

BADGERS BANG ROBY 20-12

Roy R. Largent, Son Win First Place At American Royal

Roy R. Largent and Son won first place in the junior get-of-sire division for Hereford cattle at the American Royal Livestock Show at Kansas City.

This is the first time this junior get has been shown.

The sire is C. W. Prince Domino 21, the highest living Register of Merit Sire and is owned jointly by Willie Joe and Roy R. Largent.

Roy and son are taking their entire show herd to Cow-Palace, San Francisco, Calif., to show on Nov. 4 and 5.

CALVIN PETERSON GOES TO HOSPITAL LAST WEEK

Calvin Peterson went to Temple Thursday of last week. It was reported that he was to undergo surgery last Tuesday.

TOTAL GINNINGS

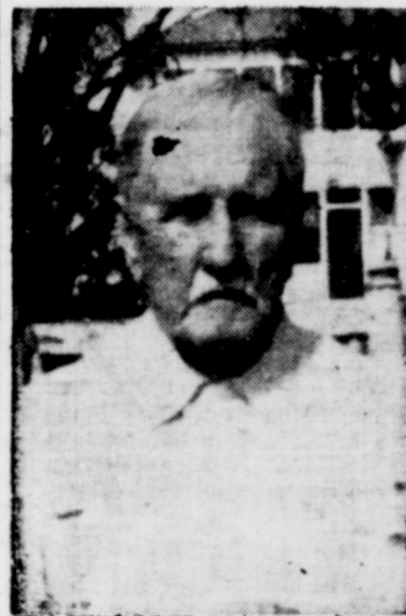
To Wednesday morning: Farmers Coop 993 Guitin Gin 560 Stith Gin 660

REPAIRING STREETS

Paving and grading of streets are going on in the south part of town. The grading is being done by the city and the paving is being paid for by property owners.

SINGING AT AMITY

There will be singing at Amity Baptist Church Thursday Nov. 5, at 7:30 p. m. Everyone is invited.



T. H. SPEARS

T. H. SPEARS IS HONORED ON HIS 84TH BIRTHDAY

T. H. Spears was honored by his children with a party on his 84th birthday.

Mr. Spears was born in Tennessee and lived in Alabama in his childhood. He was married to Zumer Littleton in 1889 and they came to Texas with their family in 1895.

W. Largent, Son Win Three Firsts At Pacific Show

Willie Joe Largent just returned from the Pacific International at Portland, Ore., where he and his son Bill won several top prizes which included: Three firsts, four fourths and topped the Hereford sale at Portland.

Bill is on his way to Cow-Palace, San Francisco, with the entire show herd.

Lightning Hits Transformer Here Sunday Night

Though the amount of rainfall recorded Sunday night was only 1.10 inch by Weatherman J. I. Ford there was plenty of lightning and thunder. The lightning struck the transformer behind the home of Horace Boney and blew a fuse.

The lights went out in town but not for long. In a few minutes Earl Hughes, local WTU manager, had the lights on again. Folks coming out of the First Baptist Church saw the lights go off at 8:30 p. m. and by the time they got home the lights were on.

Benson's Boys Twist Lions' Tails In Last Half Period

Coach Carroll Benson's Badgers banged Roby last Friday on the Roby field 20-12.

The game was very similar to the game played the previous week against Albany with a big difference. It was similar in that the first half belonged to Roby as it did to Albany and the last half belonged to Merkel as it did the week before. It was different in that the Badgers did not allow the Roby group to pile up as big a score as they did against Albany at the same time in its last half the badgers added a bigger tally.

Ralph Bartlett kicked off. Starting on its own 40 the Lions roared down to the Merkel 45 with Sessions Hammond, Jimmy Russell and Ralph doing the tackling at Then Merkel had the ball, was penalized, fumbled and Roby recovered on the Merkel 20. Bartlett held them for only a yard gain.

ROSCOE VS. MERKEL

Roscoe comes here tonight, Friday, to battle the Merkel Badgers. The game will start at 7:30 p. m. The battling Badgers are scheduled to win.

Richard Chaney threw them for a 7 yard loss. Bartlett stopped them on the 22.

Merkel took the ball here. Russell

sell made a thrilling run of 29 yards for a first down. Billy Fisher advanced the ball. Freddie Boone made a first down. Then Russell scooted 16 yards for another first down. Chaney and Boone advanced the ball to the 22.

Dick Whisenhunt tried to pass but the wet ball just oozed out of his hand and Kid Morris Waddell caught it an shot 78 yards for the TD.

Merkel had the ball on its own 35 as the quarter ended. R 6, M 0.

Merkel punted. Roby advanced from its 28 to its 45 with Russell, Bartlett and Chaney doing the tackling.

Merkel had the ball on its 45 and journeyed to the Roby side to the 21 with Russell, Chaney and Boone carrying the ball for healthy gains.

Unable to budge the Badgers lost the ball to the Lions. Hammond and Billy Dye halted their advance. When Merkel took the punt on its own 35 Whisenhunt shot a nice pass to Corky Cox that was good for 33 yards. Standing on the Roby 32 Merkel's passes were incomplete and the Lions took over. Billy Gilbert threw them for a loss and the half ended with the ball on the 21 yard. R 6, M 0.

With the new half opening the Badgers quit playing with the Lions and went to work in earnest. Boone and Russell carried the ball from their own 45 to the Roby 40. Merkel recovered its own fumble but lost lots of yardage. The Badgers kicked out.

Roby got nowhere. Then Merkel started on its own 27 and by steady gains and first downs traveled to the Roby 23 with Russell, Dink Fisher and George English delivering the pignisk. Russell ran the rest of the way for pay dirt and Dink's kick was blocked.

Billy Gilbert and Jackie McAninch put an end to the Roby advances and a bad pass for the punt gave Merkel the ball on the Roby 12. Russell again sprinted the yardage for the gold mine and English put on the trimmings for the extra point.

Gilbert and Billy Dye messed up Roby. Troy Dean blocked the Lions' punt and Merkel took over on the Roby 38. Dink was "hot"! His pass to Corky Cox was good for 15 yards. His pass to Chaney netted 9 yards. The ball was now on the 7 yard line as the quarter closed. M 13, R 6.

After suffering a penalty the Badgers were on the 15 when Dink again used his trusty arm and banged one to Russell over the goal line. George's educated toe again made the extra point.

Roby could do little. Dean held them for little gain and Hammond knocked down a threatening pass. Fisher carried the ball for Merkel later but Merkel almost stood still and then punted. Chaney knocked down a dangerous Roby pass. Other passes were incomplete.

Merkel did little when it got the ball with Chaney and Russell making short stabs.

Finally Roby took the ball on its own 45. Bartlett stopped them, so did Jerry Miller and Hammonds. With the ball on the Badger 45 the Lions made a terrific run of 40 yards with Dye tackling the runner on the 15. Freddie Mack Stuart dashed the rest of the way for the TD. Cox tackled the runner and killed the extra point.

In the last round Merkel took the ball on the Roby 47 and journeyed steadily to the Roby 18 with Russell and Chaney cutting in healthy gains for first downs. Boone and Russell carried the ball to the 15 as the game ended. The game was played on a wet field.

Outstanding in offense and defense were Gilbert and Bartlett. Loyd Robertson was the Merkel spotter.

McMurry College Quartet to Sing At Bible Class

The McMurry Male Quartet will be the special feature at the first meeting of the Business Men's Bible Class to be held at 9 a. m. this Sunday at the Texas Theatre. This quartet is nationally known, having made trips all over the country.

A special feature is planned for each Sunday in addition to the fellowship, singing and lesson study.

All arrangements have been completed for the first meeting. Any man not affiliated with a Sunday School Class is invited. The class will be non-denominational. This means that any man with or without church affiliation will be welcome to become a member.

The Methodist Sunday School is sponsoring the organization. The committee on arrangements and organization is: Earl Hughes, N. T. Hodge, Tom Largent, Bob Hicks and Clesby Patterson.

Rev. Aubrey F. White will teach until other teachers can be elected. Then the teachers will alternate.

The final organization will be made the first Sunday in December.

A hearty welcome is extended for the men to come Sunday to the first meeting. A large crowd is expected.

