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Merkel Gets New Street Markers

Twenty-four new street markers are being erected in Merkel this week.

Installation of the markers was voted on during the previous city administration when Fred Starbuck was mayor and Odis Griffin, alderman, was department head of the street department.

As soon as the city acquires the necessary money they plan to erect new markers throughout the city. Work on the present ones is expected to be completed by the end of the week.

Streets being marked are North Second and Martin, Rollins, Marion, West, Thornton, El Paso, Runnels, Kent, Edwards, Lamar, Taylor, Baker and North Third and Nolan. South Second and Haynes, Lois, Trundy, Manchester, Ash, Yucca, Locust, Oak Rose, Cherry and Orange.

Grade School To Hold Pageant

Over 250 students of the Merkel Elementary School will participate in the pageant, "Melodies of the Southland," to be held in the high school auditorium next Thursday night, April 25, at eight o'clock.

The public is invited to this program which will feature four outstanding acts. The fifth graders will present Cowboys and Indians; the sixth graders will have a Spanish Fiesta; the seventh graders will present an old-time minstrel; and the eighth graders will have the grande finale, "On Top of Old Smokey."

The boys and girls will be wearing some beautiful and outstanding costumes.

The arrangements committee for the pageant is composed of Mrs. Carroll Benson, chairman; Mrs. Paul Orsborn; Mrs. Norman; and Mrs. Andy Shouse.

The Merkel Primary School will present its pageant on Thursday night, May 2.

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Merkel Lions Club Luncheon Held Annual Rotan

The regular luncheon of the Merkel Lions Club was held Tuesday at the Community Center with Dr. Don Warren, president, presiding.

A nominating committee was selected and plans were made to send delegates to the district convention in Brownwood, May 10th and 11th.

Members selected for the nominating committee were: Mack Fisher, chairman, C. A. Farley and Isadore Mellinger.

Three Merkel High Students To Meet

Three Merkel High students were winners in the Regional meet at Odessa last week and will be qualified to enter the State meet in Austin, May 3rd and 4th.

Winners who qualified are: Charles Curb, first place in essay writing; Minta McAninch, first place in typewriting; and Robert McLeod who had first place in the high jump and second place in the 120 yard high hurdles.

Other members that did well in the meet but failed to qualify were: Jacky Russell who placed third in 100 and 220 yard dashes, the 440 yard relay team composed of Jacky Russell, Robert McLeod, Kermit Rutledge and Ronny Toombs placed fourth, the mile relay team composed of Manley Denton, Ronny Toombs, Riley Jack Seymore and Joe Neill came in with a third place. Merkel was third in total team scoring with 18 points.

In the poetry reading contest Dana Durham won second place and Joe Cunningham placed third. Sarah Salter was a third place winner in the extemporaneous speaking contest.

Other students in the meet were: Don Wilson, extemporaneous speech and Marilyn Kelso, typing.

Merkel is proud of the fine showing that these students made in the Regional meet and of the teachers and sponsors of the various contests. Accompanying the students to Odessa were the following teachers: Carroll Benson, track coach, Mrs. Bobbie Cooksey, commercial teacher, Mrs. Comer Haynes, speech director, and Billy Ray Nail, sponsor of the number sense contests.

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G. W. Johnson.

The following school trustees have been elected to serve the ensuing year: J. S. Swann, T. A. Johnson, J. T. Toombs, and J. W. Wheeler.

J. D. Porter is having the floor cemented and is otherwise making extensive improvements to his building, occupied by the Grimes garage and Chevrolet sales room of Ira Armstrong.

MERKEL 40 YEARS AGO

Records of births: Girl to Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Morgan; Boy to Mr. and Mrs. Grover Gilbert; and Girl to Mr. and Mrs. John Fulton.

Mayor W. M. Elliott was re-elected to serve his fourth term. Fred Baker and S. D. Gamble were re-elected as aldermen, O. E. Dye to fill unexpired term. Yates Brown was re-elected city secretary.

Fire Prevention Poster Winners

Merkel placed five times out of nine in the district fire prevention poster contest.

Jerry Don McWilliams won second place in the primary division winning two dollars.

In the intermediate division Larry Lee Teaff won first prize which was three dollars and Robert Shouse won second and two dollars.

Wayne Adcock placed third and won a dollar in the high school group.

Winners in the local contest were: Robert Shouse, first; Gary Adcock, second; Larry Lee Teaff, third, in the primary division. In the intermediate division Andria Adcock won first; Jerry Don McWilliams, second; Del Davis, third. Wayne Adcock won first in the high school division. Prizes were five dollars for first place, three for second and one for third.

Honorable mention with a seventy-five cent prize went to Kenneth Hayes, Larry Howard, Albert Gregory, Tommy McAninch, Farris Neill and Jimmy Jacobs.

Judges for the local contest were: Horace Boney, Clyde Wurst and Ollie Fox.

"My thanks to everyone who entered the contest this time. I hope we have a lot more next time and until then keep the fires from starting," says fire marshal, Wayman Adcock.

Firemen, Wives Attend Convention

Eight firemen and five wives from Merkel attended the Fire Convention at Baird last Thursday, April 11.

A business meeting was held at 1:30 p.m. followed by a memorial service for fellow firemen who passed on during the year 1956-57. Merkel's beloved J. Parker Sharp was one of these.

At 4 p.m. teams from each town held races-pumper races, six man hook up, also two man hook up. Merkel ran in all the races but failed to make good enough time to place for the money. "We are proud of the men for trying and maybe we will do better at Hamlin in September," said Wayman Adcock, fire chief.

A barbecue was held at 6 p.m. followed by a dance for those who wished to attend.

Every fireman there was appointed mayor pro-tem by the mayor of Baird for the day.

"The convention was a great success, thanks to the Baird Fire Department," Adcock said.

Those attending from Merkel were: Mr. & Mrs. Clyde Wurst, Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Fox, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Mewborn, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Cypert, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Adcock, George Epperson, Rex Martin and George English.

Baptist Revival Held This Week

Dr. Harry Marko is the evangelist for the revival being held at the First Baptist Church this week. Attendance in the early part of the week was the largest of any similar series of services in some time.

With an unusual cultural background of rearing, environment and formal training, Dr. Marko approaches every question in a fresh and interesting manner.

Those who hear him say that messages by the evangelist are enlightening and inspiring. "His knowledge of the scriptures and deeply spiritual life has set for the services a level that is in keeping with God's evaluation of such an occasion as this," says Rev. Sewell minister of the First Baptist Church.

Slides of Japan To Be Shown
Billy Reid of Amarillo will show slides of Japan at the High School Auditorium Friday, April 19th at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Reid, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Reid, formerly lived in Merkel. He took the pictures while in the service in Japan.

