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Tell-Tale Fe-Mail

By M. L. G.

The Merkel basketball team certainly went places this year, didn't they? Winning runner-up in regional is a mighty good record and we're proud of them.

You'll have to hand it to the Merkel fans—this time they stayed enthusiastic until the bitter end. This was a change from the attitude displayed at the football game in Coleman last season when we lost. I suppose it is only natural to be more enthusiastic when your team is winning, but they do need support and encouragement when they are losing too.

With our family's timing off as usual, we were late for the game and in our haste to get seated with the Merkel group in the unfamiliar gym, we, our daughter and I, led father right into the men's dressing room. Wow! Was he unhappy with us—so unhappy that he wouldn't even sit with us. Later, when he had cooled down a bit, I asked him why he got so upset about such a little thing. He said, "Upset! Who wouldn't be upset? Why couldn't you have led us into the ladies' dressing room?" Some joker, that boy.

I'll bet the local grocermen will lose sleep when they hear about our latest project—still in the talking stage. The projects chairman at our house decided that we need to raise our own groceries. Plans are to plant a large vegetable garden—with a rabbit proof fence, of course—and "what we can't eat fresh, you can 'can.'" Just what I've always wanted to do—can vegetables.

I'm not buying any cans just yet because we had a garden once before. We had watermelon and cucumber vines all over the place. The largest watermelon was little larger than the largest cucumber which wasn't very large. The vines were pretty though.

Speaking of the size of home products—Mrs. O. T. Freeman of Trent has a hen that has something to crow about. The ordinary White Leghorn hen laid an egg that weighed between 3 1/2 to 4 ozs., measures almost eight inches lengthwise and 6 1/4 inches around. Sounds like a lot of egg. I don't know much about eggs—only egg-heads—but I'd guess this is quite a phenomenon.

We read a good one in the Hamlin Herald last week that we think you will get a kick out of, if you haven't heard it. . . .

The hillbilly father was furious, "Which one of you pushed the outhouse into the creek?" he asked.

"Me, Paw," spoke up Zeke. "Wal, boy, come into the woodshed. I'm gonna tan your hide good."

"But, Paw," countered young Zeke, "George Washington's paw didn't lick him when he told the truth."

"Maybe not," replied the father, "but when George cut down that cherry tree, his old man wasn't settin' in the branches."

Don't forget all of the "good food" deals the Band Parents are having in the next few days. There is the bake sale on Friday and Saturday, the spaghetti supper Monday night, and the special orders for cakes and pies being taken any day of the week. The band students are available for any odd jobs you have, too. Call on them—you'll not only help them but yourselves, you lucky people.

Buyers Wanted For Magazines

The Merkel Junior 4-H Club girls will sell used magazines and books each Saturday in the building next door to Andy Shouse Real Estate office.

The girls have late dated magazines as well as back numbers. All magazines will be sold for five and ten cents on Saturday, March 7, regardless of the former price. They are clean and in good condition.

Bells Rites Held For Brother Of Two Merkelites

Funeral service for O. D. Stanley, 75, brother of Mrs. W. C. Burleson and Lee Stanley of Merkel, was held Tuesday, Feb. 24, at the Bells Baptist church with the Rev. Robert Baldrige officiating.

Mr. Stanley died Sunday in a Sherman hospital after an illness of three days.

He came to Texas from Tennessee in 1889 and lived in Merkel at one time. He had been a resident of Bells for a number of years.

Mr. Stanley was a member of the Antioch Baptist church and the Odd Fellows Lodge.

Other survivors besides the brother and sister here, are two brothers, George Stanley of Bells and Jodie Stanley of Sherman; one sister, Mrs. Emma Stroupe of Houston; several nieces and nephews.

Nephew were pallbearers.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Burleson and son and daughter, Dale Burleson of McAlister, Oklahoma, and Mrs. Charles McArthur of Hermleigh, Lee Stanley and son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Stanley, and Mrs. Jeri Evans of Midland attended the funeral.

Area Residents Attend Funeral

Mrs. Mary Jowers and Mrs. W. B. Lollar of Tye, Jesse J. Jowers of Abilene, Mrs. Nim J. Teaff and Mrs. Jarrett Pinckley, both of Merkel, attended funeral services for the infant son of Lt. Col. and Mrs. Joe J. Jowers which were held in San Antonio Tuesday, Feb. 24.

Burial was in Fort Sam Houston National cemetery.

Lt. Col. Jowers is the brother of the two Merkel women.

Junior 4-H Girls To Have Special Meeting Thursday

The Merkel Junior 4-H Club girls will meet Thursday at 4 p.m. in the elementary school building for a food demonstration by Senior 4-H girls from a neighboring club.

The time was changed to 4 p.m. instead of the usual time, 12:15 p.m., because of the visiting girls who will present the program.

The demonstration is planned to help the Merkel girls in their preparation for the County Contest which will be in Abilene March 21.

Miss Sybil McDaniel, assistant County Home Demonstration Agent, will also be present for the meeting.

Girls who are planning to enter the county contest are urged to attend this special meeting, said mother leaders, Mrs. Dorothy Davis and Mrs. Ford Smith Jr.

Because of the change in time, parents of girls who ride the school busses are asked to pick them up after the meeting.

Who Is Responsible For Quality Of Our Public Schools?

This week is Public Schools Week, and the Merkel public school system has invited the public to visit classrooms to examine the quality of educational opportunity available to the young people.

This week also marked the filing deadline for Merkel School Board candidates to be voted on April 4.

It is important that you give a lot of thought to your selection for this responsible position because it is your school board who determines the quality of educational opportunities in the schools. The group who compile your board have the final say on matters affecting the schools. But—they represent the people, and their actions are determined by what the majority of the people want. So, it is you who, in the final analysis, determine the quality of the schools through your selection of the school board.

Normal business transacted at the meetings of the board includes adopting budgets, studying and deciding upon plans for new construction, awarding contracts, considering proposals to hire new teachers or administrators, and approving and disapproving expenditures.

Speaking of school expenditures brings to mind that the last time we ventured to comment on schools editorially, it cost us several hundred dollars. From that time—one year ago—until this, we have not done the high school's printing. They take it to our neighboring city.

This, of course, is beside the point but seemed too good an opportunity to miss. We have no idea who decided on this "punishment"—a descendant of Khrushchev maybe? Whoever it was is a brave and daring soul since the school "family" in the order of their importance goes thus: 1. The People. 2. School Board. 3. Superintendent. 4. Principal. 5. Teachers. 6. Students.

Since we believe it is a healthy thing in our democratic way of life to have intelligent understanding of the important functions of our basic institutions, especially the schools, we will continue to perform our duty, which is to pass along information to the public through the columns of this newspaper, in spite of the financial loss.

Although the need for the public school never changes, times and conditions may change or require to be changed methods and practices of public education. This is inherent with anything that grows, for growth is the result of change.

Your present school board has, in the past year, made some changes in the school policy—the first in many a year. They spent many hours working conscientiously on these new policies. They are good ones and show the beginning of some progress after all these years, if they are enforced.

