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Tell-Tale Fe-Mail

By M. L. G.

Several readers have called our attention to a letter that appeared in the December issue of *Mechanix Illustrated Magazine*. The letter was from an irate motorist who was stopped by the highway patrol and brought to the Merkel justice of peace office to pay his fine. He didn't mind being stopped but objected to the \$15.50 court cost he thought was assessed by the local JP.

The justice of peace does not set the court cost when a traffic violator is stopped by the highway patrol. The state has a mandatory minimum court cost charge of \$15.50. This is assessed, together with the amount of the fine, on any charge where the person pleads guilty. This does not apply when the city police stop someone. In that event, the local JP sets the court cost at the amount he sees fit. R. H. Buchanan, Merkel justice of peace said.

Another thing that has been brought to our attention is the increase in the number of highway traffic violators being "brought in" to the local JP office, many of them out-of-state cars. When asked why the increased activity in his office, Buchanan could give no reason for it but readily admits that there has been an increase of "about 50 per cent" since he has been in office. As for the number of out-of-state cars, he says they are brought in because if they (traffic violators) leave Texas before paying the fine, the cost of collecting from them would be prohibitive. Consequently, they are hauled in right then and there.

Business has been good, there's no doubt about it. In fact some days it's so good that the Merkel city policeman has to go out to the highway and escort the violators into town — two and three cars at a time. Another indication that business is good in this department, is the amount of income reported by the Merkel justice of peace for the past year. His gross income, almost all of it coming from criminal convictions, totaled \$29,928.36. After expenses, he turned in \$27,673.80. In other words, an average of almost \$92 per day was collected in fines in Merkel.

Well, we have tried to think of ways to route some of the Interstate 20 traffic into Merkel and it seems with the aid of the highway patrol we've done just that. The question is, will these same people who were traveling the by-pass when they were escorted into our town, by-pass the Interstate in this direction in the future? At any rate, the town of Merkel is getting to be well-known from coast to coast — as the little place near Abilene with a "speed trap." Funny how people blame a whole town for such as that. Honest, I don't have a thing to do with it, do you?

Since speeding is the major cause of traffic deaths in Texas and throughout the nation, traffic should be slowed down, even if it means all of the violators on Interstate 20 have to be hauled into Merkel to do it. However, if this is to be the case, it's too bad we didn't all chip in and pay the \$2.50 tuition fee for one of the highway patrolmen in this area to attend the public relations course held here recently. Maybe he would have learned to issue a ticket in a courteous manner. Reports of his ill-mannered, insolent ways have been many but the reports that have been most disturbing are the ones from teenagers who say he uses profane language when he stops them. This is inexcusable and is certainly not representative of Texas Highway Patrolmen. As a whole, they are a fair, courteous group.

What to do about this rude attitude is what everyone wants to know. After all, when a citizen has to listen to the insults of a patrolman or knows it is the better part of wisdom to hold his tongue and bear it. And yet, the law is supposed to be the servant and not the master of free man. The Texas Law Enforcement Foundation warns that a breakdown in citizen responsibility precedes any breakdown in good law enforcement.

So, in the final analysis, it is up to the individual citizen to see that there are no objectionable (Continued on Page 4)



MARGARET C. GARY
general office manager



MISS ALZELLE ELKINS
assistant manager



MRS. WELDON BEASLEY
junior accountant



B. J. GIST
consumer consultant

3 TAYLOR ELECTRIC EMPLOYEES PROMOTED

Promotions for three employees of Taylor Electric Cooperative Inc. were announced Saturday by Lester F. Dorton, manager.

Directors approved promotions for Miss Adelle Elkins, from general office manager to assistant to the manager; Mrs. Margaret C. Gary, from general ledger accountant to general office manager; and Mrs. Weldon Beasley, from secretary to junior accountant.

Also, Manager Dorton announced the employment of B. J. Gist, Hamby farmer, as consumer consultant. He will work especially with the education committee coordinating its activities.

Miss Elkins is a long-time employee of the TEC, coming to the organization from the Cleburn County Electric Co-operative in 1943. She had been a bookkeeper at Coleman and came to Taylor Electric as chief accountant.

She was advanced to the position of general office manager in July, 1951.

Miss Elkins was reared in Coleman and is a graduate of Coleman High. Her step father, Bar

B. J. Gist Named To Co-Op Staff

Employment of Billy Joe Gist, Hamby farmer as consumer consultant of Taylor Electric Cooperative Inc. has been announced by Lester F. Dorton, manager.

Gist, director of the Texas Farm Bureau from District 7, has taken an active part in the policy making activities of the farm organization both on the local, state and national level.

He has served as chairman of the state Farm Bureau's rural road committee, the Texas A&M College committee, and other important committees.

Gist was born in Taylor County 43 years ago the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Gist of Hamby. He and his father have extensive farming and livestock interests in partnership and he leases additional land, raising cotton, grain, sorghum, wheat and cattle.

He married the former Miss Alva Lee Thompson of Abilene in 1942. They have two children, a daughter, Donnie Lee, 13, and a son, Joe Eddy, 8.

Gist is a graduate of McMurry College, a lay leader in the Hamby Methodist Church and a member of the Hamby school board. Gist's father was long a member of the board of supervisors of the Middle Clear Fork Soil Conservation District.

He and his father have maintained a comprehensive soil and water conservation program. They have designed a water spreading system which utilizes the rainfall run off of adjoining farms.

Gist will serve as coordinator of activities of the co-op's educational committee, of which he and his wife are members.

Hubert Thomson To Preach Sunday At Local Church

Dr. Hubert Thomson, district D'strect of Methodist Churches for the past six years, will preach his last sermon in that capacity Sunday evening at the First Methodist Church.

The occasion will be the Fourth Quarterly Conference of the Merkel Church when plans for another year will be made. Officers will be elected for the 1960-61 conference year and reports will be made by the Rev. Alvis Cooley, pastor, and officers of the church.

The entire church is invited to attend the evening worship service at 7:15 p.m. and to stay for the quarterly conference, Rev. Cooley said.

Fire Damages H & H Laundry

H & H Laundry at 105 Runnels St. was heavily damaged by a fire which broke out about 1:30 a.m. Wednesday.

One side containing wringer-type washers was demolished but the other side, which was equipped with coin-operated automatic washers, was not damaged. There were about 20 washers at the laundry.

Chester McWilliams of the Merkel fire department said the fire apparently started at a water heater. No estimate was made of the value of the building and equipment destroyed.

It took about 20 minutes to extinguish the fire but firemen were called back Wednesday afternoon. An inspection of the blackened building revealed some timbers still cracking but there was apparently no danger it would start again.

