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DOWN THIS WAY — RAIN

It's not that we aren't living right in Merkel, those cloud seeders just missed our area. That's just about the way folks in West Texas look upon the rain seeding business.

One of the larger cities up north of here paid a rain maker from Denver \$27,500 to start to work so the city could reap some moisture to fill its water storage lakes. The fellow went to work around the first of March and what do you think. The first few days afterward it rained, but the variance was from 2 to 5 inches of moisture, much of it in the area he had intended. But the high winds in this part of the country blew much of the moisture to other dry areas and it made the people very happy they got a good rain without paying for it.

Last week, another group of clouds came peaking in from up Colorado way on the heels of a blistery cold front. The rain maker again went to work, and an area covering Oklahoma and much of north and central Texas was dunked in showers last weekend. We don't know how widespread a rain maker can operate and whether he can do the job at all, but we do know that since he has had that \$27,500 dangling in his pocket, the showers have started to fall. And who says money doesn't talk.

Another dry area in the plains called a meeting the other day to see if they could get a rain maker in that area to help the farmer. If this works, and the people have the money, it might pay for hiring the rain maker during seeding and growing seasons.

Oh, yes, there's another little catch. There were a couple of tornadoes mixed up in the seeding operation.

Ed Wischamper, managing editor of the Abilene Reporter-News, has called our attention to the fact that the West Texas Press Association gives a \$100 scholarship to some high school senior. It is an honor for some student to win, and we would like to see students in Merkel high start thinking about journalism as a career, and the best time to start is when

they are in high school. Actually, any student interested in journalism has a chance to win this honor. Last year, Clydene Eager was high on the list, but she was nosed out by Ruth Massey of Tulsa.

Applications for this honor are now being received.

The winner will be awarded \$100 per year for each of his or her four years in college providing normal progress toward a degree is maintained. Journalism may be studied at any one of the 10 cooperating West Texas colleges and universities listed below. The winner is expected to major in journalism if the institution chosen offers the major; otherwise, he is expected to minor in journalism.

QUALIFICATIONS:
Top 25% of graduating class. Demonstrated ability in journalism. Interest in journalism as a career.

APPLICANTS: The following must be included:

1. A biographical sketch (not to exceed two typewritten pages) including why the applicant desires a career in journalism. A picture should be included. Clippings of the applicant's best published news stories may be attached.
2. A letter from journalism teacher or publication sponsor evaluating applicant's talents in journalism.
3. A letter from high school principal evaluating applicant's ability to profit from a college education.
4. A letter of reference from the publisher of applicant's community newspaper. A personal interview with the publisher, to provide him necessary information for the letter, is recommended.

Your application should be mailed on or before May 1, 1957 to Ed Wischamper, Managing Editor, Abilene Reporter-News. Final decision will be made by the Scholarship Committee of the West Texas Press Association. The winner will be announced by mid-May.

The WTPA scholarship may be used at any of the following schools: Abilene Christian College, Hardin-Simmons University, Howard Payne College, McMurry College, Midwestern University, Sul Ross College, Texas Technological College, Texas Western College, Wayland Baptist College and West Texas State College.

NO NEW TAXES EXPECTED AT THIS SESSION

Sen. David Ratliff of Stamford said Tuesday he does not anticipate any additional taxes and declared he is opposed to any tax increases in Texas.

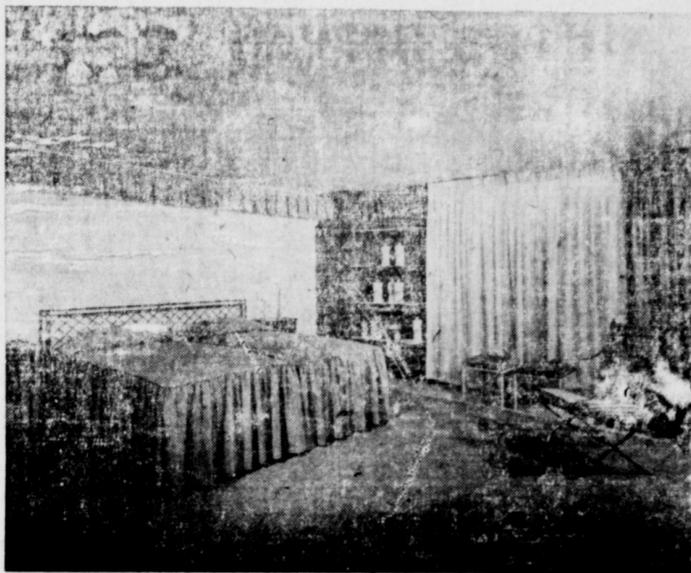
The Stamford senator, a member of the State Legislative Board, is serving on the Senate Finance Committee and the finance subcommittee holding hearings on appropriations bill.

"It is inconceivable to me that after the Finance Committee has so generously provided for state services and still has a surplus left due to business-like procedure of approving appropriations that anyone would propose to further burden the already overburdened taxpayer. Without reservation, I declare that there is no necessity to levy any form of tax on the people of my district or the state at a time of drought and other economic factors disturbing the average taxpayer," the senator said.

"For this reason," he continued, "I will vigorously oppose the addition of any new or added taxes and pledge myself to defend the taxpayers of my district against any unnecessary or unjustified tax levy. I feel proud of the work of my colleagues on the finance committee and extend most sincere congratulations for the sound business-like and intelligent approach to providing necessary funds and facilities for state services," he added.

"If I have my way there will be no tax levied on any taxpayer in Texas during this session. The state's financial condition is excellent and there is no need for deficit spending or additional taxing," he said.

Ratliff said that as a result of finance committee work, "This Legislature has before it an appropriation bill providing the highest expenditure in the history of Texas but will still leave a surplus which the comptroller estimates will be between 40 and 50 million dollars." He said the surplus will be expended for the benefit of teacher salary increases and "other imperative state needs."



HOME BUILDING AND PLANNING IS THEME OF BETA SIGMA PHI MEETING

The Lambda Beta chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held its Model meeting Tuesday night, March 19, in the home of Billie South, and during the rush season guests are invited to see how the usual business and program in the society is carried on.

The business meeting was brief in order that more time could be spent on the program. Lamoyne Hughes and Gloria Dorton gave an interesting program on Home Building and Planning. They had ordered colored slides from Mrs. Hammer of the Celanese Corporation in New York to illustrate the program.

These were called "New Dimensions", a thrilling new Do-It-With-Fabrics color slide program. The 55 color slides included 40 room settings and numerous window treatments, similar to the one illustrated above.

The talks and slides illustrated how to make decorative fabric screens, how to apply fabrics to walls, how to plan unique milk glass shelves and also how to beautify windows inside and out when

a person does it himself.

The group not only enjoyed the slides, but Mrs. Hammer sent a shade of celanese blue dress length material to be given as a door prize.

Lucille Litton had the honor of receiving the door prize.

Attending were Mary Hargrove, Gloria Dorton, Eddie Lee Hardesty, Lucille Litton, Viola Shields, Bonnie Dayton, Jane Wade, Billie South, Rojean Hicks, Jean Goldstien, Val Patterson, Lamoyne Hughes, Mildred Cypert, Nancy Green, Merle Anderson, Margie Knight and Bobby Mansfield.

Wilson's Ad On Back Page Today

The Wilson Food Store ad will be found on the back page of this issue instead of the usual page 3.

Tom Durham, Former Editor, Ill at Clovis

Thomas Durham, father of Wren Durham, Merkel postmaster, and former editor of the Merkel Mail, is improving slowly from a heart attack suffered February 20 at Clovis, N.M.

Durham at the time of the attack was employed by the Curry County Times in Clovis, and had been there for the past several years. A son, Neil Durham is in the insurance business there.

The elder Durham, 78, came to Merkel from DeLeon in 1920 and was in the newspaper business here until 1930.

He is improved to the extent that he has been taken to his home from the hospital.

CONTESTS FOR MERKEL TO BE ON MARCH 30

According to Mack Fisher, Director General of Interscholastic League District 125, due to the withdrawals of the Stanton High School and the Norton High School, the one act play contests scheduled for Saturday, March 23, will not be held. The literary contests scheduled for Saturday, March 30, will be held in the high school building. The public is invited to all of the speaking events. There will be no charge for admission.

Schools participating in the meet include Roby, Roscoe, Coahoma, Merkel and Stanton. Merkel students are competing in declamations, poetry reading, extemporaneous speech, ready writing, spelling, number sense, typewriting, and shorthand. The following high school teachers are coaching students: Mrs. Bobbie Cooksey, typewriting and shorthand; Mrs. Lucy Haynes, declamations, poetry reading, extemporaneous speech, and ready writing; Mrs. Edwin Read, spelling and plain writing; and Mr. Billy Nail, number sense. Other high school teachers will assist with the events.



Weldon Crowley, senior ministerial student at McMurry College, will lead the singing for the spring revival, Mar. 31-Apr. 7, at the First Methodist Church. Weldon has been active in the religious organizations while at McMurry and is at present Youth Director at First Methodist Church in Hamlin. After college, Weldon plans to enter the Theological School at Drew University. His home is in Kerens, Texas.

MERKEL 40 YEARS AGO

G. R. Holloway returned from Sweetwater Thursday much improved from an attack of rheumatism.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Woodroof were hosts to the employees of the Woodroof store in an automobile ride to Abilene. The party enjoyed a show followed by a ride over the sister city before returning home.

Rabbit drives in which hundreds of rabbits are killed is now a frequent occurrence in this section and thousands and thousands of long ears have bit the dust within the last two weeks.

Morris R. Locke of Abilene, one of the oldest Masons in this section of the state, and one who no doubt experienced more foreign views on Masonry than any other man in this section has accepted an invitation to address the Merkel lodge on its next stated meeting.

