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U. S. Treasury Department

### Mrs. Annie Hickman Buried in San Angelo

Mrs. Annie Hickman, 79, who had been a resident of Mrs. Lela McEever's Convalescent home since September, died at 3:45 a. m. Monday at the Sadler hospital, which she had entered the previous Wednesday.

The body was taken overland to San Angelo for burial Monday afternoon by a San Angelo funeral home.

Survivors are one son, R. J. Hickman, and one grandson, both of Midland.

### Homemaking Club To Have "Hobo Week"

During the week of Feb. 8-14, the Homemaking club of Merkel High school will have a "Hobo Week." Each student is to go around and ask for jobs, their pay to be decided by their employer. The proceeds will go to the camp fund for the new camp at Marfa.

The girls are to tell their experiences and the most interesting will be selected. As a reward, their picture is to be published in the area scrapbook.

### LOCAL NEWS BRIEFS

A passing visitor in the C. K. Russell home Monday was his brother-in-law, Alex Harris, of Fresno, Calif. Mr. Harris reported that he produced 3,800 bales of cotton the past season, the yield averaging 2 bales to the acre.

Rex McLean, who fractured his hip when he slipped and fell on the Thursday of last week, was taken to the Veterans hospital at Amarillo Monday. His wife, who accompanied him there, returned home Wednesday.

Operators of service stations are asked by Water Superintendent Mack Buzbee to see that regulations as to wash racks be fully complied with, urging that they be cleaned out more frequently to prevent the accumulation of dirt and grease and warning that draining of oil should not be permitted through the traps.

### A. J. Barbee, Jr., Seeks Commissioner's Post

To the Voters of Precinct 4, Jones County:

In announcing my candidacy for commissioner I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your cooperation and support during the time I have served you as commissioner, filling the unexpired term of the late Mr. A. C. Sosebee.

I have served you the very best I could, considering that the funds for building and maintaining roads and bridges are not sufficient to do the work as I would like to have done.

As you know the tax rate is the same, while material and labor have increased in price fifty per cent in the last five years; therefore, I have had to do quite a bit of custom work in order to have funds to operate on.

Due to the movement of heavy oil machinery it has cost a great deal to repair and replace bridges wrecked by it.

I will try to see each voter in Precinct 4; if not, I hope you will consider this as a solicitation for your vote and influence in the coming primary.

Thank you,  
W. O. Rainwater.

### W. O. Rainwater Announces Candidacy

The Mail is authorized to announce the candidacy of A. J. Barbee, Jr., for the office of Jones County commissioner, Precinct No. 4, subject to the action of the Democratic primary, July 24.

Regarding his announcement, Mr. Barbee made the following statement:

"I have never before sought public office, but I feel that I am qualified to fill the place of commissioner, and, in event of my election, I promise to devote my time, effort, and ability to the best interest of the people of my precinct.

"I have lived in Jones county for 32 years and I feel that most of the voters know my policies sufficiently well to correctly weigh my qualifications for the office, and if you do not know me, then your friends will.

"If elected, I promise to do what I can to build better roads, and more all-weather roads for all the people, and will use my best judgment in looking after the financial interest of the precinct, and of the county as a whole.

"I will sincerely appreciate your consideration, vote and support, and hope to see each and every one of you before the primary election.

Sincerely yours,  
A. J. Barbee, Jr."

### March Meeting of Plumbers at Merkel

March meeting of the Taylor County Master Plumbers association will be held in Merkel the first Monday night in the month. W. J. Patterson, chairman of the organization, has announced, the meeting place being not yet determined.

February meeting was held Monday night at the office of the Abilene Plumbing and Roofing company, with two master plumbers from Merkel, Patterson and B. W. Merritt, attending. At the same time the Woman's auxiliary which Mrs. Patterson attended met at the home of Mrs. Wm. H. Smith, 1226 Jeanette, Abilene.

### Blue Cross Offered Farm Bureau Members

At a meeting to be held at the school band house Friday night of this week, at 7:30, members of the Farm Bureau of Taylor county residing in surrounding communities will have the opportunity to become members of the Blue Cross Hospital plan, Chairman Ollie Higgins of the county farm association announced Wednesday.

A representative of the Blue Cross organization will be present to explain the plan and answer questions.

### In The Churches

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Attendance at the seven reporting Sunday Schools last Sunday was 611 as compared with 483 on the previous Sunday. The attendance on the same Sunday a year ago was 741.

#### PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. W. K. Mann, church missionary of the Abilene and Brownwood presbyteries, will fill the pulpit at the morning hour Sunday. Other services as usual: Sunday School at 10 a. m., Christian Endeavor at 6 p. m., Sunday, mid-week prayer meeting at 6:30 p. m. Wednesday. Clerk.

#### CHURCH OF CHRIST

Bible School 9:45 a. m. Sunday. Worship 10:50 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Young People's meeting 6:45 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.

#### METHODIST CHURCH

Church School 10 a. m. Morning worship 11. Youth Fellowship 6:30 p. m. Evening worship 7:00. WSCS Mondays, 2 p. m. Mid-week prayer Wednesdays, 7:00 p. m. R. L. Butler, Pastor

#### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Morning sermon at 11. Training Union at 6:30 p. m. Evening sermon at 7:30. Prayer meeting at 7:00 Wednesday evening. Merle Weathers, Pastor.

#### ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching services at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. Services Thursday 7:45 p. m. H. S. Earp, Pastor.

#### CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:00 p. m. Mid-week prayer meeting at 7:00 Wednesday evening. A. T. Suskey, Pastor.

#### NAZARENE CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00 a. m. Preaching at 11. NYPS at 7:00 p. m. Preaching at 8:00. Prayer meeting at 7:00 p. m. Wednesday. R. T. Smith, Pastor.

plain the plan and answer questions.

All Farm Bureau members are eligible to become members, but those in the following communities are especially urged to attend this meeting: Salt Branch, Union Ridge, Mt. Pleasant, Butman, I. X. L. and Mulberry.

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#### UNION RIDGE CLUB.