Dana Durham To AID Pledge

Dana Durham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wren Durham, is a pledge to Alpha Lambda Beta, freshmen honorary society at North Texas State College.

Miss Durham made the fall semester with a 2.5 grade point average.

L. B. Chapman, veterinarian from Abilene will be in Merkel at the City Hall Wednesday, April 20 from 2 to 6 p.m., to vaccinate dogs. Charges are \$2.50 for each dog, which includes the tag and certificate.

MEMETERY FUND

The following persons have made contributions to the Merkel Cemetery Association fund:

- Leldon T. Goode
- E. Yates Brown
- Mrs. J. A. Cooley and daughter, Ruth and Reba, visited the Rev. Cooley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Cooley of Hamlin, over the weekend. The Rev. Cooley was in-revival services at White Deer the past week.

J. L. WHITE, MERKEL BUILDER, DIES AT 69

Jesse Lecl White, 69, longtime resident of Merkel, died at 8 a.m. Thursday, April 7 at his time as the result of a heart attack.

Born Oct. 27, 1890, in Erath County Mr. White moved to Merkel when a young boy. He was married to Ora Bland on March 1, 1912 in Sweetwater where he worked for the Texas and Pacific Railroad as construction engineer.

When the couple moved to Merkel several years later, Mr. White farmed and went into the building business. He was owner of White Construction Co.

Mr. White served on the city council for several years and had been a member of the equalization board. He played a prominent part in getting the streets of Merkel paved.

Funeral was held at 3 p.m. Friday at the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Mart Hardin, pastor and the Rev. Hugh Hunt of Lubbock, officiating.

Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery with Starbuck Funeral Home in charge.

Survivors include his wife and three children, Billy Joe, Maureen, and Mrs. Alf Walla, all of Merkel; seven grandchildren; one brother, J. C. White of Midland; and one sister Mrs. A. R. Johnston of Santo.

Pallbearers were Booth Warren, Raymond Ferguson, Cyrus Pee, W. W. Toombs, Ray Wilson, Cramer Reynolds, Hoyt Reagan, M. A. Noster, Louis Floyd, Frank Breaux, B. W. Merritt and Joe Cypert.

District Winners To Attend Region Meet In Denton

Ten Merkel high school students won places at the District 10-A meet in Albany Saturday making them eligible to go to the regional meet in Denton on April 22-23.

Winners in track and field events were Roger Moore in the 880; James Bible, shotput; Mike Farley, mile run; Dewell Burden, 100-yd. dash and 220; Jeff Smith, 120-yard high hurdle. They were coached by Burl McCoy.

In literary events, winners were Jenny Gardner and Mike Barby, typing; Carole Perry, shorthand; Mike Farley, extemporaneous speaking and Rutha Corder, ready writing.

Miss Gayle Givens coached the typing and shorthand entries. Miss Ola Hughes and Charlene Curb coached the speaking and ready writing students.

Baptist Church To Hold Revival

Revival services will be held at the First Baptist Church April 17-24. The pastor, Mart Hardin, will do the preaching.

Sam Ligon, minister of music for the church, will be in charge of the music.

Three services will be held daily. There will be a 7:00 a.m. service for the working people, a 10:00 a.m. service, and one at 7:30 p.m. for the general public.

Rev. Hardin said the public is invited to attend.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WINS DISTRICT MEET

The Merkel Elementary School copped first place in the District 10-A Literary Meet held at Albany last Saturday.

Merkel had a total of 57 points, Albany 56, Clyde, 54 and Cross Plains 41.

Winners for Merkel were: Roger Dickey, second in Junior Boys' Declaration; Hayden Griffin and Sue Holloway, third in 5-6 grade spelling; Cynthia Ayers and Johnny Hardesty, third in 7-8 grade

spelling; Larry Howard, first in Number Sense; Barbara Gilmore, second in Number Sense; Katie Neill, second in Story Telling; Carole Sue McAninch, third in Ready Writing; Picture Memory team composed of Wyonna Doan, Bronwyn Gamble, Pam Walla, Pat Bigbee, Vickie Doan, Mamie Patterson Myrtle Davis and Sue Pinckley won second place.

Although Merkel won only one first place, enough second and third places were annexed to nose out Albany for the team title.

Scout Troop 157 Makes Flowers

Girl Scout Troop 157 met Thursday night with Jamie Hull presiding.

Members worked on Kleenex flowers for Easter.

Present were Lucky Patton, Linda Kay Luke, Billie Holmes, and leaders, Mrs. Berna Torrence and Mrs. Dottie Gauthe.

Sherry Martin was a visitor.

\$434 COLLECTED HERE IN EASTER SEAL DRIVE

A total of \$434.79 was collected Thursday evening in the local Easter Seal campaign to help crippled children.

The first door-to-door delivery of the seals was sponsored in Merkel by the Lambda Beta Chap-

ter of Beta Sigma Phi. BSP members will also conduct Easter Lily sales in the downtown area Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week.

Eighty per cent of the money collected in the drives will go to West Texas Rehabilitation Center in Abilene, which treats handicapped children in the entire West Texas area free of charge. The balance to the money goes to unorganized areas in Texas and the National Crippled Children program where part of it is used for research.

TAYLOR CO-OP MEET SCHEDULED FOR MAY 12

The annual membership meeting of the Taylor Electric Cooperative Inc., will be held in the annex Thursday, May 12, according to Sam Butman Jr., secretary.

"The directors," said Lester Dorton, manager, "decided to stay within the official family for the chief speaker at this year's meeting."

Bryan Bradbury, Abilene attorney, and counsel for the cooperative, will give the principal address.

For the first time since the cooperative was formed there will be no proxy voting at this year's meeting. The membership voted last year to amend the constitution, abolishing the proxy-voting privilege, on grounds "that no member is entitled to vote if not interested enough to attend the meeting."

Plans to submit another proposed amendment to the constitution are being considered, that of staggering terms of office of the directors. At present all nine

Sunrise Service Here Easter Morn

A sunrise service will be held at the Grace Presbyterian Church at 7 o'clock Easter morning.

The Rev. Harry Saries pastor of Central Presbyterian Church in Abilene will conduct the communion service.

DISTRICT 15-B LEAGUE MEET WON BY TRENT

Trent placed first in elementary and high school events at the District 15-B interscholastic literary meet held in Trent Friday.

In the high school event, Trent was first with 142 points; Hobbs, 2nd, 84 points; Blackwell, 3rd, 60 points; Divide, 4th, 54 points; and Highland 5th, 5 points.

Trent received 76 points for first place in the elementary contest; Divide was second with 46 points; Hobbs 3rd, 32 points; and Blackwell, 4th, 17 points.

