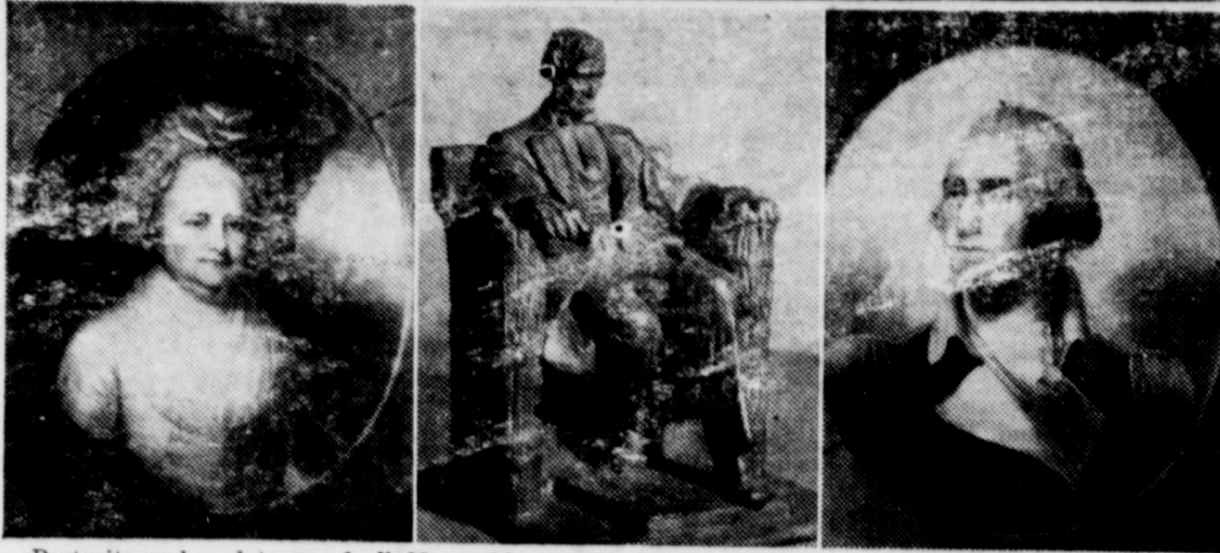
"Names in speculation" include just about every other Texan in or formerly in public life — Ralph Yarborough, J. Evetts Haley, Lloyd Bentsen Jr., John Ben Shepperd, John C. White, Wright Morrow, etc.

Not all will run, of course, but such a rare political opportunity is sure to draw a crowded field. Filing fee is only \$50. High man wins without a runoff.

In the last such election, held in 1941, a total of 29 candidates ran. W. Lee O'Daniel emerged as victor with a blade-thin lead over Lyndon B. Johnson.

DEMO NOMINEES INVITED TO TEXAS — Democrats will make a real fight to regain Texas in the November election, says U. S. Sen. Lyndon Johnson.

## "Mr. President"—State Fair Art Feature



Portraits and sculptures of all 33 presidents of the United States and some of the nation's first ladies will be displayed by the Dallas Museum of Fine Arts in its "Mr. President" exhibition during the 1956 State Fair of Texas, Oct. 6-21. To be included in the show are (above) the famous "Port-hole" portraits of George and Martha Washington, flanking the bronze model of "Lincoln Seated", from which the monumental statue in the Lincoln Memorial at Washington, D. C., was reproduced.

He has invited both nominees presidential Candidate Kefauver to speak in Texas this fall. Vice was specifically urged to attend the Texas Fair at Waco to be held Sept. 29-Oct. 5.

SCHOOL BELLS RING OUT — For millions of Texans the political clamor is almost drowned out this week by the ringing of school bells.

As usual, a "biggest ever" public school enrollment is expected. Texas Education Agency estimates enrollment at 1,754,833, compared to 1,740,784 last year.

No official reports or estimates were available on how many additional schools will be integrated this year. TEA officials, always carefully aloof on the subject said they had "heard of only a few." Only known trouble spot was Mansfield (Tarrant County) where white citizens patrolled the school to prevent registration of Negroes.

A common problem is shortage of teachers. Some 6,000 additional teachers are needed, says the Texas State Teachers Association.

BUSINESS RECORD STILL EXPECTED — Despite a summer slump and farm troubles, forecasters expect Texas' total business volume to set another record in 1956.

According to the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research, index was still two per cent ahead two per cent in July. But the Texas' Bureau of Business Research July 1955.

