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## Tale Fe-Mail

By M. L. G.

"I'd like to pass along a few literary gems written by 8-year-old who is visiting Phoenix, Ariz. After waiting to hear from her we re-ceive the following informative letter:

Daddy and Mom, I just arrived safely. Love Lisa. Next, a letter, told us more. Mom and Dad and Penny. I'm having a wonderful time. I've my room and bath and things. I wash my clothes and I want to tell you about something I did in the horse pen. BY My Self. It is very gentle. I'm very much. Do you know who catches papers for Penny or daddy. Ellen spent the night with me two times and borrow some games from her. Every morning when I get up I get dressed and brush my teeth and go out and see Beau. That is the horse name. I feed him every afternoon a carrot and 3 pieces of sugar. Tell Terry and Jo Ann and baby. Love Lisa. I love you all. I might me please.

These bring to mind a couple of letters written by children their first summer at camp. Dear Mom and Dad. We had to rite you to times a week. If we dont we will get in trouble. So her is my letter.

Mary Lee

Dear Mom, Dad I wish you wouldn't write such long letters. It would help. John

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Ray received a letter from their Becky, who is attending school in Springfield, Mo., saying how fascinated people there were to meet someone from Texas. Almost like being a celebrity.

They are probably impressed by some of the "Texas" stories that get around such as the one about the Texan who issued a check on a large New York City bank. The check was returned to him with it stamped—"Returned for insufficient funds—ours, not yours." Or the one about the Texas farmer who was doing so well that he ordered his Sears-Roebuck catalogue leather-bound.

"A fully employed homemaker is worth more than \$10,000 a year to her family," according to a recent survey quoted by the Ohio Farm Bureau Advisory Council. "These figures are based on the going rates paid to cooks, dishwashers, laundresses, nurses, baby sitters, car drivers, dietitians, cleaning women, mechanics, seamstresses, secretaries, accountants, valets and the like."

In trying to figure my worth to my employer I added such things as dog nursemaid, part time ad salesman, reporter, substitute pressman, etc. My total worth is a staggering amount—puts me on an equal basis with the Hope diamond and I should really be put under glass, which I told His Majesty. He agreed but said there wasn't a glass big enough. He's a sharp one, that boy.

Don't forget to check the Appreciation Day at elsewhere in this issue for Thursday specials.

## Mrs. Butman Wins Trip To Hawaii

Mrs. Pauline Butman of Rt. 4 was announced as the winner Friday of a one-week trip for two to Hawaii by Pan American Airlines.

She was one of six regional winners of the National-Hawaii-Orient Contest, sponsored by the Mayflower Warehouseman's Assn. The national grand prize winner, Ronald Cheyenne-Stout of Orlando, Fla., won a three-week trip to the Orient.

Mrs. Butman was also one of 100 women in the United States to win a Kitchen Aid electric food preparer recently in the "Name the Cake" contest sponsored by General Foods Corp.

## CEMETERY FUND

The following persons have contributed to the Merkel Cemetery Association fund:

G. W. Teaff  
Mrs. A. R. Johnston  
Mrs. Peeley Jinkens  
Carl Carey

## Northwest Texas Methodist Men Schedule Annual Retreat

CETA CANYON — Dr. Ray W. Ragsdale and J. Clinton Hawkins have been announced as the principal speakers for the Northwest Texas Methodist Conference Laymen's Retreat scheduled Aug. 7-9, here.

Dr. Ragsdale, superintendent of the Los Angeles District of the Southern California-Arizona Methodist Conference, will be the platform speaker on Friday and Saturday evenings and at the 10:45 worship service on Saturday and Sunday mornings.

Mr. Hawkins, lay leader of the St. Louis, Mo., Methodist Conference since 1947, will discuss lay activities in the local church on Saturday morning. During the Saturday afternoon session he will discuss relating the local church to district and conference programs. On Sunday morning at 8:45, his talk will emphasize lay activities as a means of Christian growth.

In charge of the Prayer Period on Saturday morning and the 9 o'clock worship service on Sunday morning will be Dr. Eugene Slater, pastor of Polk Street Methodist Church in Amarillo.

Rev. Charles E. Lutrick, executive secretary of the Northwest Texas Conference Board of Education, will lead a discussion on the church vocations enlistment program at 9:45 Saturday morning.

Oliver Bush, manager of the book store at McMurry College,

Abilene, who has served as song leader at the laymen's retreat for the past ten years, will serve in this capacity again this year during the retreat.

Ray H. Nichols, Verron, will preside throughout the weekend meet. Mr. Nichols is Northwest Texas Conference lay leader.

## Abilene Pastor To Be Speaker For Youth Week

The youth of First Methodist Church of Merkel have completed plans for their Youth Activities Week, to be held August 3-7.

The Rev. J. B. Fowler, Jr. of Grace Methodist Church in Abilene will be the speaker for the worship service each night. He is a graduate of McMurry College and Perkins School of Theology.

Plans for the week include nightly worship, supper, fellowship discussion groups, and recreation. The week will be highlighted by a progressive supper August 5 and a picnic at Butman Camp August 7.

The activities will take place in the fellowship hall of the Methodist Church. Visitors, both youth and parents, will be welcomed.

**STATE CAPITAL**  
*Highlights*  
**AND Sidelights**  
by Vern Sanford  
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION



AUSTIN, Tex. — Tired reading about the Texas legislature? Okay, then, for a little diversion let's look north and see what has been going on in our neighboring states.

Oklahoma's legislators also faced a financial crisis. How did they meet it? First they cut some needless expenses, eliminated waste and duplication. Then they appropriated for 18 months instead of 24. But they did not increase any existing taxes. Fortunately for them, financially at least, Oklahoma voted in liquor and they now have some brand new tax income—or will very, very soon.

Oklahoma, it must be remembered, has a state income tax and an across-the-board two per cent sales tax — two things Texas doesn't have.

Putting the state in a better light, collection-wise, Oklahoma legislators swiped Uncle Sam's idea and added a state withholding tax. This to assure more collections from their income tax.

Six months of continuous session has just been ended in the Sooner state. Although their financial problems are solved for the next eighteen months, after that a sizeable hike in taxes is expected.

Texas legislators have met almost continuously since January 13. They may even have to go into a fourth special session. But if they do, they will earn the wrath of the old folks whose pensions stop in mid-August unless a sizeable tax bill is enacted. There is no doubt about it in Texas, the people are disgusted. And the legislators are disturbed.

There is much talk that many of them will not be re-elected. Undoubtedly there are some who don't ever want to return to the legislative halls.

Many of the senators and representatives have tried hard to formulate a tax program that would care for the needs of the state. Their efforts have been stymied.

During the past six months there has been talk of a unicameral legislature, like Nebraska's. Also there has been talk of a special election to let the public decide on taxes — especially sales taxes. Some officials feel that the public, if it had its say today, would vote for a sales tax — and thus take the monkey off the backs of the legislators. But so far no one has had the courage to introduce such a measure.

Soundings by the press indicate that a sales tax might very well be acceptable to the people — that the people fully realize the dilemma — that they at least would go along with a reasonable sales tax, although they might be

firmly opposed to an income tax.

Maybe a special election on the subject of a sales tax is the answer. At least the public would have a say in the matter and our senators and representatives would not have to face the criticism they now fear.

Wish somebody had thought of that earlier, don't you? An election could have been held on the subject at much less expense than that incurred in financing three additional special sessions, all of which actually centered around that very topic.

**NEW BUILDINGS** — While the Senate and House are busy trying to find a way to finance the state's future operations, governmental buildings still are being erected around the Capitol. In fact, they are beginning to dwarf the major edifice.

Occupancy of the first of these buildings to be completed has just been made by the Texas Employment Commission. Its six hundred employees now are housed in the \$2,400,000 structure.

A total of 11,000 pieces of office equipment were moved out of eleven downtown Austin locations into the new six-story building.

TEC began some 24 years ago with a staff of 25 employees in the state headquarters and 50 local offices. Now employed are 2,300 persons, with 93 local offices throughout the state.

**GOVERNOR SIGNS BILL** — A bill by state Senator Bill Fly extending the time for removal of the offices of the State Board of Insurance from the International Life Building in Austin has been signed by Gov. Price Daniel.

The Commission rents some ten floors in the building. However, the rent is paid by the various insurance companies in Texas.

Other bills signed by Governor Daniel include one by Sen. Hubert Hudson, authorizing certain water districts to waive immunity from liability for negligence of its agents; a bill by Sen. Charles Herring relating to monies appropriated to the State Board of Barber Examiners; and two bills dealing with hunting and fishing. One, by Rep. Sam Parsons, would authorize the Game and Fish Commission to allow fishing and hunting of migratory waterfowl on lakes and rivers located upon a common boundary with other states. The other, by Rep. Zeke Zbraneck, related to the catching

## MERKEL SCHOOLS OPEN SEPTEMBER 1



GEORGE A. STARBUCK receives commission

## George Starbuck Is OCS Graduate

Navy Ens. George A. Starbuck, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred F. Starbuck of 512 Yucca, graduated from the Navy's Officer Candidate School in Newport, R. I. on July 24.

