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## Postmaster Wants To Hire Vehicle For Mail Service

Sealed bids for the furnishing of a vehicle without driver, on an hourly basis, for use in the city delivery service, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1960, are being solicited by Postmaster Wrenn Durham, for use at the Post Office at Merkel.

## Merkel Merchant Attends Meeting

J. W. Hammond and son, David, have just returned from Dallas where they attended a closed-circuit television business meeting for Ben Franklin Store owners last Monday at the Adolphus Hotel.

## Merkel's Son In Germany

BAD KREUZNACH, Germany (AHTNC) — Army Capt. James E. Farmer, 36, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Farmer, Merkel, recently arrived in Germany and is now assigned as adjutant of the 62nd Medical Group.

## BADGER TALES

Friday, the thirteenth, is the date for the Junior and Senior banquet this year. Actually this is a rather hapless date — but it may come out all right; it may there is a little of good in even the worse of things — maybe even in days.

## STAMFORD WILL HOST DISTRICT VFW MEET

The state's largest Veterans of Foreign Wars District will hold its Spring Convention in Stamford this weekend when District 3, Department of Texas, convenes there on Saturday and Sunday.



WILL PRESIDE — Fred C. Stevenson of Sweetwater, commander of the state's largest Veterans of Foreign Wars district, will preside over the convention of V.F.W. District 3, Department of Texas, to be held in Stamford on Saturday and Sunday.

## Miller Named Fraternity Head

Jerry Miller, Abilene Christian College junior from Merkel has been named president of Kappa Delta Pi, national honor fraternity for the coming 1960-61 school year at ACC.

## William Shepard Continues Course

William M. Shepard of Trent is continuing his technical training during the summer by completing in school enrollment at Oklahoma State Tech, Okmulgee.

## NOODLE SERVICES SPEAKER ANNOUNCED

PI OODL BACCALERAUT a. The Rev. Jessie Swindell, pastor of the Noodle Baptist Church, will be the speaker for baccalaureate services for the graduating class of Noodle High School at 8 p.m., Sunday, May 15, in the school auditorium.

## Lester F. Dorton, Named Texas Co-op President

Lester F. Dorton, one of the youngest electric cooperative managers in the state, will have a new honor to his name this year at the Taylor Electric Cooperative meeting.

## POPULATION FIGURES FOR COUNTY GIVEN

Merkel's population in the city limits was given as 2,289 in figures released this week by Mac V. Mossholder, district supervisor of the 1960 census of population and housing.

## Visitors View Achievements At Annual 4-H Tea

"H Contributions To The Future" was the program topic for the county-wide 4-H club annual achievement tea held Monday, May 2, in the home of Mrs. Coleman Mabray on the Buffalo Gap Road.

## 4 Generations Attend Reunion

Four generations were represented in the home of Mrs. Winnie Cypert when all her children, grandchildren and one great-grandson gathered for a family reunion Sunday.

## 'MISS CO-OP' TO BE NAMED AT 19TH ANNUAL TAYLOR ELECTRIC MEET

Merkel will be filled Thursday, May 18, as Taylor Electric Cooperative Inc. holds its annual membership meeting.

## Johnny Roach Receives Award

U. S. FORCES, Germany (AHTNC) — Army PFC Johnny L. Roach son of Mrs. Myrna L. Darling, Merkel, recently received a safe driver award while assigned to the 84th Artillery in Germany.

## Trent Girl Named H-SU Cheerleader

Karen Hood of Trent, a freshman student at Hardin-Simmons University, has been elected cheerleader for the 1960-61 school year.

## SOUTHERN BAPTIST OFFICIAL TO BE H-SU SPEAKER

The executive head of the Texas Baptist Convention, Dr. Forrest C. Fezzer, will be baccalaureate speaker for Hardin-Simmons University May 29.

## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SEEKS PROJECT NAME

The Merkel Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a contest to name the \$227,700 public housing project under construction in northeast Merkel.

## NAME THE HOUSING PROJECT CONTEST

I think Merkel's Public Housing Project should be called \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Mail entry to: Chamber of Commerce, Box 768, Merkel, before May 15, 1960.

Nine directors for the cooperative will be up for reelection at the meeting. They are: Conner Haynes, C. F. Hill, O. S. Moore, Henry Roberts, Elmo Jones, Oma Thomas, Sam Butman Jr., Jack Morrow, and J. J. Anderson.

## SATURDAY'S DEMO PRIMARY DREW CONSTABLE WRITE-IN CAMPAIGN

As a sidelight to the primary election, considerable local interest was generated in the constable race when, on the morning of the election, Carroll Benson and Chester Collinsworth offered themselves as write-in candidates for constable of this precinct.

## Mrs. Tom Largent Hostess to WSCS

Approximately 25 people were present when members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and invited guests met in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Largent for a covered dish luncheon Tuesday.

## Mrs. Williamson Feted At Party

Mrs. Geta Williamson of Trent was named honoree at a surprise morning party on her birthday, Wednesday, May 4, in the home of her sister, Mrs. C. C. Stribling.

## POSTMASTER CITES MAIL BOX WEEK

The Post Office Department has designated the week of May 16 to 21, as Mail Box Improvement Week. Postmaster Wrenn Durham states that all patrons of the Merkel Post Office are urged to provide suitable mail receptacles and maintain them in good serviceable condition.

## Stith HDC Meets In Com. Center

Mrs. Hulén Hill was hostess at the meeting of the Stith Home Demonstration Club in the community center April 27.

## Cemetery Fund ...

The following persons have made contributions to the Merkel Cemetery Association fund: John R. West, Ida Armstrong Estate, Mrs. J. W. Dowdy.

## 450 Ways to Use Electricity On the Farm and in the Home

Who would have guessed 25 years ago that we would ever find as many as 200 uses for electricity on the farm? Those were the days when seasoned electric company executives laughed as REA engineers predicted some day U. S. farmers might use an average of 90 to 100 kilowatt hours of electricity a month!

Use of electricity today has surpassed the wildest dreams of 1935. Researchers in the United

States Department of Agriculture now point to more than 450 different applications of electricity on the farm and in the farm home.

These new uses and big step-up in the consumption of electricity on farms is part of American agriculture's move to mechanize and substitute power and machinery for human labor both on the farm and in the home.

There have been real changes made from the early days when home use of electricity was limited almost entirely to lighting, powering the washing machine, and pumping water. From air conditioners to automatic water systems, rural electrification has made it possible for farm people, too, to live better electrically.

Radio, TV, clocks, refrigerators, freezers, stoves, washing machines, dryers, vacuum cleaners, water pumps, water and space heaters, dishwashers, mixers, and lawn mowers are common everyday uses of electricity around the home.

In fact, there's little today that can't be done easier, quicker and better electrically. USDA's list of uses for electricity in the farm home includes just about every conceivable household gadget under the sun.

