

We covered the biggest weather story of the year last week-end, but it wasn't a planned one at all. In fact, it was just milling around on business, when we almost became marooned in one of the worst snow storms in 50 years — and certainly almost as bad as any we had seen.

Our intentions were to go to Lubbock to attend the West Texas Press association meeting Saturday night, but having bought an electric mailer at Clovis, N. M., we decided to motor on for that extra little drive. The roads were clear, and just a few flakes of snow were seen falling when we rolled westward.

But about the time the sun went down, so came down the hardest snowfall that you could even imagine. And we were on a highway riding right into it, couldn't see much farther than the radiator, and inch by inch the snow kept getting deeper until it was about a foot deep. Then, all of a sudden, we ran upon three big semi-trailers and a pickup truck stalled on this north-south road. We stopped, couldn't do anything else. The trucks were stalled, but they finally dug the pickup out to where it could move on ahead to Littlefield. We started to move, but couldn't that was about the time I started to make my wife get out barefooted (because I didn't want her to ruin her shoes) and walk a couple of miles to a farmhouse and bring a cup of coffee.

But I had mercy on her — all she had to do was to get out and push and pull. Well, she did have to dig a few trenches but that's good exercise, they tell me. Anyway, nothing had happened to her, for she's home with me now.

But we were the last car that night to cross into Littlefield, but when we started westward, there wasn't a drop of snow on the highway. At Farwell, there was a big snowdrift starting, and there was snow on into Clovis.

When we were awakened the next morning and Jeweler Julius Cox's jingle bells, he told us that we were marooned. But I didn't think there was any snow that we couldn't get out in. When I raised the shade the snow had covered the window, and lo and behold we found out that no one was moving anywhere. Stores were closed. Cafes were short of food — if you could get to one. It snowed all day, and snow cones don't fill you up very fast.

One of the newspaper employees finally got out to us during the afternoon late, and with the aid of chains and tractor he took us to town.

But the road to Farwell was covered with 12 to 20 foot snow embankments, and people from all over were marooned. Many had to sleep in their cars and walk to safety when they could. The roads were closed in all directions, and the only thing that could be seen moving was a herd of cattle coming down the road. Tried to get Billie to get out and head them off, but she balked, as usual.

We were the last car in and the first one out, and we drove our friends in us, for we brought a lot of groceries home with us. You can't tell these days, what will happen to you on the road. But we never did get to the press meeting — which was cancelled after we had already gone half way across the country.

Anyway, Billie is thankful, she says it wasn't as bad as having to walk 10 miles through a cotton field after a soggy rain to get a mule to pull a car out of a ditch.

Incidentally, right after the snow, the fish were biting at Ft. Sumner.

Queen Theater Under Repairs

The Queen Theater is closed this week for about 10 days for general repairs and remodeling. Robert Hodges, manager, announced. "As soon as we reopen we will bring some of the latest and finest film productions back to the screen here," he said. The reopening will be announced in the Merkel Mail.

Dimes Drive Over \$1,200 Still Incomplete

With returns incomplete, the Merkel March of Dimes campaign has already exceeded the quota of \$1,200, according to C. A. Farley, local director.

Early this week a total of \$1,215.94 had been contributed but several of the rural communities had not made their report. It is expected that the final figure will be near \$1,300.00.

The big phase of the local campaign was the Mothers March on Polio held last Tuesday night. The Room Mothers, under the direction of Mrs. David Gamble, collected \$467.32, the second highest total ever collected by the Merkel mothers.

Other money-raising projects during the month's campaign have been: telethon, \$175.00; profit on peanuts sold by Girl Scouts, \$62.55; balloon sales by Homemaking girls, \$167.79; benefit basketball games, \$65.00; collection at schools, \$70.14; coin holders in local stores, \$59.00; mail envelopes, \$48.35; I.X.L. (Mrs. A. D. Scott), \$10.00; Blair (Mrs. Woodrow Patton), \$13.38; Union Ridge (Mrs. R. C. McAninch), \$34.10; Stith (Mrs. C. B. Rust), \$35.76; Castle Peak (Mrs. W. B. Toombs), \$7.55.

"We wish to thank each and everyone who had any part in making it possible for Merkel and area to exceed its quota for a third consecutive year. The response and cooperation has been wonderful," stated director Farley.

Mrs. Johnson, 88, Dies at Home; Service Sunday

Services were held Sunday afternoon in Merkel for Mrs. Nancy Ann Johnson, 88, who died at her home Friday.

Mrs. Johnson, a resident of Merkel since 1936, had been in ill health for the past four years.

She was born Nov. 14, 1867, in Alabama and married Lee Johnson of Hamilton county, Dec. 23, 1885. Mr. Johnson died in 1947.

The Rev. J. S. Kirkpatrick, pastor of the Primitive Baptist church of Midland, officiated at the services at Starbuck Funeral home.

Survivors include three daughters: Mrs. Claudie Holmes, of Merkel; Mrs. Leo Moore, of Brady; and Mrs. Lucille Burleson, of Merkel; three brothers, John Lee of Mexia; Cleve Lee, of San Angelo; and Bob Lee, of Portales, N. M. One sister, Mrs. Jane Swann of Cisco; eight grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren and seven great great grandchildren. One son, F. L., died in 1951.

Fire Destroys House and Feed

Fire destroyed an old house filled with feed on the Buford Bottin farm, 5 miles northwest of Merkel, Wednesday afternoon.

The Merkel Volunteer Fire Department sped to the scene, but the fire had such a head start that it was impossible to save the building or feed.

Odie Jones, who lives across the road, noticed the fire, and called for aid.

There was no indication how it started, unless it was by combustion.

Seventh Grade Elects Officers

New officers have been elected for Mrs. Andy Shouse's Seventh grade room.

They are: Sharon Hernandez, president; Sharon Cypert, vice president; Walter Harris, secretary; Beth Dalton, treasurer; Virgil Abshier, reporter; Mary Beth Mewborn, parliamentary critic; program committee, Pat Mattingly, Carolyn Windham, Lupe Duran, Jack Pettit.

Mrs. Elva Mac Farland spent the week-end in Abilene with her son, Mr. and Mrs. Frank MacFarland.



COMPLETES TRAINING — Walter C. Barley, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter C. Barley, route 3, Merkel, has completed his marine boot training at San Diego. He is awaiting assignment to one of the Marine corps schools for further training at Camp Pendleton, Calif.

OLD DOCTOR BILL PAID TO MERKELITE

An elderly person who apparently had been a patient of the late Dr. Marvin Armstrong, pioneer physician who started practicing in Merkel in 1905, this week sent \$6 in cash to Mrs. Armstrong, who survives, for an old bill.

Dr. Armstrong had been dead for 13 years, and Mrs. Armstrong who lives with her daughter, Mrs. Johnny Cox, wants to return the money to the person who mailed it.

The money, in cash, had this note: "Dear Mrs. Armstrong: Please accept this \$6.00. I owed it to Dr. Armstrong. Sorry I couldn't pay it sooner. There was no signature. Mrs. Armstrong said she wanted to return the money to the person who sent it."

"If she'll just call, or let us know, we want to give that money back," her daughter quoted her as saying.

Otherwise, Mrs. Armstrong, who was secretary of the first Red Cross chapter in Merkel, will turn the money over to the Red Cross, which has been her hobby for years.

Mrs. Cox said her mother had no idea of how long the bill had been pending, "but we think we would do more good to give it back to the person who sent it."

Indications from the handwriting were that it came from some elderly person. It was mailed from Merkel.

