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Postmaster Urges Early Mailing For Christmas

Predicting that the Christmas mail this year will set an all-time record, even exceeding the record set in 1956. Postmaster Wrenn Durham announced his 1957 "Mail Early For Christmas" Campaign today.

With Christmas only a little more than a month away, the Postmaster reminds us, "It's later than you think." Most folks have a tendency to wait until December rolls around before they give their Christmas mailing plans a thought.

The Postmaster further suggested that right now is the time to take the following steps: Check your Christmas card list very carefully—make sure that each address includes the full name, street and number, city, zone and state.

He said, also, that it is a good idea to stock up on heavy wrapping paper, sturdy corrugated cartons, strong cord, and paper adhesive tape for use in securely packing and wrapping your Christmas gifts. If you'd like to include your Christmas card or letter inside your gift package, just add the appropriate First Class mail postage to the postage for the package itself; thus, insuring simultaneous arrival of your gift and greeting.

Tag Buck Hide For TB Patient

Mr. Hunter, when you bag that buck, tag the hide for a TB patient!

That is the word from volunteers who work in the state tuberculosis hospitals and who will have the hides tanned into buckskin for use in occupational therapy.

Joseph Hennessy of San Antonio, chairman of the State Volunteer Council for the TB Hospital, says the hides should be salted, drained, tied and turned over to the motor freight lines for shipment to the Austin Taxidermist Studio, 2708 Fredericksburg Road, Austin, where the owner, L. M. Rathbone will handle them for consignment to the tannery.

The salt is necessary to help the drainage and to prevent spoilage, Rathbone says. The tag should read "for TB patients", so the motor freight lines can haul them without charge. The volunteers will take it from there.

"That buckskin can mean a lot to a guy in the TB hospital who won't be going hunting for some time to come," Hennessy says. The deer hide collection has the endorsement of the Game and Fish Commission and the Sportsmen's Clubs of Texas. Last year, Air Force Reserve members took training mission time to fly the hides to the California tannery. It is hoped they will again be able to provide this service, Hennessy said.

Special Bus May Go To Sundown

Arrangements have been made by the Merkel Chamber of Commerce for a special bus to go to Sundown Friday. Anyone interested in going by bus should contact the Chamber of Commerce office not later than Thursday at 5:00 p.m. Prices will be \$5.35 round-trip. At least 35 are needed in order to get the bus.

Mr. and Mrs. George T. Rowland visited in the home of her mother, Mrs. Leo Schwartz of Dallas, over the weekend.



And He said unto them, Where is your faith? — (St. Luke 8, 25.)

When, distressed by troubles we feel unable to overcome, or faced with tribulations that seem beyond our strength, we may well heed the question the Lord Jesus asks us, as He asked it of His disciples. Strong in our faith that God is ever willing and ready to help, we shall always be sustained.

Community Thanksgiving Service Set For Nov. 26 At School Auditorium

A Community-Wide Thanksgiving Service to be held in the Merkel High School Auditorium at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, November 26 promises to be a highlight of the Thanksgiving season. People of all faiths in Merkel and the surrounding area are invited to attend that all may present a fitting expression of devoted gratitude for every blessing received at the hand of Him who is "The" giver of all good and perfect gifts.

Lions Net \$100 For Crippled Children's Fund

The Merkel Lions Club made about \$100 for the Crippled Children's Fund at their annual pancake supper here last Tuesday night, according to Horace Hargrove, general chairman for the affair.

The 125 persons attending the supper were entertained by W. G. Reed and his High School Swing Band, Mr. and Mrs. Ford Smith and Ford Smith Jr., and John Paul Hardesty.

Merkel Stores To Close Friday For Football Game In Sundown

Merkel merchants will close all day Friday, November 22, 1957, in observance of the Bi-District football game between the Merkel Badgers and the Sundown Roughnecks. The game will be played there at 2:00 p.m.

The stores listed below ask that

A. F. Berrington Dies Wednesday

A. F. Berrington, 66, died early Wednesday morning in Sadler Clinic-Hospital where he had been a patient for two weeks.

Mr. Berrington, who was born February 8, 1891 in Callahan County, operated a grocery store here since 1943.

In Sept., 1912 he married Levi-tha Turner in Merkel and they moved to Ford County in 1917 where they farmed until they moved back here in 1943.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 p.m. Thursday in the First Baptist Church with the Rev. C. G. Sewell, pastor, officiating. He will be assisted by Bob Canon, minister of the Church of Christ. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery under the direction of Star-buck Funeral Home.

Survivors include his wife, a son, L. T. of Midland; two sisters, Mrs. Ettie Harris and Mrs. Vivian Horton; five brothers, Ivey and Arthur of McFarland, Calif., Claude, of Levelland, Robert of Portales, N. M., Emerson of Merkel; two grandchildren, Billie Lynn and Alvana Derrington of Midland.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Stockbridge spent the weekend with their mother and sister, Mrs. Nannie Glenn and Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Collins of Breckenridge, and were accompanied home by Mrs. Glenn who will remain with them for an indefinite time.

MAJ. RUSSELL BLAIR AWARDED COMMENDATION RIBBON OCT. 31

Major Russell T. Blair, Fourth U.S. Army deputy aviation officer, retired from the Army Oct. 31 after more than 20 years of service.

During a colorful retirement ceremony held in Fort Sam Houston's famous Fourth Army quadrangle, he was awarded the Commendation Ribbon with metal pendant for distinguishing himself by meritorious service at Fourth U. S. Army headquarters since Jan. 1952. Lt. General J. H. Collier, Fourth U. S. Army commanding general, made the presentation.

A native of Merkel, Major Blair enlisted in the Army at Ft. Sam Houston Feb. 25, 1937. He was commissioned a second lieutenant in 1943, at Fort Benning, Ga., and was assigned to the 14th Armored Division at Fort Chaffee, Ark.

He served with the division in Europe during World War II later transferring to the 12th Armored Division. He participated

in four major campaigns. In 1945, he returned to the United States and was assigned to the Infantry Replacement Training Center at Camp Joseph T. Robinson, Ark.

In March, 1946, he assumed duties as athletic and recreation officer of the Academic Regiment, Fort Benning, Ga., until entering the Army flying school in Oct. at San Marcos, Tex. He graduated from the school in July, 1947, and was assigned Army Aviation Officer of the New York-New Jersey sub area, Fort Totten, New York, until 1950.

During the Korean conflict, Major Blair was assigned to the 304th Signal Battalion. From Sept. 1950 until Nov. 1951, he was in six campaigns with the unit in Korea. He has been at Fort Sam Houston since Jan. 1952.

Among Major Blair's decorations are the Bronze Star, the Air Medal with four oak leaf clusters, and the Combat Infantryman's Badge. He will be employed by Ross Aviation, Inc., Tulsa, Okla.

Thanksgiving Message — Rev. Wm. S. Agnew, Pastor, First Assembly of God Church, Merkel.

Offering — An offering is taken each year at this service to be used to help the needy of our community.

