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Tell-Tale Fe-Mail

By M. L. G.

Have you ever wondered which is correct: "There is no one here but me" or "There is no one here but I?" Carroll H. Jones, author of the column, "Watch Your English" in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, says both are. The choice depends upon whether one considers "but" a preposition or a conjunction.

I don't know which I would use, because there isn't usually "no one here but I — me." If no one else, always present are Phoebe, Tip and Calico — the canine and feline members of the family. And lately a skunk, from the smell of things.

Which reminds me — not the skunk, the "no one here" — of the joke about the salesman who called a prospective customer the other day and the phone was answered by what was obviously a small boy. "Is your mother or father home?" the salesman asked. The child said no. "Well, is there anyone else there I can speak to?"

"My sister," the youngster piped. There was a rather long period of silence, then the salesman heard the boy's voice again. "I can't lift her out of the play pen," he said.

And that brings to mind the story about the proud grandmother (are there any other kind?) who was out for a Sunday afternoon stroll with two visiting grandsons when she met up with an old friend. "My, what good-looking boys!" the friend exclaimed. "How old are they?" "The doctor," said the grandmother. "Is four, and the engineer is two."

That, of course is carrying a grandmother's pride a little too far. How in the world can one tell what little boys of two and four are going to grow up to be? Now, with a little girl it's different. Especially if at seven months she can say "bye," walk all over the house (in a walker, of course) and recognize ice cream when she sees it. To such intelligence, add long black eyelashes, beautiful blue eyes and an adorable smile and you're bound to have something special.

What is the perfect woman? The fanciful recipe of the Hindu god who created woman is as follows: "Take the lightness of the leaf and the glance of the fawn, the gaiety of the sun's rays and the tears of the mist; the inconstancy of the wind and the timidity of the hare; the vanity of the peacock, and the softness of the down on the throat of a swallow. Add the harshness of the diamond, the sweet flavor of the honey, the cruelty of the tiger, the warmth of fire and the chill of snow; the chatter of the jay and the cooing of the turtle dove. Melt and mingle these ingredients and woman is the result." Now you know.

Then there was the group of intellectuals who had a get-together in a Merkel home one night. I suppose they are intellectuals — they spent the evening reading a book.

Before someone calls me "gabby" I'd better close shop. A reminder — "Don't be so busy sawing wood that you haven't time to sharpen the saw."—Old Saw.

You can buy your new license plates in Merkel at the city hall. Just thought I'd remind you before you go trotting out of town for something you can get here. All you need do is rob the piggy bank, take your car title and license receipt with you to the city hall and '60 plates will be yours.

Merkel's newest tee vee star is Horace Hargrove of "Charley Brown" fame. Those of you who didn't see him make an appearance on the screen in your living room this week, missed a gentlemanly performance. You would have been disappointed, though, 'cause he didn't sing Charley Brown or anything else.

Seems we will soon have nush-buts for everything. Makes one tired just to think of all the

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P-TA To Observe 63rd Birthday On February 17

Some 12 million Americans at home and abroad will observe the 63rd birthday of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers, February 17.

Parent-teacher associations, dedicated to the welfare of children and youth, will observe Founders Day in a variety of ways. The aim will be to recall the spirit of two forward-looking women who recognized the need for special attention to the nation's youth — Alice McLellan Birney of Georgia, wife of a Washington, D. C., attorney, and Phoebe Apperson Hearst of California, widow of a California senator and a leader in Washington philanthropic and educational circles.

These founders, concerned about the plight of children growing up in ignorance and neglect, on February 17, 1897, called a meeting of all mothers who shared their interest. The 2000 who came formed the nucleus which has grown into some 45,500 P.T.A.'s in the nation's communities. The organization has also followed Americans thousands of miles from home to military bases where they first establish a school, then a P.T.A.

During the month of February local units make use of the opportunity to extend special invitations to citizens who are not members, as well as to those who are to honor and give recognition to local people, who are dedicated to the welfare of children and youth, and to inform the changing membership of the organization's traditions and achievements.

The Texas branch alone, which has just observed its golden anniversary, has 2650 local units, with some 687,000 members.

Said Mrs. T. W. Whaley of Koss, president of the Texas Congress, "Our State Congress has just observed its 50th birthday in a blaze of glory. We can rest, however, upon our former successes. We must gird up our loins to meet the challenges of the present and the future."

H. C. Chancey, Retired Stith Farmer, Dies

Hosea Callaway Chancey, 78, former Stith farmer, died at 2 p. m. Thursday at Sadler Hospital after a short illness.

Funeral was held at 2 p. m. Friday at Starbuck Chapel, with the Rev. Alvis Cooley, pastor of the First Methodist Church, officiating, assisted by the Rev. Al Dickey, minister of the Assembly of God Church.

Burial was in Stith Cemetery under direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

Mr. Chancey was born Oct. 16, 1881, at Ozark, Ark. He moved to the Stith community in 1904. He was married to Rosa Cross of Stith March 14, 1904, and had lived in the Merkel and Stith communities continuously. He moved from Stith to Merkel in September 1958 after he retired from farming.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Willie of Merkel and Hosea Cleo of Grand Prairie; two daughters, Mrs. Maggie Stovall of Tye, Mrs. Ruth Jones of Lamesa, Calif., one brother, Pitt of Ozark, Ark.; 10 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren.

Lynda Jones Wins Homemaker Prize

The 1960 Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow in Merkel High School is senior Lynda Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Jones.

She received the highest score in a 50-minute written examination on homemaking knowledge and attitudes taken by graduating senior girls. She will receive an award pin, manufactured by Jostens and representing the slogan, "Home is where the heart is."

Her examination paper will be submitted for competition with other high school winners to name the state Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow.



CHAMPS — Chester Collingsworth, Merkel Vocational Agriculture teacher, and Farriss Neill, FFA member, are shown with Neill's first place Southdown lamb at the Fort Worth Fat Stock Show. The Merkel FFA member also won the showmanship award for his division of the show.

OTHO SMITH, RETIRED TRENT RANCHER, DIES

Otho A. Smith, pioneer rancher in the Merkel and Trent communities, died at 6 a. m. Sunday in Sadler Clinic Hospital here after an illness of three weeks.

