



**40 YEARS AGO  
IN MERKEL**

The Gem Theater, in the Beasley building, is now all dressed up and in running order. Modern seats, a player piano and other modern facilities have been installed. Tom Hodge, an experienced operator of Abilene, is in charge and says that he is going to see that the entertainments are second to none.

S. A. Coats and family have moved back to Merkel. Like the rest who left when the drought encroached, he came back. They all agree this is the best country in the world.

Harry Merritt visited the Dallas Fair the past week. He also spent several days with his brother, Ben, at Handley, returning home Wednesday.

Miss Willie McCargo of Anson visited Miss Willie Swann the past weekend.

Prosperity has come. People have flocked here in droves. It is remarkable how few difficulties have taken place. It is refreshing. Perhaps people are too busy to quarrel. Prosperity has brought with it a feeling of good will. We are glad to note this fact and trust peace will dwell in Merkel yet for many a day.

Abolt 8100 bales have been received in Merkel, according to Public Weisner, J. M. Garrett. Easily the receipts will exceed 20,000 bales this season. The record price for cotton so far is 37.75 cents. Looks as if it will go to 40.

Some negroes got into a scrap over a poker game, it is alleged, on the farm of W. T. Sherrell, north of town, a few evenings ago. As a result, one of them is dead and buried. The victim is reported to have been a "Bad umbre" and evidently the "other fellow" took no chances. Death was caused by a knife wound in the abdomen. The party doing the cutting is unknown, it is claimed.

Dr. M. J. Smith spent a few days in Fort Worth this week. He returned in a fliver and says he is now ready for business.

**20 YEARS AGO  
IN MERKEL**

In celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Teaff, esteemed pioneer farm couple,

have extended invitations for friends to call from two until five o'clock Sunday afternoon at the home northeast of Merkel where they have resided continuously 37 years since coming to this section from Bell County.

At a called meeting of the city council Thursday of last week, R. H. Mathews Jr., was elected permanent driver of the fire truck, succeeding Jack Higgins, who had resigned. Mr. Mathews and family are now occupying quarters reserved for the driver upstairs in the fire station.

Mrs. Norma Gray of Washington, D. C., where she is employed in the treasury department, was a visitor Sunday night in

the home of Mrs. Earl Teague. Billy Wood of Merkel has passed the requirements for membership in the Abilene Christian College Melpomenean Players Club, dramatic organization. This club sponsors two major dramatic productions during the school year. For membership, the student must exhibit special talent in the dramatic field.

An interesting visitor in Merkel this week is George Houghton of Oklahoma City, who states this is the first time he has been in Merkel in 19 years. He managed drilling the first oil well in the area, on the John Sears ranch, and lived here about two years. Mrs. Houghton, who was prominent in church work here, passed away last February.

Word was received late Wednesday

afternoon by Richard Young, band director of the Merkel schools, that his Chevrolet coupe, stolen some time last Thursday night from in front of Cyrus Pee's place, had been found at Gail. The tires were

missing, but first information did not tell whether the car had been stripped or not. It was insured.

Weekend visitors in the home of Mrs. Hallie Burden and son,

Dewell, were her sister Mrs. C. W. Guthrie and daughter, Mary Lynne, and granddaughter, Kim Guthrie, Mrs. John Fort, Judy Carlson, and Judy Hodnett, all of Big Spring, Mr. and Mrs. Othell Okelly and children of Trent

and Mr. and Mrs. Denzel Cox and Sandra Hunter.