Anyone interested in seeing the slides are invited.

Mr. E. E. Kuykendall of Abilene was guest of her daughter Mrs. Josie Shanks for several days.

TAYLOR ELECTRIC MEET, APRIL 25TH

Couple To Celebrate Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary April 21

Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Russell of Merkel will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday April 21st. They will receive friends and relatives from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the home of their daughter Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Ferguson. Another daughter Mrs. C. F. Knox of Mt. Pleasant, Texas will assist Mrs. Ferguson.

In the receiving line with Mr. and Mrs. Russell will be the daughters and their husbands, Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson and Mr. and Mrs. Knox.

Registering guests will be Mrs. L. Lathan, Mrs. Russell's sister, Mrs. Jas. West and Mrs. Ralph Russell.

In the dining room the table will be laid with a lace cloth over gold taffeta and the floral arrangement will be of yellow roses and crystal.

Serving cake and punch will be Mrs. John T. Morgan of Dallas Texas. Another sister of Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Asa T. Sheppard, Mrs. S. A. Walker of Westbrook, Mrs. Jimmy Russell, Mrs. S. G. Russell and Mrs. Leo Harris.

Music throughout the afternoon will be presented by Mrs. Robert Malone, Mrs. Carl Hughes and Mrs. Andy Shouse.

C. K. (Charlie) Russell came to Merkel as a small boy in 1889 from Mesquite, Dallas County Texas. Mrs. Russell, former Leta Calvert came from Forrester, Ellis County Texas in 1890. They were married April 21st, 1907 while seated in a rubber tired trap. Rev. A. A. Baker performed the ceremony with four couples attending.

Mr. Russell has been engaged

Dinner Honors Burleson, April 25

Six speakers from over the 17th Congressional District will pay tribute to Congressman Omar Burleson at the appreciation dinner honoring him and Mrs. Burleson at Cisco, April 25.

J. E. Connally, Abilene, chairman of arrangements, announced these speakers:

Dr. Rupert N. Richardson, president - emeritus of Hardin-Simmons University, of which Burleson is an ex-student.

Earl McCaleb, former mayor of Anson, speaking for the people of the Burlesons' home town.

Lester Clark of Breckenridge, speaking for the West Central Texas oil industry.

Ex-Congressman Sam Russell of Stephenville whom Burleson succeeded in Congress when Russell decided not to seek re-election in 1946.

Congressman Jim Wright of Weatherford, who will tell of the esteem with which Burleson is held in Congress.

Fred Brown, manager of the Crazy Water Hotel in Mineral Wells and long time friend of Burleson.

Dr. Elwin Skiles, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Abilene, will give the invocation.

Rigdon Edwards, Sweetwater civic leader and oil products distributor, will be master of ceremonies.

The dinner will be held at the Cisco National Guard Armory beginning at 7 p.m. Plans are being made to accommodate more than 600 guests.

Mrs. W. O. Wylie Sr. of Cisco, will play organ dinner music. Breeze Westmoreland, operator of an Abilene music shop, will sing.

Connally, who is 24th Senatorial District Democratic Executive Committee member, said 17th District Democrats arranged the testimonial dinner to give Burleson's constituents an opportunity to honor him for his 10 years of service in Congress.

The 16th annual membership meeting of the Taylor Electric Cooperative will be held in Merkel Thursday, April 25th with registration beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Lester Dorton, general manager of the Co-op, extends a cordial invitation to the public as well as members.

A record crowd of about fifteen hundred or more is expected, according to Earl Watts, electrification advisor.

The program will begin at 10:00 a.m. with the Bill Mack Show from Wichita Falls. Bill Mack, versatile star of Starday Records and KWFT Radio, will feature the Blue Sage Boys.

Little League Managers To Meet

The managers of the Little League will meet in the REA auditorium Friday, April 19 at 7:30 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to auction off players, according to Newt Logan, president of the Little League.

Mother Rescues Drowning Son

Mrs. W. A. Carpenter, who didn't know how to swim, plunged into water over her head in a stock tank yesterday to save her six-year-old son from drowning.

Her son, Larry, had been playing with his dog about 150 yards from their farm home when he fell in the tank, she said.

She said she jumped in the water and walked along the bottom of the tank until she reached her son. After struggling out, she applied artificial respiration and telephoned for an ambulance.

Larry was reported in fair condition at an Abilene hospital.

Hy Whites End Visit In Merkel

Mr. and Mrs. Hy White left for their home in West Palm Beach, Florida, Friday morning. They have been visiting friends in Merkel and Abilene for the past two weeks.

Mr. White is the former publisher of the Merkel Mail and is now with the Palm Beach Post-Times, writing feature stories and editorials.

Mrs. O. C. Blair of Levelland visited his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Cramer Reynolds and family and other relatives and friends this week end.

Mrs. Mabel Dorton visited her son, H. A. McFarland and his wife and Bill Dorton in Ft. Worth last week.

Mrs. J. D. Woodard of Abilene visited Mrs. Mabel Dorton, Tuesday.

Coach Benson Invited To Nominate Top Players For All-Star Squad

Coach Carroll Benson has received an invitation to nominate a lineman and a back from amongst the seniors on last Fall's outstanding Merkel High School team to appear in the ninth annual Greenbelt Bowl game. This all-star game will be held in Childress, Texas, on Friday, August 16th, and will feature the top players from many high schools in West Texas and Oklahoma.

Coaches for the game have not been named yet, but they will be of the same high calibre that have made past Greenbelt Bowl games a high point in the athletic experience of the boys participating in the game. The coaches, when they are selected, will have the difficult task of selecting the 48 boys who will make up the two all-star squads to appear in the game. Many of the boys who have participated in this game have received athletic scholar-

ships as a direct result of their performance in this game.

Welcoming address will be given by Chamber of Commerce president, Charles Hogsett. Rev. DeWitt Chandler, minister of the First Baptist Church of Clyde, will give the invocation at 1:30. Congressman Omar Burleson will speak informally to the group in the afternoon.

Drawings for attendance prizes for members will begin in the morning and continue throughout the day.

There will be displays of farm machinery, automobiles and major household appliances at the meeting.

Merchants that will have displays and donate attendance prizes are: Farm Machinery Co., Palmer Motor Co., Badger Chevrolet, John McKinzie Motors, White's Auto Store, Abilene, Mac Andrews Appliance, Abilene, Sears Roebuck Co., Abilene, R. A. Bible Hardware and Implement, Abilene; Farm Equipment Co., Abilene and many others.

