



HOME OF TAYLOR ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

5-Year Old Child Is Fatally Shot And Buried Here

Charlie Dean Loper, 9, was fatally shot Saturday in a firearms accident while playing at a neighbor's house near his parents' home in Ira.

Charlie Dean was killed when a .22 calibre rifle discharged after it had been stood upright in a corner by his 11-year-old brother, Elvin Myrel Loper.

Charlie Dean was the son of Mr. and Mrs. William R. Loper, Sr., of Ira, formerly of Merkel.

Survivors include the parents, three sisters, Sherry Kay, Barbara, and Mrs. Wanda June Merritt; and five brothers, Elvin Myrel, Jesse Joel, William Robert, William R. Jr., and Lonnie Loper, all of Ira.

Burial was at 2 p. m. Monday, at the Rose Hill Cemetery at Merkel.

Taylor Electric Is Celebrating 15th Anniversary

Fifteen years ago this month, in September, 1939, the Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc., was officially organized. The officers and directors of the cooperative, who were Johnny Cox, president; Sam Butman, Jr., vice president; and W. C. Church, secretary-treasurer; Ed Gist, O. S. Moore, A. W. McKee, N. A. Estes, Mrs. Tom Rusk and Comer Haynes held their meeting in the office of Bryan Bradbury, cooperative attorney, in Abilene.

It was the original plan for the headquarters to be in Abilene. However, local business men and

citizens put on a great campaign and were successful in getting the cooperative headquarters in Merkel. The cooperative now occupies its own modern office building and warehouse.

The offices are well equipped with up-to-date working facilities. A central heating and cooling system makes ideal working conditions the year around. Also on the grounds of the cooperative is a garage where a full time mechanic services the cooperative's vehicles.

Construction of the electric distribution lines was begun in 1940. The first lines were energized the latter part of January, 1941, amounting to 397 miles serving 549 consumers whose average monthly consumption was 35 KWH. As of Dec. 31, 1953, the cooperative had 1,700 miles of line, serving 3,600 consumers with an average monthly consumption of 211.61 KWH.

In April, 1941, the cooperative had three vehicles which were driven 4,859 miles for the month. In December, 1953, they had 12 vehicles and for the month drove 16,113 miles. Of the 12 vehicles, nine of them are radio equipped for better service in the eight counties in which the cooperative has lines. Those eight counties being Taylor, Callahan, Jones, Nolan, Fisher, Shackelford, Eastland and Coke.

In 1953 the cooperative had 34 employees with a total payroll of \$95,827.50. A total of 211,064 miles were driven for the year and \$4,871.01 was paid for fuel.

In 1953 the cooperative made to the Rural Electrification Administration principal payments of \$27,721.10. Interest paid to the REA and accrued for the year was in the amount of \$31,850.03.

The present board of directors are H. R. Roberts, president; C. F. Hill, vice president; Sam Butman, Jr., secretary-treasurer; U. S. Akens, J. J. Anderson, Elmo Jones, Comer Haynes, O. S. Moore and Oma Thomas. These men serving on the board of directors are responsible to the members of the cooperative for the successful operation of this approximately \$3,000,000 business. Nine people are elected by the members each year at the annual members meeting to serve on the board.

There have been three general managers, Johnny Cox was the first one. He was followed by Riggs Shepperd. The present general manager is Lester F. Dorton, Sr.

J. Hamp Campbell Home, Furniture Destroyed by Fire

The 60-year-old home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Hamp Campbell, who live three miles south of Merkel, burned to the ground early Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Campbell had lived in the house for 60 years, ever since they came here from Tennessee.

The fire was started by a kerosene stove, Mr. Campbell who is 82 was lighting the stove about sun-up Monday when it exploded. His wife was still in bed.

Campbell tried to fight the blaze, but was burned on the right hand, arm, shoulder, and the right side of his face. Mrs. Campbell, awakened by the flames, came to help her husband and was slightly burned on the right arm.

Neither had serious burns, however.

The five-room house and all the furniture were destroyed. The car shed near the house remained intact, but the couple's 1948 Chevrolet was scorched. There was no insurance.

Merkel Badgers Oppose Wylie Team For First Time

The Merkel Badgers were to open the football season at 8 o'clock last night, Thursday, against Wylie Bulldogs at Wylie. This change in schedule was made to avoid a conflicting date at Abilene between Abilene High School and Dallas Highland Park. The Wylie people thought that fans from Abilene would like to see both games and the change was made.

This is the first meeting of the Wylie and Merkel Football Teams in the history of the schools. The local coaching staff knew nothing of the strength of their first opponent.

