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## PROCLAMATION

### GREETINGS:

Juvenile crime and delinquency are of growing concern to the people of our State and Nation, including the vast majority of our young people. It is well to remember that only a small minority of our youth account for this social problem.

We are reminded that the young people of our country hold the future in their hands, and the accomplishments they make today provide the groundwork for their leadership as adults.

It is appropriate that the people of Texas join with the Optimist Clubs throughout the United States and Canada in their expression of sincere gratitude to our young people for their contributions to their communities, States and Nation.

THEREFORE, I, as Governor of Texas, do hereby designate the week of November 13 to 19, 1961, as

### YOUTH APPRECIATION WEEK

in Texas, and urge every citizen to recognize the accomplishments of our young people and to extend them renewed and friendly confidence.

(Official Seal of State of Texas)  
In official recognition whereof, I hereby affix my signature this 25th day of Oct., 1961.

PRICE DANIEL  
Governor of Texas



NEW HOME OF WEST TEXAS UTILITIES

## OPEN HOUSE SLATED IN NEW WTU HOME

A new home for West Texas Utilities in Merkel, and the 8-to-4 official open-house celebration on Tuesday, November 21, was announced this week by Merkel manager, Earl Hughes.

Hughes, a Merkel resident and civic leader since 1944, pointed out that it was 56 years ago when Merkel residents and businessmen first received electric power from West Texas Utilities Company, then known as the Abilene Electric Company.

"We would like to show a small measure of our appreciation for the opportunity to serve Merkel in the past, and in the future," Hughes said, from the firm's new offices at 127 Edwards Street.

"We invite all our friends and customers to stop in and visit us Tuesday in our new home. Any time from eight to four. We'll all be here, and we'll be glad to see you."

Linemen and servicemen for the firm are Vernon Mansfield and Glenn Teaff, Bookkeepers and cashiers are Ruth Tipton and Barbara Canady.

West Texas Utilities has remodeled the building formerly occupied by White's Auto Store. They began moving into their new and more spacious quarters on October 26, vacating their former office, the George Fry Building.

Hughes pointed out that when the transmission line was built from Abilene to Merkel in 1915 it was the first to be built in West Texas, and the second to be built in the entire state.

Merkel's first light plant was built and placed in operation shortly after the turn of the century.

Electric lights were new then, and looked upon as a luxury by most people. Few went to the expense of having their homes wired for electric lights, but continued to use the old kerosene lamps.

During those early days the majority of the people thought that electric lights were just a fad, and wouldn't last.

According to Merkel old-timers, the first light plant was built by Hoff & Harris of Comanche. It was quite a venture, but was very modern for that day, with its little steam engine, and belt driven generator. The plant was built on North First Street near the present location of Nolan Palmer's Service Station. John and Frank Hamm bought the plant, along with all the problems that went with its operation. The biggest problem was too few customers.

Why had the Hamm brothers bought an electric power plant? Well, John had acquired an electric automobile. He figured that if he owned a power plant he could charge his car's batteries by using a small transformer to convert the alternating current to direct current.

At that time the electric company had less than 30 customers in Merkel. The plant was fired up shortly before dusk and operated until bed-time. It was started again at about 5:00 a.m. (depending upon the season) and operated until daylight. In those days, 24-hour service was unheard of.

The small load and short operating schedule made the plant a losing proposition. To provide more load, the brothers built a gin and used an electric motor

in place of the usual steam or oil engine. This helped, but only when the gin was in operation.

Then they built a 40-ton ice plant. But ice was another luxury that Merkel citizens knew nothing about. They didn't buy ice, either.

Finally, the light plant and the ice plant went out of business. The machinery was sold and carted away.

Once the plant was gone, and the customers had to resort to their old kerosene lamps, the demand grew for another plant. The Merkel Electric Company was formed. A new plant was built north of the tracks near the Planters Gin, with W. E. Britain as manager.

In 1915 a fire disabled the power plant, and Merkel was again without electric lights. It would be some time before new equipment could be acquired and the light plant rebuilt, and by now Merkel citizens were depending on electricity.

The Abilene Electric Company, which was later organized into the West Texas Utilities Company, came to the rescue with a quickly-built transmission line from Abilene to Merkel, providing power from the Abilene plant.

Following the completion of the line and the restoration of electric service in Merkel, West Texas Utilities Company purchased the properties of the Merkel Electric Company.

"And the cost of electricity has been going down ever since," Hughes said, putting in a plug for his product. "We hope we'll be serving Merkel with low-cost dependable electricity for many years to come."

## Community Thanksgiving Service Slated

The General Ministers' Alliance is sponsoring their annual Thanksgiving service at 7:30 p.m., Nov. 22, this year to be held at the First Methodist Church, corner of Third and Locust Sts.

All churches of Merkel are dismissing their regular Wednesday evening services in order to observe Thanksgiving together.

Speaker for the service will be the Rev. Melton Martinez, pastor of the Bethel Baptist Mission.

Other local ministers will also have a part on the program. The president of the Alliance, the Rev. W. B. Sawyer, pastor of the First Baptist Church, will be absent due to his conducting a revival at Crescent Heights Baptist Church in Abilene.

## J. M. Bland, Former Merkel Resident, Dies

Joseph M. Bland, 80, died about 2:30 p.m. Monday at the Sunshine Rest Home in Abilene after an extended illness.

Born September 17, 1881, in Tennessee, he came to Taylor County in 1900 and lived in Merkel until 1915. He moved to Stanton and then to Post in 1925. He had lived at Post since that time until returning to Abilene about five months ago.

A retired farmer, he was a member of the Baptist Church. His wife preceded him in death June 29, 1960.

Funeral services were held at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday at the First Baptist Church in Post. Burial was in the Post Cemetery.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. J. W. Hodges of Lueders; six sons, D. P. of Stanton, O. D. of Merkel, Cleve of Colorado City, Hoyt, Woodrow and Cecil, all of Post; two sisters, Mrs. J. L. White of Merkel and Mrs. Vera Clark of Wichita Falls; three brothers, J. A. of Sweetwater, A. C. of Wichita Falls and D. A. of Beaumont; 12 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Devenport of Duncan, Okla., were guests the past week in the home of her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Boden.

## OPTIMISTS TO HONOR OUTSTANDING YOUTHS

In recognition of Optimist International's "Youth Appreciation Week" the Merkel Optimist Club has selected eight outstanding teenagers to be honored at a reception at the Merkel Country Club at 7:30 p.m., Friday, Nov. 17.

Those to be honored are Del Irvin Davis, Granville Kent Denton, Mary Jane Horton and Elizabeth Tuckey, all seniors; Jo Ann Horton, Mack Mansfield, Charles Russell and Keith Wilson, juniors.

The selections were made on the basis of good citizenship and the desire to utilize the individual's abilities.

Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. I. Davis, is president of the student council and is outstanding in 4-H Club work; Denton, son of Mrs. Eva Denton, is drum major of the band, a member of the track team and active in student activities; Miss Horton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Buster Horton, is a member of the band and active in various student activities; Miss Tuckey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Tuckey, is a member of the band and student council secretary.

Jo Ann Horton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Horton,

plays tennis and is active in student activities; Mansfield, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Mansfield, is active in athletics; Russell, whose parents are Mr. and Mrs. James Russell, is quarterback on the football team, and Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wilson, is a member of the band, on the football team and is vice president of the student council.

### AN EDITORIAL

A teenager has passed the "sticks and snails and puppy-dog tails" stage. By this time he reaches his teens, he's a loosely-wrapped bundle of mature thoughts and desires in a suddenly shooting up body. He finds himself in a new world, no longer fenced by the school playground and the backyard sandbox. The world of a teenager is bonded only by the limits of his imagination.

