



The Les Cator Family

Pictured above are Mr. Les Cator, Eva Cator Pierce, Mrs. Dessen, Bessie Cator Mitts, and Mrs. Les Cator

Highlights From The Past To The Present

Highlights from the Past to the Present returns to the Palo Duro Creek where the feature story places emphasis on the Les Cator Family. This is a family of true pioneers who joined Hansford County in the 1890's.

Born January 4, 1864 in Hulle, Yorkshire, England, Mr. Leslie Stuart Cator was of English heritage. His father was Captain of an English merchant marine ship. Mr. Cator remained in England during his youthful years. He married while still in England and one son, Charles, was born.

Having the urge to find different land and new country, Mr. Cator decided to follow his brother Bert to America. Accompanied by his wife and son, Mr. Cator started out to cross the Ocean, the mountains and plains to finally find a home in the western town of Dodge City Kansas in 1882. Mrs. Cator did not care for this country and returned to England taking their young son with her.

Having a distinguished English style about him, Mr. Cator was quite the spot of attention for the rough and ready cowboys of this country. The cowboys eyed his dress in spots, derby hat and tight pants. A person of this type of distinction was not an everyday sight around Dodge City. Mr. Cator felt the feeling of disrespect and felt forced to prove his manhood by whipping one of the jeerers. Never again was he a spot for attention.

Being a blacksmith by trade, Mr. Cator remained quite busy taking care of the needs of the local ranchers and cowboys. He remained in Dodge City eight years. When his family returned to England Mr. Cator lived in his blacksmith shop and ate at the various cafes.

Thieves and outlaws roamed at will in towns such as Dodge City. One night Mr. Cator was returning home from eating when he noticed he was being followed by a shady character lurking a short distance behind. Not accustomed to the like and unaware of exactly what to do, Mr. Cator quickly made his way through the blacksmith shop door and barred it shut. Quickly he grabbed his axe and ran to the open window. Expecting a head through the window he swung but chopped three fingers from a hand. From that day on Mr. Cator looked for a person with three fingers missing from his hand but found him.

Les moved to Hansford County in the early 1900's. His brothers James, Bob and Bert had preceded him. Les filed on four sections of prairie land on the Palo Duro Creek. This land is now owned by the Coy Holts.

The last Indian battle in this country was the Battle of the Adobe Walls near the Canadian River. At the time of this skirmish Les and Bert Cator were at the Zulu Stockades and Les's other brothers James and Bob were Buffalo hunting where Amarillo now is.

Les made his home with Bert while Miss Clara Cator was their housekeeper until her marriage to Clayte McCrea. After Mr. Cator's move to Hansford County he followed his brothers and enjoyed hunting buffalo. On the side he became quite interested in catching and training mustangs.

Mr. Cator courted Miss Bessie Ambrosia Donaldson, who made her home with the Tyler family up the creek. On April 17, 1894 the two were married. This marriage being the fourth made in the county. Shortly after their marriage Les's son, Charles, then 15 came back from England to make his home with his father. He remained here until an adult, when he moved to Oregon where he and his family made their home.

Seven children were born to this union, who are Josie Hays of Morse, Vina Hawpe, of Sunray, the late Buster Cator of Gruver, Eva Pierce of Spearman, Robert Cator of Sunray, Bessie Mitts of Gruver and Alvin Cator (Speck) of Gruver.

Mr. Les Cator served as Judge of Hansford County from 1899 to 1900. He was a member of the first jury of the Hansford County Court. Mrs. Bessie Cator served as tax-assessor for Hansford County in 1924 for eight years.

Many exciting experiences can be recalled by the children. Josie and Vina recall an Indian experience. The two girls were watching after their brother, Buster, during his nap while Mr. and Mrs. Cator were branding in the corral. Seeing two Indians coming into the yard, Josie and Vina grabbed Buster and ran for their parents in the corral. The girls say they will never forget the words those two Indians cried "Heap Cha Cha" meaning heap scared. Mr. and Mrs. Cator found that the Indians were hungry and wanted food. Mrs. Cator went to the house where she found a big pot of beans and two loaves of bread. The two Indians sat down by the gate and ate every bite. Later in the evening Mr. Cator

and Charles took the children to the Indian camp a short distance from their home to trade for saddle blankets. He took along a beef for the Indians to butcher. Upon arrival they found the tribe preparing supper, a meal of roasted terrapins. The children remember the comment the two Indians who had eaten before at the Cators made upon being called to eat. They claimed to be "Heap sick in the belly."

Josie recalls the times they would play with their neighbors and what they did for entertainment. One incident not to be forgotten was when the two older girls were playing with Walter Jones and Joseph and Gwenfred Jones. They had built a wagon of everything imaginable and had hitched a horse to the tung. All of the children would ride up hills, down hills and along the edge of the creek. The driver Joseph would scare them all as he would nearly turn the wagon over, but that was all part of the fun.

The older children first went to school in the Hen-son's basement and were taught by Miss Hannah. Later they went to the Bunker Hill school. This school was built straight back into a hill in dugout form with an opening and window in front. Their teachers then were Edna Wright and Myrtle Wright Grubbs.

The children next went to the Pleasant Hill school farther up the creek taught by Carrie Wells later Carrie Cotter.

The younger children were taught at various schools by Vera Wilson, now Mrs. Lee McClellan, Grace Winder, now Grace Bennett, Hazel Wright now Mrs. Hazel Morton and Ammie Moore.

Later the children attended the Old Hansford school, where the older children were taught by Professor Nichols and the younger by Mary Pendleton who roomed with the Cator Family.

Josie and Vina attended Panhandle Agricultural Institute at Goodwell, Oklahoma and Buster and Eva were students in public school there. Vina and Josie received their nurses training in the St. Joseph Hospital of Kansas City. Josie graduating in 1917 and Vina in 1918. Buster graduated from mechanics school in 1920.

The olden days brought blustery cold weather to the county and without the modern luxuries lives were sometimes taken. "The Great Roundup" by Louis Nurdyke recalls a time when Les Cator came upon a wagon on the prairies. He found only bony sorrell horses lying dead in front of the wagon. Upon looking in the wagon Mr. Cator was shocked to find a father, mother and three children frozen to death.

The Cators had to travel to Dodge City twice a year for supplies; they would usually travel with neighbors for protection from the Indians. Later they bought their supplies in Liberal and Channing.

The Cator family lived in a rock house made of the natural rock of this area. They had a smoke house built of hackberry.

The gray wolves and coyotes were a problem for the livestock as well as the natural game. Mr. Cator brought the first squirrels to the Palo Duro Creek, from Guymon. The coyotes would also kill squirrels. Josie roped eighteen coyotes in a two week period.

Mr. Cator passed away in 1928 and was followed by his wife in 1932.

An adventuresome brave family were the Les Cators. They came during the times of buffalos and Indians and have lived on to see the county as it is today. They've seen praries stretching far and wide change to pastures and farmlands with roads and fences every mile. This is another episode telling of the backbone of Hansford County.

PLANS FOR REMODELING LEGION BUILDING

In a meeting called by Commander O.V. Walker at the American Legion Community Building last Thursday night, March 21, a decision was reached concerning the improvement of the Legion Hall. It was discussed that the building itself was worth \$80,000, in its present condition, the building cannot be used to its best advantage. The group decided to make plans for modernizing and can become a civic center.

The basement was the subject of most of the discussion. These were some of the improvements that can be made:

1. Take out the Walls of the

petitioned rooms to make the basement usable of 64x42, large enough for a banquet hall.

2. Clean out unusable divisions and things.

3. Paint the walls—put in acoustical tile to improve the sound of the building.

4. Make the kitchen modern.

5. Put Linoleum on the floors.

6. Put in modern adequate lighting.

7. Put in Ventilation with a fan.

8. Put ladies lounge upstairs.

These improvements are estimated to cost about \$3500. Donations are the only means of raising the

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Grass Fires Rage

Grass fires are a hazard again this year with the extreme dry conditions. Not a day passes that a small or large fire does not appear some where.

Thursday of last week a larger fire broke out on the T.J. Bergin Ranch south of town. About one hundred and fifty acres of grass land was burned. The fire started from a small

fire which Tommy Joe had set to burn a pile of old weeds. A wind shipped around and took the fire out of control and over the hill. The Gruver fire truck answered the call along with neighborhood volunteers to have the fire under control in about two hours.

Be careful about the fires you set, the grass is so dry it is like gun powder and ignites when a spark hits.

Wreck Injures One Seriously

Two cars collided on the Frisco Creek just north of the state line in Oklahoma Saturday at 11:00 a.m. The

collision victims received several injuries.

W.R. Murrell was the driver of one of the colliding vehicles, he was shaken up but received no injury.

Mrs. Robert Dahl was the driver of the second car. She received an injured knee. The two Dahl children were not seriously injured, one receiving a hard knock on the head, while the other remained uninjured.

Mrs. Oscar Dahl, another occupant in the car driven by Dahl received a broken leg. She remains in the Guymon Hospital waiting a bone specialist from Dallas. First report on her condition was not good but later reports are much better.

