

RAIN, BARGAINS ARRIVE HERE

New City Officers Sworn in Tuesday

The new city officers were sworn in at 2:30 p. m. Tuesday.

Retiring Mayor Henry West first swore in the three new aldermen: Earl Hughes Joe Cypert, and Ben Hicks. Then he swore in Fred Starbuck as the new mayor.

Holding the "Oath of Office" forms signed by each new officer and placing his signature on them, Mr. West said, "I will give these to the city secretary and wish you luck."

And as he left the city hall the "Thank you" of the new officers followed him.

Mayor Starbuck then took the seat vacated by the retiring mayor and proceeded at once to conduct the affairs of the city.

The council voted to order 5,000 feet of 2-inch cast iron pipe for the city water lines. The order was given to the Rohan Company of Waco at 66½ cents per foot FOB Merkel.

Joe Cypert was appointed as mayor pro tem. The council discussed the matter of a waterline to the football field.

As Alderman Grif Barnett has resigned and Alderman Starbuck is now mayor the council voted to hold an election to replace the two aldermen. Saturday, May 28, was set for the election.

Candidates have until April 26 to file at the city hall.

Earl Baze resigned as city secretary-collector to take effect May 1.

Mayor Starbuck appointed a committee for financial survey: Joe Cypert, chairman, Earl Hughes and Ben Robert Hicks.

The committee is to audit income and expenditures with the view of determining the financial ability of the general fund to meet its obligations for the balance of 1955; make a physical survey of all departments as to equipment and personnel, determining if man-hours are being utilized to capacity.

The committee is also to make recommendations if needed in regard to all this.

The council recessed to 7:30 p. m. Tuesday, April 19.

BULLETIN!

Wednesday, Principal C. A. Farley sent 218 parental requests for Salk Vaccine for polio by the students. These must be returned by today, Friday. The students are in the first, second and fourth grades. Also those in the third grade who did not receive it last year were given requests. The exact date for inoculation has not yet been set.

BULLETIN!

When the T & P wreck in Abilene took place Tuesday in Abilene freight and passengers going west were hauled to Merkel for departure.

COOP MEET THURS.

The 14th annual meeting of the Taylor Electric Coop and the Taylor Refrigeration Coop was to be held Thursday, April 14. Cooperative Attorney Bryan Bradbury will deliver the main address. The meeting was to be held in the new annex of the coop building.

WITH BASES LOADED

A timely home run with the bases loaded by Short Stop Terry O'Brien was the high point in the game played by Coach Tommy Ellis' Badgers Monday afternoon against the Abilene B Team in Abilene. The final score was Abilene 10, Merkel 7.

The game was played at Abilene as the grounds were wet here. Robert McLeod and Freddie Boone pitched for the Badgers.

BADGER SCHEDULE

Thurs., April 14, Colorado City Tues., April 19, At Rotan Thurs., April 21, at Haskell These are conference games.

AT SUNRISE SERVICE

A good crowd came to the sunrise service at the Presbyterian Church at 6 a. m. last Sunday.

TO DEDICATE PLANT

The White Flat Gasoline Plant will dedicate its plant Saturday. There will be a ceremony at noon and barbecue will be served. It is located three miles west of Trent.

PROGRESS ON PIPELINE

The water pipeline as of Tuesday was three and a half miles east of Merkel at Mulberry Creek.

Further Extension Of Rural Phone

Settlement last week of differences between the owner of the Lawn telephone exchange and the Taylor Telephone Cooperative, Merkel, paved the way for further extension of rural telephone service in south Taylor and north Runnels counties.

C. O. (Pat) Patterson, Lawn president of the cooperative telephone board, said Saturday that information is being assembled preparatory to taking bids on completion of cooperative exchanges at Lawn, Ovalo and Potosi and an extension to Goldsboro.

When the Lawn, Ovalo, Potosi and Goldsboro projects are completed, the Taylor Telephone Co-op will have 12 exchanges and one extension in operation.

Exchanges completed are at Bradshaw, Nubia, Noodle, Nolan, Wingate, Hamby, Hawley, Buffalo Gap and Tuscola. The Nubia-Noodle exchange comes in to Merkel, Hamby, Hawley and Potosi into Abilene, and Bradshaw and Wingate go into Winters on a toll basis.

It is the aim of the cooperative organization, Patterson said, to one day tie all of the exchanges into one central exchange so that patrons anywhere in the five counties served will be able to dial any number in the system.

An information booth on rural telephone service will be established at the annual meeting next Thursday at the Taylor Electric Cooperative at Merkel. Patterson is scheduled on the program to give a report on the work and progress made by the rural telephone system.

"Man Is Free" Says Uhlman

"Man is free."

That was the ringing assertion made by Rev. Bill Uhlman Monday night in his opening sermon of the revival at the First Baptist Church. Rev. Uhlman is pastor of the First Baptist Church at Llano.

The revival will continue through April 24 and is held daily at 7:30 p. m.

Rev. Sam E. Tullock, local pastor, who returned Saturday from Rome, Ga., where he was evangelist at a revival was unable to conduct the singing on account of throat trouble. Ben Green, the regular choir director, is leading the singing and sang a beautiful solo number Monday.

Rev. Uhlman took as his text Zachariah 4:6: "Not by might, nor by power but by my spirit," saith the Lord."

The evangelist has a clear, distinct voice and is easy to listen to. His tone is fervent, earnest and impressive, using light and heavy tones well. He uses effective gestures, effective pauses and effective appeal. At all times he speaks with spirit and enthusiasm.

And while the rain pattered on the roof and windows of the church the evangelist stressed the theme of his sermon.

"God knows that we know right from wrong," asserted Rev. Uhlman. "The spirit of God works in the intelligence of man.

"The Holy Spirit leaves man free. Man is to blame if he goes wrong. Man has the freedom to choose. He can choose to go to heaven or he can choose to go to hell," said the evangelist.

The public is invited to the revival.

ID Tags Used In War, Peace

ID Tags - Federal Defense Administrator Val Peterson urged Americans to support identification tagging programs for civilians "Because, in natural disaster, the tags can help reduce anxiety, in war they could be essential to the national well being."

"The Civil Defense tagging program, which is conducted by state and local governments, would be vital to keeping families together and in relocating civilians following an attack," said Mayor Fred Starbuck, Merkel Defense director.

"Should attack come, such tags without doubt would be essential in reassembling families, and ministering to needs of the lost and injured," continued Mayor Starbuck. "Unless the program is put into full operation, the nation in war would lose some of its ability to recover - to pick itself up and strike back."

"The information given on the identification tags," he declared, "will assist in restoring lost or injured persons to their families. In this connection, the tags have an especial value for minors or aged persons at all times."

"Speedy accomplishment of the job as a part of the overall Civil Defense program," he added, "is urgently needed to provide a bigger reservoir of strength should the nation be attacked."

Golden Wedding Observed Sunday By E. W. Turners

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Turner celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Sunday at the Community Center. In the receiving line with the honorees were their children and grandchildren.

The table was laid with lace and was centered with an anniversary motif of gold and yellow, accented with gold and yellow flowers with frosted candles. Service was in silver and crystal.

The four-tiered wedding cake was topped with a miniature bell with "50 Years" on it. Napkins were yellow and stamped in gold "1905 Wood and Alice 1955."

The granddaughters were at the register and served gold punch with cake. Daughters directed guests to view gifts. A granddaughter, Sherry Nell Turner, gave tap numbers.

Mr. Turner is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Z. F. Turner, born in Hopkins County in 1878. He came to Taylor County in 1892.

Mrs. Turner is the daughter of the late Mr. Mrs. A. W. Whisenand, born in Hunt County in 1882. She came to Taylor County in 1890.

They lived in Mulberry Canyon since coming to this county until 1948 when Mr. Turner's health did not permit him to farm. Then they moved to Merkel.

They have nine children, seven living and present at the anniversary. They have 22 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren. All were present except three grandchildren and their families.

Children present were: Messrs. Howard Masserong and son Weldon, Johnnie Frazier and son, David, all of Pecos, Virgil Turner and daughters, Shirley Ann and Sherry Nell, Mrs. Vada Coats and children, Randall and Oma, all of Abilene, Wade Ensminger and Elmer Patterson, all of Merkel.

Many relatives and friends called and wished the couple many more happy years.

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Dollar Day To Be Next Tuesday

Rain and bargains come to Merkel.

Merkel's 34th Dollar Day will be held next Tuesday, April 19. The department stores are really

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There are filling station bargains, beauty parlor values, furniture bargains and many others. And rain! Last Friday it rained .30 inch, reported Harry Woodrum weather observer. Monday night it rained .40 inches; total .70 inch. So its raining rain and bargains

Ollie Fox Heads Fire Department

Ollie Fox was elected president of the Fire Department at its meeting Monday night.

Claude Mewborn was named as vice president.

Other officers elected were: Clyde Wurst, secretary - treasurer; Bobby Martin, assistant secretary-treasurer; Roy Buchanan, sergeant at arms; Rex Martin, assistant sergeant at arms.

Waymon Adcock, fire chief; W. D. Webber, assistant fire chief; Claude Mewborn, hose foreman No. 1; Rex Martin, hose foreman No. 2.