Dr. S. P. Brooks of Baylor University, candidate for United States Senator, is scheduled to be in Merkel April 15th, for the purpose of addressing the citizens in regard to the race he is making.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Woodrum and Misses Ada and Sadie Woodrum were visitors in Abilene Sunday.

Parish Youth Sponsored By Catholic Group

The Latin-American youth of Our Mother of Mercy Church have organized into a social-religious club with the aim of providing a religious background and social entertainment for the youth of the Parish.

Ages 6 to 18 years of age. Permission has been granted by Supt. of Schools Mack Fisher for the group to use the old Gym for athletic games on Friday nights. Softball, basketball and tennis are planned.

Hikes, picnics, bake sales, and box suppers are planned to raise funds for the athletic equipment needed. The group meets each Sunday in the Church after Mass. They assist in the keeping of the building and grounds and other various aids to the work of the Parish as a whole.

The Legion of Mary sponsor the group; with one of the Legion in charge of the group at all times. They include: Justo Hernandez, Juanita Hernandez, Geneva Rivera and Frank Duran.

Officers are: Tokyo Moreno, President; Rosa Biera, Vice-President; Juan Ybarra, Secretary and Fermin Hernandez, Treasurer. Members include: Marisela Ascencio, Angela Biera, Carmen Biera, Juanita Biera, Gloria Duran, Joe Duran, Lupe Duran, Ruben Duran, Ray DeLaCruz, Geneva Hernandez, Irene Hernandez, Mike Hernandez, Richard Hernandez, Consuelo Hernandez, Dolores Moreno, Hymino Moreno, Maggie Moreno, Robert Moreno, Juanita Moreno, Ray Lerma, Mary Ybarra, Pedro Ybarra, Salvatore Ybarra.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Harwood of Fort Worth, are the parents of a son, born March 10. Mrs. Harwood was the former Hortense Reeder. Mrs. Lena King returned to Merkel Monday after being with the mother for several weeks, and reported them fine.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

Twenty boys of the Merkel FFA chapter left Friday, March 12, noon to visit the Fat Stock Show at Fort Worth. They were accompanied by C. H. Collinsworth, vocational agriculture teacher in Merkel High School and chapter adviser. Boys attending were: Morris Clack, Mark L. Malone, Harrison Malone, L. V. Perkins, Clyde Sears, Glen Robertson, Don Warren, Francis Harris, A. C. Bland, H. C. Chancey, M. C. Church, J. W. Hughes, Wade Ensminger, J. D. Sandusky, Norman King. Others not in the chapter were A. C. Sears, Billy Bettis, Joe Bettis and Mitchell Chancey.

Rainfall this week netted five-eighths of a inch, according to the gauge of Volunteer Weather observer Grover Hale, bringing the year's total to 2 13-16 inches.

Four Men Are Running For School Board

The names of four candidates, Ray Wilson, Waymon Adecock, Joe Cypert, and Jarrett Pinckley, have been filed for the two places on the Merkel School Board to be filled by district trustee election on Saturday, April 6.

The election will be held in the lobby of the high school gymnasium. Andy Shouse will serve as Election Manager.

World Famous Quebec Bridge "Spot" Painted

If that cottage of yours needs a little "touching up," and you find that 12 quarts of paint will do the job, you can well understand what the painters had to contend with when faced with "spot" painting the world-famous Quebec bridge, which spans the mighty St. Lawrence River, seven miles above Quebec City, this autumn.

To "spot" paint the giant structure, one of the largest cantilever bridges in the world, painters of the Canadian National Railways, which maintain the bridge for the owners, the Canadian Government, used more than 6,000 quarts of paint; some red lead and the rest "Quebec Bridge Green."

The Quebec Bridge, hailed as the "eighth wonder of the world" after its completion in 1918, is 2,239 feet long. It consists of 66,000 tons of steel and uncounted tons of concrete. It connects the north and south shores of Quebec Province; the town of Charly on the north shore and the Quebec City suburbs of Sillery and Ste. Foy on the south. Used by the Montreal-Quebec trains of the Canadian National, the big bridge also has a 36-foot vehicular roadway.

The central suspended span of the Quebec Bridge is 640 feet long while the cantilever arms measure 1,160 feet and the anchorage arms 1,039 feet.



The Quebec Bridge spans the St. Lawrence River with some 66,000 tons of steel.

Its elevation above the highest tides known to move from the Atlantic up the St. Lawrence is 150 feet which leaves quite sufficient navigation space for the largest of ocean liners. The highest point of the bridge above high water is 343 feet.



Painting this giant is an awesome job to this workman as he ponders how many pailsful it will take to "spot" paint the Quebec Bridge.

Photos: Canadian Natl. News.

A hundred feet above the St. Lawrence painters do a little "chipping" before the painting job starts.

H. D. Harris, Former Merkelite, Dies at Terrell

H. D. Harris of Terrell died in the hospital there Wednesday, March 20. He was 82 years old and left eight children to survive.

Funeral services will be conducted at Terrell Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Winnie Cypert, sister-in-law of Mr. Harris, will attend the funeral accompanied by her son, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Cypert.

Debra Williams Dies Wednesday

Debra Lynn Williams, 2-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Williams, died at 6:15 p.m. Wednesday in the Sadler Clinic Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 Thursday afternoon at the Starbuck funeral home with Minister Bob Lawrence of the Church of Christ officiating. Burial will be in Rose Lawn cemetery.

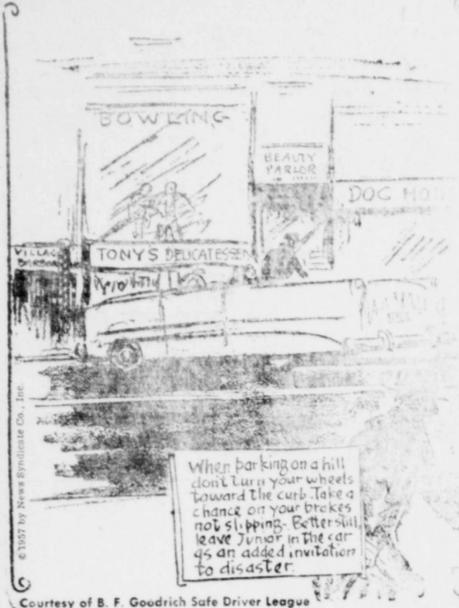
She is survived by six brothers: Robert, Loyd, Bobby, Jimmy, James and Jerry and one sister, Brenda Lucille. Parental grandfather T. D. Williams, of Little Rock, Ark., and maternal grandmother, Mrs. T. W. Gilmore, Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Ike Turner of Tulsa, Okla. are the parents of a baby daughter born Feb. 28th at the Baptist Memorial Hospital, Susan Charlotte weighed 6 lbs. 14 oz.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Harwell and grandson Dick were Sunday visitors of his brother O. E. Harwell.

Mrs. D. J. Davis of Canyon attended the First Baptist Church

INVITING THE UNDERTAKER-



When parking on a hill don't turn your wheels toward the curb. Take a chance on your brakes not slipping. Better still, leave Junior in the car as an added invitation to disaster.

Courtesy of B. F. Goodrich Safe Driver League

Behind Scenes In American Business

By REYNOLDS KNIGHT
In January and February the number of Americans with jobs stood at the year-before level for the corresponding months. This is the first time that has happened in four years.
Jobs dry up in January every year as soon as inventory-taking and tidying up after Christmas rush is completed. This year's drop of 1,660,000, however, was more seasonal, and the start of the spring upturn in employment has yet to appear.
Some people — mostly those with political axes of various temper to grind — are crying out in alarm against this break in the long series of rises in job totals. It might be well, as an antidote for this kind of thinking, to get the whole picture into focus:
e. Employment of the working force is still 96.3 per cent. (Ninety-five per cent is the level at which labor economists calculate, everyone who really wants a job has one.)
f. Average weekly wages for December, latest month for which figures are complete, were \$34.05, an all-time high.
g. Personal incomes, of which wages and salaries are overwhelmingly the largest portion, were running at a rate of \$333.5 billion a year as 1956 ended.
We shall have a hard time convincing ourselves we aren't doing pretty well.

BACKYARD BEAUTY BOON
—So long as human nature dictates a measure of keeping up with the Joneses, people will buy what the Joneses will see. With house plots smaller, yards free of obstructing fences or hedges, and outdoor living popular, the Joneses must see a lot of other people's back lawns, wading pools, barbecues and so on.
That's only the beginning says the Gas Appliance Manufacturers association. An unwillingness to display flapping fabrics before the neighbors is helping make the clothes dryer one of the nation's fastest-growing appliances. Makeshift refuse burners and garbage cans become increasingly objectionable, and that's a boost for the gas incinerator.
Besides, there's a growing awareness of the importance of good rear lines in the dwelling itself. Better exterior appearance is linked to more space indoors, says the manufacturers trade group, and that means more room for appliances and furnishings of all kinds.

THINGS TO COME — A new gadget for unscrewing valves of tires has a leak-detector in one end. . . . A party-cake set consists of a fluted pan that cooks a cake in the form of a full hoop-skirt, and a small doll that will serve as the body of the hoop-skirted centerpiece. . . . Do-it-yourselfers can buy in a single kit often-needed solvents — paint thinner, methanol, benzene, lacquer thinner, kerosene and Chloroform. . . . A dingbat that drops under a front wheel when you are about to hit the back wall of the garage has been perfected.