SOMETHING TO

Prother Hughes **THINK ABOUT**

When I came to the United States fifty-seven years ago, the senate of the United States, was the most respected law making body in the world. In those days, there were democrats and republicans as to-day. The democrats were the conservatives the republicans the liberals. But they were statesmen, not simply politicians. No executive of either party gave them orders. They believed in patriotism, and they believed in the Free Enterprise System. To-day the senate has become a rubber stamp, for which ever party is in power.

We are glad to see that other cities are concerned about the ballot presented by the National P.T.A. We are for the P.T.A. 100%. We worked in the P.T.A. for many years and still keep up our membership. We served as Program Chairman for two or three years, and served on other committees. We hope that you will carefully study the ballot and then vote the way you choose. We think that the P.T.A. should stay out of the affairs of the United Nations, UNICEF & UNESCO. We believe in local control of the school. The State Board of Education should be a co-ordinating agency and nothing more. The P.T.A. should concern itself with the school, the teachers and the parents, enabling them to work together, for the best interest of the local school. We hope that no tests similar to those given in Borger are given here.

Everyday it seems that there are new things out of Washington and Austin that we need to give earnest thought to. It has also come to my attention, that there is a bill pending in Austin that would put all independent truck drivers in the railroad commission. It is House Bill 31. If you own and drive a truck independently, you would soon find your earning power curtailed. You had better find out about it.

The tax bill is still the subject of conversation. To cut, or not to cut, that is the question. While all this goes on everyone ignores the Herlong Baker bill, that was submitted to congress in 1961. Yet it is a sensible approach to the problem. Under it, the basic tax would be cut to 15%. The top individual tax would be cut to 42%. The corporate tax would be cut from 52% to 42%. The loss the first year would be two and one half billion dollars, compare that with the present suggestion of ten billion. But the increase in business would more than make up the 2 1/2 billion.

We are still hoping that someone who reads this column will try to promote a July 4th celebration. For a little over one hundred dollars we could have a good fireworks display and someone to speak a few words about patriotism. We brag about our freedom, and thank God we still have a good measure of it. But some of us remember when we had more. This is the time when parents should tell their children of the freedoms we have already lost, and give them a chance to try to get them back.

President Kennedy is a very rich man. But the free enterprise system made him rich. Rockefeller is a very rich man. But the free enter-

Gruver 5th At Panhandle

Gruver's Greyhounds continued to improve in track last weekend and finished sixth in the Panhandle Relays with 32 points.

Powerful White Deer of Class AA won the meet with 75 points, one better than AA Dalhart. Panhandle with

money. If you wish to donate, take your donation to Bubby Gruver at the Gruver Motor Company. He is the Finance Officer of Post 154.

IN THE GRUVE

Well, the election at Morse is over, and, as most expected, it failed by a big margin.

Gruver can be proud of the attitude it displayed during the weeks leading up to the election. The majority opinion here was simply: Let Morse solve its own problems. If they want to come here we will be proud to have them and if they want to keep their own school that's their privilege.

Sure, a petition containing 20 names was circulated here asking for an election to see if Gruver voters would accept Morse. But it started only after the one at Morse calling for the election was circulated.

Most people here wanted to stay out of the battle as the small vote of 36 for and 11 against indicated.

As far as we can tell, Gruver is not angry or disappointed by the way the vote went at Morse. The entire issue is hardly a conversation piece here now as far as Morse is concerned.

There is some resentment here toward Spearman, however. Needless resentment.

The Spearman Reporter carried a double page ad in Large type that read:

**NOTICE TO RESIDENTS OF MORSE
WE WANT YOU TO KEEP YOUR SCHOOL...
BUT IF YOU ARE GOING TO BE FORCED TO LOSE
YOUR SCHOOL,
Spearman Invited You To Use Our new \$1,000,000 with
all of the
Facilities offered By An ACCREDITED AA SCHOOL
DON'T settle for a Class A school
Paid Advertisement By Interested People Of Spearman**

The type above, is capitalized exactly like the ad in the Reporter. Notice in the next to last line where accredited AA school is in all capitals. In the next line—the one that caused most of the trouble—Class A school has no emphasis at all. The insinuation seems to be that Gruver's school is not accredited.

We saw a report on the Gruver School after it was visited by state school inspectors last year. It was an impressive report rating Gruver one of the best schools in the state. Not a school in this part of the country including Class AA Spearman has a better system.

What is hard to figure out is what Spearman (those responsible for the ad) expected to gain. It was bad enough to invite Morse to come to Spearman three days before the election but to make it worse they had to take a slam at Gruver.

We don't know how many people from Morse trade in Spearman, but there are several Gruver people who buy there.

This column isn't in any way directed at the Spearman school system. It is a fine one. But the Gruver school, which will probably be AA and back in the district with Spearman in the next three years, is also a good one and folks here resent any degrading remarks about it. After all, the state board of education should know more about it than those in Spearman responsible for the ad.

We think arguments between newspapers are most times on the childish side, but if the Reporter wants to produce the evidence that the Spearman school is so much better than Gruver's, we will carry it on our front page.

In the Meantime, to help the school and the town Gruver people would be wise to trade at home whenever possible. Money spent here goes back into our little Class A school.

On closing we have one final thought: Hope our ball teams don't find out that Gruver's school is inferior to Spearman's.

THE WAY I SEE IT

Robert Cordes, pastor
Oslo Lutheran Church

Jesus Christ has told us "My peace I leave with you". To Christians, there is a certain joy and assurance that we are God's, No one outside of the Christian faith can experience this.

The storm struck. Lightning tore at the sky. Winds howled and blew rain hard against the windows. The black night seemed to be cracking up all around.

But on my arm the watch I wore kept ticking on undisturbed. Somehow it suggested God's part in life. His children are like watches in a thunderstorm. Hardships come, universal or personal; wars come, wars on a world-wide scale, or little, private wars inside people. The whole world may be cracking up, but those who really believe in Jesus as Savior tick on quietly, undisturbed, directed not by the world's frenzy but by His peace in their hearts.

Another picture that illustrates this view...is the stained glass window. The day may be very bright and sunny, but despite the brightness of it you cannot see the beauty of the church windows from the outside. You must be inside, and see the sun shining through the windows to appreciate the lovely patterns of light. Christianity is certainly like that. You simply can't see the beauty of it from the outside—even if Christians are to so let their light so

Morse 4-H Notes

President Don Kelly presided at the regular meeting of the Morse 4-H Club in the school Cafeteria. The pledge to the United States flag and to the 4-H flag was made also the motto were led by Monte McCloy. Delbert McCloy led the group with the 4-H prayer.

Dwight Gillispie led the group in a song "Home on the Range". The club voted to help the National Safety Council with a rural safety survey.

There were demonstrations given by the 4-H members to the agents to see if they needed improvement. Judy Reising and Peggy Giblin gave a demonstration on Community Improvement. Doug and Bill McCloy gave a demonstration on Farm and Ranch Management. Cheryl McCloy and Kay Johnson gave a demonstration on Community safety. Mark McCloy and Dwight Gillispie gave a demonstration in Field Crops, Danny Womble and Philip Fleming gave a demonstration in Soil and Water Conservation.

FOR SALE OR TRADE

Considered for sale or trade the equity in a three bedroom brick veneer with one and three quarter bath, large paneled family room, storage or hobby room and garage. Good location.

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GRUVER AGENCY

Thursday.

There were 191 persons in Church school to launch the campaign "Lift high the Cross". This program is designed to emphasize the importance of regular attendance, in Bible Study, Prayer Study and Church Service. The campaign will continue three more Sundays.

CARD OF THANKS

The Bergins and Tabors wish to thank all the volunteers who helped put the fire out on Thursday of last week on the Bergin Tabor Ranch.
Tommy Joe Bergin.

Shower Honors Boney-Monzingo

A morning coffee shower was held in the home of Mrs. Pete Cluck Friday morning March 22nd to honor Mrs. John Boney of Sunray and Mrs. Terry Monzingo of Memphis.

Mrs. J.C. Harris pre-

sided at the guest register and greeted the guests as they arrived.

Mrs. Bart Riley and Mrs. A.D. Reed of Spearman presided at a beautiful serving table laid in white. An arrangement of cherubs amid pink and white rose buds centered the table. Coffee and donuts were served as refreshments for the event.

The honorees were presented with lace trimmed baby sock corsages as Mrs. John A. Boney.

Many lovely gifts were received by the two and thirty guests registered the guest register.

The hostess for the occasion was Mrs. Pete Cluck. Assistant hostesses were Mesdames T.C. Harvey Jr., Gene Cluck, J.R. Morris, Sam Cluck and J.C. Harris.

Baptist News

There was a large attendance at Church Sunday. The Sunday morning Sunday School and Church services closed youth Week. This has been a week of true inspiration for the youth as well as the adults.

