

Unusual Record Made by Herefords Of Largent-Sadler

The Largent-Sadler Herefords made an unusual record at the International Livestock Exposition...

JUNIOR PLAYS TONIGHT The Junior High School Class will present three one-act plays...

Oil Activity Continues to Grow Around Merkel The oil business around Merkel continues to grow.

GEORGE PATTON, 52 FORMER MERKELITE DIES LAST WEEK

George Patton, 52, nephew of Mrs. Frances Frederickson, died Wednesday of last week at Port Arthur...

HOME FROM HOSPITAL

Mrs. Effie Martin, 312 Locust, returned Wednesday evening from a hospital in Abilene where she underwent surgery.



SGT. I-C BILLY G. SORELLE ... now in Korea

IN CRITICAL CONDITION R. T. Gray, father of Mrs. Horace Boney, was reported in a very critical condition Wednesday morning...

Food for King Will Be Served For Sun. Dinner

Everything is ready for the Fortnightly Study Club dinner next Sunday at the school cafeteria.

Tomato juice cocktail, turkey, dressing, green beans, candied yams, cranberry salad, celery, hot rolls, butter, date pudding and coffee.

And the price for adults is only \$1.25, elementary students 75c and primary students 50c.

And the proceeds will be used to buy lunch tickets for needy school children.

Mother and Baby In Auto Clash On Highway 80

Three persons were injured in an auto collision on Highway 80 in front of the Texaco Station at 3:30 p. m. Sunday.

Mrs. Jim Savell, 30, of Seminole suffered a broken arm, which was put in a cast. Her baby, Billie Ray, 1, was shaken up and both were released Monday morning.

Deward E. Lively Succumbs Friday At Age of 47

Deward Elbert Lively, 47, died at 3 p. m. last Friday. He had lived in Merkel about seven years.

Mr. Lively was pumping oil for two petroleum companies and suffered a heart attack Friday afternoon.

The funeral was held Monday at 3 p. m. from the Methodist Church. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery...

Survivors are his wife; a son, W. D., who is in the Marine Corps; a daughter, Mrs. J. R. Baker of Merkel; three grandchildren...

GIRL TO HICKSES A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Hicks November 29 at the Sadler Hospital.

Robert Is Only 12 Years Old But He Enjoys Doing Man's Work

Robert Harris is only 12 years old but he knows what farm work means.

He drives the tractor, has been doing this since he was 9 years old. He had his own 10-acre field of cotton this year and made two and a half bales.

Negro Singers To Appear Here at Church of Christ

A special group of singers from Southwestern Christian College of Terrell, will present a special program at the Church of Christ, Dec. 10 at 7:30 p. m.

The chorus has attracted favorable attention in Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Kansas, Colorado, New Mexico and Louisiana.

W. D. Webber Opens Up Grocery Next To Nook Cafe

W. D. Webber has returned to Merkel and has opened up the Nook Grocery, west of the Nook Cafe.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Ybarra announce the birth of a daughter at the Sadler Hospital Sunday, Nov. 29.

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'Be Ye Thankful' Is Sermon Topic At Thanksgiving

'Be Ye Thankful' was the text on which Rev. M. E. Randolph spoke at the Community-Wide Thanksgiving Service held Wednesday night of last week at the First Baptist Church.

Rev. Randolph, pastor of the New Live Oak Baptist church, outlined what folks should be thankful for in America, including the findings of science and friends and their fellowship.

Other ministers present and participating in the service were: Rev. Sam Tullock, First Baptist Church; Rev. Andrews, Hebron Baptist Church; Rev. Hamilton Wright, retired Methodist minister...

TOUCHED BY SONGS The Junior Methodist Choir and its sponsors came to the home of Captain and Mrs. A. J. Canon Sunday night a week ago and sang hymns.

SINGING AT TRENT There will be singing in the Trent Methodist Church next Thursday at 7 p. m. Everyone is invited.

OUT OF ARMY Bobby Campbell received his discharge from the army and is now at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Campbell.

Badger Cagers To Compete in McMurry Event

Fourteen high school basketball teams will compete in McMurry College's third annual Invitational Basketball Tournament, to be held in the Reservation Gym Dec. 3-5.

Second-round contests will be played today, Friday afternoon and evening. Runner-up honors will be decided at 6 p. m. Saturday, and the two top teams will battle it out for the tournament trophy at 7:15 p. m.

McMURRY PREACHER SPEAKS AT PIONEER WEDNESDAY WEEK AGO The Pioneer Memorial Church had as a speaker Wednesday night of last week Rev. and Mrs. Bush of McMurry College.

McMurry Preacher Speaks Here Sun. To Methodists Rev. E. A. Todd, field executive for the living endowment of McMurry College, spoke here at 11 a. m. Sunday at the Methodist Church.

Dogs, Dogs, Hundreds of Dogs! And Mrs. Earthman Likes Them All There is a dog lapping from a plate, and a dog in an occasional chair.

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Mrs. J. M. Collins Dies Last Week At Age of 73 Mrs. J. M. (Minnie Louise) Collins, 73, died at 6:15 a. m., Wednesday of last week in Hendrick Memorial Hospital.

Brewsters Feted On 57th Wedding Anniversary Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Brewster celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary on Nov. 22 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Hull.

THE RAIN On Wednesday at 4:30 p. m. a drizzle began to fall and kept up until the night.

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Merkel 20 Years Ago TAKEN FROM THE 1933 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL

J. W. MOORE DIES Mrs. J. W. Moore, wife of one of the most prominent farmers of the Blair section, died Friday morning at the West Texas Baptist Sanitarium which she had returned Wednesday night for treatment.

TO GRAVEL ROAD Confirmation of a project providing for graveling 12 miles of roads in Precinct No. 2 was received by telegram late Wednesday afternoon from Austin, County Commissioner A. J. Cannon advised The Mail Thursday morning.

TOTAL GINNINGS NOTED Cotton ginnings for the week up to Wednesday at the seven gins here and at Noodle, Blair and Stith, ran 332 bales, bringing the season to 16,789 bales.

WIN TWO CHAMPIONS Awards of grand champion bull and of grand champion cow and 14 firsts in the Hereford division were won by C. M. Largent and Sons at the eighth annual Great Western Livestock Show at Los Angeles this week.

POULTRY SHOW WEDNESDAY Merkel's Fourth Annual Poultry Show and Auction Sale will be held in the Rainbolt Building next door to the West Texas Utilities Company, beginning Wednesday, Dec. 13, and continuing Thursday and Friday.

MAN WANTED IN TOPEKA Man alleged to be wanted for theft of an automobile in Topeka, Kans., was taken in charge here by City Marshal P. P. Dickinson Monday morning.

REPORT THEFTS The Gulf Filling Station on the highway way broken into early Tuesday morning and the cash register carried away.

RECORD BIRTHS Born to Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Sandusky a boy Dec. 1, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Price a boy Dec. 1, Mr. and Mrs. Finus W. Cade at Noodle twin boys Dec. 1, Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Sherman of Trent a girl Dec. 2, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Westbrooks a boy Dec. 3, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bailey Sosebee of Noodle a boy boy Dec. 4, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Beasley of Trent a boy Dec. 5, Mr. and Mrs. U. S. Reeder a girl Dec. 7.

ONE TWIN DIES Twin sons, named Jerry Wayne and Gerry, were born Friday night to Mr. and Mrs. Finus W. Cade, one of whom, Gerry, died on Saturday.