"Plight of the drought-stricken Texas farmer continues to be the most serious aspect of the state's business situation," said the report. "Farmers not only face fall-

sell. But have very little to

Texas farm prices have fallen 35 per cent since 1951, livestock prices 48 per cent in the same period.

NEW MENTAL HEALTH CODE — Proposals to streamline Texas' mental health code are being drafted by the University of Texas Law School.

Financed by the Hogg Foundation, the project is being conducted with the guidance of the Board for State Hospitals and Special Schools.

Suggested changes would (1) encourage earlier care for mental cases to speed recoveries and reduce expense to the state and (2) modernize administrative procedures for the state hospital system.

CRIMEMOBILE LAUNCHED

—Texas' unique new crimemobile is on the road. It was officially launched in Austin last week with a flash of "truth serum" (sodium amytal) substituted for traditional champagne.

Dallas was first stop for the 40-foot trailer truck with its educational display of modern crime detection equipment. Other major cities are to be visited soon.

Texas Law Enforcement Foundation assembled the crimemobile with contributions from industry,

an indefinite time.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Campbell and children Brenda, Katie, and Clifford of Haskell, Texas, are visitors of their parents Mr. and Mrs. Campbell. They returned home Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Walker, Dale and Betsy visited in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Fox last week. They are from Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Tiede and sons of Sweetwater were Labor Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Renfro.

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 Morning Worship... 11:00 a. m.  
 Training Union... 6:30 p. m.  
 Evening Worship... 7:30 p. m.  
 Wednesday Prayer Service 7:30 p. m.

**W. M. U. Motel**  
 9:30 a. m.  
 Sunday:  
 Bible Study... 9:45 a. m.

**Merkel Church of Christ**  
 Morning Service... 10:45 a. m.  
 Young People's Bible Class 6:30 p. m.  
 Evening Services... 7:30 p. m.

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

**Hebron Baptist Church**  
 Sunday School... 10:00 a. m.  
 Training Union... 7:00 p. m.  
 Evening Worship... 7:30 p. m.

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

**Merkel Assembly of God**  
 Sunday school... 10 a. m.  
 Morning Service... 11 a. m.  
 C. A.'s (Young People)... 7 p. m.  
 Evening Worship... 7:30 p. m.  
 Tuesday W. M. C. ... 2 p. m.  
 Wed. Prayer Service... 7:30 p. m.

**Merkel Calvary Baptist Church**  
 Sunday School... 9:45 a. m.  
 Morning Service... 11:00 a. m.  
 Evening Bible Class... 6:30 p. m.  
 Evening Worship... 7:00 p. m.

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 Masses — 10:30 and Sunday.  
 Rosary Services 7:30 p.m. Fri.

**Tye Methodist Church**  
 Sunday:  
 Sunday School... 10 a. m.  
 M. Y. F. ... 7:00 p. m.  
 Prayer Meeting... 7:30 p. m.  
 Morning Service... 11:00 a. m.

**Noodle Church of Christ**  
 Sunday:  
 Bible Class... 10:00 a. m.  
 Morning Worship Service 11:00  
 Young People's Service 6:30  
 Evening Worship... 7:30 p. m.

**Trent Methodist Church**  
 Sunday School... 10:00 a. m.  
 Evening Worship... 7:30 p. m.  
 Morning Services... 11:00 a. m.  
 M. Y. F. Services... 6:30 p. m.

**Trent First Baptist Church**  
 Sunday:  
 Sunday School... 10:00 a. m.  
 Morning Worship... 11:00 a. m.  
 Training Union... 6:45 p. m.  
 Evening Services... 7:45 p. m.

**W. M. U. 2:15 p. m., Intermediate G. A.'s Jr. G. A.'s 3:45 p. m.**  
 Prayer Services... 7:30 p. m.  
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**Pioneer Memorial Chapel**  
 Sunday School... 10:00 a. m.  
 Morning Service... 11:00 a. m.  
 Evening Services... 7:30 p. m.

**Noodle Baptist Church**  
 Sunday:  
 Sunday School... 10:00 a. m.  
 Morning Worship... 11:00 a. m.  
 Young People's Class 6:30 p. m.  
 Evening Services... 7:30 p. m.

**Trent Church of Christ**  
 Sunday:  
 Sunday... 11:00 o'clock  
 Bible Class... 10:00 a. m.  
 Morning Worship... 11:00 a. m.  
 Evening Services... 7:30 p. m.  
 Ladies Bible Class... 4:00 p. m.