Last Sunday was the beginning of the Japan Baptist New Life Movement. District Ten will hold a Training Union workshop for all age group workers at the First Baptist Church of Borger on March 29th. Workers should take advantage of this real opportunity for help in teaching.

The Annie Armstrong offering for Home Missions is still being taken.

Quilting Party

Mrs. Byron Peddy had a quilting party at her home on Saturday March 23rd. The ladies enjoyed a covered dish luncheon of ham and hot rolls being the main dish.

Those present for the occasion were, Mrs. McClellan, Judy Tomlinson, Jolene Thompson, Rosalee Cator, Thelma Davis, Elsie Mae Peddy and the Hostess Mrs. Byron Peddy.

SCHOOL MENU

Monday April 1st, Corney Dogs, Cheese Sticks, Ranch Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Jelly, Hot Rolls and Milk.

Tuesday April 2nd Pork Chops, Sweet Potatoes, Combination Salad, Pineapple Babarian, Hot Rolls, butter and milk.

Wednesday April 3rd, Meat Loaf, Cabbage and Carrot Slaw, Buttered Potatoes, Cherry Pie, Hot Rolls, Butter and milk.

Thursday April 4th, Roast Beef and Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Peas, Lime Jello Salad, Hot Rolls, Butter and milk.

Friday April 5th, Hamburgers, Relish Tray, Baked Potatoes, Ice Cream and Cookies.

CODES FROM MORSE

Mrs. Desmond Kelly

The Joe Reisingers spent Sunday in the home of his sister, the Albert Littaus of Balco, Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hazelwood of Amarillo visited Sunday in the home of her mother, Mrs. H.I. Gay.

Callers in the Billy Jarvis home last week were Mrs. Ella Parks, Mrs. H.I. Gay, Mrs. Mack Dortch and Mrs. A.E. Henderson. Billy's mother, Mrs. O.W. Jarvis is spending some time with them and the ladies wanted to visit her.

Mrs. Hazard who stays with Mrs. Mathis here in Morse prepared a birthday dinner last week for Mrs. Cora Parks. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Parks, Mrs. Ella Parks and the hostess.

SIXTH GRADE SCHOOL PARTY

The sixth grade had a skating party to honor Tommy Henson and Mike McLain. The group gathered at the Rainbow Skating Rink in Guymon.

An enjoyable evening was spent by, Jessie Ghigo, Sam Gruver, Marilyn Stedje, Mark Womble, Fred Hintergardt, Alfred Ralston, Marcia Gross, Welda Porterfield, Chuck Clawson, Judy Mitchell, Debra Irwin, Judy Kmitson, Denna Davis, Jerry Bayless, Judy Walker, Connie Etter, Catherine Hensenthaler, Georgia Walker, Bobby Hannon, Billy Wardlow, Nancy Hudson, Molly Rafferty, Mary Stavlo, Carolyn Boyd, Debbie Bayless, Tommy Henson and Mike McLain.

Mrs. Desmond Kelly has returned from Oklahoma City after spending a week there training in the Child Evangelism School.

Mr. and Mrs. David Cave and Children of Amarillo visited Sunday in church services at the Community Church. David is a brother of Mrs. Harold Fleming; they spent the remainder of the day in the Fleming home.

Shower Honors Margret Orman

Mrs. Margaret Orman, formerly Margaret Clawson, was honored with a baby shower in the True Leatherman home Saturday March 16th.

Karen Clawson resided at the guest book and greeted the guests as they entered.

Coffee, Cake, nuts, mints and punch was served to the guests by Phyllis Leatherman, Carolyn Turner, Floyce Ann Turner and Kay Bateman. The girls served the refreshments from atop a table centered with blue and white potted flowers.

Blue and white sock corsages were worn by the mother and grandmother.

Hostesses for the occasion were Mesdames Vivian Bayless, Pat McGuffin, W.J. Eddleman, Floyd Turner, David Turner, Lester Wells, Gene Cluck, O.V. Walker Jr., H.O. Bateman, Bernie Spraks, Claude Watkins, Ted McClellan, Ralph Bort, Bill Gumfory, Fred Chase and True Leatherman.

Out of town guests included Mrs. Intrican and Mrs. Orman.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Brothers hosted the square dance club on Wednesday night in the Community Center.

The Child Evangelism Fellowship of the Panhandle area held a banquet at the Jones Brothers Restaurant on Saturday night, Speaker for the occasion was Mrs. Stella Fisher of Kansas City national training team director. Those attending from this area were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Fleming, Mr. and Mrs. Desmond Kelly, Mrs. Annie Clifton, Mr. and Mrs. John Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Dortch and Mrs. Bill Carter of Borger.

Miss Katie Raspier, CEF appointee to Argentina, will be in this area this week-end. On Sunday, March 31st, she will speak in the Gruber Community Church. She will be in Hitchland Community Church for the evening service. On Tuesday April 2 at 3:45 she will speak at the Morse Good News Bible Club which meets in the Desmond Kelly home. All the children and interested adults are invited to attend. Miss Raspier is currently living in Lubbock and is directing the Child Evangelism work there but her home is in Canada.



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APRIL 1 THRU 7

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Morning Weekday Services ...9.00 a.m.

Evening Weekday Services ...8.00 p.m.

Sunday Services 10.50 a.m. & 6.30 p.m.

CORDIAL INVITATION TO ALL

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LOCALS

Bobby Sanders and Donetta visited in Amarillo with her mother-in-law Mrs. Sanders. She left Friday and returned Saturday.

Mrs. Laura Lowell of Old Hansford a frequent visitor in Gruver dropped a heavy iron on her foot and resulted in broken bones. Mrs. Mae Floyd of Spearman took Mrs. Lowell to the Shattuck Hospital.

Leonard Barlow of Perryton is in Shattuck for tests. Mrs. Alma Gruver is with the children in Perryton. Leonard is a brother of Alma Gruver, Mrs. Guy Gruver and Deanna Barnes. The Guy Coopers spent the weekend in Vobina with Durward Bell family.

Mr. and Mrs. C.A. Baker of Amarillo were visitors in the Mart Hart home for a few days. Mrs. Baker and Mrs. Hart are sisters.

Good news comes from Dallas that Alfred Henderson is improving from surgery at St. Pauls Hospital.

Mr. Gid Nobles left Tuesday for Cleburne to attend the funeral of his nephew Lester Hedrick.

Deanna Barnes returned home Tuesday from the Shattuck hospital in Shattuck.

Mr. and Mrs. J.D. McClure returned to Norman Oklahoma after visiting several days in the home of Mrs. W.N. Fletcher.

Mrs. Pearl Cluck and Mrs. Agatha Rafferty left Monday to stay over night with Agatha's sister Mrs. Charles Black in Liberal. The three attended a concert held there.

Mrs. Myrtle Bemstein, Mrs. Agatha Rafferty and Mrs. Georgia Holt were luncheon guests of Mrs. Pearl Cluck Sunday. A nice lunch and table talk was enjoyed by the women.

Mr. C.A. Brown who lived for a number of years in Oklahoma lives now in Fritch is a real "oldtimer" He writes that he enjoys and keeps the feature story in the Gruver Independent. He knows of some of the families in the spotlight and is a faithful subscriber thank you, Daddy B.

Patty Riley the young daughter of Skeeze Riley entered the Spearman Hospital Sunday but was able to come home on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. R.D. McClellan took their grandson Bart, to Amarillo to meet his parents who live in Lockney. Bart has been here visiting his grand parents.

Mother Winger from Gainsville is here visiting relatives and friends.

We welcome Mr. and Mrs. I.L. Harris Sr. and family back to the Gruver vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. McKinley, took Tony Shapley, Bill Pittman, Jimmy Cooksey, and Larry Kauffman to Abilene to the Student Council Convention at Hardin-Simmons.

Mrs. Ray Etter has been in an Amarillo hospital for surgery.

Mr. Fred Cooper has been to El Paso on Business.

Overnight guests in the Rex Kee home were Mr. and Mrs. Doug Thoppson of Lubbock. Mrs. Thompson is Rex Kee's niece.

Mr. and Mrs. Surovick of Lubbock visited in the Skeeze Riley home this past weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. R.C. Green and the Alfred Whites spent Monday in Amarillo.

Mrs. Charles Erickson, Mrs. Karl Morstain and Mary Francis visited relatives in Dolhart Sunday.

Dixie Sparks and children went to Fort Worth over the past weekend to attend the wedding of her brother.

Roger Vernon was home from Baylor University in Waco visiting in the home of his parents Mr. and Mrs. Ed Vernon.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Connell of Amarillo were weekend guests in the Charlie Beck Jr. home.

Charles Broadhurst closed the revival he led at the Calvary Baptist Church in Borger, Sunday. He returned to Gruver to join his family at the Cata home Sunday evening. Monday the family returned to their home in Auroa Colorado.

Miss Lee Ann Fletcher of Perryton has been a guest in the Ed Vernon home over the weekend.