A high light of the meeting will be an electronic range demonstration by Alice Walters, Taylor Electric Co-op home economist. Miss Walters will also give the demonstration in Merkel April 22nd, and 23rd. Mr. Dorton would like all interested persons to attend any of these demonstrations, especially the one in the Co-op Auditorium Monday night at 7:30 o'clock.

Among the relatives who came for the funeral of Mrs. Marvin Armstrong were Mr. and Mrs. Ennis Grimes of Quanah and Luther and Emmett Grimes of Georgetown.

Mr. & Mrs. Will Orr of Monahan were the house guests of their sister, Miss Sallie Orr, and brother, Mr. & Mrs. Charlie Orr of Mulberry Canyon.

Mrs. Pearl Dennis, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Dennis of Hollis, Oklahoma visited Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Derrick this week. Mrs. Pearl Dennis is Mr. Derrick's aunt.

CEMETERY FUND

The following persons contributed to the Rose Hill Cemetery Fund:

- J. J. Anderson
- Clovis Harrison
- F. H. Horton
- Mrs. Fred Hale, Trent

HOSPITAL NEWS

The following were admitted to Sadler Clinic-Hospital during the past week:

- Mr. T. A. Cooper Jr.
- Mrs. W. J. Largent
- Mrs. Bill Orr
- Mr. J.ohn Hamner
- Mr. V. Garner
- Mr. Alfredo Agraz
- Mrs. Steward Brizadine
- Mrs. Charlie Sherrell
- Mr. Fred Starbuck
- Mr. Clint R. Keys
- Mr. Lewis Webber
- Mr. D. C. Doan
- Mr. C. T. Mims
- Mrs. Thelma Clark
- Mr. George Denman
- Mrs. Lucille Kelly
- Donna Sue Scott

SOIL CONSERVATION

Many conservation practices are gaining wide acceptance in the Middle Clear Fork Soil Conservation District through a better understanding of water and its use as it applies to agricultural crops.

A large number of farmers and ranchers have all ready made plans to stock their ranges lightly. Still others intend to defer their ranges or parts of them completely. The majority of ranges are in poor condition and must be rested before maximum benefit can be obtained from rainfall.

Buster Horton is well pleased with results which he has been able to get from deferring. In spite of the drought and bare ground at the beginning, Buster now has better than 2000 pounds

of grass (dry weight), per acre. This has been accomplished on hard tight soil in three years time according to Buster. Buffalo, vine mesquite, white tridens, sideoats grama and many other grasses are there as a direct result of deferring.

Those farmers in the Merkel area getting good growth from Austrian winter peas are Buster Horton, Holland Teaff, Bill Teaff, Booth Warren, W. J. Largent, and Tom Russom.

Ranchers doing root plowing and range seeding are: Tom Russom 50 acres, Spud McLeod 100 acres, Sam Swann 100 acres, Charley Curb 25 acres, Byron Curb 25 acres, and Holland Teaff 15 acres. Several grass seedlings have already come up on land root plowed last year by Tom Rusom, Lige Gamble and Fred Barnes. These stands must be deferred until the grass has adequate root systems to withstand grazing.

Many farmers report stands or partial stands of blue panic grass from seedplanted last spring and came in February of this year. Stands although skippy or thin many continue to look better as soon as temperatures are favorable.

All farmers who plan to plant grasses this spring should be locating grass seeding equipment or adapting their own equipment for this purpose.

Deferred Grazing Bill Passed

Senator Lyndon B. Johnson's deferred grazing bill, a major drought relief proposal aimed at preventing excessive grazing of drought damaged pastures, passed the Senate this week. A similar bill in the House of Representatives was modified to conform with the Senate's version and sent to the White House for Presidential approval.

"This is very basic to drought relief," the Senate Majority Leader said, "and absolutely essential for an effective program. It not only directly benefits the farmers and ranchers in the drought sections, but also provides much-needed safeguards for our precious soil asset."

Senator Johnson pointed out that if stock were permitted to graze the land — much of it already ground and trampled into a fine powder — permanent pasture damage could result. "Soon the land would become barren and sterile, fit for nothing except melancholy lectures on how we lacked wisdom," he said.

The bill provides payments for deferred grazing at rates equal the fair rental value of the land. The payments would apply only to non-federally owned land and to native rangeland, and the amount of payment would be limited to \$5,000 for any individual year. "Fair rental value" would be determined on the basis of normal grazing capacity of the land during periods of adequate precipitation.

"We were faced" Senator Johnson said, "with the choice of either keeping our stock off this land or losing our soil resources for decades to come. The direct impact will be felt in the Great Southwest, but the beneficial effects will be shared by the whole nation and by generations ahead."

Compere HD Club

The Compere Home Demonstration Club met April 11 in the home of Mrs. I. B. Ray for a program on fruit pies. Mrs. Ray and Mrs. J. E. Touchstone, food leaders, prepared a pineapple cream pie as the demonstration. It was an uncooked pie made of pineapple, nuts, marshmallows, whipped cream and sugar, placed in a cooked pie shell. Mrs. Ray had prepared a lemon pie and a strawberry pie earlier for club members to sample.

Mrs. Ab Hunter, Jr., president, presided over the business meeting. Prayer was offered by Mrs. Ray and a song was led by Mrs. Ben Bingham. Roll call was answered with "One way in which I use aluminum foil."

Mrs. Touchstone was elected game director. The club voted to purchase a game book.

Secret pals were revealed and names were drawn for new pals. The next club meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Hunter when the agent will give the program on broiler meals.

Visitors present were Mrs. Walter Cook, Mrs. Bingham and Christi Touchstone. Club members present were Mmes: Hunter, Stanley, Touchstone, Ramsey, Childers, Allred and Ray.

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—No. Four-year night courses approved by the American Bar Association are the exceptions to the rule. They may count as full-time training, in computing GI allowances.

Q—I have to sell my GI house for reasons of health. If I allow the buyer to take over my GI loan payments would I still be eligible to have my GI loan reinstated?

A—In order for your loan rights to be restored, VA must be released from liability on its guaranty. This can be accomplished only if the GI loan is repaid in full. It cannot be accomplished if the buyer takes over your GI payments. The release of a veteran from liability does not change the fact that VA continues to be liable on the guaranty.

Q—I plan to add the total disability income provision to my World War II GI term insurance policy. Will the amount I have to pay be based on my current age?

A—Not necessarily. The a-

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mount will be based on the age that determines your regular term insurance premiums the last time you renewed your policy. This may not be your present age.

Q—I am a young man of 21, eligible for War Orphans schooling benefits. May I file my own application or must my mother file for me?

A—Since you are of age, you may file yourself. In the case of young men or women under 21, applications must be filed by their living parent or guardian.

