

# BARGAINS IN TIME FOR SCHOOL

## Offering Savings That Are Wanted For Dollar Day

Just in time for school the local merchants are offering bargains that will be a good lesson to everyone in excellent values. This is on Dollar Day, Aug. 18. It is the 15th Dollar Day in the friendly town of Merkel.

Clearance sales have been going on in many of the local stores and they are being continued for Dollar Day, giving everyone an opportunity to take advantage of tremendous savings. These savings range all the way from one-third to one-half and some even more. The department stores are having values that range almost all over the store in each department. Groceries are offering excellent savings on foods that may be used for the school children. The filling stations are making offerings that are very tempting. The jewelry store and the beauty salons are making offers that are well worth while. It will pay to look over the Dollar Day ads, making a list of desired items and shop speedily and early and wisely. The time to think of things for school time is next Tuesday, Dollar Day, in Merkel, where the merchants are friendly in the friendly town.

## All Water Rates Are Set Lower By City Council

At the last regular meeting of the City Council it was voted to decrease the water rates.

The new rates are: The first 10,000 gallons used to be billed at 50 cents per 1,000 gallons. All over 10,000 gallons used to be billed at \$1.50 per 1,000 gallons.

The new rates are retroactive and begin with the July bill and will continue during the emergency.

The old rate that began June 15 set the rates: First 4,000 gallons at 50 cents per 1,000; next 2,000 at \$1 per 1,000; next 4,000 at \$1.50 per 1,000. Total bill for 10,000 gallons of water \$10. All water used above 10,000 gallons was billed at \$2.50 per 1,000 gallons.

"The rains and smaller use of water has allowed us to reduce our water rates and permit greater usage," explained Mayor Henry West.

## Noodle Speaker Is Struck Down By Polio Friday

Rex Kyker, Abilene Christian College instructor, who was to have begun a revival at the Noodle Church of Christ last Friday was taken to the Hendrick Memorial Hospital on that day as a polio victim. He is improving.

Layton Plaster of the Merkel Church of Christ is now conducting the gospel meeting, which continues through August 16.

John Willis, A. C. A. junior student, spoke at the opening service. The services start at 8:15 daily. Burl McCoy is the song leader. The public is welcome.



LAYTON PLASTER ... revival speaker

## Tom Russom Heads Sheep, Goat Group Again This Year

Tom Russom was re-elected president of the Taylor County Sheep and Goat Raisers Association at the annual field day held at the State Park last Friday. Other officers re-elected were Elmo Jones, vice president, and H. S. Stanley, secretary-treasurer.

## Collinsworth Asks FFA Boys to Meet Him About Lambs

All F. F. A. boys who are interested in feeding lambs as a vocational agriculture project for the coming school year are asked by Chester Collinsworth to meet with him at 9 a. m. Saturday at the high school building. Any boy unable to attend the meeting but wants to feed lambs should contact Mr. Collinsworth by telephone or otherwise.

## Free X-ray Tests For T-B Will Be Given Aug. 28-29

The Free X-ray tests for T-B will be given here at the Community Center August 28-29, from 8:30 a. m. to 5:30 p. m. This announcement was made by Mrs. Andy Shouse, president of the Fortnightly Study Club, who is in charge.

The State Health Department is behind this life-saving project, state Mrs. Shouse. Everyone is urged to come and get his chest X-rayed.

Those who had X-rays last year should come again this year, she went on. Of course, those who were not tested last year should also come to the center.

All folks in Merkel and surrounding towns and area are urged to come here for the tests, said Mrs. Shouse. There is no obligation and if there are any signs of T-B shown you will know and can then contact your doctor for further consultation, she commented.

## WRECK VICTIM DIES

Alvis Dean Elledge, 35, of Texas, died here Monday of last week. He suffered burns when his truck crashed into an underpass one mile west of Trent. His truck burst into flames. He is survived by his wife and five children.



INTERMEDIATES — Harry Odum, 12, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Odum, won first place in this race.



EIGHT-NINE YEAR OLDS WINNER — David Scott, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Scott, won first in this race.

**SWIMMERS' CLASS CHAMPION**—Barry Scott, 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Scott, receives the first place trophy as winner of the Swimmers' Class race from Ed N. Wishcamper, managing editor of the Reporter-News. The presentation was made at the water carnival climaxing the annual Learn-to-Swim Program.

## Lobos Take Two From Rotan Sun. In Easy Stride

The Merkel Lobos won a double header Sunday here against Rotan. In the first game the Lobos won 11-3. The score stood 2-2 in the fourth inning. Then in the fifth Merkel banged out singles, doubles and triples, went into the lead and held it.

Manager Juan Biera and Jimmy Floyd pitched and Castill Ben caught for Merkel.

In the second game the Lobos defeated Rotan 9-3. The score was tied in the fifth 1-1. Then Captain Walter Whisenhunt smashed a homer, making the score 2-1. In the sixth the Lobos got into their stride and ran away with the game. Walter pitched and Lupe Rivera caught.

Saturday night Eula will play here.

Juan has been managing the Lobos since he got out of the Army in 1946. He played ball while in service. The Lobos have been on top while under his splendid management.

## Two Thermometers Reach 110 Degrees Here On Monday

Two thermometers flew to 110 degrees in the shade here Monday at noon on the north side of the Booth Warren home. A thermometer in Trent Saturday registered 110 degrees in the shade.

One thermometer in the shade in front of the Clyde Eager store registered 109 degrees Saturday and 108 degrees Monday.

At the Palmer Filling Station the thermometer in the shade registered 106 degrees Saturday said B. G. Dubose. When the sun was clouded the mercury fell to 104 and then immediately shot back to 106 when the cloud passed the sun.

## REVIVAL AT TRENT

Rev. Sam Tullock will be the evangelist at the revival to be held at the Trent First Baptist Church August 12-23.

## Ross Ferriers Suffer Injuries In Car Wreck

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Ferrier suffered injuries to their bodies when their car overturned at 11:30 p. m. last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ferrier were returning from a fish fry at Ft. Phantom and were one-half mile west of Stith. At this point Babe Tarpley was driving his tractor home, six miles northeast of here.

Both were going west. Two cars approached, going east, and blind-ed Ross, who was behind the tractor. His car turned over on its left side. The blow knocked Babe's tractor seat off but did not throw Babe out.

Ross' left elbow was skinned and his wife's hip and shin were bruised. The car was badly damaged. Jack Boone brought Ross and his wife into Merkel.

## It's Lots of Fun to Play Indian, Cowboy and Pirate Wayne's Way

Most boys play at being Indian, cowboy and pirate. So does Wayne Adcock. But in a different way. He makes them out of clay.

Wayne's fun is modeling clay. It is his hobby.

Wayne is 12 years old and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Waymon Adcock. He is in the sixth grade.

He likes to work in a small size. Most of the models are 2 1/2 inches high.

Wayne has over 170 men. He has exactly three girl models!

