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We had to journey up to Oklahoma last weekend to see about our old homelace to keep the termites and the renters satisfied, but we did manage to get out where the crappie grow to three and four pounds, so they said.

Our fishing companion, Postmaster Moss, had his blood pressure up during the week, but he took us out to his favorite cove on the lake, and naturally he put us on the wrong side of the boat, and not only that it was necessary for us to fish left-handed. He had to get our arm straightened out, after an afternoon of fishing with him.

A lot of the folks didn't know us, they thought I had moved further back in the hills of eastern Oklahoma from the looks of our beard. Banker Grimes, who lets us have a free bed, threatened to send us back on our way, if we didn't shave, but got by without it.

It so happened that we were invited to a bowery party Saturday night at the town's Community Center, and that is one time the whiskeys came in handy. I guess we looked just like a bum, for so many of the folks thought we were.

One lady who runs a drug store, Ann Corgan, almost had a heart attack when we yelled at her. And that made us almost keel over to see how frightened some people can get.

So we feel that everyone along the route now knows something about Merkel's Golden Calvacade June 3-9. As soon as we get the bumper stickers in with Merkel Golden Calvacade on them, every car and truck in Merkel should get one and put them on.

You see more and more beards popping up along the street every day. Most of them make us look like we've been clipped with the clippers.



DR. RAY JOHNSON

Dr. Johnson Leads Revival For Methodists

Dr. Ray Neill Johnson, a well known evangelist from Abilene, will be the preacher for the Revival to be held at First Methodist Church, April 22 - 29. Due to the revival in progress at the First Baptist Church this week, we will not begin our revival on Friday night, as was previously announced, but the first service will be Sunday morning. In order that the entire community have the opportunity to hear Dr. Johnson, there will be two services daily: 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Dr. Johnson is in this type work due to the fact that he feels God's call into it. He started as a boy in the field of evangelism. He is a graduate of McMurry College and also holds an honorary degree from there in 1948. He is a graduate of SMU and Perkins School of Theology. Bro. Ray served four years as Army Chaplain during World War II, three of it overseas. He has also served pastorates in San Antonio, Brownsville, San Angelo, Dallas, and Vernon. It was almost three years ago that he left First Methodist Church, Vernon, to give full time in the evangelistic field. It is a great privilege to have him in our community. Hear him.

Mrs. Ann Jones of Mercedes, Texas spent the week end in the Joe Castles home.

Big Crowd At Taylor Coop Meeting

The Taylor Electric Cooperative Inc. enjoyed a healthy growth and financial prosperity during the past year, about 2,000 members were told at the organization's annual meeting here Thursday.

The annual report of Henry Roberts of Guion disclosed that the cooperative's net income last year showed a \$27,753.45 increase. Net income last year, Roberts said totaled \$160,913.96, compared to \$79,186.21 the preceding year. "We think that's good," Roberts said. "We're well satisfied with it."

Sam Butman Jr. of Merkel, secretary-treasurer, told the group that "16 to 17 years ago our net worth was way below a half million dollars and we bragged about it. Today's it's around \$2,738,000."

Total assets of the cooperative during the past year have increased by more than \$250,000, Butman said.

The cooperative enlisted 254 new members last year and built 79 miles of line. Membership now totals 4,491, with 1,889 miles of line in operation.

Lester Dorton, general manager, reported that the cooperative is working with other rural electric co-ops in this area to try to establish their own power plant.

Dorton said the cooperative this year is having to pay a 21 per cent increase for its power, which will amount to about \$24,000 a year. It hasn't resulted in an increase in rates to members yet, Dorton said, but may before the year is out.

In a business session which closed the meeting, the current officers and directors were re-elected for one-year terms. They were C. F. Hill of Nugent; vice president; J. J. Anderson of Trent, Mack Collins of Hawley, Comer Haynes of Merkel, Elmo Jones of Tuscola, O. S. Moore of Nolan, and Oma Thomas of Maryneal, directors; and Roberts and Butman.

William A. Brown, Austin, attorney for Texas Electric Cooperatives, the day's principal speaker, was interrupted several times during his talk by spontaneous applause as he defended the rural cooperatives in their dispute with commercial power companies.

Commercial power companies in some areas contend, he said, that electric cooperatives shouldn't be allowed to service their members inside the city limits, regardless of the fact that it was a rural area when the members started receiving power.

Brown dwelt at length on the history of the suit against the Upshur REA in which commercial power companies are trying to take over an area which the Upshur REA developed, but which has since been incorporated in the city limits of Gilmer.

The Court of Civil Appeals in Austin this week ruled in favor of the Upshur REA. Brown termed the decision "the answer to future attacks on electric cooperatives by commercial power companies."

Brown read a portion of the court's decision, which said in part, "We believe that a fair application of the act (Electric Cooperative Corporation Act) is that electric cooperatives, once organized, cannot be restricted with respect to competition with commercial power companies, since competition must develop as areas served by the electric cooperatives and commercial power companies grow together and overlap."

"Exclusive territory boundaries are contrary to the Constitution and antitrust statutes."

Brown said the case may be appealed to the State Supreme Court, but added that "in my opinion the decision is sound and well reasoned. I predict that the Supreme Court will not revoke that judgment."

