

Christmas Dinner By Trent Club Is Big Success

The annual Christmas dinner of the Trent Community Club was a candle-light affair. Over 75 persons were present. The dinner was held at the school cafeteria with J. G. Wilks, president, presiding. Prof. Todd of Hardin-Simmons University was the speaker. He talked on the advantages of the college to modern youth. He presented the Hardin-Simmons University annual, "The Broncho," to the school. The H.S.U. male quartet sang songs and delighted the audience very much. President Wilks installed the new officers: C. L. McLeod, president; A. C. Terry, vice president; John Hamner, secretary-treasurer. Out-of-town guests were Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Winn, Jr., Houston; Mr. and Mrs. Algie Steen, Central City, Colo. The menu consisted of turkey, dressing, cranberry sauce, creamed potatoes, fruit salad, fruit cake and coffee. The table decorations were supervised by Mrs. J. G. Wilks and consisted of a beautiful centerpiece, made in Christmas design, and the table was adorned with Christmas candles. A collection was taken for the cooks of the meal as a Christmas gift. These ladies, Mrs. Lena Mc-

Methodist Choir Will Present Xmas Service

The Methodist Choir will present a worship service of Christmas songs, composed of anthems and special numbers at 7 p. m., Sunday, Dec. 20. The choir will be directed by Cyrus Pee. Mrs. Robert Malone will be the organist. Everybody is welcome. The Fortnightly Study Club packed a box of gifts for the State Hospital at Abilene. In the box were jewelry, perfume, handkerchiefs, ties, etc. The box was sent Monday.

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... here from Iran to study American know-how in oil production.

Coach Ellis' Badgers Defeat C. C. 56 to 47

Coach Tommy Ellis' Badgers defeated Colorado City Monday at Colorado City by the score of 56 to 47. Dink Whisenhunt was high for the Badgers with 15 points, Jackie McAninch 12, Kenneth Pursley 11 and Robert McLeod 9. At the half Colorado City was leading 23-20. In the "B" game Coach Carroll Benson's Badgers beat Colorado City "B" team 35 to 29. Freddie Boone was high with 12 points. The Badgers will play Winters there today, Friday.

New Chevrolet For 1954 Will Be Shown Here Today

More power, an extension of the automatic transmission option to all cars, and design revisions to accentuate the low, flowing beauty of the three body series highspot the 1954 Chevrolets. The latest models, scheduled to go on display at the Badger Chevrolet showrooms Friday, Dec. 18, benefit as well from re-styled interiors, a wider choice of rich colors and color harmonies and chassis advances to assure quieter operation with increased performance. Power brakes, adding safety and driving control, become optional for the first time in the low-price field with the introduction. As still another "first" in Chevrolet's market, electric front seat and window lifts are also available. This convenience provides passenger car comfort through push button control.

MRS. PAUL HONEYCUTT'S SISTER DIRECTS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Honeycutt were in Ballinger Sunday, attending a program of Christmas music directed by Mrs. Honeycutt's sister Ra Mona Wright, who is public school music instructor there.

CANCER TISSUES DIFFER CHEMICALLY FROM NORMAL TISSUE. Preliminary studies indicate cancer tissues differ chemically from normal tissues, University of Texas Researcher E. M. Lansford Jr., reported. Dr. Lansford proposes a study of those chemical differences to seek a cause and cure for the illness. Most present studies are centered on straining components of cancer cells and studying the cells' growth by observing the stains.

TO HOLD OPEN HOUSE. The children of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Engelish will honor them with an open house on Dec. 20 from 2:30 to 5 p. m. at their home in Trent. The Engelishes had their 61st wedding anniversary on Dec. 14. Mr. Engelish's birthday is Dec. 19 and hers is December 20.

HOME FROM HOSPITAL. Mrs. W. C. Burleson has returned to her home from the hospital and is getting along nicely.

NO SINGING AT SHILOH. There will be no singing at Shiloh Church this month on account of the singing date falling on Christmas Eve.

Merkel Band Is In 1st Division At San Angelo

The Merkel High School Band won a first division rating for Class A in the marching contest at San Angelo. In all, 24 bands participated in the San Angelo contest.

Christmas Carols By School Girls Thrill Lions Club

The Lions Club was thrilled Tuesday with the Christmas program presented by the elementary school under the direction of Mrs. Norman Winter, music teacher. The chorus consisted of 39 girls in vestments. They stood on a rising tier platform with one girl at the top near the ceiling, balancing beautifully the Christmas tree that reached to the ceiling. The chorus sang familiar carols while Principal C. A. Farley showed views of the birth of Christ and Michael Miller read the story. Supt. Mack Fisher, president. The club voted to have the minstrel show again next year. A letter addressed to the club from a 12-year-old child told of her sick parents and her request for presents.

TOTAL GINNINGS. To Noon Wednesday: Farmers' Coop, Merkel 2,163; Guitier Gin 1,453; Stith Gin 1,463; Noodle Gin 1,350; Hodges Coop, Gin., Sat. 2,725. The guess is that each gin will handle from 50 to 200 more bales.

GOAL SET AT \$1,000. On Sunday the First Baptist Church will take its annual Lotte Moon Christmas offering for foreign missions. The goal has been set for \$1,000.

H. B. Chambless Celebrate 60th Wedding Year

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Chambless celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Dec. 13. They were married Dec. 13, 1893. He is 81 and she is 75. They lived for 10 years in Trent, 14 years in Abilene and the rest of the time here. He is a retired farmer. For their honeymoon they borrowed an old wagon and team and went to his cousin, about a mile from here. They were married at the home of her father, G. W. Cox, on a farm four miles from town by Rev. Blair, Baptist minister. They have three children: Mrs. G. N. Reynolds of Trent, Mrs. Roy Hunter and Jack Chambless of Aspermont.

MRS. C. O'BRIEN'S UNCLE IS BURIED IN CLYDE SATURDAY. Mr. and Mrs. Coleman O'Brien and family attended the funeral of her uncle, Walter Brown, 81, in Clyde Saturday.

MRS. EUEL C. RAY HAS MAJOR OPERATION ON DECEMBER 7. Mrs. Euel C. Ray is recovering from a major operation that she had December 7 at an Abilene hospital. She will be taken home toward the end of this week.