High School Division

Junior high declamation girls — Beverly Halford, Trent, first; Charlotte Maule, Hobbs, second; Carolyn Walker, Hobbs, third.

Junior high declamation, boys — R. W. Callan, Hobbs, first.

Senior high declamation, girls — Paula Dudley, Trent, first; Kathy Hucklebridge, Divide, second; Glenda Hudnall, Hobbs, third.

Senior high declamation, boys — Jerry Hyde, Divide, first.

Ready Writing — Jamie Miers, Hobbs, first; Carolyn Hunt, Blackwell, second; Glenda Hudnall, Hobbs, third.

Typing — Divide, first; Trent, second; Highland, third.

Number sense — Glenda Hudnall, Hobbs, first; H. R. Helm, Divide, second; Ray Owens, Divide, third.

Poetry reading, girls — Carolyn Hunt, Blackwell, first; Sue Payne, Trent, second; Jamie Miers, Hobbs, third.

Poetry reading, boys — Don Wilks, Trent, first; Dennis Dunlap, Divide, second.

Spelling — Ann Barnhart and Jane Steadman, Trent, first; Char-

lotte Maule and Glenda Hudnall, Hobbs, second; Mary Ruth Lindsey and Wanda Crain, Blackwell, third.

Shorthand — Sue Payne, Trent, first; Syra Swinney, Trent, second; Wanda Crain, Blackwell, third.

Extemporaneous Speech, girls — Ida May King, Trent, first.

Extemporaneous Speech, boys — Paul Higgins, Trent, first; Jim Lanning, Trent, second.

One Act Play — Trent, first; Hobbs, second; Loraine, third.

Grade School Division

Boys declamation — F. E. Busby, Divide, first; Douglas Barnhart, Trent, second; Steve Kiser, Trent, third.

Girls declamation — Betty McAninch, Trent, first; Brenda Tittle, Trent, second; Loretta Bird, Divide, third.

Ready Writing — Betty McAninch, Trent, first; Brenda Tittle, Trent, second; Josephine Clegg, Hobbs, third.

Story telling — Karen Newman, Divide, first; Brad Maule, Hobbs, second; Tex Barnhart, Trent, third.

Picture memory — Divide, Hobbs, Blackwell.

Fifth and sixth grade spelling — Blackwell, first; Hobbs, second; Trent, third.

Number sense — Lee Lanning, Trent, first; F. E. Busby, Divide, second; Freddy Martinez, Hobbs, third.

Seventh and eighth grade spelling — Shirley Sellers and Freddie Martinez, Hobbs, first; Sue Saunders and Nancy Barton, Divide, second; Janice Crain and Georgia Nell Neeley, Blackwell, third.



Brownies Fly-Up—In a "fly-up" ceremony held in the Merkel Scout Hut on April 5, the 4th grade Brownie Scout Troop graduated to Intermediate Girl Scouts. Pictured front row, left to right, are Debbie Corder, Candy Cox, Lisa Gardner, Brenda Morgan, Sharon Ledbetter. Second row, Cheryl Herring, Vickie Doan, Kay Hanson, Jo Ann Lassiter, Jo Anne Kiefer and Denise Smith. Third row, left, is Mrs. Alvin Smith and Mrs. Francis Cox, leaders of the troop. (Staff Photo)

gabby doodle from noodle says:

DEAR METER EDITOR:

Right about now the folks in this country is as busy as a bob-tailed bull in fly time. The men-folks is putting the final touches on Form 1040 and Item 4 Minus Item 3, and the wimmen is trying to get their Easter outfit as loud and conspicuous as possible.

It would be fitten and proper this year to call April the "UI

cer Month" on account of what that doctor in Chicago said the other day. He allowed as how ulcers was strictly a 20th century disease. He said they was caused by cars, taxes, and wimmen's hats. Taxes and wimmen's hats is what we'll have the most of this April, and cars is more plentiful than ever.

Them insurance companies that figgers these things out claims

that more and more pedestrians will get killed ever year as cars get thicker on our city streets. But I think mother nature will help out in this situation. As cars get thicker, the jump of the pedestrian will get longer and longer and quicker and quicker helping to hold the casualty list down a little.

As fer wimmen's hats the outlook ain't so bright. In fact it ain't never looked worse. They're putting everything on 'em now but a sprinkling of salt and pepper and I expect to see some of that at church on Easter Sunday. Considering the kind of clothes wimmen wear these days, it seems a great waste of time to spend so much of it on designing wimmen's hats. They ain't one feller in a hundred this day and time that ever looks at a woman's hat. For instant, I was walking down the street Saturday behind a woman wearing one of them "maze-me-down" dresses and I couldn't tell 'em today to save my life if she was bare headed or wearing a sun bonnet.

Some feller claimed here a while back that wimmen was getting more bow-legged all the time on account of these big ear-bobs was causing 'em to bend a little, but I think what they're wearing on their head is also helping it along.

As fer taxes and their effect on the ulcer situation, it would take a whole issue of your paper, Mister Editor, fer me just to jot down a brief outline, so I won't go into the matter at this time.

Well, I better stop exposing the wimmen and get to doing some of my chores around the house. My old lady says I'm sitting pritty sorry in my old age. I told her I've noted that no matter how sorry a feller gets, a hour's cog will take up with 'em and some woman will always marry him. That was yesterday and she ain't spoke to me since.

Yours truly,
GABBY

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Mrs. John B. Davidson and daughter, Suzy, of Waco, were recent guests of her parents, Mr and Mrs. R. J. Miller.

The Texian Editor's

Frontier News Flashes

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From all the evidence before us we are daily more and more convinced that a direct trade with Europe is gradually springing up in nearly all our principal Southern ports—this change in the commerce of the South is, we believe, strictly in accordance with the loss of trade, though it is no doubt taking place much more rapidly than it otherwise would, under the influence of the present great sectional contest between the North and South. What we could not be induced to do by the teaching of sober reason, we now do under the influence of the wrong inflicted upon us and the natural feelings of resentment and a just appreciation of our best interests are impelling us to block off our commercial dependence on the North. A law has just passed making 7 per cent the legal interest in Minnesota and forbidding any interest on special contracts above 12 per cent.

From Washington:

Three paragraphs have been going the rounds of the press in regard to a contemplated editorial excursion to Washington during the present session of Congress. The arrangements for the excursion are on the most elaborate and liberal scale, and will no doubt be largely participated in. The design is to invite every editor in the West and South to join the excursion, each person having the privilege of taking with him a lady. They will view some 200 miles of the road, in and boldest scenery. It is de-cluding its mountain divisions signed to give the traveler an opportunity of passing over the Western positions of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad by day light in order that they may more fully realize the grandeur of the scenery through which it passes as well as the success with which extraordinary natural obstacles have been overcome in the construction of the roads through the Alleghenies.