"I predict that with this behind us," Brown continued, "we'll go on to win other important legal battles. We have now established our rights to operate on equal footing with commercial power companies and that's all we're fighting for."

Jimmy Eakin of the Stith community won the talent contest at the meeting. He played "Don't Let the Stars Get In Your Eyes" and "Boogie Woogie" on the piano.



TAYLOR ELECTRIC CO. OP OFFICERS — re-elected for one-year terms at the annual meeting of the Taylor Electric Cooperative Inc. at Merkel Thursday were from left, Henry Roberts of Guion, president; C. S. Hill of Hamby, vice-president; and Sam Butman Jr. of Merkel, secretary-treasurer.

Taylor Phone Coop Holds Annual Meet

An entire board of directors will be elected Thursday when the Taylor Telephone Cooperative, Inc., holds its special meeting at the Community Center in Merkel.

Those nominated for office are: Place No. 1 — C. T. Myatt and J. E. Manly, Hamby exchange; Place No. 2 — L. O. Huddleston and Elmer Holland, Hawley exchange; Place No. 3 — Troy Sloan and Frank Carter, Noodle exchange; Place No. 4 — Clark Perkins and Tommy Russom, Nubia exchange; Place No. 5 — R. R. Petty and C. E. Magee, Nolan exchange; Place No. 6 — Frank K. Antilly and C. L. "Doc" Rogers, Wingate exchange; Place No. 7 — Boles Fry and Fred Allen, Tuleola and Buffalo Gap exchange; Place No. 8 — C. O. Patterson and J. C. Raper, Lawn and Bradshaw exchange; and Place No. 9 — J. J. Farmer and Joe McDuff, Potosi exchange.

The present board if made up of C. O. Patterson, president; C. T. Wyatt, vice president; Mondel Rogers, secretary; Matt Ely, Boles Fry, Bascom Hartgraves, L. O. Huddleston, Clark Perkins and R. R. Petty.

The nominating committee was composed of J. J. Anderson, J. R. Reddell, N. M. Usery, V. R. Hustice, C. W. Smith, Merrick Harvey, J. B. Howle and A. L. Moore.

HOSPITAL NOTES

The following persons were admitted to the Sadler Clinis during the past week:

- Lee Stanley, Merkel
- Mrs. E. B. Wallace, Merkel
- Mrs. M. G. Abshier, Merkel
- James C. Lain, Hamlin
- Mrs. Laura Carter, Merkel
- Mrs. John Hipp, Blackwell
- Mrs. Beryl Skidmore, Merkel
- Mrs. Robert Stephan, Tye
- Mrs. Nettie Cole, Tye
- Mrs. R. I. Jackson, Merkel
- Paul Jones, Merkel
- Marvin Woodward, Anson
- John Rice, Moran, surgery
- Mrs. J. B. Halford, Merkel surgery

NEW ARRIVALS

Rebecca Jean Kinsey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Kinsey, Amarillo, Weighs 7 pounds. Born April 15.

MERKEL WOMEN TO BE DE-PRETTIFIED SOON

The men won't have anything on the women before long. Mayor Fred Starbuck, who was caught in a switch recently when he proclaimed men should grow beards, has redeemed himself for the sake of the women who want a part in celebrating Merkel's Golden Calvacade June 3-9.

He issued this proclamation:

PROCLAMATION FOR SISTER OF THE SWISH
THAT inasmuch as the Good Men of Merkel have so nobly sprouted BUSHY HAIRY OUTGROWTHS in commemoration of the 50th Birthday Anniversary of the City of Merkel.

AND THAT HERETOFORE the feminine citizenry has been permitted to enjoy absolute freedom from any mandatory restraint, I hereby PROCLAIM:

THAT in memory of their Pioneer great grandmothers of yore, ANY AND ALL members of the female sex working or residing within the confines of the City of Merkel SHALL, hereafter from this date until June 9, 1956 refrain from appearing in public or the highways of our century old City while wearing LIPSTICK, ROUGE, EYESHADOW, FOUNDATION CREAM, POWDER, MASCARA, NAIL POLISH, (bith on metatarsal and metacarpal extremities) TINTED OR BLEACHED HAIR HALOS, PERFUME OR JEWELRY, either singly or in matched combinations, without first obtaining the official Cosmetic Permit issued by the Sisters of the Swish. This Beautiful cameo pin and choker will permit the wearers to use the above mentioned feminine emblems.

IT IS FURTHER DECREED THAT this mandate shall be enforced by a special female police force sometimes dressed in readily recognizable police uniforms and at other times in secret.

EVADERS of this mandate shall be turned over to Ye Female Keystone Kops and Ye Awful Judges of Ye Kangaroo Court, there to be sentenced and punished in accordance with the Magnitude of their offenses.

GIVEN UNDER My Hand and Seal:

Signed FRED STARBUCK
Mayor of Merkel, Texas

Merkel Splits Two Games In Week; Rotan Next

The Merkel Badgers split two games during the week's opening play in district 15-B, whipping Hamlin, 13-1, and losing to Haskell, 12-9.

The Badgers will face another tough one Friday night when they play Rotan here. Rotan was the league's favorite team.

Bary Scott, who hurled two-hit ball against Hamlin, will start for the Badgers against Rotan.