HAS MAJOR SURGERY. Billy G. Young underwent major surgery at the Sadler Hospital December 11.

BOY TO KENNETH RAYS. Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Ray are the parents of a boy born at the Sadler Hospital December 9.

C. E. FREES HAVE BOY. A baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Carroll E. Free at the Sadler Hospital December 14.

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Fire at Depot Damages \$6,000 Worth of Cotton

Fire that broke out in an empty box car at 11:30 a. m. last Friday spread and damaged cotton that was on the depot platform. The cotton was worth around \$6,000. The empty box car was burning inside. It was the 25th car from the engine, going west. The engine stopped to put out the fire, just east of the Cherry Street crossing. The box car was parallel with the depot platform, two tracks north of it. The wind swept the fire across the tracks and the cotton on the platform caught fire. There were 44 bales of cotton on the platform of which eight were entirely saved. The rest were damaged. The ties of eight bales came off. It was thought that the fire was started by men who were riding in the car. It is thought that they got off at Abilene. When the car passed Clyde's Garage, Clyde Wurst saw the car on fire. The local fire department put out the fire in the car and the cotton out. The car was saved but was badly damaged. All the wood was burned off. The cotton had been delivered to the platform by the Stith Coop. Gin and was out of its hand. The cotton had been sold to L. G. Cook of Abilene.

TO CLOSE CHRISTMAS. All the stores of Merkel will be closed Friday, Christmas Day, as this is one of the five holidays agreed upon for closing by all the merchants.

LIONS FAVOR CLOSING. At its meeting Tuesday the Lions Club voted in favor of closing Friday, Christmas Day, and the following day, Saturday, December 24 and 25.

P. O. OPEN TO 5 P. M. SATURDAY, DEC. 19. The post office will be open Saturday, Dec. 19, until 5 p. m., announced Postmaster Wrenn Durham.

Christmas Tree Tragedies Can Be Avoided by Care

That Christmas tree you'll be setting up in your home this season can easily become the center of a tragedy unless you take a few precautions, say fire insurance experts. Texas was lucky last year. Only 14 Christmas tree fires were reported with property damage totaling \$33,298. But the Texas Insurance Advisory Association, which keeps such figures, says Christmas tree fires annually take about 100 lives over the nation and destroy thousands of dollars in property. To help keep your Christmas merry, the fire insurance experts suggest the following safety rules: 1. Choose a small tree. It's safer than a large one. 2. Don't set it up until a few days before Christmas, and then be sure to buy a tree that is freshly cut. 3. Then stand it in water and put in the coolest part of the house away from radiators or open gas heaters. Cut off the trunk diagonally at least an inch above the original cut end. 4. Avoid using cotton or paper decorations, and never place an electric train under the tree. 5. Be sure your electric lighting sets are in good working order and bear a label indicating that they have been approved by Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc. 6. Never leave the lights burning when no one is in the house. 7. Place the tree so that its accidental burning would not ignite curtains or other combustible furnishings, or block off an exit. 8. When the needles start falling, take the tree down and discard it immediately.

THE FACE OF EDITOR WHITE IS BLANK. After writing two stories and one ad about the Fortnightly Study Club turkey dinner Editor Hy White forgot all about it. He had to be reminded of the affair. Yes, he arrived at the dinner but he got no turkey. He was the last one in line!

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS BEGIN DEC. 23 AND END JANUARY 4. The schools here will close Wednesday, Dec. 23, and remain closed until Monday after New Year's announced Supt. Mack Fisher. "All the schools here will teach through Tuesday, Dec. 22, closing Wednesday, Dec. 23, and then school will take up again on Monday, January 4," stated Prof. Fisher.

STITH XMAS PROGRAM. The Stith Baptist Church will have a community Christmas program next Sunday night, Dec. 20, at 6:30 o'clock. Everyone is invited to come and bring a friend.

Katy Hunter, Buddy Patterson And Lonnie Harris Win Prizes

Winners in the seventh grades in writing the early history of Merkel have been announced. Katy Hunter won the first prize of \$3. Buddy Patterson and Lonnie Harris tied for second prize and won \$2 each. The awards were presented by Miss Lottie Butman. The prizes were offered by Sam Butman, Sr. This is the way the contest started. The seventh graders were studying the history of Texas. The idea occurred to Mrs. Andy Shouse one of the teachers, that it might be advisable to study the early history of Merkel. The students went out to the venerable pioneer's home, to get first hand information about the early days of Mer-

cel. Mrs. Shouse told the other seventh grade teachers, Miss Mable Phillips and Mrs. Joe Nodge, and they also took over the idea. Mr. Butman began to receive a great number of young students inquiring about the early days of Merkel. He liked the idea. So, he offered the prizes. He also sent the young folks to interview other old pioneers. "It was no easy job to select the final winners," stated Miss Butman. "I got them down to three and then I turned them over to a few old pioneers to select the order of the prize winners. The children did exceptionally well in writing up the history of early Merkel."

First Baptist Choir Will Sing Christmas Story

The First Baptist Church Choir will present a cantata at 7:30 p. m. Sunday night, entitled "Glad Tidings of Great Joy." Roland Whatley will direct the choir. The song service will tell the story of Christmas. The public is welcome.

New 1954 Pontiac Goes on Display Here Fri. Morning

An entirely new line of cars—bigger, longer and more luxurious plus an improved and newly styled line of Chieftains for 1954 is announced by Nolan Palmer, local Pontiac dealer. They will go on display here for a two-day announcement period beginning Friday, December 18. All 1954 Pontiacs have been re-styled with a new radiator grille, new silver streak, new DeLux and Custom side moldings and many other features both interior, including the widest selection of colors and color combinations ever offered. Mr. Palmer stated souvenirs will be given and special gifts for the children.

FIRE DESTROYS HOME SUNDAY NIGHT OF WESLEY RISTER. Wesley Rister's home near Truby was burned to the ground Sunday night. Mr. and Mrs. Rister and family were away at the time.