In this infinity of pleasures and problems of growing up shines one star to which every teenager hitches his wagon—the star of adult recognition, appreciation and understanding. Each youngster wants to be accepted by his peers; each youngster worries about being.

If he's an unusually gifted youth, he achieves his star of recognition by excelling on the football field or by making honor roll grades. But less than five per cent of the millions of teenagers of today are this gifted.

At the other end of the scale, a youth, frustrated in his desire because he isn't mentally or physically equipped to compete with quiz kids or sports stars, achieves the recognition he craves by breaking the law. Fortunately less than five per cent of today's young people seek recognition so violently.

But what of the majority of young people in the middle? Over 90 per cent of today's teenagers, hungry for recognition and appreciation, are passed by because their names don't make news. Indeed, this huge middle majority often carries the burden of the bad name that few misguided teenagers have earned for themselves.

Over 2000 Optimist clubs in the United States and Canada are attempting to give praise and understanding where they are long overdue with a Youth Appreciation Week, November 13-19. Through efforts of well over 8,000 Optimists during the past five years of the Youth Appreciation week program, less emphasis has been given to teenagers who are juvenile delinquents. Optimists have helped redeem the reputation of the young people of North America by giving recognition to those who abide by the rules of juvenile decency.

Help the Optimists give today's young people the pat on the back they need and deserve during Youth Appreciation Week. Give youth a confident start in the long journey to tomorrow with a gesture of appreciation today.

## Earle Watts Is New City Councilman

Earle Watts, an employe of Taylor Electric Cooperative here, was elected by an eight-vote margin Tuesday to fill the unexpired city alderman term of New Logan, who moved to Lubbock in September.

Watts received 63 votes. His opponent, E. A. Connally, a barber, received 55. There were 119 votes cast. Mrs. Flossie McKeever, city secretary, said.

There were no write-in candidates, she added.

Voting was held from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. in the welfare office, with Andy Shouse as election judge.

Mrs. McKeever said a canvass of the votes probably will be held within the next five days, with the oath to be administered to Watts at that time. The term expires April 30, 1962.

Other aldermen are Irven Thompson, Odis Griffin, Ben Robert Hicks and Kent Satterwhite.

## Retired Minister To Preach Here

Methodist churches in the Northwest Texas Conference will observe "Retired Ministers' Day" Sunday, Nov. 19.

First Methodist Church here will mark the day by having a retired member of the conference, Dr. John H. Hicks, to preach in the morning worship service which begins at 10:50 a.m.

Dr. Hicks, professor at McMurry College, was professor of the Old Testament many years at Perkins School of Theology, S.M.U.

It was after he retired there that he came to McMurry.

## MERKEL COUPLE'S SON HAS BOOK PUBLISHED

"The Backside of Washington," a book written by Dick West, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry West of Merkel, has been released and is on sale at two Abilene book stores.

The book, based on his United Press International newspaper column, "The Lighter Side," was published by Doubleday. It was reviewed by the Washington Post and since its publication, West has been interviewed on radio and television stations and has held autograph parties in Washington.

In his "Book of the Times" in the New York Times, Charles Poore, speaking of West's book and one by Bill Mauldin, cartoonist, said the following:

"Mr. Mauldin and Mr. West make light work of their heavy shares. Or seem to, anyway. Privately they may be as burdened as any other artists by the Pagliacci syndrome. Publicly they keep us hearteningly aware that the ship of state may sail on all the better for being guided on its course by salvos of pundit-fired torpedoes.

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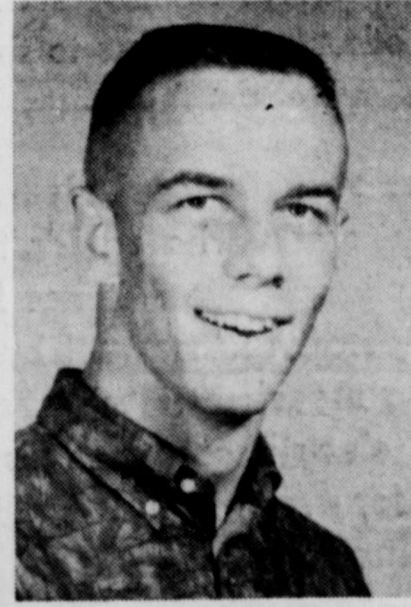
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# DOLLAR DAY SPECIALS!

### STATE CAPITAL *Highlights* AND *Sidelights* by Vern Sanford TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN, Tex. — With filing deadline for state offices still more than two months away, the State Capital already is taking on that political campaign atmosphere. Announcements for office, state-wide speaking tours, and fund raising dinner plans are setting the stage for the upcoming campaigns.

Only announced candidate for governor, thus far, has been Jack Cox of Breckenridge. Cox will be running in the Republican primary.

As yet, no formal announcement has been made by any Democrat. But the field of probable candidates is growing daily.

Formal announcements by three senators for the lieutenant governor's race assures warm competition for the place left open when Ben Ramsey moved to the Railroad Commission.

Sen. Jarrard Secrest of Temple, Sen. Bob Baker of Houston, and Sen. Preston Smith of Lubbock are the announced candidates. There is likely to be GOP opposition for this post as well as at least one other Democrat.

Only thing certain now is that there will be stiff competition for those primary votes on May 5.

CAPITOL VALUE — For years, the huge red granite State Capitol, which was paid for with 3,000,000 acres of West Texas land, has been carried on the state's books at a value of \$131.50.

Board of Control has appraised the Capitol at \$9,948,591. They valued the land on which it is located at \$5,143,623. It's not for sale for the total of \$15,092,014. But at least it's on the books right now.

Incidentally, the old Capitol is getting a refurbishing. Workmen are replacing cracked and splintered panels in the hallways, and removing the old varnish. It will come out lighter and brighter.

NEW LAWS — Atty. Gen. Will Wilson quickly plugged one possible loophole in the "Blue Law."

He advised Dist. Atty. Henry Wade of Dallas that a corporation owning two or more stores must close them the same day. One can't open Saturday and the other Sunday. Nor can a store accept orders by phone in advance to be delivered on Sunday.

Wilson also is busy interpreting

other new laws, among them the one requiring holders of property for others, except banks, to report it to the state when the owner hasn't been around for seven years.

He advised Treasurer Jesse James that a oil company which holds royalties outside Texas on oil produced in Texas does not have to report it to the State of Texas except that amount held for persons whose last known address was in Texas.

The attorney general expects so much work out of this new law that he set up a special division to handle it.

In another opinion, Wilson held that wiretapping to record phone conversations is not illegal in Texas.

TRIRD ROUND — In the next few weeks, Gov. Price Daniel will have completed his third round of appointments.

Most of the state's operations are directed by 3 or 9 - member boards, appointed for six-year overlapping terms.

These appointments are made to more than 140 state boards and commissions.

Latest appointments include: David B. Irons, Dallas; Dr. Horace Cromer, Austin; Mrs. H. E. Butt, Corpus Christi, and Howard Tellepsen, Houston, to the Board for State Hospitals and Special Schools; Max Starcke, Austin, and Harry Hornby, Uvalde, to the State Parks Board; and Sam G. Wood, Killeen, and Hattor W. Simpson, Tyler, to the State Board of Pharmacy.

WATER POLLUTION BOARD — Governor Daniel named former Rep. Sam Wohlford, Stratford; J. S. Hudnall, Tyler, and C. G. Shigley, Freeport, as public members on the new State Water Pollution Control Board.