He is a graduate of the University of Texas and was among 363 college graduates and outstanding personnel from the fleet to complete the 18 weeks of training in Naval Sciences.

The new officers, who heard as guest speaker for their graduation, The Honorable Richard Jackson, Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Personnel and Reserve Forces), will assume a variety of assignments, including duty aboard ship, or training as Naval Aviators.

## Taylor Telephone Names Committee

The Board of Directors of the Taylor Telephone Cooperative, Inc., Merkel, has selected a committee on nominations to select candidates to be submitted to the membership for election to the Board at the annual meeting of the membership to be held Tuesday, Sept. 22.

The committee is composed of Lonnie Lewis, Nolan; A. L. Moore, Rt. 4, Merkel; Weldon Johnson, Hawley; Clayton Dillard, Rt. 2, Merkel; and Merrick Harvey, Rt. 2, Lueders.

## Georgetown Rites Held For Infants

Graveside services were held in Georgetown for the infant sons of Mr. and Mrs. Tillman A. Kingsbury of Austin.

The twins, Terry and Jerry, were born July 9 at St. David's Community Hospital in Austin. Their father is principal of Ridgeway School in Austin.

Survivors, besides the parents, include a brother, Timothy, and a sister, Betty; the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Millholin of Georgetown and Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Kingsbury of Merkel.

## Merkel Students Enrolled At H-SU

J. E. Meeks and Freddie Lee Boone, both of Merkel, are enrolled in the second half of summer school at Hardin-Simmons University.

Enrollment for the second half of H-SU's summer session is expected to total about 450 when registration is completed for the last three-week term Aug. 4.

There were 513 on hand for the first half of the summer school, which included a six-week term and two three-week periods. Enrollment is about 10 per cent above 1958.

The 1959 summer session will close with commencement exercises at 8 p.m. Aug. 21, George L. Graham, director of the summer school, has announced.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Ray spent the week-end with their son, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Ray and little Mark, at their farm home near Cisco.

The E. C. Ray's grandson, Randall Steele of Houston, suffered an eye injury and is improving some. They will know about the middle of August if his vision will be impaired.

## Earl Mashburn Funeral at Merkel

Funeral for Thomas Earl Mashburn, 68, who died at Rising Star, July 22, while working on a truck at his home, was held Friday at 2 p.m. in Starbuck Funeral Chapel at Merkel.

Officiating was the Rev. Travis Stanley of the Assembly of God Church, assisted by the Rev. V. E. McGinn of Elm Grove Assembly of God Church. Burial was in Stith Cemetery.

Mr. Mashburn was a retired farmer and mason.

Survivors include his wife; five sons, Leo of Tuscola, Faby of Weatherford, Earl Jr. of Colorado Springs, Colo., John of Montgomery, Ala., and Marvin of Ardmore, Okla.; one daughter, Mrs. Katherine Byrd of Comanche; one stepson, Charles Bagley of Portland, Ore.; one stepdaughter, Annie Mae Houston of Haskell; two brothers, Fletcher of Fort Worth and Teasley of Little Rock, Ark.; 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

## Burl McCoy Named Badger Cage Coach

Burl McCoy, graduate of Abilene Christian College, was named basketball coach for Merkel High School by the school board at a meeting July 27.

He will fill the vacancy left by Don Loyd, who resigned to accept a coaching job at Frank Phillips College in Borger.

While in college, McCoy played with the ACC Wildcats and took active part in track and field events. He participated in the National Meet and won second place in the 440-yard hurdles.

He coached basketball teams for Balmorhea and Post schools. While at Balmorhea, his team won district and succeeded in reaching finals in the regional meet.

McCoy is a graduate of Merkel High School and played with the Badgers under Coach Benson. He was married last year to Jan Gippson of Bakersfield, Calif. Mrs. McCoy graduated from ACC in 1958.

## Skurlock Reunion Held In Crane

The seventh annual J. H. Skurlock reunion was held in the City Park at Crane, Texas on July 11-12.

Hot barbecue, salad and beans were prepared on the grounds for the relatives gathered for the celebration. Thirty-three spent the night and a total of 56 registered for lunch on Sunday.

Officers re-elected to serve for the coming year were Mr. and Mrs. Richmond Skurlock of Crane, president; Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Hatton of Imperial, vice-president; Mr. and Mrs. I. V. Garrett Jr. of Abilene, secretary.

The reunion will be held the second Sunday in July, 1960, at the Crane City Park.

Damon Skurlock of San Antonio was the oldest person attending and the youngest was the small son of Mr. and Mrs. B. I. McBee of Seminole.

Those present were Mrs. R. C. Skurlock, Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Behrens, David, Frankie, Raymond, Barbara, all of Mason; Mr. and Mrs. Houston Kennedy, Joe, Junno, of McCombs; Mr. and Mrs. B. I. McBee and son, Seminole; Mr. and Mrs. Robert McDaniel, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Summers and Jean, Odessa; Lee Skurlock, Mrs. Jack Williams, Kermit; Mr. and Delbert Hatton, Jean and Frankie, Mrs. E. E. Littlejohn and Charlotte, Mrs. L. E. Littlejohn and Marvin, of Imperial; Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Howard, Mrs. Clarence Horton and Jerry Don, Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Skurlock, Rommy Ray and Sharrie Lynn, Lovington, N. M.; Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Skurlock of Crane; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Skurlock of Eldorado; Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Alexander, Patsy Talley, Mrs. Ray Mackey, Monte and Cathy, Mr. and Mrs. I. V. Garrett, Vernell, Verlene, Ivalene and Ike, Abilene; Charles Bow, Merkel; Damon Skurlock and Mrs. Frances Friess of San Antonio.

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## 4 New Teachers Named By Board

The Merkel schools are scheduled to begin classes on Tuesday, September 1, following the completion of registration on Monday, August 31. A general faculty meeting is scheduled for Friday morning, August 28. Dates for building faculty meetings will be announced later.

Mack Fisher, superintendent of the Merkel schools, stated that four new teachers have been employed by the school board. Miss Ola M. Hughes, a graduate of the University of Mississippi, will replace Mrs. Jo Finley Barnett who has been assigned to the first grade which was taught by Mrs. Viola Shields who resigned at the end of the 1958-59 school term. Miss Hughes completed work in Itawamba College, Hardin College, Tennessee, and the University of Mississippi; she received her B.A.E. degree from the latter school in 1958, with a major in English and a minor in speech. She is now attending summer school at Abilene Christian College. Miss Hughes taught English in the Bartlett High School of Memphis, Tennessee, last year. She has been assigned to teach English and speech in Merkel High School.

Buddy McKeever, a graduate of McMurry College, B.S. degree, major in elementary education, has been elected to fill the vacancy resulting from the resignation of Mrs. Sam McLeod. Mr. and Mrs. McLeod and family have moved to Snyder where Mrs. McLeod will teach in the Snyder schools. Mr. McKeever taught in the Bangs school system in 1956-57, during the past two years he has been teaching in the Fort Concho Elementary School, San Angelo school system. He has been assigned to the seventh grade and will also help in the physical education department of the elementary school.

Burl McCoy, a graduate of Abilene Christian College, Bachelor of Science degree, has been employed by the Merkel School Board to fill the vacancy resulting from the resignation of Don Loyd. Loyd and his family will move to Borger in the near future where he will assume the duties of basketball coach for Phillips Junior College. Burl, the new basketball coach for the Merkel Badgers, coached basketball teams during 1955-57. In 1955, he coached for the Balmorhea schools; his team won district and succeeded in reaching the finals in the regional meet. In 1956-57, he served as basketball coach for the Post schools.

Mrs. LaNelle Hodge, a graduate of the Abilene Christian College, 1959, will fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Mrs. Katharine Shuey. Mr. and Mrs. Shuey and daughter are moving to St. Petersburg, Florida. Mrs. Hodge received her degree from Abilene Christian College with a major in elementary education; she did practice teaching in the Abilene schools last year. Mrs. Hodge has been assigned to the seventh grade and will also be girls coach in the elementary school.

Superintendent Fisher stated that the faculty list of the Merkel school system includes:

## BULLETIN FROM WASHINGTON

Rural Electrification Administration Has Approved \$1,677,000 Loan To Taylor Electric Cooperative Inc. At Merkel To Finance System Improvements.

Lyndon B. Johnson U S S  
Ralph W. Yarborough U S S  
Omar Burleson M C

## Dyess Airman, 21, Drops Dead Here

A Dyess Air Force Base airman, A2C Wayne E. Collins, dropped dead Monday morning at his home here. He was 21.

Collins, 341st Bomb Wing Armament and Electronics squadron, worked the 4 p.m. to midnight shift Sunday night and was sitting in the living room watching television while his wife fixed breakfast, base officials said. He was found slumped over in the chair by one of his children, who called his wife.

The man was pronounced dead on arrival at the Dyess AFB hospital. An autopsy at the hospital Monday afternoon said a cerebral hemorrhage was the cause of death.