Mrs. E. A. Conley and Kaye Lynn of Winters visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Morris B. Smith, last week.

Mrs. J. B. Hendricks of Corpus Christi visited over the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Hogan.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Steele and son Randall of Houston and Rev. and Mrs. Lucian Rudd of Fort Worth visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Ray last weekend.

Mrs. Steel was Anna Loyce Ray and Mrs. Rudd was Peggy June Ray before marriage.

Robert Simpson Shatters Record At Army Academy

Previous high score records for the Com Z Officers Leadership Course held at the 7th Army NCO Academy, Munich, Germany, were shattered by 1st Lt. Robert P. Simpson, 877th QM Petroleum Depot Co., with a score 97.8 per cent. It was revealed at the recent graduation ceremony by Brig. Gen. Lemuel Mathewson, Com Z. Commandant.

Lt. Simpson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Simpson of Merkel.

Lt. Simpson graduated as honor student in a class of 30 officers in the sixth Com Z leadership class held at the academy.

He enlisted in the Army in 1946, received his basic training at Camp Lee, Va., and served with the 2nd Inf. Div. at Ft. Lewis, Wash. He received his commission as 2nd Lt. through the ROTC while at Texas A.M. College June 1, 1951.

Prior to his arrival in Europe, he attended the Chemical Biological-Radiological School at Ft. Bragg, N. Car. He arrived at Metz, France, July 6, 1952.

Robert attended Merkel High School. His wife, Jacqueline, a native of Saarbrücken, resides with him at Metz.

EDITOR EXPOSED

A long story and picture of Editor Hy White under a three-column headline appeared in the Reporter-News Tuesday morning, telling about his adventures in business. Rev. Hamilton Wright, father of Mrs. Paul Honeycutt, the Road Runner, wrote the article.

Boys will be boys and playful especially football boys. Last Friday Editor Hy White arrived early at the high school gym to go along with the football boys to the Roby-Merkel game. While the boys were up in the balcony seats the editor sat in the lower floor, making a football map for the game.

While he was absorbed in his work the boys emptied the balcony and went outside. Shortly after that the editor went to the door, tried it and found it locked from the outside! He was locked in. No boys were nearby.

Soon he found another person was also left in the gym, Johnny Hammond. Both tried to open the door. No luck. They tried other

Phillip Goodwin And John Stowe Win at Texas Fair

Trent placed two boys in the Junior Sheep Show at the Texas State Fair. They were: Phillip Goodwin, 15th in the fat lamb (all other crossbred lambs) and John Stowe, 35th in the fat lamb (fine wool). W. G. Kammlade, College Station, was the judge.

Merkel Garden Club Wins First Prize at District

A very unusual center piece, made by Mrs. A. B. Allen with Mrs. W. S. J. Brown and Mrs. Charlie Sherrill being her judge where to add and take from, took the prize from 24 contestants at the Garden Club District VIII fall meeting at the Windsor Hotel, Abilene, Oct. 21. The prize was a new flower arrangement book by Gregory Conway, "Treasure of Flower Arrangements".

Many beautiful and attractive arrangements were there, the theme being "I Like Mine Country Style." Mrs. Allen's arrangement was "The Country Family", a man, lady and little girl all made from vegetables and flowers. The man's body was a potato, bell pepper pants, carrot legs, green bean arms and onion head topped with sweet potato hat.

The lady had a very full skirt of crisp, curly lettuce, turnip body, onion head and a lettuce hat. She was trimmed with bachelor buttons. The little girl was a green onion, the onion roots making her hair. Her skirt was very full made of flowers. She had green bean arms and legs.

There was a celery tree with grapes and green peppers at the families' feet. One may see this family again at the Merkel Flower show. Maybe another character will be added.

Garden club members attending the luncheon and style show from Merkel were Mesdames C. L. Sherrill, B. H. Jones, L. H. McAden, Dale Litton, A. B. Allen, John Shannon, W. S. J. Brown, Jack Miller, T. E. Collins and Miss Christine Collins.

THE LORD'S ACRE PROGRAM

The Pioneer Memorial Church will have a sale of live stock, handwork, pies and cakes at the Tabernacle on Nov. 4, beginning at 4:30 p. m. After the sale supper will be served. The public is invited. —Adv.

Merkel 20 Years Ago

MEET ROBY LIONS will meet the Roby Lions in the neighborhood field in the neighborhood 3:30 Friday afternoon. A contested battle is expected between the Badgers and the Lions when they meet here. The Badgers will be in good condition and ready to stop anything the Lions may have stored away for them.

WINTERS 20, MERKEL 14 Merkel held Winters 14 to 13 up till the last few minutes to play when Winters started a touchdown drive after intercepting a pass. They drove about 70 yards for the winning touchdown. Carson, Pangle and Shannon were the outstanding players in the Merkel line while Gamble, Boaz and Adcock were outstanding in the backfield.

140 ON HONOR ROLL One hundred and forty pupils of the Merkel Public Schools, 60 in high school and 80 in grammar school, are on the honor roll for the first six weeks period of the 1933-34 session. Miss Juanita Huskey, sophomore, with an average of 96, leads the high school.

DR. J. F. HENDRICKS DIES Dr. J. F. Hendricks, who was 79 years of age on Sept. 14, died at 4 o'clock Friday morning at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Earl Mashburn. He suffered a paralytic stroke three years ago but had been able to be up and walk around the house most of the time since.

RECORD BIRTHS Born to: Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Higgins a boy Oct. 28, Mr. and Mrs.

John Payne of Trent a girl Oct. 28, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Bruce a boy Oct. 29, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Thompson a girl Oct. 30, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Salters a girl Nov. 1.

BITTEN BY RATTLESNAKE Laverne Harwell, who was bitten by a rattlesnake on Monday of last week, is reported as doing fine. The serum, given by the attending physician, proved most effective.

REPORT RAINFALL Rain which began falling shortly before midnight Wednesday continued slowly most of the night, the moisture up to Thursday morning totaling 7/8 of an inch, according to the gauge of Vounteer Weather Observer Grover Hale. This needed moisture brings the total rainfall for the year to even 11 inches.

GINNINGS REPORTED Ginnings for the season at the seven plants in Merkel and those at Stith, Noodle and Blair lack only a little over a hundred bales of reaching the 15,000 mark; tabulation of The Mail Wednesday afternoon showed 14,841 bales ginned to date. Ginnings for the past week were 1,882 as compared with 1,779 the previous week.

WOODRUM HOME COMPLETED The new Woodrum home, a beautiful, modern story and half stucco structure, erected on the site of Woodrum Hotel destroyed by fire on June 26, was occupied Monday by Miss Sadie Woodrum and Mrs. Ada Heeter and members of the family.

Miss Mae Allen of Eskota is visiting her sister, Mrs. Claude Big-ham.

Dee Grimes returned Wednesday morning from Dallas where he had been attending the Fair.

Mrs. Woldrum and family moved this week to the Streamer resident where they will make their home in the future.

Mrs. Westley Edwards spent Monday in Abilene.

Dr. A. L. Leeman of Pecos was here this week to visit his daughter, Mrs. J. L. Mann, and his sister, Mrs. Alice Templeton, also his mother, Mrs. M. J. Leeman. Dr. Leeman is one of Merkel's ex-physicians and enjoys a close fellowship with the people here.

A. Graves returned Saturday from Crosby where he has been the past month.

Arthur Clark of Weatherford returned home Tuesday after a few days' stay with friends and relatives in our city.

Mrs. Sam Newberry of Seadrift has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Young, for the week.

Mrs. Pearl Petree returned to her home in Abilene Friday after spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. F. F. Clark.

TO AIR GAMES

Humble will broadcast these games: S. M. U. and Texas. Air-time is 1:50 p. m. Baylor-TCU, Texas Tech and Mississippi State, Texas A. & M.-Arkansas, Rice-Kentucky.

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Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Barnett spent Sunday in Grand Prairie where they visited his mother, Mrs. H. C. Barnett, who is ill. They found her improving.

Mr. and Mrs. John Shaw accompanied by their son Warren and wife of Abilene left early Saturday morning for San Antonio on learning that the sister of Mrs. John Shaw was ill of a heart attack. She was somewhat improved by the time the Shaws returned to their homes Sunday night.

