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During our many past years in the newspaper business, and more especially as a reporter, we have been called upon to witness elections of criminals, hob-nob inside an insane asylum, follow-up political office seekers, live on the poor farm, cover tornadoes and storms, and ride the river in a flooded creek and cover murder trials as well as spicy divorce proceedings.

But during all of this time, we had not had the privilege of sitting in a beauty shop, of all things, until last weekend, when we were in Dallas, trying to get some parts for our machinery. It happened in the most unusual manner, and the many of our experiences, it was entirely new to us, and frankly, we don't see how the women can stand to spend so much of their time just sitting around in a beauty parlor.

As we walked down the street with our beard, some of the tiny tots would stand by mother's side and point "look at that." Well, not being the kind to get embarrassed too much, we would turn around and look too, but we never did see anything to get alarmed about.

Then we were invited out to dinner at Oak Cliff, where Ellen Parker, a friend of ours from Oklahoma, owns one of Dallas' stylish beauty shops. She thought our beard didn't show up quite as well as it should, since most of it was rather light. So, she said she would fix us up. I didn't realize what I was getting into, so I volunteered for this dangerous duty of going to a beauty shop.

First thing she put us back in one of those reclining chairs, and that felt pretty comfortable. Then, after she got us tied down good and solid, she threatened to dye our head red . . . and boy, what a character that would have made. While we were waiting for the worst, she decided to give us a shampoo, probably is some kind of cow dip. We don't know what kind of bugs she found, but whatever she used, it must have killed them.

All of a sudden, she came upon us with a bottle full of black stuff that was so full of ammonia that it almost made our eyes pop out with a brush that was like a paste-pot brush, but looked like a broom to us, she swished across under my nose, and the way I went. Did you ever take a big whiff of ammonia? Well, brother, that was enough.

"Hold on that pardner," she explained, "I've just started, and you dno' want to go out of here looking like a striped zebra."

Well, at that time I didn't care whether I looked like a zebra or not, but the operator took another swath at my whiskers, and soon she had been almost put out. My whiskers were black, all right, but they looked like someone had taken a bucket of blue and put on them.

"Now, is that the way you would dye some one's hair," I inquired as the odor of the ammonia racked my head. "That's right," Elan replied, "wonder how women can stand to get a change of look in their hair."

Then she took a big hose, and started washing off my whiskers, so they'd look better. She finally got the gluey stuff out, and there I was — all in fun. So I said, well, we've seen how you can change the color, now let's wash them out. "Oh," she exclaimed, "you can do that." And sure enough, they're still black.

But they were ragged, and Elan started cutting my whiskers. "This is the first time in my years of beauty shopping that I've ever trimmed a man's whiskers," she said.

"Well," I replied, "this is the first time I've been treated like a corpse in a beauty shop, too."

Well, boys, I tell you, if your whiskers don't sparkle, just don't bother, they'll look ok anyway.

Mr. and Mrs. Waymon Adeock Andria and Gary spent this past Sunday viewing cleaning machinery in Lubbock, Texas.

Queens Are Ready to Run For Their Title

Who will be "Miss Merkel, the Golden Queen?" Everyone around Merkel was wondering about this as the Queen's Contest got under way last week.

She will reign as queen of the Golden Cavalcade. The contest began that will be given away right of the celebration, June 4th thru the 9th. The lucky girl will also be a guest of honor at all luncheons, dinners and other functions of the week, but her big prize will be an all-expense trip to Mexico for an entire week.

At a meeting called by Helen Benson, Chairman of the Queen's Committee last week in the library of the Merkel Elementary School, the girls were given the rules of the contest. Mr. Onis Crawford, the active chairman for the Jubilee committee, gave a short talk to the girls and then introduced Zack Waters, the representative of the John B. Rogers Producing Company, who are staging the celebration. Mr. Waters then went into the details of the contest, prizes and the important factor that these young ladies could be successful or not.

The Queen's Contestants are: Wanda Marie Hewitt; Marilyn Liles; Wanda Bradley; Rojean Hicks; Mrs. Frankie Spurgin; DeLois Benson; Peggy Bond, a student at Hardin-Simmons; Rebecca Annette Ray; Imogene Thomas; and KayLynn Perry.

Each contestant is selling coupons that the purchasers save on in the exchange of any type seats for the week-long pageant. The girls also are given bonus votes for the early weeks of the sale. The sooner they make their sales the higher the bonus they will receive. No one, other than the Jubilee auditor will know WHO "Miss Merkel" is until the night of the Coronation, Friday, June 1st. This will take place at the Community House and arrangements are being made for it by the VFW.

The Jubilee Headquarters (now located at 940 North 2nd St.) announced that of those girls who reported before the weekly deadline of noon this Monday Anna Marie Hewitt had a slight lead, Wanda Bradley and Peggy Bond were tied for second place, Rojean Hicks was in third, Rebecca Ray in fourth and Marilyn Liles in fifth place. The girls will receive an extra 20 per cent bonus on all completely sold books that are turned in before noon Monday, May 14th — the halfway mark in the contest.

Assisting Mrs. Benson are Mrs. Andy Shouse, Mrs. Ben Hicks, Mrs. Geo. T. Moore, of the Fort-nightly Study Club, Mrs. A. B. Allen, Mrs. Robert T. Hodge, Mrs. Mack Fisher, Mrs. Nathan Woods of the Garden Club, Mrs. Dale Litton, Mrs. Horace Har-grove, Mrs. Holt Vaughn of the Sorority Club, Mrs. Don Warren, Mrs. Lloyd Robertson, Mrs. Jeff Anderson of the Sewing Club, Mrs. Waymond Adeock, Mrs. C. E. Mewborn, and Mrs. Ollie Fox of the Fireman's Auxiliary, Mrs. Weldon McAninch, Mrs. Harry Bullock, Mrs. Horace Boney and Mrs. Dee Grimes of the Chamber of Commerce.

Juniors-Seniors To Hold Dance

The Junior and Seniors have been invited to a dance at the Community Center following the banquet Friday night from 10:30 to 12:00. The dance is sponsored by individuals.

Mrs. Barnett Is Hurt in Wreck

Mrs. A. D. Barnett was seriously injured Saturday afternoon when a car in which she was riding overturned south of Merkel on the farm to market road.

Demonstration at Russon Ranch—

ROOT PLOWING INCREASES YIELD

One Hundred Persons See Grass Seeding

More than 100 persons interested in conservation witnessed the root plowing and grass seeding demonstration on the Tom Russon Ranch, south of Merkel, Tuesday, as examples of how such a program is a success in South Texas was shown.

It was the first time that such a demonstration had been held in this area, and representatives of five soil conservation districts were on hand for the affair.

The demonstration was put on by the Central Texas Machinery Co. and the Middle Clear Fork Soil Conservation District. The conservationists saw how forage production on pasture land could be increased from one-eighth of a ton to nine tons per acre in a single year on rainfall of only 15 inches.