Junior Class To Sell Hot Cakes

The Junior Class will hold a pancake supper from 6 to 7 Tuesday at the School Cafeteria.

Professional flapjack cooks will be on hand to do the cooking, and the Juniors hope to make enough profit to add to their till for spring festivities.

Each person attending will be given a box of pancake mix. For 75 cents, the Juniors will serve bacon, pancakes, coffee, syrup and butter.

Funeral Held For E. W. Freeman

Funeral was held Sunday afternoon for Ellis W. Freeman, 81, Trent, who died Saturday in the Lawson Rest Home in Merkel.

Mr. Freeman was born Feb. 6, 1874, in Louisiana, and came to Trent in 1912. He had never been married.

Rev. Gene Jorgensen, pastor of the Trent Baptist church, officiated. Burial was in the Trent cemetery under direction of Starbuck's.

Survivors include five brothers, G. M. of Trent, Frank of Fort Worth, Arthur of Post, Cleve of Houston and Ches, of Lexington, Tex., and one sister, Mrs. Roy Crane, Lexington.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Carey of Harrison, Arkansas visited his mother, Mrs. Mary Carey, and brother, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Carey, and other relatives this week, before going to Fort Worth for the Fat Stock Show, where he showed fifteen head of fine Herefords.

Farmers May Benefit From Recent Snow

An estimated five inches of snow in the Merkel vicinity during the last week left about .40 inches of moisture in the ground, and gave a boost to winter crops.

But Merkel was lucky in one respect that the heavy snow storm — the worst in 50 years — that hit the panhandle and high plains area, didn't reach this far down, as it did heavy damage to livestock, marooned people and towns and created about as much hardship as it did good.

Merkel received a half inch of moisture from snow and light rain during the last few days of January, and with another .40 added, the area has received about an inch of moisture during the last 10 days.

This is about normal for this time of year, but there still is need for more moisture in the area.

Some feel that the moisture will give new life to the sagging wheat fields, which will be used for grazing.

Last year at this time, the Merkel area had not received any moisture of measurable content, and it wasn't until early spring that any moisture was recorded.

The snow that fell during the weekend was loaded with moisture, and it all went into the ground because there was no quick thawing.

Johnnie Tipton Wins Honor As Homemaker

The Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow in Merkel High School is Johnnie Tipton.

She received the highest score in a written examination which tested the homemaking knowledge and attitudes of senior girls in the graduating class. She will be entered in competition to name this state's candidate for the title of All-American Homemaker of Tomorrow and will also be considered for the runner-up award in the state. She will receive a golden award pin designed by Trifari and the school will receive a "Betty Crocker Good and Easy Cook Book."

The national winner in the Search conducted among 256,534 young women in 10,222 of the nation's public, private and parochial high schools will be named April 12 at the American Table banquet in Philadelphia.

The program is designed to assist schools in building in young women a deeper appreciation and understanding of the American home and to emphasize through a sound scholarship award program the personal qualities and sense of values necessary to successful homemaking. More than \$100,000 in scholarships will be awarded.

Each state the winner will receive a \$1,500 scholarship and an educational trip with her school advisor to Washington, D.C., Philadelphia, Va., and Philadelphia, Pa. A \$500 scholarship will be awarded the runner-up girl in each state. The school of the state winner will receive a set of the Encyclopedia Britannica.

The scholarship of the young woman named All-American Homemaker of Tomorrow will be increased to \$5,000. Deloris Arnette of Enterprise, Ala., was the national winner last year and is enrolled at Judson college at Marion, Ala.

The 50-minute written examination, designed and judged by Science Research Associates of Chicago, which was given to all participants in this national search, consisted of questions which tested the students' attitude and knowledge in the major areas of homemaking.

Each girl who took the test received a homemaking guide that will assist her in pursuing the career of homemaking.

CONGRATULATIONS — Mr. and Mrs. Joe Frank Warren of 2242 Russell Avenue, Abilene, announce the birth of a son, Michael Ray. He was born January 17. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Hbestor, Merkel. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Claude Warren, Brownwood, Texas.

THREE ALDERMEN TO BE ELECTED ON APRIL 4: BOND ELECTION CALLED

The City Council Monday night issued a call for a city election April 4 to elect three aldermen for two year terms.

At the same time the council also voted to call a bond election for \$40,000 park improvements, the date to be fixed later after consultation with bonding company representatives.

Aldermen whose terms expire are Clyde Eager, Odis Griffin and Ben Robert Hicks. Here is the official election call:

"City council of City of Merkel hereby gives notice of City Election.

"The following vacancies to be filled Aldermen three (3) places, two (2) years each. Candidates have until 5 p.m. March 3, 1956, in which to file for place on ballots.

"The election shall be held April 3, 1956, 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 a.m. and close at 6 p.m.

"Andy Shouse is hereby appointed election judge.

"Given under my hand and seal this 3rd day of February A.D. 1956.

"City council, City of Merkel. "Flossie W. McKeever, City Secretary."

Holdover aldermen are Earl Hughes and Joe Cypert.

Eager, Griffin and Hicks were elected last year, but they were named to one-year terms to fill vacancies created by resignation and by Fred Starbuck moving up from alderman to mayor. Starbuck's term has another year to run.

The council acted on a petition presented by a group of business people who seek to have a city park in Merkel, including a construction of a swimming pool, although the petition which was presented did not mention the pool.

ROY LARGENT GIVEN TRIBUTE BY PAPER

Roy R. Largent, nationally known cattleman of Merkel, received a printed tribute this week during the in-story livestock exhibition in the Fort Worth Star Telegram.

The story, written in the column "Chuck Wagon" was by Frank Reeves, farm editor, follows:

Roy R. Largent of Merkel has an attendance record at the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show at Fort Worth of which he can justly be proud.

Last week when the show was having its 60th birthday, Largent was enjoying himself visiting with his many livestock friends, and it made the 48th consecutive year that he has attended the Fort Worth show.

The first time he attended the show was in 1904 when he was 2 years old and his father and mother brought him to Fort Worth. The only show he has missed at Fort Worth since that time was in 1908, when his mother was unable to attend.

Largent has never been interested in establishing an attendance record. The show has been part of his life's work and part of his business. It provided him an opportunity to study the science of breeding and feeding beef cattle as practiced by some of the nation's leading livestock 5F. . . ofvliStar-ufriendwasci

In almost every line of industry, when some family name is mentioned it unmistakably identifies a top bracket product for that segment of industry. When the Largent name is mentioned in livestock circles, people who know livestock think of the beef cattle industry that of Hereford cattle. Herefords that have the best of breeding and have been fitted with skill and careful attention to all details to have them appear at their best.

Roy R. Largent literally grew up with a feed bucket in his hand. Before he was through high school he was taking time out to ride freight trains with the show cattle. You can call the roll of the major livestock shows in the United States and if it has a creditable department for Herefords, it is a safe bet that Roy Largent has shown cattle there.

Roy's father, the late C. M. Largent Sr., started with some 400 Hereford cows in the spring of 1900. That fall he got his first registered Herefords, and registered Herefords have been in the family since that time.

Most people who know Roy R. Largent know his wife, Hazel. They went through school together and they were married in 1923. She has traveled thousands of miles with him attending stock shows and auction sales. She shares his enthusiasm for Herefords. She has not missed a Fort Worth livestock show since they were married.

Largent has a service record in the Hereford industry that is possibly more impressive than his attendance record at the show. He has not missed a business meeting of the Texas Hereford Association at Fort Worth since 1931. He has served as president of the Brown County Hereford Association at Brownwood, the West Texas Hereford Association at Abilene, the Texas Hereford Association at Fort Worth and the American Hereford Association with headquarters at Kansas City.