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OIL NEWS

Geochemical Surveys staked location for a widecat three miles west of Merkel. It is the firm's No. 1 George L. Miller.

One mile northwest of Blair in the Epley (Flippen) Field, location was staked for White & Epley, Midland, No. 2 Nolan Palmer.

IS VERY ILL

Mrs. Belle Kimbrough went to Odessa last week on Thursday to be with her sister, Mrs. H. B. Leeton, whose husband is seriously ill.

Cub Scout Meeting Was to Be Held

A Cub Scout meeting was to be held at 7:30 p. m. at the school cafeteria Thursday, April 14.

"We would like to have all Cub Scouts and their parents present," said Cub Scoutmaster W. B. Toombs. "We invite boys who wish to be Cub Scouts to come to this meeting. We will re-organize and appoint new officers."

Merkel Lobos Start Training

The Merkel Lobos did their first training last Sunday here. There was a good turn-out.

CEMETERY FUND

Below are those who recently donated to the Cemetery Maintenance Fund. Anyone wishing to contribute to this fund may leave contributions at the Farmers and Merchants National Bank. The donors are:

Lorraine A. Boyce, Beaumont	\$10.00
Mrs. Fred Groene	10.00
E. H. Cordill	7.50
W. A. Stockbridge	5.00
Anonymous	5.00
Bill Hays	5.00

G. F. RHODES BUYS ANGUS

G. F. Rhodes recently bought three purebred Aberdeen-Angus bulls from Marvin B. Simpson of Robert Lee.

J. J. GARDNERS HAVE GIRL

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Gardner are the parents of a girl born at Sadler Hospital April 10.

GIRL TO M. G. HOLLOWAYS

A girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Holloway at the Sadler Hospital April 10.

Dr. E. V. White Dies in Austin

Edmund Valentine White, 75, former superintendent of the Merkel School, died April 4 at his home in Austin and was buried last Friday at Restland Cemetery in Dallas.

For many years Dr. White was dean of the Texas State College for Women at Denton and was a resident of Austin since 1949.

Dr. White was born in Mt. Lebanon, La., Aug. 11, 1879, and married Miss Ollie Martin Feb. 2, 1906. He received his LL.D. degree from Hardin-Simmons University.

He is listed in Who's Who in the South and Who's Who in America. Dr. White was a Spanish-American War veteran and the author of many books.

Robert A. Burgess, also a former superintendent of Merkel Schools now living in Austin, wrote:

"Some weeks ago The Mail carried in the items of FORTY YEARS AGO an account of the promotion of Dean E. V. White to the deanship of the College of Industrial Arts of Denton. I gave this copy of The Mail to Dean White. He was much surprised and pleased."

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Carson Grocery Is Now Offering Finer Show Meat

Carson Grocery is now offering the meat from the five calves that they bought at the show sale in Abilene.

These calves have been hanging for two weeks and now have got the age which makes the meat firmer and mellow, said Herman Carson. It is now ready to be cooked and placed on the table.

Community Center For Goodman Folks

At the March 11 meeting of the Goodman Home Demonstration Club the need of a community center was discussed. Suddenly the idea took fire and enthusiasm mounted and action taken.

The site selected is on the old Goodman School grounds in the voting house, which is now owned by the Trent Independent School District. As the building was in very bad condition the school district supplied the materials needed to repair and enlarge the building and the men in the community provided the necessary labor.

On Monday, April 4, the ladies of the Home Demonstration Club brought lunch for the workers and then spent the afternoon helping with the work.

Now that the work on the building is completed the women are trying to furnish it so that the club meetings and community get-togethers may be held there. Every club member has promised a chair and several other donations have been made but more donations by anyone in the community will be appreciated.

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Little League Players Start Practicing Thurs.

The Little League players are now practicing. They started training Thursday of last week, reported Norman Winter, president.

Merkel 20 Years Ago

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BAND TO PLAY

Accenting the opening of Merkel's second rodeo season on Saturday of this week, the McMurry College Indian Band, directed by Prof. J. K. Gwynn Silvey and including 30 pieces, will head the big street parade starting at 10 a. m. from the rodeo grounds. The rodeo starts at 1:30 p. m.

LIONS EXTEND AID

One of the prime aims of Lionism is to render aid to crippled and disabled children, wherever possible, and along this line first work of the child welfare committee of the local Lions Club was approved by the club at Tuesday's luncheon at the American Cafe by authorizing payment of \$7.50 for a pair of glasses for a 7-year-old child attending Merkel Public School.

FOR CHURCH NIGHT

Annual church night is to be observed Thursday, April 25, by the congregation of Grace Presbyterian Church. The program will include congregational singing, special voice number, readings and reports of church activities for the past year and aims of the church for the coming year.

BUTMAN AND DIVIDE

Butman P. T. A. will go to Divide High School Friday night, April 19, to present a play titled "Tony, the Convict." In turn, Divide P. T. A. will present at Butman Tabernacle on April 20 the play "The Adventures of Grandpa," a nice set of dishes will be given away as an added attraction.

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Tuesday evening men of affairs and men who had the interest of the Merkel Schools at heart met and devised plans for the correction of our school facilities. An election will probably be called asking the voters to issue bonds to the amount of \$18,000 for much needed school work.

When this election is called it would be well for our voters to emulate the actions of the Trent voters in their election Saturday, April 3, at which time they voted the amount of \$3,000 in school bonds without a dissenting vote.

Beginning Saturday the Walker Cottage will be under new management, according to a contract drawn up Wednesday between W. R. Walker, owner, and Mrs. J. R. Woodrum, formerly pro-

RELIEF HEADQUARTERS

With the approval of relief commission engineers at Austin of an FERA project for setting up new quarters for the county relief administration sub-station in Merkel, work started Monday on general inside work in the Thornton Building, south half, lease for which had been arranged with funds supplied by the City of Merkel.

PRIZE, \$110 SADDLE

A \$110 cowboy saddle has been purchased by the Merchants Trade Extension Association of Merkel as grand prize for the rodeo season, and it is possible that the saddle will arrive in time Saturday to be placed on exhibit before the first rodeo which starts at 1:30 p. m. Second prize is a \$15 pair of "chaps"; third prize, \$10 Navajo blanket.

MERKEL PLACES IN DISTRICT

Dorma Lee Shelton ranked second in girls declamation of the ward school at the district meeting of the Interscholastic League at Sweetwater April 5 and 6. Ainsworth Gates got second in junior boys declamation and Betty Grimes third in junior girls declamation.

FORTNIGHTLY MEETS

Miss Julia Martin was hostess Monday evening to members of the Fortnightly Study Club. The lesson was on "Latin America and the United States" with Mrs. F. C. McFarland leading using as her topic "The Origin, Purpose and Influence of the Monroe Doctrine."

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prietor of the South Side Hotel for a number of years.

The Merkel High School seniors were Wednesday afternoon guests of the science department at the Simmons College in Abilene. They were chaperoned by Prof. Witt and Miss Butkett, graduates of Simmons College in 1912.

Those on the trip were Misses Olive Teaff, Mamie Ellis, Almeda Harris, Zora West, Beulah Garrett, Nell Tracy, Willie Toombs, Mollie Hall, Willie Swann, Mary and Jackie Jennings, Miss Burkett, Messrs. Sherrille King, A. McMurry, L. Howard, J. Tucker and Mr. Witt.

D. C. Herring and J. P. Sublett left Tuesday for Coryell County. They traveled in Mr. Herring's car.

NEWS ABOUT TOWN

Principal and Mrs. C. A. Farley and family were in Slaton visiting his mother, Mrs. J. E. Farley, and sister, Mrs. Lee Vardy, and School Supt. Vardy over the Easter holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Bartlett were in Dallas over the weekend and met their son Ralph who is at the

North Texas State College in Denton.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Lay and children of Fort Worth spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Campbell.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Hill and sons, Gary and David Bruce, of Grand Prairie were weekend visi-

tors in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hamm.

Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Fox accompanied Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Fox of Abilene to Lubbock where they spent the weekend with relatives. They all enjoyed an Easter egg hunt.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Buchanan over the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bacus and family of Kilgore and Mr.



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and Mrs. B. J. Swinney and family of Midland.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Gentry and Patricia spent the weekend in Colorado City visiting their parents. Her brother, Charles Haines, was home from A. & M. College.

Mrs. Ross Ferrier was in Fort Worth over the Easter holiday visiting her son Ross, Jr., and family. Mrs. F. O. Scorgin and daughters of Odessa were weekend visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Mcaninch.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold C. Reynolds and family visited over the weekend in Weatherford with her brother, W. B. Cook, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Fine Hogan and

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hogan and son Kenny spent the weekend with Lee Darden and family.