TO HOLD REUNION Paul Collins, president of the class of '32, has made the announcement that the class reunion is to be held at his home on the night of December 27. Miss Margaret Canon is secretary of the class.

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Thanksgiving dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Cooper were: Mrs. Bill Caldwell and little daughters, Ruby and Paula, Mrs. D. Wood and Mrs. W. D. Clemit and sons of Snyder, Mrs. Ted McAninch and baby, Mrs. Wayne Brewer of Merkel, Mrs. H. Brewer and son of Trent and Milton Berry of Houston.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Byrd entertained all their children with a big Thanksgiving dinner at their

home Thursday with the exception of Harlan Jones who is serving with the army in Korea. Those present were: Alvin Byrd and family, Mouree Thompson and family, Truman and Marvin Holloway and family and Mrs. Harlan Jones and Randy.

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Harwell and daughter, Mrs. Frances Carey, and children spent Thanksgiving Day visiting Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harwell and daughter Peggy Sue of Kermit. The Harwells visited Mr. and Mrs. Ike Turner and daughter, Debra Dale of Ft. Worth Nov. 20.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Denson and grandson, Ronnie Lee Ogles, spent

Thanksgiving day with their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Denson, of Odessa.

Mrs. J. T. Warren returned home Sunday from Dallas where she had been visiting her daughter Mrs. H. C. Cort, and family.

Mrs. Hugh Campbell spent Thanksgiving day with her son, R. B. Horton, and family of Abilene.

Mrs. Inez Sosebee and Mrs. Glen Cantrell of Waco, Mrs. Bill Godfrey and daughter of Anson visited in the Claude Smith home Thanksgiving Day.

Dr. and Mrs. J. F. Williams and daughter of El Paso spent the Thanksgiving holiday with the Buster Hortons. Dr. Williams is dean of students at Texas Western College in El Paso and a brother of Mrs. Horton.

Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Sublett spent the Thanksgiving holidays with their son Jack and family in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Rev. and Mrs. William Reeves of New Waverly and Captain and Mrs. Noel Addy and three children of Albuquerque, New Mexico, visited in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Mathews, over the Thanksgiving holidays. Mrs. Reeves and Mrs. Addy are sisters, the former Thelma and Pearl Mathews. The girls had not seen each other in two years. Mr. and Mrs. Roy H. Mathews spent Saturday night here.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Burlison of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Charles McArthur and children, Elena and Billy, of Sweetwater enjoyed Thanksgiving dinner with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Burlison.

Mr. and Mrs. Lige Harris took Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Burlison.

MR. AND MRS. L. A. DUDLEY ATTEND FAMILY REUNION

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Dudley attended the reunion of the J. K. Fuller family in Abilene Sunday at the home of her sister, Mrs. J. H. Rucker. About 25 persons were present.

MRS. BEAUFORD BUNTIN IS HOSTESS TO UNION RIDGE

On Nov. 6 Mrs. Beauford Buntin was hostess to the Union Ridge Club Achievement Day, Mrs. Buntin presiding.

A singsong was led by Mrs. Don Riney. The members and a group from Merkel gave a party Nov. 17 for 38 patients at the Abilene State Colony.

Refreshments were served after the meeting.

GARDEN CLUB MEETS AND DISCUSSES BULBS

The Garden Club met with Mrs. B. H. Jones in the Community Center Thursday, November 19, for a study of bulbs.

Roll call was answered by each one telling "What I have gained from being a member of the Merkel Garden Club." Mrs. Jack Miller discussed "Day Lilies." Mrs. R. M. Ferguson spoke on "Bulbs — Fall and Spring." Miss Nora Foster gave "Garden Hints for November."

Mrs. A. B. Allen made a period arrangement which was judged by Mrs. Raymond Ferguson and Mrs. Sammie Doan. It was given 100 per cent rating.

The club voted to pay \$24 on lunch tickets for needy children and to purchase a \$5 tuberculosis bond.

WATSONS HONOR FATHER WITH BIRTHDAY DINNER

Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Watson gave his father a delayed birthday dinner so his son, Loyd, who was in service and is out now could attend. J. J. Watson was 72 years old October 7.

All of his ten children were present, including five sons and five daughters and their families. There were 46 in attendance.

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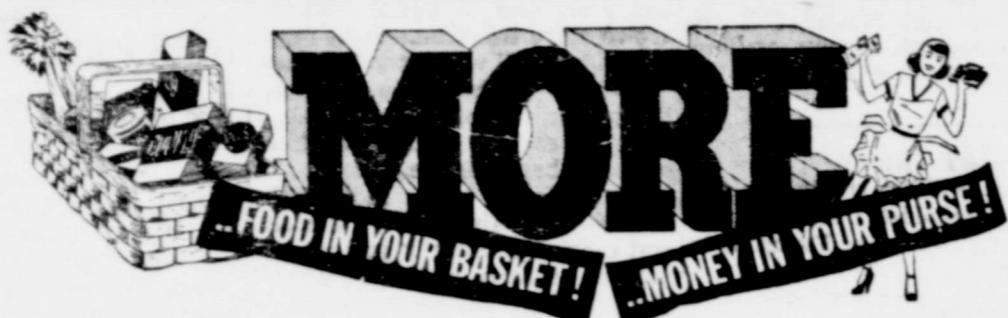
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SPECIALS for FRIDAY and SATURDAY, Dec. 4-5

WHITE SPUDS 10 lbs. 59c

KILN DRIED YAMS lb. 8c

FIRM GREEN CABBAGE lb. 4c

CELLO CARROTS bag 15c

OXYDOL NEW! Regular Package 29c

SUN SPUN Salad DRESSING pt. 29c

BIG TOP Peanut Butter 20 oz. 55c

SUN SPUN CATSUP 12 oz. 17c

SUN SPUN — SOUR or DILL PICKLES qt. 29c

SUGAR PURE CANE 10 Lb. Bag 89c

AUSTEX STEW can 33c

OUR VALUE TOMATOES 2 cans 27c

OUR VALUE SALMON tall can 39c

MARSHALL HOMINY 3 cans 25c

FLOUR AUNT JEMIMA 10 LB. BAG 89c

LOIN or T-BONE STEAK choice lb. 59c

CELLO FRANKS lb. 49c

CHUCK ROAST choice lb. 49c

LONGHORN CHEESE lb. 49c

WOLF BRAND TAMALES can 25c

PATIO CHILI can 59c

GERBER'S BABY FOOD 6 cans 49c

SUN SPUN SPINACH 2 cans 25c

STAR-LAC Dry Milk 1 lb. pkg. 39c

ANY FLAVOR Chewing Gum 3 pkgs. 10c

BABO CLEANSER 2 cans 25c

AUNT JEMIMA CORN MEAL 5 lb. bag 49c

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son and children, Bill Watson, Jona Self and girls, of Sylvester, Jess Talbert and girls of Roby, Owen Watson and children, Loyd Watson and son and Mrs. Truett Dickerson of Sweetwater, Messdames Gerald Duncan and children and Robert Hall and children of Odessa.

UNION RIDGE H. D. CLUB PLANS CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Union Ridge Home Demonstration Club met Nov. 20 in Mrs. Clyde Newton's home with Mrs. Beauford Buntin presiding. Roll Call was answered by "Suggest a practical gift for a homemaker."

Loretta Allen, county agent, led a prayer. Mrs. L. P. Liles of the Merkel club talked on her trip as delegate to the T. H. S. A. State Convention in Galveston.

The gift wrapping demonstration by Miss Allen was timely. Refreshments of pumpkin pie and cocoa were served to eight members, two visitors and a few children.