GOLDEN YEAR'S PARTY SATURDAY FROM 2 TO 4 P. M. The Fortnightly Study Club will hold its Golden Year's Party at the Community Center from 2 to 4 p. m., Saturday, December 19. There will be a musical program and refreshments. All folks in the golden years are invited. Not only folks in Merkel but also those in the surrounding territory are welcome. All these good folks are invited to attend and meet their old friends and talk about the "good old days." Those having no way to come are requested to contact any club member and a ride to the center will be arranged for them.

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GOOD CROWD ENJOYS SPLENDID SINGING BY NEGRO GROUP. The special group of singers from Southwestern Christian College of Terrell presented its special program at the Church of Christ Thursday of last week before a good crowd. Folks came not only from Merkel but also from the surrounding area, including Trent, Noodle and Hope, to enjoy this a cappella singing of the Negro school. There were four girls and two boys who sang a group of hymns and a group of Negro spirituals. The boys also spoke, telling about the school and its aims.

CORRECTION! In the Bullock Hardware ad of last week it stated that the 33 1-3 to 50% off regular price would be for one day only. The sale will last through December 19, stated Mr. Bullock—Adv.

Merkel 20 Years Ago

TAKEN FROM THE 1933 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL

MAYFIELD WINS. Grand champion, Rhode Island Red cock, Bob Mayfield, in Merkel's Fourth Annual Poultry Show and Auction Sale. Best type male, White Plymouth Rock cock, O. Dawson. Best type female, Rhode Island Red pullet, D. H. Jefferies, Abilene. Best 15-bird display, Rhode Island Reds, D. H. Jefferies, Abilene. Best 10-bird, silver traced Wyandottes, Castle B. Ellis.

TO LEVEL SCHOOL GROUND. A \$5,000 CWA project outlined by the Merkel School Board and that will provide jobs for Merkel's full quota of 75 men has been approved by the state board, work to begin early in January. This will involve filling in and leveling the school grounds of both the high school and the grammar school.

TO HOLD CLASS REUNION. Plans for the first reunion of the M. H. S. class of '33 are outlined in the invitations that are being mailed out to class members. The return is to be held at 7:30 p. m. Dec. 26, Tuesday, at the home of Mrs. John Hughes.

TO HELP HOME OWNERS. Workings of the government plan of aiding the small home owners were explained by R. W. Haynie, attorney for Taylor County for the home Owners Loan Corporation, to a group of about 50 taxpayers at the grammar school auditorium Monday night. The wintry weather prevented a larger number from being present. Postmas-

This Happened in Merkel Forty Years Ago

TAKEN FROM THE 1913 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL

The home of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Johnson was visited Friday morning by the Christmas stork and a fine baby boy was left with the parents.

At the close of this, the eighth year of our career as a merchant in this beautiful City of Clover, surrounded by the most fertile lands in West Texas and populated by a good class of people as could be found anywhere in this grand old universe, it is with thankful heart that we again have the pleasure of extending Christmas greetings.

W. L. Hardrider. Here's a greeting to our friends and those to be. Fires have no regard for Christmas. Williams and Johnson.

The home of J. T. Howard of the

F. & M. Bank will be the scene of a joyful homecoming of all his children during Christmas. Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Middleton of Stamford came in Wednesday and will remain here until after the holidays. Other members of the family, Mrs. Rufus Grisham of Hamlin, Miss Sophia Howard of McCauley and Dr. George Howard of the City Hospital of Dallas, will reach here the latter part of this week and will remain until about the first of the year.

Merry Christmas and best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year. Crown Hardware Co.

This epoch marks the close of our seventh year in business and we have many things to be justly proud of and thank our customers. Anchor Hardware Company.



Mr. and Mrs. Algje Steene of Arizona is visiting his mother, Mrs. Steene of Trent.  
 Mrs. C. C. Delton of Waco is visiting her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bullock.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Jack Miller spent the weekend in Edgewood with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Hooks.

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Queen of the highways, the Pontiac Star Chief Custom Catalina is bigger, longer, more beautiful. On a new 124-inch wheelbase and eleven inches longer over-all, the Star Chief Custom Catalina has new performance with the increased horsepower eight-cylinder engine and Dual-Range Hydra-Matic, new bright color combinations and new lovely top grain leather or leather-and-nylon interiors. Pontiac in 1954 also offers a Custom and a Deluxe Catalina in the 122-inch wheel-base Chieftain series with its distinctive styling.

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**personals**

Dale Doan, PHAN USN, arrived home Sunday from Virginia Beach Va., for a 15-day leave to visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Doan. When he returns to Virginia Beach he will leave for a cruise to Cuba.

Artificial wreaths, bouquets, potted poinsettias and cut flowers for Christmas. Order Now! Missie's Floral Shop. —Adv.

Mrs. Dorothy Peugh with her daughter, Mrs. Eula Brawley, of Big Spring visited her sisters, Mrs. J. T. Johnson and Miss Dela Kuykendall this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick West and children of Washington, D. C., are here over the holidays, visiting her parents, Mayor and Mrs. Henry C. West.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Morris and daughter Bettye of Wichita Falls spent the weekend with her sister, Mrs. Earl Baze, and Mr. Baze. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Boden, Sr., returned home with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gregory and children of Sweetwater visited Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Nell Gregory. Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Gregory of Snyder were also visitors.

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Mrs. Winnie Cypert with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Green, Norma and Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Green of Abilene visited Mrs. Cypert's sister,

Mrs. D. B. Smith of Austin last weekend. Her daughter, Mrs. Alex Smith, and husband of San Antonio were also visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Winn, Jr., of Houston visited their parents, Mr.

and Mrs. W. P. Hood, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Winn, of Trent last week.



