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Several places in Merkel are taking on a "new look" as they prepare for the increased growth expected here during the next several months. Myrtle Wozencraft is remodeling the Woozy's Cafe, and it will look like a new place by the time workmen get through. She expects to get open again later this week, of everything goes well. It'll be a show-place for those who like good food when she reopens.

David Gamble is starting a big remodeling job at the Merkel Drug Co., and it looks like that when this job is through, the Merkel Drug Co. will be comparable to any found in this part of the country. Already the ceiling has been repainted and workmen will put in a new fountain and new fixtures. It'll be an institution that many small towns can't boast of when the job is completed. It shows that the Gambles have confidence in the growth in the future of Merkel, and there is little doubt that the town will keep on growing.

Recently the Mina Winter Butane moved into new and larger quarters on Kent street, and now have much more room to operate than heretofore. Waymon Adcock tells us that Adcock Cleaners will take on a "new look" within a short time, as they plan to remodel the building they now occupy. The Queen theater has reopened after being closed for remodeling and repairs, and it has a "new look" in the inside. Only recently John McKinzie completed a redecorating and rearranging job at the Ford plant.

Merkel's Jubilee Celebration plans are moving ahead, and it looks like the event, now set for June, will be the biggest thing that has happened in Merkel for a long time. We are accumulating a few old-time pictures, and would like to have more. As we understand it, Merkel was founded around 1881 when the T. and P. railroad put on a land rush, and as far as we can determine there are few people of those days still living. One is Henry Latrobe "Trobe" Vaughan, now of 3372 Sequoia Dr., South Gate, Calif. He sends us an early day picture of his parents and family, taken in 1882.

Back in October, Vaughan wrote us that a few early day stories might be the meat supply in the heart of the cattle country, getting milk for a pudding. A cowboy and a well digger fight it out with giant roman candles, two cowboys and a drummer, Christmas in 1884 etc. We're asking Trobe to fill in those stories, for he seems to be the only one who knows about them.

We still need information on day history of Merkel, and pictures, preferably those before 1910. We will start running time pictures in the Merkel each week as soon as we have enough to start on.

Farley Is Given 5-Year Contract

At a recent meeting of the Merkel School Board, the contract of C. A. Farley, principal of the Merkel elementary schools, was extended for three years. C. A. Farley is the Merkel school system's 23rd principal to this date, he served as principal in the Dimmitt school system for five years. He received a Bachelor of Science degree from West Texas State College in 1938 and a Master of Education degree from McMurry College in 1952. His college training includes work done in Hardin-Simmons University, McMurry College, the University of Colorado, and the University of Texas.

Kids Under Six Must Pay at Show

Unless they are accompanied by their parents, children under six years old must obtain an admission ticket to the picture show at the Queen, it was announced today. Children who are accompanied by their parents, and are under will continue to be admitted.

and Mrs. L. L. Murray spent week visiting their son, Mr. Mrs. Dean Murray, in Mid-

33 MASONS HONORED FOR 25 YEARS SERVICE

Twenty-five year service pins were presented to 33 members of the Merkel A. F. and A. M. No. 710 at the annual Washington's Birthday banquet at the School Cafeteria Friday night. More than 170 Masons and their families from the area attended, and there were many here from as far away as Dallas. Not all of the 33 Masons who were eligible to receive 25-year pins were present, but there were a large number who received the awards presented by T. N. Meador, of Stamford, who represented the Grand Lodge of Texas. O. B. Leach, past master and past District Grand Master, acted as master of ceremonies and presented an interesting program. The meeting opened with a pledge of allegiance to the flag, following by singing of God Bless America.

Mrs. O. B. Leach and Mrs. Andy Shouse sang three songs, accompanied by Mrs. Norman Winter. J. M. Martin, of Abilene, member of the Stamford lodge, gave a talk on public school week and the assistance given by Masons in the past to the free public schools of Texas.



MASTER OF CEREMONIES — O. B. Leach, past master and past district grand master, acted as master of ceremonies at the banquet honoring 33 members of A. F. and A. M. No. 710 who had been Masons for 25 years.



Mrs. Winter, Pioneer Of Area, Dies

Funeral was held Friday in the Shiloh community Baptist Church in Jones County for Mrs. Synthe Ellen Winter, 81, of Merkel. The Rev. Melvin Byrd of Abilene officiated. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery under direction of Starbuck Funeral Home. Mrs. Winter died at 7:20 p.m. Thursday in Sadler Hospital. She was the last living charter member of the Shiloh Baptist Church. She was one of the persons instrumental in founding and naming the church about 60 years ago. Mrs. Winter was born March 2, 1874 in Henderson County, Tenn. She moved to Lamar County, Texas, in 1886 and to Abilene in about 1888. Mrs. Winter moved to the Shiloh community in 1890. She had lived at Merkel for the past few years.

She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Riley Phillips. She was married in 1892 to Hoe Winter. He died in 1947. A son, Robert, died in 1910. Surviving are two sons, Jennings Winter of Merkel and Bud Winter of Paris; two sisters, Mrs. S. E. Ponroy of Merkel and Mrs. J. J. McGregor of Big Spring; a brother, W. A. Phillips of Merkel; three grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Pallbearers were Lewis Winter, Buddy Winter, Finis Joe Winter, John R. Walling, H. H. Windham, and Karl Wonneaux.

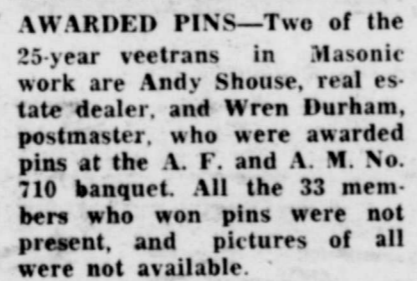
3 Merkelites In Top 10 For 8-A Scoring

Three members of the Merkel Badgers were in the top ten high scorers in district 8-A a survey showed today. Robert McLeod, the husky center, led the scoring with a 25.6 point average. He had 116 points from the field, 75 free tosses for 307 points. Kermit Rutledge had 51 points from the field, 31 free and a 11.1 average for ninth place in the conference, and Philip Pursley had 56 from the field and 18 free for a 10.8 average for tenth place in the torrid loop.