Board of Water Engineers Chairman Joe D. Carter, State Health Commissioner J. E. Peavy, M. D., and Game & Fish Executive Secretary Howard Dodgen, or their alternates, will complete the board.

In the future, no one may discharge waste of any kind into or adjacent to the public waters of Texas, or the Gulf of Mexico, without a permit from this board.

Unfortunately, this board was handed a big job but no operating money. Governor Daniel will ask the Legislature, at a special

session in January, to provide some expense money for it.

SHORT SNORTS  
Starting January 1, the State Welfare Department will begin paying medical, hospital and nursing home bills for the 225,000 needy aged who are on the old-age assistance rolls. Program will cost about \$12,000,000 in state money in the coming 20 months. Federal dollars match the state's.

Governor Daniel has reactivated the Governor's Committee for the White House Conference on the Aging, to resume its study of the problems of the aging. Sen. Crawford Martin of Hillsboro was re-named chairman.

The first month's payments under the new natural gas tax totaled \$356,461, but \$306,532 of it was paid under protest. Gas pipelines have brought suit to kill the new tax.

Income from the first 90,780 reports received by Comptroller Robert S. Calvert was \$7,206,727. Calvert thinks it will be February, when the first full quarter's sales tax is collected, before he can tell whether it will yield the estimated \$319,000,000 in two years.

### Mrs. Boden Feted On Her Birthday

Mrs. O. B. Boden celebrated her birthday with a party in her home Tuesday afternoon.

The serving table was covered with a lace cloth and centered with a decorated birthday cake.

Present were Hugh Fronaburger of Fort Worth, Mrs. Boden's brother; Lula Duckett of Arlington, her cousin; Mmes Josie Shanks, Blanche Amason, E. O. Carson, Sam Swann, John Hughes, Ada Higgins, Lige Harris, Ema Wheatly, W. M. Hayes, Zola Teague, Charley Sherrill, Elora Shouse, Lon Stephens and Miss Mary Howe. Also present was Mrs. Boden's daughter, Mrs. Earl Baze.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Veteto of Abilene were dinner guests Sunday of their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Stockbridge.

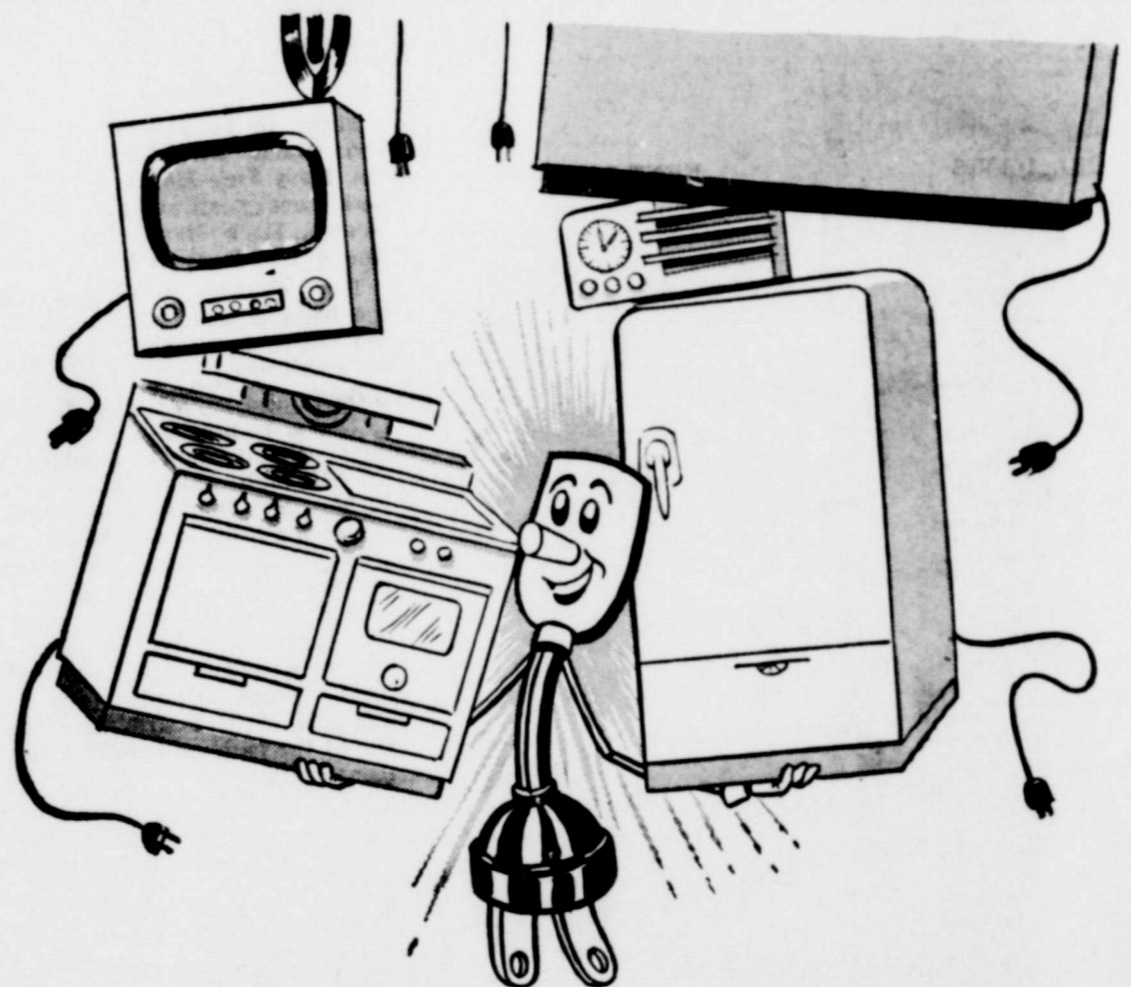
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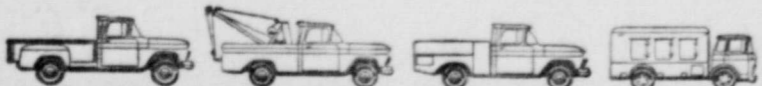
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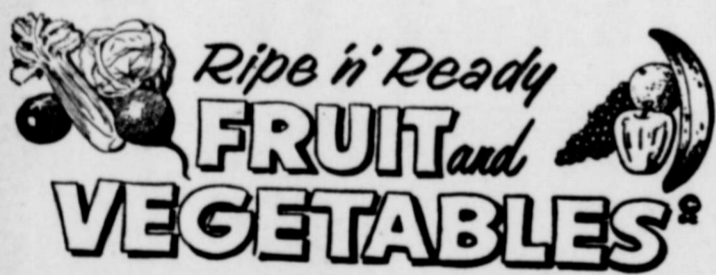
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### Trent Nudges Hermleigh, 12-8

Trent ruined Hermleigh's Homecoming Saturday afternoon by pushing over a touchdown in the fourth quarter to win the District 6-B finale, 12-8.

The victory gave Trent a 6-4 season mark and second place in the district standings behind Bronte. Hermleigh, the 1960 champion, finished its season with a 4-5-1 record and fourth place in

the loop.

Trent grabbed a 6-0 lead in the first quarter when halfback Bill Heatley scampered 16 yards around left end. But the Cardinals went ahead in the second quarter on a three-yard touchdown blast by fullback Ken Bell and quarterback J. V. Roberson's two-point conversion.

Quarterback Johnny Swinney got Trent's winning score on a one-yard run.

Hermleigh senior Kay Glass was crowned the Cardinals' Homecoming Queen.

### T. W. McCollums Feted On 58th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. McCollum observed their 58th wedding anniversary Sunday with a dinner in the private dining room of the L&M Cafe in Georgetown.

