



LESTER DORTON heads Boy Scout Finance

Rev. Russell's Resignation Is Accepted Sun.

Rev. John N. Russell has resigned as pastor of the Grace Presbyterian Church. His resignation was accepted at a congregational meeting Sunday.

Rev. Russell, who came here about year ago, has been in failing health for the past six months.

Rev. and Mrs. Russell are in Temple with their son.

Gilberto Biera Is Killed Friday In Head-on Crash

Gilberto Biera, 28, was killed about 8:50 p. m. last Friday in a head-on automobile collision at Sixth and Ash Streets.

Four other persons were hospitalized at Sadler Clinic from injuries suffered in the wreck.

The injured were Sam Redding, about 35, driver of the other car, his wife, Edna, 35, both of San Antonio, and Mrs. Mat Redding, 63, and her husband, 67.

Mrs. Sam Redding suffered back injuries and several concussions; Mrs. Mat Redding had a fractured left leg, fractured nose, lacerations about the face and possible internal injuries.

Sam Redding suffered a skull fracture, laceration of the forehead and multiple concussions.

Mat Redding received a compound fracture of the right shoulder and multiple concussions.

State Highway Patrolman G. G. Fitzhugh of Abilene said the 1953 convertible driven by Gilberto was in the act of passing another car when it collided head-on with the 1942 model car driven by Mr. Redding.

Gilberto was traveling south. Mr. Fitzhugh said, on Farm-to-Market

Road 126. The other car was going north.

Both cars were heavily damaged the patrolman said.

Assisting Mr. Fitzhugh in the investigation were Taylor county Deputy Sheriff Pete Petty, Constable Luther Lamb and City Marshall A. D. Fulton.

Gilberto Biera Is Buried With Military Honors

Last military honors were carried out in the funeral of Gilberto Biera. He was in the Navy from 1943 to 1946 and saw service in the Southwest Pacific for two years. He was in the battles of the Philippines, Okinawa and Guam.

The local VFW conducted the military rites at Rose Hill Cemetery Sunday afternoon. Starbuck Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Gilberto was born June 8, 1925, in Merkel. He married Anita Alejandro in 1947.

Besides his wife he is survived by three children, Gilbert 6, Margarita 4 and Lee 2; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Biera; brothers Juan, Phillips, Leon and Manuel; sisters, Mrs. Charlie Vasquez of San Antonio, Mrs. M. Ramirez and Mrs. Lupe Rivera.



PVT. SAM L. DOOLEY ... in Arkansas



PVT. B. L. YANDELL ... visits at Austin

Pvt. Benton L. Yandell on leave from Fort Bliss, El Paso, visited his brother's family, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Yandell, Linda, Larry and Benny in Austin.

Yandell, who went into the service in January, 1953 after finishing his work in Trent High School, had basic training at Fort Bliss. He is now taking a special course in the use of guided missiles. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Yandell of Trent.

He reported for active duty to Fort Bliss on August 18.

Robert Don Gibson Killed Last Week By Passing Car

Robert Don Gibson, about 6, son of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Leonard Gibson of Tye, was killed about 10 a. m. Thursday of last week in front of his home about one-half mile from Tye on Farm-to-Market Road 707. He was hit by a passing car.

A brother of the boy, Calvin Leonard Gibson, Jr., about 8, was injured and taken to St. Ann Hospital.

The two boys were reportedly playing in the road in front of their house when both were hit by a passing car, Weldon Newton of Tye said.

GIRL TO DAVID GAMBLES

Mr. and Mrs. David Gamble have baby girl born at the Sadler Hospital August 29.

ROBERTSONS HAVE GIRL

A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Glen Robertson at the Sadler Hospital September 1.

Rev. E. H. Phillips Conducts Revival At Sylvester

Rev. and Mrs. E. H. Phillips returned Sunday from a two-week revival that he conducted at Sylvester.

SINGING AT TRENT

The regular second Thursday night community singing will be held at Trent Methodist Church Sept. 10.

GIRL TO ROYSES

A baby girl was born to Pfc. and Mrs. Robert Lee Roys at the Sadler Hospital August 27.

GIRL TO TUCKERS

Mr. and Mrs. Sherwood Tucker announce the birth of a girl at the Sadler Hospital August 28.

NOW! NOW! GEORGE!

After George Greene, Orizaba, Mexico, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Greene, read about Ross Ferrier getting hurt when his car hit a tractor, George wrote Ross: "What some folks won't do to get their names in the paper!"

School Enrollment Reaches 691 Tues. More Are Expected

The school enrollment here as reported at noon Tuesday was 691. Last year the enrollment at the same time was 675. Schools here started Monday morning, stated Supt. Mack Fisher.

In the high school there were 181 as compared to 185 last year.

The different classes were: Freshmen 50, sophomores 54, juniors 28, seniors 49.

In the grammar school there were 510 as compared to 490 last year. The different grades were: 1st 75, 2nd 60, 3rd 57, 4th 70, 5th 62, 6th 66, 7th 68 and 8th 52.

The high school expects finally to enroll 200 and the grades school about 600, stated Prof. Fisher.

The school let out at 2 p. m. Monday to allow changes to be made.

Last Friday a good assembly program with the general faculty was held. There two guest speakers.

Dr. Orville Filbeck of Abilene Christian College spoke on school

TV Comes Here In Fine Fashion Sun. Afternoon

TV came to Merkel when telecasting started at Abilene Sunday afternoon.

The reception here was excellent. Clear pictures were reported all over town. Many parties were held in homes and stores.

N & N Appliance Service had invited the public to come over and see the first reception Sunday.

During the afternoon about 150 persons viewed the programs.

44 Players Report For Football At Local High

Forty-four players have reported for football, stated Coach Carroll Benson. Fourteen are from last year.

Fall practice has already started.

Coach Benson is doing everything possible to whip the team into shape for its first game of the season against Ballinger on Sept. 11.

Corky Land Opens Blacksmith Shop On Kent Street

Corky Land, son of Constable and Mrs. Luther Land, is opening a welding and blacksmith shop on the Noodle Farm-to-Market Road, four blocks north of Highway 80 on Kent street.

For the past two years Corky has been welding and blacksmithing in Corpus Christi. He is married and has one son, 2 years old.

Buffalo, Rattlesnake, Mosquitoes Lend Excitement to Camping Trip

Lots of excitement and thrills packed the week-long camping trip of Boy Scouts Troop No. 19 at Quannah Parker Lake, Lawton, Okla.

Ten Boy Scouts and their equipment left here at 1 p. m. Saturday, August 22. Dr. James H. Chaney, scoutmaster drove one car with a trailer loaded with camping gear while Tom Christ, chairman of the troop committee, drove the other car.

They arrived at the lake at 6:15 p. m., about 225 miles from here.

The first and last things they met at the camp were mosquitoes.

The boys did lots of swimming, lots of eating and lots of hiking.

A lone buffalo passed within 15 feet of several boys. R. D. Gregory almost stepped on a rattlesnake. J. B. Priced killed the snake with a long club and Clarence Gregory skinned the snake with six rattles and button. J. B. Price caught a 9-inch yellow catfish.

Native say it takes most people two to four hours to climb Mt. Scott. Dean Martin, Clarence and Owen Gregory, J. B. Price, Dwain Wade and Johnny Martin climbed it in 35 minutes.

J. B. Price, Johnny Matrinn and Clarence Gregory dived from the 25-foot high rock at Osage Lake. Dean Martin jumped from the same rock.

The troop visited the artillery museum at Ft. Sill. Owen and

ethics. Dr. Andrew Hunt of McMurry College spoke on public relations. Rev. Aubrey F. White gave the invocation.

STORES TO CLOSE

The stores of Merkel will be closed Monday, Sept. 7, on account of Labor Day. The F. and M. National Bank will be closed.

Mrs. W. W. Webb Succumbs After Long Illness

Funeral for Mrs. W. W. Webb, 63, who died at 4:30 p. m. last Friday after being ill two and one-half years with cancer, was held at 3 p. m. Saturday in Starbuck Funeral Home Chapel.

A. A. Berryman, Clyde Church of Christ minister, officiated. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Mrs. Webb died at the family residence where she had been bedfast since February.

She was born Dec. 25, 1890, in Oklahoma and married W. W. Webb on Dec. 25, 1906. She had been a member of the Church of Christ for 35 years.

Survivors include her husband; four sons, Oliver and Bill Webb, both of Merkel, Charlie Webb of Abilene, and Tommie Webb of Nashville, Tenn.; four daughters, Mrs. Lena Ball, Mrs. Maymie Douglas, and Mrs. Joyce Brown, all of Roswell, N. M., and Mrs. Mary Hays of Clyde; 17 grandchildren, and one great-grandson; and one sister, Mrs. Rena Stanton of Portersville, California.

SCHOOLS OPEN MONDAY

The Merkel Schools will be open Monday, Labor Day, stated Supt. Mack Fisher. Other schools around Merkel will also be open, said Prof. Fisher.

5-INCH RAIN FALLS

The rain that fell Tuesday measured .50 inch, reported Weatherman J. I. Ford.

Layton Plasters Are Now Settled Up in Missouri

Mr. and Mrs. Layton Plaster and family are now settled in Missouri where he will preach in the Missouri Field with the church at Ava, Mo. He will preach in the churches of Douglas and Ozark Counties.