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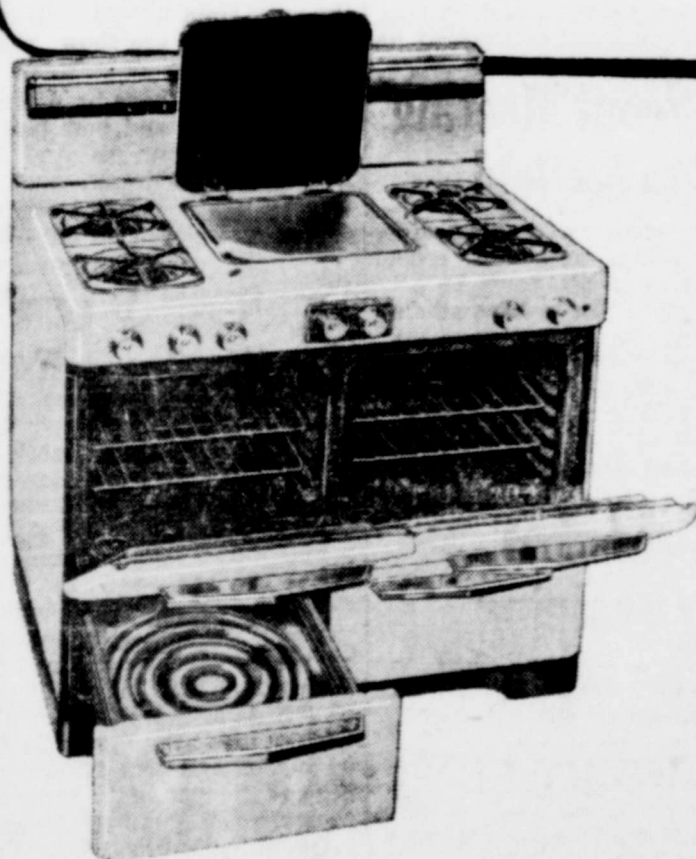
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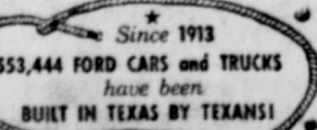
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It is very easy to use. For you regulate cooling, heating and ventilation—all with a single control unit which is mounted on the instrument panel.

Warm or cool air, as desired, is distributed across the floor of the car. Also, there are two fully adjustable registers on top of the instrument panel which permit air to be directed at any angle for maximum comfort or against the windshield for defrosting.

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GRANDDAUGHTER INJURED

Karen Curb, 3, daughter of Mrs. Joyce Curb, 2361 17th Street, San Pablo, Calif., suffered a broken leg injury three inches above the knee and body bruises when she was hit by a car while playing in front of her home. She will be in the hospital three weeks. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Craig Humphreys.

C. CURB'S COUSIN DIES

Ed Wilkinson, 55, of Sweetwater died Sunday night. His wife is a cousin of Charlie Curb.

UNCLE DIES

H. L. Watters, 87, died Saturday in Cleburne. Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Patterson attended the funeral in Cleburne Monday. Mr. Watters was the uncle of Mrs. Patterson and Fred Baker.

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NOLAN PALMER AND IRA MARSHALL AT TRAINING SCHOOL

Nolan Palmer and Ira Marshall were in Dallas Wednesday and Thursday of last week attending a General Motors Training School.

LEGAL NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE
THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF TAYLOR

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That by virtue of a certain Writ of Execution issued out of the Honorable County Court of Taylor County, of the 9th day of February 1955, by the County Clerk of said Taylor County for the sum of Seven Hundred-Fifty-seven and 75/100 Dollars and costs of suit, under a Judgement, in favor of Charles L. Smith in a certain cause in said Court, No. 11,654 and styled Charles L. Smith vs. Clark P. Chandler, placed in my hands for service, I Ed Powell as Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas, did, on the 25th day of March 1955, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Taylor County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: Tract No. 1—Forty (40) acres out of the West 1,000 acres of the Andrew Winter Survey, Abstract No. 432, Taylor County, Texas, Beginning at a point South 88 Degrees West, 2640 feet from the Southeast corner of the 1,000 acre tract; Thence South 88 Degrees West 1320 feet; Thence North 1320 feet; Thence North 88 Degrees East 1320 feet; Thence South 1320 feet to the place of beginning and containing forty (40) acres.

Tract N. 2—Eighty (80) acres out of the West 1,000 acres of the Andrew Winter Survey, Abstract No. 432, Taylor County, Texas, Beginning at the Southeast corner of the said 1,000 acre tract; Thence South 88 Degrees West 2640 feet; Thence North 1380 feet; Thence North 88 Degrees East 2640 feet; Thence South 1320 feet to the place of beginning and containing eighty (80) acres.

Tract No. 3
All of Blocks 3 and 7 in the Borden's Havens addition to the town of Lawn, Taylor County, Texas, as shown on the Platt Records of Taylor County, Texas, and levied upon as the property of Clark P. Chandler and that on the first Tuesday in May 1955, the same being the 3rd day of said month at the Court House door, of Taylor County, in the City of Abilene, Texas, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m., by virtue of said levy and said Execution I will sell said above described Real Estate/ at public venue, for each, to the highest bidder, as the property of said Clark P. Chandler.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper published in Taylor County.

Witness my hand, this 4th day of April 1955.
Ed Powell
Sheriff Taylor County, Texas
By V. Wolf Deputy.
Adv. — April 15, 22, 29.

LEGAL NOTICE

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

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for four consecutive weeks, the first publication to be at least twenty-eight days before the return day thereof, in a newspaper printed in Taylor County, Texas, the accompanying citation, of which the herein below following is a true copy:

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS

To: Thomas Lopez, 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 16th day of May A. D. 1955, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 29 day of March A. D. 1955, in this cause, numbered 20,447-A on the docket of said court and styled Dana Lopez, Plaintiff, vs. Thomas Lopez, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and defendant were married on or about December 5, 1952 and lived together until on or about July, 1954. Two Children were born, plaintiff asks for custody of children and a reasonable amount of child support. Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of cruel treatment, 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 29 day of March A. D. 1955.
(SEAL)

Attest: R. H. Ross Clerk,
42nd District Court
Taylor County, Texas
By Christine Bower, Deputy.
Adv. — April 8, 15, 22, 28.

Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE
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THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF TAYLOR

This is to certify that the undersigned are forming a limited partnership, and that the name or firm under which the partnership is to be conducted is McMurry & Company, Ltd.

The general nature of the business to be transacted is the trade, business and occupation of buying land and erecting residential houses thereon, and selling same or disposing of same in a manner to the best interest of the partnership.

The names of all the general and special partners interested therein, distinguishing which are general and which are special partners, and their respective places of residence, follows:

Landrum W. Stanford, Trustee for the Stanley McMurry Trust, special partner, place of residence, Memphis, Hall County, Texas;
Helen McMurry, a widow, general partner, place of residence, Abilene, Taylor County, Texas.

The amount of capital which each special partner has contributed

to the common stock is \$3,000.00, in cash.

The period at which the partnership is to commence is the 22nd day of March, A. D. 1955, and the period at which it is to terminate is the 6th day of June, A. D. 1958.

This 26 day of March, A. D. 1955.
Helen McMurry
Helen McMurry, a widow, General Partner
Landrum W. Stanford
Landrum W. Stanford, Special Partner.
Adv. — April 8, 15, 22, 28.