Dale Harris is leading in a revival in the Trinity Baptist Church of Guyton. Wes Latimer had two center fingers cut off in a Power saw, while at work. The accident happened on Tuesday and he was taken to the Spearman Hospital.

In the hospital over the weekend was Barry Bailey son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bailey. The lad is home now and feeling better.

Cattlemen Donate to Screwworm Program

Several cattle owners from Hansford County met Tuesday March 19 to discuss the screwworm program. They agreed that Hansford County cattle owners should have an opportunity to donate to the screwworm eradication program and set a figure of

\$10. for each cattle owner to contribute. Cattle owners can contribute any amount, but this \$10. figure was set as a guide.

Anyoone desiring to contribute should make checks payable to Southwest Animal Health Research Foundation and mail to County Agents Office, Box 115, Spearman, Texas.

Cattle owners contributing are R.P. Hintergardt, Harley Alexander, Robert Alexander, Willard McCloy.

Gruver Opens on Baylor Stage

Gruver came to life on the stage of Waco Hall on the Baylor Campus March 15th. The University Sing was presented by the social clubs of Baylor University. The curtain opened to a town scene with "Gruver" written on the building as the setting for one of the performances.

Gene Evans, a junior student at Baylor from Gruver was coordinator for the Spring event on the Campus of Baylor University in Waco.

Birthday Honored

Mark Womble celebrated his 12th Birthday Sunday at his home with a Bar-B-Q Dinner. The invited guests were, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Duncan, Mike Riley, Kim Cluck and Dowell Key.

The group enjoyed a show in the evening and Dowell spent the night with Mark.

NEWS TIPS

from the plant

The Truthseekers Sunday School class held their monthly Monday, March 18, meeting in the Mich-Wis Community Hall. President Bobby Hesselthaler presided. Minutes were read by secretary Pat Brune. The devotion was given by Merle Arthur. Lovely refreshments were served to these leadis Mae Watson, Merle Arthur, Mrs. Beamer, Bobby Hesselthaler, Louella Nordin, Norma Jones, Juanita Bayless, Norma Southern, Pat Brune, and the hostess, Mary Hintergardt.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Montgomery were Monday dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Crouch. The Montgomery's are for-residents of Mich-Wis and now make their home in Janesville, Wisconsin. On Monday afternoon, Mrs. Montgomery was honored with a coffee. Attending were Mrs. Watson and Mrs. Beamer from Phillips and Jean Maupin, Lavon Hampton and Helen Fritz from Mich-Wis.

The G.A.'s met on Tuesday in the Sherman Church. After the story of Matthew T. Yate was told by Danell Hesselthaler the girls studied on their

forward steps. Those attending were Lynda Jones, Danell Hesselthaler, Debbie Smith, Katie Colclazier, Donna Brune, Debbie Bebb, Jessie Ghigo, Sharon Wilson, Debbie Bayless, Judy Mitchell, and the ladies were Louella Nordin and Juanita Bayless.

Mr. and Mrs. M.L. Southern went to Tyrone on Sunday to visit Travis' grandmothers, Mrs. Gladys Southern and Mrs. Elmer Munkres.

Gary Osborne was home this weekend from college visiting in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Osborne.

Mr. and Mrs. Curt Blankenship and Mack visited last week end at Sharon Springs, Colo. where they were guests in the home of Judy and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hatton.

We would like to mention again this week the revival, now in progress at Sherman Baptist Church. Brother Hughes is our evangelist, Bill Brooks is leading the singing accompanied by Ruby Dupuy. Evening services begin each night at 7:00 and the revival continues through Sunday, March 31. We welcome each of you.

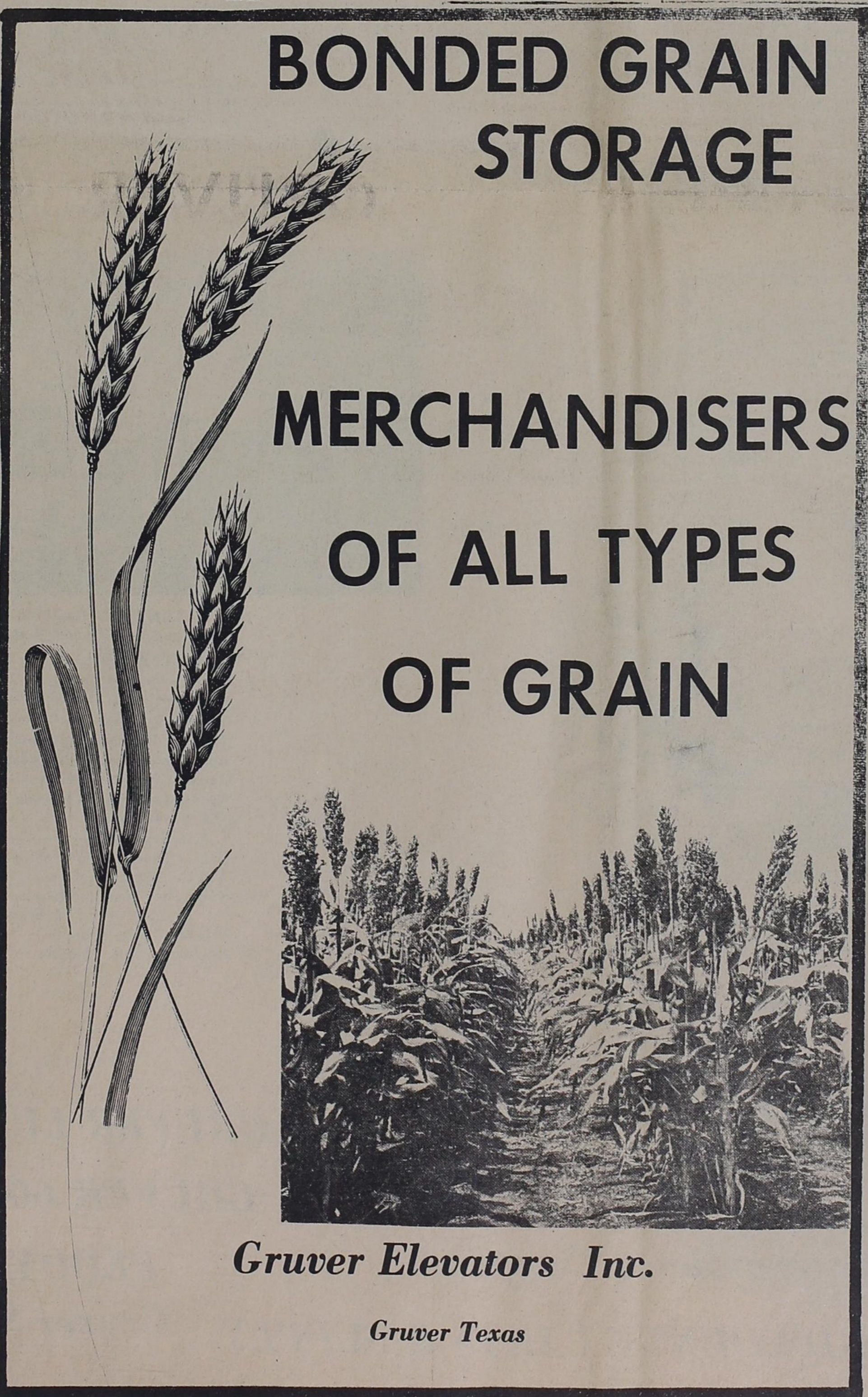
Proud parents are Mr. and Mrs. Jim Castor over the birth of a baby boy born March 25 in the Guyton Memorial Hospital. The lad weighed seven pounds three ounces.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank all of my many friends for the cards, flowers, prayers and thoughts while I was in the Shattuck Hospital. Deanna Barnes.