The Christmas party will be held in the home of Mrs. Deveal Teaff December 10, 2 p. m. The County Christmas Party will be held at the Youth Center December 17 at 10 a. m. in Merkel.

FOR YOUR APPETITE'S SAKE AND YOUR HEART'S SAKE COME TO THE FORTNIGHTLY DINNER SUNDAY DECEMBER 6

Prices: Adult ----- \$1.25
Elementary Student --- 75c
Primary Student ---- 50c

QUEEN THEATRE MOVIES ARE BETTER THAN EVER!

NEW BOX OFFICE OPENING TIME 6:30 SHOW STARTS 6:45

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, DEC. 4-5

2—BIG FEATURES—2
"JUNCTION CITY"

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CHARLES STARRETT — SMILEY BURNETTE

"THE 49TH MAN"

—STARRING—
JOHN IRELAND — RICHARD DENNING
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Tues., Wed., Thurs., Dec. 8-9-10

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PRODUCTS FROM THE SOIL WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL LIMITS OF THE CITY OF MERKEL, TEXAS, EXCEPT UNDER EXPRESSLY DESIGNATED CONDITIONS, ETC., being Ordinance

No. 276 passed and entered on the 2nd day of September 1952, did on the 1st day of December 1953 file with the City Secretary of the City of Merkel, an application for a permit to drill a well for oil and/or gas upon Lots Nos. 7 & 8 in Block 30 of the town of Merkel, Taylor County, Texas, according to the map or plat of said town of record in Volume No. F at page 176 to which is heretofore, such well to be in Drilling Block No. 67 as shown in said Ordinance.

A hearing upon such application will be held at the City Hall in the City of Merkel, Texas, on the 14th day of December, A. D., 1953, at 7:30 p. m., at which time and place all persons interested may appear and contest said application. Adv. — Dec. 4, 11.

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: Joe Dyches, if living, and if dead, the unknown heirs, devisees, and legal representatives of the said Joe Dyches, deceased, whose names and places of residence are unknown to the plaintiffs herein; and the unknown owners of the hereinafter described undivided portion of land whose names and places of residence are unknown to the plaintiffs herein, except as set forth in plaintiffs' petition, and the unknown heirs, devisees and legal representatives of Mrs. Zella Howe, deceased, whose names and places of residence are unknown to the plaintiffs herein, except as set forth in plaintiffs' petition, and all other persons asserting or claiming any title or interest in and to the hereinafter described undivided 1-4th portion of land, whose names and places of residence are also unknown to the plaintiffs herein, except as set forth in plaintiffs' petition, Defendants Greeting:

YOU ARE HERBY 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 18th day of January, A. D., 1954, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 20th day of November, A. D. 1953, in this cause, numbered 19,420-A on the docket of said court and styled JOHN D. HOWE AND MELVIN HOWE, Plaintiffs, vs. GEORGE DYCHES, MINNIE RENO, JOE DYCHES, if living, and if dead the unknown heirs, devisees and legal representatives of the said Joe Dyches, deceased, and the unknown owners of the hereinafter described portion of land, and the unknown heirs, devisees and legal representatives of Mrs. Zella Howe, deceased, and all other persons asserting or claiming any title or interest in the hereinafter described undivided 1-4th portion of land, Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows:

1. Plaintiffs would show that the hereinafter described property on or about October 1952 was owned as follows:

Melvin L. Howe and John D. Howe owned an undivided three-fourths interest; and, Mrs. Zella Howe, a widow, owned an undivided one-fourth interest.

That said ownership was judicially and finally determined by the 42nd District Court of Taylor County, Texas, in consolidated Causes Nos. 15,879-A and 16,137-A, styled "John Howe and M. L. Howe (who were one and the same persons as the plaintiffs carried above herein) versus Zella Howe, a widow," on the 18th day of March, A. D., 1949, the judgment in said cause being hereby referred to and made a part hereof.

That on or about October 1952 Mrs. Zella Howe died and no will has been probated as of the date of the filing of this petition and no administration has been taken out and the plaintiffs do not know the present owners of the undivided one-fourth interest owned by Mrs. Zella Howe at the time of her death, but the plaintiffs would show that the defendant, George Dyches is a brother of Mrs. Zella Howe, deceased, and now occupies the hereinafter described property, and on information and belief plaintiffs understand that Minnie Reno is a sister of Mrs. Zella

Howe, deceased.

2. The plaintiffs would show, therefore, that they are now the owners of an undivided three-fourths interest in the hereinafter described property and the defendants are the owners of an undivided one-fourth interest in said property and that the plaintiffs and defendants are, therefore, the joint owners of said property in fee simple, and together are the sole owners of the hereinafter described real estate.

3. The said real estate is situated in the County of Taylor, State of Texas, and is described as follows:

Same being situated in Taylor County, Texas, and being part of the tract of land described and conveyed in and by deed recorded at Page 2 of Volume 41 of Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas, and being the same land conveyed to P. L. Howe (who is same person as said deceased) by deed from A. J. Dillingham and wife, recorded in Vol. 346, page 88, et seq., of Deed Records of said Taylor County, and being described briefly by field notes as follows:

BEGINNING at point in S. B. Line of Highway No. 80, 1400 ft. N. 85-1-2 degrees W. and 15 ft. South of N. E. corner of Tract of land described in deed first above mentioned.

THENCE N. 85-1-2 degrees W. with the S. B. line of said highway No. 80, 351 feet to an iron pipe for N. W. corner of this tract;

THENCE S. 287-1-2 feet to iron pipe for S. W. corner of this tract; THENCE S. 86 degrees East 262 feet to an iron pipe for S. E. corner of this tract;

THENCE N. 17 E. 287-1-2 feet to place of beginning;

LESS the following described tract of land which has been and may yet be the subject of condemnation proceedings instituted by the State of Texas, and which is described as follows:

BEING a tract or parcel of land out of the E. Ramirez Survey of Taylor County, Texas,

BEGINNING at a point in the South right-of-way line of U. S. Highway 80, said point being South 05 deg. 00' W. 50 feet from center line chaining station 511 plus 90.4 of said highway; THENCE along said South right-of-way line S. 85 deg. 00' E. 351 feet to the Northeast corner of the grantor's property; THENCE Along the grantor's East property line S. 17 deg. 30' west 76.8 ft. to a point in the proposed South right-of-way line of said highway, said point being S. 05 deg. 00' W. 125 ft. from centerline chaining station 508 plus 56 of said proposed highway; THENCE along said proposed South right-of-way line N. 85 deg. 00' W. 334.4 feet to the grantor's West property line; THENCE along the grantor's West property line N. 05 deg. 00' E. 75 feet to the place of beginning. Said tract of land contains 0.590 acres, more or less.

Such real estate is of the estimated value of \$25,000.00.

4. Plaintiffs would further plead that the small strip of land above described which is, or has been the subject of condemnation, also be the subject of this partition proceedings and be disposed of herein as well as the larger tract; provided, that title is still in the plaintiffs and the defendants herein. But if title is not in the plaintiffs and defendants herein but has already been vested in the State of Texas through said partition proceedings, then said tract should not be the subject of this proceeding.

5. Plaintiffs sue herein for partition of said described real estate in kind, if this Honorable Court finds that same can be partitioned in kind in the proportions hereinabove set out; and, in the alternative, if the Court finds it cannot be so partitioned in kind, that same be ordered sold by the Court and the proceeds distributed and, plaintiffs would further show in this connection, that in the event this Court on hearing hereof determines that said real estate cannot be fairly and equitably partitioned in kind, that a receiver should be appointed to sell the entire described tract of real estate for cash, or upon such terms as the Court shall direct by private or public sale under the orders of this Court.