In the Hamlin game Robert McLeod and Kermit Rutledge led the attack, McLeod getting three for five and Rutledge two for four.

Against Haskell, Rutledge and Scott each hit home runs, but it wasn't enough to pull out a victory. McLeod started on the mound and was relieved in the fourth by Scott, with Manly Denton catching both games. The Rotan game starts at 7:45 p.m.

Palmer Resigns As Lions Prexy

Nolan Palmer, Pontiac dealer, resigned as president-elect of the Lions club this week, and Dr. Warren has been elevated to the position from first vice president.

Waymon Adeock was elevated to first vice president, Herman Carson to second vice president and Carroll Benson was selected as third vice president to fill the vacancy.

EXPERIMENT FARM DUE NEAR MERKEL; LOCATION FOUND

Establishment of an experimental farm near Merkel by the Texas Research Foundation was disclosed Tuesday at the Lions club by Booth Warren, president of the F. and M. National bank, one of the participants in the plan.

Officials of the Texas Research Foundation a non-profit organization, have visited Merkel in recent weeks, and selected this area out of the vast West Central Texas area.

Another experimental farm probably will be set up at Muleshoe, in the irrigated part of West Texas, but this farm will handle only irrigated farm experiments.

Warren estimated that the Research foundation would spend some \$25,000 to \$50,000 in the next five years on a 10-acre plot on the Hollis McCoy farm, south of Merkel on the farm-to-market road.

"There experiments will be for sorghums, grains and row crops in dry land," Warren explained. "The information obtained will be available to

Jack L. Smith Installed As VFW Commander

New officers were installed at the Veterans of Foreign Wars last Thursday night, with J. W. Cole, senior vice commander of the department of Texas, as the installing officer.

Jack L. Smith was installed as the new commander, succeeding R. D. Ely.

Luncheon was served by the ladies auxiliary immediately after the installation of officers. Other officers are: Jack L. Smith, commander; Senior vice commander, Eric Anderson; Junior vice commander, O. R. Gladden; quartermaster, Edsel Church; post adjutant, Mr. Matthews; post chaplain, Johnnie Brooks; post surgeon, Bill Perry; trustees, 3 years, Bryan Murphy, 2 years, Clayton Doan, 1 year, R. D. Ely.

The VFW meets second Thursday in every month. The club membership is open to all eligible overseas services personnel.

Ladies interested in joining the auxiliary should contact Mrs. Bill Perry.

Merkel Sends Students To League Literary

Five students from Merkel High have qualified to enter the Interscholastic League Meet which is being held in Brownwood at Howard-Payne College, this Friday and Saturday.

They earned the right to compete in this meet by winning the District Meet first places at Roscoe on April 7th. In the Extemporaneous Speaking contest, will be Charlton Earp and Bette Smith; Boys Poetry Reading, Errol Rutledge; Ready Writers Contest will have Charles Curb and Sarah Salter.

Other students who represented Merkel High in the District Meet were: Poetry Reading; Imogene Thomas; Senior Girl's Declaration; Chera Corder and Sue Mewborn; Typewriting; Margaret Chancey and Jerry Russell; Short-hand, Betty Chancey and Johnnie Tipton.

Mrs. Lucy Haynes is the coach and sponsor of the students who are competing in the Regional Meet.

Mrs. Huff Home After Long Seige

Mrs. Charlie Huff has returned to her home after being confined for the past six and one-half months as the result of injuries suffered in a traffic accident near Russellville, Ark.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Stamford of Odessa are announcing the arrival of Phillip Jack, on April 11, 1956, weight nine pounds. The maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Huff, and the paternal grandmother is Mrs. Earl Stamford.

all farmers, and should be beneficial." McCoy made available acres on his farm adjacent to market road for experiment. The Texas Research Foundation operated a larger experimental farm in south Texas, and in Merkel will be a part of experimental farm. The foundation is financed by banks and other individuals interested in promotion of better farming methods. "Merkel is fortunate in being selected for this experiment over all of west Texas," Warren said.



Service Held For Founder Of Trent Bank

Lewis E. Adrain, 80, founder of the Home State Bank of Trent, died at his home near Trent last Thursday, and services for the banking pioneer were held at the Church of Christ in Sweetwater. He had been in ill health for several years.

He was in the dry goods business before moving to Trent in 1903. He retired from the banking business about six years ago.

Mr. Adrain was born June 17, 1875, in Somervell County. He married Ada Copeland in 1899, at Huckabay.

As a youth Mr. Adrain worked on the farm and as an apprentice. In 1895 he moved to Trent with his brother, J. W. Adrain, in the dry goods business. He later moved to George's Creek and went into the retail drug business in 1897, conducting it until 1902.

Survivors include his wife; four daughters, Mrs. J. A. McCleod of Trent, Mrs. Rita Horton of Cloyd, Mrs. Lucille Wilks of Trent, and Mrs. Marjorie Martin of Sweetwater; one brother, A. J. Adrain of California; two sisters, Mrs. Willie Kendall of Winslow, Ariz., and Mrs. Stella Tillman of California, 10 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Service Held For Mrs. Chambless

Funeral for Mrs. B. Chambless, 78, was held at the First Baptist Church here. The Rev. J. W. Adrain, pastor, officiated. Burial will be with Mrs. Chambless in the cemetery.

