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Tell-Tale Fe-Mail

By M. L. G.

We had two delightful days at home this week. Due to inclement weather which resulted in hazardous driving conditions, the children didn't have to go to school and I didn't have to leave the house to do my work—I was allowed to do it at home. Wasn't that nice?

The days were enjoyable, if a bit chilly. We have more modern ways of heating our house but the "I Like It The Way They Did It In The Old Days" boy prefers going out to look for wood for the fireplace. It is only on extremely cold days that this pioneer instinct emerges.

He dons his heavy warm clothing (left over from his ice skating days) and ventures forth to "hunt" wood. He brings in dry mesquite limbs and bits of rotten lumber—from the porch? Consequently, he has a roaring fire almost at once. He flings open the doors to "warm the whole house" and says, "How do you like that for a fire?"

Shortly after uttering these famous last words, he dashes madly through the house to get a pitcher of water to douse the too roaring fire. This is our cue to get on our warmest coats because we know this will continue throughout the day—one minute we'll have a fire and the next minute we won't.

Of course, the "Oldtimer" is quite comfortable what with his warm clothing and the running back and forth for water, and can't understand why we are cold. He is talking now about getting an old "pot-bellied" stove because "there's nothing like wood to heat a house."

Speaking of the hardships of life, I see where Hedy Lamarr had to sell her jewels to meet current expenses. She said she was warned not to marry a rich oil man but I imagine she almost had to. This being her fifth husband she had probably covered every other field of business.

Did you know that when it comes to oil wells, Texas is a Johnny-come-lately? They say the Chinese dug shallow oil wells all over the world years ago to get petroleum for fuel. I am glad you know who doesn't read this column because it may give him some ideas and the next thing you know he might be digging for oil in our back yard instead gathering wood.

That reminds me of something that has been bothering me. He has been eyeing every cow he sees lately with such interest. I haven't dared ask why but it wouldn't surprise me if he came in some evening with a lantern and milk pail over his arm. And what he knows about cows—well, he doesn't know any more about cows than the pretty young miss from the big city.

She asked the farmer why the cow had no horns and he answered: "There are many reasons. Some cows do not have them until late in life. Others have them removed, while still others are born without horns. This cow does not have horns because it is a horse."

They say that people are primarily interested in self-preservation, eating and romance. I don't believe it, unless I'm not normal people. I certainly wasn't thinking of self-preservation as I wrote the above "tid bits" about the "Commandant," was I? He might just possibly read the column this time. If he does—I can just hear him now as he orders, "Ready, Aim, Fire!"

Speaking of people that aren't normal — our teenage daughter was completely unimpressed when we went to the Governor's mansion for tea a couple of weeks ago. She dutifully went with us to look at the Sam Houston room and nibbled politely on her sandwich and cookie but headed straight for the front door as soon as we even looked ready to leave. She was expecting a phone call but surely a call from a University student couldn't be more important than a chat with the Governor?

Our little one was not so much impressed with the mansion it.

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Merkel Girls Basketball Team Will Play In H-SU Tournament

The Merkel Girls Basketball team, coached by Leatrice West, will participate in the eighth annual Hardin-Simmons High School Girls Invitational Basketball Tournament which opens Thursday morning at Rose Field House.

Merkel will play Roby at 12:30 p.m. in the opening games scheduled for Thursday in the three-day tourney.

Thursday's games will see Hawley play Jim Ned at 10 a.m., Clyde against Wylie at 11:15 a.m., Roby against Merkel at 12:30 p.m., Winters against Baird at 1:45

Mothers Collect \$450 For Local March Of Dimes

Merkel mothers collected \$450 for the March of Dimes when they staged their annual "March" here Saturday night.

The door-to-door campaign was directed by Mrs. Bob Cannon and Mrs. Dave Gamble.

This is the last in a series of events conducted locally under the general supervision of C. A. Farley, Merkel campaign director for the March of Dimes. Other methods of raising money for the drive have included balloon sales by Girl and Boy Scouts and mailing envelopes for contributions.

Mothers who helped with the Saturday night drive were:

Mmes. Carol Benson, Buster Hester, Truett Thompson, Henry Martin, Sie Higgins, Robert Gilmer, Bob Cannon, Pat Cypert, Joe Lassiter, Kenneth Browning, Alvin Smith, Johnny Hammond, Homer Newby, Vernon Mansfield, Mac Bigbee, Kenneth Pursler, R. E. Gardner, W. W. Wade, Woodie Wilson, Paul Orsborn, Jeff Anderson, Joe Cypert, Joe Patterson, Vaughn Doan, Howard Carson, Horace Childers, Bill Dunagin, Albert Evans, Roy Mashburn, Mac Spinger, Dean Smith and Arvin Richardson.

Merkelites Hear Of Kins' Deaths

The Pogues, Connie, Alzada and W. H., received word here of the death of an aunt in Oklahoma and an Uncle in Breckenridge.

The uncle, O. (Mig Curry, 80, died at his home in Breckenridge Sunday. Funeral services were held there Tuesday.

Mrs. Mattie Patton, 93, aunt of the Pogues, died on Jan. 22 in Tipton, Okla. Services were held in Tipton on Jan. 24.

Seventh Grade Elects Officers

Leslie Plank was elected president of Mrs. Shouse's seventh grade when they met on Jan. 28. Other officers elected were Joy Woods, vice president; James Yates, secretary; Billy Harrison, treasurer; and Paul Lollar, reporter.



H. E. Cockrell of Merkel (right) is shown looking at a 1959 John Deere tractor at the Company's Tractor Works in Waterloo, Iowa. He was visiting the company's plants in Iowa and Illinois as part of one of the biggest airflights ever held by a farm equipment manufacturer. During the course of the winter more than 2,000 dealers and salesmen of John Deere tractors and farm equipment will be flown to Waterloo, Dubuque, Iowa, and Moline, Illinois in chartered 58-passenger United Air Lines planes with their wives for three-day all-expense tours. The 2,000 salesmen and dealers who are making the tours were awarded the trips for exceeding their quota of sales for 1958 tractors.

'A Scout Is Friendly' Is Theme Of Boy Scouts' 49th Anniversary

FOR ALL BOYS



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
49th ANNIVERSARY 1959
ONWARD FOR GOD AND MY COUNTRY
OFFICIAL BOY SCOUT WEEK POSTER

The nation's 4,790,000 Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Explorers, and adult leaders observe Boy Scout Week, February 7 to 13, by launching the fourth and final year of the "Onward for God and My Country" program.

The 49th anniversary emphasis is "A Scout is friendly." Through their World Friendship Fund of voluntary contributions the Boy Scouts of America have helped Scouts in 48 other nations.

America will be represented by several hundred Scouts at the Tenth World Scout Jamboree next July 17-26 in Makiling National Park near Manila in the Philippine Islands.

During Boy Scout Week, honors will go to units that successfully carried out projects in traffic, outdoor, and home safety in last year's Safety Good Turn.

Scouting Looks Ahead For 1959

Here, as well as elsewhere in America, Boy Scout Week will be observed February 7 to 13. It will mark the 49th anniversary of the organization that has touched the lives of more than 29,500,000 Americans since 1910. There is hardly an American family that has not felt its influence.

Today there are more than 4,790,000 boys and leaders playing the "game of Scouting." Although one of every four boys eight to sixteen years old is enrolled, leaders of the movement want to serve at least a majority of the boys in America.

The next five years will see a large increase in boys of those ages.

"Looking ahead for the next five years," says Dr. Arthur A. Schuck, Chief Scout Executive, "we must recognize that never has it been so important or imperative that the youth of our nation be trained to high idealism, acquired through unselfish service, by self-reliance, and cooperative effort."

He says that although Scouting's ideals and objectives have remained constant since 1910, "the program, organization methods, and operating techniques have changed as the result of study and understanding of changing conditions and as necessary to meet the needs of a rapidly growing organization."

To bring Scouting to more of the boys who want it will require more trained leadership and more facilities including camps.

We are confident that the Boy Scouts of America will meet the challenge. Happy birthday, Boy Scouts!

Mayor Earl Hughes Seeks Re-Election

Earl Hughes, mayor of Merkel for the past two years, has filed for re-election to that office, one of three positions to be filled in the forthcoming city election.

In addition to a mayor, two aldermen will be named in the April 7 election. Councilmen whose terms are expiring are Jack South and Norman Winter, neither of whom has indicated if he will run for re-election.

Deadline for candidates to file for a place on ballots is 12 o'clock noon, Saturday, March 7. Mayor Hughes, the only person to throw his hat in the ring thus far, is manager of West Texas Utilities Company in Merkel.

Electric Co-op Group Will Attend Convention In Washington, D. C.