Mr. Plaster was minister here of the Church of Christ for about a year. During his ministry here the new building was started.

Everything Looks Good in East Reports Mayor Henry C. West

Mayor and Mrs. Henry C. West, Mrs. Jack D. West and son Sidney Jack returned Sunday afternoon from a three-week trip to the east coast. They visited their son Dick and family in Washington, D. C., where Dick is feature writer for the Associated Press.

They also spent time at Virginia Beach and Niagara Falls.

"Everything looked good except parts of Missouri and Oklahoma," said Mayor West. "There seemed to be twice as many tourists this year as last year."

All-Star Team Defeats Roby 8-0 Last Week

The Merkel All-Star Team of the Little League defeated Roby here Thursday of last week by the score of 8-0.

Manley Denton and Fernando Moreno pitched for Merkel while Lester Dorton, Jr., and Fernando caught. Manley smacked out a home run.

New Live Oak Baptist To Build Auditorium Here

A finance committee and building planning committee have been elected at the New Live Oak Baptist Church to begin plans toward the construction of a new auditorium. Rev. M. E. Randolph, pastor, announced.

The plans call for the erection of a new sanctuary and remodeling the present building for use as an educational building.

The finance committee is composed of Mrs. Otis Bagby, Ed Blackburn, Troy Dickerson, Mrs. Grover Lollar, and Mrs. M. E. Randolph.

The building planning committee is composed of Otis Bagby, Woodrow Patton, J. E. Meeks, Bill Henager, and Bob Hook.

Rufus L. Adcock Claimed by Death Last Friday

Funeral for Rufus L. Adcock, 71, was held at 10 a. m. Wednesday at the Austin Ave. Church of Christ in Brownwood.

Graveside rites were to be held at 3 p. m. at Merkel Cemetery.

Mr. Adcock, retired Merkel rural mail carrier, died Friday night in a Brownwood hospital. He moved to Brownwood in 1943. He was born January 11, 1882.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Myrtle Adcock; two daughters, Mrs. W. H. Barnett of Saelfeld, Austria, and Mrs. Delton Jeffcoat of Oklahoma City; a step-daughter, Mrs. Calvin Barkley of Brownwood; one sister, Mrs. Lula Holcomb of San Angelo; one brother, O. J. Adcock of Merkel; a half-sister, Mrs. Wilbur Price of Rankin; five half-brothers, Herbert, Rance, and John and Ellis Adcock, all of Justine, and John and Ellis Adcock of Hico; and four grandchildren.

Merkel 20 Years Ago

TAKEN FROM THE 1933 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL

SCHOOLS OPEN MONDAY

The 1933-34 session of the Merkel Public Schools will on Monday morning, Sept. 11, at 9 o'clock. All grammar school students will report to their rooms at grammar school building. High school students will report to the study hall of the high school where there will be a short program.

BUDGET BROUGHT OUT

Exclusive of fixed charges for bonds, warrants interest and balance due from previous years in the working fund, the actual budget for operating the business of the city of Merkel for the current fiscal year is less than \$8,000. It was shown by figures taken from the city books by Mayor W. M. Elliott at the public meeting for fixing the budget at the city tabernacle Tuesday night.

BADGERS TO BE GUESTS

As a courtesy to the Badgers, Manager Frank Benson of the Queen Theatre has invited Coach Irvin and his squad tryouts to be guests of the theatre for Friday night's showing of John Wayne in "The Man From Monterey." On the same bill will be shown Chapter 9 of "The Hurricane Express" and a comedy, "I Like Mountain Music."

ON GRAND JURY PANEL

W. C. Neil is the only Merkel man on the 42nd District Court grand jury impaneled by Judge M. S. Long Monday.

MAKE SCHOOL BUS CONTRACT

At a meeting Saturday of the county school board, contract for transportation of high school students from common school districts in the Mulberry Canyon area

to Merkel was awarded to R. I. Lilly, who lives in the IXL District.

IS GUEST HERE

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Snell visited their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Snell, two days of last week. Mrs. G. Lail, aunt of H. E. Snell, was also a visitor. Mrs. Lail just returned from France, visiting the battlefield of the late world war, where her son Joseph E. gave his life for his country and now his body lies beneath the soil there.

BADGERS GET SUITS

Football suits were issued to 21 candidates for the Badger football team Monday and Tuesday of this week. Several more are expected to report for practice when school starts next Monday. Four lettermen worked out for the first time this season when practice began Tuesday afternoon. Those reporting were: Captin Milton Shannon, David Gmble, Neil Durham and L. V. Moore. Two more lettermen, Bussie Boaz and J. R. Graham, are expected to begin practice next Monday.

CO-OP GIN STARTS

Dirt was broken on Thursday of last week for the new gin being erected by the Farmers Co-operative Society No. 1, of Merkel, on ground just west of Rose Hill Cemetery. Officers are: H. H. Toombs, president and manager; Comer Haynes, vice president; H. H. Teaff, secretary-treasurer. Other directors are: Dr. M. Armstrong, Gene Reece, R. H. Mathews, Sr., Aaron Horton, Arch Teaff and Lee Tipton.

This Happened in Merkel Forty Years Ago

TAKEN FROM THE 1913 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL

Merkel sustains reputation and pays highest prices for cotton-receipts are now nearly 1,000 bales, as shown by the statements from our yards. The prices paid Wednesday and Thursday ranged from 12.90 to 13 cents.

Mrs. John Miliken, who has been here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Thomas, returned to her home in Dallas Wednesday morning.

A midweek fishing crowd left here last Wednesday morning. They spent three days on the Clear Fork fishing, hunting and enjoying life to its fullness. Camping life and its "eats" will long be pleasantly remembered by Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Burroughs Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Sheppard, W. A. Sheppard, Bill Sheppard, Fannie Burroughs, Olga and Elma Sheppard, Emzi, Merle, Charm and Billie Bob Burroughs.

H. C. Williams celebrated his birthday Sunday at his home on North First Street. Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Williams, Lenora and the baby were dinner guests and greatly enjoyed the dinner prepared by the daughter of the house, Miss Evelyn Williams.

On last Tuesday afternoon Miss Carroll Rister, assisted by her sister, Miss Eugenia, entertained at her home on South Oak Street in honor of Miss Mary Reed of Hillsboro. Progressive "42" and Rook were the diversions. Punch was served during party hours. At the conclusion of the games banana cream and cakes were served.

Mrs. W. F. Hamblent and three children, Quay, Vannie and Roger, left Wednesday morning for Stamford where they will spend several days visiting friends.

DOLLAR DAY NOTE

As Dollar Day ads will be carried in next week's issue it will be greatly appreciated if the merchants prepare them early.

SALE OF EGGS

In 1951 61.2 percent of the total gross income in Texas from poultry came from the sale of eggs; broiler sales represented 27.3 percent and turkeys 11.5 percent.

NEWS ABOUT TOWN

Sgt. and Glenn Westenhover of Lackland Air Base, San Antonio, are leaving this week after being here for 30 days with his mother, Mrs. C. E. Westenhover.

Sam Butman, Sr., and Miss Lotie Butman visited Sunday in Big Spring in the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. B. Sloan, Mr. Sloan and family.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Patterson was their grandson, Henry Homer Hinch, of Oklahoma City, Okla. They took him as far as Wichita Falls Sunday where he met his mother, Mrs. W. L. Fugate accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Patterson.

Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Huff and children of Dexter, New Mexico, spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Huff.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Church, Charles and Myra Sue of Plainview were here over the weekend, visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Dudley.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Grimes spent part of last week in Corpus Christi with their daughter, Mrs. Stewart Dean, Dr. Dean and son.

Luther Grimes of Georgetown was here the first of the week, visiting his father, T. L. Grimes, and brother Dee.

Pvt. Buddy McKeever returned to Ft. Bliss, El Paso, last Friday after visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. McKeever, for 20 days.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Chelakis of Houston and grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Mosier visited here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Allen spent last weekend in Snyder, visiting relatives.

Rev. and Mrs. Charles Tucker of Bowie visited his mother, Mrs. Etta Tucker, for a few days last week. Rev. Tucker is pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Bowie.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Murray accompanied their grandchildren, Miss Janna Dean and Wanda Lee Murray, of Midland to Pampa to visit Mrs. Murray's sister, also their daughter and Mrs. Murray's brother at White Deer. Mr. Murray's brother at Canyon and a niece in Amarillo. From there they returned to Midland after which Mrs. Dean Murray brought them

to Merkel and returned home to Midland the same day. The Murrys reported a wonderful time.

Postmaster and Mrs. Wrenn Durham and daughters, Dana and Penny, were in Galveston last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Fox had as weekend visitors their children, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Fox and twins, Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Walker and children of Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Cross of Hobbs, New Mexico spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Cross.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Miller were in Edgewood the first of the week and were accompanied there by Misses Glenda and Elaine Johnson, their mother, Mrs. Bertie Johnson, and Miss Raemona Joyner who had been guests of Mr. and Mrs. Miller.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Conley the past weekend were her two sisters, brothers and families: Mrs. E. E. Conley, two sons and daughter and son; Mrs. L. R. Harris, all of Houston; Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Riegan and Lewis Stanton; Mr. and Mrs. Gold Riggan, Lamesa; Grant Riggan, Big Spring; Mr. and Mrs. Columbus Riggan and family, Trent. Also visiting in the Conley home the past week were Raymond Russon and Cleo of Portland, Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Toombs, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Toombs and family, Mr. and Mrs. James Dickey Denison spent Sunday in San Angelo with Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Toombs. They spent part of the day at Cristoval swimming and enjoying other diversions.