Russell Named To Adviser Post

Jim Russell, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Russell of Merkel, was recently named power use adviser for New-Mac Electric in Onco-sho, Mo.

Russell's duties in the new post will include assisting cooperative members in making the best use of electricity. He will aid members in figuring the actual cost of installation and operation of electric heating, and will assist 4-H Extension Clubs and other groups which call upon the co-op for help with electrical programs, according to Manager J. F. Lauderback.

The new adviser studied agricultural education at the University of Arizona and at Texas Technological College. Three years ago, he showed the champion Hereford at the Kansas City Royal livestock show.

Russell is married to the former Loretta Carter of Neosho and has two sons, one and two-and-a-half years of age.

Mr. Smith was born March 3, 1873 in Hunt County and moved with his parents in a covered wagon to near Merkel in 1889. He worked as a cowboy for Davis Brothers Ranch, part of which was where the town of Hamlin now is located. During the time he was employed by Davis Brothers, he made five trail drives from Texas to Kansas City.

Mr. Smith was married to Ada Ola Jennings Aug. 13, 1901 in Merkel. The couple bought a ranch south of Trent and lived there until his retirement in 1953 when they moved to Trent.

Surviving are his wife; two daughters, Mrs. Leslie Beasley of Trent and Mrs. Allen Terry of Fort Worth; one brother, E. Clyde Smith of Odessa; one sister, Mrs. Ed Eilana of Midland; three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Pallbearers were Clark Hamlin, Lonnie Halbrooks, Tom Williamson, John Strawn, Richard Scott and John Hamner.



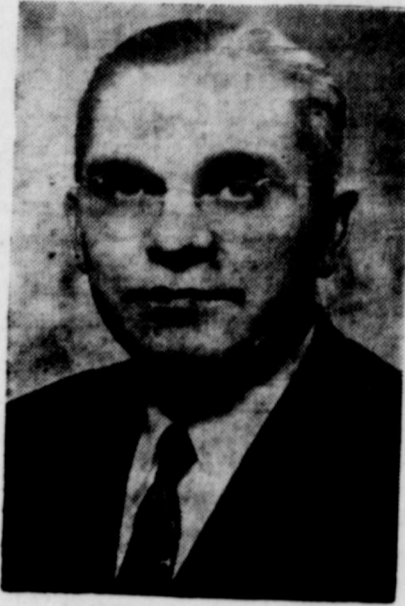
MOTHER'S DAY — Mrs. Bill Hays of Merkel pins second lieutenant's bars on the shoulder of her son, Carroll Hays, a January graduate of Hardin-Simmons University. Young Hays was commissioned Saturday after completing the ROTC program at H-SU. He will begin active duty with the Army at Ft. Benning, Ga., April 18.

SUL ROSS COLLEGE PRESIDENT TO BE C-C BANQUET SPEAKER

Bryan Wildenthal, president of Sul Ross College in Alpine, will be the featured speaker at the Merkel Chamber of Commerce banquet in the school cafeteria at 7:30 p. m. Thursday, Feb. 18.

Wildenthal, a native Texan, holds the Ph. D. degree in Economics from the University of Texas. He taught Economics at South West Texas State College at San Marcos for twelve years, and served as business manager of that college. He served as president of San Angelo College for two years, and became president of Sul Ross in 1952.

During World War II, he served as general assistant to the director of operations of the American Red Cross in the Pacific Ocean area. He is a member of the Methodist Church, the Rotary Club, various professional educational associations, and has been active in Boy Scout work for many years. At present he is serving as vice president of the



BRYAN WILDENTHAL

Buffalo Trail Council of West Texas.

The evening's program will al-

so include naming an "Outstanding Citizen," introduction of new officers and directors, and dinner music by the Merkel Swing Band, directed by W. G. Reed.

Tickets are \$1.50 and may be bought in advance from Chamber of Commerce members, at the Chamber office or Merkel Drug.

EARL BAZE RESIGNS TAX POST

Earl Baze has resigned as tax-assessor-collector for the Merkel Independent School District, a post he held for almost 13 years.

Baze, whose resignation became effective Feb. 1, has accepted a position with the Taylor County Tax Office.

Mrs. Maxine Buchanan Baccus was named to the vacated tax-assessor post by the Merkel School Board at a meeting on Feb. 1.

The board accepted Baze's resignation with regret and expressed appreciation for the many years of efficient and conscientious service he rendered to the local district.

Future Teachers Meet Slated At NTSC Feb. 19-20

DENTON—Approximately 1200 high school students will attend the annual state convention of the Future Teachers of America at North Texas State College, Feb. 19 and 20.

"Quality Teachers for Tomorrow" is the theme to be followed by the students in workshops and by guest speakers.

At the opening session the afternoon of Feb. 19, delegates will hear a talk by Mrs. M. K. Anthony, Wichita Falls history teacher. Speaker for the concluding banquet the next night will be Dr. John McFarland, superintendent of schools at Houston.

Other convention features will be the selection of a Mr. and Mrs. FTA, judging of best chapter yearbooks and scrapbooks, and the awarding of two \$1,000 college scholarships by the Texas State Teachers Association.

Dr. C. S. Blackburn, NTSC education professor and state FTA advisor said the number of official delegates will be limited to 800. An additional four or five hundred are expected from near-by areas and will not be housed overnight on the college campus.

Officers of the high school organization are Camille Webb, Vernor, president; Eugenia Messer El Paso (Austin High), vice president; Colleen Roach, Sherman, financial secretary; Mildred Spitzberger, Stephenville, recording secretary; Cynthia Sinclair, Vernor, corresponding secretary; Dale Pitts Amarillo (Palo Duro High), parliamentarian; and Anne Carole Brown, Temple, historian.

Merkelites' Son Receives Award

Capt. James E. Farmer, adjutant of the U.S. Army Hospital, Ft. Sill, Okla., was recently presented an Oak Leaf Cluster to the Army Commendation Ribbon. Farmer, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Farmer of Merkel, was cited for outstanding duty, leadership and knowledge of hospital administration.

Larry Dudley Winner of Trip

Larry Dudley, Fort Worth Star-Telegram agent in Merkel, won a trip to the Fort Worth Fat Stock Show in a subscription selling contest.