Most of the models are Indians and cowboys. He has made Crazy Horse, Red Cloud, Yellow Hand, Gray Wolf, etc. In the Indian fighters are featured Buffalo Bill, Wild Bill Hickok, Gen. Custer, Straight Arrow. Among the pirates are Captain Black Beard, Sea Tiger (a woman, Captain Hook).

He has representatives of Jap and American soldiers. He has an almost exact likeness of Hitler. He has cavalry men with removable caps. Most of the men are mounted on



## Merkel 20 Years Ago

TAKEN FROM THE 1933 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL

### FIRST BALE IN

Merkel's first bale for the 1933-34 crop arrived Thursday morning. It was raised by Dee Bland and weighed 506 pounds when ginned at the F. P. Hamm gin. Nine cents a pound was paid for the prize bale, nearly a cent above the market.

### 77 LISTED ON NRA

Seventy-seven business firms of Merkel are included on the honor roll of members of the National Recovery Administration, as listed in the local post office.

### TO HOLD REVIVAL

The Young People's Revival, sponsored by the Methodist Church, will begin next Sunday morning, August 20, and continue through Sunday, Sept. 3. Rev. Ray N. Johnson will do the preaching. Recently he held revivals at McMurry College and Snyder.

### PROPOSE TAX RATE

A budget of \$22,587.34 and a county tax rate of 80 cents to be levied on a valuation of \$19,000,000 have been proposed for Taylor County for 1934. Hearing on the proposed budget, which has been completed by Judge John L. Camp and L. R. Thompson, county auditor, has been set for Aug. 28 at 9 o'clock in the county courtroom.

### FERGUSON TO SPEAK

James E. Ferguson, former governor, will address the citizens of Abilene and West Texas on the federal lawn at Abilene at eight o'clock Saturday night in the interest of repeal of the eighteenth amendment to the Texas constitution.

## This Happened in Merkel Forty Years Ago

TAKEN FROM THE 1913 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. McMillen and Mr. Mrs. Austin Fitts spent Wednesday evening out at the Bland tank fishing. Look out for fish stories.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas T. Gaddy and daughter, Miss Elizabeth Grace, of Muskogee, Okla., are here visiting the former's parents, Rev. and Mrs. W. M. Gaddy.

Misses Nell and Lucy Tracy, Ruth Wheeler and Maurine Angus left Wednesday for Sweetwater to visit Misses Louise and Mildred Hogue.

W. Parten leaves Saturday night for St. Louis to buy his fall goods.

tion to legalize the sale of beer and the adoption of the state amendment to authorize a \$20,000,000 unemployment relief bond issue.

### TO ERECT HOTEL

Dirt was broken Wednesday for the erection of the New Woodrum Hotel, which is to be a two-story stucco structure on the same location occupied so long by this Merkel landmark, destroyed by fire on the night of June 25.

### DR. HUNT TO SPEAK

Dr. J. W. Hunt, president of McMurry College, will be the speaker at a rally of the United Forces for Prohibition to be staged at the City tabernacle here on Friday night of this week. R. A. Burgess will preside.

### ORDERS BEER ELECTION

A local option election to determine whether sale of 3.2 beer will be licensed in Taylor County was formerly ordered by the Commissioners Court at their regular semi-monthly session Monday. The election was set for August 26.

### RECORD BIRTHS

Girl to Mr. and Mrs. Chester Bryant, residing south of town, Wednesday, August 16.

### LARGENTS WIN

Practically all the blue ribbons at the Missouri State Fair, Sedalia, Mo., ten firsts — were won by the C. M. Largent and Sons hereabouts this week. Willie Joe Largent sent the news in a telegram to his father, C. M. Largent. Publican Junior was grand champion.

Mrs. Vol Martin and daughter, Maude left Tuesday for Austin to visit Mrs. E. V. White.

Miss Maggie Wheeler left Sunday for a few days' visit to her aunt, Mrs. W. M. Turner and family at Rule.

Mrs. C. McCauley and family have gone to their summer home in Boulder, Colo., to spend a month.

Early last Tuesday morning covered wagons were seen going north. Their destination was pecan camping grove near Hawley and their object fun, fishing and boating. At odd times the crowd cooked, ate, slept or played games.

The attic fan is not a substitute for complete air conditioning in the home but is a practical and inexpensive means of securing relief from the oppressive summer heat.



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**JOYCE'S**

**personals**

Mr. and Mrs. Pat L. Davis and son Bill of Fort Worth were Saturday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. T. Moore. Mr. Davis is a former Merkel coach.

Eldon Price spent Saturday night and Sunday in McCamey and Hobbs, New Mexico, visiting with friends.

**MOORE FAMILY REUNION IS HELD AT STATE PARK**

The descendants of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Moore had a family reunion at the State Park Sunday. Those from Merkel were: Messrs. and Mesdames Dee Moore, Laverne Moore and children, Arthur Moore and son, Mrs. Edna Horton and daughter; others from Sweetwater, Seymour and Odessa. About 40 were present. The reunion will be held at Seymour next year.

**DOLLAR DAY SPECIAL TUESDAY**

Oil Manicure 50c with every \$1.25 SHAMPOO and SET

**Back to School**

Realistic Permanent Reg. \$8.50 for \$6.50 Good Until Aug. 31 Cosmetics at a Saving.

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**BILL SLEDGE FAMILY ATTEND REUNION SUNDAY**  
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sledge and family attended the Sledge reunion in Comanche Sunday. About 60 relatives were present.

**ERNEST JOYCE ATTEND FAMILY REUNION IN DALLAS**  
Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Joyce and Larry were in Dallas Sunday where they attended a Joyce family reunion. His brother R. W. and wife of Kansas City, Mo., were present.

**Mrs. Ada Bishop To Join Husband In Worms, Germany**

Mrs. Ada Bishop and daughter, Kathy Ann left Sunday for Worms, Germany, to join her husband, Corp Omer L. Bishop, who has been in Germany since last October. Mrs. Bishop expects to fly from Dallas to Germany.

**Bobby W. Dubose And Wife Are Now In Shaftsbury, Eng.**

A/c Bobby W. Dubose is now stationed in Shaftsbury Air Force

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Lets get those... Winter CLOTHES put away. See us for your MOTH PROOF BAGS.

FREE PICK UP AND DELIVERY

**MACK'S CLEANERS**  
.PHONE 27

Base, England. He is working as a cashier in the Sales Commissary on the base, helping to make living a little easier for the married personnel at Shaftsbury.

**I. H. Robinsons Move to Sweetwater To Make Their Home**

The I. H. Robinsons of Route 4 have moved to Sweetwater where they will make their home. Mr. Robinson stated that he was leaving mighty good people but found good people in Sweetwater too, too.

**John Wests Find Corn Growing Well Though Iowa Is Dry**

Mr. and Mrs. John West returned last Friday from a trip to Johnstown, Penn., where they visited their daughter, Mrs. W. R. Nichols, and family. They returned by way of Cleveland, Chicago, Des Moines and Omaha.