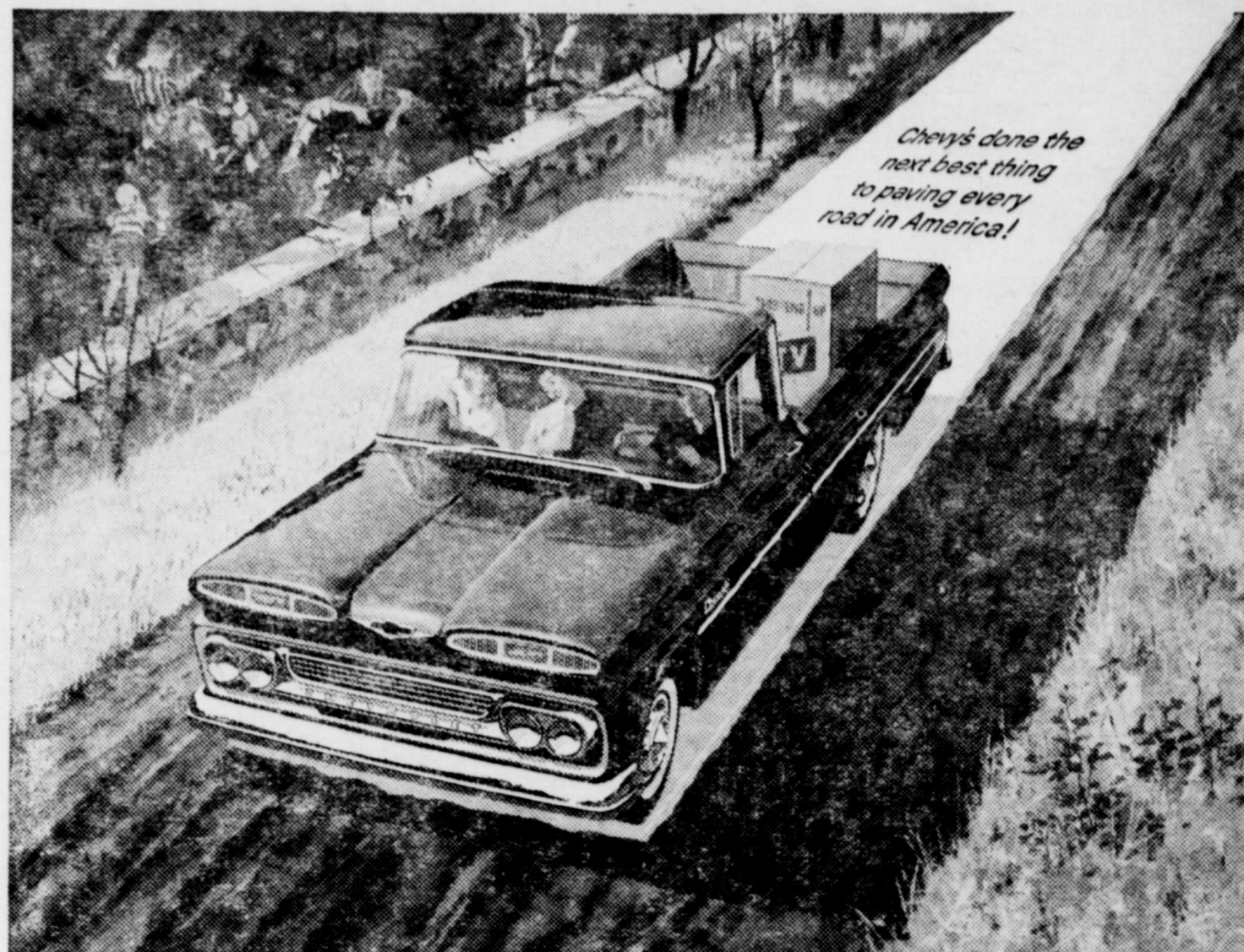
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## FORD SMITHS MARK GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Ford Smith Sr., who have lived in Merkel for 68 years and on the same farm since their marriage, observed their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday Oct. 17.

The celebration originally planned for the golden anniversary was not held due to the recent serious illness of Mrs. Smith. The occasion was observed quietly, with only members of the family present, on Sunday, Oct. 18.

The Smiths were married in 1909 in the home of the Rev. R. S. Heizer, then pastor of the Merkel Methodist Church.