At least six area personnel of Rural Electric Co-operatives will attend the 17th annual National Rural Electric Co-operative Assn. convention in Washington, D. C., Feb. 9-12, Lester Dorton of the Taylor Electric Co-op said Thursday.

R. A. V. Breaux, 56, Found; Dead; Rites Slated Thursday

Funeral will be held in Abilene Thursday for R. A. V. Breaux, 56, former gas company employe, whose death Tuesday at his home, 1301 Louest St., was ruled a suicide by Justice of Peace Grady Weir.

Breaux was found about 10:50 a.m. by his wife. Det. Lt. Floyd S. Isbell said a long-rifle bullet entered his right temple, passing out above the left temple. Police said his death marked the end of a long period of despondency. No note was found.

Breaux was home on furlough from the Veterans Hospital in Waco where he had spent 19 months.

Funeral will be held at 3 p.m. Thursday in Kiker-Warren Funeral Chapel with the Rev. Marvin B. Leech, pastor of the Friendship Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Hill Cemetery with nephews as pallbearers.

He formerly operated a grocery store at S. 6th and Louest and for about eight years worked at old Camp Berkeley as a 'ing inspector in the enri department. He later Lone Star Gas Co. came ill about two

Born at Raywood Aug. 1, he came to Taylor County as a child. He had lived in Abilene and Potosi since then.

Survivors include the wife, the former Effie Mae Hawkins, whom he married at Baird on Dec. 19, 1941; one son, Billy Ray of the home; one stepdaughter, Mrs. Wendell Smith of Sweetwater; three brothers, Frank of Merkel, P. F. of 609 Cherry St. and Bob of 1273 S. Treadway Blvd.; three sisters, Mrs. Clinton Lloyd of 1649 Poplar St., Mrs. Wesley Gravens of 1217 S. Treadway, and Mrs. Bessie Seitz of Washington state, five grandchildren

Boy Scouts Take Part In Overnight Training At Dyess

Merkel Senior Boy Scouts went to Dyess Air Force Base Friday afternoon for an overnight training program that proved both entertaining and informative, according to Assistant Scoutmaster, Ike Turner, who accompanied them.

After a dinner of fried shrimp, peas, corn, salad and ice cream, the Scouts saw two movies. One, designed to show the Scouts how to live off the land in an emergency, was about an air force crew forced down in the arctic without food and shelter. The other, dealt with odd contraptions man has tried to get off the ground. After a late snack the boys bedded down in the barracks.

The highlight of the Saturday morning program was a plane ride over the Taylor County area. The boys were fitted with chutes and made secure with safety belts for the ride in a C-47. Following the ride they were given short lectures on components of the B-47 and shown working parts of the pilot ejector system, a 3500 horsepower piston engine, radar controlled fire equipment, the B-47 cockpit, a link trainer, and survival equipment.

Making the trip were Glynn Melton, Wayne Hester and Lynn Melton.

4-H Club Girls To Conduct Sale

Junior 4-H Club girls will sell used magazines, books and phonograph records each Saturday in the building next door to Andy Shouse's Real Estate office on Kent St.

Proceeds from the sale will be used to defray club expenses. Mrs. Blake Davis and Mrs. Ford Smith Jr., leaders of the 4-H Club girls, will pick up any old magazines, books or records anyone may have to donate to this cause.

Among those who will be traveling with the 150-member delegation from Texas will be Elmo Jones, Tuscola; Jack Morrow, Hawley; Oma Thomas, Marynest; O. S. Moore, Nolan and Dorton from the Taylor Co-op and C. M. Lester of Stamford.

Dorton said about nine more would attend from Colorado City and about eight from Roby.

The Texas delegation will leave Ft. Worth Feb. 5 at 4:30 p.m. by train for the two-day trip to the convention.

More than 7,000 leaders of electric co-ops over the nation are expected to attend.

The 1959 convention is expected to be the largest ever so far as the NRECA is concerned, Dorton said.

Speakers at the five general sessions include among others, NRECA President John M. George, who will speak at the afternoon session, Feb. 9 and Sen. Hubert Humphrey of Minnesota.

One special event, listed as a big one, will be the Miss Rural Electrification contest and variety show to be held Tuesday, Feb. 10.

The contestants will represent 10 states. Texas will be represented by Marilyn Ann Knudson, 18, of Danevang, Texas. She is a native of Wharton County and will represent the Wharton County Electric Co-op at El Campo.

A dinner honoring the congressmen and two senators Texas will be given by the delegation Hotel Feb

Coach, Succumbs

Funeral for Mrs. W. E. Benson, mother of Carroll Benson, head football coach at Merkel High School, was held at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Elliott's Chapel of Memories.

She died in Hendrick Memorial Hospital Tuesday at 6 a.m. after being in ill health for the past year and seriously ill for two weeks.

Dr. Clinton Malone, assistant interim pastor at University Baptist Church, officiated. Graveside rites and burial were at 4 p.m. Wednesday in Hamlin East Cemetery.

Mrs. Benson was born June 17, 1888, in Searcy, Ark., and was married to W. E. Benson at Glen Rose in 1912. They moved to Hamlin that year.

Following Mr. Benson's death in 1940, she moved from Hamlin to Abilene to live with a daughter, Mrs. J. L. Mansfield, 1025 N. 18th St.

Survivors include the daughter and Coach Benson.

Pallbearers were J. C. Turner, Edward W. Gardner and Arlie Cassel, all of Hamlin, Rex Roddell of Tuscola, and J. L. Furr and W. O. Reeves, both of Abilene.

Mrs. J. B. Jones Honored On Her 87th Birthday

Mrs. J. B. Jones, formerly of Merkel, was honored on her 87th birthday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Emory Jones, 837 Jeanette, Abilene, Sunday afternoon, January 25.

Mrs. Jones is making her home with Mr. and Mrs. Emory Jones in Abilene.

Cake and punch were served to Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Murray, Mrs. J. W. Mayfield, Mrs. John D. Jones, Mrs. W. M. Elliott, Mrs. Etta Tucker, Mrs. J. O. Castles, Mrs. Dent Gibson, Mrs. Sally Campbell, Mrs. Emma Wheatly, Mrs. Deuchman, Mrs. J. J. McNeice, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hughes, all of Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Mayfield, Marvin Mayfield, Mrs. Ruth Clark, Mrs. E. A. Shojner, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Shojner, the Rev. and Mrs. Harry Saries, Mrs. M. M. Barnes, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Little, Mrs. Ann Cockerell, Mrs. Ota Rice, Miss Lavona Harris, Miss Carolyn Campbell and Miss Claudia Rice, all of Abilene.

Mrs. Jones expressed her appreciation to all her friends who called personally as well as those who sent cards and gifts.

HIGHLIGHTS and SIDLIGHTS

IN THE STATE CAPITOL—By Vern Sanford

AUSTIN, Tex.—Texas lawmakers face the old "chicken or egg" problem as they move into the session's main issue—money.

Is it best to decide first how much the state must spend to keep it various programs going and then scrape up tax money to cover them? Or should the tax take be set first and the pie sliced up accordingly?

Thus far, both problems are being juggled at the same time. Already the mathematical acrobatics are spreading jitters among spectators—both appropriation seekers and tax worriers.

Governor's Prescription—Gov. Price Daniel is prescribing a two-pronged, \$210,000,000 plan to cure state fiscal ailments.

First prong is to raise \$65,000,000 to pay off the debt expected in the general revenue fund by the end of this fiscal year. Second prong is to raise \$72,800,000

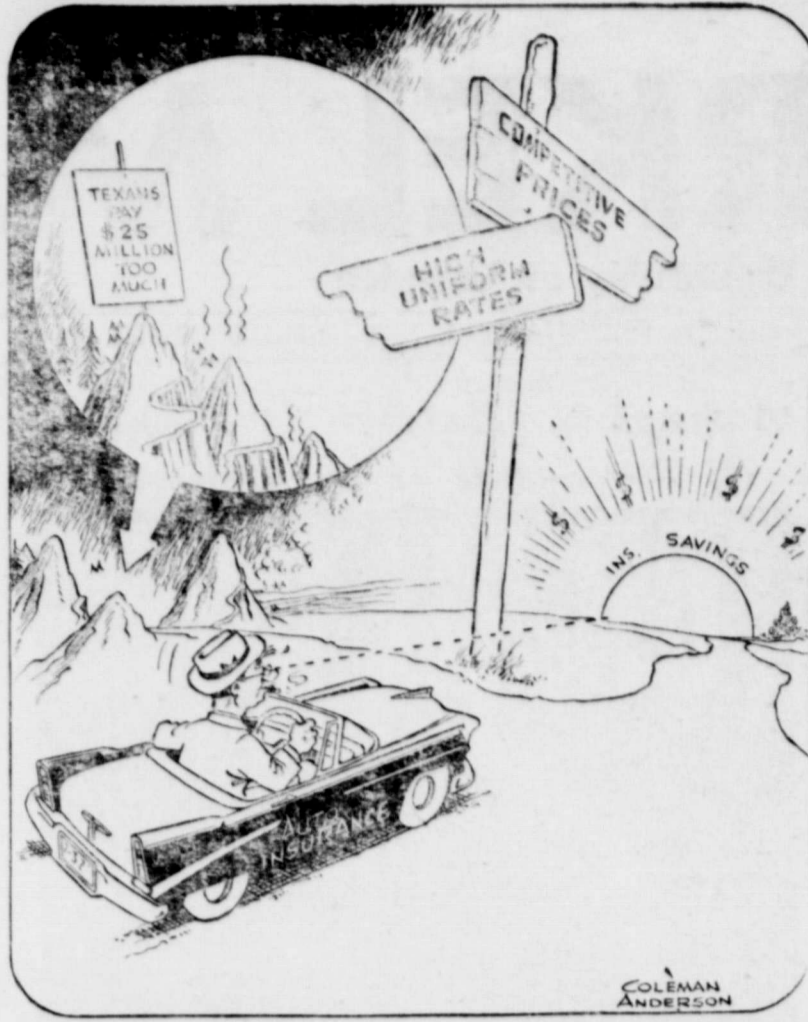
a year (\$145,600,000 for the next biennium) to cover spending from the general revenue fund.