He not only headed these associations, but he gave generously of his time and energy to make them worthy of the breed of cattle they represent. Herefords are not a fad with Roy Largent. He believes in them because he thinks they have more of the desirable beef-making characteristics for the show ring, the ranges and the feedlot than any other breed of cattle.

There are two Hereford events that are indelibly stamped in Roy R. Largent's memory. One was in 1925 when C. M. Largent & Sons had the champion bull and the champion female, and the other was in 1954 when Roy R. Largent & Sons had the first place winner in the senior get of sire class and the junior get of sire class at the big American Royal at Kansas City.

Roy R. Largent & Sons bred and sold a young bull calf for \$25,000. He is now heading one Continued On Page 4

Mark Donations To 'Fence Fund'

A mixup in donations to the two funds for the Cemetery have resulted in recent weeks it was believed.

The Merkel Garden Club is raising funds for the construction of a stone fence around the cemetery, but many of their donations have not been properly marked and have gone into the general cemetery fund.

Since both funds are similar, donors are asked to specify on their checks whether they want the money to go for completion of the fence, which should be marked "Cemetery Fence Fund," or to the general fund, which should be marked "Cemetery Fund."

Chili Supper Is Planned Saturday

A chili supper will be held Saturday night at the school cafeteria under the direction of the Merkel Girl Scouts. Serving will commence at 5 p. m. The girls, scouts and drink chili, beans, crackers and drink for 50 cents. Pie will be served for 10 cents. There will be music throughout the evening.

THROCKMORTON Big Game For Badgers Friday

The Merkel Badgers, fresh from a 75-59 victory over the Munday Moguls, will travel to Throckmorton Friday night for a showdown game with the Greyhounds in the torrid 8-A race.

The Badgers, with a 8-1 record, face the surging Hounds, with a 3-0 record, and the Badgers must win to stay in the conference race.

A capacity crowd, including hundreds of Merkel fans, are expected to be in the Greyhound stadium for the opening whistle. Earlier, the Throckmorton five downed Merkel in an upset in Merkel.

A victory by the Badgers Friday night would put them in a tie for the leadership, and would boost their hopes of advancing in the state playoffs.

The Badgers moved in for the showdown Tuesday night by beating the Moguls after being held to a 12-10 first quarter. The Badgers then moved to lead by only 3 points in the second quarter, 28-25.

But the Badgers turned on the steam in the third period and were leading 54-37 for a comfortable margin. The four quarters continued the rout.

Robert McLeod, Merkel's all-state candidate, and Kermit Rutledge led the Merkel scoring with 19 each. Other scorers were Philip Purdy, 12; Jack Russell 9, Manly Denton, 12; Carl McKeever 2.

Norris Takes Over Scouting

H. D. Norris, Sweetwater, has been named field scout executive of the area including Merkel as an addition to his present territory at Sweetwater.

Norris, who formerly taught school at Divide, south of Merkel, is well known among scouters and residents around Merkel.

He said he plans to re-establish scouting in Merkel and hopes to find sponsors for one or two troops within a short time.

He has been at Sweetwater since 1949.

Stith to Plan Community Center

A meeting to plan a community center will be held at Stith at the home of C. B. Rust next Tuesday, Feb. 14, 7:30 p.m.

JONES COUNTY COUNCIL MEETS

The Jones County Home Demonstration Council met in the County court office, January 23, 1956. It was a full meeting, the regular meeting having been postponed because of bad weather. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Noel Weaver, the chairman. As the roll was called each member stood and told which club she represented and which office she holds. The minutes of the November, December

Council were read and approved. The secretary read the standing orders for the Council and they were adopted and amended. The clubs reported their first meeting of the year was spent in installing new officers, naming committees, and filling out year books. They also reported making donations to the 'March of Dimes' or making plans to make money for the 'March of Dimes'. Each club is to send to the February Council a candidate for delegate to the District 3 spring

meeting. Also, each club is to bring to Council a candidate for County THDA Chairman. The Willow Creek Club has endorsed and recommended Mrs. Maxey Harvey as candidate for Secretary of the Texas Home Demonstration Association. The Council also voted to endorse Mrs. Harvey's candidacy for this office.

MRS. RAMSEY IS COMPETE HOSTESS

Due to recent illness Mrs. Childers postponed her date for entertaining the club on January 26, and the members met in Mrs. Ramsey's home for their regular meeting.

Mrs. H. R. Chisney, club president, presided for the business session. Prayer was offered by Mrs. Ramsey. Motion made and carried to have the recreation for the opening evening. Mrs. Pistole a new member and the club recreational director, directed a game "States and Capitals" which made us all realize how long it had been since we were in school.

Mrs. St. Hunter read the minutes in the absence of the secretary Mrs. Ray. Bell call was answered with "Health Hints." Council report was given by the council delegate, Mrs. Vernon Stanley. The council recommendations were read and voted on separately to accept as were read. Mrs. Stanley reported that THDA contributions were due at March council. Mrs. Maxey Harvey has been endorsed as candi-



date for State Secretary of THDA. Press books have been discontinued. Each club to send a nominee to Feb. council for delegate to the district meeting which will be April 3 at Childers.

Mrs. Vernon Stanley was unanimously elected as the club nominee to be voted on at council. Mrs. Pistole reminded every one to pay their poll tax. Mrs. Touchstone, chairman of finance committee gave her report, to continue with the hostess gift with an auction sale at a later date. Mrs. Best, from the Union

Ridge Club in Taylor County brought the program on "First Aid and Care of the Sick." Her talk was on different types of accidents and care of the patient. The importance of knowing when a patient is in shock and she stressed watching temperature constantly. Heart attacks and what to do was discussed. She gave a demonstration on "Artificial Respiration" with Mrs. Ernest Dixon as her patient. She said in serious cases it was sometimes necessary to continue this treatment four or five hours. The hostess gift went to Mrs. Dixxon. Refreshments were served to Mrs. Best, Mrs. Dixon,

a new member, Mrs. Pistole, Hunter, Foy, Touchstone, Stanley, Chancey, Childers, Ramsey and Christy Touchstone. The next meeting will be Feb. 9 when the club meets with Mrs. Jess Foy. The program will be "Oven Meals" by the food leaders, Mrs. Stanley and Pistole.