Thanksgiving Prayer — Rev. Wayne Davis, Pastor, Calvary Baptist Church.

Harvest Hymn — Congregation.

Benediction — Rev. W. F. Smith.

shopping be done Thursday or Saturday in order for their employees to take off Friday to attend the game. Those closing are Starbuck Co., Wilson Food Store, Carson Supermarket, Bullock Hardware, Eager Feed Store, Dudley Electric, Adcock Cleaners, Mack's Cleaners, Boney Insurance, Max Mellingers, White Auto Store, Ben Franklin Store, Merkel Drug, Bragg Dry Goods, Wilson Jewelry, Higginbotham-Bartlett Co., City Drug, West Texas Utilities Co., Bob McDonald's Barber Shop, Higgins Barber Shop, Post Office Barber Shop, Bill's Garden and Gift Shop, Burton-Lingo Co., B&D Garage and Toombs and Moore Feed.

City Planning Committee Holds First Meeting

The City Planning Committee, newly appointed by the Merkel Chamber of Commerce, held their first meeting in the chamber of commerce office Tuesday morning for indoctrination and to pinpoint trouble spots relative to growth.

Serving on the committee are Fred Starbuck, chairman; Wren Durham, Cyrus Pee, Mack Fisher, Clyde Bartlett, Raymond Ferguson, Ben Hicks, Norman Winter, Earl Hughes, and Odus Griffin.

It was pointed out that this committee appointment is permanent and will study community needs and make recommendations to both the board of directors and to the city council for action.

It tends to plan an orderly growth instead of haphazard and unorganized development. Its aims are to study the demand placed upon present facilities and means of expanding them to care for future demands within economic reason. It aims to create and foster in the minds of all citizens the need for and promote real spirit of community cooperation.

Some of the first recommendations of the committee were to study a means of providing and enforcing sanitation ordinances, street paving, water and sewer extensions, zoning regulations and new ordinances on building codes. It asked for a study of means to introduce legislation to the state authorizing cities to confiscate delinquent tax property when such taxes exceed its market value.

The program in general covered needs for immediate action and work toward a five, ten, fifteen, and twenty year development program. It was stated that Merkel is existing with conditions 50 years behind the times, causing untold health hazards to the entire community. Until a means is provided to eliminate these conditions they could exist indefinitely.

This committee will meet at least once a month and as often as needed. Their next meeting will be in December.

Lions To Hold Turkey Shoot

The Lions Club will sponsor a Turkey Shoot to be held from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., Sunday, December 15, southeast of Merkel.

Dr. Don Warren and Chester Collinsworth are in charge of the project and they expect to have quite a few fat turkeys by then. They suggest that teenagers, amateurs, Dads over 60 or just any one get up a group and see who is the best shot.

More details will be available later.

Lions Club Plans Ladies Night

The Merkel Lions Club set the date for their Ladies Night Banquet for Tuesday night, December, 1957, in the high school cafeteria.

Tickets are now on sale at the Merkel Drug, Boney Insurance, or the Chamber of Commerce office.

Merkel Girls On TSC Rifle Team

Stephenville, Nov. 21 (Spl.)—Johnnie Tipton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Tipton, and Barbara Morgan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Morgan, are both members of the Tarleton State College Girls Rifle Team.

Miss Tipton and Miss Morgan are senior business administration students at Tarleton State.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. George T. Rowland is Mrs. Rowland's aunt, Mrs. Cora Richerson of Fort Worth.



ANN BENSON

Ann Benson Is FFA Queen

Members of the Merkel High School FFA Chapter have elected Ann Benson as their 1957-58 sweetheart.

Ann is the daughter of Coach and Mrs. Carroll Benson. She is a junior in high school and has been active in many organizations in the high school. She is a two-year member of the Home Economics Club and a three-year member of the staff of the school annual. Also, she is a member of several other school groups.

She will compete with chapter sweethearts from 14 other schools in the Abilene FFA District. The contest will be held at the annual district banquet in January.

Plans Underway For Women's Basketball Team

Plans are underway to organize a women's basketball team here. Miss Beatrice West, girl's high school coach, has agreed to help acquaint the group with new high school rules and regulations.

Anyone interested in playing may contact Mrs. Eldon Hicks or Bettye Jane Tittle.

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400 ATTEND DISTRICT FHA MEETING HELD IN MERKEL LAST SATURDAY

Some 400 members of the Future Homemakers of America and their sponsors from 38 area schools, attended the annual District II FHA meeting Saturday at Merkel High School.

Carolyn Vines of Albany, district president, presided at the meeting.

Dr. Joe Humphrey, McMurry College dean, and Mrs. Theron Guffey of Abilene were the principal speakers. Dr. Humphrey spoke on "Family Affairs" and Mrs. Guffey spoke on "The Family and Consumer Buying."

Registration and a coffee for sponsors and mothers was held from 8:30 to 9 a.m.

Following the opening ritual, given by the Moran chapter, the guests were welcomed by Kay Chaney, president of the Merkel FHA chapter, and Mack Fisher, superintendent of the Merkel schools.

Joyce Grimm, vice president from Hamlin, gave the response. Johnny Walton of Rochester brought the girls a greeting from the Future Farmers of America, after which Dr. Humphrey spoke, "Family Affairs" skits were given by the Wylie chapter and the Abilene High School chapter. Wylie's skit was titled "Family Going on Vacation," and Abilene's skit was "An Evening at Home."

After Mrs. Guffey's talk the Hamlin chapter presented a skit on "The Family and Civil Defense."

Judith Stone, Dist. II pianist from Graham, played from 12:45 to 1 p.m., following the luncheon period.

Skits on careers were given by the Breckenridge chapter and a devotion was given by the Lueders chapter.

A degree workshop was held after the closing ceremony. Area officers were honored guests at the meeting. The officers are Marjorie Teague, president; Pamela Talley, vice president; Betty Bailey, secretary; Gladys Diller, public relations officer; and Goldye Lewis, historian.

120 Carloads Pipe Unloaded Here

120 carloads of pipe have been unloaded in Merkel the past week, according to Mrs. George Rowland, depot agent for the Texas and Pacific Railroad.

The Magnolia Pipe Line Company is laying a line from Midland to Corsicana and are unloading pipe at three points along the way, Cisco, Merkel and Colorado City.

Roscoe-Richards Co. of Texas are the contractors unloading the pipe and taking it to an area near the football stadium for coating before they put it in the ground.

Jr. Red Cross Elects Officers

The Junior Red Cross met Thursday, November 14, to reorganize for the year 1957-58.

Officers elected were: Don Wilson, chairman; Janie Breaux, co-chairman; Ann Benson, secretary and reporter; Erroll Rutledge, treasurer; Linda Leach, social chairman.

The project workers appointed by the chairman were Bobby Malone, Jim Horton, Lynda Jones, Bitsy West and Donna Riney.

The Junior Red Cross will make a chest and fill boxes to be sent overseas. They will also visit the sick, the Rest Home, and the Abilene State Hospital.