Mrs. Chambless died about 1:30 a.m. Friday at the Sadler Clinic here.

Born March 6, 1878, in Robertson County, she moved to Taylor County in 1890 and was married Dec. 13, 1893, in Merkel.

Surviving are her husband; two daughters, Mrs. Roy Hunter of Merkel and Mrs. G. N. Reynolds of Trent; one son, Carrol of Aspermont; two sisters, Mrs. C. R. Tittle and Mrs. Ira Moore, both of Merkel; three brothers, Lee Cox of Merkel; Floyd Cox of Carlsbad, N. M., and Jim Cox of Coconino, Calif.; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry E. Allen of Los Alamos, N. M., visited with his grandmother, Mrs. Pick last week. Mr. and Mrs. E. Allen of Los Alamos, N. M., also visited.

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H GRADE ABILENE
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 They first visited the Taylor County Jail where Sheriff Ed Powell showed them many things of interest. Afterwards they went to the Abilene Candy Factory and Ed Stewart showed them how they made peppermint candy. Next they went to the Citizens

National Bank. They saw the main vault and other things very interesting. Next to the Abilene Reporter-News and saw them in the process of printing the paper.
 The adults accompanying the group were, Mrs. Andy Shouse and Mrs. W. R. Cypert. The bus driver was Irl Walker.
 Pupils that went were, Sharon Cypert, Beth Ann Doan, Alan Tittle, Don Williams, Jack Petty, Janie Dudley, Walter Harris, Key Wallace, Mary Beth Newborn, Pat Mattingley, Ruth Corder, Billy

King, Charles O'Daniel, Betty Watson, Joe Don Massey, James Ayers, Fermin Hernandez, Mary Howe, Ronnie Pack, Lupe Duran, Carolyn Windham, John Lozano, Haroldine Reynolds, Pedro Ybarra, and Virgil Abshier.

Mrs. W. T. Sadler and her mother, Mrs. A. R. Booth, left Friday for San Francisco, Calif., to visit Mrs. Booth's daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mashburn. They were accompanied by Mrs. Clyde Bartlett, who will visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sylva, in Vallejo, Calif. They spent Friday night with Mrs. Sadler's daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Haynes in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Haynes had as their guest over the week-end, Mr. and Mrs. Dock Callaway, Mrs. R. R. Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. Olive Bigham of Breckenridge, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Merritt, Sandy and Jerry, Mrs. Berritt Ross, and two children.

Speaking of women's costumes, the end frequently does not justify the jeans.

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CLOSE OF BUSINESS APRIL 10, 1956

RESOURCES	
Loans	\$ 584,308.41
Overdrafts	173.18
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	6,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	2,500.00

AVAILABLE CASH AND QUICK ASSETS:	
CCC Certificates of Interest	\$ 590,814.94
United States Bonds and Securities	1,000,000.00
Other Bonds and Warrants	584,950.34
Cash and Due from Banks	726,267.61

Total	\$ 2,902,032.89
Total	\$ 3,495,014.48

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 100,000.00
Surplus	100,000.00
Undivided Profits	45,044.41
DEPOSITS	3,249,970.07

Total	\$ 3,495,014.48
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The above statement is correct.

George T. Moore, Cashier

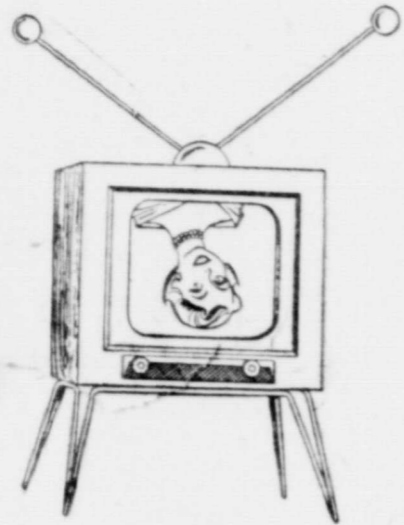
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TENNESSEE
Milk
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BARQ'S ROOT BEER --- 6 bottle Crt. --- 29c
DOUBLE COLA (Plus Dep) --- 6 bottle Crt. --- 1c
BOTH FOR --- 30c