In Kansas they found everything dry, Iowa also was dry but the crops looked all right. Corn was good. All the way back it rained part of the day except the last one when they went through Oklahoma and Texas. They were gone three weeks.

**CEMETERY FUND**

Since the last report the following have donated to the Cemetery Maintenance Fund:  
Earl Lassiter ..... \$10.00  
Mrs. I. S. Allen, New Orleans La. .... 5.00  
Mrs. J. L. Perry, Houston ..... 5.00  
Mrs. A. R. Toombs ..... 5.00  
Ernest Morrison, Abilene ..... 5.00  
Anyone wishing to contribute to this fund may leave checks or donations at the teller's windows of the Farmers and Merchants Na-

tional Bank, at Bragg's or at The Merkel Mail.

**FISHER COUNTY FAIR**

The 1953 Fisher County Fair and Rodeo is open to all neighboring counties of West Texas this year. Friday and Saturday, Aug. 28 and 29 are dates of the fair, with a big rodeo scheduled for Aug. 27, 28, and 29th. No entry fees are charged at the Fisher County Fair. Persons interested may write to the County Agent, Roby, Texas for a fair catalogue.

**ENJOYS MAIL**

Duncan Briggs, 9421 Thornhill Road, Silver Springs, Md., sent in his renewal to The Merkel Mail and wrote "I enjoy the Merkel Mail very much. Thanks."

**Door Prizes Won By Three Persons At Merkel Florist**

A good crowd attended the open house held by the Merkel Florist Sunday. Each guest received a carnation. Door prizes were won by Mrs. Odie Bagby, iron totem pole of philodendrum ivy; Mrs. J. A. Wheeler, arrangement of flowers; Rev. Aubrey F. White, giant ivy.

Edna McGee was gratified with the response to her invitation, thanks all who came and invites the rest to come by.

**URGED TO VOTE**

All eligible farmers are urged to vote in the forthcoming elections, during week of August 17-22 in Texas, when the PMA committees for next year will be selected.

**Story FOR FALL**

Once upon a time there was a family of five... and they had troubles. Their finances were in a jumble... they had no record of income or outgo, they forgot what bills had been paid, they mislaid and lost cash. Everything was confusion... everybody was irritable. THEN they opened a F. & M. checking account and paid by check. Presto, confusion disappeared; they had an automatic record of income and outgo with cancelled checks as receipts for all payments. Their cash had insured protection in the F. & M. checking account — they conveniently wrote their own money orders as needed. Paying by check can make a BIG difference for your family, too... and with school opening and a busy fall ahead, NOW is the time to open your F and M checking account. Come in tomorrow — it takes only a minute.

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**SPECIALS for FRIDAY and SATURDAY, Aug 14-15**

TEXAS CANTALOUPE 2 for 25c	LOIN or T-BONE STEAK lb. 59c
FRESH TOMATOES lb. 25c	BEEF ROAST lb. 49c
YELLOW SQUASH lb. 10c	PORK CHOPS lb. 63c
LARGE LETTUCE head 19c	PORK SAUSAGE 2 lbs. 89c

**TUNA VAN CAMP'S 4 CANS \$1**

ALL FLAVORS Chewing Gum 3 pkgs. 10c	RED & WHITE FLOUR 25 lb. bag \$1.89
POST Toasties 12 oz. pkg 20c	GLADIOLA MEAL 5 lb. bag 45c
LIBBY'S — 46 Oz. Pineapple Juice 33c	MARSHALL HOMINY 3 cans 25c
WHOLE — No. 303 CAN Green Beans 27c	RED & WHITE Vienna Sausage 5 cans \$1

**SUGAR PURE CANE 10 lb. BAG 89¢**

BORDEN'S STAR-LAC 1 lb, box 39c	BABO CLEANSER 2 cans 25c
LIBBY'S — DEEP Brown Beans 2 cans 27c	SELF SEALING WAX PAPER roll 35c
PETER PAN Peanut Butter 12 oz. 33c	SCRAPPY Dog Food 6 cans 49c
SUPREME CRACKERS 1 lb. box 23c	ALL FLAVORS KOOL AID 6 pkgs. 25c

**OLEO SUN SPUN 2 LBS. 43¢**

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**Million Dollar Bank Hold-Up At Pioneer Theatre**

"Kansas City Confidential," a United Artists release which opens Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at the Pioneer Theatre, not only is timely, packs plenty of high-geared action and is a perfect vehicle for its stars, John Payne and Coleen Gray, but outlines in detail an ingenious plan for a million-dollar bank heist. This latter point is particularly fascinating to all those who have their own pet theories on how the Brinks Armored car robbery of a few years back was pulled.

Preston Foster, an ex-cop, thrown out of his job because of a change of administration, brings together a gang of crooks, each a specialist in his field, and outlines his plans for a million dollar bank stick-up. The crooks, all unknown to each other, wear masks at all meetings and during the robbery. Foster gives them each a torn card to which he holds the other half, and arranges to meet them at a specific time in Central America. John Payne, in the role of a delivery man for a florist shop is implicated in the crime and sets out to clear himself by finding the real thieves; a task which completely baffles the police.

**96,000 ARE KILLED**

The casualty list for 1952—96,000 killed and 9,600,000 injured! That isn't the Korean war toll. It's the nation's accident total for last year announced by the National Safety Council. During the year, motor vehicle accidents killed at the rate of four persons per hour and injured at a rate of 150 per hour.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO RECEIVE BIDS FOR OIL AND GAS LEASE**

The City of Abilene, a municipal corporation, having determined that it is advisable to lease its mineral interest in the hereinafter described property, hereby gives notice of its intention to lease for oil and gas exploration all of its interest in the following tracts of land situated in Jones County, Texas, and being described as follows:

224.57 acres of land off the East part of the following tract of land described by metes and bounds as follows, to-wit:

"BEGINNING at the N. E. Corner of the R. M. Thomson Sur. No. 7; Thence west with the North boundary line of said Survey No. 6, a distance of 1926 varas to a stone set in the ground, the N. E. corner of a 184 acre tract owned, or formerly owned, by E. M. Hawk; THENCE South with the East boundary line of the said 184 acre tract a distance of 1342 varas to its S. E. Corner, at a point in the South line of the Pressley Gosset Sur. No. 7; THENCE East along the South boundary of said Gosset Sur. No. 7 a distance of 1930 varas to the S. E. corner of said survey No. 7, a point in the center of Big Elm Creek; THENCE down the center of Big Elm Creek to the point of beginning; Being 462 acres, more or less, located in the R. M. Thomson Sur. No. 6 and the Pressley Gosset Sur. No. 7, Jones County, Texas."

The herein proposed lease being all of the above described tract of land except 155.78 acres varying from three hundred feet to three hundred fifty feet distance from and outside of the high water line of Fort Phantom Hill Lake, which tract is now under an oil and gas lease to Rock Hill Oil Company and is off the west part of the above described tracts.

