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Noodle H. S. Honors Grads

The following students have been named honor graduates of Noodle High School: Morris Chancey, Valedictorian, with a four year average of 90.35; Judy Spurgin and Bobby tied for Salutatorian with a four year average of 87.42.

Morris Chancey lettered in basketball three years, won the citizenship award one year, personality award one year. For the year 1956-57 is Editor of the Annual class favorite, Secretary of the Farmers of America, and Valedictorian of his class.

Bobby Sullivan lettered in basketball three years, member of Annual Staff, and treasurer of F. F. A.

Judy Spurgin was a member of the One Act Play cast for two years, and won the best actress on three different occasions, won district in extemporaneous speech two years, regional one year, advancing to state meet 1956. She is a member of Annual Staff, secretary of class 1956-57, lettered in basketball 3 years.

Mrs. J. L. Casey Former Resident Buried Here

Mrs. J. L. Casey, 81, former resident of Taylor County, died at 9 a. m. Tuesday in Lubbock.

Mrs. Casey had lived in Lubbock since 1950. She and her husband, a pioneer rancher who died 14 months ago, lived in Abilene from 1928 until 1950. Before moving to Abilene, they lived on a ranch near Merkel.

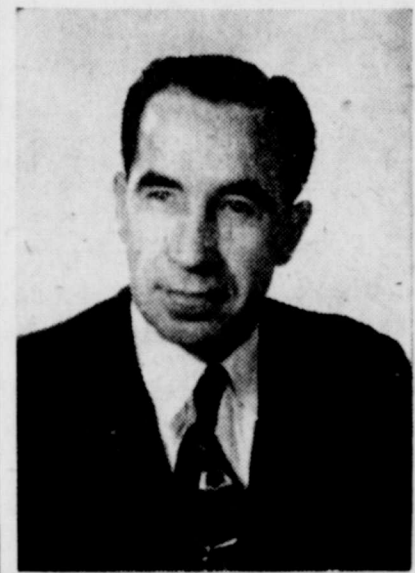
Funeral was held at 10 a. m. Wednesday at the First Baptist Church in Lubbock with Dr. J. Ralph Grant, pastor, officiating.

Following the Lubbock service the body was brought to Starbuck Funeral Home. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

She is survived by three sons, city commissioner David Casey of Lubbock; L. D. Casey of Lubbock and W. H. Casey of Amarillo; four daughters, Mrs. L. O. Feill and Mrs. J. C. Richardson, both of Lubbock; Mrs. George Glenn of Plainview and Mrs. Jess Tucker of Amarillo; 23 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Herman Carson New Lions Club President for '57

Herman Carson was elected president of the Merkel Lions Club Tuesday noon, to succeed



Dr. Don Warren, retiring president.

Other officers elected at the meeting were: Carroll Benson, first vice president; Earl Watts, second vice president; Leon Walker, third vice president; Orville Rowland, secretary-treasurer; Chester Collinsworth, tail twister; C. R. Tittle, Lion tamer; and Chas. Hogssett, Don Warren, Meyer Mellinger, Bob Gardner, directors.

Parents Urged To Attend School Conference

All parents of boys and girls who will be first graders in the Merkel Primary School next fall are invited to a Pre-School Conference to be held in the school cafeteria next Thursday night, May 16, at 8:00 o'clock.

Parents of beginners will have an opportunity of meeting their child's future teacher, to see a film entitled "How They Learn" and to view some locally-taken colored slides on "What is Expected of a First Grader."

Parents will visit their child's room, hear talks by the teachers and be given an opportunity to ask questions of the teacher. Several helpful booklets will be given to the parents.

C of C To Hold General Meeting

A general meeting of Merkel Chamber of Commerce members will be held at the Taylor Electric Co-op Monday, May 13, 1957, at 7:30 p. m.

All members are urged to be present and hear discussion on activities of the C of C for the next few months. A report from the special housing committee will be made at that time, according to Bill Wood, chairman of the Membership Meeting Committee.

The special housing committee is making a study of the low-rent housing project and have invited the mayor and city council to accompany them on a tour of active projects for a first hand look at the operation. They plan to visit Brownwood Thursday.

New Residents To Merkel

Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Hagar have moved here recently from Winters.

Mr. Hagar has accepted a position as insurance agent for Starbuck Life Insurance Co. He formerly worked for Spill Insurance Co. in Winters.

Mr. and Mrs. Hagar are living in Uncle Jack Cannon's apartments. They are members of the Methodist Church.

ANNOUNCEMENT

There will be an all day cemetery working at the White Church Cemetery, Tuesday, May 14.

Noodle High School Baccalaureate Set For Sunday May 12

Baccalaureate Services for the Noodle High School will be held in the High School Auditorium, Sunday, May 12, 11:00 a. m.

Processional and Recessional will be played by Mrs. J. D. Rogers, Anson, Texas. Invocation will be given by Paul Forshee, Minister, Church of Christ, Noodle and student of Abilene Christian College. Mrs. Joe Reynolds and Mrs. John Machos will render two vocal numbers.

Scripture reading will be given by Loyd Warren, Senior student of Noodle High School.

The Baccalaureate Sermon will be delivered by Rev. Cloy Lyles, Pastor, Methodist Church, Merkel, Texas.

Benediction by Rev. John Hamilton, pastor, First Baptist Church, Noodle and student of Hardin-Simmons University.

BILL RUSSELL WINS BIBLE CONTEST

Bill Russell, son of Mr. and Mrs. "Dub" Russell of Flagstaff, Arizona, who competed Wednesday evening with Bonnie Day, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawson Day, in a Bible quiz at First Southern Baptist Church, Park and Cherry, was named winner of the contest. He will later attend the meeting of the state convention of the Association of Southern Baptist churches.

The Russells formerly lived in Merkel.

Ministerial Alliance Makes Soil Stewardship Tour

Season Tickets To Local Pool Go On Sale

Season tickets are on sale for those who plan to swim in the Merkel Swimming Pool this summer. The pool will open May 15, and a substantial saving is offered to those who purchase tickets now.

Workmen are busy getting the pool ready for the opening. A four foot fence is being erected around the pool and the picnic grounds are being cleared. Plans have also been made to oil the parking area and adjacent road to prevent dirt from blowing.

Tickets may be purchased at Merkel Drug. Prices for the season tickets are \$7.50 for children from 6 to 12 and \$15.00 for adults, 12 and over. No charge will be made for children under 6. Regular price of admission will be 25c and 50c.

Band Concert Friday, May 10

The annual Merkel Spring Band Concert will be held at 8 p. m. Friday, May 10, in the High School Auditorium.

The program, under the direction of Band Director W. G. Reed, will include selections by the following bands, third grade Rhythm Band; fourth grade Tonette Band; sixth, seventh, and eighth grade Elementary Band; High School Band and the Merkel Swingsters.

Proceeds from the program will go for band instruments for the school.

Tickets for the hour and a half program will be 50c for adults and 25c for students.

Public Invited To Recital

An evening of melodies by standard, early and late classic composers will be presented by the pupils of Mrs. J. T. Earthman and Mrs. R. J. Miller at their annual Spring Piano Recital.