Rev. A. W. Yell of Adamsville was dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Elliott. Rev. Yell preached at the morning service of the Presbyterian church.

Pvt. Buddy McKeever of Ft. Bliss, El Paso, was home over the weekend, visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. McKeever.

Mrs. Lottie Green returned home Saturday from Lubbock where she had been visiting her children.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Seago and children of Midland were visitors over the weekend of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Seago, his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Garner of Amarillo visited last week with her mother, Mrs. J. A. Milliken. They went on to Fort Worth to visit their son Wayne McLean, who is attending T.C.U.

Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Taylor and Mr. and Mrs. George West of Midland visited Mayor and Mrs. Henry C. West Sunday.



Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Weeks and family of Wichita Falls spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Arthur.

Coleman O'Brien was in College Station Saturday and saw the Baylor-A. & M. game.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Joe Clark of Abilene visited Sunday with her

MARRIED IN MERKEL—Bonnie Ruth Cason, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Cason of Merkel, was married to Donald Wayne Douglas, Friday, Oct. 16 at 7 p.m. in her parent's home. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Douglas, Rt. 2, Merkel. Both are graduates of Merkel High School and she attended TSCW in Denton. They are living in Merkel.

brother, Billie Joe Toombs, and Mrs. Toombs.

Mr. and Mrs. Juano McMinn of Barnsdall, Okla., came Sunday and left Tuesday after visiting his mother, Mrs. J. O. McMinn.

Diane and Dona Bland of Abilene spent the weekend with their grandmother, Mrs. Pick Allen. Mrs. Frances Lawson of Lubbock was also a visitor.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Horton of Hodges and Mr. and Mrs. Troyce Bagley and daughter of Abilene spent Sunday with A. L. Walden, father of the wives, Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Walden and daughter of

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Abilene were also here.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Lively returned last Friday from Los Angeles, Calif., after a visit of two weeks with her mother, Mrs. Lester Burroughs.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Knox and daughter Kathy of Dallas spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Russell. Mrs. Knox and Kathy remained until today.

Mrs. Burnie Dowdy of Fort Worth spent the weekend with her sister, Mrs. O. B. Boden, Sr.

CEMETERY FUND

Since the last report the following have donated to the Cemetery Maintenance Fund:

Mrs. Johnny S. Snyder, Abilene	\$25.00
Mr., Mrs. W. S. J. Brown	25.00
Mrs. Georgia A. Brown Est	20.00
L. W. Forrester, Lubbock	10.00
Dr. Geo. W. Howard, Dallas	5.00
Mrs. O. E. Clark, Benbrook	3.00

Anyone wishing to contribute to this fund may leave checks or donations at the teller's windows of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank, at Bragg's or at The Merkel Mail office.

POSTMASTER AND DAUGHTER PENNY ATTEND REUNION

Postmaster Wren Durham and daughter Penny were in Lubbock Sunday attending the annual Durham family reunion. About 20 persons were present.

Christmas is not a legal holiday in Kansas.

MORE

FOOD IN YOUR BASKET! MONEY IN YOUR PURSE!

SPECIALS for FRIDAY and SATURDAY, Oct. 30-31

KILN DRIED YAMS lb. 8c	ROUND STEAK choice lb. 69c
WHITE ONIONS lb. 6c	SLICED BACON lb. 69c
FRESH PINK TOMATOES carton 15c	PORK CHOPS lb. 59c
TOKAY GRAPES lb. 15c	CELLO FRANKS lb. 49c
FLOUR HEART OF KANSAS 25 Lb. Bag \$1.79	
DEL VALLE VIENNA SAUSAGE 3 cans 23c	WOLF BRAND TAMALES can 25c
BIG TOP PEANUT BUTTER 20 oz. jar 55c	SUN SPUN CATSUP 12 oz. bottle 17c
OUR VALUE PEARS 3 no. 2 1/2 cans \$1	SUN SPUN Salad Dressing pint 29c
CAMPBELLS Tomato Soup 2 cans 25c	GLADIOLA MEAL 5 lb. bag 45c
SUGAR PURE CANE 10 Lb. Bag 89¢	
SUN SPUN PLUM JAM 2 lb. jar 45c	POST TOASTIES 12 oz. pkg. 20c
SUN SPUN PEACH JAM 2 lb. jar 45c	300'S KLEENEX 2 boxes 45c
SUN SPUN Apricot Jam 2 lb. jar 45c	WASHDAY MIRACLE TIDE reg. box 29c
PINTO BEANS 4 lb. cello 49c	PUREX BLEACH quart 17c
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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: J. F. Genoway, the unknown heirs, assigns, devisees and legal representatives of J. F. Genoway, the unknown spouse of each of the aforementioned defendants, the unknown heirs, assigns, devisees and legal representatives of each of the aforementioned defendant's spouses who is deceased, all other unknown persons including adverse claimants owning, having or claiming any interest or lien in the property described herein and the unknown heirs and legal representatives of all such persons, 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 7th day of December A. D. 1953, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 5th day of September A. D., 1953, in this cause, numbered 19,297-A on the docket of said court and styled Mrs. C. T. Inman, et al, Plaintiff, vs. J. F. Genoway, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: On the first day of June, 1953 plaintiff was and is the owner in fee simple of: Lot No. 6, Block No. 18, the Continuation of the Campus Addition, adjoining McMurry College, City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas. Defendant has occupied and used such premises since June 2nd, 1953, such unlawful possession damaging plaintiff in the sum of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00). Plaintiff prays for judgment for title and possession and for damages and for costs of suit, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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

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

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 24th day of October A. D. 1953.

Attest: J. Neil Daniel Clerk, 42nd District Court Taylor County, Texas By C. Bower, Deputy.

Adv. Oct. 30, Nov. 6, 13, 20.

SHERIFF'S SALE THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF TAYLOR

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That by virtue of a certain Execution No. 10,915 issued out of the Honorable County Court of Taylor County, of the 6 day of Oct. 1953, by Mrs. Chester Hutcheson County Clerk of said Taylor County, Texas, for the sum of Eight hundred twenty three dollars & 51/100 (\$823.51) Dollars and costs of suit, under a Judgment, in favor of Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Merkel, Texas, in a certain cause in said Court, No. 10,915 and styled Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Merkel, Texas vs. J. J. Parsons and R. L. Binkley, jointly and severally, placed in my hands for service, I Ed. E. Powell as Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas, did, on the 21 day of Oct. 1953, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Taylor County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: West 160 acres of Section 30, Block 19, Texas and Pacific Railway Company, Taylor County, Texas, and levied upon as the property of J. J. Parsons and R. L. Binkley, jointly and severally and that on the first Tuesday in Dec. 1953, the same being the 1st day of said month at the Court House door, of Taylor County, in the town of Abilene, Texas, between the hours of 10 a. m., and 4 p. m., by virtue of said levy and said Execution and Sheriff's Notice of Sale, I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for each, to the highest bidder, as the property of said J. J. Parsons and R. L. Binkley, jointly and severally.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper published in Taylor County. Witness my hand, this 21 day of Oct. 1953.

ED E. POWELL Sheriff Taylor County, Texas By R. H. Ross, Deputy.

Adv. Oct. 30, Nov. 6, 13.

"Sabre Jet" Is Exciting Film At Queen Theatre

The boys who flew our jet planes in combat over Korea, have had an exciting and colorful film based on their exploits and loves dedicated to them. It is Carl Krueger's production of "Sabre Jet," which makes its local debut at the Queen Theatre Sunday and Monday.

The breath-taking duels between the Migs and our Sabre Jets as they did battle thousands of feet above battle-scarred Korea, was caught in all its intensity by color cameras located in the wings of the combat jets. No studio rehearsed thrills in these sequences, as even the most uninitiate will be able to verify.

PLANS FOR FARM HOMES

Plans for farm homes, other farm buildings and much farm equipment are available at the offices of local county extension agents.—A. & M.

LEGAL NOTICE

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A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: that plaintiff and defendant were married on August 11, 1950, and separated May 1953.

Plaintiff alleges one child was born to this marriage, March 16, 1952, a girl.