Larry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Quannah Dudley, was the winner in competition with other agents in the 50 to 150 subscriber field. While in Fort Worth he stayed at the Texas Hotel.

TALENT SHOW SLATED BY MERKEL 4-H CLUBS

The Merkel 4-H Clubs are sponsoring a talent and fashion fun festival at 7:30 p. m. Friday, Feb. 26 in the high school auditorium.

Admission will be 15 cents and 25 cents with proceeds to be used to erect a 4-H Club sign near Merkel on Interstate Highway 20.

The contest is open to the public with entry fee set at 50 cents per person according to Mrs. Ford Smith Jr., mother leader.

Entrants will be grouped as follows: (1) preschool through 5th grade, (2) 6th grade through 8th grade, (3) 9th grade and up, or adult group.

The first group will be awarded

cash prizes of \$1.50, \$2.50 and \$5 for first, second and third place winners. The next group will get \$2, \$3.50 and \$5 and the third, \$5, \$10 and \$15.

Judging the contest will be impartial judges selected by Sybil McDaniel, assistant county home demonstration agent.

All 4-H Clubs are especially urged to enter one or more members. Deadline for entries will be Wednesday, Feb. 24.

Entry fee and information may be sent or taken to Mrs. Dorothy Smith, 608 Cherry St. or Mrs. Ford Smith Jr. at the Gulf ware house or 704 Locust after 6 p. m.

Trent To Name 4 City Officials

Three councilmen to serve two years each and a mayor will be named in a city election in Trent at the Star Hardware Store on April 5.

Council members whose terms expire are Weldon Beasley, Billy Wayne Hamner, L. D. Jones and Mayor Cecil Taylor.

Candidates for the three places and mayor's post have until 12 noon March 5 to file for a place on the ballots.

Polls will be open from 8 a. m. to 6 p. m. W. C. Matthews will be election judge.

A. J. Barbee Honored by APHA

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (Special) — A. J. Barbee of Rt. 2, Merkel, has recently been issued a lifetime membership in the American Polled Hereford Association, according to Mr. D. W. Chittenden, Executive Secretary.

There are more than 12,000 active member-breeders of the American Polled Hereford Association, national registration and promotion organization of the Polled Hereford beef cattle breed. Association headquarters are located in Kansas City, Mo.

Mrs. Odell Eoff has returned to her home after spending two weeks in Dallas with her sister, Mrs. Ray Spurgin and Mr. Spurgin. Mrs. Spurgin, who underwent major surgery, is reported to be improving satisfactorily.

Taylor Electric Panel To Meet

The Educational Committee of the Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc. of Merkel will meet at the Pleasant Hill Community Center south of Abilene Friday, Feb. 19.

The meeting will begin at 10 a. m. Lunch will be served at noon.

Candidates for the House of Representatives from this area have been invited to attend.



SAN ANGELO BCD DIRECTOR — Stanley B. Toombs recently accepted an appointment as a director of the San Angelo Board of City Development. Mr. Toombs, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Toombs of Merkel, was graduated from Merkel High School in 1937. He owns and operates the Ford tractor dealership and a transport company serving the oil fields in oil and water hauling. He has lived in San Angelo since 1949.

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Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Robertson and son Rodney, are attending the Fort Worth Fat Stock Show. Rodney, who entered one 4-H calf and one F.F.A. placed second in the junior class division and won a seventh place in senior class.

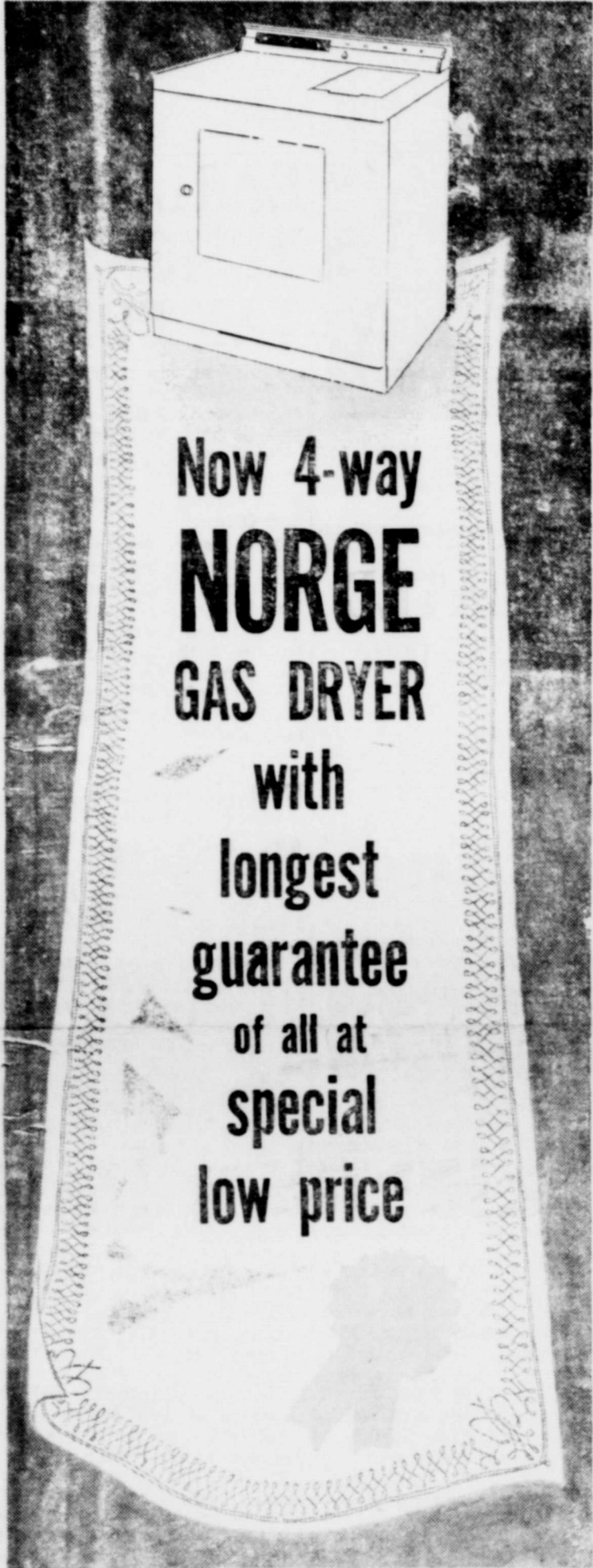
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STATE CAPITAL Highlights AND Sidelights by Vern Sanford

AUSTIN, Tex. — Here we go again!

