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gabby doodle from noodle says:

DEAR MISTER EDITOR:

I see by the papers where the telephone companies plan to put out a pamphlet telling folks how to talk on the telephones. They claim people don't know how to talk on the phone. After living on a party line for 30 years I'm convinced they don't know when to shut up. I hope the telephone company devotes a chapter to that angle of the matter.

And it would help if they'd put in a chapter about church suppers. It takes 864 phone calls, tying up the party line 5,312 minutes—average 8 minutes to the call—to round up fifty wimmen for one church supper. I hope the telephone folks look into this matter too. In fact, it might be a good idea for them to let me write the pamphlet.

Well, it looks like the situation in Washington is normal. Them Congressmen, I see, is fixing to set aside some money to reclaim more land for farming. And in another part of the same paper I see where the Agriculture Department says there's too much land under cultivation and wants to reduce the acreage on cotton and wheat. Everything normal and going in the general opposite direction. Mister Editor.

My old lady says she gets tired of hearing me holler all the time about them Congressmen, claims it ain't going to change nothing. I told her I'm like the fat lady at the church revival. When somebody handed her a song book she said she couldn't sing, but she shore did like to holler for the Lord.

My old lady says that folks that's always knocking the Government ain't public spirited. I'm always a little suspicious of these public spirited fellers. Take Ed Doolittle, for instance. When Ed's kids was in school he was all the time hollering for better schools. Now that his kids has grown up he's quit hollering for better schools and is hollering for old age pensions.

But I ain't as bad as the editor of the Catoosa County News in Georgia. I was reading where he printed his paper upside down the other ewek, claiming that

since the country, especially the part around Washington, was upside down, he aimed to keep his newspaper in style.

About the most serious news I've saw in the papers lately is this statement from a Yale astronomer that he's found a hole in the Milky Way. He didn't explain what serious results this could have, but I reckon it means civilization might spring a leak. Actually, Mister Editor, I think it's gone sprung a leak and this could mean the bottom is about to fall out.

Yours truly,
Gabby

Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Ueckert were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Campbell Sunday.

Mrs. Jess Graves of Sacramento, Calif., spent the weekend with her nephew, Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Bartlett.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir:

I am taking the privilege of writing this letter to inform you that I and all the personnel of the United States Army Recruiting Station in Abilene appreciate the support and interest you have given the Recruiting Service in our continuous efforts to procure qualified men for the Regular Army.

By your cooperation you have brought to your readers attention a part of our overall efforts to keep the public informed of our programs and progress to make ours an all-volunteer Army.

Thank you for your support in the past and allow me to take this opportunity to thank you in advance for your hoped-for continued support. I remain,

Yours Truly,
Leonard M. Evans
Master Sergeant, U.S. Army
U.S. Army Recruiting Sta.
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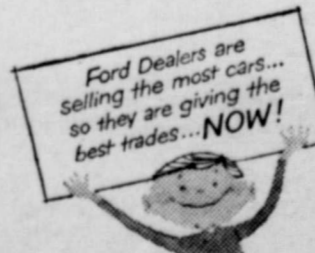
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Home Demonstration Notes

By LORETA ALLEN

Taylor County Home Demonstration Agent



Next Sunday I am going to College Station for a meeting Monday and Tuesday.

Twenty women from Lawn, Potosi, and Wylie Clubs went on a field trip last Wednesday to the Harry Franklin pasture over the base of the mountains over in the Potosi community. The women were amazed at the number of trees and shrubs that could be found. Ten women from Ovalo, Tuscola, and Lake Abilene went to Abilene State Park on Thursday. They found 16 trees and 6 shrubs and found more at Potosi. There are many trees and shrubs that would be nice to use in landscaping the home. Spring is not a good time to transplant trees and shrubs but it is a nice time to locate them while they are so very pretty. Decide which you like and tie a string on them so that you will know them when they loose their leaves.

to be worn with dress shields, so perspiration stains and discoloration of dark colored clothing sometimes occur. These suggestions from U. S. Department of Agriculture textile chemists will deal with these stains on washable cottons.

The fresher the stain, the better your chances for removing it. Pressing a dress that is even slightly stained may set the stain and cause more discoloration. First try washing the stain thoroughly in warm water, rubbing soap or synthetic detergent well into the stain. If the fabric has discolored, try sponging a fresh stain with a little vinegar and water solution; for an older stain try a little ammonia and water. This may help restore the color. Rinse thoroughly.

Save any tags on ready-to-wear and yard goods and read carefully. Some dark cottons carry a label stating that the dye is fast to perspiration.

We wish to apologize for the inconvenience to our customers during our remodeling.

We thank you for your patience and continued patronage. Construction will be over soon.