Hunt's --- 46-oz. Can
TOMATO JUICE --- 25c

Our Value --- 303 Can
GREEN BEANS --- 2 for 25c

Sun Spun --- Peach or Apricot 12-oz. glass
PRESERVES --- 2 for 45c

Pick-L-Barrel Dill
PICKLES --- qt. 39c

Kraft's --- 8-oz. Bottle
FRENCH DRESSING --- 19c

Chicken of Sea **TUNA** --- can 29c

Carnation --- 8 qt. size
DRY MILK --- 69c

Our Value --- 303 Can
TOMATOES --- 2 for 25c

White Swan --- 46-oz. Can
GRAPEFRUIT JUICE --- 25c

SLICED
BACON
Pound
33¢

DRESSED
FRYERS
Pound
37¢

Assorted
LUNCH MEATS --- lb. 49c

CHUCK
ROAST
Pound
37¢

Gooch's Skinless
WEINERS
Pound
29¢

ARMOUR'S VEGETOLE
SHORTENING --- 3 lb. Ctn. 69c

GOLD METAL
FLOUR --- 10 lb. bag 93c

WHITE SWAN INSTANT
COFFEE --- 2 oz. jar 45c

Sunshine
CRACKERS --- lb. box 25c

Lipton's **TEA** --- 1/4 lb. box --- 39c

Church's --- 24-oz. Bottle
GRAPE JUICE --- 29c

Assorted Flavors
KOOL ADE --- 6 pkgs. 25c

Pine Grove --- No. 1 Can
CORN --- 5 for 29c

FRUITS - VEGETABLES

Golden **BANANAS** --- lb. 10c

Delicious **APPLES** --- lb. 15c

Texas **GRAPEFRUIT** --- bag 35c

Yellow **SQUASH** --- lb. 12 1/2c

Yellow **ONIONS** --- lb. 5c

FROZEN - FOODS

Libby's --- 6-oz. Can
LEMONADE --- 2 for 35c

Donald Duck --- 6-oz. Can
ORANGE JUICE --- 2 for 35c

Thomas --- 10-oz. pkg.
STRAWBERRIES --- 25c

Libby's Chopped **Broccoli** --- pkg. 19c

Cape An **PERCH** --- 1 lb. pkg. 39c

PUREX --- qt. 15c

Borden's
BISCUITS
Can
10c

VANILLA WAFERS
25c Cello Bag
2 for
35c

Dromedary
ANGEL FOOD
MIX
Box --- 39c

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Giant --- 69c



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Time to Plan Summer Pasture

Summer temporary pastures should form a very important part of the year-round grazing or pasture program on the farms and ranches of the state. E. M. Trew, extension pasture specialist, says good summer temporary pastures just don't happen. They must be planned well in advance and the same care given to seedbed preparation, seeding the right plants and fertilization as is used in connection with other cash crops.

Such pastures will permit a resting period for permanent pastures, provide grazing when permanent pastures are on the decline, and provide a means for building up feed reserves.

Sudangrass, says Trew, is the best bet in most areas of the state. It can be planted anytime after the danger of frost is past and until the supply of moisture becomes short in the summer. From one to two acres should be planted for each animal unit. Row plantings are best for grazing but broadcast or close drilled plantings will produce the most hay if it is to be cut only once, says Trew.

Row plantings should be made at the rate of 7 to 10 pounds of seed an acre while 20-25 pounds is recommended for broadcast or close drilled plantings. Staggered plantings made at intervals of two to four weeks may extend the grazing season until late fall. The different plantings should be fenced separately in order to get maximum production.

Two varieties of this old favorite are generally available in the state. Common is widely grown but may be damaged by leaf diseases in the humid regions of state. Sweet carries some leaf disease resistance and may outyield common in humid seasons.

Trew recommends rotation grazing for getting the most from summer pastures but this should be planned for now. Production can be increased and quality of the forage kept high by rotation grazing. Old stems should be removed after grazing to keep new growth coming. Growth not utilized by grazing should be used for hay or silage.

A soil test made well ahead of planting will show what plant foods should be applied at seeding time. Side-dressing with 30 pounds of nitrogen an acre after each time the sod is grazed down or cut, for as long as the plants are growing and moisture is available, will produce big dividends.

Trew says pearl millet, one of the sandy, acid soils of East Texas, outproduces sudan. He recommends a visit with the local county agent for those who desire detailed information on summer pastures for their particular section of the state.

Here's Tip On How to Keep Slender

Any weight watchers in your family? — If so, you, the cook, can be a big help by planning and preparing foods to cut calories.

Here are some suggestions offered by Extension foods and nutrition specialists:

Use non-fat, dry milk solids for cooking. Reconstituted dry milk solids heated and combined with vegetable liquors are good in soups.

Keep desserts simple... Serve fresh fruits or canned and frozen fruits packed in water or juice — not syrup.

Roast or oven or pan-broil meats, poultry and fish instead of frying in fat. Avoid "breading" and use of batters on foods. Trim extra fat from the meat.

Serve salad materials plain — or use low-calorie seasonings or salad dressings. These can be made with tomato juice, herbs, and lemon juice or vinegar.

Prepare food without added fat,

sugar or flour whenever tempt appetites with spices instead of rich sauces and gravies.

Serve low-calorie items for nibbling or appetizers. Try cabbage wedges, carrot sticks, other low-calorie vegetables and fruits.

Avoid high fat foods such as cream, butter, gravies, sauces, nuts, potato chips, oil, pastries, rich salad dressing; sweet foods such as cakes and cookies; rich puddings, candies, fountain drinks and sundaes, carbonated drinks and alcoholic beverages; and starchy foods, such as macaroni, dry peas and beans.

Replacement Increases Cost For Flocks

Flock replacement costs, determined by pullet costs and rate of lay, next to feed are the largest expense item in producing eggs. Therefore, says Ben Wormeli, extension poultry husbandman, the cost of producing pullets is a major consideration in a successful poultry operation.

Generally, points out Wormeli, pullet costs are figured on the basis of the number of days required for the flock to reach 50 percent production. At this rate of lay the pullet will normally pay a return over the cost of feed. In the 1955-56 Texas Random Sample Test the pullets averaged 172 eggs (24 1-2 weeks) of age when they reached 50 percent egg production. The range of entries tested was from 157 to 181 days.