JUNIOR-SENIOR BANQUET

The Junior-Senior Banquet this year will be held April 26, 7:30 p.m. at the Windsor Hotel in Abilene. Boys get your dates in early. The Juniors are to honor the '57 Seniors with the "Social."

Legal Column

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 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: Carl Morton, Jr., Defendant.

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd 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 the issuance of this citation, same being the 27th day of May A.D. 1957, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 9th day of April A.D. 1957, in this cause, numbered 22,070-A on the docket of said court and styled Linda Morton, Plaintiff, vs. Carl Morton, Jr., Defendant. A brief statement of the nature of this suit as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and defendant were duly and legally married on 2 January 1957, and became permanently separated on 2 February 1957.

Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of harsh and cruel treatment and alleges that there are no children of this marriage and no community property to be adjudicated as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

If citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

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

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene Texas, this 9th day of April A.D. 1957.

(SEAL)
Attest: R. H. Ross Clerk, 42nd District Court Taylor County, Texas.
By Irene Crawford, Deputy. 6-7-8-9

Texas Vs. Cancer

"Cancer eye" costs Texas cattlemen enormous fortunes each year.

Texas scientists are trying to find the cause of this peculiar condition, which is 10,000 times as common in cattle as in man. A successful study would not only save cattlemen great sums each year but also might throw light on the genesis of all cancers, including those of man.

Among the clues are: (1) The cancers occur most often on eyes and eyelids which do not contain much pigment — indicating that the sun's rays may play a role; (2) the lack of pigmentation seems to be inherited — involving genes and breeding; and (3) the everpresent possibility of virus is being investigated.

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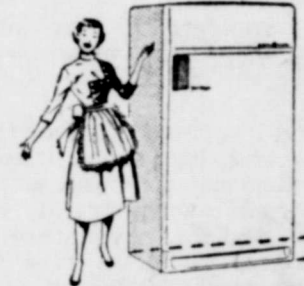
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UP THE CANYON Birthday Dinner For Mrs. Butman

By TOM RUSSOM

Well winter came to our area again over the week end. And we don't know just how much damage the spell did. It was just a very light freeze in our area.

W. T. Perry, stockman on the divide, said that he thought there would be a light loss of new born lambs on the divide due to a 24 degree weather.

Mr. & Mrs. Horace Miles of the Canyon had their daughter and family of Big Springs and another daughter and family of Sweetwater in their home over the week end and all attended church at Pioneer Church Sunday.

Mr. & Mrs. Joe Seymore and family visited their daughter and family Mrs. Melvin McCoy of Muleshoe over the week end. They reported a lot of ice along the way.

There will be two nights of pre-Easter services at Pioneer Church this week, Thursday night and Friday night. The young folks will have a program Sunday night.

Out of community visitors at our meeting Saturday night were the three boys out of the Merkel Soil Conservation Service Office and Comer Haynes and Holland Teaff. James Doming of the Abilene office was the speaker at the Chilli Supper. Miss Lottie Butman and Mrs. John Hughes of Merkel also attended the meeting.

Quite a few farmers had planted Sudan, Corn and Cane, before the freeze, and with some warm weather and a little rain the planted seed could be saved. There is a little sudan grass up in our area.

Some of the stockmen went back to feeding their stock during this spell. Cramer Reynolds and his son, Oris, were moving some cattle across the Canyon Monday. They said if rain came soon there would be abundance of grazing for stock at their places.

Some of the boys who run a small flock of sheep on their places are reporting a very large percent of lamb crop and plenty for the ewes to eat, too, will make big lambs quick.

A birthday dinner was held April 14, in honor of Mrs. Sam Butman, Jr. Out of town guests were Mr. & Mrs. Jake Rhodes from Anson; Mr. & Mrs. Ben Thornton and Miss Audrie Mae Lamb of Abilene; Mr. & Mrs. Jack Latimer, Mr. & Mrs. P. J. Neill, Mr. & Mrs. Brnovak and family and Mr. & Mrs. A. D. Scott and family.

This was a surprise party for Mrs. Butman on her 60th birthday at her home.

Mr. & Mrs. Butman journeyed to Austin Sunday afternoon on a business trip.

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JAMES H. CHANEY
Chiropractor

PHONE 18

211 OAK STREET MERKEL

low following is a true copy.
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THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Kay Amber Vardaman, Defendant. Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd 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 the issuance of this citation, same being the 27th day of May A. D. 1957, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 18th day of March A. D. 1957, in this cause, numbered 22,016-A on the docket of said court and styled Herbert Leroy Vardaman, Plaintiff, vs. Kay Amber Vardaman, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and defendant were legally married on the 3rd day of December, 1955, and became

permanently separated the 29th day of October, 1956.

Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of harsh and cruel treatment.

Plaintiff alleges that no children were born to their marriage, and no community property accumulated, to be judged, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit. If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

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

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this 15th day of April A. D. 1957.

Attest R. H. Ross Clerk, 42nd District Court Taylor County, Texas.
By Irene Crawford, Deputy.

Texas Vs. Cancer

A Baltimore cancer researcher found that he could grow polio virus in human cancer cultured in laboratory dishes — a good way to produce polio virus for experiments. Polio destroyed the cancer.

A Texas woman scientist wondered: "If polio virus destroys cancer growing in laboratory dishes; what does it do to cancer growing in humans?"

She checked the health records of all polio patients and cancer patients in Harris County (Houston) for several years back and found only one person who had had both polio and cancer. The cancer is considered by some to be a debatable one — a brain tumor called astrocytoma.

This may be significant. If — a rather large if, it is too — if it turns out that polio virus destroys cancer in humans, hopelessly advanced cancer patients might be experimentally treated with the virus.

Help Texas scientists fight cancer. Address your contribution today to: CANCER, % Postmaster.

Texas Safety Association

"Too many motorists play the game of Cops and Drivers!" So said J. O. Musick, General Manager of the Texas Safety Association, in connection with the Know and Obey Traffic Laws program launched this month by the Texas Safety Association.

The safety expert asserted that drivers and pedestrians who are always cheating in traffic are the real accident makers.

"Fortunately," he said, "most motorists and pedestrians obey traffic laws and regulations most of the time. If they didn't, our accident rates would soar to even greater heights."

"Statistics show that traffic law violators figure largely in traffic fatalities. In four out of five fatal accidents one or more driver violations are reported."

"Many of these violators feel that only suckers obey the laws. They know all the angles and

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Starr Rest Home

Our patients are O.K. at this writing.

Mrs. Grankie Fowler had as week end visitors her sons, Earnest Fowler of Anson and Allen Fowler and son of Stamford.

Mrs. G. R. Baker and Mrs. Otis Conlee of Clyde visited Mr. Baker Sunday.

