

BLUE BONNET H. D. CLUB MET MARCH 6

Mrs. Joe Swinny was hostess to the Blue Bonnet Home Demonstration Club, Tuesday March 6. Mrs. Allen King gave a very interesting report on 4-H Club work. Mrs. Leroy Riney gave a good demonstration on styles and fabrics. She also showed the latest material on both cotton and silks. She discussed patterns, and colors most suited to each individual. Refreshments were served to 9 members, 5 children, and one visitor, Mrs. Banning Butman. The next meeting will be March 20 in the home of Mrs. R. G. Toombs where Mrs. Sam Butman will give a demonstration on

killing and dressing poultry. Roll call will be answered by "How I Killed My First Chicken."

GOODMAN H. D. CLUB MEETS MARCH 9

The Goodman Home Demonstration Club met at the Community Center, March 9, with Mrs. Jane Jordan as hostess. The meeting was opened with a prayer, worded by Mrs. J. W. Turner, President, Mrs. H. H. Windham, then presided over a short business session. Minutes of the two meetings were read by secretary, Mrs. Carl Bonneoux. They approved and passed. Mrs. Blair and Mrs. Windham had attended food leader meeting at H.D.C. office on Summer

Salads. Mrs. Windham gave instructions on Jury Service for women which was very interesting and also passed out hand bills on Jury Service.

Mrs. Carl McAninch and Mrs. Bonneoux were game leaders. Refreshments of cookies and punch were served to 12 members and 5 children. The next meeting will be March 23 at the Community Center with Mrs. Howard Phillips as hostess.

Health Exams Help Extend Life

"Health examinations won't prevent old age, but many tens of thousands of persons, whose records of these examinations have been studied have not only helped to live longer, but also be sturdier and healthier, and enjoy more comfort and happiness by following the advice of the physicians who have made such examinations," declared Dr. Henry A. Holle, Commissioner of Health.

Once the individual leaves school, he assumes the responsibility not only for his choice of work and method of living, but also for his continued good health. But he often fails to apply the available methods of preventing disease and prolonging life. Hardly a day passes in which our attention is not called to the untimely death of some prominent person or acquaintance, which may be attributed to a preventable disease. So something should be done in the way of educating the adult group of the population, so they will voluntarily carry out those measures which prolong life and maintain good health.

It is our firm belief that if the diseases of the gastrointestinal



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tract, which includes the lips, tongue, teeth, mouth, stomach and bowels, are recognized in their early stage, their progress may be curtailed, adequate treatment advised, and many deaths prevented.

Today the medical profession realizes that many childhood diseases are now under control and our present problem must center about the adult, encouraging periodic check-ups. Is semiannual consultation with your physician too great a premium to pay for many years of additional life, freedom from suffering and consequently short periods of hospitalization?

Mrs. C. R. Rogers was hostess to the Junior, Intermediate and Young People's Class of the Stith Baptist Church for a party.

New Highway Maps Available

AUSTIN, TEXAS — The new 1956 edition of the Official Highway Travel Map is now available, D. C. Greer, State Highway Engineer, announced in Austin today.

The map has many new features and contains a wealth of information on Texas, Greer said. Most of the topographical relief was removed from the map last year so that more essential information can be read easily and quickly. The growth of the Texas Highway System at the rate of about 3,000 miles a year has made it necessary to gradually remove some of the less important information to make room for the increased mileage, he said.



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In addition to the highways and the mileages between various points, the Travel Map shows state parks with recreational facilities, historical state parks, roadside parks, altitudes, and the Highway Travel Information Bureau. The pictorial side of the map features scenes of general interest both to Texans and out-of-state tourists, with every section of the state represented.

The Austin office of the Highway Department, the 25 district offices, and the seven Travel Information Bureaus near the state's borders all have maps available for distribution. Special map cards for requesting a map may be obtained at the tax collector's office when license plates are purchased.

Rev. James A. Criswell of Abilene delivered two wonderful messages at the new Live Oak Baptist Church at Merkel, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Stockridge spent the weekend with her mother, Mrs. Nannie Glenn, of Breckenridge and was accompanied by Mrs. Glenn for an indefinite time.