Sources for this money would include: (1) a natural gas severance tax, (2) an increase in levies on motor vehicle sales, tobacco and corporation franchises and (3) unclaimed bank deposits, insurance policies and property, which the state would take over.

Governor Daniel increased his previously recommended budget by nearly \$20,000,000 to include appropriations for retiring state bonds, providing medical care for people on welfare rolls, a driver education program and advertising for tourists and industry.

Total two-year spending from general revenue would be \$330,000,000.

Smaller Pie—Compared to the governor's proposal, the Legislative Budget Board's recommendation for general revenue fund



CAR INSURANCE PRICES—Texans are paying \$25 million a year too much for their automobile insurance. It is contended by proponents of a flexible law. Texas is the only state with laws prohibiting price competition in the auto insurance field. A flexible rate law would open this field to competition.

spending looks modest—only \$285,000,000.

Through the Board's spending would be nearly \$45,000,000 less than the governor's, it would still be some \$4,600,000 higher than the 1958-59 appropriation.

Budget Board suggests slight increases for the judicial system, executive and administrative departments, hospitals and special schools, public schools and highways. Small cuts were recommended for junior colleges and higher education.

Spending from all funds for state government would total \$2,357,347,479.

Seeligson Plan—Rep. Frates S. Seeligson of San Antonio has prepared an extensive plan to overhaul and beef up the state's tax collecting.

Topping the list would be a 1.5 per cent sales tax with food, feed and fertilizer exempted. It would bring an estimated \$67,000,000 annually.

Another Seeligson bill would recodify present tax laws. It would do away with some regarded as obsolete (such as on clock peddlers, street cars) and others called inequitable (on chain stores, stock transfers radio, TV, cosmetics, etc.) Same bill would eliminate certain exemptions and revise other taxes, mostly upward, on motor vehicle, tobacco and liquor sales. Net gain from the revisions would be a \$11,500,000 a year gain in revenue.

Like Daniel, Seeligson recommends that the state take over unclaimed money and property.

Seeligson was vice chairman of the State Study Commission that spent the between - sessions months working on tax problems.

Fair Warning—Governor Daniel and Lt. Gov. Ben Ramsey both declared at their inaugural that they have sympathetic hearts for Texas taxpayers.

Governor Daniel proposed

greater efficiency and economy by combining some of the 175 separate agencies and 213 special accounts operated by the state.

Ramsey promised there would be "no stringing up of the unfortunate taxpayer by the heels to shake out enough money to give everyone everything he wants."

Added Ramsey, "I refuse to admit that the success of a legislative session, or an administration, depends solely on the amount of money it can spend."

No Pay, No Work—House and Senate agreed easily on an automatic shut-off of the regular session at 6 p.m. May 12, but had more difficulty deciding where to get their salary money.

House members shied from a Senate plan to take from a surplus in the fund to aid the permanently and totally disabled. (Future campaign fodder, for sure, reasoned representatives.)

Instead, they proposed borrowing from the Insurance Department Building fund. Both houses agreed to tap the drivers license fund.

A definite adjournment resolution this early in the session is unprecedented in recent legislative history. So is a session of only 120 days, the period for which legislators can be paid. Both are regarded as reflecting disgruntlement over the defeat of the legislative pay raise amend-

ment last fall.

Already three new pay raise proposals have been introduced: (1) to pay \$50 a day for 150 days, (2) \$40 a day for 120 days, \$20 a day thereafter and (3) \$4,200 a year.

Present scale is \$25 a day for 120 days only.

Flood Begins—Dozens of new bills—and old bills dusted off—are flowing into legislative hoppers. Already introduced or ready for introduction are measures that would:

Tax Gross Receipts of manufacturers and importers of manufactured products, by Rep. Jerry Sadler of Perville, estimated by author to raise \$400,000,000 a year.

Revise Juvenile Laws to allow prosecution of youths, 16 and over, for felonies, by Reps. Joe Ed Winfree, Houston, and Ben D. Sudderth, Houston.

Give REA Coops the right for 10 years to build and operate lines in an area annexed by a city, to be sponsored by Rep. Alonzo W. Jamison of Denton.

Require a Two-Thirds Vote of both houses to pass a tax measure, a constitutional amendment proposed by Rep. Bill Jones, Dallas.

Wilburn Holloway, Ronnie Keith and Brenda Whiteaker, all of Abilene, William Chatmas of Clyde, Jerry Shafer of Trent, Wayne Irvin and Billy Bob Toombs, both of Merkel.

A special feature of the 1959 Fort Worth show will be the appearance of movie and television star Dale Robertson in all 20 rodeo performances. Star of the TV-Western series, "Tales of Wells Fargo," Robertson recently was labeled "TV's real cowboy" by Life Magazine because of his ranch background and his interest in training and racing Quarter horses.

The young actor is a native of Oklahoma and raises horses on a ranch he owns in the Sooner State. One of his prize Quarter horses has been entered in the horse show at the Southwestern

An accomplished singer, Robertson was featured on the Perry

Como Show several months ago. In his rodeo appearances, he will present a musical act especially created for the Fort Worth show.

The rodeo offers about \$65,000 in prizes and is the nation's second highest paying rodeo, topped only by the annual Madison Square Garden show. The Fort Worth exposition is the oldest major livestock show in the nation.

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We can make our homes safer by eliminating causes of accidents and taking precautions against those things which cause painful mishaps. You can guard against household dangers by following such basic rules as:

Never smoke in bed. Dispose of all rubbish promptly. Disconnect electrical heating appliances immediately after use.

When lifting objects, keep your back straight, knees bent and feet apart, so that your legs and not your back do the work.

Carry objects in such a way that they will not block your view. If you have firearms, store them in a safe place out of the reach of children.

Read all directions carefully on medicines, disinfectants, etc. Many of our best household aids must be used properly for safety. They are like fire, both servant and destroyer of man. Take for example, household lye. It is an alkali with many uses—cleaning stubborn grease, softening water, removing fruit skins, removing paint, making garden compost, making soap, preparing certain foods, disinfecting, and dozens of other uses. Each use requires different handling for this time-tested item to serve us well and economically. Just read all the directions— you should on all products of this kind.

Area Boys Enter Junior Steer Show In Fort Worth

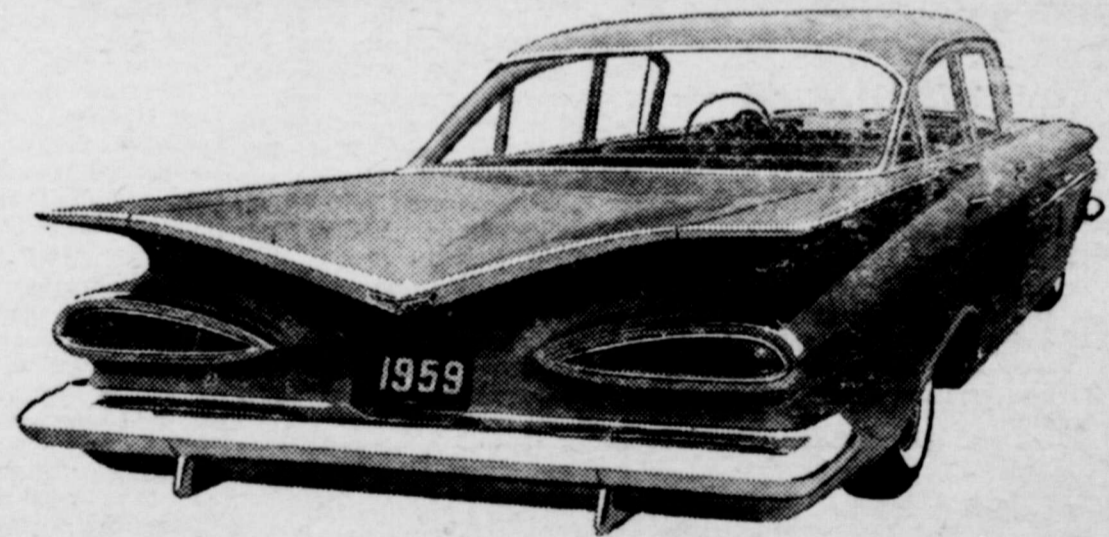
Taylor County will have 11 exhibitors entered in the Junior Steer Show at the 1959 Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show in Fort Worth, Jan. 30 through Feb. 8.