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

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

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

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 15th day of October A. D., 1953.

Attest: J. Neil Daniel Clerk, 42nd District Court Taylor County, Texas By Irene Crawford, Deputy.

Adv. — Oct. 23, 30, Nov. 6, 13.

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: Jose Arellano, Defendant, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 104th 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 30th day of November A. D. 1953, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court on the 15th day of October A. D. 1953, in this cause, numbered 7358-B on the docket of said court and styled Jose Arellano, Plaintiff, vs. Jose Arellano, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and defendant were married in August, 1930 and lived together until early part of 1942. Plaintiff shows there is no community property to be adjudicated. Five children were born to plaintiff and defendant, three of whom are adults, a boy now sixteen years of age, named Rodoifo Arellano, a

girl now 12 named Ampio Arellano. Plaintiff shows she is a proper person to have care and custody of minor children. Plaintiff sues for divorce and custody of her minor children as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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

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

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 15th day of October A. D. 1953.

Attest: J. Neil Daniel Clerk 104th District Court Taylor County, Texas By C. Bower, Deputy.

Adv. — Oct. 23, 30, Nov. 6, 13.

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

To: J. W. Landers, Defendant, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 23rd day of November A. D., 1953, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 22nd day of September A. D., 1953, in this cause, numbered 19,335-A on the docket of said court and styled Peggy Jo Landers, Plaintiff, vs. J. W. Landers, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows to-wit: Plaintiff and defendant were married on the 6th day of August, 1949 and separated in April 1, 1953.

Plaintiff alleged no community property was accumulated but one child was born to their marriage, a boy named Freddie Lee Landers, age 2.

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

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Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 12th day of October A. D., 1953.

Attest: J. Neil Daniel Clerk, 42nd District Court Taylor County, Texas By Irene Crawford, Deputy.

Adv. Oct. 16, 23, 30, Nov. 6.

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

To: Selma Hahn, a widow, the unknown heirs, assigns, devisees and legal representatives of Selma Hahn, the unknown spouse of each of the aforementioned defendants, the unknown heirs, assigns, devisees and legal representatives and all other unknown persons, 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 30th day of November A. D., 1953, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 23rd day of September A. D., 1953, in this cause, numbered 19,337-A on the docket of said court and styled Hugh T. Magers, Plaintiff, vs. Selma Hahn, a widow, et al, Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature

of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff resides in Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, residence of defendants are unknown. On June 1, A. D., 1953, plaintiff was, and still is, owner in fee simple of the following: Lots 9 & 10, Block 2, Sayles Subdivision of part of Lot 5, Block 1, Fair Park Acres an Addition to the City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas. On June 2, 1953, defendants dispossessed plaintiff and

damaged plaintiff in sum of Fifty and 00/100 (\$50.00) Dollars. Plaintiff sues for title, possession and damages as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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They say it isn't so bad being a Communist if you are a top-dog. But every now and then the leader of the pack dies, or is shot, and bones are littered all over the place.

Dispatch says nothing has been mentioned lately of Joe Stalin's son, acclaimed the finest aviator in Russia while his father was top dog.

But the top dog is dead. The best aviator is now anonymous, if not worse. An aviator, like a bird, can fly high for so long. Then he must light. Once down, sometimes, he can't get back up.

Virgil D. Horton Wins Promotion While in Korea

Virgil D. Horton, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Horton, recently was promoted to corporal while serving in Korea with the 3d Infantry Division.

Known as the "Rock of the Marne" division since World War I, the 3d Infantry participated in many battles of the Korean con-

flict. Outstanding among those was the fighting for "Outpost Harry," "Jackson Heights" and "Kelly Hill."

Virgil, a supply sergeant in Battery B of the 10th Field Artillery Battalion, entered the Army in October 1952 and arrived in Korea last May.

RELATIVES DIES

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Tarpley accompanied her niece and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pryor, of Odesa to Ardmore, Okla., to attend the funeral of Mrs. Pryor's father, W. M. Billingsly, Oct. 17. The Tarpleys returned home Wednesday of last week.

Band Music, Talks Barbecued Steaks At V.I.C. Banquet

The Vocational Industry Club held its second meeting of the year in the cafeteria Tuesday night, Oct. 8.

Guest present were—Members of the school board: Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Harris, Mr. and Mrs. David Gamble, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wilson, and M. H. Ely; V.I.C. advisors: Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Mansfield, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Fowler, Clyde Bartlett and Bill Merritt; school faculty: Principal and Mrs. Edwin Read, Jean and John, Supt. and Mrs. Mack Fisher, Coach and Mrs. Carroll Benson and Bob, Editor and Mrs. Hy White.

The guests were served with delicious barbecued steaks, potato salad, pickles, onions, cake, coffee and lemonade. The steaks were cooked in barbecue pits made by the boys in the V.I.C. classes.

After dinner Corky Cox, V.I.C. president, took charge of the meeting and introduced the guests, club officers, and club members.

Then J. E. Thomas, the instructor, told of the trip to McCamey where the V.I.C. Band entered the amateur contest and won first place; also Billy Wayne Dye was elected as sergeant-at-arms for the district. After this good news the meeting was turned over to Don Hewitt and the V.I.C. Band which played a few selections for the guests. Miss Virginia Bird the lovely V.I.C. sweetheart, was also present.

Supt. Fisher then told of the history of the V.I.C. in Merkel. Other remarks were made by Principal Read, Editor White, Mrs. Harris and Mr. Fowler.

The meeting then adjourned and the football boys in the V.I.C. prepared to wash dishes and clean up the cafeteria.

checked statistical tables and announced that shooting accidents had claimed the lives of 187 people last year.

"It's getting so that hunting season's are almost as hard on the hunters as they are on the game," the health official commented.

So why not agree with yourself or other members of your hunting party that this year you will. Never carry a loaded gun in your car.

Never lay a gun aside unless you personally unload it. Never carry your gun with the safety catch off.

Never let your finger rest on the trigger, or even inside the trigger guard — until you take aim at the target.

Never point the gun at anything you don't intend to shoot. Never mix fire water with fire-power.

Never drag a gun through a fence. Put it over before you climb through.

Never shoot a gun without first checking to see if the bore is clear of obstructions.

Never shoot at noises in the brush. Remember that when wildlife is being stalked it seldom makes a noise that you can hear. Remember, too, that guns can

become toys of death for inquisitive youngsters. Unload yours before you get home.

MRS. BOB HICK'S AUNT IS BURIED MONDAY AT WILLIS POINT

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hicks attended the funeral Monday of her aunt, Mrs. Ollie McMillon, of Willis Point. Mr. and Mrs. Ben Walters accompanied them. Mrs. McMillon was the sister of Mrs. Walters.

MRS. CYRUS PEE ATTENDS MARKET IN DALLAS THIS WEEK

Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Pee were in Dallas this week. Mrs. Pee attended the spring and holiday market in ladies' ready-to-wear.

JACK HENDRICKS IS NOW ATTENDING MAINTENANCE SCHOOL

Jack Hendricks, maintenance foreman of the Taylor Telephone Cooperative, left by plane Saturday noon for Galion, Ohio, to attend a two-month course in maintenance of dial type telephone.

The school is conducted by the North Electric Manufacturing Company, who are supplying the central office equipment for the cooperative.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Admissions to the Sadler Hospital the past week were:

As medical patients — Joe E. Elish, treatment of foot, Willis Knight, Linda Sue McLean, Mrs. Tom Largent, Jenia Graham and Mrs. O. D. Laudimilk, auto accident near Baird, Mrs. L. F. Carter, Mrs. John Smith.

MRS. TITTLE IMPROVES

Mrs. W. L. Fugat and Miss Betty Jane Tittle were in Mineral Wells Sunday to see Mrs. C. R. Tittle. Mrs. Tittle is improving.

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Local Teachers To Attend Meet At Abilene High

The Taylor County Teachers Association will meet at the Abilene High School for the first time this term. All public school teachers in the county are members.

Dr. Evan A. Reiff, president of Hardin-Simmons University, will be the speaker.

Several Merkel administrators and teachers plan to attend. Miss Mable Philips of the elementary school is the treasurer of the organization, Mrs. Judd McReynolds is the first vice president and chairman of the program committee.