The Wylie School was dedicat-

ing a new stadium and the Bulldogs wanted very much to win this game.

The band and the pep squad were to be there to cheer the boys to victory. The new band uniforms did not arrive in time for the first game.

There are 30 boys out for football.

Only four of these players were regulars last year. They are George English, tackle, Wesley Morton, tackle, Billy Mack Gilbert, guard who has been shifted to end, Freddie Boone, back.

The Badgers have four other lettermen but who were not regulars. They are Robert McLeod, end, Phillip Pursley, back, Terry O'Brien, back, Larry Joyce, center who has been shifted to full-back.

Three reserve lettermen make up the rest of the experienced boys. They are Gene Hargrove, tackle, Grady Knight, guard, Earl O'Brien, tackle.

The rest of the boys who make up the squad were last year's B team members and first year freshmen. They are:

Ends — Jimmy Neil, Jerry Miller, M. H. Ely, Ronne Toombs.

Tackle — Payton Scott.
Guards — Carl McKeever, Bill Horton, Berry Scott, Charles Jacobs, Edwin Mewburn.
Centers — Gail O'Brien, Leon Kelso, Chester Collinsworth, Jr., Eddie Higgins.
Backs — Kermit Rutledge, Jackie Russell, Kenneth Moore, Lloyd Shugart, Riley Seymour.
"The lack of experience, depth in reserve and team speed will go against the team this year but the attitude of the players and their desire to play football could offset some of these weaknesses," stated Coach Carroll Benson.

Trent Gorillas Play Tonight At Aspermont

The Trent Gorillas play their first game tonight, Friday, against Aspermont at their opponents' field. The starting lineup, announced Coach Daniel B. Nixon, would be:

Gary Tittle, RG, 150 pounds; Frank Granetbauer, LT, 190; Jerry Horton, C, 150; Jerry Estep, RHB, 140; J. B. Swinney, QB, 140; Jimmy Hobb, LHB, 155; James Casady, FB, 160; Ronnie Freeman, LG, 140; Jerry McWilliams, RE, 175; Tommy Toliver, LE, 165; Sherman Driggers, RT, 200.

Others in the squad are:

Charles Bright, HB, 130; Buddy Tittle, QB, 110; Tommy Young, G, 140; Gerald Duncan, E, 140; Buddy Carter, G, 140; Joe Christ, LT, 170; John Stowe, G, 140; Sid Ross, T, 170.

The managers are Ronnie Cade and Jerrell Butman. The cheer leaders are Betty Payne, Nancy Jones, Barbara Washburn. The drum major is Kay Beasley.

By means of this ordinance we hope to have enough water for school requirements."

Is for FFA but Not as Screen Says Rufe Tittle

"I'm for the FFA boys," asserted Commissioner Rufe Tittle, "but I am not for putting over a big scheme for Abilene with the FFA boys as a smoke screen."

This statement was made by Commissioner Tittle at the meeting of the Lions Club this week when the bond issues to be voted on Sept. 18 came up for discussion.

Leon Walker, secretary-treasurer of the club, presided in the absence of the president and the vice presidents.

The delicious dinner with chicken and all the trimmings, was served by Woosy's Cafe.

Raymond Adeock, chairman of the broom sale drive, reported that the club netted \$144.50 from the project. He also brought up the matter of sponsoring a Pony League. No action was taken.

Tommy Odum talked about organizing a chamber of commerce and hiring a paid man to run it to get more industries for Merkel. The club voted that the president appoint a committee to look into this.

"Some folks have taken the wrong attitude toward my stand on the county fair bonds," began Commissioner Tittle in his remarks. "It looks to me like somebody will get his nest feathered by the development of the land adjoining the proposed fair grounds."

"The 30-cent tax raise that was recently put into effect included 15 cents to take care of the bond issue."

"So we see that the bond issue has already increased the tax rate. It has already done it."

Merkel 20 Years Ago TAKEN FROM THE 1934 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL

NAMED ON RELIEF BOARD

A Merkel man, Henry West, was appointed to the Taylor County relief commission Monday by the county commissioners in regular session, thereby becoming the first out-of-Abilene member of the commission. He succeeds Mayor C. L. Johnson of Abilene.

ENROLLMENT UP

At the close of enrollment Tuesday night figures show that this year enrollment of 611 in the Merkel Public Schools is in excess of that on the same day last year by 34 pupils. In grammar school 366 were enrolled while the high school registered 245 students. The high school showed an increase of 19 students, the biggest enrollment in the history of the high school.