Minstrel Show Due at Trent

A Minstrel Show will be presented by the M.F.T. organization of Trent on Friday evening, March 2. This show plays a full evening, and features a snappy dialogue, jokes, and a variety of musical numbers. The show will begin at 7:30 p.m., in the Trent auditorium. Admission is 25 and 50 cents.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Patterson and children of Waco were guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Patterson, over the weekend.



AWARDED PINS—Two of the 25-year veterans in Masonic work are Andy Shouse, real estate dealer, and Wren Durham, postmaster, who were awarded pins at the A. F. and A. M. No. 710 banquet. All the 33 members who won pins were not present, and pictures of all were not available.

Warning Made On Poisoning Of Animals

Mayor Fred Starbuck warned today that persons putting out poison for dogs may be setting a death trap for some child. "We have had complaints that several dogs have been poisoned in Merkel," Starbuck said. "This is a very dangerous practice, for some child could just as easily get poisoned." Starbuck said persons who have attempted to poison dogs should cease from doing so, and any strays can be disposed of by other means.

Community Sing At Golan Sunday

A community singing will be held at the Golan Methodist church at 7:30 p.m. Sunday.

Additional music was furnished by a string band. Meador, present District Deputy Grand Master of the 75th District, presented the 25-year pins to those present who were eligible.

Receiving pins were Tom M. Allday, Lubbock; Will F. Butman, E. D. Daniel, Dallas; E. O. Carlson, N. Wren Durham, S. D. Gamble, T. L. Hamblett, Joe Hartley, Comer Hayes, Z. V. Moore, A. A. McGehee, A. B. Patterson, Andy Shouse, E. M. Smith, Abilene, Irvin Thompson, G. F. Woods, Joe Risinger, Dr. C. B. Gardner, John H. Weaver, Henry K. Farr, T. A. Mitchell, A. F. Hill, E. E. Akin, J. O. Castle, C. W. Edwards, Leslie H. Beasley, Stacy Bird, Spencer Bird, Fort Worth; O. N. Burford, C. L. Daniel, Lubbock; H. S. Laney, J. K. Pee and Booth Warren.

Ministerial Alliance Fund Is Depleted

The Merkel Ministerial Alliance fund is depleted, and there are no funds left with which to help needy persons, Cloyd Lyles, pastor of the First Methodist church, said today. "The fund generally helps transients who get stranded in Merkel," he said. "This is the fund that is raised at the Community Thanksgiving service." Last year there was not a large attendance at the service and the resulting offering was not large. "Yet every week we are called on for food or gas or need of some kind," the pastor said. "We cannot help unless the funds are available." Persons desiring to contribute may deposit at the bank to the Ministerial Alliance Fund, or you may hand the donation to your pastor.

Barn Fire Does Small Damage

Firemen answered a call Friday to a barn in the rear of about 400 Oak street, but it was put out with little damage.

Junior Red Cross Selling Candy

The Junior Red Cross is selling chocolate candy in order to make money to buy school supplies for a classroom of children overseas. The members will be in the stores downtown Saturday to sell the candy.

Kin of Merkelite Dies at Terrell

Mr. and Mrs. John Oliver and daughter, Patsy, and Mrs. Jack Whisenant accompanied Mr. and Mrs. John Oliver of Bidland to Terrell for the funeral of Mrs. John Oliver's father, J. H. Nelson, who passed away here at Merkel last Tuesday. Funeral services were held at the Anderson Clayton Chapel last Thursday at 10:00 a.m. Burial was in the Elmo Cemetery.

Red Cross Drive Starts Friday

The annual Red Cross drive in Merkel will start Friday, but there will be a meeting of all workers at the REA building at 7:30 Thursday night. Johnny Cox, chairman of the local drive, said today. Cox said all persons who are slated to participate in the drive should come to the REA and pick up their supplies and get other instructions. Teams will start soliciting funds Friday, and it will probably take several days to clean up the town.

Mrs. Cloyd Lyles visited Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Tyra of Borger, Texas for the week.

Senior Class Presents Play Friday Night

The Senior class will present its annual play at 7:30 Friday night at the Cafeteria building. The play will help finance the Senior trip this year and to take care of other expenses of the Senior class during the spring. Admission will be 25 and 50 cents. Mrs. Comer Haynes, English 4 teacher, is director of the play. The play "Life at Aunt Minnie's" is a comedy of three acts by Peggy Fernway. Here are the characters of the play: Aunt Minnie Wilcox, a wealthy spinster, Kay Toombs, Lotta Haye, a permanent visitor, Barbara Morgan, Frankie, Aunt Minnie's mischievous nephew, Homer Payne, Susan, Frankie's older sister, Betty Chancey, Roger, in love with Susan, James Simpson, Aunt Minnie's Boarders: Francis, a student-secretary, Louise Newton, Grandma, capable of many things, Norma Stephan, Mr. Duffy, a general favorite, Phillip Pursley, Miss Flowers, who talks while she sews, Jane Harris, Mr. Whimsey, who owns a medicine show, Larry Joyce, Miss Flo, a teacher, Joyce Watson, Mr. Pace, a floor walker, Bill Wheeler, Mr. Timm, almost late, Gary Smith, "Salesman Sam," better known as "Red," Ned Watts, The Town Barber, Keith Taylor, The Station Agent, Charlie Martin, Tootie, the little girl next door, Lorene Horton, Tom, her brother, Jerry Russell, Ernest, his pal, Eugene West, Mrs. Springer, a club woman, Conita Bagley, Mr. Austin, from the Chamber of Commerce, Jerry Byrd, Rose, a recent girl graduate, Clydene Eager, Lon, of the same class, Leon Kelso, Cindy, the dependable colored woman, Johnny Tipton, George Wilkes, her young son, Jimmy McAninch, Serena, Aunt Minnie's rattle-brained sister, Sharon Jones, Vickie, her precocious daughter, Bobbie Windham, Frothingham, her tattle-tale son, William Stallo, Mrs. Porter Kennard, Roger's social-minded mother, Loretta Henry, Harmon Babcock, Aunt Minnie's hazy romance, Fredlyn Farmer, Polly Parker, Aunt Minnie's lawyer friend, CeVene Neill, Ivanhoe Gotrocks, a wealthy widower, George English, Synopsis of scenes Act I: Afternoon Act II: Evening, a few days later Act III: The next day Epilogue: Evening. The entire action of the play takes place in the living room of Aunt Minnie's "boarding house," belonging to a small town which might just as well be Merkel.