From Houston:

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From New York:

The N. Y. express of the 8th says: A bright eyed honest-looking negro boy about 12 years of age, came into the Express office last

week as smart as he was honest he would have plead "fugitive slave" or got somebody to certify that he was "stolen" from somewhere South. As it is he ought to know that "humanity" here has nothing to do with free negroes.

Mrs. Edna Horton accompanied Mrs. Bobby Toliver and children Larry and Galasus of Odessa, to Marlin and spent the past week with their daughter and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Nutt and family. Mr. and Mrs. Nutt are parents of a new daughter, Nancy Bell Nutt.

It's possible that a college education doesn't always pay, but that doesn't release Pop from his financial obligation.


Mrs. Marvin Freeman of Trent accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Smith of Hermleigh, Sandra Freeman, student in McMurry college, and Vernon Ross of Oklahoma City, Okla., were in Fort Worth the past weekend visiting relatives and friends. They also attended the Flower aCde, Casa Manana and art exhibit held there.

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Loser — Mrs. H. H. Jones	15.00
Friday—Loser — Mrs. L. W. Mashburn	100.00
Loser — Betty Richardson	20.00
Saturday—Loser — Mrs. Don Ray	100.00
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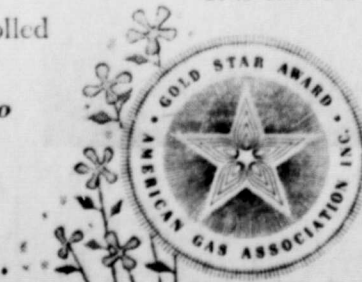
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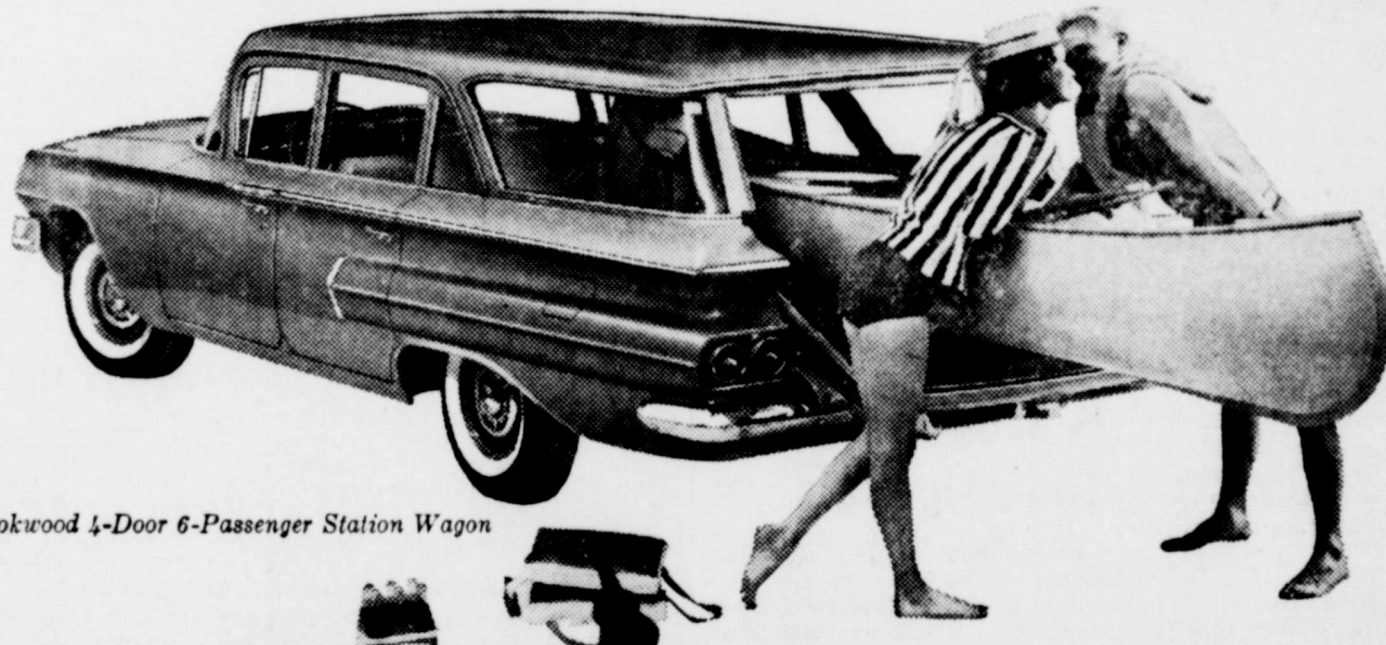
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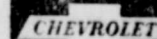
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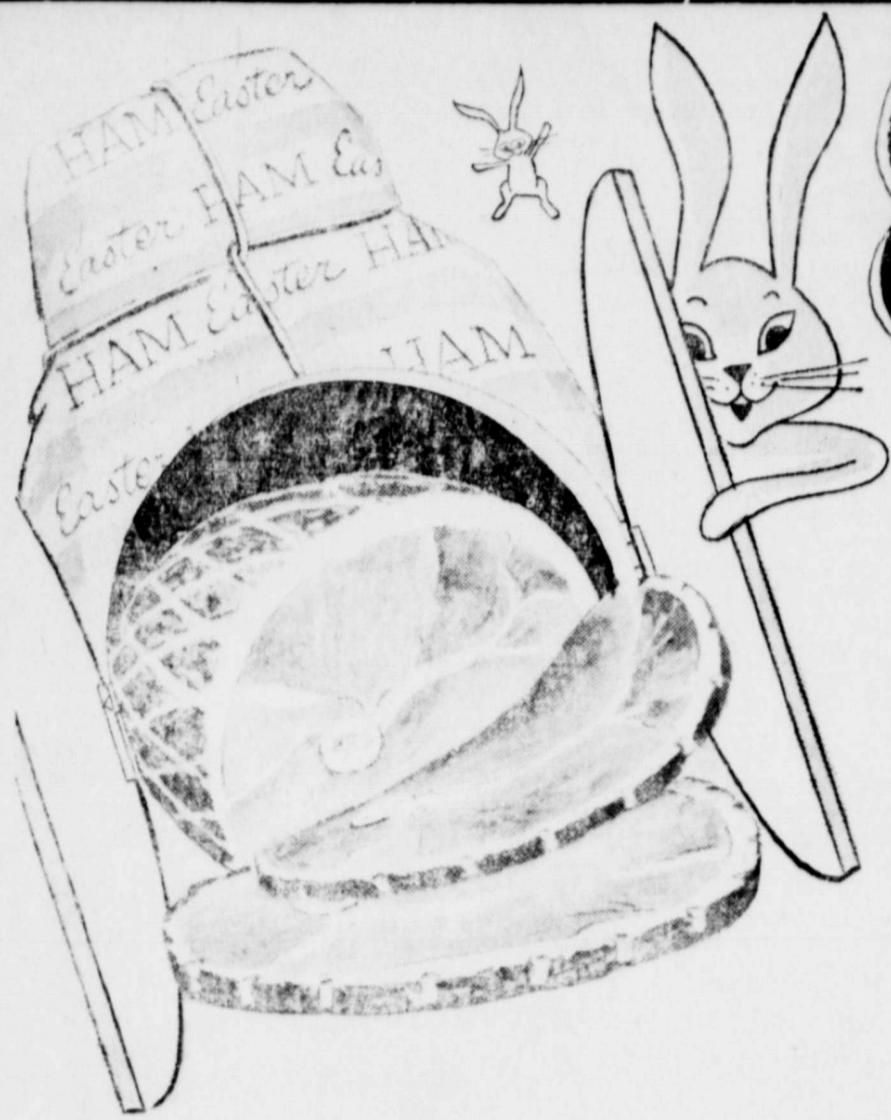
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HOLLAND SETTING—A windmill surrounded by varied colored tulips and authentic Dutch costumes worn by hostesses, Mrs. Jarrett Williams, left, and Christine Collins, portrayed the "Tiptoe Through The Tulips" theme of Merkel Garden Club's annual spring flower show held recently.