The Union Ridge Home Demonstration club met in the home of Mrs. J. H. Clark on Jan. 16, with the president in charge.

The meeting was opened with a song. Mrs. Denzel Cox gave the council report, and recommendations and standing rules of the council were adopted.

Candidacy of Mrs. L. A. Groene for vice-president of HD seventh district was endorsed.

A round table discussion on "Safe Driving" was held.

Refreshments of sandwiches, coffee and cake were served to one new member, Mrs. Palmer, and the following members: Mesdames J. D. Jaynes, G. H. Crow, Kenneth Pee, Denzel Cox, O. E. Harwell, M. L. Douglas, Clyde Newton, Miss Mabel McRee, and one visitor, Mrs. Bernard Clark.

The next meeting will be with Miss Mabel McRee on Feb. 6.

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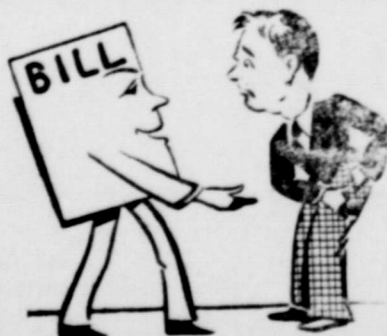


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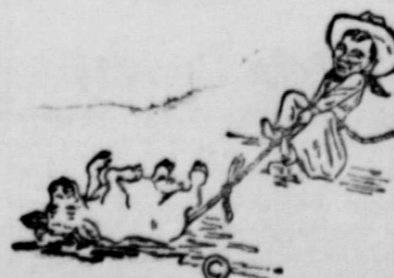
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**CITATION BY PUBLICATION**

THE STATE OF TEXAS.  
TO: Fannie E. Strain, individually, and as survivor in community of the community estate of H. R. Strain, her heirs, unknown heirs and legal representatives and assigns, whose whereabouts are unknown to the plaintiff and S. W. Lackey, his heirs, unknown heirs, assigns and legal representatives, whose whereabouts are unknown to plaintiff and Abe Berash, his heirs, unknown heirs, assigns and legal representatives, whose whereabouts are unknown to plaintiff and W. L. Maddox, (who is sometimes known as Lawrence Maddox), his heirs, unknown heirs and assigns and legal representatives, whose whereabouts are unknown to the plaintiff, GREETING:

You are commanded to appear and answer the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday the 8th day of March, A. D., 1948, at or before 10 o'clock A. M., before the Honorable 104th District Court of Taylor County, at the Court House in Abilene, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 19th day of January, 1948. The file number of said suit being No. 5691-B.

The names of the parties in said suit are: Son Green as Plaintiff, and Fannie E. Strain, individually, and as survivor in community of the community estate of H. R. Strain, her heirs, unknown heirs and legal representatives and assigns, whose whereabouts are unknown to the plaintiff and S. W. Lackey, his heirs, unknown heirs, assigns and legal representatives, whose whereabouts are unknown to plaintiff and Abe Berash, his heirs, unknown heirs, assigns and legal representatives, whose whereabouts are unknown to plaintiff and W. L. Maddox, (who is sometimes known as Lawrence Maddox), his heirs, unknown heirs and assigns and legal representatives, whose whereabouts are unknown to the plaintiff, as Defendants.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: that on or about the first day of January, 1948 plaintiff was lawfully seized

and possessed of the following described premises situated in Taylor County, Texas, holding and claiming the same, in fee simple, to wit: Lot 4 in block A of Goldberg's Subdivision of Lot No. 4 Block No. 177 in the city of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas shown by plat and map of said addition now of record in the plat records of Taylor County, Texas.

That on the day and year last aforesaid defendants unlawfully entered upon said premises and ejected plaintiff therefrom and unlawfully withhold from him the possession thereof to his damage in the sum of \$1000.00. That the reasonable annual rental value of said lands and premises is \$600.00 per year. Plaintiff prays judgment for title and possession of said lands and premises, and that writ of restriction issue and for his rents, damages and costs of suit, and such other relief in law and in equity that he may be entitled to.

If this Citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved. Issued this the 19th day of January, A. D., 1948.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 19th day of January, A. D., 1948.  
(Seal) J. Neil Daniel, Clerk, District Court, Taylor County, Texas By Thelma Graham, Deputy.

**CITATION BY PUBLICATION**

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
TO: Yvonne Hutchison, Greeting: You are commanded to appear and answer the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday the 15th day of March, A. D., 1948, at or before 10 o'clock A. M., before the Honorable 104th District Court of Taylor County, at the Court House in Abilene, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 29th day of Jan., 1948. The file number of said suit being No. 5696-B.

The names of the parties in said suit are: Jack Hutchison as Plaintiff, and Yvonne Hutchison as Defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were married December 4, 1945, and lived together until on or about February, 1946. No children were born to said marriage and no community property was acquired.

Plaintiff sues for divorce on the grounds of cruelty.

If this Citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved. Issued this the 29th day of January, A. D., 1948.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 29th day of January, A. D., 1948.  
(Seal) J. Neil Daniel, Clerk, District Court, Taylor County, Texas By Grace Jenkins, Deputy.

**CITATION BY PUBLICATION**

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
TO: Ira Meredith, Greeting: You are commanded to appear and answer the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday the 15th day of March, A. D., 1948, at or before 10 o'clock A. M., before the Honorable 104th District Court of Taylor County, at the Court House in Abilene, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 28th day of January, 1948. The file number of said suit being No. 5695-B.

The names of the parties in said suit are Bernice Meredith as Plaintiff, and Ira Meredith as Defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were married

November 9, 1938, and separated March, 1947.

Plaintiff and Defendant own no community property. One child, Ira Ann, was born of said marriage.

Plaintiff sues for divorce on the grounds of cruel treatment and asks for custody of said child.

If this Citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved. Issued this the 28th day of January, A. D., 1948.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 28th day of January, A. D., 1948.  
(Seal) J. Neil Daniel, Clerk, District Court, Taylor County, Texas By Thelma Graham, Deputy.

