

WATER BONDS CARRY!

Demo Primary Will Be Held Tomorrow, July 24

The Democratic primary will be held Saturday. The polls will be at the Welfare Office on Kent Street.

WHEAT VOTE TODAY

Wheat farmers are reminded by the State Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee that July 23 is voting day.

Merkel 20 Years Ago

SCHEDULE PIONEER PARADE Bringing back recollection of early days, the old fashioned buckboard and grandma's sidesaddle will come into the limelight Saturday in the pioneer's parade to be staged under the auspices of the Merchants Trade Extension Association of Merkel as the opening event of Saturday's program.

TO ADD ZEST TO PARTY An old fiddlers contest and election party will be co-featured as after-supper events of Saturday, day of the next rodeo sponsored by Merkel merchants.

NAME ELECTION MEN The polling place for the Merkel precinct in the state democratic primary election Saturday will be in the Rainbolt Building, next to the office of the West Texas Utilities Company, W. O. Boney, executive committee man and election judge has announced.

BASEBALL STANDING Trent, Stith and Tye have 1,000 per cent. Noodle has .750, Nubia .333 and Compere, Merkel and W. O. W. .000.

This Happened in Merkel Forty Years Ago

In the Saturday's election T. R. Lassiter was elected commissioner of the Merkel precinct and in the race for public weigher Jim Toombs of Nubia was elected.

James Patterson, one of the 19 men in Jones County who were defeated for public weigher of Anson, was in Merkel Monday morning telling his many friends just how it happened.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Britain returned this week from a 1,200-mile motorcycle trip to parts of the Panhandle country.

Golden Wedding Day Celebrated By J. T. Newbys

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Newby of Colorado City celebrated their golden wedding anniversary here at the Community Center Sunday.

Eastern Star Celebrates Its 50th Anniversary

Merkel Chapter No. 212, Order of Eastern Star, celebrated its golden anniversary July 13 at the Masonic Hall.

WANTED—A rain. Not particular about number of inches.—adv.

Ralph Russell To Match Rope In Abilene Sat.

Ralph Russell will match rope with Jack Newton of Abilene eight calves at the Range Rider Arena in Abilene, at 8 p. m. Saturday, July 24.

Calvary Baptists Will Hold Revival August 1 to 8

The Calvary Baptist Church will hold a revival August 1 through August 8. Rev. Raymond W. Dunn will be the evangelist and Frank Carr will lead in the singing.

X-Ray Survey For Chest, Lungs Now in Progress

The Taylor County chest X-Ray survey is now in progress and continues through July 31. The hours are from 9 a. m. until 6 p. m. daily except Sundays and Mondays.

Ladies' Night Set for August 13 By Lions Club

The Lions Club will hold a ladies' night meeting on August 13. This action was taken at the luncheon Tuesday with President Isadore Mellinger presiding.

Badger Schedule For Football Is Announced

The 1954 Badger Football schedule has been announced: Sept. 10—Wylie—there Sept. 17—Baird—here Sept. 24—open Oct. 1—Eastland—here Oct. 8—Anson—here Oct. 15—Albany—there Oct. 22—Roby—here Oct. 29—Roscoe—there Nov. 5—Haskell—there Nov. 12—Throckmorton—here Nov. 19—Munday—here.

Both Issues Win By Almost 50 to 1 Ratio Saturday

The water bonds carried 49 votes and the fire bonds, water improvement, sanitary sewers, streets and drainage, fire stations, parks and playgrounds also carried. The greatest vote approval was registered for the sanitary sewers, carrying by a ratio of more than 50 to 1.

Fire Fighting And Prevention Is Stressed

The firemen got back last Friday night from the Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Training School in A. & M. College at College Station. They were very enthusiastic about the information they received.

Mrs. Louis Butman Wins Again in Another Contest

Mrs. Louis Butman likes to go in for different contests and has won again, third prize in a hosiery contest. She got 36 pairs of hose.

William Stallo Will Have Poem In New Book

William Stallo, junior in Merkel High School, will have his poem, "Facing the Future," in an anthology of poetry, "Sermons in Poetry," to be published by the National Poetry Society.

Water by Jan. 1 Is Possibility States Mayor West

Water by January 1. That is the statement of Mayor Henry West. He believes that if everything goes along all right Merkel will have water from Abilene by that time.