Oscar of the Waldorf said, "Food never should be prepared in a dim light. Turn the lights on your salad, and see how it looks before your guest does."

The type of salad you serve depends upon the part it is to play in the meal. For "salad" is a term that has come to be loosely used. It may be served as a first course or may be in itself a main dish at luncheon or supper, especially in spring and summer.

Among the absolutely necessary requirements of a good salad are: (1) freshness; (2) crispness; (3) appetizing flavor combinations; (4) color combinations; (5) appropriateness of dressing to the salad; and (6) perhaps more important than anything else, coldness.

A good easy to make salad for a luncheon main dish is Shrimp Louis. It is good served with crackers or crusty garlic toast.

Shrimp Louis
Top individual bowls of shredded lettuce with cooked shrimp (canned frozen or fresh). Cover with generous amount of Roquefort dressing. Garnish with sliced boiled eggs, tomato wedges and sweet gherkins.

Roquefort Dressing
1 pint salad dressing
2 oz. tomato sauce
1 clove garlic
1 oz. Roquefort cheese or Bleu cheese
Beat tomato sauce into salad dressing. Add onion juice. Cut garlic in half and add to mixture (insert a toothpick into each piece

Remember to send your favorite recipe to "Granny" Box 420 Merkel.

TELL-TALE

Continued from Page One
characters in public offices if enough valid complaints are made to the right source, any bad situation can and will be corrected.

One consolation—the fines collected in the local JP office are not being paid by residents of Merkel. Buchanan said there have been months when up to \$100 in fines have been paid by Merkel traffic violators, but there are only 30 months when fines total only \$2. Pretty law-abiding town, aren't we? As a matter of fact, we're perfect at night. Merkel's night watchman hasn't issued a ticket for the past year, Buchanan said.

Speaking of the local night watchman reminds me of the many favorable comments we've received on this column week before last. It is our duty to tell you the facts as they are given to us and if we think things are not as they should be, to give you our opinion. It is not necessary for everyone to agree with us but it certainly is nice when you do and tell us so.

Trent Club Visits Wisteria Garden

The Trent Community Garden Club visited the home of Mrs. C. B. Johnson at Eskota the afternoon of April 10, to view her garden of wisteria.

Other blossoms in the garden included forsythia, japonica, a type of spirea, pansies and fruit blossoms. Mrs. Johnson showed the group her large collection of driftwood and home dried mater-

ials prepared last fall for dried flower arrangements.

at was held. Mrs. Williams' cutting and flowers were given to the members and six guests present.

The pilgrimage was the first for the newly organized Trent club.

Mrs. Hardesty Is Speaker For Lambda Beta Meet

Mrs. John Hardesty presented the program for the Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi meeting Tuesday evening in Taylor Electric Auditorium.

The meeting followed a domino Easter Seal delivery conducted by sorority members from 7 to 8 p.m.

The Good" through the way of service and though have served mankind.

Those that have served this ideal, Mrs. Hardesty said, are those found in the Bible, a part of civilized mankind, and the Magna Carta, the first guarantee of the rights of man. Actions of service by inventors, scientists and humanitarians have served the good of mankind, she said.

She described the systems of thought that have led mankind toward a better life, using Robert Frost, the contemporary poet, as an example of one whose thinking was directive and purposeful.

The Easter Lily Sale to be conducted by the local chapter was discussed. It was decided to have the sale on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 14, 15, 16. Proceeds go to the Crippled Children's Fund.

The next meeting will be on April 19 when the program "Substance For the Art of Life — The True" will be presented by Mrs. Donald Douglas.

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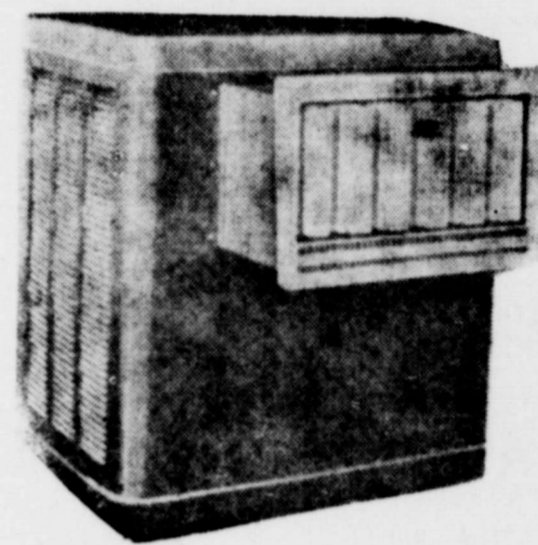
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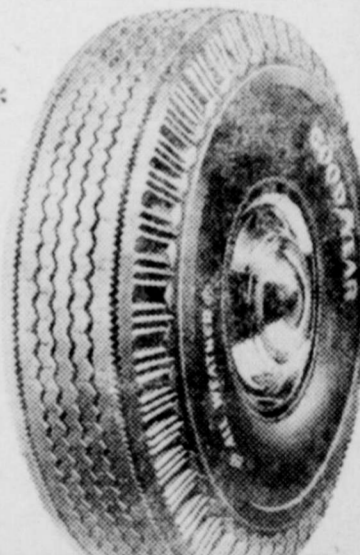
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Dorcas Class Meets In Home Of Mrs. Shanks

The Dorcas Sunday School class of the First Baptist Church met in the home of Mrs. Josie Shanks with Mrs. T. J. Amason as co-hostess.