The City of Abilene here now gives notice of publication in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper published in the County of Taylor and State of Texas, having general circulation therein, and in the Western Observer, a Newspaper published in the County of Jones, State of Texas, having general circulation therein, once a week for a period of 3 consecutive weeks, and designates after such publications

that it will receive and consider bids for oil, gas and mineral leases on the above described tracts at the City Hall in the City of Abilene on the 21 day of August, 1953, at 9:00 a. m. The bids for said mineral lease will designate the primary term of the lease, together with the bonus and annual rental to be paid each year, and such other additional considerations or agreements as the bidder may desire, and the form of the lease to be made by the City of Abilene may determine whether or not the lease is on such form as will be satisfactory to the City of Abilene. The City considering all bids for the lease of said lands which are advertised for lease, and in its discretion the governing body shall award said lease to the highest bidder therefor considering the bonus, if any to be paid, the rentals to be paid, and any other stipulations therein contained. If, in the judgment of the governing body, the bids do not represent the fair value of such lease, said body in its discretion may reject any and all bids, and may then give notice and call for additional bids. A public hearing will be given on the date above mentioned at the City Hall as per the above notice. The mineral lease must reserve to the City a royalty equal to 1-8 of its interest.

Signed this the 27 day of July, 1953.

**CITY OF ABILENE**  
By Lila Fern Martin,  
City Secretary

Adv. — Aug. 7, 14, 21.

**THE STATE OF TEXAS**

To any Sheriff or any Constable within the State of Texas—Greeting:

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

**CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS**

To: Linda Ruth McCandless, Defendant.

**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 7th day of September A. D. 1953, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 21st day of July A. D. 1953, in this cause, numbered 19,172-A on the docket of said court and styled John McCandless, Plaintiff, vs. Linda Ruth McCandless, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were married in Sweetwater, Texas, on Sept. 28, 1951 and lived together until the 15th day of May 1953, when they became permanently separated. No children have been born of this marital union, and no community property has been accumulated by the parties hereto. 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 21st day of July A. D. 1953.

(SEAL)  
Attest: J. Neil Daniel Clerk,  
42nd District Court  
Taylor County, Texas  
By Irene Crawford, Deputy.  
Adv. — July 24, 31, Aug. 7, 14.

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within the State of Texas—Greeting:

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**CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS**

To R. A. Shelton, if living, and if dead, then his heirs, unknown heirs and legal representatives, if any. Also any unknown persons, if any, if living, and if dead, such unknown persons' heir, or heirs, that claim or have claimed any interest in the hereinafter described land, Defendants, 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 31st day of August A. D. 1953, to Plaintiff's petition filed in said court, on the 16th day of July A. D. 1953, in this cause, numbered 19,162-A on the docket of said court and styled Lucille Hill and husband, Paul C. Hill, Plaintiffs, vs. R. A. Shelton, if living, and if dead, then his heirs, unknown heirs and legal representatives, if any, and any unknown persons or persons who claim or have claimed any interest in the hereinafter described land, Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff's sue in trespass, to-wit: title, for title and possession of Lot No. Three (3) in Block No. One (1) of the Stinchcomb Addition to the City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, being a subdivision of 5.17 acres of land out of the Northwest corner of Lot No. Four (4) of the Subdivision of B. Austin Survey No. 92, in Taylor County, Texas, and being further and more fully described in Volume 172, Page 180, of the Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this 17th day of July A. D., 1953.

(SEAL)  
Attest: J. Neil Daniel Clerk,  
42nd District Court  
Taylor County, Texas  
By C. Bower, Deputy.  
Adv. July 24, 31, Aug. 7, 14.

**THE STATE OF TEXAS**

To any Sheriff or any Constable within the State of Texas—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published, ONCE, not less than ten 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—(but if there be no newspaper so printed in said county, then that you cause the said citation to be posted for at least TEN days before the return term thereof as required by law).

**CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS**

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF Josephine Evans, Non Compos Mentis

No. 1959, County Court Taylor County, Texas, E. E. Hollingshead, Guardian thereof, filed in the County Court of Taylor County, Texas, on the 5 day of August A. D., 1953, his Final Account of the condition of the Estate of said Josephine Evans together with an Application to be discharged from said Guardianship.

Said Final Account and Application will be heard and acted on by said Court on the first Monday next after the expiration of ten days from date of Posting or Publishing this citation, the same being the 24 day of August, 1953, at the Courthouse thereof in Abilene, Texas, at which time and place all persons interested in the Account for Final Settlement of said Estate are required to appear by filing a written answer and contest said account and application should they choose to do so.

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.

**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF SAID COURT** at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 5 day of August, A. D., 1953.

Mrs. Chester Hutcheson  
Clerk of the County Court,  
Taylor  
County, Texas  
By Inez Williams  
Deputy.

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### Talking Fish Experiments Puzzle All Men Along Fishermen Row

The men along Fishermen Row think that story about fish talking is just another fish story.

A dozen West Berlin natural scientists and the United States Navy have begun researches into the language of fish! Yes, that's what it means, the language of fish. Or to put it simpler, they are going to try and find out if fish talk!

Millions of radio listeners in Britain and Germany recently overheard some of the Berlin experiments and found that fish are not mute.

"The first experiments convinced us that fish must have some way of mutual understanding by means of sound signals," said Fred Methner, movie cameraman, head of the experimenters.

He pointed to a family of perch in one of the experimental basins. "See how the parents assemble the swarms of 'children' around them in no time as if at one special command. The whole family makes its zigzag moves simultaneously with such a precision that we have no other explanation than a sound command, issued by one of the parents," said Herr Methner.

When Ross Ferrier had his attention called to this statement he

remarked, "I don't know anything about fish talking. You'll have to find out from someone else."

Charles Higgins was jubilant when he heard about this. He exclaimed, "Good, I'm going to make them talk!"

Ira Cross had a more philosophical answer, as becomes an occupant of Fishermen's Row. He commented sagely, "They must be drinking that Dutch beer. I never heard of fishing talking."

However, they all agreed, as true and loyal members of Fishermen's Row and as apt disciples of Isaac Walton and voracious readers of his "Compleat Angler" that drum fish make noise and if that noise is talking . . . well, they never had been able to understand what the fish were trying to say.

### Local Ag. Man Attends State Meet in Dallas

Chester Collinsworth returned from Dallas Saturday morning where he attended the State-wide Vocational Agriculture Teachers Conference. The purpose of the meeting was to plan vocational agriculture work for the coming year. Mrs. Collinsworth accompanied her husband.

### Home from Austria After Absence of 2 and 3 Years

Mrs. Bowman Barlow and daughters have returned from Salzburg, Austria, and are visiting her mother, Mrs. Ada Heeter. Mrs. Barlow had been in Austria two years. Captain Barlow, who was there 3 years, arrived here today, Friday. Mrs. Barlow remarked that when they left it was 56 degrees in Austria and snow on the mountains.