He was born March 27, 1938 and was from Indianapolis, Ind., where he is survived by his mother, Mrs. Orville Little, and stepfather. Also surviving are his wife, Viola, and two sons, Robert Andrew, 3, and Royce Allen, 1. Mrs. Collins is expecting another child in August, base officials said.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Kiker - Warren Funeral Home at Abilene.

## Hospital Patients

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

E. D. McWilliams.  
O. D. Allamon  
E. R. Nemier  
Mrs. G. F. Woods III  
Mrs. Jim Cook  
Mr. T. T. Earthman  
Mrs. Ford Smith Sr.  
Mr. Jimmy Russell  
Mrs. Beulah White  
Master Larry Hewitt  
Thomas Turt  
Mrs. Bill Lilly  
Mrs. H. R. Chancey Sr.  
Mrs. J. O. McMinn  
Miss Debbie Corder  
Larry Hargrove  
Mrs. C. E. Horton  
Mrs. Kenneth Vancil  
Rev. Horace Tatum  
Mr. Herbert Patterson  
Rev. Sam Tullock  
Marylen Kay Browning  
Mrs. George West  
Mrs. Jessie Lenoir  
Mrs. B. B. Pierce  
Mrs. Pat Cypert  
Debra Hicks  
Mrs. Larry Sloan

The following patients were dismissed during the past week:

Mrs. Woods and son  
Mrs. Ford Smith Sr.  
Jimmy Russell  
Beulah White  
Larry Hewitt  
Mrs. J. O. McMinn  
Miss Debbie Corder  
Larry Hargrove  
Mrs. C. E. Horton  
Mrs. K. Vancil & daughter  
Rev. H. Tatum  
Rev. Sam Tullock  
Marylen Kay Browning  
Mrs. Geo. West  
Mrs. Pat Cypert

## Merkel Girls Place In Contest

Suzie Wilson, 6, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Woody Wilson, won a third place medal in the Lubbock Twirling Festival Saturday, July 25.

Sarah Harris of Merkel and Judy Claborn of Trent are members of the Anson Twirling Corps which won a first place trophy at the festival.

All three girls will participate in the state contest at Hardin-Simmons University on August 31.



## NEW WATER SAFETY ACT

(This is the first of a series of three articles concerning Texas' new Water Safety Act. J. O. Musick, one of the State's leading safety authorities, was chairman of Governor Daniel's original committee to investigate boating problems in Texas and make recommendations to alleviate hazardous conditions. —Editor.)

By J. O. MUSICK  
General Manager  
Texas Safety Association, Inc.  
PART I

The Water Safety Act, which goes into effect August 11, 1959, will affect literally hundreds of thousands of Texans, because it places specific responsibilities on boat owners, operators, skiers, law enforcement officers and courts.

Furthermore, inquiries received in the Texas Safety Association's headquarters office, Austin, indicate that only a few Texans have any real knowledge of what

the Act is about or how it will influence their lives. Thus, this series of articles will attempt to highlight the principal provisions of the Act to an extent that will help water sport enthusiasts avoid running afoul of the new law. The Texas Highway Department will administer the Act. Enforcement will be made by all duly authorized peace officers.

### CLASSIFICATIONS

Motorboats subject to the provisions of the Act have been divided into four Classes:  
Class A. Less than 16 feet in length.  
Class 1. 16 feet or over and less than 26 feet in length.  
Class 2. 26 feet or over and less than 40 feet in length.  
Class 3. 40 feet and over.

### LIGHTING

Any kind of self-propelled boat, when underway between sunset and sunrise, must use at least one bright light and exhibit it so as

to avoid a collision. Motorboats of Class 1 must use two lights: A white light aft to show all around the horizon and a combined lantern in the front (lower than the aft light) that will show a green light to the starboard (right) and a red light to the port (left).

Classes 2 and 3 must carry a bright white light in the front of the boat, as near the stem as practicable, that will show an unbroken light over an arc of the horizon of 20 points of the compass and fixed to throw the light 10 points on each side of the vessel. Also, a bright white light aft to show all around the horizon (higher than the forward white light). Port and starboard lights must be fitted with an inboard screen that will prevent these lights from being seen across the bow.

Motorboats of Classes A and 1, when propelled by sail alone, must carry the combined lantern, but not the white light aft. Motorboats of Classes 2 and 3, when propelled by sail alone, must carry colored side lights, but not the white lights. Motorboats of all classes must carry a lantern or flashlight showing a white light that can be used in sufficient time to avert collision.

### LIFE PRESERVERS

Every motorboat or vessel must have aboard one Coast Guard approved life preserver, buoyant vest, ring buoy or buoyant cushion, in good condition, for each person on board.

No person shall operate, or give permission to operate, a motorboat that is not equipped to meet the demands of this requirement.

### SMALL MOTORS

All motorboats of 10 horsepower or less are required to have one approved life preserver for each person aboard and a white light to exhibit between the hours of sunset and sunrise.

### BOAT LIVERIES

Boat livery owners will be required to keep a record of the name and address of persons hiring boats covered in this Act. The record will also include time and date of departure and expected time of return; such records to be kept for a 6 month period.

**SKIES AND AQUAPLANES**  
Water skiing, aquaplaning and similar sports will not be permitted from the period of one hour after sunset to one hour prior to sunrise, except in tournaments, exhibitions and such events covered by special exemptions.

At all times, motorboats towing a person on water skis, etc., shall operate in a careful and prudent manner at a reasonable distance from persons and property so as not to endanger life or property. (Next issue: Collision, enforcement, local laws.)

## IT'S THE LAW

What will happen if you should die without executing a legal and proper will? Who will inherit your property? Your husband, wife, mother, father, children, your wife's relatives? The best way you can say who will have it is to provide a will which will protect your rightful beneficiaries and dispose of your property in accordance with your wishes.

When a deceased has no will, or dies "intestate" as the law calls it, the property of that person is distributed according to a detailed formula fixed by law. In some cases this may be the way you yourself would divide it — but in many cases it is not. The provisions of the law concerning the distribution of the property of a person who dies without a will are rather complicated, and all of the possibilities cannot be covered by a general statement.

There are different rules for real estate and for personal property, for community property and for separate property, for homestead property, and for all of the many possible combinations of surviving relatives. Each situation must be carefully studied to determine the correct distribution of the property.

For example, here is a general

idea of how the community property which you and your spouse have accumulated will be divided if you do not make a will prior to your death.

If your husband or wife survives and there are no children, the surviving spouse receives all of the property.

If, in addition, there are surviving children or descendants of deceased children, they would divide one-half of the property, while the surviving spouse would receive the other one-half.

Of course grandchildren do not share in the estate unless their parent who would inherit is deceased. And when descendants of previously deceased children do inherit, they receive only the portion that the child would have received, regardless of the number of such descendants.

An odd note, perhaps, is that the surviving spouse already owns one-half of the community estate prior to your death, and the law adds nothing to this share where there are children surviving.

When there are only children and their descendants surviving, they divide the entire community estate between them.

(This column, prepared by the State Bar of Texas, is written to inform—not to advise. No person should ever apply or interpret any law without the aid of an attorney who is fully advised concerning the facts involved, because a slight variance in facts may change the application of the law.)



## Senator YARBOROUGH'S REPORT

This nation has just started to learn about the hazards of radioactivity that accompany its vast new resources of nuclear power.

It is because of these hazards and the fact that even our scientists do not know too much yet about the dangers of radioactivity, that I have been against the proposed dumping of radioactive wastes in the shallow waters inshore in the Gulf of Mexico.

The problem should be carefully studied. A great deal more information is needed before we fill our waters with material which scientists tell us may prove harmful to our children and their children for 100 or 200 years. Recent news articles have told how some of our nation's streams have been dangerously polluted by radioactive waste. I don't feel we should make this mistake again, and pollute more water.

The fact that the dumping of these radioactive wastes in the Gulf was proposed without all the

necessary information being gathered first shows the need for someone to look out for the public's interests.

Some of the agencies which work with radioactive materials are now held responsible for protecting the public only from an overdose of radiation resulting from that agency's activities. There is not now any one agency which is responsible for the overall protection of the public.

To correct this dangerous situation I am supporting a proposal by Senator Lister Hill and Congressman Kenneth Roberts, both of Alabama, to make the United States Public Health Service responsible for safe-guarding our people against the hazards of all types of radiation.

The measure calls for setting up standards of radiation protection. It would instruct the Surgeon General of the U. S. Public Health Service to confer with federal, state and local authorities and submit to Congress, not later than February 28, 1960, a program for the control of radiation hazards from all man-made sources.

In addition, research and training programs would be established to explore this vast and vital subject. A National Advisory Council on Radiation Hazard Control would be set up to work on this program continuously. The 15-member council would include the Surgeon General, the Secretary of Defense, the Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, the Director of the National Science Foundation and others.

We are dealing with a power which, if not kept within bounds, could destroy or horribly change human life. We must be certain the public is protected.