It seems as if a segment of Texas history is repeating itself as the state and numerous gas companies go to court to decide the constitutionality of a new gas tax.

Some 80 gas companies have filed suit asking the court to declare invalid the natural gas severance beneficiary tax passed by the Legislature last summer. Six of the suits are set for trial beginning Feb. 15.

They will be tried in the same Austin district court in which the contest over the old gas gathering tax was begun. This tax law was passed by the Legislature in 1951 and eventually declared unconstitutional by the U.S. Supreme Court.

Gas companies are attacking the new severance beneficiary tax on much the same grounds they did the gathering tax. They contend it is in violation of interstate commerce laws.

Passage of the severance tax came after one of the hardest battles of the stormy six month session. It places a 1.5 per cent levy on the pipelines, on the grounds that they benefit from the taking out of the gas.

Revenue-wise, the gas tax represents a rather modest portion of the overall tax program passed in 1959. It was estimated it would bring in about \$15,000,000 of an overall \$185,000,000.

SHORT BALLOT — In the 12 races for statewide office this year, there will be only 22 candidates.

Six state officials are seeking re-election unopposed.

Some years ago, there were almost as many candidates in the governor's race alone as there are now for all the statewide offices. In those days the filing fee was only \$100. Today's price is killing off the competition.

Filing fees today are 3 per cent of annual salary, which runs \$1,250 for governor \$1,125 for U.S. senator, \$890 for lieutenant governor etc.

WATCH THAT "FLU" — If you're one of those lucky Texans who hasn't yet been hit by influenza, State Health Commissioner J. E. Peavy has advice for you: "Don't take any chances."

In several cities the flu has reached epidemic proportions. Dallas reported the highest flu-caused death toll since the 1918 siege.

Dr. Peavy said flu ordinarily lasts three to five days but must be taken seriously because of the possibility of complications such as pneumonia.

He advised against self-treatment and urged victims to go to bed and call a doctor at the outset.

P-T-A ENDORSES SESSION — Some 85 per cent of local P-T-A leaders in Texas favor a special session to raise teachers' salaries, according to a report made to Gov. Price Daniel.

Mrs. T. W. Whaley of Kosse, president of the Texas Congress of Parents and Teachers, told the governor that executive committee members of 563 local P-T-A units were polled.

She said 8,155 favored a special session, 847 were undecided and 563 were against it. There were no suggestions as to how to pay the bill.

Governor Daniel has held off calling a special session pending the development of enough public and legislative support to carry it through to success.

POLL TAX ASSAILED — Next Texas Legislature may be called upon to vote on whether the U.S. Constitution should be amended to outlaw the poll tax.

U.S. Senate has voted out a proposed amendment to void the tax. It goes next to the House, which

has passed such a measure five times before.

If the House passes it it will then have to be ratified within seven years by the legislatures of three-fourths of the states.

Texas is one of five states which still have a poll tax. Others are Virginia, Mississippi, Alabama and Arkansas.

LICENSE PLATES ON SALE — Texas drivers have from now until midnight, April 1, to get new license plates for their cars.

State Highway Engineer DeWitt C. Greer predicts that nearly 5,000,000 cars will be registered this year. This adds up to some long lines April 1 unless a lot of people buy early.

Greer emphasized the importance of each vehicle owner's registering his car or truck in his own home county. When he goes to register, each owner should take his certificate of title and last year registration receipt.

Penalty for an improper registration is \$200.

This year's license plates are black with white letters.

CITY-COUNTY STUDY — Texas Commission on City and County Government plans to send a questionnaire to city and county officials and other interested persons on the possibility of combining some city and county functions.

Aim, according to the Commission, would not be to combine city and county governments but to find ways to economize by eliminating duplicating services.

Seventeen Texas counties, it was pointed out, have 55 per cent of the state's population. It is in these areas that city and county problems tend to overlap.

PRICE FIXING CHARGED — Atty. Gen. Will Wilson has charged a Wisconsin manufacturer of drafting equipment with fixing the prices of goods sold to the state.

Suit was filed in an Austin district court against the Hamilton Manufacturing Co. of Two Rivers, Wisconsin.

Wilson contends the company, distributors, set the prices on more than 200 different items totaling \$100,000.00.

Benjamin Franklin once said, "Doing an injury puts you below your enemy; revenging one makes you but even with him; forgiving one sets you above him."

Mrs. McCandless Hosts SS Class

The Dorcas Sunday School class of the First Baptist Church met in the home of Mrs. W. A. McCandless Thursday, Feb. 4. Mrs. W. M. Hays and Mrs. Ada Higgins, were co-hostesses.

Mrs. Hays gave the devotional from Psalms 91. Prayer was by Mrs. Higgins.

Mrs. Lige Harris, president, presided. Minutes were read by Mrs. Lon Stephens, social secretary.

Reports were given by Mrs. Higgins, general flower fund chairman, and Mrs. Blanche Amason, publicity chairman.

Refreshments with valentine favors were served to Mes. Stephens, Maggie Ervin, Emma Wheatley, Harris, Higgins, Hays, Amason and McCandless.

Mrs. Earnest Meeks of Butman was a visitor in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Amason Saturday.

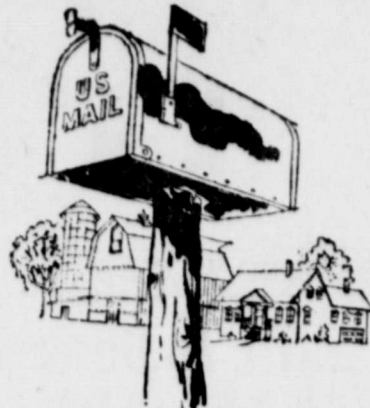
Interim Pastor At Trent Church

The Rev. Ira Harrison of Abilene has been called to serve as interim pastor of the First Baptist Church in Trent.