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5 DAY SPECIALS FOR THURS. May 14 thru TUES. May 19

- KIM**
Dog Food - - 12 cans \$1
- CARNATION**
Milk - - 7 tall cans \$1

- WAPCO — Squat Can**
YAMS - - - 4 for \$1
- KIMBELL'S WHOLE — 303 Can**
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(Limit 10 lbs.)

10 Lb. Bag -

89¢

- HUNT'S — 20-oz.**
CATSUP - - - 4 for \$1
- DEL MONTE — 303 Can**
SPINACH - - 7 for \$1
- TEX-SUN GRAPEFRUIT — 46-oz. Can**
Grapefruit Juice 4 for \$1
- OUR DARLING — 303 Can**
CORN - - - 5 for \$1
- TIDE - - - - reg. 29c

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- FRESH**
CORN - - - 2 for 15c
- FRESH CRISP**
CUCUMBERS - lb. 15c
- FANCY WINESAP**
APPLE - - - lb 13c
- FRESH**
TOMATOES - - lb. 23c
- YELLOW**
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Folger's COFFEE (Limit 1 lb.) Lb. - - **69¢**

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Brussel Sprouts pkg. 27c
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IN THIS ISSUE)

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- TUESDAY—LOSER**
H. W. Shaw - - - - - 10.00
- WEDNESDAY—LOSER**
Mrs. J. W. Welch - - - - - 15.00
- THURSDAY—LOSER**
Kenneth P. Beevly - - - - - 20.00
- FRIDAY—LOSER**
- SATURDAY—LOSER**
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Barbara Morgan, Bobby Patton To Be Married Here June 13

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Morgan of Merkel are announcing the approaching marriage of their daughter, Barbara Lou, to Bobby Forrest Patton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Mayo of Wichita Falls. The wedding will be at 8 p.m. June 13, in the First Methodist Church of Merkel with the Rev. J. Alvis Cooley officiating.

Miss Morgan, a 1956 graduate of Merkel High School, is now attending McMurry College. The prospective bridegroom was graduated from Perrin High School in 1955 and served two years with the Armed Forces in France. He is employed by H. B. Zachary Co. in Wichita Falls.

Mrs. W. T. Sadler Heads Garden Club

Mrs. W. T. Sadler was installed as president of the Merkel Garden Club at a meeting in the home of Christine Collins Thursday, April 30.

Other officers installed by Mr. Robert Tom Hodge were Mrs. F. H. Jones, 1st vice president; Mr. Carol Benson, 2nd vice president; Mrs. W. S. J. Brown, 3rd vice president; Mrs. Meek Fisher, 4th vice president; Mrs. John Shannon, treasurer; Mrs. John Cox, reporter; and Mrs. John Hughes, parliamentarian.

Mrs. Jack Wallace was co-hostess for the meeting which was a "School Is Out" party.

Guests, on arriving viewed flower arrangements made by club members on display in ester room.

Roll call was answered with "Do I deserve an 'A' in flower arranging?" Evaluation of the year's work was given by Mrs. Carol Benson, retiring yearbook chairman. She concluded her talk by declaring the day "promoter day" and awarded each member a certificate for completing the "Fun With Flowers" course in flower arranging.

Mrs. John Hughes, retiring president, gave a resume of the club's accomplishments the past year.

Refreshments were served to 21 members and two visitors.

A called meeting for club members will be at the home of Mrs. R. T. Hodges, Monday, May 11, at 4 p.m.

Compere HD Club

The Compere Home Demonstration Club met Thursday, May 7, in the home of Mrs. Vernon Stanley.

The program on "Friday Participation In Home Worship" was presented by Mrs. W. D. Ramsey.

Mrs. I. B. Ray, president, presided at the business session. Mrs. Ramsey directed a game and led in prayer.

The April council report was given by Mrs. Ab Hunter Jr. She told the group that the Home Demonstration encampment will be held on July 23-24 in Lueders.

Five club members and one visitor from the Compere Club

attended the tea in Anson in observance of National Home Demonstration Club week.

Mrs. Ray received the hostess gift.

Club members present were Mmes. Ray, Hunter, Vancil Tucker and Stanley.

The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. W. D. Ramsey on Thursday, May 21.

METERY FUND

Following is a list of persons who have contributed to the Merkel Cemetery Association fund:

Mrs. J. D. Beasley
Ford Smith Sr.
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PHONE 159

UP THE CANYON
By TOM RUSSOM

Well the showers sure have helped things up the Canyon the past few days. A little more stock water was caught in the tanks, and pastures have greened up quite a bit.

We are just now looking for that good rain to plant that cotton, we hope we get it before June 11.

Reports are coming in that some of the wheat is going to make some wheat and some think their wheat will make up to 10 or 12 bu. per acre, which is good for this year.