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Containing  
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Served F-R-E-E  
ALL DAY FRI. & SAT.  
GANDY'S ICE CREAM

Pint 19c

GANDY'S  
MELLORINE  
half gal. 35c  
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**TUNA** - - - - - 2 for 59c

OUR VALUE - No. 2 1/2 Can

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Garden Fresh **VEGETABLES**

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**TOMATOES** - - -lb. 19c

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**GRAPES** - - - - lb. 19c

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**PREM** - - - - - can 45c

DEL-MONTE 303 Can

**Fruit COCKTAIL** 2 for 49c

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**TEA** 1/4 lb 39c 16 ct bags 23c



**PET** EVAPORATED MILK

3 tall cans 39c

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**CORN** 303 can - - - 2 for 39c

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NOTHING TO BUY  
YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE  
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**REMEMBER**

Saturday, August 1 is the  
Last Day To Register

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE  
USE OUR PARKING LOT  
IN REAR OF STORE AND  
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## STATE CAPITOL

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of catfish from the Trinity River. LONG INVITE POCKETED—A second attempt to get legislative approval of an invitation to Gov. Earl Long of Louisiana to address the Texas legislature has failed. The latest effort, by Rep. Bill Jones of Dallas, drew little support.

Jones said that his invitation was a matter of "common courtesy" to the governor, who had expressed a willingness to address the Texas legislature when he came through the state recently.

**TRINITY PROJECT PRESENTED**—An application from the Trinity River Authority to "appropriate" 840,700 acre feet of water per year from the Trinity River and to store 1,579,000 acre feet, or nearly a two-year supply, has been received by the State Board of Water Engineers.

Hearing has been set for Monday, August 31.

The Trinity River Authority proposes to build a dam six miles southwest of Livingston in Polk County.

Its request calls for 95,200 acre feet of storage devoted to municipal use; 672,600 acre feet for industrial use; and 72,900 acre feet for irrigation purposes.



**Sally Lewis**  
singer

Beekeeping has recently won an increasing number of devotees as a hobby and as a source of extra income. The industrious bees not only put healthful and delicious honey on the table, but they perform a major service in fruit tree pollination. If you have a number of fruit trees, flowers, etc., you may find beekeeping profitable, helpful to your trees, and fun.

Beekeeping supply firms will have complete information on bees, their handling and care if you are interested.

As with handling of any type of livestock, even the quarters of the tiny bee should be kept clean and sanitary. Veteran beekeepers recommend lye solutions as an aid in profitable honey production. This powerful disinfectant helps remove wax, propolis, and dirt. A can of lye in 10 gallons of hot water makes an effective disinfectant and cleanser. Scrape hives, frames, trays and other bee equipment; then soak in solution for 10 minutes. Drain, rinse thoroughly and dry before using these items. Use rubber gloves.

What with spring with us again and the countless chores inside and outside the home, it may be comforting to know that rest, as we define it, is not a universal panacea for fatigue, according to a New York physician. In many cases, activity is a better remedy, especially since fatigue results from "atrophy of disuse." In other words, a keen, active interest in your home, garden, family, community and other things around you, keeps you younger and less tired.

From a British doctor comes strong arguments for high heels—another lift for women. Medically, he says, high heeled shoes put a girl's weight on her heels and make her watch her balance. Psychologically, they give her a sensation of slimmness. "Socially," according to the good doctor, "the stimulative sight of a neatly turned ankle makes the day, or evening, for many of us." He's speaking for the men, of course.

Mrs. Kenneth Sharp and daughter, Sheri, visited here the past weekend. They were overnight guests in the home of Mrs. J. P. Sharp. Mrs. Sharp and daughter, Mrs. Eleje Nash, accompanied them to their home here after a visit of several weeks in El Paso and Ruidoso, N. M.

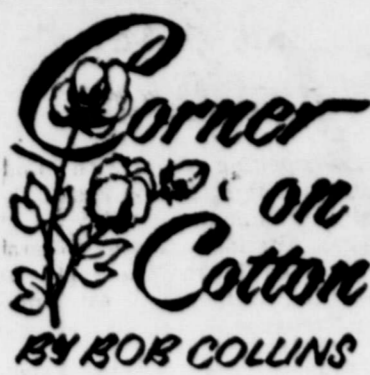


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Cotton acreage for the '59-'60 season is estimated at a little more than 15.8 million . . . that's about 28 per cent over this year's figure . . . just what kind of production will come from the increase will be forecast by the Department of Agriculture on August 10 . . . with a production figure of 466 pounds per acre (that's what happened this season) or a little more — and some people think it may be more — a crop of better than 14 million bales would be in the offing . . . what would we do with this cotton? . . . some long range projections by some pretty smart cotton people indicate that none of it will go into the surplus we now have on hand.

### Mill Use Up

The projections offer this food for thought: Consumption in domestic mills next season may reach nine million bales . . . that's 300,000 bales more than expected consumption during the current season . . . exports may top five million (they are running less than three million this season) as a result of the lower price . . . so, if these projections prove accurate, none of the new crop cotton will add to the surplus, which will be about 8.8 million bales at the end of next week.

### From the Bank

Much of the 28 percent estimated increase in acreage comes from what was the soil bank . . . this program kept out of production about five million cotton acres . . . but despite the increase there is apparently considerable under-

planting since the total allotment for the country is 17.3 million acres.

It's not too surprising to find that the states with the largest percentage of increase over last year's planting are in the South-east . . . for instance, South Carolina has an increase of 143 per cent for the new crop . . . the following table shows the percentage of increase over the '58-'59 crop

South Carolina	143 per cent
Georgia	88 per cent
Alabama	57 per cent
North Carolina	55 per cent

Louisiana	45 per cent
Missouri	35 per cent
Mississippi	31 per cent
Oklahoma	30 per cent
Tennessee	27 per cent
Arkansas	24 per cent
California	20 per cent
Texas	18 per cent
New Mexico	11 per cent
Arizona	1 per cent

Mrs. Ellis Harris has returned home after spending ten days in Fort Leonardwood, Mo., where her son, Danny Harris is stationed.

## Veterans Information

Q — I have a GI home loan I have been paying on for a year. I just heard that the maximum allowable GI interest rate has gone up. Does this mean I have to pay my lender more?

A — It definitely does not. Loans closed before July 2 are in no way affected by the new rate. Only loans made on or after that date can be charged the new

5-14 percent rate.  
Q — I want to go to school under the Korean GI Bill in the fall. How soon after starting school can I expect my first GI allowance check?  
A — In about two months. Under the law, VA allowance checks are payable only after completion of each month of training, and the law allows VA 20 extra days to process checks. So be prepared for a two-month wait before your first check comes.

Miss Paula Byrnes of Houston

is a guest aunt, Mr. and this week.  
Mrs. Johnnie Odessa attended ion Sunday and led home by her who had been v parents, Mr. an Brown and Mr. Wade.  
Mr. and Mrs. A. and daughter, Byrde, days with their son, M. Roy Thomas and childr Noster, Mo.

### The story of

## WILLIAM ALLEN WHITE and The Church Bell

"I don't need to advertise," an established merchant in Kansas once told William Allen White, renowned publisher of The Emporia Gazette. "Everybody knows me and knows what I sell."

"In that event," replied the thoughtful publisher, "we can dispense with the oldest advertising medium for the oldest institution in the world. See that church down the street," continued Mr. White, pointing to one of Emporia's oldest and most beautiful structures, "That church has been established here for many years. Everyone knows what it is and what it does. In the tower of the church is a bell and every Sunday it rings out to remind folks to come to church.

"Shoppers go where they are invited and stay where they are well treated," concluded the publisher.

"Regardless of how well established a firm may be, newspaper advertising is a repeated invitation and a reminder to come and do business with that store."



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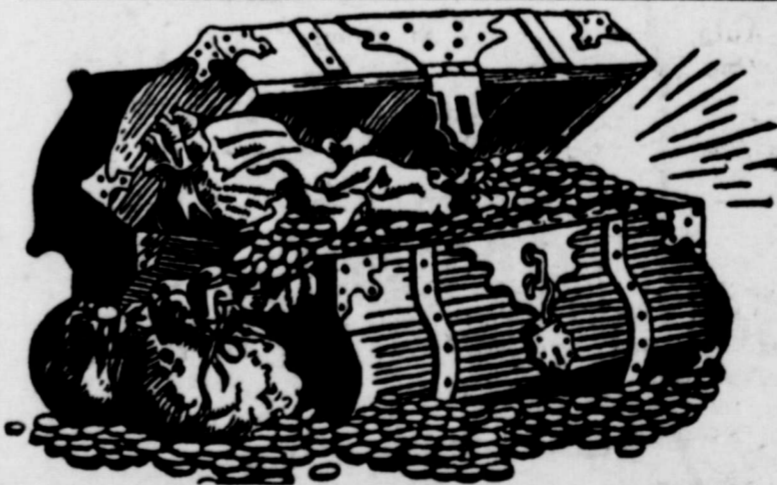
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Glamorous Housework Gloves. Fabric lined, waterproof — extra long cuffs keep arms and sleeves dry.