**Men's Downtown Bible Class**  
 Sunday... 8:44 a. m.

**New Live Oak Baptist Church**  
 Sunday:  
 Sunday School... 10:00 a. m.  
 Morning Worship... 11 a. m.  
 Training Union... 6:45 p. m.  
 Evening Worship... 7:30 p. m.

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

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Any producer who has a regular wheat acreage allotment may take part in the Soil Bank's Acreage program for the 1957 winter wheat crop, Robert Shrauner, chairman of the Texas Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee, said today. Producers on farms which receive an allotment as a "new farm" for the 1957 wheat crop, however, are not eligible for participation in the 1957 Acreage Reserve program.

Payments under the program will be made for reducing the acreage of winter wheat below the allotment, designating in a written agreement a specified part of the allotment acreage as acreage to be "reserved" from production. Land so designated may not be cropped or grazed for the period of the agreement.

The rate of payment for wheat acreage placed in the Acreage Reserve varies by counties. The amount of the payment will be based on the normal yield for the farm or the normal yield for the designated acreage, whichever is the smaller.

The Acreage Reserve agreement must be signed not only by the farm operator, but also — if the operator is a share tenant — by each person who as owner or landlord has control of the Acreage Reserve land or who is to receive compensation under the agreement. Provision is made for properly protecting the interests of tenants and sharecroppers under the program.

Chairman Shrauner explained that farmers may designate as much as 50 percent of their allotment or 50 acres, whichever is larger, for inclusion in the wheat Acreage Reserve. However, the wheat acreage designated for the Acreage Reserve may not exceed the wheat allotment. The minimum acreage which the farmer may designate for the Acreage Reserve is 3 acres or the wheat allotment, whichever is smaller.

If any winter wheat is grown on the farm this fall, September 21 is the deadline for signing agreements to place 1957-winter wheat acreage allotment under the Soil Bank's Acreage Reserve.

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### WASHINGTON AND "SMALL BUSINESS"

By C. WILSON HARDIE

As this is written, it is too early to tell what the final outcome will be on the Suez Canal crisis.

But it is not too early to point out that the entire mess is a direct result of the Acheson-Dulles Pollyanna muddleheadedness against which time after time, the nation's independent businessmen, voting through the National Federation of Independent Business, have opposed.



The nation's independent businessmen know you cannot do business by blackmail. Yet for over a decade the U. S. State Dept. has run all over the world with billions in American tax money throwing it around. The reason given has always been that this money has sowed the seeds of peace; yet as evidenced by this incident and many others, over \$70 billion lifted from the taxpayers have only sowed seeds of dissension.

The present head of Egypt is a hard bargainer. He wanted to build a dam, badly needed by Egypt, and out of which the country would make money, for a cost of over a billion dollars. He expected U. S. to kick in handsomely. Apparently, the always-eager-to-give-away-other-people's-money State Dept. led Egypt to believe it would be done.

But also apparently the head of Egypt had learned somewhere the folly of putting all eggs in one basket, so he was also quite friendly with Russia. Then U. S. State Dept. laid down a dictum that ran somewhat to the effect that it was not only sufficient to be neutral, one must also be neutral against Russia if they expected to get any Yankee dollars.

Egypt's head couldn't quite see...  
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it this way, so to get the money he announced he was taking over the Suez Canal which pays about \$100,000,000 per year in tolls to British and French interests, and is also the lifeline of the British oil monopoly.

Immediately the U. S. State Dept. jumped into the fray, as undoubtedly Egypt knew it would. Yet, there is a strong possibility if the U. S. State Dept. had kept its mouth shut in the first place about how it was going to give Egypt a lot of money, the whole mess may have never been stirred up. While the eventual result is in doubt, undoubtedly when the shouting dies away, it will be found that once again the American taxpayer will be soaked to save the necks of a few British cartelists.

In the meantime, according to all reports, American gift shipments of goods are still leaving American shores with no permanent markings to insure that the peoples of the various lands receiving these gifts will know unmistakably that these gifts came from America, not Russia.

A while back John Shaugnessy, an Army packing expert, carried on a crusade to make sure that such goods were plainly marked as from the United States.

He no longer has his job. Presumably he was fired by the Army, but around Washington it is believed his discharge notice was dictated in the State Dept.

It will be interesting to see what Sen. Potter of Michigan has to say on return from Europe where he is investigating matter.

He was assured by the "free-gifts-for-all boys" in Washington that precautions would be taken to see everybody in foreign lands would plainly see the goods were from America. The Senator, however, is apparently taking nobody's word for it. He's taking a looksee himself.

Mr. and Mrs. Holt and Mr. and Mrs. John York were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Bartlett.

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