The recital will be held at the First Baptist Church, May 14, beginning at 8:00 p. m.

Pupils participating in the program are: Jean and John Read, Robert Wilson, Linda Windham, Bronwyn Gamble, Linda Rutledge, Youlinda Carey, Gloria Moore, Carolyn Hanson, Brenda Doan, Sherry Martin, Linda Luke, Janie Hull, Minyon Beard, Vickie Teaff, Lana Sewall, Carol Ann Lyles, Nita Williams, Nancy Swinney, Hayden Griffin, Keith Wilson Carolyn Bond, Lynn Bamble, Sherry Hull, Beth Dunagin, Perry Harris, Linda and Lola Loflin, Kay Wallace, Linda Leach, Martha Perry, and Jocille Thompson.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

W. E. Dwiggins, 51, Dies In Ft. Worth

W. Emmitt Dwiggins, 51, died in Harris Hospital in Fort Worth, Friday, May 3, after spending three weeks in the hospital.

Funeral service was held in Owen-Brumley Chapel of Memories with burial in Garden of Memories Cemetery in Fort Worth. He was a member of the Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife; a son, W. E. Jr., Fort Worth; two daughters, Mrs. Lewis Stoorza, and Mrs. Ed Cain, Fort Worth; his mother, Mrs. S. R. Dwiggins, Merkel; three sisters, Mrs. Earl Watts, Merkel; Mrs. J. T. Merritt, Fort Worth, and Mrs. Jack Arnwine, Carlsbad, N. M.; a brother, Weldon Dwiggins of Fort Worth; and four grandchildren.

Noodle School Sets Graduation Exercise

Noodle Consolidated School will hold its Eighth grade graduation exercises Thursday evening, May 16, at 8 p. m. in the Noodle High School Auditorium. The public is invited to attend.

Nelda Herron, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Herron, is valedictorian and Laura Carter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alec Carter, is salutatorian. President of the class, Ray Rhynes, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Rhynes, will direct the program activities. Members of the graduating class are as follows:

Dean Bockman, Laura Carter, Sandra Goode, Nelda Herron, Tommy Hunter, Linda Mize, Ray Rhynes, Gerald Richie, Alvin Sargent, Etta Sargent, Paula Skidmore, Billy Fellers and Ronny Crumpler.

Special music for the program will be presented by Miss Marce Lee Bryant, Abilene Christian College star of the operetta "Lakme", and Miss Marilyn Green,

CEMETERY FUND

The following person contributed to the Merkel Cemetery Association Fund:

Mrs. Elsie Nash
Bob McDonald
H. F. Henington
Mary Collins
Mrs. J. O. McMurry

Joint Meeting To Be Held

A joint meeting of the Methodist Men's Club and Baptist Men's Brotherhood will be held at 7:30 p. m., May 20.

The theme of the meeting will be Soil Stewardship Week with E. J. Hughes as the principal speaker.

TV Appearance Date Changed

Mrs. Rubie Johnson will be on the television program "It Could Be You", Friday, May 10, according to word received here by relatives. They had previously been notified that she would be on the program, May 6. No explanation was given for the change of dates.

Mrs. Johnson's niece, Mrs. Homer Newby, sent a white crock pitcher to the program for them to surprise her with. The pitcher has been in the family for a hundred years and was left here by Mrs. Johnson when she moved away ten years ago. A sister, Mrs. L. J. Renfro, has had the pitcher all this time.

The program is on at 10:30 a. m. and being called on from the audience will still be a complete surprise to Mrs. Johnson.

Tryouts for High School Football Mascots will be at 12:30, May 17, in the High School Gym. A boy and a girl will be selected. They must be 4 or 5 years of age.

The kick-off to the annual observance of Soil Stewardship Week was held Monday when ministers of churches in the Middle Clear Fork Soil Conservation District went on a field trip. With the ministers were members of the board of supervisors of the Middle Clear Fork SCD, Soil Conservation Service technicians, farmers and ranchers.

Soil Conservation Week has been set for May 26-June 2.

The purpose of the Stewardship Week is to get the landowners and operators to heed the laws of the Bible and nature in taking care of the soil. The use of the soil in accordance with God's directions is the concern of the church as it is of the state and the nation. In fact, studies show a direct relationship between the productive power of the land and the strength of the church serving the people who work the land.

The ministers visited the 3,500-acre ranch of Sam Cox about 25 miles southwest of Abilene.

Tom Russom, chairman of the board, explained that the purpose

of the day was to acquaint the group with range conditions and needs, good range management and the importance of grass cover to hold rainfall on the range.

James F. Domy, work unit conservator of the Abilene SCS office, explained that Cox had run sheep, goats and cattle on the ranch but had grazed it moderately and had reduced his livestock to keep them in balance with the grass produced. He deferred grazing some of the pastures to give the grass a chance to survive and grow during the drought.

Hugh B. Magers, range conservator of the Abilene SCS office, discussed the difference in soil type and grass production. He exhibited some of the desirable grasses and discussed different ways each plant reproduces itself.

The group was served lunch at the Butman Methodist Youth Camp southwest of here, by the women of the Butman Memorial Methodist Church. After lunch a roundtable discussion was held on soil stewardship.

The ministers agreed that they learned more than enough on the tour to help them show their congregations why cities should realize the problems of the farmer.

Ministers who made the tour, on a bus furnished by the Wylie school, included: Clarence C. Ehler, pastor of Grace Lutheran Church and chairman of the Abilene Ministerial Alliance; Floyd W. Grothman, Zion Lutheran pastor who worked with the board of supervisors in arranging the tour; Harry Sables, pastor of Central Presbyterian; Dr. Elwin Skiles, First Baptist pastor, Arthur Buhler, pastor of Southside Christian, H. A. Nichols, pastor of Cresent Heights Methodist; Sidney Cox, Immanuel Baptist pastor; Elmer Ward, pastor of Butman Memorial Methodist; Cloy Lyles, pastor of Merkel First Methodist; Temple Lewis, Tye Baptist; Billy Hendrix, Cresent Heights Baptist; Frank Royal, Southside Baptist; H. D. Cumby, Macedonia Baptist; A. H. Williams, Trent Baptist; G. H. Purcell, Abilene First Church of God; C. R. LeMond, Fairmont Methodist; and Clifford E. Trotter, Fair Park Methodist.

Invocation — Mr. Ernest Tate.
Class — President's Address — Ray Rhynes.
Special Music — Miss Marce Lee Bryant, Accompanist — Miss Marilyn Green.
Salutatory — Laura Carter.
History — Gerald Richie.
Special Music — Miss Marce Lee Bryant, Accompanist — Miss Marilyn Green.

Prophecy — Sandra Goode
Gumbler — Paula Skidmore.
Special Music — Miss Marce Lee Bryant, Accompanist — Miss Marilyn Green.

Valedictory — Nelda Herron.
Diplomas and Awards — Mr. W. E. Pistole.

Class Poem — Ronny Crumpler.
Benediction — Rev. Cloy Lyles.