Roy Largent Is Elected Honorary Director of Fair

Roy Largent has been elected an honorary director of the Heart of Texas Fair in Waco, dates of which are October 2-9.

Minister Gulley Preaches Sunday At Sweetwater

Minister Roy E. Gulley preached in Sweetwater Church of Christ Sunday morning while Minister J. T. Marlin of Sweetwater preached here. Mr. Marlin also preached at 6 p. m. Sunday over radio station KXOX in Sweetwater.

Boy Scout Troop No. 19 Will Leave Sat. on Outing

Boy Scout Troop No. 19 are leaving Saturday on a week's outing to Wichita Mountains, near Lawton, Okla. About nine persons will go including Dr. James H. Chaney, scoutmaster.

Claude Smith Named Manager Of Noodle Gin

Noodle Coop Gin has elected Claude Smith as manager of the gin. This action was taken Monday night when the directors met at the Noodle School.

BOY TO L. V. VINSONS

A baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Vinson at the Sadler Hospital July 15.

HAS MAJOR SURGERY

Guy Brown had major surgery at the Sadler Hospital July 19.

OIL NEWS

Jones County gained location for a new wildcat when Ted Weiner, et al. of Fort Worth No. 1 A. D. Hill was spotted seven miles northwest of Noodle. It has a proposed depth of 3,500 feet.

NEWS ABOUT TOWN

Mr. and Mrs. Odell Anderson and son Billy Don of Pickstown, S. Dakota, visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Anderson, all last week. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Baker and daughters of Fort Worth who are friends of the Odell Andersons were also weekend visitors in the Dave Anderson home. Other visitors were: Mr. and Mrs. Homer Campbell, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. Homer Campbell, Jr., and daughter Vivien of Wilson. Shirley Campbell, who had been here visiting her grandparents, returned home with her parents Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Miller spent the weekend in Edgewood and returned home accompanied by Mr.

and Mrs. Kenneth Box and S. J. Moreman, Jr.

Miss Sylvia Scroggins of Odessa is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Weldon McAninch this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Pee and his brother Mason and wife of Sweet water are on vacation this week in Dallas and Mississippi.

Mrs. M. P. Winn, daughter and son of San Antonio are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Palmer, and brother Nolan and family.

Mrs. James Denison and daughter, Diana of Houston are here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Toombs. They will be here for two weeks so Mrs. Denison can take care of Mrs. Toombs.



MRS. DOUGLAS CHANCEY

PATSY JEAN ANDERSON MARRIES CLYDE D. CHANCEY
A candlelight ceremony joined Patsy Jean Anderson and Clyde Douglas Chancey in marriage Sunday, July 18, at 2:30 p. m. by Sam Tullock performed the double ring rites in the First

Baptist Church. Different kinds of greenery and candles decorated the church.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Anderson, parents of the bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Chancey.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Smith were best man and matron of honor. Bridesmaid was Betty Foster. Groomsman was Harold Sloan.

Sandra Pursley, a niece of the bride, was candlelighter. A nephew of the bride, Phillip Pursley, and Morris Chancey, brother of the bridegroom, were ushers.

Organist, Mrs. Norman Winters, played traditional wedding music and accompanied Barbara Sue McLeod and Denta Gibson as they sang "Always," "Because" and "Yours."

The bride was given in marriage by her father. She wore a street length ice blue organdy dress with gathered skirt and low neckline. She used white accessories and carried a colonial style corsage of red roses.

She also carried a white Bible belonging to Betty Foster and wore a gold pin more than 200 years old that belongs to her father.

Out of town guests were present from Tuscola, Ovalo and Abilene. The bride attended Merkel High School and the bridegroom Noodle High School. He works for Harry Campbell Construction Co.

The couple plans to live in Cisco.



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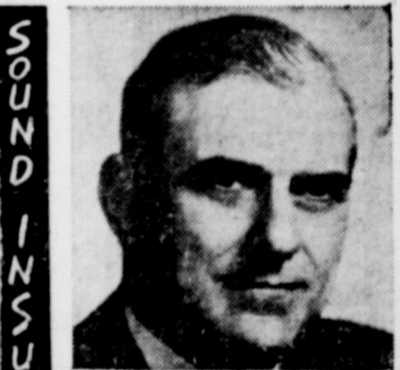
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personals

Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Wilson and daughter of Seymour visited last week with Mr. and Mrs. Dee Moore and Mrs. Edna Horton.