Taylor County Teachers Association is a unit of the District No. 7 Oilbelt Association.

Merkel Pep Squad Puts on Peppy Rally Last Friday

The Merkel Pep Squad presented "The Case of the Little Roby Lions" for the pep stunt Friday morning of last week.

Joy Walker narrated the entire production, which was read in accompaniment with the band playing "Dragnet." Other pep squad members pantomimed the story.

Marie Kerns acted as the so bold Captain Corky McAninch, who "played a hunch" and caused the defeat of the Roby Lions. The "hunch" consisted of obtaining Roby plays, impersonating a Lion and simply letting the "little" Lions cast their eyes on the strong and mighty Badger team. The game was played. Roby was mauled!

Other characters in the skit were: Jane Harris, a Roby spotter; Conita Bagby, a little Roby Lion; Kay Toombs, Coach "Skip" Benson; Tessie Warren and Patsy Melton, Badger football players; Goldie Leverich and Barbara Segrest, Lion players.

Coaches Benson and Ellis made pep speeches which stated that Friday should be our night. They believed the boys were in better spirits than ever before.

With much enthusiasm the students gave many ringing cheers for the Badger team. For the conclusion of the rally the band played the school song, "Hooray for the Purple and Gold."

Perhaps the pep shown aided in pushing the boys to victory.

"The pep squad and band are behind the Badgers, win or lose, rain or shine, we think our boys are f-i-n-e—FINE!!!"

Warns Hunters To Play Safe With Their Guns

Note to hunters: Deer season opens Nov. 16.

Look before you shoot, and shoot where you look. State Health Officer Geo. W. Cox

JACK 'O' LANTERN PARTY TREATS

Send-witch and goblin food-plenty for your Jack-O-Lantern Party... And for Halloween ghouls and ghoules, we have some spooky surprises and unusual "Trick-or-Treat" suggestions. Mark the date for your Food-for-Fun Fest.

HALLOWEEN MASKS

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SUN SPUN CORN 2 303 cans 29c	MIRACLE WHIP Salad Dressing PINT 29c	DEL VALLE 3 CANS VIENNA SAUSAGE 25c
KIMBELLS PRUNE JUICE QT. BOTTLE 33c	SUN SPUN OLEO 2 LBS. 45c	BAKERITE SHORTENING 3 LB CAN 63c

Fall Fruits & Vegetables	Meats & Poultry
FRESH CELERY stalk 17c	ROUND STEAK lb. 59c
GREEN CUCUMBERS lb. 8c	LOIN or T-BONE STEAK lb. 49c
TEXAS ORANGES lb. 9c	DENISON FRYERS lb. 55c
CARTON TOMATOES ctn 13c	VEAL Hamburger lb. 32c
GREEN CABBAGE lb. 6c	CHUCK ROAST lb. 39c

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SOCIETY

BONNIE RUTH CASON
MARRIES DONALD DOUGLAS
 Bonnie Ruth Cason, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Cason, became the bride of Donald Wayne Douglas, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Douglas, Oct. 16 in the home of the bride's parents.

Rev. Aubrey F. White, pastor of the First Methodist Church, read the double ring ceremony before the bride and groom. The bride wore a dusty rose lace and net over taffeta. She wore black velvet accessories and carried a white Bible topped with gardenias.

The reception was held in the dining room of the bride's parents. White mums centered the bridal table, laid with a lace cloth. Wedding cake and punch were served to the guests. Patsy Anderson, Denta Gibson and Betty Foster served the guests while Jan Lemens registered them.

After a short wedding trip the couple is living in Merkel. The groom is working for the Government.

The bride graduated from Merkel High School in 1953 and attended TSCW in Denton. The groom graduated from Merkel High School in 1950.

G. C. SMITH CELEBRATES HIS 86TH BIRTHDAY
 G. C. Smith celebrated his 86th birthday Thursday of last week with a family dinner.

Mr. Smith was born in Jackson County, Ala., in 1867, and came to Bonham, Texas, a year later. He was married Oct. 1, 1893 to Minnie T. Miller. They had five boys and five girls.

There are 27 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

WESLEYAN MEETS WITH MRS. HOLT VAUGHN
 The Wesleyan Service Guild met Monday night in the home of Mrs. Holt Vaughn. The Book of Leviticus was discussed by Mrs. B. Hicks.

Members and one visitor were present. Delicious refreshments and coffee were served. A prayer service was observed as week of prayer program by the guild. Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Jack Miller and Mrs. E. E. Reed from the W. S. C. S. brought an inspiring program and meditation service.

TEEN-AGERS IS TOPIC DISCUSSED BY FORTNIGHTLY
 The Fortnightly Study Club met Tuesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Carroll Benson. As guests arrived they were served hot spiced punch with cookies and olives.

Continuing the theme chosen for this year "The Great American Parade," Mrs. Judd McReynolds was leader for a program entitled

"Let the Teen-Agers Tell Us." Mrs. Johnny Cox brought out some things youth groups are doing and Mrs. Woodrow Wilson told how to organize a youth council. Discussion followed as to what a youth council could do in Merkel. There were 27 members present.

JUNIOR CLASS OF PIONEER CARRIES OUT PROJECT
 The Junior Class of the Pioneer Memorial Church carried out a project of a series of lessons on "God's Gift of Body and Mind." The class met in the home of Aunt Sallie Whisenhunt and had its lesson. Sam Butner, Sr., was also made very happy when the class visited him and sang several songs.

A picnic lunch and trip to Sweetwater Park was enjoyed by Syra Swinney, Jackie Riney, Bobbie Sugart, Nancy Swinney, Deborah Ferguson, Barbara Osborn and their teacher, Mrs. Tom Russon, Tom Russon and son Don. There were 90 in Sunday school.

MRS. GRIF BARNETT HOSTESS TO BETA SIGMA PHI
 The Beta Sigma Phi met in the home of Mrs. Griff Barnett Tuesday evening, Oct. 20. A buffet supper was served, honoring five rushees as guests. Following the supper a regular business was held in which plans were made to sell a Thanksgiving turkey to buy lunch tickets for needy children.

The honor guests present were: Mesdames Norman King, Doyle Seifried, Truett Perry, Jeff Anderson and Barbara Nickoles.

Members present were: Mesdames Weldon McAninch, Vincent Barnett, Don Warren, Horace Hargrove, Griff Barnett, Bo Barlow, Elma McFarland, E. L. Horton, Joe Nodge, Ralph Russell, Murry Toombs, Dale Litton, Lester Dorton and Viola Allred.

On Sunday of last week the annual preferential tea of the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority was held in the home of Mrs. Elma McFarland for four new pledges and the members.

MRS. JACK MILLER HOSTESS TO GARDEN CLUB OCT. 15
 The Garden Club met Thursday afternoon, Oct. 15, in the home of Mrs. Jack Miller for a study of shrubs and flowers.

Twenty-four members answered roll call on "What our flower show means to me." Mrs. John Hughes discussed "Horticulture — Ornamental Shrubs." Mrs. W. S. J. Brown made an oriental arrangement which was given the highest rating by the judges, Mrs. John Shannon and Mrs. Herbert Patterson.

Mrs. Jack Miller discussed "Flower Show Practice" and named the following arrangement committees for the Flower Show on Nov. 7: Mrs. T. E. Collins, line; Mrs. John Shannon, special; Mrs. W. D. Hutcheson, mass; Mrs. Charlie Sherrill, dried; Mrs. J. W. Bryant, fruit, vegetables, and flowers; Mrs. B. H. Jones, dish gardens; Mrs. Dee Grimes, corsages; Mrs. Tye Sublett, horticulture; Mrs. Carroll Benson, junior department; Mrs. A. B. Allen, special exhibits; Miss Lottie Butman, wild

flowers; Mrs. Mack Fisher, educational exhibits.
 Mrs. T. E. Collins served delicious coffee and cookies. The next meeting will be the Flower Show, Saturday, Nov. 7, in the Community Center. Those interested in entering exhibits are urged to contact the president, Mrs. Dale Litton; Mrs. Jack Miller, general chairman, or committee chairman.