WILD, BLUE AND COSTLY — High-flying jet aircraft built today only get up into the wild blue yonder after extensive — and expensive — research and development on the ground. This calls for more and more expenditures for research facilities.
For example Republic Aviation Corporation has just announced that it will build a million-dollar-plus wind-tunnel facility to help

design aircraft to fly at speeds of up to 3,000 miles an hour. Mundy I. Peale, Republic president, said manned aircraft and missiles of this speed would be capable of reaching altitudes of 50 miles, while encountering temperatures ranging from sub-zero to 1200 degrees.
The tunnel facility will be housed in a building 72 feet by 82 feet at the company's main plant in Farmingdale Long Island, where the F-84F Thunderstreak fighter-bomber and the supersonic F-105 Thunderchief are currently being produced.
In addition to the supersonic tunnel, the facility will contain a ramjet tunnel capable of testing models at speeds from 645 miles an hour to 1065 miles an hour.

RUSSIANS AND SUGAR—The sugar market had just about settled down from the gyrations noted here some weeks ago, when the Russians stepped into the market with inquiries for 200,000 tons from the Cuban Sugar Institute. So last week prices of

raw sugar were climbing once more.
Of itself this isn't such an enormous order. But it happens that it will clean the Institute out of the stocks it uses to stabilize the market. This means prices from now to mid-year will be governed by jockeying between exporters and importers.
The sugar market is expected to remain in a tight state. Only the national government in the United States either don't have or can't supply the best sugar they usually supply.

SITE OF BUSINESS — Steel prices last week were \$24.90 per ton of 48x12x12, declined to 23.75 in the February 14 week, and 23.75 in the February 14 week, and 23.75 in the February 14 week. Railroad overlandings in the week of February 18 rose to 275-280 per ton, the Association of American Railroads reported.

Remodeling Of Kitchen Most Popular Type

Kitchen remodeling is the most popular type of home improvement, most work in March this year, according to Clive Bartlett, of Rulon Lumber Co. local retail lumber dealer and member of the Public Affairs Committee of the National Retail Lumber Dealers Association.
"The women are taking the initiative in planning kitchen improvements, seeking changes that will save steps, reduce working and clean-up time, and making the kitchen a brighter and more cheerful place to work," Mr. Bartlett said.
"Retail lumber dealers now have house plans based on the recommendations arrived at in the Women's Congress on Housing held in Washington last year, that recognize the kitchen as the heart of the home."
The modern kitchens in the Women's Congress homes featured floor to ceiling cabinets, a maximum of counter space, easily cleaned materials, room for two people to work at once, and a large window designed to reflect the sun as well as to admit a maximum amount of sunlight.
"The kitchen is the heart of the home that is most often being remodeled because it really is the heart of the home," Mr. Bartlett said.

A LOOK INTO THE FUTURE . . .

is what these two atomic scientists get with their "crystal ball". Actually, it's a stainless steel dome forming the top of a two-story-high radiation machine—a type of atom smasher called a Van de Graaff accelerator.
Owned and operated by Shell Development Company—the research affiliate of Shell Oil Company—the accelerator generates the same kind of radiation as that given off by atomic reactors. It accelerates electrons stored in the stainless steel dome to nearly the speed of light, hurling them through a vacuum tube to the bottom of the machine where they bombard a "target". This bombardment subjects the target to the radiation it would receive from an atomic power plant.
The machine thus permits Shell research scientists to study the behavior of fuels, lubricants, and surface coatings under the operating conditions that will prevail in atom powered trains, ships, planes, and even interstellar space ships of the future. With the accelerator, Shell research scientists will develop new fuels and lubricants for the atomic age.
The 3-million-volt accelerator is the most powerful radiation source in industry. It is housed in a separate, four-room radiation laboratory at Shell Development Company's Emeryville, California, Research Center. The laboratory includes a generator room for the accelerator, a target room where materials are exposed to radiation, a control room and a chemical laboratory.
A closed television circuit and a system of mirrors are used in watching the operation of the machine from the control room. Concrete walls 4½ feet thick separate the target room from the control room. Warning lights and horns, emergency stop buttons, door interlocks to cut off power, and an intercommunications system insure that the machine will not be operated while anyone is in the generator or target room.

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Slip of Foot Can Cost More Than Price Drop

A slip of the foot can cost a farm family more than a slip in the price of agricultural commodities, according to the National Safety Council.
The Council points out that falls are the leading source of all injuries to residents of rural America, and that they account for 25 per cent of all injuries to farm people.
Injuries from all mishaps, including falls, are expensive. A study in Iowa shows that the medical costs associated with 2,000 injuries amounted to \$216,401, an average of \$108 per case. Furthermore, lost time averaged 10 days per injury. Piled on top of the medical cost is the expense of hired labor which is sometimes necessary if the accident occurs at a critical work period on the farm.
Falls kill about 2,000 farm resi-

dents annually — and no one can estimate the cost of a life.
Great care must be taken both in the home and on the farm to avoid the many tripping hazards referred to in the Council.
Around the farmyard, pick up loose building wire boards and scrap metal. A place for everything and everything in its place is a sound safety motto, but make sure the place is a safe one. In the home, keep stairways clear of objects. Toys can be dangerous if left scattered on the floor. A toy box is a practical safety device, the Council advises.
Where do most of the farm falls occur. Here are some figures from a study in Minnesota: in barns 25 per cent; hay racks, 22 per cent; buildings, 11 per cent; barnyards, 7 per cent; haystacks, 7 per cent; scaffolds, 5 per cent; ladders, 4 per cent; trees, 3 per cent, and all others, 14 per cent.

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What can we do . . .

as Individuals and as Business Men
to preserve our God-given rights and personal liberties?



... here are some of the things we can do to help preserve the rights and liberties which are so dear and vital to our economic well being.

1. We can start matching our words and deeds if we are sincere about preserving our free, competitive enterprise system.
2. We can resist the temptation to demand and accept federal funds for local and regional projects.
3. We can stop demanding more government services and benefits.
4. We can oppose socialistic schemes disguised as government aids, no matter how attractive they may be.
5. We can depend upon our own resources to provide local and community needs rather than upon the federal government.
6. We should recognize that the bounties and benefits received from the federal government come out of our personal incomes . . . and that the government is simply being generous with our money.
7. We can remind our associates and employees that the greatest volume of goods and services for the greatest number has come from our own free, competitive enterprise system.
8. We can help our friends, neighbors and fellow-workers understand that a planned economy is a socialistic economy, which destroys freedom of action and opportunity.
9. We can support economy in government, even if it affects pet projects in our own community.
10. We must recognize that there is no primrose path to easy money or to a more abundant life.

From *The Primrose Path* by W. G. Vollmer, President

TEXAS AND PACIFIC RAILWAY

CHURCHES

Merkel First Baptist Church
Sunday School 9:45 a. m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.
Training Union 6:30 p. m.
Evening Worship 7:30 p. m.
Wednesday Prayer Service 7:30 p. m.

W. M. U. Mon. 9:30 a. m.
Sunday:
Bible Study 9:45 a. m.

Merkel Methodist Church
Sunday:
Sunday School 9:50 a. m.
Morning Worship 10:50 a. m.
M. Y. F. 6:30 p. m.
Evening Service 7:30 p. m.

Hebron Baptist Church
Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.
Training Union 6:45 p. m.
Evening Worship 7:30 p. m.
Wednesday:
Evening Prayer Services

Compass Baptist Church
Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
Morning Worship 2nd and 4th Sunday 11 a. m.

Merkel Assembly of God
Sunday school 10 a. m.
Morning Service 11 a. m.
C. A. (Young People) 6:15 p. m.
Evening Worship 7:15 p. m.
Friday W.M.C. 10:00 a. m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:15 p. m.

Merkel Calvary Baptist Church
Sunday School 9:45 a. m.
Morning Service 11:00 a. m.
Evening Bible Class 6:30 p. m.
Evening Worship 7:00 p. m.

Our Mother of Mercy
Catholic Church
South 5th & Trundy St.

SUNDAY:
Confessions: 8:30 A.M.
Mass: 9:00 A.M.
Soc. of O. L. of Guadalupe
1st Sun. of month 10:00 A. M.
MONDAY:
Ad Altare Dei Class-7:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY:
Junior Legion of Mary 4 p.m.
FRIDAY:
Confessions: 7:00 P. M.
Rosary & Benediction 7:30 p.m.
Legion of Mary 8:30 p.m.

Merkel Church of Christ
Morning Service 10:45 a. m.
Young People's Bible Class 6:30 p. m.
Evening Services 7:30 p. m.

Trent Methodist Church
Sunday School 10:09 a. m.
Evening Worship 7:30 p. m.
Morning Services 11:00 a. m.
M. Y. F. Services 6:30 p. m.
Wednesday:
Prayer Services 7:30 p. m.

Trent First Baptist Church
Sunday:
Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.
Training Union 6:45 p. m.
Evening Services 7:45 p. m.
Tuesday:
W. M. U. 2:15 p. m., Intermediate G. A.'s Jr. G. A.'s 3:45 p. m.
Prayer Services 7:30 p. m.
"You are a stranger here but once."

Pioneer Memorial Chapel
Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
Morning Service 11:00 a. m.
Evening Services 7:30 p. m.
Wednesday:
Evening Prayer Service 7:30

Tye Methodist Church
Sunday:
Sunday School 10 a. m.
M. Y. F. 7:00 p. m.
Prayer Meeting 7:30 p. m.
Morning Service 11:00 a. m.

Merkel Grace Presbyterian Church
Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
Worship Service 11 a. m.

Noodle Church of Christ
Sunday:
Bible Class 10:00 a. m.
Morning Worship Service 11:00
Young People's Service 6:30
Evening Worship 7:30 p. m.

Noodle Baptist Church
Sunday:
Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.
Young People's Class 6:30 p. m.
Evening Services 7:30 p. m.

