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C of C President, Manager Attend Big Spring Course

Charles Hogsett, president of the Merkel Chamber of Commerce, and Orville D. Rowland, manager, attended the West Texas Chamber of Commerce Short Course at Big Spring last week. The Short Course for chamber of commerce managers and presidents was held Friday and Saturday by the Chambers of Commerce Managers Association of West Texas to improve management techniques and the efficiency of office secretaries. It offers the president a better understanding of his office and the duties he is confronted with. In addition to the panels of chambers of commerce work, the course offers a wonderful opportunity for fellowship with others in the profession from all sections of West Texas.

Quarterback Club Sees Movie Of Speedway Classic

The Merkel Quarterback Club saw a movie of the 1957 Speedway Classic at their regular meeting in the REA Building Monday night. The club voted to buy rubber yard markers for the football field and to keep working on obtaining an electric scoreboard. The cost of the much needed electric scoreboard runs over \$1,000.00 and this can only come from membership dues and such activities as the club sponsors. Norman Winter, president, said that the club would take donations for this undertaking from those interested but do not want to join the Quarterback Club. Coach Carroll Benson gave a report on last week's game with Cross Plains and said that the boys showed much improvement. He also gave a scouting report on Hamlin who will meet the Badgers here Friday night. Members also voted to sponsor a "B" Team game here next Thursday night week with all the proceeds going to purchase a scoreboard.

Visiting Buffalos Rally In Last Half Of Game To Defeat Badgers 19-7

Cross Plains rallied in the last half of the game here Friday night and handed the Badgers a 19-7 loss, after a 7-6 lead for Merkel at the close of the third period. Cross Plains halfback Granville Scott scored all three Buffalo touchdowns. Halfback Manly Denton scored on a 35-yard run in the third period, after halfback Riley Seymore recovered a Cross Plains fumble about the 50. Seymore kicked the extra point. Scott, who had already gone 91 yards on a punt return in the first quarter for the first Cross Plains TD, really got into action in the fourth period. Darvel Hutchins booted the lone Cross Plains extra point after the second Scott touchdown. Scott's third scoring run came

Dale Carnegie Instructor Gives Sorority Program

Matt Casey, Dale Carnegie Instructor from Abilene, presented the program for the Lambda Beta Chapter of the Beta Sigma Phi at their meeting Tuesday night in the REA Auditorium. The theme of the program was "Self Analysis and Self-Estimate" with Billie South and Viola Shields in charge. Hostesses were Bonnie Douglas and Gloria Dorton. Lucille Litton, president, presided at the business meeting. Mary Priscilla Hogsett was elected Valentine Sweetheart of the local chapter and will represent them in the National Contest, sponsored by the Beta Sigma Phi. Refreshments were served to the following members: Bonnie Dayton, Margarie Knight, Opal Derstine, Mary Priscilla Hogsett, Viola Shields, Billie South, Lucille Litton, Bobbye Mansfield, Mary Hargrove, Rojean Hicks, Mildred Reeger, Gloria Dorton, Maxine Gardner, Bonnie Douglas, and a guest, Dot Casey.

Damage Estimated At \$13,000 In Trent Fire Tuesday Night

Damage was estimated at about \$13,000 in a fire which totally destroyed three-fourths of a block in downtown Trent Tuesday night. The fire was discovered about 7:30 p.m. by John Strawn, Trent mail carrier, who saw the blaze from his home a block away. The blaze was brought under control about 9:10 p.m. Destroyed by the blaze were frame buildings housing the Zeb Bright Drive-in Grocery, Cal Hamner Lumber Yard and Mule Barn, and the Clark Hamner TV Shop. Bright had bought the grocery

Burial Here For Crash Victim

Capt. Doy Baxter, 33, who was killed last Thursday in an airplane crash at Bastrop, La., was buried here Monday afternoon. Military rites, arranged by Dyess Air Force Base officials, were conducted at Starbuck Funeral Home Chapel at 5 p.m. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery where Mrs. Baxter's mother and sister are buried. Capt. Baxter was a test pilot attached to the air proving command at Elgin Air Base in Florida. He was on a cross-country flight when the crash happened. Capt. Baxter was born in Minero, Okla., Nov. 30, 1923. He entered the Air Force in 1943. He was married to Betty Stanton Jan. 5, 1952. Surviving him are his wife; three sons, Stephen of San Gabriel, Calif., Jeffrey and David of Elgin AFB and three brothers and two sisters.

Mrs. Watts Wins \$50 In Contest

Mrs. L. A. Watts has been notified that she has won \$50 as second place winner in a contest sponsored by Madison Sales Co. of Dallas recently. Mrs. Watts says she doesn't enter contests too often but has won several small prizes in the past.

Junior Badgers, Rotan Tie 13-13

Coach Don Este's Jr. Badgers opened their season at Rotan Tuesday night by playing the Rotan Jr. High to a 13-13 tie. The first two scores for Rotan were made in the first half and it wasn't until the last quarter that the boys from Merkel put on an offensive and defensive show. At the beginning of the fourth quarter the Jr. boys held the line and Rotan punted out to their own twenty-five and Wilson Wade ran across the score. Eugene Hester ran the extra point over. The final score for the Purple and Gold came on a thirty yard run around end by Eugene Hester. Try for extra point was no good. Starters for the Purple and Gold were — Ends—Jeff Smith, Bob Shugart; Tackles—Lonny Denman, Tom McAninch; Guards—Wayne Mitchell, James Bible; Backs — Brown Higgins, Wilson Wade, Farris Neill, Eugene Hester; Center — Larry Dudley. The Jr. Badgers will play Hamlin Jr. High here Tuesday night, Sept. 24, 7:30 p.m.

Jr. Badgers Meet Hamlin Here Tues.

The Merkel Junior Badgers will open their home football season here next Tuesday night, September 24, when they meet the Hamlin grade school team in a conference tilt. Kickoff time is 7:30. Admission is 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for school children.

VA Teacher Gives Report To Lions At Meeting Tuesday

Chester Collinsworth vocational agriculture teacher and Chairman of the Agriculture Committee of the Merkel Chamber of Commerce, gave a report on the Experimental Farm of the Texas Research Foundation, at the regular noon luncheon of the Lions Club here Tuesday. He said that many are unfamiliar with the program of work in this area. The experiments being conducted there are open to the public to visit anytime and are welcome to come out and see the work being done by this organization. Mr. Collinsworth explained that this is not a part of the State activities that the Texas Research Foundation in Dallas is in charge and the station is paid for by individual businessmen, farmers and ranchers from all over the state of Texas. They spend between \$10,000 and \$12,000 per year on the farm in this area. It is certainly an asset to Merkel and Mr. Collinsworth invited everyone to come out and see for themselves. Charles Hogsett gave a 5-minute talk on Lionism.

Robert Gulley Dies At Home

Robert B. Gulley, 64, died at the Star Rest Home here at 8:30 p.m. Monday. He had been in ill health for the past five years. Mr. Gulley, who was born in Cleburne on July 27, 1873, had lived in Coleman and Concho counties before coming to Ballinger in 1935. He lived in Ballinger until 1954 when he moved to Merkel. He was married to the former Martha Frances Brown in Coleman County in 1893. Mrs. Gulley died in 1951 at Ballinger. Mr. Gulley, a retired farmer, was a member of the Church of Christ. Funeral was held at 3 p.m. Tuesday at Ballinger. Burial was in Old Runnels Cemetery. Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. Tom Wiley of Odessa, Mrs. T. J. Griggs of Atlanta, and Mrs. Murel Waits of Austin; two sons, Curtis of Odessa, and Roy of Atlanta; 11 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Roy Gulley, was formerly minister of the Church of Christ here.