Open House Sunday For New Homes

The Merkel Development Co. will hold open house at 2 p.m. Sunday in order that prospective buyers and others around Merkel may get a glimpse of the first of a group of houses being built in Merkel, Herman Carson, president, announced today. There are five houses which will be available for open house. They have been under construction since November, and will be the first of a group of houses designed to relieve the housing shortage and enable Merkel to continue its growth. The houses can be purchased with a small down payment and balance on monthly payments. Horace Boney, general manager, said. Persons interested in the houses for homes are requested to contact Boney. A Merry-Go-Round and free refreshments will be given at the open house.

Writers Pick Robert McLeod For All-State

Robert McLeod, ace Merkel basketball player, was honored for the second straight year today when the Texas Sports Writers association selected him on the Class A school boy team. Other teams represented were Buna, Teague, Munday and Groesbeck. McLeod averaged 26.3 points a game, earning him top position in more than 600 players participating in levels above class B. He tallied 735 points in 28 games and was the No. 1 Class A scorer and led the District 8-A for the second successive year in scoring. Others who made the team are James Mellard, Buna; Glen Amerson, Munday; Larry Stewart, Groesbeck, and James Wells, Teague.

Pangle In Tour With H-SU Band

As a member of the Hardin-Simmons University Cowboy Band Bob Glen Pangle of Merkel will tour with the world renowned band to points in West Texas and New Mexico. The Spring Tour will actually begin this Tuesday when the Band leaves Tuesday morning for points west. Under the direction of Prof. Marion B. McClure, the band will give concerts in Lorraine, Big Spring, Midland, Monahans, Andrews, and Eunice, New Mexico. Bob is a Sophomore at the University. He is a member of the Cowboy Band and Symphonic Band. Bob is the son of Mrs. Ruth Pangle, Merkel, Texas. Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Stockbridge spent the weekend with their mother, Mrs. Nannie Gleen, of Breckenridge, Texas.

LABOR SURVEY DUE IN MERKEL: INDUSTRY LOOKS

The Chamber of Commerce will register persons all day Friday in an effort to compile a "labor availability" survey for an industry which has asked whether 100 or more people in Merkel are willing to work in a garment factory. Onis Crawford, manager, explained that the survey is being made at the request of a Chicago manufacturing company which plans expansion of its facilities by moving to Texas. The industry is looking for a city which can promise a good clean town with above average

schools, recreational facilities, parks, swimming pool, playgrounds and picnic areas. "We want all persons who would work in a factory, if it should select Merkel, to register Friday," Crawford stated. Merkel is known to be one of several Texas towns under consideration by the industry. The factory would also demand 10,000 feet of floor space for the manufacturing department, and about 6,000 square feet of space for offices. As far as the swimming pool and parks are concerned, Merkel possibly would be able to meet with those requirements, as a proposal to vote \$40,000 in bonds for the construction of those facilities is in the hopper at the present time. The factory representative indicated that as many as 209 employees would be imported into the town they select, and the rest of the labor will be local.

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Seventh Grade Donates \$10.60

Mrs. Andy Shouse's seventh grade sold candy and popcorn Tuesday. The \$10.60 raised will be used for Red Cross overseas education and art supplies for the room. The popcorn was cooked at the school, and the aroma brought many noses to the room where it was cooked.

Merkel Visitor Injured in Fall

Gaylon Hobbs, of Canton, Texas, suffered a broken arm Monday evening when he fell from a pipe. He was taken to Hendrick Memorial hospital where he underwent surgery. He is resting well. He and his father, Harlin Hobbs, were visiting his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Williams. His father had come here on business.

We Need Your Old Merkel Mail Dated February 17

The Merkel Mail has run short of copies of the paper for February 17, 1956, and we will pay 10c each for the first ten copies brought to our office. Our supply is completely exhausted, and the need for such papers for our files and tear sheets is critical. If you have your Merkel Mail for Feb. 17, please bring it to the Mail office.

Hospital Notes

The following persons were admitted to the Sadler Hospital Clinic during the past week: Mrs. C. B. Lucas, Merkel; D. B. Bowen, Merkel; Mary Elizabeth West, Merkel; Mrs. C. C. Estep, Merkel; Virginia Bird, Merkel; T. J. Bird, Merkel; Onis Gasham, Trent; Mrs. Sarah C. Lofland, Merkel; Norman Winter, Merkel; Mrs. C. W. Tipton, Merkel; Carolyn Keyes, Tye; E. A. Haney, Abilene; Leo Harris, Merkel; Mike Donaldson, Tye, surgery NEW ARRIVALS Teresa Jo Doan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Doan, Merkel. Weighs 5 pounds and 11 ounces. Born February 25. Pamela Ruth Lilly, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Lilly. Weighs 7 pounds and 8 1/2 ounces. Born February 28.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob McDonald had as dinner guests Sunday their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Dismuke and children of Stanton, Mr. and Mrs. Lon McDonald and children of Lamesa. The Lamesa family has been here all week while he attended the stock show. The Lon McDonalds visited with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Campbell during the week.