Their entries will be among 285 animals competing for premiums totaling \$4,731 in the junior steer department, \$1,000 more than was offered in the same show last year. Cash awards of about \$195,000 will be offered in the other livestock, rodeo and horse show events at the show.

Taylor County exhibitors are Ronnie Mac Bowyer, Jim Dornay, Lowell Freeman, Jackie Henson.

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Corner on Cotton

BY BOB COLLINS

There is a growing concern in the cotton trade over the handling of Choice "A" cotton. The law says the CCC must purchase the "A" cotton to support it. This puts the government in business as never before. Prior to this the farmer always had the choice of withdrawing his supported cotton from the loan if he wished. Now there is no choice on "A" cotton. Much of the concern centers around the destruction of the competitive marketing system. If normal trade channels are not maintained the farmer may wake up some morning to find he has no place to sell his cotton except to the government and there'll be no chance of selling it for the "best" price because there'll only be one price. The one set by the government. Remember the story about the camel that stuck his nose in the tent? Then the first thing you know he's all the way inside. Surely there is a way to preserve normal trade channels and it's worth any amount of trouble to keep as much of the camel out of the tent as is possible.

.01 To \$100
We just get mad... and every cotton man should, too... when we think about how little money is being spent to get rid of the boll weevil once and for all... we have an average annual loss of about 292 million dollars (that includes the money spent on fighting the pest) and we've spent an average of \$67,000 per year looking for a solution. Figure it this way: We've been spending four cents in research for each \$100 of boll weevil loss!

Hot Planting
You may be missing a hot by planting your cotton when the ground is too cool. Some research indicates that you can get better emergence and better yields by putting the seed in the ground when a 10-day average soil temperature of not less than 60 has been reached. Suggest you talk to your county agent about it.

Bravo!
We know of a gentleman in Texas whose livelihood is tied closely to cotton. Whenever a salesman calls on him the Texan takes a close look at his visitor's shirt. If it isn't cotton, the salesman doesn't sell a thing.

Council to Meet
N. Texas Cotton Council will hold annual meeting in Atlanta, Ga. Feb. 9 to 10. Over 1,000 persons expected. Council's research department quotes garment manufacturers as saying wash-and-wear finishes have done more to boost sales of cotton fabrics than anything since sanforization.



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Doz. **43¢**

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CARROTS - - - **9c**

TEXAS
ORANGES - - **lb. 10c**

FANCY DELICIOUS
APPLES - - **lb. 12c**

GRAPEFRUIT bag **35c**

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gabby doodle from noodle says:

DEAR MISTER EDITOR:

The weather has been sorter bad out our way lately and I ain't got out much to find out what's going on. The wood in the shed is getting low and my old lady has been looking at me, the woodshed, and the axe all in the same look. If things keep getting worse I reckon I'll have to chop a few planks off'n the porch.

My old lady don't give me no credit fer it, but when I'm setting around I'm thinking mighty hard. Fer instance, I been thinking the last day or two that one of the great troubles with man is him being so stubborn. It ain't all his fault. The first 20 year his mother is always pestering him about where he's going, the next 40 years his wife pesters him with the same questions, and when he dies I reckon the mourners is all wondering the same thing.

It's sorter natural fer a feller to git stubborn about everthing with a life like that. I recollect I had a neighbor onct that got drunk and saddled up his horse backwards. When his old lady pointed it out to him he got so mad that he allowed as how he was saddled up just right fer the direction he was going, rode off facing the horse's tail and waving at his old lady.

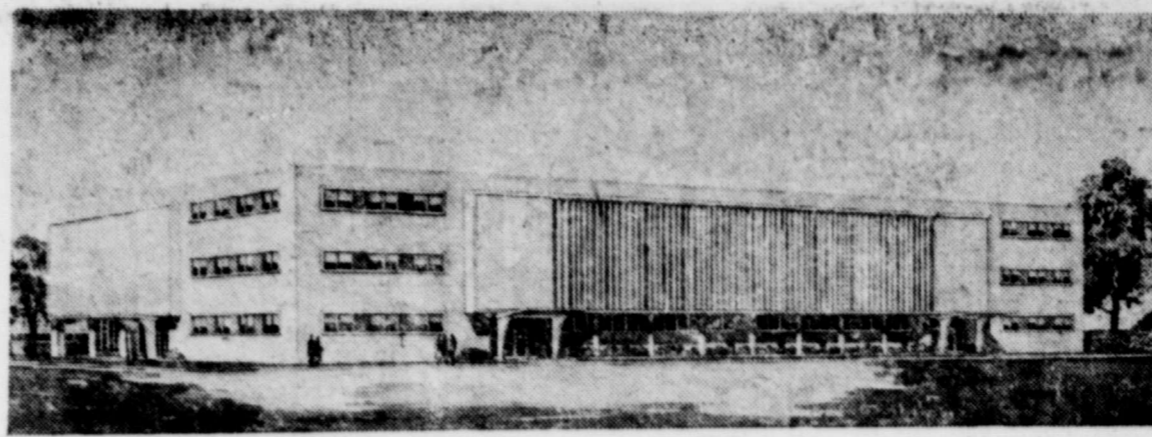
What brought all this to mind was a piece I saw in the papers the other day about more moonshine liquor being made in the South than ever in history. They ain't making no money out of it, but they're just stubborn because

the Government has said they can't squeeze their corn instead of eating it or feeding it to the hogs.

I got a neighbor up the road that comes to church ever Sunday, sets in the front row and goes to sleep. When the local preacher is in the pulpit he can snore right through the benediction. But let a strange preacher visit us and he sets there with his hands cupped to his ears all the way. I asked him one day how come he could sleep so good with the local preacher and listen so good when we has a stranger. He said he was just a little bit stubborn about such things, that he knowed he could trust his local preacher but one of them strangers might slip in a paragraph or two about evolution or vitamins. When I asked him what vitamins had to do with it, he said there weren't nothing in the Bible about 'em and what ain't in the Bible ain't got no business in the pulpit.

I don't know nothing, fer instance, that the world needs more than a square egg, one you can set any place like a cake of soap and it won't roll off. If Secretary Benson would pass a regulation that square eggs was illegal, we'd have square eggs in time fer this year's Easter. Man is a contrary animal and it ain't good fer him, but I got to admit he has a heap of things to make him contrary.

Yours truly,
Gabby



SIXTH NEW BUILDING FOR NTSC—

This proposed education and home economics building will become the sixth new structure in the current building program at North Texas State College in Denton. The three-story building will contain 75,261 square feet, making it the second largest on the campus. The biggest will be the new home for the School of Business Administration, started this month. Also under construction are a library annex and industrial arts and physics-mathematics buildings. A 75-bed college hospital was completed in December.



Dear Friend:

Water—the dominant problem in Texas—is the target of new attack.

Legislation creating the United States Study Commission on eight great river basins in Texas was enacted into law by the last Congress. It was my privilege to introduce the bill.

Now, as one of my first acts of the new Congress, I have introduced an amendment broadening representation on the Commission by:

Adding to the Commission a Member-at-Large, appointed by the Governor of Texas, who would represent the Texas Board of Water Engineers.

Separating the Guadalupe and San Antonio River basins to provide a Commission member for each.

In cooperation with State agencies, the Commission is responsible for preparation of plans aimed at fullest utilization of Texas' land and water resources.

This is good. But it is not enough.

Texas is not alone in facing a water problem. Nor is the South-

west. This is a problem of the Nation. It calls for total attack.

The formula for success in such an attack was blueprinted two decades ago. Survival of the free world was at stake. The Nation was threatened from without. The answer was found in the "Manhattan Project." The goal was to unlock the inner secrets of the atom. The project succeeded.

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Today, the water problem threatens the future of the Nation from within. Piecemeal attack is not enough. Successful solution demands unity of spirit and unity of action.

It is my firm hope the Senate will—during this Congress—lay before the President and offer to the people a program through which Texas and the Nation may solve our dominant common problem.