The Hardin-Simmons University

graduate recently ended three months work with the Elmwood Baptist Church in Abilene.

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FARM BUREAU "WEEK" PROCLAIMED — Governor Price Daniel is shown signing a proclamation designating Feb. 14-20 as "Farm Bureau Week" in Texas. Looking on are (left to right) J. H. West, Bishop, president of Texas Farm Bureau; Millard Shivers, Waco, TFB Director of Organization; and George K. Marshall, Leander, president of the Travis County Farm Bureau. Farm Bureau membership enrollment activities will be concentrated during this special "Week." County Farm Bureau's across the state have set quotas totaling more than 83,000. The 1959 membership of the TFB was 79,414.

MRS. DAYTON HOSTS LAMBDA BETA MEET

The Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met in the home of Mrs. R. E. Dayton Tuesday evening, Feb. 2. Mrs. Patsy Hunter was co-hostess.

Mrs. Joe Lassiter and Mrs. Luther Reeger presented the program on "Nature's and Artist's Landscape."

Mrs. Lassiter said that Robt. F. White, professor of landscape at A&M College, divided nature's landscape into three categories—rural, urban and personal. He defines beauty of countryside, she said, as "satisfaction in the sight one beholds to the point of being elevated above thought of self while at the same time creating an inner feeling of well-being, a feeling of being at peace with the world."

STITH NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Chester McWilliams were honored with a tea at the Stith community center Monday night, Feb. 1. Guests were registered by Sandra Hale. Pat McDonald laded punch and Martha Perry cut the cake. The honorees received a number of gifts.

Mrs. Paul Bradley and Mrs. Lonzo Peterson visited their sister, Mrs. Jessie Davis and Mr. and Mrs. George Harris, all of Abilene Tuesday.

Fritz Hale, who spent several days the past week in the Sadler Clinic Hospital due to flu, has returned to his home and is much improved.

Mrs. Billy Ray Browning is reported improved after having been hospitalized at Sadler Clinic Hospital as results of the flu.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Vickers visited the past weekend with his parents in Austin.

Mrs. A. M. Jackson is spending a few days with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Dunagin, Mary and Randy.

F. J. McDonald and George attended the Fort Worth Fat Stock Show the past weekend. They were accompanied by his mother, who visited her sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Rogers and baby of Lubbock visited his mother, Mrs. Grace Rogers and attended church at the Stith Baptist church Sunday.

Other visitors at the Stith Church Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Rust and son of Cisco and Mr. and Mrs. Walker and children of Hawley.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Berry and children of Lubbock visited over the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bradley.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Rust and son of Cisco, Mr. and Mrs. James Strange of Odessa, the Rev. and Mrs. Jesse Swindell and Mrs. J. E. Swindell were dinner guests Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Jones.

TRENT NEWS

Mrs. Frances Baker of Austin was a weekend guest in the home of her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. John B. Winn, of Trent.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Estep of Paint Rock visited in the home of his mother, Mrs. S. H. Estep of Trent, the past weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. McLeod, and Mrs. Geta Williamson and Mrs. C. C. Stribling have returned from Lamesa where they visited H. W. Beckham, brother of Mrs. Williamson and Mrs. Stribling, who is seriously ill at his home there.

Mrs. Tittworth of Snyder visited her sisters in Trent the past weekend.

Mrs. Floy Massey of Denton was a visitor in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Winn and other Trent friends the past weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Trevathan of Wichita Falls visited Mrs. Geta Williamson and Mrs. C. C. Stribling the past weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Taylor and Mrs. Elizabeth Duncanson of Houston and Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Winn Jr. of Odessa were weekend visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Winn.

Among those attending the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Winn of Trent, were Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Stiles and daughter, Kay Lou, of Sweetwater, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Boyd of Hamlin, Fannie Groom of Lamesa and Sheriff and Mrs. J. H. Woodard, Will Howell and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bowers, all of Abilene.

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WCSA Tea Slated In Largent Home

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the First Methodist Church will observe their 20th anniversary with a tea in the home of Mrs. Tom Largent, Tuesday, Feb. 15 at 3 p.m.

Mrs. Jack Stroube of Abilene will be guest speaker.

All women of the church are invited to attend, Mrs. Largent said.

Compere HD Club

The Compere Home Demonstration Club met in the home of Mrs. J. E. Touchstone on Jan. 28 with Mrs. I. B. Ray, president, presiding.

Mrs. Kenneth Vancil gave the council report.

The program on "Choosing and Planting Roses" was presented by Mrs. Newberry.

Refreshments were served to eight members, one visitor and three children.

The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Ray on Feb. 11.

The current \$4 million CAPE Food Crusade campaign to send 4 million packages overseas will actually bring 28 million worth of food to hungry people in 15 countries. U.S. farm foods donated by the Government account for the largest value. Each gift will be delivered with the names and address of Americans who send \$1-per-package to CARE Food Crusade New York 10, N.Y.

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TELL-TALE

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button pushing one will have to do. The latest one is a new clinical thermometer which has a watch-type dial with a pushbutton that eliminates having to "shake down" the instrument before the next use.

"Wish they had thought of that one a long time ago. I've broken more thermometers! Every time I go to shake one down, it flies right out of my hand and across the room. It got so bad there several years ago that I was told to place the thermometer, if I found it absolutely necessary to use one, carefully in the middle of the bed and His Highness would shake it down when I came charging home.

Water Plan Need Told By Johnson

State Majority Leader Lyndon B. Johnson said Sunday that water resources development shows a "positive and increasing array of benefits vastly exceeding the dollar costs."

The Texas Senator, in a weekly radio broadcast beamed at his home-state constituency, told his listeners:

"Such development is a solid investment in America's future. It is the type of investment that may be continuing dividends — by the day, by the month and by the year — to our nation and everyone in it."

Johnson noted that the explosive increase in population, and the ever-increasing per capita consumption of water, presents a "critical problem and an inspiring challenge to our economists and our engineers."

He quoted figures showing that while the nation's population doubled between 1900 and 1950, the total consumption of water quadrupled.

Demand for water, he said, continues to rise.

Studies based on 1950 levels of water consumption, indicate that rate will be doubled by 1975. The situation, he said, calls for far-sighted planning and added, "There is much to be done. The time is short. The need is great. As responsible Americans, we need get on with the job."