ANNOUNCEMENT

There will be a Community social at Stith Saturday night, Sept. 28, 7:30 p.m. All the ladies are to bring covered dishes.

Jack Wallace Is New President Of Methodist Men

Mr. Jack Wallace was elected president of the Methodist Men's Club at their regular meeting in the Fellowship Hall of the Methodist Church Monday night. He replaces Hubert Berry who moved to Goldsmith recently. Mr. Zedic Johnson, vice-president, presided at the meeting. Mr. Johnson asked that a new president be elected because he could not accept the position, due to his work schedule. A covered dish luncheon was served to the 15 members present including the pastor, Rev. Cloy Lyles. The Men will sponsor a Men's Night at the Revival next week. Miss Jocille Thompson, a student in McMurry College, Abilene, accompanied by her room mate, Miss Druille Barackman of Dallas, were the weekend guests of Jocille's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Irven Thompson, and grandmother, Mrs. Daisy Toombs.

North Merkel In Darkness When Light Plane Cuts Power Lines

The north side of the city of Merkel was without electricity for about 45 minutes Tuesday night when a light plane made a forced landing in a field five miles north of here about 7 p.m. The plane, owned and piloted by Billy Pitt of Merkel, began having engine difficulty between Abilene and Merkel and lost nearly all of its power about 10 miles out of Merkel. Pitt began looking for a place to land and spotted an open field but the plane began drifting

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Troop 5 To Host Ice Cream Supper

Girl Scout members of Troop 5 will be hosts at an ice cream supper for prospective members Monday night, Sept. 23, at 7:00 p.m. at the Scout Hut. Each girl will bring a guest interested in joining this troop. Leaders for this group are Mrs. Billy Dunagin and Mrs. Woodrow Patton.

Country Club Fate Decided At Meet Thursday Night

A meeting to further plan the construction of the Country Club for Merkel will be held in the REA Building Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. according to Mr. Burt Jones, chairman. Two weeks ago, a meeting was held to see if there was enough interest in forming a club. This group was to talk with others and report their findings at the meeting Thursday night. Mr. Nathan Wood proposed to build the club house and a beautiful 9-hole golf course to start with if as many as 50 people would be interested enough to sign up for \$100 membership and underwrite another \$25 which would be refunded if and when an additional 50 members signed up. He would underwrite 25 himself. The proposal included a club house with locker space, showers, club room and concessions. An additional dining room area would be built at a later date. A 9-hole golf course, equal or better than anything in this area, also was included. Mr. Wood explained that he did not expect members to set him up in business but he did want to know how they felt about the club before he invested such a large sum of money into it. The club will be built to the specifications of an appointed group of members and must meet their requirements within reason, he added. A club of this nature would be an asset to Merkel since there is no form of recreational facilities for year-round activities. All who are interested are urged to attend the meeting Thursday night.

Claude Warren Attends School In Ohio

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Warren left last Thursday for Toledo, Ohio where Mr. Warren is entering the ordinance school on packing. He will be on temporary leave from Dyess Air Force Base where he is employed by the Civil Service as a packer and crater. Mr. Warren will be in school for four weeks, two weeks of the course being on processing and packing and two weeks on loading and tying carload lots. The Warrens expect to be back in Merkel in about five weeks. Hamburger Supper A hamburger supper was enjoyed by the Junior GA girls of the First Baptist Church on Friday night, September 6, in the home of Mrs. Vaughn Doan. Members attending were: Lynn Gamble, Sharon Bishop, Jeanie Hook, Brenda Doan, Wanda Sylvester, Janie Hull, and a guest, Brownyn Jo Gamble. Jo Ann Rogers, assistant counselor, led in games.

Taylor Telephone 2nd Annual Meeting Today

Methodist Revival Starts Here Sunday

A Revival Meeting is to begin at First Methodist Church next Sunday with the Rev. Clifford Trotter, pastor of the Fairpark Methodist Church in Abilene, as guest preacher. There will be only evening services at 7:30 each day of next week. The Revival will close on Sunday, September 29th. The Rev. Cloy Lyles, local pastor issues a special invitation to the entire community to attend every service.

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Earl Hughes has proclaimed Thursday, September 19, 1957, as "Taylor Telephone Cooperative Appreciation Day" in Merkel. The Mayor's proclamation said in part that whereas: "We the people of Merkel enjoy the fellowship and association of the people of the Taylor Telephone Cooperative. And, because we are interested in doing the utmost to cause the day of their annual meeting to be most pleasurable. And because of the active community building spirit of the entire personnel of the Taylor Telephone Cooperative. We the people of Merkel feel it only fitting that we should express our appreciation to this fine group of citizens. We further feel that we as host to the annual stockholder's meeting should do all in our power to make the people of the Taylor Telephone Cooperative know that they are welcome to Merkel. Therefore, I Earl Hughes, Mayor of Merkel, do hereby proclaim, Thursday, September 19, 1957, as Taylor Telephone Cooperative Day, to recognize in every fitting manner our just debt to these fine citizens, and to express appreciation for the great community work they are doing."

Mrs. King Honored On 81st Birthday

Mrs. Fannie King, who makes her home with Mrs. C. H. Tucker here, celebrated her eighty-first birthday Sunday. As a surprise to Mrs. King on this day several of her children, grand children, and great-grand children came, and presented her with a television. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. E. T. King, W. J. and George King, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Minter King and daughter, Beverly; Midland; Mr. and Mrs. Shelby King, Mr. and Mrs. David Cox, a grand daughter, with their children and three grand children, Wichita Falls, and Mrs. Tucker.

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John Hardesty, Phone Co-Op Manager 2 Years