The time has come when we must dedicate the resources, the mental talent, the can-do spirit of our Nation to a second "Manhattan Project"—a Manhattan Project on water.

Home Demonstration Notes

By LORETA ALLEN

Taylor County Home Demonstration Notes



This cold icy weather really discourages any gardening right now, but by the time you read this it may be a nice day to work outside. Weather like today is good to do some fireseed gardening. Plan what you are going to plant and get out the seed catalogue and look at pictures and dream of what you'll grow when it is nice and warm. I've already brought some garden seed. Have you?

The icy roads canceled the clothing workshop that I was to attend in San Angelo this week. Mrs. L. A. Groene, Mrs. Riley Miller, Sybie McDaniel, and I are going to Fredericksburg next Monday for a meeting. The Home Demonstration Club women will make plans for the district meeting which will be in Ballinger April 16.

Sybie reports that the Merkel Jr. and Sr. Clubs are meeting together Thursday for a special program on "You Can Be Charming." Jeanean Kukley a former 4-H Club member from New Mexico will give the program.

Not all corn meal on the market is enriched. Enriched corn meal has more health giving nutrients than non-enriched meal. reminds extension foods and nutrition specialists.

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Hot Potato Salad
10 medium potatoes (3 pounds)
1 large onion, finely chopped
1/2 teaspoon celery seed
2 teaspoons salt
1/8 teaspoon pepper
4 slices bacon
1/2 cup vinegar
2 tablespoons sugar
3 tablespoons water
1 egg, beaten
Parsley or celery tops

Cook potatoes until tender but not soft. Drain, cool slightly; peel, dice and add onion, celery seed, salt and pepper. Fry bacon until crisp; remove from skillet, drain, crumble. Add vinegar, sugar and water to bacon fat. Cover; heat to simmering. Slowly add to egg, beating constantly. Pour over

potatoes; add bacon and mix lightly. Garnish with parsley or celery tops. Serves eight to ten

Bluebonnet H-D

The Bluebonnet Home Demonstration Club met in the home of Mrs. Tom Russon, Tuesday, afternoon, Jan. 20.

Mrs. Russon, new president, presided for the business session.

Roll call was answered with "One of my New Year's Resolutions."

Prayer was by Mrs. E. H. Martin. Mrs. R. E. Clemmer reviewed the club's 1958 yearbook. She also assigned programs, named hostesses and made corrections in the yearbook.

Member voted to have a community meeting with a program on Social Security. The date will be announced later.

Mrs. Frank Bronavak, council delegate, gave a report of the last council meeting.

All members present drew "section pals" for themselves and for those not present who had asked for Pals. Mrs. John Oliver received the hostess gift.

Refreshments were served to Mmes. E. H. Martin, Hester Martin, Joe Seymore, John Oliver, Frank Brovak, F. R. Demere, R. E. Clemmer, Allen D. King, Tom Russon and four children.

Stith HD Club

Mrs. Hulan Hill was hostess to the Stith Home Demonstration Club at the regular meeting in the Community Center Wednesday, Jan. 28.

Mrs. E. L. Tarpley, president, presided.

Mrs. Buck Leach opened the meeting with prayer.

Roll call was answered with a "household hint." Mrs. Francis Cox, secretary, read the minutes

and Mrs. Joe Horton gave the Council report.

Mrs. Wilburn Loflin, Mrs. Billy Ray Browning, Mrs. Orval Ely and Mrs. Hill presented the program on "House cleaning made easier."

Plans were made for the club to learn a new craft, the making of plastic flowers and plants, in the near future. Members also discussed the possibility of the club sponsoring a boy or girl from the State Hospital.

Mrs. Browning and Mrs. Hill directed two games.

Refreshments were served to thirteen members, 12 children and one visitor, Mrs. Stella Cutler.

Meeting dates for the club are the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at 2 p.m. in the Community Center. Visitors are welcome

Goodman H-D Club

Mrs. Karl Bonneaux was hostess when the Goodman Home Demonstration Club met in the Community Center Jan. 23.

Mrs. D. R. Butler led the program, "Housecleaning Made Easier," in the absence of the president who was ill.

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Mrs. J. B. Tiner. Roll call was answered with "One reason I like to live in Jones County."

Council delegate, Mrs. Bonneaux, gave a report. Family night, held Sat., Jan. 31, was discussed at the business meeting.

Refreshments were served to Mmes. Reddin, Grover Blair, Helium, J. B. Tiner, D. R. Butler, D. L. Butler, C. H. Butler, Jennings Winter and a visitor, Mrs. Mary Heath.

Compere HD Club

The Compere Home Demonstration Club met in the home of Mrs. Vernon Stanley Thurs. Jan. 22.

Mrs. W. D. Ramsey presented the program on "Housecleaning Made Easier." She gave suggestions for using dry suds for cleaning upholstery and told of convenient time savers in storing housecleaning equipment.

Mrs. Stanley gave a demonstration on making plastic plants and

flowers. Club members present made leaves for ivy and leaves and petals for tulips.

Mrs. I. B. Ray, president, presided at the business session when members repeated the club prayer. Mrs. Ramsey directed a game.

The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Ernest Dixon on Thursday, Feb. 5.

SHOWTIME

"The Tunnel of Love," a highly entertaining comedy for adults, will be shown at the Queen Theater Sunday and Monday.

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\$144,240; College Station, \$6,000;
Hereford, \$16,700; Perryton, \$44,
620; Plainview, \$65,000; Waco,
\$60,294.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:
If you ever need anyone to tell your advertisers just what an effective readership you have, I shall be delighted to do so.

As you know, in a recent Corner on Cotton, I offered to give away a work sheet to anyone requesting it. The response is overwhelming and my original estimate as to how many sheets would be needed had to be revised several times. As a former newspaper man, I thought you might be interested in knowing this.

Best regards,
Very truly yours,
Bob Collins



Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Harris have received word that a son, Phillip James, was born on Dec. 25, 1958, at 8:10 a.m., to 1st Lt. and Mrs. James (Jimmy) Harris of Laone Air Base, France.

WANTED

Clubs, organizations, families and individuals to use the Merkel Community Center.

Persons interested in using the building should contact Don Dudley at the Oak St. Service Station.

The following scale of rental fees has been set by the Lions Club: \$2.50 if kitchen or coffee urn not used; \$7.50 if kitchen is used; \$5 if coffee urn is used; and \$15 for all day use of building, including kitchen.

The rental fee must be paid in advance to Don Dudley when securing the key. Also, a deposit of \$2 must be paid at the time of receiving the key. This deposit will be refunded when key is returned and building has been left clean.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

CARD OF THANKS
To our neighbors and friends who expressed their sympathy in so many beautiful and practical ways during our recent sad bereavement, we extend our heartfelt thanks.

For the beautiful service, floral offerings, food, to those who sat at the funeral home, we are deeply grateful.
The family of Mrs. Gertrude Pee

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our appreciation for the sympathy and kindness shown during our recent sorrow.

The Lucas Family

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our neighbors, friends and Sunday School class for the good food, flowers and the many acts of kindness shown us at the death of Ray Massey.

The Ray Massey Family
The Bird Family
Mrs. Lucy Ford, Mattie Lou and Alvin Wozencraft

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Dr. Jones, Notes Author, Is Guest Of Conference

Dr. Mary Alice Jones, director of the Department of Christian Education of Children, General Board of Education, The Methodist Church, appeared five times in the Northwest Texas Methodist Conference Jan. 29 through Feb. 1.

Mrs. Virgil Patterson, Merkel, director of children's work, accompanied Dr. Jones in these meetings which were held in Lubbock, Vernon, Amarillo and Abilene.

Using as a theme, "Use Of The Bible In Teaching," Dr. Jones spoke to all those interested in teaching and working with children. Opportunities were given for discussion of some questions and concerns of those who are leaders in Christian education of children.

Miss Jones is known to many parents and teachers, as the author of many books used in the education of children. Among the better known titles are the "Tell Me" series, "Tell Me About God," "Jesus—The Bible," "Prayer—Heaven."

For a number of years before joining the General Board of Edu-

cation staff of The Methodist Church, Miss Jones was children's book editor with Rand McNally and Company, and during that time wrote "His Name Was Jesus."

Miss Jones has served as director of children's work in The Methodist Church since 1951. In this time she has taught in many leadership schools and on seminary and university faculties.

Local Scouts To Participate In Scout Week

Boy Scouts of Troop 20 will go to Austin Feb. 13 to take part in festivities which will climax the celebration of the 49th anniversary of Boy Scouts of America observed nationally during Boy Scout Week, Feb. 7 to 13.

Local Scouts will also observe Boy Scout Sunday, Feb. 8, by attending church services in uniform.