Favorite breakfast dish at orphanages in Poland is "Zupa mleczna z ryzem"—milk soup with rice, made from the powdered milk in CARE's \$1 food packages. Poland is one of 15 countries whose needy are helped by contributions to the CARE Food Crusade, New York 16, N.Y.

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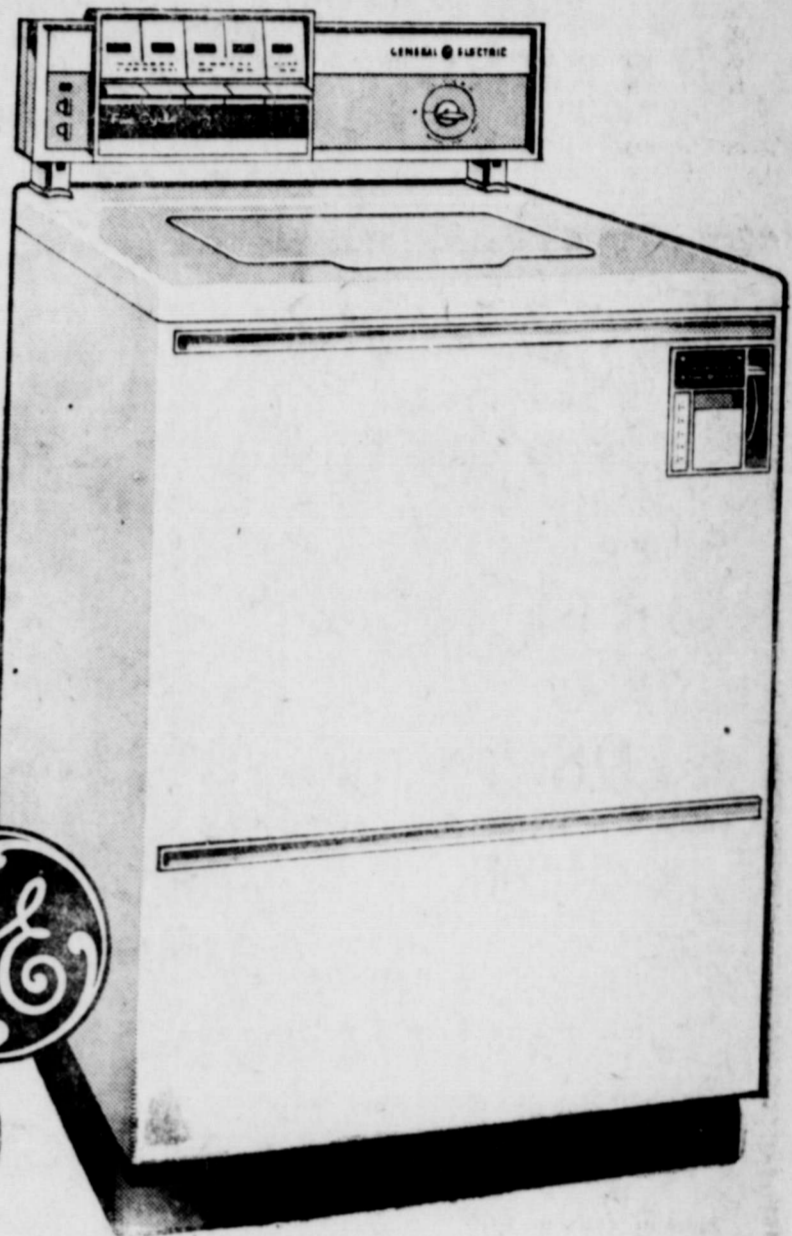
We want to thank our many friends for all the acts of kindness during the illness and death of our loved one. We thank Dr. Warren and all the hospital staff, also Mrs. Cooper for her help, and all who sent the lovely flowers and food. May God bless you all.

Mrs. Calloway Chancey and family

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GREENFIELD-WOMACK MARRIAGE ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew J. Greenfield are announcing the marriage of their daughter, Peggy Deen, to Delwin Ray (Bud) Womack, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Womack of Olney.

The couple exchanged marriage vows in San Angelo Nov. 7, 1959.

Mrs. Womack attended Merkel schools and Draughon's Business College at Abilene. She has been employed at Abilene Printing and Stationery Co. as secretary to Charles A. Lacy Jr., vice president.

Her husband is a graduate of Olney High School and is employed by Bill Lisle Drilling Co., Inc.

The couple will reside at 301 S. Ave. F, Olney.

BADGER TALES

By RUTHA CORDER

The Future Teachers are on a money raising campaign and if anyone plans to escape they had better do it quick. About last Monday fifteen cartons of mixed nuts arrived and are to be sold at a dollar a can. The funds from these are to pay for the trip to Denton, Feb. 19. If any of you people are in the habit of buying nuts be sure to buy them from the right people, and if you don't like nuts you can always give them away. Just as long as you buy them. Why don't you stock up? Buy a carton.

Penny Gardner, Lola Loflin and Tommy Lewis have been inspired to practice their horns day and night. They just got back from

Austin where they heard the State Band. They said with a little practice that it might sound as good as Merkel High's. I think they may have been being sarcastic.

A few of them ordered records of the band and are insisting that everyone come listen. After I have heard it I will decide on which band is the best. Have no fear, band fans. I feel certain that our band would sound as good if we practiced constantly, had new horns, and were accomplished musicians.

Flu has reached the point that nearly everyone has had it, has it, or in the process of taking it grand old doors of Merkel Schools might close until a few recovered but the chances look slimmer everyday. Almost all of the teachers are back and the students

come dragging back. There are a few more in number every day. The boys in High School are starting on a new "body-building" program. Before they are through we may have a few "Tarzans" walking around on the campus. Who knows, a thousand years from now people may look back on the "men of Merkel" as they now do on the young men of Greece.

TEL Class Meets In Jackson Home

The T.E.L. Class of the First Baptist Church met in the home of Mrs. Bessie Jackson on Feb. 3. Mrs. Eunice Massey was co-hostess.

Mrs. Massey presided at the meeting which opened with a

prayer by Mrs. E. W. King.

Mrs. A. R. Booth brought the devotional.