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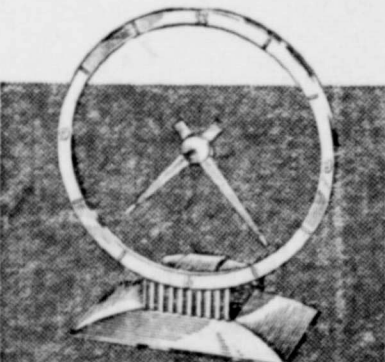
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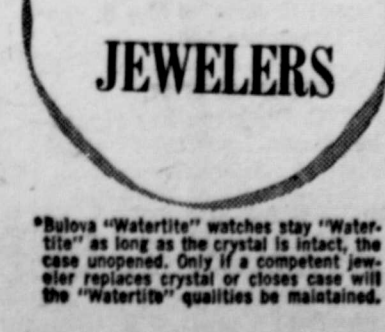
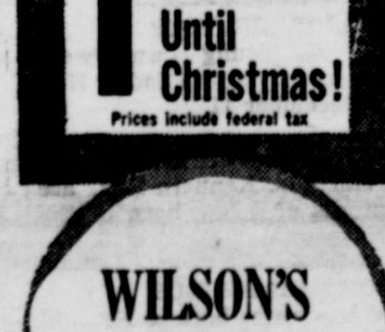
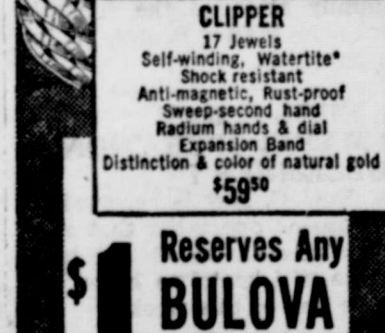
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To any Sheriff or any Constable within the State of Texas—Greeting:

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: 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 19420-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 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.

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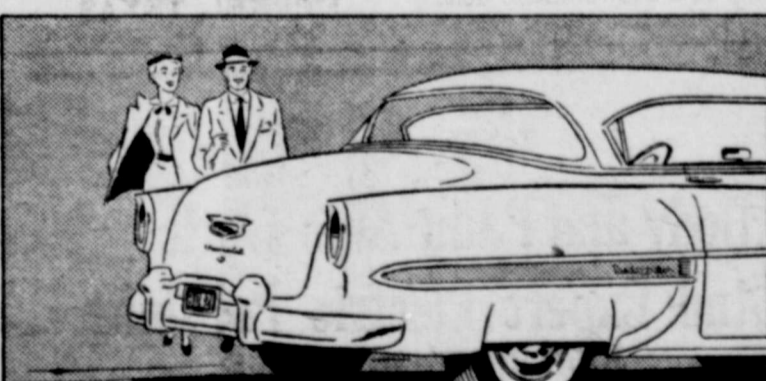
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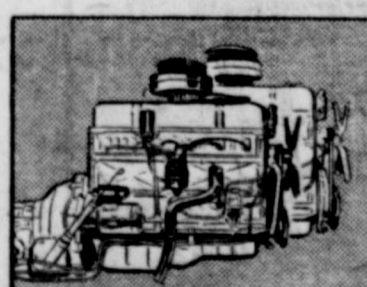


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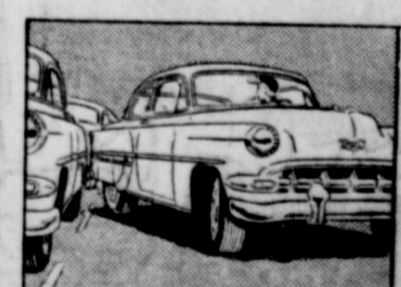
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## WANDA BEARD TO MARRY BILLY HARRIS DECEMBER 24

Mrs. Mamie Beard Harden of 410 Elm St., Abilene announced the engagement and approaching marriage of her daughter Wanda Beard to Billy Harris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harris of 1643 N. 10th, Abilene, on Dec. 24 in a double ring ceremony in the home of Rev. Elbert G. Peak, pastor of the Corinth Baptist Church.

The couple attended Merkel schools where they finished in 1952. They will live at 1530 N. 11, Abilene.

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## HOMEMAKERS CLASS ENJOYS CHRISTMAS BANQUET FRIDAY

The Homemakers Class of the First Baptist Church held a Christmas banquet last Friday at the church with the husbands as guests. Good food and a program were enjoyed by all 42 persons there. Secret pals were revealed.

## MERKEL, JR., 4-H CLUB MEETS FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11

The Merkel, Jr. 4-H Club met Friday, Dec. 11. At the meeting the home demonstration agent, Mrs. Lowery, explained why we must stay-stitch, also why we should clip under the arms in your garments. Martha Perry is reporter for the Girls 4-H Club.

## NOODLE 4-H CLUBS HOLD PARTY AND MEETING

The Noodle, Jr., and Sr., 4-H Clubs met Dec. 8. Miss Wainwright gave a demonstration on different uses of pimento spread. The party and meeting were combined. Seventy-one attended the party. Poems were read and games were played. Christmas carols were sung.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT HOLDS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

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ment held its annual Christmas party in the Community Center. After the banquet, Sue Mewborn read a Christmas story, Kay Wallace played a piano solo, and the Assembly of God quartet including Dr. James H. Chaney, Pat Cypert, Mrs. H. S. Earp, and Mrs. Pat Cypert, sang several songs with Mrs. Chaney playing the piano.

## 1953 HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI TO HOLD CLASS RE-UNION

The 1953 high school alumni will hold a re-union Saturday, Dec. 26, at the home of Mrs. Dent Gibson. Supper will be served at 6:30 p. m. All members of the class, their wives, husbands and dates with class sponsors are invited.

## DALE MOORE CIRCLE MEETS WITH MRS. CHARLIE WEST

The Dale Moore Circle of the First Baptist Church met at the home of Mrs. Charlie West Monday, Mrs. Finch brought an interesting lesson on a mission book. There were 14 present.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES ENJOY GIFT EXCHANGE

The Dorcas and Lydia Sunday school classes held their Christmas social Tuesday, Dec. 5, in the First Baptist Church with a Christmas tree and exchange of presents. Mrs. S. E. Tullock brought the devotional on "Love," which was enjoyed by all. There were 29 present at the social.

## WESLEYAN GUILD TO HELP NEEDY FAMILY

The Wesleyan Service Guild met Monday night in the home of Mrs. Cyrus Pee. Mrs. Paul Honeycutt discussed the social lesson on "The Prophet Jeremiah" which is very interesting.

The Service Guild decided to select some family to help during the holiday season. After business meeting Mrs. Pee served delicious pie, whipped cream and coffee to the following: Mesdames Holt Vaughn, Ray Wilson, Don Dudley, R. M. Ferguson, J. Cox, Clark, Honeycutt, Swartz, D. H. Vaughn, Ben Hicks, Bettye Tittle, and two visitors, Mrs. Stratton of Lubbock and Mrs. Bill Farris of California.