BONDED GRAIN STORAGE

MERCHANDISERS OF ALL TYPES OF GRAIN



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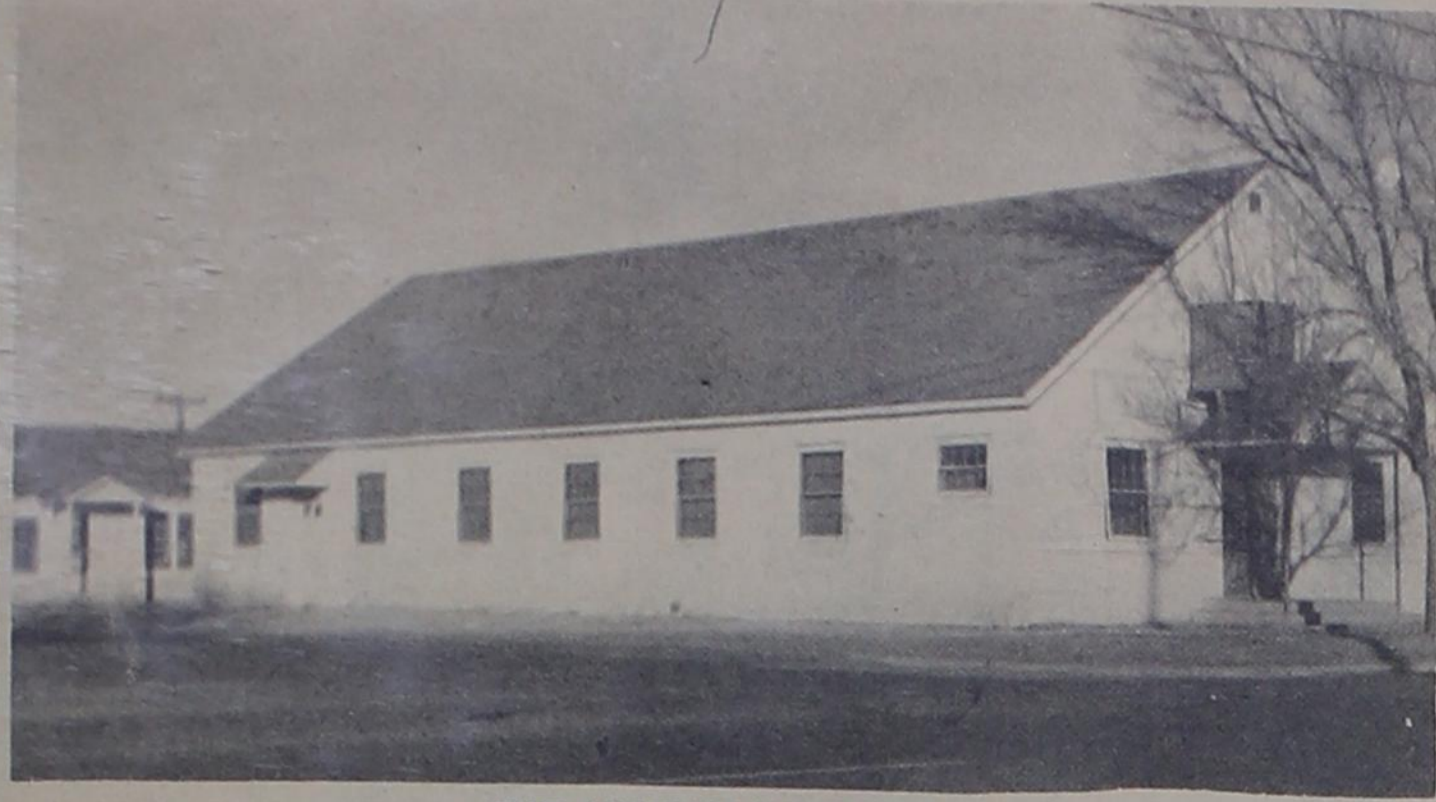
Gruver Elevators Inc.

Gruver Texas



The advertisement is a vertical banner for Riley Brothers. At the top, there is an illustration of a vintage television set with a large screen and a wooden cabinet. Below this, the text "Riley Brothers" is written in a stylized font, followed by the address "304 Main Gruver, Texas". In the center, the "RCA" logo is prominently displayed above the words "VICTOR COLOR TV" in large, bold, block letters. Below this, the phone number "Phone Fireside 7-2438" is listed. At the bottom, the text "Television and Radio Service" is written in a decorative font. At the very bottom, there is another illustration of a television set, similar to the one at the top but smaller.

ATTEND THE CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE



THE ASSEMBLY OF GOD
pastor, Robert G. Slaton

- Sunday School-----9:45
- Morning Worship-----11:00
- Sunday Evening Worship-----7:30
- Wednesday Evening Prayer Meeting-----7:45

HOPE

Who is insensible to the music of that word? What bosom has not kindled under its utterance? Poetry has sung of it; music has warbled it; oratory has lavished on it its bewitching strains. Fled from the world, Hope, with her elastic dreams, said that when all other divinities fled from the world, Hope, with her elastic step and radiant countenance and lustrous attire, lingered behind. Hope! well may we personify thee, lighting up thy altar-fires in this dark world, and dropping a live coal into many desolate hearts; gladdening the sick chamber with visions of returning health; illuminating with rays, brighter than the sunbeam, the captive's cell; crowding the broken slumbers of of the soldier by his bivouac-fire with pictures of his sunny home and his joyous return. Hope! drying the tear on the cheek of woe! As the black clouds of sorrow break and fall to the earth, arching and descending drops with thine own beauteous rainbow! Ay, more, standing with thy lamp in thy hand by the gloomy realms of Hades, kindling thy torch at Nature's funeral pile, and opening vistas through the gates of glory! If Hope, even with reference to present and infinite things, be an emotion so joyous--if uninspired poetry can sing so sweetly of its delights, what must be the believer's hope, the hope which has God for its object and Heaven its consummation?

John MacDuff.

Your schedule

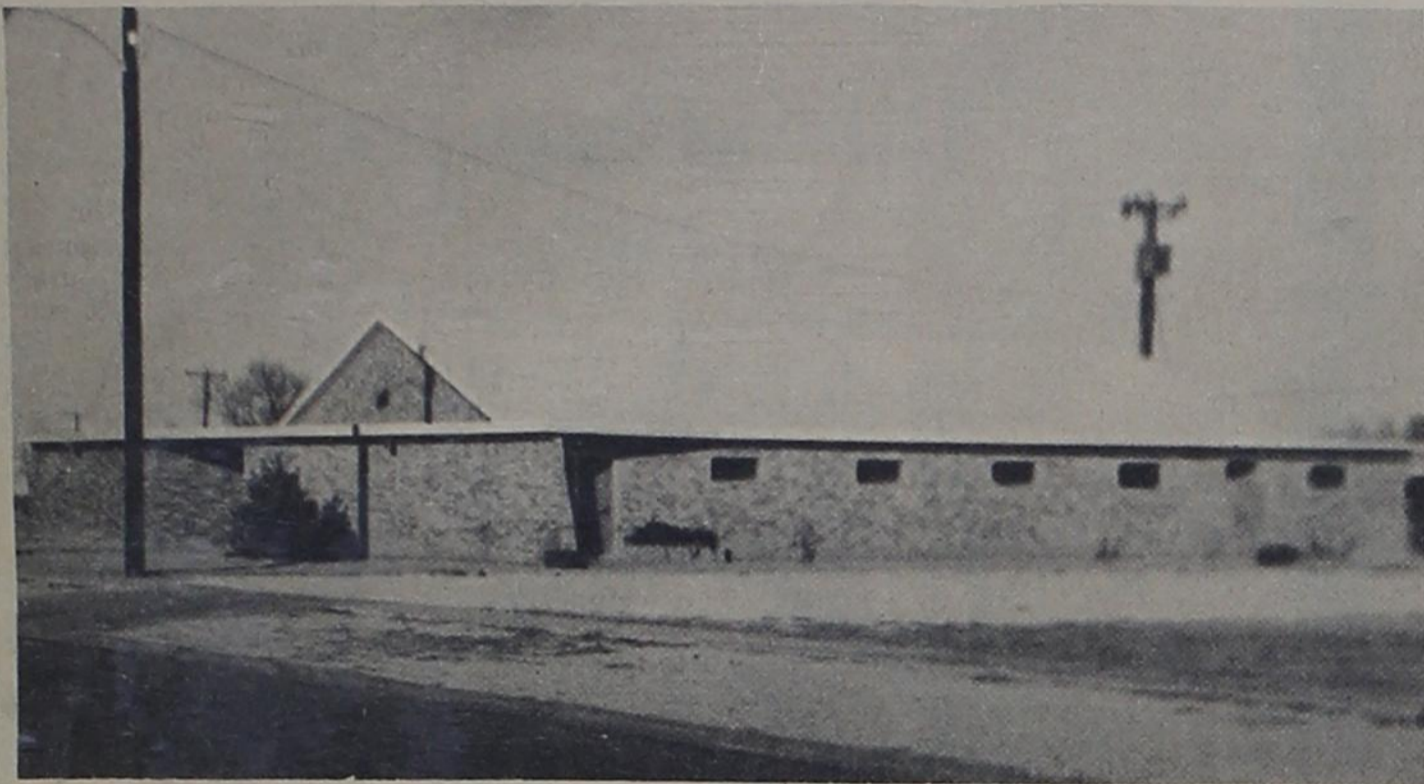
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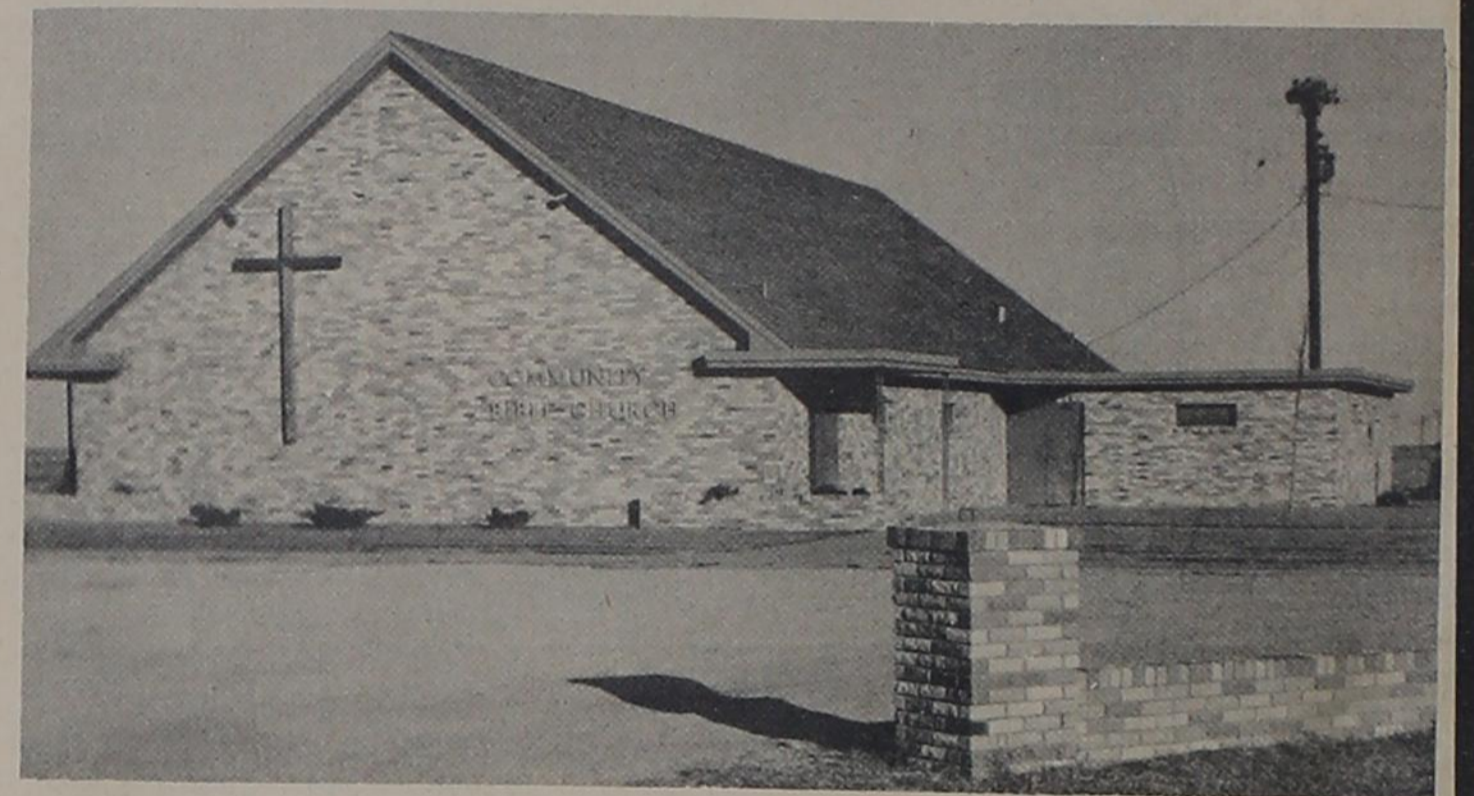
THE FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
pastor, Reverend Robert Lamson