Mrs. Smith is the former Ida May Ford, daughter of Mrs. J. T. Ford of Abilene and the late J. T. Ford. Born July 7, 1892, she moved to Taylor County with her family when she was a child.

Mr. Smith was born Nov. 23, 1888 in the Colony Hill community southeast of Abilene. His parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Samuel Smith, moved to Merkel in 1891 and operated a stock farm.

The couple's children are Morris B. Smith, Ford Smith Jr. and

Mrs. Ruth Hogan, all of Merkel, and Jack L. Smith and Mrs. Della Henslee of Abilene. A daughter, Dorothy, died in 1919 at the age of 3.

The Smiths have nine grandchildren, Berry Ford Smith, Amarillo; Mrs. E. A. Conley, Merkel; Johnny Ford Henslee, Abilene; Kenneth L. Hogan, Merkel; Sammy Smith, Merkel; Wilma and Randy Smith, Abilene; and Ann and Gary Smith, Merkel. Their three great-grandchildren are Kay Lynn and Ricky Conley, and Betty Doyle Smith of Amarillo.

The centerpiece on the brown net covered table was an arrangement of yellow flowers with greenery and gold sprayed dried okra made for the occasion by Mrs. C. L. Sherrill a friend of the family.

A tiered cake was baked and decorated by the couple's granddaughter, Mrs. E. A. Conley. It was topped with a miniature basket of yellow jonquils, with an arch of gold leaves and the letters 50 in gold.

## Newlyweds Live In Sweetwater

Sandra Kay Spraberry and R. L. Montgomery Jr. were married in Abilene on Oct. 24 in the home of the Rev. John Hamilton, officiating minister.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Riley Spraberry of Rt. 2, Merkel, and Mr. and Mrs. R.L. Montgomery Sr. of Sweetwater.

The bride is a 1957 graduate of Noodle High School. The bridegroom graduated from Newman High School in 1954. He is employed at Lone Star Gas Co. in Sweetwater where the couple will make their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Whittemore and children and Mrs. Les Thaxton and granddaughter, Leslie Ann, visited Sunday afternoon with Mr. Thaxton, who is a patient in the VA hospital at Big Spring.

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## WATSON-JORDAN WEDDING PLANNED

Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Watson are announcing the approaching marriage of their daughter, Mary, to Alton Jordan, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Jordan.

Miss Watson, a 1959 graduate of Merkel High School, is employed at West Texas Wholesale and Supply in Abilene. Her fiancé attended Abilene High School and is employed by West Texas Drilling Co.

The wedding will be in the home of the bride-elect's sister, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Roy Benningfield, of Abilene, on Nov. 28.

### Betty Parker Completes WAC Clerical Course

FORT McCLELLAN, Ala. (AP-TNC) — Pvt. Betty L. Parker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin C. Parker, Route 2, Merkel, recently completed the typing and clerical procedures course at The Women's Army Corps School, Fort McClellan, Ala. Private Parker entered the

corps last May and completed basic training at the fort. She is a 1959 graduate of Merkel High School.

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- 53 BUICK Super, 4-Dr. Sedan, R&H, Automatic Trans. Power Steering & Brakes, 33,000 actual miles, Ask the One Lady Owner — A Steal at this price \$795
- 56 PONTIAC Star Chief, Custom Catalina Coupe, Power and Factory Air. All the other extras, One owner. We also sold this one new. Low mileage, reduced to only \$1595
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- 57 PLYMOUTH Savoy 4 Door, V-8 R&H, and Overdrive. New Tires, New Motor. Tan Color, Air Conditioner—Now Only \$1395
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## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Covering Receipts and Disbursements