Mr. and Mrs. Alec Swain and son of Temple visited Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Grimes Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Dismuke and daughter Debra returned home to Ira after visiting here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob McDonald.

Mrs. R. O. Anderson and daughter, Mrs. M. C. Alston of Sweetwater were in Temple this week for a checkup.

Dr. and Mrs. Otis Watson and son, Luther of Austin visited Dr. Watson's aunt, Mrs. Annie Boone and his uncle, G. C. Johnson, in Trent. They were returning to Austin after a vacation trip through Okla., Kansas and Colorado. Dr. Watson, an Austin dentist, is the son of L. M. Watson, Sr., of Sweetwater. His brother, Dr. L. M. Watson, Jr., who has been associated with him in dental practice in Austin, is in the military service stationed at Fort Sill, Okla. The Watson brothers own a ranch near Austin and are well known as producers of Black Angus cattle.

Mrs. Mary Risinger returned last Thursday from a trip to Pecos after a two weeks' visit with her son, Joe Risinger, and family. She reported that the crops looked good there.

Mr. and Mrs. Preston Henry, daughter Lauretta, Mrs. Charles Runson and son were on a week's vacation to Houston, Galveston and San Antonio, where they visited the Alamo.

Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Smith and daughter Norah returned last Saturday from a two-week trip to different points in California. They visited with Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Laughlin and family, Mrs. L. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Smith and Mr. Mrs. W. C. Smith and family. They were accompanied by their daughter-in-law, Mrs. Alvin Smith, and her three children. They visited the Big Trees in California and other points of interest.

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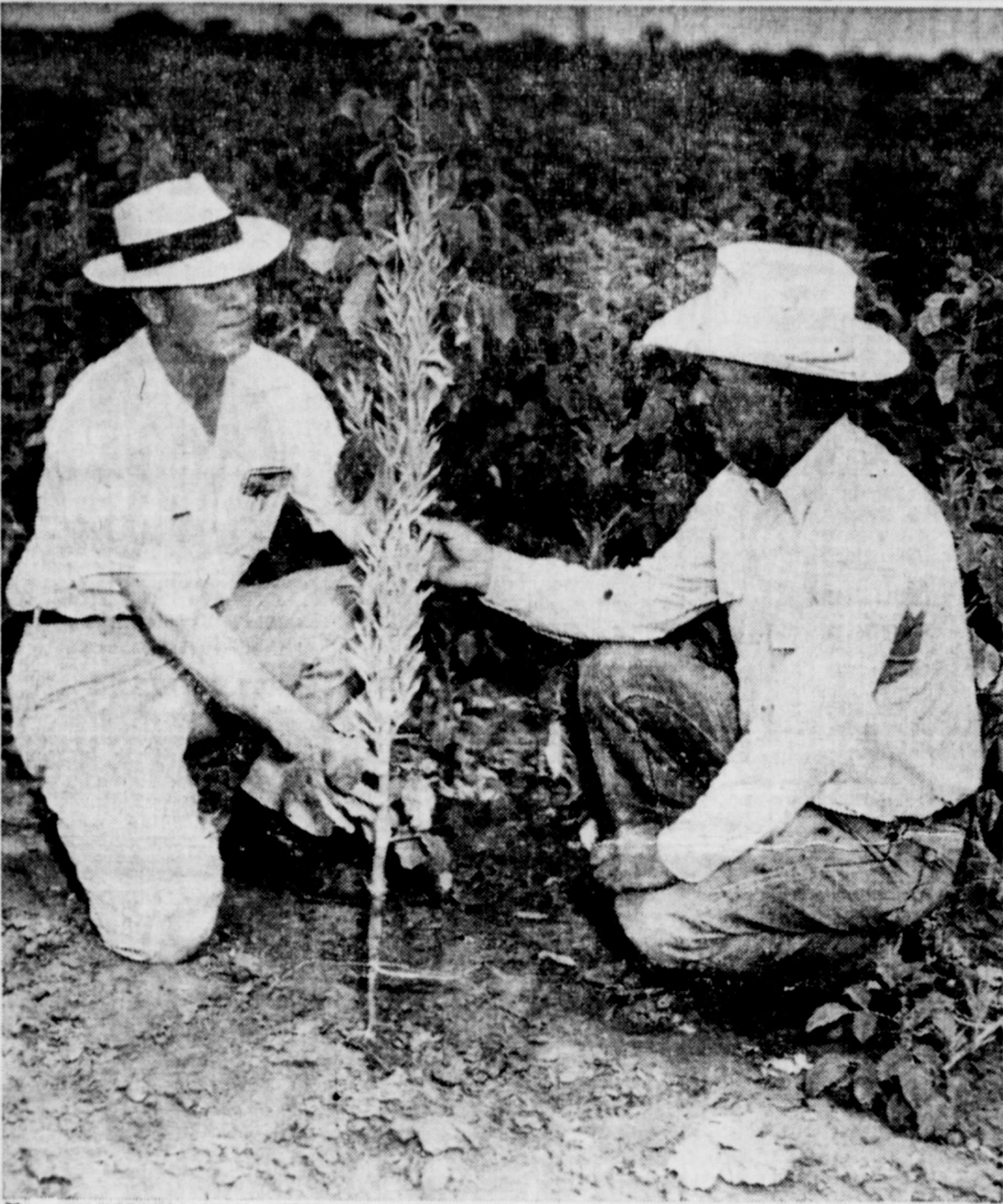
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Gerald McCoy Is Recreational Head At Camp in N. J.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald McCoy and young son Mark will arrive in Merkel this week for a brief visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hollis McCoy and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Winter. The McCoy's will be driving from Mendham, N. J., where they have been working two months with young people at Camp Shiloh.

Mr. McCoy was recreational director for the camp. This fall the McCoy's will again be located at Central Christian College, Bartlesville, Okla., where Mr. McCoy is a teacher and athletic director.

ARMY RESERVE SCHOOL NOTE
New enrollment procedures and eligibility requirements for the eight Army Reserve Schools in Texas have been released by the Office of the Chief of Army Field Forces, announced Col. Karl E. Henion, chief of the Texas Military District. With the exception of the Command and General Staff Course, students may now be enrolled during any phase of any school course at any time during the year.

ELECTED CHAIRMAN
Marshall Newcomb of Dallas, general counsel for the Lone Star Gas Company, on August 26 was elected chairman of the mineral law section of the American Bar Association at its annual conven-

tion in Boston, Mass. The section, comprising between 400 and 500 members, specializes in oil and gas law and hard minerals law.

STIMULATES GROWTH

A University of Texas scientist reports that atomic radiation can stimulate the growth of oat-seedling roots. Dr. A. R. Shrank, associate professor of zoology, is studying radiation effects on oat plants to determine if a way can be found to detect quickly the effects of radiation of living things and to find out the nature of effects radiation causes in a plant. The information is important to scientists who are seeking ways to protect living things against atomic-radiation damage.

COTTON QUIZ

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COTTON QUIZ

WHERE DID OXFORD CLOTH GET ITS NAME?

ANS—THE COTTON FABRIC, USED PRINCIPALLY FOR SHIRTS, WAS FIRST MADE AT OXFORD, ENGLAND.

SOIL BUILDER AND CASH CROP—Coleman O'Brien, Merkel, work unit supervisor of the Clear Fork Conservation District, left, and E. M. McCright, cooperat-

living eight miles northeast of Trent, examine a stalk of guar from McCright's 15-acre planting. Note that the stalk is covered with beans from top to bottom, and also

observe the long tap root. The summer legume has proven an excellent soil builder and the beans are currently selling for \$4 a hundred.

Washington

"As It Looks From Here"

OMAR BURLESON
Congressman
17th District



The heading of this column would indicate it is being written from the United States Capital. Actually it is written from Mineral Wells.

There is some speculation that President Eisenhower may call the Congress into special session. Personally, I do not think so. There has been talk that because of the conclusion that Russia has the hydrogen bomb, Congress will be called back to vote more money for air defense. This is improbable, if it is true that the preparedness program is proceeding at the same

rate, in spite of the cut in appropriations.

You will recall that more than five billion dollars was cut in this year's appropriation. The idea was to get more defense for less money and to this we all surely subscribe. The big question is always present as to how much defense is required.

One thing is fairly certain — if another war should come, we will not have time to produce guns, tanks, planes, and ships, as we have had in the past. In other words we have had two years to prepare, and by reason of overwhelming productive capacity, have been able to defeat our enemies.

This condition no longer exists. To protect this same productive capacity, we must be constantly ready. To be ready, may place a burden on us for a long time to come. It is indeed a sad world in which we live by reason of such circumstances. A strong people can only accept the inevitable and do that which must be done to protect our lives, our homes and all

that we hold dear in this country.

In the past world conflicts, we have had allies who held off the enemy until we gained strength—until we produced the necessary items for war. In these times, in spite of all efforts to bolster the defenses of former allies, and even former enemies, against our present day menace, we are not at all assured that they would stand for any length of time. In fact, there is reason to believe that some on whom we should be able to depend would not stand at all.

It leaves us little choice, unless we are willing to take the greatest risk ever taken by our Nation.