The second annual meeting of the Taylor Telephone Co-Op will be held at the Community Center at 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 19, with about 400 members expected to attend, according to John Hardesty manager. Business for the meeting will include the election of directors and reports from the manager and officers of the cooperative. A proposed amendment of the by-laws will also be acted on. Visiting members will be entertained by Ford Smith, Sr. and Jess Anderson and group, who will play western music; Bobby and Jimmy Duff, sons of Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Duff of Anson, tap dancing; and Johnny Hardesty, pianist. Bill Tippen, attorney from Abilene, will be master of ceremonies. The Taylor Telephone Co-Op, established in 1951, has 1200 members and serves 7 counties. They operate 11 central exchanges with automatic unattended dial system. The first modern dial system was placed in operation in June, 1954, at Nolan and the last one to be installed was at Lawn in April, 1956. There are 26 telephone cooperatives in Texas and out of 580 REA telephone borrowers in the United States, 200 are cooperatives. Members of co-ops supply their own needs on a non-profit basis. Counties served by Taylor Telephone are Nolan, Jones, Shackelford, Callahan, Taylor, Coleman and Runnels. They have an option to purchase Oak Creek Telephone Co. at Norton, Runnels County, and if the option is exercised the co-op will serve an additional minimum of 150 people. The officers and directors of Taylor Telephone are: Charles T. Myatt, president; Boles Fry, vice-president; Frank K. Antilley, secretary; J. J. Farmer, Troy Sloan, Clark Perkins, L. D. Huddleston, J. C. Raper, and R. B. Petty, directors. Office and outside plant personnel include John Hardesty, manager; Joe Cypert, plant manager; Mrs. Lucille Denton, Mrs. Mildred Barnett, Mrs. Jackie Whisenant, Derrill Farmer, Robert L. Carey, James Watson, Dan Ridenbach and Willie Whitney. Merchants who are donating prizes at co-op meeting are: Wilson Food Store, table lamp; Don Dudley Gulf Station, Gulf select oil change; Cosden Service Station, 1 gallon Prestone; Merkel Drug Company, electric hot pot; Whites Auto Store, electric pop corn popper; F & M National Bank, \$25.00 Series E Bond; Merkel Motor Company, electric toaster; Palmer Motor Company, 1 General Electric iron and 1 TV lamp; Boney Insurance Company, blanket; Carson Super Market, electric coffee maker; Taylor Elec. Co-op, G. E. deluxe elec. skillet; Badger Chevrolet Company, 4 lubrication and service coupons; Taylor Telephone Co-op, free installation of a colored telephone; all of Merkel; R. A. Bible Hardware, Abilene \$10.00 Gift certificate; First State Bank, \$25.00 Series E Bond; Groves Parts and Appliances, Canister Set; Fry Funeral Home, electric coffee maker; Burton Lingo Lumber Co., aluminum roaster; Tom Vaughn Grocery, 100 lbs. Purina Chicken Feed (or equivalent) all of Tuscola.

Check Presented Robert O'Rear For First Bale

A check for \$71.45 was presented to Robert O'Rear by Chester Collinsworth in the Chamber of Commerce office Monday afternoon as a cash prize offered by the Retail Trade Development Committee for the first bale of cotton ginned in this area. Collinsworth is Chairman of the Agriculture Committee of the Chamber of Commerce and congratulated Mr. O'Rear on behalf of Merkel C of C members for his foresight in planning and preparing his fields this year. Mr. O'Rear said that this was common practice with him and that he had no idea that a cash prize would be offered. The check represented 50% of the donations for the first bale. Another 30% will go for the second bale and 20% for the third bale. Mr. Collinsworth stated that other activities of the Agriculture Committee included a labor survey of needed farm hands for this year's harvest. He said that the C of C office was working hand-in-hand with the Texas Employment Commission to determine the needs in this area. Cotton in this area will reach its peak about the same time cotton on the plains and laborers will be scarce in this area since they have not been in the habit of stopping due to the lack of good crops. All farmers are urged to notify the Merkel Chamber of Commerce as soon as possible their need for laborers. This information will go to the TEC in Abilene in an effort to direct crews here.

Second Bale Of Cotton Here Wed.

George W. Stout brought in the second bale of cotton for the year Wednesday. The cotton was ginned at Farmers Co-Op Gin. The finished bale weighed 465 lbs., according to Morris B. Smith, gin manager.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Admitted: Mrs. Joe Seymore Mrs. Paxton Hays Lecl White Mrs. Lee D. Williams Mrs. James W. Brumit A. L. Hogue Allen Mays J. S. Grant Mrs. Melvin Bachhofer Dismissed: Mrs. Dale Dudley and baby girl Mr. Jack Cannon Mr. W. T. McAninch Lecl White Mrs. Clayton Doan and baby boy Mrs. Fern Cofield Mrs. T. T. Earthman Mrs. James W. Brumit and baby boy A. L. Hogue Mrs. Melvin Bachhofer

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

Miss Willie Swann returned last Sunday from a two weeks visit to Anson.

A former Merkel boy, A. J. Tucker, employed for the past several years at Vernon, has gone to Fullerton, California, where he will serve an apprenticeship in an undertaking establishment there.

The week's ginnings at the six plants here and at those at Noodle Stith, and Blair from Thursday to last week to Wednesday afternoon to members of the Fort-bales, bringing the season's figure to 2,413 bales at these nine gins.

Parents of all grades—but just of High School students alone—and friends of the school are cordially invited to the opening exercises of the 1937-38 session to be held in the gymnasium at 9 o'clock Monday morning, is announced by Superintendent Conner Robinson.

The program will mark the opening of the new school session, preparations of which have been under way for the past several weeks.

The school now operates three

buses for students living outside of Merkel, in addition to the Union Ridge and Mt. Pleasant buses, and the car from Cross Roads district.

The home of Mrs. W. W. Haynes was opened Tuesday afternoon to members of the Fort-nightly Study club in its initial meeting of the ensuing year.

Greetings from the past president, Mrs. H. C. West, were heard and the "President's Message" by Mrs. Haynes, incoming president, was the principal address of the meeting. Mrs. Conner Robinson and Miss Johnnie Sears were elected to membership.

Opening game of the 1937 Badger season will be played on the local field when Merkel meets Clyde in a non-conference game. A squad of more than twenty, including six lettermen, are working out daily under Coach Pat Davis, with prospects that a good strong team will show against Clyde.

The High School band, which has been fitted with uniforms, will be on hand to back up the Pep Squad and the corps of Badger rooters.

MERKEL 40 YEARS AGO

The honor of bringing in the first bale of cotton went to I. N. Irvin, who brought in a bale early Friday afternoon, the bale weighing 533 pounds. It was ginned by Stith and McDonald and bought by one of the local buyers at 23.10 cents.

The second bale came in early Saturday morning, raised by the Beasley Brothers.

The people in the Canyon, around Blair, west of Trent and northwest of Merkel are rejoicing greatly over the splendid rain the past week. We had a good rain in Merkel, though it was only about half an inch. Some places the rainfall was about four inches.

The social circles of Merkel were greatly surprised last Thursday morning when the news began to be spread abroad that Clyde and Bud Sears had slipped away and taken unto themselves two splendid young ladies of a neighboring city. They left Merkel without breathing a word to anyone, except to Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Touchstone, who accompanied them. Misses Lola and Glenn Lassiter were the brides, both well known and greatly beloved in this city, having taught in the schools here the past session. Mr. Clyde Sears was married to Miss Glenn Lassiter, and Mr. Bud Sears to Miss Lola Lassiter.

Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Anderson and

children, and Devo Hunt of Haskell left Wednesday for Ft. Worth and other points for a week or ten days.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bullock of Straw were visitors in Merkel at the home of Mrs. Bullock's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Harris. On last Thursday evening a few of the "down-town" girls played "five Hundred" at the home of Miss Ruby Jones, after the games the party were successful in the "find of a water-melon at the ice-house."

Those enjoying the evening were: Misses Elma Sheppard, Mammie Rister, Oma Hamblett, Maud Martin, Evelyn Williams, and the hosts Messrs. Jinks Winters and E. Q. Warren.

Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Ely were Merkel visitors Saturday. They are in the farming business near Avoca, and last week were the recipients of a number of prizes for having been the ones to bring in the first bale of cotton for 1957 in that vicinity.

Visiting Mrs. L. V. Armstrong last week were her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ellis, and her niece, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. McBride and girls, all of Weatherford.

Starr Rest Home

By Mary Outlaw

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Crawford of Stamford, Texas visited his uncle Milton Smith Friday.