WHEREFORE, plaintiffs pray that citation issue and that said real estate be partitioned among such joint owners as provided by law; or, in the alternative, that same be sold and the proceeds distributed as the law provides; and that the Court appoint a receiver in the event the same is not partitioned in kind; and that said receiver sell said property and after the expenses of receivership are paid and the Court costs are paid that the remaining proceeds be divided in proportion to the respective interests as the Court finds their interest and proportion to be and for such further relief as they may show themselves, entitled, either at law or in equity.

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 1st day of December, A. D. 1953.

Attest: J. NEIL DANIEL, Clerk, 42nd District Court Taylor County, Texas By Irene Crawford, Deputy. Ad. — Dec. 4, 11, 18, 27.

Gloria Teaff Heads Junior Red Cross Group

The Merkel High School Students met Thursday morning of last week to organize a Junior Red Cross Council. The following officers were chosen: Gloria Teaff, president; Britta Denton, vice president; Gloria West, secretary; Mary Robbins, treasurer; Glenda Petty, reporter; and Roy Gulley, song leader.

On the activity committee are: Homer Payne, Patsy Melton, Raedeen Perry, and Juane Irving. They oversee souvenirs, gifts, charity projects and visits to hospitals. Many helpful projects are worked up for foreign boys and girls to promote better human relations and world friendship. The Junior Red Cross was represented in a Red Cross Training Camp last summer by Britta Denton and Gloria Teaff, being sent as delegates from the local unit to Camp Crusis at Grandbury with all expenses paid. The local group plans to work for another trip in 1954.

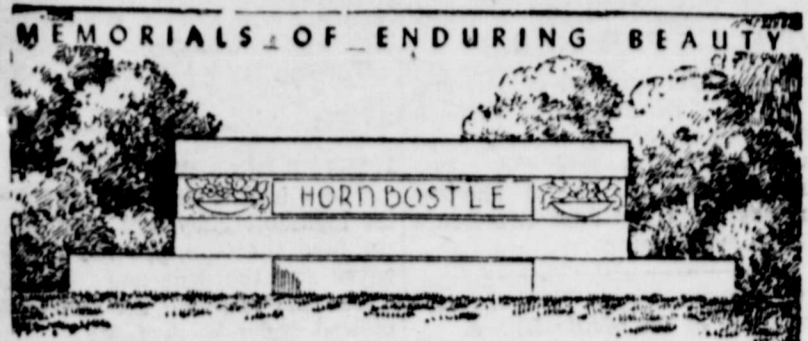
HOME FROM GREENLAND

A/3c Billy Gene Greenfield is home on leave from Thule, Green-

land and is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Greenfield, Sr., and sister Peggy and other relatives.

He will report to Portland, Ore-

gon, in January. His brother, Pvt. Andrew J. Greenfield, Jr., is serving with U. S. Corps N. C. O. academy doing electrical work in Korea.



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People are tempted sometimes to wonder what life would be like without competition. For a clue, they might note the shabby fall in living standards in countries where clumsy fingers of state monopoly have strangled competition.

Over 3,000 manufacturing firms in America share in the electrical business. We can name offhand 20 sizable firms that compete at giving the public better refrigerators. There are more than 200 rivals in the making of electric motors. At least 37 in electric irons; 53 in home freezers; 25 turn out vacuum cleaners. And so on down the list.

Some companies competing with General Electric today actually sprang up from the seeds of General Electric research. New products have invited new companies. In certain cases, whole new industries. And more will come.

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Soon they were following the regular fire drill routine and marched out of the school rooms in good and quiet order.

The firemen looked for the fire. There was none in any of the rooms, there was none in the hallways. There was no fire.

But down in the basement some rags were found that had been smoked up!

Some of the boys had built a smoke screen, no fire, to give the children the experience of how it feels to go through a real fire.

It was not expected that the firemen would come to the scene. Someone, in the excitement of the realistic drill, had called the fire department.

But the children did show that they knew how to act when there might be a real fire.

NOLAN PALMER AND STANLEY KING SEE NEW 1954 PONTIAC

Nolan Palmer and Stanley King were in Dallas Tuesday and Wednesday viewing the new 1954 Pontiac at a special showing for Pontiac dealers. Mr. Palmer stated that he will have the new Pontiac on display December 18 and 19.

JIMMY WAYNE OLIVER STARTS THIRD WEEK OF NAVY TRAINING

Jimmy Wayne Oliver, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Oliver of Mulberry Canyon, has started his third week of advance training at the San Diego, Calif., Navy Training Center.

ENJOYS THE MAIL

J. S. Pinckley, 77, has lived in Merkel 33 years and has taken The Mail 33 years. As usual he came in to renew his subscription. "I enjoy The Mail," remarked Mr. Pinckley. He was born and reared in Benton County.

MRS. OVETA C. HOBBY URGES AMERICANS TO STAMP OUT TB

Mrs. Oveta Culp Hobby, second woman in U. S. history and the first from Texas to hold a post in the president's cabinet, has urged each American to do his share in stamping out tuberculosis.

"No one is safe from tuberculosis," declared Mrs. Hobby, first Secretary of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

The Texas Tuberculosis Association and its affiliated county organizations are joining in the traditional Christmas Seal Sale conducted once each year to carry on their year-around fight against tuberculosis.

TO BROADCAST GAME

SMU - Notre Dame game will be broadcast to Texas directly from Notre Dame Stadium, South Bend, Indiana, by Humble Oil & Refining Company, starting at 12:50 p. m.

ENTRY DEADLINE IS PRODUCING RUSH AT FT. WORTH SHOW

As the deadline for livestock entries nears, the mail at the offices of the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show is growing heavier and indications point to a record number of beef and dairy cattle, sheep and goats. Final day for these entries is December 15.

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Reports 1,000 Movie Theatres Idle in the U. S.

Hundreds of movie houses, closed by stiff television competition and high taxes, are depressing real estate values in neighborhoods all over the nation.

That was the finding of a special economic committee of the National Association of Real Estate Boards.

The committee said a closed theater is a community problem, not merely a personal problem for the theater owner and his employees.

"A vacant building or a deteriorated one depresses neighborhood value," the committee said. "A structure with restrictive transitional use creates an economic void or a long-range problem of land use conversion."

The committee reported almost 1,000 movie theaters now stand idle in the country.

Since 1946, the group said, more than 5,000 theaters have been closed.

The group emphasized that it does not believe motion pictures as an entertainment medium are dying.

"The industry is in distress," it said, "but, as a whole, it will survive."

The committee said the industry itself has taken steps — such as introducing three dimensional films to encourage larger audiences. It also said some cities have cut real estate taxes on theaters in an effort to keep them in operation.

The committee said "relief" from the 20 per cent federal amusement tax also would help the theaters during their present economic troubles.

"An answer to the financial problem may be found in a short time," it said, however. "The industry has weathered other storms. With community understanding it will revive and continue its function as a segment of neighborhood life and as an important means of cultural communication."

NOODLE HIGH CLASSES MAKE THEIR PLANS FOR CHRISTMAS PARTY

The freshman and sophomore classes of the Noodle High School held a class meeting Nov. 25 to decide on the Christmas party for the two classes. Judy Spurgin, president of the freshman class, called the meeting to order and then turned it over to Reynold Vancil, president of the sophomore class.

The class sponsors, C. M. Brown for the freshman class and Mrs. A. J. Hill for the sophomore class, were present.