Officials of the Atomic Energy and members of Congress on the Joint Committee handling matters connected with Atomic Energy have recently told the American people that we can be assured the United States will keep ahead of Russia in Atomic bombs. What consolation is this? If we have ten thousand bombs and Russia has one thousand, where is the advantage if Russia destroys us with her one thousand?

I find no comfort in the words of these officials. World peace is the only solution, but it is hard to reason with a mad dog in the hot sun.

Lots of Free Fun Will Be Offered At 1953 State Fair

Museums at the 1953 State Fair of Texas, Oct. 10-25, will offer a tasty menu of diverting entertainment spiked with enough nutritious dashes of solid information to afford a healthy tonic for anybody's fund of facts.

Admission is free to the Museum of Fine Arts, Museum of Natural History, Hall of State, Aquarium and Health Museum.

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**UNION RIDGE H. D. CLUB
WILL MEET THIS AFTERNOON**

The Union Ridge Home Demonstration Club will meet today, Sept 4, in the home of Miss Mabel McRee at 2:30 p. m. Club pals will be revealed. Each member is urged to be there as important business will be attended to.



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**DOYLE HOWELL MARRIES
ALPINE GIRL, AUG. 24**

Doyle Howell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Howell of Trent, was married at 6 p. m. Monday, Aug. 24, at Alpine Methodist Church to Miss Rachel Ann Burnett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hal Burnett of Alpine. They went to Ruidoso, New Mexico on a honeymoon.

Doyle is a senior at Sul Ross College and will continue his studies. He is a tackle on the football team. Rachel Ann received her degree this summer.

**FAMILY NIGHT IS ENJOYED
BY GOODMAN CLUB**

The Goodman Club had its family night social at the Jennings Winter home Monday night, Aug. 31. The most "good ole" homemade ice cream and cake were served. Games of 84 and 42 were enjoyed. Fourteen grownups and two children were there. The social is a monthly affair.

**ANNE BOONE HOLDS REUNION
AT TRENT FOR RELATIVES**

Mrs. Anne Boone was host for a reunion with her three sisters and her brother. The five are descendants of the late Mr. and Mrs. Billy Johnson, pioneer settlers in the Trent area. The sisters are Mrs. Lizzie Gandy, Austin; Mrs. Ida Neeb, Midland; Mrs. Ella Pennell, Sweetwater; and their brother is G. C. Mrs. Boone's daughter, Mrs. Ola Lee Winn, assisted in entertaining. Mrs. Gandy, who had not been here since 1925, formerly lived north of Trent.

Other out-of-town visitors were Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Watson, Sr., Sweetwater; Mrs. Alton Boone, Sweetwater; Mrs. Alvy Boone and Jackie Ben, Memphis.

**VAUGHNELLA Y. M. A. GIVE
MOTHER-DAUGHTER BANQUET**

The Vaughnella Y. M. A. entertained their mothers and the G. A. girls and their mothers with a mother and daughter banquet Thursday evening of last week at the Merkel Baptist Church.

Denta Marie Gibson served as toastmistress and the following program was given: Invention, Gloria Teaff; welcome to our mothers, Joy Walker; response, Mrs. Dent Gibson; song, "My Mother's Bible," Denta Gibson and Wanda Bradley; poem, Peggy Bondy; installation of officers, Mrs. S. E. Bullock and the speaker, Mrs. Turner of Sweetwater; benediction, Mrs. Davis Hobdy. Those attending were the Y. W. A. and G. A. girls and their mothers. Mrs. Bradshaw of Roby was a visitor.

**GOODMAN H. D. CLUB
MEETS WITH MRS. C. HODGES**

The Goodman Home Demonstration Club met August 28 in the home of Mrs. Charlie Hodges. The president, Mrs. Jennings Winter, was in charge.

Mrs. Hodges directed recreation. Roll call was answered with a proverb. Minutes of the last meeting were approved. Frances Carter gave a council report. The club voted to change the meeting time from 3 back to 2:30 p. m.

The program was on buying vegetables wisely, which was brought by Mrs. Carl Carey and Mrs. Jennings Winter. At the close of the meeting Mrs. Hodges served refreshments to seven members, one visitor and five children.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. Cal McAninch, on Sept. 11.

**MRS. FLETCHER JONES IS
HOSTESS TO STITH H. D. CLUB**

On Wednesday, Aug. 26, the Stith Home Demonstration club met in the home of Mrs. Fletcher Jones.

The president presided. Minutes were read and approved. Roll call was answered with a proverb.

Mrs. J. C. Brown gave a council report. Mrs. M. E. West and Mrs. Paul Bradley gave a demonstration on broiling steaks. New officers were elected for the coming year.

Steak, hot rolls, vegetable salad and cold drinks were served to 15 members and seven children. The next meeting will be Sept. 9.

**MR. AND MRS. ALTON REED
ATTEND FAMILY REUNION**

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Reed attended a reunion of the Williams family in Sweetwater Sunday. About 50 were present.

**MRS. N. T. HODGE IS HOSTESS
TO OUTING PARTY**

Mrs. N. T. Hodge took a party last Friday to Ruidoso, New Mex., on an outing. Those who went besides Mrs. Hodge were Denta Gibson, Sue McLeod, Jim Leverich, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Springer and family, Mrs. Ralph Dougherty and daughter Linda. They reported a wonderful time when they returned Monday.

**FAMILY GET-TOGETHER HELD
IN HOME OF MRS. F. A. BAKER**

In a family get-together Friday, August 28, in the home of Mrs. Fred A. Baker were Mrs. J. B. Mc-

Laughlin of Lubbock, Mrs. Leonard Dennis of McAdoo, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Baker of Hamlin, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Leach, Linda and Dick, Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Baker, Jr., and Mrs. Nash.

**MRS. W. S. ALLRED HOSTESS
TO COMPERE H. D. CLUB**

The Compere Home Demonstration Club met August 27 in Mrs. W. S. Allred's home for its regular meeting. Mrs. Allred led the prayer and Mrs. Vernon Stanley led the group in singing.

Roll call was answered with a proverb. Mrs. Stanley gave the council report. She also read a letter of thanks from the State Hospital for the party sponsored by the club for the men of wards 10 and 12 on August 10.

Mrs. Vernon Stanley was chosen at the council as one of three delegates from the county to attend the state convention at Galveston.

Mrs. Walter Kelso gave a demonstration on the use of tube painting which is so nearly like embroidery one must touch it to know the difference.

The hostess served refreshments to eight members.

**SEWING MACHINE SHOW
AT BLUE BONNET H. D. CLUB**

The Blue Bonnet Home Demonstration Club is sponsoring a sewing machine attachment demonstration to be held Tuesday, Sept. 8, at 2:30 p. m. in the Fellowship Hall of the Pioneer Memorial Church at Butman.

B. G. Speadlin of Abilene will be on hand with other skilled personnel to answer all sewing machine problems and how to use attachments. The public is invited.

**ABOUT 120 ATTEND COOK
REUNION ON AUGUST 16**

A Cook reunion was held Sunday, August 16, on the A. W. Cook farm. A basket dinner was served at the noon hour. Visiting and talking over old times were most enjoyable. About 120 persons attended the reunion.

TO HOLD REUNION

There is to be a reunion on Sunday, Sept. 6, at the Abilene State Park for the Whisenhunt, Wetsel and Cogburn families.

Since this is the first meeting a large number is expected. Each family is to bring a basket dinner and it will be spread on the big tables east of the swimming pool.

If everyone enjoys this day and wishes it will be made an annual affair.

**Rev., Mrs. Tullock
Leave Last Sunday
On 2-Week Vacation**

Following the services last Sunday evening Rev. and Mrs. S. E. Tullock left on a two-week vacation to St. Louis.

**1st Baptist Church
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The First Baptist Church has set Nov. 16-22 as the dates for its fall revival with Dr. D. D. Tidwell.

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HOSPITAL NOTES

Admissions to the Sadler Hospital the past week were:
As medical patients — Pete West, Bill Winter, Mrs. Odell Dickerson, Clifton Stovall, Mrs. Mark Hubert, Manda B. Saiter, Pat Clark, Mrs. Jerry Gardner, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Reddin and Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Reddin, who were in the auto accident, are improving slightly.
For surgery — Mrs. W. B. Garth.

**Mrs. Homer Shanks
Has Major Surgery
On August 27**

Mrs. Homer Shanks had major surgery at the Sadler Hospital August 27.

**Capt. D. Seifried
To Go To Japan
Next Month**

Captain and Mrs. Doyle Seifried and children of Ft. McPherson, Ga. are here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Gamble. Next month Captain Seifried has orders to go to Japan.

**Dudley Electric
Enlarges, Paints
Its Quarters**

The Dudley Electric has enlarged its quarters and has redecorated the inside of its building. The partition in the rear has been moved back.

**Warns Public
Of Church Fires**

Fire Chief John Mansfield has received a warning from Eugene Sanders, fire prevention chief and acting state fire marshal. He declared that "Churches Are Burning."

The causes of church fires are: Heating systems, misuse of electricity and careless disposal of matches - cigarettes - smoking.

"The fire loss record of church properties continues to be an unfavorable one," declared the state official. "The governing body of the church should advise with the local fire chief and fire marshal, safety engineers, and other well informed person on fire safety measures."

WARN OF WORMS

Agricultural producers of the state are advised to be on the alert for damaging invasions of their crops and pastures by worms. They are bad in many sections of the state at the present. Fall army worms and cotton bollworms are two of the chief culprits. Cotton leafworms are also spreading.