The selection of the school board deserves your careful consideration. Don't vote for a person just because he is a friend or a good "Joe". He may be both and still not care enough to cause a ripple for the good of the hundreds of students who will pass through the doors of our high school each year.

We must not let our desire to please our associates blind us to the fact that the schools are for our children—the future leaders of our country.

Badgers Place Second In Regional Ending Season With 24-8 Record

The Merkel Badgers ended the basketball season as Region II-A runner-up and a 24-8 season record.

In a battle with Holliday Saturday morning in Denton, the Badgers came in on top, 64-54. All five starters—Jerry McLeod, Ronnie English, Pat Patterson, Ronnie Reeger and Manley Denton—scored ten or more points. English was high with 15.

The Badgers lost the top regional berth to White Oak, 73-47, in Saturday night's game. Pat Patterson was high man with 17.

Although Coach Don Loyd's Badgers have won three district titles in the four years he has been at the helm, this is the first time they have made it pay off with a regional berth.

Merkel wound up in a deadlock with Albany at 7-1 for the District 10-A crown and defeated the Lions, 58-54, in a one-game playoff.

In the bidistrict round the Badgers, led by Pat Patterson's 30 points, blasted 9-A champion Llano at Brownwood, 57-43.

In 30 games this season the Badgers have averaged 60 points plus and allowed their opponents 45 plus per game.

The seven Merkel losses were to Albany, Haskell, Colorado City, ACHS, Roscoe and to Cisco twice. Lanny Perry, a 6-2 senior, alternates Patterson, English and Denton playing most of the ball game.

Reeger is the top floor man with Patterson and McLeod top rebounders. Patterson averaged 13 plus per game and McLeod netting 10 plus.

Rounding out the 13-man Badger traveling squad are Tokio Moreno, Phil Seymore, Doug Toliver, James Bible, Larry Seymore, Joe Neil and Lester Dorton.

Trent Girls Play In Band Festival

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Participating were Carolyn Graham, Sandra Freeman, Ida Mae King and Judy Claborn.

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PVT. JAMES W. MARTIN . . . completes special course

Watts Is Judge Of Merkel's New Voting Box 26

Earle Watts was named presiding judge for Merkel's new voting box (26) by the County Commissioner's Court on Feb. 9. Sally Orr will be assistant judge.

The small box formerly at Blair was moved to create the new box for Merkel south of the T & P Railroad. The move was made by the Commissioner's Court to break a logjam in Merkel. It will be located at the Community Center.

The old box 24, with Holland Teaff the election judge, will be for the area north of the tracks.

Golf Tournament To Start Club's Spring Festival

A "Scotch Foresome" on March 6 will be the first of several activities planned for the Merkel Country Club Spring Festival.

The "Foresome" of men and women will start teeing off at 3 p.m. All members who are interested in entering are urged to contact Bert Jones, tournament chairman.

Jones said members shouldn't hesitate to enter the tournament but should "come out and enjoy the wholesome outdoor sport."

To the women Jones said, "Just because the men claim to be 'par shooters' is no reason to let this opportunity pass to show them up."

Sandwiches, coffee and cold drinks will be served, he said.

If you are not a member of the Merkel Country Club, you are invited to come out and see the activities, according to John Hamner, president. He said memberships are still available to residents of Merkel, Trent and surrounding communities.

Other tournaments and club activities are being planned by the members.

The following committee chairmen have been appointed: Booth Warren, grounds committee; Bert Jones, tournament; Mrs. Dale Linton, club house activities; Horace Boney, trophy committee.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Walker accompanied by their three grandchildren, Mike, Mark and Lynn Walker, who had spent three weeks here with their grandparents, were visitors in El Paso the past weekend. They also visited their new grandson, Lyvie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Walker.

Mrs. C. L. Smith of Merkel, Mrs. Eldon Hicks and daughter, Debbie and Mrs. Marvin Freeman, all of Trent visited at Denton, McKinney and Fort Worth the past weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bowen and daughters, Cheryl and Nancy, of Childress visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Bowen over the week-end.

Friday Morning Is Kick-Off Time For Local Red Cross Fund Drive

The kick-off meeting for the local Red Cross drive will be at the Taylor Electric Cooperative office Friday at 8 a.m.

After being served coffee and doughnuts, a group of local volunteer solicitors, headed by Lester Dorton as chairman and Lynn Knight, vice chairman, will call on the citizens of Merkel for contributions to the Red Cross.

How efficiently will the money contributed be used? For every \$5 given to the Red Cross, \$30 worth of service is received. This is accomplished through volunteers and the work they give to Red Cross. Red Cross volunteers outnumber paid workers 139 to 1.

They are on the job for such emergencies as floods and tornadoes, they work with the Armed Forces and their families, sponsor home nursing and first aid courses and many other services. Red Cross volunteer work goes on in every community—day in, day out.

Local volunteers who will ask for contributions are: Howard Carson, Horace Hargrove, Don Warren, Nolan Palmer, Kent Satterwhite, Ray Wilson and C. A. Farley.

Ten Merkel Boy Scouts went to Camp Tonkawa Friday afternoon for an overnight camporee for scouts in the Chisholm Trail Council.

The Scouts arrived at Camp Tonkawa about 5:30 p.m., set up tents, and cooked dinner over open fires. At 8:30 p.m. all Scouts attending the camporee gathered at the "Council Fire" where skits were given by some of the troops.

After the boys cooked breakfast Saturday morning they participated in a series of contests between patrols. Each patrol was graded on its relative ability in signaling, cooking, scout signs, fire building with flint and steel, first aid, plant identification, uniform care of camping equipment, and camp cleanliness. Both Merkel patrols under the leadership of Senior Patrol Leader Wayne Hester brought in red ribbons for their efforts.

Patrol Leader Larry Hargrove led the Flaming Arrow patrol of Robert Shouse, Wayne Thompson, and Elmer Barnes. Patrol Leader David Hammond led the Screaming Eagle Patrol of Larry Logan, Ronnie Ferguson, Mike Hester, and Danny Cypert.

"Scout thanks go to the Taylor Electric Co-op and Buster Hester for transporting the scouts and their equipment round trip," said Assistant Scoutmaster Ike Turner who accompanied the Scouts on the camporee.

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5. General Community Development: Changes in general community development will be revealed by changes in that part of Merkel's activities not categorized in any of the above. Such things as changes in schools, fire protection, police protection, community parks, etc., will serve as measures of the change in the general development of the community.

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Merkel Chosen For State Bypass Study

Merkel is one of six areas in Texas being studied to see what impact the Interstate Highway System has on local areas, a project sponsored jointly by the Texas Highway Department and the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads.

The Texas Transportation Institute of Texas A&M College is the research agency in charge of the study to measure the effects that construction of a segment of the Interstate System has on local areas and communities by measuring the changes in land value, land use, business activity, travel patterns, and other general community developments.