Norman Gentry of Hadoeol Corner visited his uncle, J. D. Gentry, and family the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Miller accompanied by Mrs. Glen Robertson and daughter Vickie went to Austin last week on Monday to visit Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Davidson and daughter, Suzy. They returned home Thursday of last week accompanied by their granddaughter Suzy who will visit here for a while.



Back BEN RAMSEY For LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

BEN RAMSEY, as a man who has fought the battle of water and soil conservation, knows it is the state's foremost challenge. A statewide coordinated program, integrating flood control, soil conservation, power and recreation, Ramsey says, is necessary to the state's welfare and economy.

SOUND INSURANCE FOR TEXAS FAMILIES

Pd. Political Adv.

Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Moore and daughters, Joe and Marijohn, of Quanah visited in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Mansfield from last week on Wednesday until Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Edmondson and son from Stanton were also visitors in the Mansfield home.

Mrs. W. O. Washburn of Breckenridge is spending the week with her sister-in-law, Mrs. M. T. Head and Mr. Head.

Ross Ferrier, Jr., and son Ronnie of Ft. Worth arrived Sunday to visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Ferrier, Sr.

John E. Wheat of Coleman visited over the weekend with his sisters, Mrs. T. C. Allen, Mrs. W. J. Higgins and Mrs. Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Green and daughter Blenda Kay visited Sunday with relatives in Haskell. Kenneth Purser, his brother H. A. of Mineral Wells and their mother, Mrs. Faye Purser, went fishing Monday and Tuesday at Lake Whitney.

J. A. Haggard returned here Sunday from Roswell, New Mex. Miss Mary Collins visited her brother, Q. A. Collins, and wife at Lamesa and was accompanied by Mrs. Lucy Ford who visited her brother, Jim Bridges, and wife.

Miss Betty Jane Tittle returned Tuesday of last week from a visit with her brothers, Orion and family, at Sonora.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Glenn Bowen of Ft. Worth spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Bowen.

Mrs. M. C. Church and children of Plainview are visiting this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Dudley.

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ATTRACTS ATTENTION — These men are a few of the many who witnessed the grass seed harvest on the Louis Butman place. From left they are: Mr. Butman, Coleman O'Brien, with the Merkel Soil Conservation Service, Billy Joe Toombs, Dee Moore, D. L. Moore and Charlie Curb.

Louis Butman Harvests Bluestem Seed Crop Recently

One of the few grass seed harvests ever made in this area of the Middle Clear Fork Soil Conservation District was on the Louis Butman place southwest of Merkel.

Mr. Butman harvested the seed off 98 acres of King Ranch bluestem he seeded in 1951. The grass averaged 50 pounds of seed per acre, but Mr. Butman estimated that "at least that much" was lost through shattering.

Coleman O'Brien, work unit conservationist with the Merkel Soil Conservation Service, knows of only one other grass seed harvesting operation ever conducted in this area. Edgar Boaz of Merkel harvested the seed from a small patch of KR bluestem in 1948.

Mr. Butman has additional fields of KR bluestem his cattle and sheep are grazing, and he plans to sow more next year.

"My cattle have had access to almost any type grass you can name," says Mr. Butman, "but they'll walk over all of it to get to the KR bluestem. One of the finest things about the grass is its palatability."

KR bluestem also has a high protein content, Butman adds. He says the protein content sometimes runs as high as 27 per cent.

The grass seed harvest attracted considerable attention around Merkel. Four Merkel farmers, who are cooperators of the Middle Clear Fork SCB, Dee Moore and his son, D. L., Billy Joe Toombs and Charlie Curb — accompanied Mr. O'Brien to "take a look" at the grass.

"One of the secrets of getting a good stand of this grass," remarked Mr. O'Brien, "is to plant it on land free of weeds with as much litter on the ground as possible."

Mr. Butman planted his grass in hegarri stubble in 40-inch rows at the rate of two pounds to the acre. The grass almost died in 1951 because of the drought.

"It looked for awhile like there was just no grass there," said Mr. Butman. "KR bluestem will promise less and make more than almost any plant I ever saw."