Wormeli estimates the major costs of producing pullets at about 52.16 per bird. He breaks the figures down this way: 10 pullets \$66 (extras to provide 10 percent mortality); feed \$25 for labor and the same for other costs other than feed, chicks and labor. Thus \$216 would be needed to get 100 pullets at the stage of 50 percent production. The costs will vary, he adds, depending upon prices and practices of individual poultrymen. A high figure will make the replacement cost per dozen of eggs high during the laying year.

Excessive mortality of feed wastage during the pullet growing period must be avoided if costs are to be kept low, says Wormeli. He advises a "healthy" diet, avoiding "off-conditions" and recommends immediate diagnosis and corrective treatment to prevent serious disease or parasite troubles.

Wasted feed is money thrown away. Provide at least four inches of water space per bird after two weeks and keep the feed level at least two inches below the lip of a trough. Keep the feeders shoulder high to the pullets as they grow, advises Wormeli.

Plenty of good clean water is a must. Pullets will drink three pounds of water for every pound of feed consumed. Water trough space should be at least a sixth of the total space. An inch per bird is not enough during hot weather, says Wormeli, the ultimate water hen depends on how much and cheap the pullets are produced.

GOODMAN & D. MET WIFE'S REDDIN

The Goodman Home Demonstration Club met in the home of Mrs. Dug Reddin April 9. The president, Mrs. H. H. Windham called the meeting to order.

Mrs. Dan Butler led in prayer. Mrs. Cal McAninch led the recreation. Mrs. Karl Bonneaux called the roll which was answered with a "Time Saver". She also read the minutes of the last meeting.

A short business meeting was held. The club decided to meet at the Community Center, Wednesday, April 25, to clean up the grounds and do repair work on the chairs.

Mrs. G. C. Blair and Mrs. Windham gave the program on "Meals from the Freezer," which was very interesting.

There were eight members present and one visitor. The next meeting will be with Mrs. W. Tiner.

Secret pals will be revealed.

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Woman Is Dead

Funeral for Mrs. C. W. Clark, 68, of Lampasas, former Abilene, Tex., who died Wednesday in Lampasas, was held Thursday in Lampasas.

Graveside rites were held Thursday in Elmwood Memorial Park in Abilene with Dr. Mildred A. Jenkins, pastor-emeritus of the First Baptist Church, in charge.

Mrs. Clark was the widow of the former operator of the Abilene Laundry Co. She moved to Coleman in 1948, and to Lampasas two years ago.

Survivors include a brother, C. R. Simmons of Sweetwater; a sister, Mrs. S. J. Mathis of Lampasas; a nephew, Jack Simmons, 1418 Elmwood Dr.; and two nieces, Mrs. John Bassett, 2225 Moore St., and Mrs. C. G. Sewell of Merkel.

STITH COMMUNITY HAVE GAME NIGHT

There will be a game night, Friday, April 20, at the Stith Community Center.

Anyone in the community wishing to play, bring card tables and dominos.

Mrs. Ida Musgraves of Ft. Worth is the house guest of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Hendrix, for an indefinite time.

TRENT HIGH SCHOOL TO GIVE SENIOR PLAY

The Trent High School Senior Class is to present their Senior play "Where's the Fire?"

A three-act comedy by Ruth Kimball on Friday night, April 20, at 7:30 p.m.

Admission is 25 and 50 cents. All children under school age will be admitted free.

The cast is as follows: Grandma Carter, Kay Beasley Sylpha Nesbit, Karen Hood Joan Carter, Judy Steadman Herbert Carter, John Stowe John Smith, Morris Claborn Hazel Tildy, Thelda Hammer Bill Harrison, Jerry Horton the Electrician, Jerry Williams

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our thanks and appreciation for the sympathy and loving kindness shown us in our sorrow of the sudden passing away of our beloved wife and mother.

We pray God's richest blessing on everyone.

W. L. DAVIS and children.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our appreciation to our friends, neighbors, Doctors, and nurses, whose help, kindness and sympathy, has helped us so much to bear the loss of our dear wife, mother, and grandmother.

May God's richest blessings be yours.

The Chambless Family.

Pancake Supper At Noodle Due

There will be a pancake supper at the Noodle School Cafeteria, Tuesday evening, April 24. Serving will begin at 6 p.m. and will continue to 8 p.m.

The proceeds will go to help support the Eighth Grade Banquet and the Athletic teams.

The price will be 75 cents for all the pancakes you can eat plus one box of Pillsbury Pancake Mix to each customer.

Musical entertainment will be furnished during the supper.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Simmons of Sweetwater, Mrs. Walter Knight and Mrs. Jessie Spins of Tyler and Mrs. Myrtle Tomlinson of Dallas were guests in the home of Rev. and Mrs. C. G. Sewell and daughter, Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Simmons are the parents of Mrs. Sewell and the other guests are cousins.

Noodle Sends Students to Regional Meet

Seven high school students will be competing in Literary Events in Brownwood, Saturday, April 21. These students earned this trip by winning first and second places in the district meet held at Lawn on April 6.

The following is a list of the students and their respective events:

Number Sense: 1st place — Don Brown; 2nd place Morris Chancey. Extemporaneous Speech: 1st place, Judy Spurgin.

Typing: 2nd place, Frankie Spurgin.