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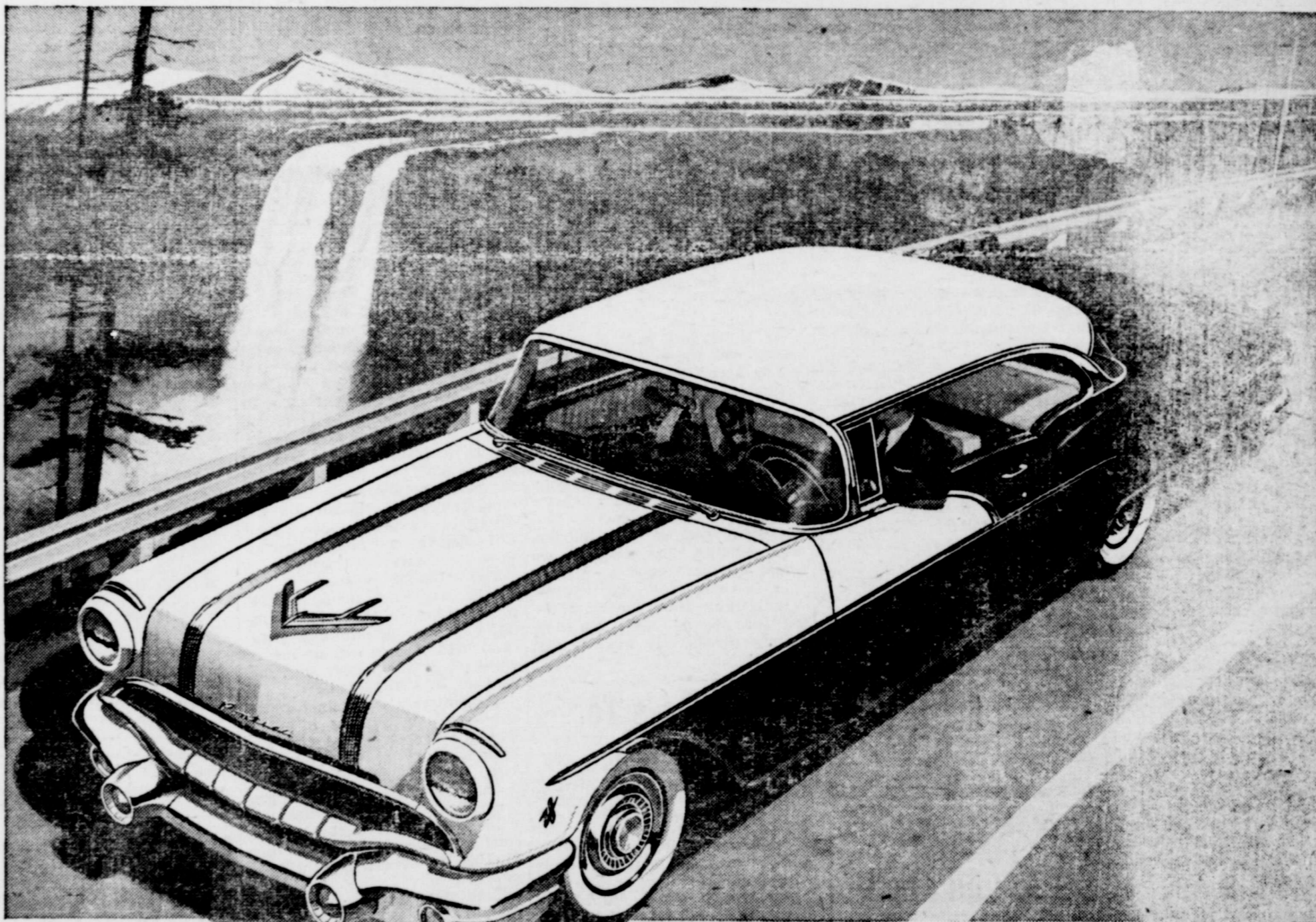


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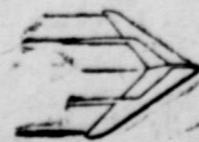
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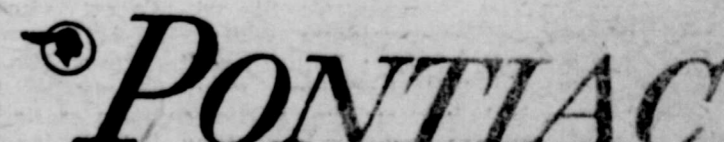
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To Samuel Blackwell, Defendant.

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, at 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, to wit: the 12th day of March A.D. 1956, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 20th day of January A.D. 1956, in this cause, numbered 21,095-A on the docket of said court, and styled White Lee - Blackwell, Plaintiff, vs. Samuel Blackwell, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows to wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were married on or about 1948 and lived together until on or about January, 1950.

Plaintiff shows there is no community property belonging to Plaintiff and Defendant, but that Plaintiff owns as her separate property Lots No's 14 and 15, Block 1, Carver Addition to the City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, she here prays that said property be set aside to her as her separate property. There were no children born of this marriage.

Plaintiff asks for Divorce on grounds of cruel treatment and desertion.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this 26th day of January A.D. 1956.

(SEAL)
Attest: R. H. Ross, Clerk,
42nd District Court,
Taylor County, Texas.
By Clayrene Long, Deputy.

(Published in the Merkle Mail, Jan. 27, Feb. 3, 10, 17, 1956)
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 following is a true copy:

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42nd District Court,
Taylor County, Texas.
By Christine Bowers, Deputy.

Red George Havens, Secretary, who has just returned from Cuba, was a guest of his mother, Mrs. and Mrs. Bob Spence at Trent Havens' apartment at the KIBBY program, Saturday, 1956.

Prices Continue To Drop Faster

Farmers are now getting only 75 cents of every dollar spent for food in the retail store. This is the smallest share since 1949, and compares with a peak of 83 cents in 1945 and 82 cents in 1954.

Retail food prices in November were less than 3 percent below 1954, while farmers had made a 40 percent increase in their prices for the same interval. Milk, eggs and poultry had advanced 5 percent during the same period.

Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson said, "The failure of retail food prices as a whole to reflect the decline in farm food products during the past year is recognized by the Department as a real obstacle to a solution of the farm surplus problem."

Pork and beef stand out as commodities for which marketing charges have advanced to the point where the farmer's price, consumer cost for pork and beef have declined less than the drop in farm prices. For potatoes, on the other hand, the price spread has been substantially narrowed.

Secretary Benson said his Department is preparing a special report dealing with food marketing trends over the last ten years. The continuing program of research will also include more detailed studies of present costs and ways to increase efficiency of different marketing stages. Reports on these studies will be published as they are completed.

These statements were a follow-up on Secretary Benson's December 11 expression of concern over rising food marketing costs.

Vetch And Winter Pea Varieties Due

Tests of vetch and winter pea varieties for dry forage production have been conducted at several locations in Texas since 1950. The importance of these crops is indicated by the more than 20 million pounds of seed planted in the State in 1955. They are used for forage, land cover, green manure and seed production.

The tests were a cooperative project between the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Agronomist E. C. Bashaw of Texas Station reports the performance of vetch varieties was variable from year to year. No single variety was consistently superior.

Halcy Auburn woolped Oregon woolped and Willamette vetch produced the highest yields of dry forage, results of the 1955 test indicated that any of these vetch varieties should provide satisfactory forage. Willamette, however, should be avoided in the southern half of Texas. Bashaw says that unless there is a change in the soil conditions, the yield of the vetch should be expected to be lower in the future.

The winter pea test showed that yields of vetch and winter pea were high in 1955, but that yields were low in 1954. The vetch and winter pea test was conducted at the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, Abilene, Texas, in 1954 and 1955. The vetch and winter pea test was conducted at the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, Abilene, Texas, in 1954 and 1955.

Results of the 1955 test are given in Progress Report 1955. It is available without cost from the Agricultural Information Office, College Station, Texas.

Truett Perry Oil Info Group

Truett Perry has been appointed Chairman of the Merkle Oil Industry Information Committee and Service Program.

Appointment of Mr. Perry, who is an agent for Continental Oil Company, was announced by John W. Spence, Area Director of the I. Perry is replacing H. W. Lemons as chairman.

The American Petroleum Institute Sponsors program is to make greater use of the oil and gas resources of the State. The program is to make greater use of the oil and gas resources of the State. The program is to make greater use of the oil and gas resources of the State.

The local OIC will emphasize two projects this year: (1) a school program providing supplemental reading materials and special information on topics of local interest; and (2) a program to assist in the repair and maintenance of school buses. The program is to make greater use of the oil and gas resources of the State.