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More women than men in the United States complete four years of high school, but more men than women finish four years of college. Wheat is grown on about one-fourth of all the world's cultivated ground.

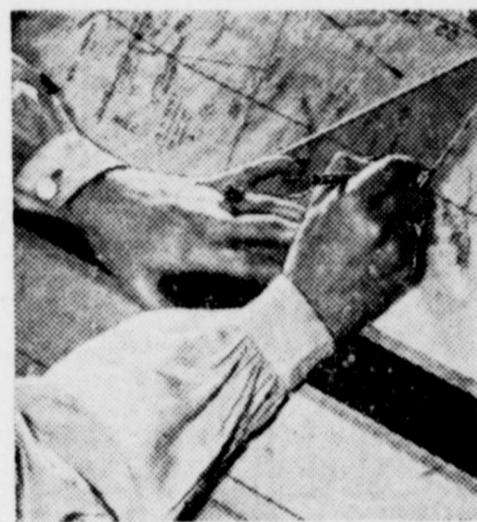
The New York City police force has about 17,000 members. One in every three World War II veterans has taken some form of education or training under the GI Bill or Public Law 16 since both laws went into effect, VA said.

**USED CARS**

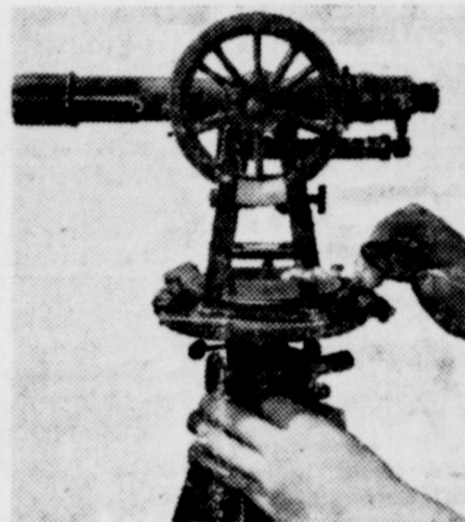
- 1947 Dodge Pickup, Like New
- 1946 Chevrolet Town Sedan
- 1941 Chevrolet 5 passenger coupe
- 1941 Chevrolet Town Sedan,
- 1941 Ford Tudor Sedan
- 1942 Dodge Army 4x4 pickup
- 1931 Chevrolet Town Sedan
- 1940 De Soto Sedan
- 1941 Mercury Sedan—Like New
- 1935 Ford.

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This is the second year of this system-wide program in which more hands than ever before will be working to continue supplying dependable natural gas service to you and to bring service to new homes and communities not yet enjoying natural gas service.



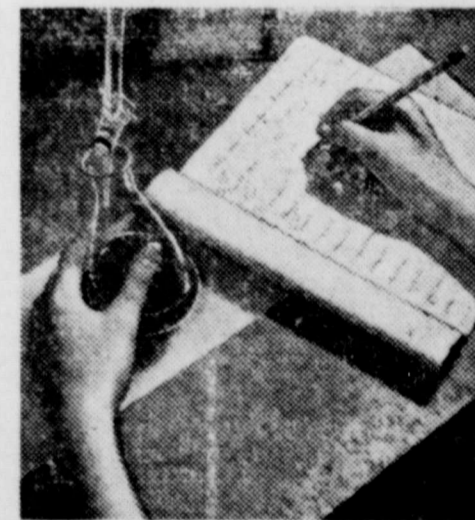
These hands represent seven of 189 different skills employed to bring natural gas from wells to the burner tip of gas appliances in your home.



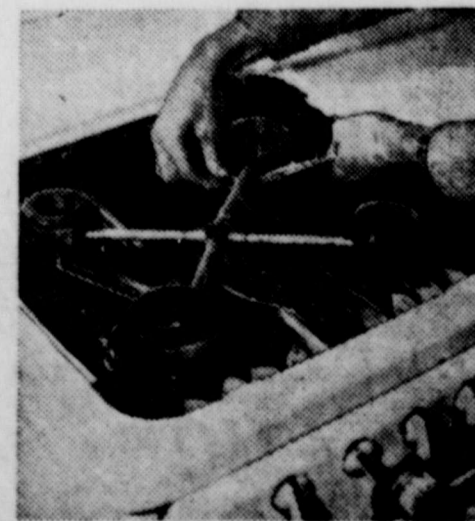
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It has been the policy of the West Texas Utilities Company, not only to supply the low-cost, dependable electric service which makes the farm a happier place in which to live...but also to help the farmer make the best possible use of electric service, to lessen the burden of farm work and to increase production and profits...and in turn the purchasing power of the area we serve.

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When you ship your furs to Sears you can depend upon receiving top prices.

Every award is in addition to cash Sears gets you for your pelts.

Even if you don't earn an award, careful handling enhances the value of your furs. So, you can see that careful pelt handling does pay.

#### You Get These 5 Advantages:

1. Top market prices for your pelts.
2. Individual grading—each pelt you ship is graded individually on its own merits.
3. Localized grading—your furs are graded by men who are experts in pelts from your section.
4. Prompt cash returns—sent within 24 hours after your furs reach us.
5. Extra money opportunities in Fur Show awards! Remember, only handling of pelts counts, not kind or value of fur.

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Miss 19th National admires well handled pelts during judging of last season's Fur Show.

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### On Valentine's Day, show some affection Oil-Plate your car for extra protection!



Is your car a new "sweetheart" or a steady "old beau"?

It makes no difference which, if you're in "the know."

For cars can be human—like a sweetheart or wife. Can be loved with great pleasure or with struggle and strife!

Yes—an OIL-PLATED engine is known for its "pepper."

You'll find that you're driving a "mighty high-stepper"!

Less acids, less carbon—less sludge due to wear. When you start any trip you know you'll get there.

So, as a special reminder this Valentine's Day, Prove to your car that you still feel "that way"!

See your Mileage Merchant and set up a date; Treat your good friend to a thorough "OIL-PLATE."