Uncle Bennie Wheeler isn't feeling so well these past days. His rheumatism is bothering him.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Sharp of Baird visited her mother, Mrs. Goza, Friday.

Mrs. C. C. Estep of Trent has been visiting Mrs. Sipe, Mrs. Gafford, and Mammie Gafford.

We are very happy to have Mrs. Hattie Gafford and her daughter, Mammie, of Trent as patients in our Rest Home. We hope they will be happy here.

We have another new local patient. He is Bert Chambless. We are happy to have him and hope he likes us well enough to make this his home.

Uncle Jack Rogers from Hamlin has been on the sick list with a blood clot in his leg. We wish for him a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Bob Cannon and Mrs. C. A. Farley from the Church of Christ visited each patient Saturday morning. We invite them back again.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Waddle of Hamlin visited Uncle Jack Rogers Saturday. Uncle Jack is an old cowboy with no relatives. It is nice to have visitors to see him. He will soon be 89 years old and such a dear old man.

Mrs. W. J. Bicknell and Mrs. Edd Burks of Trent visited Mrs. Gafford and Mammie Friday.

Mrs. Rosa Rogers of Noodle visited her father, Uncle Bennie Wheeler, Sunday.

We want to thank Bert Harris for the nice eggs he brought the home last week. They were appreciated.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Merrick of Willow City visited her mother, Jauney Smothers, on the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Phillips of Abilene visited her mother, Minnie Meyers, Sunday. We want to thank them for the watermelon they brought.

We want to thank Mrs. Price Melton for the two bushels of peas she sent the home. Thank Mrs. Doc Doan and Mrs. Buddy Derrington for bringing them.

We want to thank Mrs. Hudson at Noodle for the big box of clothes she sent the home. We appreciate them so much. Thank Mrs. Lucus for bringing them in for her.

Thank Mrs. Philips for the okra she sent the home.

We went to Mr. and Mrs. Outlaws Sunday night and Monday morning we dressed 70 friers which we brought home and put in our deep freezer. We want to thank them for the half bushel of tomatoes they gave the home.

We visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Price of Rowden and had a fish fry last Wednesday. We want to thank them for the

nice fish they gave us and gave to the home. Also the okra, sweet pepper and watermelons. It was appreciated. Mrs. Prices father, N. A. Smedley, our little 69 year old man, is our patient here. Had been before we bought out the home.

We want to thank Mr. Amason for the big box of clothing given the Rest Home. We extend our sympathy in the loss of his wife, who was a patient in our home for a short while. May the Lord comfort his heart.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Cade of Abilene visited Granny Cade Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ward of Ft. Worth visited Uncle Bennie Tuesday.

Mr. Wiley Smedley visited his father N. A. Smedley, Tuesday morning.

Mr. R. B. Gulley has been on the sick list but is better at this writing.

We are happy to welcome Mrs. Sallie Ewing to our staff. She will be our night nurse. I can rest assured she will take real good care of the patients as she is sweet and understanding and has worked with these kind of people before. We hope she will be happy here.

Several have asked "how many patients do you have?" So to answer that question we have 26 patients, so it's a 24 hour job anyway you take it. If you don't believe it just visit us sometime.

Thank Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Booth and Mrs. Ford for coming Sunday afternoon and playing and singing for the patients as the Church of Christ minister from Trent failed to keep his appointment. We are sorry when these things happen because if you knew the effort some of the folks put out to get ready to go to the lobby for church then they wouldn't be disappointed any Sunday. We people are up and able to go to church but our old people are just hungry for the good singing and the gospel.

Frank and Ethel Carr filled their appointment Sunday morning at nine to sing for the old people. It is nice of Keith Tarpley to come and help them.

Gusso Circle Meets Sept. 11

The Gussos Circle met in the home of Neva Hicks, September 11.

Club members made waste baskets by painting ice cream containers and decorating them with decals. Plans were made to make lamps and planters at the next meeting.

Refreshments were served to a guest Jessie Warren and the club members Jo Ann Smith, Peggy

Bowden, Rojean Hicks, Loretta Young, Sue Tucker, Helen Hughes, Billie Moore, Mary Boone, Emma Lois Shugart, Betty Lou Satterwhite, Bobby Tarpley and Bonnie Douglas.

The Stars and Stripes has flown over West Point continuously since the academy was built.



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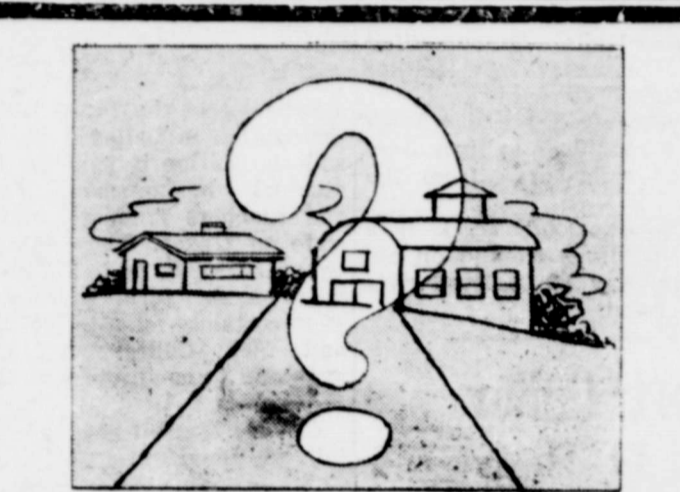
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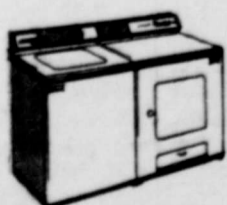
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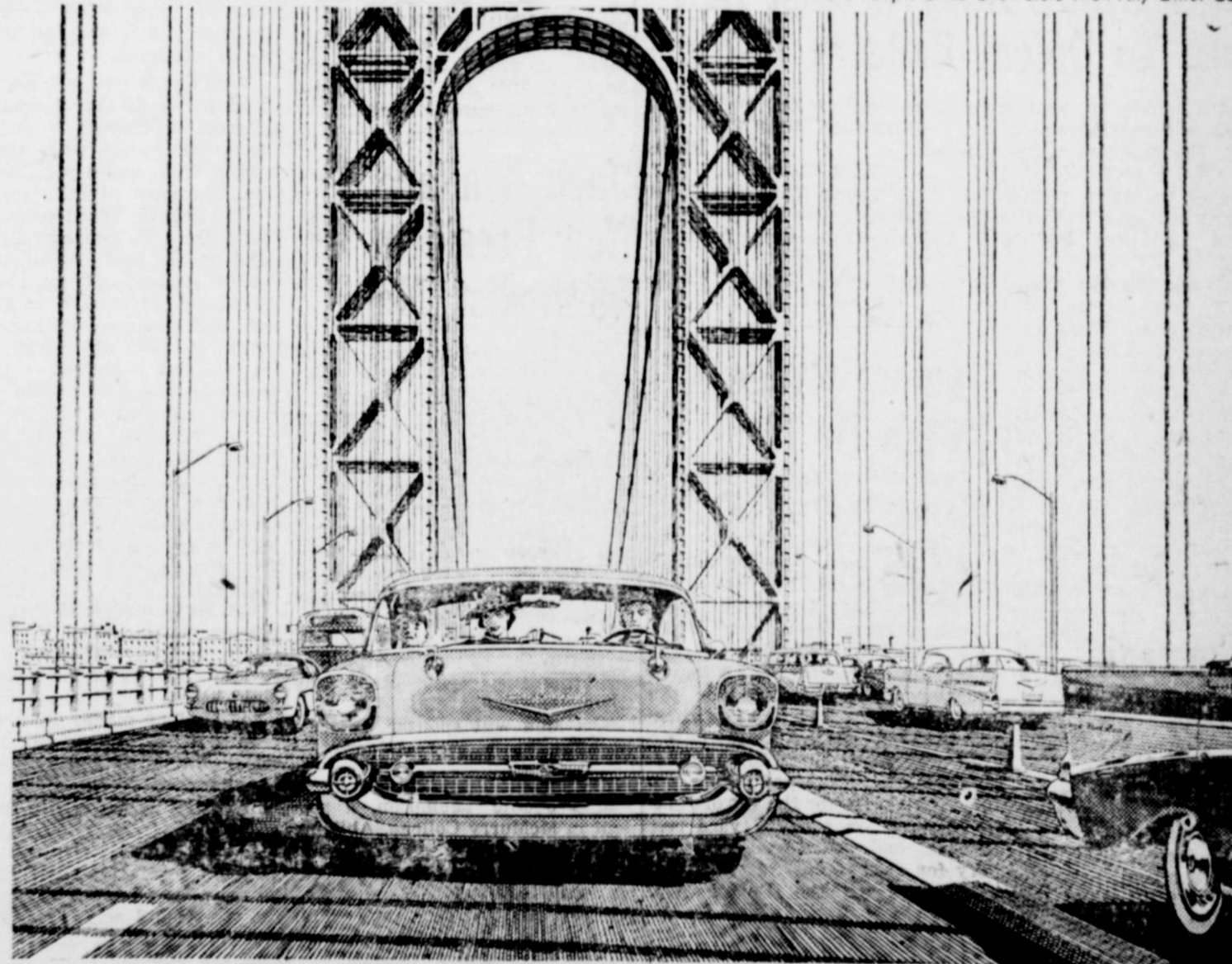