The other areas being studied are Austin, Temple, Rockwall, Waxahachie, and Houston. Merkel is the only area in which an entire town will be studied. It was selected as being of the proper size to permit analysis of changes in economic activities and property values and yet reveal significant information when the study was completed.

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Florist Attends Design School

Bill Wood attended the annual Dallas Florists' Design School at the Baker Hotel in Dallas last week-end.

The school, sponsored by the Dallas Allied Florist Association, featured spring ideas with emphasis on Easter.

Wood is owner of Bill's Garden Shop in Me.



SENATOR Yarborough's Report

As one means of keeping our military defense strong, the Congress will soon extend the draft to June 30, 1963. Many of us wish we did not have to continue to draft our young men. But the

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Communist Cold War, which at times threatens to become a shooting war leaves us no other choice.

The draft extension and the cold war will mean that nearly 4 1/2 million young Americans will serve terms in the armed forces in the next four years. The most serious result of the draft is that it causes many young men to fail to get a college education or sound technical training.

This happens because a young man getting out of high school, instead of thinking about going to college, is more concerned with the draft. By the time he completes his military service, a young man is often matured to the point he wants to take a job, get married, and raise a family. The tragedy is that he has missed vital college or technical training years, those years which would equip him to earn a good living for a family.

To help correct this basic problem for present and future American families, I have introduced a Cold War Veterans Bill. It provides for extension of the G. I. Bill of Rights to all those men and women who have kept, and will keep our nation strong during the Cold War. The benefits include one and one-half days of college training for each day of military service; vocational rehabilitation for disabled veterans; and home loan guaranties for veterans. These benefits would be available to all those veterans who have served since the Korean G. I. Bill ending on January 31, 1955. In addition, my bill provides \$100 mustering out pay for veterans honorably discharged after enactment of the act.

This bill would re-establish one of the greatest educational programs in American history. Under the original G. I. Bill, our nation was provided 450,000 engineers, 180,000 doctors and nurses, 114,000 physicists and research scientists, 238,000 teachers, 710,000 skilled mechanics, and many others. Under my bill, our nation would have the benefits of several million more highly trained citizens.

Most important, this bill would allow millions of our young men who served in the armed forces to set a goal of higher education or training. It would allow them to prepare themselves to earn a higher standard of living for their families.

Grasshoppers are likely to be more widespread in the west and midwest this summer but are expected to be less destructive than in 1958, reports the U. S. Department of Agriculture. However, weather conditions between now and hatching time will have a strong bearing on numbers and a check will be made next spring to determine the areas where control measures are needed.



Dear Friends:

Visions of a far greater future for Texas and the South today overshadow hallowed memories of a glorious past.

A future of unlimited opportunities is unfolding for the entire region.

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The South today has one-third of the good farm land of the Nation. It has two-thirds of all the land with 40 inches of rainfall or more a year. And it has a long growing season. This gives the South a natural advantage in the production of food and fiber, of livestock and feed.

Because of these things, the South is the richest region in the Nation in renewable resources.

There is the potential wealth of the sea. The South faces a sea frontier on two sides. It has nearly 600 miles more seacoast than the North and West combined. There is industry. We have it in the paper mill at Lufkin, steel production at Daingerfield, rubber and chemicals along the Gulf Coast.

Most important, Texas and the South are experiencing a silent revolution in technology. This is based on a trilogy of natural resources. I'm speaking of the petrochemical industry.

Major industries, we're told, develop by bringing together a combination of resources. And the

combination that has made this possible for Texas is oil, sulphur and water.

The South, including Texas, produces 45 per cent of the Nation's oil, 100 per cent of the Nation's sulphur, and it has the fresh water.

Ahead for the petrochemical industry are its greatest years of growth.

Totaled, these assets add up to one thing:

Opportunity to make tomorrow for Texas and the South and the Nation a better, a happier day.

That is our job. God willing, that is what I intend to do.

Abilene To Salute Norway, First Of Series Planned

In Abilene, a rather unique project is under way. The Abilene Symphony and the Abilene Rotary Club, under the chairmanship of Conductor Walter Charles, have started the first of a series of Salute to the Free People of the World.

The object of the program is to strengthen the bonds of free people by learning more about their way of life.

On March 10, Oslo, Norway will be the first of the cities to be saluted when the Abilene Symphony open the week of activities with a concert of music.

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Martin Completes Special Course At Fort Gordon

(AHTNC)—Army Pvt. James W. Martin, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Martin, 707 S. Second, Merkel, Texas, recently completed the signal parts specialist's course at The Southeastern Signal School, Fort Gordon, Ga.

During the seven-week course Martin was taught the many operations used in storing and supplying parts for Signal Corps equipment.

He entered the Army in July 1958, received basic training at Fort Carson, Colo., and was last stationed at Fort Ord, Calif.

Martin is a 1953 graduate of played by Wilson's Food Store Merkel High School and was employed before entering the Army.

by Norwegian composers Edvard Greig and Klaus Egge. The Mayor of Abilene has proclaimed the week of March 10th "Norway Week."

During the week there will be displays by business firms—the 168 churches of Abilene will devote a portion of their service to an understanding of Norway. The Public Schools will make a special study of Norway. The colleges will make contact with colleges in Norway. The Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts will be active. The restaurants will feature Norwegian food. This city of 70,000 will try to live some part of the life of Norway.