So, be kind to your car—show some affection, Buy Conoco N<sup>th</sup> for "extra protection"!

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## MOVIE CALENDAR

### QUEEN

Friday - Saturday — Double feature program: James Warren, Steve Brodie in "Code of the West" and Peggy Cummins, Bietor Mature, Ethel Barrymore in "Moss Rose," color cartoon and Jack Armstrong serial.

Sunday, Monday and Tuesday — Bing Crosby, Joan Caulfield, Barry Fitzgerald in "Welcome Stranger," color cartoon and latest News reel.

Wednesday - Thursday — Special roadshow attraction: Linda Darnell, Cornel Wilde, George Sanders in "Forever Amber."

### FOREVER AMBER

Glittering in technicolor brilliance, and unfolding one of the most provocative love stories the screen has ever known, "Forever Amber" comes to the Queen screen Wednesday and Thursday.

Linda Darnell and Cornel Wilde play the romantic leads in Darryl F. Zanuck's presentation of the record-breaking best-seller by Kathleen Winsor. Miss Darnell is seen in the title role of the warm and human story of a country girl who becomes the most whispered-about beauty in the gay court of King Charles II, Wilde appears as Bruce Carlton, the dashing cavalier, who remains Amber's No. 1 love through her exciting fight for money and a title. The Twentieth Century-Fox film also stars Richard Greene and George Sanders.

### WELCOME STRANGER

Paramount's "Welcome Stranger," the first reunion of Bing Crosby and Barry Fitzgerald since their very successful "Going My Way," shows Sunday matinee, Monday and Tuesday nights at the Queen theatre with Joan Caulfield co-starring with Bing and Barry.

"Welcome Stranger" is a story of a carefree, breezy young doctor, Crosby, and his struggle to overcome the resentment of a small New England town and its old general practitioner, Barry Fitzgerald, towards his unprofessional approach to medicine and the town. It shows how Bing soon endears himself to the village, and Miss Caulfield, by skill with scalpel and song.

### Texas Postal Receipts Higher in December

Austin, Feb. 5.—Postal receipts in Texas exceeded expected seasonal gains with December receipts advancing 52 per cent above November totals, according to reports of the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research.

Receipts for 56 Texas cities reached \$4,215,459 to better December 1946 figures by 14 per cent and push the Bureau's seasonally-adjusted index to 239. (Base: 1935-39—100.)

Although all cities reported November-to-December increases, postal receipts of Sweetwater, Childress,

Big Spring and Galveston dropped below December 1946 levels. The greatest yearly gain of 97 per cent was made by Plainview; Corsicana followed with 45 per cent.

Dallas receipts led in dollar figures, totaling \$1,067,239 in December. Houston, running second, marked up a \$739,003 December total, and Fort Worth came in third with \$424,432.

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## MARCH 15th, 1948

Every single person having a GROSS income of \$500.00 and every married person having a GROSS income of \$1,000.00 are required to file a return of their 1947 income, on or before MARCH 15th, 1948.

File early and avoid last minute rush—Also salaried persons having a refund due should file early and get quicker returns.

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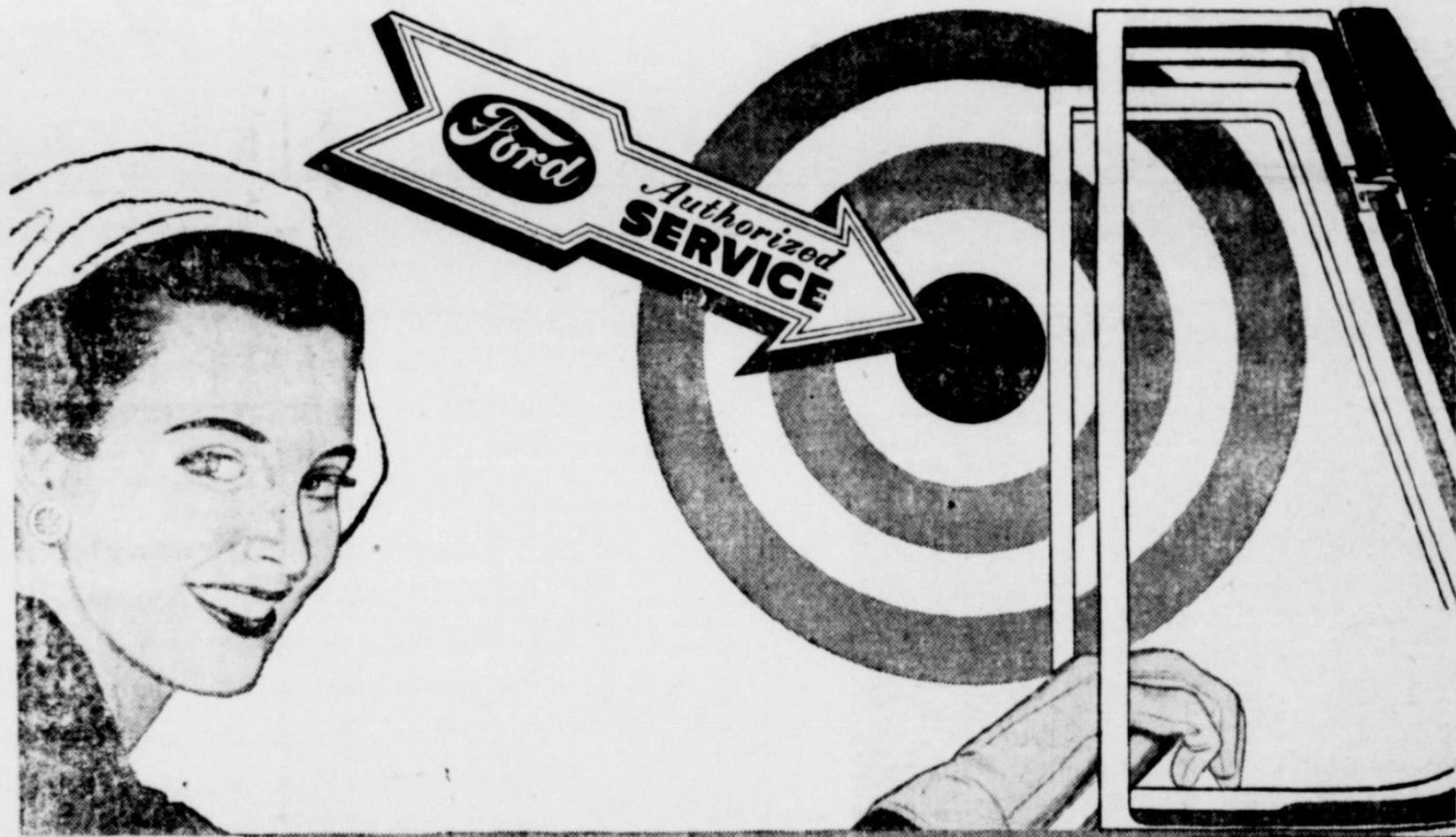
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## POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Subject to action of the Democratic Primary in July.]