The grass is growing on a sandy soil that was once suscep-

tible to wind erosion. With the lush growth of grass now covering the land, wind erosion is no longer a problem.

Pointing to the fact that his KR bluestem came through the drought "in good shape" Butman, contrary to the belief of many, contends that the grass is drought resistant.

"I've heard some people say they've found the KR bluestem roots still going at 18 feet," Mr. Butman said.

Mr. Butman is erecting cross fences on his native pastureland to facilitate deferred grazing. He has deferred grazing on one pasture for two years to allow the grass to recover from the effects of the drought and overgrazing.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

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Subject to Action of Democratic Primary July 24th

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"Johnny Dark" Is Exciting Film At Queen Theatre

Headlong excitement literally screams from the screen of the Queen Theatre where Universal-International's Technicolor production of "Johnny Dark" plays Sunday and Monday. Equally thrilling is the woo Tony Curtis and Don Taylor pitch at Piper Laurie — and the danger all three live in the world of the super-speedy sports car.

The three stars start out bucking hidebound tradition and wind up breaking all kinds of records and giving audiences all kinds of spine-tingling action.

ABOUT GOOD EGGS

The egg is a perishable product. It cannot stand rough treatment nor maintain the high quality and grade it possessed when laid if given improper care. Frequent gathering and rapid cooling are no practices which pay-off during hot weather. — A. & M.

Abilene Eagles Show Big Fight Against Lobos

The Lobos went up against the fighting Abilene Eagles in Abilene Sunday afternoon and the

Eagles won 7-0. Seferino Luna pitched while Lupe Reberia caught. Walter Whisenhunt is captain and Juan Biera is manager of the Lobos.

Stacy BIRD FAMILY SEES CHEROKEE DRAMA AT MOUNTAIN SHOW

Mr. and Mrs. Stacy Bird, Suzy and Connie Cade returned last week from a 10-day vacation in Tennessee and North Carolina. They visited Rock City, a top Lookout Mountain in Chattanooga, Tenn., where the battle above the clouds was fought.

In North Carolina they visited the Great Smoky Mountains National Park where they saw "Unto These Hills," a drama of the Cherokee, which was presented at a mountainside theatre on the Cherokee Indian Reservation.

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Willies and H-P Win in Games Played Last Week

On Thursday night of last week the Willies defeated the Starpats 11-3. Jerry Phillips pitched and Jackie Riney caught for the winning team while Pat Lucas pitched and Firmin Hernandez received for the Starpats.

The Hodge-Palmers won from the Bankers 12-11. Hijonio Moreno hurled four innings for H-P and then Charles Lynn Russell took over in the fifth and Lester Doron, Jr., in the sixth. Jerry Don Reynolds caught.

Phil Seymore and David Pursley pitched for the Bankers and the catcher was Nathan Moore.

Washington

"As It Looks From Here"

OMAR BURLISON
Congressman
17th District



It is natural that I should take pride in a letter from the Chairman of the Committee on which I serve, dated July 6.

Congressman Robert B. Chipperfield, Republican of Illinois, wrote me as follows:

"On behalf of the committee, I want to express the deepest appreciation for the outstanding contribution your work has made in assuring the success of the committee's legislative program.

"Your collaboration in the preparation and drafting of the section of the Mutual Security Act, providing for the use of surplus agricultural commodities, should do much to save very substantial sums for the American taxpayer and at the same time be of great assistance to the American farmer."

"I wish to commend you for all your bipartisan and constructive help during this strenuous period of committee work.

"Sincerely yours, (Signed) Robert B. Chipperfield, Chairman."

One of the basic problems facing American representation in foreign countries is the fact that many of them do not believe and do not understand the success of the American free enterprise economy.

As Americans, we usually like to brag about the things we have in this country. We are always willing to tell the world about our good roads, automobiles, telephones, bath-tubs, etc.

Many of the Asians know that much of our material wealth comes from raw materials which we import from their countries to make possible all these conveniences. This, coupled with the fact that the British, French, and Dutch have for years exploited Africa and Asia, puts two strikes against us in dealing with them in any way. They identify us with these nations as white men against yellow.

In our entire foreign policy we are walking a tight rope in trying to be opposed to colonialism but at the same time maintaining friendship with these once world powers.