For

## MERKEL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

For The Period Of

September 1, 1958 to August 31, 1959

### RECEIPTS:

|  |                     |
|--|---------------------|
| 1. Federal Funds   | \$ 3,703.73         |
| 2. State Funds   |                     |
| A. Per Capita  | 57,510.70           |
| B. Salary and Operation  | 65,326.00           |
| C. Transportation  | 16,690.00           |
| D. Vocational  | 1,142.22            |
| 3. County Available  | 27.33               |
| 4. Local Maintenance Tax   | 96,190.04           |
| 5. Debt Service Tax  | 37,382.70           |
| 6. Non-Revenue   | 305.75              |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>\$278,278.47</b> |
| Balances on August 31, 1958 budgeted for 1958-59 operational costs | 10,217.10           |
| <b>Grand Total</b>   | <b>\$288,495.57</b> |

### DISBURSEMENTS:

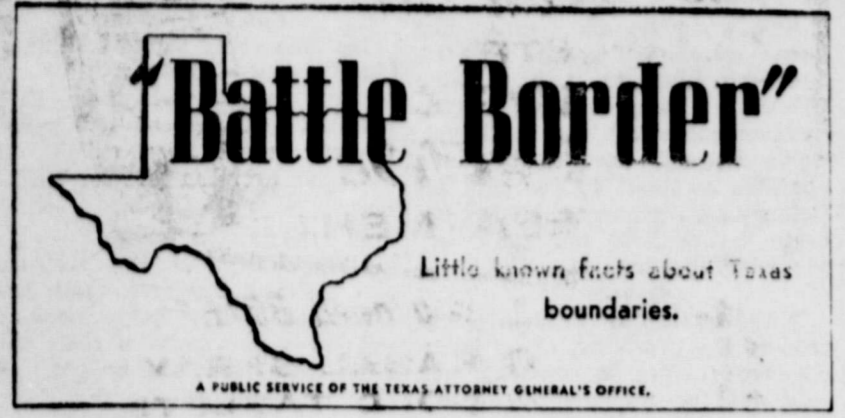
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|---|---------------------|
| 1. Administrative and Instructional   | \$177,143.80        |
| 2. Vocational Service   | 1,903.44            |
| 3. Physical Education   | 2,499.91            |
| 4. Transportation   | 18,823.47           |
| 5. Operation of Plants  | 19,269.20           |
| 6. Maintenance of Plants  | 5,586.42            |
| 7. Fixed Charges  | 3,153.68            |
| 8. Extra-Curricular Activities and Band (Not including fees paid by students)   | 2,255.09            |
| 9. Capital Outlay   | 2,294.46            |
| 10. Debt Service  | 35,954.30           |
| 11. To Trent School District for transporting colored students from Trent to Sweetwater (Does not include salary of bus driver) | 503.00              |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>\$269,386.77</b> |

Balances on August 31, 1959 budgeted for 1959-60 operational costs:

|                              |                     |
|------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. State and County          | 5,166.64            |
| 2. Local Maintenance         | 4,152.72            |
| 3. Transportation (Deficit)  | 388.68              |
| 4. Interest and Sinking Fund | 10,064.08           |
| 5. Building Fund             | 114.04              |
| <b>Grand Total</b>           | <b>\$288,495.57</b> |

### STATUS OF BONDS AND OTHER INDEBTEDNESS

|   |                     |
|---|---------------------|
| 1. Bonds outstanding on August 31, 1959 | \$367,000.00        |
| 2. Warrants                             | 10,000.00           |
| 3. School buses                         | 12,844.40           |
| <b>Total Indebtedness</b>               | <b>\$389,844.40</b> |



**"Battle Border"**  
Little known facts about Texas boundaries.

(Editor's Note: This is the second in a series of articles outlining the numerous boundary conflicts dating back to 1716, pointing up little known facts which shaped the Texas of today.)

The first Texas-New Mexico boundary fight came close to going down in history as a shooting war between Texas and the United States.

"Texans were so mad they threatened secession and war," Attorney General Will Wilson said.