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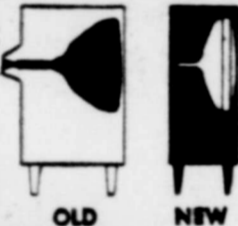
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Fifth Grade Room Elects Officers

Fifth grade pupils in Mrs. Comer Haynes' room have elected these officers: Johnny Hardesty, president; Robert Shouse, vice-president; Vickie Teaff, secretary; Barbara Weed, reporter.

Committee members are Cynthia Ayers, Lina Biera, Sharyn Bishop, Cherry Davis, Donald Denman, Lois Givens, Gretta Griffin, James Harrison, Richard Hernandez, Derrell Hopper, Richard Owen, Jacky Reynolds, Rodney Robertson, Aleta Scott, Glen Shaw, Tommy South, Wanda Sylvester, Lonnie Thompson, Weldon Tittle, Linda Wade, and David Wells.

The group has begun several interesting projects concerning the year's work.

Junior Class Elects Officers

The Junior class of 1957-58 met Wednesday to elect officers and sponsors for the school year.

Officers and sponsors elected were: Joe Neill, president; J. R. Mashburn, vice-president; Katy Hunter, secretary; Annette Boney, Treasurer; Dana Durham, reporter; Mrs. Ellen McReynolds, Mrs. Melba Gooch, and Carroll Benson, sponsors.

A committee was selected to plan the pep rally for the game Friday night between Merkel and Hamlin. On this committee are Sarah Salter, Virginia Criswell, Manley Denton, Don Wilson, Dickie Dannheim, Johnny Roach, and Wayne Irvin.

Plans will soon be made by the class to raise money for the Junior-Senior banquet.

Fifth Grade Elects Officers

Mrs. Johnny Cox fifth grade met on September 9, for the purpose of electing officers. Mrs. Cox served as temporary chairman.

Officers elected were: Mack Dorton, president; Rodney Gardner, vice-president; Ann Tipton, secretary; Freddy Newborn, treasurer-reporter.

Total enrollment of this room is 24 pupils.

School Menu For Merkel Sept. 16-27

Monday, Sept. 16
Fish sticks
English peas
New potatoes with cream sauce
Lemon pudding
Milk
Rolls

Tuesday, Sept. 17
Potato boats
Pinto beans
Pickle relish
Devils food cake
Milk
Rolls

Wednesday, Sept. 18
Roast and gravy
Cream potatoes
Slaw
Peach halves
Milk
Rolls

Thursday, Sept. 19
Meat Sandwiches
Green beans
Oven corn
Apple Cobbler
Milk
Rolls

Friday, Sept. 20
Hamburgers
Potato chips
Cookies
Milk

Monday, Sept. 23
Scalloped potatoes and ham
Fresh black eyed peas
Picked beets
Cocoanut pudding
Milk
Rolls

Tuesday, Sept. 24
Steak and gravy
Cream potatoes
Tomato wedges
Fruit jello
Milk
Bread

Wednesday, Sept. 25
Tamale pie
Red beans
Veg. Salad
Fruit Salad
Crackers
Rolls
Milk

Thursday, Sept. 26
Salmon Coquettes
Green beans
Oven baked corn
Cake
Milk
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Friday, Sept. 27
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Noodle-Horn School Menu For Sept. 23-27

Monday, Sept. 23
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Onion rings
Cold slaw
Corn bread
Tomatoes
Apple pie
Milk
Butter

Tuesday, Sept. 24
Boiled eggs
Spinach
Cheese and macroni
Carrot sticks
Corn bread
Cookies and rasins
Milk
Butter

Wednesday, Sept. 25
Skillet burgers with slice of cheese
Comb salad
Potato fingers
Peaches
Milk
Butter
Hot rolls

Thursday, Sept. 26
Cheese strips
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Friday, Sept. 27
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Onions and lettuce
Pickles
Buns
Peanut butter cookies
Butter
Milk

All menus subject to change without notice.

SYLVESTER NEWS

By Mrs. Woodrow Lawlis

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert McHaney were hosts for an ice cream supper in their home Tuesday night. Those invited were the members of the Ruth Sunday School Class and their families.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Potter, Mike and Cathy, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Dickers and Lavonia, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Hardy, Gloria, Autrey, and Janice, Mr. and Mrs. Fredrick White, Carlene, Jolene, and Debbie; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Scott and Butch; Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Thompson and Dana; Mrs. Frank Barina, Dorothy, Frank, Wanda, Georgia, Gail, Rita, Mary and James; Mrs. Richard Bagel and Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Lawlis and Kay.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cook are visiting Mrs. Cook's mother in New Mexico this week.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Sipe and Lowell; Mrs. John Lawlis; Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Lawlis and Kay visited Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Sexton and Buddy in Slaton Sunday.

Mrs. C. P. Stevens spent Sunday and Monday with friends in Hamlin.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rice of Moran were visitors in the home of their brother and sister, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Grayson, last weekend.

Mrs. J. S. Grant of Abilene visited in the home of Mrs. Hugh Campbell Monday.