It is perfectly true that parts

of Southeast Asia and Africa are not yet ready for self-government, but to have the appearance of supporting colonialism in these places is poison to us. It is the underlying, if not the undermining, factor in everything we are trying to do to stem the tide of Communist aggression around the world.

MRS. W. O. BONEY'S GRANDDAUGHTER TO WED

Mrs. W. O. Boney and Mrs. Horace Boney attended a tea in Colorado City Tuesday night, announcing the approaching marriage of Sylvia Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Boney, of Colorado City.

WILBURN FAMILY HOLD FAMILY REUNION SUNDAY

The Wilburn family held a family reunion with a picnic dinner Sunday at Oak Creek Lake, south of Sweetwater. Twenty-two attended. Some came from Abilene, Big Spring and Ft. Worth.

UNION RIDGE H. D. CLUB MEETS WITH MRS. B. BUNTIN

The Union Ridge Home Demonstration Club met in regular session Friday, July 16, in the home of Mrs. Beauford Buntin. The president, Mrs. Buntin, read "The Club Women's Collect." Mrs. J. H. Clark led in prayer.

Sharon and Jo Lyn Buntin played a piano duet. Roll call was answered with "Where I'd Go If I Had the Opportunity." The minutes were approved. Mrs. Kenneth Pee gave the treasurer's report. Council report was given by Miss Mabel McRee. The agent, Miss Loretta Allen, gave a demonstration on "Window Treatment." Refreshments were served to three visitors, eight members and six children. Club meets again September 3.

STITH H. D. CLUB MEETS WITH MRS. J. E. HUDSON

The Stith Home Demonstration Club met Wednesday, July 14, in the home of Mrs. J. E. Hudson. The president, Mrs. Albert Evans, presided.

Roll call was answered with "How I'd like to spend my vacation." The minutes were approved.

Mrs. J. E. Hudson and Mrs. Albert Evans gave the demonstration on "Dinner in a Skillet." The hostess' gift was won by Mrs. Chester Fikes. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Bulah Bradley. Cookies and cake were served to 12 members, four children and two visitors.



By VERN SANFORD Texas Press Association

Texas politicians turned to the grass roots trails, trying to swing undecided votes, as the campaign wound into its final days.

Positive Side

Both candidates, stump speaking in the villages and towns, also had their positive statements to make, in addition to charges against each other, although the latter phase made the most headlines.

Shivers, saying that he was drawing surprisingly good crowds, emphasized his record in office, pointing to more money spent for roads, schools, and welfare programs.

Yarborough pledged improvements in the state government and more money for state services.

He also expressed interest in a state youth program to combat juvenile delinquency, and was critical of the slash in appropriations which wiped out the Community Services Division of the Youth Development commission.

"The field representatives of the Commission who worked with local government and groups, and also as parole supervisors for youngsters released from state schools on parole, were eliminated," Yarborough commented.

Drought Aid

John C. White, the state commissioner of agriculture, went to Washington and asked that federal assistance be given to 27 Central Texas people face possibly the worst crisis in history unless help—in the form of money or rain—comes soon.

MRS. J. O. ARMSTRONG AT 100TH CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

Mrs. J. O. Armstrong visited relatives in Weatherford last week. Sunday she attended the 100th anniversary of the Baker Church of which her parents were members.

AT BUFFALO GAP

A great number of folks from here attended the Old Settlers Reunion at Buffalo Gap last week.

GIVE US TEXAS

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Clark had a letter from Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Clark that they had arrived at Af-ton, Wyo., after a 1,400-mile drive from Tulsa, Okla. Woodrow will work for the Alpha Construction Co., Tulsa. They say, "Just give us good old Kansas and Texas."

COTTON CULTIVATING

Cotton has been successfully cultivated with a rotary hoe at speeds up to 18 miles an hour by H. E. Rea of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station. This is rotary hoeing at the rate of 6 to 8 acres an hour. Details on the hoe and the tests are available from the Agricultural Information Office, College Station. Ask for Progress Report 1691. — A. & M.

FARM SAFETY WEEK

The period from July 25-31 has been designated as National Farm Safety Week and is a mighty good time for all farm families to give the farm and home a once-over for accidents hazards. Finding them isn't enough . . . remove them. — A. & M.