MRS. KENNETH BOWEN . . . recent bride

### Swimming, Diving Meet Will Be Held Aug. 22 in Abilene

All amateur swimmers and divers in West Texas and the Panhandle are eligible for the second annual swimming and diving meet to be held beginning at 9 a. m., Aug. 22, at the V. F. W. Pool in Abilene.

Sponsored jointly by the Abilene Aquatic Club, Abilene Chamber of Commerce Athletic Committee, and Post 2012 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. The meet will be conducted according to AAU rules. Trophies and medals will be awarded.

Preliminary events of the swimming meet will be conducted at 9 a. m., August 22. Diving contest will start at 12:30 p. m., and finals will be held at 2 p. m.

Teams and individuals desiring entry blanks may write to Mrs. R. L. Young at the V. F. W. Pool, 2302 North First Street, Abilene. Deadline for entries will be noon August 21.

Entry fee will be 50c per contestant, per event, including relays and diving.

### Elmer L. Sandusky Is on Honor Roll At N. T. S. College

Listed on the spring semester honor roll of B-plus averages at North Texas State College at Denton is Elmer Lee Sandusky. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Sandusky. He is a freshman, majoring in education during the spring semester. He is a member of the student government.

### Boy Scouts Enjoy Over-Night Treat At Camp Tonkawa

Boy Scout Troop No. 19 enjoyed an over-night treat at Camp Tonkawa from 2 p. m. Saturday to 8 a. m. Sunday. They had a good swim in the camp pool and cooked two meals. The boys were accompanied by Dr. James H. Chaney, scoutmaster, Pat Cyfert, assistant scoutmaster, and John Wheeler, committeeman.

The 11 Boy Scouts were: Owen, Clarence and R. D. Gregory, Johnnie and Dean Martin, Carlton Earp, Joe Christ, Dwain Wade, Richard Chaney, Bill Wheeler and Ransom Price, Jr.

### Chiropractic Groups Are Guests Here Of Dr., Mrs. Chaney

The Abilene-Taylor County Chiropractic Society met Tuesday night at the home of Dr. and Mrs. James H. Chaney for its regular monthly meeting. Before the business session dinner was served to about 20 guests.

### Floyd Greens Attend Toy Show At Wichita Falls

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Green attended the White's Auto Stores annual Christmas toy show in Wichita Falls Sunday.

### E. G. Williams Is Discharged From Hospital

E. G. Williams was discharged from the Sadler Hospital last week. He was injured in a truck wreck at Sweetwater.

### SEED WHEAT

Wheat producers in need of seed wheat for planting next year's

crop can obtain from county agents in the wheat area of the state information on where seed may be obtained.

### "Pete" Pettys See Cardinal-Dodger Game on Trip

Deputy Sheriff and Mrs. A. W. (Pete) Petty and family returned Thursday of last week from a vacation through nine states, going to

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### Joe Nallys Attend State Convention Held at Austin

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Sometimes these days, it seems, some of us forget the proud company we have joined . . . forget the brave names on monuments where bronze blackens with weather . . . forget the great deeds graven in granite.

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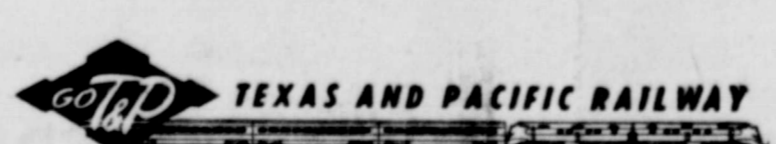
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daughter-in-law, Mrs. Jack West, and son Sidney Jack left Sunday for Washington, D. C., and other points east. They will be gone 3 weeks or longer.

Mr. and Mrs. John English and family visited over the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. English.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Merritt of Ft. Worth were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Earle Watts.

Mrs. Thomas Lackey who taught school here last year, has moved to Ballinger where she will teach.

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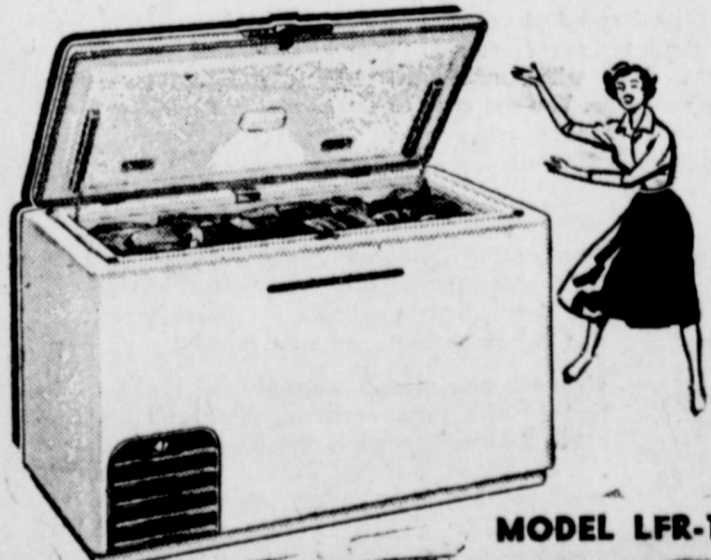
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**personals**

Pvt. Buddy McKeever came home last Saturday from Ft. Bliss, El Paso, on a 20-day furlough to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. McKeever.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Swafford and three sons of San Antonio are visiting this week with Mrs. T. J. R. Swafford and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. T. Moore.

Gary Hill of Grand Prairie is visiting this week with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Hamm, and cousin, Bill Petty, of Abilene.

Mrs. Kenneth Dismuke and daughter Debra Sue spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. Bob McDonald while Mr. Dismuke attended a coach's school in Houston.

Mrs. Henry Williams of Greenville and R. J. Wilemon of Dallas visited over the weekend with their sister, Mrs. Raymond Miller, and Mr. Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Wilemon and children of Sherman Oaks, Calif., were last week visitors of his sister, Mrs. Raymond Miller, and Mr. Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Bartlett left

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Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Walker and family and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Fox and twins of Lubbock spent the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Fox. All went to Lueders Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bertram with their son Bill of Abilene visited Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. Norman King, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Weldon McAninch and sons Jackie and Jim left Saturday for Creel, Colo., on a week's vacation.