The Middle Clear Fork Soil Conservation District won first place on their exhibit at the fair. "Some Keys to good Range Management" was the theme of the exhibit. Tom Russom and Holland Teaff are the two local Supervisors of the District.

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Stith HD News

The Stith H. D. Club met at the Stith Community Center Wednesday, for its regular meeting. Hostess was Mrs. Ted Hudson.

In the absence of Mrs. Buck Leach, president, the meeting was called to order by Mrs. Joe Horton, vice-president.

Club members voted to keep the following officers for another year; Mrs. Buck Leach, president; Mrs. Joe Horton, vice-president; Mrs. John Glenewinkle, secretary; Miss Louise Hudson, Council delegate; Mrs. Billy Ray Browning,

Mrs. W. M. Loflin, Mrs. O. D. Fikes, finance committee; Mrs. J. C. Brown, Mrs. Ted Hudson, recreation; Miss Louise Hudson, marketing; Mrs. John Eakin, reporter.

The Hostess gift was won by Mrs. Ida Mashburn.

Refreshments were served to ten members and seven children.

The next meeting will be Sept. 25, at 2 p.m., with Miss Hudson hostess.

Frank Tarver of Glen Rose is visiting in the home of Mrs. C. P. Stevens.

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Patsy Gregory, Jerry Byrd Wed In Home Ceremony

Patsy Lou Gregory and Jerry Don Byrd were married at 7:00 p.m. September 6, in the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Gregory, 305 Marion Street. Parents of the bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Byrd, Rt. 3, Merkel.

The Rev. Bob Cannon, minister of the Church of Christ, performed the double ring ceremony before an arch of greenery centered with an arrangement of blue carnations and white gladiolas, against a background of white velvet curtains. Green covered candleabra held burning tapers.

The couple was attended by Jerry Russell who served as best man, and Zoie Adair of Sylvester, maid of honor. Barbara Gregory, sister of the bride, was gandle lighter.

Janell Pitt, soloist, sang "Always" and "I Love You Truly". The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a white brocaded cotton dress featuring a straight skirt and square neckline. Her fingertip veil, attached to a white velvet headband, was trimmed with tiny white lace. She carried white carnations on a white Bible. Her maid of honor's dress was in blue and she carried a white and blue bouquet.

The reception was held in the home of the bridegroom's sister,

Mrs. Truman Holloway of Rt. 3, Merkel. She and another sister, Mrs. Marvin Holloway, served refreshments from a table laid with white lace over blue, centered with an arrangement of white and blue flowers flanked by blue candles. Others in the house party were Mrs. H. Jones and Mrs. M. Thompson.

The bride wore a navy suit with white accessories for traveling. Her corsage was white carnations.

Byrd, a 1956 graduate of Merkel High School, is employed by Wimberly Oil Co. Mrs. Byrd is a junior in Merkel High.

UP THE CANYON

By TOM RUSSOM

Parts of the Canyon has received up to 6-10 in. of rain in the last few days. The showers could bring on a new crop of worms in the cotton.

Our community has much brighter prospects of crops than we did last year. The boys are going to make some cotton and feed; and the cattle and sheep prices are still high. Farmers and stockmen over our area say things are much better than they were a year ago.

Perhaps a lot of the land will go in to the soil bank in 1958. It is pretty good insurance, and after some hard dry years, insurance will help.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Miles had their daughter and family of Sweetwater in their home over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Butman and family spent the week end at the Carlsbad Cavern. They reported a good trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin McCoy and family of Muleshoe visited a few days this week with Mrs. McCoy's parents Mr. and Mrs. Joe Seymour and other relatives.

Payton Scott has gone away to college at Texas Tech, Lubbock. Loyd Sugart was in Abilene this week making plans for work and he plans on going to college

too. Loyd Perry says the lamb prices this year is good and if rain should come the market will get better.

Cramer Reynolds who owns the Abilene live stock auction and also owns farming interest in this area, says he is undecided about placing his land in the soil bank for 1958.

Frank Brnovak has bought 160 acres of land from Bill Hinegar. The land is just across the road from Brnovak's place. He plans to run stock on the place.

Maurice Johnson who ranches on the east side of the Canyon has sold his lambs for \$12 per head.

Tom Russom had a load of calves on the Abilene market this week.

Melvin McCoy reports, crops are very good across the Plains. He says his cotton could make a bale and half or two bales per acre and milo 3500 lb. per acre.

Mrs. McCloud Has Surprise Party

Mrs. N. L. McCloud was honored on her birthday with a surprise party, with three of her daughters, Mrs. Joe English, Merkel, Jo Gilstrap and Mrs. Spring, Abilene, acting as hostesses.

Refreshments were served to: Mrs. Nora Murray, Fenton Boyd, Bob Johnson, Howard Phillips, Hattie Gafford, T. G. Bragg, Edna McCloud, Merkel; Elery Smith, M. G. Scott, and Nora McCloud, Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hicks and children visited relatives in Lubbock over the weekend, and were accompanied home by Mrs. Hicks' mother, Mrs. Daisy Stratton.

Compere HD Club Elects Officers

Mrs. Ab Hunter Jr. was re-elected president of the Compere Home Demonstration Club when new officers were elected at a meeting in the home of Mrs. Vernon Stanley, Sept. 12.

Others re-elected to office were Mrs. J. E. Touchstone, vice-president, and Mrs. Stanley, reporter. New officers are Mrs. W. D. Ramsey, secretary, Mrs. W. S. Allred council delegate.

Roll call was answered with "Something I Have to Be Happy About." Opening prayer was offered by Mrs. Allred.

Our visitor, Mrs. Raub, was present and the following club members: Mmes. Hunter, Allred, Ramsey, Childers, Chancey and Stanley.

Several members of the H-SU Cowboy Band, Abilene, attended services at the First Baptist Church here Sunday evening, and played a special arrangement of "The Old Rugged Cross".

Those featured in this number were: Dan Lancaster, Gene Curkel, Tommy Hefferton, Phil McFadden, Lloyd Gonzales, and Don Jones.

Vivian Terral of Rosebud, Texas, accompanied by a friend, Marvin Williams, were guests of Vivian's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hamp Campbell, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lige Harris returned Monday after spending the weekend with their son, Mr. and Mrs. James Harris of Amarillo, and Mrs. Mattie Sapp at Tyrone, Oklahoma.

P-TA Meeting Held Thursday

The Merkel P-TA met in the school auditorium Thursday night for their first meeting of the year with Mrs. Eldon Hicks, president, presiding.

A musical number, "The Clarinet Polka", was presented by Bitsy West and W. G. Reed, band director.

Mrs. Ruth Perkins, program chairman, introduced Superintendent Mack Fisher who gave the welcoming address and presented some statistics on the school.

Mr. Fisher said that three new classes have been added in high school this year, chemistry, government and another driver's education class. He pointed out what he thought an interesting fact, that 144 out of the 192 students in high school are taking science. He also said that more

students are taking music than ever before.

Mrs. Judd McReynolds spoke on "Worthy Use of Leisure Time". She suggested many ways that children and adults might put their time to worthy use. She pointed out that by teaching children to do something constructive in their spare time a lot of troubles may be avoided in later life.

"Being Clinicked," a humorous reading in dialect, was given by

Mrs. Comer Haynes.

The faculty was introduced by Edwin Reid, high school principal, and Cal Farley, elementary school principal.