Mrs. T. A. Kingsbury passed away February 28 in Breckenridge Hospital in Austin. She had been ill with polio since July 1955. She is the daughter-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Kingsbury.

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 To any Sheriff or any Constable with 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.

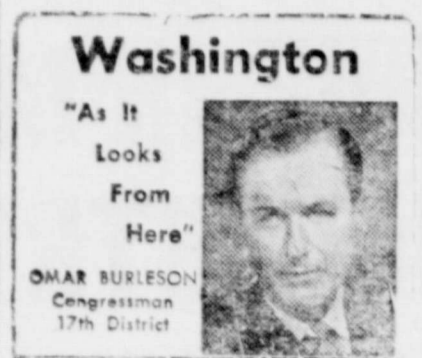
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 TO J. Robert Wilson if living, whose place of residence is unknown to plaintiff, and if dead, the legal representatives of said named defendant, and the unknown heirs of said defendant; the legal representatives of the unknown heirs of said named defendant, if the unknown heirs of said named defendant are dead; the unknown heirs of 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 Pycatt, 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. 136 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 Statute of Limitations 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 26th day of January A. D. 1956.
 (SEAL)
 Attest: R. H. Ross, Clerk,
 42nd District Court
 Taylor County, Texas
 By Clayrene Long, Deputy.



WASHINGTON, D. C. — A Texan's pride away from home sometimes is a dangerous thing. However, from our standpoint, we think we can justify it most of the time.
 An article in one of the large Washington papers carries a dateline from Avoca, located in my home county of Jones, to the effect that a State scoring record in basketball has been set by the Avoca basketball team.
 Naturally, this has been brought to the attention of quite a few people in Washington.

MANY OF US BECOME EXCEEDINGLY CRITICAL . . . and sometimes reach the point of disgust with our western allies. We must, however, remember that American world policy is founded upon the western alliance. The thing which makes it more impressive is that for the national defense of the United States itself, which is founded upon a Strategic Air Command, we are dependent for 80 per cent of our striking power from overseas bases. These bases are controlled by our western allies.

AN AMENDMENT TO THE SOCIAL SECURITY BILL . . . introduced in the Senate would provide that all those on public assistance rolls would be given surplus commodity stamps in addition to their current monthly benefits. They would take these stamps to the grocery and other stores and exchange them for any commodity or product designated as "surplus" by the Department of Agriculture. In turn the "surplus" stamps could be redeemed by the merchant in cash or in more "surplus" commodities.
THE PRESIDENT HAS RECOMMENDED . . . that the Congress liberalize our immigration laws. Just a short time ago we finished up strengthening them, but now it seems a lot of people want to weaken the improvement made by the so-called Walter-McCarran Act.
 The President in a message delivered to Congress recommends sweeping revision. The Administration recommends that the over-all quota of people admitted to this Country be increased from 154,000 to over 220,000.
WE HAVE ALL HEARD THE EXPRESSION . . . "It's for the birds," but evidently the landing lights at some airports are not.
 As many as 25,000 birds have been killed at one airport in a single night when temporarily blinded or otherwise confused by vertical light beams to measure the weather ceiling. Evidently this occurs when the birds are in flight from North to South and back to the North again.
 Filters will be used to allow only the ultra-violet or "black light" to go upwards, which has no effect on the traveling birds.
ALTHOUGH STILL IN THE EXPERIMENTAL STAGES, they have found that thousands of acres of land in the Dakotas and some other areas can be reclaimed by draining off subterranean salt water.

Pipes are laid 7 or 8 feet under ground to take the water off to a place of disposal. It will not then rise to the surface to kill growing things.
 E. W. Hendrick, Manager of the Southwestern Plastic Pipe Company in Mineral Wells, a division of the Texas Vitrified Pipe Company, hopes to sell these people on the idea of using perforated plastic pipe to do the job. The manufacturer of vitrified and plastic pipe in Mineral Wells is a fine industry for our part of the country.

"Charity does begin at home, but too often fails to get any further."
UNION RIDGE CLUB
MET IN McREE HOME
 The Union Ridge Home Demonstration Club met in the home of Miss Mabel McRee Friday afternoon, February 17.
 President, Mrs. Kenneth Pee, was in charge of the business meeting.
 Mrs. Carroll Best gave the council report, and Mrs. Kenneth Pee was elected delegate to attend the district meeting in Sweetwater, April 11, Mrs. Denzel Cox was chosen as the speaker over KWKC Abilene, February 27.
 Refreshments were served to 6 members and three children.
 The next meeting will be March 6, in the home of Mrs. Kenneth Pee.

JONES COUNTY COUNCIL
ELECTS THDA CHAIRMAN
 The Jones County Home Demonstration Council met in regular meeting February 15, in the County Agent's office with Mrs. Weaver, the chairman, presiding.
 The Clubs reporter having had programs on First Aid, Oven Meals, and Why is a Living Room.
 The Council elected Mrs. F. F. Carter County THDA Chairman. Mrs. Carter will succeed Mrs. Joe Baucum, whose term will expire in September. The Council also elected delegates to the District Meeting to be held in Childree on April 5. They are Mrs. F. F. Carter, Mrs. Joe Baucum, and Mrs. Borden Manly. Alternate Delegates elected were Mrs. Vernon

Stanley, Mrs. Buck Leach and Mrs. N. I. Williams.
 Miss Wainscott reported training meetings to be held in her office February 27 on "Jury Service" and March 5 on "Foods From the Freezer."

surrounding all four sides of the house. This is very helpful in keeping down dust and helps in house keeping. They used evergreen shrubs for foundation planting in front of the house. Since then each year they've added some trees, roses and hedge plants. There is a thirty foot row of poplar trees that were set out last year to help as a windbreak and screening purposes. Last year they secured trees from the Texas Forest Service to use as wind-breaks.
 The plans they have used have been slow and there is lots to do yet.