If this plan is followed, it would make one of the most productive areas in the country, even with the small amount of rainfall that has fallen in the Merkel area during the past five or six years.

Plowing of the roots and seeding the grass in the same operation will probably open up a new field for livestock men in the area.

The conservationists were told that pastures which were root plowed and seeded in March, 1955, in South Texas, are producing 18,000 pounds of green grass per acre.

James Domy, work unit conservationist, said this amounted to \$1.44 a ton on root plowed brushland and \$8 a ton on other land.

Domy said that since it takes 100 pounds of grass to produce a pound of beef, the production of these pastures in this area which leases for \$1 per acre per year beef is costing 40 cents a pound to produce.

Three plots were plowed on the Russon ranch Tuesday. The first tract was plowed, but not seeded. The second was plowed and seeded with blue panic and sand lovegrass. Another plot was plowed and seeded with weeping lovegrass, Indian grass, sand lovegrass and blue panic.

About two pounds of seed per acre were sowed. A standard planter box on a D-8 caterpillar with a root plow fed the seed into a pipe connected to the exhaust. Wind from the exhaust scattered the seed on top of the ground behind the root plow.

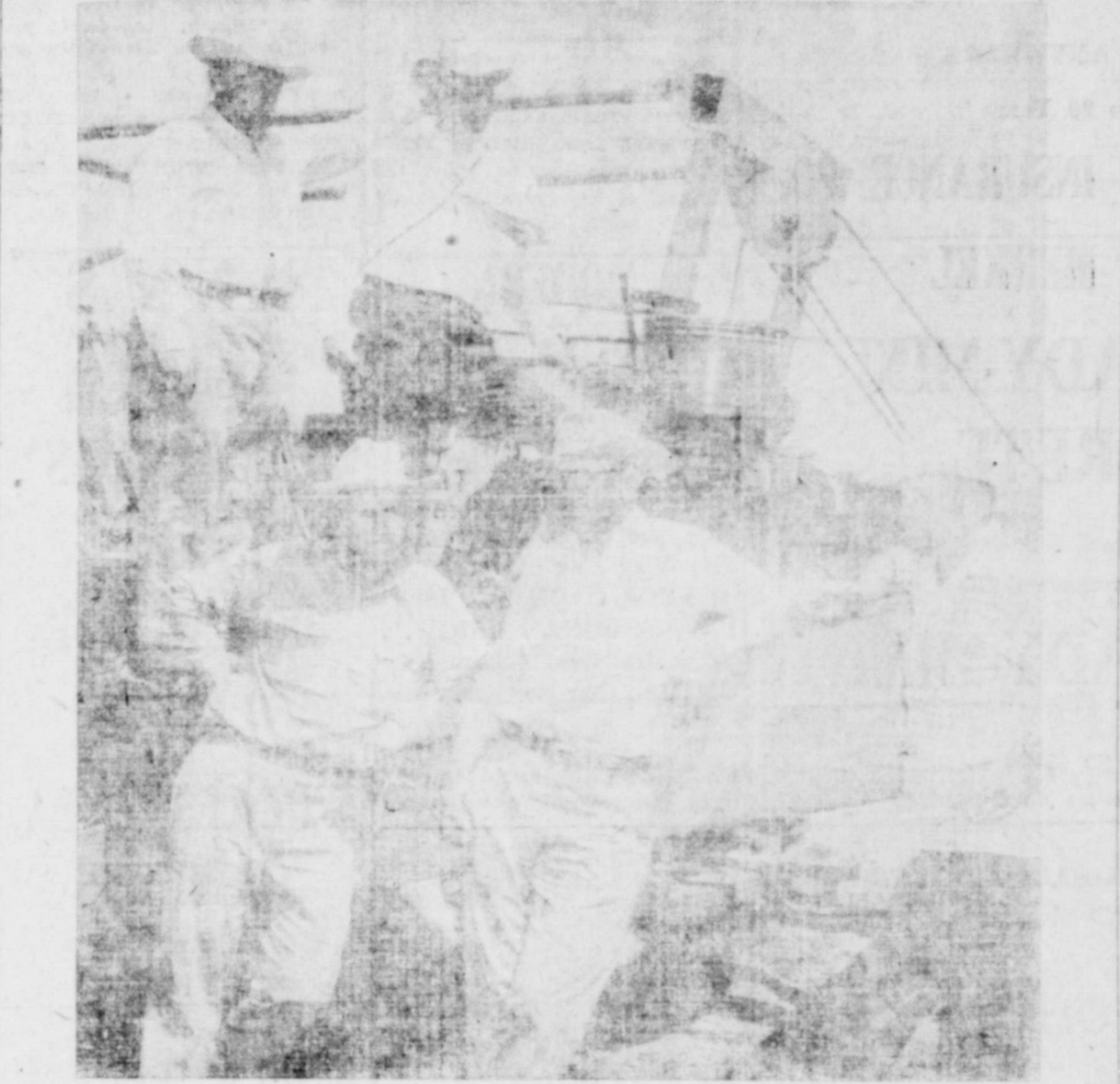
Another field day will be held on the Russon ranch this fall to observe results of the operation.

After the morning session on the Russon ranch, the group moved to the Butman Community Center for a barbecue lunch and range conservation program. Included on the program were talks by Domy; A. H. Jefferies, Taylor County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation office manager; Elmer Foster, area supervisor of the Farmers Home Administration; J. W. Newton, Abilene field representative of the Coleman Production Credit Association; County Agent H. C. Stanley and Booth Warren, president of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank at Merkel.

Jefferies explained that the county Agriculture Conservation Program provides for payments up to 50 per cent of the total cost, not to exceed \$7 an acre. This doesn't include the cost of the seed, which comes under another phase of the ACP program.

Foster said that root plowing and grass seeding would come under the FHA's soil and water conservation loans, which are made to supplement other sources of credit. Newton said that eligible farmers and ranchers could also get loans from the Coleman PCA for root plowing and grass seeding.

See Root Plowing, Pg. 8



ROOT PLOWING AND GRASS-SEEDING DISCUSSION — Tom Russon, Merkel rancher, standing at left on the caterpillar, discusses root plowing and seeding with four friends at the field day on his ranch Tuesday. Standing next to Russon on the "cat" is Dr. F. M. Churchill, head of the agriculture department at Abilene Christian College. On the ground, left to right, are A. J. McCollum of Ovalo, Lem Ray of Abilene, and Jake Hanshaw of Roscoe, foreman of the Dr. T. D. Young ranch.

CASTING THURSDAY CAVALCADE PAGEANT

Mrs. Samuel Doan, chairman of the Casting Committee for the Golden Cavalcade, the month pageant to be given in conjunction with Merkel's Fiftieth Birthday Celebration, announced that a casting call was out for Thursday, May 10th at 7:30 p.m. This will be at the Community Center.

Mrs. Doan pointed out that various clubs, lodges and fraternal organizations had already agreed to take entire scenes and that the schools had been called upon to fill in various other

Churches Will Observe Day During Cavalcade

As one thinks back upon the history of Merkel and the surrounding communities, the ever-present influence of the churches is an outstanding fact.