Refreshments of waffle sandwiches, cake and coffee were served by Mrs. King, Massey, T. J. Bird, Booth, Clint Satterwhite, Ira Moore, Myrtle Walker, John Mansfield and Houston Robertson.

Gardeners Meet In Reeger Home

The Merkel Garden Club met in the home of Mrs. L. W. Reeger Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Carroll Benson was co-hostess.

Mrs. W. T. Sadler, president, presided at the business session when Mrs. Dale Litton, recently named to the Fort Worth Judges Council, reported on her first

meeting with the group.

Mrs. S. D. Gamble was leader of the program on "Building for Better Homes." Also on the program were Mrs. R. W. Shields and Mrs. Odell Freeman.

Red linen mats were used on the serving table which featured milk glass and silver appointments. Red carnations and small hatched ties with red, white and blue ribbon, completed the decor.

The next meeting will be at the Merkel Country Club on Feb. 16 when Mrs. Robert Hicks and Mrs. Dept Gibson will be hostesses.

Every time an American gives \$1 to send a CARE Food Crusade package to a school in Pakistan, it means that 16 needy children will get a glass of milk every school day for a month.

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Group II

Consists of our entire stock of Ladies' and girls' Fall Coats. This is our final close-out. FOR DOLLAR DAY ONLY

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Group III

Consists of our entire stock of Ladies' Fall Skirts. A real value for you. FOR DOLLAR DAY ONLY

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MEN'S SLACKS

Every pair of Men's Fall and year-around dress Slacks to close-out. Such fabrics as all Wool, Wool blends, Rayons and Rayon Blends, Nylons, Darcons, and others. Sizes 28 to 48. FOR DOLLAR DAY ONLY

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Consists of broken lots and sizes in Ladies' Casual, sport, and dress-type shoes in leathers. These are new styles from our Fall stock. FOR DOLLAR DAY ONLY

1-4 off

Group IV

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State meeting of Merkel Lodge No. 710. A.F. & M. Thursday, Feb. 18, 8:00 p.m. All members are urged to attend. Visiting brethren cordially invited.
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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: Stanley W. Merrell, Defendant, Greeting:
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 29th day of February A.D. 1960, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 15th day of January A.D. 1960 in this cause, numbered 24-617-A on the docket of said court and styled Connie L. Merrell, Plaintiff, vs. Stanley W. Merrell, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and defendant were married on the 18th day of February, 1956, and became permanently separated on or about 1st of January, 1957.

Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of harsh and cruel treatment.

Plaintiff also sues for custody of minor child 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 15th day of January A.D. 1960.
(SEAL)
Attest R. H. Ross, Clerk,
42nd District Court,
Taylor County, Texas
By Irene Crawford, Deputy. 45-46-47-48

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A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit:

plaintiff and defendant were married on or about the 20th day of March, 1947 and became permanently separated on or about the 13th day of November, 1955. Plaintiff sues for divorce on ground of harsh and cruel treatment and asks for custody of the minor child born as issue of this marriage as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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

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

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 25th day of January A.D. 1960.
(SEAL)
Attest R. H. Ross, Clerk,
42nd District Court,
Taylor County, Texas
By Irene Crawford, Deputy. 46-47-48-49

20 YEARS AGO

T. B. Strickland of Wynne Wood, Okla., arrived Friday of last week to visit his daughter, Mrs. D. I. Shelton. On Tuesday he left for Los Angeles, Calif., to visit another daughter, Mrs. Sylvester Frost, and expected to stop en route at Odessa to visit a granddaughter, Mrs. William Sheppard.

Earle Watts removed with his family to Wink last weekend, where he has accepted a position as manager of the Wilson "M" system store.

Mary Love Tipton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ira (Happy) Huff of Menard former Merkel residents, were weekend guests in the home of Mrs. Hester Groene. Mr. Huff retired the past week after almost 45 years of service with the West Texas Utilities companies.

Two babies, both boys, were born at the hospital during the past week. The parents are Mr. and Mrs. John Boyd of Trent, and Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Howell of Trent.

Overnight guests Monday with A. C. and Clyde Sears were James Snyder of Moran, J. C. Bones of Shamrock and Glenn Elliott of Albany, all of whom are also students at Texas Tech, Lubbock. The Sears boys, Truett Patterson and Don Warren, who were home for mid-semester vacation, returned Tuesday to Lubbock.

Returning from a visit with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Imes of Tulsa, Okla., Mr. and Mrs. Tom Largent were accompanied home by their granddaughter, Carla Lou Imes.

40 YEARS AGO

Messrs. Joel Counts and Jack Key, experienced and capable workmen, are now with McFarland Garage.

In wrestling match in this city last Monday night between John Chadwick of Merkel and Harry Soboda of Waco, the former came out winner, therefore retaining the championship. We also learn that he was successful over a northwestern and Western champion at Abilene Wednesday night.

A. B. Patterson, one of the proprietors of the City Meat Market, recently purchased a home on Oak Street, and this week moved to same.

A very pretty home wedding was solemnized last Sunday, Feb. 1 at twelve o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Thornton when Miss Pearl Thornton became the bride of Mr. Claude Kyle, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Kyle of Mountain Park, Oklahoma. The Rev. Parrack officiated and following the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride.

Will Merritt and Jack West returned the first of the week from a pleasant trip to Canyon.

Alex Wisdom, now of Eastland and once a prominent citizen of Merkel, is here representing the Wisdom Realty Co. He has many friends here who are glad to have him pay our city a visit again.

Coke County Pays Bounty For Rattlers

AUSTIN — Coke County paid \$3,921 in bounty to rattlesnake hunters in 1959, according to Warden Raymond Taylor, stationed in that county. Some 5,842 snakes were captured.

Bounties were paid as rattles were deposited at the County Clerk's office. Each hunter had to prove that the snakes were taken in Coke County.

Only 87 sets of rattles were turned in the first month. However, this number increased during the spring and summer, as snakes began coming out of their dens.

The biggest increase came later during the winter months, when hunters captured large numbers of snakes in their dens. Many individuals have become snake-hunting professionals. Taylor reports that one hunter collected some \$736.50 in snake bounties from October through December. This same hunter found and killed 62 rattlers under one rock. He took 253 sets of rattles one day, and 251 sets on another occasion.