Trent Church of Christ
Sunday:
Sunday 11:00 o'clock
Bible Class 10:00 a. m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.
Evening Services 7:30 p. m.
Ladies Bible Class 4:00 p. m.
Tuesday:

New Live Oak Baptist Church
Sunday:
Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
Morning Worship 11 a. m.
Training Union 6:45 p. m.
Evening Worship 7:30 p. m.

Men's Downtown Bible Class
Sunday 8:44 a. m.

Tye Baptist Church
Sunday:
Sunday School 9:45 a. m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.
Training Union 6:45 p. m.
Evening Services 7:30 p. m.

Root Knot Can Be Controlled, Dr. Smith Says

Root knot disease can be controlled in garden soils by fumigation. Extension Plant Pathologist Dr. Harlan E. Smith says the fumigant should be applied from 10 days to 2 weeks before planting and soil moisture should be adequate for germinating seed. More moisture is required in sandy soils.

Before fumigating, remove from the area to be treated all plant trash and infected roots. Prepare a good seed bed as if for planting. Use a hoe or plow to open furrows 6 to 8 inches deep and 12 inches apart. Apply the fumigant from a fruit jar. Two holes should be punched in the jar lid, one to let in air and the other for distributing the fumigant. Make the application by walking along the open furrow and dribbling the fumigant into the bottom of the furrow. Smith advises covering the furrow immediately to prevent loss of the fumigant gases.

He says a pin of the material should cover about 150 feet of row space. It is a good idea, he adds, to test first with water in the jar to determine how fast to walk in order to make proper distribution. He says Garden Dofume, D-D, Soilfume 660-40, Isobrome 40 and Bromofume 40 are all effective as garden fumigants. Severe injury may result if the fumigant application is made closer than two feet to growing plant roots. Keep the material out of the eyes and mouth and should it be accidentally spilled on the hands or clothing, remove it immediately with soap and water or kerosene, cautions Smith.

Since such warm weather crops as tomatoes, peas, cucumbers and are more susceptible to root knot damage, the specialist suggests fumigating the rows where they will be planted. Finally, he adds, don't mix treated and untreated soil and use disease-free transplants.

Speed Costs Good Health, Doctors Say

Supersonic speed of modern life is costing us one of the most vital ingredients of good health—sleep.

That's the considered opinion of experts at the State Health Department who remember the easy, languid existence of days gone by—when he hop was just a hiccup.

Twenty years ago people got plenty of sleep and were better off for it, the health men in making recommendations for avoiding insomnia. People knew about fission in those days, but it was the hook and line variety, rather than nuclear. Things have changed.

Say you stay up for 20 hours a day. If you follow this routine for a week or so at a time, first thing you'll notice is your hands jumping from nervousness. A dull ache will begin gnawing at the base of your skull. You'll be picky and indifferent toward food. You'll be quarrelsome—projecting casual remarks all out of proportion. It will sound like an insult when someone says hello. You might think a good night's sleep will fix you up. Maybe it will—on the surface. The nervousness might leave you and the headache might disappear. It



Everybody has a birthday celebration at Gonzales Warm Springs Foundation Here, 71 year old Albert Steinmeyer, eating his birthday cake and ice cream. Steinmeyer, who broke his hip two years ago, came to Warm Springs to learn to walk again. He is walking now, with the aid of crutches. The cake was donated by two of Steinmeyer's daughters. However, the Warm Springs prepares cakes for anyone who has a birthday while a patient at the Foundation.

could be that a single night of sleep will give you the sweet disposition that was formerly sour grapes.

But it's all on the surface. During the stretch of sleeplessness your heart may have been strained, your blood pressure increased, your digestion upset. "These things," to quote State Health Commissioner Henry A. Holle, "cannot be put right by a mere eight hours in bed."

Sleep, the commissioner says, gives the human body a chance to recover from the fatigue of one trying day before the assault of the next. And it has to be natural to be beneficial. That's why sleeping potions are undesirable as a steady diet.

You have to plan a sound sleep, and unclutter your mind a couple of hours before retiring. Here are the department's recommendations for doing exactly that: Do your heavy thinking before supper. Make a rule that after the evening meal your brain gets a rest. Subdue the lights around house. Lights keep you alert, besides being tough on the power bill.

Get lots of fresh air. Sitting quietly on the porch might encourage the relaxation so necessary for dropping off into sound sleep. So might a short drive — if you avoid main travelled roads.

STITH H.D. CLUB HOLDS MEETING

The Stith H.D. Club met Wednesday March 13th at the Community Center for their regular meeting. The program was on hair styling some of the members brought a covered dish and spent the day giving permanents and styling hair a big time was had by all.

After lunch the meeting was called to order by Mrs. Buck Leach our president.

Club prayer was repeated by members. Games were directed by Mrs. Estelle Hudson. Roll call was answered with Fashion Notes.

Hostess gift was won by Mrs. Orual Ely. A financial report was given by Mrs. John Gleneurnkie, Secretary.

The hostess was Mrs. John Eakin who served refreshments to eleven members six children.

The club is having a bake sale to be held in Merkel Saturday March 23. If any one wishing a certain kind of pie or cake will call Mrs. Buck Leach at 9016 J 1, or Mrs. John Eakin at 9043 R 2, they will be happy to take your orders. Money taken in from the sale will be added to the club funds.

The clubs next meeting will be March 27. Secret pairs will be revealed. The Hostess will be Mrs. Orual Ely. We urge all members to be present.

MRS. NEWTON IS CLUB HOSTESS

Mrs. Clyde Newton was hostess for the Union Ridge Home Demonstration Club, March 15th.

Mrs. J. H. Clark, president, called the meeting to order. The T.H.D.A. Creed & Prayer were

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Noodle Trustee Election Set

The Noodle School Trustee Election will be held in the Noodle High School, April 6, for the purpose of electing two trustees whose terms expire.

Those whose terms expire are Robert R. Wyche, president, and Ernest Spurgin. Both Wyche and Spurgin asked that their names not be placed on the ballot for reelection. Four names have been submitted to fill the vacancies. The names submitted are: Troy Sloan, W. A. Henager, R. D. Ely, and Ab Hunter, Jr.

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read. The Secretary, Mrs. Clyde Newton called the Roll, answered by My Favorite Hurry up Dessert.

The program, Dessert — Plain & Fancy, by Agent Miss Lovetta Allen was enjoyed and served on the refreshment plate.

Club pairs will be revealed April 15 in the home of Mrs. O. E. Harwell.

Present were 1 visitor, Miss Allen, Mrs. Clyde Newton, M. L. Douglas, J. H. Clark, Mabel McRee & Mrs. O. E. Harwell.

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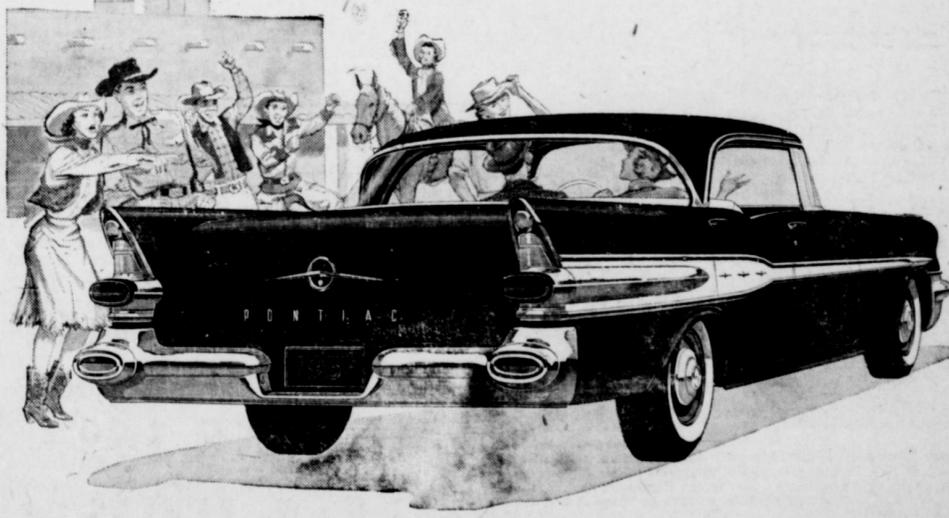
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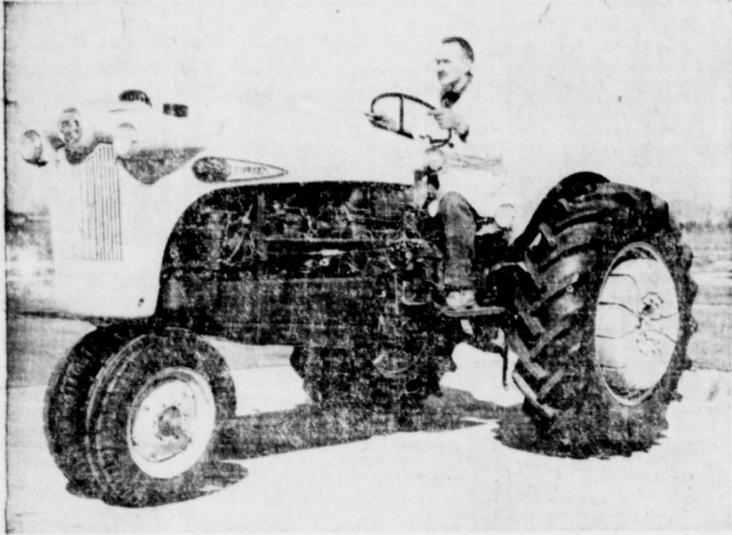
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Conservation News

Land which has been placed in the Soil Bank either the Acreage Reserve or Conservation Reserve, is still eligible for Federal cost-sharing in carrying out practices under the Agricultural Conservation Program (ACP). County ASC committees can supply information on the practices available in your county.