There are burglar and fire alarms, fish bowl heaters, bed warmers, biscuit bakers, can openers, Christmas tree turners,



Ford Motor Company's new Falcon Ranchero, the first economy size truck to be produced by a major U. S. automobile manufacturer, features a 6-foot box, up to 50 per cent greater fuel economy and the high styling and smoothness of ride normally found only in a regular passenger vehicle.

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#### Power Used in Homes

As you might suspect electrical appliances and equipment used in the home outnumber those used in farming operations. This partly explains why three-fourths of all electricity consumed on the farm today is used in the home.

However technological developments of electrical equipment and the ever-increasing new uses now promise to boost the use of electricity to undreamed of levels around the farm. New ways of handling grain feed, hay, and even milk are fast antiquating the fork, shovel, milk can, and bucket.

Feed carriers, barn cleaners, silo unloaders, hay and grain dryers, mills, grinders, elevators, graders, dusters, sprayers, fences, flytraps, milkers, emery wheels, pumps, and fans, are only a few of the many ways electricity has replaced the hired man on the farm.

From molasses heaters to peach defuzzers, farmers are making new and varied uses of this unique and wonderful power that turns on and off automatically or at the flip of a switch.

Electro-magnets for catching pieces of metal, walnut dryers, bull exercisers, manure pumps, or-grub removers, cattle trainers, orchard fans, sweet potato curers, beehive heaters, hot callers, fish barriers, earthworm catchers, humane electrocution of farm animals and poultry, and tank farming without soil all are some of the more unique uses for electricity on the farm.

Farmers faced with the problem of getting adequate help on the farm, are finding new "electrical hands" a fair substitution for the hired man. In fact the symbol of rural electrification is a lovable little character called Willie Wirehand. Plenty of ever-ready electrical power, ready at the flip of a switch to be converted into light, heat, or power is a must for the widespread automation of work around the farmstead.

For instance, a single worker today in Canada handles 20,000 broilers with ease. Another man in Florida cares for 10,000 ladies hens and the 7,500 eggs they shell out a day.

Scalpers, thanks to electricity, a business method of cellless farming in Illinois produces a ton of important green fodder annually in a space only 2 1/2 feet square.

A dairymen in California, using a double herringbone milking parlor and pipeline milker, can

milk as many as 60 cows an hour, nearly 10 times the number that could be milked by hand.

A livestock farmer in Indiana pushes buttons and pulls switches and feeds 400 steers and 500 hogs in 10 minutes. This is a job that would keep five men with baskets and forks busy for a half day.

Benefits City Consumers  
These efficiencies in farming have been made possible through the magic of rural electrification. Benefits pass on to urban consumers in terms of a bountiful supply of sanitary, high quality food products that literally jam the grocery shelves.

Annual average power consumption by farm consumers on rural electric lines, as recent as 1958, stood at 3,816 kilowatts. On the basis of present day increases, average farm consumption is expected to reach 5,600 kilowatts by 1963, and 10,800 kilowatts by 1975.

One thing sure, as more and more farmers turn to pushbutton operation of their farmsteads new uses and wider uses of electricity about the farm and rural home lie ahead.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Burgess of Abilene were visitors in the home of her sister, Mrs. W. M. Hays, Sunday and attended night service at the First Baptist Church here.

### 20 YEARS AGO

IN MERKEL

on the honor roll for the mid-semester term of McMurry College was one of the graduates of the class of '38, Merkel High school, Marvin Hunter, whose report card showed four A's and one B for the half-term.

After official inspection of the Merkel schools last week, R. N. Sandlin, deputy state superintendent,

dent, reported to Supt. Connor Robinson that he found all phases of school work fully up to standard and gave the school a splendid rating.

Goree, Apr. 25 — Miss Ether Sorenson, vocational home-making supervisor for Area II, visited Miss Minta Aline McAninch's home-making department last week, and in her report to the superintendent, H. D. Arnold, she was lavish in her praise of the grade work being done by Miss McAninch and the girls taking home-making. Miss McAninch is one of the two home-making teachers given highest rating in Area II in the supervisor's report to the superintendent of the Goree public schools.

The home-making classes of

Merkel High School will be represented at the State Future Home-Makers rally in Dallas Apr. 24-27. Evelyn Sears will represent the second year classes, and Jeanette Neff was selected as the delegate from the Future Homemakers Club.

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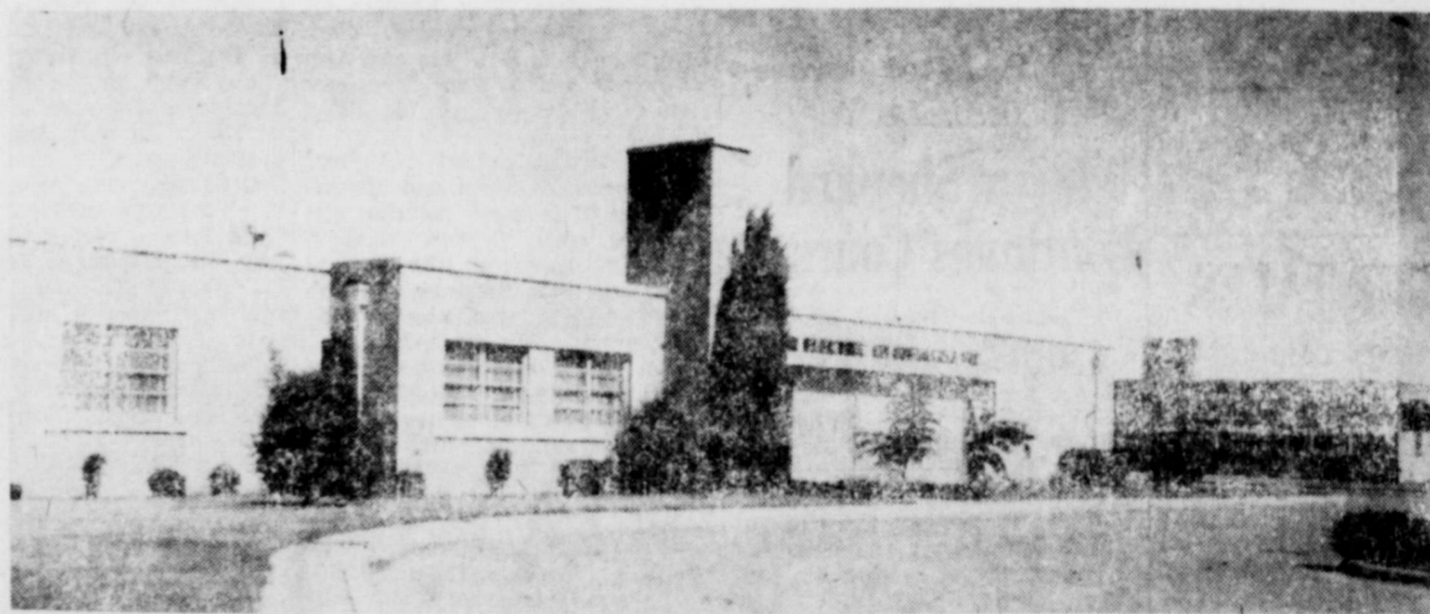
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**ESTABLISHMENT OF THE RURAL ELECTRIFICATION ADMINISTRATION.**

By virtue of and pursuant to the authority vested in me under the Emergency Relief Appropriation Act of 1935, approved April 8, 1935 (Public Resolution No. 11, 74th Congress), I hereby establish an agency within the Government to be known as the "Rural Electrification Administration," the head thereof to be known as the Administrator.