F. H. Horton said the wheat on his place is expected to make 10 bu. per acre.

We had a talk with the Taylor County agent, H. C. Tanley, this week and he said Taylor County would make more wheat than was expected for a while. Anyway it is yet to come to pass.

Joe Eymore had 30 head of steers on the Abilene market this week. He said cattle are still high, but weighing light.

Joe Nally and Tom Russom were in Brownwood last Thurs-

day for the sheep and wool show. There were 500 head of registered sheep in the sale. The rams averaged \$80 per head. Top rams brought \$300 per head. Nally has a little bunch of registered sheep at his place that he bought about two months ago.

Allen King Jr. is here visiting his parents and other member of the family. He will return to Salt Lake City in about a week.

The attendance at Pioneer church reached an all time high for several years the past Sunday. Seventy attended services Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Blair placed their membership in Pioneer Church Sunday night. We welcome them to our church and community. They are managers of the Youth camp here.

Ford Butman reported that his sheep sheared real well for such a dry year. He stated that he also had a fine lamb crop.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Toombs Jr., of Farmington, N. M., visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Toombs Sr., and grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Demerie, recently. Leon Jr., said it is always good to come home.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Palk and children of San Angelo spent the

weekend in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Butman Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Butman visited in the home of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Newby of Merkel, Sunday. Another daughter and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Wilson and children, of Garden City were also guests in the Newby home.

Mrs. F. H. Horton reports that her father, K. Blackburn, is not doing to well at this time. He is staying with his son, John, at Crosbyton.

We are glad to hear that our news column is being read in some of the other papers. One person in the south part of the county told me the other day that they had been enjoying reading the column in their paper. Anyway we all just like to read news.

Sam Swann, Merkel rancher, said most of the wheat north of Trent was being grazed with stock, and very little would be harvested. Sam is proud of some fine calves at his ranch. He has done a lot of work on his pasture.

Mrs. Leroy Riney's sister, Mrs. Eldon Brown, is still seriously ill at this time.

Word was received that Dave Anderson is resting well following surgery at John Sealey Hospital, Galveston.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. McGuire and daughters of Athens spent the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Fulton.

Mrs. Ray Spurgin of Dallas, who underwent major surgery recently in a hospital in Dallas, has been dismissed and is reported to be recovering satisfactorily according to word received by her sister, Mrs. Odell Bicknell. Mrs. Bicknell plans to visit her sister this week.

The Rev. and Mrs. T. C. Melton and daughter, Debbie, of Abilene were guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Price Melton and son, Benny, Friday. Rev. Melton is pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church, Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Carson and sons, Paul and Tommie, visited in Haskell with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Norton, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Criswell and children, J. Carol and Robin, of Plainview are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Dunagin and Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Criswell.

Dr. and Mrs. Jack Haynes and children of Abilene were guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Comer Haynes, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Campbell and children of Haskell were visit-

ing Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hamp Campbell, and her mother, Mrs. Carrie Washburn.

Mrs. Nettie Shelton of Cisco and daughter, Mrs. Lois Dunn of Lovington, N. M., were visitors in the home of their sister-in-

law and aunt, Mrs. W. M. Elliott, the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Campbell and children of Haskell visited in the home of his sister, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Ross and children, Sammy and Jennette, Sunday.

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STRAYED—5-year-old brown muley cow. Call John D. Hughes, Nubia 4-321. 8-2tc

WILL TEACH Baton twirling this summer. Call Sarah Harris at 73-J. 902 Rose. 8-tfc

NOTICE MASONS

Stated meeting of Merkel Lodge No. 710, A.F. & A. M. Saturday May 16, 7:30 p.m. All members are urged to attend. Visiting brethren cordially invited.
Othell O'Kelly, W. M.
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FOR RENT — 3-bedroom apartment. Call 27 or 234 after 6 p.m. 5-tfc

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FOR RENT — 5-room house just west of the hotel on South 1st Street. See David Tarpley. 45-tfc

FOR RENT — One and two bedroom apartments. Also bed rooms. Call 405 W or inquire at the Merkel Hotel. 49-tfc

FOR RENT — Unfurnished south side of rock duplex. 510 Yuca. Furnished garage apartment. 501 Ash. Call 279-W or 250. 6-tfc

FOR RENT — 2-bedroom unfurnished house. All newly papered and painted. Floors covered. Call 51-W. 6-tfc

FOR RENT — 3-room furnished house. 211 El Paso Street. See Lester Blair at 205 El Paso St. 8-2tc

FOR RENT — 3-room unfurnished apartment. 2 blocks west of post office. Dowdy and Toombs. 8-tfc

FOR RENT — Furnished apartment. 3 rooms and bath. All modern and private. 502 Oak. Tel. 229-W. 8-tfc

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FOR SALE — First year Lankhart No. 57 cotton seed. \$1.75 per bushel. Luther Orsborn, Rt. 1, Trent, Texas. 8-2tp

FOR SALE OR LEASE—Due to ill health the Trent Cafe. Mrs. Lila Hopper. 8-3tp

FOR SALE—Good used clarinet. Call 340-W.