A national highlight of the special week will be a "Report to the Nation" made at the White House by twelve Eagle Scouts.

Boy Scouts of America, incorporated at Washington, D. C., on Feb. 9, 1910, was granted a federal charter by Congress in 1916. Since 1910, more than 29,500,000 persons have been in the Boy Scouts of America. Current total membership is above 4,780,000 boys and leaders.

Dr. Arthur A. Schuck, Chief Scout Executive of the Boy Scouts of America, said the greatest influence in Scouting's growth "has been the dedicated service of laymen willing to invest their time, their energy, and their money in the interest of training youth to do their duty to God and country and to preserve and strengthen our heritage and to develop a nation so that it may be spiritually, dynamically, and mentally strong and morally straight."

Merkel Boy Scouts are headed by Joe Lassiter, Scoutmaster, and Ike Turner, assistant Scoutmaster. They meet each Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Scout Hut. Adult leaders are always needed, scout master Lassiter said, and anyone interested in helping with the administration of the Troop in any way is invited to attend the meetings.

Boys are eligible to become Scouts if they are between eight and seventeen years of age.

Mrs. Virgil Patterson is in Austin this week teaching in a training school for church school teachers. She is conducting a Nursery Laboratory class at Tarrytown Methodist Church.

Mrs. Lucy Ford returned to her home here the past week after a visit with her sister, Mrs. Faye Lyles, of Savoy and with relatives in Dallas.

AREA BASKETBALL GAMES

MERKEL—CROSS PLAINS

Merkel's Badgers pushed their District 10-A league-leading record to five consecutive victories without a defeat as they topped the Cross Plains Buffaloes, 58-49, Friday night. Cross Plains now stands at 1-4 in district action.

Manley Denton and Pat Patterson scored 20 and 19 points respectively to pace the powerful Badgers while Tommy Adams grabbed high point honors for Cross Plains with 17.

In the girls' game Cross Plains

triumphed, 47-37, behind the 25-point output of Vandean Walters. Linda Loflin and Janie Breaux tallied 14 points apiece to pace Merkel.

CROSS PLAINS: Adams 4-9-17; Baird 0-2-2; Burns 2-3-7; Oliver 3-4-10; Dallas 4-1-9; Scott 1-2-4. Totals 14-21-49.

MERKEL: Denton 10-0-20; Patterson 7-5-19; McLeod 2-2-6; Reagus 1-0-2; English 4-1-9; Totals 25-8-58.

CROSS PLAINS 7 21 31 49

MERKEL 13 29 42 58

ASPERMONT—NOODLE

Lonnie Ueckert, 6-5 Noodle center, fouled out midway in the fourth quarter, and from then on Aspermont got enough rebounds and points to gain a 61-51 victory.

Noodle had led by two or three points until just at the end of the third quarter, but Aspermont managed to pull ahead going into the stretch.

Ueckert picked up 18 and Lowell Sipe 13 for the losers. The Hornets were led by Tommy Rogers, 20, Don Trammel, 19, and Eddie Patterson, 14.

Aspermont and Noodle both

have 4-4 District 17-B records. Aspermont's girls took a 56-42 victory. Betty McNutt hit 28 for the winners. Sue Sipe and Marilyn Olney each got 19 for Noodle.

The box: ASPERMONT: Trammel 5-9-19; Patterson 7-0-14; Rogers 8-4-20; Rutherford 1-3-5; Garnder 1-1-3; Totals 22-17-61.

NOODLE: Perkins 1-1-3; Ueckert 7-4-18; Sipe 6-1-13; Rhynes 0-2-2; Irvin 3-1-7; Goode 2-4-8; Totals 19-13-51.

ASPERMONT 9 28 46 61

NOODLE 11 30 44 51

MERKEL—BALLINGER

With Pat Patterson tallying 30 points, the Merkel Badgers walked Ballinger, 72-36, in a non-conference basketball game here Saturday night.

It was Merkel's 17th victory in 21 starts this season.

Kenneth Wiginton paced Ballinger with 12 points.

Merkel also won the B contest, 40-35, despite 23 points by Ballinger's Vance Carter. Lester Dorton led Merkel B with 12.

TRENT—OLD GLORY

The 17-B Trent Gorillas came from behind in the last half to roll past the Old Glory Pirates, 60-50, in district play Friday night.

Alden Lowack was high for the game as he bucketed 29 points for Old Glory. Jerry Williams racked 20 to pace the winners.

Trent's girls, paced by Rose Mary Jones' 35 points, edged the Old Glory girls 56-54, in two over-

times. Clarie Leverett was high for Old Glory as she pitched in 31 points.

TRENT: Williams 9-2-20; Hallford 3-0-6; Bright 3-0-6; Jones 7-0-14; Clayborn 1-1-3; Payne 5-1-1. Totals 28-4-60.

OLD GLORY: Newman 5-3-13; Tredemeyer 0-1-1; Lowack 12-5-29; Sawyer 2-1-5; Leverett 0-2-2. Totals 19-12-50.

20 YEARS AGO IN MERKEL

Merkel friends of Rev. T. J. Rea, former pastor of the Methodist Church here, will be glad to learn that he has recently moved from Sentinel, Okla., to Abilene, Rev. Mr. Rea, on a year's leave of absence from the Northwest Texas conference, and his wife are living at 355 Cedar St.

City Marshal D. H. Vaughn, who underwent surgery at the Merkel hospital on Tuesday, Jan. 24, was taken home Saturday and has improved so much that he expects to be up town in the next day or two. During his absence from duty, Constable C. K. Russell has served as local peace officer in emergencies.

It will be about Feb. 15 when Tom's Wrecking Yard will be finally housed in the new 40x100 ft. building, now being completed, it was announced by Tom Kerns Tuesday. In the new quarters ample space will be provided for all purposes, with the offices at the east end of the building.

Felix Stalls and Norman King, students at A & M College, arrive home Tuesday for a visit through Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Stalls and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley King.

The Badger basketball team administered a 17-14 defeat to Wylie at the High School gym Wednesday night, and were to play Roby at Roby Thursday night.

40 YEARS AGO IN MERKEL

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bragg left Wednesday for Eastern markets, where they will buy a general line of new goods. They are very optimistic over the prospects for a good year and state they expect to buy accordingly.

E. N. Brown left Monday for market. He expects to return in a few days. Mr. Brown says he believes conditions warrant the laying in of a good assortment of spring and summer merchandise.

The Anchor Mercantile Company is changing its name to the Merkel Dry Goods Company. There is no change in ownership, but it is thought that the change will be more suitable for a dry goods line. The firm completed moving to its new location early this week and has everything well arranged for active business.

Bob Martin's Grocery is to be commended for serving the people with a new Automobile delivery service.

Dr. H. H. Warnick, president of the bank at Eskota, was among the bankers who attended the Private Bankers convention at Dallas Saturday.

A few nice traps and surreys will sell cheap for cash or on time. Kent Street Wagon Yard. Walter Clark.

J. R. Coggins, a real old-timer

STITH NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hambrick and baby of Seminole spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Johnie Akins and Jimmy.

Pat McDonald entertained a number of her friends with a skating party in Abilene Friday night after which the group returned to the home of Mrs. Grace Rogers for a slumber party. Attending were Joy McWilliams, Betty Jo Richardson, Nancy Malone, Elizabeth Tucky and Kay Lynn Bagby, all of Merkel.

Mrs. Ted Hudson hosted a Stanley party in her home Friday.

Mrs. J. B. Warren returned to her home in Seymour after spending a few days with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Loflin and family.

The trio of the Stith Baptist Church, composed of Lola Loflin, soprano, Sandra Hale, alto, Lonnie Harris, tenor with Pat McDonald, pianist, sang for the Men's Sunday School class at the Queen Theatre in Merkel Sunday morning. In the afternoon the group went to the homes of two elderly couples, Mr. and Mrs. Ramsey and the Rev. and Mrs. Tatum, all of Merkel, and sang for them.

We welcome Mr. and Mrs. Easley to our community. They moved

from Tye to the Byrd place. Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Ledbetter visited with her grandmother Finch at the Hendrick Hospital in Abilene Friday.

We will miss Mr. and Mrs. Willie Thomas from our community. They have moved to a farm south of Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hill and Mrs. Ola Chapin of Anson visited their sister, Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Hale, Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Harris were in Abilene Sunday afternoon. Anyone in our community who has news for the paper please leave it at the Stith store.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde McFall of Mexia are visiting Mrs. McFall's sister-in-law, Mrs. W. C. Lee.

George Starbuck Gets BBA Degree

George Starbuck, Merkel, was one of twelve area students receiving degrees from the University of Texas College of Business Administration and the College of Engineering at the end of the semester Jan. 31.

George, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Starbuck, was awarded a BBA degree.