Thanks to Mrs. Miller who came and played the piano for the patients as we had no services. Rev. Temple Lewis of Tye failed to fill his appointment at that time.

Mrs. Ida Pinkins of Colorado City visited her sister Core Reeder last week.

Mrs. Hardy Merrick of Willow City visited her mother Mrs. Jauncy Smothers Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cole of Abilene visited in the home Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wheeler of Abilene visited Uncle Bennie Sunday.

Mrs. Aquila Durross celebrated her 99th birthday the 9th of April. We wish for her many more birthdays.

Mr. Allen Cade of Abilene visited his mother, Mrs. Laure Cade, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Price of Rowden visited her father, Mr. N. A. Smedley last week. We want to thank them for the nice sweet milk they brought from the farm.

Mr. Pilgreen's daughters from Tye visited him Sunday.

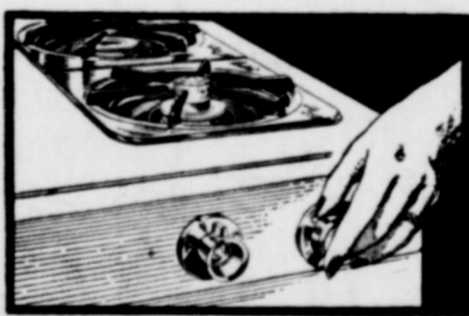
We want to thank the members of the Church of Christ for the nice sandwiches that they sent the home. The patients enjoyed them very much.

Mrs. Clyde Jones and son Billy, came and visited her sister, Hattie West last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Starbuck, Rev. Cloy Lyles and Cyrus Pee went to Fort Worth Tuesday to visit Mrs. Robert Hicks who is in the Harris Hospital.

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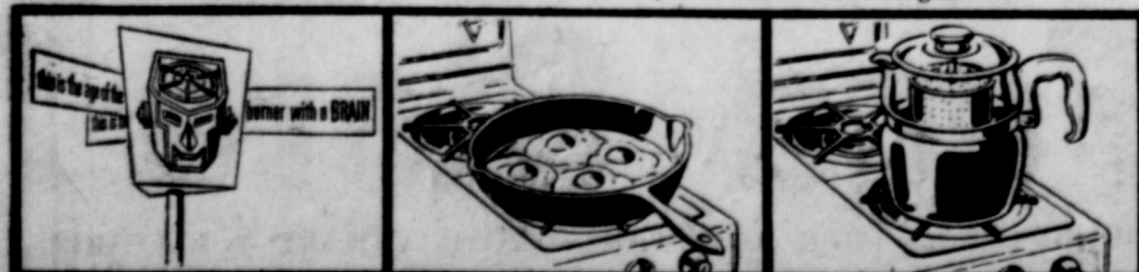
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Once in a long, long while a car comes along that people remember and talk about for years after its introduction.

The first model "A" Ford was such a car...
The first Ford V-8 was such a car...
The first Ford Thunderbird was such a car.

Today Ford Division is proud to announce still another car that many say is destined to become the most famous Ford of all: The Skyliner—world's only hide-away hardtop.

If you plan to buy a new Ford, or already own one, the fact that Ford created this car is important to you. For all the exhaustive research, planning and testing that went into the Skyliner is evidence of the engineering skill you get in every Ford model.

The Ford SKYLINER, the only all-steel hide-away hardtop, is a car for history.

This is an old dream of Detroit, a dream of two generations of motorists.

And today Ford has made that dream come true—in steel.

But the story behind this dream is a story of men who refused to accept "no" for an answer. In the Ford tradition they kept striving toward the goal long after others had given up the chase.

To understand this Ford spirit you must go back to 1908. That was the year

when many Detroiters smiled smugly as Henry Ford announced, "We will build a motor car for the great multitude... so low in price that no man making a good salary will be unable to own one."

And they did. Today, nearly a half century later, Ford continues to cause the "experts" to change their tune. When you see this all-steel hardtop that retracts into a convertible, you'll be seeing a car that many said would never be mass-produced.

But Ford did it.

It was December 1956—after eight years of research, planning, experimenting and testing—when Ford unveiled this masterpiece... unveiled it amid all the pomp and splendor of the New York Automobile Show.

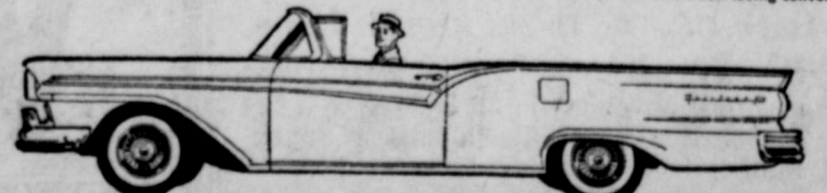
And now this history-making car, this prototype of a whole future generation of cars, is ready for your own personal inspection in the showrooms of many Ford Dealers.

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Bill Mack Show In Merkel For Taylor Co-operative Meeting

The most popular country and western music show from this part of the nation. The Bill Mack Show, is scheduled for an appearance here on the date of April 25th under the auspices of Taylor Electric Cooperative Inc.

The show is headlined by Bill Mack, versatile star of Starday Records and KWFT Radio in Wichita Falls, Texas. Bill is also proud of the fact that he ramrods the most popular local television shows in this part of the nation. He and his band, The Blue Sage Boys, are seen on two channels once a week and draw thousands of fan letters.

Besides his record, radio, television and stage performances, Bill is also active at composing songs. Practically all of his recordings are his own compositions. These include such hits as "Kitty Kat", "Sweet Dreams, Baby", "The Cat Just Got In Town", "When The Sun Goes Down", "A Fool You Are" and many, many others.

Also featured with Bill Mack on his appearances are his Blue Sage Boys. Included in the show unit are such favorites as Bill Davis and his Banjo, Bill Adams at the Bass-Fiddle, Bobby Boatright and his Fiddle, Howard Barker at the Guitar, Jackie at the Piano and Fungus J. Horstraugh, comedian.

The Bill Mack Show features country and western tunes, hymns, rock and roll numbers and comedy.

ABILENE, April (Spl.) — A book entitled Christianity and Mental Health has been published by Dr. Max Leach, head of the Abilene Christian College Psychology Department.

The book was produced by William C. Brown and Co., Dubuque, Iowa, and is selling at \$3 per copy.

Topics discussed include dynamics, security, love and hate, fear, conditioning, frustration and aggression.

Spring Strawberry Delight



Here's a million dollar addition to Spring dessert menus that will cost you but a few cents a serving, Ice Cream Strawberry Pie. All you need to make this cool, colorful combination are ice cream, frozen or fresh berries, and a package of shortcake dainties from your grocer's ready-to-eat cake department.