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APPRECIATE YOUR BUSINESS. ALL WORK DONE TO PLEASE THE CUSTOMER.

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FOR SALE — Tomato plants at the domino hall. 25c per dozen. 6-2tp

FOR SALE — 4-room house on 2 corner lots very nice, a bargain. \$4,000. Dowdy & Toombs.

FOR SALE — 4-room house with bath. Small house and a storage room in back. Can see it at 403 Runnels Street. Write or call J. W. Wimberly, 3109 Hickory, Abilene. Phone OR 2-2662.

FOR SALE — 12 two-year old Leghorn laying hens. Mrs. Dee Moore. Tel. 9008-W2. 9-2tp

FOR SALE — 1 - 9 x 12 wool rug and larger carpet. Mrs. J. S. Pinckley. Phone 292-R. 9-2tc

FOR SALE — Single sink, 1 mixer faucet, ear top carrier. Ph. 160-W. 9-2tp

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks for the many kindnesses shown us during the illness and at the death of our mother and grandmother. For every thought and expression of sympathy, the beautiful floral offerings, the food and other comforting acts we are deeply grateful. May the Lord bless each and every one of you.
The O. J. Fikes Family

LEGAL NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS
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: Mrs. C. W. Norton if living, if not, to the unknown heirs of Mrs. C. W. Norton, deceased, and to Mrs. Luella Norton, if living, if not, to the unknown heirs of the said Mrs. Luella Norton, deceased; Defendants, Greeting: YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 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 15th day of June A.D. 1959, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 17th day of April A. D. 1959, in this cause numbered 23,835-A on the docket of said court and styled Lamar D. Evans, Plaintiff, vs. Mrs. C. W. Norton et al, Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff alleges that he is the owner of an interest in the oil, gas and other minerals under the following tract of land in Taylor County, Texas, and Defendants are the owners of a 1/32nd interest in said oil, gas and other minerals under said land described as being:

The Northwest Quarter of Section 7, Lunatic Asylum Land in Taylor County, Texas, that the defendants have absented themselves for at least five years successively next preceding the filing of this action, that the residences of said Defendants are unknown to Plaintiff and the Defendants have not paid any taxes or rendered their mineral interest for taxes during the past five years. Plaintiff seeks to have a receiver appointed to sell, execute and deliver to a lessee a mineral lease on the outstanding mineral interest in and to the above described land owned by Defendants in accordance with Article

2320-B of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas 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 20th day of April A.D. 1959.

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

7-8-9-10

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Partnership between R. L. Young, Jr. and Minor Alexander,

doing business under the name of Security Service Company, was dissolved on the 17th day of April, 1959. All debts due to said Partnership are to be paid, and those due from the same discharged at 106 Pine Street in the City of Abilene, Texas, where the business will be continued by R. L. Young, Jr. under the firm name of Security Service Company.

Executed this the 17th day of April, A. D. 1959.
R. L. Young, Jr.
Minor Alexander

Twirling Lessons

Beginners & Intermediate

Contact Carolyn Graham

Trent, Ph. 2-2241

After 4 p.m.

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TO YOUR

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Merkel, Texas

1959 LITTLE LEAGUE SCHEDULE

Friday—May 15 Cardinals vs. Willies	Bankers vs. Cardinals
Kilowats vs. Starbucks	Thursday—May 21 Willies vs. Starbucks
Tuesday—May 19 Kilowats vs. Willies	Supers vs. Kilowats
	Friday—May 22

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Cardinals vs. Supers
Starbucks vs. Bankers
Tuesday—May 26
Bankers vs. Willies
Supers vs. Starbucks
Thursday—May 26
Willies vs. Cardinals
Starbucks vs. Kilowats
Friday—May 29
Bankers vs. Supers
Cardinals vs. Kilowats
Tuesday—June 2
Kilowats vs. Supers
Starbucks vs. Willies
Thursday—June 4
Cardinals vs. Bankers
Supers vs. Willies
Friday—June 5
Cardinals vs. Starbucks
Kilowats vs. Bankers
Tuesday—June 9
Willies vs. Bankers
Supers vs. Cardinals
Thursday—June 11
Bankers vs. Starbucks
Willies vs. Kilowats
Friday—June 12
Kilowats vs. Cardinals
Starbucks vs. Supers
Tuesday—June 16
Starbucks vs. Kilowats
Willies vs. Cardinals
Thursday—June 18
Kilowats vs. Bankers
Supers vs. Willies
Friday—June 19
Bankers vs. Supers
Cardinals vs. Starbucks
Tuesday—June 23
Bankers vs. Starbucks
Supers vs. Cardinals
Thursday—June 25
Cardinals vs. Bankers
Willies vs. Kilowats
Friday—June 26
Kilowats vs. Supers
Starbucks vs. Willies
Tuesday—June 30
Starbucks vs. Supers
Willies vs. Bankers
Thursday—July 2
Kilowats vs. Cardinals
Teams listed first will be the home team and take the west dug-out.
First game will start at 6:25 and will end at 7:55.
Last game will start at 8:05 and will end at 9:30.