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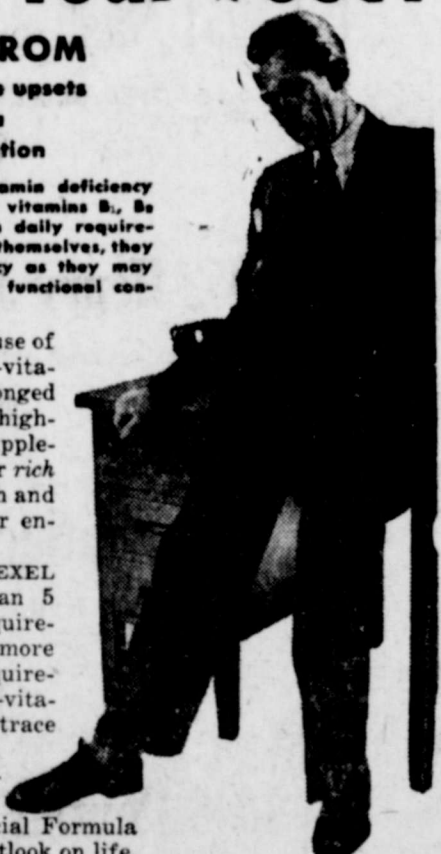
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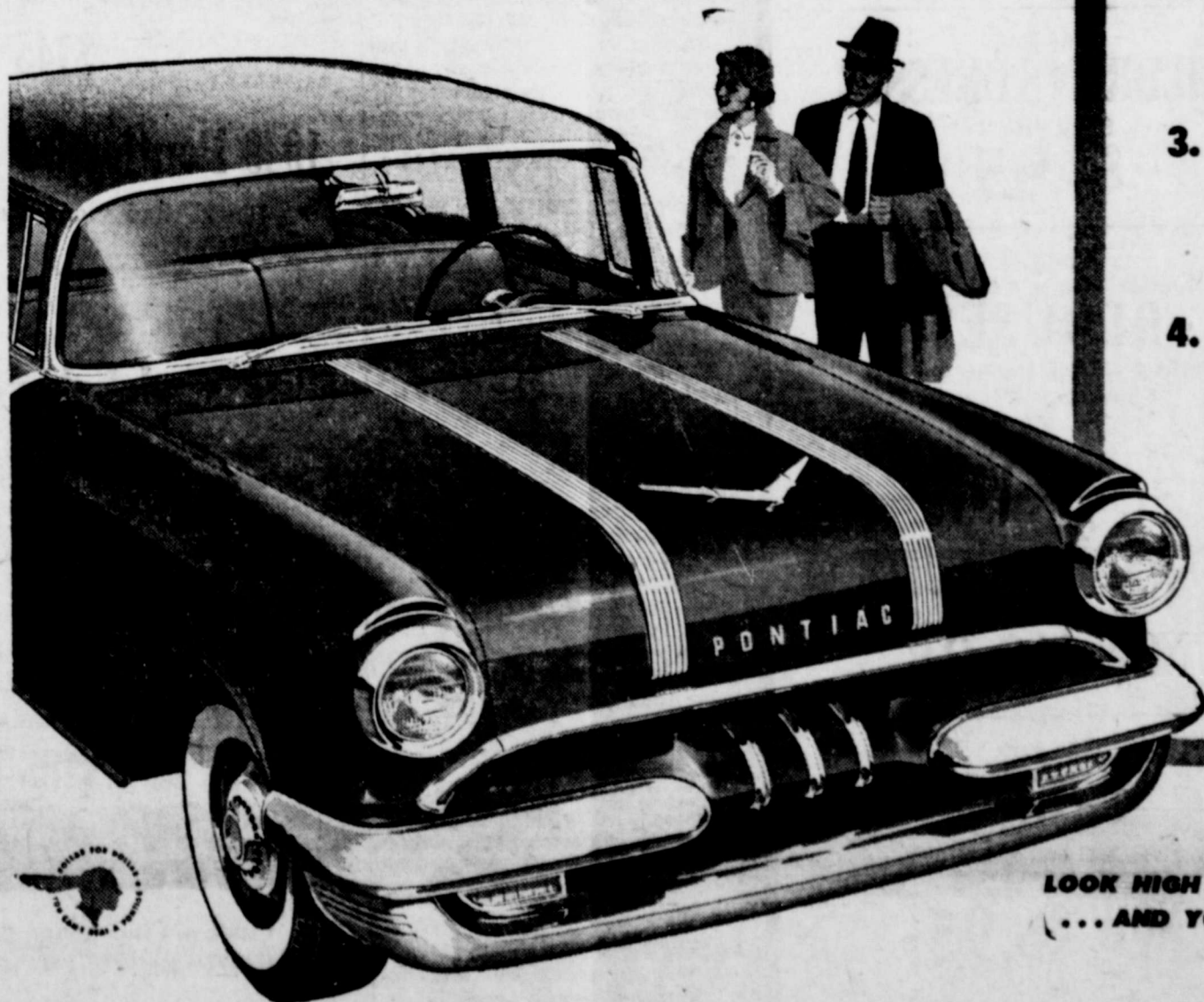
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NEWS

County Home
Demonstration Agent
Texas A. & M. College
Extension Service
By LORETA ALLEN

The sheep industry in Texas is one of the important agricultural endeavors, yet lamb consumption is very low. The 1955 lamb crop in Texas and nearby states was more than 4,000,000. Out of this number Texas produced more than half of the total.

There are no reports that show the consumption of lamb in Texas. But here are some interesting figures from Kansas City, New York City and San Francisco.

In Kansas City, the consumption of lamb is less than \$2 per family per year.

In New York City it is as much as \$32 and in San Francisco it is as much as \$28.00.

The west and east coast people really like lamb.

Lamb has many qualities to recommend it to the consumer. Like other meats, lamb supplies essential food nutrients. It is an excellent source of high quality protein for body building, of iron needed for rich red blood and the B vitamin for growth and health. It has a delicate flavor and is one of the tenderest of all red meats.

Many food shoppers who do not buy lamb say it is because they do not like it. It could be that lamb has never been in their eating pattern and they do not think about buying it. Results of tests made in tasting show that those who say they do not like lamb often cannot tell the difference between roast lamb and roast veal or pork, when all are properly prepared.

Many homemakers are acquainted only with the more expensive lamb cuts such as loin chops, rib chops, rib chops and leg-of-lamb. Some of the lesser known cuts make delicious inexpensive lamb dishes.

The lamb shoulder is one of the most versatile of all the less expensive cuts. It offers many possibilities for meal planning. It can be boned, rolled and stuffed with your favorite dressing or it may

be served square cut with the bone in it.

Chops can be cut from the shoulder as well as stew meat. Lamb shank is another money saver. Braised and served with a savory sauce it is delicious.

One thing to remember, lamb like all meats, should be cooked at low temperature, no matter what method of cooking is used. Searing lamb does not hold in the juice. Just brown it slowly.

Leg of lamb has a paper-like covering that is called "fell". Do not remove this. The meat will roast in less time, hold its shape better and be juicier.

Serve lamb either hot or cold. Hot lamb should be served on warm plates. Lamb may be served in combination with various other foods. Lamb and fruits are good teammates. Broiled pineapple slices, baked bananas, or stuffed prunes served with lamb have real appetite appeal.

Lamb is one meat that freezes well. Small lambs, 50 pounds or less dressed weight, have less fat and are usually preferred to large carcasses.

PERSONALS

Mrs. Phil Diltz, Sr., and granddaughter, Jan Windham, spent the week with her daughter, Mrs. J. C. Wright, and family of Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Mina Winter and sons, Butch and Skippy, visited Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Winter of Liberal, Kans., over the Easter holidays.

Mrs. W. D. Webber spent the Easter holiday in Amarillo with her daughter, Mrs. Bill Orr, Mr. Orr and grandson Billie Ray.

GOLDIE ANN LEVERICH IS MARRIED MARCH 25

Miss Goldie Ann Leverich and D. W. Johnson were married in Houston March 25 in the home of John O'Dowd, Church of Christ minister.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Joe Gilstrap of Abilene. She wore a Navy blue suit with white accessories. She was graduated from Merkel High School and lived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. McLeod.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Sikes of Houston. He was graduated from Houston High School, served four years in the Air Force and was attending Abilene Christian College.

After a week's honeymoon in Galveston the couple are now at home at 3126 Russell St., Abilene.

SUE MIMS, WALLACE HILL ARE MARRIED APRIL 8

Miss Sue Mims and Wallace Gayle Hill were married Friday, April 8, at 10 a. m. in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Hill, J. C. Eubank of Anson, Church of Christ minister, officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Mims of Truby.

The maid of honor was Mrs. Billy Wayne Mims, sister-in-law of the bride. The best man was Bill Stinson, brother-in-law of the groom.

The bride was attired in a two-piece blue fallie dress, wore a white hat and carried a white Bible with roses on it.

She was an honor graduate of Noodle High School in 1952, went to Draughn's Business in Abilene and was working at the time of her marriage for an insurance company in Abilene.

The groom is a graduate of Noodle High School of 1953 and is now a sophomore at the State College at Arlington. The couple are at home at 728 Dalworth, Grand Prairie.

Y. W. A. ENJOYS FILMS OF CUBA MONDAY EVENING

The Y. W. A. met in the basement of the First Baptist Church Monday evening. Mrs. Henry Coit of Dallas showed films of Cuba that she and her husband had taken, which were enjoyed by everyone.

Refreshments of cake and punch were served.

MRS. COIT SHOWS FILMS OF MEXICO TO FORTNIGHTLY

Mrs. Chester Collinsworth was hostess to the Fortnightly Study Club at its regular meeting at the Community Center April 12.

Mrs. Ben Hicks presided. Mrs. Wm. R. Cypert read a letter from Ceylon where the club's "Seeds for Democracy" had been received.

Mrs. W. T. Sadler introduced Mrs. Henry Coit of Dallas, who showed films depicting places of romantic interest in Old Mexico. Her most delightful travelogue carried her audience on a tour from the customs house in Laredo to points south of Mexico City.

Among her most interesting pictures was one taken at night of an active volcano. Other pictures of special interest were rural scenes, colorful peasants, Maximilian's palace and the University of Mexico.

Besides Mrs. Coit guests included Mrs. C. B. Gardner and Mrs. Booth Warren. There were 21 members present.

UNION RIDGE H. D. CLUB MEETS WITH MRS. J. WALTON

The Union Ridge Home Demonstration Club met April 1 in the home of Mrs. J. C. Walton for its regular meeting. Mable McRee, president, presided. Minutes were approved.

Roll call was answered with "A Safety Slogan." The program was on "Emergency Food and Water Supply." Games were played and refreshments were served to seven members.

The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. J. H. Clark on Friday, April 15, at the new time, 2:30 p. m.

MISSES PAPER

Mrs. Florence Ratliff, 835 Barron Ave., Redwood City, Calif., renewed her subscription and wrote: "Please send us The Merkel Mail for another year. I sure miss the paper."

DAMAGE TO ALFALFA

Yellow clover aphids are appearing in alarming numbers in fields of alfalfa and clover in many Texas areas. This is a new insect pest to the state and research into its control is now underway. Greatest damage is to alfalfa in West Texas.—A&M.