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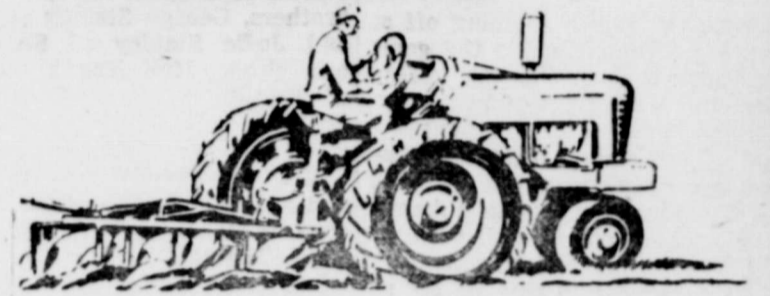
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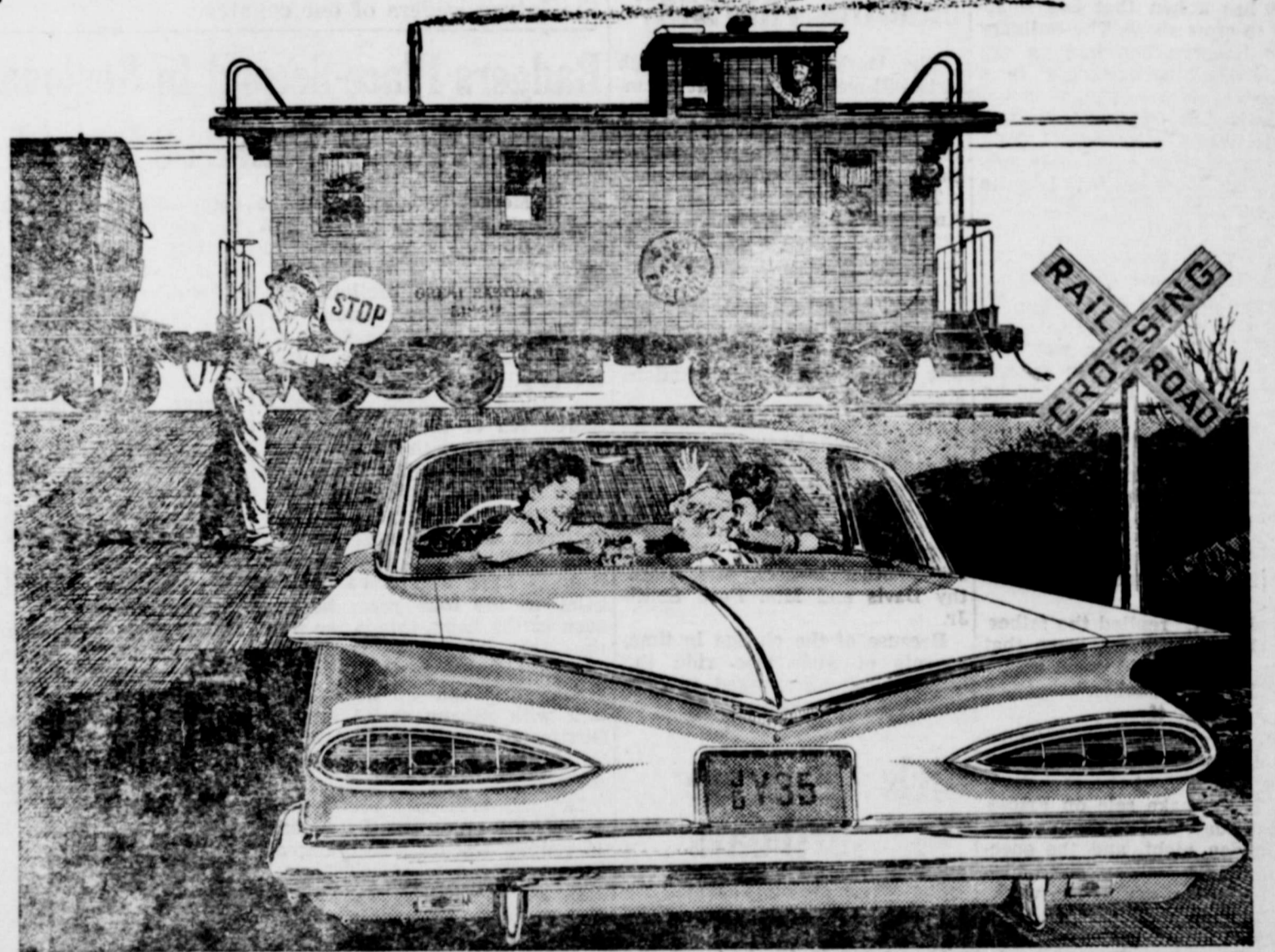
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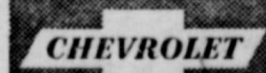
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Home Demonstration Notes

By LORETA ALLEN

Taylor County Home Demonstration Agent

I have not given a report on our garden in a few weeks. We have English peas and radishes up. Beets, carrots, lettuce, and mustard are planted. The onions and cabbage plants liked the few days of spring.

Good manners was the title of a leader training meeting given in a panel of 3 women. Miss Gladys Casner Southwestern Bell Telephone representative gave so many good points on telephone manners. She said this was her first time to talk to the housewife and she was very happy to do that.

The telephone is one of our most valuable assets in business and social contacts. However, only through proper use is its greatest value realized.

Good telephone usage is just this: An efficient manner plus a pleasant voice. When your telephone rings answer promptly with a pleasant greeting. Answer calls by identifying yourself. Be sure of correct number, give plenty of time for an answer. If you should receive a wrong number apologize and hang up gently. It will reflect credit on you to be pleasant when someone calls by mistake. She gave many other good telephone manners for us to observe.

Mrs. Escal Duke, City receptionist told how to make new comers in a community feel welcome. She said it was nice to take some food for the first visit and stay only a short time and go back to visit later. She mentioned how lonely a person feels in a strange place and how welcome a new friend would be. She said it didn't take long to visit and that one would certainly feel rewarded if they took the time to be neighborly. She gave several pointers on visiting, still stressing just showing interest in the new family.

Mrs. Scott from Hendrick Hospital, told about visiting the sick. She said there are two kind of visitors. One that goes to help and one that goes to visit. She mentioned several ways one could help and she said it was often more helpful to do something for the family of the sick person. She stressed the importance of a short visit to the sick. She said only leaving a card with name letting people know you visited was more helpful than visiting. There are more sedatives given on Sunday night than any other night in the week and it is attributed to the fact there are so many Sunday visitors. She suggested leaving Sundays for those who could not visit at any other time. She gave many other very good suggestions.

Then the group asked the panel questions. This was a very interesting program. The clubs have not had a chance to report on the program yet. The challenge is with the leaders to see if they can give their club members as interesting and challenging program as

these three gracious women have them.

Why don't you visit the club nearest you for this program. Here is a recipe that you might like to try.

Oatmeal Balls

- 2/3 cup butter
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1 tablespoon water
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 cups uncooked oatmeal
- Chopped nuts
- Coconut

Cream butter. Add sugar and beat well. Add water, vanilla and oatmeal and blend well. Chill. Shape into small balls. Roll in nuts or coconut. Store in refrigerator. Makes 3 dozen.

UP THE CANYON

By TOM RUSSOM

The rain missed our area this time. Some areas around us got a good rain.

We are beginning to see the signs of spring and the warm days are making the little weeds and grass grow.

Some report that cattle prices are going higher. Stockmen in our area are wanting to buy but think prices are too high with a good chance of going higher if we should get a rain soon.

Maurice Johnson who ranches on the old King place, is getting ready to shear goats at his place this week. He reported no rainfall at his place this time.

The Neill boys left this week with their show lambs for the Houston show. They took nine lambs to the show.

David Scott is also showing his lambs at the Houston show.

A. D. Scott has been confined to his bed for the past few days. We hope that he will soon be up and around again.

T. C. Duncan and son of Fort Worth were weekend visitors in the Scott home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Martin visited the past weekend in the homes of their parents, the Rev. and Mrs. E. H. Martin and Mr. and Mrs. Ford Butman.

Payton Scott, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Scott, was home for a weekend visit. He is on the judging team from Texas Tech and will judge the Steer show at Seagraves March 13.

Booth Russom of Denver City was here on business the past weekend.

F. H. Horton is still improving. He is now able to handle a few head of cattle which was his hobby before he became ill.

Gerald Derrick has 160 head of yearlings on grain fields on the John Hunter place in the Canyon.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Ray, who bought the place just west of the Pioneer Church, have been working on their garage apartment converting it into a living apartment.

Mrs. R. E. Clemmer was in Abilene the past week attending lectures at ACC. Mrs. Clemmer received her college education at ACC.