Don Estes gave the closing prayer.

Mrs. Stells Gaudin of Celeste is the guest for an indefinite time, of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Campbell.

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NOTICE MASONS

Stated meeting of Merkel Lodge No. 710, A.F. & A. M. Thursday, Sept. 19, 8:00 p. m. All members are urged to attend. Visiting brethren cordially invited. T. J. Bird Sr. W. M., C. B. Rust, Secretary.

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FOR SALE—Baled Oats — For information See Pete Petty. p6-3tp

FOR SALE — Late model used automatic washers. Palmer Motor Co. 24-tfc

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Legal Column

NOTICE OF REAL ESTATE SALE
By order of the Commissioners Court of Taylor County, Texas, made August 26th, 1957, I, T. O. Massey, Sr., was appointed commissioner to sell and was authorized to sell a strip of land 40 feet wide off of the entire East end of a tract of 80 acres of land in

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said County known as the S. W. part of Section No. 154, Block No. 64, H & T. C. Ry. Co. land, Certificate No. 26/3987, patented to K. K. Brewer by Patent No. 400, Vol. 39, except the South 10 feet of said strip, and to sell same at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, provided however that in event an adjoining or abutting land owner shall bid at such sale as much for said land as any other person shall bid at said sale therefor then such adjoining or abutting land owner shall have the priority and preference right to purchase said land on such bid and said commissioner shall observe and respect such right;

Now I, the said T. O. Massey, Sr., acting as such commissioner and by virtue of the power vested in me by said order of said court, will sell said strip of land except the South 10 feet thereof, at the Court House door of said County, between the hours of 10 o'clock, A. M. and 4 o'clock P. M. on the first Tuesday in October, 1957, being the first day of said month, at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash, after first advertising the time and place and manner of the sale for at least 20 days before the sale, by publishing once a week in the English language for three consecutive weeks preceding such sale, in a newspaper published in said County, this notice of such sale, —provided that in event an adjoining or abutting land owner shall bid at such sale as much for said land as any other person shall bid therefor at said sale then such adjoining or abutting land owner shall have the priority and preference right to purchase said land on such bid and such right will be observed and respected.

T. O. Massey, Sr.
Commissioner as aforesaid. 26-27-28

Legal Column

THE STATE OF TEXAS
To any Sheriff or any Constable within the State of Texas —

GREETING:
You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for four consecutive weeks, the first publication to be at least twenty-eight days before the return day thereof, in a newspaper printed in Taylor County, Texas, the accompanying citation, of which the herein below following is a true copy.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: A. E. Lasater, Defendant,
Greeting:
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 14th day of October A.D. 1957, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 30th day of August A. D. 1957, in this cause, numbered 22,391-A on the docket of said court and styled Mrs. O. C. Bloss, widow, O. C. Bloss, Jr., Mabel Faye Millet, Edward Allan Millet, Stewart B. Bloss and Ted Lee Bloss, Plaintiffs, vs. A. E. Lasater, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Suit in Tresspass to try title to a portion of Lots Nos. 37 and 38, Anderson Subdivision of North Part of the Original Lot No. 1 in Block No. 208 in the City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be 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 30 day of August A. D. 1957.

(SEAL)
Attest: R. H. Ross, Clerk, 42nd District Court Taylor County, Texas By Mrs. Jesse R. Swindell, Deputy.

Legal Column

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF TAYLOR
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER EXECUTION

By virtue of an execution issued out of the 42nd. District Court in and for Taylor County, Texas, on a judgment rendered in said Court on the 24th day of July, A.D. 1957, in favor of George Scott Harris and against James W. Hisle and wife, Mozelle Hisle, in the case of George Scott Harris against James W. Hisle and wife, Mozelle Hisle in cause Number 22,221-A on the docket of the 42nd. District Court in and for Taylor County, Texas, I did on the 20th day of August, A.D. 1957, at 10 O'Clock A.M. levy upon the following described tract and parcel of land situated in the County of Taylor, State of Texas, as the property of the

said James W. Hisle and wife, Mozelle Hisle, to-wit: "Being Lot No. 6, of the D. N. Darnell Brothers Subdivision of Lot No. 4, Block "C", of the Berry Ledbetter Subdivision, a part of the I&GN Ry Co. Survey No. 2, in the City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, together with all improvements thereon situate, according to the map and plat thereof recorded in the office of the County Clerk of Taylor County, Texas, to which reference is here made."

And on the 5th day of November, 1957, same being the first Tuesday of said month, between the hours of 10 O'Clock A.M. and 4 O'Clock P.M. on said day, at the Courthouse door of said Taylor County, Texas, I will offer for sale and sell at public auction for cash, all of the right, title and interest belonging to the said James W. Hisle and wife, Mozelle Hisle, in and to said property, and place the purchaser thereof in possession with deed thereto.

Dated at Abilene, Texas, this 9th day of September, A.D. 1957. J. D. Woodard Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas By Barbara Lusk, Deputy

Legal Column

THE STATE OF TEXAS
To any Sheriff or any Constable within the State of Texas—

GREETING:
You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for four consecutive weeks, the first publication to be at least twenty-eight days before the return day thereof, in a newspaper printed in Taylor County, Texas, the accompanying citation, of which the herein below following is a true copy.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Arnie Leland Amundson, Defendant, Greeting:
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 28th day

of October A. D. 1957, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 23rd day of August A. D. 1957, in this cause, numbered 22,369-A on the docket of said court and styled Billie June Amundson, Plaintiff, vs. Arnie Leland Amundson, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were married on August 2, 1952, and became permanently separated May 5, 1957. Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of harsh and cruel treatment and asks for custody of their three minor children and for such other and further relief to which she may be entitled, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be 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 16th day of Sept. A. D. 1957.

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

Visitors in the home of Mrs. Etta Tucker on Tuesday and Wednesday of last week were her sons, Jasper of Plainview, and Rev. Charles Tucker of Houston.