LEAVE FOR COLLEGE

Eleven of Merkel High Seniors of the class of 1934 have either entered college or will enter at the beginning of the respective schools of their choice, while some 15 or more other Merkel boys and girls will continue their college work as upper classmen.

ATTEND PRESBYTERY

Rev. R. A. Walker, pastor of the Grace Presbyterian Church, returned Wednesday afternoon from the fall meeting of Abilene Presbytery at Baird. Charlie Jones attended Tuesday's session as delegate from the local church.

OFFER VARIETY

Manager Wood of the Palace Theatre announced the following schedule: Friday and Saturday—"Ever Since Eve" with George O'Brien and Mary Brian; Monday and Tuesday—"George White's Scandals"; Wednesday and Thursday—Claudette Colbert and Clark Gable in "It Happened One Night."

SINGERS MEET AT BLAIR

Taylor County Singing Convention meets in called session Sunday at Blair. The officers are: singing all singers and lovers of music to attend. Class singing, quartets and duets will fill the evening's program which will begin at 2 p. m.

TO 3,000 BALES

Gainings for the season at the

This Happened in Merkel Forty Years Ago

TAKEN FROM THE 1914 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL

WARN OF WILD DRIVERS

The matter of careless driving was discussed at the last school board meeting. It was stressed that the lives of the children and grownups are being endangered by the wild driving in town.

NOTICE

The City Council passed an ordinance Monday night prohibiting the use of water for washing automobiles for 30 days, ending Oct. 6. Adv.

NOTICE

The P.T.A. will hold its first meeting Sept. 16 at 7:30 p. m. at the school auditorium. Theme for the year, "We, the People." Who are the people? Let's get acquainted.

WORLD'S FAIR VOTES AND THE BURNERS

The following list of contestants were those whose names have been entered in the World's Fair contest of the W. D. Woodroof company of this place. They are:

Isabel Anderson, Sallie Anderson, Julia Cogburn, Beatrice Powell, I. Daniels,
Ethel Ensminger, Beulah Whetstone, Mary Massey, Artheda Wheeler, May Reynolds,
Patty Stonecipher, Gertrude Stanley, Emma Braune, Cleo Barnes, Alice Barbee,
Vera Hogan, Mary Boothe, Hester Snow, Irene Swann, Lillie

W. J. Largent Will Serve as Judge At National Show

Willie Joe Largent will serve as judge of the annual 1954 National Polled Hereford Show and Sale, Nov. 1 2 and 3, at the state fairgrounds, Columbus, O.

D. W. Chittenden, American Polled Hereford Association executive secretary, who announced the selection of Mr. Largent by the association's board of directors added that Mr. Largent is one of the nation's leading beef cattle judges.

Mr. Largent has judged at many of the nation's foremost livestock shows, including previous National Polled Hereford Shows.

SINGING AT PIONEER

There will be singing at the Pioneer Memorial Church at 2 p. m. Sunday. Everybody is welcome.

Last Rites Held For Mrs. N. E. Wood

Funeral for Mrs. N. E. Wood was held at 3 p. m. last Friday at the Starbuck Funeral Home Chapel.

Mrs. Wood died at 7 p. m. Wednesday of last week. She was 83 years old.

Rev. Aubrey F. White of the First Methodist Church officiated at the funeral. He was assisted by Professor Rex Kiker of Abilene Christian College.

Following the service here burial was in the Colorado City Cemetery with Rev. John Ferguson, pastor of the Pioneer Memorial Methodist Church, conducting the graveside rites.

Grandsons were ballbearers.

Mrs. Wood was preceded in death by her husband, who died in 1930 and a son, the late W. W. Wood, and a daughter, the late Mrs. J. P. Stoker.

Mrs. Wood was born Alice Alameda Hammond on April 5, 1871, at Camden, Ill. She was married to N. E. Wood in 1887.

Survivors include four daughters, Mrs. Belle Fishel of Abilene, Mrs. G. M. Sikes of Huntsville, Ark., Mrs. Rosebud Smallwood of Lawn, Mrs. B. W. Merritt of Merkel; N. E. Wood, Jr., of Merkel; 17 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

SMILES AND HICCUPS AND MAGIC MINGLE IN BABY PHOTO CONTEST

One has to be a magician to handle children.

But the photographer who took the children's pictures at The Merkel Mail office last Saturday had a way about him that was more than magical. It was mystical. He was Alec Gamon, 3002 Douglas, Dallas.

No child cried, at least it did not amount to much compared to other places, said Alec. "They were wonderful!" he remarked enthusiastically.