COMPERE CLUB IS HOST TO ANNUAL PROGRAM
 The Compere Home Demonstration Club was host to an annual achievement program Oct. 22 at the Truby recreation center. Mrs. C. S. Childers registered the guests.

Mrs. Vernon Stanley, president of the Compere Club, presided. Mrs. Walter Cook of the Hodges Hobby Club led the singing of "The Eyes of Texas." Mrs. I. B. Ray led the prayer and directed a "get acquainted" game.

Miss Jimmie Wainscott, Jones County Home Demonstration agent gave a demonstration on kitchen utensils needed in most farm and ranch homes to simplify the work. One item of particular interest, in the small equipment used in food preparation, was the rolling pin with ball bearings.

Guests were present from Truby, Stith, Hodges, Anson and Abilene for the display of various craft and educational exhibits from the different clubs. The plan of work for the year has been mostly kitchen and garden improvement.

Mrs. Walter Kelso, garden demonstrator, won a first place on her miniature garden displayed in a sand table. She also showed several fresh vegetables from her garden.

Mrs. Kelso won a second place on some salads made from recipes and demonstrations given by the agent in July.

A third place was won by Mrs. J. E. Touchstone on a broiled steak prepared as one had been in club when she had given a demonstration in August.

Mrs. I. B. Ray won a first place with a braided rug she had started as a demonstration for the club earlier in the year.

A second place was won by Mrs. C. S. Childers on a jar of peas and a third place was won by Mrs. Paul Bradley on an aluminum tray.

Assisting Miss Wainscott in a judging for the occasion were Mrs. E. L. Russel and Mrs. W. C. Glazner of the Bluebonnet XX Club.

The rooms were decorated in Halloween colors of orange and black. Mrs. Ab Hunter, Jr., and Mrs. Ray served from the lace laid table. Centering the table was an arrangement of orange marigolds.

There were 37 present.

STATE FAIR CLOSES LAST SUNDAY WITH NEAR RECORD
 The State Fair of Texas closed its outstandingly successful 1953 exposition with a total attendance of 2,382,712 during the 16-day run of the fair, only 4,428 short of the alltime record set last year. Rain over the state and threatening skies over Dallas for the last five days of the fair held down attendance during the final few days, and a heavy downpour on the last Sunday evening kept the fair from setting a new record.

BEST WATERMELON!
 Clesby Patterson believes in doing things right. On his floor were a hundred or more watermelons. Clesby eyed them closely, bent down and then began to tap a dozen or more of them. At last he found the one that gave the sound he was listening for. "This," he remarked, "is the best one." And he gave it to the editor.

P. S. And it was the finest the editor had ever eaten. "Thanks, Clesby."

MAX MELLINGER AND SON SYLVAN ATTEND SPRING MARKET
 Max Mellinger and son Sylvan this week attended the spring and holiday market in ladies' ready-to-wear in Dallas.

ANNUAL CONVENTION OF TEX. FARM BUREAU TO BE HELD NOV. 9-11
 The 20th annual tsate convention of the Texas Farm Bureau Federation will be held Nov. 9-11 at the Baker Hotel in Mineral Wells, according to President J. Walter Hammond. Resolutions will be adopted that will spell the organization's official policy for the ensuing year.

NEWS' ODDITIES
 In Jacksonville, Fla. A bandit walked into the office of Dr. Clayton Washburn and demanded, "your money or I'll kill you." Washburn overpowered and held him until help arrived. The physician is seventy-nine years old.

Miss Eleanor Jane Welch, of Grand Rapids, Mich., a Consumers Power Company secretary for the past 15 years, will receive around \$163,000 under the will of her former boss.

Miss Welch said she knew John A. Cleveland, who passed on Sept. 1, was "remembering me in his will," but had no idea of the amount.

She was Mr. Cleveland's secretary before he retired in 1947 as Grand Rapids division manager for the power company.

A young attorney of Philadelphia has proved that he could park two automobiles for the price of one.

Maxwell Corson was haled before a magistrate for illegal parking after he and a friend, Herbert Berkowitz, placed their small, foreign-made cars in a parking meter spot.

They had been doing it for a week, sharing the meter cost, until a traffic cop decided that Mr. Corson's car, which was behind that of Mr. Berkowitz was parked illegally.

Mr. Corson said he examined state and local ordinances and could not find where he had violated the law.

"A vehicle that takes up two spaces has to pay double," he said, "but there's nothing in the books saying two cars occupying only one space have to pay double."

The magistrate, dismissing the case, said: "I think this is a good case of ingenuity."

That jaywalking route across the street might save time — but it also will cost anywhere from a dollar to \$500 from now on in St. Louis.

The city's new anti-jaywalking code, in effect Oct. 14, prohibits crossing a street against a red light or a traffic officer's signal.

Violators are liable to a one-dollar fine at the police violation bureau. They can demand a trial, too, but if convicted they'll face a fine up to \$500 or a workhouse sentence of up to 10 days.

A letter dropped into a pillar mailbox at Matugama, a small town about 40 miles from Colombo, Ceylon reached its destination minus the stamp.

The envelope bore this note from the post office authorities at Matugama: "Don't charge — stamp eaten by white ants in the mailbox."

Arabian Climate in Mexico — The southern district of lower California, in Mexico, has a climate resembling Arabia's.

READY FOR WINTER?
 Dairyman are advised to get ready for winter. An adequate supply of roughage, is not available on the farm, should be purchased and stored. Two tons of hay or one ton of hay and three of silage should be stored for each cow in the herd. Good hay racks and feed troughs will save feed. — A. & M.

YOUR MONEY'S WORTH
 To get your money's worth in a suit or coat, buy a garment that will keep its looks and provide warmth and wearability for more than one season. — A. & M.

WINTER COVER CROP
 There is still time to plant a winter cover crop. If moisture conditions become favorable, plant immediately. Inoculate the seed of legumes and use plenty of fertilizer if in an area of the state where fertilizers can be used profitably. — A. & M.

IS IN HOSPITAL
 Mrs. J. M. Collins entered Hendrick Memorial Hospital Wednesday of last week for a clinical checkup. Her room number is 436. Her children, Mrs. Elmo Collins of Lubbock and Mrs. Jim Collins of Plainview, are here to be with her. Also her son, Q. A. Collins, was here from Lamesa Sunday to visit his mother.

CHICAGO PREPARES FOR LIVESTOCK SHOW NOV. 28 TO DEC. 5
 Agriculture's greatest annual event will celebrate its 54th renewal as plans are made for the 1953 International Live Stock Exposition and Horse Show. It is scheduled for Nov. 28 through Dec. 5 in the International Amphitheatre at the Chicago Stock Yards.

The continent's top specimens of livestock and crops will be on exhibition to the nearly half million visitors the management anticipates will attend this year. The 8-day show is officially designated "International Live Stock Exposition Week in Chicago" by Mayor Martin Kennelly.

ABOUT CHORES
 The "stacked-up" chores about the farmstead should get attention while the weather is favorable for making the necessary repairs and doing outside work. Winterizing the farm is one job that can't very well be put-off without losses. — A. & M.

An orphan car is one that is no longer manufactured. New Year's Day is a legal holiday in all states except Kansas and Massachusetts.

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.

Allspice is the dried unripe fruit from the pimento tree. Basketball was originated in Springfield, Mass., in 1891.

CLASSIFIED AD SECTION

LODGE CALLS

NOTICE MASONS
 Stated meeting of Merkel lodge No. 710, A. F. & A. M., Saturday, Nov. 14, at 7:30 p. m. All members are urged to attend. Visiting brethren cordially invited.
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Announcement



BILLY JOE TOOMBS

Billy Joe Toombs of Merkel, Texas, has been named local agent for the State Farm Insurance Companies, it was announced here today by Mr. H. P. Chidress, of San Angelo, District Chief.

Mr. Toombs will represent the State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company, largest writer of broad coverage auto insurance, State Farm Life and State Farm Fire as companion companies of State Farm Mutual, the State Farm Life being one of the fastest growing companies of its kind in the world.

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Merkel Grace Presbyterian Church
 Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
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 Morning Worship, 2nd and 4th Sunday 11 a. m.

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 Morning Service — 11:15 a. m.
 Sunday School—10:30 a. m.
 Evening Bible Class 6:30 p. m.
 Evening Services 7:30 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 ... 7:30 p. m.