Mrs. Mae Horton and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Huron Horton and son of Wichita Falls, and Mr. and Mrs. John Patterson of Abilene were guests of the Doan brothers and sisters.

Mrs. Stewart Dean of Corpus Christi is visiting her mother, Mrs. Dee Grimes.

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AJAX CLEANSER --- 2 cans **23c**
FAB - - - - - large box **25c**

VEGETABLES
YELLOW **SQUASH** - - - - - lb. **15c**
GOLDEN **BANANAS** - - - - - lb. **12 1/2c**
GRAPEFRUIT ---- mesh bag **35c**
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ROME BEAUTY **APPLES** - - - - - lb. **15c**

CHOICE MEATS
LEAN **PORK ROAST** - - - - - lb. **35c**
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SLICED **BACON** - - - - - lb. **35c**
LEAN (PURE MEAT) **GROUND BEEF** - - - - - lb. **29c**
BEEF RIBS - - - - - lb. **19c**

RECIPE OF THE WEEK
By Mary Lee Taylor
Peach Cream Pie
1 lb. can cling peach slices
1 pkg. vanilla pudding powder
2 eggs, separated
1 cup Fat Evaporated Milk
1/2 cup water
1/4 cup peach syrup
1/4 cup sugar

Drain peaches and save syrup. Dice peaches and save until needed. Put pudding powder and unbeaten egg yolks into a 1 1/2-qt. saucepan. Stir in gradually a mixture of milk, water and syrup. Cook and stir until mixture comes to a full, all-over boil and is thick, about 5 minutes. Remove from heat and stir in diced peaches. Cover and cool slightly, about 5 minutes. Put into a cold 8-in. baked pastry shell. Beat egg whites in a quart bowl until stiff. Gradually beat in the sugar. Spread meringue over top to edge of crust to seal in filling. Bake in 325 oven (low moderate) 15 min., or until meringue is light brown. Cool thoroughly before serving.

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NOTICE OF ELECTION FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS THE STATE OF TEXAS CITY OF MERKEL COUNTY OF TAYLOR

TO ALL QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE CITY OF MERKEL, TEXAS, WHO OWN TAXABLE PROPERTY IN SAID CITY, AND WHO HAVE DULY RENDERED THE SAME FOR TAXATION:

TAKE NOTICE that an election will be held in the City of Merkel, Texas, on the 3rd day of April, 1956, in obedience to a resolution and order duly entered by the City Council on the 8th day of March, 1956, which is as follows:

RESOLUTION AND ORDER FOR CITY BOND ELECTION THE STATE OF TEXAS CITY OF MERKEL COUNTY OF TAYLOR

ON THIS, the 8th day of March, 1956, the City Council of the City of Merkel, Texas, convened in Special session, at the regular meeting place thereof in the City Hall, there being present and in attendance the following members, to-wit:

FRED STARBUCK, MAYOR,
CLYDE EAGER
EARL HUGHES
JOE CYPERT
BEN R. HICKS
ODIS H. GRIFFIN
ALDERMEN

and with the following absent: None, constituting a quorum; and, among other proceedings had, were the following:

Alderman Earl Hughes introduced a resolution and order and moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Alderman Odis H. Griffin. The motion, carrying with it the adoption of the resolution and order, prevailed by the following vote:

AYES: Aldermen Hughes, Cypert, Hicks, Eager and Griffin.
NOES: None.

The RESOLUTION AND ORDER is as follows:

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Merkel, Texas, deems it advisable to issue the bonds of said City for the purpose hereinafter mentioned; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERKEL, TEXAS:

SECTION 1: That an election be held on the 3rd day of April, 1956, which date is not less than fifteen (15) nor more than thirty (30) days from the date of the adoption of this resolution and order, at which election the following proposition shall be submitted to the qualified electors of said City who own taxable property therein and who have duly rendered the same for taxation: "SHALL the City Council of the City of Merkel, Texas, be authorized to issue FORTY TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$42,000) general obligation tax bonds of said City for the purpose of purchasing and/or improving lands for public parks in and for said City; said bonds to mature serially over a period of years not to exceed forty (40) years from their date, and to bear interest at a rate not to exceed FOUR PER CENTUM (4%) per annum, payable annually or semi-annually; and to provide for the payment of and interest on said bonds by levying a tax sufficient to pay the annual interest and to create a sinking fund sufficient to redeem said bonds as they become due?"