Mrs. Lige Harris, president, opened the meeting with prayer. A devotional taken from Matthew 25, was given by Mrs. O. B. Boden.

Mrs. Harris presided at the business session. Roll call was by Mrs. Lon Stephens, social secretary.

Mrs. W. A. McCandless was elected vice-president.

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

Refreshments of cake and orange juice, with Easter eggs as favors, were served to Mes. W. E. Petty, P. F. Harris, Boden, Harris, Amason, Stephens, Maggie Ervin, A. H. Zolinger, C. P. Stephens, Leola Kinder, Pearl Harris, Sam Swann, W. M. Hays, Higgins and Shanks.

TEL Class Meets In Massey Home

Mrs. Fun'ee Massey and Mrs. A. R. Booth were hostesses at the meeting of the T. E. L. Sunday School class of the First Baptist church in the home of Mrs. Massey Wednesday April 6.

Mrs. Earl Foster gave the devotional. Prayer was by Mrs. Booth.

Mrs. Massey presided for the business session.

Refreshments of sandwiches, angel food cake, sherbert and limeade were served to Mes. Houston Robertson, Bessie Jackson, Ira Moore, Ruby Kuykendall, John Mansfield, Booth, Foster, Lucy Ford, Myrtle Walker, Massey and Miss Selena Teaff.

STITH NEWS

Marvin Lyles of Hardin-Simmons university preached at the Stith Baptist Church Sunday. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Stanley.

Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Jones, Mrs. Fritz Hale and Sandra, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. West, Martina Perry and Pat McDonald attended

the Baptist Church in Anson Sunday. Sandra spoke on the subject, "Is the Bible My Guide Book."

Mrs. A. M. Evans is improving although still a hospital patient. She hopes to be able to be home soon.

Bob and Ted Hudson visited in Levelland recently with their

brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Hudson.

The Rev. and Mrs. Jack Bedford and Lonnie Harris of Lampasas visited the past week with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Harris and Johnie.

Jim Burns and F. J. McDonald attended the funeral of Mrs. Nix-

on at Clyde Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Rolene Finch and children visited his grandmother Finch in the Sunshine Rest Home in Abilene Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Truett Jones of Cross Plains visited Sunday night with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Jones.

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IRONING WANTED — Jo Helms, Trent Texas. 1-4tp.
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POLITICAL Announcements

(The Merkel Mail is authorized to make the following announcements of candidates, subject to the action of the Democratic party primary May 7, 1950.)

Congress From 17 Cong. District
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LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF TAYLOR: Notice is hereby given that the partnership lately subsisting between C. D. Carter and C. W. Carter of Taylor County, Texas, under the firm name of North Park Nurseries was dissolved by mutual consent on January 1, 1950. All debts due to the said partnership are to be paid and those due from the same discharged on 2788 Pine Street, in Abilene, Texas, where the business will be continued by C. D. Carter under the firm name of North Park Nurseries.
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CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Billie Jean Gossett, 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 12th day of May A.D. 1950, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 21 day of January A.D. 1950, in this cause, numbered 24 653-A on the docket of said court and styled Dorel Gossett, Plaintiff, vs. Billie Jean Gossett, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were duly and legally married in Huntlett, Tennessee on March 31, 1953 and lived together as man and wife until Defendant abandoned Plaintiff on or about November 21, 1958, and Defendants whereabouts are unknown. Plaintiff shows there were no children born to said marriage and there is no community property to be adjudicated. Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds that Defendant refused to provide a home for him and was guilty of excesses and mental cruelty so as his health was undermined 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 31 day of March A.D. 1950.
(SEAL)
Attest: R. H. Ross, Clerk,
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Taylor County, Texas
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Johnson Comments On Youth Meeting

Sen. M. J. Johnson, Texas, Lyndon Johnson said today the White House Conference on Children and Youth — by bringing together grass-roots citizenry and the federal government — offers "an impressive demonstration of the strength of our land."

Johnson, in a radio broadcast recorded for his Texas constituents, said he was happy to see that persons from all parts of the nation were "thinking and planning to assure for our children opportunities in a better world than we know today."

He touched briefly on factors brought out at the conference discussions, including:

— The rapidly increasing population of the nation.
— The fact that 44 per cent of the children under 18 years of age now live in seven states — Texas, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, Illinois and California.

— More mothers of young children are working than ever before.

— Americans are working fewer hours at a higher rate of pay than ever before.

Meantime, he said, juvenile delinquency continues to increase. Classroom and teacher shortages exist in many areas. City slums provide a breeding ground for juvenile crime, and public health and welfare services face serious manpower shortages.

UP THE CANYON

By TOM RUSSOM

We are ready for a good rain now, with the warm weather and rain, farmers would start some planting. Small grain is really needing rain in our area.

We see some wheat in our area that could make some wheat with a rain. Some stock are still being grazed on the wheat, but most have been taken off.

Mrs. B. H. Riney was back at church Sunday after being unable to attend for a long while, due to illness.

Uncle Bud Perry is still in the Sadler hospital. Mrs. A. R. Toombs, his sister, says he still not doing too well.

Another stockman from our area, Uncle Charlie Orr, underwent surgery at Sadler Clinic Hospital. He is reported to be doing very well at this time. We hope that both he and Uncle Bud, will soon be up and back to their homes.

We are proud of the Merkel boys record at the track meet the past Friday. Roger Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Moore, took second place in the 880 dash. His time was two minutes. Roger, along with James Bible, Dewell Burder, Jeff Smith and Mike Farley will go to the Regional meet at Denton Saturday week. We say "luck to you boys for another victory."

Loyd Perry, stockman on the east side of the Canyon said their country was really greening-up, pastures fine and stockmen doing good.

Mr. and Mrs. Oswald Everett of Crosbyton were here on business over the weekend.

The Taylor County singing convention will be held at Pioneer Church the first Sunday in May. Everyone is invited to attend. Silas Clark of Abilene is president.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Blair and daughter went to Lubbock Sunday to see Mrs. Blair's father, George Crow Sr., and her two brothers, Odell and Burnell, Crow.

Mr. and Mrs. Vance McLean of California visited Sunday night in the home of his mother, Mr. and Mrs. Dorel McLean.

Becky Bay, student in McMurry, and Douglas Pugh visited in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Ray, and attended services at the Pioneer church here Sunday.

Sam Butman Jr., en route to his home from Washington, stopper in Alabama to visit in the home of a niece of Mrs. Butman's, the former Evelyn Latimer and family. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Latimer of Arizona.