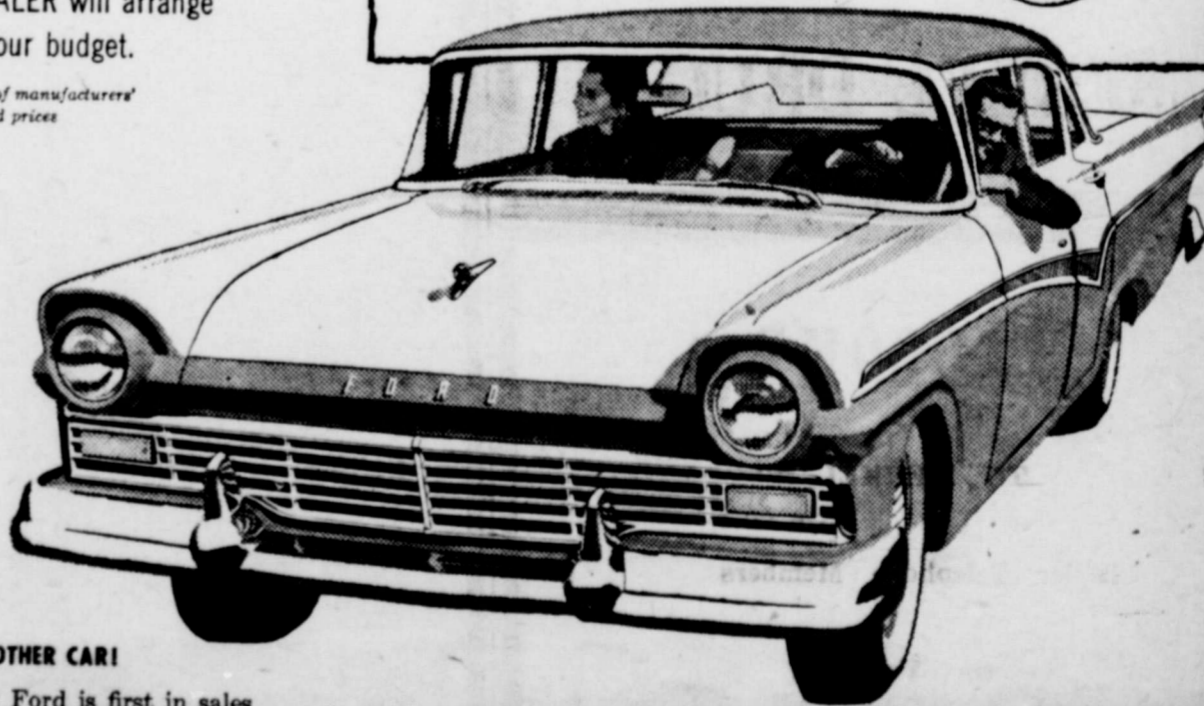
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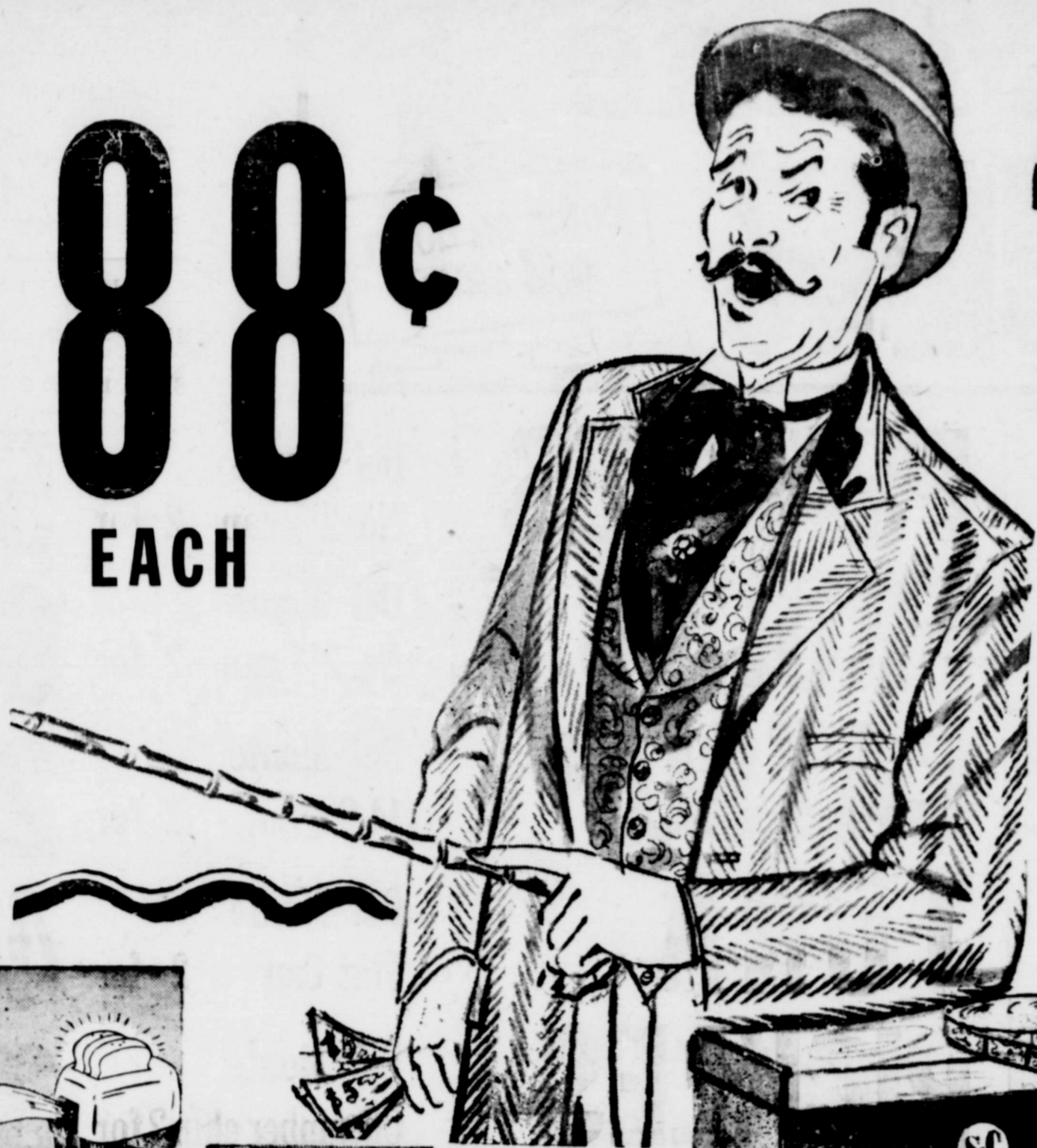
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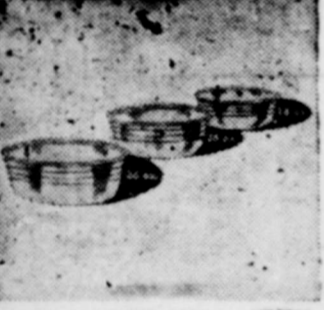
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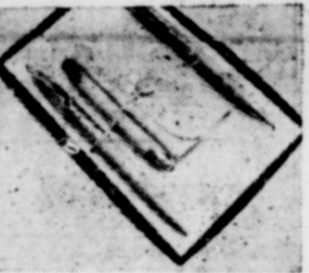
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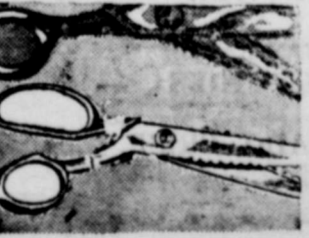
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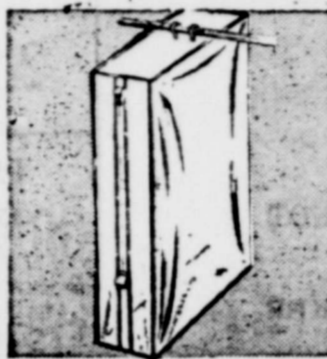


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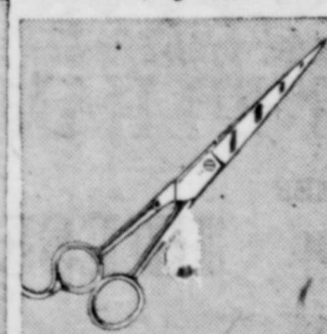
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WHITE		
GRAPEFRUIT	-- lb.	9c
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CAULIFLOWER	-- lb.	15c
LONGHORN BAGGED		
RED POTATOES	-- 10 lbs.	49c
COLORADO CRISP		
CABBAGE	-- lb.	5c

