

Offer on Water Bonds Is Accepted By City Council

The City Council has accepted an offer on the buying of the water bonds when and if voted. This action was taken in regular session Monday evening.

The First Southwest Company and Rauscher, Pierce & Company of Dallas submitted what was considered the best proposition.

These investment companies will furnish all the legal advice, prepare the proceedings of the election and buy the bonds if they are voted when the election is called. The type and size of the issue will be determined at a meeting of the Council at the latter part of the week.

Mayor H. C. West states that the Council hopes the election can be set at a date not later than July 17.

New Rates on Water Start After June 25

The City Council has put in new rates for water starting June 25. This is an emergency measure taken to conserve the water supply.

The regular minimum rate of 50 cents per thousand on the first 4,000 gallons has not been changed. But there is a change after that. The next 2,000 gallons will have the rate of 75c per 1,000 gallons, an increase of 25 cents per 1,000. The next 4,000 will have the rate of \$1 per thousand, an increase of 50 cents per thousand.

Total bill for the first 10,000 gallons will be \$7.50. Above that the rate will be \$1.50 per thousand an increase of \$1 per thousand.

"This emergency rate is designed to curtail the use of water for irrigation purposes," said Mayor Henry C. West. "We feel that it is better to increase the rate than try to prohibit the use of water. We have a little over the regular minimum amount but not enough for all that is wanted. So this method allows for necessary consumption at the regular rate and a little over for those who wish to pay for it."

UNDERGOES SURGERY
C. R. Rogers underwent major surgery at the Sadler Hospital June 23.

Rev. S. E. Tullock Attends Classes For M. R. E. Degree

Rev. S. E. Tullock left Monday to attend the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary at Ft. Worth. Rev. Tullock is taking a four weeks' term. He is studying two courses: "Counseling With Adults" and "Counseling With Teen-Agers."

Rev. Tullock will attend classes three days a week and will be here for the regular services at the First Baptist Church over each weekend.

The pastor is working on his master's degree in religious education.

Merkel 20 Years Ago

TAKEN FROM THE 1934 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL

LOU LARGENT CHOSEN

Miss Lou Largent, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Largent, will be "Miss Merkel" at the Texas Cowboy Reunion at Stamford July 24. From surrounding communities and from Merkel itself 14 young women participated in an elimination contest at the rodeo grounds Saturday morning following the street parade.

Nubia has 500 and Compere, Noodle, Merkel and W. O. W. have 1000.

BALLOT ORDER SET

Voters of Taylor County will choose between 74 candidates to fill 27 district, county and precinct offices, according to the official ballot as prepared by the county Democratic executive committee. C. K. Russell is a candidate for constable of this precinct.

RECORD BIRTHS

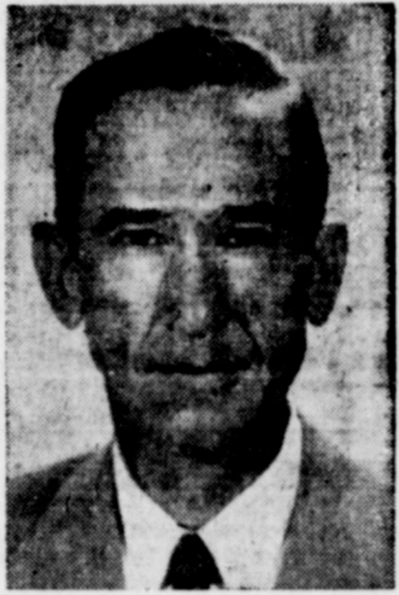
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Odie Jones of Noodle a boy June 23. Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Sweeney of Noodle Dome a boy June 25.

TO PLAY COMPERE

Compere, the team that replaced Dora in the Merkel inter-community league, will play Trent on the local diamond this (Thursday) afternoon, the game being called at 3 o'clock. Noodle will take on Compere next Wednesday. Cash prizes at the end of the season will be \$100, \$50 and \$25.

LEAGUE STANDING

Sith, Tye, Trent lead with 1,000



ROY LARGENT

... suffers heart attack

Hodge-Palmer And Starpats Win on Thursday

In Thursday night's game of last week the Starpats took the first game against the Bankers 13-9. Firmin Hernandez and Larry Seymour hurled and Urban Bright received for the Starpats.

Phillip Seymour pitched and David Pursley and Johnny Heatley caught for the Bankers. In the second game the Hodge-Palmer nine defeated the Willies 20-13. The winning pitchers were Charles Lynn Russell and Pedro Ybarra with Lester Dorton, Jr., catching. Lester also knocked a home run.

For the Willies Connell Higgins and Lupe Duran delivered and Dickie Morris received.

Barbara Wilson Will Be Majorette At McMurry

Barbara Wilson has received word that she has been chosen as a majorette at McMurry College for next year.

George Anderson Dies Unexpectedly At Age of 76

George Luther Anderson, 76, pioneer Taylor County farmer, died unexpectedly at 7 p. m. Saturday. The funeral was conducted at 4 p. m. Monday in the Church of Christ by Roy Gully, minister, and Rev. John Ferguson of Butman.

Mr. Anderson came to Taylor County at the age of 5 from his birthplace in Robinson County. For 52 years he lived and farmed in the Canyon Community.

He and Miss Martha Frances Dudley were married Feb. 6, 1898. She died in 1942.

Though Mr. Anderson had been ill in health some six years, he was not in critical condition just prior to his death.

He is survived by three daughters, Mrs. June Butman, Long Beach, Calif., and Mrs. Tom Seymour and Mrs. Dewel McLean of Merkel; nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were R. G. and Will Toombs, Joe Seymour, Tommy Russo, Elmer Patterson and Louis Pyle. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery, directed by Starbuck Funeral Home.

TO CUT IN NOODLE

By the end of June the Merkel Telephone Company expects to cut in to the Noodle Exchange, announced Tommy Odum, manager of the local company.

HAS THE MUMPS!

Truett Thompson, office manager of the Taylor Telephone Cooperative, was away from the office this week with the mumps. He will be home for a few weeks.

SPEEDERS LOSE!

"Don't gamble with speed—speeders always lose!" This was the advice given by Col. E. B. Tilley of Houston, president of the Texas Safety Association. The speed control program is being sponsored by the Texas Safety Association. "They lose in many ways in economy, in money, in safety and in their lives."

16-Year Old Preacher to Lead Revival Here

A youth revival will be held at the Assembly of God Church beginning Sunday at 11 a. m. and continuing through July 11. The preaching will be at 8 p. m. daily and at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Sundays, announced Rev. H. S. Earp, local pastor.

The evangelist will be Tommy Joe Barnett and the musician will be J. Brassfield, both 16 years old and from Kansas City, Kans. Both boys are fine musicians, playing the accordion, piano, organ and trumbone.