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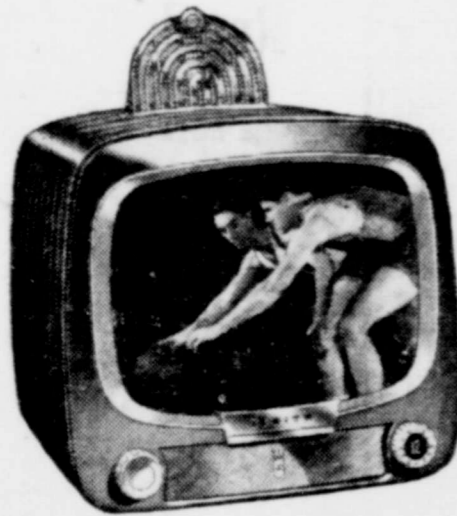
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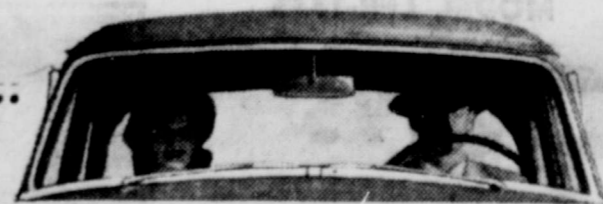
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## NEWS ABOUT TOWN

Carolyn Walling of Big Spring spent last week with her grandmother, Mrs. Zola Teague.

Mrs. John Nally and two children of Memphis, Tenn., have returned to their home after spending two weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Price Melton. Mrs. Melton also had her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Doan, of Abernathy as visitors.

Mrs. Lee Smith of Alpine, formerly Elsie Hill of here, is visiting her mother, Mrs. W. C. Hill, for a few weeks.

Those from Merkel who stayed at Fisherman's Lodge on Lake Brownwood for the weekend were Messrs. and Mesdames S. G. Russell, Jerry, Henry Howard, Suzanne, Larry, Horace Childers, Scotty, Hollis Mitchell, Wayne, Leo Harris, Robert, Sarah. They had a big catfish fry.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Collins of Wilcox, Arizona, visited their mothers, Mrs. J. M. Collins and Mrs. Seth Hamilton, and her sister, Mrs. L. G. Shafer, last week. They returned home Monday with their children who had been here visiting.

Sunday visitors in the home of Mrs. J. M. Collins were Mr. and Mrs. Q. A. Collins of Lamesa, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Collins and daughter Ann of Plainview.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. Martin and son of Nashville, Tenn., were weekend visitors of Mr. and Mrs. W. Webb. They are the parents and brother of Mrs. Tommie Webb.

Visitors in the John Oliver home in the Mulberry Canyon over the weekend were: Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Oliver and son Donny of Midland; C. A. Ballier and Mike Page of Ft. Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Klanssen and son, Charlie.

### GLENER CLASS MEETS IN SALLIE MOORE'S HOME

The Gleaner Sunday School Class of the First Methodist Church met at 8:30 a. m. Tuesday in the home of Mrs. Sallie Moore with a come-as-you-are party. After singing a hymn, Mrs. Roy Bacus brought the devotional, followed by a prayer by Mrs. Aubrey White.

After a short business meeting, presided over by the president, Mrs. Will Toombs, a lovely refreshment plate of iced drinks and cookies was passed to one guest, Mrs. Roy Carver, and 25 members.

The hostesses were Mrs. Sallie Moore, Mrs. Roy Bacus and Mrs. Sallie Gant.

### JOE NALLYS ENTERTAINS FOR MRS. VERA BOYD SHARP

On Thursday evening, August 6, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nally entertained Mrs. Vera Boyd Sharp and little daughters, Donna Kay and Betty of Trent at their home with a party. On August 18 Mrs. Sharp and daughters will leave for Westover, Mass., from where they will go by plane to join the husband and father, M/Sgt. I. M. Sharp, who is inspector with the Air Force, 580th A. M. A. Squadron, Tripoli, North Africa.

The plane trip will require three days. Friends and relatives attending the party were from Roby, Roscoe, Lueders, Noodle, Grand Falls, Trent and Merkel.

### LOCAL FOLKS ATTEND CAREY REUNION IN CROSS PLAINS

Mrs. Mary Carey accompanied Mrs. Carl Carey and Mrs. Cecil Wade and children to Cross Plains last Sunday for the Carey reunion. About 100 were present.

### GRAYSON FAMILY REUNION IS HELD IN BURLESON

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Grayson and son Lonnie of Burleson were hosts at a family reunion held at their home one Sunday in July. All the children of the late Mr. and Mrs. Sam Grayson of Merkel were present. Among those were Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Webb and daughter, Glenda.

### Oscar Bufords See Dry, Desolate Regions in Texas

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Buford visited last week in Lubbock, Lamesa, Seminole, Brownfield and Hobbs, New Mexico. They found these places extremely dry and desolate. Even the irrigated sections did not look good.

### HOSPITAL NOTES

Admissions to the Sadler Hospital the past week were:

As medical patients — Rev. W. C. Hinds, Comer Patterson, T. V. Harwell, Leona Newton, Dick Hass, Virginia Bird, Mrs. A. C. Braune, Betty Lou Barbee.

For surgery — Gary Adcock and Danny Cypert, tonsillectomy.

The piccolo is the highest pitched of all musical instruments.

### OBITUARY

Mrs. Orand Passed Away July 23, 1953, in Merkel Hospital. She was buried at Greenville, Texas.

She was born at Marysville, Mo. March 13, 1875.

Her living children are Mrs. Lillian Rabb, Greenville, Texas; Mrs. Lucille Stivers, Commerce, Texas; Richard E. Harrell, Dallas, Texas.

Many Loved Ones and Friends mourn her departure.

W. O. Orand, Trent

### CARD OF THANKS

We want to thank all for their courtesies shown us while Evert was in the hospital. This is appreciated greatly.

E. G. Williams and Family.

### NEWS ODDITIES

By A. W.

In Roseville, Calif., panties and brassieres disappeared from closets and the chief of police was plenty sore when a 17-year-old boy admitted the thefts. "Even though he may of had the college spirit there isn't even a college here."

In Atlantic City, N. J., a heat wave cooked a car to such a high temperature that the rear window blew out.

Albert Black left his car parked on the street for two and a half hours in 100 degree heat. When he got back a crowd told him that the window had burst like a balloon from the effect of heat inside the car.

In Langley, Okla., John Bogle has a \$3 bill that is 136 years old. It was issued by the Bank of Illinois at Shawneetown, Ill., in 1817 and has been handed down through the family.

In Hamilton, Tex., a college class ring, buried for 12 years in eight feet of mud, has been recovered by a road-building crew which was excavating for a bridge foundation.

The ring was lost in August 1941, by Miss Dorothy Nell Dawkins while swimming with a group of companions in Cowhouse Creek near Pottsville. The Tarleton College class ring belonged to her mother.

In the intervening years it had sunk into the mud in the bottom of the "swimming hole" and was brought to light again in a huge shovelful of dirt. It was in perfect condition with the engraving clearly distinguishable.

"HELP WANTED — MALE" It wasn't so many years ago that a classified advertisement in a Detroit newspaper. Among those who answered the ad was an ambitious young chap named Harlow Curtice. He got the job, and went on up the ladder in the company. Recently he became the president — of General Motors.

IT'S ROUGH LIFE — You think your life is filled with ups and downs?

Well, consider the life of this sparrow family.