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BARBEQUE SAUCE	can 12c	CHILI	No. 2 can 45c
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LIPTON'S FROSTEE	2 pks. 29c	TOMATO SOUP	2 for 25c
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PEARS	2 303 cans----- 35c	CORN	2-303 cans 39c
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EAGLE BRAND MILK	can 29c	WHITE OR RED KARO	bottle 25c
PRODUCE		PICNIC ITEMS	
CARTON TOMATOES	ctn. 16c	WILSON'S —	2 CANS
CELLO CARROTS	bag 12c	Vienna Sausage	33c
BELL PEPPER	lb. 15c	KRAFT'S	
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"Observing a few simple hot weather living rules can mean relief from this sweltering heat," the doctor says. For instance:

Cut down on the amount of food eaten at any one time. Eat a few crackers or some fruit between meals if you get hungry. Many people feel better in hot weather if they eat fewer protein foods such as eggs, fish, and meat. Fruit and vegetables in season makes fine "cool comfort" diets.

Water is constantly being lost through perspiration and has to be replaced or painful heat cramps will result. Office workers probably get enough salt through ordinary eating, but laborers may need

2 or 3 extra teaspoonful each hot day.

Children who play hard and perspire freely need a little extra salt. Salted nuts or crackers is an agreeable way for them to get it. They won't object at all.

Don't wear clothes that hinder evaporation of perspiration, because that's the way body temperatures are kept normal. Wear loose, light clothing, preferably light in color.

Suit your exercise to your strength. Swimming is unquestionably the best summer sport, since it cools rather than overheats the body.

Take a warm bath before bedtime, and get eight hours of sleep regularly. An oscillating electric fan which keeps the air in motion without harmful direct drafts will make sleeping more comfortable and the next day's heat less oppressive.

Sun rays are most intense between 10 a. m. and 4 p. m. so stay out of their way during those hours if possible. If not, be sure your head is covered.

Observing these rules can make for more summertime comfort, Dr. Cox points out. A June-to-October vacation in Alaska would help, too.



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NEWS ABOUT TOWN

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Clark and Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Clark and Larry returned Monday after spending the weekend in Lubbock in the home of their daughter and sister, Mrs. M. B. Jones, and Mr. Jones. The irrigated crops looked O. K. but the dry land crops were a failure.

Mr. and Mrs. Buck Leach, Linda and Dick returned last week from a 10-day visit with his mother, Mrs. R. E. Leach, and other relatives in Russell Springs and Campbellville, Ky. A sister, Mrs. Robert Grider, Mr. Grider, Linda Ann and Bob of New Castle, Ind., met them in Kentucky and came home with them for a short visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Kirby Cook spent last weekend in Ada, Okla. They went there to return her sister, Jean Hampton, who had been visiting here for several weeks. Mrs. Cook's brother, Benny Hampton, returned with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne and little son Joseph III of Corpus Christi visited his grandmother, Mrs. M. F. Bell, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Mellinger and sons were in Big Spring Sunday where they visited his brother Victor who underwent major surgery last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Read and son of Abilene attended a company convention in San Antonio from August 22-26. She is the former Ora B. Mayes.

Mrs. A. L. Farmer and Mrs. James E. Farmer spent Wednesday of last week in Abilene with Mr. and Mrs. Mury Farmer.

Recent visitors of Mrs. R. J. Miller and H. B. Robertson were Mr. and Mrs. Forest Harper and children, Hamilton, also Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Garrett, Waco.

Rev. and Mrs. James Ray Garrett and boys, Chan and Clyde, of Washington, D. C., were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Robertson and Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Miller over the weekend.

Mrs. John B. Davidson and daughters, Donna and Suzy, of

Austin and Katherine Harper of Hamilton visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Miller, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlyle Miller and children of Los Banos Calif., were visitors last week on Thursday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Roach of Paris visited all week with his sister, Mrs. Joe Stalls, and Mr. Stalls. Mrs. Stalls' niece, Mrs. Roy Lyons, and Mr. Lyons of Liberty visited here over the weekend.

'We Need Germany' States Speaker At Lions Club

"West Germany is coming to the front. We need Germany, we need a united Germany and I think we will have it some day."

This statement was made by Ed Stewart of Abilene in an interesting talk given at the Lions Club luncheon Tuesday.

Prof. Mack Fisher, president, presided. Treasurer Leon Walker reported that \$75.86 were netted from the all-star game Thursday of last week.

Isadore Mellinger, program chairman, introduced the speaker. Mr. Stewart is treasurer of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce and past president of the Abilene Chamber of Commerce.

He told of his trip to 15 countries of Europe, Asia and Africa this summer. His talk was spiced with good humor. He and his wife visited many historical points.

"Greece and Turkey really appreciate what we have done for them," declared the speaker.

"There are 220,000,000 Moslems in the world. They are fanatics. Don't get into trouble with them."

"We ought to make Jerusalem an international city."

Then Mr. Stewart concluded his talk by telling of his arrival back home in New York. "As I looked up at the Statue of Liberty, with tears in my eyes, I said, 'It's grand to be back in America!'"

485 Are X-Rayed Friday, Saturday Of Last Week

There were 485 persons X-rayed last Friday and Saturday at the Community Center, reported Mrs. Andy Shouse, president of the Fortnightly Study Club, who was in charge.

Mrs. Shouse thanks all who assisted in any way with the program and those who came to be X-rayed as it helps to keep this program going from year to year, she said.

Tessie Warren Made President Of Pep Squad

Tessie Warren was elected president of the Merkel Pep Squad Sept. 1. Other officers were: Glenda Pangle, secretary; Neva Cason, treasurer; Goldie Ann Leverich, reporter.

Mrs. James Liner was elected sponsor. The cheer leaders for this year were elected last year. The main cheer leaders are: Billie Moore, Janice Rutledge with head cheer leader, Nelda Jones. The assistant cheer leaders are Joy Walker, Marie Kerns and Clydene Eager.

The leaders will be with the Badgers at Ballinger, Sept. 11, to cheer the boys on to victory. At school before each game there will be a special pep rally to set the right attitude for each game.

Later in the year plans are to present the most outstanding member of the pep squad with an award.

Matched Roping Will Be Held At Rodeo Hill

Matched roping will be held at 8 p. m. Saturday, Sept. 12, at Rodeo Hill Arena, 1 1/2 miles northwest of Merkel.

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Family of Gilberto Biera.

NEWS' ODDITIES

The Herb Heffernans of San Antonio, Texas, returning home from a vacation, were stopped by the highway patrol.

"Count your children," Lt. Ed Vandergriff of the patrol commanded.

They counted noses. There were only seven "Susan's missing!" the family chorused.

"Now don't worry," Lieutenant Vandergriff soothed. "She's on her way in another patrol car."

Minutes later, the eight-year-old, untruffed by the experience of being left 20 miles behind at a rest stop in Atoka, took her seat and the trip was resumed, thanks to a Trooper, who spotted the youngster.

It cost \$12 for G. D. Gravelly of Dallas, a guard at the Santa Fe Building, to be a good samaritan.

He stopped to push a stalled jalopy when a disheveled man about 45, wearing a white shirt, dark trousers and a two-day growth of beard, piled out of the car packing a .38 pistol.

He relieved Gravelly of the contents of his billfold, jumped back into the battered sedan and drove away with another man and a woman.

J. D. Taylor, retired Claremore, Okla., grocer, has a Masonic ring he lost 26 years ago because Bill Reynolds dug up an old potato on his farm near Wagoner one recent day.

Mr. Reynolds found the ring in a clod of dirt around the potato. A story of the discovery was printed in the Tulsa World and read by Mr. Taylor. He got in touch with Mr. Reynolds and identified the ring as the one he lost.

From the files of the Philadelphia Zoo: The case of the kidnapped baby monkey.

The tiny anthropoid, about nine inches tall, walked out through the bars of a cage where he lived with a family of seven. He wandered over to a cage occupied by male and female gelada baboon.

The female baboon, with no offspring of her own, reached out and whisked the tiny monkey inside. She fed it and began to mother it tenderly. The male baboon began acting like a protective father.

Observing such domestic bliss, officials decided to take no action. Case closed.

Britons flocked Monday to buy their first postwar snow-white loaf of bread for 11 years as the government removed restrictions on bread and flour.

The new loaf, sold at a higher price than the old, is no better in nutrition than the so-called national bread bakers have been permitted to turn out since 1942. This bread is almost white.

But the new loaf looks pretty and to Britons accustomed to the more solid loaf the lightness of the new bread adds another official luxurious note to the rapidly improving national scene.

Police figure this fellow may have seen one Western too many. He entered a Kansas City tavern, rapped two astonished patrons over the head with a pistol butt, fired a few shots into the ceiling, and calmly stalked out.

A tomato plant over 40 feet long has produced over 600 tomatoes in Cecil Le Podvin's greenhouse. He credits a home-made heating system which warms the soil for the mass production.

ROAD TO TROUBLE

The straight and narrow path can lead to trouble.

Seventy-seven per cent of the fatal motor vehicle accidents last year occurred on straight roads, according to the 1953 edition of "Accident Facts", the National Safety Council's statistical yearbook. Unfavorable road conditions, such as a wet, muddy, snowy or icy surface, were reported in only one out of five fatal.