All Alec used to perform his magic trick of keeping the child interested was to wave his magic wand — beg pardon, just show his little toy rabbit and Donald Duck and the smiles broke out all over the faces of the children.

Why, one child even had hiccups, but that did not detract from the magic skill of the photographer. Before he led the mother and child from The Merkel Mail office into the back room where the pictures were being taken the child began to hiccup. The mother was in despair.

But not Alec. He smiled and he smiled and he smiled. And the child kept hiccuping and hiccup-

T. L. Miller Dies Sunday Morning

T. L. Miller, 75, died Sunday morning. He had suffered a stroke earlier in the morning.

Funeral was at 5 p. m. Monday at the First Methodist Church with Rev. Aubrey White, pastor in charge, and Rev. Hugh Hunt, Stanton, preaching the message. Burial was in the Rose Hill Cemetery.

Mr. Miller was born in Boone County, Ark., Aug. 24, 1879, and moved to Granbury and lived there most of his boyhood. He married the former Anna Volina Miller of Cheyenne, Okla., May 4, 1910.

Mr. Miller was a dry goods merchant in Cheyenne until the early 1920s. He was also in business in Silverton and in Lubbock from 1930 until 1942. He moved in Kerrville in 1942 and retired in 1947 where he was associated with his son in business for one year.

Mrs. Miller died in October, 1948.

Mr. Miller was a member of the Methodist Church and was a former choir director at Cheyenne. He also served as Sunday School superintendent and had taught Sunday School for many years.

He was active in the Merkel Methodist choir until his health forced him to give up the work 18 months ago. He was a member of the Masonic order for 43 years, with present membership in Merkel Lodge 710. Masons conducted the graveside rites.

He is survived by two brothers, Will E., San Jose, Calif., and M. D. Cleburne; one son, P. W. Merkel; and three grandchildren.

Starbuck Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

SAM BUTMAN HOME

Sam Butman, Sr., was brought home from the hospital last Friday. He underwent major surgery. He is gaining a little strength. Mrs. Parker Hendricks of Buffalo Gap is his night nurse.

MAX MELLINGER IS ILL

Max Mellinger became ill Sunday and was taken to the Sadler Hospital on Tuesday. He has circulatory troubles. It was reported Wednesday afternoon that he was expected to leave the hospital in a few days.

Smiles and Hiccups and Magic Mingle in Baby Photo Contest

"What can we do?" said the mother desperately.

"That's all right," said Alec calmly. "Just bring him in."

The mother did. Alec placed the baby in a chair. The baby kept hiccuping. Getting the child's attention, the photographer clicked the machine.

"Did you get the picture?" asked the mother.

"I sure did."

"How did you do it?" she asked.

"Oh," replied Alec nonchalantly. "I got him between hiccups."

And one mother paid Alec the compliment that he was the first photographer to be able to take her baby's picture while the baby was smiling.

Over 60 children had their picture taken. They started coming with their mothers at 10 a. m. and kept coming even after closing time at 8 p. m.

DOLLAR DAY NOTE

As the next issue of The Merkel Mail will carry Dollar Day ads it will be appreciated if copy is made up as early as possible.



HELLO FOLKS!
I'm moving to Merkel very soon. And am I happy about it! I'm looking forward to knowing you real well.

MY BOSS WIRED ME TODAY...
Wanted to know when I expected to arrive in Merkel. Well it won't be long until I'll be right here all the time.

NEWS ABOUT TOWN

Mrs. Bowman Barlow and daughters, Becky and Susan, left for their home Wednesday in Provo, Utah, after a two weeks' visit with her mother, Mrs. Ada Heeter, her aunt and uncles.

Misses Mary Collins and Vivian Davis spent Labor Day weekend in Dallas visiting Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Shafer, Judy and Mrs. Seth Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward Berryman and baby of Midland, Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Moore of Lubbock were Monday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Rutledge. Also Charlie Baker of Abilene was a visitor.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Knox and daughters of Dallas visited Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Russell the past week. They returned home Monday.

Visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Buford over the weekend were his niece, Mrs. Bill Edwards, and husband of Ft. Worth and her sister, Mrs. Tom Allday, and husband of Lubbock.

Mrs. Geta Williamson and her sister, Mrs. C. C. Stribling, returned from a summer vacation in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Baze and Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Boden on Saturday were Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Davenport of Norman, Okla., Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Morris and three daughters of Wichita Falls; on Sunday there were Mrs. Bernie Dowdy and H. C. Fronabarger of Fort Worth. They all left Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Elliott visited his sister, Mrs. Richard Fagan and husband in Haskell Sunday. Mrs. Raymond Neal and daughter Margaret of McKinney visited in the Woodrum home last week. Mr. and Mrs. Jud Sheppard spent all last week in Big Spring with their son Bill and family.