SECTION 2: That said election shall be held at the Welfare Office Building, in the City of Merkel, Texas, and the entire City shall constitute one election precinct.

SECTION 3: That the following named persons are hereby appointed officers of the election, to-wit:

Andy Shouse, Presiding Judge, Mrs. W. D. Hutcheson, Judge, Mrs. T. L. Grimes, Clerk, and Mrs. F. Y. Gaither, Clerk.

SECTION 4: That said election shall be held under the provisions of and in accordance with the laws governing the issuance of municipal bonds in cities, as provided in the General Laws of the State of Texas, and only qualified electors, who own taxable property in the City, who have duly rendered the same for taxation, shall be qualified to vote.

SECTION 5: That the ballots for said election shall be prepared in sufficient number and in conformity with Chapter 6, V.A. T.S. Election Code, adopted by the Fifty-second Legislature in 1951, and that printed on such ballots shall appear the following:

"FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND THE LEVY OF A TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF."
"AGAINST THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND THE LEVY OF A TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF."

As to the foregoing proposition, each voter may mark out with black ink or pencil one of such expressions, thus leaving the other as indicating his or her vote on the proposition; or, in the alternative, each voter may vote on

the proposition by placing an "X" in the square appearing on the ballot beside the expression of his choice.

SECTION 6: That a copy of this resolution and order, signed by the Mayor of the City and attested by the City Secretary shall serve as proper notice of said election.

SECTION 7: That notice of said election shall be given by posting and publication of a copy of this resolution and order, at the top of which shall appear the words "NOTICE OF ELECTION FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS." Said notice shall be posted at three public places in said City, one of which shall be at the City Hall, not less than fourteen (14) full days prior to the date on which said election is to be held, and be published on the same day in each of two successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation, published in the City of Merkel, Texas, the first of said publications to be made not less than fourteen (14) full days prior to the date set for said election.

PASSED AND APPROVED, this 8th day of March, 1956.

FRED STARBUCK, Mayor,
City of Merkel, Texas.

THIS NOTICE of election is issued and given by the undersigned, pursuant to authority conferred by virtue of the above and foregoing resolution and order of the City Council of the City of Merkel, Texas, and under authority of law.

W. F. WESS MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF MERKEL, TEXAS, this 8th day of March, 1956.

FRED STARBUCK, Mayor,
City of Merkel, Texas.

ATTEST:
FLOSSIE W. MCKEEVER,
City Secretary,
City of Merkel, Texas.
(City Seal)

GIFT TEA FETES VIRGINIA BIRD

A gift tea honoring Virginia Bird of Merkel, bride-elect of J. B. Whisenhunt Jr. of Abilene, was hosted in the home of Mrs. Wesley Rister of Tye. Co-hosts were Mrs. Dee Teaff, Mrs. Fate Bird, Mrs. G. L. Boswell, Mrs. R. B. Robbins and Mrs. J. C. Rister.

Mrs. L. W. Bird, mother of the bride-elect, the honoree and Mrs. J. B. Whisenhunt Sr., mother of the prospective bridegroom, formed the receiving line. Diana Bird, sister of the honoree, registered buets. Mrs. Robbins and Mrs. Edd Jones served refreshments.

The table was laid with an ecru cloth over pink and white flowers and pink tapers. Appointments were crystal. Approximately 30 attended.

The couple will be married March 29 in her parent's home. She is a graduate of Merkel High School and is a student at Hardin-Simmons University. Whisenhunt is a graduate of Abilene High School and is in the antenna business. The couple will live in Abilene.

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TEXAS CITIZENS COUNCIL RALLY CHEERS CONGRESSMEN — Some 2,500 enthusiastic Texans, assembled at Will Rogers Auditorium in Fort Worth, here cheered Mississippi's Congressman John Bell Williams (right) and his Georgia colleague, Congressman John J. Flynt, Jr., as they attached the Supreme Court's Black Monday (school segregation) decision. Citizens Council members from communities as far as 200 miles away joined the Tarrant County group, sponsors of a two-day program in an expanded state membership campaign, at the meeting referred to by John Gano, Fort Worth attorney and head of the Tarrant County Council, as "an old-fashioned revival."