## LOUIS BUTMAN'S HAVE HOUSE WARMING LAST WEEK

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Butman and children, Beverly and Steve, were honored with a housewarming on Wednesday night of last week.

The Butman's have recently moved into their new home, La Golondrina. It is constructed of concrete blocks, painted white, with orange-red mission tile roof and is of Monterey architecture.

A very appropriate program on "Home" was given by Rev. John V. Ferguson, Mrs. Dewel McLean and Mrs. A. D. Scott. A quartet, composed of Mrs. John Ferguson, Melvin McCoy, R. G. Toombs and Joe Seymour, sang "Home, Sweet Home."

T-Ving was the main entertainment. Games of 42 and Canasta were played. Popcorn popped at the giant fireplace was served throughout the evening.

Many beautiful gifts were opened and displayed on the large ranch oak dining table.

## LOTTIE BUTMAN IS HOSTESS TO MERKEL H. D. CLUB

The Merkel Home Demonstration Club met last Friday in the home of Miss Lottie Butman in observance of Christmas and revealing of club pals. Preparation for the Taylor County Christmas party in the Merkel Community Center Thursday, Dec. 17, was discussed.

Mrs. John Hughes brought a beautiful Christmas story, "Life in a Happy Home." Christmas carols were sung and gifts were passed. Refreshment plate of cherry pie topped with whipped cream and coffee was enjoyed by Mrs. John Hughes, Mrs. A. H. Hagar, Mrs. Ben Campbell, Mrs. Ree Scott, Mrs. Pear Harris, Mrs. Lucy Lyles and the hostess.

## "XMAS STORY AND SONG" ENJOYED BY FORTNIGHTLY

Mrs. Clyde Bartlett was hostess when members of the Fortnightly Study Club met at her home Dec. 15.

Mrs. Andy Shouse, president, presided. "Christmas in Story and Song" was the program theme with a drawing of a Biblical scene done in chalk by Mrs. Ben Hicks, narrated

by Mrs. Paul Honeycutt and appropriate Christmas music played by Mrs. Norman Winter.

A quartet from the elementary school under the direction of Mrs. Winter sang Christmas carols. They were Annette Boney, Besty West, Carla Hays and Sue Carr.

The committee for the Golden Years' party reported everything ready for the Dec. 19 party from 2 to 4 p. m. A large group is expected.

There were 19 members present and one guest, M. J. Weston West.

## UNION RIDGE H. D. CLUB ENJOYS CHRISTMAS PARTY

The lovely new home of Mrs. De vearl Teaff near Tye was the scene for the Union Ridge Home Demonstration Club's annual Christmas party December 10.

Songs were sung, Mrs. Denzil Cox leading. Mrs. W. C. Lee read the Christmas Scripture, St. Luke 2, following with prayer by Mrs. M. H. Ely.

"The Chekered Quilt," a story, was read by Mrs. Cox and "Do You Belong" by Miss Mabel McRee.

From a pretty lighted sweet scented cedar tree gifts were exchanged and a shower of gifts were received by both Mrs. Buntin, president, and Miss McRee council delegate.

A sandwich plate served with cocoa or coffee with nut baskets as favors was served to five visitors, Mrs. Gordon Pursley, Mrs. Dee Teaff, Mrs. M. H. Ely, Orval Ely, the hostess 10 members with their children.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. J. H. Clark January 8.

## LOCAL FORD FOLKS TO ATTEND SHOWING OF NEW 1954 CAR

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**Xmas Dollar Day Draws Crowds Last Tuesday**

Large crowds of Christmas shoppers took advantage of the Dollar Day bargains offered last Tuesday. The crowds started coming early and there were throngs of shoppers throughout the day. Some of the merchants reported unusual Christmas crowds. This again was Merkel's way of being friendly and saying "Thank you" to everyone.

**PERSONAL**

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Campbell and family of Haskell and A. J. Rives and family of Winters visited their mother, Mrs. C. O. Washburn, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Boney and family of Colorado City were Sunday visitors of his brother, Horace Boney, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Overby of Hobbs, New Mexico were weekend guests of her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sylvester.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Patton and daughter with Mrs. Othell O'Kelly and children visited Sunday night with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. G. C. Williams, in Clyde. They were both injured recently in a wreck.

Mr. and Mrs. Melton Cross and Mike of Abilene spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Cross.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bertram of Abilene had Sunday dinner with



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Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Bartlett visited Sunday in Santa Anna with his father, J. Ed Bartlett, who is ill.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Gentry and baby were in Baird Sunday visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith.

Artificial wreaths, bouquets, potted poinsettias and cut flowers for Christmas. Order Now! Missie's Floral Shop. —Adv.

Mrs. W. B. Stanfill of Conroe has been visiting her uncle, B. F. Parham and cousins, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Parham and Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Parham.

**HOSPITAL NOTES**

Admissions to the Sadler Hospital the past week were:

As medical patients — Mrs. Clint Allen, Torif Hanson, R. H. Connell, C. C. Boyd, Sandra Thompson, Mrs. C. P. Stearns, M. G. Bryant, Hugh Grayson, Alzada Pogue, J. C. Brewer and Mrs. M. T. Head.

**NEWS' ODDITIES**

Joe Allen, of Chickasha, Okla., announced that while he was on a vacation trip to Minnesota, he left a new hat in a cafe, lost his billfold containing \$210 plus identification, driver's license and fishing permit; dropped his prize rod and reel into the lake; put his lower plate in his cabin window and a storm came along and blew it to the floor, smashing it. He did manage to catch a 4½-pound small-mouth bass.

In Chicago, John J. Heer, 18, admitted that he was a member of a gang of "kissing bandits" who first robbed, then stole kisses from their female victims and recalled that on one occasion he returned \$3.50 to a woman after he had kissed her.

A Hartford (Conn.) piano tuner deducted \$2 from his bill, adding this note: "Credit for time spent tuning on TV to see how ball game was progressing."