Wilson is right now fighting another battle for Texas boundaries—the tidelands suit before the Supreme Court of the United States.

Background for the Texas-New Mexico fight began with the 1819 treaty which settled the western limits of the United States, establishing the eastern boundary of Texas at the Sabine River.

Many people at the time, including Thomas Jefferson, thought this a bad bargain.

They believed the boundary should be the Rio Grande.

As it turned out the treaty fea-

tured built-in headaches brought out later in an Oklahoma-Texas dispute.

In 1821, Mexico revolted from Spain, falling heir to the Spanish lands south and west of the United States. This included Texas up until 1836 when Texas won their independence at San Jacinto.

One of the first acts of the new Republic of Texas was to draw up a declaration of its boundaries, fixing three leagues in the Gulf of Mexico, which is now being fought out in the tidelands case, and claiming the Rio Grande to its source in present day Colorado.

This gave Texas the eastern half of present New Mexico and a large part of southern Colorado.

U. S. Senator Thomas Hart Benton of Missouri voiced Mexico's complaint by saying the Texas boundary was "an act of unparalleled outrage on Mexico."

"It is a seizure of 2,000 miles of her territory without a word of explanation to her," he raged.

King of Missouri politics, Benton used his rugged strength to fight Texas to the end—his



"Sen. Benton, anti-Texas to the end," according to Will Wilson.

end as it turned out to be.

In the 1844 Congress Benton successfully opposed a treaty that would have admitted Texas to the Union. Six years later he shook Texas and disrupted Congress by introducing a bill to reduce Texas to 150,000 square miles (about the size of Montana) with the right to divide it into two states of 75,000 square miles each.

"This bitter stand on the Texas question eventually defeated Benton after he had served 30 years in the Senate," Wilson points out.

Wilson, who has an extensive library on Texas history, likes to quote a description of Benton. "—all the Senate knew that Thomas Hart Benton was a rough and tumble fighter off and on

the Senate floor — no longer with pistols but with stinging sarcasm. He himself was immune to the rancors of these political clashes from which his adversaries retired bleeding and broken for his great ego and vigorous health and limber skinned mentally as well as physically."

Wilson particularly likes this:

"The leathery quality of his skin was in part the result of a habit of brushing with a horsehair brush — when asked if the brush was truly rough, Benton would roar: 'Why, sir, if I were to touch you with that brush, you would cry murder, sir!'"

The next article will describe how the Federal government bit off a large chunk of the territory and paid Texas fifteen cents an acre for it.

Doolittle says he'll order one if they put in a few jokes for him and some cake recipes for his old lady, and that if they get cramped for space they can just leave out the weather business.

Yours truly,  
GABBY

**Mrs. Shanks Made Honorary Member Of Garden Club**

The Merkel Garden Club met in the home of Christine Collins Thursday with Mrs. S. D. Gamble as co-hostess.

The president, Mrs. W. T. Sadler, presided for the business session when it was announced that Mrs. Josie Shanks had been made an honorary member of the Garden Club in appreciation of the beautiful hand painted posters she made for the spring flower show. Mrs. Mack Fisher, program chairman, presented her with a year-book.

Mrs. Sadler gave a report on the District Eight meeting she and Mrs. W. S. J. Brown attended as delegates. Other members who attended were Mrs. Jarrit Williams and Miss Collins.

Mrs. Carroll Benson, flower show chairman, made an announcement to the placement flower show, "Enchantment of Home" to be held in Miss Collins' home on Nov. 7.

Mrs. Benson was leader for the program on "Containers, Accessories and Backgrounds," presented by Mrs. John Shannon, Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Fisher.

Mrs. Shannon said flower containers need not be expensive but should be suitable. They should not "stal the show." She also reminded the group that a little grease or dirt in the water may shorten the life of flowers.

Mrs. Brown, who spoke on accessories, said an accessory is a small object that completes the picture in a flower arrangement.