I hereby prescribe the following duties and functions of the said Rural Electrification Administration to be exercised and performed by the Administrator thereof to be hereafter appointed:

To initiate, formulate, administer, and supervise a program of approved projects with respect to the generation, transmission, and distribution of electric energy in rural areas.

In the performance of such duties and functions, expenditures are hereby authorized for necessary supplies and equipment; law books and books of reference, directories, periodicals, newspapers and press clippings; travel expenses, including the expense of attendance at meetings when specifically authorized by the Administrator; rental at the seat of Government and elsewhere; purchase, operation and maintenance of passenger-carrying vehicles; printing and binding; and incidental expenses; and I hereby authorize the Administrator to accept and utilize such voluntary and uncompensated services and, with the consent of the State, such State and local officers and employees, and appoint, without regard to the provisions of the civil service laws, such officers and employees, as may be necessary, prescribe their duties and responsibilities and, without regard to the Classification Act of 1923, as amended, fix their compensation; Provided, That in so far as practicable, the persons employed under the authority of this Executive Order shall be selected from those receiving relief.

To the extent necessary to carry out the provisions of this Executive Order the Administrator is authorized to acquire, by purchase or by the power of eminent domain, any real property or any interest therein and improve, develop, grant, sell, lease (with or without the privilege of purchasing), or otherwise dispose of any such property or interest therein.

For the administrative expenses of the Rural Electrification Administration there is hereby allocated to the Administration from the appropriation made by the Emergency Relief Appropriation Act of 1935 the sum of \$75,000. Allocations will be made hereafter for authorized projects.

The White House,  
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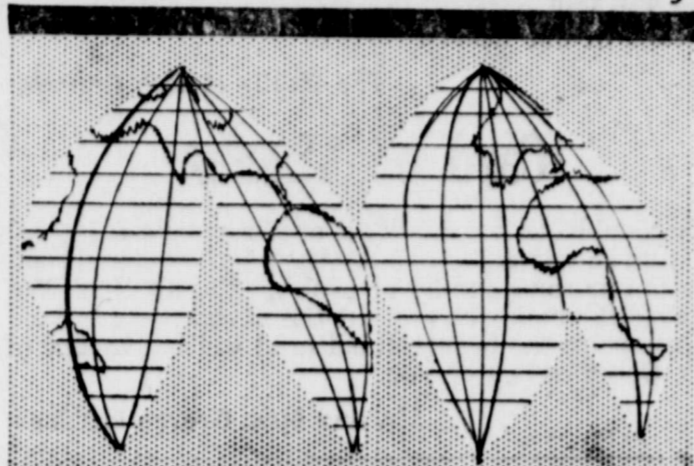
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If you are one of those who like everything connected with rural electrification "REA" — read on! You will be surprised to learn that "REA" is the abbreviated name of a division in the U.S. Department of Agriculture—far removed from the local Rural Electric System that provides electrical service to rural Americans.

Actually, a number of organizations, and groups of organizations are actively engaged in making the nationwide rural electrification go and grow! As a help in understanding this program, here are a few basic facts about the various groups directly involved in rural electrification.

Rural Electric Systems are local organizations that actually do the work of providing electrical service to people who need and use the electricity. Individual electric systems, incorporated under state law, borrow money from the government through the Rural Electrification Administration (REA) to build electric lines and facilities. These systems bill their members for the electricity they use. A portion of each bill is set aside for interest and principal payments on the REA loan. Rural Electric Systems are an out-

standing example of private enterprise. They are owned, controlled, and operated by the local people who use the service they provide.

Since the start of the rural electrification program 25 years ago over 1,000 rural electric systems have been organized to bring electric light and power to people who had to do without electricity up to 1935. These systems have crisscrossed the rural areas of the nation with nearly 1.5 million miles of electric lines which serve approximately 16 million people. While by far, most of the rural systems are cooperatives in some states they are called public power districts or public utility districts.

Rural Electric Statewide Associations have been organized in many states to provide services for the individual systems—services that can be done more efficiently or economically, or both, through group action. Membership is voluntary, but almost all Rural Electric Systems belong to a state association.

The National Rural Electric Cooperative Association is the national service organization of all rural electric systems. With headquarters in its own modern office building in Washington, NRECA functions on the national level much as the statewides do on the state level. Important services NRECA provides for its members include Insurance Coverage Management Institutes, Con-

sulting Service, Group Purchasing, and Public Relations Assistance to state and system publications. NRECA also has regular contact with Congress and many Federal administrative agencies, and presents to them the views of the rural electric systems of America.

As with statewide associations, membership in NRECA is voluntary, and more than 90 percent of all Rural Electric Systems belong to the National Association. Member systems, by vote at annual meeting or through their elected state directors, control policies, services, and actions of NRECA.

The Rural Electrification Administration is the real "REA" is, to make loans and take the necessary action to collect them. And the credit record of REA

government agency. REA makes loans to local organizations for the construction of electric lines in rural areas. Loans are secured by a mortgage and repaid with interest over a period of 35 years. While REA loans are valuable to "persons, corporations, states, cities, and districts," most of the borrowers have been rural electric cooperatives.

Contrary to the general opinion REA does not own or control the systems that borrow money. Nor does it hire the manager, set the rates, or dictate policy of the local systems.

REA's and the Government's interest in the operation of rural electric systems is much the same as that of any prudent banker. That is, to make loans and take the necessary action to collect them. And the credit record of REA

borrowers has astonished many private bankers. Over \$1 billion in principal and interest has been paid to REA, and \$3½ billion in loans. Best of all, much of this has been paid prior to due date!

Mrs. Bertha Ennis, Mrs. E. O. Randleman, Mrs. Lois Dailey and Mrs. A. Edmiston, all of Frisco, Calif., have returned to their homes after a visit in the homes of Mrs. Geta Williamson and Mrs. C. C. Stribling of Trent.

Mrs. B. L. Trevathan of Wichita Falls have been at the bedside of Hubert Beckham, a patient in the Sadler Clinic Hospital here.

Mrs. S. D. Simpson of Bastrop is visiting her daughter - in - law, Mrs. Frank Simpson.

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**STITH NEWS**

We were sorry to hear news of the death of Bob Gardner and we extend sympathy to Mrs. Gardner and her family.