UP THE CANYON

By TOM RUSSOM

One week ago, the weather was mild and the livestock was doing good. And two days later the storm hit.

The weather was bad on the stock. The bad part of it was that there was not any dry ground in the pastures for them to stand, and the snow and ice was on their backs for two or three days. That was what made them suffer from the cold. We put the feed to the stock, because we had plenty of it. One stockman said, that the country has plenty of good feed left ready for another bad time.

The moisture was fine. It will help a lot, will make plowing good, and it will bring the wheat up, which was dry sown. Charlie Orr, who ranches on top of the divide, said the snow was fine and sure to help in many ways.

J. W. Seymore measured some snow drifts on his place three feet high.

The Canyon did not suffer any loss of livestock from the storm.

The T. J. Neills boys and girl and the A. D. Scotts boys and girl showed their club lambs in the Fort Worth show. They had some good lambs and will be shown in the Abilene Show.

The Taylor County Agent gives this information to the 4-H members that are planning to exhibit their animals at the Taylor County Livestock Show or the Abilene District Show. They should enter their animals with the County Agent before 200 p.m. Friday, February 10.

There was a meeting of the building committee held this week at the Madge Butman Youth Camp Grounds. Plans were made for more buildings and a swimming pool to start by March 1.

With the camp's new \$20,000 dining hall completed and other buildings that will be added year after year, it will be the most beautiful spot in the Canyon.

The young people of Pioneer Church are to have charge of the evening service Sunday night, February 12, at 7:00 p.m. The program is entitled, "The Challenge of the Cross." If you want to hear a good program, attend this Sunday night at Pioneer.

HODGES

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Austin and boys of Snyder were down visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Cook last week.

The Dillingham baby was carried from Hendricks Hospital to Dallas last week. She has a heart ailment and will be treated there.

Bob Matthew of A.C.C. spent the week-end with Jimmy Vick.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Chancey and girls visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Reece.

Visiting Sunday with Larry and Derrell Sloan were Jimmy Vick, Bob Matthews, and Leon Kelso. Also visiting were Lana Cox and Joanne Reece.

NOODLE

Mr. and Mrs. James Henderson and son, Harvey, from Cisco spent Sunday with her aunt, Mr. and Mrs. John Dooley.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted McAninch and girls of Big Spring spent the week-end with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Cooper.

Mr. Tom McGhee of View and Mrs. Davis Beasley from the Plains visited their sister, Mr. and Mrs. Lile Code, last week. Mrs. Beasley had to stay longer than she had planned because of the snow.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Clement and boys, Mr. and Mrs. Daryl Wood and baby spent Saturday night with the girls parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Caldwell.

Rev. Alton Brittain preached again at the Baptist Church, Sunday.

Rev. Brittain and James Brandon were dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Volle Cross.

Mrs. R. Jackson of Merkel spent son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Clark Jackson.

Mr. and Mrs. Newton Snodgrass and son of Bellgard, California, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Melton. They will make their home in Odessa.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

I wish you could read some of the letters I am receiving from Texas farmers and from business men in farming areas.

They are deeply disturbing. They tell of economic losses — of hardship — of forced sales of livestock and farm equipment. They tell an alarming story of small farmers having to leave the land.

Much of Texas is still suffering from the effects of drought. But there is more to the farmer's plight than drought.

No small part of the farmer's present troubles is due to politics deliberately set and deliberately carried out by the Department of Agriculture of the present Administration.

Look at these facts: Since January 1953, when Secretary Benson took over at the Department of Agriculture, farm prices have fallen from 94 per cent of parity to 82 per cent of parity.

During this three-year period, prices received by farmers for their crops fell 12 per cent. Prices they received for their livestock and produce fell 16 per cent.

Has there been any such corresponding decrease in the prices of the things farmers must buy? You know there has not.

The Bureau of Business Research of the University of Texas recently issued a "Scoreboard for Texas Business." It showed gains and losses from 1954 to 1955 for 17 different categories of business.

Seventeen categories — and only two categories showed a loss for 1955 as compared with 1954.

Those two categories: (1) Prices received by farmers; (2) Farm cash income.

Retail sales were up, life insurance sales were up, bank debits were up, cement production was up, electric power use was up.

Everything was up except farm prices and farm cash income.

The farmer is not getting his fair share of the national income. That is bad not only for the farmer; it is bad for the country as well.

To correct this situation we need to pass legislation that will at least slow down — and I hope will stop — this process of "Bonsonizing" the farmer. That is what I am working on now, as hard as I know how.

Sincerely,
Lyndon B. Johnson.

Pep Squad Plans March 16 Show

A talent show will be sponsored by the Merkel Pep Squad on March 16, it was announced today.

Prizes will be awarded to the winners. Entries may be made by notifying any of the following: Joyce McLeod, Conita Bagby, Nina Hodges, Lita Hester, Janet Seymore. Entries should be made by March 1.

2-Year Reserve For Marine Corps

Colonel Walter R. Lytz, Director, 8th Marine Corps Reserve and Recruiting District, announced today an additional enlistment program that permits the Marine Corps to accept young men between the ages of 17 and 26 for a period of two years active duty as Marine Corps Reservists.

Col. Lytz further stated married men with no children or single men with one dependent are eligible under this program.

For additional information about this program contact your Marine Corps Recruiter at Abilene or call 4-8946, Abilene.

Lions See What 1975 Looks Like

What America will be doing in 1975 was shown in a movie at the Lions club Tuesday noon by Onis Crawford, manager of the Chamber of Commerce.

The film, made through the co-operation of manufacturers and retailers, revealed the type of housing, the food, the farms, the automobiles, air travel and other things as they are forecast for 1975.

The film was obtained through the cooperation of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce.

Crawford said any club or group desiring to have this picture shown not later than Friday night can do so by contacting him.

Three former Merkel women of Lubbock visited Tuesday with relatives, and were snowbound until Monday afternoon when they returned to Lubbock. Mrs. Allen McGehee, Mrs. Tom Allday and Mrs. Elmo Collins. Mrs. McGehee visited her daughter, Mrs. Mike Malone, Mrs. Allday visited her sister, Mrs. Oscar Buford, and Mrs. Collins visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Pinckley.

SPEAKS AT CHURCH

Rev. C. T. Aly, pastor of the First Baptist church of Crowell, Texas, delivered a sermon at the officers and teachers banquet at the First Baptist church Monday night. His subject was "The Glory of the Helpers." He suggested reading "The Hiders, the Helpless, the Healed and the Healer and the Helpers in the work of the Lord."

Jimmy Wayne Oliver, radioman and son of Mr. and Mrs. John Oliver of Merkel, spent a 30-day leave with his parents before returning to his base at Monterey, Calif., last month. He has served one and a half years at the Navy Auxiliary Station. Oliver sailed on the U.S.S. Orankany aircraft carrier for Japan shortly after returning to his base. Oliver volunteered for the Navy in October, 1953, while still a student in Merkel High School.

HOMEMAKERS CLASS

The Homemakers Sunday School Class entertained their teacher, Mrs. Gordon Howell, with a farewell luncheon Wednesday, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Winn.

Mrs. Spurgeon Scott gave the devotion. Mrs. M. F. Hank offered thanks for a lovely luncheon with a prayer.

The class presented Mrs. Howell with a lovely bedspread. Mr. and Mrs. Howell are moving to Abilene, Texas.

Those present were Mrs. Gordon Howell, Mrs. Cooper, Mrs. Hale Crocker, Mrs. Hand, Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Bright, Mrs. Boyd, and the hostess, Mrs. Winn.