Tom Russom had a load of cattle on the Abilene market this week.

Frankie Pierce of New Mexico was a weekend guest of Becky Ray in the home of her parents. Becky and Frankie are roommates at McMurry.

My that second day of March brought our first sandstorm, and it wasn't very pleasant to work out in it.

Ray Osburn, stockman on the north side of the Canyon, reports it is very dry at his place. He said small grain was trying hard to grow, but would have to have rain soon if it was to furnish any grazing at all.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Simpson have returned to their home from Houston where Mr. Simpson underwent major surgery at the M. D. Anderson Hospital there. They spent a week in the home of their son, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Simpson Jr. before their return. Mr. Simpson states that his condition is improving and he plans to assume his duties as a rural mail carrier later this month.



gabby doodle from noodle says:

DEAR MISTER EDITOR:
I see by the papers where this scientist in the Pentagon building says if their space gadgets can land men on the moon, it'll be easy to explore Mars from there. He has the opinion that we'll find some sort of folks living on Mars.

Now I ain't got no objection to a feller having an opinion, because you newspaper folks has 'em all the time whether you got any facts on hand or not. But if them science fellers thinks folks is living on Mars they ought to keep quiet about it. They ought to turn their attention to inventing better striking matches and caster riding cultivators and let Mars alone.

We can't even run the world we got, let alone taking on another one. Right now half the world we got is starving to death and luxury is about to git the best of the other half. And we don't git through with one war till we start stockpiling for the next one.

And for all we know, the folks on Mars ain't no better off than us, and about the second or third trip we make up there, after we git communications established, the Government on Mars will be trying to git a loan from us. And after we finish financing the world we got, I don't think we could stand another one. Of course, there's a chanct that the folks on Mars is in goder shape than we are, and in that case we might swing a loan from them. But that's mighty risky and I think we'd be playing the percentages if we'd let Mars alone.

We had an exciting session up at the country store Saturday night. Ed Doodliffe's grandpaw is visiting him and he was the center of attraction. He's 94 year old and can shake out more philosophy than a long-haired wet dog can shake out water.

Grandpaw says that with all these wonder drugs and vitamin pills, this generation coming on now ain't got no excuse for ever dying. He allowed as how he'd had them things when he was coming along he'd live to be older than Methuselar.

Grandpaw told the fellers that he'd been going to church regular fer 80 year and not onct had a preacher ever writ him a letter asking about his immortal soul without adding a postscript requesting he git his pledge paid up. But he's a mighty religious feller, said he tried to live so's the preacher that preached his funeral wouldn't have to ask the Lord's forgiveness fer lying. That's a pritty good creed, Mister Editor, and I think I'd trust

Grandpaw with my pocketbook.
Yours truly,
Gabby

STITH NEWS

Mrs. Wiiber Loflin returned to her home from the Merkel hospital and is reported to be doing fine. Visiting in the Loflin home for the weekend were Mrs. J. B. Warren of Seymour and Mr. and Mrs. Francis Guner of Roaring Springs.

Lonnie Harris, Lola and Linda Beth Loflin, Shirley and Fonda Brown were in Denton Saturday to see the Merkel Basketball team play in the tournament.

Mrs. Fritz Hale and Sandra attended the funeral of Mrs. W. A. Isbell at Hawley Baptist Church Sunday afternoon at 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Murphy of Abilene visited Sunday with his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ray Browning and children.

The Rev. and Mrs. Jesse Swindell have moved from Hawley to the property owned by Mr. Butler in this community. We extend a welcome to them and Rev. Swindell's mother, who makes her home with them. They plan to build a new home in Stith in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Browning of Pampa spent the weekend with his brother, Mr. and Mrs. John Browning.

Mrs. Fritz Hale and Sandra attended funeral service for Mrs. Hale's brother-in-law which was held at the Bethel Baptist Church in Funston Sunday at 4:30 p.m. We extend sympathy to the families of the deceased.

Mrs. Young Walker and Mrs. Jake Rhodes were at the Stith store demonstration of making plastic flowers Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Hale and Sandra visited Mr. and Mrs. Bob Parson of Truby Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Jones were visitors in the home of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Olin Potts of Anson, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Doan spent the weekend with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Chensault and daughter, Vickie, of Irving.

Recent visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jarrett Pinkley were Linda and Bobby Jowers of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Harvell of Paint Rock, Mrs. Mary Jowers and Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Lollar, all of Tye.

SCHOOL MENU

MONDAY MARCH 9TH

- Fish sticks
- English peas
- Snowflake potatoes
- Rolls
- Butter
- Crispies
- Milk

TUESDAY, MARCH 10TH

- Tamale pie
- Red beans
- Slaw
- Home made rolls
- Butter
- Red plum jam
- Milk

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11 TH

- Beef barbecue
- Pork and beans
- Tomato wedges
- Home made rolls
- Butter
- Grape jelly
- Milk

THURSDAY, MARCH 12TH

- Ham sandwiches
- Vegetable soup
- Crackers
- Ambrosia
- Milk

FRIDAY, MARCH 13TH

- Hamburgers
- Potato chips
- Milk
- Small package raisins

NOODLE NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hodge and children of McGregor were recent visitors in the homes of her brother and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Henager and Mr. and Mrs. Bud Fellers.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby McCoy of Post were weekend guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Blue McCoy.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Toliver of Cisco visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Spurgin Sunday.

Gus Maxwell was a visitor Saturday in the home of his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Nath Maxwell.

Weekend visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cary Jackson were Mr. and Mrs. Bob Staten of Kermit, Miss Dorothy Jackson of Roswell, N. M., and Mrs. Ivy Jackson of Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Jones were Sunday guests in the home of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. George Doaley and children, of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Baxter of Abilene were Sunday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Karl Bonneaux.

Mr. and Mrs. Obie Wade, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Stays and son and Marty Hooper were visitors Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dock Callaway.

Henry Ueckert and Bruno Ueckert have been going to Hamlin to visit their niece who is in the hospital having suffered facial cuts in a car accident.

The G A girls and their sponsors, Mrs. Mackey Spurgin and Mrs. Herbert Sullivan, surprised Mrs. George Cooper with a gift shower for her birthday Monday. Punch and cake were served.



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4-H TEAM DEMONSTRATION — The varied program of the 4-H Girls Clubs, which are observing 4-H Club Week through March 7, includes team demonstrations at club meetings. The demonstrations enable girls to share experiences and information, such as methods of meal preparation, with other members. Preparing a favorite cake recipe are Kay Ware, Taylor County 4-H girl and daughter of Mr. and B. B. Ware of Nugent Rd., and Kathy Wagner, of the Wylie 4-H Club and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Wagner of Wylie.