The annual stockholders meeting of the Stith Co-op gin was held Thursday, April 28. A barbecue dinner was served to 100 people.

Directors elected were Charles Reddin, Orville Ely, and Grady Bishop. Other directors are Babe



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Tarpley, Buck Leach, Ted Hudson and Houston Robertson. Outgoing directors were Bob Hudson, Ernest Smith and C. A. Cox.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Vantreesse visited recently in San Antonio with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Mundy.

Mrs. Delia Ellison, Mrs. E. B. Newton, Mrs. Homer Anderson and Mrs. Dalton Long, all of Anson visited Mrs. Fritz Hale Tuesday.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hudson and Mrs. Jessie Taylor Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Lenoir and children of Wadson. Mr. and Mrs. Tom E. Lenoir and daughter, Mrs. Bonnie Turner of Breckenridge and Miss Louise and Bob and Hollis Hudson.

Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Jones visited Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Howard of DeLeon.

The Rev. and Mrs. Jack Reddin of Lampasas spent Saturday night with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Harris.

The Rev. Guthrie of Hamlin preached at the Stith Baptist Church Sunday. He was accompanied by Mrs. Guthrie and sons and were dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bradley.

Mr. and Mrs. Pick Payne made a trip to Dixie, Okla., Friday. They were accompanied by his mother, Lena Payne and sisters, Mrs. Beane, Mrs. Bess Jackson and Mrs. Jewel Ward. All attended church services where their father was buried.

Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Hale and Sandra attended a singing at Trinity Vespertine Church Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ray Brown have moved to Tuscola. We regret their moving from this community.

Guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Mathews Sunday were their sons, Col. Frank Mathews of College Station and Roy Mathews of Abilene, their daughter, Mrs. J. B. Price and children Mike and Christa Price of Big Spring.

**An Orange A Day  
Important Too!**

An apple a day may keep the doctor away, but it takes an orange a day — or its equivalent — to provide the vitamin C recommended for maintaining good nutrition according to extension foods and nutrition specialists.

A food consumption survey carried out by the U. S. Department of Agriculture showed that among more than 6,000 U.S. families whose food purchases were studied over a week's time one in four was not receiving recommended quantities of vitamin C.

Citrus fruits are rich enough in vitamin C to yield a day's supply in one average serving such as a whole orange or a half grapefruit. Potatoes, tomatoes, peppers, Brussels sprouts, and cabbage, as well as greens such as spinach, mustard and turnip tops also contain vitamin C. However, more than one average serving of these other foods is needed to provide enough of the vitamin daily.

Vitamin C is not stored in the body, remind the specialists. That's why you need to include it in your diet on a regular day-to-day basis.

**Salad Supper Held  
By Homemakers SS**

The Homemakers Sunday School class for the First Baptist Church met in the home of Mrs. Perry Davin for a salad supper April 28. Mrs. Truett Thompson was co-hostess.

Mrs. Lloyd Robertson opened the meeting with prayer. Mrs. Mart Hardin read the scripture and gave the devotional on "Faith."

Each lady gave a testimony as to "What Our Recent Revival Has Meant to Me."

Mrs. Hardin presented a place setting of china as a birthday gift.

Present were Mrs. Lloyd Robertson, teacher, Mrs. Glenn Robertson, Mrs. Howard Carson, Mrs. Durward Williams, Mrs. Ted McAninch, Mrs. Maurice Thompson, Mrs. Leon Walker, Mrs. Hardin, Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. Davis.

Visiting Sunday in the home of Miss Mary Collins were her brothers and families, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Collins of Plainview and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Garland Denton of Fort Worth. Mr. and Mrs. Q. A. Collins of Lamesa and Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Collins of Lubbock.

**Card of Thanks**

More words cannot possibly express our gratitude for the many expressions of sympathy extended to us during the recent loss of our husband and father. The many beautiful flowers and cards, the food, and the many other acts of kindness were deeply appreciated. And to the area newspapermen who pitched in and put out the Merkel Mail and the Jim Ned Valley Reporter, we want to say thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

The family of Bob Gardner

**Card of Thanks**

We would like to thank all of the wonderful people in Merkel and surrounding area for their kindness and thoughtfulness to our son's family at such a difficult time. We are grateful to the men who put out the newspapers and we will always treasure the beautiful editorial written by one of his friends. God bless all of you.

Mr. and Mrs. George Gardner

"JUST KEEP YOUR HANDS ON THE REINS, LYNDON"



**T.E.L. Class Meets  
In Anderson Home**

The T.E.L. Home School class of the First Baptist Church met in the home of Mrs. Dave Anderson May 4. Mrs. Lucy Ford was co-hostess.

Mrs. T. J. Bird gave the devotional. Prayer was by Mrs. Ford. Mrs. Eunice Massey presided

for the business session.

Refreshments of sandwiches, cookies, strawberry punch and mint were served to Miss Bird, Massey, Myrtle Walker, A. R. Booth, John Mansfield, Ira Moore, and Homer Campbell, visitor, and Miss Selena Teaff.

**Drop Biscuits -- 4-H  
Demonstration**

The Senior 4-H girls met in the High School homemaking room Tuesday, May 3.

For the rotating demonstration the girls made drop biscuits and chicken vegetables.

Plans for Achievement Day, held Tuesday, were discussed at this time.

Present were three visitors, Mrs. L. S. Tipton Jr. and children, Roy and Gwynn and Jo Lynn Buntin, Ann Tipton Brenda Doan, Ann Smith, Dona Barber, Irene Hood, Cynthia Avers, and Mrs. Ford Smith, mother-teacher.

**VETERANS  
INFORMATION**

Q — In connection with the 1960 census, will veterans be asked any special questions this year?

A — Yes. Members of one out of every four families interviewed will be given questionnaires containing a special box, designated "P-35," with two questions: are you a veteran and in what war period did you serve? By answering these two questions with a check mark, you will help this country obtain an accurate count of the number of our veterans.

Q — The VA is holding my dividends on my GI insurance as a credit, under the Credit Option. If I don't pay my quarterly premium due next month, will the VA deduct it from my dividend credit?

A — No. The VA is permitted to withdraw only one monthly premium at a time, under this option. You may, however, ask VA to withdraw the whole amount held, so to pay premiums far in advance as the amount will cover.

Q — When I come out of service next month I will be eligible as a Korea veteran for a GI home loan. Will I lose this eligibility if I sign up for readjustment?

A — No. You would not lose eligibility for a GI home loan by readjustment. However, you would be bound by the deadline of February 1, 1965, like any Korea veteran.



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5 DAY SPECIALS THRU MAY 12 THRU TUE. MAY 16

Folgers **COFFEE** LIMIT ONE POUND lb. **59¢**

SWIFT'S JEWEL **SHORTENING** 3 lb. can **49¢**

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FRESH SWEET CORN 3 ears 25¢

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APPRECIATION DAY SPECIAL  
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## Fallout Shelters Can Save Millions of Americans

Many Americans near the points of bomb impact could be killed in a nuclear attack by blast, heat and initial radiation. But millions could survive by the simple expedient of protecting themselves against radioactive fallout.