The 24th annual Appeal is expected to be the most extensive campaign in the history of the Texas Society. Easter Seals will reach more than 1,000,000 Texas homes. Mailing will begin around March 18.

Hudson said that the Society

Services Held For Small Child

A six months old girl, Marla Alene Brubaker died Thursday morning in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rayford Brubaker.

Services were held at Brownwood, Mr. Brubaker is a chemist for Texas National Gasoline Corp. The family moved here from Kermit.

Survivors besides the father and mother are two sisters, Raylyn and Tera Dee.

Mr. and Mrs. John Oliver and children, Kimmy, and Patsy, spent the weekend at Midland with Mr. and Mrs. John D. Oliver and Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Oliver.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Thompson and Mrs. J. M. Toombs had as guests last weekend Mr. and Mrs. Warren Higgins and Betty Lee of Corpus Christi. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Risinger and Jimmy and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Winters and children, all of Odessa. The Winters also visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jennings Winter. The Risingers also visited his mother, Mrs. May Risinger. Mrs. Risinger returned to Odessa with her son and family where she will make her home. Jimmy Risinger went to Corpus Christi with the Higgins for an indefinite stay.

Mrs. Mary Carey has returned from Fort Worth after spending several months with her two daughters, Mrs. Blanche Cockerell and Mrs. Alice Walton and on her return home Mrs. Carey was greeted by her son, Melvin and his wife, of Harrison, Ark., who spent several days with her after visiting with his brothers Oliver and Carl, of Lubbock, and a brother, Clements, of Hobbs, N.M.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Russom and daughter Maggie have returned from a week-end visit with their children Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Russom of Eunice, N.M. and Mr. and Mrs. Boothe Russom of Denver City, Texas.

Barbara Sandusky, teaches school in Roswell, N.M. visited with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Ed Sandusky over the week end.

Mr. J. L. Harrison of Ft. Worth was a guest of his mother Mrs. W. A. Harrison for the week end.

The fifth annual training school for managers of farmer cooperatives will be held at Texas A & M College from March 18-21. Meeting place is the Memorial Student Center.

seeks a total of \$300,000 in 1957. Easter Seal funds in 1956 totalled \$270,000.

"The once-a-year Appeal gives Texans an opportunity to contribute funds for maintaining and expanding services badly needed to help crippled children and adults, right in their own communities," Hudson said. "Support of the entire state will be needed to attain the goals set for 1957."

"It is the increasing awareness that a crippling accident may strike any of us at any time in today's world that has led to a steadily increasing support by Texans for the Society's work and made possible the 30 strategically located Easter Seal treatment centers established in Texas since 1946 — more than in any other state."

The rapidly growing Texas population, coupled with soaring accident rates and an increasing proportion of accident survivors saved by modern surgical procedures and drugs unknown even a few years ago, explains the need for increased funds, Hudson said.

He said that over two-fifths of the patients seen in Easter Seal treatment centers today have been crippled by accidents.

"This is in sharp contrast to the birth-deformities and disease-caused crippling which formed the bulk of our cases when the Society was founded," Hudson said, "and points up the need of facilities for physical restoration and rehabilitation of the crippled in every community."

Engagement of Noodle Girl Told

Mr. and Mrs. V. D. Herron of Noodle are announcing the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Dolores June, to Milton Kelley, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Payne, 1135 Skyline, Tyler, Texas.

The couple will be married April 20 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Weeks, 818 Forrest, Abilene.

Dolores is a 1955 graduate of Noodle. She attended Draughon's Business College and is now employed at Kraits.

Milton graduated from Tyler in 1955 and joined the air force. Mrs. V. D. Herron, Merkel, route 2.

Last year visitors from 38 countries studied American Red Cross service procedures and programs in preparation for establishing or expanding Red Cross activities in their own nations.

Merkel, Trent Students Invited

Students from Merkel and Trent have been invited to pledge social clubs at McMurry College.

They are Theresa Beasley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lesley Beasley of Trent; and Freddie Boone, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Boone of Merkel. Miss Beasley is pledging Gamma Sigma, and Boone is pledging IHR social club at the Methodist college.

They are among the more than 100 McMurry students who received invitations to pledge the nine clubs for men and women during the current spring semester.

Purpose of these clubs, according to Dean Joe C. Humphrey, is "to promote social and cultural growth among their members, and to boost school spirit among Mc-

Murry students."

A 1956 graduate of Trent High School, Miss Beasley was a member of the pep squad, the glee club, and was active in sports.

Boone, a sophomore at McMurry, was a member of FTA, FFA, and was on the student council at Merkel High School.

It has been carefully fogged—a gift of \$5 to the American Red Cross will provide travel expenses for approximately 280 of the long miles of a trip home by a serviceman called from duty because of a family emergency.

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Training for Trouble



FLOOD VICTIMS are rescued from the Napa River at Napa, Calif., by civil defense workers. Some 800 "Calamity Jane" rescue trucks such as this are now in use in the United States. (Photo by Bob McKenzie)

New Montreal Hotel Takes Form



THE new "Queen Elizabeth" Hotel, a 21-story structure which will be opened in 1958, is taking shape on Montreal's "Place Ville-Marie." With more than 1,200 guest rooms, the "Queen Elizabeth's" public rooms will be capable of accommodating 2,500 persons at banquets and more than 4,000 at meetings. (Photo Courtesy Canadian National Railways)

Revival Meeting At New Live Oak

A revival meeting is being held at the New Live Oak Baptist church with Rev. A. A. Watson, evangelist from Ash St. Baptist church in Abilene, preaching.

W. S. Smith, pastor of New Live Oak church, has invited the public to attend.

CONGRATULATIONS

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Dayton, Jr., announce the birth of their son, John Dallas, weight 8 lbs., 10 1/2 oz. on March 2, at Sadler Clinic.

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My policy: Conservative constructive development of our community.

Sincerely,

W. J. Patterson



CASUALTY EVACUATION by helicopter, postponed in the Korean War, is demonstrated at the Federal Civil Defense Administration's up-to-date rescue school at Olney, Md. Here a street of carefully engineered "bombed out" buildings provides rescue course students with a variety of situations, including rescue from actually flaming structures of persons made up as "victims." (Staff Photo)

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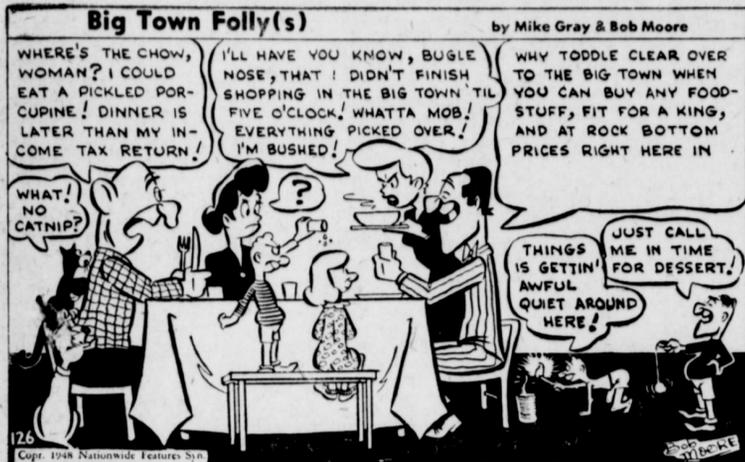
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Rush Season For Beta Sigma Phi

The Spring Rush Season for Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi got under way Tuesday night, March 12.

Nine young ladies were invited to be guests of the chapter for a dinner at the Chicken Shack. Individual orders were taken after everyone arrived and delicious food was served to 12 members and the nine guests.

Members presents were: Mary Hargrove, Lucille Litton, Gloria Dorton, Jane Wade, Janice Russell, Viola Shields, Eddis Lee Hardesty, Billie South, Rojean Hicks, Val Patterson, Ruth McKinzie and Mary Priscilla Hogsett. Guests were: Mildred Cyfert, Mildred Reeger, Nancy Green, Merle Anderson, Maxine Gardner, Margie Knight, Bobby Mansfield, Opal Derstine and Jo Dell Logan.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Roebuck of Pendleton, Ore., spent last week with her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Sego. This was their first visit in nineteen years.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Sego and family of Midland and Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Childers of Rising Star were week-end guest of Mr. Sego's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Sego.

Mrs. E. M. McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. Comer Haynes, Mrs. Nell Teaff and Mrs. T. J. Bragg motored over to Winters, Saturday to visit their niece, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Tatum and enjoyed a fish fry supper.

Mrs. Edd Haney left by plane Saturday for San Diego, Calif., to be with her husband who is stationed there.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Doan of Mineral Wells, were the guests of their son, Mr. and Mrs. Sammie Doan and sister, Mrs. Hugh Campbell, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Sedberry of Sweetwater were guests of their daughter, Mrs. Dale Shugart in the home of Mrs. Hugh Campbell.

Mrs. Ida Mae Douglas of Abilene visited her brother Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Amison, Wednesday, also Mrs. J. D. Spinks and son J. D. Jr., of Abilene were visitors in the Amison home Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Daniel and son Danny of Ft. Worth were week-end guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Swann.

Mrs. Willie Miles of San Angelo, and Mrs. Fannie Jones of Tullia, were visiting their mother, Mrs. J. Swann, who is a patient in the Sadler Clinic, this week.

Mrs. V. L. Doan of Blair was a guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hamp Campbell, Saturday, also a son, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Campbell and family of Haskell were their guest Sunday.

Mrs. Virginia H. Hardin with the state welfare department in Abilene was a guest of Mrs. Hugh Campbell, Monday.

Mrs. H. P. Alderman and children of Texas City were visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Doan and family this week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Hampton and son Hall of Ballinger were guests of Mrs. J. J. Russell, Sr., Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Colvis Harrison of Pvote are visiting his mother, Mrs. W. A. Harrison this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Tittle and Mrs. Leah Hand and son of Trent were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Hamp Campbell Wednesday.