If it's more convenient, you may prepare the pie ahead of time and store in the freezer or freezing compartment of your refrigerator, adding the berries at the last minute.

Ice Cream Strawberry Pie

4 shortcake dainties 2 cups sliced, sweetened
1 qt. ice cream, fresh or defrosted
softened strawberries

Cut shortcake dainties crosswise into 2 even slices. Butter bottom and sides of a 9-inch pie plate. Place 4 bottom cake slices, cut side up, in the pie plate, and stand slices against edges of pie plate to form crust. Cover cake with softened ice cream. Place remaining cake slices, cut side up, on top of ice cream. Freeze. Let stand at room temperature 5 minutes. Fill shortcake cups with berries. Serves 4-6 generously.

Bright Future For Graduates

College graduates this year can expect good pay and an easy transition from campus to office, say the editors of *Changing Times*. The Kiplinger Magazine. Smart undergraduates have already been tapped, and the not-so-smart ones won't have any serious worries.

Engineers lead the pack of the most-wanted men. Need for them is better than a third higher than it was a year ago. Then, in order of demand for them, come salesmen, business trainees, accountants, chemists, production management experts, insurance men and financial trainees.

Although hundreds of recruit-

ment officials have been beating the campuses looking for male help, they generally wait for the girls to come to them. Jobs where women are wanted include general business trainees, sales-girls, secretaries, engineers, statisticians, chemists and merchandising experts.

The average pay for men is \$401, compared with \$383 per month a year ago. Engineers will get the most — \$433 a month. Accountants will average about \$389, salesmen \$385, general business trainees \$382. A master's degree is said to add about another

\$100 a month to a neophyte engineer's pay, a Ph. D. an additional \$150 over that. Salaries for girls, job for job, are somewhat lower than for men.

Graduates in liberal arts are in demand, and that's a surprise. Employers are finding that the well-rounded graduate turns out to be a well-rounded employee, too, not too specialized and equipped to take on a variety of tasks. Better than one out of three jobs for his year's graduates could be filled by a graduate with no technical or other specialized training.

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Bonner, Cox Engagement Told

Mr. and Mrs. Storey W. Bonner of 411 East 13th Street, Sweetwater, are announcing the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Miss Lila Ruth Bonner, Abilene, to Nowlin D. Cox, son of Mr. and Mrs. Denzel Cox of Route 2, Merkel.

The ceremony will take place at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 16, in the Chapel of Memories, Abilene.

Miss Bonner was a 1953 graduate of Newman High School and attended Abilene Christian College. She is now employed by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company in Abilene.

Mr. Cox is a graduate of Merkel High School and attended Cisco Junior College. He is employed by Western Electric Company.

The couple will live in Abilene.

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Alice Walters, Taylor Electric Home Economist will demonstrate cooking of the future at the annual meeting next Thursday in addition to the following schedule:

April 22, Monday—at the Taylor Electric Coop—1:2 p.m.; 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.; 7 p.m. till?

April 23, Tuesday — High School Auditorium—9:30 to 10:30 a.m.; 11:10 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. These will be for school students and teachers, especially

April 23, Tuesday — Taylor Electric Coop — 1 to 2 p.m.; 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

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Taylor Electric Cooperative enjoys a true democratic form of Government. Each member (consumer) of the Coop is allowed one vote, and only one, regardless of the number of meters he has connected.

The directors are elected by a vote of the members (consumers) and must themselves be consumers of the cooperative. These directors, being nine in number, are the legislative body of the Cooperative and have the responsibility of the policy making. The executive duties are the responsibility of the general manager who is appointed by the directors. The general manager appoints his staff and they are responsible to him.

The 36 employees at Taylor are obtained for the most part from the local community. Approximately 75% of these folks own their own home here, pay their taxes here, shop here and gladly share in the Civic work of the area and town.

Taylor's payroll last year was in excess of \$114,000 and Taylor's consumers have furnished a market and a demand for goods that are sold by the merchant on main street.

Across the nation at the present time, rural electric members are buying consumer goods at the rate of a BILLION dollars a year.

The U. S. Government has earned a profit of \$47½ Million from loans made to Rural Electric Coops. Taylor Electric is locally owned and locally governed.

ANNUAL MEETING,

This will be Taylor's 16th Annual Meeting and we invite you to visit with us that day. Starting with three hundred odd miles of line in 1941 — electric energy is now distributed from a network of almost two thousand miles of line which reaches into eight counties. The rapid and steady growth is due principally to the fact that an essential service is being furnished that was not available by any other means.

TAYLOR ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE INC.

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MERKEL, TEXAS

Legal Notice

(Published in The Merkel Mail, April 5, 1957.)

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Donald Stewart Sellerton, 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 13th day of May A.D. 1957, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 7th day of February A.D. 1957, in this cause, numbered 21,932-A on the docket of said court and styled Lillian M. Sellerton, Plaintiff, vs. Donald Stewart Sellerton, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were married on November 14, 1955, and continued to live together until July 28, 1956, at which time they became permanently separated.

Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of harsh and cruel treatment and alleges that there were no children born to this union and there is no community property to be adjudicated, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

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

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this 28th day of March A.D. 1957.

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

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Eldridge of Desdemonia and Mrs. Cecil Clardy of Clyde were guests of the sister, Mrs. Pearl Ash recently.

Baptist TEL Class Holds Meeting

The T. E. L. Class of the First Baptist Church met with Mrs. T. J. Bird, Wednesday April 10th with Mrs. Lucy Ford as co-hostess. The opening prayer was led by Mrs. A. R. Booth. Mrs. E. W. King gave the devotional. Business session, discussion was conducted by Miss Selena Teaff. Easter Schemes were carried out in the decorations and refreshments. Those members present for this lovely affair were Mesdames, Houston Robertson, Myrtle Walker, Hugh Campbell, E. H. Thompson, Ira Moore, Fred Baker, Pick Allen, Josie Shanks, T. C. Satterwhite, A. R. Booth, Earl Lasater, E. W. King, Lucy Ford, T. J. Bird and Miss Selena Teaff.

Bride-Elect Feted With Gift Tea

Myrna Patterson, bride-elect of James Allred was honored with a gift tea April 5th.

Receiving at the door was Mrs. Claude Smith. In the receiving line were the bride-elect's mother, Mrs. B. T. Murfee, Elva Hatfield, sister of the groom, Miss Gertrude Dowdy, Aunt of the bride, Mrs. Geo. Murfee, grandmother of the bride, Mrs. Ima Jennings, Mrs. E. J. Johnson, aunt of the bride, Mrs. C. G. Allred, mother of the groom, Mrs. J. W. Dowdy, great-grandmother of the bride and the bride-elect.