STATE CAPITOL NEWS

A long battle for interposition action begins in Texas next week. At its Tuesday meeting in Houston the State Democratic Executive Committee will answer Gov. Allan Shivers' proposal to place the interposition question on the primary ballot. Reports also are to be made by the party's legal subcommittee and the Texas Committee on School Segregation. Both have been studying the suggested interposition referendum. Governor Shivers is expected to ask voters to join his crusade against federal encroachment by giving the legislature a mandate for interposition. He will address the committee at a night meeting

to which all Democrats from the Houston area are invited. Later, Shivers will visit various parts of the nation. He will talk to leaders, without regard to party, and make speeches to gain nation-wide support for the interposition movement. Also on the executive committee's agenda will be the laying of groundwork for the upcoming convention battles. Liberal-loyalists have indicated clearly that they intend to fight the conservative party leadership at precinct, county and state meetings.

Favorite Son Approved
Speaker Sam Rayburn's proposal that Texas Democratic convention delegates be chosen who will support Senate Leader Lyndon Johnson as the favorite son candidate for presidential nomination, won general approval.

Rayburn's suggestion that Johnson be made chairman of the delegation was endorsed by liberals, but brought no reply from the conservatives.

Texas GOP Plans Strategy
Texas Republicans will bypass the holding of primaries this year. They will concentrate on the general election.

At their Austin meeting the State Executive Committee agreed (1) to nominate by convention; (2) to hold precinct conventions May 5, county conventions May 8 and the state convention May 22 in Houston; and (3) to focus efforts on the re-election in November of President Eisenhower and Dallas Congressman Bruce Alger, Texas' only Republican congressman.

Texas' delegation to the national GOP convention is expected to be solidly pro-Eisenhower, but the touchy question of a vice presidential nominee has been carefully avoided.

Vaccine Stretching Debated
Public health officials are in disagreement over a proposal to delay third polio shots in order to extend the dwindling vaccine supply to more people.

A two-shot plan was endorsed by the Public Health Service in Washington. Such a plan would stretch the still-short supply of vaccine to cover 25 to 30 million persons, officials said.

Dr. Henry A. Holle, Texas health commission, turned thumbs down. He said the difference between two shots and three "could be the difference between having paralytic polio and not having it." Texas' supply is almost exhausted. However, a rush order of 150,000 cubic centimeters of the vaccine is expected to arrive before the end of the month. One cubic centimeter is sufficient for one inoculation.

Meanwhile 11 new cases of polio are reported in Texas, bringing the year's total to date to 121.

FFA Boys Active
More than 38,000 boys now are enrolled in FFA chapters in Texas high schools. So reports Lewis B. Taylor, executive secretary of the Texas Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association.

Biggest FFA chapter is at Burbank High School in San Antonio, where there are 186 members. National awards have been won by chapters in Clinton and Whitney. Clifton boys won the FFA national gold emblem rating six times in a row. Five FFA boys from Whitney won the American Farmer Degree the same year.

Short Snorts
APRIL 5 is the opening date for the old French legation in Austin. Dignitaries of the Sons and daughters of the Republic, the State and the University, will attend opening day ceremonies.

ONLY ABOUT HALF of Texas' motorists have obtained auto stickers so far this year. Over 150,000 cars a week will have to be checked between now and April 15 deadline.

GEORGE C. MENZIES died from rabies, last January, while working on an experiment with bats. He left his wife and four children. Austin friends of the former State Health Department scientist have started an educational fund for the children. Spearheading the drive is W. N. Colson. So far less than \$3,000 has been collected. More money is needed. Contributions may be sent to Colson at Box 691, Austin.

SIX INSURANCE COMPANIES owned by W. Lee O'Daniel and his family, have fewer policies in effect than the new law requires for continued operation. So reports the insurance commission. Included are the W. Lee O'Daniel Life Insurance Co. and five oth-

ers, of which O'Daniel's son, Pat, is president.