The Rev. and Mrs. Bob Harris and children of Blackwell spent the weekend in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Harris.

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TELL-TALE

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self but she certainly was with Governor and Mrs. Daniel. She wasn't shy about showing her interest either. After meeting them in the receiving line she felt she knew them well enough to go and chat with them later. She enjoyed the refreshments, too, and I do believe she would have gone back for seconds if I hadn't stopped her.

See you next week on Lincoln's birthday.

Sixth Grade Meets

Mrs. Orsborn's sixth grade room called a meeting January 26, for the purpose of electing officers. Those elected were Glen Shaw, president; Vickie Teaff, vice-president; Aleta Scott, secretary; Kay Stallo, reporter.

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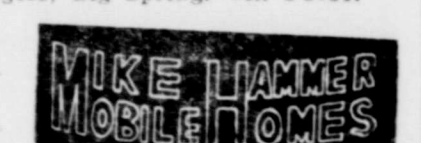
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To any Sheriff or any Constable within the State of Texas—
GREETINGS:

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for four consecutive weeks, the first publication to be at least twenty-eight days before the return day thereof, in a newspaper printed in Taylor County, Texas, the accompanying citation, of which the herein below following is a true copy.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: William Ray Bond, Defendant, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 9th day of March A.D. 1959, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 22nd day of January A. D. 1959, in this cause, numbered 23-618-A on the docket of said court and styled Nelda Jean Bond, Plaintiff, vs. William Ray Bond, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: plaintiff and defendant were married on or about July 18, 1950 and became permanently separated on or about January 5, 1957.

Plaintiff sues for divorce on ground of harsh and cruel treatment and alleges that there were two children born as issue of this marriage for which plaintiff sues for custody. It is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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

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

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this 23rd day of January A. D. 1959.

Attest: R. H. Ross, Clerk, 42nd District Court Taylor County, Texas.

By Irene Crawford, Deputy. (SEAL)

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TO: Aubrey Watson Clendenen, Defendant, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 194th 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 issuance of this citation, same being the 16th day of March A. D. 1959, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 7th day of March A. D. 1958, in this cause, numbered 8417-B on the docket of said court and styled Mildred Marie Clendenen, Plaintiff, vs. Aubrey Watson Clendenen, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: plaintiff and defendant were married on or about April 2, 1955 and became permanently separated on or about Oct. 27, 1957.

Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of cruel treatment as of such a nature that it has rendered the further living with defendant insupportable.

Plaintiff alleges that there is no property to be adjudicated and no children of this marriage as is more fully shown by plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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

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

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this 28th day of January A.D. 1959.

(SEAL)

Attest: R. H. Ross Clerk, 104th District Court Taylor County, Texas.

By Irene Crawford, Deputy. 46-47-48-49

RENEW YOUR SUBSCRIPTION NOW



As a Notary Public, Charles Richard Yarbrough, 94, of Chandler (Henderson County) has put his seal on a great many official documents. However, the one he notarized Wednesday (December 31) held special significance. It was the State's oath of Office for the son, Ralph, who was just reelected to the United States Senate from Texas. The oath was administered in the room in which the senator was born in the Yarbrough home at Chandler. The elder Yarbrough, once a Justice of the Peace of Chandler and a former mayor there, counseled his son to "do a good job."

'It's An Extra Education' Says Texas Youth Of Senate Page Work

Since Bill McIntyre left Texas two weeks ago, he's become a page in the U. S. Senate, appeared on a nationwide television show from New York and met a number of major stars of the entertainment world—but he still feels he had a better social life back in his hometown of Navasota.

"There was always a party or a dance going on at home," he explains. However, he hastens to add, he wouldn't swap his present position. "It's an extra education."

Bill's friends have been jokingly calling him "The Star" since the new page's appearance on the television show "I've Got a Secret," Wednesday (Jan. 7). His secret was that he'd just started his new job. Since then, he says, strangers have been recognizing him and speaking to him. And his sponsor in the Senate, Senator Ralph Yarborough (D-Tex.), said that it was a special pleasure to pose for a photograph with the young "celebrity."

The young man, who was 17 on January 19—also the anniversary of the birth of Robert E. Lee—is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Stokes McIntyre III (Bill is W. S. IV) of 2 Cannon Street, Navasota. His trip to Washington to become a Senate Page was Bill's first look at the world outside Texas' borders. He likes what he's found.

"We're paid an allowance," he explains, "and from that we must pay for our clothes, including the dark suits pages wear, meals, room, entertainment—everything. I like it because we're treated as independent young men."

To celebrate this freedom of movement, Bill and some of the other pages plan to visit New York to sightsee. He was only able to spend about 19 hours in that city for his television appearance.

In Washington, he's up each morning at a quarter of six and goes to the Library of Congress to school until 9:30 a.m. "I'm taking English, Spanish, plane geometry and modern history," he says, "and, because of my school work in Texas, I'm up with my class here."

Plans for the future include going back to Navasota to enter his father's automobile sales business, perhaps a little stock farming on the side, and a continuing interest in politics. He's already demonstrated the latter—as an active campaigner for Senator Yarborough in the recent elections, having spent three months in the Yarborough State Headquarters at Austin last summer.

The new young page, who has, of course, acquired the nickname "Tex"—has met a number of well-known people lately. There are those connected with the United States Senate; the panel on the "I've Got A Secret" Show—Garry Moore, Bill Cullen, Betsy Palmer, Bess Myerson and Henry Morgan; and special guests on the program, movie actor Sal Mineo and drummer Gene Krupa.

What has he noticed most about Washington? "The Senators are big and famous men and I've read about them in the papers. And now that I've met them I've found they're good, down-to-earth men. Senator Yarborough helps me with my problems and is a sort of father up here. It's exciting to work for these men."

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FACT and FANCY

I have run across some interesting observations by an English professor by the name of Dr. Hollis at the University of Detroit. Dr. Hollis declares that people hear only about 50 per cent of what others say to them, retain only about 25 per cent of that for two months, and forget practically all of that thereafter.

To improve these percentages, Prof. Hollis points out, you have to talk about something interesting. And what most people are primarily interested in is self-preservation, eating, and romance.

Come to think of it, the professor probably has something. I imagine even the most sleepy classes would perk up if someone shouted "Fire!" Or "Let's eat!" Or "Lookie, girls in shorts!"

This, if taken seriously by educators, could result in significant changes in educational techniques. If romance is indeed a factor, certainly text book illustrations could be jazzed up considerably. And why shouldn't Queen Isabella be depicted in the manner of Daisy Mae or Miles Standish like Steve Canyon?

And why not utilize the student's basic interest in food? Instead of asking Johnny to subtract 5 from 12, the teacher could state the problem like this: "There are a dozen succulent, juicy, hamburgers on a platter with the mayonnaise, mustard, and pickles fairly oozing from the nutritious, toasted, vitamin-enriched buns. If you eat five of these delicious hamburgers, what will you have?"

(Admittedly, Johnny might say "Indigestion" and spoil the whole thing.)

I'm not sure how self-preservation figures into this thing. However, it might just not hurt if the professor would say occasionally, "If you don't study this lesson, I'll knock your teeth in."

Let me know what you think. Here at the Texas Rehabilitation Center of Gonzales Warm Springs Foundation we are continuously getting letters we like a lot. Here's an excerpt from a nice one from Dallas:

"Our son arrived home about noon in good shape and in fine spirit. It is quite apparent that he has gained much from his stay at the Center.

"And for that we could never thank you and the Center organization and staff sufficiently. We are all deeply grateful for what has been accomplished for him and with him."

The more I see and hear of cigarette advertising on TV and radio, the better I feel about being a cigar smoker. I figured out a long time ago that in a

smoke it is what is up front that counts, and a good cigar has way yonder more up front than any cigarette you ever saw.

Cigar advertising is dignified and free of absurd and extravagant claims. While I recognize some small variations in quality, the matter of availability largely determines the make of cigar I am going to smoke. Offer me a cigar and I do not care if it is a blunt, an Patello, or a crook or if it is an El Rollo or a Chancellor Von Bismarck. I am completely unconcerned about the absence of a filter. I smoke it and enjoy it without any mental qualms produced by the conflicting claims of tobacco-selling propagandists and pitchmen.

Not so with cigarettes. One brand implies you are not socially acceptable if you do not smoke THAT brand. Your very masculinity is suspect if you do not smoke another because THAT is the brand that virile, out-door type men smoke.

And now you are even given cause to doubt your own intellect because, you are told, MOST thinking men smoke ANOTHER special brand.

I say that a real thinking man will not inhale this malarkey. A real thinking man looks for the cigarette that he would be able to tell is good even if he were not very bright in the first place.

Moreover, some of the roughest, most masculine out-door types I know, do not smoke at all. They chew. And when you get right down to it, you ain't going to find nothing that will beat a good cigar.