The pioneers demonstrated their faith by worshipping at first in whatever places they could, then through the building of the churches of many faiths. Our hearts rejoice as we see the important place that religion held in the building of our communities. And we today must continue to hold high the torch of our faith, and let the world know that our religion is an important factor of our community life.

Just as the thought of the church was in the beginning of our communities, so the thought of the church must be in the beginning of our celebration. So the people of Merkel and the surrounding communities are urged to enter into a united effort of Sunday school and church attendance on the "Golden Cavalcade Sunday," June 3rd. Each church is to have its own Sunday school and church services, but we are going to try to have 2,000 present in Sunday school in the various churches of our area that day. Souvenirs will be given to those present.

Rites Held For Mrs. Spears

Funeral was held Wednesday at the First Baptist Church at Killeen for Mrs. H. E. Spears, former Merkel community resident, who died at 9 p.m. Monday at Killeen General Hospital after two years of ill health. She was 55.

A second service was held at 4 p.m. Wednesday at the Star-buck Funeral Home chapel here with the Rev. C. G. Sewell, pastor of the First Baptist Church here, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Mrs. Spears was born Lela Richie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Richie in the Mulberry Canyon community south of here. She left the Merkel community about 30 years ago.

Surviving are three sons, two daughters and nine grandchildren. Meyer and Isadore Mellinger attended the Fall Shoe Convention in Dallas this past week.

DOLLAR DAY FINDS MANY BARGAINS AT LOCAL STORES

Next Tuesday is Dollar Day in Merkel, and it'll be a day of bargains as far as the buyer is concerned.

Whether you want a basketful of groceries, a dress, or a straw hat, it'll pay you to come to Merkel Tuesday for spring's first big Dollar Day.

Look at the ads on the inside pages, and then shop your heart's delight. There's everything from vacuum cleaners, refrigerators, automobiles, clothing and foods listed.

This is the time of year merchants are putting out their off-season merchandise to get ready for summer sticks. You can buy spring dry goods at reduced prices, and you'll find many items that can be used for summer wear.

Don't forget, if you want to save money, shop the Merkel merchants, check the ads against prices in the big city, and then stay home.

Only recently, one person went to the big city to buy a refrigerator on "Special." The next week, it was learned the same refrigerator was on a Merkel merchant's floor for \$40 less. She was stung, and so was the merchant because he hadn't advertised it.

Former Trent Airmen Aboard Giant Bomber

A former Trent high school student who has relatives living in Merkel is a member of the crew which is slated to drop the hydrogen bomb from a B52 superfortress at Eniwetok atoll in the Pacific.

He is Lt. William R. Payne, 29, of Plainview, who grew up in Trent, and is a nephew of C. E. and Andy Shouse and Mrs. Jim Williams, of Merkel.

His parents are Mr. and Mrs. John Payne, who lived in Trent until 1937. They were well known in this area, and Lieutenant Williams has many friends in Merkel and Trent.

He graduated from Southern Methodist University, after graduating from high school in Plainview. He earlier attended the school at Trent.

He served in the U. S. Navy for a while, and then transferred to the air force.

Lt. Williams is a navigator-timer on the plane.

Other members of the crew are: The commander, Maj. David Critchlow, 38, of Sacramento, Calif., pilot, Maj. Charles T. Smith, 36, Pittsburgh, Kan.; navigator-bombardier, Maj. Dwight E. Durner, 37, Charlotte, Mich.; navigator-weaponer, Maj. Floyd A. Amundsen, 36, Grand Forks, N. D.; radar mechanic, Sgt. Richard N. Bingham, 27, Pearisburg, Va.; official observer, Col. Paul R. Wignall, 38, Port Arthur, Texas who also is deputy commander of the aviation group.

The men come from the 4925th Test Group whose home base is Kirtland Field, Albuquerque, N. M. The hydrogen bomber is painted white on all under portions to cut down some of the heat which flashes from the giant bombs at detonation.

The assignment title of navigator-weaponer for Amundsen indicated he would have the delicate job of final assembly of the trigger of the H-bomb in the tense few minutes as the bomber turns on its live run and starts for the target.

Durner pokes the bottom that sends the bomb plummeting.

Luther Land Announces For Constable P. 5

Luther Land has authorized the Merkel Mail to announce his candidacy for reelection as Constable in Precinct 5, subject to the Democratic primary election July 28.

Mr. Land has been Constable in this precinct for several years and has gained wide experience in this field of work. He is honest and efficient in his work, and has carried on his duties according to law.

Mr. Land has lived in Merkel 21 years.

Joyce's to Move To Sweetwater

The Joyce's have announced they are moving their fabric shop to Sweetwater.

The building they are to occupy is being remodeled and will be ready about June 1. They will live in Merkel until they sell their home.

Transfers Due During Month

Transfers into the Merkel school district must be made during May, Mack Fisher, superintendent of schools, announced today.

"The month is about gone," he said, "but we want everyone to know that transfers from one district to another must be made during May."

DOLLAR DAY NEXT TUESDAY

Bagworm Time Has Arrived

The season for bagworms is at hand and the time to effectively control them is while they are small. Extension Entomologist C. F. Garner points out that chemical controls do no good if applied after the worms are grown. The worms hatch in the late

spring or early summer and the larvae feed on the foliage of ornamental plants. The young worms spin a silken sack and attaches bits of leaves to it as it feeds. The bag is carried by the worm wherever it goes and the bag produced by a full grown worm may be from one and a half to two inches long. The female bagworm crawls from the bag and dies after depositing her eggs. The bags should be picked from infested

plants and burned for the eggs for next season's worms go through the winter in the bags. Garner recommends the use of either chlordane or toxaphene as a 10 percent dust. For a spray, he says 40 percent chlordane, emulsion concentrate or toxaphene, 60 percent emulsion, applied at the rate of one to two tablespoons per gallon of water will give good control if used while the worms are small. Lead arsenate used at the rate of one to two tablespoons per gallon of water also is a good spray.

The entomologist suggests that a copy of L-199, Texas Guide for Controlling Insects on Ornamental Plants, be secured from the local county agent. It lists controls for insects which normally cause the home gardener the most trouble.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Walton had as dinner guests Sunday, Mrs. Ruby Daniels and Mrs. Nell Grownemy from Abilene, Texas. After dinner they attended the services of the Church of Christ here.

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Management On Late Planted Crops Needed

Recent rains over much of the state have greatly improved prospects for a cotton crop. The lack of moisture had forced a delay of planting and in some areas crops will be as much as three weeks late, says C. H. Bates, extension farm management specialist.

Growers generally realize, points out Bates, that greater risks are involved with late cotton. Experience last year showed that late planted fields produced below average yields and returned little or no profit. But, he adds, the use of the best know production practices can help close the gap.