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Chevy pickup pulls through "bottomless" pastures to keep stock fed!

At the Hall Bros. Dairy Farm, Montgomery, Ala., they say this 4-wheel drive Chevy will go anywhere to keep stock fed—even through hub-deep muck that makes it a fight all the way. And yet after a full year of it—no mechanical trouble of any kind!

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We aren't claiming that every Chevrolet truck is turning out to be a miracle-worker and averaging 100,000 miles before a valve job. (Even though some are going 150,000!) You're sure to find, however, that you can't buy more truck dependability at any price. And that's borne out by the fact that more truck owners put their faith, and their pay-loads, in Chevrolets than in any other make.

Take your load and schedule figures to your Chevrolet dealer. He'll specify the best way to handle both and save in the bargain.

No job's too tough for a Chevrolet truck!

Now's the time—see your local authorized Chevrolet dealer for a real truck buy!

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Roland Opens Shop In Breck

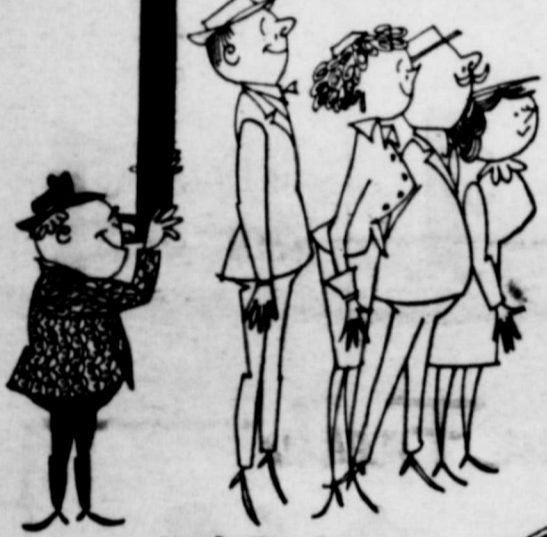
Troy Roland, formerly of Merkel, opened a new radio and television shop in Breckenridge last week.

He has been a TV technician for Leonard Bros. Dept. Store in Fort Worth.

The Rolands have two sons and are members of Bethany Baptist Church. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce and the Optimist Club.

Roland is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Elsie Roland of Merkel and his wife's parents are Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Simpson, also of Merkel.

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5 BIG DAYS**
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MAY 14 - 15 - 16 - 18 - 19th

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- NORTH CHIEF - 12-oz.
WHITE CORN - - 8 for \$100
- PATIO - 300
TAMALES - - - 5 for \$100
- PRIORITY
Bonito **TUNA** - - - 6 for \$100
- HUNT'S
CATSUP - - - 6 for \$100
- VAN CAMPS - 300
PORK & BEANS - - 8 for \$100
- HUNT'S - 300
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SWEET PEAS - - 6 for \$100
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CHOICE HEAVY BEEF
CLUB STEAK
Lb. - - **69¢**

FRESH
Ground **BEEF** 3 lbs. **\$1.00**

CHOICE HEAVY BEEF
Pot **ROAST** Lb. **59¢**

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Fresh
PORK LIVER - - - lb. 33¢

Cured
HAM HOCKS - - - lb. 19¢

FRESH
Pork **CHOPS** Lb. **49¢**

CENTER SLICED
Cured **HAM** Lb. **98¢**

WILSON CRISPRITE
BACON Lb. **47¢**

PUDDING
MY-T-FINE
4 boxes 29¢

**LIPTON'S
TEA** - 1/2 lb. 69¢
TEA BAGS 12 qt. 43¢

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ORANGE DRINK
1/2 gal. - 23¢

BORDEN'S
COTTAGE CHEESE
12-Oz.
Box - - - 19¢

BORDEN'S - 1/2 Pt.
Whipping CREAM - 25¢

Nabisco Crackers lb. 25¢	Sunshine HI HO lb. 29¢	Sunshine Candies cello 29¢
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● **THRIFTY BUYS** ●

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STARCH 1/2 gal 39¢

GIANT
DREFT - - box 63¢

BETTY CROCKER - 40-oz.
BISOUIK box 39¢

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Pound **12¢**

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FRESH
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NEW **POTATOES** - - - lb. 7¢

Texas
GREEN **BEANS** - - - lb. 17¢

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RADISHES - - - 2 for 15¢

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The MERKEL MAIL

PAGE ONE Merkel, Texas, Friday, May 15, 1959 SECTION TWO

TAYLOR ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE SERVES 5,000 CONSUMERS

Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc., which was organized in 1941 with 549 consumers, now serves a total of 5,000 families in eight counties.