In Milwaukee, Mrs. Eleanor Jane Trier, 36-year-old beauty shop operator, who was arrested and accused of shoplifting, told District

Judge Harvey Neelen that she was merely gathering material for another woman's article on "How Easy It Is To Shoplift."

Dennis Beam of Selby, N. C., swapped his 280-pound hog for a week at Zeb Grigg's cottage at Crescent Beach, N. C.

In Mexico City, Sergt. Silvestre Mayorga Mendoza was dishonorably discharged from the Mexican Army for the sour notes he played in the military band's rendition of the national anthem at the Falcon Dam ceremonies last month.

Mrs. Chaja Glatt was fined \$5,600 in London and given a six-month jail sentence for trying to smuggle \$33,000 worth of diamonds to Belgium in her girdle.

Police in Livonia, Mich., were ordered by Douglas Campbell, the force's expert in "public and human relations," to have a "sympathetic smile" when they pass out traffic tickets.

According to wealthy George M. Bartlett, of California, life begins at 92.

The 92-year-old great grandfather took out a marriage license and told surprised friends, "Why, I'm just beginning to live."

The bride-to-be is Sonja Dupont, 30, Bartlett's secretary for the past four years. Bartlett is a retired electrical engineer.

**Washington**

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Nautilus, the Navy's atomic powered submarine, will soon be a reality. The keel of a second such submarine has been laid. They can stay submerged almost indefinitely. They can travel under water at speeds greater than any but the fastest surface ships. They are almost impossible to detect by any known means.

Regulus, the Navy's guided missile, is also reaching operational stage. It will be capable of carrying the atomic warhead to targets over two hundred miles away. Because of its supersonic speed, it is virtually impossible to intercept. Nautilus and Regulus can be married — that is, the missile can be fired from the deck of the submarine.

Both Nautilus and Regulus are technical achievements of which the Navy has right to be proud. Yet, when one asks how these achievements may affect the Navy

itself, we begin to understand why the atomic powered submarine has met with fierce resistance within the Navy itself.

The reason for this is that the heart of the American naval power now centers in the great aircraft carriers. Present plans call for the creation of twelve to fourteen carrier task forces. Each force, with its outlying screen of protective vessels, represents a tremendous investment. Yet the marriage of Nautilus and Regulus may in the future render this whole great investment of very doubtful value.

In addition, the Russians are soon likely to have the same weapons. If they do, they of course could attack our great task forces from miles away. It would not be necessary to receive a direct hit; coming close with an atomic warhead would be enough.

The Joint Chiefs of Staff of the Defense Department are now in a dilemma in deciding where to place the emphasis in view of these great technological advances.

This is only an example of what is before us. It is no easy problem to decide. Other new weapons using atomic and nuclear energy are in the development stage.

Another question confronting the Joint Chiefs of Staff is what would happen — just in case there might be an outside chance of outlawing the use of atomic weapons. If such a possibility should develop it would be necessary to have the conventional weapons we have used in the past. This means that while we are spending great sums of money in the development of these new revolutionary weapons of war, we must at the same time continue a buildup of tanks, planes ships, guns, etc., which could conceivably almost double the cost of national defense.

It has been necessary for us to return to Washington in order to get "irons out of the fire" and put others in before the opening of the next Session of the Congress.

This being the Christmas Season, this column will not appear again until after the first of the year.

**Don't Spend Lives Is Warning Given For Xmas Holiday**

To prevent the reckless spending of lives every Christmas, the National Safety Council called on Americans to join in a nationwide Christmas savings plan to stop accidents.

The Christmas-New Year holiday season is the most hazardous single period of the year, according to council statistics. In traffic accidents alone, twice as many persons are killed during a Christmas holiday period as on the same days of the preceding two weeks.

The Council suggests four safety measures for Christmas pleasures:

1. Start automobile trips early and take it easy. Be extremely cautious in bad weather and darkness. Watch out for pedestrians.
2. Keep Christmas trees in water and away from fire. Be sure lights and electrical connections are in good condition.
3. Watch out for falls, at home and away from home. Be wary of icy sidewalks. Falls are second only to traffic as accident killers.
4. Be moderate in drinking, and don't drive if you have been drinking. Tipsy pedestrians and drinking drivers are most common during the holidays.

**XMAS TREE HAZARD**

The Christmas tree can become a fire hazard. Anchor it with sand and rocks in a bucket or small tub and keep the sand moist. This will reduce needle shedding and help keep the tree fresh. The use of flammable decorations is not advised. — 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.  
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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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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 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,  
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**NEWS**  
County Home Demonstration Agent  
Texas A. & M. College Extension Service  
By LORETTA ALLEN

Trent 4-H Club had its Christmas party Dec. 16 after school. Adult leaders who helped Peggy Joe Mayberry, club president, and club members to plan the Christmas party were Mrs. Allan King, Mrs. A. C. Heatly and Mrs. Wray B. Williams, teacher leader. Blue Bonnett Home Demonstration club members sponsored the party for the 4-H Girls.

Merkel Home Demonstration Club women are proud of the coffee urn that they got for selling vanilla flavoring. They have put the urn in the Community Center for everyone to use.

Taylor County 4-H Club boys and girls are having their Annual County-Wide Christmas Party Friday, Dec. 18, at 7:30 p. m. The party will be in the Exhibition Building at Fair Park in Abilene. Every club member has a special invitation to attend. Jackie Richards will be master of ceremonies again this year. 4-H members who will lead games are Leon Crane, Glenda and Gloria Jackson, Jeanice Evans, Nita Harvey, Olene Ne-Smith and Lynn Pressword. Better plan to come, if you want to have some fun.

I've heard that it has been tradition for Merkel Home Demonstration Club to have its Christmas party at Miss Lottie Butman's. Aren't some traditions nice to keep?

Mr. Thomas L. Masson, advertising manager for House Beautiful magazine, visited the Allan Kings. As Mr. King was showing him the country, he kept picking up old sun bleached bones. Mr. King thought he was crazy, but the bug must have bitten him, too, because he can't keep from noticing them now. He ran across a great big one the other day that interested him so much he sheepishly dug it out to show me the other day when I visited in the King home.