Present at the meeting Thursday were Don Wilson, Bobby Malone, Jim Horton, Janie Breaux, Katy Hunter, Bette Flo Smith, Chery Corder, Joe Cunningham, Erroll Rutledge, Becky Ray, Sue Bond, Linda Leach, Ann Benson, Annette Boney, and the sponsor Mrs. Judd McReynolds.

Trucks Housed Here For Const.

About 25 trucks belonging to the Caddell Transit Corp. of Colorado City are using the T. E. Mercer Co. as headquarters while in Merkel.

Caddell Transit is in charge of hauling base material for Cage Bros. who are in charge of construction on Highway 80.

Work on the project has been held up recently due to the weather.

Former Merkel Resident Shrugs Off Record Penalty For Cotton Crop

Jack A. Harris of Fresno—who paid almost one million dollars this week for the right to market his 1957 cotton crop—shrugged it off Saturday as "strictly a business proposition."

The parents of Harris, a man who hit the front pages across the country Saturday because of Agriculture cotton allotments, are former Merkel residents, and C. K. (Charlie) Russell, still of Merkel, is the California man's uncle.

Harris paid a penalty of 18 1/2 cents a pound on his excess over the government allotment, and this came to a paltry \$965,595.84. Harris told Associated Press reporters he could produce the cotton for about 15 cents a pound, sell it for 36 or 37, and still make two to four cents a pound on it.

He said he thinks crop controls are ridiculous.

"Some stories have made it look like I was trying to pull something illegal," Harris told The Associated Press. "I was trying to prove this country doesn't need a support program for cotton."

Jack's father, Alex Harris, operated gins in Merkel and Newby early in the 19-10 decade, and moved to Stanton to run a gin in 1914. Jack was born there. The family moved to California in 1917, and have lived there since. However, in addition to Russell, a brother of Jack's mother, the man who made news has an aunt Mrs. Tom Winman, who lives in Roscoe. She is a sister of Alex Harris, Jack's father.

Russell, a cattleman and cattle buyer, said he hadn't seen the family since 1917 until he visited them in California in July.

Russell remarked that the Harris' still owned "about five gins, but now they gin only their own cotton."

He said he was now buying some cattle for Harris, and would go to California with a train-load in about two weeks.

"Jack feeds out nine or ten thousand head a year," remarked Russell.

Russell said some half-brothers and sisters of Alex live in Roscoe and Mertzon, but he did not know their names.

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Daughters Visit In Justice Home

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ves Justice the past weekend were their two daughters, Mrs. Tim Mason and Jacque of Abilene, and Mrs. Bill Poplin of Hobbs, New Mexico.

Mr. Mason, a teacher at ACC, and Mr. Poplin, chemical engineer in Hobbs, joined their wives here Saturday and all attended the homecoming at ACC.

Other guests in the Justice home Sunday were Mrs. Justice's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Spurgin, and her sister, Missie Spurgin of Midland.

The Rev. John V. Ferguson of Pampa visited in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Denzel Cox and Mrs. Gertrude Pee last week.

CEMETERY FUND

The following persons made contributions to the Merkel Cemetery Fund:

Mrs. W. T. Walker
Mrs. J. B. Foster
V. D. Jones
Mrs. Jackson Parker
Mrs. Amy Sears
J. D. Sheppard

HOSPITAL NOTES

The following persons were admitted to the Sadler Clinic-Hospital this last week:

Price Mitchell
Mrs. Cadmus Brown
Mrs. Elmer Patterson
Mrs. Floyd M. Jones
Tokio Moreno
Max Hodge
R. G. Stout
Mrs. J. F. Neff
J. D. Spinks, Sr.
Mitchell Pender
A. T. Sheppard
Dale Wise
Patsy Veselka
Orval Hill
Mrs. Stella Tarpley
Mrs. M. Askins
Mrs. Floyd M. Jones
Gladys Whitfield

The following persons have been dismissed from the Sadler Clinic-Hospital this past week:

Price Mitchell
Mrs. Ray Reynolds
C. R. Rogers, Jr.
George West
Pete Morgan
Mrs. W. H. Williamson
Mrs. A. J. Bird
Mrs. J. P. Davis
R. O. Payne
Mrs. E. Durham
Mrs. Jack Collier
J. W. Lloyd
Henio Moreno
Mrs. Elmer Patterson
Mrs. Floyd M. Jones
Tokio Moreno
Max Hodge
R. G. Stout
Mrs. J. F. Neff
A. T. Sheppard

Mr. and Mrs. Don Doan and family of Stamford visited in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Doan, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Bicknell and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Bicknell all of Odessa, visited with their father W. J. Bicknell over the week-end.

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Tri-color winner at the Key City Garden Club flower show was Mrs. Dale Litton of Merkel. The show, "Fall Festival of Fruits and Flowers," was held Thursday at the Lone Star Gas Co. Auditorium.

Mrs. Litton's entry was titled "O'ps". It was a tipped-up basket from which spilled pale bronze Bass Witt spider mums and stems of pussywillow.

On display were a variety of arrangements in all the classes. Flowers combined with leaves of autumn colors hobnobbed with green and purple grapes, eggplants, pineapples, pecans, and all manner of vegetables to achieve symmetry and pleasingly balanced form.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Doan over the week-end were their daughter Mrs. H. P. Alderman of Texas City, and Mrs. Joe Doan and daughters, Terry and Janie, of Amarillo. Mrs. Warren Shaw and children accompanied Mrs. Alderman back to Texas City where they have moved recently.

Mrs. Nathan Woods, who underwent major surgery in New Orleans, La. recently, returned home Sunday.

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J. R. Mashburn Jr., bagged a 10 point buck in the mountains 10 miles east of Corona, New Mexico. He is visiting his cousin, Lee Thomas and family of Corona.

Mrs. Walter Frazier spent last week in Aspermont visiting her son, George and his family. While there they went deer hunting but did not have any luck, says Mrs. Frazier.

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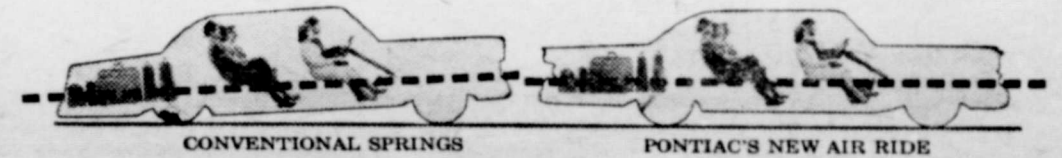
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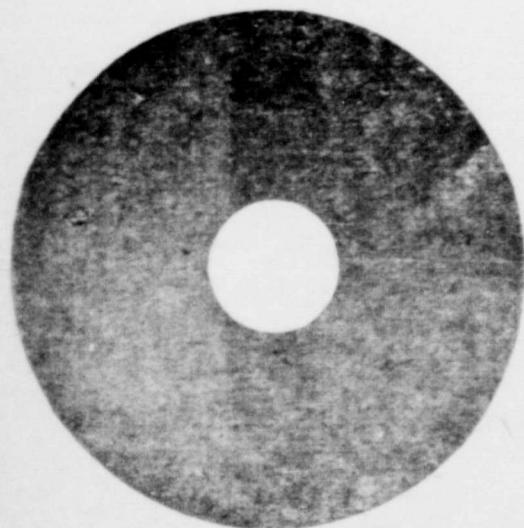
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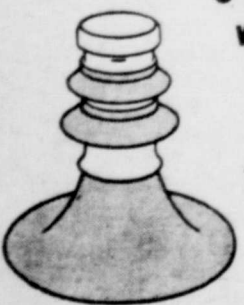