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DOSCHER FOR COUNTY CHAIRMAN

JULY 24

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GOOD MUSIC PROGRAM

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Elliott attended the Old Settlers Reunion of Taylor County last Friday afternoon. "I never saw so many old settlers before as I did this time," remarked Mrs. Elliott.

Tholbert Smith, Jr., chiropractor, of Abilene will be here each morning at my office while I am with the Boy Scouts in Oklahoma.

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Chiropractor

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PHONE 18

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

Different types demand varying treatments. Permanent crinoline may be washed many times without starching. If the label says it is permanent, wash it — GENTLY. Soak in mild suds, then swish suds through the petticoat. Rinse carefully but well, and roll in a turkish towel.

After many launderings, even permanent crinoline may need to be starched. But one heavy starching will last through several washings. Starch when completely dry. Gently squeeze out excess starch and shape carefully. While it is still slightly damp, iron with a moderately hot iron.

The Merkel Home Demonstration Club met Friday morning and it sure was a lot cooler than it is in the afternoon. Some of you other clubs might like to try it sometime.

Mrs. L. P. Liles and Mrs. J. W. Bryan met with a group to help compile a list of things to include in the home demonstration club programs for next year. Soon each club woman will receive a list of suggestions. She is urged to check the ones she likes best and return it to my office so the yearbook committee can include the things wanted most in the programs for next year.

With stiff, full petticoats in vogue this summer, it's a wise lass who knows how to keep it crisp by careful washing. The secret is gentle care.

FOR SAFETY'S SAKE

A part of the safety program on every farm should be adequate liability insurance to protect the farmer against the legal risk resulting from injury or death to another person. — A. & M.



Recent events are driving home — hard — the vital need for a United America.

The latest development is the rapid swing through Asia of Chinese communist leader Chou En Lai. In the course of that trip, he visited practically every important Asiatic official.

Our officials can only speculate as to the results of his discussions. But certainly they are not a good omen for the free world!

It is obvious that the communists are seeking to bring all of Asia under their rule. The importance of that objective cannot be overestimated.

There are two paths to unity. One is unity through fear; the other is unity through faith and confidence.

The communists have taken the road of fear. They have gained solidarity by brutally crushing any opposition.

America must take the other path — the road of faith and confidence. We have usually found our unity by talking out our differences — by arriving at common understandings.

That kind of unity is still the most potent force in the world!

We may soon be faced with the necessity of reexamining our entire foreign policy.

There are some who substitute slander and vituperation for honest discussion of issues. There are some who are always intolerant in their statements and in their judgments. There are some who abandon the paths of reason to go on wild emotional excursions. There has never been a time when we should pay less attention to such people and more time to logical thinking.

There will always be issues that divide us. But those issues do NOT include the safety and the security of our country. Through mutual trust and confidence, Americans will unite and provide the leadership that will turn back the forces of communism.

REA IN TEXAS: Rural Electrification Administration loans to electric and telephone borrowers during the 1954 fiscal year, which ended June 30, totaled \$241,800,000.

Texas led all other states in both the number of loans and total amount of loans. Thirty-one loans totaling \$13,818,000 were made to Texas electric co-ops during the year. Nine telephone loans totaling \$3,646,000 also were made.

I have always supported the REA program. Its continued progress is a source of great gratification to me.

'Down Laredo Way' Has Wild Action At Queen Theatre

Republic introduces a novel plot with a strong human interest not to heighten the wild and robust action in its new outdoor feature, "Down Laredo Way," which plays Saturday at the Queen Theatre and adds to the growing popularity of its famous star Rex Allen.