January is March of Dimes month. All of us here at the Texas Rehabilitation Center of Gonzales Warm Springs Foundation urge you to go "all out" in support of the March of Dimes.

Each month a number of polio victims are still being hospitalized here at the Center, and March of Dimes funds pay for a major part of these treatment costs. It will be a long time before he polio patients stop coming.

Also, the National Foundation deserves your support in its enlarged program which encompasses birth defects and arthritis, two more of the dread cripples of our nation.



John Royal of Menard, Texas, was named 1958's top soil conservationist in Texas during the Soil Conservation District Supervisors Convention in Abilene. He received the Texas Bank and Trust Company's Eighth Annual Award of \$500 for soil conservation.

Deer Bagged By Third Of Hunters On Public Areas

Approximately one-third of the hunters who received permits to shoot on management areas of the Game and Fish Commission during the season just closed killed their deer. This is contained in a report of the director of wildlife management.

Best kill of the season was reported on the Keer Wildlife Management area, where there was a 59.70 per cent kill by 201 hunters who bagged 120 deer. More than 4000 persons had applied for permit, but only 250 were issued, after their names had been pulled in a public drawing.

The Sierra Diablo area, in far West Texas, produced a 50 per cent kill for 66 hunters who got 33 deer. There were 504 applicants for the 80 permits on this area.

On the Black Gap area there were 133 deer killed by the 313 hunters, for a 42.49 per cent success. A total of 401 permits were granted for this hunt.

The Engeling area in East Texas produced deer for 209 hunters reporting, giving the area a 26.31 success.

There were only 10 deer killed on the Angeline area, where 323 hunters reported out of 551 names drawn. The success here was only 3.9 per cent.

In totals there were 351 deer killed, or approximately half those marked for kill when the hunts were set up. This amounted to 31.56 per cent kill for the 1112 hunters reporting. Of the kill there were 176 bucks and 175 fawns. There were also 24 javelina killed during the season.

Starr Rest Home

By MARY OUTLAW

Everyone is doing fine at this writing. We are glad to report that Mrs. Hartley, who had surgery in the Sadler Clinic, is doing fine at this writing. Everyone misses her and will be glad when she can come home.

Mr. Reagan is slowly improving. He sits up some days, some days he doesn't. Usually makes it to writing each Sunday morning.

We want to thank Sue and Bobby Meyers and Mrs. Seago for conducting the singing services Sunday in Frank and Ethel Carr's place. Everyone enjoyed the good singing.

We want to thank Mrs. Joe Nalley for the nice churned butter milk she gave to the home. The old folks enjoyed it very much.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Price of Rowden visited Mr. Smedley last week. We were sorry to lose our employee Mrs. Annie Mae Brenem of Trent who had to quit on account of her health. Mrs. Pippin took her place. Mrs. Pippin will make good for she knows all the patients and everyone likes her. We hope she will like her new work. She had previously worked in the laundry here at the Rest Home.

Rev. Williams, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Trent came Sunday week ago and conducted the services. Every one reported a good service and we invite them back again.

Due to the fact that the First Baptist here doesn't have a pastor we were unable to have service Sunday eve. The patients all got ready and filled the lobby from one thirty till two and they waited until after three and no

Vocational Agriculture Teacher. Their entries are among more than 5,000 head of livestock and horses which will be at the Feb. 13-22 Show. An alltime high of \$120,000 in prizes and premiums are offered, according to president E. W. Bickett, who also announced Saturday, Feb. 14 will be "Rural Youth Day" with some 35,000 rural youngsters expected to attend if good weather prevails.

Mrs. Ola Mae Treadwell from Anson visited her mother Mrs. Agnew last week and brought the home a big pink homemade cake. It sure was delicious and we want to thank her for her kindness. She came this week to visit her mother and brought us some feed sacks for sup towels for which we are thankful.

For the ones who have called and asked about bringing rags and old sheets, we are in need of them now if you are ready to bring them or we will pick them up if you will call us.

How gossip gets started it beats me. I heard I was moving out to the lake and another couple was taking over the Rest Home. I am not until I retire which won't be until about 15 years from now if then. We do have a cabin out there but our home is still at the same old address and you will always find me there unless it is some hot day and I go fishing, which is my hobby but until I retire I am sure you will always find me at the Starr Rest Home.

Neill Brothers To Show Lambs In San Antonio

Youthful exhibitors from this area at the San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo Feb. 13-22 at Joe Freeman Coliseum, include Merkel FFA Club Members Joe Neill, Farris Neill and Jimmy Neill. The group will show 9 lambs according to C. H. Collinsworth

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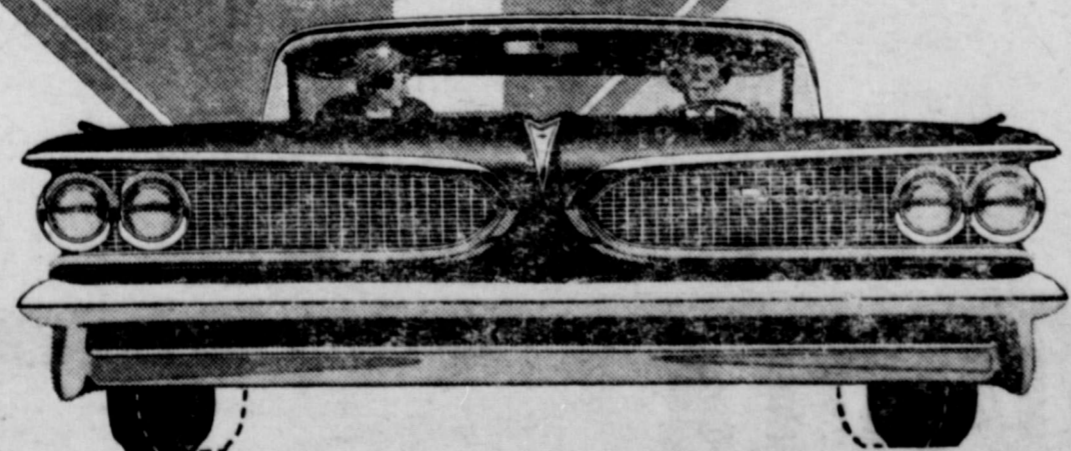
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What this bill would do is this: Establish a "flexible rate" system in Texas like those used in other states to replace the present uniform rate system that prevents safe drivers from being rewarded with lower insurance costs.

Under the uniform system, a fixed rate is set by the State. You pay the same price for your insurance as does a reckless driver who perhaps has been in four or five recent accidents. What this amounts to is that you are actually footing the bill for the accidents of the reckless driver.

A flexible system would change this unjust situation. This system would allow insurance companies to compete for the business of good risks by offering lower rates — something they cannot do under the present uniform law.

The uniform rating system is nothing more than a type of "fair trade," the only difference being the State tells you what you must pay for your insurance (instead of the manufacturer as in the case of fair trade). A flexible system permits an open market where you can shop around and get the best bargain.

The proposed legislation has plenty of safeguards against trick or confusing policies and would require all policies to have basic protection provisions.

The flexible rate system has been used successfully in most of the other states. If you know of a person who recently moved to Texas from out-of-state, ask him if his automobile insurance costs aren't much higher than he had been accustomed to paying.

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 HORMEL DAIRY BRAND **BACON** Lb. **59¢**
 HORMEL DAIRY BRAND **SAUSAGE** 2 lb. bag **98¢**

Kuner's FOODS HAVE Flavor!

TOMATO Juice 466-oz. **25¢**
Cut Green Beans 303 2 for **33¢**
Pickled Beets 2 for **39¢**

KUNER'S 303 PEAS Tender 2 for **33¢**
KUNER'S 303 CORN Golden 2 for **33¢**
KUNER'S SOLID PACK 303 TOMATOES 2 for **39¢**
KUNER'S 303 KRAUT 2 for **29¢**
KUNER'S SLICED 303 BEETS 2 for **29¢**
KUNER'S 14-oz. CATSUP 2 for **33¢**
KUNER'S 16-oz. Sweet PICKLES 2 for **69¢**
KUNER'S PICKLES OLD FASHIONED 2 for **49¢**

Garden Fresh VEGETABLES

SUNKIST ORANGES Lb. - **9¢**
CALIFORNIA AVOCADOS - 2 for **19¢**
WASHINGTON WINESAP APPLES - - - lb. **13¢**
Fresh CABBAGE - - - - - lb. **5¢**
East Texas FRESH YAMS - - - - - lb. **9¢**
Fresh CAULIFLOWER - - - - - lb. **15¢**
BIG RED BAG SPUDS - - - 10 lb. **39¢**

GLADIOLA 2 Dozen **Frozen Rolls** **25¢**
 Clover Leaf or Parker House

CARSON'S SUPERMARKET

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