In her discussion on "Backgrounds," Mrs. Fisher brought out the fact that a contrast between flowers and background will produce a more attractive effect, but the arrangement should pick up some of the colors of the room.

Two new members, Mrs. Carroll Walton and Mrs. Bud Haley, were introduced.

**Tax Deduction List Available**

The National Society of Tax Consultants, Inc., national professional organization for tax specialists, has released a list of 105 business and individual income tax deductions for 1960. This check-list for taxpayers may be obtained from the society, by sending 25c to cover cost of handling and mailing to Post Office Box 5995, Dallas, 22, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Burleson were dinner guests Sunday in the home of their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Joe E. Burleson, Abilene.

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DEAR MISTER EDITOR:

The boys up at the country store Saturday night was paying their respects to the medical profession. We got one feller that sets in on our sessions pretty regular that ain't agin fresh air, shade trees, pure spring water and wedded motherhood. Everything else he's agin, and he was giving doctors a hard time Saturday night.

He allowed, for instants, that you can't hardly git a doctor to come out in the country no more and when you go to town to see cre you have to set and wait so long there ain't no chanct of gitting the disease in its early stages. He said his wife went to see the doctor about a cold in the head and afore he got to her it had developed into double pneumonia.

Another feller said we wouldn't have no country doctors in another 20 yea., just specialists. He claims a country doctor treats what you've got, and on the other hand, in the cae of the specialist, you've got what he treats.

I ain't knocking doctors, Mister Editor, but I did read not long ago where a New York surgeon was asked by the court what he operated on a certain patient fer, and the doctor said he operated on him fer what he had—appendicitis and \$300.

Some of the fellers brung up the rumor that the U.S. Weather Bureau was going to git out a booklet next year that would give the weather forecast fer a whole year. It was voted unani-

mous that it ain't going to sell unless they put in a few jokes and cooking recipes.

Folks has got used to having a little of everything in their almanacs and they ain't going to change their reading habits fer the U.S. Weather Bureau. The jokes and recipes is the main thing, and the weather forecast is secondary, especially if it's coming out of Washington. Fer instants, they're saying official that we're in fer a cold winter but I ain't cutting no extra fire wood till I have time to git my Grier's Almanac down and see fer shore what kind of winter we'll have.

Them weather bureau folks can't do no more good just figuring it out from day to day, and I ain't got much faith in 'em on a annual basis. But Ed

**Gleaners Class Meeting Held**

The Gleaners Class of the First Methodist Church met in the Fellowship Hall of the church on Oct. 14 for a class party.

Mrs. Jarrit Williams led the opening prayer and Mrs. Pincley gave the devotional.

Mrs. Lou Pettv, president, presided for a short business session. A committee composed of Mrs. Roy Largent, Mrs. Dee Grimes and Mrs. W. S. J. Brown was appointed for the class project.

Roll call was answered by an interesting experience each member had on Halloween at some time.

The serving table was decorated with a Halloween arrangement. Hostesses were Mrs. Sallie Gant, Mrs. Ross Ferrier, Mrs. O. E. Harwell.