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Blair of Lubbock were weekend visitors in the home of his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Grover Blair, and sister, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Riney.

Dr. James H. Chaney

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IN MERKEL

Perhaps does it happen that such recognition is given so young a man in the call which came unanimously from the Second Baptist Church of Washington, D.C., to the Rev. J. Ray Garrett, son of J. M. Garrett and the late Mrs. Garrett of this city. Ray has been serving the First Baptist Church at Cocoa, Fla., for the past six years, and the call to the Washington church, which he has accepted, will bring him as pastor of a congregation of 900 members. He will close his pastorate in Florida after the last Sunday in April and move at once with his family to Washington, D. C.

A Merkel girl, Jane Ferguson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Ferguson, has been particularly honored in her selection as representative of the East Texas State Teachers college of Commerce to the State Future Homemakers' rally to be held in Dallas Apr. 24-27. Miss Ferguson will act as one of the judges in the state high school contests. Jane is a senior at the East Texas State Teachers college, majoring in home economics.

Miss Mary Helen Mashburn as of Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Russell, was one of 42 students listed on the mid-semester honor roll at McMurry College. Miss Russell gained the honor with a total of 58 points.

Miss Mary Helen Mashburn assumed duties Monday morning of this week as bookkeeper for the Taylor Parts Inc., Abilene, having been selected for the post out of a field of 100 applicants. Miss Mashburn has recently been employed by the R. F. George Machinery company, Abilene.

Miss Geraldine Tamm returned home Tuesday from a week's visit to Robstown, Corpus Christi, and Kingsville, having accompanied Mrs. Louie Herring and daughter, Janice, of Noodle.

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IN MERKEL

Among its reminiscence of 15 years ago, the Abilene Reporter dated April 13 states that H. M. Rainbolt, formerly of Stephens County, has become a citizen of Taylor County, and is now settled two miles south of Merkel, in a beautiful home, on a fine farm. And we might add that Mr. Rainbolt who is one of the very best and most influential citizens of the county, still resides on this fine farm.

We understand that Mr. J. S. Swann of this city has been appointed Precinct chairman by the county chairman of the Democratic party in Taylor County, and will call a Democratic convention for this precinct for the first Saturday in May, at which time delegates will be selected to the county convention, where delegates will be chosen to the State convention.

Miss Mamie Moore has resigned and Refining Co., of Fort Worth her position with the Humble Oil

and will take a business course after which she will be with a firm in Tulsa, Okla. Mrs. Moore is a Merkel girl and we wish her best success.

W. L. Rich, one of the court-room and official operators for Western Union, in this city, has been wearing a suit this week which had been rub off at all. And all on account of the arrival at his home on April 13 of a 10 pound baby boy.

Mrs. Odell Freeman and nephew, Larry Barbour visited in Fort Worth from Wednesday through Saturday. Mrs. Freeman, president of the Trent Garden Club, attended the Flower Cade held there. They also visited in Cleburne with her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Mitchell, while away.

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AUSTIN — More than \$2500 in scholarship awards is being offered to graduating seniors of Texas high schools in the Texas State AFL-CIO's annual essay contest, the state labor organiza-



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tion announced this week. Writers of the best essays on either of two subjects will receive awards of from \$50 to \$500, Jerry Holleman, the organization's president said.

Entrants in the essay contest may write on either of two subjects: "Labor's Role in our Society" or "Do We Need Unions?" Deadline for submission of essays is April 15 and winners will be announced around May 15, Texas State AFL-CIO President Jerry Holleman announced.

The contest is open to graduating seniors of any public, private or parochial high school in Texas. Participating students do not have to come from union families of have any connection with organized labor Holleman pointed out.

Maurice Spratlen of Odessa visited with Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Spratlen and Carroll on Thursday night and attended the rab-draw at Trent on Friday.



S. B. PHILLIPS
... vice president



R. W. HARDY
... vice president

West Texas Utilities Co. Announces Appointment of 2 New Vice Presidents

ABILENE — The election of two additional vice presidents of West Texas Utilities Company was announced today by Cal Young, WTU President, S. B. Phillips, Jr., Executive Assistant, and Roff W. Hardy, Assistant Treasurer and Head of the Statistical Department were elected Vice Presidents at a meeting of the Board of Directors held Friday morning at 11:00. Both will continue with their present duties and will work on special assignments, reporting directly to the president.

S. B. Phillips, Jr., Executive Assistant since February, 1957, was employed by WTU in 1939 as a clerk in the San Angelo office. During the next two years, he worked in the laboratory at the Concho Power Plant and then returned to the District Office as assistant cashier.

He served with the Air Force from 1941 to 1946. Phillips returned to San Angelo and re-joined the company in 1946 as assistant chief clerk in the San Angelo office. From 1947 to 1951, he worked as a company agricultural representative and in 1952 was named District Manager of WTU's Big Bend District with headquarters in Marfa.

He was transferred from Marfa to the General Office in Abilene in 1957 to assume his new duties as Executive Assistant. In August, 1957, he was in Ann Arbor, Michigan, for four weeks where he attended the Public Utilities Executive Program, conducted by the University of Michigan.

Phillips was born in Portland, Oregon, in 1915, and moved to Newton Center, Massachusetts, with his family. He attended the public schools there and graduated from Phillips Exeter Academy in 1933. He received a Bachelor of Science Degree in 1937 from Harvard University.

During the summer of 1936, Phillips was employed by Central Power Company in Grand Island, Nebraska, and the following sum-

mer, he worked for Wisconsin Light & Power Company at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. He was employed by the Commonwealth Edison Company in Chicago for two years before joining WTU in 1939.

Mrs. Phillips is the former Frances Rau of San Angelo. They are the parents of three daughters and one son. Dabney is 14, Elizabeth 10, Jane 7 and William Stevenson is 3.

Roff W. Hardy, Assistant Treasurer since March, 1950, was employed by WTU in May, 1935, as a clerk in the Treasury Department. His entire service was in the Treasury Department until 1955 when he was made company Statistician and assumed his additional duties in September of that year.

He served with the Air Force at Goodfellow Field in San Angelo for three years during World War II.

Born in Abilene in 1914 Hardy attended the Abilene Public Schools and following graduation from Abilene High School in 1931, entered Hardin-Simmons University. After attending H-SU for two years, he entered an Abilene business college for special training in business administration.

In 1957, Hardy spent four weeks at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor where he attended the Public Utilities Executive Program.

Mrs. Hardy is the former Ora Fay Hefley of Abilene. They were married in 1939 and have one daughter and two sons. Pat is 11, Jim 14 and Bill is 12 years old.

Mrs. J. C. Campbell of Monday and Mrs. Clinton C. Allen and daughter Karen, of Amriallo were weekend visitors in the home of the Rev. and Mrs. Mart Hradin.