The couple's seven children and members of their families attending were Mr. and Mrs. E. W. McCollum, Thomas and Carol, all of Liberty Hill. Mr. and Mrs. W. M. McCollum, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. McCollum, Bob and Mike. Mrs. J. H. Jones and Bobby, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Vaughn and J. B. Jr., Mrs. Helen Hammonds, Gene and Jim, all of Houston, and Mr. and Mrs. D. W. McIlveen, Richard and Kenneth of 4101 Monticello, Abilene.

The McCollums have 14 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Mrs. McCollum is the former Belle Pylant. The couple was married Nov. 8, 1903 at Stith. Prior to their marriage, both lived in the Caps community.

The couple resided in Merkel for several years. They moved later to Houston where they lived until Mr. McCollum's retirement when they moved to a ranch at Liberty Hill.

Gifts were presented to Mr. and Mrs. McCollum by their children. The cake for the celebration was baked by Mrs. Vaughn.

The dining table was decorated with bouquets of gold and bronze mums. Music was presented by grandchildren, who played and sang several of their grandparents' favorite tunes.

an "old fashioned country party" they are sponsoring Saturday, Nov. 18 beginning at 6:30 p.m.

meetings as well as any other community gatherings. The dedication will be made by Travis Smith, president of the club.

According to Lucian Gilbreth, program chairman, the evening's entertainment will include games and program for everyone of all ages. There will be an auction

sale and cake walk, and sandwiches and coffee will be sold. Gilbreth issued a special invitation to all area Lions Clubs,

### "THE BACK SIDE OF WASHINGTON"

The new book written by Dick West is now available at most book stores. Autographed copies may be had from H. C. West, at Merkel, or regular copies are on sale at Abilene Book Store or Little Book Store, both in Abilene.

Eyes Examined — Visual Training

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### LANKFORD'S CLEARANCE WAREHOUSE SALE

NO. 1ST & WALNUT STREET ABILENE

Government Rejects—All Sizes

White Navy Pants ..... \$1.00

Fabrics: Clearance Sale at Cost!

Drip-Dry - Name-Brand Cotton

Remnants: 1/2 Price or Below!

FANCY PLAIDS AND PRINTS

Corduroy ..... \$1.00 Yd.

### P-TA To Meet Thursday Night

The Merkel Parent-Teacher Association will meet at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 16, in the high school auditorium.

Financial results from the concession projects at the Merkel Homecoming and junior football games will be disclosed, according to Mrs. W. G. Reed, treasurer.

The three first grades, under supervision of teachers, Mrs. Jo Barnett, Mrs. Elsie Nash and Mrs. Joe Holloway, will present a program of songs and readings.

All members are urged to attend.

### Tye Lions Slate 'Country Party'

Dedication of a new Community Center to the City of Tye will be made by the Tye Lions Club at



## A New Home... for your Continued Good Service

### OPEN HOUSE

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST

8:00 a.m. til 4:00 p.m.

127 EDWARDS STREET

### REFRESHMENTS

It's Open House Time at West Texas Utilities and we hope you'll stop in and let us say "thanks" for the privilege of providing dependable, economical electric service for you since 1915.

And here's news for YOU to celebrate! Since 1950 the average cost of a kilowatt hour of electric service to residential customers served by WTU has gone down 21%.

Our new and roomier Merkel quarters will help us to continue giving you the best and most economical electric service available.

West Texas Utilities Company

an electric company

## THANKSGIVING SPECIALS

- |    |                                                                                                                 |        |
|----|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| 59 | PONTIAC CATALINA 4-door sedan. Radio and heater, auto. transmission, tinted glass, decorator group, factory air | \$1495 |
| 59 | ENGLISH FORD. Excellent condition                                                                               | \$595  |
| 60 | RAMBLER 8-PASSENGER STATION WAGON. Factory air. Excellent condition                                             | \$1895 |
| 58 | OLDSMOBILE SUPER 88 2 door. Heater, all power and factory air. Worth More                                       | \$1295 |
| 57 | MERCURY 2-DOOR MONTERREY. Radio and heater, standard shift                                                      | \$695  |
| 57 | MERCURY MONTERREY 4-DOOR Sedan. Power equipped. Factory Air                                                     | \$895  |
| 57 | PONTIAC CHIEFTAN 4-Door Sedan. Radio and heater, auto. trans., factory air                                      | \$745  |
| 56 | BUICK SPECIAL 2-DOOR HARD TOP. Radio and heater, auto. trans., air cond. Extra nice                             | \$795  |
| 55 | FORD STATION WAGON. Power and factory air, a nice one                                                           | \$695  |
| 55 | OLDS 88 4-DOOR SEDAN. Radio, heater, auto. trans., new motor overhaul. A nice car                               | \$645  |

MANY MORE USED CARS TO CHOOSE FROM!

Check for Bargains on Pontiac and Rambler

Demonstrators

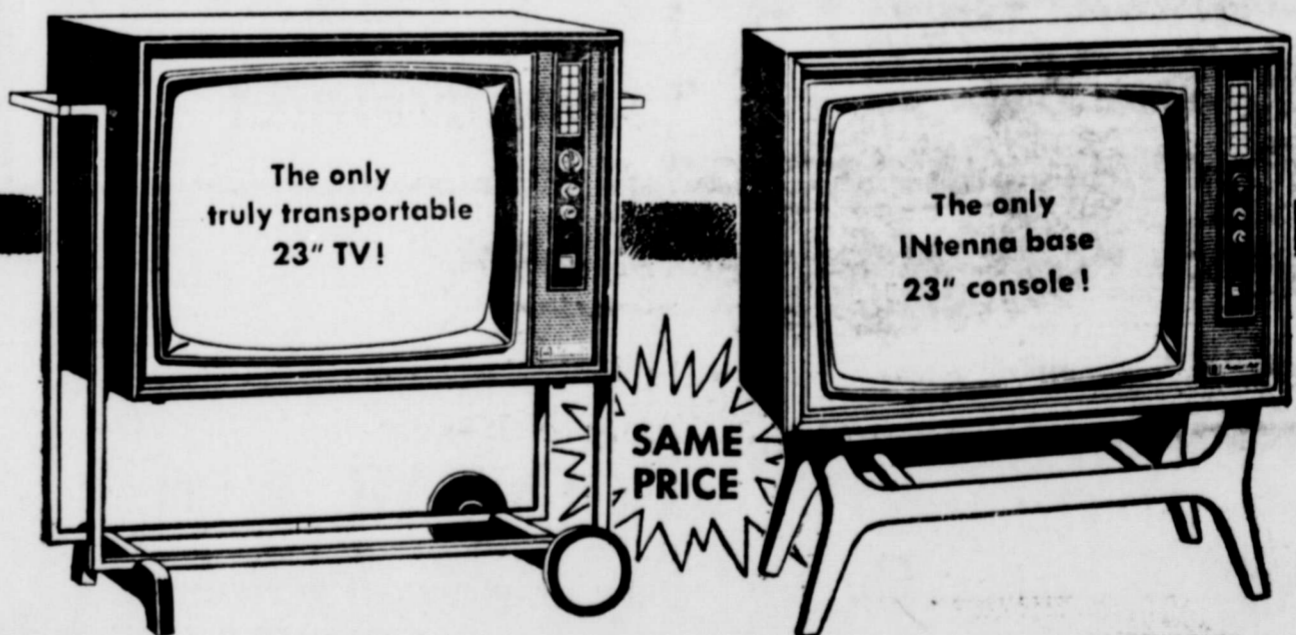
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No Rabbit Ears, No Outside Antenna Needed!