For Commissioner, Precinct 2, Taylor County:  
D. C. DOAN.  
IRVEN THOMPSON.  
L. A. DUDLEY.

For Commissioner, Precinct 4, Jones County:  
C. H. (Connie) OTTO.  
W. O. RAINWATER.  
A. J. BARBEE, JR.  
For Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 5:  
MRS. DORA T. COBB.  
[Re-Election.]

For County Clerk:  
MRS. CHESTER HUTCHESON  
[Re-Election.]

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Items of interest for all...  
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### FOR SALE

PLENTY OF SINGER Sewing machines on hand, also good stock of other makes. Darsey Furniture company.

FOR SALE—'38 Chevrolet coupe. See it at Merkel Radiator shop Saturday afternoon.

FOR SALE—One Jersey milk cow, 6 years old, extra good, with baby calf. J. D. Jaynes, Route 2, Merkel.

\$4,500 will get the key to a new 5-room and bath home, 60 acres, well improved, (modern 5-room house) just outside city limits. 4 rooms and bath, well located, down payment \$1,250, bal. \$35.00 per mo. 301-acre farm, \$40 per acre. We have other farms, residences, lots and commercial buildings to offer. Come in to see us before you buy or sell.

DOWDY & TOOMBS

SANI-WAX Cleans, waxes and polishes. White Auto Store.

FOR SALE—Dining room suite; can be seen at Mrs. Herbert Patterson's. Mrs. D. H. Vaughn.

FOR SALE—Child's bed, good as new; has Simmons Innerspring mattress, Chenille bedspread included. Mrs. A. A. Reagan.

WHITE'S Supreme 100 per cent Paraffine motor oil; quart, 17c, gallon, (bulk), 50c. White Auto Store.

FOR SALE—International 8-d sk one-way, first class condition. See G. W. Teaff, Route 1, Tye, Texas.

RUBBERMAID toilet-soap tray; fits all toilet tanks, provides handy, safe place for toiletries. White Auto store.

FOR SALE—Eight (8) lots, in Blair, Texas. Mrs. J. L. Kincaid, Buffalo Gap, Texas.

FOR SALE—1937 GMC pickup, good condition, priced reasonable. Holt Vaughn.

ENTIRE CITY BLOCK — Fenced with poultry netting, 4-room house, well and mill, garage and barn, nice for chicken farm, and you can move in tomorrow, \$2,750.00.

Nice 5-room with bath and everything, garage, barn, well and cistern; on pavement and no better location in town, \$5,000.00.

DO YOU NEED A BATH WITH 5-ROOMS and lots of nice closets, close in and on paved street? Well, here 'tis for \$4,500. Four room, near school and churches, \$2,000.00.

Another 4-room and bath completely modern house, not very old, good paint and has been well kept inside and out; better see this, it's worth the money.

JONES COUNTY FARM, 112 acres, 52 cult, rest good pasture, good well of water but old house; if you've dreamed of owning oil wells, better investigate, this is in a recent HOT SPOT, \$60.00 per acre.

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NEW AUTO BATTERIES, \$9.95 and up. Nolan Palmer, "Your Magnolia Dealer."

FOR SALE—State-registered Blue Tag Mebane cottonseed; best one can buy; best for this climate. A. J. Canon.

SILVERTONE console radio and record player; practically new; can be seen at Dudley's Radio shop. Mrs. Will Butman.

Bed and dresser suite, \$17.50. Oak dresser, large mirror, \$10.00. White cabinet, porcelain top, \$15.00. Coldspot refrigerator, \$75.00. Coolerator, all metal, \$25.00. 50-lb. ice box, \$10.00.

White gas range, \$27.50. 8 rockers, \$3.50 to \$12.50. Leatherette in red, blue, white, yellow, brown, offwhite.

See us for your upholstery material and work.

THE SWAP SHOP

FOR SALE—Living room suite. Mrs. Ben Sublett.

FOR SALE—Farmall "12" tractor; good shape. D. C. Doan.

FOR SALE—1936 Ford tudor, also 1939 International truck with winch and bed, 5-speed transmission. Inquire at Texaco Service station.

AVAILABLE NOW—Rubber puncture-sealed tubes and white Sidewall tires, in all popular sizes. Magnolia Service Station.

HAVE several nice residences for sale in Merkel; take your choice. ANDY SHOUSE

FOR SALE—Two-story brick building 40x80, formerly occupied by Sadler Clinic. W. T. Sadler, M. D.

NEED LUMBER—2x4, 2x6, 1x4, 1x6, 1x8, center match, shiplap, kiln-dried flooring; direct mill shipments on any amount of common yellow pine lumber; inspect our stock; cash and carry. J. W. Hammond Lumber Co., Merkel; located in alley behind Ben Franklin store.

UNIVERSAL jet type pumps, with all the pipe, etc. Palmer Tire and Appliance Co., Phone 15.

FOR SALE—Batteries for all autos, trucks and tractors, \$3.00 trade-in on old battery. Dudley's Radio Service. Phone 193.

FOR SALE—5 rooms and bath; best location; best built house in town; block south new hospital. Ben Sublett. Box 206, Merkel.