KEEP RECORDS — Part of 4-H Club work is keeping accurate records of club activities and projects. Pictured with a club record book are, left to right, Carolyn Moore of the Hamby 4-H Club, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Casey Moore of Hamby; Janet Story of the Tye 4-H Club, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Randall Story of Tye; and Cherry Davis of the Merkel 4-H Club, daughter of Mrs. Dorothy Davis of Merkel. (Photos courtesy of The Abilene Reporter-News)

JUNIOR DECORATORS — Among the 4-H club projects is the bedroom improvement program, designed to encourage members to keep their bedrooms neat. One phase of the program offers instruction in creating wastebaskets from five-quart paint cans. At work are Sue King, seated, of the Trent 4-H Club, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allen King of Trent; Kay Griffith of Elmdale 4-H Club, center, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Griffith of Elmdale; and Sandra Parmelly of Rt. 3.

To Be Married In Phoenix, Arizona To Be Married In Phonix, Arizona

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mann of 302 West Monte Vista, Phoenix, Ariz., are announcing the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Lornalee, to Derrell Wayne Kelso, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kelso, Merkel.

The engagement was announced in Phoenix at a tea in the home of the bride-elect's mother on Dec. 16. A poem written by the bride-elect's father to announce the engagement, and miniature rolling pins with the date of the wedding were handed to guests.

The marriage will take place at 7 p.m., March 23 in the home of the bride-elect's parents. Reception will be at the Westward Ho Hotel in Phoenix.

Miss Mann, a graduate of Phoenix Christian High School, attended Phoenix Junior College one semester and Attended Abilene Christian College for one year where she was a member of "Gata", a social club.

Kelso received his BS degree from Abilene Christian College. He is now living in Willcox, Arizona, where he is engaged in farming. The couple will live in Willcox after their marriage.

OES Honors Two 50-Year Members

The Merkel Chapter No. 212 Order of the Eastern Star honored two fifty-year members, Mrs. May Lee and Mrs. R. J. Miller when they met Feb. 24.

Mrs. H. H. Windham, Worthy Matron, presented Mrs. Lee with a fifty-year certificate from the Grand Chapter of Texas. In return Mrs. Lee gave Mrs. Windham a Bible that has been in her family for many years. The Bible, well-kept and with colored binding, will remain in the Merkel Chapter.

As part of the program, Worthy Patron Mason Shurley, was the reader as Mrs. Andy Shouse, Mrs. J. W. Hammond and Mrs. H. C. Reid approached a gold chain stretched across the front of the room. They attached a gold key and gave a speech.

Mrs. Bill Hays told of a "Modern Pandora" as Mrs. R. E. Dayton, Mrs. Truitt Thompson, Mrs. Jeff Chancey, Mrs. Weldon Barbee, Mrs. Mason Shurley and Mrs. Windham carried out the story and presented Mrs. Lee and Mrs. Miller with a bouquet.

her sister, Mrs. Miller, with a fifty-year pin and Mrs. Charlie Seago presented one to Mrs. Lee, both a gift from the chapter.

Refreshments of punch, sandwiches, potato chips, pickles and cookies were served to a large crowd, with visitors from Rotan, Hamlin, Tuscola, Abilene and Anson.

Mrs. Jeff Anderson Honored At Party

Mrs. Jeff Anderson was honored at a tea at the Merkel Country Club Thursday afternoon.

Refreshments were served from a linen covered table centered with an arrangement of daffodils. Appointments were in crystal and silver.

The Anderson family moved to Monday last week-end where he is employed by the Chevrolet Company.

Mrs. Tye Sublett left Tuesday for Odessa to be at the bedside of her brother, Sam Roberts, who is in a hospital there after suffering a cerebral hemorrhage Sunday. He is reported in serious condition.



PLANS WEDDING IN MARCH — The engagement and approaching marriage of Robbie Goode of Merkel to A.L.C. Paul Jennings is being announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Goode of Merkel. The wedding will be March 26. Parents of the prospective bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Jennings of Law. A 1957 graduate of Noodle High School, Mr. Jennings is employed by U. S. Time Corp. in Abilene. His fiancée is stationed at Dyess Air Force Base and is on temporary duty in Alaska.

Mrs. W. R. Cypert Has WSCS Study

Mrs. W. R. Cypert introduced the study "Concerns of a Continent" to members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service at a meeting in the chapel of the First Methodist church Tuesday morning.

Alaska, the 49th state, was discussed. Mrs. Tom Largent gave the devotional on "Who is My Neighbor?" Mrs. Denzel Cox reviewed experiences of Miss Estella Marlin, a missionary to Kodiak, taken from a story titled "I Led Three Lives" found in the book "The Shadows They Cast."

Mrs. Alvis Cooley and Mrs. Cypert were elected delegates to the annual Northwest Texas Conference for the Woman's Society of Christian Service to be held in Midland Tuesday, March 17.

At the next meeting Tuesday morning March 10, in the church the study will be continued with Canada and the United States as subject of the program.

Linda Winter Is Member Of Women's Social Club
Linda Ann Winter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Winter of Merkel, has been accepted for membership in Alpha Omega, oldest women's social club at Baylor University.

Miss Winter is a freshman at Baylor where she is majoring in chemistry with a minor in math. She is a 1958 graduate of Merkel high school.

Goodman Club

The Goodman Demonstration Club Community Center of Merkel, presiding.

Mrs. Jennings opened the meeting with a roll call was answered by two color.

Games, led by Mrs. Windham, were played.

In the absence of Karl Bonneaux, the roll call was given by Mrs. Windham.

The program on "Refreshments" was led by Mrs. Butler and Mrs. Cypert demonstrated different recipes.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Mmes. Grover Blair, H. P. Hamlin, D. L. Butler, Jennings, Winter, Redding, and two visitors, Mrs. Walling and a child.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Higgins and daughter, Betty, of Corpus Christi were week-end visitors in the home of Mr. Irving Thompson and Mrs. Jocile, and Mrs. Daisy.

Mrs. Lena McWilliams and daughters, Tillie and Kay, of Trent visited their son and brother, Jerry McWilliams, a student in North Texas State College, Denton, the past weekend and attended the basketball tournament held in the men's gym there.

Compere HD Club

Mrs. Mary Newberry, Jones County Home Demonstration Club agent, presented a program on "Accessories Around The Clock" to members of the Compere Home Demonstration Club in the home of Mrs. I. B. Ray Thursday, Feb. 26.

Mrs. Newberry stated that expensive accessories, such as hats, shoes and handbags should as a rule be the same color as the basic garment. Varied shades can be used in smaller, less expensive accessories. Accessories which are good for only one or two wearings, might prove expensive.

Mrs. Ray, president, presided, at the business session. Prayer was by Mrs. Allred.

Each club member responded with her chosen roll call. Mrs. Ab Hunter gave the February council report.

Seven visitors and 7 members were present. One new member

was welcomed.

At the next meeting in the home of Mrs. Allred on Thursday, March 12, the program will be on "Club Refreshments" and "Selecting And Using Patterns".

Stith HD Club

Mrs. Dorothy Davis was hostess when the Stith Home Demonstration Club met at the Community Center Feb. 25.

Prayer was offered by Mrs. J. H. F. Jones. "A sewing basket turnover" game was directed by Mrs. B. R. Browning. Roll call was answered with "Accessories I need."