FASTEST GROWING STATES
 Arizona, Delaware, Florida, Nevada and New Mexico are at the top of the list in rate of population growth. The Pacific Coast has slowed down a bit in the past four years and didn't grow quite as fast as it did from 1940 to 1950. Florida, with a gain of 19 per cent, has edged out California, which grew 18 per cent in the past four years. In actual numbers of people, however, California is the leader and its population will probably top even New York State in 1956. — The Kiplinger Letter.

MARRIAGE BOOM AHEAD
 Only 1.5 million marriages occurred in 1955, as compared with 2.3 million in postwar 1946. But by 1960, there will be a new wave of marriages resulting from the boom in births in the 40's. About 2 million a year. — The Kiplinger Letter.

Their garden has been every beneficial in supplying them with fresh vegetables during the entire year. Mrs. Riney has stored enough vegetables in their freezer to last all winter and sold the surplus to grocery stores. They built their garden from scratch, hauling load after load of well rotted soil from a feed lot. They fenced the garden on three sides with picket fencing to serve as a windbreak, then deep plowed and used lots of water, with very good results. The water for home consumption and garden is furnished from a well and storage tank that was part of their major improvement. They chose a well drained spot away from cattle lots and disposal units.
 Realizing the importance of trees they immediately began to landscape the premises. First they made drives by hauling gravel, next step was to level the yard and sow grass. They have a cover

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

Mrs. Leroy Riney was selected Taylor County Conservation Homemaker of the year. Her story was entered for regional judging and she placed fourth in Region 2. The Riney's are a well adjusted farm family with two boys age 13 and 11.
 Here are a few things taken from Mrs. Riney's story:
 They moved into their home in May 1952. Building a homestead from scratch isn't easy and requires a lot of hard work and planning. One of the first things they did was to make plans for the future. To add one major improvement each year. This isn't the quickest way, but with long hard work they can eventually obtain their goal.

The Volstead Act became law on October 28, 1919, over the president's veto.

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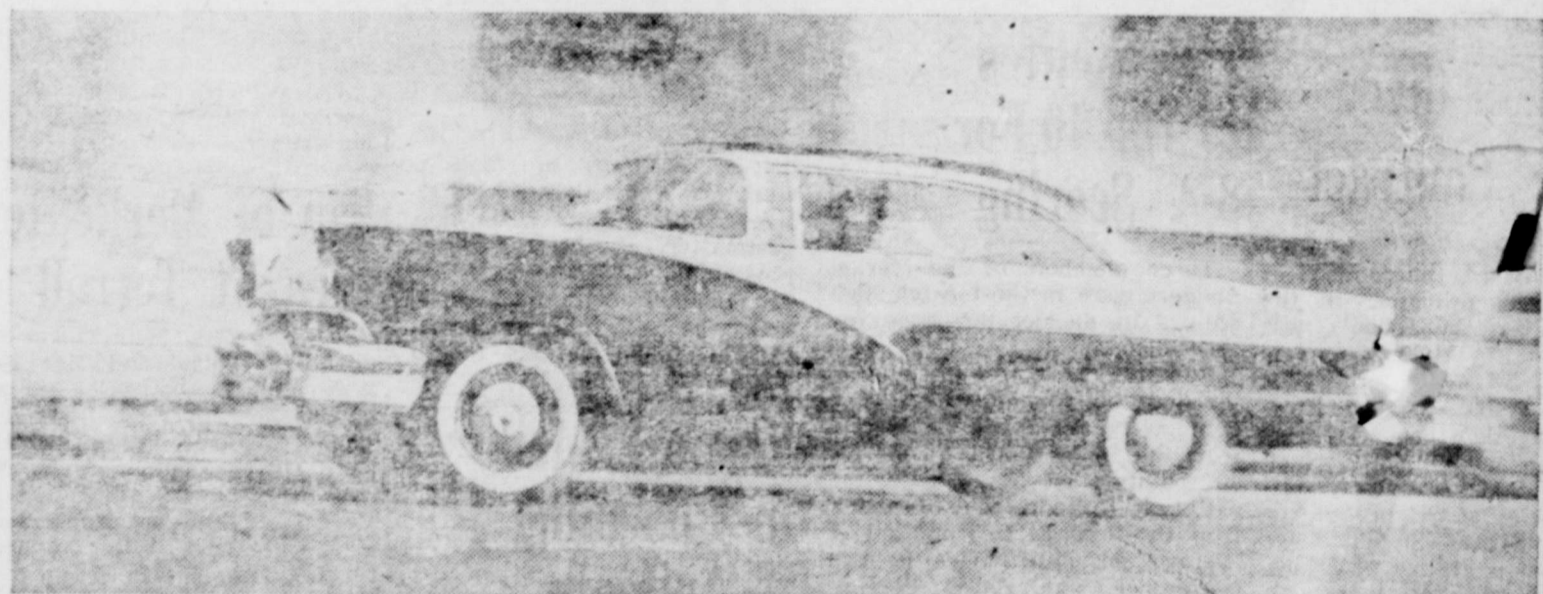
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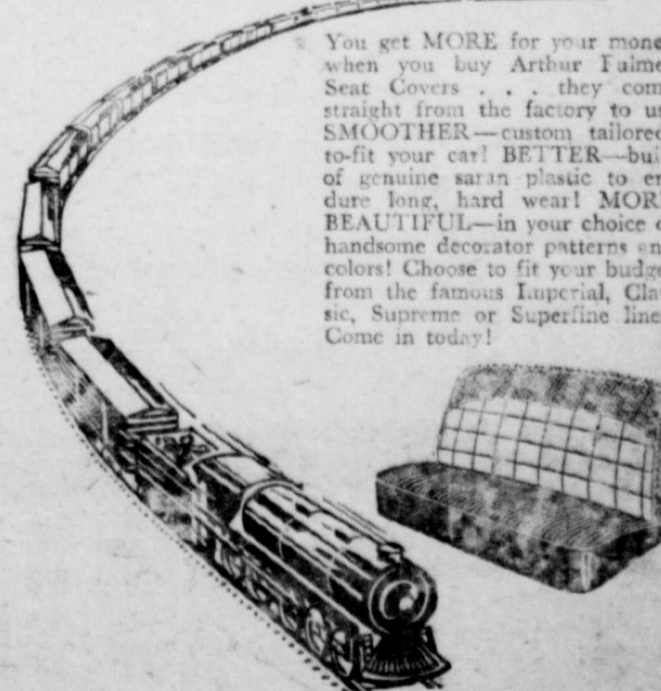
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UP THE CANYON

By TOM RUSSOM

The high wind Friday night brought in sand from a way out west and picked up a lot more out in the Canyon as it went on. No damage was done from the wind, except the fields blew pretty bad, and a few shingles blew off of some of the houses. The land was nearly all plowed and so the land didn't blow very much.