SOUTH WIND and Tropic Air heaters; for immediate delivery; we install same. Magnolia Service Station.

### QUICK RELIEF FROM Symptoms of Distress Arising from STOMACH ULCERS DUE TO EXCESS ACID

Free Book Tells of Home Treatment that Must Help or It Will Cost You Nothing. Over two million bottles of the WILLARD TREATMENT have been sold for relief of symptoms of distress arising from Stomach and Duodenal Ulcers due to Excess Acid—Poor Digestion, Sour or Spiced Stomachs, Gasiness, Heartburn, Sleeplessness, etc. due to Excess Acid. Sold on 15 days' trial! Ask for "Willard's Stomach" which fully explains this treatment—Free—

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### FOR RENT

TWO UNFURNISHED rooms for rent. Mrs. R. L. Newman.

FOR RENT—4-room house, 5 mi. east Noodle, on REA; with small pasture and sudan patch. Joe Amason, 3149 S. 4th St., Abilene.

FOR RENT—Bedroom, close in, private entrance, with bath, modern conveniences and comfortable. Fred Groene.

FOR RENT—Furnished 3-room apartment; private entrances. Phone 125W, Mrs. J. C. Conroy.

VACUUM CLEANER for rent, 75c per day. Farm and Home Supply.

### WANTED

WANTED—White Rock setting eggs; special \$2.00 discount on each 100 of our best Leghorns purchased with 100 lbs. starter, until Feb. 15; trays for custom hatching. Sharp Hatchery.

WATCH REPAIRS—We have added the services of Quincy Garner in our watch repair department; one week service on repair jobs. Wilson Jewelry.

SEE Lendon A. Coats for water well drilling. Phone 281W.

SEWING WANTED—Mrs. Ernest Teaff, Route 1, Merkel, Texas.

WE UPHOLSTER anything in the way of furniture; also have a state permit to do any kind of upholstery. See Ira Cross at J. T. Darsey Furniture store.

NOTICE—Will pay 1c per pound, \$1.00 per hundred or \$20.00 per ton for scrap iron. H. J. Bowles Plumbing Shop.

### MISCELLANEOUS

WATER WELL DRILLING—I have 2 machines; all work guaranteed. B. T. Sublett, Box 206, Merkel.

ELECTRIC MOTORS repaired. Dudley's Radio Service. Phone 193.

BERT MELTON, agent for Abilene Reporter-News and Dallas Morning News; office on Kent street. Phone 282.

### Regular Meeting of Lions Club Not Held

Because of a burst water pipe in the kitchen of the Community Center, the regularly scheduled meeting of the Lions club for Tuesday of this week, first Tuesday of the month, was not held.

### Tax Collector from Jones County Will Visit 3 Communities

Elzy Bennett, tax assessor-collector of Jones county, announces that he will be at the following places from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m. on the dates indicated to issue auto licenses: Stith, Tuesday, Feb. 10. Noodle, Wednesday, Feb. 11. Goodman, Thursday, Feb. 12.

### CARD OF THANKS.

We are deeply grateful to every one who by their kind deeds and words of sympathy and lovely floral gifts brought us consolation in the loss of our dear husband and father. May God bless you all. Mrs. E. Barnes, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Barnes and Family. Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Brewer and Family.

### PIMPLES

DON'T SQUEEZE THEM! Instead brush on KLEEREX and see how amazingly fast it hides ugly pimples as it dries them—often on first trial. Not a greasy salve that pimples thrive on, but a soothing medicated liquid that relieves itching—drives redness out. Ask for KLEEREX at all drug stores. Double your money back if it fails. 49c

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## Specials for Friday & Saturday

FEBRUARY 6th and 7th

Washington Delicious APPLES, 2 lbs. .... 15c	Nice Crisp LETTUCE, head ..... 10c
Colorado POTATOES, 5 lbs. .... 29c	Sunkist Juicy LEMONS, lb. .... 10c

SPINACH washed Clean and ready to use, 12 oz. 22c

CAKE FLOUR Red and White 44 ounce package ..... 41c

Campbell's Tomato Soup, 10½ oz. .... 9c	My-T-Fine Dessert, 2 pkg's. .... 15c
Red and White—FANCY Corn, No. 2 can, 2 for .... 45c	Aunt Jemima WHITE Corn Meal, 24 oz. pkg. .... 18c
Sugar Loaf—FANCY Tomatoes, No. 2 can ..... 19c	Baby Lima Beans, 2 lbs. .... 33c
American Sardines, flat cans, 2 for 39c	THRIFT CHILI with Beans, No. 303 can .... 27c
Thrift Mexican Style Beans, 16 oz. cans, 3 for 39c	Bar-B Plain Chili, 15½ oz. can 35c
Red and White Tomato Juice, 46 oz. can 27c	Kellogg Corn Soya, 8 oz. pkg. .... 14c
Brimful Pie Cherries, No. 2 can .... 28c	Three Minute Oats, lg. box ..... 29c
Red and White—Fruit Cocktail, tall can .... 27c	Comet Rice, 12 oz. pkg. .... 18c
Gold Bar—PREPARED Prunes, No. 2½ jar ..... 27c	Pure Granulated Washo, lg. box ..... 33c
Rich Creamy Crustene, 3 lb. crt. .... 1.09	

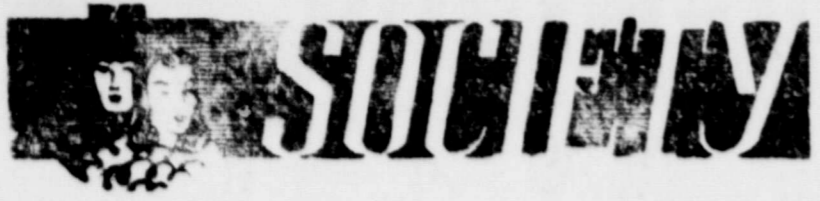
Delta TABLE SYRUP 5 pounds ..... 55c

### MEAT MARKET DEPARTMENT

ARMOUR STAR CURED HAMS, Half or Whole, Lb. .... 69c	DRY SALT JOWLS, lb. .... 29c	Longhorn CHEESE, lb. 55c
Fresh Pork ROASTS, lb. .... 53c	Country Style SAUSAGE, lb. .... 49c	Armour Star SLICED BACON, lb. .... 75c
		Nucoa OLEOMARGARINE, lb. .... 39c

### THE RED & WHITE STORES

WEST COMPANY HAROLD BROWN Bird's Store  
MERKEL TRENT NOODLE



**ENGAGEMENT OF POPULAR YOUNG COUPLE IS ANNOUNCED.**

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Gilbert are announcing the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Betty, to Earl Hughes, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hughes.