## NEW Packard Bell CONVERTIBLE INTENNA TV



The only truly transportable 23" TV!

The only INTenna base 23" console!

SAME PRICE

Your choice — exclusive INTenna TV cart or new Scandia INTenna base!

Your choice — manual, 2-rotor, or 4-rotor wireless Roto/Remote Control!



- ★ Convertible! Drop-proof, shock-proof wireless Roto/Remotes optional any time at extra cost!
- ★ INTenna! No conventional antennas needed in normal signal areas — the cart or base is the antenna!
- ★ 20,000-volt hand-wired transformer chassis, air-sealed filtered lens!
- ★ 23" (diagonal measure) picture, COMPUTER Dial, Set-N-Forget fine tuning, Constant/Contrast—D.C. Restorer Circuit!
- ★ Front speaker and tone control, hand-finished all-hardwood walnut cabinet!
- ★ See this Model 23DC-10 and 26 other Convertible TV models soon!

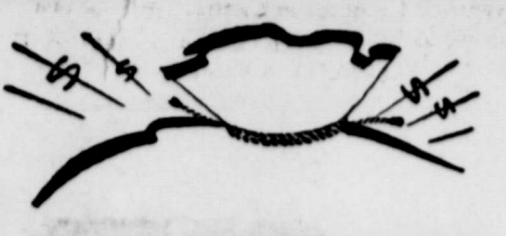
CONVERTIBLE TV AS LOW AS \$239.95 23DT-1 Mah. or Wal.

INTenna TV, Convertible TV, Roto/Remote, Computer Dial patents pending.

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### MEN'S UNDERSHIRTS

All combed cotton and Swiss ribbed with Nylon Reinforcement. All Sizes.

**2 for \$1.00**



### MATCHED KHAKIS

Fine quality by "Dickie." Pants and shirts are perfect matches and available in Suntan and Postman Grey Colors. All sizes.

**\$2.98 per garment**

Type I pants and shirts available in Suntan color only.

**\$3.98 per garment**

### BOYS' JEANS

You know the reliability of these "LONG-HORN" jeans for boys. Tight fitting and sanforized shrunk and available in "regular" and "slim" sizes.

Sizes 1 to 10

Sizes 11 to 16

**\$1.79**

**\$1.98**

### MEN'S JEANS

"Dickie's" 13 3/4 ounce sanforized jeans that fit the way you want them to and wear the best for hard work and school. All Sizes.

**\$2.98 per pair**

### MEN'S AND BOYS' SPORT SOCKS

Ideal for sport and school wear. Available in heavy and medium knits. All colors and sizes.

**3 pairs \$1.00**

MEN'S

### STRETCH SOCKS

A value that should sell for 75c per pair. Available in solid, fancy, and sport patterns.

**2 PAIRS \$1.00**

### MEN'S WORK SOCKS

Available in full length or elastic top anklets. All colors and sizes.

**5 PAIRS \$1.00**

### MEN'S DRESS SHIRTS

Men, here is your chance to stock up on those beautiful new solid color or fancy patterns in dress shirts. These are sanforized shrunk. All sizes and sleeve lengths are available. For Dollar Day only

**\$1.99**

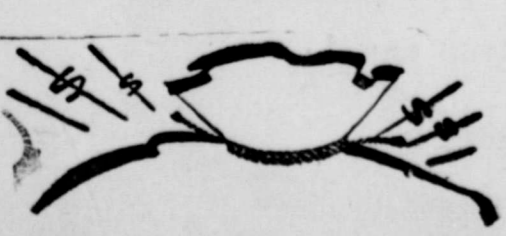
### BED SHEETS

Double bed size, fine thread count, Garza Quality, in snow white color

**\$3.50 per pair**

Garza white pillow cases to match the sheets

**98c per pair**



### MEN'S WORK SHIRTS

Sanforized, full-cut, 2 pockets, blue chambray work shirts.

**\$1.19 each**

# DOLLAR DAY SAVINGS

MARK NOVEMBER 21 DOWN ON YOUR CALENDAR AS THAT IS THE DATE FOR ONE OF THE LARGEST DOLLAR DAY EVENTS THAT MELLINGER'S HAS EVER OFFERED. ITEMS HAVE BEEN SELECTED FOR SALE THAT WOULD ESPECIALLY MAKE IDEAL CHRISTMAS GIFTS, SO GET YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING DONE EARLY AT THESE TREMENDOUS SAVINGS. AND DO NOT FORGET, FOR YOUR GIFT SHOPPING CONVENIENCE, ALL CHRISTMAS GIFTS PURCHASED FROM MELLINGER'S, ARE BEAUTIFULLY GIFT WRAPPED FREE OF CHARGE.

## ALL DOLLAR DAY PURCHASES MUST BE FOR CASH

### READY TO WEAR

Ladies, look at this. Right in the middle of the season, you may have your choice of any of the following items at tremendous savings. What an ideal choice for a gift or for personal use. Be sure to see these early:

1. Entire stock of ladies' fall dresses.
2. Entire stock of ladies' fall coats in both short and long styles.
3. Entire stock of girls' fall coats.
4. Entire stock of ladies' fall skirts including colors that can be matched with sweaters.
5. Entire stock of ladies' and girls' fall pants and pedal pushers in cottons, wool and velvets.

FOR DOLLAR DAY ONLY

**1-4 OFF**

### BLANKET SPECIALS

GROUP 1

Cotton double blanket in assorted colors. Size 66x76 ..... \$2.79

GROUP 2

Cotton double blanket in assorted colors. Size 70x80 ..... \$2.98

GROUP 3

Part wool double blanket in assorted colors. Size 70x80 in extra heavy weight for only ..... \$4.95

GROUP 4

Extra large size pastel and dark shaded boxed blanket, priced especially for this dollar day for only ..... \$4.95

### BETTER PIECE GOODS

If you have been wanting a beautiful dress or skirt to make, now is the time to get it. All of our better fall piece goods are on sale. None held back. A real nice gift item too. Plenty to pick from, in cottons, rayons and dacrons. Priced for DOLLAR DAY ONLY

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### NYLON HALF SLIPS

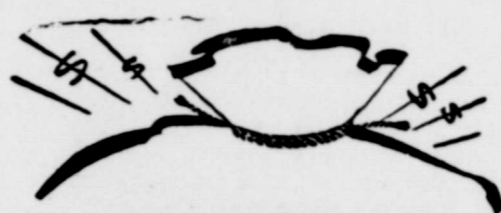
Here is an item that always makes an ideal gift. You will want several at this price. Broken sizes and colors but there are plenty to choose from. FOR DOLLAR DAY ONLY

**\$1.49**

### Unbleached DOMESTIC

Wide width and smooth quality

**5 YARDS \$1.00**



### COLORED SHEETS

Available in all the attractive pastel shades, double bed size, and "Garza" quality.

**\$5.00 per pair**

Pillow cases to match these sheets ONLY

**\$1.25 per pair**



### TOWELS

Most all pastel shades available in these extra large size bath towels.

**3 for \$1.00**

Wash cloths to match the above towels for only

**10 for \$1.00**

### HOUSE DRESSES AND DUSTERS

We have just received a large selection of these beautiful fall house dresses and dusters. You know these value. Priced for Dollar Day only

**\$2.99**

### MEN'S WORK PANTS

An outstanding value in Men's 8.2-ounce Army Cloth pants—sanforized shrunk, well tailored and all sizes.

**\$2.49 PER PAIR**

### DRIP - DRY PERCALES

All new Fall patterns. A wonder fabric for school wear.

**39c PER YARD**

### NYLON BRIEFS

Outstanding quality even at much more money. All sizes.