Christmas and gifts just go together like salt and pepper. There is always a package to be wrapped. Many nerves can be saved if all gift wrapping material, including ribbon, paper, scotch tape, string, seals, ruler, etc., are all in one box, and all members of the family know where it is. Of course, the scissors should be in the box too. Can you remember having to spend so much time trying to locate the scissors?

Mrs. H. G. Cooke was hostess to the Wylie Home Demonstration Club, when they had their Christmas Party. She had such a pretty Christmas tree, I just have to tell you about it. She had painted the old frame of an umbrella and partly opened it. On the end of each spoke, she had a Christmas ball and a star in top. Then, it was decorated with tinsel. She used it on her dining table. It was so pretty, I thought you might like to make one, too.

**CEMETERY FUND**

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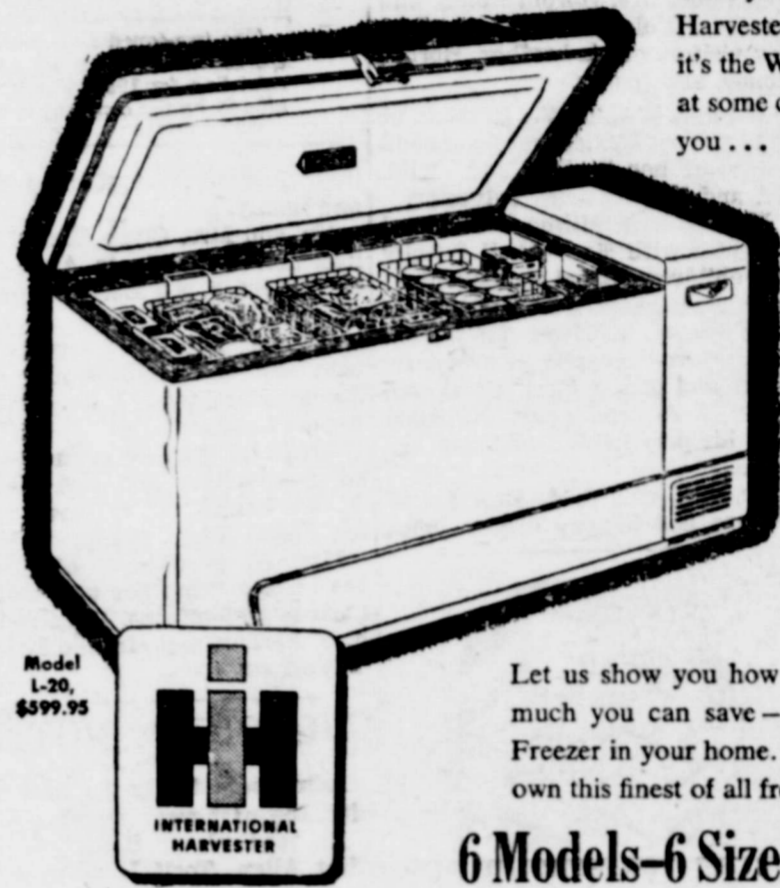
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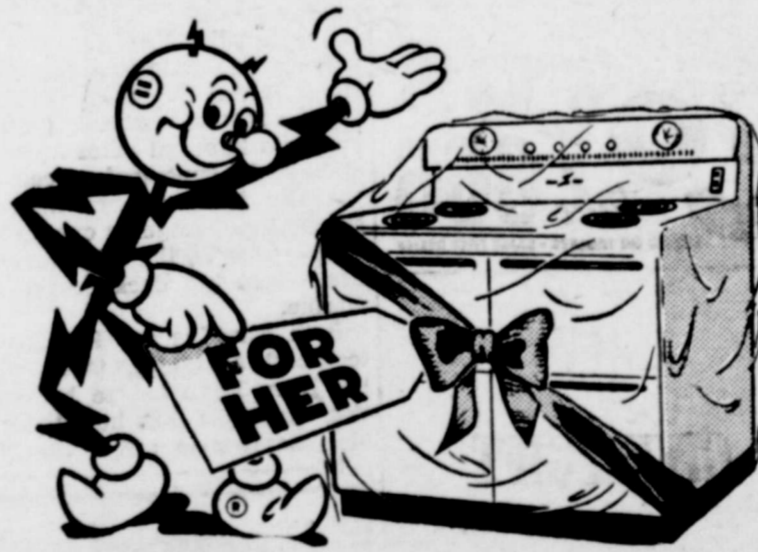
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EDITORIAL

ATOMIC PROPOSAL

The proposal made by President Eisenhower before the United Nations assembly in New York Tuesday of last week has met with almost universal approval except in one place . . . and that was in Russia. As this is written, Saturday, it is not known how the Reds will re-act to the offer made by our President.

Mr. Eisenhower proposed that the United States and Russia, along with other atomic powers, pool some of their fissionable materials in a U. N. agency and work jointly to develop them for peaceful purposes.

At first Russian leaders stated the proposal would have to be studied. Then they said that it was not a good proposal. Inside Russia, as far as could be ascertained there was no unity of reaction to Mr. Eisenhower's offer. By the time this appears in print perhaps it will be known what Russia will do in regard to the proposal.

Russia is suspicious of everyone and so any kind of proposal would naturally be received with suspicion. Russia would be studying not the proposal itself but what President Eisenhower means by the offer. They would not do it for any reason. There must be another mind it. That is their normal of reacting to anything we offer.

But the President, as a soldier as well as a statesman, knows what the result of an atomic war would be. As plainly as he was able to state it, he brought this out in his recent speech.

Of course, Russia would quickly state that the President was using frightening tactics. But on the other hand, what could he say? He was stating things as they are, he was stating the facts and he was drawing the conclusion from those facts.

If Russia would read history with her eyes instead of with her prejudices she would know what we can do. When Japan made its sneak attack on Pearl Harbor, she thought that she would disable the United States with one blow. She learned how mistaken she was. It was the blow that tied all America up together to offer a resistance that won victory.

From this Russia should know, if she can think straight at all, that if she dropped one atomic bomb on America, our retaliation would be swift and devastating.

But we do not want her to drop that first bomb. We want peace, and President Eisenhower made this as plain as he could.

If Russia does not want to understand, of course she will not. But if she has any sense at all, sense of her own self-preservation she will accept our President's proposal.