Miss Denta Gibson visited in Crane over the weekend with Miss Betty Kannal. Mrs. Earl Stanford, Mrs. Marie Leverich and son Jimmy spent the weekend in San Angelo with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Stanford. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hickman and child of Los Angeles, Calif., visited recently with his sister, Mrs. L. E. Ford, Jr., and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Whit Farmer of Ira were here the first of the week to be with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hamp Campbell. Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Carson went to Monahans Sunday and returned Monday after visiting her niece, Mrs. Troy Phillips, and husband.

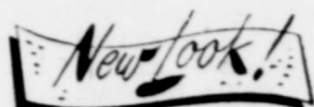
Mrs. Joe Risinger and daughter, Mrs. Joe Winter, and family of Odessa spent the weekend with her mother, Mrs. J. M. Toombs, and Mrs. Irven Thompson. Other visitors Sunday night were Joe Risinger and son Jimmy.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Corn and two sons of Roswell, New Mex., spent Friday with her sister, Mrs. Ben Hicks, and family. Mr. and Mrs. John English and son Mike of Ft. Worth spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. English. Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Barnes of Paducah spent the weekend with his cousins, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Barnes.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Buchanan and her daughter and husband, Cpl. and Mrs. Paul Baccus, of Ft. Sill, Okla., who has been visiting here spent Labor Day in Midland visiting their other daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Joe Swinney.

Mrs. Melvin Evans of San Antonio who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Stanley, for the last few weeks has returned.

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NORMA'S BEAUTY SHOP PHONE 19

ed to her home. Mrs. Stanley is improving after having an operation a few weeks ago.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Walters spent the holiday weekend in Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Kent Satterwhite and Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Holmes visited in Clare, Okla., over the holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Renfro and son Edwin visited over the weekend with their son Gerald and wife in Odessa and with Mr. and Mrs. Clovis Harrison in Pyote.

Mrs. J. W. Dowdy and daughter Gertrude of Abilene were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Royce Dowdy Monday.

Ross Ferrier, Jr., and son Ronnie of Ft. Worth visited over the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Ferrier, Sr. They caught many fish at Phantom Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sledge of El Paso visited over the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sledge.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Glenn Bowen of Ft. Worth and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Bowen and daughter of Lubbock spent the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Bowen.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Scott and his family held a fish fry Saturday evening. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Coleman O'Brien and family, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Butman, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brovak.

W. O. Earl Mashburn, Jr., stationed in Georgia, wife, son and daughter, Marvin and Joy, of Rising Star visited in the home of his cousin, Ernest Hendricks, and wife before sailing for France.