Ray Orsburn, who stock farms in the west end of the Canyon, has been selling some of his calves from his place. Ray has been running a lot of cattle and grazing a lot of his fields.

There has been around 3000 sheep tagged in and around the Canyon last week.

The shearing boys report all sheep in excellent shape. B. H. Riney shipped his fed lambs to Fort Worth. They bought 17.50 per 100 the lambs were fed 90 days.

Johnson Brothers, who ranch on the east side of the Canyon, shipped a truck load of fed lambs to Fort Worth. They had been fed 100 days and weighed an average of 91 pounds. Johnson reported they have 200 baby lambs on creep feed and some wheat grazing for them too. We have to buy some good sheep!

Riley Jack Seymore took his club calf to the Houston Stock Show. He is the only boy from the Canyon that went. He went with a group of calves from Trent.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewell McLean and Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Patterson went to Wichita Falls Sunday to attend the funeral of Dewell's uncle.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Wilson of Garden City spent the week-end with Mrs. Wilson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Butman.

March is here and grass and weeds are showing up making the pastures green. Just think what a two inch rain would do.

We are having a problem in the farming business. There are a lot of farms for rent and lease, but all of the boys who are already farming have all the land they want. It would cost so much for anyone to buy equipment to start, they are just not going to start. Perhaps there will be a lot of land that won't be rented or worked.

Mr. and Mrs. John Brandon of Plainview visited the F. R. Demere's. They told interesting stories of the recent snow storm at Plainview.

There will be a Pre-Easter Revival meeting starting March 7 at Pioneer Church and will run through Sunday March 11. Everyone is welcome to attend these services.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Butler and two daughters of Artesia, New Mexico were house guests of the home of Cloy Lyles this past week.

Abraham Lincoln died in a small brick house opposite Ford's Theatre on Tenth Street in Washington, D. C.

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Sgt. and Mrs. Charles D. Simpson of Alameda, California, announce the birth of a son, Charles Jr., in Letterman Hospital, San Francisco, California, February 23.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Simpson of Merkel.

Sgt. Simpson is presently stationed on Formosa as a special advisor to Chiang's Troops in Communications Construction work.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to take this means of thanking the many friends who were so kind to send remembrances and to bring in food and prayer during our recent bereavement, the death of our mother, Mrs. S. E. Winter. May our prayers be with you all. We also want to express our appreciation to the doctors and nurses at Sadler Hospital for their efforts during her illness.

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Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Hooper and granddaughters, Sharon and Sandra Vancil, visited their daughter and aunt in Lamest last week.

The Will Spurgeon family met at their daughter's son-in-law's home, Mr. and Mrs. James Sontleben, with all their children and grand children in Abilene Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Caldwell and girls spent Sunday visiting in Snyder. Their grandson, Jacky, came home with them to spend a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Sid Draper of Breckenridge, visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Cooper, Sunday.

Dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Naith Maxwell were Mr. and Mrs. Billy Maxwell and Marilyn, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Maxwell and boys of Aspermont, Mr. and Mrs. Oran Hodge, and Mr. and Mrs. Gus Maxwell of Novice.

Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Cox spent the weekend visiting their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Bullock at San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Barbee visited their son, Bobby, and family in Abilene recently.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hobbs are in Grand Prairie visiting.

Mrs. Chester Lucas had the misfortune of sticking a nail in her foot.

The following were guests in the home of Garuis Tarpley and family in Big Spring, Sunday: Mr. and Mrs. Dock Callaway, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Wheeler, Joyce and Adry and Mr. and Mrs. Dols Melton and Keith Tarpley.

Rev. Charles Carter, Evangelist of Abilene, attended Church services at the First Baptist Church Sunday evening.

Mrs. Flora Addison of San Antonio have returned home after spending the winter with her sister, Miss Sally Orr.

Rev. Earnes McGaughey from Midland, Texas were dinner guests of Mrs. Cloy Lyles, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Hunter and daughter, Mary, of Big Spring visited the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Price Floyd, over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Horton and grandson, Mike, of Abilene were visitors in the home of their mother, Mrs. Hugh Campbell, Wednesday. Also Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Farmer and grandson, Ralph, were guests of Mrs. Campbell, Saturday.

Mrs. W. A. McAndless spent the weekend with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Boswell and son, Billy Mac, of Abilene for the weekend.

Mrs. Will Orr and sister, Mrs. F. Kelly, of Monahan, Texas, are visiting the former's sister-in-law, Mrs. Sallie Orr.

Ruben Horton of Clyde, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Nutt and two children, of Plainview, Texas, were guests of their mother, Mrs. Edna Horton and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Tolliver, Monday. Also their grandmothers Mrs. Sally Moore and Mrs. Hugh Campbell.

Mr. and Mrs. Irl Walker spent the weekend with their son, Jimmy Walker, and family of Mason. They attended the cage tournament of junior boys and girls of that district. Coach Walker, a former Merkelite, led his basketball team to Bi-District this year.

Mrs. J. M. Mapes and Mrs. Beulah Tucker of Abilene were house guests of their sister-in-law, Mrs. G. H. Tucker, for the weekend.