**PRESIDENT EISENHOWER** has called fallout shelters "the best single defense measure for the protection of the greatest number of our people."

For about \$25 to \$150 per person, families can construct shelters, on a do-it-yourself basis, into which they can go after any nuclear attack to stay alive until radiation intensity outside lessens to safe levels, civil defense authorities point out.

Any shelter must be equipped with the necessities of life, including food, water, first aid and sanitary supplies and lights. There must be enough for all shelter occupants for at least 14 days.

Two pamphlets are available to help you construct a suitable

basement or underground shelter. One is MP-15, "The Family Fallout Shelter," which details five basic designs of concrete block, reinforced concrete and precast metal. The other, MP-18, "Clay Masonry Fallout Shelters," shows five other plans for basic shelters, calling for use of clay products (brick or tile).

**THESE PAMPHLETS** can be obtained from your local or State civil defense office, or by writing to Box Home Shelter, Office of Civil and Defense Mobilization, Battle Creek, Mich.

Many persons building shelters are setting them up as recreation rooms, dens, or extra bedroom space, thus gaining multiple use of the facilities, civil defense officials report.

CEMIL encourages multi-purpose use of shelter space, its prime concern is that such radiation-proof shelter be provided now, officials say. On the day of any attack, such efforts would be too little and too late.



**VOLE GETTERS**—Oldest and youngest at a recent open house held by the San Angelo Johnson-for-President Club were John Burroughs, 88, and little Terri Dawn Johnson, 9-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Johnson. Terri Dawn pledged her support with a great big "X" for her name on her Johnson-for-President membership card.



### Home Demonstration Notes

By LORETA ALLEN

Taylor County Home Demonstration Agent

The tour to the landscape demonstrators last week was interesting and many said that it made them want to go home and work on their yards.

There were about forty attending from Lawn, Potosi, Ovalo, Wylie, Pleasant Hill, and Tuscola Clubs. They visited landscapes at my house. Mrs. Riley Millers, Mrs. Roy Manahan, Mrs. L. A. Groene, Mrs. Clayton Hardwick, Mrs. Rex Reddells, Mrs. H. L. Riddle, Mrs. Herman Hamon, and Mrs. Clarence Carpenter, Mrs. Carpenter is the demonstrator in Shep Community. They do not have a home demonstration club, but Mrs. Carpenter is doing a real good job as demonstrator.

Next Tuesday, May 17th at the Coca-Cola Building in Abilene, Taylor County Home Demonstration Council is sponsoring a book

review for club members and friends. There will be a coffee at 9:30 to 10 a.m. and then Mrs. Bob Mihgus will review "Let the Grass Grow" by H. Allen Smith. Don't miss this.

Much of the newer furniture is cushioned with foam rubber and upholstered with fabric. Women are asking if the fabric can be cleaned at home without damage to the foam rubber.

Extension home management specialists of the A&M College System say, Yes! Just be sure to use a safe cleaning agent.

Select your cleaning agent by considering first, the nature of the stain, next the type of fabric, and lastly the effect of the cleaning agent on foam rubber. Soaps, detergents, glycerine,

denatured alcohol, benzene, carbon tetrachloride, sodium hydro-sulfite, sodium thiosulfate and a weak solution of ammonia are acceptable cleaning agents as far as the foam rubber is concerned.

Specialists warn that carbon tetrachloride should be used very sparingly. It is a rubber solvent.

Normal rubbing of the outside covering on right or fixed seats will not harm the foam rubber cushion. Foam rubber is tender when wet but its normal strength returns when dry.

Cleaning agents that do have harmful effect on foam rubber are the bleaching and oxidizing types. The following are not recommended: vinegar, turpentine, acetone, chlorine, hydrogen peroxide, oxalic acid and sodium perborate.

If the nature of the stain or the type of the fabric calls for the use of one of the above cleaning agents, specialists suggest that the fabric be removed from the foam rubber and cleaned separately.

Have you been thinking you would like to entertain a big crowd, but just dreaded all the cooking?

Chick-n-ques are inexpensive & provide fun for the whole family. They also fill a need for groups such as civic organizations, church groups and all types of social gatherings. Chick-n-que

broilers are nutritious, tender, tasty, economical and easy to serve.

Good planning is necessary for a successful chick-n-que. All equipment and other items needed should be available before beginning the chick-n-que.

If you would like some suggestions on this, come by my office at 317 Penn St. for a copy of MP-312 "Let's have a Chick-N-Que." Of course you can write or call for this also.

### Wesleyan Guild Meets at Church

The Wesleyan Service Guild of the First Methodist Church met in the sanctuary of the church Monday night.

Mrs. Lynn Knight was in charge of the pledge service. She was assisted by Mrs. Don Dudley and Betty Jane Tittle.

Mrs. Junior Clark presented selections on the organ during the service.

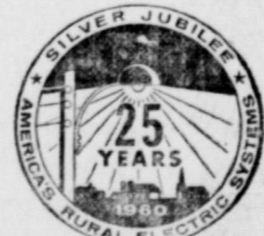
Mrs. Dudley, president, presided for the business session. Mrs. Clark, chairman of the nominating committee, read the names of the new officers for the coming year.

At the next meeting, Monday night, May 23, officers will be installed.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Risinger of Odessa, Mrs. Warren Higgins of Corpus Christi, Mr. and Mrs. Murray Toombs and son, Tommy, of Lubbock and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Winter and children of Abilene were Mother's Day visitors in the home of their sister and mother Mr. and Mrs. Irven Thompson and Jocille and Mrs. Daisy Toombs. Mrs. Toombs accompanied Mrs. Higgins to her home Tuesday for a visit.

Col. Frank Mathews of College Station was a weekend visitor in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Mathews of Merkel, and his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mathews of Abilene.