T.E.L. CLASS HOLDS MEETING

The T.E.L. class of the First Baptist church met in the home of Mrs. Hugh Campbell Wednesday, March 13, with Mrs. W. J. Largent and Mrs. C. G. Sewell as co-hostesses.

Opening prayer was by Mrs. Largent, devotional by Mrs. T. J. Bird, and a secretary's report by Mrs. Selena Teaff, with a business meeting and discussion.

A lovely refreshment plate was served each guest. It consisted of pear salad with salad wafers white, and green mints and lemonade, with miniature four-leaf clovers as plate favors. Green and white were the color scheme carried out.

Attending were Mrs. Sewell, Mrs. Bird, Mrs. Largent, Mrs. Pick Allen, Mrs. Fred Baker, Mrs. Earl Lassiter, Mrs. E. W. King, Miss Teaff, Mrs. E. H. Thompson and Mrs. Campbell.

Rev. Cathey Is Holding Revival

Rev. Bill Cathey is delivering the sermons at the revival meeting at Hebron Missionary Baptist church, six miles north of Merkel on the Noodle road.

Prayer meetings are at 7:15 p.m. with worship hour at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Cathey is president of B.S.U. at Hardin-Simmons University. The public is invited.

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Harwell have been visiting with their children Mr. and Mrs. Ike Turner and daughters Debra, Dale and Baby Susan Charlotte in Tulsa, Okla. They report a good trip, and in Tulsa saw the museum Gilcrease. Returning home through northeast Ark. by Ft. Smith. It was along with Oklahoma all green pastures and scenic mountains from some rains almost each day also two days of light snows.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to take this means of thanking our many friends during our recent bereavement when our baby passed away. We wish to thank those who sent flowers, minister and others whose thoughts were with us during this time. We will be forever grateful.

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CARD OF THANKS

Words can't express our true feelings for all the sympathy and kindness that has been given us by our many friends and our loved ones, but we take this our only way to thank each and every one in our hours of sorrow.

Mr. and Mrs. Rayford Brubaker Rt. 3, Merkel

CARD OF THANKS

We want to try to express our thanks and appreciation for all that has been done to help us through the long illness and death of our loved one, George Cooper.

To the beautiful floral offering, to the women that brought in and ones that served the good meals, to the men that set up, to the good people in the choir that sang, to the preachers, especially the good doctors that tried in vain to make him well again.

We also want to thank all the people that helped in any way at the birthday party they gave him, and always remember what a joy he got out of it, and the people visiting him.

There was so many nice people and kind things done and we hope we can see each one personally and thank you, but if we don't and at any time we can help any one as you have helped us, we will do so.

God Bless each of you is our humble prayers and may God bless each of you as he has blessed us by giving us such wonderful people for neighbors and friends.

Mrs. George Cooper
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HOUSE FOR SALE—2 large bedroom dwelling with apartment at rear of building. Own water system. Located near high school. Priced to sell. Can be seen by appointment only. Cyrus Pee, Agent. 46-tfc

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NOTICE MASONS
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J. F. Butman, W. M.
C. B. Rust, Secretary.

O.E.S.
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ALL-WOMEN RESCUE group, known as the "Calamity Janes," from El Reno, Okla., have lived up to their name by doing civil defense rescue work during two Oklahoma tornadoes and four major fires in El Reno. Shown "splinting" the arm of a mock victim at a civil defense rescue institute in Denton, Texas are seven of the group's 22 members, and Don Eagle (right), who with his wife founded the "Janes" two years ago. (Dallas Times-Herald Photo)

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Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harwell and daughter, Peggy Sue and baby Lary, of Odessa were Sunday visitors of his parents O. E. Harwell and her relatives the Bill Sanduskeys.

Hemorrhage Kills Girl, 10

A cerebral hemorrhage has taken the life of the young daughter of a well known Austin attorney, Connie Drusilla Coats.

The 10-year-old girl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Coats, 1701 Scenic Drive, Ft. Worth, died in a hospital Monday afternoon.

Funeral services were Tuesday afternoon at the Tarrytown Methodist Church with burial in Austin Memorial Park.

Survivors in addition to the parents include a brother, John Coats Jr. of Austin; grandparents, Mr. W. K. Drake of Tuscaloosa, Ala., and Mrs. Stella Gregory of Kirkmansville, Ky.; and an aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Hail of Merkel, and numerous other relatives in the Merkel area.

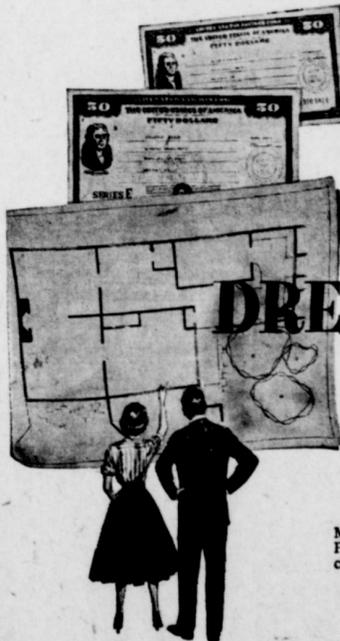
Rev. Cathey Is Holding Revival

Rev. Bill Cathey is delivering the sermons at the revival meeting at Hebron Missionary Baptist church, six miles north of Merkel on the Noodle road.

Prayer meetings are at 7:15 p.m. with worship hour at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Cathey is president of B.S.U. at Hardin-Simmons University. The public is invited.

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Harwell have been visiting with their children Mr. and Mrs. Ike Turner and daughters Debra, Dale and Baby Susan Charlotte in Tulsa, Okla. They report a good trip, and in Tulsa saw the museum Gilcrease. Returning home through northeast Ark. by Ft. Smith. It was along with Oklahoma all green pastures and scenic mountains from some rains almost each day also two days of light snows.

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Right of Way Still Problem Of Community

Purchase of right-of-way on the farm and ranch to market road system would continue to be a local responsibility.

The commission new bears all cost of right-of-way on the interstate system. That policy was adopted last summer after passage of legislation providing 90 per cent federal aid on that system. At that time the commission announced that, if and when funds become available, it will consider paying 50 per cent of right-of-way cost for multi-lane highway development. The League recommends that this proposed policy be extended to include state payment of 50 percent of cost of all primary and state highway right-of-way, including two-lane construction.

No specific recommendation is offered for providing annually \$8 million of additional revenue League's right-of-way purchase program to make effective the proposal. However, the report calls attention to taxes that past Legislatures have approved or considered for highway purposes and comments on what are considered to be their respective advantages and disadvantages, as follows:

1. Although an increase in the gasoline tax would not put Texas out of line with most other states, the fact that 50 per cent of the present Texas gasoline tax revenue is earmarked for public schools and farm and ranch roads means that highway users would have to pay \$16 million annually to make \$8 million available for right-of-way purchase.

2. A weight-distance tax on heavy trucks is used in a few states. Careful study of this tax shows that it is based upon "nebulous reasoning and, in part, invalid assumptions" and that there

is, at present, lack of reliable and precise data upon which to base a sound form of this tax. Despite its objectionable features, however, such a tax would raise at least the \$8 million needed annually for right-of-way purchasing.

3. An average increase of ten per cent in motor vehicle registration fees would produce enough money to finance implementation of the League's right-of-way purchase recommendation, especially if present laws were also amended to eliminate existing inequities and reduce incentive to evasion. On the other hand, it would require motor vehicle owners to pay a "premium" of \$1 million annually over and above cost of the right-of-way proposal, in the form of remission to the counties of a portion of fees collected under present law.

4. The Motor Fuels Tax Law could be amended to provide that the \$7.3 million now distributed each year to the counties for local road work be placed in the State Highway Fund. This would be a way of financing right-of-way without imposing any new state-level taxes. Data obtained during the survey shows that many counties are not using these funds on county roads. On the other hand, the withdrawal of existing source of county revenue would, in effect, mean that the right-of-way program would, at least to some extent, be financed by local property taxes.

Over the 20-year period the highway needs of the state total \$7.1 billion for construction, maintenance and administration, the survey shows. This estimate allows for future price increases equal to ten per cent of total construction and maintenance estimates.

The League staff and its consultant report that the 20-year construction program contemplated can be financed without any new tax only if the commission is given greater flexibility in the use of funds now dedicated to FM roads.

The survey shows that current

laws will produce \$1.1 billion over the 20-year period which the commission would be required to spend on FM road construction and improvement only, and that if the present FM road financing laws remain in effect as now written, the state will be required to build an FM system far beyond reasonable needs and also spend several hundred million dollars of general highway revenues to maintain it.

The law dedicating part of gasoline tax revenue to FM roads allows use of that money for construction and improvement of those roads. The Colson-Briscoe Act earmarks \$15 million annually of state general fund revenue to new construction of FM roads only. Maintenance of these roads must be financed from general highway funds.

Quebec Ready For Skiers



Photo Courtesy Canadian National Railway
It shouldn't be too long before scenes such as this near St. Sauveur in the Laurentian Mountain winter sports area north of Montreal, will be common. With "luck" — and snow — the season will soon get underway.



Urging Better Government Legislation

A Senator from the Panhandle and a West-Texas Representative have joined hands in sponsoring one of the 15 anti-secrecy bills requested of the Texas Legislature by the Texas Press Association. Measures advocated by the press stem from recent scandals in Dural County, the Land Office, and in a less spectacular way in several areas of the state. Pictured above are Rep. Howard Green of Fort Worth (standing) and Sen. Andy Rogers of Childress (seated), as they confer on HB 167 and SB 224. Their companion bills require that suits be filed by county and district attorneys for the recovery of misappropriated or unlawfully expended monies belonging to a county, school district or other political subdivision. Should those officials refuse to act, then the Attorney General is empowered to do so.