The couple will be married Feb. 12 in the 14th and Vine Street Church of Christ, Abilene.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Merkel High school and attended Texas Technological college, two years. She is now employed in Abilene. The bride-groom-to-be is a graduate of Stamford high school and is a junior in Hardin-Simmons university.

**FORMER MERKEL GIRL IS MARRIED AT DALLAS.**

The marriage of Miss Wilma McAninch, of Dallas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. McAninch, pioneer farm family, and Ervin Eugene Sliter, also of Dallas, took place Thursday, Jan. 15, at 9 a. m. in Dallas, with Rev. Thomas W. Weinzapfel reading the double ring ceremony in St. Edwards church.

The bride wore a brown suit with fawn accessories, and her corsage was of orchids. She is a graduate of Merkel High school and a registered X-ray technician from the University of Texas at Austin. Dorothy McClain, of Waco, wore a light beige suit and a corsage of white carnations.

Harold Sliter attended his brother as best man.

The bridegroom, formerly of Kalamazoo, Mich., is also an X-ray technician, employed at the Dallas Medical and Surgical clinic in Dallas.

After a short wedding trip to Oklahoma, Mr. and Mrs. Sliter are at home at 3411 Swiss avenue, Dallas. The bride's only attendant, Miss

**GIFT TEA.**

Mrs. Durwood Doan, a recent Merkel bride, was complimented with a gift tea on Friday afternoon of last week in the parlors of the First Baptist church. Invitations were extended to two hundred friends.

The entertaining rooms were inviting, with all decorations symbolic of Valentine. Emphasis was given to the lace-covered tea table, centered with red and white carnations.

Receiving with the bride were her mother, Mrs. O. D. Bland, the groom's mother, Mrs. Carl Doan, and the groom's aunt, Mrs. Hugh Campbell. Misses Otilla Doan and Billie Bland were at the register. Others in the house party were Misses Gerrie Jinkens, Lucille English, Mary Jo McConnell, Maxine Doan, Adline Hughes; and Mesdames E. M. Weathers, Irl Walker, Cramer Reynolds, Burley Bond, Horace Boney, Sam Swann, Buster Horton, Homer Patterson, Claude Warren, Twyman Collins, W. A. McCandless, Marvin Douglas and Vernon Horton.

A musical program was given by Mrs. Comer Haynes, Jane Hughes and Mrs. Patterson.

**KING'S DAUGHTERS LUNCHEON**

Mrs. L. A. Watts, with Mrs. J. M. Collins as co-hostess, opened her lovely home to members of the King's Daughters class of the M. E. church on Tuesday for their annual luncheon.

Guests for the occasion were Rev.

R. L. Butler and Mrs. Butler and Mrs. Lizzie Latham.

Members answering to roll call were Mesdames Lee Cox, Arch Harris, Cass Patton, Annie Berry, Rose Williams, Herman Doan, J. S. Pluckley, Tom Coats, C. K. Russell, T. G. Bragg, E. L. Harbin and the hostesses.

Mrs. Collins brought the devotional and Mrs. Doan talked on the origin of Valentine Day. Mrs. Russell, the class president, read a very touching descriptive letter from Mrs. Margaret Turner Quillin, telling how and where she distributed more than a hundred pounds of clothing sent to her by the class for the needy in Germany.

This being Mrs. Watts' birthday, at the close of the business session, the class sang "Happy Birthday" to "Dear Jennie."

**FORTNIGHTLY STUDY CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS.**

The meeting of the Fortnightly Study club was devoted entirely to business Tuesday when they met at the Community Center, with Mrs. Weldon McAninch as hostess.

The election of officers for the ensuing year held top place in the disposition of much accumulated business. Mrs. Edwin E. Read will be the new president, and Mrs. Carroll Benson, vice-president. Mrs. Grif Barnett was elected recording secretary, and Mrs. Earl Hughes, corresponding secretary. Mrs. Earl Lassiter will be parliamentarian, Christine Collins, critic, and Mrs. Weldon McAninch, the treasurer.

As no program was presented, the following members adjourned: Mesdames D. H. Vaughn, Powell Miller, Edwin E. Read, Judd McReynolds, Elma McFarland, Earl Lassiter, Comer Haynes, David Gamble, S. D. Gamble, Johnny Cox, Chester Collinsworth, Carroll Benson, Vincent Barnett, Grif Barnett, Geo. T. Moore, Paul West, Weston West and Henry West.

**ALL-DAY QUILTING.**

Members of the Alathean class of the First Baptist church met at the church Tuesday for an all-day quilting. Lunch was served at noon. Seventeen members were present.

In the afternoon a short business meeting was presided over by the class president, Mrs. F. P. Hamm. The devotional was brought by Mrs. Hugh Campbell. The class voted to buy pajamas for a 12-year-old girl at Buckner's Orphans Home.

The class will have a quilting on Thursday, Feb. 12, at the church, and in the afternoon Mrs. Twyman Collins will conduct a class clinic. All officers and members are urged to be present.

Those present for the all-day quilting Tuesday were: Mesdames T. E. Collins, W. L. Johnson, W. A. McCandless, Laura Payne, J. Ben Campbell, A. H. Zollinger, G. M. Sharp, E. O. Carson, J. O. Castles, Lige Harris, F. A. Baker, W. O. Boney, H. R. Hicks, W. W. Wheeler, Frank Hamm, Hugh Campbell and Chas. West.