Melba Carter and Shirlene Lucas served the guests from a table decorated with the brides colors, yellow, green and white.

The hostesses were Mrs. Claude Smith, Beryle Skimoore, Boyce Vancil, Harold Vancil, Lorene Goode, Leta Dixon, Leta Faye Touchstone, Leona Sloan, Thessa Lucas, Louise Chancey, Janey Adair, Wana Justice, Zenobia Lucas, Gracia Lee Brown, Addie Spraberry, I. B. Ray, R. F. Warren and Ima Jennings. Guests were from Snyder, Abilene, Merkel, Hamlin and Noodle.

4-H Girls Prepare For Dress Revue

An estimated 350,000 teen-agers are cutting fitting and sewing outfits which they hope will be in the spotlight at their local, county, and state 4-H dress revues this summer. Their ultimate goal is to model the clothes in the national dress revue at the

4-H Club Congress in Chicago next December.

The 4-H dress revue program, directed by the State Extension Service, is designed to teach 4-H girls the highly important art of selecting styles, colors, and fabrics suited to their individual personalities and wardrobe needs. Poise, self-confidence, and good grooming habits also are developed along with leadership qualities and learning to work with others.

Merited awards will be supplied for the 11th consecutive year by the Simplicity Pattern Company. The state winner will receive an all-expense trip to the Chicago Club Congress, and a special gift of a leather encased scissors set. Blue award county winners will get handsome medals of honor.

Girls between the ages of 10 and 21 are eligible to enroll in the dress revue. Detailed information may be obtained from local 4-H Club leaders or the county Extension office.

Texas Tech Elects Council Officers

David Thompson of Borger will be president of Texas Tech's Student Council for 1957-58.

Other Student Council officers named in Tech's spring election are vice president, Wick Alexander from (2828 North 16th) Waco, business manager, Don Ludwig, (2406 14th) Lubbock; secretary, Pat Rainer, (2605 30th) Lubbock.

Head cheerleaders will be Sharala Pepper, (2513 35th) Lubbock, and Dick Sewell, (3229 Bismarck) Vernon. Other cheerleaders will be Bill Bean, Miami (Texas), and Stanley W. Powers, Desdemonia.

Elected Student Council representatives for Tech's five undergraduate schools are:

Abilene — Donald Steinman, (2241 South 13th), Arts and Sciences.

Albany — Janet E. Vines, Home Economics.

Borger — DoDn B. Hay, Engineering; Gerald L. Myers, Arts and Sciences.

Breckenridge — Buddy Wayne Gibbens, Arts and Sciences.

Claude — Bob L. Byrd, Agriculture.

Lamesa — Carson Donnell Echols, Agriculture.

Littlefield — Marshall Dan Howard, Business Administration.

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Milton David (Rabbit) Vaughn, Engineering.

Lubbock — Charles L. Strehli, Arts and Sciences.

Merkel — Jacky W. McAninch, Agriculture.

Seagraves — Ernest Eddie Henyon, Engineering.

Tulia — Robert B. Dyer, Engineering.

Waco — Sandra C. Shields, (3224 Maple), Arts and Sciences.

Wichita Falls — Peggy A. Miller, (307 Morningside Dr.), Arts and Sciences.

Ten other Student Council positions will be filled in a run-off election Wednesday, April 17.

Mr. & Mrs. Eddie Griffin and family of Oklahoma City were the week end guests of their sister, Mr. & Mrs. Reuben Horton and family.

Union Ridge HD

The Union Ridge Home Demonstration Club met Friday April 21st in the home of Mrs. O. E. Harwell, for an all day meeting.

A covered dish luncheon was served and quilting of a quilt completed.

Mrs. J. H. Clark, president, presided for a business meeting.

Mrs. M. L. Douglas passed leaflets for a program on Everlasting Flowers.

Club Pals were revealed. The club meets May 3rd with Mrs. Gaither.

One visitor Miss. Johnnie Mae Finley of Abilene, cousin of Mrs. Harwell was present.

Members were: Miss Mabel Mc-

Ree, Mrs. J. H. Clark, Mrs. M. L. Douglas, Mrs. Winnie Walton, Mrs. F. Y. Gaither, Mrs. Deniz Cox, Mrs. Clyde Newton, Mrs. O. E. Harwell.

Mr. & Mrs. Joe Seymore and children, and their daughter, Mrs. Lloyd Knipe and children of Snyder visited Mr. & Mrs. Melvin McCoy and family of Muleshoe the past week end. They also