They are coming here from Seminole where they were held



Rev. Tommy Joe Barnett standing and J. Brassfield sitting

over for an extra five nights. Everyone is invited, especially the younger folks, said Rev. Earp.

Last Rites Held On Tuesday for George Patterson

George Morrow Patterson, 59, died here at 5 a. m. Tuesday. He was a barber.

Mr. Patterson was born July 31, 1894, in Taylor County. He had lived three years. Three months ago, he had returned to Abilene from Big Spring.

Funeral was at 4 p. m. Tuesday in Starbuck Funeral Home chapel. Officiating was Rev. E. K. Kilgrove of Abilene. Burial was in Midway Cemetery.

Survivors are four sisters, Mrs. W. F. Griffin of Tulsa, Mrs. M. A. Pair of Hodges, Mrs. Ed Sweat of Dimmitt and Mrs. P. L. Maples of Abilene; four sons, F. L. Patterson of Los Angeles, Calif., D. G. Patterson of Clyde, G. L. Patterson of Albany and Johnny L. Patterson of Oroville, Calif., and eight grandchildren.

Dink Pitches Excellent Ball Against Lawn Fri.

Though Dink Whisenhunt was pitching excellent ball the Merkel Lobos were unable to overcome the lead taken by the powerful Lawn nine here last Friday night in the first inning. Even with Dink striking out 18 men and getting a nice triple for himself the Lawn team won 3-2.

Lupe Riberia and Jack Whisenhunt caught.

The Lawn nine gathered two runs in the first inning. They got another in the sixth.

The Lobos made one in the eighth and another in the ninth.

The Merkel nine had some good chances but were not able at the right time to outmaneuver the Lawn pitcher, who also struck out 17 men. In the fifth inning the Lobos filled the bases with two outs. The batter fled out. In the eighth inning with the bases loaded and one out one run was brought in and that was all the local men could do.

Walter Whisenhunt is captain and Juan Bieria is manager of the Lobos.

By one run the Lobos were nosed out by O'Brien at O'Brien Sunday afternoon. The final score was 13-12. The Lobos led up to the ninth inning when O'Brien was able to push in the winning run.

Phillip Pursley pitched and Lupe Riberia caught for the Merkel nine.

The Lobos defeated Nolan at Nolan Monday night 6-2. Dink Whisenhunt pitched and Lupe Riberia caught. Merkel took the lead in the first inning and kept it.

Blazing Gun Battle Ends in Death Of Policeman Here

In a blazing gun battle here at 8:30 p. m. Thursday of last week, Abilene Policeman Jimmy J. Spann, 27, was shot to death. He died at 10:15 p. m. at the Sadler Hospital.

Policeman Spann's fellow officers said that Spann was shot by Billy Gaither of Sweetwater after he was cornered at the Lemon Cosden Service Station on Highway 89 following a highway chase from the scene of a disturbance at 1976 Sayles Blvd., Abilene.

Gaither was shot five times and was taken to the Sadler Hospital in a critical condition. This week he was taken to Abilene and is improving.

Blood and gun shot holes were in many places at the Cosden Station and many folks were there looking them over Friday.

Spann and Davis cornered the fugitive Gaither in a Cosden service station here after chasing him from Abilene. Gaither had disarmed Davis and two other patrolmen at the Sayles Blvd., address.

Davis said he and Spann had caught up with Gaither at Tye. They followed him on to Merkel where Gaither pulled into the service station.

Davis and Spann stopped. Davis went around the west side of the station and Spann around the east side and between the service station's pumps.

Davis told Gaither, sitting in the car, to put up his hands and come out before he (Davis) counted 10 or the two officers would start shooting, an eyewitness, Billy Beird, said.

Gaither put his hands up, Mr. Beird said, and came out of the car. Just as his hands cleared the lower edge of the car top he jerked his hand down, holding a gun.

Davis said "Spann and Gaither were within three feet of each other blasting away."

Mr., Mrs. C. Seago Are Surprised on 40th Anniversary

Children and friends of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Seago, 611 Yucca, completely and delightfully surprised them on their 40th wedding anniversary. A brother, John Seago, phone from El Paso and almost gave the "gag" away. Mrs. C. W. Seago thought all the time that the surprise was for her husband for Father's Day.

Mrs. Bob Roberts and Mrs. Bill Buttram played beautiful music all during the afternoon.

Taking part in this celebration were 131 persons present and 114 who phoned or sent cards.

Relatives enjoying the grand dinner were:

Messrs. and Mesdames Edward Seago, Yancey and Eddie, Midland, H. E. Seago and girls, Lockney, J. N. Childers, Rising Star, E. H. Grayson, Sr., Monument, New Mexico, E. H. Grayson, Jr., and children, Hobbs, N. Mex., Gains Brooks and children of Jal, New Mex., C. W. Seago, Grimes Seago, Lynda and Charlie, Zed Bright and children.

LOBOS TO COLORADO CITY

The Merkel Lobos will travel to Colorado City Sunday for the afternoon game.

SINGING AT TRENT

There will be singing at 3 p. m. Sunday at the Trent Church of Christ. Everyone is invited.

HAS MAJOR SURGERY

Mrs. Howard Cook had major surgery at the Sadler Hospital June 22.

BOY TO BUSTER HESTERS

A boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Buster Hester at the Sadler Hospital June 16.

TOMMY DILTZES HAVE BOY

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Diltz are the parents of a boy born at the Sadler Hospital on June 18.

BOY TO A. C. SPENCERS

To Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Spencer a boy was born at the Sadler Hospital on June 22.



POLICEMAN JIMMY J. SPANN

... killed in gun battle here

New Wide Sensational Screen Installed Now at Queen Theatre

The new wide 30-foot screen has been installed at the Queen Theatre. This is the latest Cinemascope.

Thursday night of last week the engineer was brought in from Dallas, worked all night Thursday and until noon Friday, making the installation.

"With this new wide screen we are able to bring you all the big

Tommy Odum s Attending Meet In Kansas City

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Odum are attending the Regional Small Telephone Company committee meeting in Kansas City, Mo., today, Friday, at the Muehlebach Hotel.

Mr. Odum is the Texas representative of this committee.

This committee is composed of members elected by the United States Independent Telephone Association.

NEW PHONE BOOK OUT

The new Merkel Telephone directory has been distributed. It is marked "July 1954." The directory covers Merkel, Trent, Noodle and Nubia. These are the areas that have free service calls among them.

By Plane, by Train, by Auto They Will Arrive for Homecoming

The various committees of the Mulberry Canyon Homecoming are working hard at the task of perfecting a program to the liking of everyone who will attend this gala day, said Sam Butman, Jr., chairman.

Although the program is not perfected as yet, it will run something like this:

In the morning registration through the day, visiting the Madge Butman Methodist Camp Grounds, teachers' contest begins and a variety of musical programs.

In the afternoon . . . ranch hand calf roping and junior calf riding will start at 1:30 p. m. The ball games and other outdoor activities will start about 2 p. m.