Texas Viewpoint

In Washington

By PRICE DANIEL
U. S. Senator

Grain Producers

Many Texans were in Washington last week advocating higher grain sorghum support prices by the Department of Agriculture and attending the annual meeting of the National Federation of Grain Cooperatives. We are convinced that he present parity support price fixed by Secretary of

Agriculture Benson on grain sorghum is unfair to the producers of this important crop, and have indicated our views to the Secretary and the President.

There is a weekly prayer breakfast held by the Senate members on Wednesday mornings and by House members on Thursday mornings. These groups meet for breakfast at 8:30, and then one member leads in a prayer and a devotional discussion which is joined in by other members of the group. There are other prayer groups which meet weekly in various administrative agencies of the government.

Having attended the meetings of the Senate prayer group since coming to Washington, I know that these meetings are a great inspiration to those who are attempting to serve here in the capital.

The lazy man takes out in wishful thinking what the ambitious man goes out and gets.

Hospital Notes

Admissions to the Sadler Hospital the past week were:

As medical patients — Mrs. J. H. Bishop, Mrs. Dick Melton, C. H. Baker, Mrs. Frank Carter, Bert Hayes, Minnie Coats, Mrs. O. A. Williams, Mrs. Ted McAninch, Mrs. B. Hendricks, Mrs. D. N. Warner, Mrs. Morris Berger, O. E. Johnson (in a car accident), Billy G. Young fell from tower and suffered abrasions of left side of face and leg.

For surgery — Mrs. Orville Hill.

ONE CHILD'S WORTH

"All the care on earth cannot equal one child's worth." In these words, Mr. E. C. McFadden of Dallas, President of the Texas Safety Association, stressed the importance of child safety as he urged local citizens to do everything possible to safeguard children in traffic.

Get-Acquainted SALE!

Sale Begins April 19, Dollar Day, and Continues through April 30.

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Sizes 4 to 8
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BLOUSES
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Close-Out Price
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For Your Convenience Open Sun., from 1 p. m. to 6 p. m.

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1951 Plymouth 2-Door

Radio and heater.

\$175 DOWN

1951 Nash 4-Door

Statesman. All the equipment.

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1952 Henry J

Heater and overdrive. A nice one.

\$190 DOWN

1948 Pontiac 4-Door

Loaded. Hydromatic drive. Real nice old car.

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1946 Pontiac 2-Door

Radio, heater, Premium Tires. New Motor. A car that runs like a '54.

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Double-bed size, seamless, fully bleached, cellophane wrapped, Garza sheets. There's none better. FOR DOLLAR DAY ONLY
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Pillow cases to match above—mentioned sheets only
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\$5.00 Per Pair
Colored pillow cases to match only
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CANNON BATH TOWELS
You know the quality of this product. Lots of attractive shades to select from. FOR DOLLAR DAY ONLY
3 for \$1.00
Wash cloths to match these towels only
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COMAL GINGHAMS
You know the quality of this fine, mercerized, sanforized, and fast color, 36-inch gingham. Lots of beautiful patterns to choose from FOR DOLLAR DAY ONLY
59c per yd.

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This fabric is 45 inches wide and guaranteed crease resistant. You MUST see these. FOR DOLLAR DAY ONLY
65c per yd.

SHEER FABRIC SPECIAL
Be sure and see this big table of new arrivals in sheer dress materials. We are confident you will find just the fabric you will want for the warm days ahead. FOR DOLLAR DAY ONLY
2 Yards For
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They are 27x27 inches in size and hemmed and packaged. FOR DOLLAR DAY ONLY
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DENIMS
Lots of attractive colors in solid color denims. FOR DOLLAR DAY ONLY
2 yds. for \$1.00

PLISSE CREPE
A big selection of solid color plisse crepe to choose from. A good quality, too. FOR DOLLAR DAY ONLY
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SKIRT & DRESS MATERIALS
They are all "black grounds" with beautiful and colorful prints. FOR DOLLAR DAY ONLY
2 Yards For
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WRINKLESET FABRIC
That ever-popular material for skirts and dresses. Be sure and see this fabric. FOR DOLLAR DAY ONLY
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Lots of attractive patterns to choose from. FOR DOLLAR DAY ONLY
39c per yd.

MEN'S Shorts & Vests
Your choice of a fine quality "boxer" type or gripper front shorts made of sanforized broadcloth and combed cotton briefs with elastic tops that are cellophane wrapped. All sizes. FOR DOLLAR DAY ONLY
2 for \$1.00
Men's full-cut combed cotton vests. Sizes 34 to 46. FOR DOLLAR DAY ONLY
2 for \$1.00

CHAMBRAY Work Shirts
A fine quality shirt that is fully sanforized, full cut, and made with 2 big pockets. Sizes 14½ to 17. FOR DOLLAR DAY ONLY
\$1.10

DICKIE'S Pants & Shirts
You know the fine quality of all "Dickie's" products. These garments are made of 8.2-ounce Army Cloth material that is fully sanforized and guaranteed to fit. Your choice of either Suntan or Postman Grey colors. FOR DOLLAR DAY ONLY
\$2.98 Per Garment
"Dickie's" type 1 Army cloth pants or shirts only
\$3.98 Per Garment

BOYS' "T" SHIRTS
One lot of boys' "T" shirts. A real value at a big saving to you. FOR DOLLAR DAY ONLY
\$1.35 each

MEN'S Stretch Socks
These are made of 100% NYLON and are in the popular pastel shades. Remember, 1 size fits any size foot. FOR DOLLAR DAY ONLY
3 Pairs For
\$1.00

ARMY CLOTH SUITS
A fine quality type IV Army Cloth pants and shirts that are made of 8.2-ounce material that is fully sanforized. The trousers are made to fit and wear. The shirts are well tailored with 2 flap-pockets. All sizes available. FOR DOLLAR DAY ONLY
\$5.00 Per Suit

MEN'S WORK SOCKS
These are fine quality cotton socks that are seamless. Your choice of white or colors, and either full length or anklets. Sizes 10 to 12. FOR DOLLAR DAY ONLY
5 Pairs For
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MEN'S BLUE JEANS
These are "Dickie's" 11-ounce blue jeans that are fully sanforized and cut to fit like you want them. All sizes. FOR DOLLAR DAY ONLY
\$2.98 Per Pair

MEN'S SPORT SOCKS
All new Summer patterns, and such colors as pink, black, helio, orange, green, blue, grey, and others. Sizes 10 to 13. FOR DOLLAR DAY ONLY
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These are all new Spring shades of 51-gauge all NYLON hose by MOJUD. Sizes 8½ to 10½. DOLLAR DAY ONLY
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GROUP I
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GROUP II
One big lot "odds and ends" in girls' dress slippers and sandals. Every single pair is a wanted style, and practically every pair is a "Star Brand" shoe. When you see these you will want at least 2 pairs for each girl. FOR DOLLAR DAY ONLY
\$1.49 per pair

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Your choice of our entire stock of beautiful styles in ladies' hats on DOLLAR DAY ONLY
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To those who expressed their sympathy in so many beautiful and practical ways during our recent bereavement, we extend our heartfelt thanks.
The Children of J. A. Haggard
Mrs. J. P. Sharp and Family.

BAND CONCERT FRIDAY

The Merkel Instrumental Music Department will present its spring band concert tonight, April 15, at 8 p. m. in the high school auditorium. There will be an admission charge, which will be used to buy new band equipment.

"SHINERY SHINDIG"

The Noodle P.T.A. is sponsoring a "Shinery Shindig" Thursday night, April 21, at 7:45 p. m. in the High School Auditorium. Program consists of pantomimes one-act plays, and good "ole" country music and Taylor County's own "Cousin Minnie Pearl."

LEGAL NOTICE

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Merkel, Texas, notice is hereby given that a Special Election will be held in said City for the purpose of electing two aldermen to fill the unexpired terms of Fred Starbuck and Griff Barnett, who have resigned.

The Election shall be held on May 23, 1955, at the Welfare Office and shall conform as nearly as possible to the General Election Laws of Texas governing such Elections.

The Polls shall open at 8:00 a. m. and Close at 6:00 p. m.

Andy Shouse is hereby appointed Election Judge.

Given under my hand and seal this 13th day of April, A. D. 1955.

Fred Starbuck
Mayor of the City of Merkel.—Adv.

Woman's Love Reveals Glamor

"The Barefoot Contessa," plays Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at the Queen and is a brilliant, tragic and sardonic story of a woman's love.

In the title role, as an obscure dancer in a Madrid night club who becomes the world's number one glamor girl, is lovely Ava Gardner. In "The Barefoot Contessa," she is a warm-blooded, spirited woman whose search for real love is poignant and tragic.

It is chiefly through a has-been film director, played by Humphrey Bogart, a fawning press agent, played by Edmond O'Brien, that the story gives us an inside, cynical view of Hollywood and movie-making.

Chief Crazy Horse Packed with Drama

One of the great "outdoor" pictures of all time is "Chief Crazy Horse" which opens Sunday and Monday at the Queen Theater.

The story opens in 1854 with a dying Sioux chief predicting that a young member of the tribe, Crazy Horse, will become the greatest leader of the Sioux Nation. Crazy Horse fulfills the prophecy, leading his tribe against the white invaders of the Sioux territory and defeating them in some of the most famous battles in the history of American Indian wars.