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FOR RENT — 5-room house on Oak St., 3-room apartment upstairs, show, 4 blocks from railroad. Call 9013W2, C. K. Russell. 2t25p.

FOR RENT — 2-room modern. Furnished apartment, south exposure. 212 Cherry St., or see Andy Shouse. 3t19c.

FOR RENT — 4 room house 1 1/2 miles North East of Merkel. Salt Branch Road. See T. T. Earhman. 211 Ash St. 3t6p.

FOR RENT — 5-room apartment and bath. Close in. Rent \$35 month. See W. B. or Leon Toombs. 1t3c.

FOR SALE

FOR SALE — Shotgun, 12-gauge automatic, and high powered rifle, 30-40. Mrs. W. L. Fugate. 1t25c.

We Repair Refrigerators
Dudley Electric
We know our business.

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.	

CATTLE ON FLEED UP

The number of cattle on feed for market in the 11 Corn Belt states on July 1 this year was estimated to be 8 per cent larger than a year ago.

Handy Jim's
FIX-UP TIPS
For Farm and Home

Arched Roof Buildings

SOMETIMES a farmer needs a small building "right away"—a brooder house, hog house, machine shed, milk house or some other shelter.

That's where the sectionally-built structure helps out, as it need only be bolted together. In many parts of the United States, lumber dealers have started making such buildings because they can in that way better serve their farmer customers.

Buildings like the arched roof one illustrated are covered with Masonite tempered hardboard panels, which farm-



ers have found to be especially weather and wear-proof for numerous installations. Farm experts point out several advantages to this design:

1. There is more floor space, due to absence of posts.
2. The building is available in various lengths and widths.
3. It may be moved from one location to another without being damaged, because the hardboard panels make it rigid.
4. High winds and storms do not affect it, since the arched roof has no place for the gale to "take hold."
5. There is ample head room.

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FOR SALE

FOR SALE — 1952 Ferguson Tractor, used very little and in good condition. Inquire Toombs and Moore Feed Store. 3t23p.

FOR SALE — Bike, 26-inch, boys, good, used. Palmer Motor Co. 1t22.

FOR SALE — Ivy 25c, Pot Plants \$2.00 up. Pottery of all kinds and all prices. Phone 319. The Merkel Florist. 1t21c.

FOR SALE — A few of our several BARGAINS

5-ROOM House, well and Mill on 1 1/2 lots, \$1800

4-ROOM close in on 1 1/2 lots \$1700

4-ROOM, bath, garage, very nice location, \$4250

6-ROOM, near school, on large corner lot, own water system, \$6,500.

4-ROOM house G. I., small equity, balance less than rent.

4-ROOM house, very nice, F. H. A. pay equity, balance like rent.

We also have one of the nicest houses in Merkel, new and ready to move in. Come in and see us about any of these.

DOWDY and TOOMBS

FOR SALE — Large House, 5 rooms and bath, 3 bedrooms, hardwood floors, venetian blinds, large closets, large cabinet, linoleum on kitchen and bath, nice interior decoration, attached garage, 1 1/2 lots, nice lawn, cellar, well house and shed. Well located, close in. Price \$4,900. Call 280J, Merkel. 2t24p.

FOR SALE — My home at 1201 S. 10th. Phone 364R or see Ben Sublett. 1t25c

FOR SALE or TRADE for small farm, 2-bedroom house, 2 blocks of square in Snyder, Texas. Mrs. Laura B. Smith, 2805 Ave. S. Snyder, Texas. 3t25p.

FOR SALE — Clarinet, in good condition. Bill Hays. Phone 9015W1, Rt. 3, Merkel. 3t25p.

SPECIAL SALE — G. E. Winger, Washers, \$129.95, and Free of extra cost, A Laundry Cart and a 24-piece Towel Set. Palmer Motor Co. 1t18c.

PLENTY OF evaporative coolers for window installation. 2,200, 3,600 and 4,500 CFM. Badger Chevrolet Co. 1t17c

4,300 CUBIC FEET Cullar Evaporative Cooler new. \$135. Badger Chevrolet Co. 1t17c

FOR RENT — We will rent you a refrigerator, gas or electric. Miller Implement Co. 1t9c.

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

FOR SALE — Air Conditioners, new and used. Palmer Motor Co. 1t10.

FOR SALE — Too many used refrigerators, electric, natural or butane gas, kerosene, all kinds at all prices. COME in and look them over. Miller Implement Co. 1t9c.

FOR SALE — James Motorcycle excellent condition. Terms and trade. Badger Chevrolet. 1t9c.

FOR SALE — Used Vacuum Cleaners. Phone 159, Palmer Motor Co. 1t9c.

SAVE MONEY by ordering your magazines from The Merkel Mail.

\$100 for your old Refrigerator on a new G-E or Philco DeLuxe Model Refrigerator. Palmer Motor Co. 1t23c.

FOR ARTISTIC wedding announcement and other fine printing see The Merkel Mail. All printing done in our own shop.

FOR your Stationary and other supplies see The Merkel Mail.

MISCELLANEOUS

FOR CEMETERY Curbing—see M. A. Noster, 1404 Herring Dr. Estimates gladly given. 1t17c

WATER Well drilling and Surface pipe set. L. A. Coats. Phone 287. 1t21c

SEE—Me about your water well drilling needs. B. T. (Tye) Sublett Phone 166. Residence 100 705 Oak St., Merkel. 1t12a

WATER WELL drilling and surface pipe set. Higgins & Malona. Box 267, Merkel. Phone 26. 1t21c

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

LET our readers know what you have to SELL by advertising in this paper.

BUSTER HESTEN, agent for Abilene Reporter-News and Dallas Morning News. Phone 289W.



Who will get Johnny to school the first day?

All hands will be on deck to speed Johnny off to his exciting new world. And no hands will be busier than Mother's. That is unless you count Reddy Kilowatt's helping hands, which help Mother at every turn.

Reddy helps wash Johnny's socks, iron his shirt, cook his breakfast, and even heats the water to scrub behind his ears. And later Reddy will help him get his lessons by making study easy on his eyes.

As a matter of fact, the older Johnny grows the more ways Reddy can help him... and Reddy's help is just about the biggest bargain in the family budget today.

Johnnie has no Choice!

He has to study with the light you provide. Protect Johnny's priceless eyes with properly balanced, planned lighting. Be sure—ask for one of our Home Lighting Representatives to make a FREE survey of your lighting.

Eyes are priceless
Protect them with
GOOD LIGHT



West Texas Utilities
Company



By VERN SANFORD

Texas Press Association
Teachers are in the limelight again.

This time they are petitioning Sen. A. M. Aikin, Jr., to run for governor come 1954.

Aikin co-authored the Gilmer-Aiken school bill two years ago and led the fight in the recent legislature for the teacher's pay-raise bill. The bill passed both houses, then died because there was not enough state revenue incoming to pay the salary increases.

Teachers are miffed over Governor Shivers' stand on the pay-raise measure; and the current petition is undoubtedly the result of widespread comment relative to the governor's plans to run for reelection.

Aikin says: "I'm not running for or from anything."

Should Aikin run it would be the first time that the school teachers as a group have entered the political field with a candidate and a platform of educational improvement and teacher-pay-raises.

Dr. Geo. W. Cox is calling upon the public to aid health officials in improving sanitary conditions in public eating places.

Public reaction could be one of the most forceful influences in effecting adherence to health regulations, the state health officer contends.

Cox asks that the public observe unsanitary practices and express unfavorable reaction to restaurants and safes which do not measure up to standards.

He calls particular attention to the serving of milk in other than the original container prevalence of flies, cleanliness of walls, floors and counters, as well as the appearance of the waiters and waitresses.

Showers around the state put a dent in the drouth, if they did not end it.

After a long dry spell, this headline caught the reader's eye: "High Water Threatens Rio Towns."

Zapata County communities Falcon and Lupeno were evacuated when water began rising behind

the new Falcom Dam on the Rio Grande.

Texas' share of the national draft for October will be 1,208 men. Brigadier General Paul Wakefield, state selective service director, announced.

August's quota was 1,235 and September's is 1,232.

Plowing up of cotton began on the last day of August in the Lower Rio Grande Valley on recommendation of the International Pink Bollworm Advisory Council.

Farmers know the only way to attack the bollworm is to destroy the cotton plant as soon as the crop is harvested. The plow-up will continue northward as the season advances.

Texas Agriculture Commissioner John C. White announced that according to the council no extension of the plow-up deadline will be granted or even considered.

"Young Bess Is Great Spectacle At Queen Theatre

"Young Bess," the story of England's vibrant bachelor Queen, has been brought to the screen by M-G-M in a spectacular and opulent Technicolor production and with a brilliant cast starring Jean Simmons, Stewart Granger, Deborah Kerr and Charles Laughton. Wednesday and Thursday at the Queen Theatre.

Based on the novel by Margaret Irwin, this is the story of the spirited and temperamental Princess Elizabeth of 16th Century England who, estranged from her father, the lusty and violent King Henry VIII, when the latter has her mother, Ann Boleyn, beheaded, outmaneuvers the plotting of the ambitious Lord Protector, Ned Seymour, to become monarch of her realm at the age of twenty-five. It is also the deeply moving story of Young Bess' love for the dashing and danger-loving Admiral Thomas Seymour, a love which could never be consummated because of Tom's marriage to Catherine, her father's last Queen.