Of prime importance are early weed and insect control. The use of the rotary hoe on cotton will

eliminate grass and weed seedlings. This type of cultivation is cheaper than slower row-type cultivation and gets the young cotton off to a fast start, says the specialist. If a rotary hoe isn't available on the farm, Bates suggests renting one from a neighbor or consider a purchase. Spotting for controlling Johnson-grass is also recommended.

Insects must be controlled on late cotton in order to get a set of the first bolls. Early season controls are suggested for the entire acreage if early and frequent checks for insects show that control measures are needed.

Local county agents can supply copies of the 1956 Texas Guide for Controlling Cotton Insects and the information can be most helpful in determining rates, methods of applications and the kinds of materials to use in the insect fight.

Wage the insect battle carefully and effectively on all cotton planted and if credit is needed, Bates believes it can be obtained without difficulty for loaning agencies are interested in seeing a profitable crop produced.



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Eighth Grade Graduation will be Thursday, May 17, at 8:00 p. m. in the High School Auditorium. The valedictorian of the class is Lonnie Ueckert, and the salutatorian is Marilyn Olney. The program will consist of special numbers by members of the graduating class. Special awards for perfect attendance and scholastic achievements will be pre-

sented to students from all grades.

The Baccalaureate service for the Noodle High School will be held in the High School Auditorium May 13, at 11:00 a. m. Processional will be by Myra Patterson and invocation by Hervey Latham. The sermon will be delivered by John Hamilton, Minister of the Noodle Baptist Church. Benediction will be given by Ernest Tate.

ANN'S Regular 7.50 PERMANENTS

5.00 DOLLAR DAY Only

PRINCESS NYLA COSMETICS ANN'S

Noodle School Commencement Set May 18

Commencement exercises for the Noodle High School will be held May 18, 1956, in the High School Auditorium at 8:00 p. m. Graduating with honors are Frankie Spurgin, valedictorian, and Reynold Vancil, salutatorian. Other members of the class are Kenneth Alford, Elva Allred, James Allred, Janice Doan, Gloria Lawlis, Jeanette Lucas, and Clinton Spurgin.

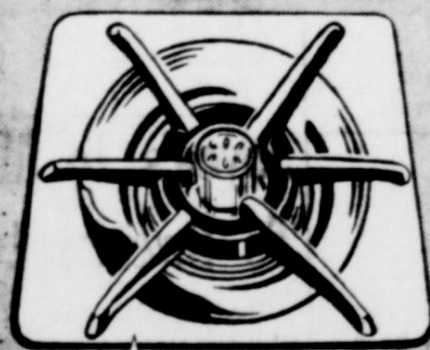
The principal speaker will be Dr. Orval Fillebeck of Abilene Christian College. Myrna Patterson will play processional, Troy Sloan will give the invocation, and special music will be furnished by Betty and Kay Chancey of Merkel. Diplomas will be presented by J. E. Touchstone, retiring president of the Noodle School Board. Special awards will be



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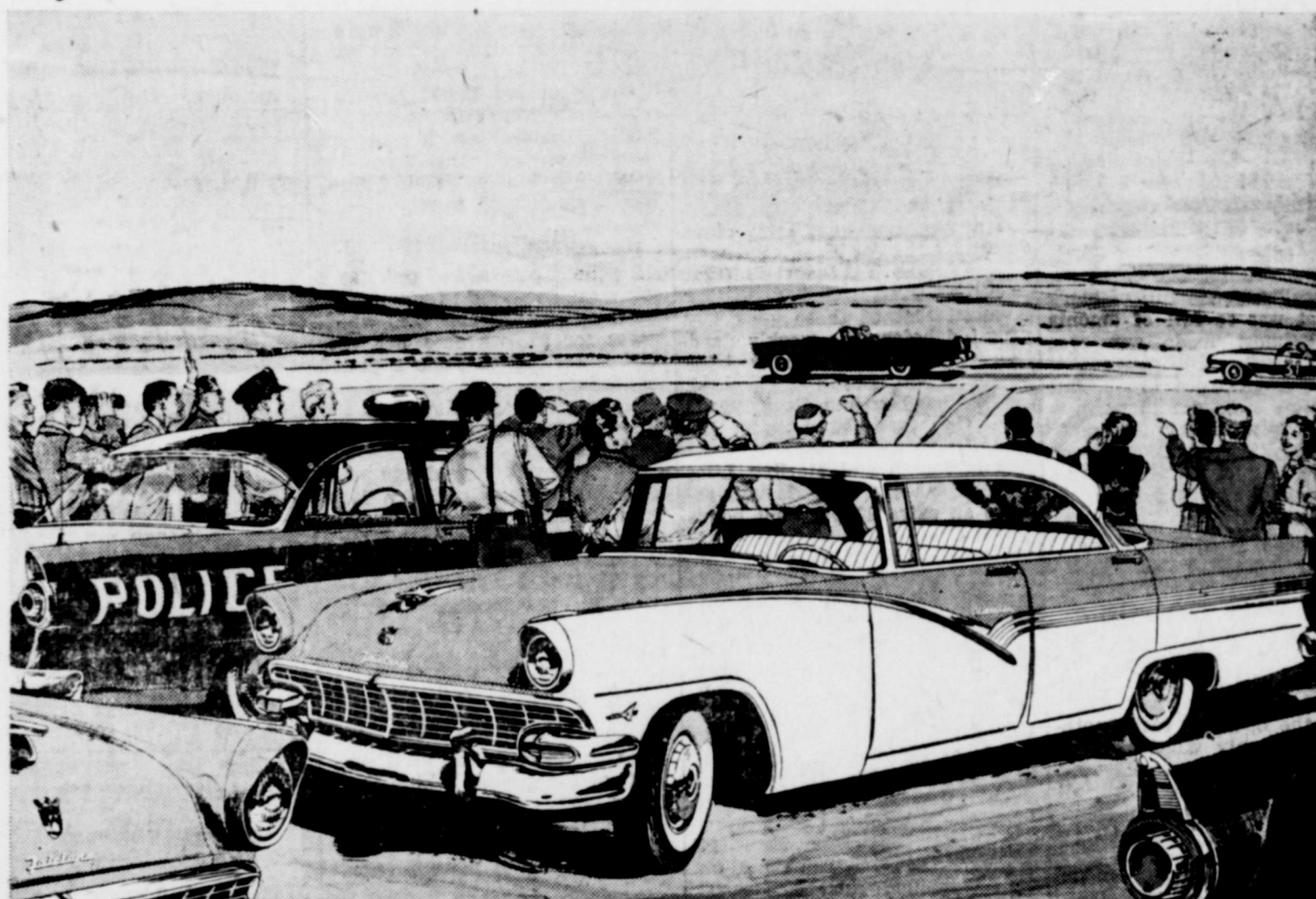
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MENU PLAN for "DAD'S" What to Buy

SLICED HAM—buy ready-to-eat canned ham. You'll need about 1/2 pound per person—but order a large enough ham so there'll be some left over for sandwiches.

How to Prepare: Chill in refrigerator (especially if can instructions say to "keep cool"). Remove from can just before dinner—and slice.