This progress is the result of a group of self-reliant men and women working together in mutual confidence. They needed electricity in their farm homes and they set out to get it.

Actual ground work for the cooperative started in 1939 and in 1941 the first lines were completed. The office at that time was a rented building in downtown Merkel. In 1949 they moved into the present quarters on Highway 80 west of Merkel.

Facilities of the modern brick building include a meeting room and kitchen which is available for club and civic meetings.

Lester Dorton Is Youngest Electric Cooperative Manager In State

Lester F. Dorton, general manager of Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc., was on hand to give his report on the 18th annual meeting here Thursday.

Dorton is the youngest manager of an electric cooperative in Texas. He has been with Taylor Electric since 1943. He was first employed as materials and work-order clerk. He later became electrification advisor, then in June, 1951, manager.

He's a graduate of Abilene High School attended McMurry College, and served in the U. S. Army during World War II.

Dorton has for many years been active in civic groups, including Lions Club, Masonic Lodge, Red Cross, Boy Scouts, and Church.

He is a member of the Merkel School Board, a member of the board of directors of Texas Electric Co-ops, Inc., on the board of directors of the Taylor Electric Association

now total 41 as compared to six when they started back in '41. Most of them own their homes in Merkel and are active in civic and church affairs. The annual roll of the Co-Op is \$154,908.20. Taylor Electric Cooperative is planning for proper wiring in old owned by the members it serves.

FIELD DAY FOR TEACHERS HELD ON CHRANE'S RANCH

School teachers from Taylor County and the Middle Clear Fork soil conservation district had an opportunity to see soil conservation practices at work when they attended the second annual conservation education field day Saturday, sponsored by Taylor County banks and the conservation district.

The group left the Taylor County agriculture building at 8:30 a.m. boarded school bus, and went to the Leo Chrane place, 15 miles southeast of Abilene, for the morning program.

At 9 a.m. four discussion groups were held with 35 minutes devoted to each. H. D. Gooch, soil scientist with the SCS, explained the kinds of soil and the hazards to it. Farm Agent H. C. Stanley presented a program on soil testing.

The importance of agricultural uses of water was given by John D. Wolf, county supervisor with the Farmers Home Administration, and a talk on water conservation was given by A. H. Jeffries, Taylor County ASC office manager.

The third topic is grass. Hugh T. Magers, range conservationist with the SCS here, outlined range land resources and range sites. Allan Turner, assistant county agent, explained the identification of grasses and how the various varieties grow in this locality.

J. D. Jones, game warden of the Texas Game and Fish Commission presented a wildlife conservation program with fish pond management and habitat improvement for quail and deer as the primary discussion. Tom H. Russom, chairman of the Middle Clear Fork SCD, was master of ceremonies. Country style singing was led by Walter Chalcraft, band director of the North Junior High.



LESTER F. DORTON
... general manager

and the Taylor County Health and Welfare Association. Dorton and his wife, Gloria, have three children, Lester Jr., 16, Mack, 12, and Pamela, 3.

BEST WISHES TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE TAYLOR ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