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ALL BOYS' SHORT-SLEEVE

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# BISCUITS

2 cans 15¢

Limit 6 Cans

WILSON'S Food Store

# SAVE MONEY!

To show their appreciation Merkel Merchants are offering another extra dividend to their customers this

Thursday. — Check the Specials in this ad and —

SAVE 50¢

All Day Thursday you may subscribe to the Merkel

Mail for 50¢ off the regular price. Good for new or renewals.

THE MERKEL MAIL

"Your Hometown Newspaper"



### Lucas-Pursely Engagement Told

After Lucas, Rt. 2, Merkel, announces the approaching marriage of her daughter, to Philip Pursely, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gorsely. The wedding will be solemnized at the Merkel Church on Sept. 4, at 7 p.m. Lucas, a graduate of Noodle High School, is a member of the Abilene Christian College where she is a member of the Gata Social Club. Pursely is a graduate of Merkel High School and attended Texas Tech. He is employed by the Texas Department of Transportation. The couple will make their home in Abilene.

### Brown-Sullivan Wedding Plans Told

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Brown of Merkel announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Shirley, to Philip Sullivan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Sullivan of Hawley. The wedding will be Aug. 15 at 7:30 p.m. in the Stith Baptist Church. A reception will follow at the Stith Community Center. Miss Brown is a 1959 graduate of Merkel High School. Her fiancé, a graduate of Noodle High School and Ranger Junior College, is employed by Service Parts Co. in Abilene.

### STITH NEWS

Mrs. Jessie Lineior is in the Merkel Hospital. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Fritz Hale's mother, Mrs. Ellen Hill, died at her home Friday, July 24, at the age of 90. She had been seriously ill for two months. She is survived by five daughters, four sons, 31 grandchildren, 72 great-grandchildren, and 32 great-great-grandchildren. Funeral services were in Bethel Church at Funston at 3 p.m. Saturday. Burial was in Bethel Cemetery. Her husband preceded her in death on Sept. 23, 1953.

Earl Mashburn died at his home in Rising Star Thursday and was buried in the Stith Cemetery Friday afternoon. He was reared in this community. We extend our sympathy to his family.

The Rev. and Mrs. Horace Tatum of Quincy, Mass., are visiting his parents of Merkel, the Rev. and Mrs. O. N. Tatum, and a sister, Mr. and Mrs. John Browning. Several from the Stith Baptist Church attended a picnic at Cobb on Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Ab Evans and Nancy were in Clyde Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Perry and Martha entertained the young people of the Baptist Church with a social after services Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Odell Newton, Kathy and Roger, of Monahans, and Mr. and Mrs. James Hale, Shirley and Mike, of Midland, visited their parents Saturday and attended the funeral of their grandmother, Mrs. Ellen Hill.

Shirley and Mike Hale are visiting this week with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Hale, while their parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Hale, are in Houston visiting a sister-in-law, Mrs. Alga Davis, who is seriously ill in a hospital there.

Crops are looking good but it has rained again and insects are already in the cotton. Several of the farmers have poisoned their cotton.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Harris, Lonnie and Johnnie, Sunday were the Rev. and Mrs. Horace Tatum of Merkel, and Mr. and Mrs. John Browning.

Don't forget the revival which starts Friday night, July 31 at the Stith Baptist Church. The Rev. Melvin Byrd will do the preaching.

### TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

WOULD like to rent house in or around Noodle. B. L. Davis, Ph. 302-W. 20-3tc

NIGHT CLERK-MAID for Motel. Older unencumbered lady preferred. Apply in person at La Siesta Motel. 20-1tc

LADIES — earn \$57.50 weekly at home. No canvassing — no house selling — no telephone selling. Dignified work. Write Box 21045, Dallas, Texas.

### CARD OF THANKS

Our heartfelt thanks to all who extended comforting sympathy and help in our recent sorrow. For the beautiful floral offerings and other kindnesses we are deeply grateful. Mrs. Wayne Collins and children

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Our heartfelt thanks to all who extended comforting sympathy and help in our recent sorrow. For the beautiful service, floral offerings and other kindnesses, we are deeply grateful. The Earl Mashburn Family.

### Gift Tea Fetes Bride-Elect

Mary Evelyn Hinds of Ranger was honored with a gift tea in the home of Mrs. Twyman Collins.

Receiving guests with Mrs. Collins were the honoree and her mother, Mrs. L. A. Hinds, and Mrs. Buster Horton, mother of the prospective bridegroom.

Mary Jane Horton, sister of the bridegroom, and Carolyn Anderson registered guests.

Music was presented by Mmes. Comer Haynes, Buddy Nail, Buck Leach, Hermon Carson and Horton.

Mrs. J. T. Anderson and Linda Leach served refreshments from a tea table which was covered with pink organdy cloth applied with linen over satin. An arrangement of white asters in a white container flanked by pink tapers in silver holders, centered the table. Appointments were in silver and crystal.

Displaying gifts were Mrs. Mack Fisher and Mrs. Homer Finch.

Others in the house party were Mmes. Jarrett Pinkley, Gordon Pursley, Joe Lassiter, Perry Davis, Ed Sandusky, Don Riney, Nym Teaff, F. D. McConnell, Irl Walker, Howard Carson and Miss Selena Teaff.

Approximately 50 guests registered.

ing. Ira Stanley will be song leader and Mrs. J. B. Harris, pianist. Everyone is invited.

On the sick list the past week were Walter Vantrees and Mary Browning, who had her tonsils removed. Both at improved.

Mrs. James Eubank and daughter, Sheri, visited here the past week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Sherrell, while her husband attended the Fireman's Training School at A.&M.

### Hob Robertsons Take Grandsons To Wink

Terry Stevens of Wink has been visiting his grandparents, the Hob Robertsons, and an uncle, the Glenn Robertsons, for a couple of months. His brother, Bobby, spent the time with their other grandparents in Abilene, the Cecil Stevens. The Robertsons took the boys home to Wink and spent the weekend with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Stevens.

The Stevens boys planted some cucumbers before coming to Merkel for the visit and returned home to find a bumper crop. Mrs. Robertson said. One cucumber measured 10 1/2 inches long and 3 1/2 inches around which is good for the sage brush country around Wink, she said.

### Guesso Circle Meeting Held

The Guesso Circle met in the home of Mrs. Kent Satterwhite Wednesday afternoon, July 22.

Mrs. Bobby Toliver was named reporter to replace Mrs. Jack Boone who has moved to Austin with her family.

Two new members, Mrs. E. A. Conley and Mrs. Jimmy Hobbs, were voted into the club.

Members present were Mrs. Satterwhite, Mrs. Duane Shugart, Mrs. Waymond Hicks, Mrs. Donald Douglas, Mrs. Harold Sloan, Mrs. Bill Tarpley and Mrs. Toliver.

The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Shugart.

### Douglas Family Reunion Held

Descendants of the late Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Douglas met for a reunion July 12 at the Youth Center in Merkel. There were 84 present.

The reunion will become an annual affair and will be held the second Sunday in July. C. J. Douglas, a grandson of Abilene, was selected president and treasurer and his wife is secretary.

Douglas children who were present were Mrs. Ollie Skidmore, Mrs. Ila Irving, Mrs. Nellie Sibbey, Earnest Douglas, Jay Douglas, Joe Douglas, Ben Douglas and O. R. Douglas.

Towns represented were Stamford, Midland, Stanton, Amarillo, Hamlin, Brownwood, Monahans, Trent, Arlington, Houston, Haslet, Abilene, Lubbock and Sweetwater.

Mrs. Faye Hodge returned to her home in Odessa Monday accompanied by her three grandchildren.

### VFW Auxiliary Annual Essay Contest Opens

The opening of its 25th annual National High School Essay Contest was announced today by the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars. The topic will be "Civil Defense — An American Tradition."

Students in all public, private and parochial high schools are eligible to enter the contest. National prizes are: First, \$1,000 cash; second \$500; third \$250; and fourth, \$100; plus 20 cash honorable mention awards. In addition, the federal Office of Civil and Defense Mobilization will award a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond to the first-place winner in each state. State and local contest winners also receive additional Auxiliary awards which vary with the community.

The essay contest was started

by the V.F.W. Auxiliary in 1935 to encourage young people to think and write on patriotic subjects. During the last school year more than 35,000 students from all 50 states and the District of Columbia entered the national contest. Dr. Shane MacCarthy, director of the President's Council on Youth Fitness, was chairman of the national judges.

Further information on the '59-'60 contest may be obtained from local Auxiliary units, or from the Essay Department, V.F.W. Auxiliary, 406 West 34th Street, Kansas City 11, Mo.

Auxiliary members annually give more than three million dollars, and more than six million hours, to volunteer service for hospitalized veterans and their families, community service, Americanism programs, assistance to youth groups, civil defense and legislation benefiting veterans and their families. Members are the wives, mothers, sisters, daughters and widows of veterans who have served overseas in the U.S. armed forces, or women who have themselves had overseas service.

### Quarterly Report Of Taylor County Treasurer

On July 13, 1959, The Commissioners Court met in regular session. Compared and examined the quarterly report of Mrs. Bob Haile, County Treasurer, for the quarter ending on June 30, 1959. And found same to be correct, and the respective amounts received and paid out to be correct since the preceding report.