Others on the trip were Harvey C. Hallman, bus driver; Joe Wilson, Dallas, cameraman who filmed the event for presentation on Humble's "Texas In Review" telecast program; Randy Howell, Humble's Abilene representative who furnished coffee, milk, soft drinks and doughnuts for refreshments at the Cox ranch; O. F. Armstrong, Abilene, state planning engineer for the Texas Association of Soil Conservation Districts; Nelson Estes, Ed Gist and Holland Teaff, Middle Clear Fork board members; H. H. McLeod, Trent; Hubert Berry and Perry Davis of the Merkel SCS office; Frank Brovack and Louis Butman, Merkel; and James Alexander, Abilene.

"A Desk For Billy", 57 minute sound film, will be shown at the regular meeting of the Noodle Parent-Teacher Association, Monday night, May 13, 7:30 in the Noodle School Auditorium.

This is the true story of a migrant child who found opportunity in schools across America. It depicts the life of Billie Davis, author of the Saturday Evening Post series, "I Was A Hobo Kid." It is a moving interpretation of the role of the school in helping a migrant child become a contributing citizen in our society.

This film is highly recommended and will be deeply appreciated by all who see it. The public is cordially invited.

Noodle P-TA To See Film

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Local Youths Fined In Abilene After Dyess Clash

Six local youths were fined in justice court in Abilene Monday morning as the result of a clash last Thursday with four Dyess Air Force Base personnel.

The six pleaded guilty to destroying personal property. Each was fined \$30 and court costs of \$15.50. They also agreed to share equally in paying for the \$127.40 damage done to one of the airman's cars.

Both doors and two windows were kicked in on a 1952 Oldsmobile owned by airman George Garrier of the 819th Supply Squadron.

The youths who entered pleas of guilty were Cecil Toliver, 24, D. C. Herdrick, 21, Kenneth Moore, 20, D. L. Bowen, 20, Jimmie Doan, 19, and Grady Knight, 19.

The case was investigated by Merkel Chief of Police Pete Petty and Deputy Sheriff Bob French.

Junior-Senior Trip Planned

Plans are now complete for the annual Junior-Senior trip for Noodle High School Students. The group will leave Noodle on Monday morning, May 20, and return Friday, May 24.

The trip will include stops at Turner Falls and Platt National Park in Oklahoma and on to Eureka Springs, Arkansas, which is known as the "Little Switzerland" of America.

There will be twenty, make the trip which will include Mrs. L. R. Posey, Senior Sponsor, W. E. Pistole, Supt. and Junior Sponsor, Mrs. Ab Hunter, Jr. Junior room mother, and Mr. W. C. McCoy will drive the bus for the group.

HOSPITAL NOTES

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

Mrs. J. D. Spinks
Mr. W. M. Torrence
Mrs. Lon Stephens
Mrs. James Isabell
Mrs. Sarah Fox
Mrs. Kenneth Bowen
Mrs. Raymond Thomas
Mrs. Ed Burks
Mr. W. H. Smothers
Mrs. Theilma Clark
Mrs. May Fields

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

Pat Davis, captain of the 1936 McMurry Indians, was selected as football coach and physical education director of the Merkel High school at the regular meeting of the school board Tuesday night. He is president of the senior class at McMurry and will get his degree this commencement.

Due to the resignation of Miss era Hayes, her place was filled with the election of Carroll Benson, who will win his degree from Hardin-Simmons University this year, as teacher of geography and physical education in the Grammar School.

FROM BADGER WEEKLY PERSONALITIES: Vernon Mansfield
Vernon has been in Merkel

High four years. During this time he has played on the football team three years and two years on the baseball team. He also has come out for track. When Vernon finishes school he would like to be a traveling salesman after taking a business course. Vernon, we're sure you will be successful in your career as a traveling salesman. Best of luck.

Norman Winters and Verne Moore were at the show Saturday night.

Mary Jo Russell had her first date—with L. S. Tipton.

Murry is still sporting Evelyn Bigler around.

Miss Clements has a diamond. She's almost as glad as we are!



New board of directors for 1957 at Taylor Electric are top left to right: Bryan Bradbury, legal counsel; Elmo Jones, Oma Thomas, Sam Butman Jr., secretary;

Jack Morrow, J. J. Anderson, Lester Dorton, general manager. Seated left to right: Comer Haynes, C. F. Hill, vice-president; O. S. Moore, H. R. Roberts, president.

Chisholm Trail Boy Scout Council Holds Annual Western District Meet

Western district of Chisholm Trail Boy Scout Council will hold its annual meeting on May 9 at 7 p.m. at the Newman High School Cafeteria.

District Chairman Elmer Payne will be in charge of the meeting. Jake Boatright, Homer Baxter and Goldie Boyer are in charge of arrangements and A. C. Bishop is program chairman.

All Boy Scout leaders and their wives and families are invited to attend. Each family is to bring its own food with desserts and drinks being furnished by the committee.

Officers and directors for the coming year will be named. The district includes Merkel, Trent, Noodle, Roby, Rotan, Aspermont, Peacock, Old Glory, Roscoe, Hobbs, Blackwell, Nolan, Longworth, McCaulley and Sweetwater.

Labor Saving Devices Raise Profits High

Plan for bigger farm profits by avoiding unnecessary labor costs, advises Extension Farm Management Specialist C. H. Bates. Today's record-high farm wage rates are shoving into the spotlight such labor-saving devices as the rotary hoe weeder.

Bates says the rotary hoe is effective under proper conditions for eliminating young grass and weed seedlings in row crops. The machine greatly reduces expensive hand-hoeing labor and gets crops started faster than those competing with weeds for soil moisture and nutrients. Time and tractor fuel can also be conserved by making the first cultivation at high speeds.

The specialist warns farmers to prepare rotary hoes for immediate use! Adequate top moisture in most areas of the state now indicate a high weed infestation hazard. Farmers not owning machines are urged to consider renting them if their acreage and type of farming operation will justify it.

Your county agricultural agent or farm equipment dealer can supply additional information concerning possible savings from the rotary hoe and other labor saving devices adaptable to your area. Plan on visiting them soon, advises Bates.

NOTICE

WOOD'S STORE will be open All Day Sundays through the next few busy months.

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Notice

Mr. Grover Lollar is now sharpening lawn-mowers, overhauling and tune-up. Gasoline Motors of all kinds for Mowers. He is experienced in this line of work, so bring your mowers as usual to Irven Thompson's Shop, 212 Rose St. for complete service on Lawn Mowers.