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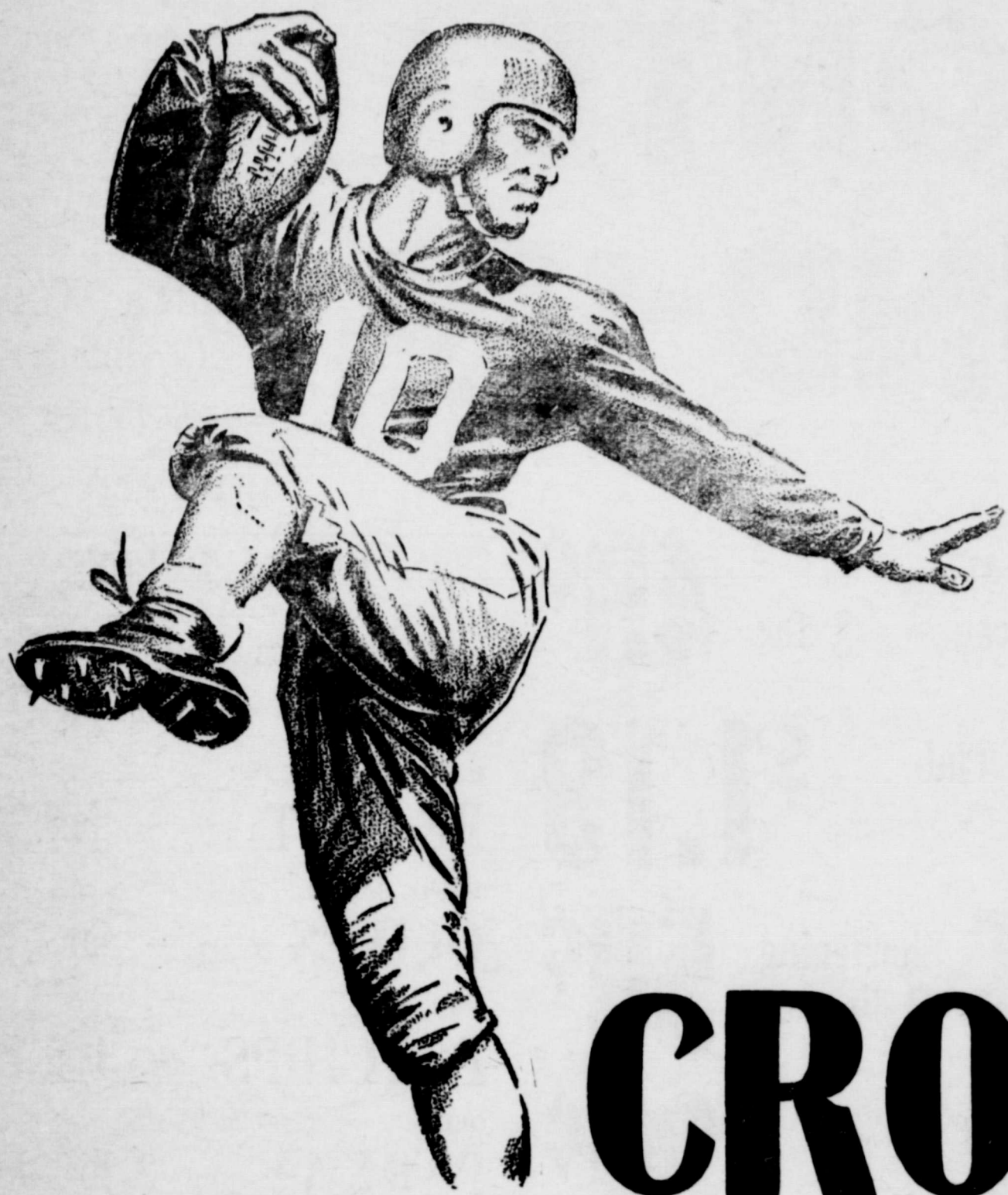
Mr. Lambert has about \$15,000 worth of Catholic books gathered for nearly 50 years. He has lectured in 40 states and about half of the provinces of Canada. He never makes a statement that cannot be read from official Catholic books in his possession. He would be delighted to go into court with any statement made.

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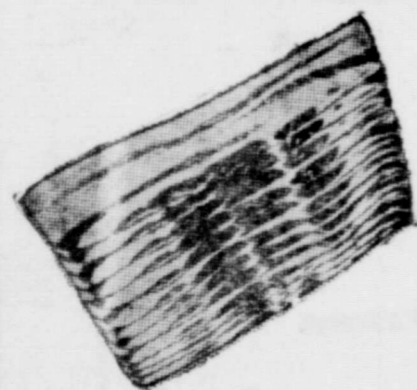
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