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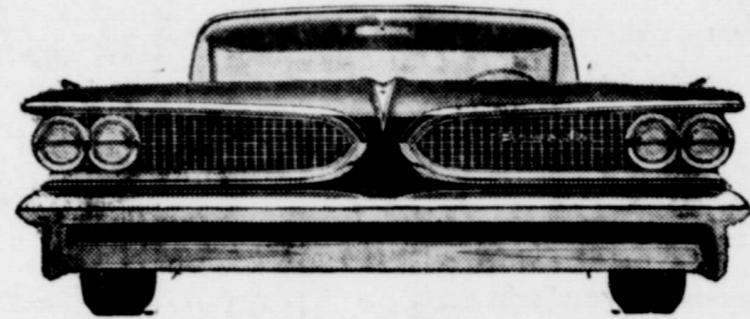
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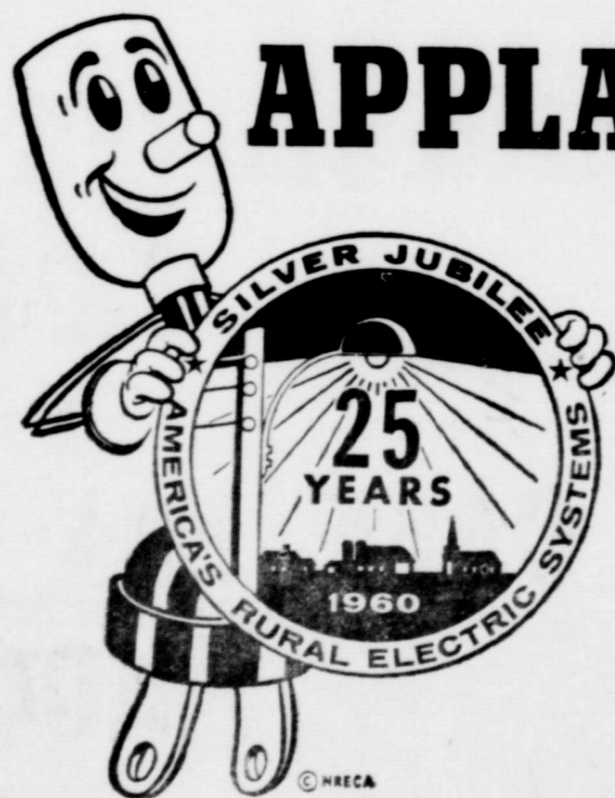
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We have watched with pride your progress in making this a better community in which to live. This is not only true of your organization, but of each individual member who helps keep it growing for today and the future.

## gabby doodle from noodle says:

DEAR MISTER EDITOR:

My old lady told me I was wasting my time telling folks my troubles in this little piece ever week. She says half the people ain't interested and the other half will say I'm just getting what's coming to me. But sometimes I think it helps a feller to air his complaints, even if nobody ain't listening.

I got a few this week and I aim to air 'em. For instant, I was reading a item yesterday that shocked the batch off'n my overalls. It said we had give foreign countries 54 billion dollars fer aid in the last 10 years. France got 6 billion and England got 7 billion. We even give Egypt 126 million.

They say a nation can't live alone no more that we've got to live in a family of nations. I reckon that makes sense but it looks to me like we could be a member of the family without paying all the bills.

And I was reading the other day where some Congressman lambasting the morals on television, was trying to imitate a hoo-

on television. Most of the other Congressman, the piece said, didn't appreciate it, claiming this feller didn't have the dress or the figger fer such a performance. With such goings on in the Congress, Mister Editor, it ain't no wonder them Government agencies git away with paying \$6 a bushel fer dirt.

And I see where Time magazine says the average American uses the telephone 375 times a year. I was telling the fellers at the country store about it Saturday night. Ed Doolittle allowed as how they couldn't be including him on account of him getting a busy signal 217 times. I wouldn't know how to figger my percentage on account of not being able to use mine but about once a month. The rest of the time my wimmen neighbors on the line is talking about everthing from their shoes being too tight to "Love Me Tender."

There was one bright spot in the news all week. A city judge in Atlanta, Georgia, by the name of Woolfolk announced that sh-

juvenile delinquents that comes before him will git 10 days in jail, whether their parents is paupers or millionaires. Now there's a Solomon if I ever saw one. If parents won't control their young'uns, the courts ought to protect the rest of us from 'em.

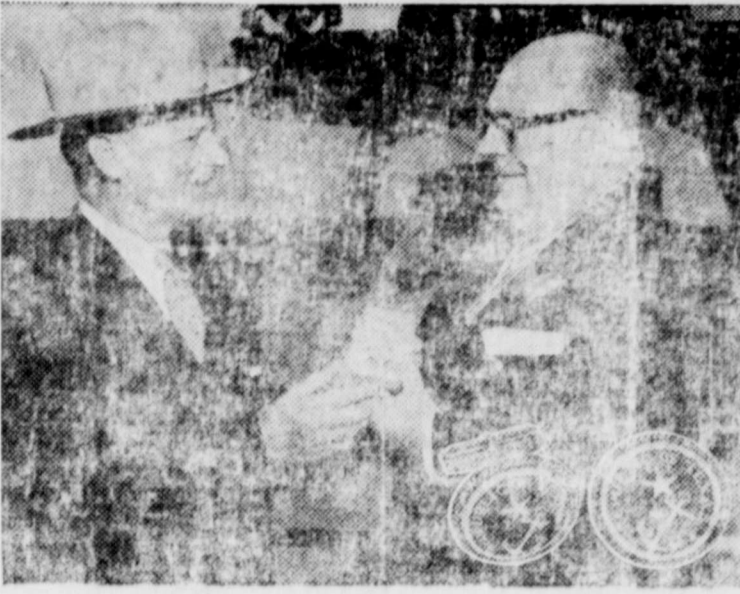
Well, Mister Editor, while you was reading this little piece, our Government was spending \$162,000 of our tax money. You figger it out yourself. At 85 billion dollars a year, that amounts to \$2,700 per second. And if you spend 60 seconds reading this piece, the folks in Washington has got rid of \$162,000 of your money. I better knock off now or it'll be a hundred thousand more.

Yours truly,  
**GABBY**

Mr. and Mrs. Bayler Amason and daughter, Linda, of Graham were dinner guests in the home of her mother, Mrs. J. K. Ayers, Mother's Day.

## TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

FOR RENT - The Waldo Cox home, Rt. 2, Noodle. 9-2tp.



Governor Pries Daniel thanks J. E. Willis, Jr., president of the Oak Cliff Lions, largest Lions Club in America, for a pair of 14k gold "Texas Navy" cuff links. The cuff links, authentic replicas of buttons worn by officers of the Republic of Texas Navy in 1834, were made especially for Governor Daniel by craftsmen at Events Jewelers, Dallas, where Mr. Willis is credit manager. Occasion for the presentation was the review of the re-activated Texas Navy by Governor Daniel from the Battleship Texas in Houston on San Jacinto Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Rogers and Mrs. Day guests in the home of sons, Lynn, Norman, Mike and Gary of Andrews and Mr. and Mrs. Rae Klepper and children, Ann, Robert, Randall, Cynthia and Russell of Roscoe were Mother's Day guests in the home of their mother and grandmother, Mrs. Josie Shanks.

## UP THE CANYON

BY TOM RUSSOM

Some light showers fell over the Canyon this week, however, farmers say that it is going to take more than showers to get the soil in condition to plant.

After a few dry windy days the wheat really took a beating. It is hard to say just now what the yield will be perhaps not too much.

Some farmers have planted a little grass for early grazing, and that is about it until there is more moisture.

Tom Russom had a load of calves on the Abilene market this week. Not many cattle going to market from our area.

W. H. Ensminger has been buying cattle for his place the past few days.

Joe Swinney has also bought cows and calves for his place.