Declamation: 2nd place, Melba Carter.

Poetry Reading: 1st place, Senior Boys Division, Kenneth Alford. 1st place, Senior Girls Division, Jeanette Lucas.

Don't Faint, That Stuff Was Rain

That stuff you saw falling Wednesday afternoon was identified by the weatherman as rain, a wet-like substance that generally makes the pavement wet and crops grow.

Vehicle Wanted For Use In Delivery

Sealed bids for the furnishing of a Panel Type Vehicle, without driver, on an hourly basis, for use in the city delivery service, for

the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1956 will be received by the Postmaster at Merkel until 2 p.m. April 25, 1956.

Any one interested please call at the local post office for further information and forms for bid, stated Postmaster Wrenn Durham.



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We are taking this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude for your enthusiastic interest in our growth and welfare.

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Name

Address

Note: Entries are not to be sponsored by any club or business firm. The contest is not a beauty contest nor a bathing beauty revue.

Temporary Substitute City Carrier Wanted

A temporary Substitute City carrier is wanted for work as a City Carrier during the absence of the regular carrier on sick or annual leave. Any one interested please contact Postmaster Wrenn Durham for proper form of application.

Mrs. S. D. Simpson is visiting her son, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Simpson and Jimmy for an indefinite time.

Mrs. Mae Williams of Abilene was dinner guest of Mrs. Blanche Campbell, Sunday.



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NOTATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Dorothy Luna, Defendant,
Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COM-
MANDED to appear before the
Honorable 42nd District Court of
Taylor County at the Courthouse
thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by fil-
ing a written answer at or before
10 o'clock A. M. of the first Mon-
day next after the expiration of
thirty-two days from the date of
issuance of this citation, same
being the 7th day of May A. D.
1956, to Plaintiff's Petition filed
a said court, on the 28th day
of Aug. A. D. 1954, in this cause,
numbered 20,035-A on the docket
of said court and styled Tony
Terrosia Luna, Plaintiff, vs. Dor-
othy Luna, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature
of this suit is as follows, to-wit:
Plaintiff and Defendant were
married on or about January 9,
1945 and became permanently
separated soon after.

judicated and no children born
of said marriage.

Plaintiff sues for divorce on
grounds of excess outrages and
cruel treatment, as is more fully
shown by Plaintiff's Petition on
file in this suit.

If this citation is not served
within ninety days after the date
of its issuance, it shall be return-
ed unserved.

The officer executing this writ
shall promptly serve the same and
the mandates hereof, and make
due return as the law di-
rects.

Issued and given under my
hand and the seal of said court
at Abilene, Texas, this the 22nd
day of March, A. D. 1956.

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

COMPERE H. D. CLUB
MEETS WITH MRS. PISTOLE

The Compere Home Demon-
stration Club met March 22 in the
home of Mrs. W. E. Pistole, for
their regular meeting. Mrs. H. R.
Chancey, club president had
charge of the business session.

Mrs. Ray offered the prayer
and Mrs. Pistole directed the
recreation.

Roll call was answered with
"A Garden Suggestion." Mrs. Rey,
secretary, read the minutes and
gave the finance report.

Mrs. Vernon Stanley gave the
council report. In her report she
stated that two new 4-H Clubs
had been organized making a total
of eleven in the county. Mrs.
Harvey is running for State
Secretary. Members were asked to
attend District 7 meeting at
Sweetwater.

A tea is planned for May 2, at
4:30 p.m. at the woman's club
house in Abilene in observance
of National Home Demonstration
Week.

The Food leaders, Mrs. Stanley
and Pistole gave the program on
"Summer Salads." They prepared

and served Tomato Aspic, Perfection
Salad, and Cherry Coke Salad
with Ritz crackers, Brownie
squares and spiced tea to Mrs.
Chancey, Stanley, Pistole and
Christy Touchstone.

The hostess gift went to Mrs.
Chancey.

The next meeting will be with
Mrs. Vernon Stanley Wednesday
April 11 instead of Thursday 12.
The programs will be "meals from
the freezer" by the food leaders.
The Noodle 4-H Club girls will
give a demonstration at this meet-
ing on "Chocolate Mint Tower."

ERNEST TEAFFS HONORED
WITH HOUSE WARMING

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Teaff were
given a surprise house warming
Friday evening, March 23, by
friends and relatives that gather-
ed at their new home five miles
northeast of Merkel.

After the gifts were viewed,
cookies and punch were served to
Mrs. Vernon Mansfield, Mack and
Cathy, Merkel, Mr. and Mrs. Har-
old Teaff, Abilene, Rev. and Mrs.
T. C. Melton and Debbie, Anson.

Mrs. J. O. McMinn, Mr. and Mrs.
Dee Teaff, Mr. and Mrs. Walter
Teaff, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde New-
ton and Louise, Mr. and Mrs. M.
H. Ely, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hart-
ely, Holland and Selena Teaff.