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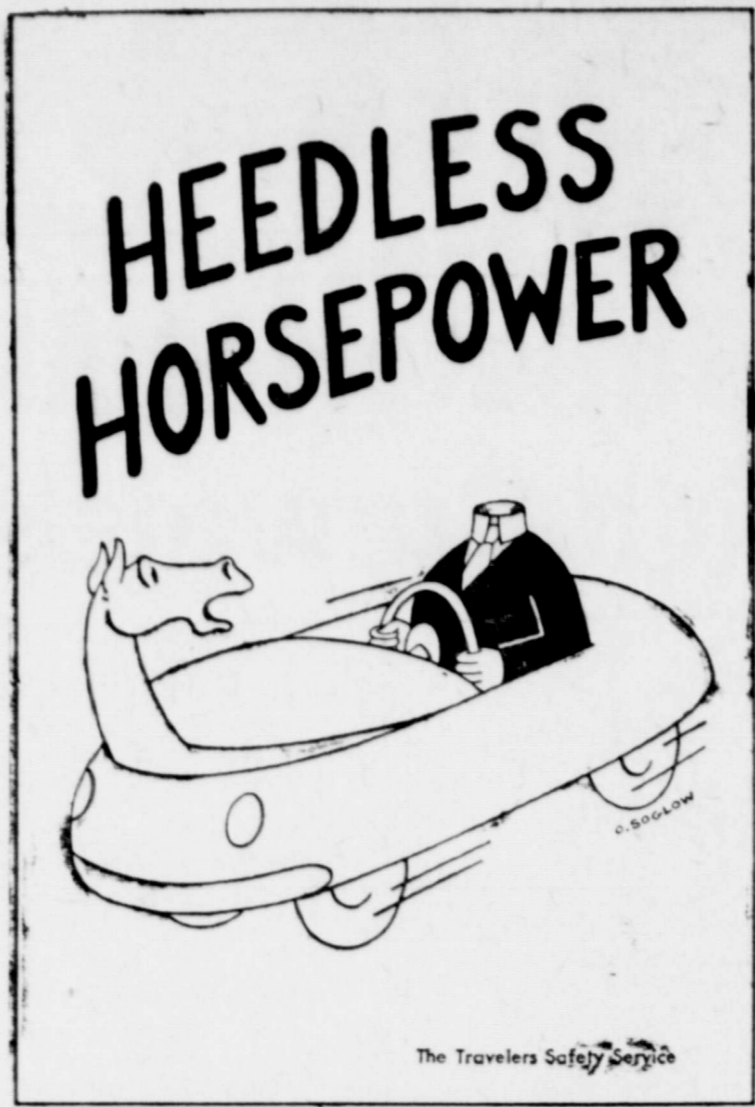
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HIGHLIGHTS and SIDELIGHTS From Your State Capitol

By—Vern Sanford Texas Press Association

AUSTIN, Tex. — Worst drought in Texas history is broken. After seven years farmers look out over soggy fields and talk of "bumper crops."

But the troublesome drought had a troublesome end. Tornadoes, cloudbursts, hail and floods brought loss of lives and property damage in the millions.

Spring planting is reported far behind schedule in many areas. In others, washedout fields will have to be re-sown. And despite the deluge, some dry pockets were noted by agriculture officials, notably in far West and Southwest Texas.

But most reports reflect sober optimism. J. E. Sturrock, manager of the Texas Water Conservation Association, warned that the next

drought, probably in 15 years, will be worse unless precautions are taken now. Water must not be allowed to race off into the Gulf, he said.

And Agriculture Commissioner John White issued a comment not heard in years. He said the fields "needed sunshine."

FOR NEXT TIME — As rain fell in sheets and rivers boiled over into the bottoms, lawmakers debated how to build a bulwark against future dry spells.

Water program sponsors contend an earlier conservation program might have prevented much of the flood devastation.

Plan for a \$200,000,000 fund to help local districts build conservation projects was approved by the House in final form. But Senate opposition slowed progress of another proposed bond issue which would allow state to buy storage space in federal reservoirs. It was cut from \$200,000,000 to \$100,000,000.

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

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.

Train Ride Event For 'Pugs Nursery'

The children down at "Pug's Nursery" rode the train to Abilene Friday and had lunch at Fair Park.

The children were Monte Tittle, Orrin Givins, David and Randy Carson, Don and Kenneth Wayne Pursar, Tommy Anderson and Danny and Janice Lockhart.

The children were accompanied by Sarah Harris, Jill Bob West, Lynn Russell, Wayne Jackson, Larry Cochran and Mrs. Cochran, Jackson and Pug Harris.

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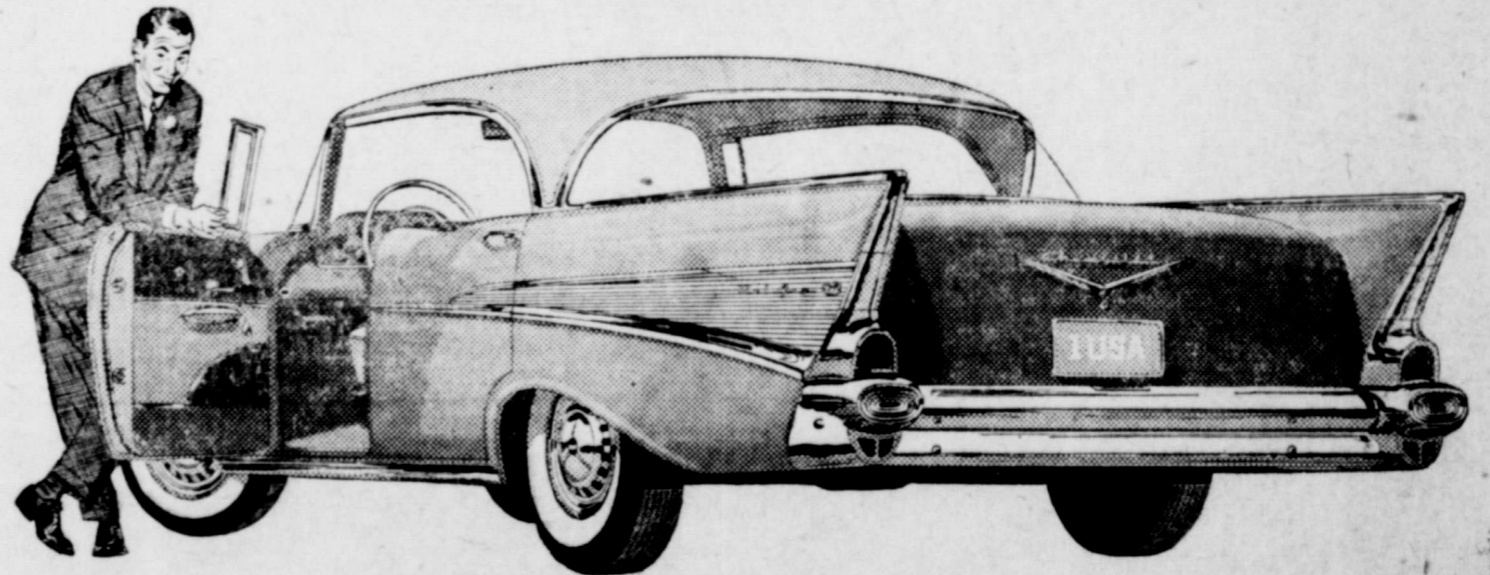
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Dr. Elwin Skiles Will Work With 1-Day Workshop

More than 150 Baptist churches in Northwest Texas will send their elementary Training Union workers to Abilene Friday, May 10, for a one-day workshop on new methods and techniques.

The meeting will be held at the First Baptist Church in Abilene from 2:30 through 9:30 p.m. and is sponsored by the Training Union Department for the Baptist General Convention of Texas, Dallas, and the TU Department for the Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, Tenn. About 350 persons are expected to attend.