Action - Blazing Drama Packs Film At Pioneer Theatre

Rugged action, brawling violence and wild Indian-fighting are coupled with an outlaw search for blood-stained hold-up loot in a Western ghost town, in Columbia Pictures' "Ambush at Tomahawk Gap." Filmed in color by Technicolor, "Ambush at Tomahawk Gap" opens Sunday and Monday at the Pioneer Theatre with John Hodiak and Maria Elena Marques starred.

The new film is an action-blazing drama of a single man who hunted three killers and then joined them to fight against the ruthless Apaches stalking them all.

HOME modernizing

Valuable Space Is Wasted In Many Families' Garages

Many families waste hundreds of cubic feet of valuable space in their garages that could provide efficient storage for equipment and home maintenance materials.

Even the minimum-size garage—10x20 feet—can house much more than the family car.

The first edition of Home Modernizing suggested that the homeowner utilize the waste space in this manner:

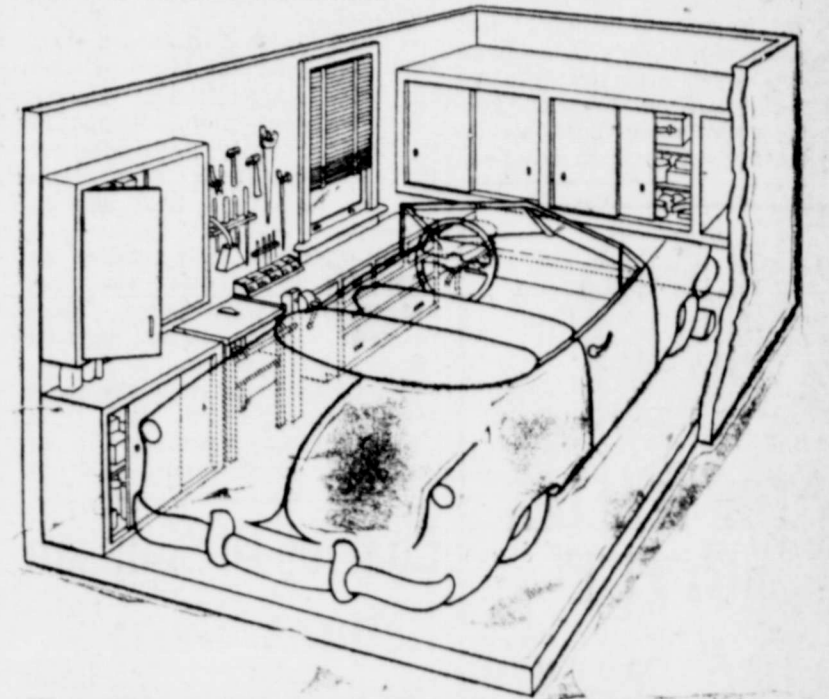
Drive the car into the garage front first. Then measure the space above the hood. It would be nothing unusual to find 250 cubic feet of space that can become shelves or cabinets accommodat-

ing dozens of paint cans, cleaners, lubrication supplies, tools.

If the space must be accessible even when the car is in the garage, install a sliding door on the outside wall.

A shed built onto the side of the garage will keep wheeled tools and bulky equipment neatly in place and ready to use—and will give space for a workshop if desired.

Extend the garage rafters for the shed roof; or bolt a 2x4 along the outside (to the garage studs) and use it to anchor the new rafters. The floor can be concrete or gravel.



All available space is used in this tiny garage. Cabinets above the hood of the car and along the side wall house tools and supplies.

LINES BY SOGLOW



"A wedding gift with a future." That's how every bride feels about a gift of United States Savings Bonds. Because when those Bonds mature, they pay back four dollars for every three dollars invested. What's more, these improved Savings Bonds can be held as long as ten years beyond their maturity date and earn further interest. A Savings Bond which you purchase for \$18.75 for a bride today will return her \$33.67 in nineteen years and eight months—a return of 80% on your original gift. Give your favorite bride-to-be a gift of United States Savings Bonds. They'll show an interest in her future.

LINES BY SOGLOW



Ever notice how dollars just seem to drip, drip, drip away—like water from a leaky faucet? Well, how'd you like to stop that leaky faucet in your budget? You can. Just sign up for the Payroll Savings Plan where you work—the easy, automatic way to turn those elusive dollars into United States Savings Bonds. It's easy because you simply ask your employer to save a few dollars from your paycheck. It's automatic because every time enough money has accumulated, your employer buys your Savings Bond—and hands it to you. That's all there is to it. Join the Payroll Savings Plan Today.



You're "sitting pretty" behind the wheel

Take this Bel Air model. First thing you'll notice is the quality of the interior. Rich-looking appointments. Roomy seats with foam rubber cushions. Turn the key to start the engine and you're ready to go.

You can see all around

You look out and down through a wide, curved, one-piece windshield. The panoramic rear window and big side windows provide a clear view in all directions.

And it's the lowest-priced line

A demonstration will show you that Chevrolet offers just about everything you could want. Yet it's the lowest-priced line in the low-price field.



Biggest brakes for smoother, easier stops

An easy nudge on the pedal brings smooth, positive response—right now! Chevrolet's improved brakes are the largest in the low-price field.



I figure this demonstration saved me many hundreds of dollars!

I expected to pay that much more for a new car until I discovered I was better off in every way with this new Chevrolet!

Let us demonstrate all the advantages of buying a Chevrolet now!



MORE PEOPLE BUY CHEVROLETS THAN ANY OTHER CAR!



You get greater getaway with the new Powerglide*

A lot finer performance on a lot less gas. That's what you get with the new Powerglide automatic transmission. There's no more advanced automatic transmission at any price.

You get more power on less gas

That's because Chevrolet's two great valve-in-head engines are high-compression engines. In Powerglide* models, you get the most powerful engine in Chevrolet's field—the new 115-h.p. "Blue-Flame." Gear-shift models offer the advanced 108-h.p. "Thrifty-King" engine.



It's heavier for better roadability

You're in for a pleasant surprise at the smooth, steady, big-car ride of this new Chevrolet. One reason is that, model for model, Chevrolet will weigh up to 200 pounds more than the other low-priced cars.

*Combination of Powerglide automatic transmission and 115-h.p. "Blue-Flame" engine optional on "Two-Ten" and Bel Air models at extra cost.

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EDITORIAL

OPENING OF SCHOOL

Big news! School starts!
 And that is big news. It is big
 news to the children and it is big
 news to the citizens of our country.
 The children have had their
 vacation. Some played, many got
 their taste of work. So it will be a
 big change for them to get back to
 their studies.

But school is not all work. There
 are many moments of relaxation
 and fun. There is the athletic side
 of school. There is the social side.
 All these go to make up a rounded
 routine. It is big news to the citi-
 zens of our country because from
 school we make the foundation of
 our democratic form of govern-
 ment. School teaches the things
 that every citizen should know to
 be a good citizen. History of our
 country and other countries are
 taught. The students learn the dif-
 ferent kinds of government in the
 world and how ours is better than
 others.

They learn the most important
 thing in running a democratic
 government: To abide by the deci-
 sion of the majority. They learn
 the give and take of living.

Yes, school starts is big news,
 big news to the children and to
 everyone in our country.

LITTLE LEAGUE

The first season of the Little
 League is over. There was a win-
 ner and there were those who did
 not win. That is a part too of life:
 Some win, some lose.

It is easy to take a victory. It is
 a little more difficult to take a
 loss. But life is filled with losses
 and we must learn to take them
 gracefully, to be good losers.

There are rules by which the
 Little League is played. There
 are umpires. They call the balls
 and strikes. They announce the
 players safe or out at bases. The
 umpires may call their decisions
 wrong. But that is also a part of
 the game: To take even wrong de-
 cisions gracefully.

But there is always a way out in
 the game of ball as there is in a
 democratic government. We can
 get new umpires; we can vote in
 new officers.

The idea for the Little League

was that of Prof. Mack Fisher, our
 superintendent of schools. It was a
 good idea and it worked out well.
 Prof. Fisher and all the folks
 who helped to make the season so
 successful are to be thanked for
 their ideas and labor. It will pay
 out in better boys, it will pay out
 in better men.

RAIN NOTE

While it rained 5 inches at
 Noodle two weeks ago, J. W. Tiner,
 living six miles northwest of there,
 reported only .60 inch. You just
 can't tell about rain.

TALKING FISH

A University of Texas zoologist,
 Dr. W. Frank Blair, will seek basic
 facts about wildlife heredity by
 "interviewing" frogs and toads
 with a tape recorder.

He will transcribe the mating
 calls of various frog and toad
 species for example, are important
 reasons why several species of
 frogs can exist in a single swamp
 apparently without interbreeding.
 So while Dr. Kinsey in his re-
 ports is finding out about the love-
 life of the higher species Dr. Blair
 will find out about the love-life of
 the lower species.

"WHITE-ICISM"

That's ALL — and the sage of
 Figfield adds that maybe the fish
 wonder what we say when we talk.

**POULTRY INDUSTRY IN TEXAS
 PROVIDES BIG INCOME**

Recently released figures re-
 veal the economic importance of
 the poultry industry to Texas. Ac-
 cording to John G. McHaney, as-
 sistant economist for the Texas
 Agricultural Extension Service, it
 takes a lot of eggs to satisfy Tex-
 ans' appetite for "hen fruit." In
 fact, he adds, the supply from Tex-
 as sources lacks almost three doz-
 en eggs per capita of meeting the
 demand.