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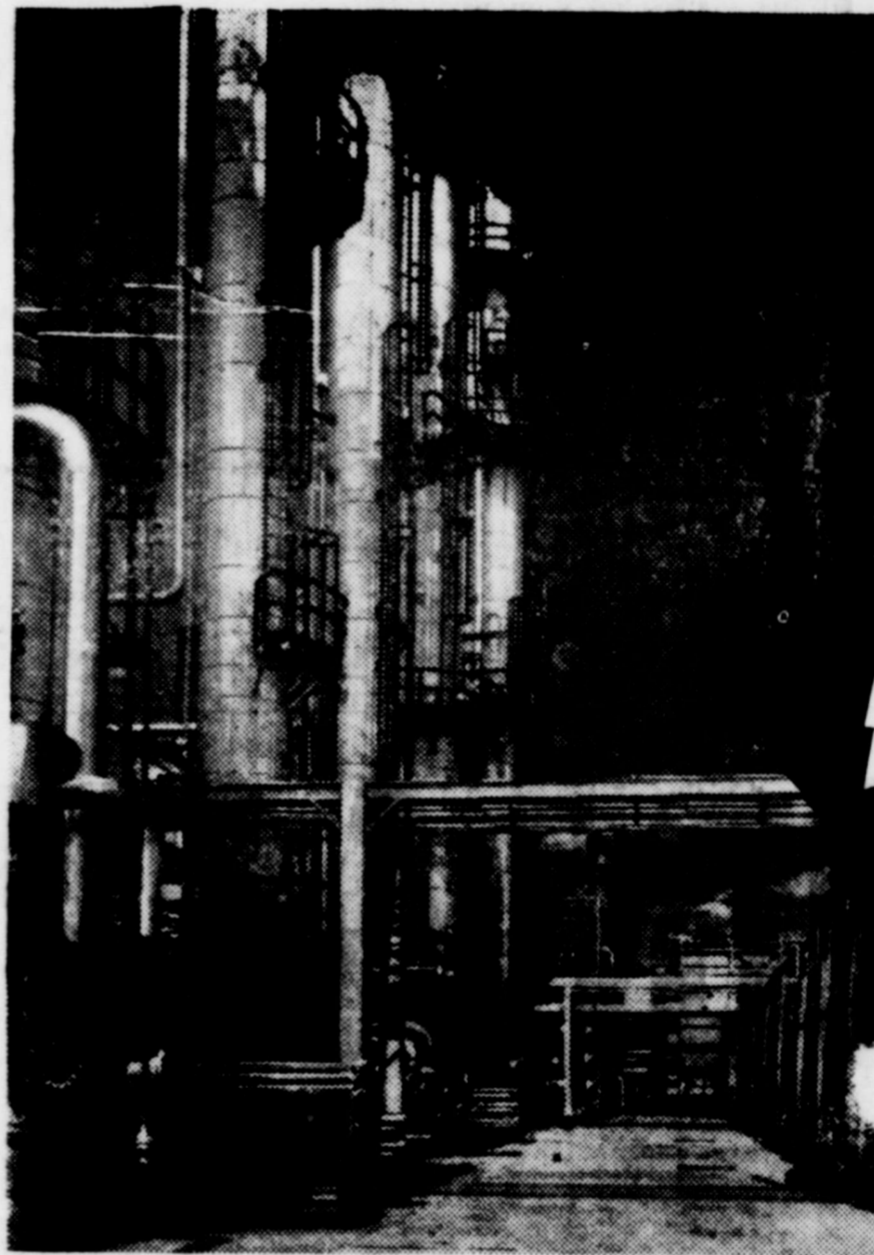
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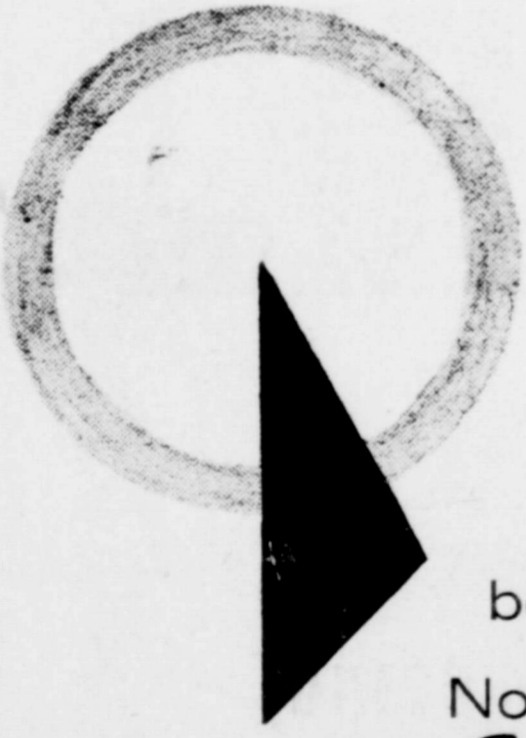
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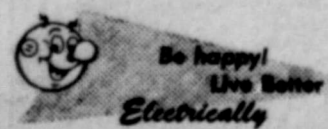
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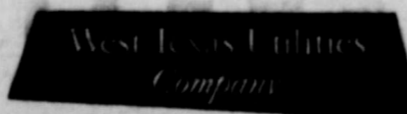
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CARD OF THANKS: The kindness and sympathy of friends and neighbors in our recent sorrow will always remain with us as a precious memory. Our sincere thanks for all those comforting acts and for Dr. Gardner's services. Mrs. Mary Click, Miss Bessie Reidenbach, Mrs. Winnie McCartney.

CARD OF THANKS Our heartfelt thanks to all who extended comfort and sympathy and help in our recent sorrow. For the beautiful service, floral offerings, and other kindnesses, we are deeply grateful. Mr. & Mrs. A. B. Gregory and Family.

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Goodman HD Club Has Meeting

Eight members answered roll call with "the most unforgettable person I have met" at the Goodman Home Demonstration Club meeting April 12. Mrs. Cal McAninch led two games and Mrs. D. R. Butler led the prayer. The meeting was in the home of Mrs. W. L. Phillips with the president, Mrs. Karl Bonneaux, in charge.

Mrs. H. H. Windham gave a demonstration on fruit pies. The demonstration pie, a delicious pineapple cream pie, was served to the members.

Gleaner Class Holds Party

Members of the Gleaner Sunday School Class of the First Methodist Church met Wednesday, April 10th in the home of Mrs. Tom Largent for their regular social meeting. Mrs. Roy Largent and Mrs. Ross Ferrier as co-hostesses. Miss Lottie Butman led the

group in singing "What a Friend We Have in Jesus."

Mrs. Charlie Russell gave the devotional. Mrs. F. Y. Gaither, president, presided for the business session, Mrs. Largent directed a word contest.

A delightful refreshment plate of sandwiches, cookies, olives and frosted drink was served to two visitors, Mrs. Henry Ueckert and Mrs. Charlie Russell and

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Such reports sent laboratory researchers hunting for drugs that could be taken in smaller doses, thus lessening the chances of serious side reactions. Discovery of hydrocortisone, a close chemical relative of cortisone, gave doctors a drug that quickly eased agonizing soreness without severe side effects when injected directly into the inflamed joint. When taken by mouth, however, hydrocortisone presented some problems.

A more promising advance has been made with development of the new "super hormones" such as prednisolone, a compound effective when taken by mouth in doses four to five times smaller than the earlier drugs. Researchers have recently gone one step further, combining prednisolone with an anti-anxiety drug in a preparation called Ataraxoid. By staving off the fears and anxieties commonly associated with arthritis, the new combination apparently reduces the patient's need for larger doses of the hormone.

Dr. Peter J. Warter of Trenton, N. J. has reported to a Boston medical clinic that the new drug enabled many patients to cut in half their daily dose of prednisolone and thus reduce side effects. He noted a "striking" improvement in patients' attitudes toward their disease, their family, and their social affairs.

Merkel Hosts WMU Meet

"Working Together" will theme the Woman's Missionary Union, Sweetwater Association, quarterly meeting to be held Thursday, April 18, in the First Baptist Church at Merkel.

Speaker for the morning session will be the District 17 president, Mrs. George Graham, who will discuss "Working Together in Our Local Missionary Unions."

Morning Bible meditation will be given by Mrs. Lenard Hartley of Sweetwater.

Standing chairmen will also make their reports.

Dr. Harry Marko of Austin will close the meeting with a talk on "Working Together in Evangelism."

Representatives from 36 churches are expected for the meeting, which will begin at 10 a.m. Lunch will be served at the church.

Mrs. W. A. McCandies returned home Friday from an extended visit with relatives at Midland, Anson, and Fort Worth. She also visited her daughter, Mr. & Mrs. Gilbert Boswell and son Billy McCandies at Abilene.

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