**2 for \$1.00**

### PRINTED PERCALES

New Fall patterns in printed percales, A value!

**4 Yards \$1.00**

### NYLON GOWNS and BED JACKETS

You know the quality and value of these two items. You will want several of these two items for gifts. All colors and sizes are available. FOR DOLLAR DAY ONLY

**\$1.99**

### Men's and Boys' Fall JACKETS

Our entire stock of jackets are on sale for this event. Short styles and long ones to choose from in both cloth types and leather. All sizes and patterns. Be here early for best selections. This is your chance to get that warm coat for the cold days ahead at such a savings, priced FOR DOLLAR DAY ONLY

**1-4 OFF**

### MEN'S FELT HATS

Sorry that we cannot tell you who makes this hat, but you will recognize the maker when you see these hats. Choose from Open Road Styles or Snap Brim Styles. All colors and sizes are available. Priced for DOLLAR DAY ONLY

**\$5.99**



### Shoe Department SPECIALS

GROUP I

Consists of our entire stock of flats in all of the newest fall colors and styles. Available are nylon velvets, Nusuedes, suedes, and leathers. All sizes are available from 4 to 10, and AA width to B. Come early for good selections. Not a pair reserved. Our entire stock grouped together in price brackets of

**\$2.99 \$3.99 \$4.99**

GROUP II

Ladies, here is a real buy in Connie and Trim Tred Suede Dress Heels, and Leather dress heels. All sizes and styles available. None reserved. Priced for Dollar Day only

**\$6.95**

GROUP III

Leather lace football type shoes for school wear. You know the value of this shoe and its good wearing ability. Priced for Dollar Day only

**\$3.99**



### SWEATERS

Ladies and girls, look at this one. All sweaters are on sale for this event. Included are bulky knits and flat knits. Button styles and pull over ones. Match them with skirts or wear them separately. What a buy for this DOLLAR DAY ONLY

**1-4 OFF**

### BEDSPREADS

Value-wise they are outstanding: when you see them you won't buy only 1. Large size, nice assortment of colors, and all cotton fabric.

**\$3.50 each**

### COMAL GINGHAMS

A nice assortment of 45-inch checked gingham by COMAL. Sanforized shrunk.

**69c per yard**

### OUTING

This is the finest selection of 36 inch wide cutting that we have ever had. You may have your choice of several solid colors, light colored stripes, and dark colored stripes. None reserved.

**29c per yard**

### CORDUROY

Ladies, this is the buy you have been waiting for. This corduroy is 100% machine washable in 13 beautiful fall colors to pick from. Priced at only

**79c per yard**

### COTTON BATTS

2-pound roll of bleached and fluffy quilt cotton.

**\$1.19 per roll**



### LADIES' HOSIERY

Each pair is guaranteed FIRST QUALITY and 51 gauge, 15 denier, and new Fall shades. All sizes available. WITH SEAMS ONLY—2 Pairs \$1.00

# MELLINGER'S

"MERKEL'S LARGEST DEPARTMENT STORE"

# WANT ADS

**CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING RATES**  
Classified ads are 4 cents per word for the first insertion and 2 cents per word for additional insertions. Minimum charge is \$1. Cards of thanks are \$1 for the first 50 words; 4 cents for each word over 50.

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FOR MONUMENTS & CEMETERY CURBING  
M. A. (Sarg) NOSTER  
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MERKEL, TEXAS

**WOMAN WHO CAN DRIVE**  
If you would enjoy working 3 or 4 hours a day calling regularly each month on a group of Studio Girl Cosmetic clients on a route to be established in and around Merkel, and are willing to make light deliveries, etc., write STUDIO GIRL COSMETICS, Dept. NW-42, Glendale, California. Route will pay up to \$5.00 per hour.  
31-3tc.

I am now agent for the FORT WORTH STAR-TELEGRAM and THE DALLAS NEWS DELMA COMPTON  
Phone 351J

WANTED — Dirty windshields to clean. K & E Service Center. 5-tfc

WANTED — Ironing to do in my home. Reasonable price. Mrs. V. H. Lindsey, 607 Marion St. Phone 94-W. 34-4tc

Well and windmill servicing. W. Wade. Call 213-J. 6-tfc

WANTED — Pasture for sheep. Lease basis or on halves. Write to Box 428, Merkel. 18-tfc

WANTED — FEW MORE MILK CUSTOMERS. Delivery 7 days a week. Higgins & Son. Phone 9011-J. 44-5tp

NEED A NEW WELL drilled? An old well cleaned out? Call Robert Higgins 9011-J. Also sell and install Meyers pumps. 51-tfr

SEPTIC TANKS, CESS POOLS AND CELLARS pumped out. Satisfaction Guaranteed. Call collect, OR 3-3081, Abilene. 23-8tp

WILL BABY SIT in my home at 311 Locust by the hour or day, weekdays or nights. Phone 427-W. 35-4tc

WANTED—Young woman to live in home and take care of two children. Apply at 401 Lamar. 36-tfc

**FOR RENT**  
FOR RENT — 2-bedroom duplex apartment. Newly redone. 308 Locust. See Ray Wilson. Phone 173 or 22. 4-tfc

FOR RENT — Furnished one & 2 bedroom apartments. Bills paid. No pets. Call 405-W. E. P. Farmer, 405 Kent Street. 23-tfc

FOR RENT — Furnished garage apartment. E. O. Carson. Phone 279.

FOR RENT — 3 bedroom house. \$45 per month. Call 49-J after 5 p.m. Ask for Robert L. Smith. 34-tfc

FOR RENT — 4 room house with bath on Marion Street. Mrs. Mack Hodo. Phone 215-M. 34-3tp

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A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and defendant were married on or about June 10, 1959 and were separated on or about Sept. 20, 1960. Plaintiff shows two children of this marriage and no community property. Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of mental cruelty, 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 seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this 6 day of Nov. A. D. 1961.  
(Seal)  
Attest R. H. ROSS Clerk,  
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## Noodle FHA News

**STATE FAIR YOUTH DAY**  
Members of the Noodle FHA who participated in Youth Day at the State Fair in Dallas on Oct. 7 were Barbara Herron, Lois Adams, Diane Carter, Margaret Hunter, Delores Carpenter, Rose Jean Perkins, Charlotte Alexander, Caren Carter and Paula Caldwell. Chapter mothers who attended were Mrs. R. D. Ely and Mrs. W. A. Carpenter.

**STATE DEGREE WORKSHOP**  
Margaret Hunter, Linda Perkins and Diane Carter of the Noodle FHA and Louise Rhynes of the Trent Chapter, attended the State Degree Workshop at Wylie Oct. 17. The girls were accompanied by chapter sponsors, Mrs. Lowell Easley and Mrs. Fish.