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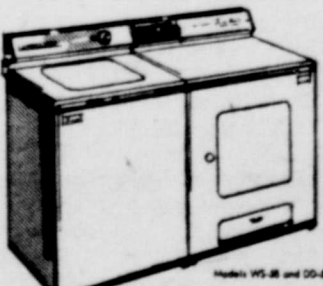


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Stith HD Club News

Mrs. Ida Mashburn was hostess when the Stith HD Club held their regular meeting Nov. 13, at the Community Center.
Mrs. Edith Leach, president, called the meeting to order. Members answered roll call with "What I Have Learned In Club This Year".
Bible scriptures were read by

the club chaplin, Mrs. Paul Bradley. Prayer was led by Mrs. M. E. Jones.
Mrs. Frank Carter, T. H. D. A. Chairman, spoke on her recent trip to the THDA convention.
The next meeting will be Wednesday, Nov. 27, when Mrs. M. E. West will be hostess. The program will be on good grooming.
Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Sublett of Corpus Christi are visiting his brother Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Sublett.

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By L. A. WILKE

Ducks and geese are here! The hunting season opens one-half hour before sunrise on Friday, November 1. Duck season ends January 14; goose season Dec. 30. All shooting must end one-half hour after sunset, daily.

This is the real beginning of fall, football notwithstanding. When those honkers pass over in formation, we know winter is just around the corner. It won't be long until the frost is on the pumpkin.

If you are a novice at duck hunting there are a few fundamentals you should know.

First, you must get your hunting license, which cost \$3.15. Next, get your Federal duck stamp, which costs \$2 and attach the stamp to the license. If caught without these you are out of luck.

Still another law is just as important. You must have your shotgun, not larger than 10 gauge, plugged to hold not more than three shots. And don't shoot from a motor boat, that's against the law.

With these rules complied with you may kill five ducks and six geese a day. You can have 10 ducks, but only six geese, in your possession at one time. You also can kill 10 quail and eight Wilson's snipe in one day. Possession is one day's bag.

If you are doubtful about any provision of the shooting regulations, consult your local game warden. He'll give you all the help you need.

Despite rains and changing weather there still is a large dove population in the South Zone of Texas. Warden reports from most of the South Texas counties, indicate the doves are fat and fully feathered now. Dove hunting season in South Texas does not close until Nov. 17, except in the valley counties where there was a three-day white wing season. In those counties the season will close November 14.

Year Round Fishing
Rains of the past week have muddied most of the Texas streams. Top-water fishing has been badly affected. With deep-running plugs some big bass have been taken from the lower depths.

There'll be rapid turnovers in the lakes now with the advent of cool weather. After settling there should be some excellent top-water fishing again. Meantime sandies and crappie are being taken in great numbers in most of the lakes.

Texas are lucky that they can fish throughout the year. In fact some of the best crappie and sand bass fishing is during the months of December and January. There was a big natural spawn of both this year.

Speaking of spawn, the New Hampshire Game department right now is engaged in artificially producing trout. Through manipulation of artificial lights the biologists have been able to take

478,000 egg from 369 female trout, three months in advance of the natural spawning season. These baby fish then will be used for early stocking of one trout stream in the state.

True Reporting

How well do you know the camp operator where you fish? I know all kinds. There's the fellow who always tells you fishing is great, people have been catching limit strings of all kinds, come on out, boys, don't miss a golden opportunity.

A while back, Outdoor Editor George Kellam of the Fort Worth Star Telegram got suspicious of all this noise. He checked with fishermen on the camp operators' report.

One couple, who reportedly snagged 50 crappie and three nice blacks, told Kellam they fished two and a half hours and caught zero. Another pair of anglers, given credit for 30 crappie, said they were just sightseeing and didn't even douse a minnow. Still another twosome who, according to the camp operator, caught limit strings, said they fished 11 hours and didn't get a bite.

There's no law against this tale-telling, but it should come under the head of false advertising, and any camp operator who is guilty of it should be avoided.

But, when you find an honest operator — and there are many of them — stick with him.

A Few Warnings

A Word of warning. Be sure when you take your outboard motor off the boat now, that it is properly drained. Water left in the motor might freeze and crack the cylinder.

Also remember, it is getting dark earlier each evening and will continue to do so until mid-December. This means on your return to camp you should start early enough to get in before dark.

Which reminds us that Justrite has made a new lantern, especially for fishermen. It is boxed in a container, which permits its being carried in the tackle box fully protected. It is a powerful beamed spotlight — something fishermen have been needing for a long time.

Shooting Preserves

More hunters each year are taking advantage of shooting preserves to get their quail and pheasants. Texas now has several of these preserves. They are stocked with pen raised birds. The landowners permit shooting for fees. Some of them charge by the day. Others by the birds killed. In either event the total cost of a hunt with the bag limit filled might be less on one of these places than you would expect.

Game wardens and in most instances the sporting goods stores, know where there is one of these preserves close to you. Check into it.

News Notes

Texas Open Championship Field

Trials will be held at Camp Maxey, near Paris, from Dec. 2 through Dec. 10. This is the outstanding bird dog event of the south. Entries are from all over the United States. Information can be had from Mrs. H. B. Pittman, Box 454, Tyler, who is secretary. Carl Duffield of Abilene is president.

Texas Game Wardens soon will be wearing shoulder patches. insignia will be black on yellow, with the Game and Fish Commission emblem and "Game Warden" printed thereon. Fish and wildlife biologists also will wear shoulder patches for identification purposes.

You who like to fish at Galveston will be pleased to note that the T-Head of the Pleasure Pier is open for free fishing Mondays through Fridays of every week until March 1. Saturday and Sunday fishing is 50¢ per angler. Bring your own bait, however, as the concession stands are closed.

W. M. U. Mon. 8:30 a.m.
Sunday: Bible Study 9:45 a.m.
Merkel First Methodist Church Sunday: Sunday School 9:50 a.m. Morning Worship 10:50 a.m. M. Y. F. 9:30 p.m. Evening Service 7:30 p.m.
Hebron Baptist Church Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Training Union 7:00 p.m. Evening Worship 7:30 p.m. Wednesday: Wednesday Prayer Service 7:30 p.m.