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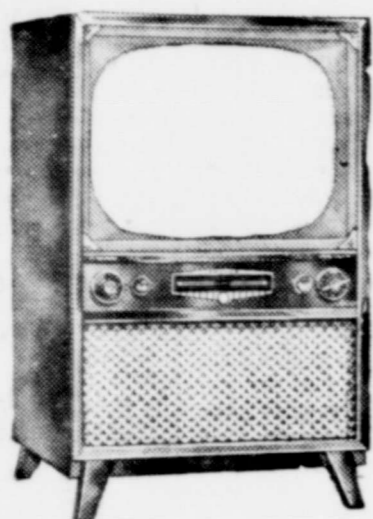
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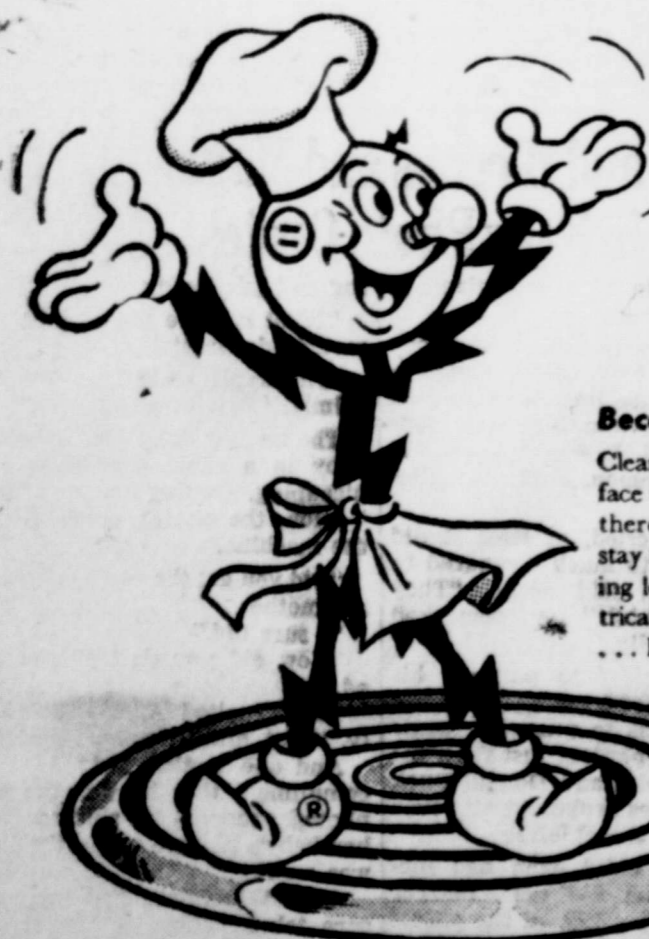
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TOKAY GRAPES lb. 15c	LONGHORN CHEESE lb. 49c
NEW CROP YAMS lb. 15c	LOIN or T-BONE STEAK lb. 59c
IDAHO SPUDS lb. 6c	ALL MEAT BOLOGNA lb. 35c
LIFTON'S TEA 1/4 LB. PKG. 28c	VAN'S FRO-ZAN NON FAT FROZEN DESSERT VANILLA CHOCOLATE 1/2 Gal. 49c
OUR VALUE SALMON tall can 39c	SUN SPUN OLEO 2 lbs. 45c
AUSTEX BEEF STEW can 33c	SUN SPUN SOUR or DILL PICKLES qt. 29c
PATIO — 69c Size BAR-B-Q can 55c	LIBBY'S — No. 2 1/2 CAN PEACHES 3 cans \$1
SUN SPUN CORN 2 cans 35c	NORTHERN Toilet Tissue 3 rolls 29c
SUN SPUN WHOLE Green Beans 2 cans 39c	OUR VALUE — No. 303 TOMATOES 8 cans \$1
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'Hell, High Water' Is 1st Spy Drama At Queen Theatre

The silent underwater collisions of warring submarines, the suspense of secret landing parties invading a forbidden Arctic island and the staggering realism of an atomic explosion represent the powerful action in "Hell and High Water," plays Sunday and Monday at the Queen Theatre.

The film is the first spy drama in CinemaScope with its startling action filmed below as well as above the Arctic Sea.

The unusual premise centers around the hand-picked crew of a self-sacrificing group of individuals from many nations who, backed by other such business and scientific leaders, are on an unspoken secret exploration of suspected Communist atomic shenanigans somewhere on an Arctic island.

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Pvt. John Andrew O'Donnell, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. John Andrew O'Donnell, recently began eight weeks of Army basic training in the Antiaircraft Artillery Replacement Training Center at Ft. Bliss, Texas.

NEWS
County Home
Demonstration Agent
Texas A.M. College
Extension Service
By LORETTA ALLEN

The state meeting of the Texas Home Demonstration Association is past history now, but I'm still enjoying it. It was all very good, but you should have heard Miss Liso Sergo of Constock, Va. She was born in Florence, Italy, and began as a news commentator at the age of 17. She was interpreter for Mussolini until she saw that was not the right kind of government. She was sentenced to prison but escaped.

She is now an international news analyst. If you would like to know more about her and her talk and other things of importance that happened at the meeting, attend the home demonstration club nearest you. They will be having a report of the meeting soon. Contact club member for the exact date.

Miss Mabel McRee, Mrs. O. E. Harwell, Union Ridge Club; Mrs. John Hughes, Merkel Club; Mrs. Sam Butman, Jr., and Mrs. Dewel McLeon, Blue Bonnet Club, attended a leader training meeting recently in Abilene. They will soon be giving a demonstration to their club on "Cooking and Serving Frozen Meat." They would like to have club members and visitors for their demonstration.

I visited Mrs. J. Ben Campbell recently. She has a beautiful rocker that has been in her family over 100 years. Sept. 17 I will show her how to put a cane bottom in the chair. If you would like to see this demonstration I'll bet Mrs. Campbell wouldn't mind having you come.

Mrs. Clarence Hollinghead, Mrs. Allen King, Mrs. Clint Stewart, Mrs. P. L. Kendall (Three E Com-

mittee of Council), Smith, former 4-H girl, Leta Allen, Miss Beth O'Neil, Mrs. Guy McCarty visited girls who were candidates for Gold Star Award. Mrs. McCarty gives \$100 to the girl selected. The candidates were Patricia Yost, Linda Stockton, Nita Harvey, Janice Evans and Ruby Stephan. Watch KRBC tonight at 6:45 and you will see the girl the group selected as the most outstanding 4-H girl in Taylor County. She can receive this award only once and it is a very high honor.