Palmer Motor Stages Big Truck Contest

Nolan Palmer, of Palmer Motor Co., said today there will be a big International S-100 Driving contest between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. Saturday, March 24.

There will be prizes for all excellent drivers. "You are invited to test drive the all new International S-100 pickup," Palmer said. "See how far you can go on tenth gallon of gasoline. You will be amazed not only at the proven economy of its new powerful black diamond engine, but also at the handling ease and passenger car comfort found best in International." First prize will be a \$25 gov-

ernment bond, second \$13 General Electric travel iron, and third a \$7 General Electric Clock.

STITH NEWS

By MRS. W. M. LOFLIN
Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Jones visited in Winters, Saturday, with their son, Mr. and Mrs. Truett Jones. They had as guest over the week-end Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Howard of DeLeon.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. West had as guest Sunday, Mrs. F. J. McDonald Sr. and Mrs. Dwiggins.

Mrs. McDonald has as guests Sunday afternoon, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Reeves.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. McDonald, Jr., had as guests Sunday, Mr.

and Mrs. Billy Harris of Sarago.

Weldon Lenior from Woods visited with his mother, Mrs. Jessie Lenior and his sister, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hudson. Mrs. Lenior returned home with him for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Walters visited Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Mashburn, Saturday.

Miss Mary Frances Kelso is working in Gatlin, Ohio. She has been gone about three weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Mashburn had as guests Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Carter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hogan, Mrs. Robert Gilmore and children, Mrs. Leno Church from Slaton.

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UP THE CANYON

By TOM RUSSOM
This is past the middle of March and it is still dry. Don't like to talk about the weather all the time but it just makes you think how much good a rain could do.

The wheat crop is gone. That

is the opinion of the wheat farmers. Some had oats sown and up when the freeze came and it killed them. All of this leads to believe there will be a large row crop planted. Plans look good enough to the farmers to the extent that they might retire some of the land.

Tommy Swinney returned Saturday night from Plainview. He attended a youth meeting of the Methodist Church.

The Canyon Community had a

fine turnout last Saturday night at the youth camp. It was the first trip for some of the people. Several remarked about the nice dining hall. The weather being a little cool, there were fires built in all three large fire places that warmed the large building and then sandwiches, tea, and hot coffee were served to everyone. There were around one hundred persons present. The pastor of Pioneer Church, John Ferguson, called a meeting to order. Then there was a "Community Club" organized which will meet the first Saturday night of each month. Officers elected were: President, Tom Russom, Vice President, Mrs. R. E. Clemmer, Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Leroy Riney.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Meeks Jr. visited Mrs. Meek's relatives in Dallas last week.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Duncan and family of Fort Worth visited over the weekend with the A. D. Scotts' family.

Mr. and Mrs. John Oliver and family of Midland visited relatives of the Canyon and attended the sandwich supper at the Youth Camp.

The blue panic grass, which was making grazing for stock was killed to the ground from the freeze. It will be out soon with some warm weather from growing.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Toombs of Merkel and Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Demerie' of the Canyon visited in San Angelo, Sunday with F. R. Demerie's cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mims and George and Frank Demerie.

Rev. James Criswell of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Meeks of Butman were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Merman Doan Sunday.

Mrs. H. L. McAndless of Midland was a house guest of her mother-in-law, Mrs. W. A. McAndless, Sunday. She was accompanied by June Baulech of Midland.

House guest of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Boney over the week was Mrs. Boney's mother, Mrs. R. T. Gray of Winters.

Mrs. Norma Bond and daughter visited her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Norman English in Big Spring, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Carter of Floyd, New Mexico have moved to Ballinger, Texas. They did live in Merkel before moving to New Mexico.