Mrs. Newberry, HD agent brought a demonstration on accessories.

Ten members and four visitors were present with Billie Tarpley receiving the hostess gift.

The next meeting will be March 11 when Mrs. Francis Cox will

be hostess. The program will be "Club Refreshments."

Jr. 4-H Club News

The Merkel Jr. 4-H Club opened their meeting Monday with the pledge and a prayer.

Plans were discussed for a fund raising project to be undertaken. Girls will sell tooth brushes at 80 cents for a package of three. Cherry Davis gave a committee report.

Nancy Watts, Reporter

Dr. Lindell Harris of Harding-Simmons University, Abilene, delivered the messages in the morning and evening sessions in the First Baptist Church here Sunday. Text for the morning message was found in the book "What Happens When a Christian Dies?" Evening message was from Habakkuk 1:2. Title of the sermon was "Unanswered Prayers."

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WANTED — Odd jobs, window washing, yard work, baby sitting, etc. Will do anything—We need money. Contact any member of the Merkel High Band or fill in form in this newspaper and mail to W. G. Reed, Merkel High School. 51-tfp

WANTED—Ironing in my home. Pants and shirts preferred. Mrs. A. B. Gregory. Ph. 292-M 49-3tp

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WANTED — Barley. See Jack South at Patterson Grain. 35-tfc

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NOTICE MASONS

Stated meeting of Merkel Lodge No. 710. A.F. & A.M. Thursday, Mar. 5, 7:30 p.m. All members are urged to attend. Visiting brethren cordially invited. Othell O'Kelly, W. M. C. B. Rust, Secretary.

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FOR SALE—Used magazines by Junior 4-H girls on Saturday. Next door to Andy Shouse Real Estate on Kent Street. 51-1tp

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Over two and one-half million dollars have now been obligated to landowners in the Plains area of Texas through the Great Plains Conservation Program, reports Lynn Pittard, extension assistant soil and water conservation specialist. For a thorough explanation of the program, he advises obtaining L-410 from county agents or the Agricultural Information Office in College Station, Texas.

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS VS. LARRY WILSON ET AL

TO: Larry Wilson and wife Johnnie Wilson, whose place of residence are unknown and, if either or both be deceased, the heirs and legal representatives, if any, of either or both said Larry Wilson and Johnnie Wilson whose names and places of residence are unknown.

You are hereby commanded to appear at the hearing before the Special Commissioners appointed by the Judge of the County Court at Law of Taylor County, Texas, to assess the damages occasioned by the condemnation of the channel easement upon and over the hereinafter described land to be held at the Courthouse of Taylor County in the City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, at 10:00 o'clock A. M. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from the date of issuance hereof, that is to say at 10:00 o'clock A. M. on Monday, the 23rd day of March, 1959, and answer the Petition of the State of Texas, Plaintiff, in Cause No. 1195, styled: The State of Texas vs. Larry Wilson et al, in which the State of Texas is Plaintiff and Larry Wilson and wife, Johnnie Wilson, and if either or both are deceased, the unknown heirs and legal representatives, if any, of either or both said Larry Wilson and Johnnie Wilson, Roy E. Herring, Jr., and wife, Vonelle Herring, and Estha Neva Cockerell, Individually and as Independent Executrix of the Will and Estate of E. E. Cockerell, Jr., Deceased, are Defendants, which Petition was filed with the Judge of the County Court at Law of Taylor County, Texas, on the 5th day of February, 1959, and the nature of which suit is as follows:

The suit is a proceeding in eminent domain for which the State of Texas, at the request of the State Highway Commission, is seeking to condemn for highway purposes a channel easement upon and over a certain tract of land situated in Taylor County, Texas, said easement and land are more fully described as follows:

AN EASEMENT for the purpose of opening, constructing and maintaining a permanent drainage channel in, along, upon and across the following described tract of land, with the right and privilege at all times of having ingress, egress, and regress in, along, upon and across such tract of land for the purpose of making additions to, improvements on and repairs to said drainage channel or any part thereof, said tract of land being described as follows:

Being part of that certain one-acre tract of land out of Block 11, of Steffen's Subdivision of the Merchant's Pasture in the James R. Shipman Survey 86 and the P. Cuerra Survey 27 in Taylor County, Texas, conveyed to Larry Wilson et ux, Johnnie Wilson, as shown by deed recorded in Volume 556, Page 608, of the Taylor County Deed Records, and being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point in the east boundary line of said one-acre tract, said point being 74.85 feet south of the northeast corner, and also being North 22 degrees 41' West 600.37 feet from centerline chaining station 1156 plus 72.26 of a proposed highway;

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THENCE in a southwesterly direction along a curve to the left having a radius of 297.26 feet and a central angle of 90 degrees 00', a distance of 36.18 feet to a point in the south boundary line of said one-acre tract a distance of 29.48 feet west of the southeast corner, said point also being 488.8 feet North 22 degrees 41' West of centerline chaining station 1155 plus 91.69 of said proposed highway;

THENCE WEST along said south boundary line a distance of 179.22 feet to the southwest corner of said tract, said point being 560.17 feet North 22 degrees 41' West of centerline chaining station 1154 plus 27.29 of said proposed highway;

THENCE NORTH along the west boundary line of said one-acre tract a distance of 25.26 feet to the right having a radius of 447.26 feet and a central angle of 90 degrees 00' a distance of 247.32 feet to the end of said curve;

THENCE SOUTH 22 degrees 41' East a distance of 49.63 feet to the point of beginning and containing 0.573 of one acre of land, more or less.

If this citation is not served within ninety (90) days after its issuance, it shall be returned unexecuted.

Given under our hands at Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, this 6th day of February, 1959.

Clay Reeves
Clarence R. Collins
E. E. Traweck
Special Commissioners
48-49-50-51

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: William L. Brooks, 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 31st day of March A. D. 1959, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 29th day of January A. D. 1959, in this cause, numbered 23,937-A on the docket of said court and styled Idoma Frances Brooks, Plaintiff, vs. William L. Brooks, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and defendant were married on or about the year 1946 and lived together until on or about October 1, 1957, when they became permanently separated.

Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of harsh and cruel treatment and sues for full custody and control of the minor 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 unexecuted.

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 12th day of February A. D. 1959.

Attest: R. H. Ross, Clerk, 42nd

District Court Taylor County, Texas.
By Irene Crawford, Deputy. (SEAL) 49-50-51-52

Face Of Nation To Change In Decade

Spreading cities, fast-growing highway networks, and a tremendous boost in construction of homes will change the face of the nation in the next decade, according to a report published here by the Kiplinger Washington Editors.

To take on new businesses and enterprises, cities will have to fan out. Suburbs will grow and join other suburbs from adjoining cities, creating new residential and shopping centers between cities.

New houses will be built at the rate of a million and a half a year by the late 60's a gain of around 40 per cent over present totals.