Anti-Secrecy Legislation Introduced

Sen. Henry B. Gonzalez (left) of San Antonio and Rep. Don Kennard (right) of Fort Worth, discuss the "open meeting" bills they have introduced in the Legislature with the backing of the Texas Press Association. SB 88 and HB 69 are identical. They call for all meetings of official bodies of the State, City, County or other political subdivision of the State to be open to the public. "It is time for the State of Texas to join the other states in the immediate passage of an anti-secrecy bill," said the sponsors, "and we urge the public to join us in supporting our campaign for a full and public airing of all public matters."

additional mileage, the League estimates.

This "completely adequate" system of 1975 would have 5,000 to 5,500 miles of multi-lane highways, as compared to 1,400 miles today, including the interstate system. It would include a farm and ranch to market system of 30,000 miles as compared to 25,000 miles today, with 35,000 miles in service not later than 1965.

It is anticipated that if price increases should not materialize, it may be possible to speed up the program and attain a condition of full adequacy by 1970, rather than 1975.

The Texas Research League is a privately-supported governmental research organization, financed by annual contributions of more than 400 individuals and firms doing business in the state. It is chartered in Texas as an educational corporation. Its by-laws prohibit it from engaging in pressure activities in the field of legislation. Its purpose is to assist state government in meeting problems and responsibilities that Texas population growth, industrialization and urbanization are making progressively more complex. Its supporters believe that this growth makes genuine economy-better utilization of the tax dollar more important than ever before, and that true economy and better government can be accelerated by applying to government the research techniques that have proved to be so fruitful for agriculture and industry. Its services are available to Texas governmental boards and agencies, at their request, and without cost to government.

James W. McGrew, the League's director, was in charge of the highway survey. The assistant project director was Rodman Porter, a senior member of the research staff. The League's special consultant was Hal G. Sours, former Director of Highways of the State of Ohio. Officers of the League, selected by its 72-member Board of Directors, are Ben C. Belt, Houston, chairman; J. B. Thomas, Fort Worth, vice-chairman; James P. Nash, Austin, secretary-treasurer; Alvin A. Burger, Austin, executive director. Its offices are located at 213 West 14th Street, Austin.

No Gain In Total Fertilizer Sales In 1956

Total fertilizer tonnage sold during the spring of 1956 was about the same as during that period in 1954 and 1955. Tonnage of mixed goods sold in the first six months of 1956 was 5% less than a year ago, according to J. F. Fudge, state chemist, but sales of materials were about 5% higher.

Highly significant decreases

occurred in sales of all grade without nitrogen, Fudge said, indicating increased availability of nitrogen materials. Grades of high-analysis 1-2-1 ratio accounted for two-thirds of the mixed goods tonnage and 1-1-1 grades composed one-eighth of the total.

Fudge said the trend toward higher analysis fertilizers is still on the upgrade. Sales of the 5-10-5 grade were over 20,000 tons lower than those of 1952 while high analysis sales have climbed 24,000 tons in a five year period.

Amount of nitrogen sold was up 6,000 tons from the same period last year and is over twice as high as in 1952. Sale of normal and concentrated super-phosphates was about the same as in 1955, but showed a slump of two thirds from 1952 sales. Significant increases were noted in tonnage of anhydrous ammonia, urea, and ammonium phosphates.

East Texas used slightly over one-half of the nitrogen, available phosphoric acid, and potash in mixed goods. East Texas also accounted for 50% of the 1-2-1 goods and 55% of the 1-1-1 goods sold. West Texas used two-thirds of the total tonnage of anhydrous ammonium sulfate and 16-20-0, and two-thirds of the rock phosphates.

Average composition of all mixed goods sold in the state was approximately a 7-14-7 grade and the average percentage of nitrogen in all fertilizers increased from 8.52 in 1951 to 16.74 this

year. The complete report is available from the Agricultural Information Office, College Station. Ask for Progress Report 1890.

Gospel Meeting March 24 to 31

A gospel meeting will be held at the Hope Church of Christ from March 24 to 31 with Dale King as the speaker. The meetings will start at 7:30 p.m. nightly.

Barbara andusky, teaches school in Roswell, N. M. visited with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Ed Sandusky over the week end.

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STORY NO. 11—in a series of articles on Duval County by Frederick Hodgson and Franz Rosenwald. New York newspaper and magazine writers who visited Duval County and wrote the series exclusively for Texas readers.

TPA's Anti-Secrecy Legislation Will Help Prevent Another "Duval County"

By-FREDERICK HODGSON

SAN DIEGO, Tex.—Texas law requires certain offices and political subdivisions to publish financial statements in the newspapers. But if they don't, there is generally no penalty and there is no responsibility for removing from public post an official who fails to comply. If there is no newspaper in the county independent enough to push the issue, the publications laws are just so much wordy manuscript.

Suppose the people are suspicious of the way the school board or the commissioners court is running things. All you have to do is hold the meetings in secret. Texas has no anti-secrecy law that says meetings have to be open. In a seceded-up, boss-run county there is no danger that the people will come in with an auditor and expose everything. The only way they can do it under existing law is to get an order from the district judge at the direction of the grand jury, or from the commissioners court. This law just assumes that the judge and the commissioners will be honest, upright fellows with nothing to hide and nobody to protect. There is no way for the public to force an audit.

There are plenty of other ways for a smart boss to keep his county seceded up and his supporters happy. Suppose he wants to put the bus stops in front of his friends' stores to help their business. His controlled city council can fix him up quick. The law says that descriptive titles of all city ordinances have to be published in a newspaper. Even if the boss chooses to comply, there's no problem. A "descriptive title" can be anything he wants to make it.

All these loopholes together, and a few more besides, explain how Duval County fell under boss rule and stayed there. Before going to Duval County, I was frankly a little incredulous when I learned there hadn't been a county audit in forty years in spite of the repeated demands of the county's citizens. I thought the statement that Duvalans asked to see the public records at the risk of their lives, might be an exaggeration. I smiled when I heard that the people in Duval County had been trying for many years to find out when and where their commissioners court held its meetings, and in some cases where the statutory school boards even existed.

But then I talked with men whose lives were threatened just because they were curious enough to ask questions about the county government. There's a woman in Freer, Texas, who repeatedly asked all the members of the Benavides School board for permission to attend one of their meetings. Her letters were never acknowledged.

The State of Texas has charged that hundreds of thousands of dollars from Benavides school funds were shoveled into private pockets.

John Ben Shepperd, in three years of court battles, became pretty familiar with the Texas Constitution and the criminal and civil statutes as they serve the purposes of dictators. He came out convinced that the best protection against crookedness in office is an alert newspaper backed up with laws. Publication laws, anti-secrecy laws, auditing laws, open-records laws, and laws for removing public officials who do not keep faith with the people. Most of all, laws to indict and

prosecute malefactors outside their own seceded-up counties. It happened that the conclusions tallied with those of the Texas Press Association, which for several legislative sessions has asked for laws to strengthen the people's right to know what is going on in government. President of that group is David C. Leavelle, publisher of the Galveston News-Tribune. Under his guidance the TPA is pushing 15 bills "for better government" at this legislative session, most of which are aimed at plugging the loopholes that made Duval County possible.

TPA members, by and large, believe Duval County is a warning of worse things that can happen unless the people of Texas act. Chief among these are probably Russell W. Bryant, publisher of the Italy News Herald, who is TPA's Legislative Committee chairman, and W. R. Beaumier who publishes the Lufkin Daily News, and is vice chairman.

Shepperd is quick to deny that the TPA's bills are proposed just because of Duval County, which he says would be a case of the tail wagging the dog. "The defects in the law that we found in Duval County were not new discoveries," he says. "They have been there for decades and longer. The Duval County business simply shows what can happen in any of the 254 counties of Texas if something isn't done about the loopholes."

The bills which Shepperd and TPA think would improve and safeguard the quality of government in Texas are simple. One of them would make it possible for persons charged with embezzling or misusing public funds to be indicted in any county adjoining the county where the offense occurs, or in Travis County.

Such a law would keep crime and punishment apart from local politics. This "outside indictment" is already provided by law in rape cases, so it isn't new. Another proposed law would require District or County Attorneys to file suit for recovery of misappropriated funds in any political subdivision of the state within their jurisdiction, with or without the permission of the governing body. Another would make an audit of the records mandatory when 30 percent of the qualified voters petition the District Judge.

An anti-secrecy bill is included in the bunch, requiring that all meetings of official bodies be open to the press and public except as now otherwise provided by law. There are a few cases in which closed meetings are necessary—such as when job applicants are being considered. In all other cases, as Shepperd puts it, there is no business in public office that is not the public's business.

If one of the TPA bills goes into effect as law, public officials who stand on the Fifth Amendment and refuse to answer questions about their official conduct would be removed from office. Shepperd maintains that this is not inconsistent with the Constitution.

"The Fifth Amendment is a guarantee that a person does not have to incriminate himself in a criminal proceeding. It was never intended to shield bad office-holders from just criticism or to keep unworthy men in office. Such a distortion of its use is not consistent with the honor of public service."

A number of laws governing publications would protect the people against bad government, the TPA says. One would require the full text of city ordinances to be published, not just a descriptive title. All offices, boards, agencies and commissions on all levels of government would be required to publish an annual financial statement under another proposed bill, and there is a related bill which would authorize the removal of any official who failed to publish this or any other required information. With still another TPA bill providing for the removal of any official who refuses to show his records, things may be getting tough for officeholders who have anything to hide.