The nest, with its little brood, is on an oil well pump at a Sinclair Company lease one mile east of Hobbs, New Mexico. Up and down, up and down, 18 inches, 8 hours every day.

## Mountain of Eggs Will Be Featured At State Fair

Poultry shows at the State Fair of Texas in Dallas, Oct. 10-25, will try to stimulate the state's \$96,871,000 egg income. F. Z. Beanblossom, general superintendent of the fair's poultry department and poultry marketing specialist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service at College Station, revealed.

"Texas does not produce enough eggs to meet its own demand," Mr. Beanblossom said.

"We're going to make our feature exhibit a mountain of eggs, with figures indicating the potential income increase from a stepped-up egg production."

He said Texas annually produced 2,921,000,000 eggs against a demand for 3,180,000,000. The 259,000,000-egg shortage has to be imported from other states.

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### LODGE CALLS

#### NOTICE MASONS

Stated meeting of Merkel Lodge No. 710, A. F. & A. M., Saturday, August 22, at 8 p. m. All members are urged to attend. Visiting brethren cordially invited.

A. B. Parham, W. M.  
C. E. Rust, Sec'y.

### LOST AND FOUND

LOST — Black billfold last week. Finder can keep money. Return billfold with papers to the Merkel Mail Office. 1122p

### WANTED

WANTED — Fountain help. Some! one not going to school. City Drug. tf22c.

I WILL DO washing or ironing in my home. 211 Kent St. 1122p

### FOR RENT

FOR RENT — 3-room house and bath, modern. Corner 4th, El Paso. Mrs. Tommie Smith. 3122c.

FOR RENT—2 unfurnished houses 4 and 5 rooms, modern. Also one furnished. See E. B. Barnes, 402 Ash. 3122p.

FOR RENT — 4-room house with bath. 505 Ash St. See Red Dickerson. 3121p.

FOR RENT — 2 nice houses, furnished or unfurnished. Dowdy and Toombs. 1120c.

FOR RENT — 2-room modern. Furnished apartment, south exposure. 212 Cherry St., or see Andy Shouse. 3119c.

FOR RENT — 4 room house 1 1/2 miles North East of Merkel. Salt Branch Road. See T. T. Earhman. 211 Ash St. 316p.

### BUS SCHEDULE

Eastward	Westward
4:02 a. m.	7:37 a. m.
4:29 a. m.	5:38 a. m.
7:06 a. m.	8:57 a. m.
11:26 a. m.	1:25 p. m.
11:52 a. m.	5:22 p. m.
3:01 p. m.	6:40 p. m.
8:22 p. m.	11:31 p. m.
9:53 p. m.	12:10 a. m.
11:56 p. m.	

### UNDERGOES SURGERY

Ida May King, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allen D. King, underwent major surgery at a hospital in Abilene July 30. Ida is now at home and is getting along nicely.

## Persistent Cough Is a Warning, Calls for Action

A cough is just a symptom and not a disease, says Dr. Geo. W. Cox state health officer. It is an indication that something is wrong in the body's respiratory tract or breathing tube.

When an object obstructs the respiratory passage a cough is nature's reflex to remove the obstruction. Such a cough is simple and transient. The same thing happens when the throat or lower passages are irritated during a cold, whooping cough, asthma, smoking, low humidity and dust.

A cough can be produced by more serious conditions such as tuberculosis or cancer. Constant coughing brings on fatigue as a person's rest is affected by the constant hacking.

A prolonged cough might indicate chronic bronchitis, a condition which in most cases is secondary to an infection elsewhere, such as the nose, throat or sinuses. Mucus draining into the throat may cause such irritation that the victim may involuntarily cough repeatedly to bring up the material.

Hoarseness is produced by persistent coughing in some persons. Hoarseness is a symptom of an inflamed larynx. Hoarseness lasting for six weeks or more is a serious symptom suggestive of cancer and must not be disregarded.

No persistent cough should be disregarded. The nature of the infection and its location may be shown by an examination of the material expelled, and a thorough examination by the family physician will determine the cause and give a basis for treatment.

### TO SAVE LIVES

The operators manual should be on the must reading list of every tractor owner. Read it and follow the instructions of the manufacturer for safe and efficient operation.

### BY CRACKY!

Two brash young lads drove their hot-rod up to the village store and yelled at an old villager leaning against the store door:

"Hey pop! How long's this town been dead?"

"Don't rightly know," said the oldtimer. "Can't be long, though. You're the fust buzzards I've seen."

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FOR RENT — Furnished 3-room apartment. Private bath. See Mrs. John Ensminger, 1006 Oak. tf17c

### FOR SALE

FOR SALE — Piano. See Mrs. B. M. Ueckert, Noodle. 3122p.

FOR SALE — Bike, 26-inch, boys, good, used. Palmer Motor Co. tf22.

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FOR SALE — 4-month old Nubian Buck, subject to registration. See John Eakin, 1 1/2 miles South of Stith. 3120p.

FOR SALE — 2-room house in good condition. See W. M. Nolte, Tye, Texas, Rt. 1. 3120p.

FOR SALE — Second hand commode and several doors. Jim Kuykendall. tf20c.

FOR SALE — Repossessed G. E. Food Freezer, worth the money. Palmer Motor Co. tf18c.

SPECIAL SALE — G. E. Wringer, Washers, \$129.95, and Free of extra cost, A Laundry Cart and a 24-piece Towel Set. Palmer Motor Co. tf18c.

PLENTY OF evaporative coolers for window installation, 2,200, 3,600 and 4,500 CFM. Badger Chevrolet Co. tf17c.

4,300 CUBIC FEET Cullar Evaporative Cooler new. \$135. Badger Chevrolet Co. tf17c.

FOR RENT — We will rent you a refrigerator, gas or electric. Miller Implement Co. tf9c.

GET your typewriter ribbons all makes, also adding machine and cash register paper at the Merkel Mail Office.

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FOR SALE — James Motorcycle excellent condition. Terms and trade. Badger Chevrolet. tf9c.

FOR SALE—Used Vacuum Cleaners. Phone 159, Palmer Motor Co. tf5c.

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### MISCELLANEOUS

FOR CEMETERY Curbing—see M. A. Noster, 1404 Herring Dr. Estimates gladly given. tf17c.

WATER Well drilling and Surface pipe set, L. A. Coats. Phone 287. tf21c.

SEE—Me about your water well drilling needs. B. T. (Tye) Sublett Phone 166. Residence 100 705 Oak St., Merkel. tf12c.

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FOR MONUMENTS, see J. T. (Tom) Coats, Phone 131. P. O. Box 314.

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**EDITORIAL**

**THREE MERKEL BOYS**

When it comes to winning honors the small boys of Merkel certainly do come home with the bacon . . . and a splash. Look at the annual Learn-to-Swim Program held at the VFW Swimming Pool in Abilene.

Seven trophies were offered for the different contests. The Merkel lads ran away with three! That is a superb average. And remember 1,400 boys attended the month-long program.