At 7 p. m. there will be a talent contest which is expected to run well into the night. There will also be various musical numbers, both vocal and instrumental, to fill in

Cinemascope pictures, which we would not have been able to play without the giant screen," stated N. T. Hodge. "Such pictures as 'The Robe,' 'How to Marry a Millionaire,' 'Knights of the Round Table,' 'River of No Return' and many others can now be shown in Merkel."

Not only has the latest in screen been added and but also the very latest RCA High Fidelity Sound System, Modern Simplex Projection, which makes a much brighter and clearer cut picture.

"The interior of the theatre has been remodeled with new side lights and a general clean-up has been made, making this the finest and most modern small town theatre in the state," asserted Mr. Hodge. "We are now equipped to give you the latest and the best in wide screen and Cinemascope productions."

"Missionaries To Japan Will Be At Calvary"

Rev. and Mrs. Laverne Rogers, missionaries to Japan, will be here Sunday night at the Calvary Baptist Church, announced Rev. George Epperson. Rev. Rogers will bring the message.

Several family reunions are being planned for this occasion and others are expected to fall in line.

Some of the former teachers have sent word that they will be on hand to take part in the teachers' contest. Mrs. Inez "Seby" Hall is planning to fly from Greenville, N. C., for the occasion. Miss Bama Richburg wrote from Dallas for some one to meet her in Merkel the day before, and many letters are flowing in.

Make your plans to meet them there, advised Mr. Butman.

This Happened in Merkel Forty Years Ago

TAKEN FROM THE 1914 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Ferrier are the happy parents of an eight-pound boy born Tuesday morning of this week. The father is the cashier for the Texas and Pacific Co., at this place and said that he expected to have the youngster out meeting the public before long.

The long talked of street light system in Merkel seems to have materialized and within a short time the business section of our town will be illuminated in a truly bright way. Manager W. E. Britain of the Merkel Electric Co., stated. Fifteen lights costing \$15 each. The property owners and businessmen of Merkel contributed to paying for the light posts and the city will pay for the light service.

Mrs. J. W. Daniel and daughter, Mrs. S. P. Miller, left for Colon, Panama, Tuesday. Mrs. Daniel will spend one or two months there but her daughter will remain there with her husband, who is employed in the government service as inspecting engineer of dredge boats in th Panama Canal. They were to go by way of Havana, Cuba, but the plague in that country changed their course.

Walter H. Dickson died June 21 at 11:15 p. m. at his home in Merkel on Oak Street.

Miss Ina Wheeler, daughter of Judge and Mrs. W. W. Wheeler, died at the family residence this afternoon (Thursday) at 3:30 o'clock.

NEWS ABOUT TOWN

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Vincent and family of Electra were here Friday in the home of his sisters, Mrs. Bob McDonald and Mrs. Harry Barnett.

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Barnett and children of McCamey visited over the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Barnett.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cypert, Danny Mr. and Mrs. George Woodrum were in Port Arthur the first of the week, visiting relatives.

Mrs. J. R. Stratton of Lubbock visited over the weekend with her daughter, Mrs. Ben Hicks, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nally returned last Saturday from Corpus Christi

where they visited their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Etsel Hunter, and son Carroll. They also visited in Mission with his brother Jesse and family. Jesse returned with them to visit for a few days with relatives in Trent, Snyder, Hamlin and Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Sanders and children of Redlands, Calif., are visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Thompson.

Postmaster and Mrs. Wrenn Durham, Dana and Penny were in Brownwood visiting her mother, Mrs. Earl Clements, her brothers, Ferris Clements of Brownwood and Earl Clements, Jr., of Boston, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Cross with Irene visited their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Cross, and Kay-lone in Abilene Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Stevens of Abilene spent Friday and Saturday with their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Joe Toombs.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sledge of El Paso visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sledge, over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Gentry with Patricia visited their parents in Colorado City over the weekend. His brothers, Wayne of Hobbs, N. Mexico and Archie of Midland, were there.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bryan of Sneedville, Ala., are visiting his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bryan.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin J. McDonald and daughter Debra of Canyon visited E. M. McDonald and family and his cousin Bob McDonald, and family Sunday.

Patricia Leeton and Kathy Leeton of Fort Worth are visiting Belle Kimbrough and Myrtle Wozencraft, also Marilyn Sue Smith of Kilgore.



JOHNNIE MAE HORTON



IDA BETH ADKINS

Taylor County is being well represented at Bluebonnet Girls State in Austin June 21-26.

From Noodle High School, sponsored by the Parent-Teacher Association, are Johnnie Mae Horton and Ida Beth Adkins. Their par-

ents are Mr. and Mrs. John Horton and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Adkins of Noodle.

The girls were chosen from juniors in their high schools to attend a week of "government" activity.



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MACK'S CLEANERS

"The Glenn Miller Story" to Be Here At Pioneer Theatre

One of the best movies of the year now being shown for the first time in New York and other big cities will be on the screen here Sunday, Monday, Tuesday at Pioneer Theatre. It is the famous "Glenn Miller Story."

It stars James Stewart and June Allyson. "I have told a few people who have asked about the picture that we were not sure that we could bring it to Merkel," said N. T. Hodge. "However, feeling that the best should be brought here we finally arranged to show this wonderful picture at the Pioneer... and to show it now."

The picture is about the love and music that made Glenn Miller the popular musician he was. The picture has romance, wonderful music and dancing.

MISSIE'S FLORAL SHOP

PHONE DAY OR NIGHT

PHONE 40

23 Years of Faithful Service

NEWS County Home Demonstration Agent Texas A. & M. College Extension Service By LORETA ALLEN

The 4-H Round Up is a thing of the past to most everyone but Ruby Stephan and Lawanda Vinson. They will remember it for a long time because they won fourth place in the state contests in the team demonstration on dairy foods. Their demonstration was on Apricot Refrigerator Dessert.

For a little while the girls thought they wouldn't be able to give their demonstration because Ruby became ill Thursday morning and really didn't feel like giving the demonstration but went ahead and won fourth place.

These hot days you might be interested in trying their Apricot Refrigerator Dessert.

Apricot Refrigerator Dessert
1 cup undiluted evaporated milk
2 tablespoons lemon juice
1 1/2 cups apricot pulp*
1/2 cup sugar
1/4 teaspoon almond extract

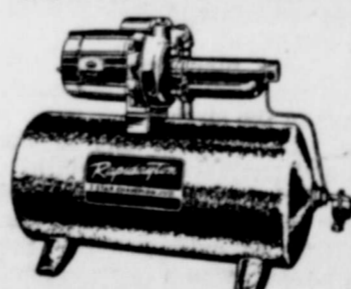
Pour milk into refrigerator tray. Chill in freezing unit until ice crystals form through milk (about 20-25 minutes). Whip until it just begins to thicken (about 1 minute). Add lemon juice and whip until very stiff. Combine apricot pulp and sugar and almond extract. Fold into whipped milk. Chill 2 to 3 hours in refrigerator. If you prefer a firmer consistency, freeze in ice-cube tray.