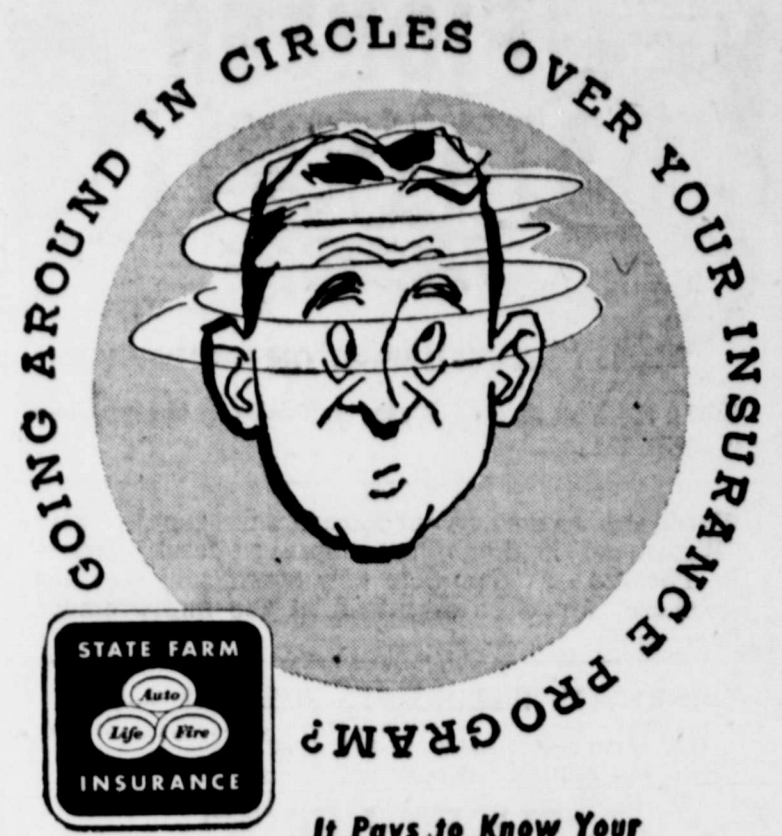
The noted Arizona Cowboy and his equally well known horse, Koko, race through this action-suspense piece with a western rodeo circus providing the background and Rex's sidekick, Slim Pickens, portraying a clown and furnishing rousing comedy.

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EDITORIAL

LYNDON JOHNSON

Lyndon Johnson, Texas senator, having served six years in the United States Senate is up for re-election.

It has been our pleasure to know Senator Johnson for a good many years, running back to the time when we were publishing the paper at Karnes City, Texas. The Karnes City Citation, and Lyndon was publicity secretary for Congressman Richard Kleberg.

He was an agreeable, likeable sort of person at that time and met with our fullest approval and it was a pleasure to work with him and for him. This feeling has remained with us.

Since his coming to Washington and watching him work with his fellow Americans our respect for him has mounted. He has shown that he still knows how to

get along with people and get things done. The fact that he was chosen as Democrat leader in the Senate speaks for itself.

Another thing, he has gotten along not only with his fellow Democrats but he has also gotten along with his fellow Republicans.

There is a splendid reason for this. Lyndon has a fine mind and knows how to think things through. In this day and age that is a most needed asset. He has been able to see through things to the end, weighing every matter as to whether it will benefit our Country or not. When he thinks that it will benefit the Country he is for it.

Remember this, when a man knows that he will come up for election he has a human tendency to vote for things because it will bring votes. Lyndon has been able to rise above this partisan point of view. When things have been brought up he has not asked himself, "Is this what the Democrats want?" He has voted for measures that were brought up by the Republicans when he thought it was the right thing for our Country.

We must remember this: We are living in a dangerous age, a hostile age, an age that has the fever of war in the air. We must have responsible men at the head of our Government, men who have an international point of view, who can look out into the world and see what our actions will mean not only to ourselves but also to the world.

Lyndon has shown time after time that his vision is a broad one, that he has thought deeply about world affairs, that he takes the responsibility of the leadership of the United States in an earnest, conscientious manner.

That is why we must be most careful whom we send to our Senate. We know the vision of Lyndon, we know his power, we know his ability to influence other leaders for the good of our Country. We need him on the job, looking out not only for the interest of Texas alone but for the interest of the United States, for the interest of the world.

We can depend on Senator Johnson. That is why we are for him and ask your earnest consideration of his candidacy for re-election. We ask for his re-election not only on our personal knowledge of him but also for his public actions. The United States need his leadership. Let us send him back to the Senate.

"WHITE-ICISM"

That's ALL — and the Sage of Figfield adds that good men should be kept as leaders.