- Sunday School-----10:00
- Morning Worship-----11:00
- Youth Meetings-----6:00
- Adult Bible Study-----8:00



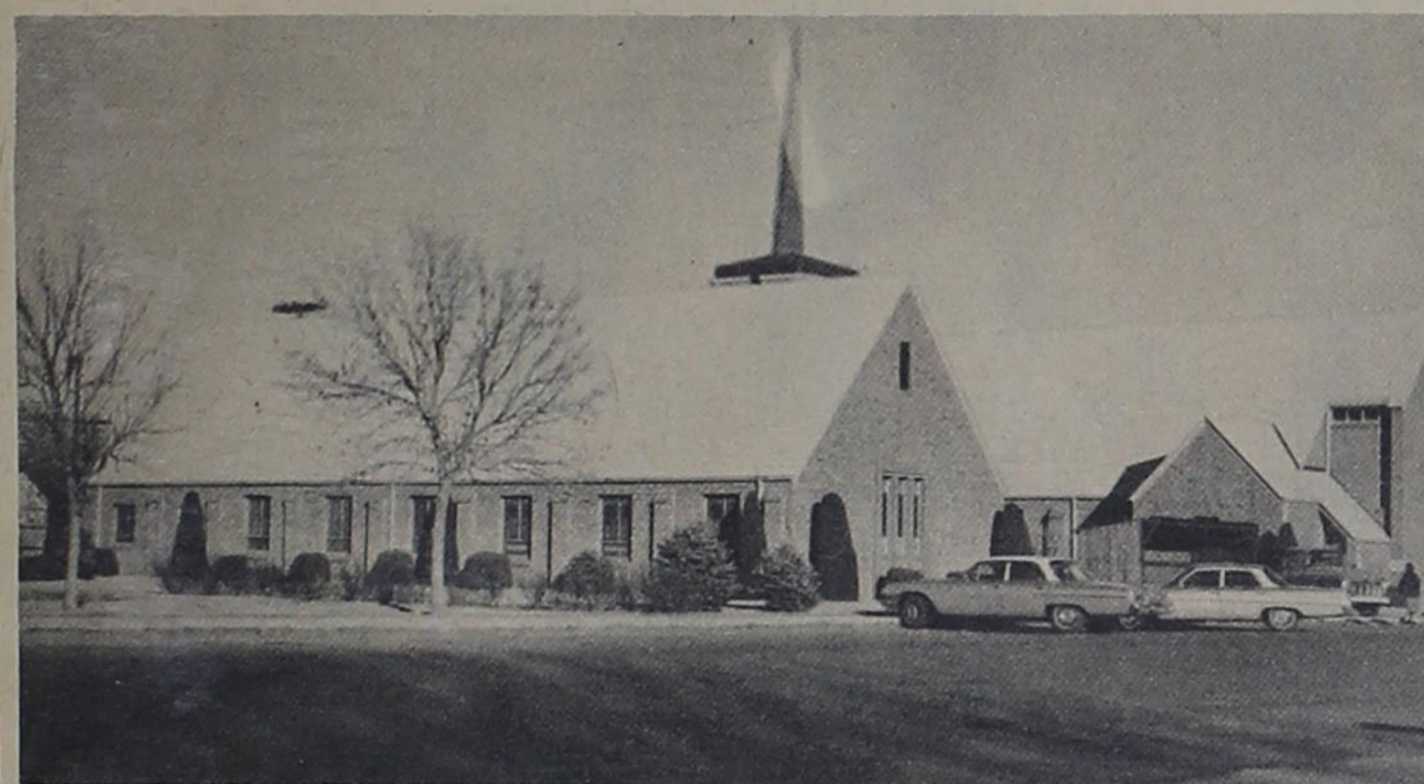
THE CHURCH OF CHRIST
minister, Alfred White

- Bible Study-----10:00
- Morning Worship-----11:00
- Evening Worship-----6:00
- Bible Study Wednesday-----8:00
- Ladies Class Thursday Juniors
- Children Cared for-----2:00
- Ladies Class Thursday Senior-----2:45



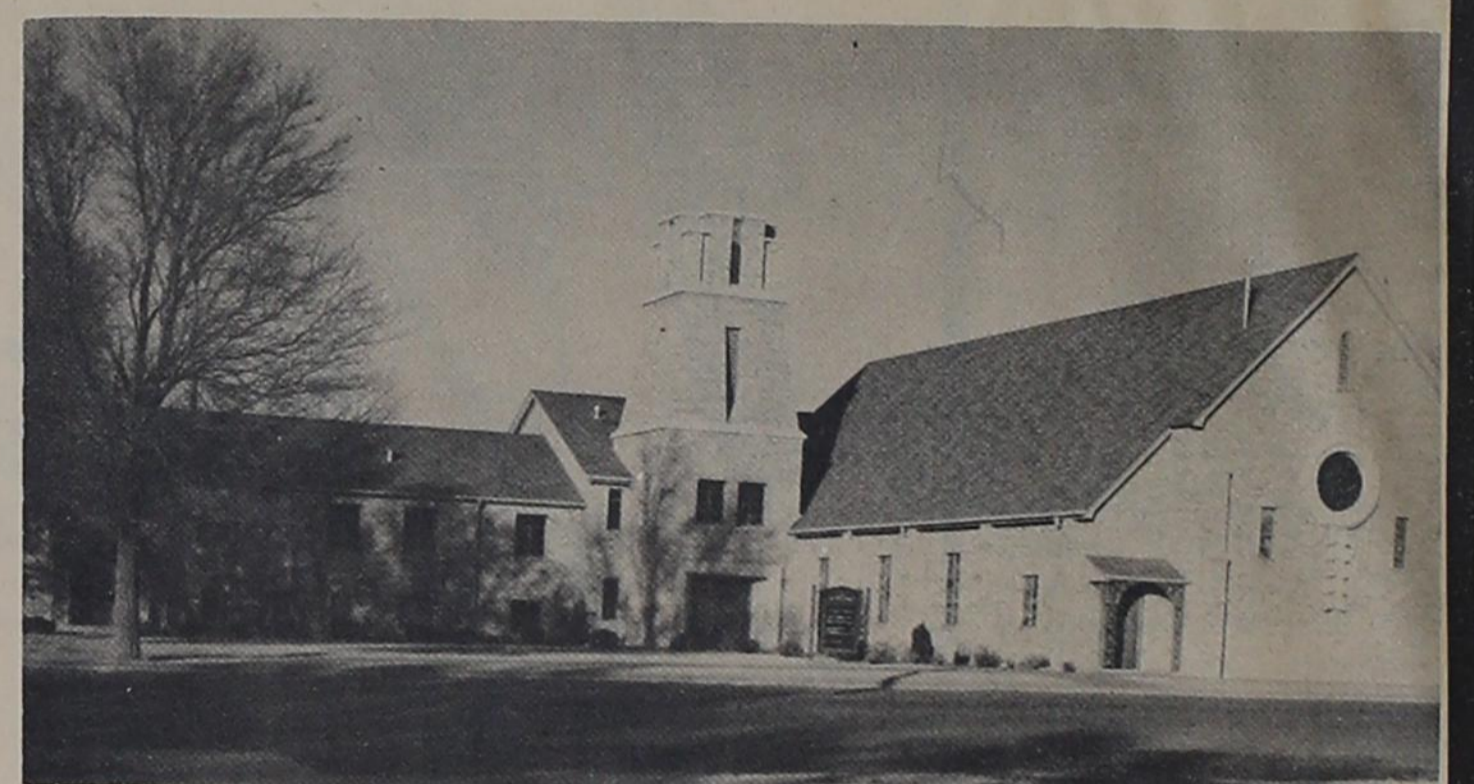
THE COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH
pastor, W.L. Porterfield