In 1951, 2,921,000,000 eggs were
 produced in Texas. The per capita
 consumption was 397 eggs. There-
 fore, says McHaney, 259,000,000
 eggs had to come from other states
 to make up the difference. The ex-
 isting favorable egg-feed price ra-
 tion the rapidly increasing popula-
 tion within the state and generally
 favorable economic conditions over
 the country as a whole, leads
 McHaney, to believe that egg pro-
 ducers in the state would be justi-
 fied in further increasing the size
 of their laying flocks.

Final figures for 1952, he says,
 show that 21,474,000 hens were on
 the farms of the state. Figures re-
 leased on July 1 indicate some re-
 duction in this number while the
 hen numbers for the nation re-
 mained about the same as for a
 year ago. Gross sales in Texas
 from eggs in 1951, he says, amount-
 ed to \$96,871,000.

The Texas broiler industry has
 grown by leaps and bounds during
 the past few years and in 1951
 grossed \$42,343,000 for the state's
 producers.

Turkey producers in 1951 had
 gross sales of \$18,124,000. Final
 figures for 1951 show that eggs
 represented 61.2 percent of the
 total gross poultry income for the
 state; broilers 27.3 percent and
 turkeys 11.5 percent.

It adds up, says McHaney, to a
 whopping total of \$157,338,000. A
 sizable figure for even the state
 of Texas.

Attend the Church of Your Choice

Merkel First Methodist Church
 Sunday:
 Sunday School.....9:50 a. m.
 Morning Worship.....10:50 a. m.
 M. Y. F.6:30 p. m.
 Evening Worship 8 p. m.

Merkel Grace Presbyterian Church
 Sunday School.....10:00 a. m.
 Worship Service 11 a. m.
 Evening Services 8 p. m.

Compere Baptist Church
 Sunday School.....10:00 a. m.
 Morning Worship, 2nd and 4th
 Sunday 11 a. m.

Amity Baptist Church
 Morning Service — 11:15 a. m.
 Sunday School—10:30 a. m.
 Evening Bible Class 6:30 p. m.
 Evening Services 8 p. m.

Merkel Church of Christ
 Sunday:
 Bible Study.....9:45 a. m.
 Morning Service...11:00 a. m.
 Young People's Bible Class
 6:30 p. m.
 Evening Services 8 p. m.

Merkel First Baptist Church
 Sunday School.....9:45 a. m.
 Morning Worship...11:00 a. m.
 Training Union.....6:30 p. m.
 Evening Worship.....8 p. m.
 Wednesday Prayer Service 7:30
 a. m.
 W. M. U. Mon. 9:30 a. m.

Merkel Assembly of God
 Sunday school.....10 a. m.
 Morning Service.....11 a. m.
 C. A.'s (Young People) ... 7 p. m.
 Evening Worship.....8 p. m.
 Tuesday W. M. C. 2 p. m.
 Wed. Prayer Service... 8 p. m.

Merkel Calvary Baptist Church
 Sunday School.....9:45 a. m.
 Morning Service...11:00 a. m.
 Evening Bible Class: 6:30 p. m.
 Evening Worship.....8 p. m.

Tye Baptist Church
 Sunday:
 Sunday School.....9:45 a. m.
 Morning Worship...11:00 a. m.
 Training Union.....6:45 p. m.
 Evening Services 8 p. m.

Church of the Nazarene
 Services at the Merkel Church
 of the Nazarene are as follows:
 Sunday School.....10:00 a. m.
 Morning Worship.....11:00
 Training Union.....7:00 p. m.
 Evening Services.....8 p. m.
 Wednesday:
 Prayer Service.....7:30 p. m.

Primitive Baptist Church
 Saturday Night Service
 Sunday Service.....11 a. m.

New Live Oak Baptist Church
 Sunday:
 Sunday School...10:00 a. m.
 Morning Worship...11 a. m.
 Training Union...6:45 p. m.
 Evening Worship.....3 p. m.

Tye Methodist Church
 Sunday:
 Sunday School.....10 a. m.
 M. Y. F.7:00 p. m.
 Prayer Meeting.....8 p. m.
 Morning Service...11:00 a. m.

Noodle Church of Christ
 Sunday:
 Bible Class.....10:00 a. m.
 Morning Worship Service 11:00
 Young People's Service 6:30
 Evening Worship.....8 p. m.

Pioneer Memorial Chapel
 Sunday School.....10:00 a. m.
 Morning Service...11:00 a. m.
 Evening Services...8:00 p. m.
 Wednesday:
 Evening Prayer Service...7:30

Merkel Catholic Church
 Sunday Mass.....10:30 a. m.

Noodle Baptist Church
 Sunday:
 Sunday School.....10:00 a. m.
 Morning Worship...11:00 a. m.
 Young People's Class 6:30 p. m.
 Evening Service.....8:00 p. m.

Trent First Baptist Church
 Sunday:
 Sunday School.....10:00 a. m.
 Morning Worship...11:00 a. m.
 Training Union.....6:45 p. m.
 Evening Services.....8 p. m.
 Tuesday:
 U. M. U.9:30 a. m.
 Wednesday:
 G. A.'s and R. A.'s...6:30 p. m.
 Prayer Services....7:30 p. m.
 Brotherhood, 1st Thursday of
 month, "You are a stranger here
 but once."

Hebron Baptist Church
 Sunday School.....10:00 a. m.
 Morning Worship...11:00 a. m.
 Training Union.....7:00 p. m.
 Evening Worship....8:00 p. m.
 Wednesday:
 Evening Prayer Services
7:30 p. m.

Trent Church of Christ

Sunday:
 Sunday.....11:00 o'clock
 Bible Class.....10:00 a. m.
 Morning Worship...11:00 a. m.
 Evening Services...8:00 p. m.
 Thursday:
 Ladies Bible Class..4:00 p. m.

Trent Methodist Church
 Sunday School.....10:00 a. m.
 Evening Worship...8:00 p. m.
 Morning Services...11:00 a. m.
 M. Y. F. Services...6:30 p. m.
 Wednesday:
 Prayer Services....7:30 p. m.

WALK THEMSELVES TO DEATH
 Last year 8,600 Americans liter-
 ally walked themselves to death.
 They were pedestrians killed in
 motor vehicle accidents.
 "Accident Facts," the National
 Safety Council's statistical year-
 book, points out that pedestrian
 deaths were highest among city
 dwellers in 1952, with 5,450 killed
 in urban areas and 3,150 in rural.
 In 3,000 of the fatal pedestrian
 accidents, the victims were 65
 years or older, according to the
 1953 edition of the yearbook.

Of all pedestrians killed, one in
 every 12 had a physical defect,
 such as defective hearing, defect-
 ive eyesight, or illness.

BEST FERTILIZER DOLLAR
 The best fertilizer dollar which
 can be spent is the one going for a
 soil analysis.

WINTER PASTURES
 Regardless of moisture condi-
 tions, when planting time for the
 fall and winter pastures come, do
 the planting job. Dust in the seed
 if necessary. For when it does rain,
 these pastures will be up and grow-
 ing and use fertilizer in the sec-
 tions of the state where the prac-
 tice is profitable.

BEST FALL PASTURE
 A combination of grasses and a
 legume makes the best fall and
 winter pasture. The total produc-
 tion is greater; the forage produc-
 ed is higher in protein and miner-
 als and the grazing season is ex-
 tended. Local county agents can
 furnish information on the best
 combinations for each section of
 the state.

RAINFALL NOTE

Recent studies show that rain-
 fall is short one year in five in
 the eastern section of the state and
 two out of five in the western part.

Sardines are young herring.

Embezzlers have been found to
 have the highest intelligence of
 any class of criminals.

NOTICE

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 ing every time. Maytag Dutch Oven is so
 efficient you can even cook part of time
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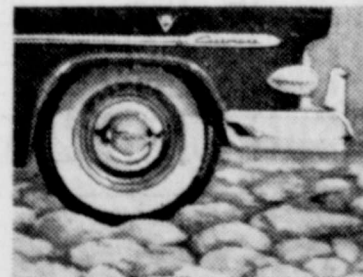
It's a brand new Ford "Worth More"
 feature—costs up to \$40 less than any
 other power steering in its field and it's
 the newest and finest power steering.

With one finger, while the car is stand-
 ing still, a woman can turn the steering
 wheel. No longer will rough road ruts
 "throw you". Should ever a tire blow
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Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Tarpley and Mr. and Mrs. Dois Melton and daughter went to Lubbock Wednesday, August 26, where they attended the wedding of the Tarpley's son Billy to Miss Julia Gwin Collops of Route 2, Slaton, at 5:15 p. m. Then they went to Texas Tech where Billy got his B. S. degree in Agriculture. Billy is a 1949 graduate of Merkel High School and attended Tarleton two years before going to

Lubbock. He was commissioned a second lieutenant on the same day of his wedding and graduation.

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for processing, then on to Hondo. His wife will remain at Lubbock for a while where she is employed by the Southwestern Telephone Co. She is a 1953 high school graduate.

Ralph Brady Visits Here This Week And Goes Hunting

Ralph Brady was here this week

visiting Mr. and Mrs. Fred Groene. Ralph is still living in Denison and is still railroading. He was formerly band director of the Merkel Band. He was here to do some hunting.

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