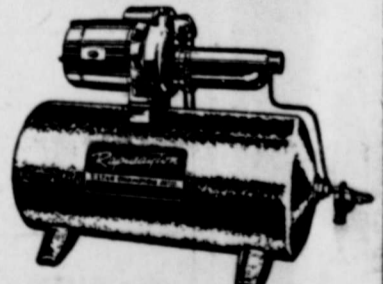
Maddened Killer Is Tracked Down At Pioneer Theatre

Warner Bros.' "House of Wax," in Warner Color starring Vincent Price, Frank Lovejoy and Phyllis Kirk, will be the fare at the Pioneer Theatre starting Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

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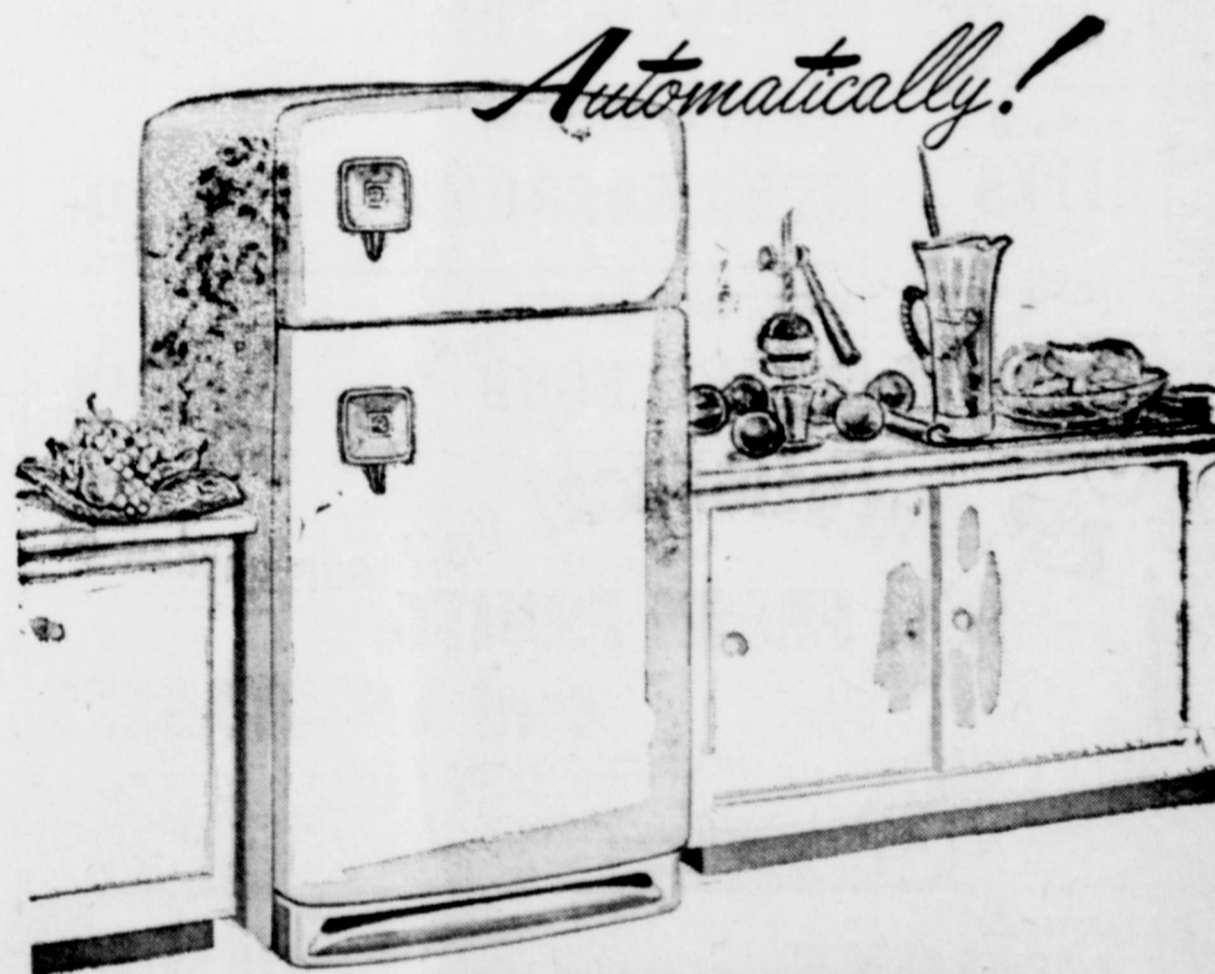
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