- Sunday School-----9:45
- Morning Worship-----11:00
- Youth Meeting-----6:30
- Evening Worship-----7:30
- Wednesday--Bible Study-----8:00



THE OSLO LUTHERAN CHURCH
pastor, Robert Cordes

- Sunday School-----9:45
- Adult Bible Class-----9:45
- Morning Worship-----11:00
- Brotherhood 1 & 3 Thursday-----7:30
- Ladies Aid 2nd Thursday-----2:00



THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
pastor Reverend, A.G. Purvis

- Sunday School-----9:45
- Morning Worship-----11:00
- Training Union-----7:00
- Evening Worship-----8:00
- Junior & Intermediate Choirs, Sunday-----3:00
- Adult Choir Practice Tuesday-----7:00
- Wednesday Prayer Service-----8:00
- Wednesday Evening Lesson Study-----6:45
- Y.W.A., Wednesday-----5:30
- R.A.'s Wednesday-----5:30
- G.A.'s Thursday-----4:00
- W.M.U., Thursday-----3:00
- Sunbeams, Thursday Beginner & Pri. 1-----3:00
- Primary 2-----3:30
- Primary Choir, Thursday-----4:30
- Beginner Choir, Thursday-----4:00

THE GRUVER METHODIST CHURCH
pastor, Reverend R.L. Kirk

- Sunday School-----9:45
- Morning Worship-----11:00
- M.Y.F.-----6:45
- Evening Worship-----7:30
- Wednesday Bible Study-----7:30
- Wednesday Choir Practice-----8:30
- Thursday W.S.C.S.-----2:30
- Wesley Circle, Thursday-----10:00



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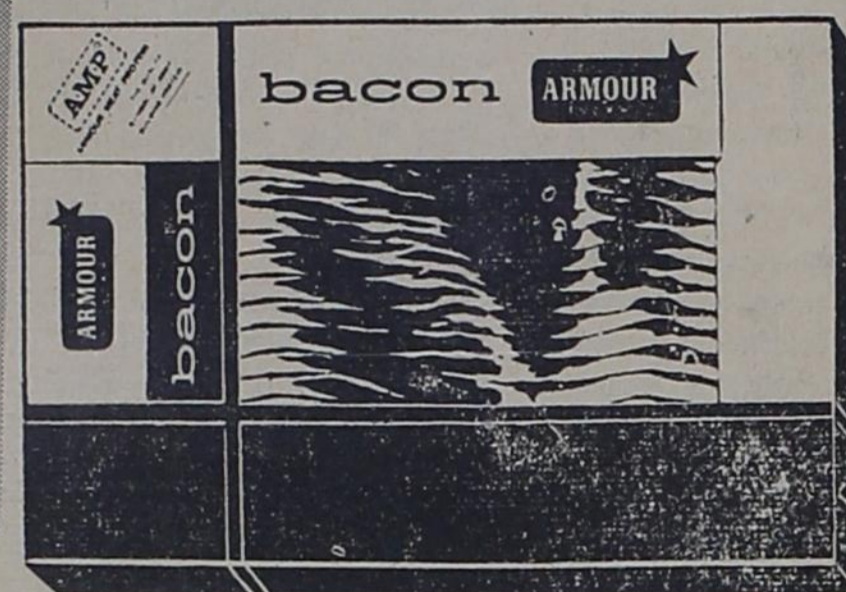
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EVERYBODY'S BUZZIN' ABOUT OUR...
LOW LOW FOOD PRICES



Shurfine
TUNA
 4 for \$1

Armour thick or thin sliced
BACON 2 lb. box **98¢**



Hot Dog Time
 Armour cello pkg. **FRANKS** 49¢
 Homemade **CHILI** lb. crt. 59¢
 Shurfresh **CHEESE** 2 lb box 69¢
 Shurfresh **OLEO** lb. 19¢