Barry Scott ran away with the first in the Swimmers' Class race. Barry is 13 years old. Harry Odum came out first in the Intermediate Class. Harry is 12 years old. David Scott shot ahead to first place in the eight-nine year olds race. David is 8.

Barry and David are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Scott. Harry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Odum.

These boys put Merkel on the map when it comes to winning honors in swimming. They are to be heartily congratulated for their excellent performances. May they continue to win!

**LOBOS AND RAIN**

It is quite interesting to note that in the last two times that the Merel Lobos have tried to play games they have been stopped by rain. (Yes, rain!) In two consecutive Sundays they began games and then had to discontinue them on account of rain. (Yes, rain!)

NOW, there is much talk of rain-makers and rain helpers. Why not

turn to the Lobos? They may have something on the ball. (Incidentally, they do have something on the ball; just look at the number of games they have won!)

NOW, wouldn't it be nice if we could say to the Lobos, "Go ahead and play. We dare you to play. We challenge you to play. AND bring the rain."

Then what would happen? Well, we have lived long enough in Texas to know that signs don't count when it comes to rain. There may be clouds in the sky, big clouds, black clouds, and the rains won't come. We know there may be winds blowing, lightning and moisture filled clouds and still it won't rain.

In fact we may even feel a few drops of moisture coming down from above . . . and STILL it doesn't rain.

There are no signs of rain when it comes to West Texas When it gets ready to rain, it just rains.

AND when it rains . . . well, then you know it's raining. That's how simple it is to predict rain in West Texas.

**SENATOR TAFT**

Senator Robert A. Taft is dead. He passed away at the age of 63. Cancer cut him down.

Senator Taft was devoted to his party, the Republican Party. He was devoted to his Nation, the United States.

As a party man he believed in the principles of the Republican Party and was its leader in the Senate at the time of his death. President Eisenhower depended on him. Though he was defeated when he ran for the Republican presidential nomination he campaigned for Mr. Eisenhower. His party came first.

When he was sick and was fighting a life and death campaign of his own he kept up his courage and gave every ounce of strength he had to his Nation, almost to the

time of his passing.

No wonder from Democrats as well as Republicans he won the highest praise at his death. He was a man of integrity, a man of the highest principles.

His death is a distinct loss to the

whole Nation. He will always be remembered among the great men of our land.

**"WHITEICISM"**

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Get these for school. Your choice of knitted briefs with elastic band or sanforized broadcloth shorts. A regular 69c value for  
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A good combed yarn undershirt that is a real value at  
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We are closing out our entire stock of curtain scrim, so here is your opportunity to get those new curtains for a low price. ONLY  
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**Denim Skirts**  
These are wrap around skirts in all the newest colors of denim. To close out at ONLY  
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**LADIES SUMMER Gowns - Pajamas**  
Our entire stock of these garments to be sold. All must go.  
One lot **\$1.59**  
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You know the quality of these Famous Brand Trim Fit Anklets for children and women. All colors are available in sizes 3½ to 10½. ONLY  
3 PAIR FOR  
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**LADIES Summer Blouses**  
These are those famous "SHIP AND SHORE" Blouses, sleeveless, solid colors and fancy. ONLY  
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All that's left, broken sizes. ONLY  
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Two lots to choose from. Broken sizes and styles, but all this season's merchandise. Connies and Trim Treds included.  
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**LADIES SUMMER DRESS SHOES**  
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Our entire stock goes at this low price. All sizes, colors, and materials. Our loss means a real savings to you.  
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**White Sheets**  
A special purchase enables us to offer you this double bed size sheet in type 128 at such a savings. For Dollar Day only at  
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**Brown Domestic**  
We had so many people asking us to repeat this item for sale, so we were able to obtain another shipment of this material in the same quality as we have had in the past. For Dollar Day only at  
5 YARDS FOR  
**\$1.00**

**LADIES AND CHILDREN'S SHORTS**  
Your choice of either colored denims and twills or blue denims. ONLY  
**\$1.59**

**BEDSPREADS**  
Chenille Bedspreads Double Bed size in all the wanted colors.  
**\$3.99**

**CHILDREN'S DRESSES**  
Here is your chance to stock up on those school dresses. To close out our entire stock of children's summer dresses. Sizes 6 months to 12 years.  
One lot **\$1.59**  
One lot **\$2.39**

**LADIES Cotton Slips AND Half Slips**  
This item is available in either tailored or fancy trims. To close out at only  
One lot **\$1.59**  
One lot **\$2.39**

**TOWELS AND WASH CLOTHS**  
Cannon towels, size 20x40 in all colors.  
**3 for \$1.00**  
Wash cloths to match the above towels.  
**10 for \$1.00**

**Washington**  
"As It Looks From Here"  
OMAR BURLISON  
Congressman  
17th District



The House of Representatives has passed legislation setting cotton quotas for 1954.

Beginning the latter part of March, I proposed to the Agriculture Committee and to officials of the Agriculture Department that special consideration and exceptions should be given to acreage quotas for West Texas by reason of the severe drought suffered for the last three years. Although the formula is not spelled out in the law, there are assurances clearly providing that the state and county history on cotton can be adjusted for abnormal weather conditions.

These adjustments will be made on the County and State level. The Bill, as passed by the House of Representatives, sets the National quota at 22½ million acres. It limits any State's cut to 29½% of its 1952 acreage.

It may be a wishful hope, but there is still an outside possibility that the Secretary of Agriculture may not have to apply cotton quotas for 1954. The Aug. 10 production estimate could conceivably not make it necessary. The July 8 estimate of 24.6 millions acres in cultivation did not take into account 1½ million acres already abandoned in West Texas.

A bill is pending before the Congress, and I hope it will have consideration in the Second Session beginning next January, to bar expenditures in excess of revenues in any fiscal year, except in Wartime or in a period of grave National emergency declared by Congress.

It seems the best way to hold down Governmental expenditures is simply not to have the money to spend.

Some of the savings reflected in the reduction of expenditures were brought about by reduction in civilian employment by Executive Agencies of the Government. As of June 30, the Federal payroll in these Agencies was reduced by 116,999.

The biggest single reduction has been in the Military.

**LESS PERSONS KILLED**  
The Texas Department of Public Safety released its annual Texas Motor Vehicle Traffic Accident booklet along with a tabulation of the first six months experience for 1953. The report shows that 2,498 persons were killed in Texas Traffic accidents in 1952 — 2% under 1951. A continuing decrease is noted for the first six months of 1953.

**FINDING INSECTS**  
Vacationist upon returning home may find insects in control of the household and damage considerable unless advanced precautions are taken before closing the house.

**ARTHRITIS?**  
I have been wonderfully blessed in being restored to active life after being crippled in nearly every joint in my body and with muscular soreness from head to foot. I had Rheumatoid Arthritis and other forms of Rheumatism, hands deformed and my ankles were set.  
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