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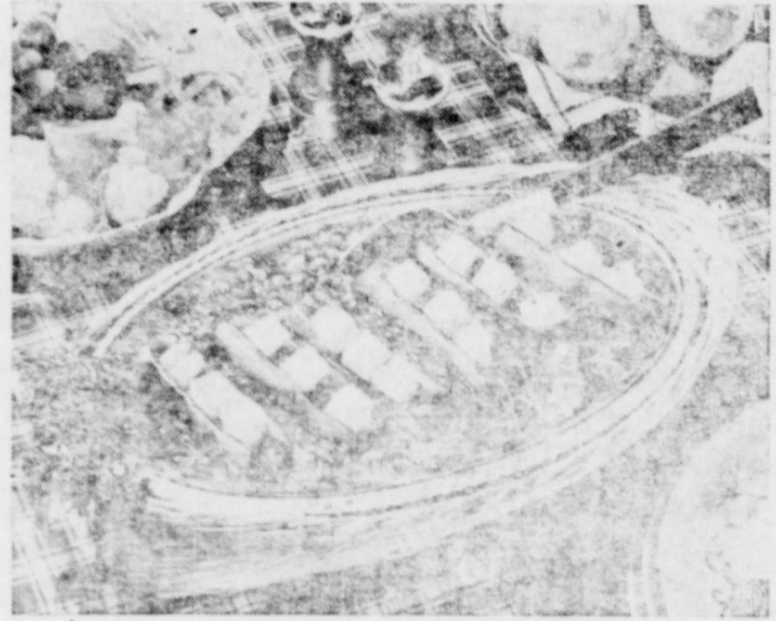
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Merkel Assembly of God
Sunday school 10 a.m.
Morning Service 11 a.m.
C. A. (Young People) 6:15 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:15 p.m.
Friday W.M.C. 10:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:15 p.m.

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Buffet Baked Beans

3 large cans baked beans (or mix 3 cans of beans: 1 kidney, 1 baked, 1 lima)
1/2 cup minced onion
1 clove garlic, minced
2 tablespoons brown sugar
1 teaspoon dry mustard
2 tablespoons bacon drippings
1 round frankfurters
1 No. 2 can pineapple chunks
Bacon drippings for top
Empty beans into large casserole. Mix in onion, garlic, brown sugar, mustard and drippings. Split franks and fill each with 3 drained pineapple chunks. Press frankfurters into top of beans, filled side up. Drizzle with bacon drippings. Bake in Moderate oven (350° F.) 45 minutes to 1 hour. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

MENU SUGGESTION: A buffet menu might include hot muffins (use mix), and a generous variety of relishes or a big green salad.

Home Demonstration Notes

By LORETA ALLEN

Taylor County Home Demonstration Agent



Remember the Achievement Day program that I mentioned last week. I attended the one at Pleasant Hill this week. They had exhibits showing the various things that their club had done during the year. Among the exhibits were dried flower arrangements, foods, pest control, Christmas decoration, refinished furniture, restyled hats, care of furniture, and canned food. The Monday luncheon showed their cooking ability. Mrs. L. A. Groene started a discussion at the table about why we have Achievement days. Mrs. Henry Drummond told what home demonstration work meant to her. The afternoon program must have been very good from the reports that I've heard but I had to come back for a conference with Council Recreation committee. They met to make final plans for the Council Christmas Party. Mrs. B. J. Gist is chairman but she could not come because of illness in her family. Mrs. Rex Reddell and Mrs. R. G. Toombs went ahead with planning so that they would have a report to give the November Council meeting.

The Christmas Party will be at Pleasant Hill Community Center December 10 at 2:00 p.m. Better mark that on your calendar so you will be sure to be there.

Mrs. Henry Drummond gave me some fig bushes and I put them out this week. She reported that they had grown more figs than both her family and son's family could use this year. Hope I can grow some from the bushes she gave me. I gathered my pecan crop and got two pecans off the tree I put out last Christmas.

Speaking of Christmas Parties the county-wide 4-H Christmas party will be Monday night December 16, in the Woman's Building at the Fair Grounds in Abilene. You 4-Her's better mark that date. Begin planning right now to come, because you know how much fun we have.

This is report making time of the year. Guess we all hate to settle down to that, but I must get to work on the Annual report or it will not be completed on time.

Apples are taking the spot light on food centers these days. Baked apples would make a very good dessert and you might like this recipe:

Glazed Baked Apples
6 medium-sized cooking apples
1 1/2 cups sugar
1/2 cup water
1/4 cup red cinnamon candies
2-3 cup crushed pineapple or raisins and nuts.
Core apples and remove peel

from top and third of the way down. Combine sugar and water and candies and cook until sugar and candy are dissolved. Fill centers of apples with crushed pineapple or raisins and nuts, arrange in buttered baking dish. Bake in moderately hot oven 375 degrees F. until done, basting frequently with red syrup.

Campbell, Boltz Engagement Told

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Campbell are announcing the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Minnie Lois, to A-2C Ronald J. Boltz, son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Boltz of Forest Park, Ill.

The wedding will take place at 2 p.m., Saturday, December 14, in the Dyess Air Force Base Chapel.

Miss Campbell is a 1957 graduate of Merkel High School and attended Gail College. Boltz who is stationed at Dyess AFB, is a 1954 graduate of Holy Trinity High School in Chicago, Ill., and attended McMurtry College.

Sorority Meets In Wade Home

The Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met in the home of Jane Wade Tuesday night for their regular meeting. Val Patterson was co-hostess.

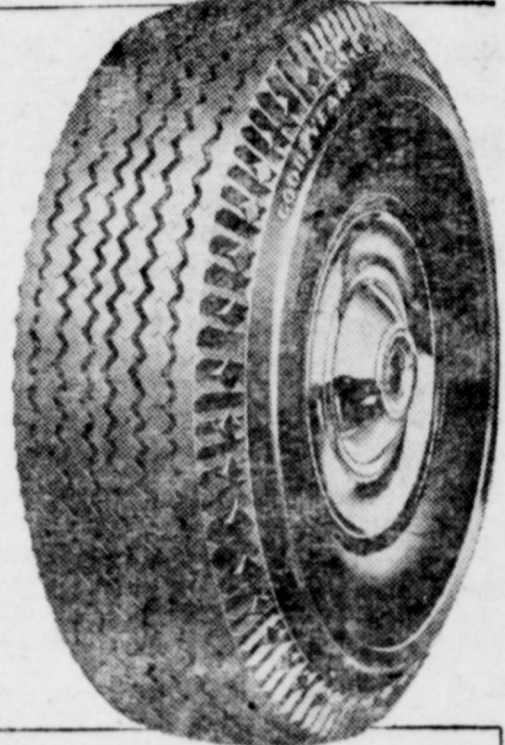
The program on "Personality" presented by Edis Lee Hardesty and Ruth McKinzie. Members brought clothing and wash cloth householders for a box to take to the Abilene State a Bible with colorful pictures to the hospital in the near future. Hospital. They also voted to send

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T. E. L. Class Meets At Church

The T. E. L. Class of the First Baptist Church met at the church Wednesday, Nov. 13. Mrs. T. J. Bird said the opening prayer, and Mrs. A. R. Booth gave the devotional theme of which was Thanksgiving. Mrs. Houston Robertson, presi-

dent, presided at the business session, when the budget and goal was discussed. Refreshments were served to: Mmes. Ira Moore, T. C. Satterwhite, E. H. Thompson, Myrtle Walker, Austin Robertson, Hugh Campbell, Booth, Bird, Robertson, and Mrs. Selma Teaff. John Frazier of Wichita Falls visited his mother, Mrs. Walter Frazier, last week-end.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

Mayor W. W. Hair of Abilene and County Auditor L. R. Thompson, also of Abilene but formerly of Merkel, were guest speakers for this week's luncheon of the Lions club held at Woody's cafe. Miss Fay Pinckley of Merkel, president of the Senior Current Literature club, was among 35 outstanding leaders in organizations and activities presented at a "Who's Who" assembly program in the college auditorium at the North Texas State Teachers college Nov. 9. The program was sponsored by the Girls' Forum.