For COLDS take 666

PLEASANT DREAMS

**AS WE ALL KNOW IT ISN'T RIGHT TO HAVE A THIEF COME IN THE NIGHT WE HOPE THE THOUGHT TO YOU OCCURRED TO HAVE YOUR VALUABLES INSURED**

**Boney Insurance Agency**

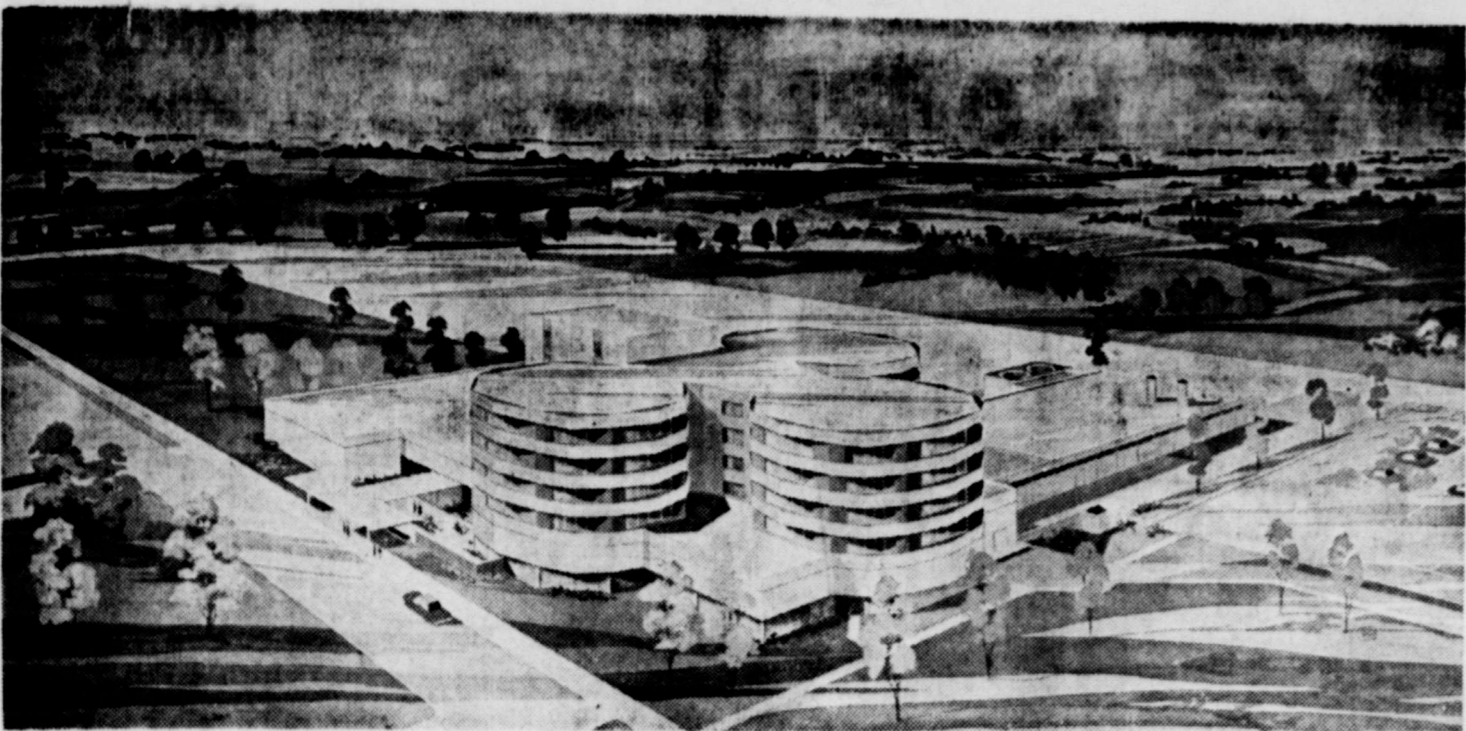
Don Doan and son, Stevie, of Stamford spent Thursday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Doan.

**straight steer for meat lovers:**

only GAS gives you flame-kissed steaks and roasts ... and no smoke!

Open the door to a gas broiler and take out your steaks ... flame-browned outside, tender and juicy inside. You get the aroma—but not the smoke! With gas, you keep the oven door closed and let the flame consume the smoke. Meat lovers also appreciate the automatic meat thermometer on new gas ranges—to cook roasts to perfection! And the automatic self-basting rotisserie gives you evenly-browned, moist, delicious results every time. Isn't it time to treat yourself to the flavoring flame of a modern gas range? Buy today!

CASH IN ON THE GAS RANGE-O-RAMA AT GAS APPLIANCE DEALERS AND LONE STAR GAS COMPANY



**NEW HOSPITAL CONCEPT** — No patient's room will be more than a half-dozen steps from a nursing station in the new Scott and White Memorial Hospital and Clinic to be built in Temple. Ground will be broken Dec. 2 by Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson on the \$8 million struc-

ture. Patient rooms are in tiers around central nursing stations, and the central part of the building itself houses clinic facilities such as X-ray. First floor will house consultation and examination rooms. Later, additional medical education buildings will be erected on the 300-acre campus.

vegetables, salad, cake and coffee, will be served at 6 p. m.

This is an enjoyable affair for the community and others who care to attend. Many items will be offered for sale, among which is a beautiful quilt made by the women of this community.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Ray, who are building a new home just west of the Pioneer church, have all the foundation run. The house will be constructed of white Austin stone. The central heating and cooling system will be installed. Mr. and Mrs. Ray are the builders.

tended church here Sunday. They live on the property of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cole of Abilene. Horace said he had been lucky in getting his cotton harvested this year. Mrs. Harry Riney was able to attend church Sunday.

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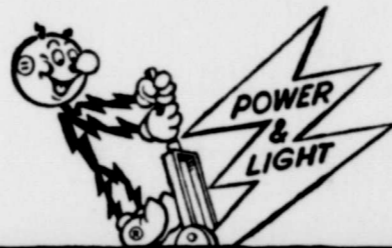


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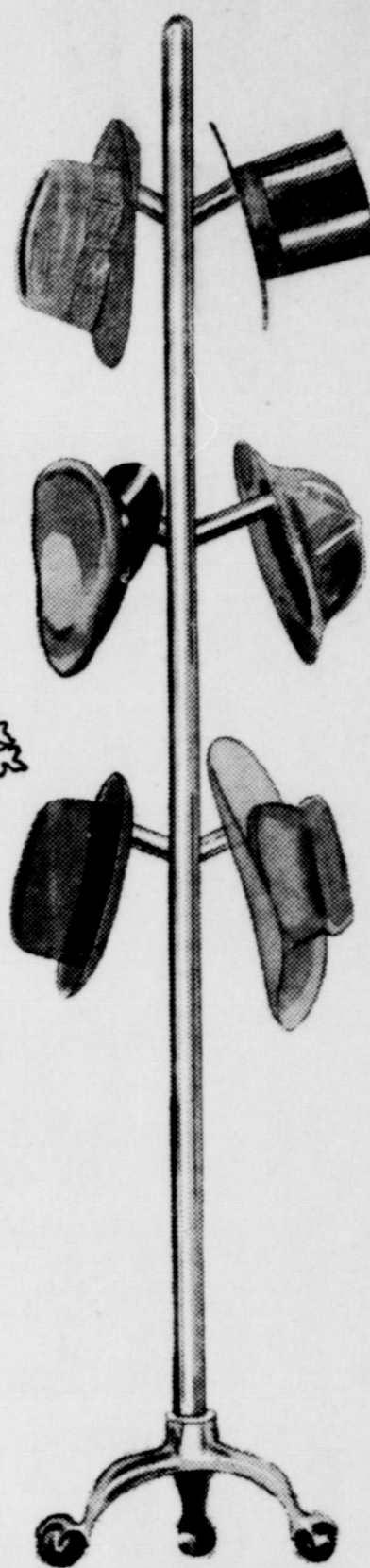
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**FROM OUR FILES**

**30 YEARS AGO**

Misses Frances Owens and Ma Murray were co-hostesses in entertaining members of the J. G. club in the home of Miss Owens last week. Thanksgiving games and contests were played. Thanksgiving favors were given with picnic lunches in wicker baskets. A full membership were present with Miss Margaret Dunn one visitor present. V. F. Galladay won the prize of pounds of pecans in the Shir Pecan Grove contest at Abilene. Another contest is set for Thanksgiving day.

the Merkel Public Schools were on the honor roll for the first grade period:

Seventh Grade, Mrs. Sublett—Frances Tarleton, 94; Melie Frank Touchstone, 93; Murray Toombs, 92; Harold Morgan, 92.  
Seventh Grade, Ralph Duke—Juanita Huskey, 96; Ora Derrick, 93; Mabel Maddox, 93; Opal Buzbee, 90.  
Sixth Grade, Miss Welch—Billie Dunning, 92; Junior Grimes, 91; Murphy Dye, 90.  
Sixth Grade, Miss Pinckley—Morris Wozencraft, 93; Lurline Tarleton, 92.  
Fifth Grade, Miss Coffey—Charles Andy Shouse, 93; Dick West, 92; Hollis Perry, 92; Jessie La Verne Simpson, 91; Charles

**50 YEARS AGO**

Miss Daulah Haynes leaves in a few days for an extended visit in different points in Southern Texas.