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 ... 7:30 p. 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 ... 7:30 p. m.
 Tuesday W. M. C. 2 p. m.
 Wed. Prayer Service ... 7:30 p. m.

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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 a. m.
 Training Union 7:00 p. m.
 Evening Services 7:30 p. m.
 Wednesday:
 Prayer Service 7:30 p. 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 ... 7:30 p. m.

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

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

Tye Baptist Church
 Sunday:
 Sunday School..... 9:45 a. m.
 Morning Worship..... 11:00 a. m.
 Training Union 6:45 p. m.
 Evening Services 7:30 p. m.

Needle Church of Christ
 Sunday:
 Bible Class..... 10:00 a. m.
 Morning Worship Service 11:00
 Young People's Service 6:30
 Evening Worship ... 7:30 p. m.

Needle Baptist Church
 Sunday:
 Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
 Morning Worship..... 11:00 a. m.
 Young People's Class. 6:30 p. m.
 Evening Services 7:30 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 7:30 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 ... 7:30 p. m.
 Wednesday:
 Evening Prayer Services 7:30 p. m.

Trent Church of Christ
 Sunday:
 Sunday School..... 11:00 o'clock
 Bible Class 10:00 a. m.
 Morning Worship..... 11:00 a. m.
 Evening Services 7:30 p. m.
 Thursday:
 Ladies Bible Class. 4:00 p. m.

Tye Methodist Church
 Sunday:
 Sunday School 10 a. m.
 M. Y. F. 7:00 p. m.
 Prayer Meeting 7:30 p. m.
 Morning Service..... 11:00 a. m.

Trent Methodist Church
 Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
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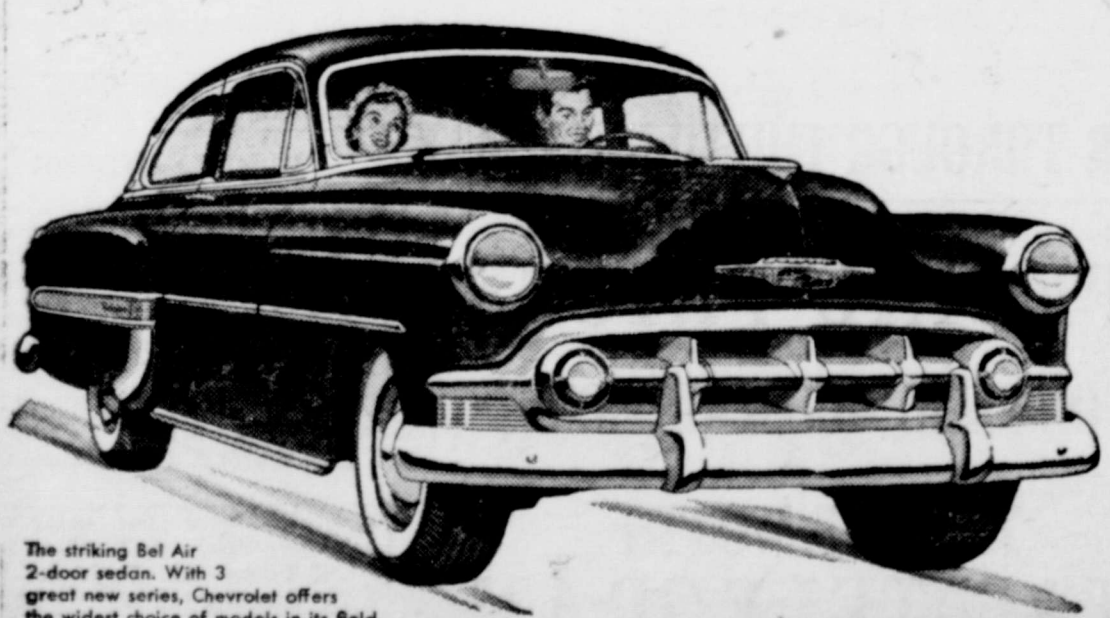
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EDITORIAL

OUR FAITH

State Senator Harley Sadler made a statement before the Lions Club last week that is worthy of keen attention. He said, "Let us not lose faith in our fellowman or nation."

We live in a changing world. Most of the stress in this changing world is placed on material things. Marvelous inventions have revolutionized our way of life. More time is given for doing things, more time is given for leisure.

When we look around and see all these wonderful things, these splendid inventions, the speed of the automobile, the whiz of the jet plane, the marvels of radio and television we feel a power that has

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never before been felt by man. But this power, this sense of superiority, is based on things, on material objects. Any little change plunges us into a sea of despair. Then we feel how empty everything is without something more powerful to cling to.

"The trouble with our age is that it has not advanced as fast psychologically as it has in materialistic matters. It has built a better bomb, an atomic bomb, a hydrogen bomb, weapons that can destroy the world, civilization and man himself.

What he needs is faith, faith in his fellowman, faith in his nation, faith in his God.

Without faith man is but a material, physical body, no better than the beast of the field. When he gains faith, he grows in spiritual stature, enabling him to rise above the machines that would destroy him.

Yes, "Let us not lose faith in our fellowman or nation."

THE SMALL TOWN

No comment is necessary on the editorial below. It first appeared in the Surface Creek News, Cedar-edge, Colo. Then it was published in the Congressional Record. It is entitled, "The Wealth of a Small Town." It follows:

A small town is where everybody knows your business and yet they will make it their business if anyone in the community needs help. It is where the folks will talk about you and then talk for you when the chips are down. It is where there has to be a fire to get anyone on the streets after 9 p. m. and yet there will be square dancing until 2 o'clock in the morning and not dependent on hot music and cold drinks to keep up the friendly spirits.

In a small town there is a common bond during a disaster and a common thankfulness for rain, or a beautiful day, or a new fire hydrant. There is little thought paid to social position, and the judging of a man is done on his own values—the deep values.

It is where a person speaks to his friend as many times as he sees him during the day, not worrying over the social graces as to whether they have already greeted each other previously. It is where a neighbor's hurt becomes your hurt.

The freedom and dignity of the individual is practiced in a small town without a lot of paid coaching by experts who think they know the minds of men. A man expects to earn what he gets and get what he earns.

The building of a park or the paving of a street becomes a personal thing in which the majority of folks see a tangible part of themselves. The yardstick is not set off in degrees that ask "What is there in it for me?"

A stranger becomes the focus of honest curiosity and the returning native always seems to have added a little glamor. The deeds of the town and its men often shine brighter in a far away place. The words of a stranger often seem like important words.

A small town is where the lack of convention allows for more time to live well and think clearly. The veneer of fatuous arguments is a thin shell which comes closer to allowing the reality of things to show through. The problems of the people are concerned with nature and close association with others— with things as they are.

This, in part, is a small town and the people who live in it. It is closer to the concepts of freedom, individual initiative, and self-realization than any other segment of the land except the remote rural. It is the balance wheel in our social order. May there be enough vision to see that the wealth of our small towns is far greater than that which could be measured by smoking stacks and producing lines.

"WHITE-ICISM"

That's ALL — and the Sage of Figfield adds that the highest faith gives man peace of mind and happiness of spirit.



By VERN SONFORD
 Texas Press Association
 Thirty of the conservative Democratic leaders held a private meeting here and laid plans to retain control of the party in Texas through the precinct, county, and state conventions next year.
 Among those present were Wallace Savage of Dallas, state democratic committee chairman; George



COUNTING ON 'GRIFF'—Here is Ronnie Freeman, Trent 4-H Club boy, and his steer, "Griff," who competed in the junior steer show at the State Fair of Texas in Dallas. This steer was bred by Dorothea Griffin of Lawn.

Sandlin of Austin, secretary; and Claud Gilmer of Rocksprings, chairman of the Texas Democrats for Eisenhower campaign in 1952.

Governor Shivers was present but according to reports coming out of the meeting, he gave no indication as to whether he would be a political candidate, and if so, in which race.

Texas Young Democrats have become a new focal point in the old political feud.

Dormant since 1947, the organization is being built up again, says Boyd Taylor, a University of Texas student.

Taylor's associates are the Adlai Stevenson type of Democrats, as opposed to the Shivers type. "Now let's get to the other side of the argument."