Miss Margaret Turner arrived home Wednesday for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Turner, after an absence of eleven months with a travel crew of the Cosmopolitan studio. Her work has carried her into 25 states and three provinces in Canada.

Miss Mollie Frank Touchstone, daughter of Mrs. Pet Touchstone, formerly of Merkel but now living in Abilene, was crowned Queen of McMurry college Tuesday evening in an elaborate coronation ceremony. Dr. Thomas W. Brabham, McMurry president, performed the ritual.

Miss Betty Lou Grimes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dee Grimes, was selected as one of the eight "Beauties" from a freshman class of one thousand and fifty girls at Texas State College for Women, Denton, in a popularity contest there week before last.

Woodrow Wilson is preparing to move his jewelry and watch repair shop to the front space in Vock's Drug Store, formerly occupied by Manuel C. Curtis. Woodrow has taken over the business of his father, E. L. Wilson, formerly located just back of the First State Bank.

Guesso Circle Meets Wednesday

The Guesso Circle met in the home of Betty Lou Satterwhite, Wednesday, Nov. 13. The time was spent informally, after which refreshments were served to the following members: Christene Diltz, Bobby Tarpley, Loretta Young, Rojean Hicks, Louise DuBose, Betty Moore, Je Ann Smith, Bonnie Douglas, and the hostess.

Padgett, Gregory Marriage Told

Mr. and Mrs. Garth Inlo Gregory are residing in Midland following their recent marriage in Juarez, Old Mexico. The bride is the former Ann Padgett, daughter of Mrs. J. Boyd Padgett of 1033 Vine Street, Colorado City, and the late Mr. Padgett. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gaston Gregory of 897 East Eighth St. Colorado, City. The couple solemnized single ring vows Oct. 27. The newlyweds were graduated from Colorado High School last

spring. Mrs. Gregory attended Tarleton State College in Stephenville prior to her marriage. The bridegroom, who attended Howard County Junior College in Big Spring is now employed by a building contractor in Midland.

Compere HD Club News

The Compere Home Demonstration Club met in the home of Mrs. W. S. Allred on November 14 for an "all day" meeting and a program on dried flowers and dried flower arrangements by Mrs. Thurman Osborn and Betty Osborn of Hamlin.

The meeting began at 10 a.m. with Mrs. J. E. Touchstone, vice president, presiding in the absence of the president, Mrs. Ramsey led in prayer. Roll call was answered with, "why everyone should vote."

Mrs. W. E. Pistole and Mrs. Vernon Stanley were appointed as a committee to make plans for the clubs Christmas party. A motion was made and carried that the party be for the family at the Noodle home economics room. Secret pals were revealed.

Mrs. Ernest Dixon received the hostess gift. The next club meeting will be November 21 beginning at 9 a.m. in the home of Mrs. W. E. Pistole.

Club members present were Mmes. Ray, Dixon, Ramsey, Childers, Jennings, Stanley, Pistole, Touchstone, Bockman and Allred. Visitors present were four children, Mrs. Walter Cook, Mrs. Osborn and Betty.

MERKEL 40 YEARS AGO

Last Friday D. H. Jeffries of Abilene, one of the noted chicken fanciers of the West, came to Merkel and purchased one of G. F. Holland's \$20.00 S. C. Red Cocks. Tom Douglas of Merkel, a Red fancier, has also purchased a cockerel of the same class, and three high grade pullets from Mr. Holland.

Messrs Emmitt Grimes and James Brown enjoyed a twenty-four hour leave from army life at Camp Bowie, which they spent in Merkel last week-end with friends and relatives.

Sem Mashburn of Route 4 recently returned from White-wright, where he has been for six weeks. Says he is glad to get back home. He called in and took

advantage of our subscription offer.

The following announcements have been issued to friends:

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Laney request the presence of your company at the marriage of their daughter Mabel to Mr. Joseph M. Bickley on Thursday evening the twenty-ninth of November, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen at eight o'clock at their home, Merkel, Texas.

Last Wednesday evening at 8:15 Mr. J. T. Morgan of San Angelo and Miss Eva Calvert were married at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. J. C. Calvert, Rev. C. S. Cameron, pastor of the Methodist church officiating.

Starr Rest Home

By MARY OUTLAW

Our patients are fair at this writing, only Uncle Bennie Wheeler. He isn't feeling very good these days.

Mrs. W. F. Hawk, Abilene and Mrs. Hardy Merrick of Willow City visited Mrs. Merricks Mother Jauny Smithers Thursday.

Mrs. Nina Collier of Lubbock visited Aunt Aquila Duross Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Trout, Ft. Worth visited her brother Mr. Orand Monday afternoon.

Mr. Rufus Carr of Blackwell visited his mother Sarah Carr Sunday.

Mrs. Hubert Keagans and Mrs. Neta Cade of Trent visited Mrs. Gafford and Mamie also Granny Cade.

Mrs. Fox's Sunbeam band Terry Moore, Tommy Reynolds, Paul Carson, Joan Lassiter, Nancy Roland and Carol Chim brought fruit and juice to the old people Monday evening. To them we wish to express our appreciation.

We wish to thank Mrs. Mae Seago for coming into our home Sunday week and playing the Piano and singing in the absence of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Carr. We were glad to have them back to sing for us this past Sunday.

We want to thank Mrs. Cross of Nopdle for coming into our home last week and playing and singing for the old folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Fowler of Stanford visited his mother Mrs. Fowler Sunday.

We wish to thank Mrs. Selina Teaff for the beautiful flowers she brought the home last week. The patients have really been enjoying them.

Mr. Noah Smedley and Mrs. Pearl Wiggins enjoyed the nice catfish Mr. Warren Price gave them.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wheeler of

Abilene visited his father, Uncle Bennie on the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Wheeler Trent and Rosie Rogers visited their father Sunday.

We want to thank Mr. and Mrs. Warren Price of Rowden for the mustard greens, green peppers, Turnips and pecans. They were appreciated.