To drive the snakes out of their dens during cold weather, the hunters sprayed dens with gasoline. As the snakes crawled from the dens for fresh air, hunters chopped off their heads with sharp hoes.

The Coke County Commissioners Court voted last February to pay a 50 cent per snake bounty for a year. County officials have indicated that they may pay it again this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira (Happy) Huff of Menard former Merkel residents, were weekend guests in the home of Mrs. Hester Groene. Mr. Huff retired the past week after almost 45 years of service with the West Texas Utilities companies.

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Tax Man Sez:

You probably have been reading where Internal Revenue is cracking down on expense account gouging. The tax officials in Dallas protest the use of the word "crackdown." They say they are just taking a closer look at travel expense deductions. Most of us would like to have a hunting

lodge, a seashore vacation, a yacht and some of the other expense account items. Unfortunately, it looks like we can't put them on the expense account if and when we ever do arrive.

Nowadays men don't talk about women as much as they used to. Most of today's conversation is devoted to overtime and time-and-a-half.

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Mrs. S. J. T. Williams of Abilene was a guest in the home of her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Buster Horton, over the weekend, and helped to celebrate birthdays for two members of the family.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Amason were visitors in the home of her son, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Horton and children, and his sister, Mrs. May Douglas, all of Abilene, Tuesday.

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ACHS Smashes Badgers, 78-57

Teamwork paid off in Bennett Gym in Abilene Friday night as Abilene Christian High School swept to a 78-57 victory over the Merkel Badgers.

Phil Seymore took scoring honors with 31 points for the Badgers. However, the combined efforts of Doug Beaty, James McCown and Jack Pitts, who scored 21, 20 and 20 points, respectively, were too much for the Merkel quint to overcome.

ACHS	18	30	48	78
MERKEL	12	27	40	57

gabby doodle from noodle says:

DEAR MISTER EDITOR:

You town folks that don't git these agriculture handouts like us farmers and ranchers is bound to be pritty ignorant on what the research folks is doing to this country. Ever onct in a while I aim to bring you taxpayers up to date on where some of your money is going in this field.

For instanc, the United States Army is now conducting a expensive study on hollerin'. They've hired what they call a "accoustic expert" in New York to do the research.

I'll grant that the Army has what lawyers call a "vested interest" in hollerin'. If any agency of the Government needs to know how far a good holler will carry, it's the Army. But I don't think this study will help the civilian taxpayer none. He already knows all about hollerin'. He ignores hollers mostly. A husband will not hear his wife's hollerin', a pupil will not hear the teacher hollerin', and a worker tries not to hear the boss hollerin'.

We already got the hollerinest Army in the world. If they wasn't to improve on hollerin', it should be worked out fer the civilian, not the soldier. A whole series of excellent hollers, loud, long, and clear, won't even git the television set turned off at my house. I think this hollerin' project should be turned over to a Household Defense agency or somepun.

And maybe you didn't know it yet but the agriculture department of the University of Arkansas has developed a new type of black-eyed peas. Nothing seems sacred to them research fellers. It ain't possible to improve on the black-eyed pea and I wish they'd leave it alone.

And it seems the poultry department of the University of Tennessee has perfected a chicken meal made from chicken feathers. This pamphlet I got calls it "hydrolyzed feather meal." My chickens has been doing pritty good fer 50 year on corn so I think I'll stick with it, mostly on account fo I can't pronounce "hydrolyzed" good enough to buy any.

And if that ain't enough, the University of Georgia is growing watermelons without seeds. They're growing these melons from regular watermelon seeds. What's worryin' me is how they aim to grow 'em when they git it to where there ain't no more seeds.

In the last two year I've got a pamphlet from the Government on the "Economic Status of the Bald Eagle" and one on "How To Tell the Age of a Fish." I didn't read 'em on account of I ain't never saw a bald eagle and my only interest in a fish is his weight, not his age. But this will give you a idea, Mister Editor, of some of the mail us farmers and ranchers gits. I'll keep you advised if they find out how to grow feathers on a horse.

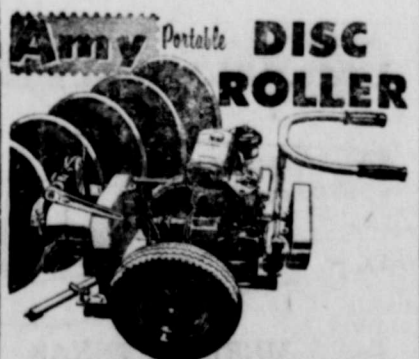
Yours truly,
GABBY



New Arrivals

A.L.C. and Mrs. Bill Wheeler of Reese Air Force Base announce the arrival of a 4 lb. 2 oz. son, Craig Leland, on Jan. 24.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Wheeler of Merkel and Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Price of Snyder.



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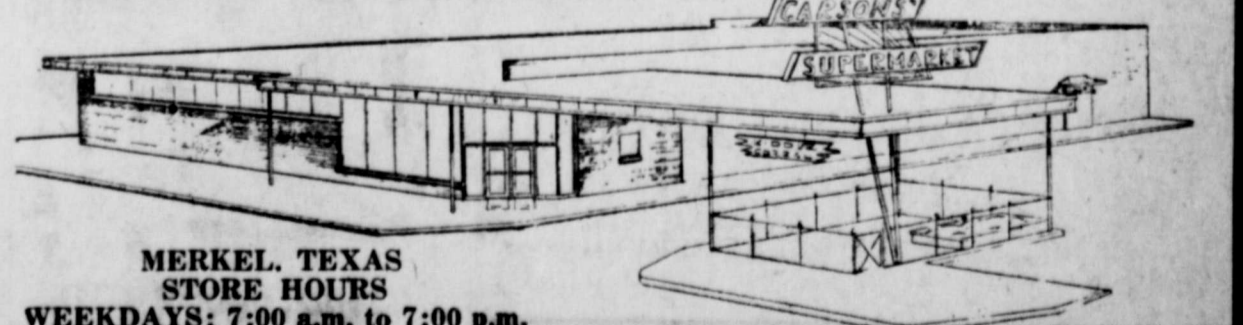
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