*Fresh, frozen, canned or dried. Other fruits such as peaches, pineapple or berries may be used in place of apricots.

Olene NeSmith of Butterfield Club was selected as the girl to represent District 7 on the recreation group that went to College Station before the 4-H Round Up. This week she has been helping with recreation at the district 4-H Girls camp at Buffalo Gap.

Mrs. Allen King is vacationing on the coast, but she took time out to send in a report that she missed sending to the last council meeting.

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CEMETERY FUND

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

- Lee A. Criswell, Odessa . . . \$5.00
- Mrs. Jenia Graham . . . \$5.00
- Mrs. Ernest Horsen, Waco . \$5.00
- Emma Joyner . . . \$5.00
- E. H. Cordill . . . \$5.00

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



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- BEEF ROAST, choice lb. 49c
- SLICED BACON lb. 59c
- LONGHORN CHEESE lb. 49c

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- LARGE WHEATIES pkg. 24c
- 200's KLEENEX 2 pkgs. 29c
- OUR VALUE No. 300 TOMATOES 2 cans 19c
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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE

For sale—2 1946 model Ford school buses, 48-passenger. Sealed bids accepted by Supt. Williams or any of the Trent School Board members on or before 9 p.m. June 28, 1954.

Signed, L. P. Halbrook, Pres. adv. June 18, 25

Legal Notices

**THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF TAYLOR**

In the Name and by the Authority of The State of Texas To:

Anna Brenton and husband, Baird Brenton, whose address is unknown.

Dena Brannon, whose address is unknown.

The unknown heirs, legatees, devisees and legal representatives of Al Sullivan, deceased, whose addresses are unknown.

The unknown heirs, legatees, devisees and legal representatives of each of the defendants included above who is deceased.

The unknown spouse of the above named defendants.

The unknown heirs, legatees, devisees and legal representatives of each of the defendants' spouses who is deceased.

And all unknown persons owning, having, or claiming any interest or lien in the property described herein, and the unknown

heirs and legal representatives of all defendants.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that suit has been brought and is now pending in the Honorable District Court, 42nd Judicial District, Taylor County, Texas, wherein The City of Abilene is plaintiff; The State of Texas, The County of Taylor in the State of Texas, Special Road District No. 1 of Taylor County, Texas, and Special Road District No. 2 of Taylor County, Texas, are impleaded party defendants; and E. A. Mayfield, et al are defendants, by the filing by said plaintiff of a petition on the 26th day of February, 1951 and the filing number of said suit being No. 17,321-A and the nature of which is a suit to collect delinquent ad valorem taxes on the following described property, to-wit:

East one-half of Block E of McNairy's Subdivision of Lot 2, Block 201, City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas together with interest, penalties, costs, charges, and expenses of suit which have accrued and which may legally accrue thereon.

The amount of taxes due each plaintiff, exclusive of interest, penalties and costs is as follows: The City of Abilene \$666.56 TOTAL \$666.56.

The names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on said property not made party to this suit are None.

Plaintiff and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, and in addition to the taxes all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

All parties to this suit, including plaintiff, defendants, and intervenors, shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time of this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the date of judgment, including all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefor, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, and all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file and which may hereafter be filed in said cause by all other parties herein, and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer and defend such suit on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 19th day of July, A. D. 1954 (which is the return day of such citation), before the honorable District Court of Taylor County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the plaintiff and the taxing units parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together

with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, this 3rd day of June, A. D. 1954.

J. Neil Daniel, Clerk of the District Court. (SEAL)

Taylor County, Texas, 42nd Judicial District. By Jean Teaff, Deputy. If this citation is not served within 90 days after its issuance, it shall be returned unserved. Adv. June 11, 18, 25, July 2.

LEGAL NOTICE

**THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF TAYLOR**

In the Name and by the Authority of The State of Texas To:

Anna Brenton and husband, Baird Brenton, whose address is unknown.

Dena Brannon, whose address is unknown.

The unknown heirs, legatees, devisees and legal representatives of Al Sullivan, deceased, whose addresses are unknown.

The unknown heirs, legatees, devisees and legal representatives of each of the defendants included above who is deceased.

The unknown spouse of the above named defendants.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTI-

FIED that suit has been brought and is now pending in the Honorable District Court, 42nd Judicial District, Taylor County, Texas, wherein The City of Abilene is plaintiff; The State of Texas, The County of Taylor in the State of Texas, Special Road District No. 1 of Taylor County, Texas, and Special Road District No. 2 of Taylor County, Texas, are impleaded party defendants; and E. A. Mayfield, et al are defendants, by the filing by said plaintiffs of a petition on the 26 day of February, 1951 and the file number of said suit being No. 17,321-A and the nature of which is a suit to collect delinquent ad valorem taxes on the following described property, to-wit:

North 50 feet of East 1/2 of Block D, of McNairy's Subdivision of Lot 2, Block 201, City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, together with interest, penalties, costs, charges, and expenses of suit which have accrued and which may legally accrue thereon. The amount of taxes due each plaintiff, exclusive of interest, penalties and costs is as follows: City of Abilene, \$146.86. TOTAL \$146.86.

The names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on said property not made party to this suit are none.

Plaintiff and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, and in addition to the taxes all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

All parties to this suit, includ-

ing plaintiff, defendants, and intervenors, shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time of this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefor, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, and all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file and which may hereafter be filed in said cause by all other parties herein, and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer and defend such suit on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 19th day of July, A. D. 1954 (which is the return day of such citation), before the honorable District Court of Taylor County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the plaintiff and the taxing units parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

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5 Merkel Students At Annual MYF Meet at McMurry

Five Merkel students were among the 441 young people who attended the 38th annual Methodist Youth Fellowship assembly of the Northwest Texas Conference last week at McMurry College.

They were Tommy Swinney, Rebecca Ray, Gene Hargrove, Jocille Thompson and Twyla Jo Moore.

Tommy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Swinney, serves as reporter for the MYF group of the Pioneer Memorial Church.

Rebecca, who attends Pioneer Memorial Church, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Ray.

Gene, son of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Hargrove, has been sub-district president of MYF.

Jocille, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Irvon Thompson, serves as assistant pianist for the youth department.

Twyla Jo, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Laverne Moore.

Little League Plays Tuesday on Its New Field

On Tuesday night the Little League played on its new field.

north of the football stadium.

The Willies beat the Bankers 10-4. Delbert Davis was the winning pitcher and Dickie Morris was the catcher. David Pursley hurled and Johnny Heatley received for the Bankers.

The Starpats defeated the Hodge-Palmers 3-2. Pat Lucas pitched and Urban Bright caught for the Starpats while Hijinio Moreno hurled and Walter Harris received for H-P.