In the title role, Victor Mature is the famous Indian brave. Romance is brought into the story by Suzan Ball as Crazy Horse's young bride.

Yield Increased About Five Times

Those who attended the Harbor's soil and water conservation at Coleman April 7 were:

J. D. and Justin Sandusky, Holland Teaff, Comer Haynes, Carlton King, W. B. Toombs, Bryan Dunigan, R. L. Binkley, Louis Butman, T. C. Humphries, T. J. Bird, Sr., and Jr., H. C. Reynolds and Coleman O'Brien.

"Clinton Harbor has done an outstanding job in rebuilding depleted crop land, growing five times as much cotton and feed per acre as when he first began operations in 1946," said Mr. Coleman.

"The secret of his success is increasing the organic matter of the soil and keeping a cover on the land either dead or growing," explained Mr. Coleman.

Women should remember that it is easier to drive a man to drink than it is away from it.

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NOTICE MASONS

Stated meeting of Merkel Lodge No. 710, A. F. & A. Thursday, April 14, at 7:30 p. m. All members are urged to attend. Visiting brethren cordially invited.

D. R. Butler, W. M.
Truett Thompson, Sec'y.

WANTED

WANTED — To buy good second hand brick. See Arch Rose, 115p.

WANTED — Radio work. I am completely equipped to repair radios. Reasonable prices. Phone 301R. Buddy Carey, 212 West St. 315p.

WANTED — Ironing — Pants and Shirts preferred. 10c and 15c each. Last red house North East in City limits. Mrs. A. B. Gregory. 313p.

WOMAN WANTED—Several girls to address, mail postcards. Spare time every week. Write Box 161, Belmont, Mass. 412p.

LOST AND FOUND

LOST — WHITE FACE bull calf. Strayed from place 3½ miles north of Trent. Reward. Mina Winter. 315c.

FOR RENT

FOR RENT — Two 2-bedroom house, one 3 room garage apartment and one furnished apartment. Dowdy & Toombs. 115c.

FOR RENT — 3-room furnished apartment. Mrs. Lester Blair, 205 El Paso. 313p.

FOR RENT — Duplex apartment, modern, 4 rooms and bath, unfurnished. See Ray Wilson. 1134c.

FOR SALE

FOR SALE — 3 evening dresses. See Mrs. W. T. Maddox or Tommie Maddox Burfield. 115p.

FOR SALE — 7-room house, bath, garage, have well water, electric pump, 6 lots. Bargain. S. D. Campbell, 810 Walnut. 315p.

FOR SALE — Used baby bed, used washing machines and gas ranges. White Auto Store. 115c.

GET your Shox Stock fence chargers, electric and battery type, now at White Auto Store. 115c.

GOOD selection of new patterns and colors in seat covers. Installation free. White Auto Store. 115c.

FOR Battery service, day or night, call 228 or 397R. White Auto Store. 115c.

FOR SALE — Used 9-ft. Servel. Big bargain. \$29.50 phone 255. Calvin Peterson. 315p.

Rodeo Champions To Be Presented

"Maw, wake me up early when dad gets up, will yah?" I wanta be around when the circus unloads."

Many a Merkel mother will be thusly approached soon when Tex Carson Circus comes to town.

Tex Carson Circus takes great pride in cleanliness of the performance. There you will see the most unusual artists and prodigious array of acts ever assembled.

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Tex Carson's famous troupe of dancing horses, Cowboy, cowgirl champions of all the great rodeos of the United States and Canada. Electrifying expositions of Gypsy life and the wildest horsemanship exploits ever presented in America by Tex Carson.



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FOR SALE — Gas Heater 65,000 B.T.U. Will heat 4 rooms, really throws the heat. Also breakfast table and 2 chairs. Some lumber. Bargain. Merkel Mail. 313p.

FOR SALE — Cushman Motor Scooter with buddy seats. 5 horse power motor. Bargain \$75. See Ray Wilson at Campbell Grocery. 313c.

FOR SALE — Feed Mill in good shape. \$60. Paul Honeycutt Motors. 313c.

FOR SALE — Servel Electrolux Refrigerator, 7 foot. Worth the money. 306 Rose. Phone 149. Joe Douglas. 313p.

WE HAVE SEVERAL repossessed TVs to choose from. Some are real bargains. See them soon at Badger Chevrolet Co. 111c.

FOR SALE — 1 new Kelvinator 15-ft. deep freeze. Below cost. Make us an offer. Badger Chevrolet Co. 1147c.

FOR SALE — We have several new electric ranges to sell below cost. Make us an offer. Badger Chevrolet Co. 1147c.

FOR SALE — Typewriters, 1 Underwood portable, like new \$39.95; 1 Remington standard \$35. City Drug. 1146c.

WE TAKE subscription for the Ft. Worth Telegram and Abilene Reporter. The Merkel Mail.

FOR Sale or Trade—Pistols of all kinds, shotguns 410-20-12; rifles 22 calibre, all kinds, and 8MM Mauser Carbine. City Drug. 138c.

We have Thank You notes and Thank You Cards. See at the Merkel Mail.

FOR SALE — We are now delivering milk on route 7 days a week, 22c per quart. Would like a few more customers. Phone 9011J1, Higgins and Son. 111c.

NEW SHIPMENT — Cash Register Paper and Adding Machine Paper and many other stationery items. See The Merkel Mail.

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SAVE MONEY by ordering your magazines from The Merkel Mail.

FOR ARTISTIC wedding announcement and other fine printing see The Merkel Mail. All printing done in our own shop.

FOR your Stationary and other supplies see The Merkel Mail.

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WE DO ELECTRICAL work of all kinds. Also ditch digging. Phone 69. E. Highway 80. Hobbs Electric. 812c.

HOUSE-MOVING, house leveling, foundation. Odie Hailey, Phone 28802, Abilene. 9151p.

FOR CEMETERY Curing—see M. A. Sarg. Noster, 1404 Herring Dr. Estimates gladly given. Phone 321-W. 1117c.

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ARM EXPORTS UP

Exports of U. S. farm products were 15 percent higher for the last July-February period than for the same period a year earlier. Total farm exports for the period were valued at \$2.2 billions against \$1.9 billion for the year earlier. — A. & M.

PROVIDES NEEDED FAT

A new additive for milk formulas for dairy calves provides needed fat and at the same time prevents scours resulting from nutrition causes. The material is a fatty ester derivative from a by-product of vegetable oil refining. — A. & M.

The days are growing much shorter — just like the funds of the man who has been on vacation.

personals

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Shouse of Mineral Wells visited relatives here over the Easter holiday.

Mrs. Tura Janes and two children of El Paso are here visiting her mother, Mrs. W. T. Walker. They are on their way to Germany to join her husband who is in the Army.

Visitors from out of town over the holiday of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Reagan were Mr. and Mrs. Bertis Lang, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Lang, Mr. and Mrs. Joe T. Reagan and Milton Crawford, all of Abilene.

Miss Denta Gibson of Pampa spent the holiday with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Dent Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Gamble and family visited over the holiday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Ryals, of Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Gibson and son Roger of Morton were here over the holiday visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brown and Mr. and Mrs. Dent Gibson.

Granville Bragg spent Easter holiday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Bragg, in Chillicothe.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Hudson and Mrs. L. P. Liles and Marilyn spent Sunday with Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Patterson and family of Miami.

Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Warren of Knox City visited his sister, Miss Johnnie Warren, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Davis and family spent the weekend near Clyde on the ranch of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Estes.

Mrs. Don Dudley and sons, Mike and Mark, were in Plainview over the weekend visiting Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Church. They were accompanied by Miss Mary Collins and visited her brother Elmo and wife.

Mrs. Raymond Ferguson, Mrs. C. K. Russell and Mrs. Lizzie Latham were in Dallas over the weekend visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Knox and Mr. and Mrs. John Morgan. Mrs. Latham remained for a longer visit.

Dave Carson of Corpus Christi visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Carson, over the weekend. He is in the Navy.

Mrs. F. G. Sears of Snyder is visiting her mother, Mrs. J. S. Swann, for a few days.

Pvt. and Mrs. Eldon Price left Monday for Baltimore, Md., where he will be with the 54th Missile Battalion. They visited with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Price.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Priester of Dallas spent the Easter holidays with her sister, Mrs. Myrtle D. Walker.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Whitehead visited in Lockhart with her mother, Mrs. L. C. McCarver, over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. McKeever took his sister, Mrs. Floyd Vanzant to Hot Spring, Ark., to visit her father, Robert McKeever. This is the first time in 14 years that they

had seen each other. Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Bingham over the weekend Mrs. Agnes Bingham, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Neufeld and daughter of Borger, Mrs. T. C. Parr and children of Brownwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwain Jones of Abilene spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Jones. Their son Doyle of the University of Houston was also home.

Jerry Ford has returned to Norfolk, Va., after a three weeks leave from the Navy. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Ford, 1849 S. 14 St., Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Montie Walton and daughter, Mrs. Sam C. Sharp, of Carlton were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Walton this week.

E. L. Turner and family of Fort Worth visited the J. C. Waltons and the J. W. Timers over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Simpson of College Station were guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Simpson, for the Easter holidays.