BILLY GRAHAM'S LONDON CRUSADE

Billy Graham's London Crusade with A. W. Paulson of Irving, Texas. Billy's film representative was presented at the First Baptist Church Wednesday night, with Rev. Truett Sherff presiding.

Out of town visitors attending this film show from the Trent Church were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lee Tittle, Mr. and Mrs. Orvin Robinson, Mrs. C. O. Lyles and children, Mrs. M. H. Hand, W. C. Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. Odell Freeman, Roy McDonald, Nelda Sue Heasley, Lola Man Beden, Janie Robertson, Rev. and Mrs. Gene Jorgenson, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Driggs, L. G. Beel, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Bethany and children, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Manning and Earnie, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Miller Jr. and family of Abilene.

You are cordially invited to attend the activities of the First Baptist Church.

CLUB'S ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP TEA

On Tuesday afternoon of St. Valentine's Day, the Fortnightly Study Club, at the Annual Friendship Tea, extended greetings to one hundred fifty guests, many of whom were out of town. A special welcome was given to the newcomers to Merkel, the wives of those attached to the Air Base and others who had moved to Merkel within the past year.

After the welcome address by the President, Mrs. David Gamble, Miss Christine Collins sang the beautiful song, "Friends." She was accompanied by Mrs. Brandon Wade. Following the music Mrs. Bro Mingus, guest reviewer of Abilene, furthered the Valentine theme by reviewing the beautiful love story, "The Golden Journey."

Guests were served from a tea table laid with a white Madera cloth, a silver coffee service, and silver candle holders. A center arrangement of pink carnations and pink candles were complemented by the featuring a large pink heart. Mrs. David Gamble poured and Mrs. W. T. Sadler served the cake.

Mrs. W. T. Hamor is home after having major surgery at Winters. She is doing fair. Mrs. Hamor is the wife of the former pastor at Stith.

Mrs. W. E. Bradley is back at the Sunshine Rest Home after having major surgery at Hendrick Hospital. She is doing fair.

Lou Mashburn is back at home with her son, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Mashburn. She would like to see all her friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Jones and boys of Abilene visited Mrs. Jones parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Byrd, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ray Browning spent the weekend in Madill, Oklahoma, with Mrs. Browning's mother, Mrs. Mae Murphy. Mrs. Murphy came home with them to spend a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Halford visited in Sweetwater, Saturday, with Mr. and Mrs. Gene Halford.

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Hybrid Grain Sorghum Scarce

Reports have come from farmers and seed dealers not only in Texas but also Nebraska, Kansas and Oklahoma that ordinary white and in some cases red grain sorghum seed are being sold by transit salesmen as hybrids.

Farmers and seed dealers are reminded by Jack G. King, Texas A. & M. College System agronomist with headquarters in Lubbock that only a very limited supply of hybrid grain sorghum seed is available for planting this year. Most of the seed produced in 1955 is being used in demonstration plantings of from one to five acres. These demonstrations are widely scattered over the entire State and demonstrators are being supplied with planting seed.

Adequate supplies of hybrid sorghum planting seed should be available to all farmers for 1957 plantings but the supply to be

sold for 1956 plantings is very small. Finally, King says, buy hybrid sorghum planting seed only from a reliable local dealer or seed grower.

LEGAL COLUMN

WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

"What's your name?" would seem to be a simple and easily answered question. Yet, the variety of answers which many people give in response thereto is surprising. For example, take this hypothetical case:

Albert Charles Smith died and his lawyer filed the petition of probate for his estate, entitling it: "In the Matter of the Estate of Albert Charles Smith, also known as Albert Smith, also known as Charles Smith, also known as A. C. Smith and also known as Charles Smith."

With such a simple name, what did Smith do to make the probating of his estate so complicated?

When Albert Charles Smith was born, the attending physician filed a birth certificate with that name. During his school years, his friends called him "Al."

Mr. Smith went to college and decided that his name would look more distinguished if he wrote it "A. Charles Smith," and he was so regarded. His college diploma carried that name.

Starting out in business Mr. Smith took a job that required him to write his signature many times a day. To simplify the work, he signed his name "A. C. Smith." His bank account and telephone number were recorded that way. Mr. Smith lost a part of his identity, since there were eleven "A. C. Smiths" listed in his phone book.

Mr. Smith decided to get married and he rushed to the courthouse to get his license. Without giving the matter much thought, he told the clerk his name was "Charles Smith." The name was recorded on his marriage certificate.

Mr. Smith bought a house, and the lawyer who handled the transaction asked for his full name. The deed was registered at the courthouse under the name "Albert Charles Smith."

A life insurance agent had previously written a policy for Mr. Smith under the name "Al C. Smith." During his middle life, Mr. Smith took out other policies from another agent, and all of them carried the name "Albert C. Smith." He took a position with a railroad and appeared on the pension roll as "A. C. Smith."

Mr. Smith owned some securities and several pieces of real estate and also owed various bills. They were listed under varying combinations of his name.

Then Mr. Smith made his will under the name of "Albert C. Smith." A year later he died; and that is when his attorney started working and trying to find out just who Mr. Smith was and what he owed and owned.

Of course this case is imaginary; but it illustrates how difficult and costly such a practice

can be. Every person should use the name appearing on his birth certificate and should make sure that all documents which have a legal bearing, such as school diplomas, deeds to property, certificates of stock and bond ownership, and insurance policies, carry the same name. This will often avoid complications in the probating of an estate.

HODGES

Mr. and Mrs. Emmitt Patterson and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Reese were in Galveston last week. Mrs. Patterson went to consult a physician about her illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Vantreese of Abilene were out Sunday visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Vantreese.

Visiting at Hope Church of Christ Sunday were Mrs. J. W. Jennings and daughter, of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Reese were ill with flu. Also ill is Tim Fullbright.

Political Announcements

Political advertising rates in this column on request.