T. H. Largent is at home from the San Antonio fair where he and his father, C. M. Largent, entered a number of blue ribbon cattle.

Floyd and Elbert Dean left Monday for Floydada to look after gathering some feed on a farm belonging to their father, R. H. Dean. The boys left home in a wagon expecting to stop at Hamlin the first night. We predict they had a very cool trip but they were planning for a big time hunting.

See the \$15.00 hornless graphophone at the Elite.

Miss Elma Sheppard served a well appointed dinner Nov. 12. She had for guests Misses Vernona and Virginia Hamblett and Eunice Nesbitt. In the afternoon they made candy and went to the mountains.

Prof. R. L. Krigbaum superintendent of our schools reported to us this week that the room taught by J. N. Routh was the only room not having any tardy students the past month.

W. S. Wassen of Plainview visited his cousin, Mrs. J. T. Tucker a few days the past week returning home Monday night. They have met only twice since leaving their Arkansas home before the war. The other time they met which was about 13 years ago was when Mrs. Tucker visited him. Capt. and Mrs. Tucker have been living here a number of years and are among the pioneers of this section.

**TEL Class Meets In Teaff Home**

The TEL Sunday School class of the First Baptist Church met Wednesday in the home of Miss Selena Teaff with Mrs. Jim Kuykendall as co-hostess.

Mrs. Eunice Massey, president, presided at the business session. Mrs. Houston Robertson led the opening prayer.

Devotional was by Mrs. Sam Hill and Mrs. Earl Foster led the closing prayer.

Pumpkin cake, sandwiches, coffee and tea were served to the following: Mmes. T. J. Bird, Ira Moore, Eunice Massey, R. Y. Buchanan, Earl Foster, Dave Anderson, Houston Robertson, Austin Robertson and Sam Hill.

Ira Travis Farmer of Abilene visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arden Farmer, Friday.

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**UP THE CANYON**

BY Tom Russom

We are having some wonderful weather for harvest. It makes the entire family want to put on their old gray bonnets and straw hats and go to work.

Small grain has been sown and the mile harvest is drawing to a close. However, some milo will be cut after frost falls.

Some farmers are waiting to strip their cotton and have not pulled any as yet.

One farmer remarked he would be afraid to wait to strip his cotton for fear of storms.

Buddy Martin, ranch foreman on the Rhode's ranch, says he has plenty of deer running on the grain fields and they are really fat.

Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Perry attended the community night held here Saturday night. Loyd reports things in fine shape at his ranch place on the east side of the Canyon.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Russom and son, Don, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Garner this week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. V. Garner of Merkel. The Howard Garners, former residents of the Canyon, were en route to South Texas to play and sing for a revival.

Saturday night, Nov. 18, is the night for the annual Lord's acre harvest and sale to be held at the Butman community center. Supper, consisting of barbecued mutton,

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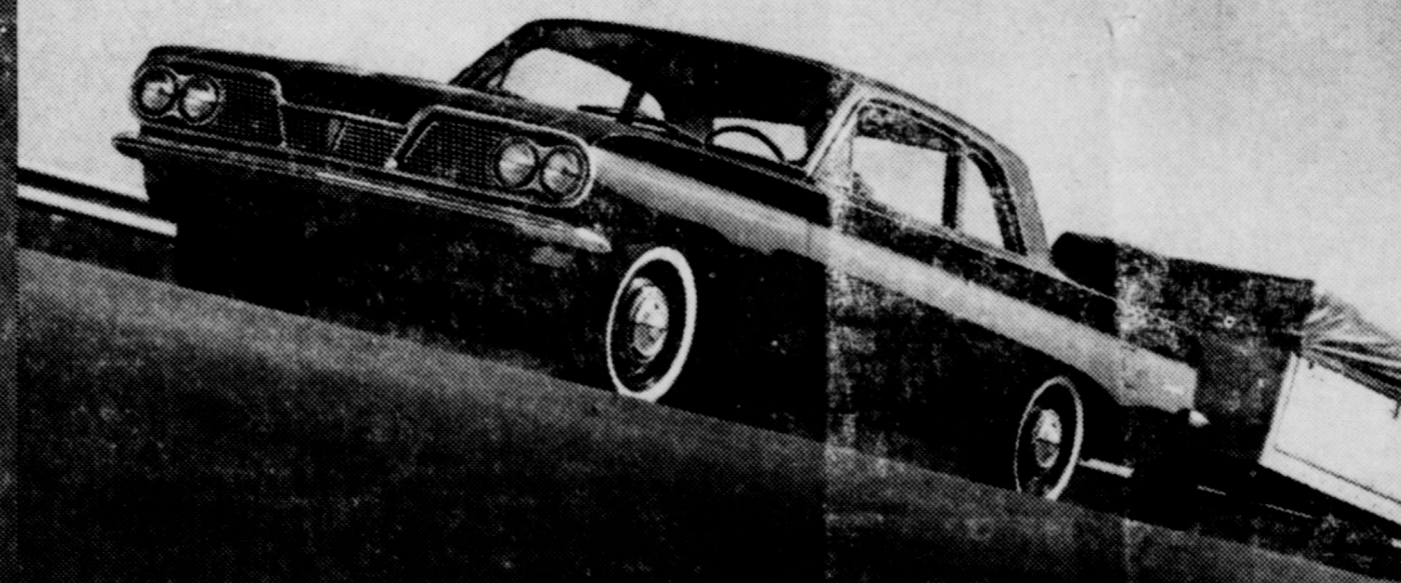
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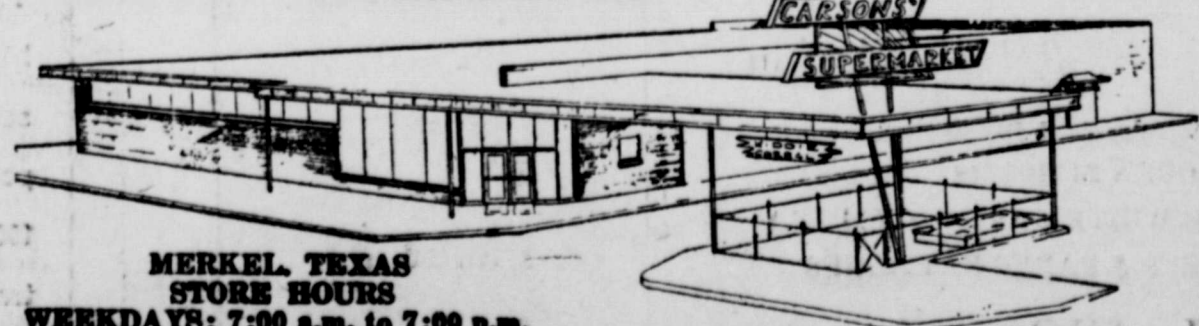
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