from the

DIRECTORS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE

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Merkel, Texas

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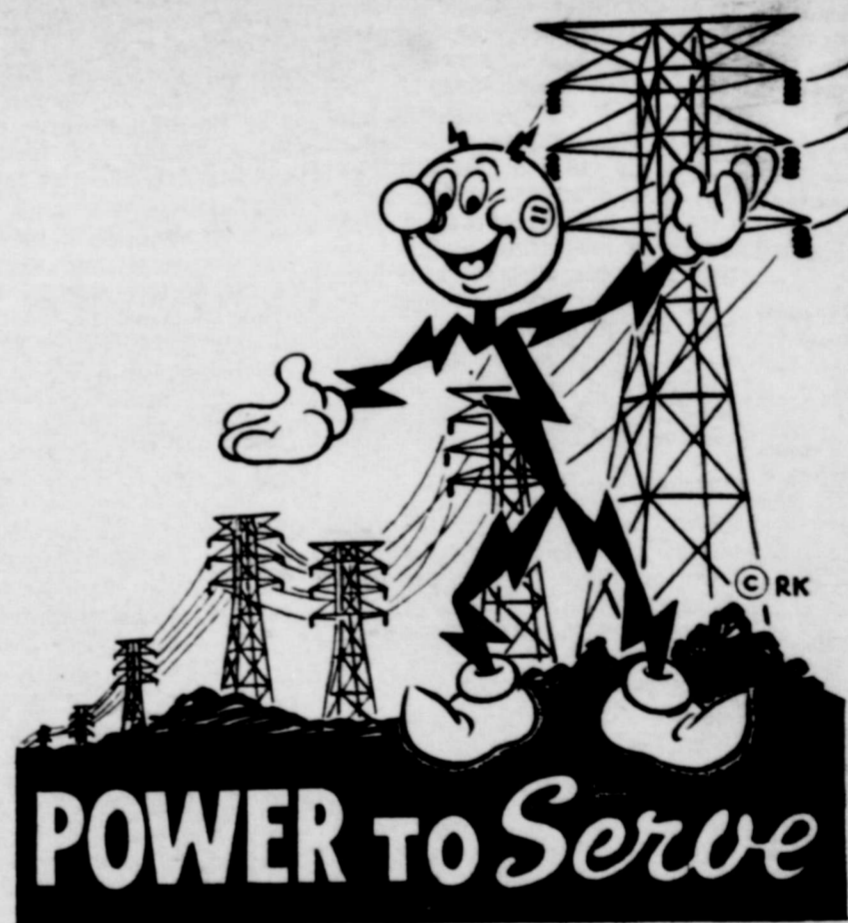
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20 YEARS AGO
IN MERKEL

Miss Mamie Ellis, teacher in Merkel Grammar School, was elected second vice-president of Mu Chapter, Delta Kappa Gamma, an honor society for women teachers, at a business session of Mu Chapter, made up at Taylor Jones counties, held at Lake Sweetwater Tuesday evening.

With Rev. R. A. Walker, pastor of Grace Presbyterian Church, officiating, Miss Ruthie Davis, daughter of Mrs. Charlie Davis, and Lon Robertson, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Robertson, residing south of town, were united in marriage on Friday of last week at the Presbyterian manse. The couple who will make their home in Merkel, are being extended best wishes by a host of friends.

Wright Dishman, representing the Grable Motor Company, was in attendance at the regional meeting of Chevrolet dealers and their department managers held Wednesday night at the Wooten Hotel, Abilene, when instructive talks were made by zone managers of the new car, used car, parts and accessories and service divisions.

A Merkel girl, Dorma Lee Shelton, is among the list of more than 75 young orators who will compete in "My Home Town" speaking contest of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce next week. Dorma Lee won first place in county in extemporaneous speech and placed second in the district meet at Sweetwater.

Mrs. T. T. Earthman will present Miss Mary Jo Russell and Billie Wood in a joint piano recital on Monday evening, May 15, at 8:15 o'clock at Grace Presbyterian Church.

Anita, the one-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Terrell Mashburn, has been chosen to occupy a full page in the 1939 edition of Vandal's "Bluebonnet Babies" published at Stamford, Texas. The selection comes as a district compliment to this attractive little miss, as she was one of 70 babies chosen out of 1,800 baby pictures inspected by the publishers for the most beautiful babies in Texas.

When winners were announced in Sunday's Abilene Reporter-News of the baby contest sponsored by that newspaper and Thurman's studio, a Merkel baby, Jerry Don Higgins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Higgins, was given second place in division one (under one year.) Picture of the young man, who is official mascot of the Merkel fireboys, was shown on the front page of the Sunday edition.

The Senior class of Merkel High School for the term 1938-39 numbers 68 candidates for graduation, it was announced Thursday morning by Supt. Conner Robinson.

From Chicago comes word that James Swann, former Merkelite, will sail May 12 from New York for London, where he will visit members of the American Society of Etchers. He has been in Chicago four years and is secretary of the Chicago Society of Etchers and the first Texan to be admitted to the American Society of Etchers. The piece of work that won him membership was called

"Spring Plowing"

On the first of the month, Horace Boney, who has been employed with Watts Food Store since its opening a few months ago, joined his father, W. O. Boney, in his insurance and realty business.

Marking still another improvement in the business district, work started Monday morning on rebuilding and modernizing the front of the building occupied by E. O. Carson Grocery. Bob Fowler has the contract, which provides for a stucco coating and roller type awning. The interior walls are also being repainted.

Opening of the fishing season, May 1st, was a general exodus for followers of the piscatorial sport of points east, south, north and west, some going as far as Aspermont lake. In a desire to cater to local fishermen, Thaxton Neill has put in a stock of minnows in a specially built tank at the Economy Grocery.