LEAGUE STANDING WED.

Willies	6	3
H-P	5	4
Starpats	4	5
Bankers	3	6

LT. BILLY E. TARPLEY IS NOW UNDERGOING BASIC PILOT TRAINING

2nd Lt. Billy E. Tarpley, son of Mrs. Simmons B. Tarpley, has completed primary pilot training at Hondo Air Base and is now undergoing basic pilot training at Goodfellow Air Force Base, San Angelo. Upon completion of his training at Goodfellow in September Lt. Tarpley will receive his silver wings as an Air Force pilot.

He is married to the former Julia G. Collops of Slaton.

SGT. ROBERT T. HODGE ARRIVES IN U. S. AFTER TRIP TO AFRICA

Sgt. Robert T. Hodge has arrived in the United States from French Morocco, Africa, where

he was with the Air Force. He phoned his parents, Mr. Mrs. N. T. Hodge, Monday night from Lake Charles, La., where he is now stationed. He was in Africa two months on a routine training program.

PVT. BUDDY McKEEVER WILL REPORT BACK FOR DUTY AT FT. LEWIS

Pvt. Buddy McKeever is here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. McKeever. He will report back for duty June 29 at Ft. Lewis, Washington.

WILLIAM C. THOMPSON DIES LAST WEEK AT AGE OF 63 YEARS

Mrs. John C. Thompson attended the funeral of her brother, William C. Thompson, 63, in Mesilla Valley Saturday. He died in an El Paso Hospital Thursday of last week.

Mr. Thompson moved to Noodle in 1906 and was married to Lela Herring in 1912. They had four children: Merrell, Marshall, Eno and George. He and his family moved to Mesilla Valley in 1933. He was manager of the Co-op Gin at Mesilla Valley.

CROPS LOOK GOOD!

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Lemens and Ann vacationed in Canada, going by way of Washington, D. C. They returned by way of Detroit, Mich. They were gone two weeks. The crops looked good all the way.

PRETTY GOOD LUCK!

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Denson returned Thursday of last week from a two-week trip to the Brazos, Carlsbad, New Mex., and Odessa where he fished. "Had pretty good luck," remarked Red.

AT LUEDERS

Jr. G. A. girls from the Tye Baptist Church who are attending the Lueders Encampment this week are: Myrtle Lewis, Jane Mauldin, Grace Aline Kimmey, Sue Cramer. The sponsor accompanying them is Mrs. Eva Mattingley.

4-H GIRLS TO MEET

The 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th 4-H Club girls will meet at 2:30 p. m. Friday, June 25, in the home of Janet Thomas, 411 Manchester. The new leader, Beth Cawyer, will be present.

AT N. Y. MEET

Five Taylor County school teachers will attend the National Education Association meeting in New York City June 27-29. Attending from Merkel will be Mrs. Eileen McReynolds. She is president of the Taylor County unit of the Texas State Teachers Association.

OIL NEWS

Completion of a good flowing extension to Strawn sand production in southwest Jones County, is the new producer, Skelly's No. 1 K. L. Barkley, eight miles north of Merkel.

E. F. White, Jr., of Abilene No. 2 R. L. Bland, confirmation to a recent Taylor County discovery three miles southwest of Merkel, has been completed as a producer.

A 5,000-foot rotary test well is to be drilled in a shallow producing area one mile northeast of Stith in southwestern Jones County.

Middle Clear Fork Soil Conservation News

Following the current grain harvest, many cooperators in the Middle Clear Fork Soil Conservation District are chisealing and plowing to leave a good stubble mulch on the land.

Research and farmers experience in the Merkel-Trent area has proved that good stubble management helps control wind erosion and aids in water conservation by breaking up the force of the rain drop and holding the water where it falls. Stubble also provides more openings in the soil through which water can enter.

Roy Kelso, O. R. Rogers, Jr., Larry Cunningham, Ernest Pixon and numerous others have found that surface litter helps keep the moisture in the ground longer by reducing surface evaporation. It keeps the soil cooler in the summer and warmer in the winter.

The following cooperators in the Middle Clear Fork Soil Conservation District are among the many who have good stubble on their land: T. S. Bird, C. B. Lucas, Tom Shannon, Edgar Boaz and T. C. Humphries.

ed their brother, Jas. B. Foster, and family. They went by way of Denver, Colorado Spring, Estes Park, Salt Lake City and Las Vegas. They spent two days with Mrs. Foster's sister, Mrs. Evert West, husband and other relatives in Artesia. Barney Foster of San Diego came home with them to spend several weeks.

Water Supply Not Affected Says Conservationist

Cities and industries have been asking whether soil conservation being carried out by thousands of farmers and ranchers through soil conservation district will reduce the amount of water available for municipal and industrial uses.

H. N. Smith, state conservationist for Texas, says that for all practical purposes the answer seems to

be "no".

The Soil Conservation Service has been studying this problem at the Blacklands Experimental Watersheds project near Riesel, Texas, since 1940. The studies include measurements of rainfall and runoff from two similar watersheds. They are still in progress.

Similar farming practices were being followed on both watersheds at the beginning of the study. Conservation practices were established on one of the watersheds in the spring of 1943. These practices included changing part of the cultivated area to grassland; the use of improved crop rotations; and the construction of terraces on land in cultivation. No change was made in the farming practices on the other watershed.

Mr. Smith emphasized that because runoff during drouth years may be very small, water supply reservoirs must have enough capacity to catch the water during years of normal to high runoff and store it for use during drouth periods. A city cannot depend on the runoff during a drouth to maintain its water supply. This is a fact which needs to be widely understood.

Although soil conservation practices on a watershed will not have

a significant effect on water yield they can help greatly in protecting water supplies from loss of storage space by sedimentation.

ON GRAND JURY PANEL

On the grand jury panel from this vicinity were: H. T. Askins, Tye; J. G. Wilks, Trent; Earl Hughes, Jr.

21ST ON TOUR

Two of the greatest sires in the history of Texas Herefords will be seen on the West Texas Hereford Association's big Hereford tour. One is CW Prince Domino 21st, all-time top ranking Register of Merit bull, owned jointly by W. J. Largent & Son and Roy R. Largent & Sons of Merkel.

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personals

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ray Miller Jr., and daughter of Abilene are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Miller, Sr., for an indefinite time.

J. M. Harris of Amarillo has returned home after spending a week visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lige Harris, and other relatives. Mrs. Harris and Jimmy Lynn remained for a longer visit with her mother, Mrs. Ollie Skidmore, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hammond made a business trip to Dallas Monday.