The sponsors and classes decided that the Christmas party will take place at the school cafeteria December 18 at 7 p. m.

Billy Joe Toombs Bags 5-Point Buck On Hunt at Llano

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Joe Toombs and Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Winn, Jr., went deer hunting over the holiday at Llano. Billy Joe got a 5-point buck.

M. G. Holloway Gets 8-Point Deer On Hunt at Mason

M. G. Holloway went deer hunting a week ago near Mason. He got an 8-point deer.

Bennie Andersons Bag 4-Point Buck At Ft. Stockton

Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Anderson of Noodle went deer hunting Thursday of last week at Ft. Stockton. They bagged a 4-point buck.

TEXAS ALMANAC FOR 1954-1955 IS OFF THE PRESS

Booming industrial development and short water supply constitute the big pro and con of present Texas economic development, according to the 1954-55 edition of the Texas Almanac, just published by The Dallas Morning News.

Net value of Texase manufactures in 1953 reached the 4-billion dollar mark. The manufacture of sulphur from-sour gas is an expanding industry in West Texas and Panhandle fields.

Texas is one of the great military centers of the world with its historic Fort Sam Houston, its Brooks Field medical base, largest in the world at San Antonio, its great Naval Air training base at Corpus Christi, and more than 100 other installations.

Texas mineral production values in 1953 are calculated at \$3,720,000,000, greatest in history.

Clesby Patterson Heads Business Men's Bible Class

The Business Men's Bible Class held its organization breakfast at 8 a. m. Sunday at the Woozy's Cafe and then went to the Texas Theatre for Sunday School. Eighteen were present.

Clesby Patterson was elected president of the organization. The other officers are: Nolan Palmer, vice president, Pat Miller, secretary, Stacy Bird, treasurer, and Lester Dorton, publicity man.



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HOSPITAL NOTES

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As medical patients — Karen Kelley, Mrs. Fred Starbuck, Deborah Seymore, Mrs. Melvin Neil, Maurine White, Mrs. Homer Tye, Mrs. Tessie Walling.
For surgery — Mrs. Frank Carter.

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C. R. Horn is the new associate of Coleman O'Brien in the Soil Conservation Service. Mr. and Mrs. Horn and two children, boy 5 and girl 2, arrived here a week ago last Saturday.

For the previous eight weeks Mr. Horn had attended an SCS school in Abilene and before that he worked in Odessa.

He is a graduate of Texas Tech at Lubbock and has a B. S. in Agriculture, class of 1950. Mr. and Mrs. Horn were reared in Ranger.



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NEWS ABOUT TOWN

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Prairie were also there. John Turner and Robert Mitchell of Grand Falls were Thanksgiving holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Walton.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Allday of Lubbock spent the Thanksgiving holiday with her sister, Mrs. Oscar Buford, and Mr. Buford. They all went to San Angelo Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Dismuke and daughter Debra Sue of Ira were Thanksgiving holiday visitors of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob McDonald.

Mrs. T. C. Wilson and daughter Carroll of Ada, Okla., visited her mother-in-law, Mrs. D. L. Wilson, Sunday.

Roy Holmes of Phillips visited his sister, Mrs. Florence Berry, last weekend.

Denta Gibson and Barbara Sue McLeod attended the Hardin-Simmons-Texas Tech game at Lubbock last Saturday.

Mrs. R. D. Ely and son Jimmy and Mrs. Earl Stanford visited with Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Leverich in DeQueen, Ark., over the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Green and daughter spent Thanksgiving with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Green.

Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Owen and family had Thanksgiving dinner with her sister, Mrs. Tom Winters, and Mr. Winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Howell of Alpine spent the holiday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Howell.

Mr. and Mrs. Kemp Hinch and two sons of Oklahoma City., Okla.,

visited during the holiday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Paterson.

Mr. and Mrs. Quannah Dudley and family visited over the holiday with her sister, Mrs. J. E. Jaynes, and family in Tucumcari, New Mexico.

Mr. and Ms. Clyde Bartlett and Ralph took his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bartlett of Santa Anna to Bastrop, La., over the Thanksgiving holiday to meet his son, Clyde Jr., and wife. His sister, Mrs. R. E. Allbright and daughter of Baton Rouge, La., met them there.

Mr. and Mrs. Wright Dishman and family spent the Thanksgiving holiday at Loco Hills, New Mexico, visiting friends. They visited relatives in Corona, New Mexico.

Mrs. Ross Ferrier spent Thanksgiving with her son, Ross Ferrier, Jr., and family.

Dana and Penny Durham spent the Thanksgiving holiday with their grandmother, Mrs. Earl Clements, in Brownwood and she returned with them for a visit of a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. McAninch were in Fort Worth last week, visiting their daughter, Mrs. Ed Clappitt, and family. They all went for Thanksgiving dinner to Dallas in the home of their daughter, Mrs. E. E. Slater, and Mr. Slater. They also visited their daughter, Mrs. J. M. Taylor, of Burleson.

Mrs. Zola Teague visited over the holiday with her daughter,

Mrs. John R. Walling in Big Spring and her daughter, Mrs. John H. Sheffield, with her two boys, Johnny and Jimmy, of Houston were there.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Frazier had as Thanksgiving holiday guests their son Gene and wife of Abilene and their son George and family of Aspermont.

Mr. and Mrs. John Toombs of Irving visited relatives over the weekend. Mrs. Jack Bishop and children of Farmers Branch visited a few days with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Smith and children of Odessa visited last

week with his parents Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Smith. Also present were their daughter, Mrs. Minford McCoy, and family of Borger.

Pvt. and Mrs. Dudley Farr of Camp Hood, Wayne Farr of Abilene and Archie Farr of Midland were out-of-town guests over the weekend of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Farr.

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New Live Oak Baptist Church
 Sunday:
 Sunday School...10:00 a. m.
 Morning Worship11 a. m.
 Training Union 6:45 p. m.
 Evening Worship ... 7:30 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 ... 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.

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 Sunday School10:00 a. m.
 Morning Worship 11:00
 Training Union 7:00 p. m.
 Evening Services ... 7:30 p. m.
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 Prayer Service 7:30 p. m.

Merkel Grace Presbyterian Church
 Sunday School10:00 a. m.
 Worship Service 11 a. m.
 Evening Services ... 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.

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

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 Services ... 7:30 p. 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 ... 7:30 p. m.

Pioneer Memorial Chapel
 Sunday School10:00 a. m.
 Morning Service...11:00 a. m.
 Evening Services ... 7:30 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 ... 7:30 p. 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 ... 7:30 p. m.

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

Trent First Baptist Church
 Evening Worship ... 7:30 p. m.
 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."

Trent Church of Christ
 Sunday:
 Sunday School..... 11:00 o'clock
 Bible Class10:00 a. m.
 Morning Worship...11:00 a. m.
 Evening Services ... 7:30 p. m.
 Thursday:
 Ladies Bible Class 4:00 p. m.

Trent Methodist Church
 Sunday School10:00 a. m.
 Evening Worship ... 7:30 p. m.
 Morning Services...11:00 a. m.
 M. Y. F. Services ... 6:30 p. m.
 Wednesday:
 Prayer Services ... 7:30 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.

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.

TO OUR MERKEL FRIENDS:

Please accept our sincere thanks for your friendship, and many acts of kindness which have contributed to the happiness and welfare of our family throughout the years.
 Sincerely,
 The family of Mrs. J. M. Collins.

personals

Mrs. Etta Tucker spent Thanksgiving holiday with Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Fincher of Albany. Rev. Chas Tucker and family of Bowie, son of Mrs. Etta Tucker, were also guests of the Finchers.

Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Williams visited their daughter, Mrs. J. B. Bowens and family of Brownfield last weekend, also had Thanksgiving dinner with them.

Junior Red Cross Goes Over the Top And Makes Record

November 16-20 was Junior Red Cross Week in the local schools. The kick-off was Monday, Nov. 16, at 8:30 a. m., when the Elementary School Student Council President Sue Mewborn presided for a program over the school inter-communication system. She was assisted by Barry Scott and Manley Denton.

Following this program the pupils of the primary, elementary and high schools viewed exhibits of art work made by American Junior Red Cross members and one made by members in foreign countries showing the dress and customs of their lands.

Mrs. Mattie Bell Newberry, executive secretary, and Mrs. C. W. Westbrook, county chairman of the Junior Red Cross, of Abilene, were present for the kick-off program.

The contributions of the pupils for this worthwhile service organization surpassed all previous records. 210 pupils in the primary school contributed \$40 and 204 pupils in the elementary school donated \$60. Six dollars were contributed by the high school pupils. This grand total is about twice as much as in any previous year.

In the elementary building a thermometer chart was made by Mrs. Barnett's eighth graders to show the standing of each room day by day. The high school shop boys made a large wooden cross, which the pupils of Mrs. Cox's room decorated. As each room reached its quota its name was revealed on the shining Red Cross.

The teacher-sponsors for the Merkel schools are Miss Norah Foster, Mrs. Johnny Cox and Mrs. Judd McReynolds.

Great Violinist To Be Soloist with S.A. Symphony

The celebrated violinist, Yehudi Menuhin, will be guest soloist with the San Antonio Symphony and Musical Director Victor Alessandro in the sixth subscription concert at Municipal auditorium in San Antonio Saturday night. Concert-time is 8:30.

Menuhin, in his first appearance with the orchestra in three seasons, will perform two works for violin and orchestra — the Bach E Major, which he will also conduct, and the Mozart No. 4 in D Major.

The Saturday night program will also include the world premiere of "Magnificat" for soprano, chorus and orchestra, by Normand Lockwood, well-known American composer who this fall became chairman of the music department of Trinity University here. Soloist will be the talented young soprano, Ann La Fratta, with the Trinity University choir, directed by Don Willing. Lockwood will conduct the performance.

LIONS CLUB ENJOYS DELICIOUS CHICKEN DINNER ON TUESDAY

The Lions Club had its regular luncheon on Tuesday. President Mack Fisher presided. A delicious dinner was served, consisting of fried chicken and chicken and dumplings and all the trimmings. There was no program.

CONTROL ANTS

Harvester ants can be controlled with five percent chlordane or two per cent dieldrin used as dusts or the liquid fumigants, carbon disulfide or methyl bromide. Local county agents have detailed information on these control methods. —A. & M.

FOREIGN EXPORTS DROP

Reduced foreign exports contribute directly to many of the present day farm program problems. Agricultural exports from the United States have dropped from four billion dollars in 1951-52 to less than three billion dollars for 1952-53, a drop of 30 percent. —A. & M.

CLASSIFIED AD SECTION

LODGE CALLS

NOTICE MASONS
 Stated meeting of Merkel lodge No. 710, A. F. & A. M., Saturday, Dec. 19, at 7:30 p. m. All members are urged to attend. Visiting brethren cordially invited.
 A. B. Parham, W. M.
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BUS SCHEDULE

Eastbound	Westbound
2:20 a. m.	12:10 a. m.
3:36 a. m.	12:15 a. m.
5:22 a. m.	1:21 a. m.
6:32 a. m.	2:39 a. m.
6:47 a. m.	5:54 a. m.
11:40 a. m.	7:52 a. m.
11:45 a. m.	9:09 a. m.
2:37 p. m.	11:40 a. m.
3:01 p. m.	1:01 p. m.
5:00 p. m.	1:25 p. m.
7:57 p. m.	4:19 p. m.
9:01 p. m.	4:57 p. m.
11:52 p. m.	8:17 p. m.
	9:07 p. m.



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"Whassamatter?" asked the man.
"Do I look like a heathen?"

12 Grade Students On Flying Trip To Visit Snyder

A dozen enterprising young magazine salesmen of Merkel made a flying trip to Snyder on Wednesday, Nov. 18, and bustled through a condensed but highly interesting tour of new Snyder Schools between planes.

The salesmen were students from the sixth, seventh and eighth grades of the Merkel Elementary School, and won their trip on Pioneer Air Lines by selling at least \$30 worth of magazine subscriptions each. The pupils of grade 5-8 sold \$1300 worth of magazines during the two weeks' campaign.

Students making the tour were: Bobby Malone, Skippy Hicks, Butch Palmer, Barry Scott, Annetta Bonny, Katy Hunter, Peggy Greenfield, Janie Breaux, Carolyn Rister, Kay Teaff, Patricia Butman and Bette Smith. An Benson could not make the trip because of a

broken arm. Three other students Madie Kefso, Linda Leach and Linda Winter, sold over \$30 worth of magazines, but desired the cash award rather than the plane trip. Principal C. A. Farley and Miss Mable Phillips, 7th grade teacher, accompanied the children.

LEGAL NOTICE

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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: Mary McDole, 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 18th day of January A. D. 1954, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 1st day of November A. D. 1953, in this cause, number 19,435-A on the docket of said court and styled Arthur McDole, Plaintiff, vs. Mary (June) McDole, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and defendant were legally married on or about Sept. 1, 1926 and were permanently separated about May 15th, 1952. Plaintiff alleges no community property was accumulated during this marriage.

Plaintiff alleges two sons and one daughter were born to this union. Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of mental cruelty, and for custody of two minor sons, 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 undersigned 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 1st day of December A. D. 1953.

Attest: J. Neil Daniel, Clerk, 42nd District Court Taylor County, Texas
By Irene Crawford, Deputy.
Adv. — Dec. 4, 11, 18, 25.

Pen Pals Meet After Many Years Of Correspondence

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Hallock of Brookings, S. Dakota, who were on their way to Arizona, stopped and had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. John Oliver recently. Mr. Oliver and Mrs. Hallock have been pen pals a number of years and both belong to the same Cactus Club.

Both are collectors of cactuses and this is the first time they have met.

The visitors were highly pleased at the friendly people of Merkel and said some very nice things about the business places, especially the Merkel Drug, the La Siesta Motel and the Merkel Mail paper, that they were all very nice for a town the size of Merkel.

Doyle Howell Elected Officer Of College Club

Doyle Howell has been elected fourth vice-president of the Institute of Business Relations, organization for business administration students, at Sul Ross State College. Howell is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Howell, Trent.