Jimmy and John Haggard of San Francisco, Calif., and Mrs. O. L. Hill and son Ray Lee of Phoenix, Ariz., returned home Tuesday morning after attending the funeral of their father, J. A. Haggard. They stayed in the home of Mrs. J. P. Sharp while here.

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QUARTERLY REPORT OF TAYLOR COUNTY TREASURER
On April 11th, 1955, A. D. The Commissioners Court met in regular session, compared and examined the quarterly report of Mrs. Bob Haile, County Treasurer, for the quarter ending March 31, 1955 and found the same to be correct, and the respective amounts received and paid out to be correct, since the preceding report.

Fund	Balance Last Report	Received This Qtr.	Paid Out This Qtr.	Balance this Quarter
Jury Fund	\$34,410.13	\$15,302.50	8,627.07	41,085.56
Precinct No. 1	2,146.79	32,453.00	18,912.38	15,687.41
Precinct No. 2	28,798.99	26,340.48	12,958.39	42,181.08
Precinct No. 3	26,282.33	24,635.51	10,245.33	40,672.51
Precinct No. 4	6,380.22	29,110.86	13,287.36	22,203.72
General Fund	46,733.26	33,922.71	69,794.19	10,861.78
Pauper Fund Od	29,193.26	33,658.44	13,342.57	od 8,877.39
Road Dist. No. 1	1,260.59	7,621.83	7,621.83	1,260.59
Road Dist. No. 3	713.81	00	00	713.81
Road Dist. No. 4	829.26	00	00	829.26
Highway 600 M	44.85	00	00	44.85
Highway 275 M	31.85	00	00	31.85
Perm. Imp. Fund	58,597.05	22,849.72	46,383.07	35,063.70
Spec. Co. R. & B. Fund	1,286.00	00	00	1,286.00
Co. wide Mach. Fund	2.70	72.25	72.25	2.70
Withhold. tax fund	3,286.81	5,181.17	6,240.18	2,187.80
Officers Sal. Fund	15,440.51	48,931.03	41,710.96	22,660.58
Spec. R. Dist. No. 1	00	00	00	00
Skg. Fund	94,729.55	11,976.45	9,399.15	97,306.85
Perm. School Fund	229.75	8,202.80	8,424.97	7.58
Lateral Rd. Fund	27,654.58	00	2,375.41	25,279.17
F.L.C.A. Tax Fund	4,019.69	2,642.32	2,620.84	4,041.17
Special Rd. B.	00	00	00	00
Series 1953	192,477.09	8,172.78	8,096.08	192,553.79
Library Fund	84.07	387.00	80.50	390.57
Perm. Imp. B. S.	00	00	00	00
1954	845,944.40	00	159,690.51	686,253.89
Perm. Imp Skg. F.	3,564.36	45,124.32	00	48,688.68
	1,365,755.38	356,545.17	439,883.04	1,282,417.51

BANK BALANCES

F. & M. National Bank	\$ 531,429.15
Citizens National Bank	375,943.51
First State Bank, Abilene	225,044.85
First State Bank, Tuscola	150,000.00
	1,282,417.51

SECURITIES OWNED BY TAYLOR COUNTY

Precinct No. 3	\$ 5,000.00
Jury Fund	10,000.00
General Fund	46,000.00
Road District No. 1 Skg. Fund	8,848.20
	69,848.20

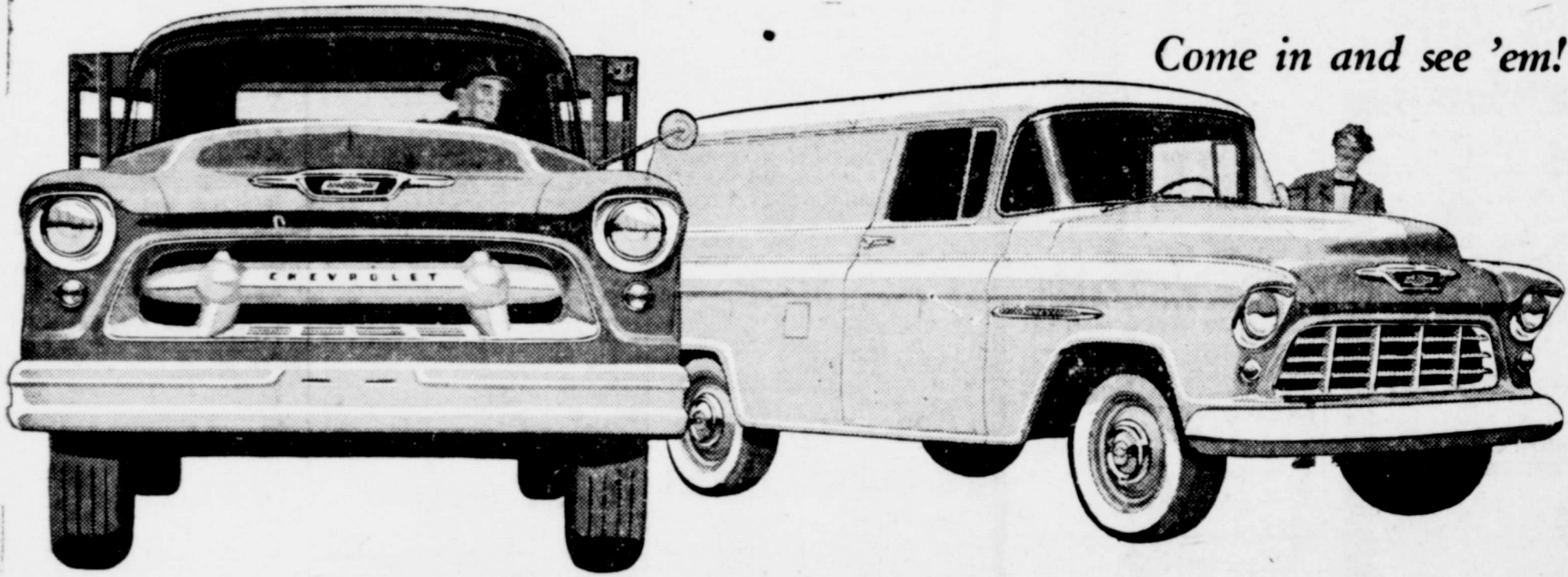
TAYLOR COUNTY PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND

U. S. Government Bonds	\$10,800.00
Everman Independent School	8,222.17
San Saba Rd., Bonds	1,000.00
	20,022.17
Highway 600 M Government Bonds Series K.	32,500.00
Highway 275 M Government Bonds Series J. Red. Val. \$1,900.00	1,368.00
	33,868.00

BOND AND WARRANT INDEBTEDNESS

Original Issue Bonds Redeemed, Outstanding:	
Bonds Series '27	600,000.00
Bonds Series '29	275,000.00
Bonds Series '47	350,000.00
Bonds Series '53	350,000.00
Bonds Series 1954	850,000.00
	2,425,000.00
	877,000.00
	1,548,000.00

The requirements of Art. 401 P. C. have been complied with and a tabular statement has been filed as required.
J. H. RUCKER FLOYD TATE
Commissioner Precinct No. 1 Commissioner Precinct No. 3
RUFÉ TITTLE J. T. McMILLON
Commissioner Precinct No. 2 Commissioner Precinct No. 4
REED INGALSBEE
County Judge, Taylor County, Texas
Subscribed and sworn this 10th day of April 1955.
(SEAL) MRS. CHESTER HUTCHESON,
County Clerk, Taylor County, Texas



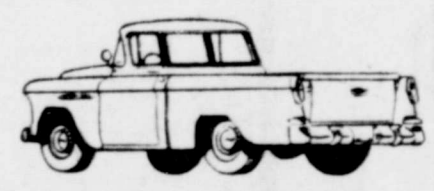
Come in and see 'em!

NEW CHEVROLET Task-Force TRUCKS

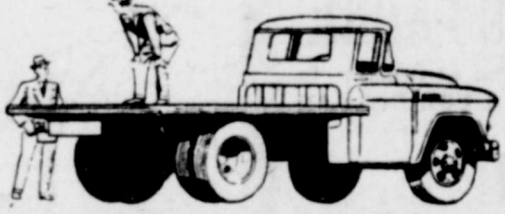
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Here's what happens when America's No. 1 truck builder pulls out all the stops! Here are some of the new advances ready to work for you right now.

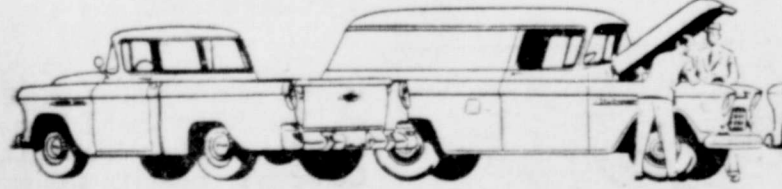
New Chevrolet Task-Force Trucks do more jobs faster, better and with new economy. If you've got a job for a truck, we've got the modern truck for your job! Look over the new features and advances highlighted here—no other line of trucks offers so much that's new. Then come in and look over these Task-Force Trucks in person.