George Sandlin of Austin, secretary of the Texas Democratic Executive committee, says he never officially heard of Boyd Taylor.

So— here we go again, the so-called liberal democrats versus the so-called conservative Democrats.

Texas Republicans, meanwhile, were carrying forward their own election plans for 1954.

But Senator Price Daniel, in a speech at San Antonio, said he does not think they have much chance.

Eisenhower's victory in Texas in 1952 was not a Republican triumph but a personal victory for Ike, in Sen. Daniel's view.

There will be no special session of the Legislature on drought relief at this time, the governor has announced.

In an official memorandum, Attorney General John Ben Shepperd ruled that the governor can use his \$200,000 deficiency appropriation to finance a state-federal hay program.

Texas oil production was reduced again, for the third straight month, by the Railroad Commission.

November's quota is \$2,803,523 barrels daily, 360,374 barrels less than the figure for July, when the downward trend began.

From the Texas Independent Producers and Royalty Owners Association came cries of protest at the drop in production.

Association spokesman protested that the reduction in Texas oil production comes about by virtue of the importation of foreign oil.

This week, calls for 1,264 men were being placed in the mail by Texas draft boards.

To be inducted in December, the draftees will join 1,210 to go into the service in November and 1,208 summoned for October induction.

Texas ought to "learn more about the aims and organization of the United Nations so that they may lend more support to its underlying ideas and spirit."

Those words are from Governor Shivers' proclamation designating last Saturday United Nations Day.

Lots of Baseball
And Lots of Fun
In Show at Queen

Out of a highly entertaining script with a charming "twist," Twentieth Century-Fox has fashioned an enjoyable movie, "The Kid From Left Field," starring Dan Dailey and Anne Bancroft, which opens Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at the Queen Theatre. There's fun for the whole family in the film — plenty of baseball action for pop and the kids; a tender romance and heart-tugs for mom — and laughs for all!

Washington

"As It
 Looks
 From
 Here"



OMAR BURLISON
 Congressman
 17th District

A standing joke in Washington when the head of some foreign government visits here is to remark, "Wonder how much this will cost us?" In other words, when the president, the prime minister, or a king visits us, we usually wonder how much money they are asking for their governments.

The "gag" of how much it will cost us for the visit is usually not too far from the truth. However, there are exceptions, and one of them is the present visit of the King and Queen of Greece.

It is true that many American dollars went into Greece to assist that government in combating the Communists soon after the close of the last war. Not only was there a civil war taking place in Greece, but they were actually invaded from the North by Albanian and Bulgarian Communists. The Greeks did a marvelous job in ridding their country of Communists within their own ranks, as well as repelling the invasion from the North. They did so with American arms, and under the direction of American military officers. Tur-

key, likewise, rebuilt itself to a point of considerable strength, with assistance from the United States.

We might ask ourselves, "Why be so concerned about these countries lying between the European and Asiatic worlds?" For centuries Turkey and Greece have been buffer states between the great Middle East and Eastern Europe. The Middle East and Africa have valuable stores of natural resources, as well as teeming millions of people.

The only thing between Russia and the vast oil supplies in Iran, Iraq, and Saudi Arabia is Turkey and Greece. These countries have proved their opposition to the Communists and are friends of this country.

King Paul and Queen Frederika are now in Washington on an official visit. I have had occasion to

meet them and the opportunity to talking with them briefly on two occasions. They are friendly. They are interested in Texas, and Texas being a favorite subject of mine, they heard considerable about it.

USE OF SOIL TESTS

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The Glory and the Fury of the great Everglades Indian Wars!

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Cheers! For the swell star team
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Terror Outposts of the Canadian Wilderness
Where the Northwest Mounted's Scarlet troopers faced the kill-mad hordes of Sitting Bull!

"FORT VENGEANCE"

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JAMES CRAIG — RITA MORENO
In Thrilling Color
Plus 3rd Chapter of "Sons of Geronimo"
Color Cartoons and Comedy
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SATURDAY HOLLOWE'EN MIDNIGHT SHOW

"TERROR ON A TRAIN"

GLENN FORD — ANNE VERNON
Also Color Carton

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The High and Mighty Saga of the Jet.
Blasting Aces Who Fly the World's Hottest Skies!

"SABRE JET"

—STARRING—

ROBERT STACK — COLEEN GRAY
RICHARD ARLEN
—INCOLOR—
Also Color Cartoon and News

FEATURE: SUNDAY 2:25 — 4:29
FEATURES: — MONDAY — 7:00 — 9:04

Tues., Wed., Thurs., Nov. 3-4-5

Now in baseball's hall of fame is the story of the guy who played the game. A wow, a wonder, a cock-eyed whiz . . . He takes his place with the mighty Diz.

"THE KID FROM LEFT FIELD"

—STARRING—

DAN DAILEY — ANNE BANCRAFT
Also Colored Cartoon and Short
FEATURE: 7:15 — 9:05

Mrs. H. Rister Receives TV Set At Cosden Station

Mrs. Halbert Rister was awarded the Westinghouse 17-inch table model TV set last Saturday night at the open house of the D. B. Bowen Cosden Service Station. The X-set battery was given to J. C. Harwood.

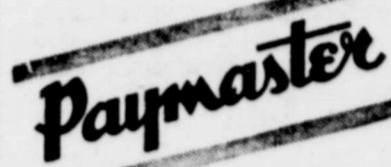
Other awards went to: Oil changes — Luther Belew, Hilton Suber, Frances Reeder, R. E. Dowdy, Ford Smith, Jr., A. J. Bird, W. R. Dunning of Ft. Worth. Mrs. Ford Smith, Jr., Bert Harris, Mrs. Charlie Knight, George Denman, Lupe Duran, Bobby Tangle, Gordon Day, Mrs. A. J. Wright.

Jackie McAninch. The washing and lubrication job was given to Nancy Watts.

H. W. Lemens is the Merkel Cosden Jobber. Both Mr. Bowen and Mr. Lemens were well pleased with their response to their open house and stated that there were crowds at the station from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Premiums of five pounds of sugar were given and the children were pleased with the candy.

John Adams was the first Harvard graduate to become U. S. president.

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T. T. EARTHMAN UNDERGOES SURGERY ON OCTOBER 26

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TRELIS 303 PEAS	2 cans 25c	THOMAS ORANGE JUICE 2 cans 33c
DIAMOND 303 GREEN BEANS	2 for 29c	THOMAS STRAWBERRIES box 25c
DIAMOND 303 TOMATOES	2 cans 25c	Get PILLOW CASES! FREE of extra cost!
DEL MONTE JUICE 300 TOMATO	3 cans 29c	Aunt Jemima 1.89 FAMILY FLOUR 25 lb. sack
VAN CAMPS NO. 2 CAN PORK & BEANS	2 cans 35c	PEACHES CAL-TOP No. 2 1/2 Can 23c
PATIO CHILI No. 2 can	43c	COFFEE ADMIRATION One Pound 79c
LIBBYS Sweet PICKLES pt.	27c	
WILSON MOR can	39c	
HONEY BOY SALMON can	35c	
EL FOOD 28 oz. APPLE BUTTER jar	23c	

? TRICK OR TREET ?
WHITE SWAN POPCORN 2 cans 33c
SUNSHINE CANDIES cello bag 19c
300 BOX KLEENEX box 19c
MY-T-FINE PUDDING box 5c
VELVEETA CHEESE 2 lb. 79c
BUTTER CRACKERS HI-HO box 32c
WORK GLOVES pair 19c



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DEL MONTE CATSUP 24 in case \$4.19
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FRESH GROUND BEEF lb. 32c
MARKET MADE PURE SAUSAGE PORK lb. 49c
WISCONSIN LONGHORN CHEESE lb. 49c
ALL MEAT BOLOGNA lb. 45c
FRESH HENS OR FRYERS lb. 53c
SLICED BACON lb. 63c

IMPERIAL SUGAR 10 lb. 89c
SWIFT Peanut Butter 12 oz jar 25c
WILSON OLEO lb. 19c
CRISCO 3 lb. can 79c
SALAD DRESSING MIRALCE WHIP Pint 29c
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