Mrs. H. P. Crimm has returned from Dallas where she took an advanced course in Syncro Jet hair styling and permanent waving at Ishells University of Beauty Culture.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Lindsey of Stratford are visiting in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dent Gibson.

Mrs. Dent Gibson and Mrs. Norma Bond attended the Beauty Show in Dallas over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Perry were in Fort Worth for the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Doan accompanied by their son, Sammy Doan, and family visited their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bruben of Rotan were guests of their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Purser, Wednesday.

Dr. Beasley Will Talk to Baptists

Dr. William O. Beasley, assistant to the president of Hardin-Simmons University, will deliver the sermons at the morning and evening services at the First Baptist church Sunday.

Dr. Beasley has filled the pulpit here before, and is well-known to the congregation.

Farmers Show More Interest In Cover Crops

Soil and water conservation, in the Merkel Work Unit area of Soil Conservation Service, has kept up a steady pace for the past twelve months.

Increased interest has been noted among farmers in cover crops, crop residue utilization, and perennial grasses, mainly blue panic, in a crop rotation. Ranchers have become more concerned in getting cover on rangeland. Range pitting, proper range use and deferred grazing are becoming household words with many district cooperators. Fields without terraces are becoming more and more obscure in the District.

Contour farming has been practiced on 2,159 acres which had not been contoured before. Cover crops have been planted on 3,505 additional acres this year; blue panic grass was planted on 432 acres in addition to that planted in previous years and crop residue utilization was practiced on 2,038 acres. 4,215 acres of rangeland was properly used by light stocking and deferred grazing was carried out on 5,099 acres. 110 acres was seeded to native grasses; brush control was reported on 649 acres; range pitting on

50 acres; 165 miles of terraces were constructed; 4 miles of diversion terraces were built; 30 acres of waterway development and 5 ponds were constructed for livestock water.

The Middle Clear Fork Soil Conservation District includes 940,167 acres of agricultural land and comprises most of Taylor, part of Jones, part of Shackelford and part of Callahan Counties. Approximately 243,168 acres of the District are served out of the Merkel Work Unit office of the Soil Conservation Service.

Supervisors of the District are Nelson Estes, Chairman of Eldale; Tom Russom, Vice-Chairman of Butman; Holland Teaff, Secretary of Salt Branch; Ed Gist of Hamby and Billie McCasland of Potosi. These men are all farmers and each of them was elected by the landowners of this particular zone. They have given many hours of their valuable time in promoting better soil and water conservation practices in order that farmers and ranchers of the District may gain the place in our National economy which they so justly deserve.

Hospital Notes

The following persons were admitted to the Sadler-Clinic Hospital during the past week.

Bill Holloway, Merkel
W. P. Hood, Trent
Edna Horton, Merkel
Mrs. D. H. Teague, Merkel
Joe D. Gregory, Abilene
Mrs. Ernest McCright, Merkel
Mrs. Floyd McDaniel, Buffalo Gap

Mrs. R. I. Jackson, Merkel
Mrs. Clayton Hood, Trent
Norman Holden, baby, Trent
Mrs. E. A. Patterson, Merkel
Ronnie Lynn Ponder, Trent, surger

Three families have been twice represented in the White House. Besides the two Roosevelts there were two Adams' and two Harrisons.

Noodle Boys And Girls Win

Noodle defeated Lawn Tuesday night, 83-66, and the Noodle girls romped over Lawn girls, 74-64.

Scoring for Noodle were Vancil 35 points, Sullivan 26; Chaney 7, Allred 4, Olney 11.

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The Largents have two sons, and they are chips off the old block. They are working with their father in the commercial Hereford business. Both sons are married. Rust has two daughters and a son, and David has two sons. It appears to be a safe bet that Largents will be breeding, fitting and showing Herefords for years to come.

Roy Largent has never been too busy to advise with club boys and young breeders. The success some of them are having proves conclusively that his advice was sound.

The Largents' many friends are anxiously awaiting the day when his health will be back to normal and Roy can again take his place as a breeder of good Hereford cattle.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO J. Robert Wilson if living, whose place of residence is unknown to plaintiff, and if dead, the legal representatives of said named defendant, and the unknown heirs of said defendant; the legal representatives of the unknown heirs of said named defendant, if the unknown heirs of said named defendant are dead; the unknown heirs of said named defendant are dead; Defendant Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 12th day of March A. D. 1956, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 20th day of January A. D. 1956, in this cause, numbered 21102-A on the docket of said court and styled Bruce Pyeatt, Plaintiff, vs. J. Robert Wilson, et al, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: A suit in trespass to try title involving Lot No. One (1), Block No. Fourteen (14), of the Continuation of the Campus Addition adjoining McMurry College, Abilene, Texas, an Addition to the City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, SAVE AND EXCEPT a strip 140 feet long off the North side of said Lot varying in width from 8.4 feet on the west side to 8.6 feet on the east side of said strip; the South boundary line of said strip of land being 40 feet from and parallel with the center line of State Highway No. 158, and containing .027 acres of land more or less in this excepted portion.

wherein defendants are claiming some interest in the above described property and thereby causing a cloud on the plaintiff's title, and wherein plaintiff claims title by virtue of the Statutes of limitation 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 28th day of January A. D. 1956.
(SEAL)

Attest: R. H. Ross, Clerk,
42nd District Court,
Taylor County, Texas
By Clayrene Long, Deputy.

NEWS

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

Mrs. Leroy Riney, Mrs. Roy Manahan are contestants to see which will be chosen Soil Conservation Homemaker of Taylor County. The Committee who will visit them February 10 and select the homemaker is composed of Mrs. V. B. Reeves, Mrs. C. A. Fomby, Mrs. D. I. Davis, and Mrs. Fred Allyn.

The Recreation Committee of Taylor County Home Demonstration Council will conduct a recreation training school February 15 for two recreation leaders from each club. The school will be Pleasant Hill Community Center beginning at 10:00 A.M. and closing at 3:00 P.M. Each club is urged to bring two members to attend and get a sack lunch. Mrs. B. J. Gist is chairman with Mrs. Edgar Holly and Mrs. W. B. Reed as her committee. Mrs. W. B. Reed and Mrs. J. L. Farr will assist in training school because they received special training last fall at a school in Ballinger.

Recently the Agricultural Agent and the Home Demonstration Agent visited the Frank Brnovak families in Taylor County. Right now they are thinking about food production for another year and planning the varieties of cotton etc... they are going to plant. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ford and Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Farr are other farm and home development families.

HOME ECONOMIC BRIEFS
Potatoes, pork and beef are the

three items that headline the USDA's plentiful foods list for February.

Other plentiful: Rice — still lots of it; dry beans, broiler and fryer chickens, vegetable fats and oils for cooking and salad use; lard, especially fine for shortening; new-pack peanut butter; and canned tuna in oil.

Eggs are plentiful now, and contain many good nutrients... They offer top quality protein for building and repairing body tissue, and important vitamins and minerals.

To get full enjoyment from eggs, cook them properly... High and prolonged heat will make them tough and leathery. Keep heat even and low to moderate. Don't overcook.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our thanks to the many friends and neighbors and also Dr. Sadler for the many kindnesses, the beautiful flowers and food and each kind word of sympathy you gave us in the loss of our little mother and grand mother, Mrs. L. A. Johnson. We thank and love each and everyone in a deep Christian love, may God's richest blessings be with you all.

Mrs. Lucille Bursleson,
Mrs. Claudie Holmes
Mrs. Leo Moore
and grandchildren.