There are provisions, too, for stopping the flow of State funds to school districts and other political subdivisions which fail to file and publish reports according to law. According to Shepperd, misappropriation of funds in Duval County was so rife that it didn't stop immediately when the State moved in. Efforts to cut off the flow of money to the Benavides school district until "lost" records were found and the money was better accounted for failed for lack of a law under which the State could control the flow of its own funds.

So, another of the 15 bills in the Better Government packet would make it unlawful to steal, conceal, alter or deface a public record—penalty three to seven years—with indictment and venue lying in the county of the offense, any adjoining county, or Travis County.

When you stop to think about it, there are ways of withholding public information from the public which are sanctioned by law. A lot of folks believe precinct, county and state political conventions are public business from which reporters, at least, should not be arbitrarily excluded. You couldn't very well tell the public in, lest the bona fide delegates get lost in the milling crowd. But a TPA proposal at this legislative session would allow the presence of the press, radio and TV—that the people may know.

The need for this legislation is statewide, TPA believes, but if you want a Duval County illustration, there are plenty. Residents tell how they were forcibly excluded from political conventions if they didn't like the Duke and his candidates. If they tried to hold conventions of their own, they were raided by goon squads. Since the TPA came out with a proposal to admit the press and TV to such conventions, Duvalans speculate on what would have happened to the goons if they had come in swarming their carnies and found themselves on statewide television, and their pictures in the newspapers.

Franz Rosenwald and I talked to a lot of people in South Texas. We had heard about the "better government" bills that Shepperd and the TPA were urging upon the Texas Legislature two years ago, and the ones they are urging now.

"No," one of these South Texans said, "more laws wouldn't have stopped George Parr. With or without laws, he would have been Duke of Duval." I looked at Rosenwald. He does not know everything about law, or dictators, or South Texas. But he lived under the Nazis and the Russians, and he says there's nothing unique in this Duval County history. It's all so painfully familiar.

When the South Texan said, over a cup of coffee in the Alice hotel, that laws don't stop the world's little dictators, Rosenwald said, "You want to bet?"

UP THE CANYON

By TOM RUSSON

The Canyon received a light shower Sunday morning, which always helps.

W. T. Perry, stockman at Mountain Pass, reported 6 inch rain at his place. That was more than the Canyon received. In the west end of the canyon showers were pretty heavy.

Farmers are just about to catch up with their farming, until it rains enough to plant the crops.

The members of the Merkel Methodist church had dinner at Butman youth center camp Sunday. They went to the camp after they had services in Merkel.

Nolen church will meet Wednesday night at the Youth Camp. They will have supper at the Camp.

Mrs. LeRoy Riney took her Sunday school class on a picnic Sunday. They went to Elm creek.

Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Demore of the Canyon had Mrs. Demore's brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brandon in their home over the weekend.

M. Brandon is with McMurry college of Abilene. They had just returned from Canada and Washington.

All grass seed is high and with such demand for seed it will get higher. Lots of the country will go in Sudan grass for grazing.

Blue Panic seed is already too high. Since the ruling that farmers and ranchers can seed pasture land to Blue Panic, that will cause

to go higher. Of course that depends on our rain. Another dry year will prevent a lot of seeding of the land.

Things up the Canyon look better than it has in five years. But two or three high west winds could fix things to a great extent, and a two inch rain could make it fine, too.

Mrs. Harold Winney of Merkel visited his parents home, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Swinney, Sunday afternoon.

The farmers are suffering a loss in the egg market. We just don't raise chickens and produce eggs at 25 cents and 30 cents per dozen. As high as feed is, the slack is all ready taken up.

Most of Negroes is in the area of the time, then the folks are gathered in the gallon.

Class Officers Are Elected

Mrs. O'Connell's recent report elected class officers for the President, Lyane West, Vice President, Don Dammelle, Secretary, Ethel Marie Ford, Reporter, James Swinney.

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D. Ramsey and Mrs. Ab Hunter Jr. Miss Irvin and Miss Hunter prepared a "funny bunny" salad, stressing that it would be especially decorative for Easter. Mrs. Ramsey and Mrs. Hunter prepared and packaged cauliflower for the freezer as their demonstration. Mrs. Ramsey also demonstrated "juicing" carrots. One package of carrots made two small glasses of juice.

Mrs. Hunter, president, had charge of the business meeting. Prayer was offered by Mrs. Allred and Mrs. Pistole led the group singing as opening exercises of the meeting. Mrs. I. B. Ray directed a game. Roll call was answered with a "picnic hint".

Mrs. Ramsey as yearbook chairman, suggested that yearbook suggestions be turned in by the April 11 meeting.

Council recommendations were read by Mrs. Pistole. Mrs. Ramsey was elected as assistant reporter. The next club meeting will be March 28 in the home of Mrs. I. B. Ray when the program will be "one dish meals" presented by the food leaders, Mrs. Ray and Mrs. Touchstone.

Club members present were Mmes: Ray, Hunter, Allred, Touchstone, Pistole, Ramsey, Stanley and Bockman. Visitors present were Karen Irvin, Nancy Hunter and Christi Touchstone.

Cub Scout News

Den 3 met on March 18 at the Boy Scout hut. Den mother is Mrs. Joe Cypert and Assistant Den mother is Mrs. Andy Shouse. Denner is Robert Shouse, assistant denner is Tommy Riney.

Fire boxes were made at the second meeting and paneled them on March 11.

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'RIDGE RUNNERS' JEEP Club members of San Diego, Calif., demonstrate how they could rescue and transport victims trapped under debris of buildings shattered by war or earthquake. The four-wheel-drive vehicle club is the only one of its kind known to have joined local civil defense in a group as a rescue outfit. In addition to their regular civil defense rescue classes, the 66 club members conduct runs into nearby desert and mountain country to practice search and rescue of plane crash victims, lost tourists and other emergencies. (San Diego County Civil Defense Photos)

Starr Rest Home

Rufus Carr of Blackwell, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Carr, Vancouver, Texas visited their mother Sarah Carr last week.

A. J. Hill and son of Moran visited his mother Mrs. Hill Sunday.

Edna Lyle and Rea Scott of Abilene visited Mrs. Pearl Wiggins Sunday.

J. W. Cole of Abilene visited in the home last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest McCriglet of Noodle visited Grandmother Cade last week.

Mrs. Hosa Middlebrook and daughter Frankie and Mrs. P. J. Brown visited Dottie Brown last Saturday.

Mr. G. R. Baker had as visitors last Sunday Lawrence Amerson and family, Jack Jackson and family, Clayton Enger and family and L. W. Baker all of Belton, Texas, and Bill Baker and family of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Miller came on Sunday and Mrs. Miller played the piano for the patients. They always enjoy her playing.

We have a new patient, Mrs. Mitchell from Abilene. We hope she will be happy in our home.

Mrs. Gertie Jones and son Billy visited Mrs. Jones' sister Hettie West last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Fowler and family of California has been visiting his mother Frankie Fowler.

The Assembly of God Church conducted the services March 10th at 3:00 p.m. Robert Smith brought the message. Everyone enjoyed the message and good singing and we invite them back again.

Mrs. Ruby Newberry of Abilene visited her mother Minnie Meyers Wednesday.

Friends of Nettie Cole will be glad to hear she is sitting up in her chair each day.

Mrs. Hardy Merrick of Willow City visited her mother Mrs. Jancy Smothers last week.

Grandmother Cade is improving and is happy to have Lyle back to visit with her every few days. You may not believe it, unless you are a mother, but coming to see mothers really helps their spirits.

Aunt Pearl Wiggins went to the beauty shop and had her hair cut and a new perm. It was the first hair cut she ever had. All the patients complimented her on it. She almost disowned me when I was a child and cut my hair. How times do change.

Uncle Jim Smith is up able to hike up and down the road. He visited his niece Mrs. Hestand in Colorado City last week.

Several have called about my mother Ruby Cole who is ill. She isn't a patient at the Rest Home but is staying with me until she has surgery. We do appreciate the beautiful flowers and the telephone calls.

We had a good song service Sunday March 10th. The Carr's came, also Brother Epperson and several others to help them sing.

Thanks to Mrs. Gertie Jones for the nice rags she brought us. We want to thank the Postmaster, Wren Durham for the nice box of soap that was given us. We have already sent a thank you card to Proctor & Gamble.

We appreciate the nice sign in front of the Rest Home that was given to us by the D. Pepper Bottling Co.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Ward of Ft. Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wheeler of Abilene visited Uncle Ben Wheeler Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Muri Sanders, Dallas, Mrs. Oliver Brooks of Dallas visited Mr. Baker Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Gullett of Odessa visited his father Robert Gullett Sunday.

Mrs. Norma Bicknell, Sue Bicknell, Sherry Bicknell and Glen Bicknell of Abilene and Mrs. W. J. Bicknell of Trent visited in the home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elbert West of Suth visited Hettie West Sunday.

Mrs. G. R. Baker, Clyde and Mr. and Mrs. James Baker of Lubbock visited Mr. G. R. Baker Sunday.

We had a good service Sunday March 17th. Rev. Sewell delivered the message. Mrs. Earthman played the piano for the services. We certainly enjoyed the services and will be looking forward for their next visit.

Aunt Pearl Wiggins fell and fractured a rib Saturday evening. She is doing very well at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Outlaw of Dublin are visiting in the home.

Mrs. Hugh Wimberly, Mrs. R. G. Bond and daughter visited in the home Sunday.

It is very nice of Mrs. Annie Stewart for coming each day and helping to care for my mother, Ruby Cole. We do appreciate the nice things that the people do for the home and for us.

FRED C. McCUE



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FRESH GREEN **CABBAGE** ----- Lb. **7c**

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DIAMOND 300 SIZE **SPAGHETTI** ----- 2 For **25c**

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