Three workers from the Nashville department are among those who will speak and lead conferences. They are Miss Florie Ann Lawton, director of nursery work; Miss Nora Padgett, director of beginner work, and Miss LaVerne Ashby, director of primary work.

Texas leaders who will be at the meeting include R. H. Dilday of Dallas, secretary of the BGCT department, and Rev. Lawrence L. Trott, District 17 missions secretary for the BGCT. Dr. Elwin Skiles, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Abilene, will welcome the workers and speak during the afternoon session.

The meeting will be the first of its kind held in the Abilene area.

Mrs. Elizabeth West and daughters, Bitsy and Jill Bob, visited her brother, Bob Grimes and his family, in Alice recently.

Tax Bite To Cause Budget Cut

Congress will cut the budget submitted by President Eisenhower for the fiscal year 1958. Senator Lyndon B. Johnson, Senate Majority Leader, predicted this week.

"There will be material cuts in the budget," Senator Johnson declared. "We are going to try to make them material enough to justify relief from the heavy tax burden."

The Texas Senator is a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Johnson said that during his visit to Texas the latter part of April he heard many "disturbing reports" about the economic situation.

"Business men tell me their profits are down even though they are doing more business than they did last year," he said. "People on a salary tell me their bank accounts are lower even though they have had no salary cuts."

"Costs are up all along the line—the cost of living, the cost of money, the cost of doing business. We have prosperity in terms of gross income. But in terms of take-home pay and profits—the kind that puts pork chops and potatoes on the table—the picture is far from bright."

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SOCIETY

Lambda Beta Phi Rituals Held

The Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi celebrated Founder's Day by having the rituals instead of the traditional banquet this year. The rituals were held in the REA Auditorium, Friday, May 3.

Bonnie Dayton, program chair-

NOTICE:

The Annual Meeting of the Farmers Cooperative Gin of Stith will be held May 11, at 2:00 p.m.

Buck Leach, President
Roy Kelso, Secretary

man, read an article on Founder's Day which is April 30. On that date each year each chapter of Beta Sigma Phi usually celebrate with a picnic or banquet.

Ritual of Jewels, read by Mary Hargrove, president, was given to Mary Priscilla Hogsett, Ruth McKinzie, Val Patterson, Rojean Hicks and Billie South. She was assisted by Viola Shields, Gloria Dorton, Lucille Litton and Bonnie Dayton.

Those receiving the Pledge Ritual were Mildred Cypert, Opal Derstine, Margarie Knight, Mildred Reeger, Nancy Green, Bobby Mansfield, Bonnie Douglas and Maxine Gardner.

Jane Wade and Viola Shields received the Exemplar Degree. Only members who have been active scority members for four years are eligible for this degree. Another member, Janis Russell, is also eligible.

The refreshment table was decorated with the black Greek letters for BSP on either end and was centered with yellow roses flanked by yellow tapers.

Noodle Graduation Exercises To Be Held Friday Evening, May 17

Commencement exercises will be held in the high school auditorium, Friday evening, May 17, 8 p. m.

Students graduating with honors are: Morris Chancey, Validictorian, Judy Spurgin, Salutatorian, and Bobby Sullivan Salutatorian (a tie).

The speaker for the occasion will be Mr. Dan Overmen, Principal, Baird Elementary School, and former teacher at Noodle. Class History will be given by Myrna

Allred, Class Will by Robbie Goode, Class Prophecy, by Larry Olney.

W. E. Pistole, Supt., will make the awards and present the diplomas.

The program will close with a class poem by Melba Jo Taylor, followed by the benediction by Mr. Ernest Tate, Voc. Agriculture teacher at Noodle.

The graduates are: Myrna Allred, Morris Chancey, Robbie Goode, Larry Olney, Judy Spurgin, Bobby Sullivan, Melba Jo Taylor, Loyd Warren.

International Relations, Subject Of Program

The Fortnightly Study Club met on April 23 in the home of Mrs. Clyde Bartlett. As the guests arrived they were served cookies and frosted punch by the hostess.

International Relations was the subject of the program. Mrs. Ray Wilson, program leader introduced Mrs. E. P. Riggs, formerly of England, who contrasted the life of the English and American homemakers.

Club members enjoying this interesting and informative meeting were: Mmes Carroll Benson, Johnny Cox, W. R. Cypert, Mack Fishers, David Gamble, S. D. Gamble, Ben R. Hicks, Earl Hughes, Judd McReynolds, Homer Patterson, W. T. Sadler, Don Warren, Henry West, Ray Wilson, Chas. Hogsett, Clyde Bartlett and Miss Christine Collins.

Mrs. H. J. Martin is quite sure that if she had tried she could not have produced the oddity she has in her yard at 707 S. 2nd St.

A bush rose and a climbing rose have voluntarily grafted together and there are pink and red roses all on the same limb. The bush rose is planted near the trellis that is literally covered with climbing roses. The bush rose has not bloomed and Mrs. Martin doesn't think it will.

Starr Rest Home

By Mary Outlaw

We are indeed grateful for the nice rains that we have received. Everyone is OK at this writing except "Aunt" Pearl Wiggins and she has the flu bug.

Mrs. M. M. Anderson of Abilene visited her mother Granny Cade last week.

Mr. R. L. Smedley, R. J. Jr. and Noah of Baird visited Mr. Smedley last week.

Rev. A. D. Smith of Sweetwater, Texas Baptist Minister came to our home April 28th and delivered the sermon at 3:00 p.m. Frank and Ethel Carr played and sang for him. He brought a wonderful message and we invite him back into our home. We understand he will be one of our ministers to visit our home on the new schedule.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Saunders, Abilene visited Mr. Baker last week.

Mrs. Barney Gibbs, Mr. Wiley Smedley of Baird and Mr. and Mrs. Warren Price visited Mr. Smedley last week.

Rev. Lee Crouch, pastor of the Clyde Methodist Church visited G. R. Baker last week.

Bill and Ruby Ward of Ft. Worth visited her father Uncle Ben Wheeler last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bozeman, and sons Rusty and Bobby of El Paso, Texas and Mrs. Ray Glasscock and David Beck of Gadsden, Alabama visited their grandfather, Mr. Noah Smedley last week.

Miss Edna Cordell of Sweetwater, Texas visited Mrs. G. H. Bunton Saturday.

Rev. George Emerson pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church came to the home and helped Frank and Ethel Carr sing. Sue and Bob and Mr. Tarpley were also here to help with the singing.

Rev. Smith of the Live Oak Baptist Church of Merkel came Sunday and delivered the message. Mrs. Smith led the singing. A large number of his members came with him and helped with the singing. We enjoyed having them and invite them back again.

We want to thank Mrs. Ollie Fox and her Sunbeams of the First Baptist Church for the nice cake she brought the old folks last week. The old folks enjoyed it very much.

We want to thank Mrs. Stephens who brought the home some nice fresh lettuce on several occasions.

We were sorry to lose Mrs. Sevelda Mitchell of Abilene by death. She had a heart attack. She was loved by all and we are going to miss her very much, but our loss was Heavens gain.

Mr. W. L. Pilgreen of Tye Texas as passed away Thursday evening at 4:30 p.m. in our home. He had been with us several months and we are going to miss him very much.