**BAPTIST W. M. S.**

The Woman's Missionary society of the First Baptist church met on Monday afternoon for a business meeting, with Mrs. Irl Walker, pres-

**Kathleen Bryan on Faculty at H-SU**

Kathleen Bryan has accepted a position on the faculty of the Hardin-Simmons university and is assuming duties with the department of chemistry at mid-term.

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Bryan of Trent, Miss Bryan, 20, was attending Wesleyan university, Middletown, Conn., on a fellowship, which she resigned to return to the bedside of her father, who suffered a heart attack several weeks ago.

**Hospital Notes.**

The following patients were received at the Sadler hospital for treatment during the week: Mrs. W. A. Dill, Jan. 25; Mrs. C. S. Watkins, the Don Riney baby, Jan. 29; Mrs. A. L. Cade, Jan. 31; Mrs. Lee Mack Reynolds, Geneva Derington, Feb. 1; Mrs. H. L. Wilson, Mrs. Annie Scott, Mrs. Eli Case, Feb. 2; Miss Mae Womack, Feb. 3, Mrs. Cody Caldwell, Feb. 4.

ident, presiding.

After the opening song, "Jesus Calls Us," Mrs. E. M. Weathers led the opening prayer. Mrs. Irl Walker brought a lovely devotional. Mrs. E. O. Carson closed the session with prayer.

Present were Mesdames Earl Lassiter, J. A. Fawkenhall, Sam Swann, J. W. Widdingham, Owen Robertson, W. T. Sadler, J. O. Castles, Mack Tucker, Dunning McConnell, A. B. Booth, W. L. Johnson and the ones mentioned above.

The next meeting will be by Circles for Bible study. The Blanche Rose Walker Circle will meet with Mrs. Owen Robertson and the Floy Hawkins Circle will meet with Mrs. E. M. Weathers at 2:30 Monday afternoon.

**Garden Hints**

from Merkel Garden Club.

Pick some pleasant late winter day to prune shrubs, trees or vines. They are much easier to cut while dormant.

Shrubs and fruit trees can be pruned now and given a dormant winter spray.

Grape vines should be pruned before the sap begins to rise.

There are three reasons for pruning ornamental woody plants: To promote vigor and healthfulness to control form, and to modify their flowering.

Pruning for vigor and healthfulness consists in the removal of dead or dying wood and broken or split limbs, cutting off stubs that have resulted either from breaking of limbs or from improperly made cuts in previous prunings, removal of crossing and interfering branches.

Pruning of plants is often promoted by reducing the amount of top to more nearly equal the ability of roots to supply plant food, especially moisture. This should be done with newly planted trees and shrubs. There is much tendency to prune both shrubs and trees for the mere sake of pruning; many are severely injured or ruined by such treatment.

Pruning for form includes the slight pruning required by plants in informal plantings to maintain their natural outline.

The flowering of woody plants may be modified by pruning. The usual purpose is to produce a maximum of attractive blooms, but in some cases the aim is fewer flowers of greater perfection or size, or larger clusters. Free blooming is promoted by vigorous growth combined with conditions favorable for formation of flower buds, such as sufficient moisture.

**California Couple Buy 100-Acre Farm**

A deal has just been closed by Vernon B. Simpson real estate exchange whereby V. L. Merritt and wife of Marin City, Calif., former

residents, became the owners of a 100-acre farm three miles west of town purchased from Fred Jinkens.

The residence, shop and filling station on Kent street, formerly owned and operated by Reeves Brothers, has been sold to Carl Baccus, the deal having been handled by the same real estate exchange. The shop and filling station have been leased by the new owner to Jesse Loper and Hamp Dye.

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Peggy Cummins -:- Victor Mature -:- Ethel Barrymore  
**"Moss Rose"**

Color Cartoon—Jack Armstrong Serial  
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Bing Crosby -:- Joan Caulfield -:- Barry Fitzgerald  
**"Welcome Stranger"**

Color Cartoon—Latest News Reel



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Feb. 6 - 7

PINK SALMONS, flat can 29c Santa Clara HALVES APRICOTS 2 1/2 can 23c 1 can Baked Beans APPLE SAUCE 12c

FOLGER'S COFFEE pound 53c Mrs. Tucker, Crustene SHORTENING, 3 lb. tin can \$1.19

MOTHER'S PREMIUM OATS 3 lb. box 39c Everlite FLOUR, 25 lb. \$1.95 Pure Cane SUGAR, 10 lb. 89c

Mission PEARS, No. 2 1/2 can 32c R. C. R.—Cello Sack PINTO BEANS, 2 lbs. 29c

Heinz SWERL, box 29c DELTA—BUD—Golden Table— SYRUP, 5 lb. jar 47c

Stokley's PEAS, No. 2 can 18c White Swan—PURE TOMATO— CATSUP, 14 oz. bat. 19c

WHITE—Country Gentleman Cream Style CORN, No. 2 19c Omar HOT ROLLS MIX, box 29c —Cash in on COUPONS here—

PET MILK, can 8c Lemon Gelatin, pkg. 10c Fruit Cocktail, can 38c

HEINZ FOOD SALE 4 Big Pounds of FOOD 1 can Spaghetti & Cheese HEARTS— No. 2 Can 1 can Macaroni & Cheese 1 can Chili & Beans All For 89c

Sunkist LEMONS, pound 12c Crisp, Firm CABBAGE, pound 6c Jumbo Crisp LETTUCE, head 15c Large Juicy PEARS, 2 for 15c

Washington Delicious APPLES, lb. 8c Fresh CAULIFLOWER, head 23c

Choice Meats 4 to 6 Pound Average Picnic HAMS, lb. 53c Lakeview Sliced BACON, lb. 58c Skinless WIENERS, lb. 38c PORK Shoulder ROAST, lb. 59c

HORMEL :Cloth Bag PURE PORK SAUSAGE, lb. 54c

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Features at 6:40—9:18

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GEORGE SANDERS  
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