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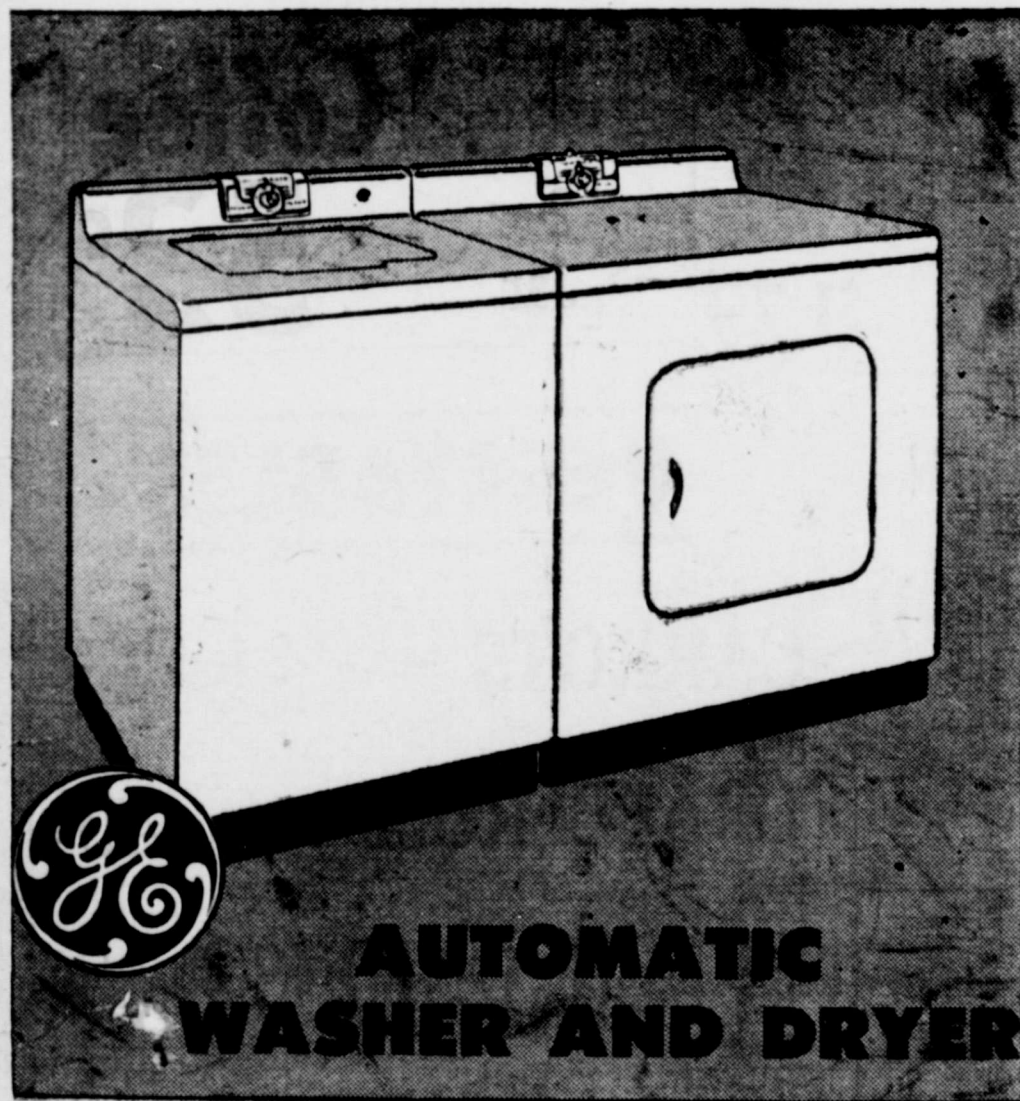
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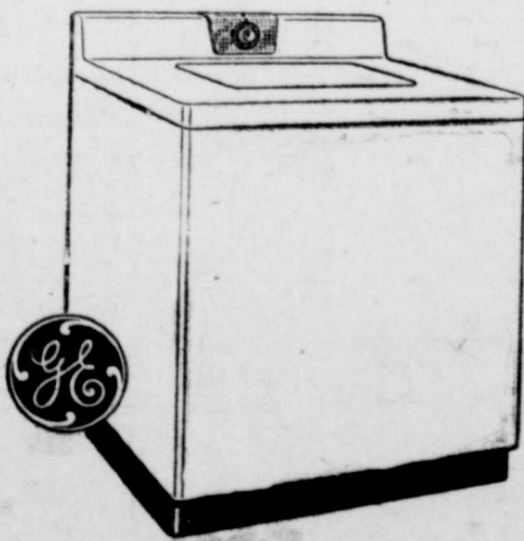
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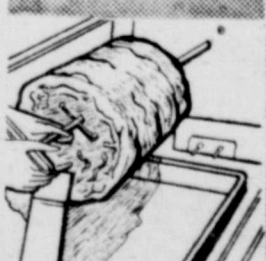
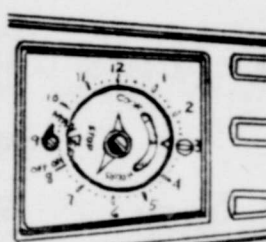
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OUR APPRECIATION
To all of our friends, all of the ladies who aided in the sickroom of our wife and mother, Mrs. Charles Boyd, we say thanks and may you be blessed! The family appreciated the work of Drs. Sadler and Warren and all the nurses. To each one who so kindly waited upon her at the Rest Home and at the Hospital we are grateful.