Bill Baker of Abilene visited his father G. R. Baker Sunday.

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

Several have asked if they might come up and visit Mr. Reagan and several others. Yes you may. You are always welcome. Come by and see your old neighbors and friends.

J. A. Hill and Sons of Ansen came and visited Mrs. Hill Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Fourney and daughter Gene of Clyde visited the Outlaws Sunday week.

Mr. J. W. Cole and daughter Carolyn of Abilene visited Aunt Pearl Wiggins Saturday.

Mrs. Ruth Smith, nurse at the Sadler Clinic and Mrs. Sallie Ewing and Mrs. Joyce Doan worked in the home in our absence while we visited an invalid uncle in Kansas City last week.

Hettie West's brother Willard West visited her last week and brought her another new doll of which she is very proud.

We are thankful for the Church of Christ Pamphlet sent to us weekly. We enjoy it very much.

We want to thank the daughters of Mrs. Sevelda Mitchell who gave the home a used singer machine and some clothing. They were appreciated very much.

We want to welcome Mrs. Hill into our home. She is from Baird

Texas. We hope she will be very happy in our home.

The Officers and Teachers Banquet of the First Baptist Church met Monday night, May 6th. Superintendent Perry Davis presided. The theme was the Six Point Record System. Mrs. Herman Carson led the group in a song with Mrs. Newt Logan as accompanist. Mr.

A. L. McAden lead the opening prayer. An interesting program was rendered by Mrs. Edd Sanduskey, Mrs. C. G. Sewell, Mr. Arvin Wozencraft, Mrs. Sam Swann, Mr. Irl Walker and Mr. Don Estes. Beginners and nursery workers sponsored the lovely menu. Closing prayer was by Perry Davis.

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After special music by Mrs. Strand and Carleton, Mrs. Guy Scruggs of Abilene brought a

thought-provoking message on "The Christian Home". In her talk, Mrs. Scruggs said that the word "home" stirs our deepest emotions. "Homes are the hopes of nations, and each person should continually strive for improvement of his home, and should teach children respect for authority. The down-fall of all pre-ling up of homes. God gave us ceeding civilizations was the break-a blueprint for homes—love, labor, and companionship, and we should pray that our children might grow as Jesus did—in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man". Mrs. Scruggs closed her talk with the short poem "Tomorrow".

After a brief message by Mrs. Newberry, Jones County Agent, the meeting closed with a sextette singing the new Home Demonstration Council song "Onward, Ever Onward".

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UP THE CANYON

By TOM RUSSOM

Our weather is still giving us more rain. The weeds that were little are now big weeds. Farmers are wanting to see some sunshine, it doesn't sound like west Texas farmers, to want sunshine when they can get rain.

For five years we had plenty of sunshine and very little rain. Joe Seymore left Wednesday for Ft. Carson, Colorado. He is going by automobile. He is going after his son, Mach, who is in service there.

Small grain is really doing good and if something doesn't happen to it it will be fine.

Sheep shearing is getting underway up the canyon at this time. Sheep are shearing light due to the hard winter we had.

Ladies of the Pioneer W.S.C.S. served dinner in the Madge Butman Youth Camp dining Hall Monday to attendants of the Soil Conservation field day tour.

On Monday night sixty neighbors and friends met for supper at the dining hall and following a bountiful meal, J. E. Meeks brought a wonderful devotional. J. E. is our young ministerial student in Hardin-Simmons.

Joe Swinney has been buying some steers to put on pasture. Ray Osburn of the Canyon sowed two-hundred acres of oats for grazing.

And he said cattle was so high he could not buy them, and he plans to harvest the oats. We think cattle will be high on through sudan grass time.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Anderson and children, Judy, Andy and Max, visited the W. S. Hendricks in Arlington over the week-end. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Barton in Fort Worth.

Recent guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hogsett were her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clive Killough from Ralls, Texas.

Recent visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Scott were his sister Artie Pace of Belmont, California and three brothers, William and Ray Scott of Lubbock, and Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Scott of Abilene.

Mr. Scott had not seen his sister for nine years.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Amason and Ricky of Jacksboro were house guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Watson and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Amason for the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Jennings of Plainview were visitors of their brother, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Amason for the week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Stockbridge were recently guests of their mother, Mrs. Nannie Glenn of Breckenridge.

Rev. and Mrs. W. M. R. Reeves of Eloy, Arizona, were week end guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Mathews.

Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Wilson of Seymour, were recent guests in

the home of their sister, Mrs. Edna Horton and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Meeks of Sweetwater, are the house guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dee Moore for the week.

Mrs. Loyd is visiting with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sledge, this week.

Visiting with Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Martin Sunday were Mrs. Floyd Martin of Dallas and Miss Bessie Martin of Sweetwater.

Mrs. Josie Shanks spent the week-end with her son, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Shanks and family, in San Antonio. She was accompanied by Mrs. Edna Horton.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Farmer visited relatives near Muleshoe last week and reported on the rain condition there. On a farm 25 miles west of Muleshoe they had three-fourths to one and one-half inches of rain and no rain west of there.

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A historical document of Merkel and Taylor County can be purchased at the Merkel Chamber of Commerce office for only 10 cents each.

These booklets were made for the Merkel Golden Cavalcade last year and sold for 50 cents each. They contain many interesting stories of early settlers of Merkel and Taylor County complete with pictures.

Anyone interested in purchasing one of these booklets, please send 10 cents, with your name and address to the Chamber of Commerce.