PEAS AND CARROTS—buy the frozen packaged kind. For a family of 4, you'll need 1 package. Read the directions on the package for cooking—and don't overcook!

TOSSED GREEN SALAD—Combine several kinds of salad greens—lettuce, romaine, endive—and mix with chopped green onions. Toss gently with a prepared French dressing and season well. Leave this until the last minute so keep the greens crisp and fresh.

ICE CREAM WITH STRAWBERRIES—Vanilla ice cream would be best—and use frozen strawberries. All you do is let them thaw—they have already been sweetened!

MISS ELVA ALLRED TO MARRY MAY 28

Miss Elva Loyce Allred, daughter of Mrs. C. G. Allred, 1701 South 9th Street, and the late Charles Allred, will become the bride of Carson Eulan Hatfield, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Hatfield, Route 2, Merkel in a double ring ceremony, May 29.

Miss Allred will be a spring graduate of Noodle High School where she was Senior class favorite. Hatfield is a 1955 graduate of Noodle High School, and is presently employed by the Varner-Nutt Drilling Company of Abilene. After a wedding trip to points of interest in New Mexico, the couple will be at home, 1366 Peach Street, Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hayness and son from Albuquerque, New Mexico are visiting their parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Sadler and Mr. and Mrs. Comer Hayness for an indefinite time.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Castle of Lubbock and Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Castle and Sue of Fort Worth were weekend guests in the J. C. Castles home.

Tim Watson, son of E. R. Watson who is of the Church of Christ is in the hospital at Purcell, Okla.

Clint Madderra and son, Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Madderra of Abilene were Sunday guests of their aunt, Mrs. Hugh Campbell.

Political Announcements

NOTICE

All children, boys and girls, between the ages of 4 and 5 by September 1, 1956 who wish to try for Merkel High School pep squad "mascot" during the year of 1956-57, please meet at the high school gymnasium Friday, May 11, 1956, at 12:45 p.m.

Political advertising rates in this column on request.

The following have authorized the Merkel Mail to announce their candidacy for office, subject to the primary election.

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 303 Can
15c

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 Package
29c

MILK - - Tall Can - - 2 for **25c**

Our Darling - 308 Can
CORN - - - - - 2 for **35c**

Sun Spun
OLEO - - - - - lb. **23c**

Armour's - 300 Size
PORK & BEANS - - - 3 for **29c**

Babbit
CLEANSER - - - - 3 cans **29c**

Kraft's Miracle Whip
SALAD DRESSING - - pt. **33c**

Zee Colored
TISSUE - - - - - 4 roll pkg. **33c**

TIDE - DREFT - CHEER - box **29c**

● **MEATS** ●

Fresh Pork Liver - lb. **19c** Dressed **FRYERS** - - - lb. **42c**

Chuck **ROAST** - - - - 37c T-Bone **STEAK** - - - lb. **59c**

Arm **ROAST** - - - lb. **45c** Sliced **BACON** - - - lb. **33c**

● **PRODUCE** ●

Fresh **TOMATOES** - - - - lb. **15c**

Valley **CANTALOPES** - - - each **19c**

New Red **POTATOES** - lb. **10c** Fresh **CORN** - - - 2 ears **15c**

Fresh Green **OKRA** - - - - lb. **17c** Fresh **Blackeye Peas** lb. **12 1/2c**

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STITH NEWS

MRS. W. M. LOFLIN

Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Powell and sons of Ralls, Texas were weekend visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Rogers.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Perry and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Perry, and Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Ofinson of Orange, Texas were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Perry of Tye.

Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Jones were in Amarillo over the weekend visiting Mrs. Jones' two sisters and her sisters from Grand Junction, Colorado, Albuquerque, New Mexico, and DeLeon, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Halford had as guests over the weekend, Mrs. Malford's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Warmack of Rosston, Ark., and her sisters, Mrs. W. H. Tomlin of Camden, Ark., Mrs. H. A. Martin of Fort Worth and Sara Warmack.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ray Browning and children spent the weekend in Oklahoma with Mrs. Browning's mother, Mrs. Murphy.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Insburg and children spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Harris.

Shirley Carey spent the weekend with Shirley Brown.

Linda Toliver spent the weekend with Gayle Harris.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

T.E.L. CLASS MEETS

The T.E.L. Class of the First Baptist Church met in the home of Mrs. L. A. Jackson with Mrs. Dollie Jones as co-hostess.

Mrs. T. J. Bird presided for a short business session. Devotion and prayer was given by Mrs. S. G. Sewell. Miss Selena Teaff

read the minutes. During the business session the orphan homes in Dallas and Indians in Louisiana were discussed.

Punch, cake, and Chinese cookies were served to Mrs. E. H. Thompson, Pick Allen, Earl Lester, T. C. Satterwhite, E. O. Carson, S. G. Sewell, T. J. Bird, A. R. Booth, Fred Baker, Dollie Jones, Hugh Campbell, E. W. King, L. A. Johnson, and Miss Selena Teaff.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. Evert King, June 6, for a covered dish dinner.

GOODMAN H.D. CLUB

HOLDS COVERED DISH

The Goodman Home Demonstration Club had a covered-dish supper at the Goodman Community Center Saturday night, May 5th in observance of National Home Demonstration Week.

The first of the week the women met and had a spring house and yard cleaning. Some of the women painted inside while some cleaned yard.

Mrs. Karl Gonneux had charge of the program after supper. The high light of the program was when she presented a diploma to H. Hosea Windy Ham and it was done in a very clever manner and enjoyed by all.

Games of "84" was played and everyone had lots of fun. There were twenty-two present for supper.

TWO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ENTER STATE MEET

Merkel High School was represented in two literary events during the Interscholastic League Meet held in Austin last week end, May 4, by Charles Curb and Charlton Earp, both sophomores.

Charles entered the Ready Writing contest, and Charlton entered Extemporaneous Speaking. The boys were accompanied by their parents, the Rev. and Mrs. H. S. Earp and Mrs. S. P. Curb, and their sponsor, Mrs. Comer Haynes.

Merkel Ladies Are Kerrville Guests

A party of Merkel ladies were guests of Mrs. Victor Tippett in Kerrville last weekend. The Tippetts, who live in San Angelo had purchased the Schreiner ranch in Kerrville and it is now occupied by their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. James Short.

Mrs. Short was entertaining with a tea this past Friday for 150 guests in the fabulous Schreiner home. Mrs. Tippett entertained with a luncheon at the Manor House for guests from Stephenville and Merkel. Members of the local party were: Mesdames W. S. J. Brown, Tom Largent, Roy Largent, Dee Grimes, Ross Ferrier, Ledge Gamble, W. T. Sadler and Christine Collins.

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Inventory For Soil-Water Conservation

Work will begin immediately on a national inventory of soil and water conservation needs. The inventory, according to Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Benson, is intended to equip the Department for more efficient planning and carrying out of its work involving soil and water.

Each county in the United States will be inventoried. Plans call for completing the initial work in three years, with periodic revisions thereafter to keep the information and figures up to date.