Mrs. Robert Spurgin and daughter Sandy of Hobbs, N. Mex., spent last week in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Martin. Her father has been seriously ill for three weeks. Mrs. John Morgan of Petersburg returned home Friday. She was at the bedside of her father. Also Mr. and Mrs. Sam Winter and daughter Barbara of Snyder were weekend visitors of his brother, Ed Martin, and wife. They returned home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Reese of New Braunfels were recent visitors in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jno. F. Reese, of Abilene, also of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nally. From Merkel they went to Albuquerque, N. Mex., to visit Mrs. Reese's brother, Leo Brutsche. Mr. Reese reported back to Randolph A. F. B. Saturday night for 10 more months service.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy H. Mathews of Pyote came Friday to spend the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Mathews, and to meet two of his sisters, Mrs. Doyle Blair of Santa Rosa, Calif., and Mr. and Mrs. Noel Addy, daughter, Patricia, and sons, Nody and Mike, of Albuquerque, N. Mex. Also Col. and Mrs. Frank Mathews of College Station came Monday for a short visit with his parents and his sisters, Mrs. Blair and Mrs. Addy.

For dinner guests in the Dewey Phillips home Sunday were their son, Dewey Phillips, Jr., of Monahans and Mrs. Phillips' brother, John H. Moore, of Colorado City and his son John, Jr., who is stationed at Ft. Bliss, El Paso, and Mrs. Ronald Lee Payne.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Bartlett were in Santa Anna Sunday where they visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Ed Bartlett.

Miss Mary Collins accompanied her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Collins of Plainview to their daughter's graduation from Christian College in Columbia, Mo. Miss Collins also visited Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Collins in Lubbock and the Paul Collins family in Willcox, Ariz., during her vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe McMurray and daughter Elaine are spending their vacation in Colorado Springs Colorado.

Virginia Hughes of Munday is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Grover Gilbert and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hughes, this week.

Mrs. June Butman of Long Beach, Calif., attended the funeral of her father, George Anderson, and is visiting her sisets, Mrs. Tom Seymore and Mrs. Dewel McLean, until Saturday.

S/Sgt. and Mrs. Barry H. McLean of Ft. Worth, announce the arrival of a baby girl, 8 lbs. 10 oz., born June 8 named LaRhesa Adelle.

Mrs. Russ Blair, daughters, Judy and Brenda are visiting her mother, Mrs. Lucy Ford, and her sister, Mrs. Alvin Wozencraft.

Mrs. W. D. Webber spent Friday and Saturday in Amarillo visiting her daughter, Mrs. Bill Orr, and Mr. Orr.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Castles of Lubbock spent the Father's Day weekend with J. B.'s parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Castles.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Foster, girls, Betty and Marie, and Miss Norah Foster returned Saturday from San Diego, Calif., where they visit-

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5 Box 18 Count CLOTHES PINS \$1.00 FREE — 1 Box — 6 for 5	All-Meat BOLOGNA lb. 35c
6 Roll Charmin COLORED TISSUE \$1.00 FREE — 1 Roll — 7 for 6	Pickled PIMENTO LOAF lb. 39c
3 Regular Size OXYDOL \$1.00 FREE — 1 Box — 4 for 3	Longhorn CHEESE lb. 45c
	4 — 46 Oz. KIMBELL GRAPEFRUIT JUICE \$1.00
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Mrs. J. P. Davis, Mrs. Vida J. Lacey, Mrs. Millie Milliken, Mrs. B. R. Browning, Mrs. Dorothy Burfiend, Lucian Gilbert.
For surgery — J. D. Couch and Glen Shaw, tonsillectomy, Mrs. G. W. Thorn.

MR. AND MRS. O. J. ADCOCK ATTEND BANKHEAD REUNION

Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Adcock attended the Bankhead reunion in Lubbock Thursday of last week. About 61 persons were present. Mr. and Mrs. Adcock were gone from Tuesday to Friday night.

JACK MILLERS AT MARRIAGE OF NIECE, ELAINE JOHNSON

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Miller attended the wedding of her niece, Miss Elaine Johnson, and Kenneth Box both of Edgewood, last Friday night in the Edgewood Methodist Church.
Elaine spent the summers here for the last few years. She is the daughter of Mrs. Miller's sister, Mrs. Birdie Johnson, of Edgewood.

JOAN BROWN'S ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED BY PARENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Beryl Brown announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Joan to Royce White, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. White, of Putnam. The wedding will be July 10 in Elliott's Chapel of Memories, Abilene, with the Rev. R. L. Butler of Sweetwater officiating.

STANLEY AND NORMAN KING ATTEND CALLAWAY REUNION

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley King and Mr. and Mrs. Norman King, Linda and Chris attended the Callaway reunion Sunday in McKenzie Park in Lubbock. About 50 persons were present.

TOWNZEN FAMILY HOLDS FAMILY REUNION SUNDAY

A family reunion was held on Father's Day in the home of W. S. Townzen Sunday. The guests were Ben, Charlie, Nina, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Townzen, daughter Carolyn of Ft. Worth, Mrs. Mildred Wagnon, Jr., son Billy Eugene and Mrs. B. F. Townzen and son B. F., Jr., of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Townzen of Colorado City, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Harrison. Mr. Townzen received several nice gifts.

MRS. PATRICIA GRAHAM HONORED WITH SHOWER

Mrs. Patricia Graham was honored with a pink and blue shower Wednesday afternoon, June 16, in the lovely home of Mrs. Clark Hamner. She was assisted by Mrs. Neda Cade, Mrs. Pha Scott, Mrs. Ruth Horton, Mrs. Irene Strawn, Mrs. Mary Scott, Mrs. Doris Drigger and Mrs. Birdie Mae Halbrooks.
Pink and blue lemonade and sandwiches were served to 29 guests.

MR. AND MRS. GEORGE MOORE ENTERTAIN LAST SUNDAY

Mr. and Mrs. George Moore entertained on Father's Day for her parents and family. Present for dinner were:
Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Elliott of Wingate, her parents; Messrs. George Elliott, A. H. Kucholtz and three sons, Bill Murphey and two children, all of Abilene, Jake, Reese and Maricle of Los Angeles, Mrs. Phillip Smith of Odessa and Mrs. T. J. R. Swafford.

GOODMAN H. D. CLUB MEETS WITH MRS. GORDON HOWELL

The Goodman Home Demonstration Club met Friday, June 11, in the home of Mrs. Gordon Howell. The president, Mrs. Jenning Winter, presided. Mrs. Grover Blair had charge of the recreation.
Roll call was answered, with "My most cherished keepsake." The minutes were approved. The club voted for each member to bring a gift to the next meeting to put in a package to send to a lady from the community. Mrs. Daisy Phillips, who is in the State Hospital at Wichita Falls. Anyone who is not a club member wanting to send a gift may send it to Mrs. G. C. Blair by Friday, June 25.
The garden leader gave a very interesting program on "Canned Vegetables."
Family night will be June 26 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Howell.
Refreshments of sandwiches, pickles, angel food cake and orange juice were served to six members and a visitor, Mrs. Vaughan Doan, and daughter Sharon of Abilene. There were six children and the hostess.
The next meeting will be June 25 at Mrs. G. C. Blair's. The agent will be present to give a demonstration on "How to freeze foods." Club pals will be revealed and it is requested that each one be present with a gift for her club pal.