The attendance at Pioneer Church was up Sunday. It being Mother's Day more people came to church.

Mrs. B. H. Riney reports her son, Paul Riney, has been a hospital patient for the past two weeks.

T. J. Neill and son plan to go

to Ok'ahoma this week for some club lambs.

A. D. Scott and family have returned from Kansas with a load of club lambs.

Another oil well is being drilled in the Canyon on the Payne place, known to many as the Riney place.

Mrs. Pa. Adison of Blair was the oldest mother of the Pioneer Methodist Church Sunday. The pastor, Rev. Holt, presented her with a corsage and the congregation with a hearty applause to show their love and appreciation for the life of service to church work. Church service at Pioneer church was dismissed Sunday night so members might attend the Commencement address at Trent. Some of the young people from this church are in the graduating class at Trent High School.



"Middle age is when two of everything is too much—including chins!"

## VALUES

### Men's SPORT SHIRTS

You must see the quality of these nice men's short-sleeve sport shirts to appreciate them. Attractive fancy patterns & neat patterns in sanforized cotton fabrics. All are fully washable, have 2 pockets, and permanent collar stays. Sizes SMALL, MEDIUM, and LARGE. FOR DOLLAR DAY ONLY

**2 for \$3.00**

(See others priced from \$1.98 - \$5.00)

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All cotton vests with Nylon reinforced arms and necks, full cut and panel ribbed. Sizes 34 to 46.

Fully sanforized printed broadcloth shorts in either boxer or gripper styles. Sizes 28 to 34. FOR DOLLAR DAY ONLY

**2 for \$1.00**

### Men's Stretch Socks

New Spring colors in solids, fancies, and neats by a famous manufacturer. Regular 75c per pair value. FOR DOLLAR DAY ONLY

**2 for \$1.00**

### BOYS' JEANS

Good weight, tight fitting, sanforized jeans by "Loughorn" Available in "regular" and "slim" sizes. FOR DOLLAR DAY ONLY

Sizes 1 to 10 — \$1.79 per pair

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## VALUES

### SPORT SOCKS

Careful patterns and durable knit. Sizes 19 to 23. FOR DOLLAR DAY ONLY

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### Men's Work Shirts

Good weight, full cut, 2 pockets, and sanforized shrink. All sizes. FOR DOLLAR DAY ONLY

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### BOYS' JEANS

By "Fruit-of-the-Loom." Made of 13 3/4-ounce sanforized denim, they fit like you like 'em. Sizes 6 to 16. FOR DOLLAR DAY ONLY

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# ALL DOLLAR DAY PURCHASES MUST BE FOR CASH

## VALUES

### Dickie's Matched Khakis

Made of 8-2-ounce sanforized Army Cloth. Tailored to fit and for long wear. Available in Suntan and Postman Gray colors. Shirts and pants perfect matches. All sizes. FOR DOLLAR DAY ONLY

**\$2.98 per garment**

Type I Army Cloth pants and shirts in Suntan color only available at ONLY

**\$3.98 per garment**

### BROWN DOMESTIC

Good weight, wide width unbleached domestic. FOR DOLLAR DAY ONLY

**5 yards for \$1.00**

### SPRING PERCALES

New patterns and attractive colors in a nice quality percale. Ideal for shirts, blouses, shirts and dresses. FOR DOLLAR DAY ONLY

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### CLOSE-OUT

One lot of broken sizes and odd-lot in Boy's short-sleeve sport shirts and knitted shirts. If you can find your size, this is a real bargain. FOR DOLLAR DAY ONLY

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## VALUES

### Shoe Dept. Specials

Group I

Especially for DOLLAR Day we have grouped together a big selection of this Season's styles, consisting of White Leather flats, Black leather flats, Black Straw flats, Beige Straw Mules with carved wooden heels, Black Straw Mules with carved wooden heels, Tan and White Barefoot Sandals, and Tan Ombre Straw Sandals. In the lot you will find practically all sizes. FOR DOLLAR DAY ONLY

**\$2.98 per pair**

Group II

Be sure and see our big selection of Trim Fred, Helter Skelter, Paris Fashion, Connie, and other brands of flats, casuals, and dress style shoes for the Ladies.

### COTTON BATTS

These cotton batts are fully bleached and come in 2 pound rolls. FOR DOLLAR DAY ONLY

**\$1.19 per roll**

### CLOSE OUT!!

One table of "odd lots" and short-lengths in very desirable yard goods. FOR DOLLAR DAY ONLY

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### FOR THE GRADUATES

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**\$3.50 per pair**

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## VALUES

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Here is a real buy that all of you women have been waiting for. Right here in the middle of the season we are offering you our entire stock of better spring piece goods to choose from at this low, low price. FOR DOLLAR DAY ONLY.

**1-4 OFF**

### LADIES HATS

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### LADIES DRESSES

Ladies, you know the big selection of better ladies dresses that you have to choose from at Mellinger's. All sizes, from the smallest to the largest. All types fabrics are available. Come in early for the best selection. None held back for this event. DRESSED FROM \$6.95 up. FOR DOLLAR DAY ONLY

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Regular 98c value ONLY 79c per yd.

### Spring DRESSES and DUSTERS

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**\$2.99 each**

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### LADIES' LINGERIE

GROUP I

Consists of a nice quality all NYLON Briefs. Attractive styles all colors and all sizes. FOR DOLLAR DAY ONLY

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GROUP II

Consists of an assortment of all NYLON slips and half slips. All sizes. FOR DOLLAR DAY ONLY

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GROUP III

Consists of a swell selection of Nylon gowns and shorty pajamas. See these for sure. All sizes. FOR DOLLAR DAY ONLY

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LOST — Times watch. Vickie Robertson. Phone 9060 J-1. 9-3tc.

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FOR RENT — 1 and 2 bedroom apartments. Bills paid. Call 405-W. E. P. Farmer, 405 Kent. 47-4fc.

FOR RENT — Furnished garage apartment 501 12 Ash. E. O. Carson. 2-4fc

FOR RENT — Apartment House for sale. Inquire at 1406 N. 2nd or see Mrs. R. T. Smith at hospital between 12 midnight and 8 a.m. 9-2tp.

FOR RENT — 2-room furnished house with bath Mrs. Bert Melton. Tel. 232. 9-4fc.

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FOR RENT — Air-conditioned upstairs apartment. Call 326. 9-4fc.

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FOR SALE — 5-room house on highway 126 to be moved. Windmill, overhead tank, and stand. 150 gallon butane tank. See Willie Chancey, 612 Cherry St. 9-2tc.

FOR SALE — Nice tomato plants at Brown's Domino Hall. 9-3tp.

FOR SALE — Evaporation cooler, 4000 CFM, wood extension ladder, 8 ft. step-ladder; wall-paper paste table; garden cultivator; dining room suite (oak) 2-9-12 wool rugs; G.E. mixer gas heater; lumber-book case; other items. Can be seen at 412 Locust Street, Merkel, Texas. 9-2tp.