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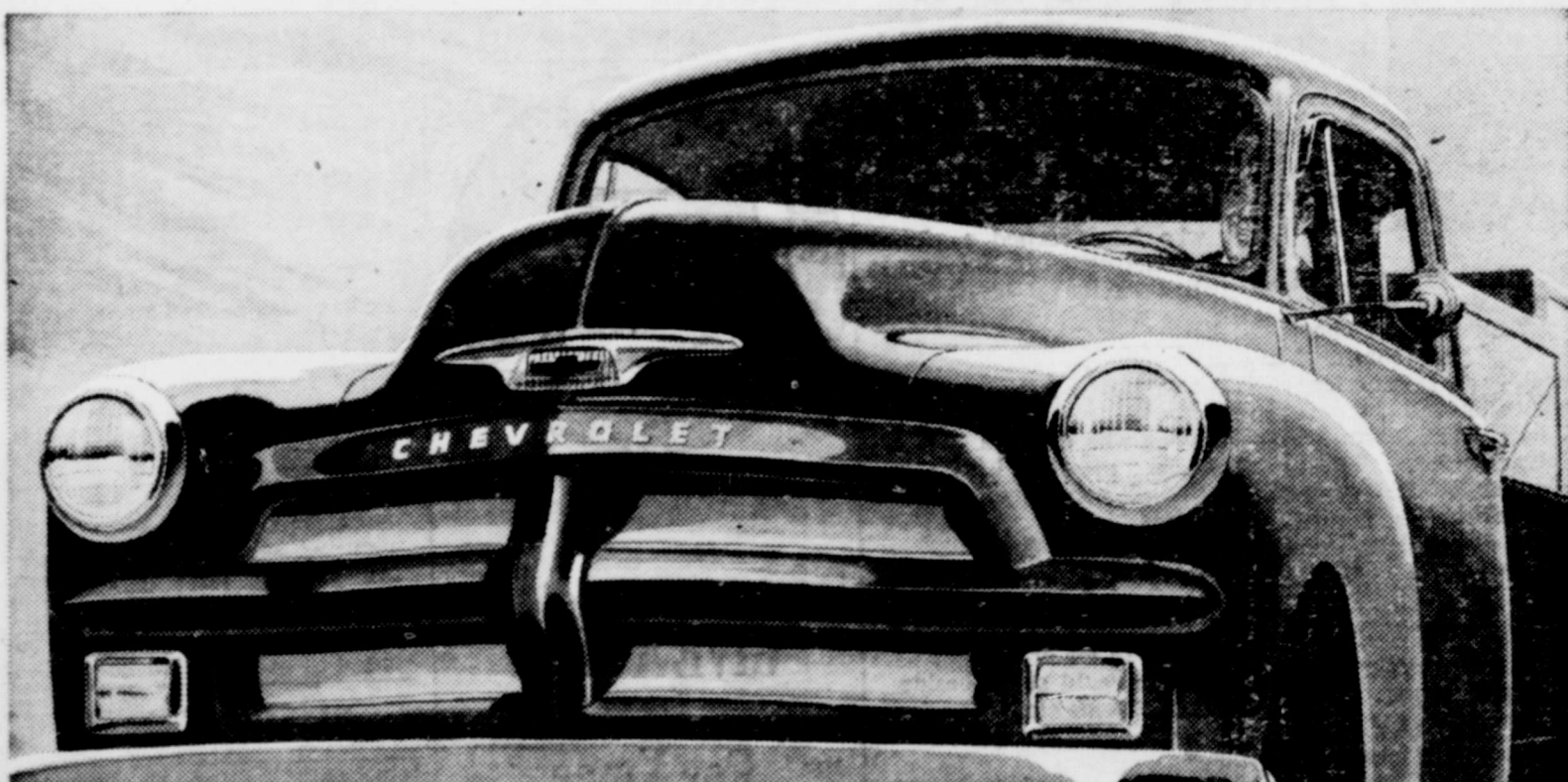
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EDITORIAL

MA'S LETTER

We have written before about the history professor's wife, Mrs. J. E. Wrench, known familiarly by "all her boys" as Ma Wrench. She always writes interestingly. Recently we got a letter from her telling about the scenery up in Missouri. She wrote in part:

"We are naving heavenly weather. Dad (the professor) and I had two days down by the big river just north of St. Louis. The drouth produced the strangest, most wonderful sight my eyes have ever seen.

"Colors which even to a New Yorker were fantastic, beyond anything the wildest imagination could picture, miles of oaks, not



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just brown and purple as usual but redder than maples, yellows and light and dark purples set off by the deep green of cedar.

"It will probably never be seen again, I hope, because I hope we shall never have another such drouth."

Well, we don't know about the wonderful colors the drouth has produced down here but we would have liked to show Ma Wrench the beautiful flowers that the Garden Club ladies were able to grow here in spite of the drouth.

All of which goes to show that one can find beauty under almost any conditions, rain or no rain.

And we know that the rain has not been plentiful around these parts. But people go on growing things just the same. Where nature will not provide enough moisture man finds ways to overcome this lack. We find that deserts are made to bloom again.

And so it goes. Man is a small part of the mighty vast universe yet he finds a place in it, an important place, and rises on the shoulders of adversity to higher planes of endeavor. He learns to harness those parts of nature that are destructive and makes them servants to his needs.

CONGRESSMAN'S LETTER

When one writes a column every week it is a difficult matter to make it interesting all the time. If one "hits the ball" of interest once in a while it is a good average. And so we take a look at Congressman Omar Burleson's recent letter, "As It Looks From Here."

Usually the letter just comments on things going on in Washington, D. C., or merely tells what is happening. But recently, two weeks ago, he wrote a letter that was very refreshing, especially for a man in an elective public office. He analyzed what makes a candidate "tick."

A man running for office, said the congressman, states that he is honest. Well, he would not say that he is dishonest. Why should any man boast that he is honest, asks the congressman.

We knew a county judge who was honest enough to tell why he was seeking office. He was the late Judge Tom Smiley of Karnes County, Texas. When he ran for his office he did not tell his constituents that he would make them a fine officer, that he was the best man for the office, that he would make everyone rich and reduce taxes. No, he came out bluntly and told them that the reason he was running for the office was that it paid well enough for him to put his talents to the job.

Of course, he was elected! But back to Congressman Burleson's article. He went on to show that though a candidate might promise to do certain things when he got in office the chances are that he would not be able to carry out his promises. And the congressman showed why. The opposition in office would be too great.

As Congressman Burleson illuminatingly remarks, "You do the best you can, but seldom get things exactly as you want them."

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er received seven blood transfusions. Doctors said the extra stomach was filled with fluid and had not been functioning.

Although Hochendoner had not complained of feeling ill, surgeons said they removed the stomach and intestines because they feared that later in life some of the cells might become malignant.

Mrs. Thomas O'Malley of McAlester, Okla., prepared the cleanest home in the valley — but it isn't hers.

She took her soap, mop and pail out to a new home she had just leased here. She wanted to give the place a good Irish cleaning.

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After the cleaning chore, she checked with the rental agent about the garage. She was told there was no garage with the house, and further checks developed Mrs. O'Malley had cleaned the wrong vacant house. Her new home was two blocks down the street.

NEWS' ODDITIES

In Pittsburgh, Pa., surgeons who recently discovered an 18-year-old boy had an extra stomach and an extra set of intestines successfully removed the "spares" in an operation which required nearly eight hours.