"Forever Female" Crackles With Fun

One of the funniest, gayest and brightest films to come along in some time plays at the Queen Theatre Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. It's Paramount's "Forever Female" and it stars Ginger Rogers, William Holden and Paul Douglas and Pat Crowley.

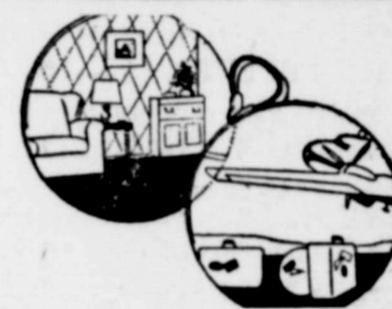
Telling an interesting, warmly developed story, "Forever Female" crackles with smart, witty dialogue and the laughs register with machine gun rapidity. The vastly entertaining tale is played out against a Broadway legitimate theatre background and concerns an aging actress, Ginger Rogers, who won't own up to that fact.

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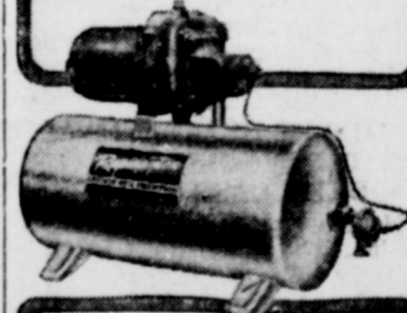
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SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

The school enrollment at Merkel was off a little from last year, from 691 to 679.

The school enrollment at Trent was also off a little from last year, counting 141.

The school enrollment at Noodle was about the same as last year, numbering 141.

This was to be expected, the drought being what it is. It is surprising that the enrollment did not fall off more. Yet, when you analyze the economic conditions from all sides Merkel and its surrounding communities are in a sturdy condition.

The oil activity has helped out very much and the building of the Abilene Army Air Base at Tye will be a great stimulus to increased prosperity in these parts. At that though, Supt. Mack Fisher, Supt. W. B. Williams and Supt. A. J. Hill look forward to a

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few more students to be enrolled before the new school term is much older.

THE PELOTS

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They recently wrote: "We have had good rains off and on during August with hot humid days in between. It brought the grass, roses and zinnias to life. There are huge tomato vines but no tomatoes and the grasshoppers are still with us. We have spent the summer fighting them but still they come."

Well, we too still have the grasshoppers and we too still are fighting them.

LIGHTNING AND TV

The story of the lightning striking the TV antenna at the home of Morris B. Smith should awaken us to the possible danger that lurks in every home that has a

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The fact is that an antenna that is properly installed and a good installation made acts the same as a lightning rod and is really a protection.

People should investigate and see whether their antenna is properly installed. Even the insurance companies encourage proper installation of the antenna as a safety precaution.

The time to look after the proper installation is before the lightning strikes again. The time to do it is now.

"WHITE-ICISM"

That's ALL — and the Sage of Figfield adds that the best insurance is to look for protection before the lightning strikes, before the horse is stolen.

President Monroe was the last man in public life in this country to wear knee trousers.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS
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We, the subscribers, have this day entered into a limited partnership agreeably to the provision of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas relating to limited partnerships; and do hereby certify that the terms of our said partnership are as follows, to-wit:

The name under which said partnership is to be conducted is "LYNN LEE LUMBER COMPANY, LTD."

The general nature of said business is retail and wholesale lumber and building supply business.

The names of all the general and special partners interested therein, and their respective places of residence, are as follows, to-wit:

Lynn A. Lee, general partner, Abilene, Texas;

F. A. Lee, special partner, Lawton, Oklahoma.

The amount of capital which the aforesaid said special partner has contributed to the common stock is \$12,600.00 in cash.

Said partnership is to exist for the term of five (5) years from the date of these presents.

This 16 day of August, A. D. 1954.

/s/ Lynn A. Lee
Lynn A. Lee, general partner

/s/ F. A. Lee
F. A. Lee, special partner

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF TAYLOR

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, a Notary Public in and for the County of Taylor, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared Lynn A. Lee, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration there-

in expressed, and in the capacity therein stated.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE, This 16 day of August, A. D. 1954.

/s/ Ellison F. Gerlach
Notary Public in and for Taylor County, Texas

THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA
COUNTY OF COMANCHE

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, a Notary Public in and for the County of Comanche, State of Oklahoma, on this day personally appeared F. A. Lee, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed, and in the capacity therein stated.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE, This 23 day of August, A. D. 1954.