One writer, Marquis Childs, has made a glowing picture of what could happen if Russia would accept the offer.

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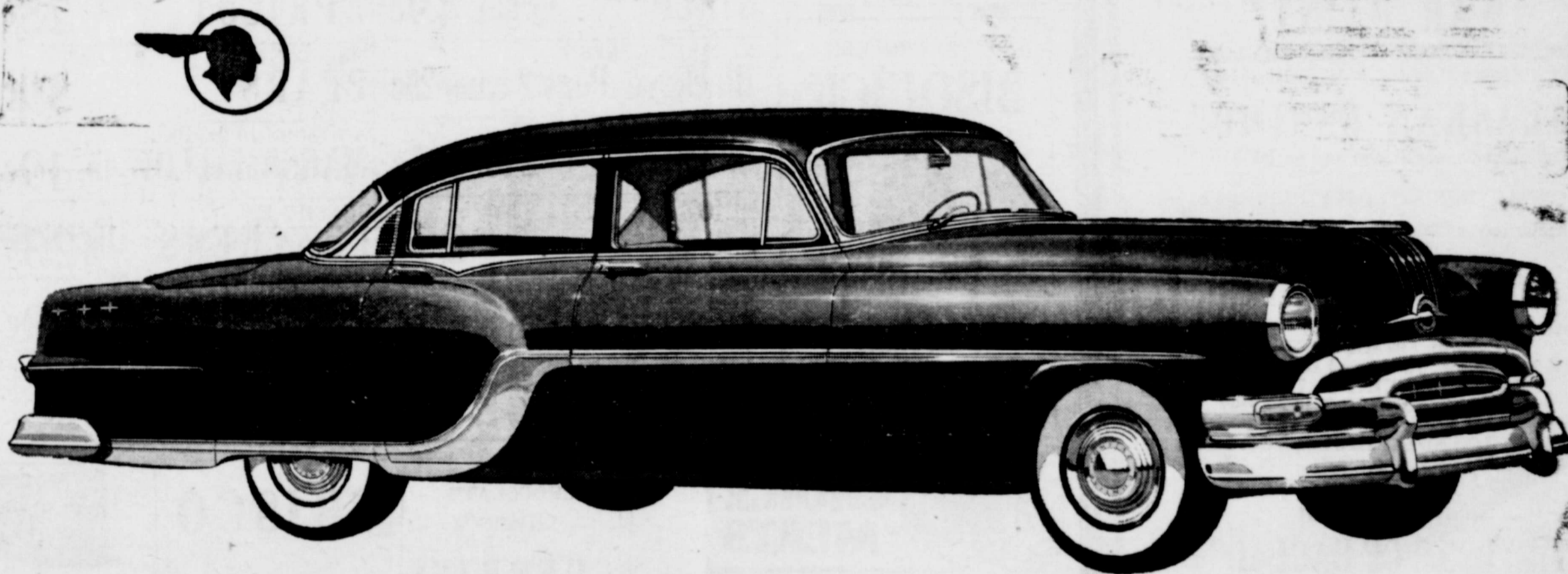
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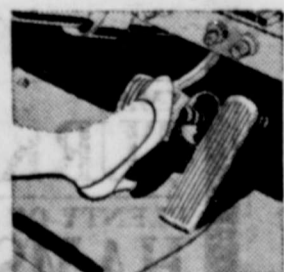
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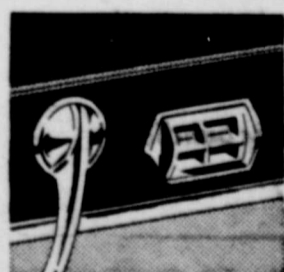
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KIMBELL'S FRESH  
Blackeye Peas 2 cans **29c**

OUR DARLING GOLDEN  
CORN 2 for **35c**

MISSION  
PEAS 2 for **29c**

KIMBELL'S WHOLE  
GREEN BEANS 2 for **43c**

SALAD DRESSING  
**MIRACLE WHIP** pt. **32c**

SERRA MISSION 2 1/2 CAN  
**PEACHES** **25c**

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**APRICOT** **25c**

DEL MONTE 2 1/2 CAN  
**PEARS** **39c**

ANGELUS 10 OZ. PKG.  
**MARSHMALLOW** lb. **19c**

SUNSHINE  
**CRACKERS** lb. **23c**

SUNSHINE  
**CANDIES** cello **19c**

WOLF  
**CHILI**  
No. 2 **49c**

HONEY BOY  
**SALMON**  
can **32c**

KUNER'S  
**PUMPKIN**  
can **10c**



MIDWEST  
**BACON** lb. **59c**

CHOICE BEEF T-BONE  
**LOIN STEAK** lb. **59c**

Choice Beef  
**CHUCK ROAST** lb. **39c**

Choice Beef  
**ROUND STEAK** lb. **69c**

Choice Beef  
**SHORT RIBS** lb. **19c**

Lean  
**PORK ROAST** lb. **49c**

Denison — Wilson  
**FRYERS** lb. **49c**

XMAS HENS. Lb. ..... 65c  
**TURKEYS** Toms lb. **57c**

PLENTY OF PICNIC  
**HAMS & Canned HAMS** **33c**

CHOCOLATE COVERED  
**CHERRIES**  
Box **53c**

CHEER — JOY OR  
**TIDE** 2 BOXES **55c**

CHARMIN  
**TISSUE** 4 ROLLS **33c**

**CRISCO** 3 LBS. **83c**

CHEER — JOY OR  
**TIDE** GIANT BOX **69c**

CHARMIN  
**NAPKINS** 2 BOXES **23c**



JUMBO CRISP  
**CELERY** stalk **15c**

JUMBO CRISP  
**LETTUCE** head **10c**

Fresh  
**CRANBERRIES** lb. **23c**

Fresh  
**COCONUTS** lb. **9c**

Fresh  
**TOMATOES** carton **19c**

Red Delicious  
**APPLES** lb. **19c**

Yellow  
**ONIONS** lb. **5c**

WHITE ROSE  
**SPUDS** lb. **6c**

TEXAS  
**ORANGES** bag **29c**

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MONDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY

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