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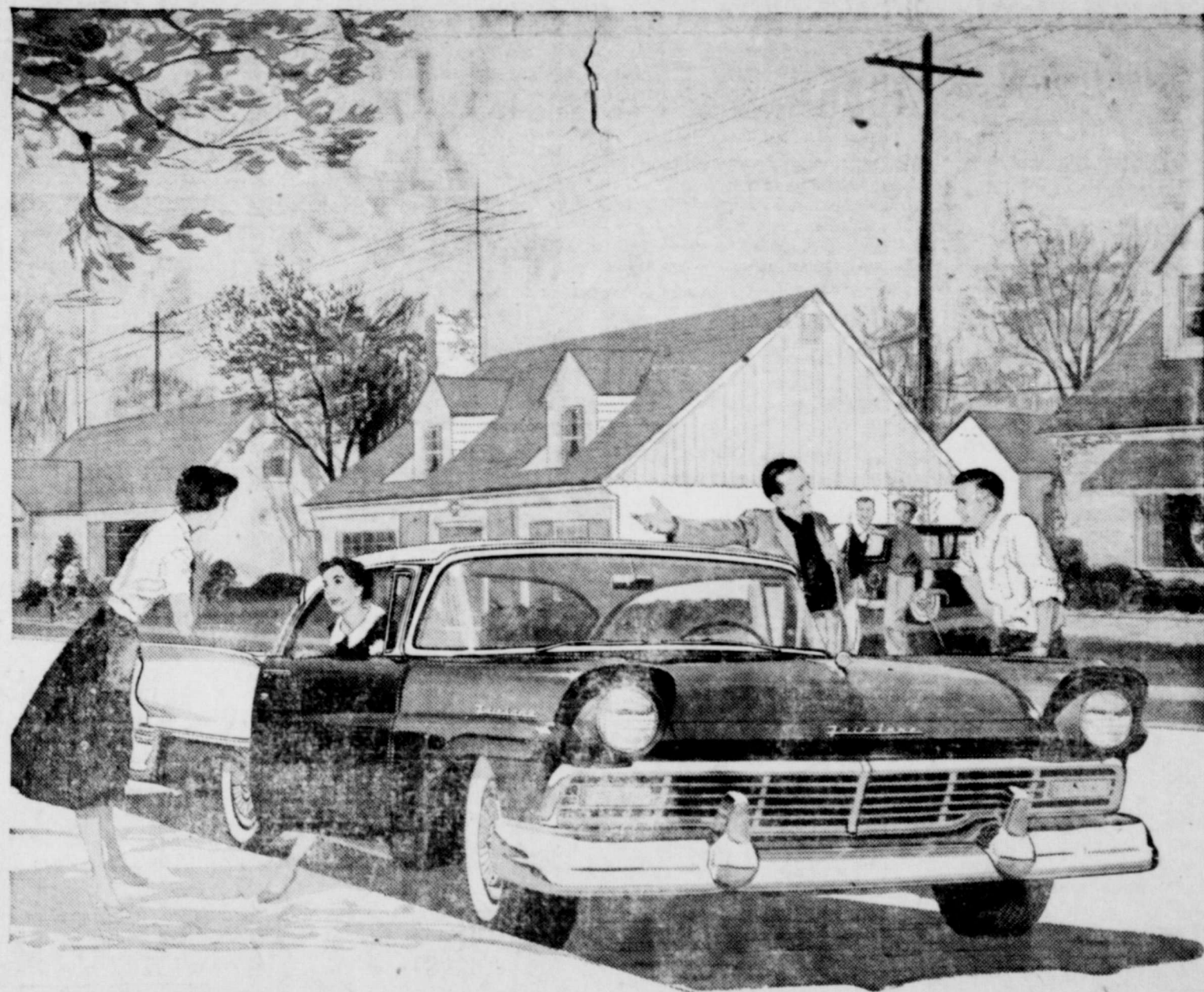
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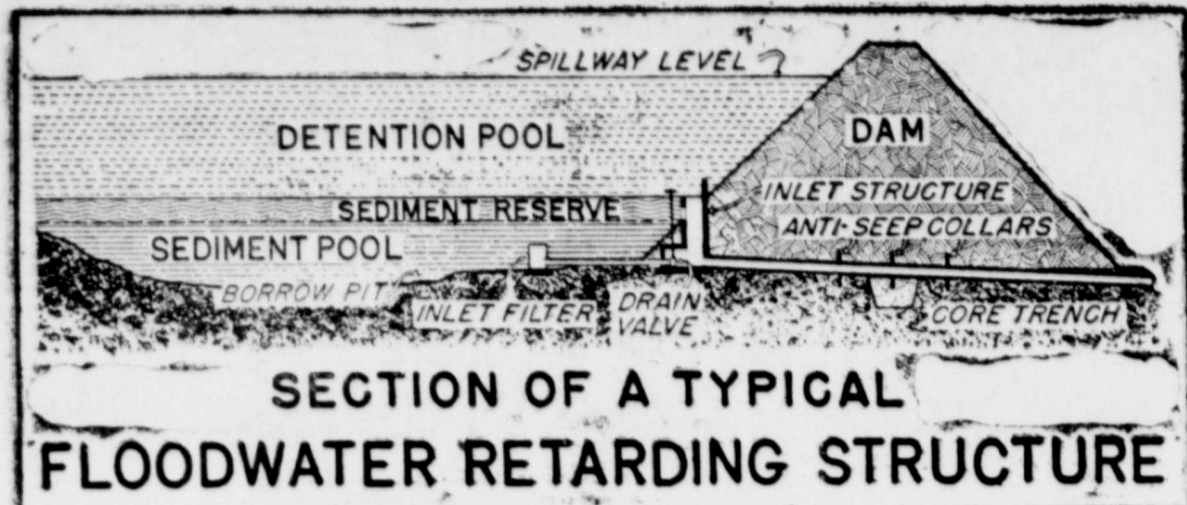
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Retarding Structure Very Important In Flood Water Control

All flood water retarding structures in the Middle Colorado watershed functioned over the weekend according to reports from the various sub-watersheds. Flood planes below detention structures were spared from rampant waters which heretofore caused much crop, livestock, soil, road, bridge, and fence damage. Several farmers and ranchers ex-

perienced benefits of upstream flood protection for the first time during recent rains. An estimated 6,870 ac. ft. of flood detention water was trapped behind the 26 completed structures to be released through open draw-down tubes over a period of 6 to 10 days according to E. J. Hughes, Area Conservationist with the Soil Conservation Service located at Brownwood.

Brady Creek structures detained an estimated 4,770 ac. ft. of flood water which will prolong stream flow for 8 to 10 days with no recharge Hughes said. Deep Creek with six flood water retarding structures caught an estimated 1,250 ac. ft. of flood detention water which should provide three to five days extended stream flow.

Clear Creek with three structures complete caught flood detention water for the first time. Stream flow of five to eight days will be required to release potential flood waters which have been harmlessly held for automatic release Hughes points out.

Rainfall over the three sub-watersheds having flood prevention structures has varied generally from 2 to 6 inches during the past week. Runoff has like wise varied considerably depending upon intensity of rainfall and amount of cover or conservation treatment on the land. A summary of moisture penetration tests over the area reveals depths of 12 to 16 inches with sparse cover, whereas land having good cover is wet 30 to 60 inches. Total runoff for sub-watersheds above flood detention structures has not exceeded 1.5 inches during the past week. Flood detention capacity of most structures is designed to detain 4 to 6 inches runoff for automatic release without use of emergency spillways Hughes states.

Visitors in the J. O. Castles home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Benton Poe of Winters, Mr. and Mrs. Earl McCright of Abilene, and Mrs. Emma Hill, Ruth Hill and Miss Viola Smith of Abilene.

Charles C. Castles of Houston spent last week end in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Castles.

SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT NEWS



OUR SOIL ★ OUR STRENGTH

Did your land fail to take up its share of moisture from the recent rains? What do you plan to do about it?

More and more Soil Conservation cooperators are turning to "Organic Farming". To farm organically means to plant and return to the soil those crops that build

up the structure and improve the water intake of the soil.

A rather large acreage of American winter peas was planted in the Merkel-Stith area last fall. Moisture penetration tests showed that these lands that had a winter cover of peas were wet up to twice as deep as land that was left bare. Land needs to have some kind of vegetative cover, either living or dead, all of the time.

To encourage more protection of the land the County ASC office has set up a payment on summer peas to be planted on land not set aside for some other crop and especially on acreage reserve land.

Some of the local farmers that have made plans to plant summer peas for soil building are: Robert Riney, Allen Agnew, and Spud McLeod.

A number of farmers have reported good stands of Blue Panic are: Dee Teaff, Frank Brnovak, Spud McLeod, Comer Haynes, Homer Finch and the plot that seeded on Lester Dorton during the grass seeding field day on his place. Also range land that has recently been root plowed and seeded is reported to have a good stand of grass.