We want to thank Tommie Smith for the empty jars she gave us to can our apples.

Rev. Lowell Williams, Pastor of The Church of Christ of Trent filled his appointment at the Rest Home Sun. Mrs. John Barnes, Mrs. Ola Payne, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Wheeler, Don Po-teet, Linda Wilks, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Wilks, C. L. McLeod, Mrs. Lena McWilliams and Mrs. Billy Wayne Hamner came and helped sing. We enjoyed the services very much and invite them back again.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Carolyn of Abilene visited our home Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Orand of Abilene visited his father Monday night.

WSCS Meeting Held Tuesday

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the First Methodist Church met Tuesday morning, November 19, with Miss Lot-tie Butman, president, offering the opening prayer.

The program, "In Every Place A Voice", a study on the different phases of social standards and how each affects the church, as to unity, complacency and boldness, was presented by Mrs. Tom Largent, Mrs. Bud Haley and Miss Butman.

Mrs. W. R. Cypert dismissed the meeting with a prayer.

The next meeting of the WSCS will be Tuesday, Nov. 26, at the church.

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T. J. Bird Sr. W. M.
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Mrs. W. L. Howard

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THE STATE OF TEXAS
To any Sheriff or any Constable within the State of Texas—
GREETING:
You are hereby commanded to be published once each week for four consecutive weeks, the first publication to be at least twenty-eight days before the return day thereof, in a newspaper printed in Taylor County, Texas, the accompanying citation, of which the herein below following is a true copy.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Charles Edward Morris, Defendant. Greeting:
YOU ARE 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 this citation, same being the 16th day of December A.D. 1957, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 2nd day of October A.D. 1957, in this cause, numbered 22,456-A on the docket of said court and styled Helen B. Morris, Plaintiff, Charles Edward Morris, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were legally married on February 7, 1953, and became permanently separated on 24th day of April 1955. 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.

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(SEAL)
Attest: R. H. Ross Clerk, 42nd District Court Taylor County, Texas.
By Irene Crawford, Deputy. 35-36-37-38

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TO: L. R. Porter, if living, and if dead, the legal representatives of said named defendant, and the unknown heirs of said defendant. Defendants. Greeting:
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A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: to trespass and try title to premises situated in Merkel, Taylor County, Texas:
Being a part of Block No. 6, S. W. Sheppard's Addition to the town of Merkel, Taylor County, Texas, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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UP THE CANYON

By TOM RUSSOM

With more bad weather flowing in, the farmers are wondering how and when they are going to get their crops harvested.

This has been one of the most weather hazard Falls that we have had in many years. With the high cost of farming, it is easy to see why farmers need the crops harvested.

Farmers have been trying to save their feed and several farmers reported bogging their machines down and having to walk off and leave them until the sun dries the fields off.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Russom and daughter of Odessa, spent the week-end visiting in the home of Mrs. T. H. Russom and other relatives here.

Herbert Swinney of Colorado City and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Swinney of Hereford visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Swinney, over the week-end.

Well, the Merkel Badgers won another victory from Roscoe last Friday night which we were all proud of. A few of the players are our home boys, namely, Lanny Perry, Riley and Phil Seymour, Barry Scott and Joe Neill. They are also some of the best players on the team.

The Badgers will meet Sunday there Friday at 2 p.m. for the bi-district championship. We have heard that Sundown has a real good team.

I believe this is the first time this column has mentioned football in some time. We have kept up with our Badgers, and know they have done real well again this year.

We have noticed time after time in the Abilene paper what our backfield has done and I might say they have done a splendid job. We would not take one bit of credit from them. And we are not criticizing the Abilene Reporter News, for we realize they print what is sent in.

We do not know who sends the write-up in, but not one time have we read a word about a line, who has bound to have done a little something. We believe the column could be a little more balanced between the two.

A. D. Scott, Canyon farmer, reports he was able to get out 18 bales of cotton between showers last week.

This Saturday night, Nov. 23, the Lord's Acre Program will get underway at 6:30 p.m. A supper of fried chicken, salads, cake or pie, and plenty of hot coffee will be served. The Rev. Hamilton of Abilene will bring a short devo-

tional after supper and then the sale will get underway with W. T. Perry as auctioneer. Everyone is invited and welcome to come and enjoy the program.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewell McLean have both been shut in the last few days with the flu. They are both teachers in Sunday School at Pioneer Church but were unable to attend church Sunday.

At the Abilene Live Stock Auction Co. last week, Cramer Reynolds, co-owner of the company, and Tom Russom stood at the walk way at the pens with Mr. Reynolds commenting on the fact that a year ago it was dry and dusty with no feed, no grass and cattle coming to market thin and hungry. He said today there is water and mud in the lots and plenty of pasture in the country. cattle are high and fat, making it hard for the stock buyers to get in the picture.

Mrs. Horace Steel and two sons of Houston visited with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Ray last week. Her husband, who works for an oil company was in Midland on a business trip.

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What Is Community's Responsibility In Juvenile Delinquency Problem

By JUDGE SARAH T. HUGHES
(Editor Note: This is one of a series of articles on the state's growing problem of juvenile delinquency by one of Texas' foremost authorities on the subject, District Judge Sarah T. Hughes of Dallas, who has handled more than 25,000 juvenile and family relations cases, along with an even greater number of other civil cases in 22 years on the bench. "Family law is probably the most important phase of the law," says this internationally known jurist, whose work has been honored throughout the United States and in Europe and Asia as well, and whose name was put in nomination for vice president of the United States in 1932. A discussion of a different aspect of the problem will appear every other week.)

We are no longer trying to re-venge ourselves upon erring youngsters, as they did, not so long ago — 1828 — in New Jersey when they hanged a 13-year-old boy for theft. We are trying, first

to rescue the children, and, second, to protect society.

This is not to say that children should never be punished. A good old-fashioned spanking sometimes gets results in inculcating the "old-fashioned" eternal virtues so much needed.

But society has another role toward children who have to grow up in the drastically changed conditions society has created for them as compared to the old-fashioned days. It is to try to provide other and counteracting conditions tending to prevent delinquency, to try to rehabilitate the delinquents, and to protect ourselves as well.

What you, as a member of the community, as a church and club members, as an individual, can do about the first aim includes more than you might think. It is to help create a climate of public opinion in which more means will be provided to take care of the idle time our society has forced upon children . . . to provide constructive outlets for their ener-

gies instead of destructive. It is to volunteer for work in these projects — scouts, campfire, junior achievement, teen canteens, playgrounds, club and church jobs church youth groups, and similar character-building, work, and recreational organizations.

Your help in the development of public opinion—and your dollars in support of Community Chest and United Fund drives — are also needed for another means of preventing delinquency. We do not have nearly enough child guidance clinics, family counseling services, vocational advisors, or similar agencies where trained psychological workers can often do some positive steering in the right direction which may turn a potential delinquent into a prospective good citizen.

Next how do you as an individual, as a member of the community, do these two things which help discharge the community's responsibility in the effort to prevent delinquency? You can be quite a force in (1) developing public opinion; so how do you go about it?