Merkel.
Mr. and Mrs. Arch Teaff, Mr.
and Mrs. Leroy Teaff, Nancy, Jack
and Larry, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny
Teaff, Mike and Steve, Garland
Teaff and Loneita, Mr. and Mrs.
Bernell Teaff, Lary and Debbie,
Tye.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred McMinn and
Tommy, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Taylor,
Terri and Douglas, Mr. and Mrs.
Cecil Jones and Billy, Miss Frank-
ie Stephens, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur
Newton, Linda and Kay, Mr. and
Mrs. Randall Story, Mr. and Mrs.
Morris Young and Aubrey, Mr.
and Mrs. Eldon Roberts, Mr. and
Mrs. R. D. Hay, Betty Lou and
Suzanne, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Smith
and David, L. L. Teaff and Miss
Earlene King, Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Teaff,
Wienert, and Mr. and Mrs. Will
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Choice Beef
Off 9c Pound

During the last quarter of 1955,
the farm value of choice grade
beef was down an average of nine
cents a pound, while the retail price
dropped only 3.50 cents a
pound.

A beef study by the U. S. De-
partment of Agriculture shows
that the difference between what
the farmer receives for U. S.
choice grade beef on the hoof
and what the consumer pays for
the meat has fluctuated widely
during the seven years 1949-1955.

Retail prices remained relative-
ly stable during the latter half of
1954 when farm cattle prices were
rising, and during 1955 when
farm prices generally declined.
Marketing margins, therefore,
narrowed substantially below the
long-run average in the latter
half of 1954. In 1955, however,
they widened markedly, exceed-
ing the high levels of 1953. The
comparisons are based on the
price of a pound of beef at retail
and the price of its equivalent
weight of 2.16 pounds in the
live animal.

Marketing margin is the dif-
ference in price received by the
livestock producer and that paid
by the consumer.

During 1955 the spread be-
tween the farm marketing price
and the retail marketing price
was about five cents a retail
pound more than at the start of

the seven year period. In the last
quarter of 1955, the margin was
27 percent wide than in the same
quarter of 1954.

A series of studies is now un-
der way in the Department of Ag-
riculture dealing with the cost of

processing and distributing food.

This particular report, Beef Mar-
keting Margins and Costs, publi-
cation 710, analyses the trend of
prices and margins for U. S.
choice grade beef at different

stages in marketing process.

The report states that fluctua-
tions in dollar margins come a-
bout because cattle and beef prices
do not maintain a fixed relation-
ship to one another at any
point in the marketing channel.

MERKEL AND RURAL COMMUNITY

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to increase the yield
of useful products
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already supplied you.

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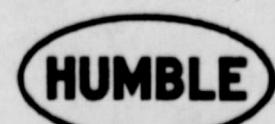
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**GOODMAN H. D. CLUB
MET WITH MRS. PHILLIPS**

The Goodman Home Demonstration Club met at the Club Center with Mrs. Phillips as hostess. Mrs. Douglas Reddin was in charge of the recreation. The

council report was given by Mrs. Frank Carter. Mrs. Phillips resigned as reporter, and Mrs. Mark Williamson was elected as the new reporter.

An oven meal was prepared by Mrs. G. C. Blair and Mrs. Ted Windham. There were nine members present. The next meeting will be April 13, in the home of Mrs. Douglas Reddin.

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A businessman, phoning an associate at home, was answered by a child. "Tell him that Mr. Brown called," he said.

"Wait till I get a pencil and paper," the child replied, then, "How do you spell Brown?" "B-R-O," the man began. Then there was a labored silence. Finally the difficulty was explained. "How," asked the child, "do you make a 'B'?"

A UNIQUE JOKE

"What do you think of our little college town?" asked the student.

"It certainly is unique," answered the visitor.

"What do you mean by unique?" Replied the visitor: "It's from the Latin 'unus' meaning one and 'equus' meaning horse."

CORRECT SPELLING

The school teacher was taking her first golfing lesson. Is the word spelled 'put' or 'putt'?" she asked the instructor.

"'Putt' is correct," he replied. "Put' means a place to a thing where you want it. 'Putt' means merely a vain attempt to do the same thing."

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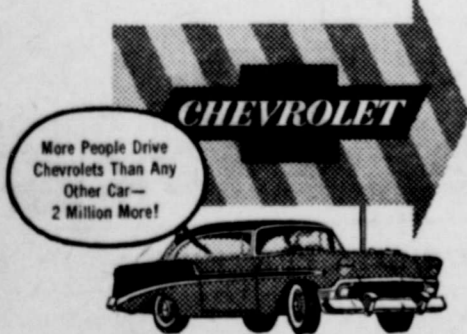
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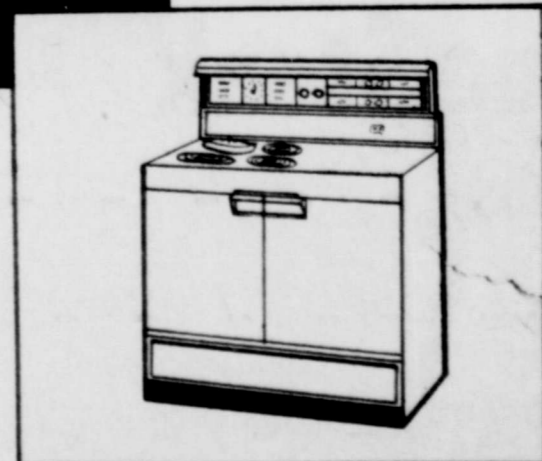
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CHOICE BEEF
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- LUNCH MEAT** - - - - lb. 49c
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