Legal Column

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To any Sheriff or any Constable within the State of Texas —

GREETING:

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION 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 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 seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 15th day of April A. D. 1957.

(SEAL)
Attest R. H. Ross Clerk, 42nd District Court Taylor County, Texas.

By Irene Crawford, Deputy.

Driest Rancher Chosen Yearly By S. C. Association

Members of the Madisonville Sidewalk Cattlemen's Association, just emerging from the worst drouth in the history of Texas, looked out over their green ranges this week where cattle grazed in knee-deep grass and felt sorry for fellow-ranchers in other areas of the United States still plagued by drouth.

"What we ought to do," they decided, "is share this beautiful sight with some drouth-ridden rancher still swallowing dust."

As a result, they came up with a plan to find the driest rancher in the United States, Canada or Mexico and fly him to Madisonville as the honor guest at the annual Sidewalk Cattlemen's barbecue June 6.

The Madisonville Sidewalk Cattlemen's Association, you recall, is the celebrated outfit that throws a big barbe cue each spring and attracts international attention by the type of honor guest it selects who once was guest, little girls who can't buy cowboy boots in Boston, ex-soldiers who hate Texas, International good neighbors from South America, etc., and taking off our hats to the driest rancher in North and South America."

The cattlemen know what a drouth is, as they've just emerged from a seven-year dry spell termed by historians as the worst in 300 years, but now rains have returned and the ranges are lush, the cattle fat and sleek.

"What we want," they said, "is to find the driest rancher, the one who has gone the longest with the least amount of rain, but is still ranching. Anybody who has quit, he's not eligible. Anybody with some oil wells, he's not eligible. Or with a job in town, or with a wife who teaches school. What we want is a genuine, drouth-stricken rancher who has stuck it out and is still staring at the sky every morning and seeing nothing but the sun, except when it's bleared by dust. We want to fly him to Texas and into Madisonville."

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It is a good idea to be on the lookout for insects. Garden insects are usually easy to keep in check if control measures are used while the insects are young and before they build up in large numbers.

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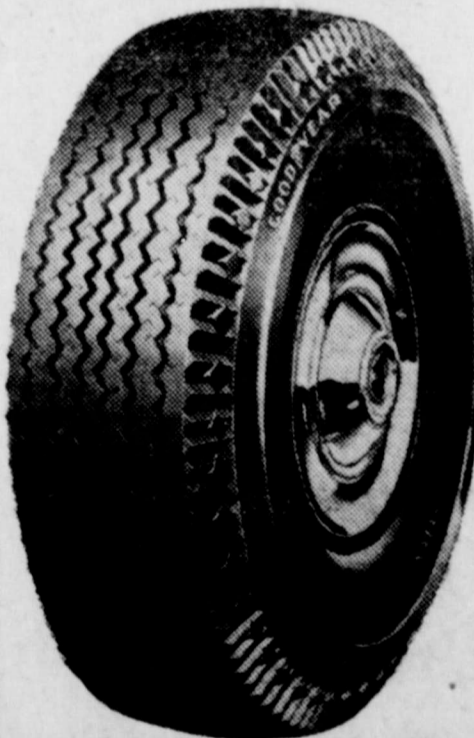
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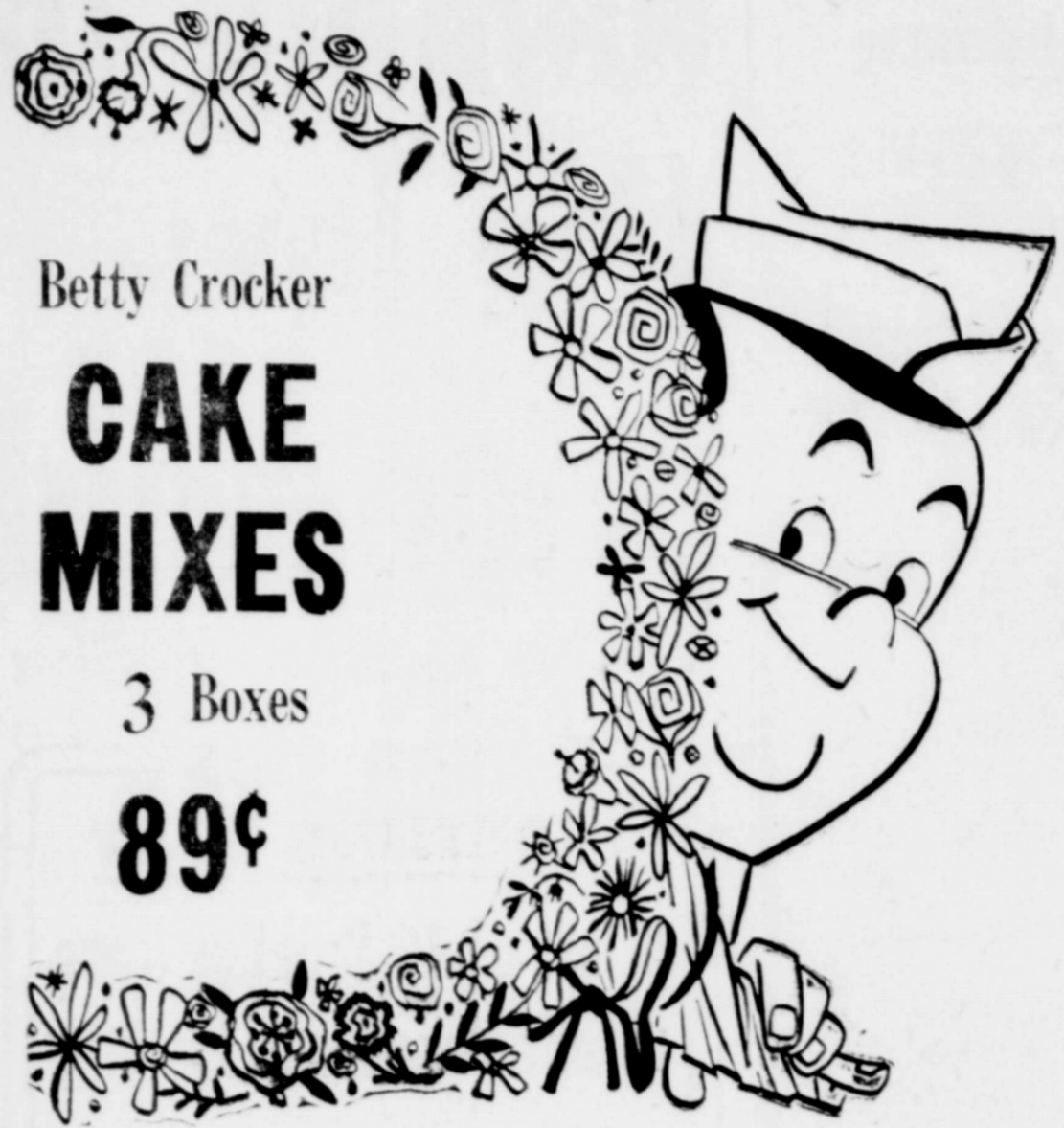
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