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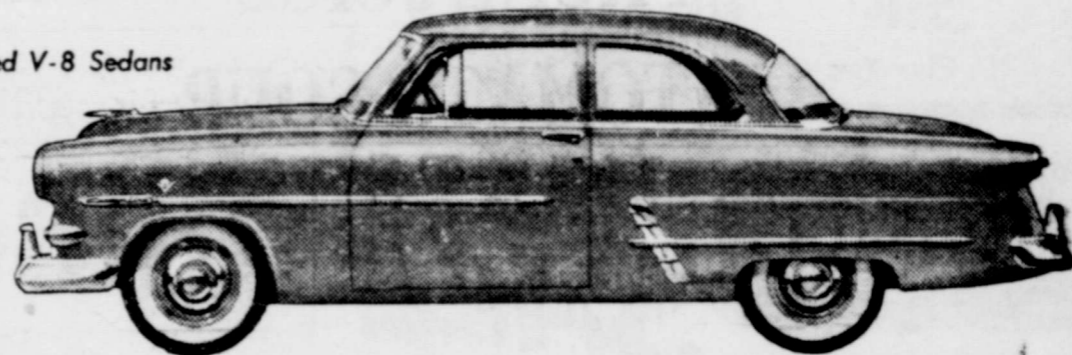
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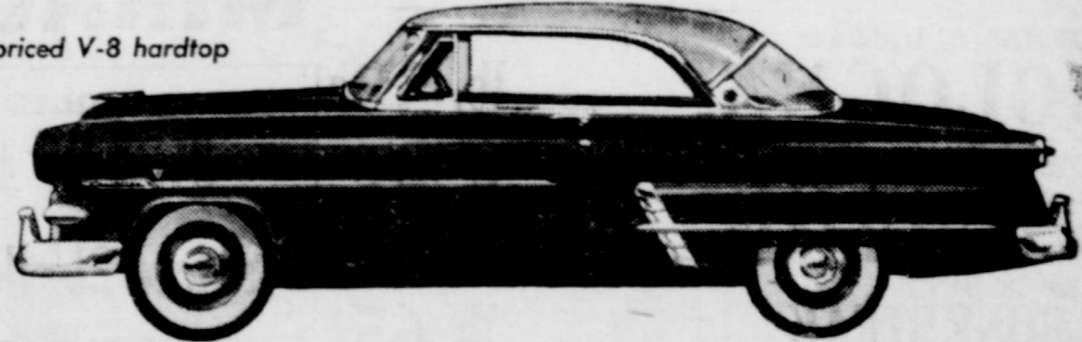


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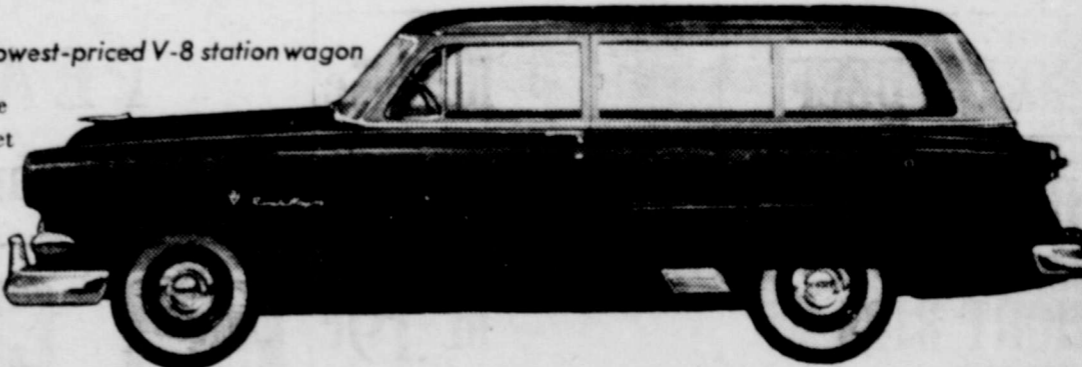
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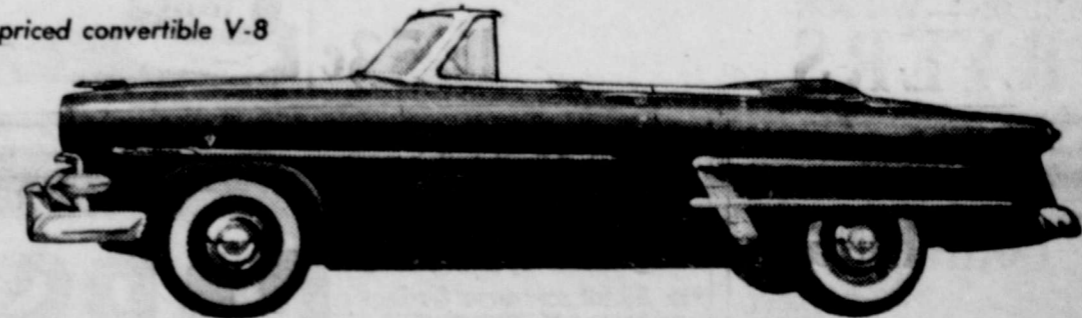
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The 2-door Ranch Wagon is also available with Ford's Six. It's six passengers big, yet converts to a cargo hauler in seconds . . . with 6½ feet to the end of the tailgate. Ford also offers the 4-door all-metal Country Sedan and the wood-trimmed Country Squire. Both are V-8 powered.



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10 lbs. 89c

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100 SIZE
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CORN 2 cans 35c

DEL MONTE ALL GREEN - TIP
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LIBBY'S SWEET
PICKLES pint 27c

LIBBY'S - NO. 2 CAN
TOMATO JUICE 2 for 25c

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HEINZ'S
TOMATO SOUP can 10c

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RED DELICIOUS
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IDAHO
SPUDS lb. 4c

FRESH
CRANBERRIES lb. 25c

FRESH
CELERY HEARTS cello 23c

RUBY RED
GRAPEFRUIT lb. 10c

FRESH
BELL PEPPER lb. 15c

ROME BEAUTY
APPLES lb. 12c

TEXAS CELLO
ORANGES 5 lb. bag 29c

CHOCOLATE COVERED
CHERRIES lb. 49c

BURKETT
PECANS lb. 37c

SHELLED
PECANS lb. 98c

FRUIT CAKE
GLAZED FRUITS

WILSON
OLEO
Lb. 19c

ALL
DETERGENT
Box 37c

LUX
SOAP
3 baths 19c

CAMAY
SOAP
3 baths 19c

CHEER - JOY
TIDE
2 Boxes 55c

CHEER - JOY
TIDE
Giant Box 69c

HORMEL
GOOD FOOD
MEATS SALE

HORMEL PURE PORK SACK
SAUSAGE 2 lbs. 99c

HORMEL ALL MEAT
FRANKS lb. cello 45c

HORMEL DAIRY BRAND
BACON lb. 69c

HORMEL ALL MEAT
BOLOGNA lb. 39c

HORMEL PURE PORK SACK
SAUSAGE 1 lb. 53c

CHOICE BEEF
T-BONE STEAK lb. 65c

FRESH
GROUND BEEF lb. 35c

CHOICE BEEF
CHUCK ROAST lb. 39c

CHOICE BEEF
SHORT RIBS lb. 19c

DENISON - WILSON
FRYERS lb. 53c

CRISCO 3 LB. CAN **79¢**
SUGAR IMPERIAL 10 LBS. **89¢**

SHORTENING ARMOUR'S 3 LB. CARTON **59¢**

MIRACLEWHIP Salad Dressing Pint Jar **32¢**

WHITE SWAN
CRAB APPLES
Spiced 2 1/2 lb. Jar 48c

OUR VALUE
ELBERTA PEACHES
2 1/2 Can 29c

DEL MONTE
PEARS
303 Can 23c

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No. 2 Can 29c

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HORMEL
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HORMEL
GOOD FOOD
CANNED MEAT SALE

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CAN WITH COINS
TAMALES 23c

WITH COINS
6 cans **49c**

HORMEL - WITH COINS
VIENNA SAUSAGE 4 cans 69c

You'll like HORMEL **CHILI CON CARNE** TALL CAN WITH COIN **33c**

HORMEL **CHILI** WITH BEANS can 27c WITH COIN

HORMEL **SPAM** WITH COIN. can 39c

WILSON
CORN KING
BACON
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