Benson said, "with the inventory, we can make reasonable estimates of the magnitude and urgency of the various conservation measures needed to maintain and improve the country's productive capacity for all the people."

The Secretary has directed the Soil Conservation Service to carry out the study with the help of the Agricultural Conservation Program Service, Agricultural Research Service, Commodity Stabilization Service, Federal Extension Service, Farmers Home

Administration and Forest Service. Representatives of these agencies will make up a national Soil and Water Conservation Needs Committee which will develop procedures and guide the program. Comparable committees in the states and territories will be named to carry out the work at that level.

In addition, cooperation of state and local agencies, organizations and groups concerned with soil, water, forest, range and wildlife conservation will be actively solicited. These include land-grant colleges, soil conservation districts, state forestry and conservation departments, water agencies and similar groups.

NEWS

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

Taylor County home demonstration clubs and 4-H clubs have been very busy this past week. The Home demonstration clubs were observing National Home Demonstration Week and helping the 4-H clubs with their achievement teas. Instead of having a county-wide program for National Home Demonstration Association week, each club had something in their own community or an adjoining one. Blue Bonnet Club had a guest speaker, Juanita Tittle who showed colored slides of Old Mexico and told of her trip there the past summer. Mamby Club had a Friendship get together and told of home demonstration work. Lake Abilene and Ovalo had picnics for their families and friends. Pleasant Hill had their club meeting in an adjoining community with a guest speaker, Mrs. Willis, showing paintings and telling of Texas Wild Flowers. Potosi Club had tea and had a program on Texas Wild Flowers. Union Ridge Home Demonstration Club helped Merkel Jr. 4-H Club with their Achievement Tea and invited guests. Blue Bonnet Home Demonstration Club also helped Trent 4-H girls with their tea. Willie Club had a luncheon for members and friends and told of Home Demonstration Work. Tuscola planned open house for their observance.

NOODLE NEWS

Mrs. F. O. Scroggins and two daughters of Odessa spent the weekend with their mother and grandmother, Mrs. J. E. Boaz.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Carr, Sunday were their four daughters, and families. Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Garrett of Anson, Mr. and Mrs. Grimes of Sweetwater, Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Jones of Noodle, and Mr. and Mrs. George Dooley of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Riley Sprayberry spent Sunday with their daughter Mrs. Raymond Schorts and family at Winters.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Caldwell visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Caldwell at Anson, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hervey Latham spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alton Davis in Old Glory.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Jones of Trent visited Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jones, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Davis and children of Abilene visited in the Chester and Newell Lucas homes this week.

Brey Anderson of Ft. Stockton spent Sunday night in the home of his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Anderson.

JUDY SPURGEON REPRESENTED NOODLE HIGH SCHOOL

Judy Spurgin represented Noodle High School at the Texas Interscholastic League Meet held at Texas University in Austin. Miss Spurgin was entered in Extemporaneous speaking. She was accompanied by Mrs. Posey, local teacher.

MISCELLANEOUS SHOWER FOR MRS. TUCKER

A miscellaneous bridal shower was given Saturday, May 8th at the home of Mrs. Lee Tucker on South 10th Street, honoring Mrs. Billy Pitt nee Janelle Seimore. Mrs. Tucker hosted and those honoring Mrs. Pitt were: Mrs. A. W. Clemmer, Mrs. Albert Chancey, Mrs. Bud Toombs, Mrs. Joe Nalley, Mrs. T. J. Neil, Mrs. Edna Harton, Mrs. Bobby Tolliver, Mrs. Hete Rutledge, Mrs. Boyd Moore, Mrs. Sam McLeod, Mrs. Joe Winter, Mrs. Willie B. Toombs, Mrs. Walter Henstee, Mrs. J. V. Hester, and Mrs. Mack Springer.

A delicious white cake, decorated especially for the honoree, with pink, blue and green frosting and in the center the names, Janelle and Billy was served. Lime sherbet punch was poured and nuts and mints were also served. The bride received several beautiful gifts. The shower was held from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Woods Family Returns Home

Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Woods and daughter, Joyce, and Mrs. V. R. Woods, whose husband was killed in a traffic accident, and her daughter, Debra Lynn, have returned to California after being hospitalized at Sadler Clinic with injuries suffered in a traffic accident.

Air Force Wives Have 6th Meeting

The sixth meeting of the Merkel Air Force Wives was held May 8th in the home of Mrs. Gerald Hewitt, 411 Thornton St. Seventeen members were present.

A-2c Harris Is Now In Okinawa

Airman Second Class Harry D. Harris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Harris, 1411 South 6th St., Merkel, arrived on Okinawa last week and was assigned to the 12th Aviation Depot Squadron, Kadena Air Base.

Airman Harris enlisted in the Air Force in August 1954, and was previously stationed at Whitman AFB, Sedalia, Mo., prior to coming overseas.

Kadena Air Base is the home of the 18th Fighter Bomber Wing and is under the Far Eastern Air Forces, commanded by General Laurence S. Kuter.

Collision Victim Is 'Resting Well'

Mrs. Lela Moran of Merkel, who was involved in a two-car collision May 4th in Abilene is reported to be "resting well" in St. Ann hospital.

She is receiving treatment for a sprained neck and back. Mrs. Moran is 62 years old.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe E. Lassiter and daughters, Jo Ann and Janelle spent this past weekend with Mr. Lassiter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lassiter. Their home is in Austin, Texas where Mr. Lassiter is an auditor in the Comptroller's department of the Capitol building.

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CARD OF THANKS

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Hospital Notes

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

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- Mrs. Harry Ikeler, Anson
- Mrs. Lina Lansford, Abilene
- Steve Lawhon, Sweetwater
- Dick Skidmore, Merkel
- Beth Dunigan, Merkel
- Mrs. Maurice Askins, Tye
- Bill Largent, Merkel
- Mrs. C. W. Wilson, Midland
- Mrs. B. H. Cranfill, Merkel
- Bill Jones, Florey
- Mrs. A. B. Barnett, Merkel
- Frank Woodrum, Merkel
- Mrs. W. C. Davidson, Snyder
- Mrs. W. J. Mashburn, Abilene
- C. K. Russell, Merkel
- T. Galoway, Tye
- R. G. Stout, Merkel
- Earl Stevens, Trent, surgery
- Mrs. E. G. Williams, Merkel, surgery

NEW ARRIVALS

Anita Louise Healer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Healer, Sweetwater. Weighs 6 pounds and 6 1/2 ounces. Born May 3.

Mary Ann Cochran, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Cochran, Tye. Weighs 4 pounds and 2 ounces. Born May 3.

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Stated meeting of Merkel lodge No. 710, A.F.& M. Sat. May 19, at 8:00 p.m. All members are urged to attend. Visiting brethren cordially invited.

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C. B. Rust, Secretary.

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Mother's Day, May 13th

Young Men Can Fullfill Military Obligations Easier

"Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of their country." These familiar words are particularly applicable to the young Texans of today, says Major General Lewis S. Griffing, Chief of the Texas Military District.