/s/ W. C. Capshaw
Notary Public in and for Comanche County, Oklahoma

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF TAYLOR

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, a Notary Public in and for said County, Texas, personally came and appeared on this 16 day

of August, 1954, Lynn A. Lee, general partner in the firm of LYNN LEE LUMBER COMPANY, LTD., referred to in the preceding certificate, who, being by me first duly sworn, upon his oath deposes and says that the sum specified in the said certificate to have been contributed by the special partner therein named to the common stock, to-wit, the sum of \$12,600.00, by the said F. A. Lee, has been actually and in good faith paid in cash.

/s/ Lynn A. Lee
SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME, by the said Lynn A. Lee, this 16 day of August, 1954, to certify which witness my hand and seal of office.

/s/ Ellison F. Gerlach
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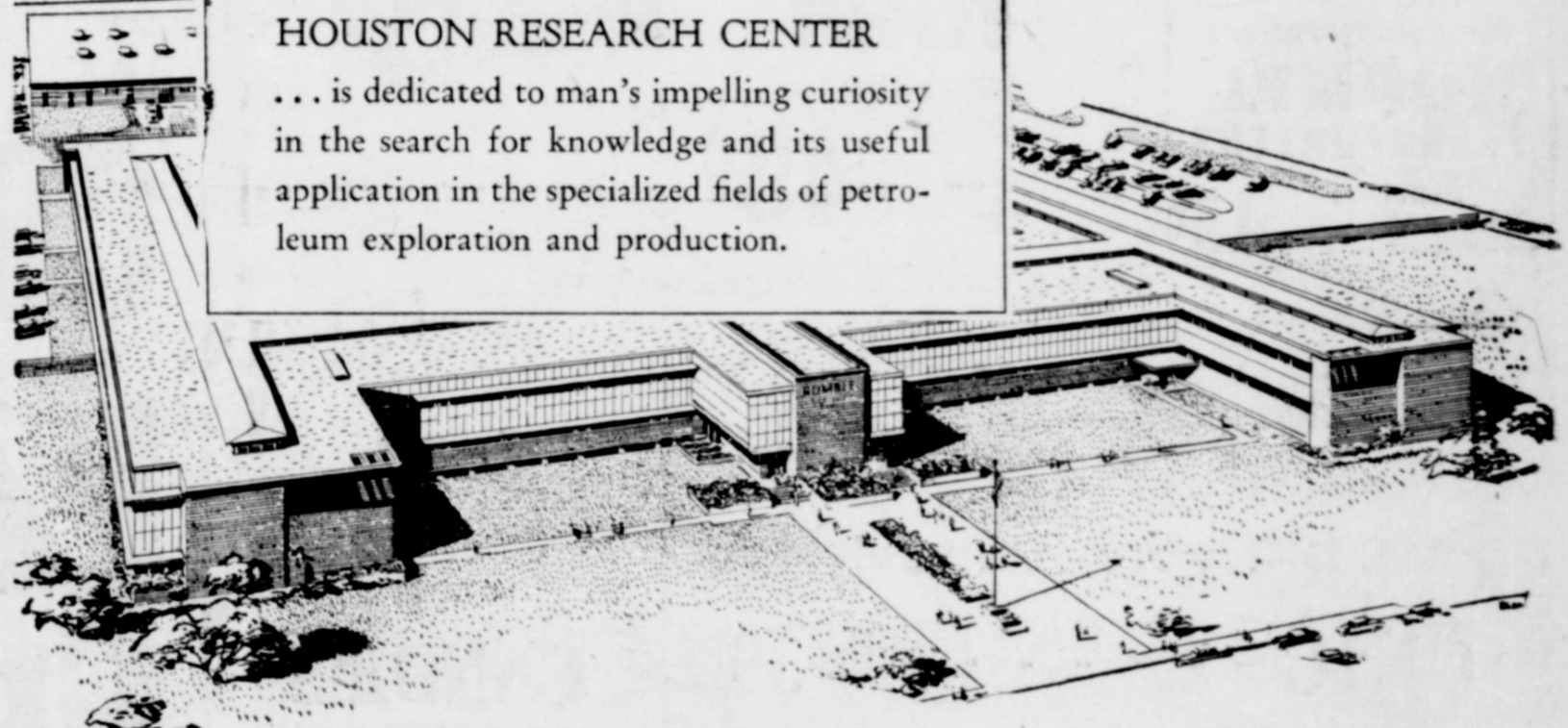
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