Self-made men should be more careful in selecting the materials they use.



SENATOR ☆☆☆ Yarborough's Report

Sound flood prevention practices are like buying insurance. We've got to invest today to have protection for the future and if we fail to act now the costs in property damages in the long run will run much higher than protection costs.

Continued or new watershed protection and flood prevention construction work is needed in 41 Texas counties. The earliest day we can get this work done is not too soon, for tomorrow may be the day it becomes a matter of life or death, financial security or bankruptcy. Homes, farms, ranches, bridges, roads, livestock, and even the lives of human beings, are swept away in these floods.

That is why I am backing the recommendation of the Association of Texas Soil Conservation Districts and urging that 35 million dollars be appropriated in the 1961 budget for this impor-

tant national program.

Such an appropriation would permit completion of flood prevention and other watershed improvement work now under way in 14 Texas watersheds and the beginning of construction in 12 other watersheds where there is acute need for protection.

The Budget Bureau and the Administration, following their policy of no new starts or few new starts, has earmarked only \$21,900,000 for the whole nation for this program. Gambling with flood control measures is simply being penny wise and pound foolish.

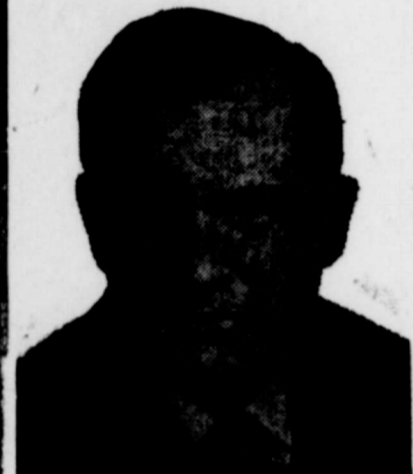
For that reason, I believe we should complete work in 1961 on the 14 projects already started, and begin work on the additional 12 watersheds where planning has been completed.



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Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Hill and son, Jackson, of Fort Worth were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Hill over the weekend.

Bluebonnet HD

The Bluebonnet Home Demonstration Club met in the home of Mrs. Grover Blair for a program on "Disease and Insects."

Loreta Allen, county home demonstration agent, presented the program. She showed slides of plants damaged by disease and insects and told how to get rid of them.

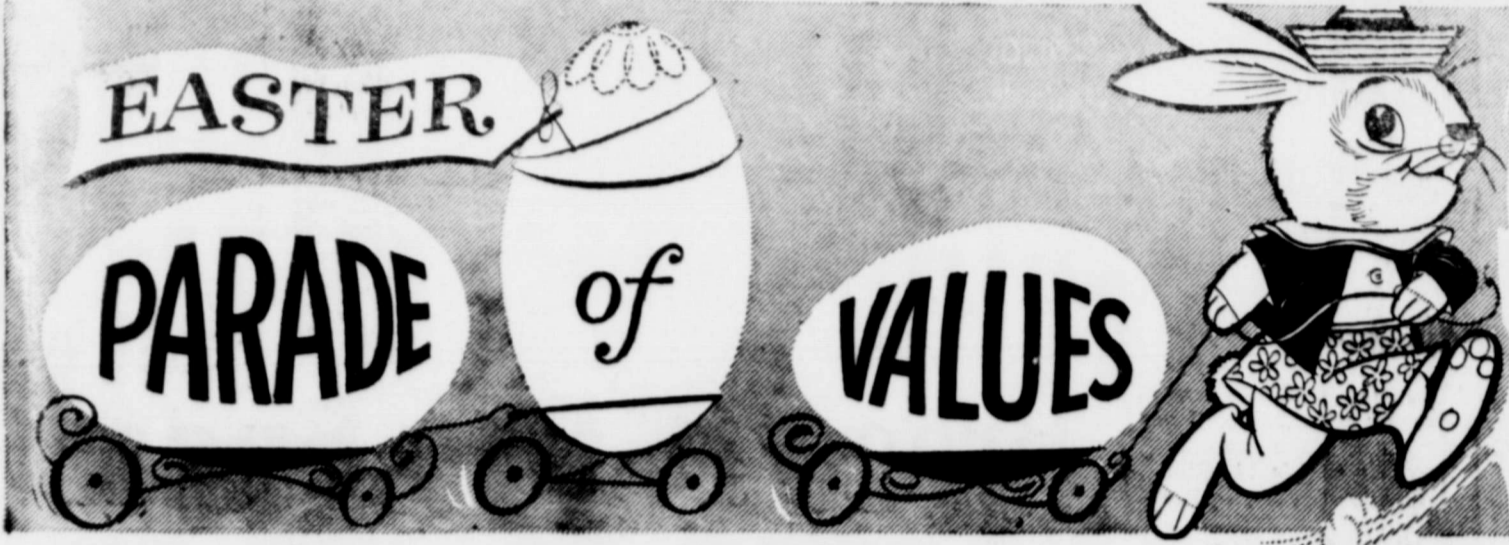
Roll call was answered with "The best laugh I've had lately." Members present were Mmes. Frank Bronvak, Allen King, Tom Fussom, Maxine Johnson, Eley

Frazier and Murrel Riggan. The next meeting will be in Mrs. Johnson's home. Children are a great deal more apt to follow your lead than the way you point.

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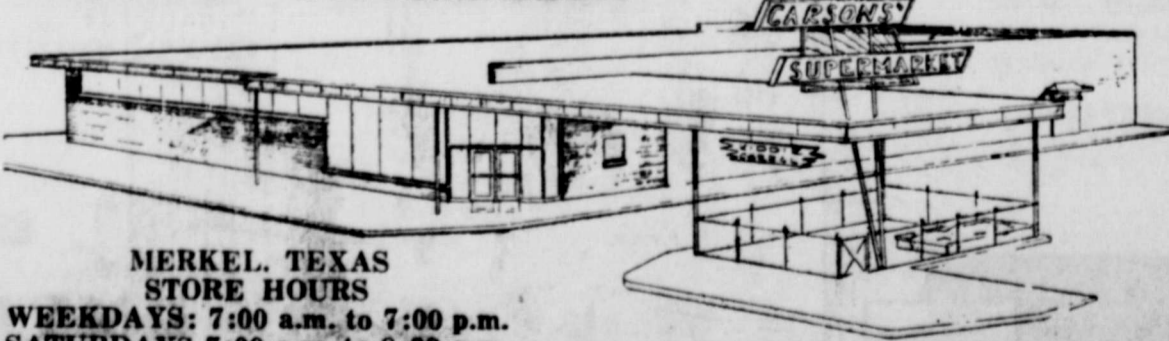
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