CONGRATULATIONS

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Dorton announce the birth of their daughter, Annetta Pamela, who weighs 6 pounds and 8 ounces. She was born February 3.

NEW ARRIVALS

Donald Ray McBride, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. McBride, Abilene, 8 pounds, 13 ounces, born February 2.

Alvin Lynn Moses, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Moses, 7 pounds, 11 ounces, born February 1.

Thelbert James Dye, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Dye, Abilene, 8 pounds, born February 2.

Annetta Pamela Dorton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Dorton, Merkel, 6 pounds, 8 ounces, born February 3.

Wanda Beth Blair, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Blair, Merkel, 7 pounds, 10 ounces, born February 6.



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Texas cotton farmers can plant more acres of cotton in 1956 than was harvested in 1955 if they make full use of the State's allocated acreage.

The Texas Stabilization and Conservation Committee points out that the 1956 cotton acreage allotted to Texas producers is 7,410,893 acres. Final figures released by the U. S. Department of Agriculture on the 1955 cotton crop shows that 6,860,000 acres were harvested in the state.

All farms in the state eligible for a cotton allotment have been assigned an acreage for 1956 plantings. The State committee urges all producers who do not intend to plant their allotted acreage to contact the local ASC office and return to the county committee any cotton acreage not to be planted. It can then be re-allocated to producers in the county who have asked for additional acres. A final date has been set in each county for turning in the acres which will not be planted.

If the intentions not to plant are not known and the acreage not re-allocated, the county loses the acreage and the farm gets no credit on its historical base. Acreage can be returned on both a temporary and permanent basis. A full explanation, says the state committee, can be obtained from the local county committee or from officials in the county ASC office.

Lone Star Gas Appointment

Appointment of Kenneth N. Watkins as manager of the dealer assistance section in the general sales and promotion department of Lone Star Gas Company's General Division of Distribution has been announced by Carl L. Trevitt of Dallas, manager of the sales and promotion department. Watkins will have headquarters in Dallas and his territory includes Merkel and more than 350 other Texas and Oklahoma cities and towns comprising Lone Star's General Division of Distribution.

Trevitt said the position of manager of the dealer assistance section is being re-established due to increased promotional activity in the dealer, architect-builder and liquefied petroleum gas fields.

Watkins began his career with Lone Star in 1947 as salesman at Wichita Falls and was assigned

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to special sales work in the Wichita Falls area on January 1, pointed sales supervisor for the gas company's West Texas distribution territory and stationed at Abilene.

Two years later Watkins became manager of the dealer assistance department and early in 1954, upon reorganization and enlargement of the company's merchandising program, was appointed assistant manager of the sales and promotion department of the General Division under Trevitt. His new appointment became effective January 1.

MRS. W. C. LEE ENTERTAINS WITH DINNER

Mrs. W. C. Lee entertained in her home Wednesday, January 25, with a dinner honoring the birthdays of Mrs. Hester Groene, Mrs. M. T. Head, Mrs. Ed Martin, Mrs. Mary Hays and Mrs. Charlie West on Mrs. West's 80th birthday.

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Management Is Big Factor In Ranch Success

A year end summary made by Range Specialists A. H. Walker and G. O. Hoffman of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service shows that despite the continuing drought ranchmen made substantial progress in improving their ranges and facilities during 1955.

The specialists report that general range conditions improved about 10 percent during the year. Cattle and sheep numbers held fairly steady while the number of goats increased about a quarter million head. Due primarily to their use for brush control.

Range management demonstrations, supervised by county agents, numbered 4,200 and involved more than 4,600,000 acres. Also 11,497 operators in 210 counties were given assistance on range management problems. Some 1,200 meetings and 165 special field days held during the year were attended by 43,750 ranchmen.

The specialists estimate that almost \$3 million in additional income to Texas ranchmen resulted from the management changes made by ranch operators as a result of these educational efforts. Ranch operators added 6,684 new watering facilities during year as an aid toward getting better livestock distribution and more uniform utilization of forage on their ranges.

The youth of the state also enrolled in 4-H range demonstrations in increasing numbers. More than 2,200 individuals and 40 teams were given training in range improvement work. A week long camp for outstanding 4-H

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LEGAL COLUMN

Under the 1954 Internal Revenue Act, all persons who have a gross income over \$600 must file income tax returns, except if the taxpayer is 65 or older he need not file a return unless he has gross income over \$1,200. This is because persons who are 65 or older have two exemptions which automatically eliminate any tax liability for income under \$1,200.

The old established date of March 15 by which income tax returns must be filed was abolished effective last year. All federal tax returns for individuals may now be filed on or before April 15. Although many persons believe that a tax return need only be postmarked by the due date, such is not the intent of the statute. Tax returns are supposed to be in the office of the Internal Revenue Service by the due date specified.

Tax forms and instructions were received. The instructions being distributed this year contain the following statement: "The Internal Revenue Service mailed Form 1040 ES, as far as is practical, to each person who may need it. Anyone else required to file should obtain the form from an Internal Revenue Service office in time to file by April 15, 1956."

Declarations of estimated tax are required from all persons who expect gross income of more than \$400, plus \$600 times the number of exemptions which may be claimed, in more than \$100 of the income will not be subject to withholding.

Single persons with more than \$5,000 and married persons with more than \$10,000 expected gross income must file declarations of estimated tax even though all of the income is subject to withholding.

Declarations of estimated tax, except those for farmers, must be filed by April 15. Like the income tax return, this date is one month later than the deadline for years before the new Revenue Act went into effect. However, the quarterly installment payment dates remain the same — June 15, September, and the

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last one on January 15 of the following year.

If a person, other than a farmer, desires to file his income tax return and pay his tax in full, he may do that on or before January 15 instead of paying his last quarterly installment. It does not relieve anyone from filing the original declaration of estimated tax and making three payments on it. However, in most cases this provision does remove the possibility of a penalty for an under estimate of tax liability.

Farmers have special provisions concerning declarations of estimated tax, and may postpone the filing of any estimate until January 15 of the following year.

The penalty of underpayment of tax liability on the declaration of estimated tax was reduced by the 1954 act. There is now no underpayment if the taxpayer remits at least 70 per cent of his tax as shown on his final tax return. If there is an underpayment the penalty is 6 per cent per annum interest on the additional amount which should have been remitted. It is expected that there will be more strict enforcement of this provision in the future by the Internal Revenue Service.

Eggs, Chick Demand To Be Great in 56

The over-all demand for eggs and poultry is expected to remain good for 1956 but supplies of red meats which compete with poultry are expected to be high and prices lower, says John McHaney, economist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

From the production standpoint, McHaney says 1956 should be another year of record or near-record proportions for eggs, broilers and turkeys. Intentions of turkey breeders, shown by an October USDA survey, indicated that about 13 percent more breed-year has been favorable. Net in-

er hens would be kept nationally while Texas breeders indicated they would keep about 30 percent more hens than last year. If these intentions are carried out, says the economist, the 1956 turkey crop would exceed the 1954 record.

Generally, says McHaney, the price situation during the past come from farming, however, has continued to decline and farmers are looking for enterprises to bolster their returns. Poultry makes a natural choice for 1956, because of favorable recent experiences and lower feed prices.

Feed supplies are very large and presently both feed grain and vegetable proteins are costing less than a year ago. Chances are good, says McHaney, that poultry rations will average a little lower in 1956. Other production costs aren't expected to change very much.

Prices for eggs through most of 1956 are likely to average slightly lower than in 1955. Broiler prices, because of more production and competition from other meats, are also expected to average a little lower for the year. If the large turkey crop materializes for 1956, lower prices will be the result.