CARD OF THANKS

To those who expressed their sympathy in so many beautiful and practical ways during our recent bereavement, which has visited our home, has brought to us a greater appreciation of our friends. Such kindnesses and neighborly thoughtfulness can never be forgotten.
The George Anderson family

CARD OF THANKS

We send deepest appreciation and heartfelt gratitude to our friends for their kindness and condolence during the illness and death of our loved one. May God be with you always.
Dock Callaway
Mrs. Raeburn Norris
Margaret C. Hunter

CLAYTON ADAMS

LODGE CALLS

NOTICE MASONS
Stated meeting of Merkel lodge No. 710, A. F. & A. M., Saturday, July 10, at 8 p. m. All members are urged to attend. Visiting brethren cordially invited.
A. B. Parham, W. M.
C. B. Rust, Sec'y.

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FOR RENT — 3-room unfurnished apartment at 402 Edwards to elderly lady or elderly couple. Bessie McClung at 512 Edwards. 2t14p
FOR RENT — 2-room furnished apartment, newly decorated, also sleeping porch. 208 Ash St. 3t14p
FOR RENT — Office in Post Office Building. Joe Cypert. tf13c
FOR RENT — Furnished garage apartment. Bob Hicks. tf13c
FOR RENT — 4-room house, 1½ miles northeast of Merkel. T. T. Earthman, 211 Ash St. tf11c
FOR RENT — Modern trailer park at 709 Ash St. \$15 a month rental. See Herman Carson at Carson's Grocery. tf51c.

FOR SALE

NOTICE — On account of weather being so hot we will not buy poultry at present. Toombs & Moore. tf15c.
FOR SALE — 3-bedroom house with wall to wall carpet in living and dining room. South side of town. Close-in. See Cyrus Pee or Andy Shouse. tf15c.
FOR SALE — About 28 Parcross Pullets. Will be laying in about 2 months. H. Wren, 6th Marion. 1t15c.
ARRANGEMENTS are being made for there to be plenty of ice, bread, and anything in the picnic line which will be for sale on the grounds at the homecoming. Leave all your troubles at home and pick up all the accessories necessary for a pleasant day after you get on the grounds. 1t14c
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POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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For State Senator 24th District HARLEY SADLER (re-election)

For State Representative: TRUETT LATIMER

For County School Superintendent CLIVE PIERCE H. L. GAY

For County Treasurer MRS. SOB HAILE MRS. L. Q. CAMPBELL

For Commissioner Precinct No. 2 RUFÉ TITTLE (re-election)

For Justice of Peace Pct. 5 O. W. (DONALD) PAINE

For Constable Pct. 5 LUTHER LAND SAM T. McLEOD

Jones County, Com. Pct. No. 4 J. E. TOUCHSTONE

Jones County, District Clerk W. L. (Poochey) McDONALD

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AS GENERAL ELECTRIC SEES IT

Few people realize how rapidly America's economy is growing

General Electric is backing its belief in a long-term period of industrial growth by the biggest building program in its history, spending more than a billion dollars since 1946

Anyone who spreads fears that we may be facing another major depression ignores completely how much America has changed since the 1930's.



First G-E refrigerator helped create 100,000 jobs

Industrial research and development have broadened the base of our entire economy and, even more important, have laid the groundwork for a steadily increasing expansion in the years to come.

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Today's new products and new industries...

In 1939, most of us knew electronics only as tubes in our radio, and the entire industry sold 230 million dollars' worth of equipment. Electronics is now a 4½-billion-dollar business, and some experts predict it will grow to 20 billions in the 1960's. General Electric, just one producer, now has electronic-equip-

ment factories in 13 different parts of the country and has stepped up its payroll in this field to 27,000 in just 15 years.

This trend of expansion is not slowing down. It's rapidly accelerating.

Many exciting new industries are predictable as we learn how to make full use of atomic energy. Another important new field will be electronic machinery that will make work easier, production swifter. Our scientists are experimenting with metal crystals 50 times stronger than any metals we now know. New and better home appliances are on the way. More uses for the gas turbine are coming out of jet-engine experiments.

These are only a few of the things General Electric is interested in, and other companies, of course, are hard at work on equally promising projects.

Our belief in a long-term period of industrial growth is not wishful speculation. It's being backed by the greatest building program America has ever seen. Last year, the nation's industries spent 28 billion, 400 million dollars for new plant and equipment; this year, they will spend only slightly less. Our own investment since 1946 has already reached more than a billion dollars. In 1954, a record 175 million dollars will be invested in new plant facilities by G.E., 24% more than last year.

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Next 4,000 Gallons at \$1.00 per 1,000	\$4.00
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All above 10,000 Gallons will be \$1.50 per 1,000.

Please check your latest bill and compare with these new prices so there will be no misunderstanding as to the amount of your bill. These rates are for the emergency only and will be removed or modified as soon as possible. The above rates are for domestic use only and if they are not understood please ask your City Secretary to explain them when you pay your June bill.

Merkel, Texas, June 23rd, 1954. CITY COUNCIL



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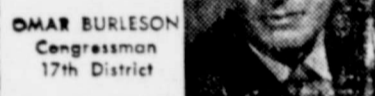
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Washington

"As It Looks From Here"



OMAR BURLISON
 Congressman
 17th District

The Congress is coming near to completing legislation to use farm surplus commodities for building military strength in the non-Communist countries.

This Country has not lost any time in building airfields and military bases in the important places overseas. The United States has more airfields on foreign soil than it does on American soil. Approximately three billion dollars has been spent for this purpose since 1948. As a result, any target within Russia is reachable within three hours and twenty-one minutes.

Before Korea, the time required to do the same job was seven hours. The threat of instant retaliation must remain so great that Russia will not dare start a war. There are good reasons to believe that this action has been the real

deterrent in the last several years. We still have more bases to build and there is no reason why we should not be using these billions of dollars of surplus commodities which have already been purchased under the price support program or obligated, instead of appropriating new dollars.

We are also greatly in need of certain strategic materials found in countries where people are hungry. I shall introduce an amendment to legislation coming up within the next two weeks to trade this surplus food for raw minerals which otherwise must be bought with cold cash.

Arming Germany

It seems to me we have little choice but to see that Germany has the right to build up an army despite Russian moves to prevent it.

From Last Week

After a four year fight, I am encouraged to believe that we are going to use the high supplies of surplus agricultural commodities to finance the building of airfields and other defense facilities outside the United States.

In other words, they should be used instead of dollars in preparing world defenses. For instance, this country is going to build another airfield in England at a cost of about 75 million dollars. That base is needed for the defense of this country. Otherwise, I would not be for spending a nickel on it.