Conversations with friends is a potent method. Bring your idea of the need into the conversation; ask your friends to urge their friends to spread the idea.

Talks to clubs is another excellent method. Clubs are always looking for a speaker and a subject, and many of us have opportunities to make such talks.

You can also "speak out at meeting" at every opportunity for a floor discussion of possible projects for your church or club. General topics often present a similar chance to speak from the floor on this, also.

(2) The time and energy of many more individuals are greatly needed for work as adult leaders

in youth groups. You can volunteer to serve in one of the numerous such organizations crying for help on every hand. Forget about training — the need is for PEOPLE far more than it is for trained people.

You can even teach without previous training. To help relieve the great shortage of teachers, Texas authorities are issuing temporary certificates to enable you to teach during the time that you are taking a television course in your own home on teaching methods.

You can be a personal friend to children you know or can become acquainted with, talking to them, LISTENING to them, giving them jobs. . . .

My next article will discuss what you and other members of the community can do to help discharge the community's responsibility in rehabilitating delinquent children.

Jeff Russell Honored On 4th Birthday

Jeff Russell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Russell, was honored with a party on his 4th birthday recently.

Games were played and refreshments served to Ray Lynn and Tara Dee Brubaker, Sandy Hogan, Steve Doan, Mark Dudley, Dana and Dianna Dayton, Cathy, Terry and Tommy Springer, Cindy Wade, Peggy, June, and Candy Cox, Sue, Danny and Mike Lockhart, Mark McCoy, Jeff and Bill Russell.

Little Bill Haynes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Clyde Haynes of Abilene, was a week-end guest of his grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Sadler.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald J. King and son, Mike, were home visiting their parents Mr. and Mrs. Jess King of Anson and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Dye of Merkel last week end.



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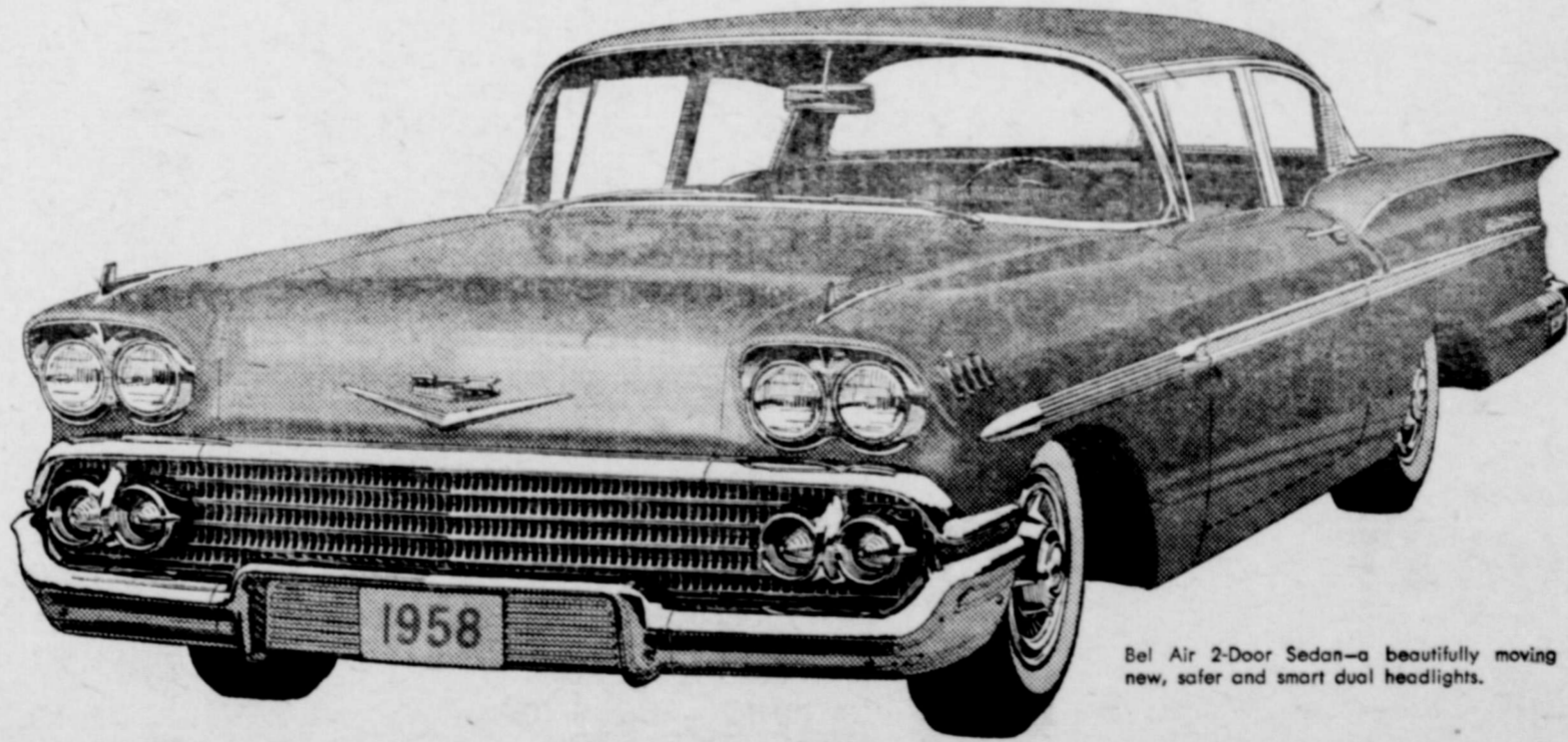
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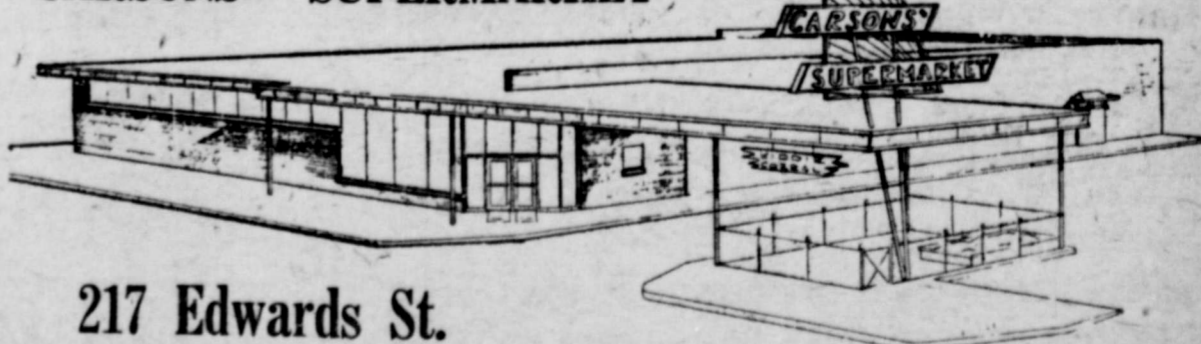
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