"The Armed Forces Reserve has a program whereby all qualified young men can come to the aid of their country," General Griffing explained, "and with the least interruption to their civilian careers."

General Griffing pointed out that the U. S. Army is implementing a program designed especially for the youths of America. This program permits a young man to fulfill his military obligation while completing his education or working at his civilian job.

Here's the way it works — he joins a Ready Reserve unit or a National Guard unit. He can finish high school (if he doesn't reach the age of 20 first), then go on six months active duty for training. He is then prepared for his Ready Reserve service.

Normally he will have 7 1-2 years left. During this 7 1-2 years if he trains satisfactorily, he will not have to worry about a draft call. In most instances he can train with a unit right in his own home town. The only time he is called away from home is for two weeks each summer to attend training camp. All of this is designed to interrupt, to the very smallest degree, his higher educational pursuits or his civilian occupation.

"Every young Texan should think very seriously about his future military obligation," General Griffing pointed out. "If he doesn't, Uncle Sam is likely to point a finger at him sooner or later. He should consider this program from a standpoint of how it benefits him as an individual. But most important of all he should consider it from a patriotic point of view."

The Army will pay him for his military participation and at the same time prepare him to defend his country in the event of an emergency.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Willard of Corona, California, are visiting with Mrs. Willard's mother, Mrs. Sally McKeever and brothers, H. R. and P. A. McKeever of Merkel.

Mr. Claude Derrington, brother of Emerson Derrington of Merkel is critically ill in the hospital at Savannah, Missouri.

Mrs. S. B. Crissey is reported to have improved slightly since being injured April 22. She is the aunt of Mrs. Joe Cypert of this city.

Bill Harton and Gene Hargrove spent the weekend in Lubbock, Texas visiting former Merkel resident, Terry O'Brien.

Mr. Cypert and family visited this past weekend with the Tracy Campells of La Mesa, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Baccus visited their son and his family, Mr. and Mrs. James Roy Baccus and son Danny Roy in Dallas, Texas this past weekend. They were accompanied home by Mrs. James Roy Baccus and little son, Danny Roy. They will visit here until after Mother's Day.

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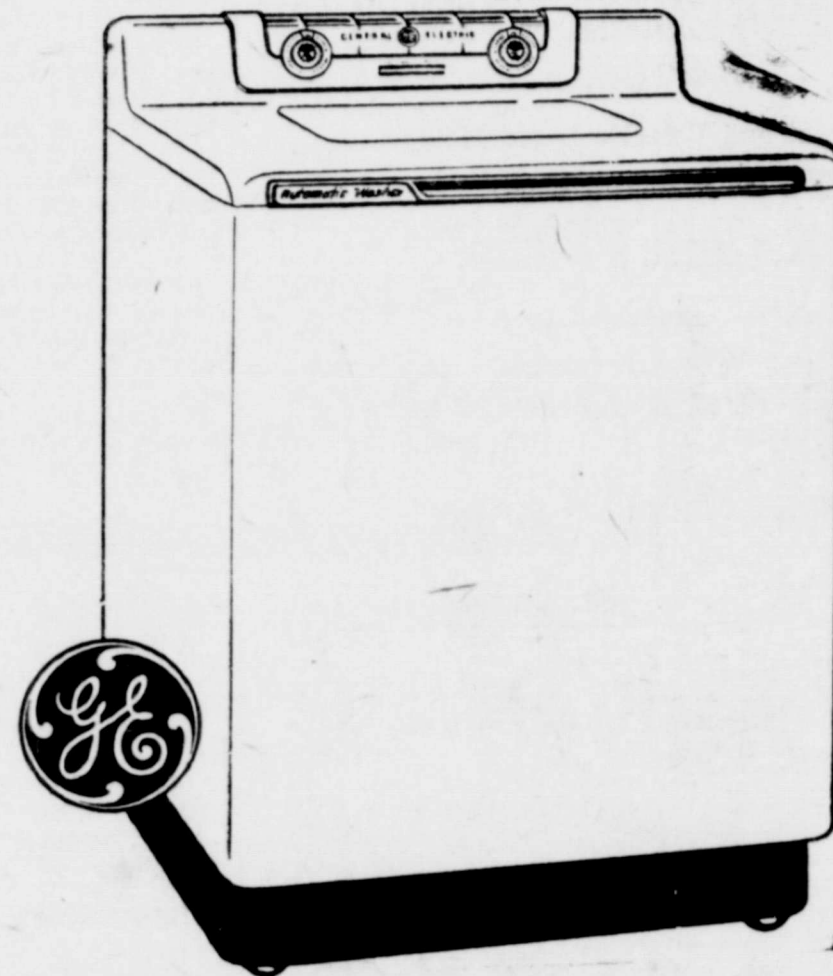
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CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

To T. H. Johnson, and the unknown heirs of said T. H. Johnson, and the unknown devisees of said T. H. Johnson, and the unknown legal representatives of said T. H. Johnson, and Mrs. T. H. Johnson (wife of said T. H. Johnson), and the unknown heirs of said Mrs. T. H. Johnson, and the unknown devisees of said Mrs. T. H. Johnson, and the unknown legal representatives of said Mrs. T. H. Johnson, and J. T. Baker, and the unknown heirs of said J. T. Baker, and the unknown devisees of said J. T. Baker, and the unknown legal representatives of said J. T. Baker, and Mrs. J. T. Baker (wife of said J. T. Baker), and the unknown heirs of said Mrs. J. T. Baker, and the unknown devisees of said Mrs. J. T. Baker, and the unknown legal representatives of said Mrs. J. T. Baker, and the unknown owners of the land involved in this suit, and all adverse claimants owning or claiming or having any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the land involved in this suit, Defendants, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County, Texas, at the Courthouse of said County, in the City of Abilene, Texas, and answer 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 11th day of June, A.D. 1956,

to Plaintiff's petition filed in said court on the 13th day of April A.D. 1956, in this cause, numbered 21,275-A on the civil docket of said court and styled Jack Moore, Plaintiff, vs. Sam Donnell et al, the said Jack Moore being the plaintiff in said suit, and Sam Donnell (who is same person as Sam W. Donnell) and T. H. Johnson, and the unknown heirs of said T. H. Johnson, and the unknown devisees of said T. H. Johnson, and the unknown legal representatives of said T. H. Johnson, and Mrs. T. H. Johnson (wife of said T. H. Johnson), and the unknown heirs of said Mrs. T. H. Johnson, and the unknown devisees of said Mrs. T. H. Johnson, and the unknown legal representatives of said Mrs. T. H. Johnson, and J. T. Baker, and the unknown heirs of said J. T. Baker, and the unknown devisees of said J. T. Baker, and the unknown legal representatives of said J. T. Baker, and Mrs. J. T. Baker (wife of said J. T. Baker), and the unknown heirs of said Mrs. J. T. Baker, and the unknown devisees of said Mrs. J. T. Baker, and the unknown legal representatives of said Mrs. J. T. Baker, and the unknown owners of the land involved in this suit, and all adverse claimants owning or claiming or having any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the land involved in this suit being the defendants in said suit;