#### Funds

	Bal. Last Qtr.	Rec'd. This Qtr.	Paid Out This Qtr.	Bal. This Qtr.
Jury Fund	\$ 23,202.40	\$ 1,387.82	\$ 12,802.91	\$ 11,787.31
Precinct No. 1 Fund	31,346.42	55,290.28	22,419.49	64,217.21
Precinct No. 2 Fund	34,306.61	47,032.80	20,150.89	61,188.52
Precinct No. 3 Fund	29,242.86	40,903.68	13,266.36	56,880.18
Precinct No. 4 Fund	12,619.84	48,607.23	34,998.51	26,228.56
General Fund	135,632.10	37,207.83	78,962.89	93,877.04
Pauper Fund	-2,814.60	21,563.84	17,722.97	1,026.27
Road Dist. No. 1 Fund	230.00	.00	.00	230.00
Highway 600 M. Skg. Fund	.00	50.00	.00	50.00
Highway 275 M. Skg. Fund	3,765.52	.00	.00	3,765.52
Perm. Imp. Fund	21,461.11	597.77	.00	22,158.88
Spec. R.&B. Fund	1,286.00	.00	.00	1,286.00
Co. Wide Mach. Fund	2.70	28.11	28.11	2.70
Withholding Tax Fund	3,819.64	11,861.93	11,685.60	3,996.02
Officers Salary Fund	86,995.50	80,574.69	75,329.61	92,240.58
Rd. Dist. No. 1 Skg. Fd. (47-53)	16,859.50	18,230.52	.00	35,090.02
Perm. School Fund	229.75	80.00	80.00	229.75
Lateral Road Fund	72,248.54	.00	.00	72,248.54
F.I.C.A. Tax Fund	9,324.17	7,506.55	5,405.69	11,425.03
Road Bond Series 1953	24,607.40	.00	.00	24,607.40
Library Fund	1,761.72	606.00	313.39	2,054.33
Perm. Imp. Skg. Fd. S. 1954	43,586.14	2,179.86	.00	45,766.00
Rd. Dist. No. 1 Bond S. 1955	2,186.40	.00	.00	2,186.40
Rd. Dist. No. 1 Skg. Fd. S. 1955	17,806.89	1,987.29	.00	19,794.78
Re'fd. Bond Skg., Fd. S. 1957	15,591.12	1,636.31	.00	17,227.63
Road & Bridge R.O.W. Fund	30,144.30	1,396.91	21,997.36	9,543.85
	\$615,442.03	\$378,730.27	\$315,163.78	\$679,008.52

Bank Balances,	\$ 222,342.22	Total Deposits	\$ 679,008.52
Citizens National	249,600.43	Time Deposits	227,503.12
First State, Abilene	108,326.69		
First State, Tuscola	98,739.18	Checking Accts.	\$ 421,505.40
	\$ 679,008.52		

#### Securities Owned by Taylor County,

Precinct No. 3	\$ 5,000.00
Jury Fund	10,000.00
General Fund	24,000.00
Rd. Dist. No. 1 Skg. Fd.	23,848.20
	\$ 62,848.20

Perm. School Fund,	
U. S. Government Bonds	\$ 10,500.00
Everman Ind., School Bonds	8,000.00
San Saba Road Bonds	1,000.00
	\$ 19,000.00

600 M. Skg. Fd. (Perm. Imp. B. S. 54)	\$ 5,000.00
Highway 275 M. Skg., Fd.	1,368.00 (Redemption Value \$1,900.00)
Gov. Bonds Series "J"	\$ 6,368.00

#### Bonds and Warra nt Indebtedness

Issues	Original Issue	Redeemed Bonds	Bonds Outstanding
Bond Series 1947	\$ 350,000.00	\$ 290,000.00	\$ 60,000.00
Bond Series 1953	350,000.00	55,000.00	295,000.00
Bond Series 1954	850,000.00	146,000.00	704,000.00
Bond Series 1955	350,000.00	80,000.00	270,000.00
Bond Re'fd. S. 1957	397,000.00	63,000.00	334,000.00
	\$ 2,297,000.00	\$ 634,000.00	\$ 1,663,000.00

The Requirements of Art. No. 401 P. C. have been complied with, And a tabular statement has been filed as required.

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Commissioner Precinct No. 2

Floyd Tate  
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J. L. McMillon  
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Mrs. Chester Hitcheson  
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- 54 PONTIAC 4 Door Station Wagon, R.&H, Auto Transmission Blue, New Engine Overhaul \$695
- 55 FORD Custom V-8 2 Dr. Heater Overdrive Ivory \$795
- 55 FORD Club Sedan, V-8, R.&H, Overdrive, 2 Tone Blue \$795
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- 2-51 FORDS V-8, 2-Door Sedans. Both In Good Condition. \$195
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- 58 Triumph Motor Cycle, Bought new the 1st of May 1959. Actual Mileage of 3715. All the Extras, Windshield, Big Seat, 4 Forward Gears, Tool Kit, Dual Exhaust, Etc. Beautiful Chrome and Maroon. You must see it. \$875

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**FOR RENT**  
**FOR RENT** — 3-bedroom apartment. Call 27 or 234 after 6 p.m. 5-tfc

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**FOR RENT** — Unfurnished 2-bedroom house. Furnished 3-room house. 402 Ash. Tel. 51 W. 18-tfc.

**FOR RENT** — Large cool apartment. \$50.00 and bills paid. Call 326 or see at 1421 N. 2nd. 20-2tc

**FOR RENT** — 5 room and bath furnished house. Phone 285-W. 20-2tp.

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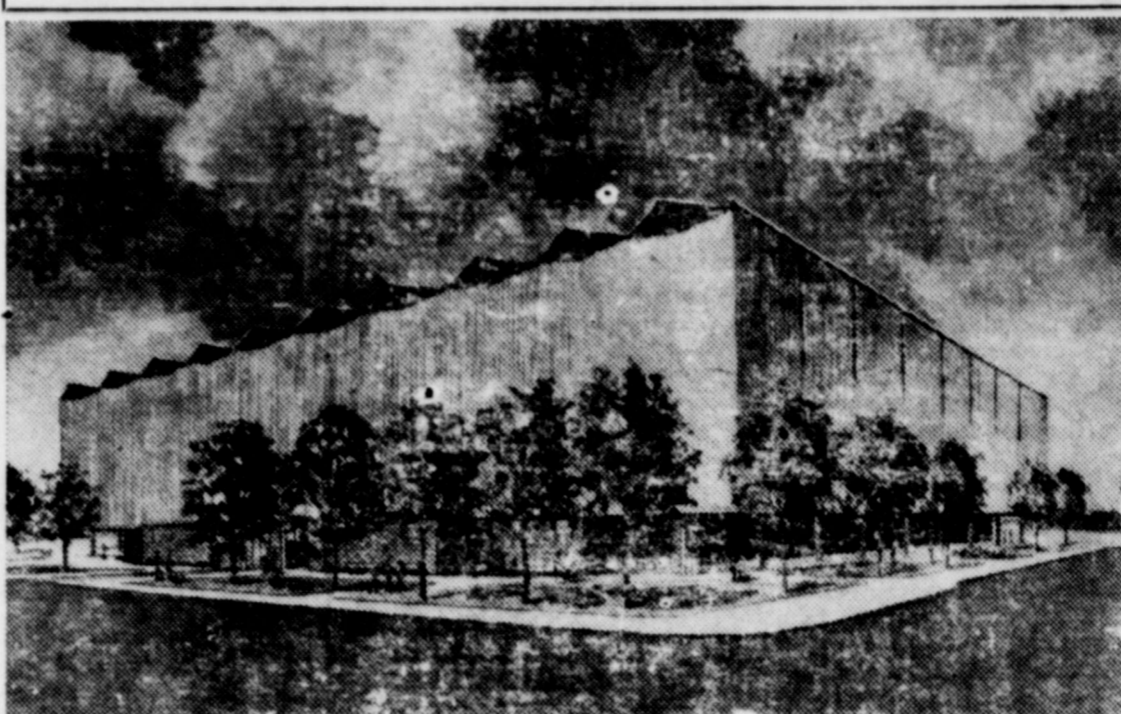
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This huge new \$2,000,000 Livestock Coliseum now under construction on the state fair grounds in Dallas, will be completed in time for the 1959 State Fair of Texas, Oct. 9-25. The Coliseum, seating 7,108, will be the scene of a series of horse shows during the Fair. One of the finest and most modern facilities of its kind in the nation, the new State Fair Coliseum has a 300-foot main hall and is adjoined by a horse building with 304 stalls.

### LEGAL NOTICE

**THE STATE OF TEXAS**  
To any Sheriff or any Constable within the State of Texas—  
**GREETING:**

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for four consecutive weeks, the first publication to be at least twenty-eight 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: Clyde McCombs, Defendant.  
Greeting:  
**YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED** to appear before the Honorable 104th District Court of Taylor County at the Court-house thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 7th day of September A.D. 1959, to Plaintiff's Amended Original Petition filed in said court, on the 23rd day of April A.D. 1959, in this cause, numbered 8503-B on the docket of said court and styled Bessie McCombs, Plaintiff, vs. Clyde McCombs, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: plaintiff and defendant were married on or about the 24th day of May, 1958 and became permanently separated on or about the 22nd day of Nov. 1958.

Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of harsh and cruel treatment. Plaintiff alleges that there was one child born as issue of this marriage and she sues for custody of same 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 the 20th day of July A. D. 1959.

Attest: R. H. Ross, Clerk, 104th District Court Taylor County Texas (SEAL)  
By Irene Crawford, Deputy. 13-20-21-22

**Ike Turner**  
Electrical & Mechanical Contracting  
1038 N. 1st St. Phone 50

### LEGAL NOTICE

**Starr Rest Home**  
By MARY OUTLAW

Isom Burks visited in his home at Trent on the weekend.

Mrs. B. T. Brown of Trent visited her mother Mrs. Carr last week.

We want to thank Uncle Tom Bagby and Ira Cross for the fish they gave the Rest Home.

Rev. and Mrs. Dorn of Trent visited the patients at the Rest Home last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Haskell Moore and daughters, Carol and Beverly of Corpus visited Mr. Turner last week.

James and Ann Rist and Steven and Jimmie of Duarte, Calif., Charles and Janice Rist and Ricky of Pomona, Calif., visited their grand mother, Minnie Meyers, last week.

We want to thank Mrs. J. H. Clark for the nice squash she brought the Rest Home.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Doan and Brenda returned home after a two weeks tour of Calif., Colorado, New Mexico, Nevada and Arizona. While there they visited Disney Land, the Grand Canyon and the Petrified Forest. (P.S. Wiley said he would be glad when Joyce got back to work period, so he wouldn't have to wash. One more week of Day Camp for the Girl Scouts and she will be back to work.

Mr. Morris and two of his nurses from the Roscoe "Morris Nursing Home" visited in our home one evening last week. We were very glad to have them.

Mr. and Mrs. Cross of Houston visited their grandfather, Mr. Ford.

We want to thank Mrs. Billie Walters for the okra she brought the Rest Home.

Mrs. Jerald Thorp and some of the children from the Tye Methodist Church came and sang for the old folks Sunday. They brought boxes of puzzles for the home and a bouquet of flowers for the piano. We were very glad to have them and invite them back again. We also want to thank them for the flowers and puzzles.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Smith of Sweetwater visited his father, Grand Pa Smith last week.

Mrs. Don Hood of Abilene visited her grandmother, Mrs. Vanlandingham Monday.

Mrs. Dougless Chancey of Brownwood visited Mrs. Vanlandingham Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Tyne Perkins of Abilene visited his mother Mae Perkins Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bicknell of Trent visited the Rest Home Sunday. Mrs. Eva May Newberry and Mrs. Ruby Barbican of Abilene visited their mother Minnie Meyers Monday.

Mr. Joe Bryant, Abilene, visited his father, Mr. Bryant Sunday. Mrs. Geta Williamson and Mrs. Buna Stribling of Trent visited Mrs. Steen last week.

Mrs. Clyde Carroll of Hamlin

visited Mr. Turner Saturday. We want to thank Mr. Don Hood of Abilene for the water-melons he brought the home. We certainly appreciate the chair that Ira Cross upholstered for the Rest Home.

### STITH NEWS

This community received 6.02 inches of rain last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilber Loflin and children have returned home after a weeks vacation in Oklahoma. They also visited at Kermit.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bradley last week were their two daughters, Mrs. Robert Berry and children of Lubbock and the Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Row and children of Grand Prairie.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Dunagin, Mary and Randy, visited Mr. and Mrs. Garmon at Coleman Wednesday night and attended the rodeo.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Harris, Lonnie and Johnnie, returned home last week after a two-week vacation in Arkansas.

The Stith Baptist Church was air conditioned last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Burns had a niece, Mrs. Clara Lumpkin of Oklahoma City, visit them last week whom they hadn't seen in 15 years. She also visited a sister, Mrs. Ruby Reddin.

Sam Burns of Abilene visited Sunday in the Jim Burns home.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Rouse and boys, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Green and children and Pattie Paton of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. John Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Butler Donney, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Parsons, all of Truby were visitors in the Hale home last week.

The Rev. Duane W. Amburn, assistant to the president of Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, delivered the morning and evening messages at the First Baptist Church here Sunday. He was accompanied by his wife, who attended the evening service.

Mrs. Mabel Dorton visited friends in Abilene the past week and attended a social for members of the Suzanne Wesley Sunday School class, First Methodist Church. Mrs. Dorton has been the class mother for over twenty-five years.

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## gabby doodle from noon

DEAR MISTER EDITOR:  
All I know about how them Senators and Congressmen carry on the nation's business is what I read in the papers. For instant, I was reading yesterday where one Senator butted in on the proceedings and talked for a hour about somepun else. When they do this, they say they're "rising to a point of order" or somepun. My old lady has been butting in on my conversation fer years without "rising to a point of order." I'm going to call her attention to this new and more orderly system and tell her to watch her manners a little better in the future.

They spend half their time in Congress talking about nothing I recollect one time when Senator Gore from Tennessee had to apologize to Senator Bush from Connecticut fer calling him a gentleman. It seems you're supposed to call your colleagues in the Senate "the distinguished Senator." Then Senator Bush had to apologize to Senator Kerr from Oklahoma. It seems that Senator Bush claimed that Senator Kerr made "false" statements. They looked up the rules on it and decided that the distinguished Senator from Connecticut had called

the distinguished Oklahoma a liar. plain and simple. distinguished Senator another distinguished liar. So Senator amend his remarks, Senator Kerr was h "facts in a careless Such goings on!"

And I remember when Democrat Senat West Virginia got up. "There are 58 Democrats. God bless them are 47 Republicans. Go mercy on them." Some rose up "on a point of and allowed as how such was in violation of the rules. If I recollect it right made Senator Neely amend where God's blessings would on everybody alike, inc. Senator Morse who, at that was calling himself a Independent. I don't recall as how body put in a good word at time fer the taxpayers, like, the good Lord sustain and fort them." But little ones like that to taxpayers is mon in the Congress, Mister tor.

Yours truly,  
Gabby



Dear Friend:  
The charge that this Congress is composed of free-wheeling spenders is a phony charge. It is a propaganda charge. It is an unfair charge.

Let's look at the record. The Congress, traditionally, since the first Congress in 1789, appropriates — generally speaking — less money than the President asks it to appropriate.

Since President Eisenhower took the oath of office, the Congress has cut his appropriation requests by more than \$10 billion. Fat has been trimmed out of every budget.

This year, the Congress has passed six appropriation bills and sent them to the White House. Those bills total \$222 million below what the President asked. So, the Congress has cut \$222 million in fat out of the six bills handled thus far this Session.

Some bills will be increased. This includes the appropriation for Defense. We will increase the Health bill. And Congress will probably increase — above what the President asked — the appropriation for Public Works. These are three appropriations

that will be increased by the Congress. And a majority of the Congress believes these increases are vital to the country.

But the Congress will probably decreases all the other 13 appropriations.

When a summary is made, when the record is completed and the net result is known, the Congress will have appropriated, in my opinion, less than the President asked the Congress to appropriate. On November 18, 1958, I told the President at the White House that I believed Congress would cut his budget as much this year as we did last year.

Some people talk about back-door financing — which simply means borrowing on the Treasury. The largest bit of back-door financing that has been approved by this Congress is the \$4-and-a-half billion that the President asked for the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank.

That, certainly is not the story of a spendthrift Congress.

The Rev. and Mrs. Chan Garrett of Fort Worth were recent guests of Mrs. R. J. Miller and Mrs. H. B. Robertson.

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## Bill Horton, Bill Horton Marriage Vows In Ranger

Baskets of white gladioli and lighted white tapers completed the decorations at the church.

Miss Mary Ellen Defflebach, organist, played the traditional wedding marches, and accompanied Miss Sue Watson, soloist, who sang "Because," "Always," and "The Lord's Prayer." Both are from Ranger.

Candlelighters were Carolyn Shaw, niece of the bride; and Ronnie Hinds, brother of the bride. Miss Shaw wore a dress of pink



MRS. BILL HORTON  
... the former Mary Evelyn Hinds

the Sub Deb Club. She was elected "Best Date" her freshman year and football sweetheart and "Miss R.H.S." her senior year. She was elected "Most Beautiful Girl" her freshman year at Ranger College.

The groom is a graduate of Merkle High School and Hardin-Simmons University. The couple will make their home in Lawton, Oklahoma, where he is stationed with the Army.

## 20 YEARS AGO IN MERKEL

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Shouse, formerly of Trent, have moved to Merkel where Mr. Shouse will be manager of the Guitars gin. They are occupying Mrs. Campbell's stucco house on Ash Street.

With modern new equipment, Carson's grocery has added a market department, which is ready for service for Friday and Saturday specials. Announcement of the enlarged facilities for customers is carried in their ad elsewhere in this issue of the Mail.