The beautiful flowers for the funeral were highly appreciated. Our prayers are for all.

The Boyd Family and the Judd McReynolds
Mr. and Mrs. Kirby Beckett, of Dallas, are the guests of their mother, Mrs. J. T. Warren, for the week.



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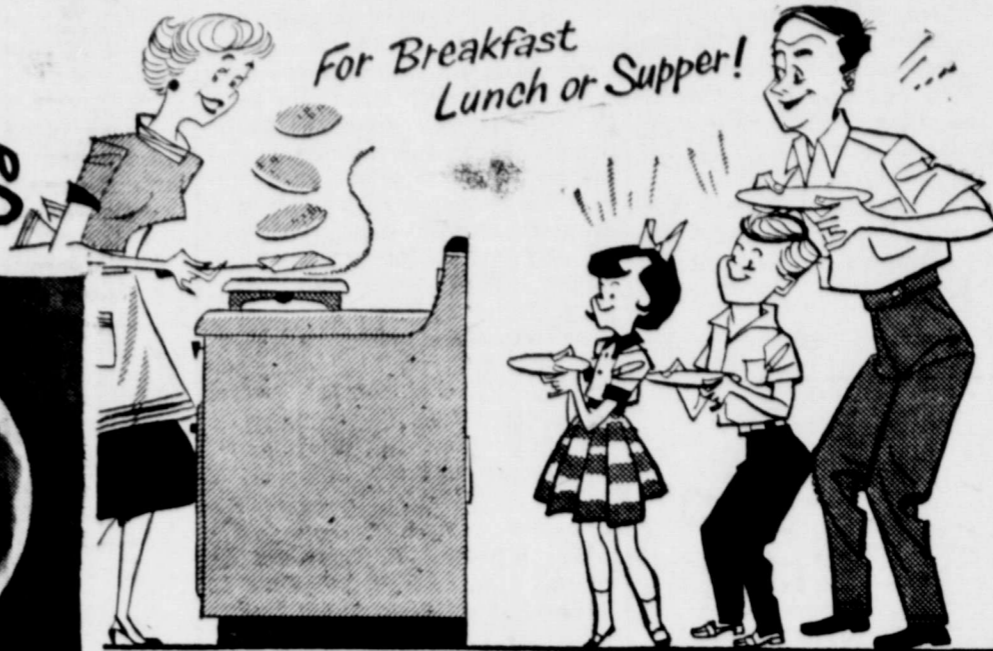
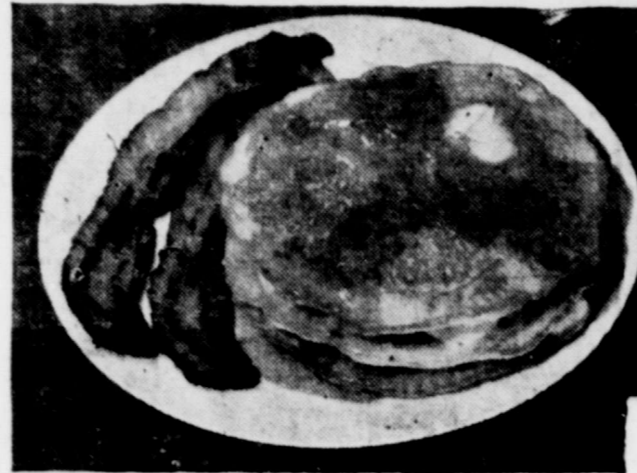
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