The reason is obvious. If the time should come, it would be easier to strike at the heart of Russia from England than from any place in this country.

We can use our surplus cotton, wheat, peanuts, etc. for that purpose. There are not very many dollars in foreign countries unless we put them there. A greater part of the world deals in sterling, and they cannot buy from us because we cannot spend sterling to pay for a bill of groceries in the United States. But we can sell these surplus commodities for sterling and pay the wages and buy materials to build this airfield in England without sending any dollars over there.

The end result is that we will accomplish our purpose and relieve the surplus which we now have.

Blazing Battles And Wild Indians At Queen Theatre

Through blazing battle and his toric triumph, the wise ways of a great Chief are made to prevail among the Apache Indians in Universal-International's spectacular Technicolor production of "Taza, Son of Cochise," which opens Sunday and Monday at the Queen Theatre. And Rock Hudson, starred in the title role in vigorous command of the exciting sweep of events from the moment he receives the mantle of Apache rule from the dying Cochise.

Entreated to pursue the peace that Cochise had fought for, Hudson undertakes the tremendous challenge of rebellious members of his nation.

Romance, Comedy Pack Performance At Queen Theatre

A romantic comedy based on an off-beat story idea and some excellent performances by Robert Mitchum, Jean Simmons and Arthur Hunnicutt combine to make "She Couldn't Say No" at the Queen Theatre Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday one of the season's more satisfying attractions.

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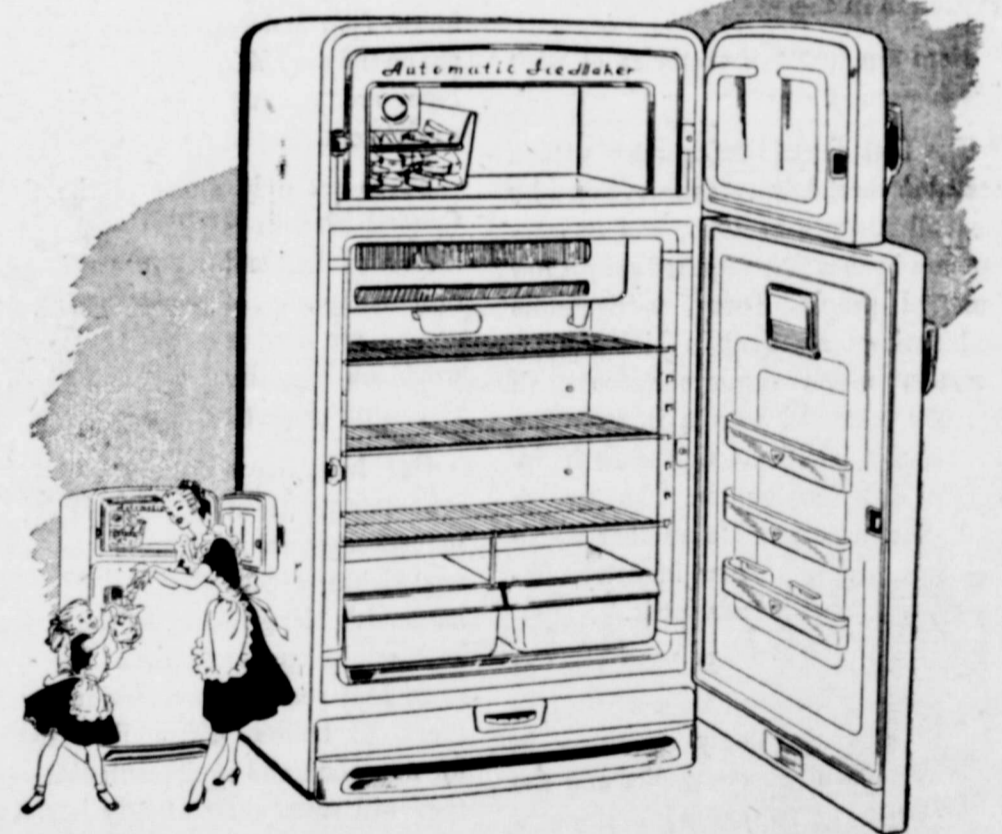
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EDITORIAL

POLIO VACCINE

The third and final dose of the Salk Polio Vaccine has been administered. Fifty-seven second graders of Tye, Trent and Merkel received Polio Pioneer Membership cards and buttons.

Only one second grader who started the series of three doses failed to end the series.

These children who completed the series will have the satisfaction of knowing that they were not only helping themselves but many other children who will come after them. They will have the satisfaction of knowing that they have helped in a great humanitarian pioneering project.

AIR RAID

The local fire boys are learning more and more about air raids as they go to the different meetings, regional and state. At the regional they were told that it is possible to do something when an air raid comes. At the state they were shown how a city, the largest city in the world, New York City, can be evacuated in two and a half hours when an air raid comes.

One statement should be written on the minds of all of us, the statement brought back from San Antonio, "Either they cooperate or they die."

What will Merkel do in case of an air raid? After all, we are not far from the air base at Abilene and it would be within the understanding of all of us that a flier might miss Abilene and drop the bomb on Merkel.

So, as the man said, only bringing it home to us, "Either we cooperate or we die."

WATER BONDS

The need for a water supply is being brought home forcefully to us these hot days. At times the water supply is at a very low ebb, as far as the user is concerned.

The City Council has received bids from a number of investment companies on the proposed water works bonds. It has also heard their version of the most satisfactory and economical way of handling the issue.

When the time comes to vote on the bonds and they are approved Mayor Henry C. West hopes that actual construction work can begin on the pipe line not later than 60 days.

There is no question, as we know and realize right now, that Merkel needs more water and an assured supply.

NEW WHEAT CROP

The rain has come, the crop has grown and the harvest has begun. The new wheat crop is beginning to move. Last week it was reported that 10,000 bushels had been received here and at Tye by the elevators.

This means that the farmers will be getting cash, that they will be able to buy things they need, will be able to pay off debts, things will be brighter and everyone will be happy.

Surely, we can be most thankful.

TROBE, RACONTEUR

Trobe Vaughan reminds us that raconteur (story teller) can be taken two ways. Up to now we had used the term in its most gracious manner. But NOW . . . after that pancake story . . . we just don't know what to think, especially that remark about the grasshopper.

pers, "I can assure you they would not have been half bad had it not been for the bits of hind legs with barbs on them and flakes of wing that clung to the lining of the throat."

Trobe, that is a most descriptive piece of writing, but don't you think you stretched it just a little bit too far with that "wouldn't been half bad"? Don't you think so . . . raconteur?

"WHITE-ICISM"

That's ALL — and the Sage of Figfield adds that picturesque writing is what gives life to a language.

PRESS DAY IS OCT. 9

Opening day of the 1954 State Fair of Texas, Saturday, Oct. 9, has been designated as Pres.

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