Gold Medal
FLOUR
 10 lb. **93¢**



Hunts
CATSUP
 1g. 20 oz. bot.
25¢

Gerbers
BABY FOOD
 3 for **29¢**

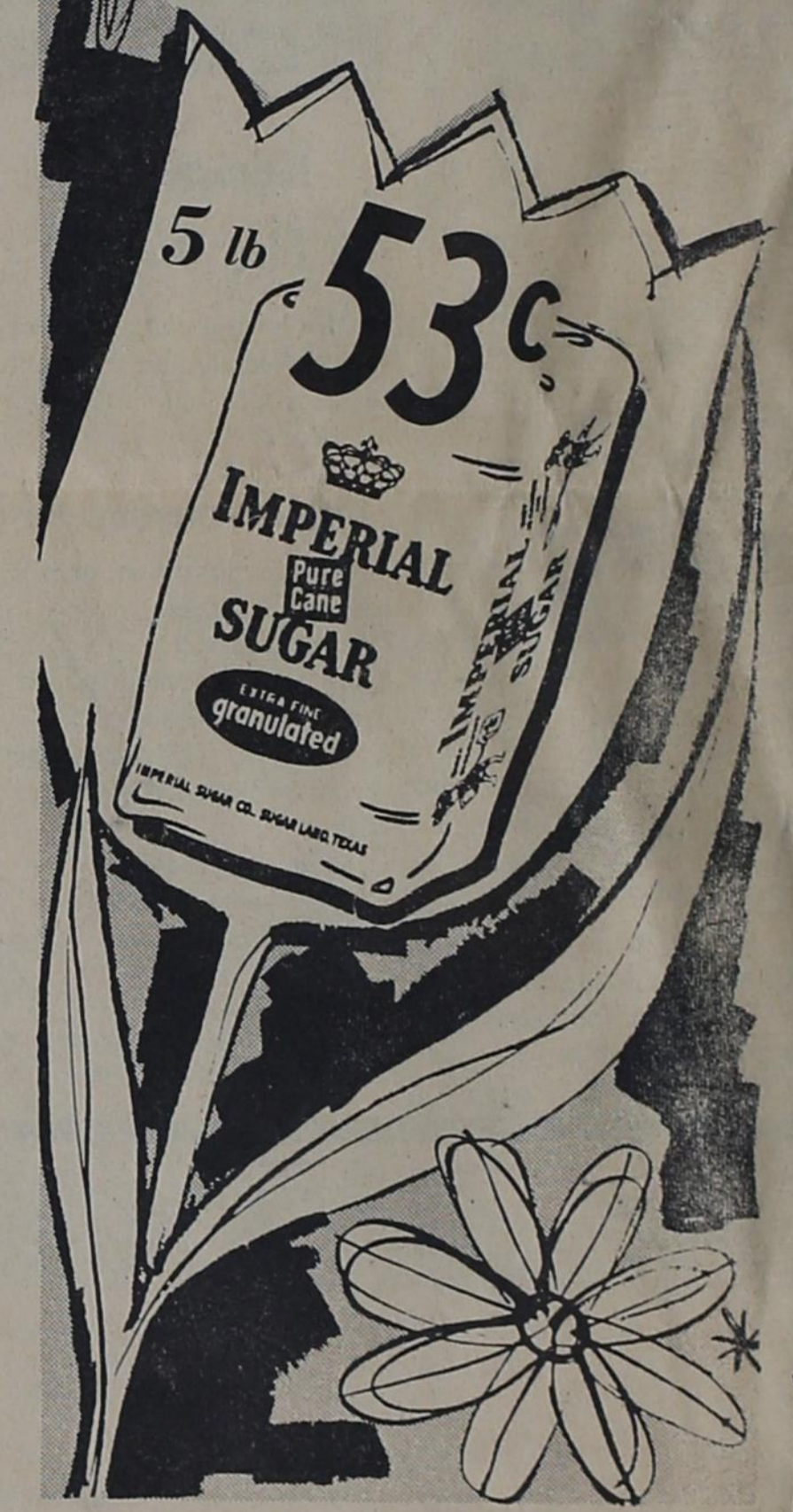



Lipton's **TEA** 1/2 # box **79¢**
 Roxey **DOG FOOD** 6 tall cans **49¢**

Soflin
TOILET TISSUE
 4 rolls **29¢**

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CRACKERS
 2 for **49¢**

Shurfine
SALAD DRESSING
 qt. **39¢**

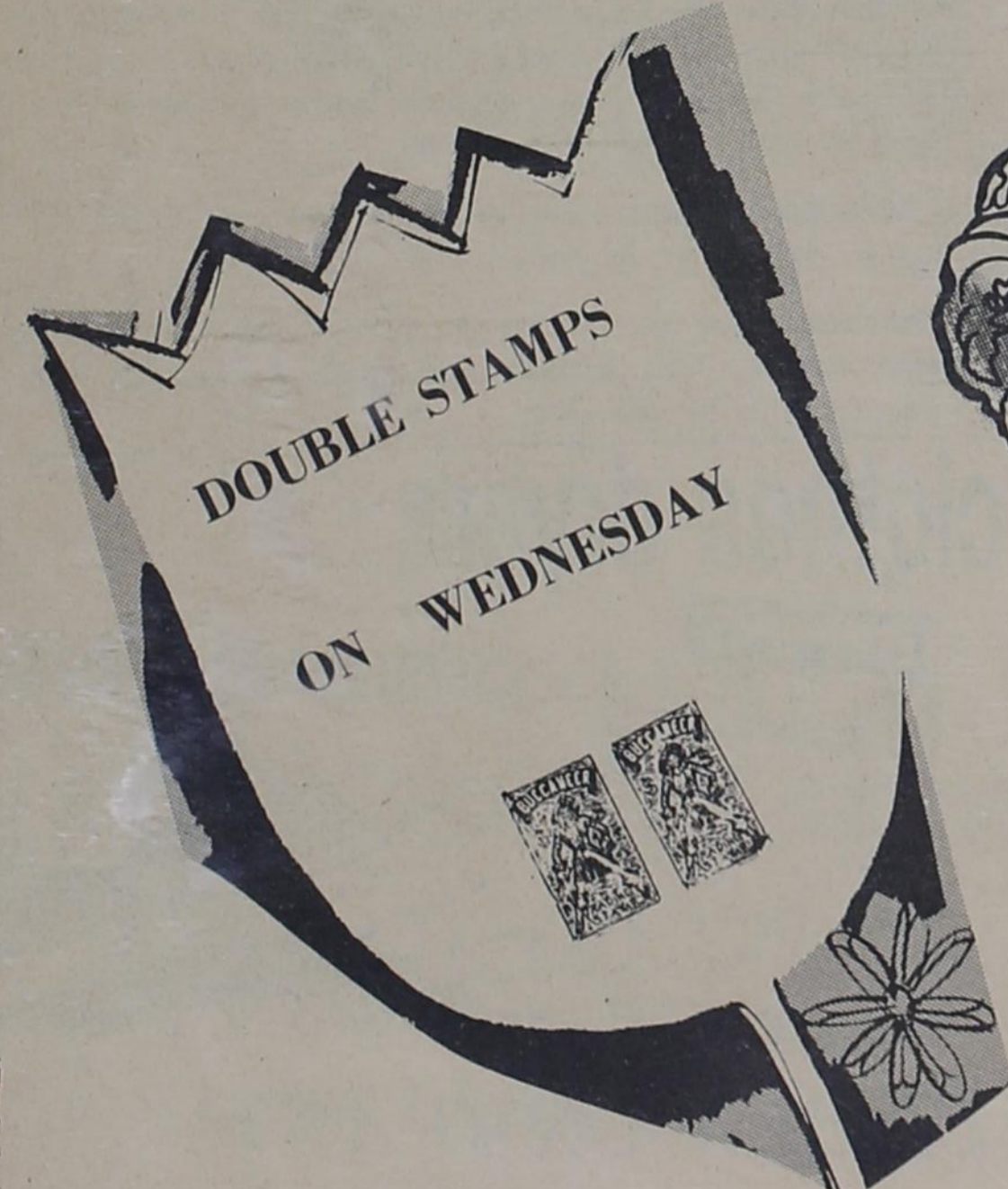


5 lb. **53¢**
IMPERIAL SUGAR
 Pure Cane
 EXTRA FINE granulated

Swifts
MELLORINE
 1/2 gal. **39¢**

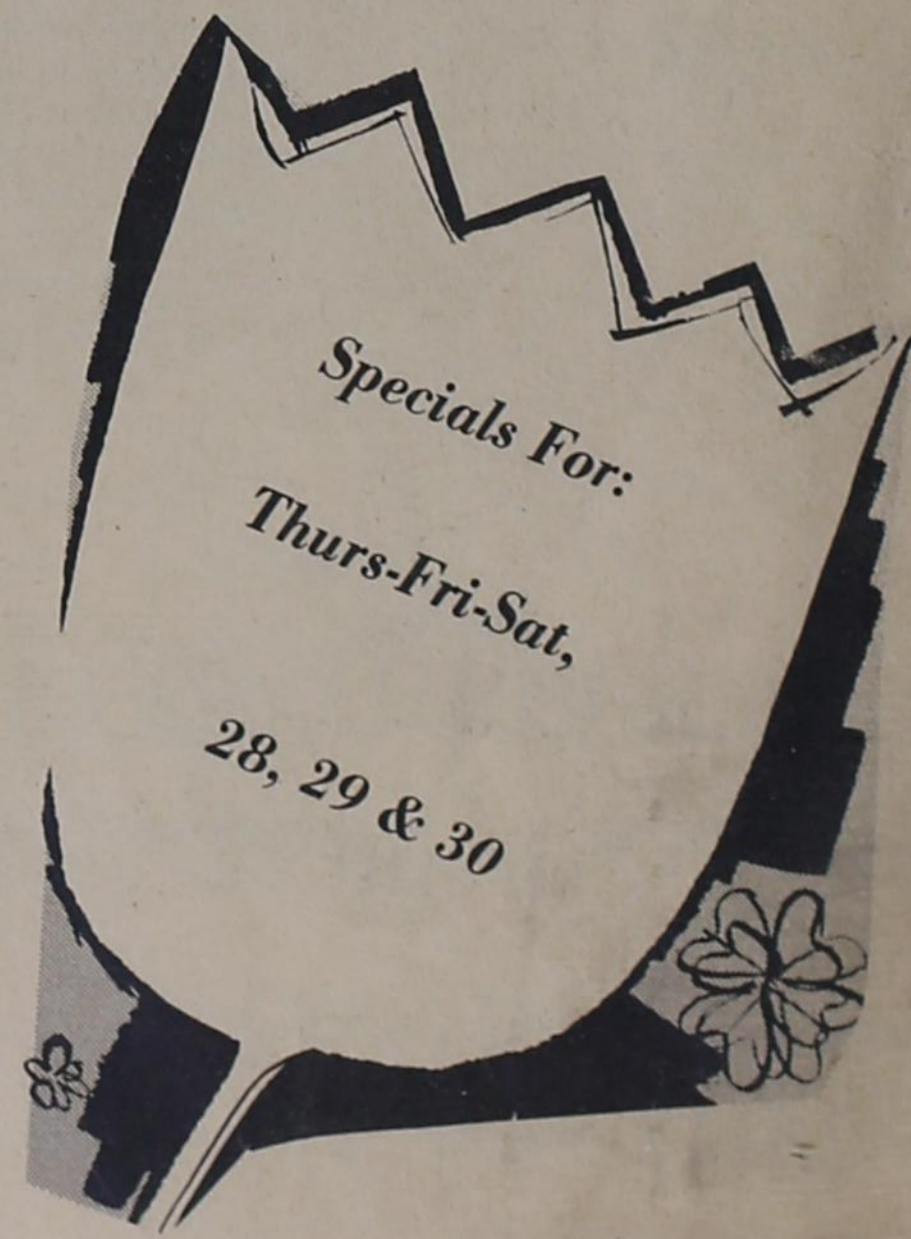


lb. **65¢**
Folgers
 Mountain Grown
COFFEE



DOUBLE STAMPS
 ON WEDNESDAY

PRODUCE
 Firm head **CABBAGE** lb. **5¢**
 Pick-o-morn **TOMATOES** pkg. **23¢**
RED SPUDS 25 lb. bag **79¢**



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