A brief statement of the nature of said suit is as follows, to-wit: said suit is a suit of Trespass to Try Title brought by plaintiff to recover of defendants jointly and severally the title and possession of that certain parcel of land and premises situated in Taylor County, Texas, and being all of Lot No. Seven (7) in Block No. Two (2) in Sayles' Subdivision of Lots No. 1 and 2 of Block No. Five (5) in the B. Austin Survey No. 91 (lying West of Meander Street) in Taylor County, Texas, according to map of record at Page 291 of Vol. 1 of Plat Records of said County; plaintiff alleges he was lawfully seized and possessed of said premises and that defendants unlawfully entered there on ejected him therefrom, and for second count plaintiff alleges he has good title to said land against defendants under the twenty-five year statute of limitation of Texas and he has good title to said land against defendants under the ten years statute of limitation of said State; plaintiff prays for judgment for title and possession, for writ of restitution and general and special relief, as is more fully shown by plaintiff's petition on file in said 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 23rd day of April A. D. 1956.
Attest: R. H. Ross,
Clerk of the District Courts of Taylor County, Texas.

HODGES
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Berry of Odessa spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Ray.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Cox recently was Mrs. J. M. Sloan of Abilene.

Mrs. Kate Deer of Santa Anna is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Durwood McCoy.

Mrs. Dub McCoy had surgery at Merwel last week and doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Daniell and Charlotte and Mr. and Mrs. Rob Daniell were gone over the weekend to attend the wedding of their niece and granddaughter, Velma Dee Daniell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Daniell.

Edd Vantrees was elected as delegate of Hodges Community to attend the Democratic convention at Anson on Tuesday.

J. C. McCurdy of Abilene preached at the Hope Church of Christ on Sunday in the absence of the minister, James Fullbright.

Fitzhugh Smith of Odessa visited Mr. and Mrs. Rob Daniell recently.

Ladies attending a Bible School Clinic at Hamlin last week were: Mrs. I. B. Ray, Mrs. Virgil Stokes, Mrs. Clyde Cook, Mrs. Mason Barker. A Bible School will be held at Hodges Baptist Church beginning the second week in June.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Tucker of Littlefield, Texas are visiting over the weekend with Mr. Tucker's mother and aunt, Mrs. G. H. Tucker and Mrs. W. J. Derstine.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Earl Baze had with them as weekend guests

their son and his family, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Baze and their two daughters. They are making their home in El Paso, Texas where Bill is stationed with the Army.

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"I think there's a definite need here for root plowing and seeding," Stanley told the group. "It all boils down to whether we're going to continue letting brush take over our rangeland and watch our production go down and down, or whether we're going to do something about it."

Warren said: "We bankers realize the economy of this area is so greatly tied up with the land that we are intensely interested in soil conservation. We would consider with favor any loan application for soil conservation practices."

Mrs. Henry Calt of Dallas is visiting her mother, Mrs. J. T. Warren, this week. She will be accompanied back home by her mother who will visit for several days.

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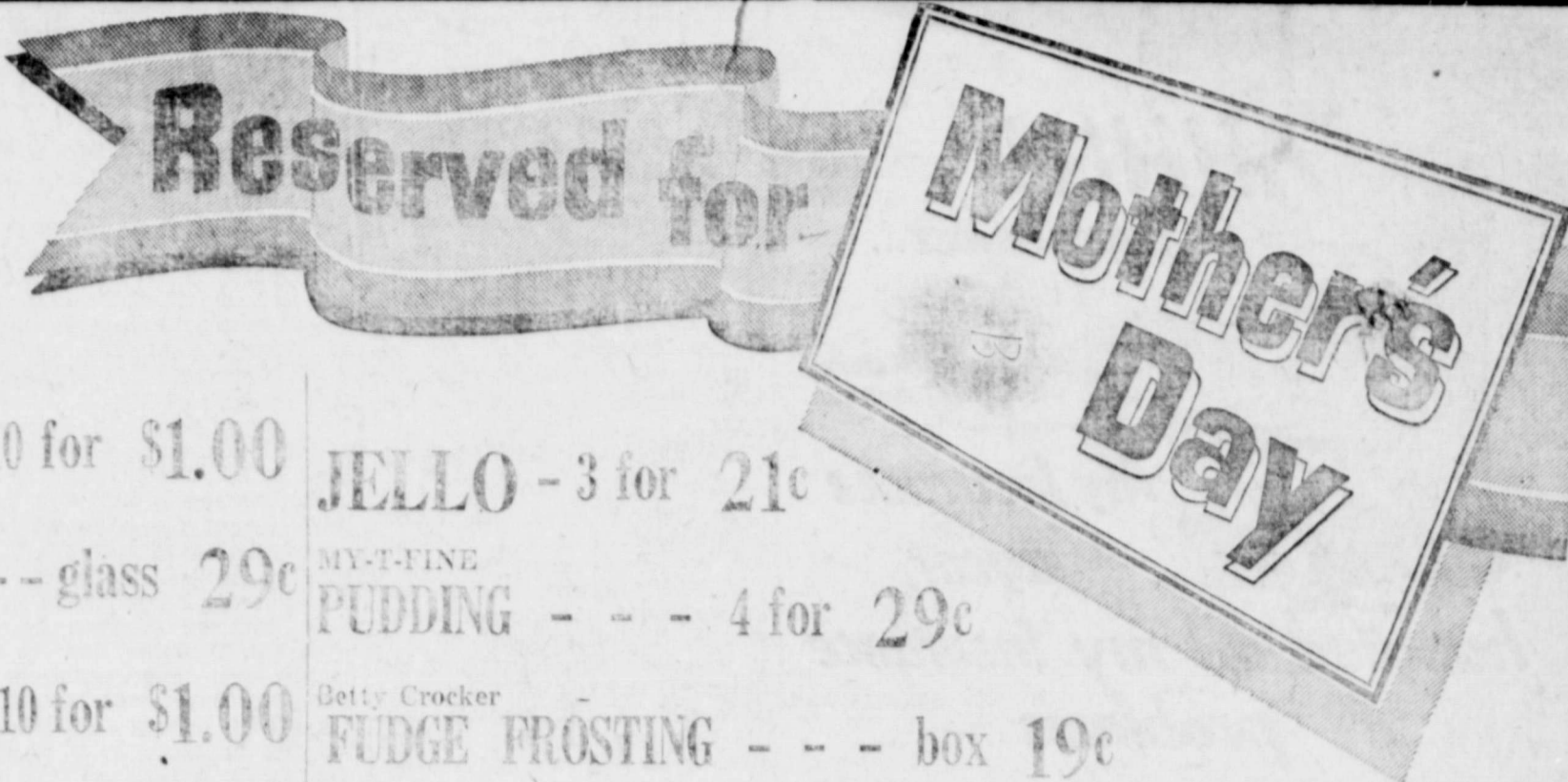
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