## 40 YEARS AGO IN MERKEL

Claude Riney left Tuesday for Eastland where he is still employed with Elrod Engineering Company.

Through the Merkel Realty Company, J. C. Mason purchased from J. H. McDonald the latter's farm of 160 acres three miles north of Trent.

J. M. Garrett, public weigher, is installing modern scales. Team or wagon may be weighed at the choice of the patron. Special permit has been granted for installation of scales between Burton Lingo and Boyce building. They are a great improvement over the old scales.

Miss Mary Campbell has finished her summer course at Simmons College and returned home Saturday. She is highly pleased with Simmons. She will likely teach this fall.

Some people habitually go to church late. We don't know whether it is just a habit or just to miss the collection plate.

J. W. Teaff marketed his wheat, raised on his farm south of Tye, netting him \$41.50 an acre. That shows that land values are entirely reasonable in this section.

R. B. Wells of Route 4, made a trip to Austin this week. He said crops were good all the way but nothing to compare with this section. Most crops had too much rain and the crops were full of weeds. He thinks our prospects are better than any other section of the country.

Poison plants are usually not a problem if livestock have plenty of grass to eat.

## UP THE CANYON

By TOM RUSSOM

Well we could write a lot on rain this week as it would seem everyone has received plenty of moisture. Crops have really grown the past ten days. We just don't know about the cotton which is making a splendid growth and the bugs could get into it easy enough.

The Joe Seymore family went to Brownfield over the weekend for the Flippin reunion, Joe's mother's family. They report a wonderful time.

G's mother, Mrs. A. R. Toombs' were in Snyder over the weekend for a family get-together of R. G.'s mother, Mrs. A. R. Toombs's family.

Rains up to three inches over the Canyon were reported Monday morning. My, things are in fine shape, as fine as we have ever seen.

Attendance at Pioneer Church was down Sunday due to family reunions and vacations.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Russom and son, Donny, have returned from a week's trip through deep east Texas. They visited Tom's sister, and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ebb Bradshaw and daughter, at Quitman. They also visited in Gilmer and Kilgore.

You have often heard, "seeing is believing." Well, I have the cattle business in mind. From Fort Worth to the east side of Texas we saw grass as fine as it has ever been with plenty of good and plenty of sorry cattle. No cotton to speak of. And other points in north east Texas we visited were the same way, grass and cattle.

It leaves a question in our mind as to how long the cattle prices can hold under such pressure.

Morise Johnson and brothers, who have been buying cattle out of East Texas, were to leave early Tuesday morning to buy more. He says the cattle they have bought have done real well.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Merritt Sunday were Major Ben Gilliland of Carswell Air Base, Fort Worth, Mrs. Emma Curtis of Tulsa, Okla., Mr. and Mrs. Jack Curtis and Susan of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Rosson of Snyder.

Ralph Bartlett, who teaches the fifth grade in the Denver, Colorado, schools, is here for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Bartlett.

## Ribera Aboard Oiler In Review

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. (FHT-NC) — Nariesso C. Ribera, commissaryman third class, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Francisco Ribera of 129 Lois St., Merkel, serving aboard the oiler USS Ponchatoula, took part in a full-scale naval review and visit to San Francisco, Calif., July 17-20, after completing a major exercise held off the California coast.

The 15,000 men and 26 ships of the U.S. First Fleet were reviewed by Admiral Herbert G. Hopwood, USN, the Commander-in-Chief of the U.S. Pacific Fleet, as they passed under the Golden Gate bridge.

The exercise which preceded the San Francisco visit involved fast-moving aggressive attack car-

rier teams which struck at simulated mainland targets as naval air patrol squadrons and submarines held the defensive roll.

Exercises of this type are designed to give advance training to personnel preparing to make cruises with the U.S. Seventh Fleet in the Western Pacific.

Mr. and Mrs. Forest Harper and children, Katherine, Robert and Nancy of Odessa visited Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Miller and Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Robertson the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Leach and daughter, Linda Mrs. Twyman Collins and Mr. and Mrs. Irl Walker attended the wedding of Mary Evelyn Hinds and Bill Horton in Ranger Monday night.

Mrs. E. W. King was called to Paris Thursday due to the death of her brother-in-law, George W. Terry.

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**NOW**, — in full-sized Frigidaire home food freezers — we bring you the same amazing FROST-PROOF principle — proved in scores of homes in your own community.

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- Quick-Freezing throughout (not just on special shelves) with Flowing Cold.
- Slide-Out Basket is great for bulky, hard-to-stack packages.
- Five big door shelves, plus Juice-Can Dispenser.
- Giant 16.0 cu. ft. capacity gives you room for months of frozen food.
- Popular upright style is like a pantry for frozen food.
- Exclusive "Frigi-Foam" insulation leaves more space for storage.
- 3-Year Food Spoilage Warranty and 1-Year Product Warranty plus 4-Year Protection Plan.

For as little as **\$5.24** PER WEEK  
PLACES THIS FREEZER IN YOUR HOME

West Texas Utilities Company

**HURRY IN!**  
We're back! Frigidaire Gold Crown models!





# CARSONS' SUPER Pitcher of Contentment Values

## COMPARE our price

Only The Best Is Good Enough For A CARSONS' Super. Our Fruits and Vegetables are Selected by Experts and Shipped Fresh Direct to OUR STORE Daily. Yes Keith's Fresh Fruits and Vegetables assures You The Best in the Midwest. You May See Your Produce From Clean, Self Service Cases that Keeps the Produce Crisp and Fresh. Yes, Compare for Freshness For Less.

— PRICES GOOD —

JULY 30-31 and AUGUST 1st — Thurs., Fri., Sat.

**Lipton**  
TEA BAGS  
12-qt. Size — **49¢**

**Lipton 1/2 lb. Tea**  
**69¢**

BE SURE TO SHOP EVERY DAY IN MERKEL FOR APPRECIATION DAY

SEE OUR TIME SALE FOR APPRECIATION DAY ON PAGE 4

## Finest Quality MEATS



Gooch's FRESH  
**Pork CHOPS** 2 **39¢**  
End Cuts POUND

JOE'S FRESH MARKET

PURE PORK **SAUSAGE** Lb. **39¢**

FRESH LEAN **Pork ROAST** Lb. **39¢**

Gooch's PICNICS — — — — lb. 29c  
Choice Beef CHUCK ROAST — — — — lb. 53c  
Fresh BEEF LIVER — — — — lb. 49c  
Gooch Cello RODEO WEINERS — — — — 3 lbs. 89c  
Gooch's Ranch Style

**BACON** 2 lbs. **89¢**

FRESH GRADE "A" **FRYERS** Lb. **29¢**

MISSION  
12-oz. can  
**SODA POP**  
3 CANS FOR **23¢**

Bob Massey  
SORGHUM  
or  
RIBBON CANE  
**SYRUP**  
1/2 Gal. Can — **98¢**

● PANTRY NEEDS ●

HUNT'S 46-oz. Can  
**TOMATO Juice** - 2 for **49¢**

Renown 303  
**TOMATOES** - - 2 for **25¢**

VAN CAMPS 300  
**PORK & BEANS** - 2 for **25¢**

KIMBELL'S NEW 303  
**POTATOES** - - 2 for **25¢**

DEL MONTE 303  
**PEAS** - - - - 2 for **33¢**

DEL MONTE 303  
**Golden CORN** - - 2 for **35¢**

FAB  
King Size Box — **98¢**

VEL  
Giant Box — **63¢**

LUX  
Liquid Giant — **59¢**

Proctor & Gamble  
**Mr. CLEAN**  
Pt. **39¢**

Garden Fresh  
**Vegetables**

Thompson Seedless  
**GRAPES**  
Lb. **15¢**

ARK. ELBERTA  
**PEACHES** - - lb. **10¢**

FRESH COUNTRY  
**CORN** - - ear **5¢**

Fresh  
**BELL PEPPER** - - - - lb. **19¢**

Fresh Crisp  
**LETTUCE** - - - - lb. **12¢**

Fresh  
**CABBAGE** - - - - lb. **5¢**

BEKO LONG WHITE  
**SPUDS** - - - 10 lbs. **49¢**

CHOP DOWN COST AND BUY  
**NU-WAY BLEACH**  
AT  
**10¢** Quart

Scotts WALDORF'S  
**TISSUE**  
3 Rolls - **19¢**

**FOLGERS COFFEE** Lb. **59¢**  
One Limit Please

**MORTONS SALAD Dressing** - Qt. **39¢**

**FLOUR LIGHT CRUST** 5 lb. box - - - **39¢**

**SPAM HORMEL'S** - LIMIT 2 - 12-oz. can - - - **39¢**

**PEACHES VAL VITA** 2 1/2 can 2 for **49¢**

**SNOWDRIFT** 3 lb. Can - - - **63¢**

MORTON'S  
**POTATO CHIPS**  
Bag - - **15¢**

CARSONS' SUPERMARKET

MERKEL, TEXAS  
STORE HOURS  
WEEKDAYS: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
SATURDAYS 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

TRADE WITH US AND BANK THE DIFFERENCE