To relieve growing congestion highway networks will grow faster, but in doing so will create new

congested areas not originally imagined. Commuting distances will be longer, so more families will have two cars," the report states.

"Farms will be larger and will utilize more machinery. Many of today's farmers will be tempted by wages from nearby plants, many of them in the farm areas, some farmers will even move into the cities, become part-time farmers and commute to the farm to oversee it, thus holding two jobs simultaneously," Kiplinger says.

"With expansion of the cities, local civic problems will increase. Higher local taxes will be levied to support all the special services needed," predicts Kiplinger. More police and fire services. Better water supplies, health and sanitation with increased facilities. More electric power. More telephones.

Along with the increase in city size, growth rate of certain states will rise. Alaska will be the fastest growing state with a population increase of 97 per cent by 1970. Nevada will increase 92 per cent, Arizona, 79 per cent, Florida, 65, California, 57, and Delaware, 52 per cent.

Other states with population

growth with 30 per cent or more are Maryland, 45; Utah, 44; Michigan, 43; Colorado and New Mexico, both 42; Oregon, 38; Ohio, 37; Texas, 34; Washington, 33; Indiana, 32; and Connecticut and New Jersey, 30 per cent.

The population shift, however, will result in some states losing their present population. A drop of 20 per cent is predicted for Arkansas; Mississippi, 6 per cent, Oklahoma, 4 per cent and Vermont, 1/2 per cent.

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deficit which Texas now faces. The Revenue and Taxation committee is still in the process of holding public hearings on these bills. There is no evidence that they will report the bills out within the next few weeks. The Legislature is now approaching the halfway mark of the session, and it is urgent that some action be taken soon to clear the state deficit.

During the 51st session of the Legislature in 1949, Representative Bill Tippen passed a bill for Taylor County that closed the hunting season on deer and turkey for a period of 10 years. That law will expire on May 13 of this year and it is necessary that some action be taken.

I have been approached by the West Texas Sportsmen's club to introduce legislation that would give the Game and Fish Commission regulatory power in Taylor County. In effect, this would let the Commission investigate our game from time to time to see if enough was available to open a hunting season. Their control would extend to game birds, game animals, fur-bearing animals and fresh water fish.

After a public hearing, the Commission would determine whether or not sufficient quantities of wildlife resources existed to justify opening the season. The Commission would have the power to specify the quantity, species, sex, age and size of game that might be taken. They would also say what means might be used, as well as the area, or portion of the county where such wildlife resources are to be taken.

A petition has been sent to me endorsing the above proposal. More than 200 people signed the petition, although a large portion of them were not landowners. The position I propose to take is this: if the landowners desire to have regulatory power in Taylor County, then I shall abide by their wishes. Please let me know whether or not you favor such a proposal.

Truett Latimer

Texas Federation Supports Traffic Safety Campaign

Because each member of her family is exposed daily to possible death or injury in any auto accident, traffic safety is every woman's concern, according to Mrs. Ben W. Boyd, of Denton, State President of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs. Mrs. Boyd made this statement while announcing that The Texas Federation of Women's Clubs will cooperate fully in the General Federation of Women's Clubs campaign to improve driver performance through better licensing procedures.

"In no area of traffic safety can a woman's influence accomplish more than in the improvement of driver licensing," Mrs. Boyd said. "This is the basic point from which to attack the traffic problem."

The Texas Federation of Women's Clubs President said the Federation's program reflects the increasing concern and interest felt by women everywhere in the problem of traffic safety. The main goal of the program is a call for improvement in the state driver licensing program to require more adequate preparation on the part of driver license applicants and take effective measures to remove from the road drivers whose records clearly show them to be accident and violation prone.

Mrs. Boyd stated that the General Federation of Women's Clubs has more than 27,000 members in Texas, who are taking part in these Safety measures. Nationally the General Federation of Women's Clubs membership is seven million women.

There are so many automobiles in the United States that if every man, woman and child in the country were to enter an automobile at the same time there would be room to spare.

AUSTIN REPORT

The Legislature has just completed its sixth week of work. The number one problem facing this session is money. The Comptroller estimates that our deficit will be \$65 million dollars when the current fiscal year ends on August 31.

Governor Price Daniel has recommended three proposals to retire this deficit. His idea is to pay the deficit first and then worry about financing the next biennium at a later time.

The first of the three proposals would merely change the book-keeping procedure of the Comptroller to provide that he credit the General Revenue Fund with \$18 million dollars from the Omnibus Clearance Fund before the first day of the new biennium. In the past he has waited until the new fiscal year begins. Thus, our actual cash deficit will be \$47 million dollars on August 31 instead of sixty-five million dollars.

The second proposal would raise the franchise tax on the taxable capital of corporations at the rate of sixty cents per thousand for a period of one year. The new formula on franchise taxes would require foreign corporations to pay a good deal more

than they have in the past. This franchise tax would bring in \$27 million dollars in the first year.

The third bill suggested by the governor would be known as a Conservator Act that would require banks, savings and loan associations and other depositories to pay into the state treasury all funds in their bank that have been unclaimed for seven years or longer. It is estimated that this proposal would net \$20 million dollars the first year, and 2 1/2 million dollars every year thereafter.

The total of the above mentioned items would be \$65 million dollars, which would retire the deficit. However, there are requests for additional spending for numerous items including pay raises for school teachers, additional facilities for juvenile delinquents, new facilities for our prison system and many others too numerous to mention at this time.

As the session progresses I will make an attempt through this column to keep you as well informed as possible on the operations of your state government.

Sincerely yours,
Truett Latimer

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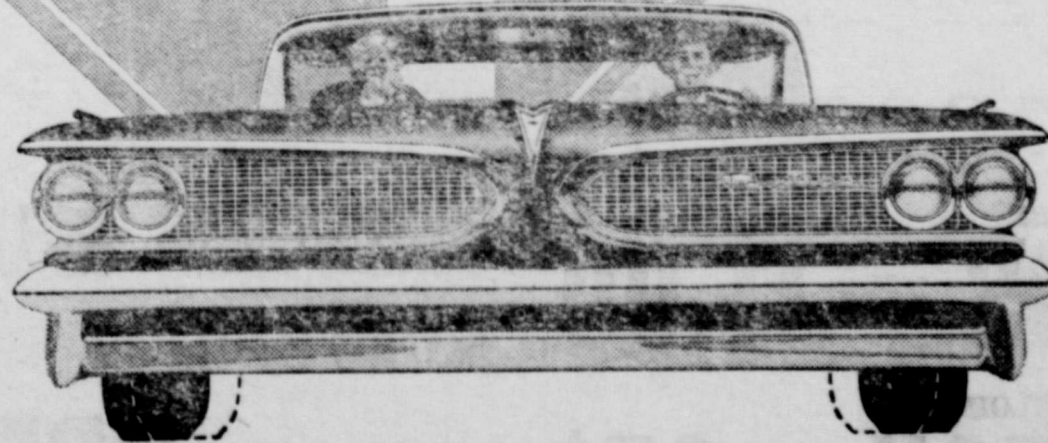
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