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Mrs. Durwood McCoy is able to be up and around after a recent operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Fikes were special guests at the Community Club on Tuesday. Mr. Fikes brought an interesting talk on "pot plants." He also brought some pot plants and gave demonstration on setting plants, soil, and how to care for them. Mrs.

Norman Sloan and Mrs. Charlie Reese had charge of the program. Hostesses were Mrs. Ruby McCaleb and Mrs. Ruby McCoy.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Reese of Dallas were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Reese over the week-end.

Alaska has a longer ocean coastline than the United States.

Article in Reader's Digest Reveals Jittery Pre-Menstrual Tension Is So Often a Needless Misery!

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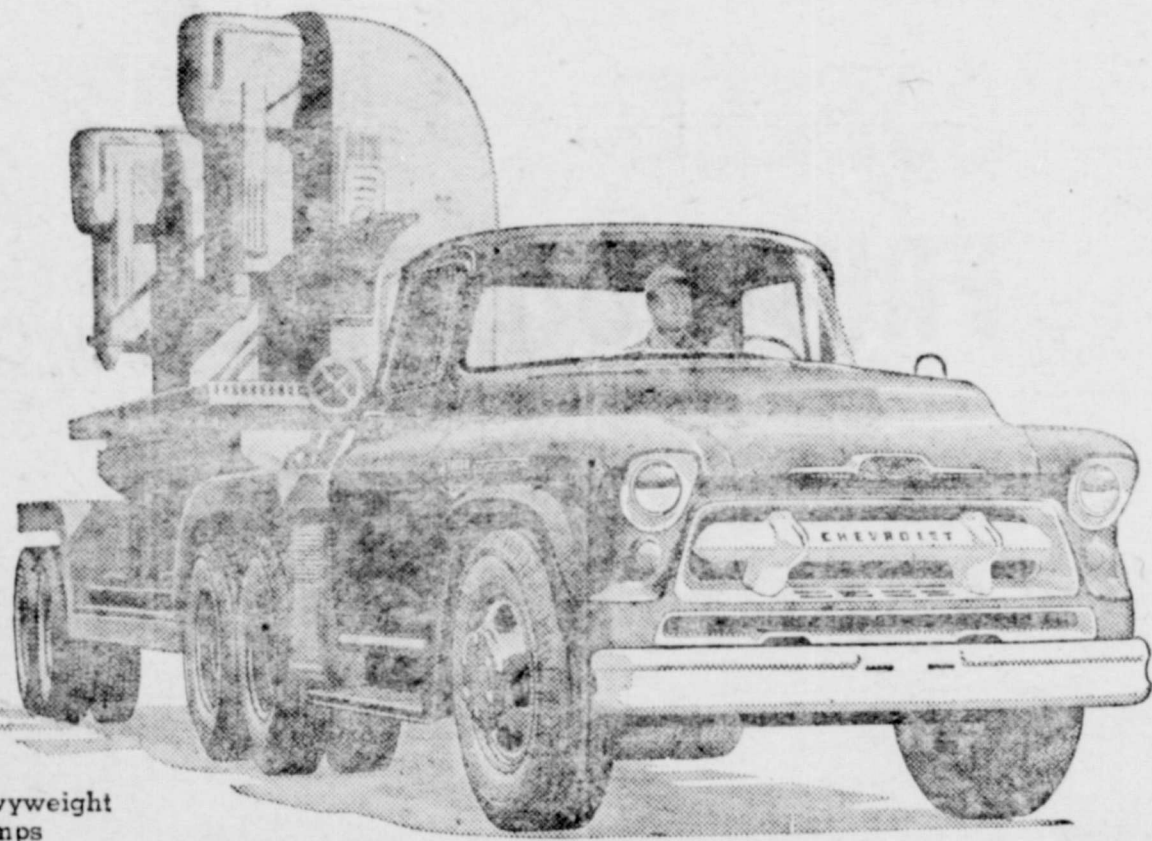
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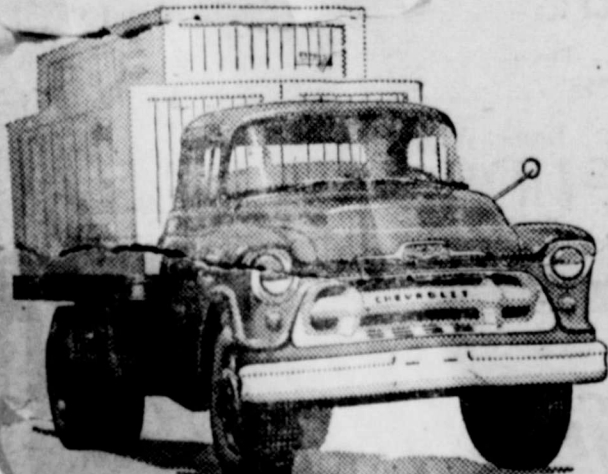
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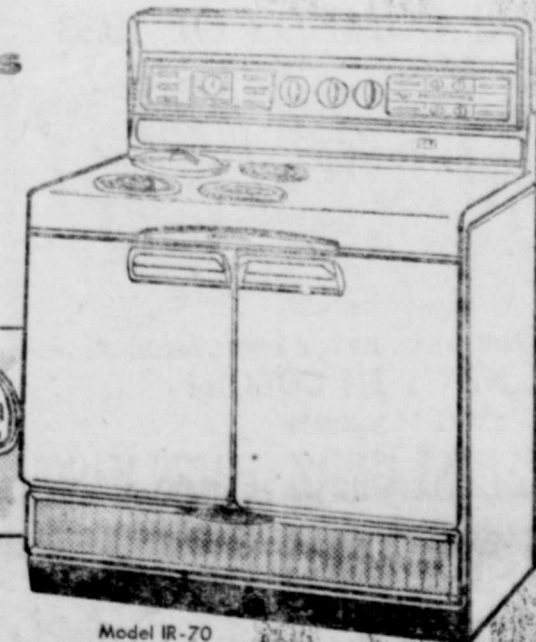
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