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**CARD OF THANKS**  
We wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to all the people of Merkel for their kindness to us in our recent bereavement. We are especially grateful to the employers and all the employees of the Merkel Restaurant and the Merkel Truck Stop for the sympathy extended us and for the beautiful floral offering.  
Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Hurst.

Mr. and Mrs. Baylor Amason and daughter, Linda, of Graham, were visitors in the home of his father, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Amason, Sunday.

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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: Michael Glenn Weaver, 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 6th day of June, A.D. 1960 to Plaintiffs Petition filed in said court on the 18th day of April A.D. 1960, in this cause, numbered 24867-A on the docket of said court and styled Shirley Cottrell Weaver, Plaintiff, vs. Michael Glenn Weaver, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows: to-wit: plaintiff and defendant were married on or about Sept. 3, 1957 and became permanently separated on March 23, 1960.

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

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be 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 the 18th day of April A.D. 1960.

(SEAL)  
Attest: R. H. Ross Clerk,  
42nd District Court  
Taylor County, Texas  
By Irene Crawford, Deputy. 6-7-3-9

Mrs. S. J. T. Williams of Abilene visited her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Buster Horton and children, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Whit Farmer and daughter, Lena Fay, of Ira spent Saturday in the home of her father, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hamp Campbell.

## LEGAL NOTICE

The State of Texas,  
County of Dallas,  
ORDER OF SALE

TO ANY SHERIFF OR ANY CONSTABLE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS—GREETING:

WHEREAS, on the 21st day of March, A. D. 1960 in that certain cause No. 49694-C, styled Lewis Grinnon Company as Plaintiff, and W. T. McCraw and wife, Mary Lou McCraw as Defendants; and

Wherein said Plaintiff, Lewis Grinnon Company recovered, in the District Court of Dallas County, 68th Judicial District of Texas, a Judgment against Defendants, W. T. McCraw and wife, Mary Lou McCraw for the sum of \$2,660.95 DOLLARS, together with interest thereon from March 21st, 1960, at the rate 6 per cent per annum, and costs of suit; and whereas said Judgment is a foreclosure of a Mechanic's & Materialman Lien, as it existed on the 10th day of October, 1958, against the said Defendants, W. T. McCraw and wife, Mary Lou McCraw on the following described property, to-wit:

Being Lot No. 4, Lily Adams Subdivision of the East 1/2 of the South 1/2 of Lot No. 4, Dallas and Paxton Subdivision of Lots No. 1 and 2, Steffins, subdivision of Merchants Pasture J. R. Shipman Survey No. 85, City of Abilene, Texas.

June 7th, 2 p.m., 1960.

Therefore, you are hereby commanded, that you proceed to seize and sell the above described property, as under execution, and that you apply the proceeds thereof to the payment and satisfaction of said sum of \$2,660.95 DOLLARS, together with the interest that may be due thereon at the rate of 6 per cent per annum thereon from the date of this Judgment until paid and all costs of suit. And if the said property shall sell for more than sufficient to pay off and satisfy said sums of money, then you are hereby directed to pay over the excess thereof to the defendants W. T. McCraw and wife, Mary Lou McCraw.

But if said property shall not sell for enough to pay off and satisfy this Judgment, then that you make the said money or any balance thereof remaining unpaid, out of any other property of the Defendants as in case of ordinary executions and you are further ordered that you pay the purchase price of said property under this Order of Sale in possession of the property described in this Order of Sale within thirty days after date of sale.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, but due return make hereof, showing how you have executed the same within ninety (90) days from this date.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND, and Seal of the District Court of Dallas County, at my office in the City of Dallas, this the 13th day of April A.D. 1960

(SEAL)  
ATTEST: Bill Shaw  
Clerk District Court, Dallas County.  
By: Jerry Martin, Deputy. 9-10-11

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF SALE**  
of  
**HOUSING AUTHORITY NOTES (FIRST ISSUE) SERIES A**

Sealed proposals will be received by the Housing Authority of the City of Merkel, Texas (herein called the "Local Authority"), at its office at Chamber of Commerce in the City of Merkel, Texas, until, and publicly opened at eleven o'clock a.m. (CST), on May 24, 1960, for the purchase of \$28,000.00 Series A Notes of the Local Authority. Said Notes will be dated April 1, 1959, be of the denomination equal to the principal amount maturing each year, bear interest from April 1, 1960, payable semi-annually on April 1, and October 1, at the rate per annum as fixed in the proposal accepted for the purchase thereof, and mature serially on April 1 in each of the years and amounts as follows:

Year	Amount
1961	\$3,000
1962	3,000
1963	3,000
1964	4,000
1965	3,000
1966	4,000
1967	4,000
1968	4,000

Said Notes will be issued to aid in financing a low-rent housing project and will be obligations of the Local Authority secured by a pledge of annual contributions unconditionally payable to the Local Authority by the Public Housing Administration.

Each proposal must be submitted on a form prescribed by, and which may be obtained upon request to the Local Authority. The right is reserved to reject any or all proposals.

**HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF MERKEL, TEXAS**  
By Mrs. Mary Hargrove  
Secretary

## Dorcas Class Meets In Carson Home

The Dorcas Sunday School class of the First Baptist Church met in the home of Mrs. E. O. Carson, Thursday, May 5. Mrs. Lon Stephens was co-hostess.

Mrs. Stephens opened the meeting with prayer. The devotional given Mrs. Carson, was from John 14.

Miss Mary Howe, a visitor, read the poem "A Mother."

Mrs. Lige Harris, president, presided at the business session. Roll call and minutes were by Mrs. Stephens, social secretary.

Closing prayer was by Mrs. Josie Shanks.

Refreshments of sandwiches, cake, ice cream and punch were served to Mes. Ada Higgins, W. M. Hays, W. A. McCandless, Blanche Amason, Emma Wheatley, W. E. Petty, A. H. Zollinger, Harris, Shanks, Carson and Miss Howe.

## Retirees Urged to Contact SS Office

Retiring workers were advised to call the Social Security Administration two or three months before the date of retirement by R. R. Tuley, Jr., District Manager of the Abilene office.

"Early application will enable us to attend to the necessary details and get that first monthly benefit check out on time," he said.

"Claims for the retirement and family insurance payments require some action before they can be certified to the Treasury Department for payment," according to Tuley. "By filing early, payment can usually be made when first due."

An applicant should bring some evidence of age (not necessarily a birth certificate) and an earnings statement showing the amount of his wages in the last year. The self-employed person should furnish a copy of his latest income tax return.

No appointment is necessary to file a claim. The Abilene office of the Social Security Administration is located at 203 Fanin at No. 2nd. The office is open Monday through Friday from

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Residents of area towns who find it too inconvenient to come to the office in Abilene should consult the schedule at their local post office for date and place a representative will be in their vicinity.

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