The inefficient poultry producer may find the going rough in 1956 for competition within the industry is keen. The secret of success is to produce a quality product in quantity and at a low per unit cost. Management thus becomes even more important, says the economist.

UNION RIDGE CLUB MEETS

The Union Ridge Home Demonstration Club met January 20 in the home of Mrs. J. C. Walton.

The president, Mrs. Kenneth Pee, was in charge. Prayer was given by Mrs. Clar. Roll call was answered with "A Mistake I Made That I Could Have Prevented." The minutes were read and approved, then the treasurer gave

a report.

The following committees were appointed: Food demonstration, Mabel McRee and Mrs. J. H. Clark; Living room demonstration, Mrs. Denzel Cox, Mrs. O. E. Harwell, and Mrs. Beauford Buntin; Recreation committee, Mabel McRee and Mrs. Carol Best; Finance Committees, Mrs. Lee Tipton, Mrs. M. L. Douglas, and Mrs. J. H. Clark.

The program was turned over to Miss Loreta Allen who talked on "Planning and Serving Three Meals a Day."

Names were drawn for secret pals. Delicious refreshments were served to 3 visitors, 11 club members, and 3 children.

The club adjourned planning to meet in the home of Mrs. Kenneth Pee, Friday, February 3, at 2:00 p.m.

GOODMAN CLUB NEWS

The Goodman Club met at the Community Center with Mrs. O. Muller as hostess.

The club was called to order by the president, Mrs. Windham. Prayer was given by Mrs. Butler. The roll call was answered by a favorite poem. The minutes were read and approved by Mrs. Karl Bonneaux.

Recreation leader, Mrs. Cal McAninch, led in some interesting games. Business was then attended. The club had sold Christmas cards and made \$7.45. The club gave \$93.90 to the "March of Dimes."

February 14 there will be a training school for the food leaders.

They elected Mrs. Francis Carter as delegate from the club as District Delegate and T.H.D.A. Chairman.

Ten members were present and 7 children. Refreshments of cheese and tuna fish sandwiches, cookies, and punch were served.

The next meeting will be February 10 with Mrs. Hellms.

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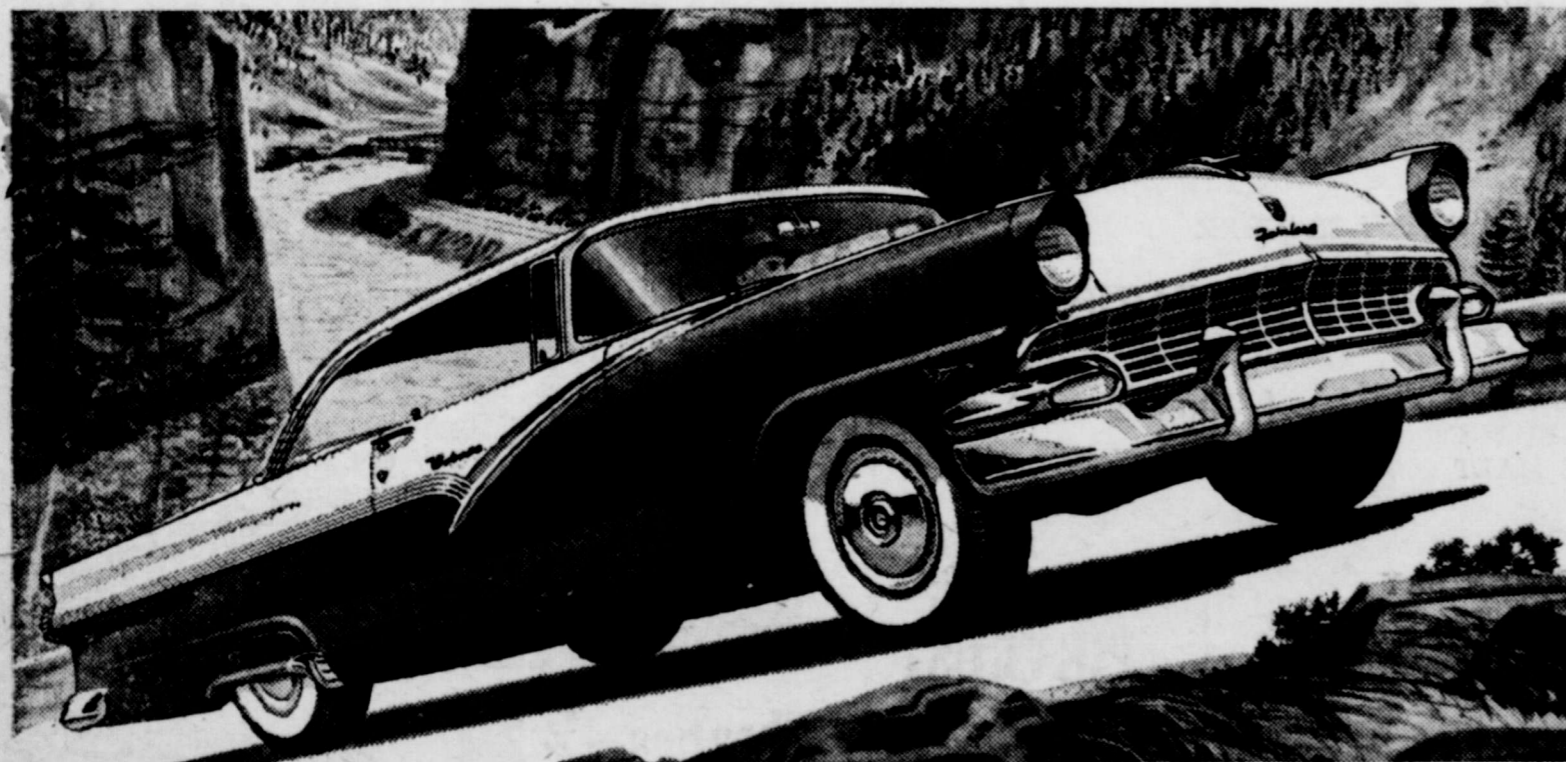
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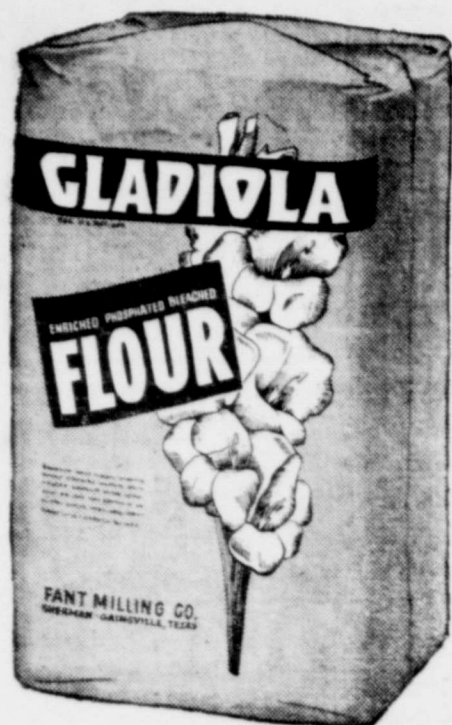
New Trends



By VERA WINSTON

SHADES of brown and plaids appear in practically every daytime collection and some of the items eagerly sought by store buyers are those that combine the two big trends. Brown river otter, a fur that is gaining in importance, is used for a trim little lumber jacket. It has a sailor collar and is held at the waist with a knitted band. With it, a slim shirt of plaid wool.

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