Mrs. Jay McDanel and son, Rusty, who was born at the Sadler Clinic hospital Monday, April 27, returned to their home here Friday. The McDanels will move to Abilene this week to make their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Barbee left Saturday for Delhi, Colo., to spend a few days and see about their cattle.

Major Completes Course; Assigned To Pentagon

Ft. Leavenworth, Kan. (AHTNC) Maj. Bowman O. Barlow, 38, whose wife, Helen, lives in Merkel, completed the associate course May 1 at the Army's Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

The 17-week course prepares selected Army officers for duty with the general staff of combat divisions or logistical commands, and familiarizes them with the duties of the general staff at

corps, Army and theater command levels.

D. C. He entered the Army in 1939 and was last stationed in Korea. His mother, Mrs. H. S. Smith, lives at 9800 Taylorsville Rd., Jeffersonton, Ky.

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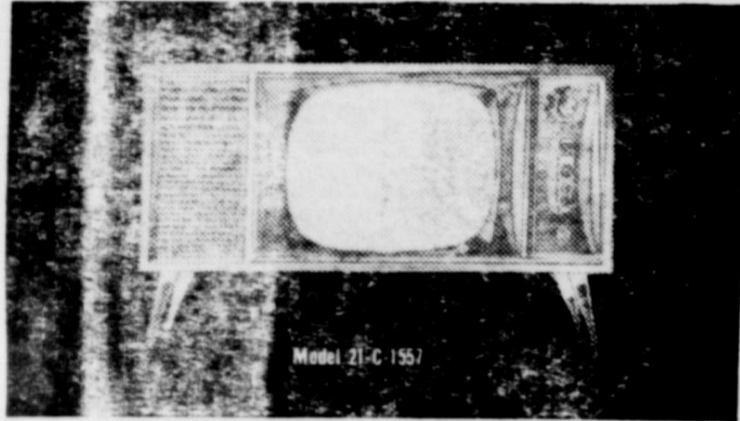
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vocational rehabilitation, home loan guaranties and mustering out pay provisions through 1963.

The main feature of the new measure is its educational provisions. The Korean G. I. Bill ended on January 31, 1955. The Yarborough Bill would provide 1 1/2 days of college training for each day of active military service for veterans, with a maximum of three years college training. The subsistence pay would be at the same rate as in the Korean G. I. Bill.

This Bill would also extend vocational rehabilitation and home loan guaranties and would provide for \$100 mustering out pay for veterans honorably discharged after the bill is passed. All these benefits would be extended through 1963, when the draft law ends.

The measure is now being considered by the Senate Veterans Affairs Subcommittee, of which I am chairman. I am pleased to report that in hearings held recently, the Yarborough Bill was endorsed by representatives of Universities and Colleges, state vocational training units, veterans organizations, veterans and their families and others.

Testimony before the subcommittee has shown that one out of every men who served in World War II, or 7,800,000 veterans, received educational training under the first G. I. Bill. Another two million veterans of the Korean Conflict also received this training under a similar measure. Educators tell me veterans made better grades and conducted themselves better at college than the non-veterans. When they finished, the training helped them earn higher income and pay more taxes than non-veterans, statistics show. And more than a fourth of the veterans who received this training became scientists and engineers.

One witness quoted the Bradley Commission Report which said, "The veterans' educational program was a major contribution to the national welfare, and the country would be weaker educationally, economically, and in terms of national defense, if educators, veterans organizations, the president and congress had not seen fit to embark upon this new and momentous educational enterprise."

Another man told the subcommittee that this training not only helped the productive power of our nation, "but, on the basis of additional income taxes which our government collects on this added earning power, the cost of veterans education is paying better returns than any security listed on the New York Stock Exchange."

Mattingly Takes Operator Course

Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., (AHTNC) Army Pvt. Kenneth W. Mattingly, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer A. Mattingly, Route 3, Merkel, completed the quarry machine operator course April 10 at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

He was trained to operate and perform maintenance on rock crushing equipment and bulldozers used in the clearing of land for roads, airfields, buildings and other construction projects.

Mattingly entered the Army last November and completed basic training at Fort Carson, Colo.

A 1953 graduate of Abilene High School, he attended McMurry College.

Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Simpson have returned from Arizona where they were called by the serious illness of Mr. Simpson's father, who is a patient in the hospital at Mesa. They also visited Mrs. Simpson's sister, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Brown of Phoenix.

W. Roundtree and daughter, Mrs. Viridis Eller of Mineral Wells were visitors the past week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. McCain.

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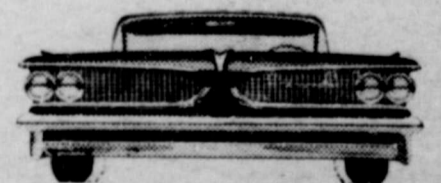


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