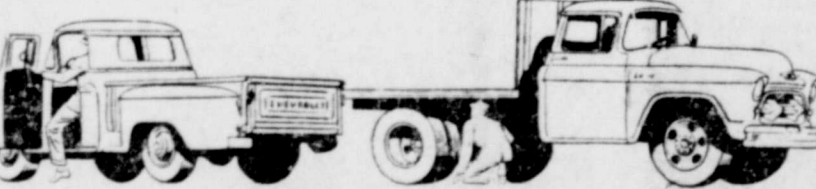
1 New styling in trucks
It's Work-Styling—an exclusive development in truck design with two distinctively different styling treatments to match the job.



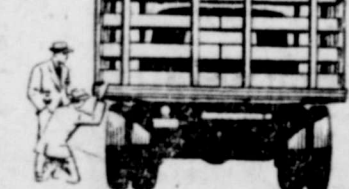
2 New 18,000 lb. G.V.W. capacity
New Task-Force Trucks are built to handle loads of all sizes. Capacities now go all the way up to 18,000 pounds G.V.W.



3 Six new "high-voltage" engines
All new engines feature a 12-volt electrical system for faster, surer starts; increased generator capacity—plus many exclusive advances.



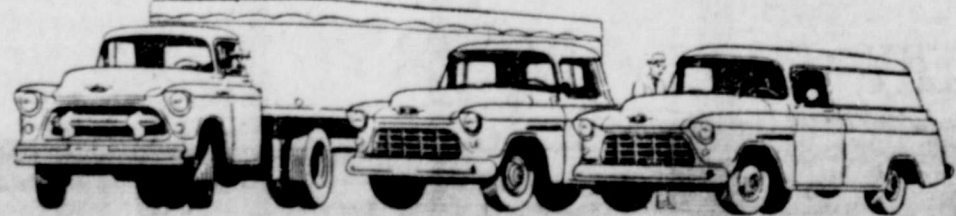
4 The cab is as new as the view
New Sweep-Sight windshield—plus more glass all around. New High-Level ventilation. New softer seats—new cab construction.



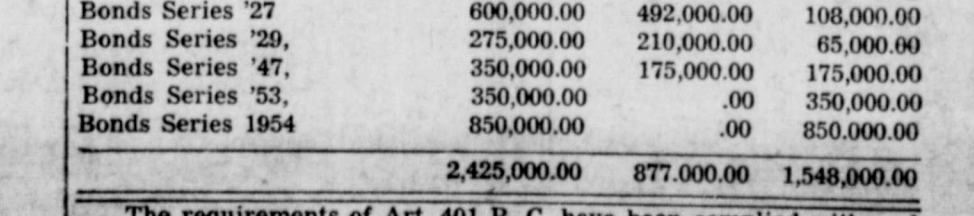
5 A smoother, load-steady ride
New suspensions front and rear provide a smoother ride. New concealed Safety Steps guard against mud, snow, or ice.



7 New Overdrive or Hydra-Matic
New Overdrive is now available as an extra-cost option on 1/2-ton models and truck Hydra-Matic on 1/2-, 3/4-, and 1-ton jobs.



8 New Power Brakes and Tubeless Tires
Power Brakes are standard on 2-ton models, optional at extra cost on all others. Tubeless tires standard on 1/2-ton models!



9 New handling ease with Power Steering
Chevrolet Power Steering now available on all Chevrolet Task-Force Trucks, optional at extra cost.



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2ND. PLACE Boy, 6 Mon. — 3 Years. 1—11x14 Black and White PORTRAIT \$10.95 Value	2ND. PLACE Girl, Age 6 Mon. — 3 yrs. 1—11x14 Black and White PORTRAIT \$10.95 Value

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EDITORIALS

LITERARY MEET

With overemphasis on sporting
activities in our schools it is good
to realize that the students also
are interested in literary affairs.

Merkel has done well in football,
it has done well in basketball, it
has done well in baseball, it has
done well in tennis. Now, in the
literary meet that was held here,
Merkel won in the district.

Merkel did a wonderful job in
winning. It collected 143 points
while the runner-up, Rotan, secured
only 99 with Colorado third
with 45 and Hamlin trailing with
25.

Of course, there is not the excitement
and the crowd and the thrilling
tension in the literary meet
that one encounters at a football
game or a basketball game or a
baseball game or a tennis match.

But there is a fine sense of accomplishment
in winning in literary events.

And after all, one does go to
school to learn literary matters
and these literary contests give
point to the things that are being
learned in school. It helps to give
them value.

So, we congratulate our Merkel
High School students on winning
the district literary meet.

BASEBALL

The baseball season is getting
underway locally.

Coach Tommy Ellis' boys won
their first game against Roby 9-3
with Phillip Pursley and Robert
McLeod hurling. Again they beat
Roby Lions 4-0. That was a fine
score. Phillip Pursley pitched a 2-
hit game with George English
smashing a two run double.

Then the Merkel Lobos were
scheduled to start training last
Sunday. Last year these boys had a
good season.

Surely, the baseball season is
getting underway. There ought to
be some good games ahead and
lots of fun for the players and the
fans. Play ball! Batter up!

IDENTIFICATION TAGS

Civil defense is becoming more
real to the public.

Meetings are being held to let
the people know what is what. The
meeting held last week here was a
step forward in that direction. Director
Fred Starbuck told what the
plans were here in case of disaster
and what each committeeman
would have to do.

Sgt. Bailey of the Abilene District
Highway Patrol told the part
the Department of Public Safety
will play in civil defense.

All this is a beginning in awakening
people to the fact that civil
defense is now a part of our
scheme of life.

And this being so and when or if
disaster strikes it will be necessary
to identify those who are injured
or killed. There will be no
time when that happens to look

very far. Identification will have
to be made in a hurry.

What's to be done? Identification
tags are the answer. Each
adult and each child should have
one so that they can be identified
at once.

These can now be had at grocery
stores for 25c, the actual cost of
them. Children, by buying them at
the schools, can get them for 20c.
Living in an atom bomb-hydrogen
bomb era as we do, identification
tags are a necessity. Everyone
should have one.

"WHITE-ICISM"

That's ALL — and the Sage of
Figfield adds that to be tagged
now will make you more than "it"
later.

**BLUE BONNET CLUB MEETS
WITH MRS. FRAZE DEMERE**

The Blue Bonnet Home Demonstration
Club met April 5 with
Mrs. Frazz Demer. The program
was on Civil Defense.

Mrs. Elmer Patterson, Mrs. Arthur
Moore and Mrs. I. D. Davis
gave a demonstration on the need
of knowing what to do and how to
do in case of destruction, such as
tornadoes and bombing.

One must keep a three-day supply
of food in the home to have in
case one should happen to need it,
they stated.

Roll call was answered by each
member on a safety slogan.

Mrs. Dervel McLean gave a
council report; she also stated
cancer bandages were needed badly.
The members will make a given
quota in their homes and turn
them in at the next meeting.

Mrs. Allen King gave a program
skit to be used at the ama-

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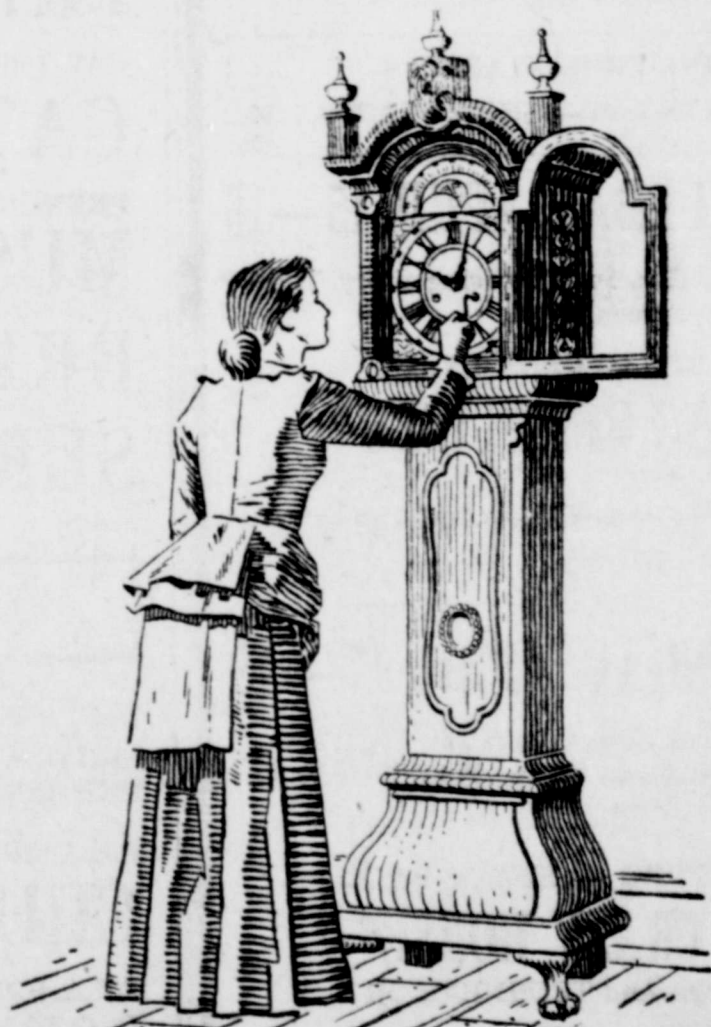


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